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S. No.	Abbreviation	Expansion
1	**ATC**	Air Traffic Controller
2	**AI**	Artificial Intelligence
3	**ML**	Machine Learning
4	**ATM**	Air Traffic Management System
5	**FIFO**	First In First Out
6	**LSTM**	Long Short-Term Memory
7	**VFR**	Visual Flight Rules
8	**IFR**	Instrument Flight Rules
9	**ILS**	Instrument Landing System
10	**FCFS**	First Come First Serve
11	**HKIA**	Hong Kong International Airport

ABSTRACT

Our project involves studying how air traffic behaves in an area around a specific airport or a given airspace. When air traffic management changes lead to increased air traffic volume or congestion, there is a need to optimise the routes in order to reduce if not prevent delays.

Today, life is modern and reliant on aviation, and the safe and the efficient aircraft transportation in the crowd-dense airspace is a very important part of it. The air transport industry is on the verge of gaining the much-needed pace and therefore the need for the air traffic analysis and operation to be efficient and optimized is also growing. This project is created to make a whole system that the air traffic data around the then Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) can be analysed spatially and temporally. The project is built on the combination of a number of methods which are data preprocessing, clustering, spatial analysis, and temporal analysis that are employed to extract the crucial facts from the big fly data. The dataset consists of records of the position of the aircrafts with the time stamps, given by latitude, longitude, and altitude. These positional records are obtained from various sources, for example, the flight tracking systems and the radar data. The most crucial thing in the project is the application of the Clustering Algorithms, for instance, the K-means Clustering, which is used for the detection of flight trajectories and the identification of the congested areas of the airspace that are situated near HKIA. The major advantage of the system is that it can group the flights that are near each other at the same time and hence, it can find the common flight routes, the clogged areas and the possible operational problems. The techniques of spatial analysis, such as the Voronoi diagrams, for example, are applied to show and to analyse the spatial distribution of the flight trajectories and the airspace usage. The principal reason the airport authorities can be aware of the areas of high traffic and at the same time they can make the airspace usage so that the congestion is reduced and the operational efficiency is increased is that the airport authorities can study the temporal patterns of air traffic, their arrival and departure times, transit times and peak traffic hours. Through the temporal trend analysis and pattern identification, the airport managers can better predict the congestion points and airspace bifurcations. To sum it up in a straightforward way, this project aimed at enabling the airport authorities to be armed with the required information on the air traffic patterns and dynamics thus they will be in a position to make the right decisions and to manage the airspace operation around HKIA.

CHAPTER 01: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

An aeroplane is never delayed while landing or take-off. Common delays that occur, are due to assigning of bad localisers or due to not having total visualisations of the path/route ahead.

[1] The control of the air traffic around the big airports is the fundamental part of the aviation operations which influences the safety, the efficiency, and the passengers' experience. This project is about the design of a whole system for the spatial and temporal analysis of air traffic data around Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). [3] Through the employment of the latest data analysis techniques such as clustering, spatial analysis and temporal analysis, the project will acquire the necessary information from the huge amount of flight data. Thus, the airport authorities will be able to recognize the congestion areas, use the airspace wisely and make the right decisions to improve the operational efficiency and safety. [5] The project is designed to address the problems that are the outcome of the increase of the air traffic volumes and the development of the air traffic management practices at HKIA.

What we have done here in this project revolves around the idea of increasing efficiency of routing systems and reducing the waiting time and delays in the airline industry. [7] For this, we have figured out the loophole in the industry. That loophole is if the Air Traffic management system and pilots are able to synchronise and visualise better, they will be able to choose better localisers out of all the given ones.

Simulated air traffic control plays a vital role in the overall air traffic management. The approach that we have followed here in this project allows testing of numerous possible routes and procedures without exposing people to danger. These include developers, testers, maintainers, as well as new researchers who may be designing new air traffic surveillance solutions. [11]

The ultimate goal in air traffic control simulation is ensuring safe passage of planes through the skies. Simulations rely on intricate numerical algorithms and models that replicate the functionality of planes and air traffic management systems

1. 2 Problem Statement

Air traffic management and analysis are the backbone of the airspace surrounding airports which helps in the smooth and safe operations and thus they are the key to the efficient functioning of the airports. Nevertheless, the fact that there is so much flight data generated daily, the thing is to find the congestion areas, the flight routes optimization and the bottlenecks of the operation are a great challenge. The following task is to deal with these obstacles, a whole process that will be based on spatial and temporal analysis methods. The project is designed to create a system for spatial and temporal analysis of the air traffic data around Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) which will in turn find out the congestion areas, optimize the flight routes and for that will be the decision-making ground for the airport management.

