

When Will You Arrive? Estimating Travel Time Based on Deep Neural Networks

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Travel Time Estimation (TTE)

TTE is a long-standing and critically important topic in the area of Intelligent Transportation Systems

- Dispatch taxis to passengers in shortest time
- Better planning the routes, avoiding congested roads
- Help to alleviate urban traffic congestion



Google Maps



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Inputs

- Objective

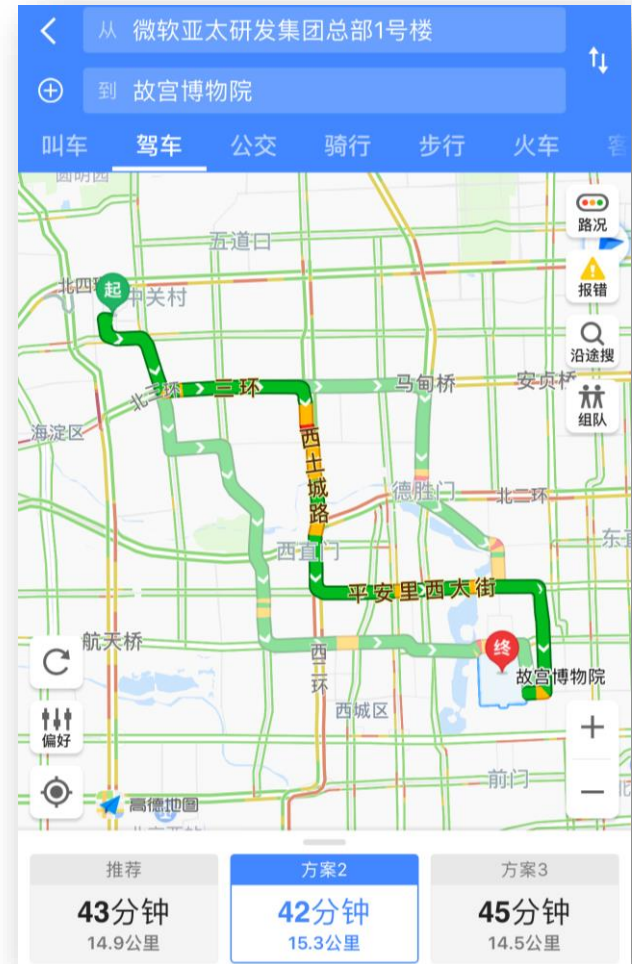
Given: 1. path (sequence of locations)
2. start time 3. driver(optional)

Estimate: the travel time

- Data

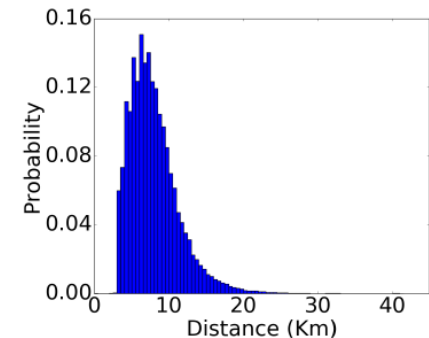
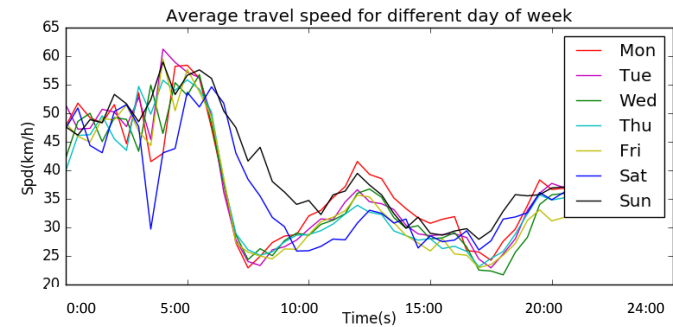
GPS trajectory:

