pdf2gtfs: Timetable Extraction from PDF Files

Bachelor's Thesis Presentation

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Input: PDF Timetable

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Diakoniekrankenhaus ♿		20.14	20.17	20.29	20.34	20.44	20.53	20.59	21.14	21.29	21.44	21.59	22.14	22.23	22.44	23.14	23.44	0.14	0.44		4.14
Moosgrund ♿		20.15	20.18	20.30	20.35	20.45	20.54	21.00	21.15	21.30	21.45	22.00	22.15	22.24	22.45	23.15	23.45	0.15	0.45		4.15
Paduaallee ♿		20.17	20.20	20.32	20.37	20.47	20.56	21.02	21.17	21.32	21.47	22.02	22.17	22.26	22.47	23.17	23.47	0.17	0.47		4.17
Betzenhauser Torplatz ♿		20.18	20.21	20.33	20.38	20.48	20.57	21.03	21.18	21.33	21.48	22.03	22.18	22.27	22.48	23.18	23.48	0.18	0.48		4.18
Am Bischofskreuz ♿		20.20	20.23	20.35	20.40	20.50	20.59	21.05	21.20	21.35	21.50	22.05	22.20	22.29	22.50	23.20	23.50	0.20	0.50		4.20
Runzmattenweg ♿		20.22	20.25	20.37	20.42	20.52	21.01	21.07	21.22	21.37	21.52	22.07	22.22	22.31	22.52	23.22	23.52	0.22	0.52		4.22
Rathaus im Stühlinger ♿		20.23	20.26	20.38	20.43	20.53	21.02	21.08	21.23	21.38	21.53	22.08	22.23	22.32	22.53	23.23	23.53	0.23	0.53		4.23
Eschholzstraße ♿		20.25	20.28	20.40	20.45	20.55	21.04	21.10	21.25	21.40	21.55	22.10	22.25	22.34	22.55	23.25	23.55	0.25	0.55		4.25
Hauptbahnhof ♿		20.26	20.29	20.41	20.46	20.56	21.05	21.11	21.26	21.41	21.56	22.11	22.26	22.35	22.56	23.26	23.56	0.26	0.56		4.26
Stadttheater ♿		20.28	20.31	20.43	20.48	20.57	21.07	21.12	21.27	21.42	21.57	22.12	22.27	22.37	22.57	23.27	23.57	0.27	0.57	alle	4.27
Bertoldsbrunnen	an	20.30	20.33	20.45	20.50	20.59	21.09	21.14	21.29	21.44	21.59	22.14	22.29	22.39	22.59	23.29	23.59	0.29	0.59	30	4.29
Bertoldsbrunnen	ab	20.31	—	20.46	—	21.01	—	21.16	21.31	21.46	22.01	22.16	22.31	—	23.01	23.31	0.01	0.31	1.01	Min.	4.31
Oberlinden		20.32	—	20.47	—	21.02	—	21.17	21.32	21.47	22.02	22.17	22.32	—	23.02	23.32	0.02	0.32	1.02		4.32
Schwabentorbrücke ♿		20.34	—	20.49	—	21.04	—	21.19	21.34	21.49	22.04	22.19	22.34	—	23.04	23.34	0.04	0.34	1.04		4.34
Brauerei Ganter ♿		20.35	—	20.50	—	21.05	—	21.20	21.35	21.50	22.05	22.20	22.35	—	23.05	23.35	0.05	0.35	1.05		4.35
Maria-Hilf-Kirche ♿		20.36	—	20.51	—	21.06	—	21.21	21.36	21.51	22.06	22.21	22.36	—	23.06	23.36	0.06	0.36	1.06		4.36
Alter Messplatz ♿		20.37	—	20.52	—	21.07	—	21.22	21.37	21.52	22.07	22.22	22.37	—	23.07	23.37	0.07	0.37	1.07		4.37
Musikhochschule ♿		20.39	—	20.54	—	21.09	—	21.24	21.39	21.54	22.09	22.24	22.39	—	23.09	23.39	0.09	0.39	1.09		4.39
Emil-Gött-Straße ♿		20.40	—	20.55	—	21.10	—	21.25	21.40	21.55	22.10	22.25	22.40	—	23.10	23.40	0.10	0.40	1.10		4.40
Hasemannstraße ♿		20.41	—	20.56	—	21.11	—	21.26	21.41	21.56	22.11	22.26	22.41	—	23.11	23.41	0.11	0.41	1.11		4.41
Römerhof ♿		20.42	—	20.57	—	21.12	—	21.27	21.42	21.57	22.12	22.27	22.42	—	23.12	23.42	0.12	0.42	1.12		4.42
Laßbergstraße ♿	an	20.44	—	20.59	—	21.14	—	21.29	21.44	21.59	22.14	22.29	22.44	—	23.14	23.44	0.14	0.44	1.14		4.44