1.3 Objective

The objective of this project includes:

- Spatial Analysis: This objective includes the designing of the algorithms and the techniques that will be used for the study of the air traffic data in the area for the purpose of the following: detection of the congested areas, the flight routes and the operational bottlenecks in the zone of Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). This is the mixture of several clustering algorithms that cluster the flight trajectories by their nearness and density, and also the highly visualized techniques for the better presentation of the spatial patterns.
- Temporal Analysis: The ways of the temporal analysis of the air traffic data are to be researched in order to discover the patterns, trends and variations of the flight activity over time. The mentioned worry about the changing and moving times, the researching of the busy hours and the traffic heavy periods, the finding of the temporal anomalies and irregularities in the flight operations are covered.
- Decision Support: The seasonal studies and the decision support tools to the airport management and the air traffic controllers which are derived from the spatial and the temporal analysis of the air traffic data; are thus given to the airport management and the air traffic controllers. To make it more accurate, these factors

mean the continuous observation and notification, the traffic pattern analysis, and the simulation of the operational change effects.

- Optimization: The airspace improvement, the flight routes and the airport operations enhancement will, hence, be the road to the making them more efficient, safer and better for the passengers. This is the field of the road designers where they can find the opportunities for the route optimization, airspace redesign and capacity enhancement measures through the data obtained from the spatial and temporal analysis of the road or the air.

The below figure illustrates how simulation fits into an air traffic loop. New air traffic rules in most cases are air traffic concepts or new air traffic rules such as new international agreement, flight rules, and human factors which directly affect practical air traffic operation. Simulation approaches can be used at this stage to show, place, and verify the new location. After a simulated system has been developed and verified, it is a training ground for ATC controllers within the real air Traffic simulations. **Fig 1** shows the categories of ATC as mentioned.

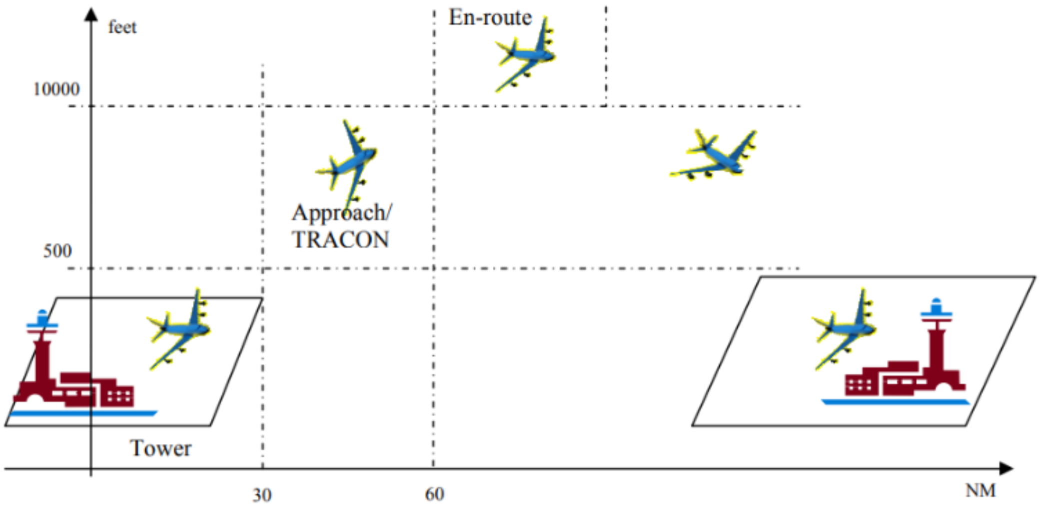

Fig 1 - The Different Categories of ATC [2]

1.4 Significance and Motivation of the project work

The management of the air traffic is the difficulty in the way of the air safety, the congestion reduction, and the operation efficiency enhancement at the airports. The space and time patterns in the air traffic data will be the project that will be doing this task so as to give the airport management and the air traffic control the useful information. Consequently, the decision-making will be based on reasoning, the planning will be done in advance and the airport operations will be optimized, which will make us feel relaxed, the delays will be lessened and the passenger experience will be improved. The actions that are actually being done are very significant for the future development and international competitiveness of the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) in the world aviation sector.

The significance of air traffic control is rooted in the necessity for safe and efficient air traffic management. With increasing volumes of air traffic globally, it is important to have a system that will ensure passenger and crew safety as well as minimal delays.

Air traffic control is responsible for managing aircraft movements, ensuring that they are separated from each other and follow established procedures and regulations. This is done to prevent mid-air collisions, ground collisions, or other accidents that might occur.

Efficient air traffic control also reduces delays and improves overall efficiency of air travel. By properly sequencing and spacing aircrafts, take-off or landing waiting time can be reduced by the Air Traffic Controllers thus enhancing more timely arrivals and departures. Besides this, national security particularly in defence sectors cannot be achieved without the help of air traffic control. However, military and law enforcement agencies cooperate with the people who are in charge of air traffic in order to guarantee secure airspace free from any threats that may emerge within the least time possible.

To Summarise, the motivation of our air traffic control project is to provide a safe, efficient, and secure system for managing air traffic, ensuring the safety of passengers and crew, minimising delays and disruptions, and supporting national security and defence efforts.

1.5 Organization of Project Report

1.5.1 Languages Used

The language used in air traffic control simulation projects usually varies depending on the specific simulation software being used. We have used python and various python libraries for data analysis, visualization, and implementation of algorithms.