- a sequence of GPS points
- GPS point: latitude, longitude, timestamp, driver ID(optional).
- Sample a GPS point each 200m~400m
- We use the timestamp as the ground truth

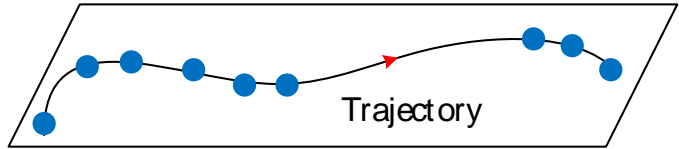


Challenges

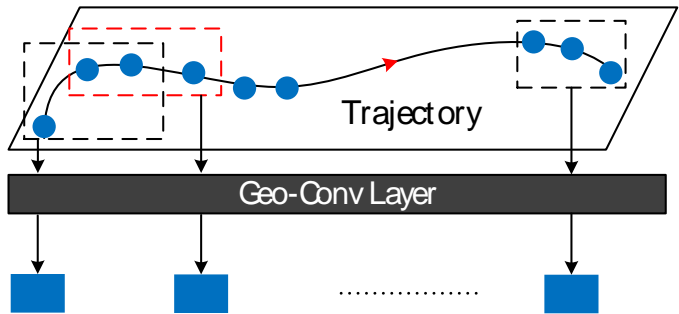
- Balance between collective vs individual
 - Estimate individual roads or the entire path
- Data imbalance problem
 - Over 80% GPS records fall on <20% roads
- Diverse influences
 - Complex spatial and temporal correlation
 - External factors
 - day of the week, starting time, driver, distance
- Variable length
 - Trajectory lengths vary from 2km to 41km.



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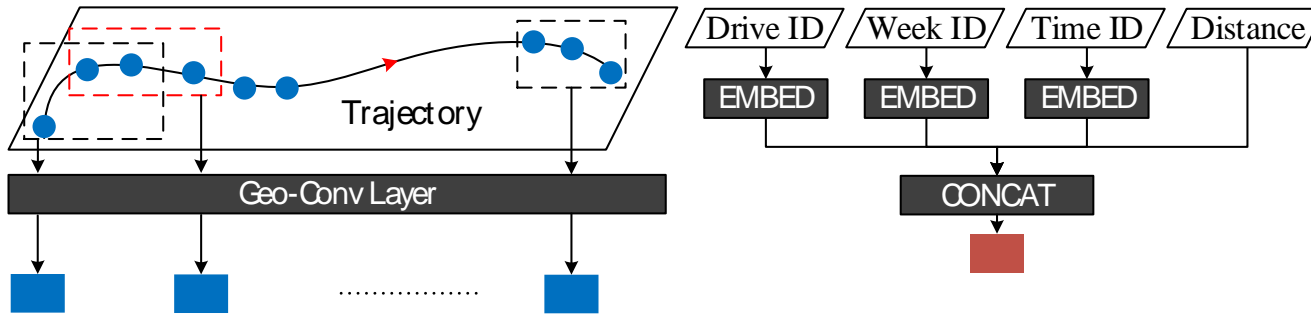