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Am Bischofskreuz ♿		20.20	20.23	20.35	20.40	20.50	20.59	21.05	21.20	21.35	21.50	22.05	22.20	22.29	22.50	23.20	23.50	0.20	0.50		4.20
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Schwabentorbrücke ♿		20.34	–	20.49	–	21.04	–	21.19	21.34	21.49	22.04	22.19	22.34	–	23.04	23.34	0.04	0.34	1.04		4.34
Brauerei Ganter ♿		20.35	–	20.50	–	21.05	–	21.20	21.35	21.50	22.05	22.20	22.35	–	23.05	23.35	0.05	0.35	1.05		4.35
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Emil-Gött-Straße ♿		20.40	–	20.55	–	21.10	–	21.25	21.40	21.55	22.10	22.25	22.40	–	23.10	23.40	0.10	0.40	1.10		4.40
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Römerhof ♿		20.42	–	20.57	–	21.12	–	21.27	21.42	21.57	22.12	22.27	22.42	–	23.12	23.42	0.12	0.42	1.12		4.42
Laßbergstraße ♿	an	20.44	–	20.59	–	21.14	–	21.29	21.44	21.59	22.14	22.29	22.44	–	23.14	23.44	0.14	0.44	1.14		4.44

- First problem: Table extraction from a PDF

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Background & Approach

Table Extraction: Background 1/2

- A PDF file does not store plain text
  - stores position and other properties of text pieces
- Relation between different text pieces is lost
- Relevance of text is unclear
- We can extract characters or text fragments from a PDF with e.g., `pdfminer.six`

Table Extraction: Background 2/2

- Table consists of cells
- Cells contain one or more characters
- We define a celltype using content and other cells (e.g., Time, Stop, Day)
- Time cells easy to detect
  - simple, restrictive format

▸ More on cell types

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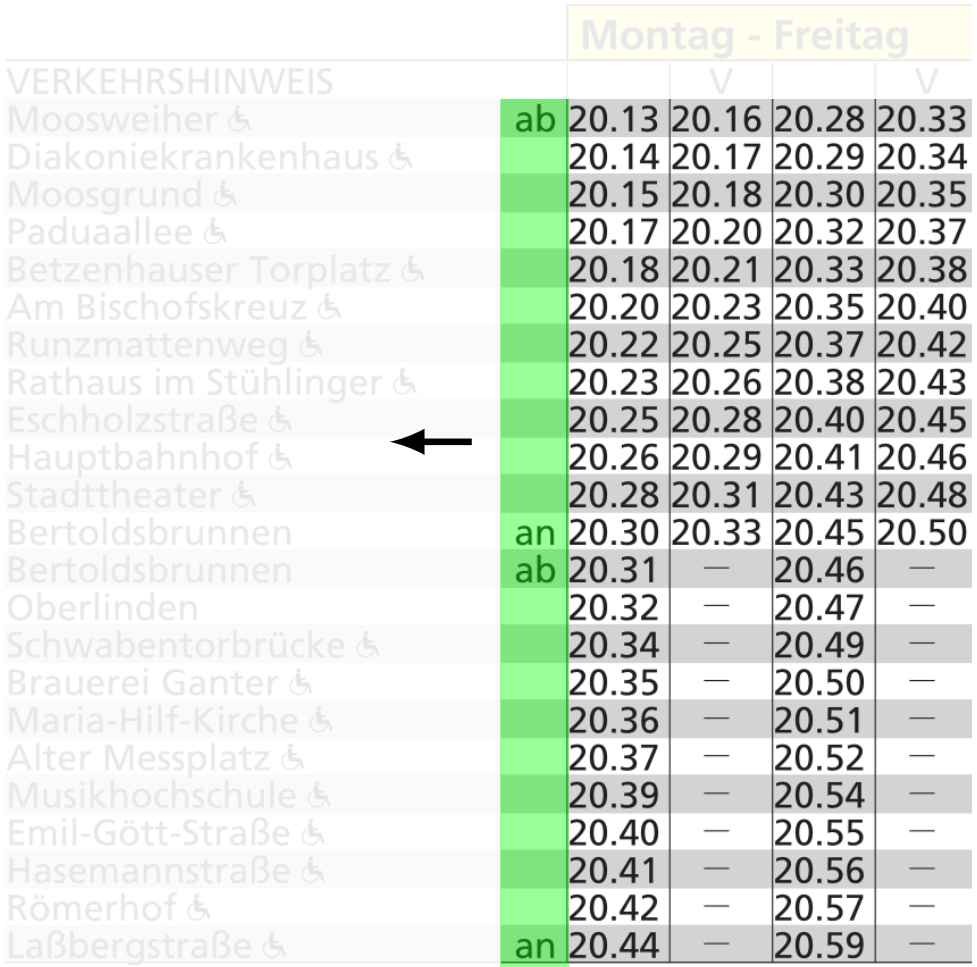