Additionally, our project has also inculcated the use of SQL for managing relational databases if required.

1.5.2 Technical Requirement Hardware

These minimum hardware requirements should suffice for faster execution of the code:

1. Intel(R) Core (TM) i3-6006U CPU @ 2.00GHz 2.00 GHz (HP laptop).
2. Encompass 8.00 GB RAM in the laptop.
3. A 2-core CPU with two GHz Clock Speed.

1.5.3 ATC

Various technical requirements are associated with air traffic control for effective air traffic's management in a secure manner. Some of the technical needs are as follows:

Navigation Systems: GPS systems like Voronoi diagrams and airspace separations that pinpoint today's positions, flight tracks, and their height levels. These include radar, navigation for the pilots, and air traffic control.

Weather Monitoring Systems: As such, Air Traffic Control should be conscious and have high regard for the weather system because they should be in a position to direct or even reroute a pilot based on how aware they are. Radar, and other instruments that collect data such as ground based-weather sensors and satellite data form the weather monitoring system.

Airport Infrastructure: An airport requires more than one infrastructure like runways, taxiways, lightings and control towers for oversight on air traffic.

Data Processing Systems: It is essential that air traffic control systems should process large amounts of data for analysis and this should be done in real time. Data processing system has three elements: computers, soft applications and data storage systems.

Backup Systems: If there is a system malfunction or other disruptions then the air traffic control should have standby systems. This could involve additional communication and GPS equipment or backup power equipment, emergency procedures, contingency procedures, supplies etc.

1.5.4 Deliverables/Outcomes

This visual platform we have developed delivers to the pilots and the ATC to facilitate easier communication and approach. It will collect actual data from the airlines over a course of 10 days from a specific airport. They will often be able to see and avoid all the hectic procedures and use the energy to communicate, apart from that, we will explain a bit about the deliverables or outcomes of air traffic control which can be divided broadly into two main categories which are safety and efficiency:

Safety: Its main goal should be the protection of aircraft and their passengers. The composition includes different elements aimed at preventing aircraft collisions while adhering to reasonable distance rules, bad weather conditions, and other dangers.

Efficiency: Another vital result of air traffic control is efficiency. Such activities include regulating air flows with a view of cutting on delays, minimising fuel usage and efficient use of available air space. For example, traffic controllers would redirect the planes from a highly congested zone, employing time-based separation as a strategy to enhance decongestion.

Additionally, air traffic control has non-technical benefits which include the reduction of the environmental impact by decreasing airline fuel consumption and emissions. By enabling efficient movement of people and goods, it also fosters economic growth.

All in all, air traffic control outcomes are vital for the provision of safe air travel and achieving other social-economic objectives. Continuous improvements in air traffic control

CHAPTER 02: LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Overview of Relevant Literature

In the world of airline traffic routing and monitoring systems, our project is based on the extensive study of the following research papers and their analysis are mentioned here:

[1] Paper 1 introduces a Smart Contract Based Airline Ticket Reservation System, presented at the AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference 2022. Leveraging a hybrid machine learning approach and blockchain technology, the system, developed using Java, aims to enhance transparency, reduce transaction costs, and improve security in airline ticket reservations. However, this paper notes a limitation due to the limited availability of high-quality training data (2022).

[2] Moving on to Paper 2, "Airline Reservation System of Replication Method Approach," published in the International Journal of Control, Automation, and Systems in 2019, explores a replication method approach using distributed database merge replication. The proposed system demonstrates improved performance, enhanced availability, and enhanced data integrity. However, it acknowledges a dependency on radar data and limitations to specific geographical regions (2019).

[3] Paper 3, presented at the IEEE Aerospace Conference in 2019, introduces an Event-Driven Approach in Microservices Architecture for Flight Booking Simulation. Utilising API-driven microservices architecture and REST, the paper highlights a 30% performance improvement with CORS, yet acknowledges limitations related to surface surveillance and susceptibility to accuracy issues in varying weather conditions (2019).

[4] The fourth paper, "A Distributed Airline Reservation System for Nigerian Airline Companies," featured in Transportation Engineering, Part Systems in 2018, focuses on HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and MySQL. The system automates online airline ticket booking, reducing errors and processing time. However, it notes sensitivity to noise and false positives as potential limitations (2018).

[5] Paper 5, titled "Fundamental Principles of Air Traffic Control," provides a comprehensive overview and is published in IEEE TOAE Systems in 2017 and later in IEEE Access in 2019. This paper, revolving around the application programming interface (API), emphasises the challenge of limited availability of high-quality training data (2017, 2019).

[6] Shifting towards machine learning applications, Paper 6, a review on "Machine Learning Applications in Air Traffic Management," explores deep learning, LSTM, and ADS-B data. The paper demonstrates improved prediction accuracy for flight trajectory but mentions a limitation due to the constrained availability of high-quality training data.

