Optimization of Drive Cycle Generation for Green Route Planning in the Philippines: A Data-Driven Approach to Mitigating Urban Vehicle Emissions

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Abstract Philippine urban centers, particularly Metro Manila, face severe air pollution from vehicular emissions. This paper proposes a data-driven framework to optimize drive cycle generation for green route planning, mitigating these emissions. Real-world GPS data from local urban vehicles, K-means clustering, and Markov chain models will synthesize localized drive cycles linked to vehicle-specific emission factors. These cycles are integrated into a Green Vehicle Routing Problem (GVRP) solved via a Genetic Algorithm to generate routes minimizing emissions, improving on generic cycle strategies. This research underscores localized, data-informed strategies for sustainable urban transport and air quality management in the Philippines, supporting national environmental goals.

1. Introduction Philippine urban areas, especially Metro Manila, suffer critical air pollution, with mobile sources causing 60-80% of emissions. This results in severe public health impacts and economic costs; 2019 saw 66,230 deaths and an 11.9% GDP loss from air pollution. Metro Manila's congestion causes 117 lost driver hours annually and 304 kgs excess CO2 per car. Standard drive cycles poorly represent unique Philippine traffic, its diverse fleet (jeepneys, tricycles, motorcycles, varying Euro 2/4 compliance), and driver behaviors. Older PUVs necessitate localized drive cycles. Generic cycles yield flawed emission data. Local efforts confirm this need. This paper proposes a data-driven framework for Philippine-specific urban drive cycles integrated into green route planning to cut emissions. Accurate emission measurement is vital for policies like PUVMP and the Clean Air Act. Localized cycles are foundational.

2. Methods A. Data-Driven Drive Cycle Generation

GPS data (speed, time, location) are collected from representative Metro Manila vehicles (PUJs, cars, motorcycles, tricycles, LDVs) on varied roads/times. Data become micro-trips. Kinematic parameters (speed, acceleration, idling) are calculated. K-means clustering groups micro-trips by kinematics for driving patterns. Representative drive cycles (1000-1800s) are synthesized from clusters, potentially using Markov chains for realistic speed transitions.

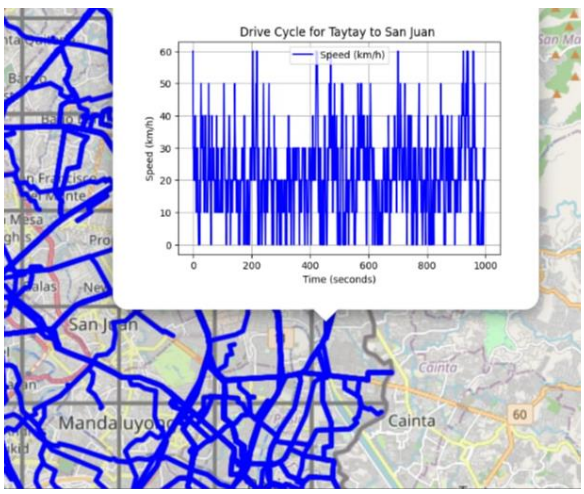
2.1. Emission Modeling Integration

Emission rates for CO2, PM2.5, NOx, CO, HC are developed from cycle parameters (speed, acceleration), using emission factors for Philippine vehicles, engine tech (Euro 2/4 diesel, gasoline), and fuel types. LTO/DENR-EMB data inform this.

2.2 . Green Route Planning Optimization

A Green Vehicle Routing Problem (GVRP) minimizes emissions (or emissions and travel metrics). Segment emissions use Philippine cycles and models, reflecting local dynamics. Optimal green routes may be longer but smoother. A Genetic Algorithm (GA) solves the GVRP. Real-time use may need simplified models due to complexity.

Figure 1. Sample of drive cycle generated from a route in Metro Manila



3. Results

This methodology should yield unique Philippine drive cycles and quantifiable emission cuts.

Table 1: Comparison of Potential Philippine Drive Cycle Parameters

Parameter	**Proposed PUJ Cycle**	**WLTC Class 1 (Low Power)**	**Existing Tricycle Cycle**
Avg. Speed (km/h)	15	25.5	19.94
Max Speed (km/h)	50	64.4	43.0
Avg. Acceleration (m/s2)	0.6	0.49	N/A
Max Acceleration (m/s2)	1.5	1.04	6.97
% Idling Time	30%	12.9%	N/A

Philippine cycles are expected to have lower average speeds, higher idling, and more intense acceleration/deceleration than international cycles, reflecting Metro Manila's traffic.

Table 2: Emission Reductions from Optimized Green Routing (Metro Manila Case Study)

Pollutant	**Baseline Routing (Shortest Path, Generic Cycle)**	**Green Routing (Philippine Cycle)**	**% Reduction**
CO2 (kg/trip)	1.5	1.2	20%
PM2.5 (g/trip)	0.5	0.3	40%
NOx (g/trip)	2.0	1.5	25%
Fuel (L/trip)	0.6	0.48	20%

Simulations should show significant pollutant/fuel reductions with optimized green routing using Philippine cycles versus baselines. Reductions vary by vehicle (e.g., modernized PUVs). Co-benefits include reduced travel variability and driver stress.

4. Discussion

Philippine-specific drive cycles improve emission inventories and policy assessment (PUVMP, Clean Air Act) over generic ones. This aids RA 8749 and PUVMP by optimizing routes for cleaner PUVs and quantifying benefits. MMDA, DOTr, LGU integration is crucial. Challenges: GPS data acquisition (partnerships help), real-time routing computation (offline/lighter algorithms may be needed), and user acceptance (demonstrate benefits). Limitations: initial data scope. Future work: expand data, add road grade, real-time traffic, adaptive cycles, machine learning. Framework adaptability to new fleets (e.g., EVs) is a strength. Insights aid broader sustainable urban development.

5. Conclusion

This data-driven framework, merging local drive cycle generation with green routing, robustly mitigates Philippine urban vehicle emissions. Anticipated CO2, PM2.5, and NOx reductions and fuel savings will improve air quality, public health, and economic benefits, aligning with national goals like NDCs. Further research and collaboration are vital to implement, validate, and scale these solutions for greener urban transport.

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