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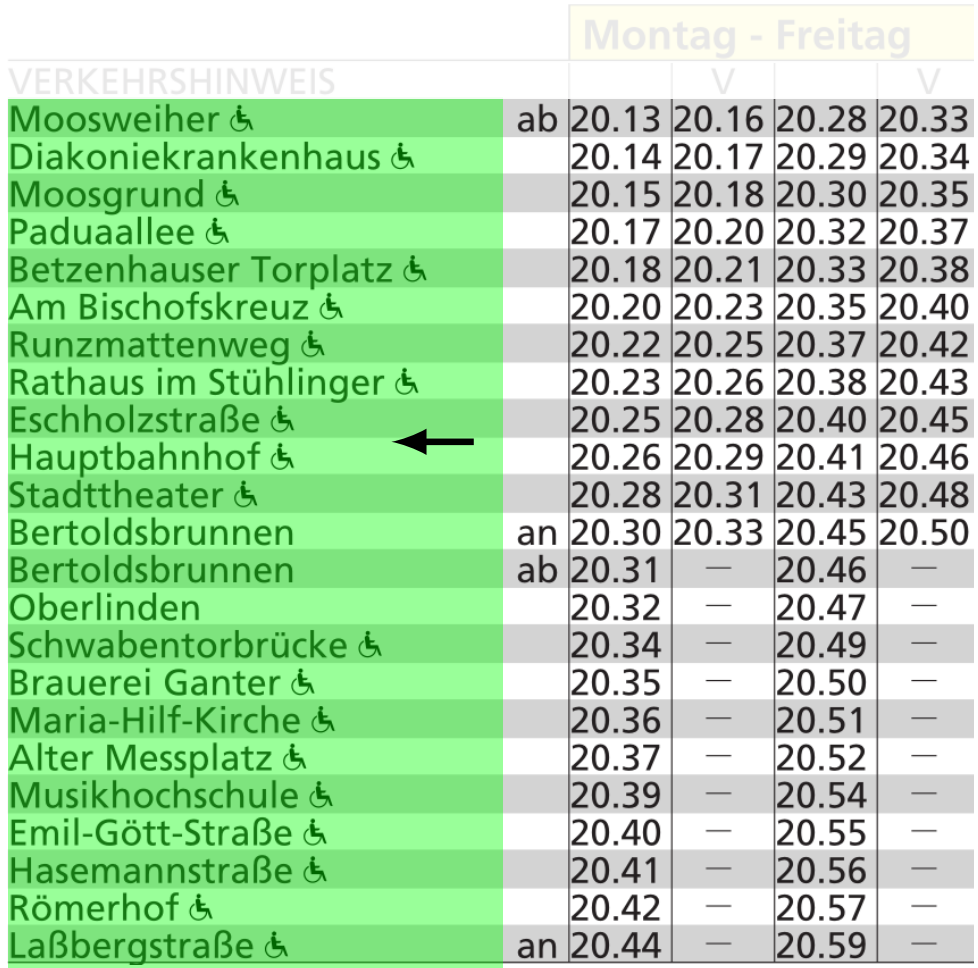