[7] The 7th paper that we read is titled as "Real time air traffic prediction by using recurrent neural network". This paper has put emphasis on RNN model and ADS B data and has achieved accurate real-time predictions of air traffic, with a caveat related to dependencies on data quality and network delays.

[8] After this we analysed Paper 8 which goes like this, "Air Traffic Flow Management with Machine Learning and Optimization," published in Transportation Research Part C in 2018, integrates reinforcement learning and flight delay data. The system successfully reduces flight delays and enhances airspace utilisation but is constrained by specific optimization algorithms and data quality issues.

[9] This paper presents an analysis of the significance of Air Traffic Control (ATC) simulators in training, and focuses on the development of low cost, high awareness ATC simulators in a 3D virtual environment, using Free and Open-Source Aircraft simulators named Flightgear. Here it has proposed a scenario-based ATC officer control method covering the all three phases; tower control, approach and enroute control.

2.1.1 Literature Review Table:

Here in **Table 1**, we have summarised our literature survey in the form of a table.

Author(s)	Title(citation)	Journal/Conference (Year)	Tools/Techniques /Dataset	Results	Limitations
RN Alief, MRR Ansori, IS Igboanusi , JM Lee, DS Kim	Smart Contract Based Airline Ticket Reservation System	AIAA Guidance, Navigation, and Control Conference (2022)	Hybrid machine learning. Block Chain Software using Java	Increased Transparency , Reduced Transaction costs, Improved security	Limited availability of high-quality training data
PM Kyaw, K Aung	Airline Reservation System of Replication Method Approach	International Journal of Control, Automation, and Systems (2019)	Distributed database merge replication	Improved System performance, Enhanced system availability, Improved Data integrity.	Dependence on radar data, limited to specific regions.

BI Ele, MA Agana, PT Bukie	A Distributed Airline Reservation System for Nigerian Airline Companies	Transportation Engineering, Part Systems (2018)	HTML, CSS. JavaScript, MySQL	Automates online airline ticket booking, reduces errors and time wasted with flexible request processing.	Sensitivity to noise and false positives.

Poshitha Dabare, Kapila Dias, Aruni Nisansala	FOSS BASED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SIMULATOR	International Journal of Research - GRANTHAALAYAH (2016)	Development of a low-cost, high-awareness Air Traffic Control (ATC) simulator using Flightgear, a Free and Open-Source Aircraft simulator in a 3D virtual environment.	Proposal of a scenario-based ATC officer control method covering tower control, approach, and enroute control in all three phases.	The inability to fully replicate real-world scenarios and constraints in the fidelity of simulated environments.

VM Mihaylenko, VA Temnikov	Fundamental Principles of Air Traffic Control	IEEE TOAE Systems, Vol. 40, No. 2, pp. 256-269, 20XX (2017) IEEE Access (2019)	Application Programming interface (API)	Comprehensive overview of air traffic control principles	Limited availability of high-quality training data.
B Sridhar, GB Chatterji, AD Evans	Machine Learning Applications in Air Traffic Management: A Review	Journal Transportation Engineering, Part A: Systems (2018)	Deep learning, LSTM, ADS-B data	Improved prediction accuracy for flight trajectory.	Limited availability of high-quality training data.

P Han, W Wang, Q Shi, J Yang	Real-Time Air Traffic Prediction Using Recurrent Neural Networks	2019 IEEE/AIAA 38th Digital Avionics Systems Conference	RNN, ADS-B data	Accurate real-time predictions of air traffic. .	Dependency on data quality and network delays.

Table 1- Literature Review Table

2.2 Key Gaps in the literature

They key gaps in our literature survey could be cited as follows:

Limited Availability of High-Quality Training Data:
The limitations of quality training data are one of the common challenges mentioned by papers [1], [5], and [6] while discussing smart contracts-based reservations, APIs, and Machine learning applications. However, this is a typical vulnerability in many systems that impair their performance and exactness.

Dependency on Specific Data Sources:
Paper 2 notes it requires radar data and restriction to particular localities. The dependency of specified data sources or limitations across the region might make it hard for this airline reservation system to scale up hence, its applicability.

Surface Surveillance and Weather-Related Accuracy Issues:
Article 3 talks of difficulties with surface surveillance and possible inaccuracies related to different weather conditions. Such a gap indicates that an event driven strategy of microservice architecture could be difficult under poor weather conditions or when

surface monitoring is highly relevant.

Sensitivity to Noise and False Positives:

As outlined in paper 4, one might raise a criticism of the distributed airline reservation system’s sensitivity to noise and false positives as its limitations. These, however, create concerns on the strength and dependability of the system especially with regards to noise and corrupt information rich environments.

Challenge of Data Quality and Network Delays:

There are questions concerning data quality that are highlighted in papers 7 and 8. Dependencies upon the data quality and network delays is mentioned in Paper [7], while data quality problems are a constraint on air traffic flow management when using ML and optimization in Paper [8]. This problem is also very prevalent in these applications as ensuring high-quality, real-time data is not always possible.