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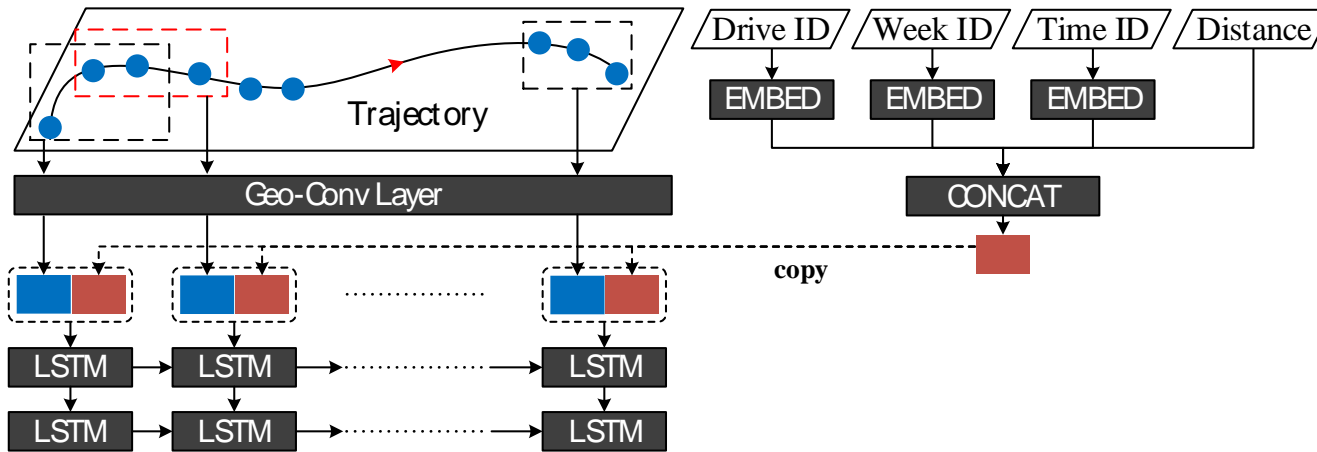
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