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Emil-Gött-Straße ♿		20.40	–	20.55	–
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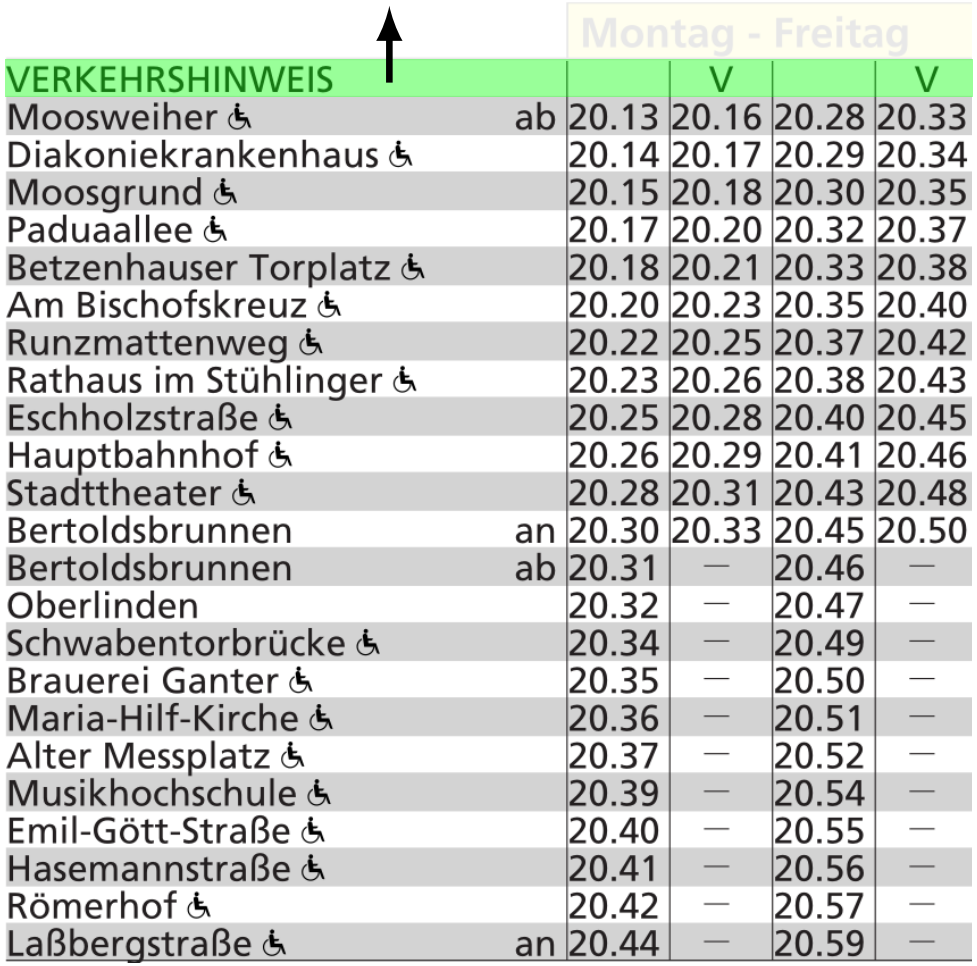

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Table Extraction

Evaluation

Table Extraction: Evaluation 1/5

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  VAG Verkehrs AG Freiburg
  4 PDFs

  RMV Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund
  3 PDFs

  TTT Transposed timetables
  different US transit-agencies
  4 PDFs

  ▸ More on transposed timetables

- PDFs selected based on table features

Table Extraction: Evaluation 2/5

		Montag - Freitag				
VERKEHRSHINWEIS		AT	LT	LT	LT	
Munzinger Straße ♿		—	—	—	—	5.13
Bauhöferstraße		—	—	—	—	5.17
Fichtestraße		—	—	—	—	5.18
Pressehaus ♿		—	—	—	—	5.19
H.-von-Stephan-Straße ♿		—	—	—	—	5.21
Rehlingstraße ♿		—	—	—	—	5.22
Wiesenweg		—	—	—	—	5.31
Linie 2 Bertoldsbrunnen	*ab*	*0.31*	*0.31*		*5.00*	*5.16*
Linie 2 Dorfstraße	*an*	*0.43*	*0.43*		*5.13*	*5.29*
Dorfstraße		0.45	0.45	5.05	5.15	5.35
Vogelsang		|	0.46	5.06	5.16	5.36
Leimeweg		|	0.47	5.07	5.17	5.37
Kyburg		|	0.48	5.08	5.18	5.38
Bernauer		0.49	—	—	5.19	5.39
Küchlin		0.50	—	—	5.20	5.40
Friedrichshof		0.51	—	—	5.21	5.41
Schauinslandbahn-Tal.		0.53	—	—	5.23	5.43
Vogtsweg		0.54	—	—	5.24	—
Engel		0.56	—	—	5.26	—
Heubuck		0.57	—	—	5.27	—
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Friedrichshof		10.41	11.01	11.21	11.41	12.01
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Engel		—	—	11.26	—	—
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- Left: More features
  (Connections between normal stops, has route annotations)
- Right: Less features (Connections at the start, has no route annotations)