Specific Optimization Algorithms:

According to paper [8], the operation of the suggested air traffic flow management system is limited by certain optimization algorithms. This implies the possibility of a lack of adaptation to different optimization approaches thus hampering the scalability of the system and its generalisation.

Scenario-Based ATC Officer Control Method:

The article [9] describes the design of open-source ATC simulators that are affordable and very efficient. The survey explains the importance of the ATC simulators but it fails to mention the observed limitations or challenges.

Briefly, the main gaps in literature review are in relation to quality of data challenges, need for good quality training data, reliance on specific database, susceptibility to noise and false positive, applicability vis-à-vis varying optimization algorithms, and scenario-based ATC officer control It is imperative to fill such gaps as this might be one way towards having better and stronger air traffic management system and technology.

CHAPTER 03: SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Requirements and Analysis

For operating, our project is worked on in relation with standard hardware which makes this device easier and cheaper to possess and use. All the work was done under a Windows Computer with the AMD Ryzen 5 CPU@2.36GHz with an eight gigabyte of random-access memory, six core processor.

The operational problems related to approach, departure, and en route flights have been meticulously created in an innovative and sophisticated air traffic safety management system. These are some of the pivotal features integrated into the innovative system:

Continuous Real-time Monitoring: It is interesting to note that in this case, they purposefully place their computers along the edge of the airstrip. It, therefore, enhances runaway air traffic control practices for the improvement of the performance of the modern ATC system.

Automated Scheduling: The implementation of an advanced aircraft scheduling system could be another big leap towards the reduction of aircraft congestion along the flight path leading to a reduction in intersection.

Proactive Analytics: Congestion-related delays in arrival can be predicted in air traffic system prediction modelling.

Improved Visibility: This will enable a better visualisation of the runway for controllers, which will aid in runway operation management and delay reduction.

The introduction of the same elements into the existing system will further improve the management of the plane during taking off, landing and while running. This will reduce the waiting time hence mitigate the air delay incidences. That is a crucial milestone towards better air traffic control.

3.1.1 Analysis of program structure

Key Features:

Data Retrieval and Preprocessing:

The project starts with the retrieval of trajectory data from the dataset, which is often stored in CSV files.

The data is pre-processed to handle missing values, convert timestamps, and ensure consistency in the format.

Various functions and modules are implemented for data cleaning, filtering, and transformation.

Data Input:

The project utilizes CSV files as the primary data source, containing trajectory information such as latitude, longitude, timestamps, and other relevant attributes. The CSV files are structured with rows representing individual data points or records and columns representing different attributes:

Trajectory Data CSV Files:

These files contain raw trajectory data obtained from sources like FlightRadar24 or ADS-B receivers.

Attributes typically include:

Latitude and longitude coordinates: Representing the geographical location of each data point.

Timestamps: Indicating the time at which each data point was recorded.

Altitude, speed, heading, and other flight parameters: Providing additional information about the aircraft's state.

Example file names: flight_data_2017.csv, trajectories.csv, etc.

Additional Data Files:

Besides trajectory data, supplementary CSV files may be used for airport information, flight schedules, or environmental factors affecting air traffic.

These files provide contextual information and enrich the analysis of air traffic patterns.

Example file names: airport_info.csv, weather_data.csv, etc.

Our project first reads and preprocesses these CSV files to extract relevant information, handle missing or inconsistent data, and prepare the data for further analysis. Techniques like pandas' Data Frame manipulation and NumPy array operations are employed to efficiently process and manage the data.

Spatial Analysis:

Spatial analysis involves processing geographical data to understand patterns and relationships.

Libraries like Cartopy are used for map visualization and manipulation.

Algorithms such as K-means clustering and Voronoi diagrams are applied to identify clusters and regions of interest.

Visualization:

Visualization plays a crucial role in understanding and communicating insights from the data.

Matplotlib and Seaborn libraries are extensively used to create various plots, charts, and maps.

Visualizations include scatter plots, line plots, histograms, and geographical maps with annotated points and regions.

Clustering and Pattern Recognition:

Clustering algorithms like K-means are applied to identify clusters of similar data points.

Voronoi diagrams help in partitioning the space based on proximity to seed points or centroids.

These techniques aid in identifying congestion areas, flight routes, and operational patterns around the airport.

3.1.2 Statistical Analysis:

Statistical analysis involves computing descriptive statistics, correlation coefficients, and distributions.

Binned statistics and autocorrelation functions are computed to analyse transit times and arrival rates.

These analyses provide insights into the variability and trends in air traffic patterns.

Expected Output:

The expected outcome of this project is to provide the views on the air traffic patterns and movements around airports, especially Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). The project analyses the trajectory data to identify the congestion spots, flight routes, and so on, and thus to find the bottlenecks in the operation. The application of visualization and statistical analysis will be done to reveal the findings, which will in turn be used by the stakeholders such as the airport authorities and the air traffic controllers to make the right decisions for the optimization of the airport operations, thus, ensuring safety and improving the overall efficiency. Besides, the project may bring up patterns and relationships which will be beneficial to the course of air traffic control and at the same time, it will simplify the research on it to be done.