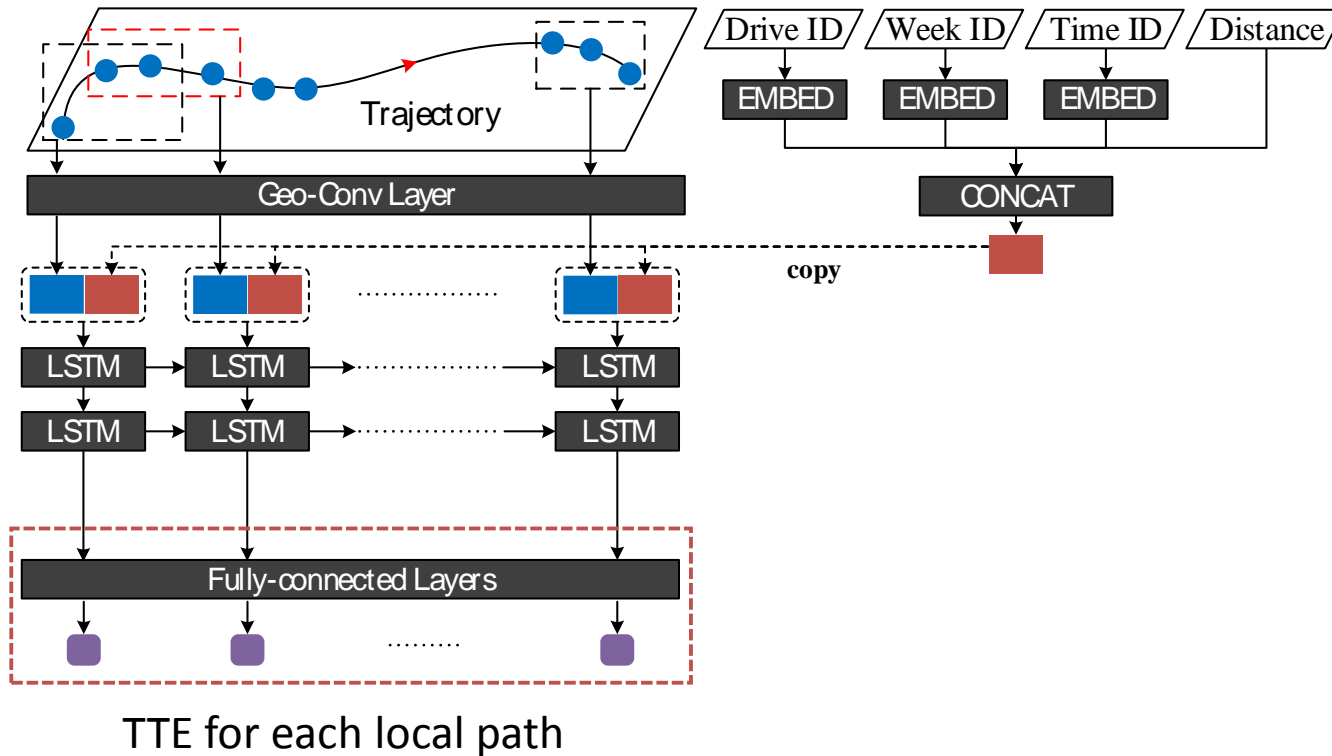
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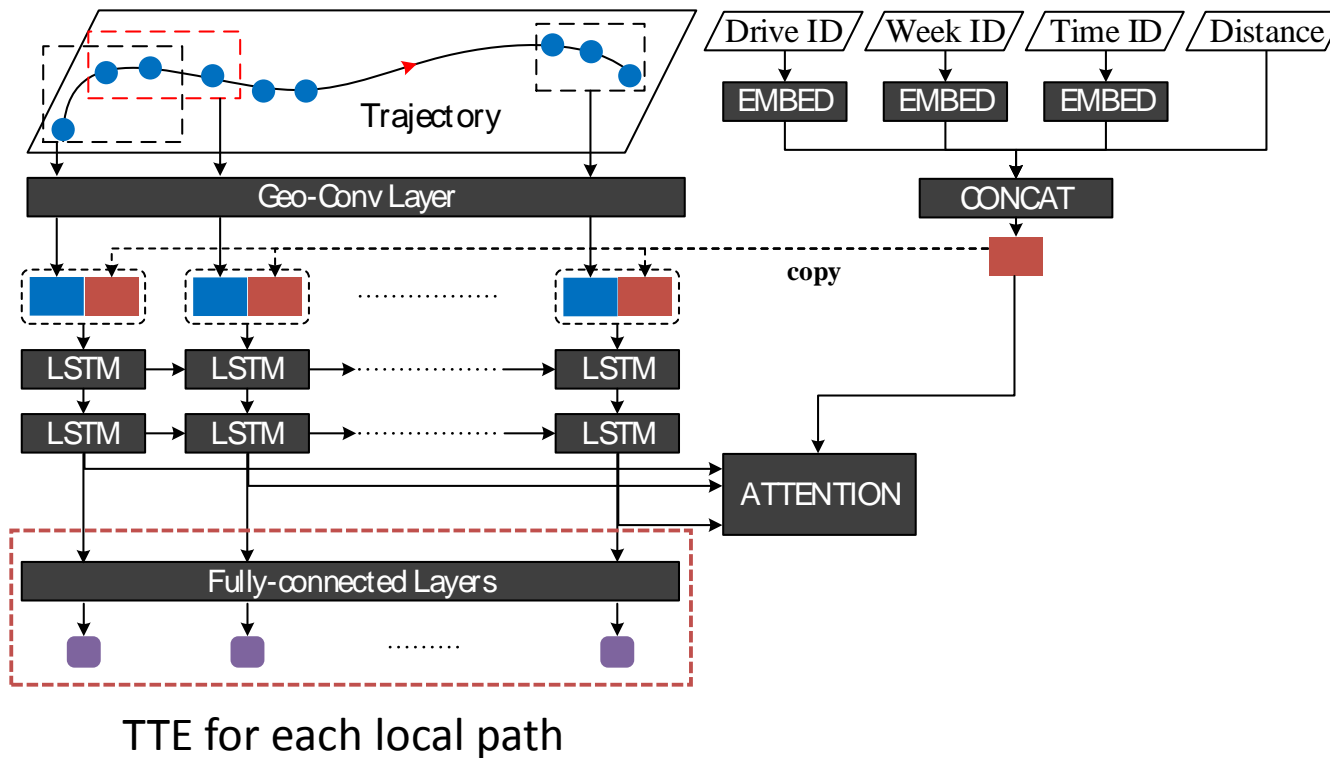