▸ More on connections

Table Extraction: Evaluation 3/5

- No ground truth exists
  - manually create `.csv` files for each table
  - two tables per PDF for VAG/RMV, one table per PDF for TTT
- Three table extraction methods:
  - **PDFTables** Online solution for (general) table extraction
  - **pdf2gtfs-old** previous table extraction algorithm of pdf2gtfs
  - **pdf2gtfs-new** new algorithm using the shown approach
- Comparison between extracted `.csv` and ground truth by hand

Table Extraction: Evaluation 4/5

- Three measures: *Precision*, *Recall*, and F_1-*score*
- Compare extracted cells to cells in ground truth (GT)
  - **True Positive (TP)**
    Correctly extracted cells (content and relative position)
  - **False Positive (FP)**
    All cells that do not exist in GT or with different content/position
  - **True Negative (TN)**
    All empty extracted cells that are empty in GT
  - **False Negative (FN)**
    All cells that exist in GT but were not extracted

Table Extraction: Evaluation 5/5

- Precision: $P = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP+FP}}$
  - relative amount of relevant cells that were extracted
- Recall: $R = \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP+FN}}$
  - relative amount of correct cells of all extracted cells
- F_1-score: $F_1 = \frac{2PR}{P+R}$
  - Harmonic mean between precision and recall

Table Extraction

Results

Table Extraction: Results 1/2

VAG	Precision	Recall	F_1-score
PDFTables	86.84%	57.63%	69.28%
pdf2gtfs-old	99.83%	88.84%	94.01%
pdf2gtfs-new	93.40%	97.78%	95.54%
RMV	Precision	Recall	F_1-score
PDFTables	94.03%	85.34%	89.78%
pdf2gtfs-old	98.82%	95.94%	97.36%
pdf2gtfs-new	98.97%	91.05%	94.84%

- Similar results for pdf2gtfs' algorithms
- PDFTables (expectedly) worse

Table Extraction: Results 2/2

TTT	Precision	Recall	F_1-score
PDFTables	61.36%	43.12%	50.65%
pdf2gtfs-old	22.87%	8.48%	12.37%
pdf2gtfs-new	49.83%	96.76%	65.79%

- Clearly worse results than for "normal" timetables
- Low precision of pdf2gtfs-new mainly due to "difficult" time format (e.g., "09.42 A")

▸ Show Example

Location Detection

Background & Approach

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  - we only have the names and order of stops
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  $\rightarrow$ OpenStreetMap (OSM) ▸ More on OSM
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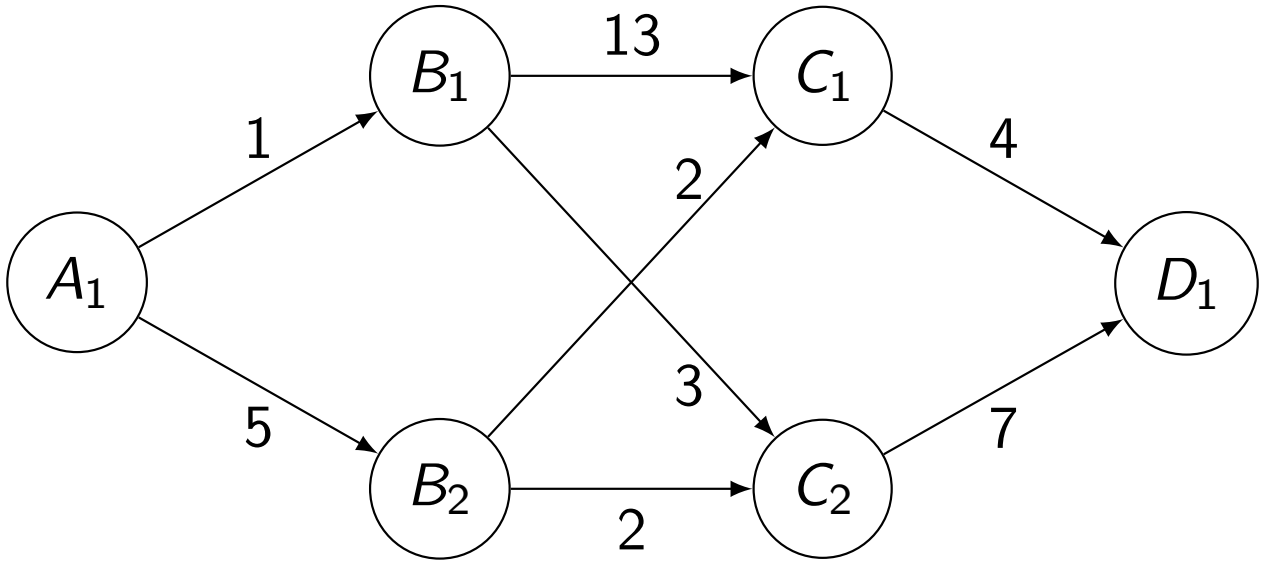
  $\rightarrow$ shortest-path between a start and an end node
  (should) give the correct location for each stop
- Implementation detail:
  we use Dijkstra's algorithm for the shortest-path search