3.1.3 Modules, Languages and Libraries used

Our project needs the installation of libraries like matplotlib, numpy, pandas, Cartopy, Scipy, Scikit-learn and seaborn. The tools and techniques used in our project include google colab Notebooks, csv, Windows, VSCode, Python 3.9.13 and pip. All these tools are of immense importance for many aspects of our project, including machine learning, data analytics and data visualisation.

3.2 Project Design and Architecture

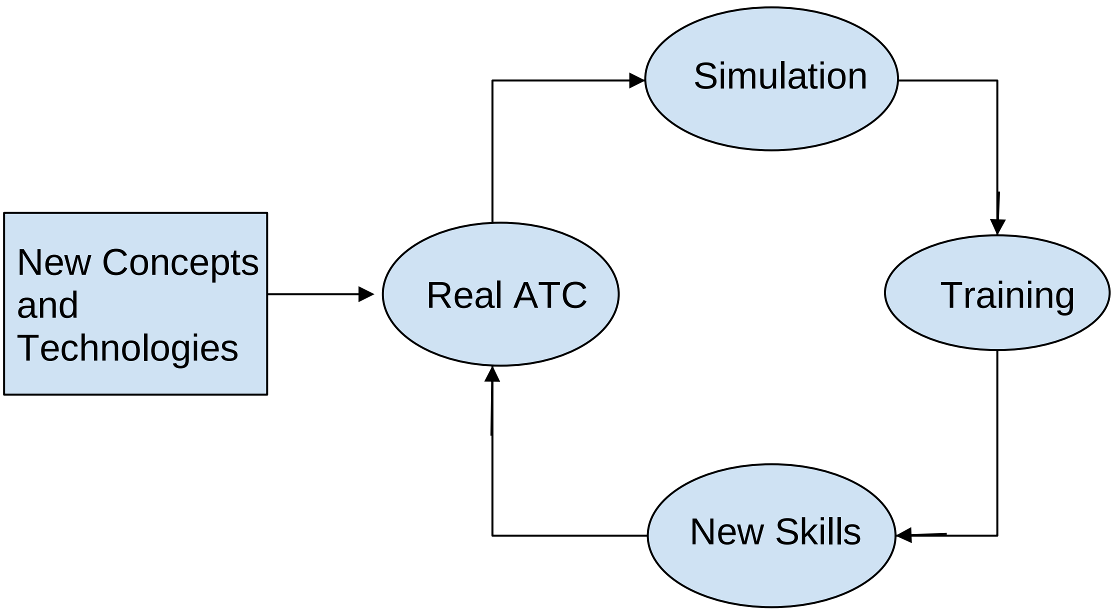

Fig 2- The Air Traffic Loop

3.2.1 Class Explanations

1. Airport: Stores information about the airports that airport.csv file.

Attributes:

Airport_id: ID of the airport

Name: Name of the airport

City: Cities that an airport located in

Code: 3 letter IATA code of the airport

Ica code: 4 letter ICA code of the airport

Lat: Latitude of the location that airport is located

Long: Longitude that the airport is located in

Alt: Altitude of the airport

Toffset: Timezone offset

DST: Daylight saving time

Tz: timezone

Methods:

getCoordinates (): A method that returns the latitude and longitude of given airport

getCountry(): Returns the country of the given airport

2. AirportAtlas: Opens airport.csv file and sends the information contained in that file to airport class also have some other methods

Attributes:

Airportdict: A dictionary that holds the information about airports with an IATA key.

Methods:

loadData(): A method that opens airport.csv files, assigns them to a dictionary and sends them to airport class.

getAirportCountry (): A method that takes the IATA code and sends the address of it to airport class for bringing the airport country.

greatCircleDist(): Takes the latitude and longitude of two airports and return the great circle distance between them

distanceBetweenAirports(): Takes two IATA codes as input sends them to get coordinates(lat and long) after that sends those to greatCircleDist to get the distance, then sends it back where it is requested

3. Aircraft: Stores information about the aircrafts.

Attributes:

Code: Name of the aircraft

Types: Type of the aircraft

Units: Represents the range of the aircraft (if it is metric then range is shown by km, if it is imperial then the range is shown by miles.

Manu: Manufacturer of aircraft.

Ranges: Range of the aircraft.

Methods:

metric (): A method that checks whether the unit of the aircraft is imperial, if it is changed to km.

getAircraftRanges (): Returns the range of an aircraft.

4. AircraftList: Opens aircraft.csv, sends that information to aircraft class and also has some other methods.

Attributes:

AircraftDict: A dictionary that holds information about aircrafts and the key is its name.

Methods:

load Data (): A method that opens aircraft.csv files, assigns them to a dictionary and sends them to aircraft class.

getAircraftRanges (): Takes the name of aircraft and with the help of the dictionary sends the address of it to airport class which returns the range of an aircraft and sends that value to where it requested.

5. CurrencyList: Opens currency.csv and assigns the information to a dictionary and sends them to currency class.

Attributes:

Currencydict: Holds the information about the currency with a key of countryname.