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- Address imbalance data problem

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Local error may accumulate

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Data sparse

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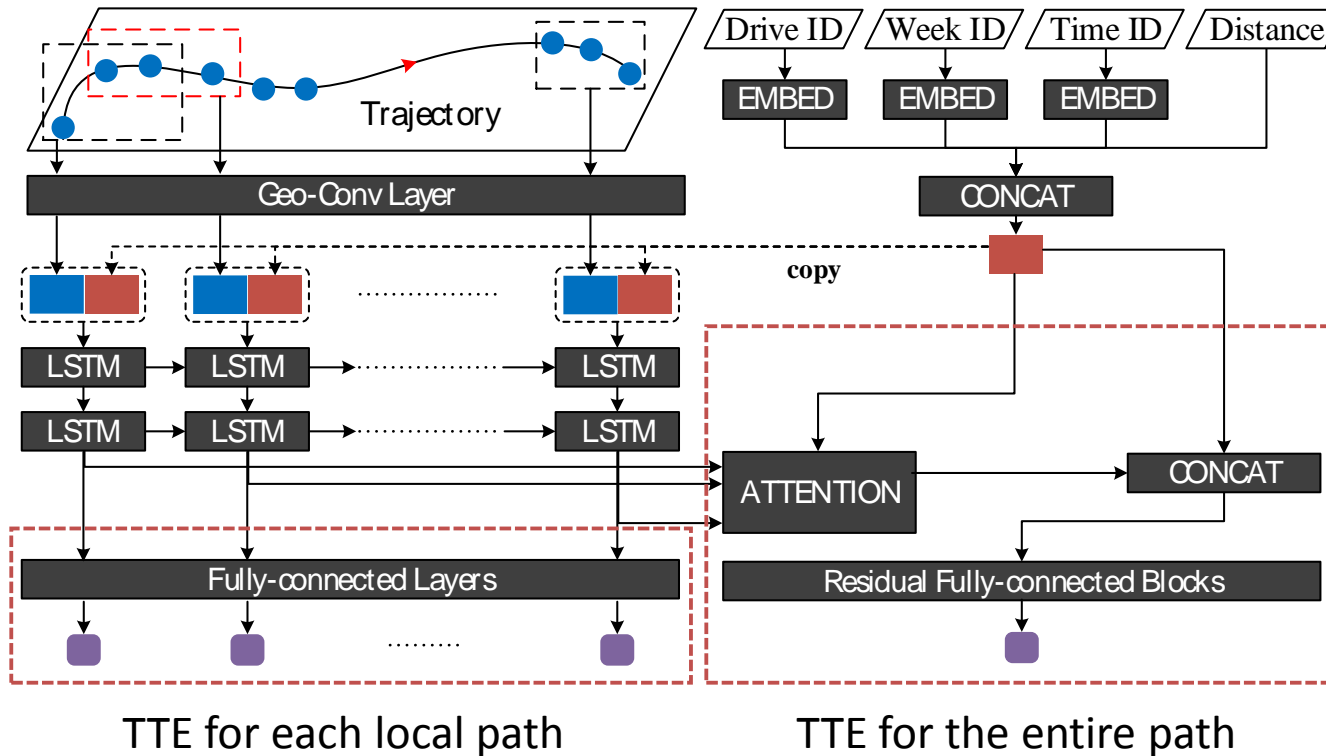