Location Detection: Caveats



- Weight of edges is the sum of
  - difference in stop name vs. node name
  - available OSM-tags
  - point-to-point distance to parent node (= previous stop)
- interpolate locations if we can not find one for a stop

Location Detection

Evaluation

Location Detection: Evaluation 1/2

- Three datasets with different transit agencies

  VAG Verkehrs AG Freiburg
  5 PDFs: one for each tram line

  RMV Rhein-Main-Verkehrsverbund
  2 PDFs: one bus line and one metro line

  VGN Verkehrsverbund Großraum Nürnberg GmbH
  4 PDFs: one bus, one S-Bahn, and two train lines

- Each agency provides the true locations
- Problem: GTFS feeds use different IDs
  $\rightarrow$ need a mapping between the feeds

Location Detection: Evaluation 2/2

- Create the mappings between the stop_ids of the feeds manually
  - search the ground truth for each stop
  - if there are multiple locations for a stop, use the station/first location
- Create p2g-eval to automatically evaluate a feed
  - Takes two feeds and the mapping between them
  - Calculate the distance of the mapped stops

Location Detection

Results

Results: Location Detection 1/4

VAG	both	detected	missing
count	100	98	2
min	2	2	129
max	175	123	175
mean	34	32	152
std	30	25	32

- Very close to true location
- Almost all stops detected

Results: Location Detection 2/4

RMV	both	detected	missing
count	27	18	9
min	6	6	40
max	1 012	83	1 012
mean	231	39	616
std	319	24	282