Methods:

getCurrencycode(): A method that takes the dictionary key and sends the address to currency for returning requested data.

6. CurrencyRate: Stores information from currencyrate.csv.

Attributes:

Currencyname: Holds the currency’s country name

Code: Currency Rate code

Exchangerate: Holds exchange rate with euro

Methods:

getCurrencyRate():A method that returns currency's exchange rate.

7. CurrencyRateList: Opens currencyrates.csv and assigns the information to a dictionary and sends them to currencyrate class.

Attributes:

Currencyratedict: Holds the information about the currencyrate with a key currency code.

Methods:

getCurrencyRate(): A method that takes the dictionary key and sends the address to currencyrate for returning requested data.

8. Itinerary: Stores information about the itineraries and sends back information when needed.

Attributes:

Cheapestroutelist: Stores cheapest route list.

Mincost: Stores the minimum cost that is found via calculation.

Cheapestroutedist: Stores cheapest route distance.

Shortestroutelist: Stores shortest route list.

Shortestroutecost: Stores shortest route cost found via calculation.

Shortestroutedist: Stores shortest route distance.

Aircraft: Stores aircraft name.

Methods:

getCheapestRouteList (): Returns cheapest route list.

getMinCost(): Returns minimum cost.

getCheapestRouteDist(): Returns cheapest route distance.

getShortestRouteList(): Returns shortest route list.

getShortestRouteCost(): Returns shortest route cost.

getShortestRouteDist(): Returns shortest route distance.

getAircraft(): Returns selected aircraft name.

9. ItineraryList: Most important class in the program. Has a method call in init that calls loadData to populate itinerary class with attributes but before that does the calculation for finding cheapest and shortest route.

Methods:

getCheapestRouteList (): Returns cheapest route list.

getMinCost(): Returns minimum cost.

getCheapestRouteDist(): Returns cheapest route distance.

getShortestRouteList(): Returns shortest route list.

getShortestRouteCost(): Returns shortest route cost.

getShortestRouteDist(): Returns shortest route distance.

getAircraft(): Returns selected aircraft name.

permutations (): Finds all the permutations between departing from home and returning it.

calculationForFiveRoutes(): This method has two method calls inside for calculations so it takes its solutions which are shortest and cheapest route by refuelling the whole tank and the other is calculating cheapest route(which also gives shortest) refuelling enough for completing specified leg.(second one is a little optimization)

Fullrefuel(): Finds cheapest and shortest route by refuelling whole tank

Distancerefuel (): Finds cheapest route by refuelling just enough for completing the leg.

10. FR24Reader:

Attributes:

file_path: Path to the FlightRadar24 data file.

Methods:

read_trajectories(): Reads trajectory data from the FlightRadar24 data file and returns a list of trajectories.

11. FR24Writer:

Attributes:

file_path: Path to the FlightRadar24 data file.

Methods:

write_trajectories(): Writes trajectories to the FlightRadar24 data file.

Trajectory:

Attributes:

flight_id: Unique identifier for the flight.

timestamp: Timestamps for each data point in the trajectory.

latitude: Latitude coordinates for each data point.

longitude: Longitude coordinates for each data point.

Methods:

plot (): Plots the trajectory on a map.

filter (): Filters the trajectory data based on certain criteria.

12. FlightCluster:

Attributes:

cluster_id: Unique identifier for the cluster.

trajectories: List of Trajectory objects belonging to the cluster.

Methods:

add_trajectory(): Adds a Trajectory object to the cluster.

remove_trajectory(): Removes a Trajectory object from the cluster.

FlightDataAnalyzer:

Attributes:

data: Flight data to be analyzed.

Methods:

analyze_congestion(): Analyzes congestion areas based on flight data.

analyze_flight_routes(): Analyzes common flight routes based on flight data.

analyze_bottlenecks(): Identifies operational bottlenecks based on flight data.

These classes encapsulate functionality related to reading and writing flight data, representing trajectories and clusters, and performing analysis on flight data. They provide a modular and organized structure for working with flight data in the project.

3.2.2 ATC Simulators

First of all, the ATC simulators used in our project ensure that there is adequate spacing between each plane to avoid interfering with the trainees. Moreover, the relative characteristics of each plane such as speed and altitude can be adjusted. Moreover, for some situations it can be applied between different airports giving information related to some particular airports like the number of runways, air-communication equipment, navigational means and meteorological characteristics.

Finally, the majority of ATC simulators come with the capability to introduce unexpected occurrences as well as unusual aeroplane problems. However, these symptoms during normal situations in aircrafts are normally rare. Consequently, the trainers need to be trained on how to detect as well as solve these problems. Some of these include irregular changes in weather; problems with the communication between either the equipment or the air controller, or from one of the air controllers to another, such as hijacking, fire/engines/communications breakdown.

Therefore, any change in an aircraft's SSR code denotes that something is wrong. Differentiation of various ATC simulators by category (VFR, IFR and ILS) and implementation technology and methodology. The **Table 2** made here shows the common ATC categories, its interfaces and elements as indicated.