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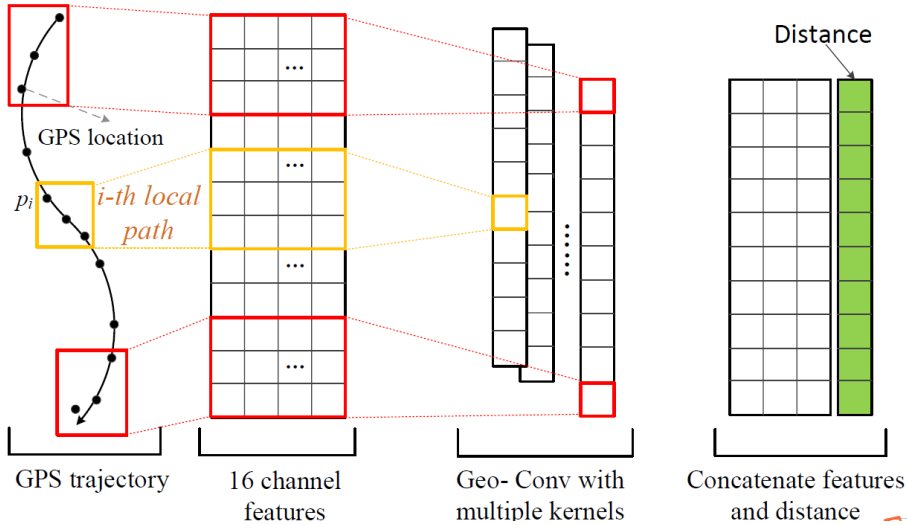


- Capture spatial dependencies
- Handle external factors & share similar pattern
- Learn temporal dependencies
- Address imbalance data problem
- Learn weights for different local path
- Get a better estimation result

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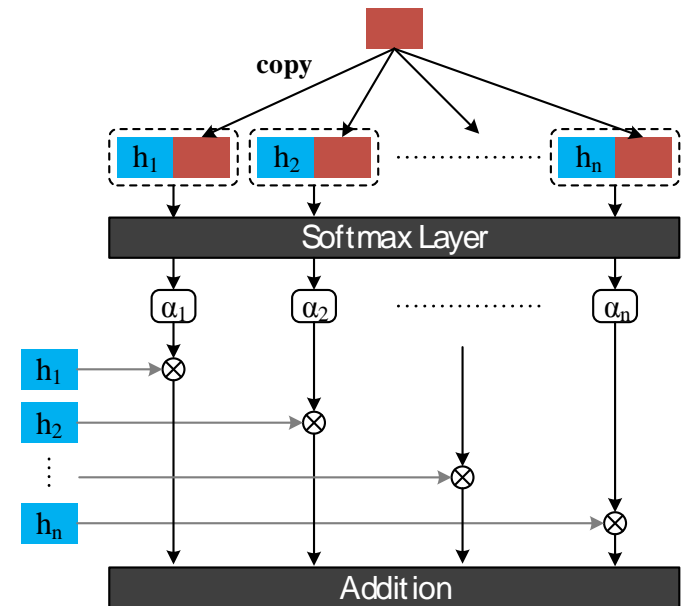
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Geo-Conv Layer



- Transforms the raw GPS sequence to a series of feature maps.
- Capture spatial correlations of each local path

Attention Mechanism



EXPERIMENT

Data Description

- 1.4 billion GPS records of 14,864 taxis in Oct. 2014 in Chengdu.
- Total number of trajectories: 9,653,822. (60GB)
- Use the last 7 days (from 24th to 30th) as the test set
- 5-folds cross validation on the rest data
- Pytorch 2.0 + GeForce 1080 GPU

Baseline methods

- **AVG:**
total distance divided by the average speed for related weekID and timeID) **28.18%**
- **TEMP^[1]:**
collective estimation base on neighbor trajectories **22.82%**
- **Gradient Boosting:** **20.32%**
- **AttrTTE:**
attribute component with one layer MLP **17.63%**
- **DeepTTE** **11.92%**

Effects of Geo-conv layer and LSTM

- Without Geo-conv layer: 12.74 %
- Without LSTM layers: 15.06%
- With both Geo-conv and LSTM: **11.92%**