- $\sim$ 33% missing locations
- Similar results for detected stops

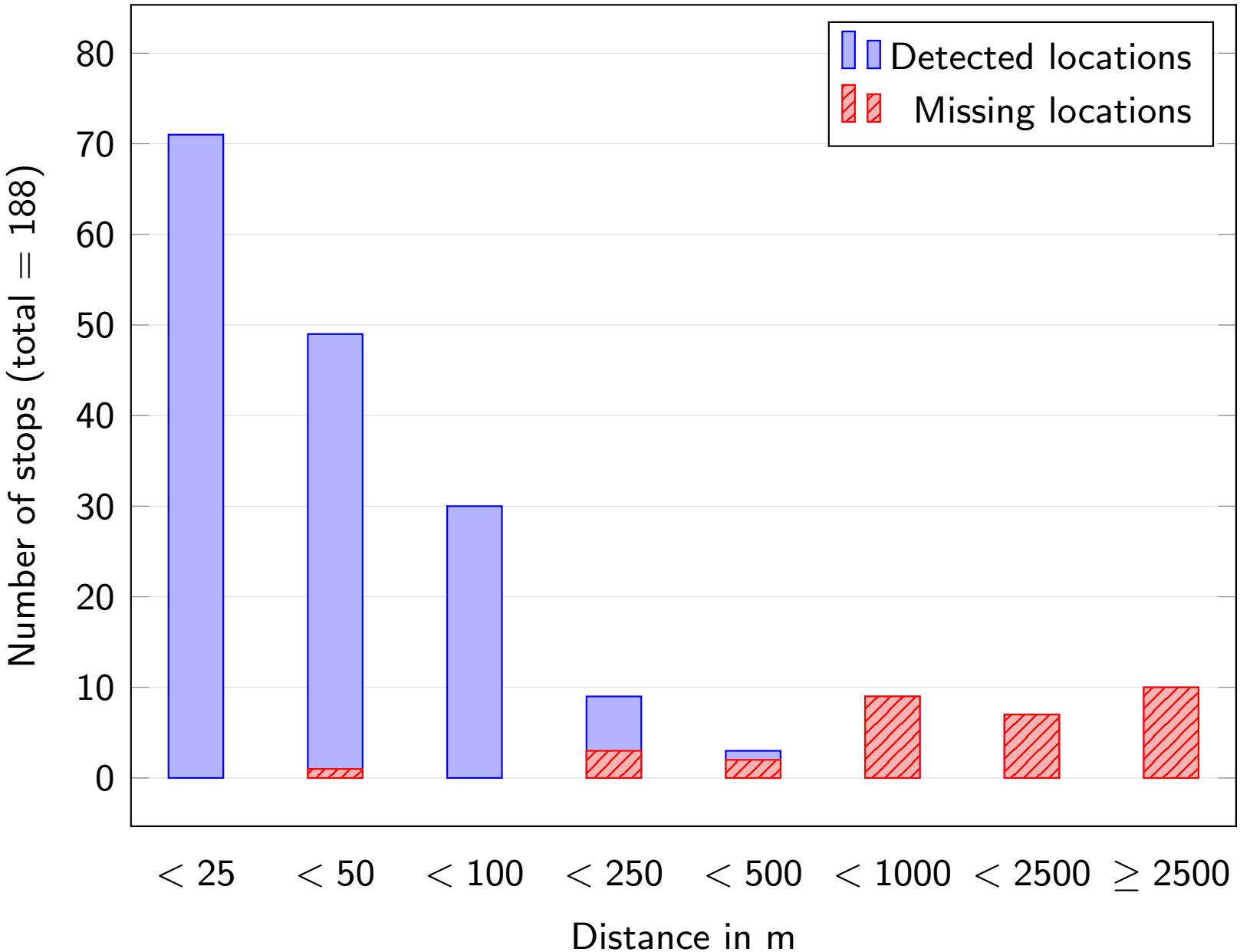
Results: Location Detection 3/4

VGN	both	detected	missing
count	61	40	21
min	4	5	107
max	87 317	260	87 317
mean	3 743	44	10 788
std	14 043	49	22 630

- $\sim$ 33% missing locations
- Similar results for detected stops with some outliers
- High distance for some missing stops
  (Reason: Stops of connections)

▸ More on connections

Results: Location Detection 4/4



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- **Questions?**

Appendix: Connections

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Volkach Bahnhof	08.05	10.05	17.05	19.05
Nordheim a.Main Raiffeisenstr.	08.11	10.11	17.11	19.11
Sommerach Nordheimer Str.	08.16	10.16	17.16	19.16
Münsterschwarzach Parkplatz	08.23	10.23	17.23	19.23
Stadtschwarzach Post	08.24	10.24	17.24	19.24
Schwarzenau Kirche	08.27	10.27	17.27	19.27
Dettelbach Altstadt Süd	08.32	10.32	17.32	19.32
Kitzingen Bahnhof Ⓡ	08.50	10.50	17.50	19.50
RE 10 *Kitzingen*	*ab*	*09.01*	*11.01*	*18.01*	*20.01*
RE 10 *Nürnberg Hbf*	*an*	*09.54*	*11.54*	*18.55*	*20.54*

- not part of the route
- usually serviced by fast(er) trains
- difficult to detect

◂ Return to table extraction

◂ Return to location detection

Appendix: Transposed Timetable

Indiana & Olympic	Indiana & Gleason	Pomeroy & City Terrace	Cal State LA Station
5:35A	5:40A	5:48A	5:57A
6:35	6:40	6:48	6:54
7:36	7:41	7:49	7:55
8:36	8:42	8:51	8:57
9:38	9:44	9:53	9:59
10:38	10:44	10:53	10:59
11:39	11:45	11:54	11:59
12:39P	12:45P	12:54P	1:00P
1:39	1:45	1:54	2:00
2:38	2:44	2:53	2:59
3:38	3:44	3:53	3:59
4:38	4:44	4:53	4:59
5:38	5:44	5:53	5:59
6:36	6:41	6:50	6:56
7:35	7:40	7:49	7:55
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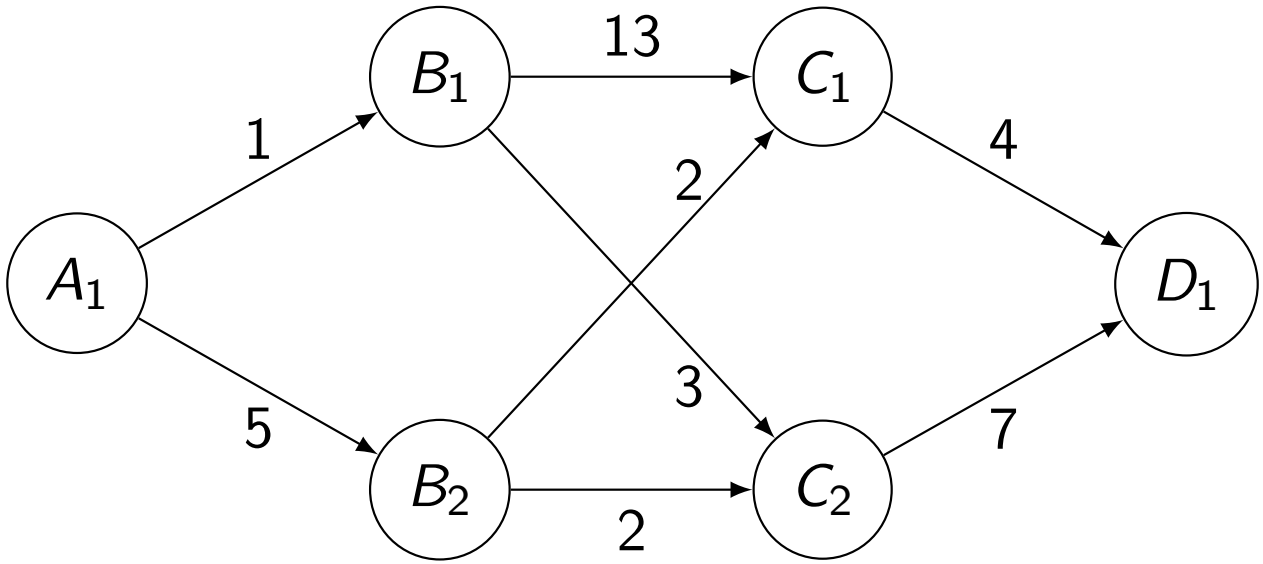
- Stops in the first row
- Each row contains a trip

◂ Return

Appendix: Graph



- consists of vertices (or nodes) and edges
- directed: edges have a direction
- weighted: edges have some weight
- Path: list of vertices that are connected by edges

◂ Return

Appendix: Cell Types

- Types for route data, e.g., Time, Stop, Days
- Types for metadata, all annotation and indicator types
  - Indicator types (e.g., `RouteAnnotationIdentifier`):
    Indicates cell type of other cells
    Detected using user-defined keywords, e.g., 'Verkehrshinweis'
  - Annotation types (e.g., `StopAnnotation`):
    Additional info about the data of other cells

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Diakoniekrankenhaus ♿		20.14	20.17	20.29	20.34	20.44	20.53	20.59	21.14	21.29	21.44	21.59	22.14	22.23
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Paduaallee ♿		20.17	20.20	20.32	20.37	20.47	20.56	21.02	21.17	21.32	21.47	22.02	22.17	22.26
Betzenhauser Torplatz ♿		20.18	20.21	20.33	20.38	20.48	20.57	21.03	21.18	21.33	21.48	22.03	22.18	22.27
Am Bischofskreuz ♿		20.20	20.23	20.35	20.40	20.50	20.59	21.05	21.20	21.35	21.50	22.05	22.20	22.29
Runzmattenweg ♿		20.22	20.25	20.37	20.42	20.52	21.01	21.07	21.22	21.37	21.52	22.07	22.22	22.31
Rathaus im Stühlinger ♿		20.23	20.26	20.38	20.43	20.53	21.02	21.08	21.23	21.38	21.53	22.08	22.23	22.32
Eschholzstraße ♿		20.25	20.28	20.40	20.45	20.55	21.04	21.10	21.25	21.40	21.55	22.10	22.25	22.34
Hauptbahnhof ♿		20.26	20.29	20.41	20.46	20.56	21.05	21.11	21.26	21.41	21.56	22.11	22.26	22.35

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Appendix: OpenStreetMap

- OpenStreetMap (OSM) provides open map data, supplied by its users
- Information is stored in different types of objects
  - For us: only Nodes (henceforth OSMNodes) are relevant
- OSMNode contains
  - location of a point of interest (POI)
  - additional information about that POI using tags: simple key-value pairs (e.g., 'railway'='tram_stop')
- OSMNodes and their tags can be queried using, e.g., QLever

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Appendix: Difficult Time Format

Bus	Ballston-MU Metro	Clarendon Metro	Sequoia DHS/2nd St. S	Columbia Pike & Orme	Pentagon Metro
42	6:00 A	6:08 A	6:14 A	6:20 A	6:30 A
42	6:15 A	6:23 A	6:29 A	6:35 A	6:45 A
42	6:30 A	6:38 A	6:44 A	6:50 A	7:00 A
42	6:45 A	6:53 A	6:59 A	7:05 A	7:15 A
42	7:00 A	7:08 A	7:14 A	7:20 A	7:30 A
42	7:15 A	7:23 A	7:29 A	7:35 A	7:45 A

- time contains space
- no valid `strpformat()` format code (%p requires AM or PM)

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