ATC simulator	Visualisation	Implementation Technique
Tower Control	2D Screen 3D environment Cave technology Virtual environment	Simple simulation Expert system Agent based system Neural network Voice recognition
Approach Control	2D screen	
En- route Control	2D screen	

Table 2: Common ATC simulator techniques [5]

The costs and modes of operation vary between air traffic simulators. A few simulators make use of pseudo-pilots or actual pilots, while others involve installing a voice recognition module that can understand the controller's commands and respond accordingly. The cost, however, remains a significant barrier to these benefits, particularly for developing countries.

The **Fig 3** mentioned in the next sub section shows our basic system overview in the form of a chart.

3.2.3 Basic System overview

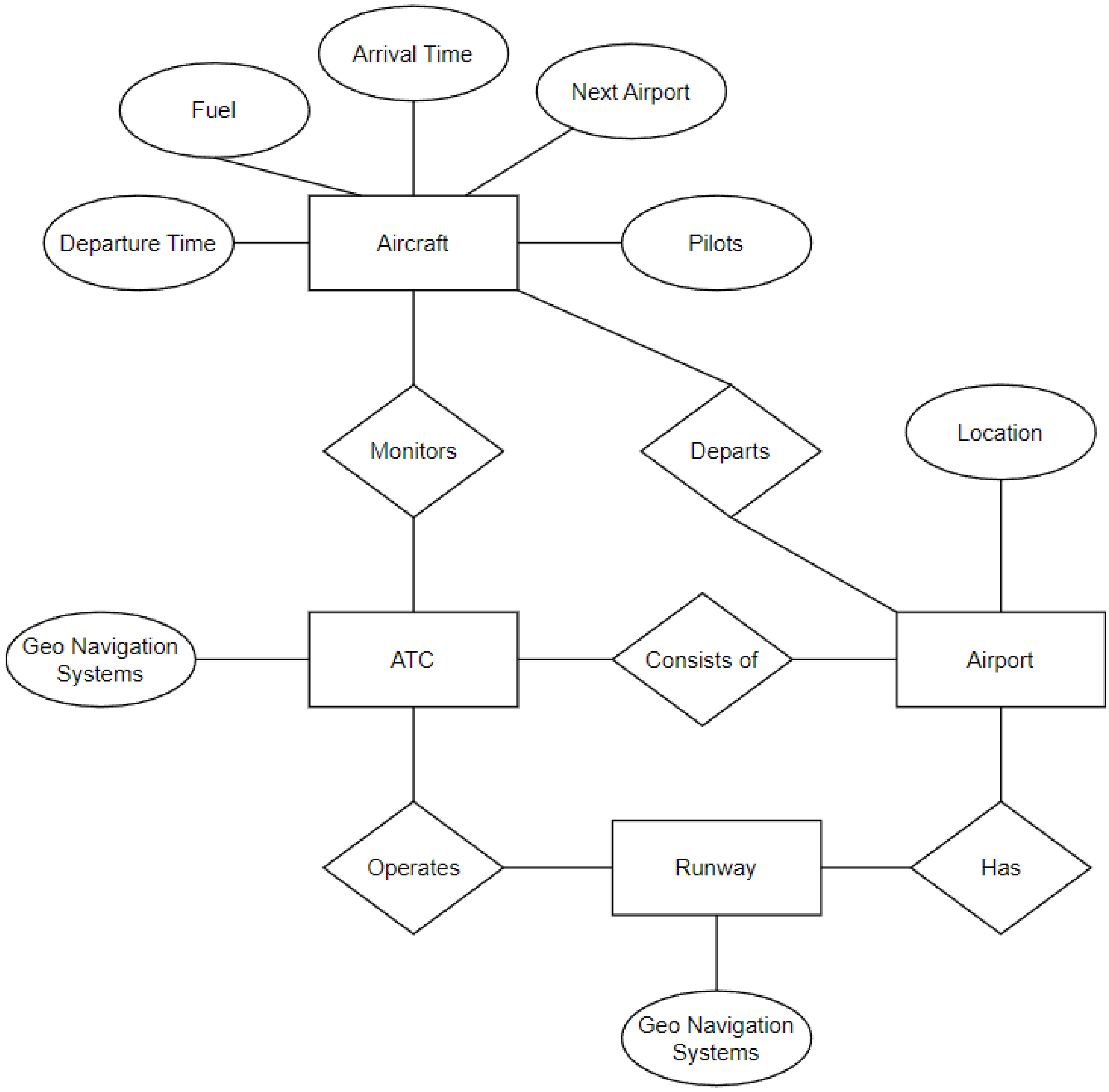

Fig. 3 - Basic System Design

3.3 Data Preparation

3.3.1 Extraction of Data

We collected the dataset from Kaggle whilst some additional sources we explored were GitHub and Google Dataset Search for extra files which we augmented in our datasets extensively.

The files we executed with the code are mentioned below:

- **stat_fixed_distance_145-165.csv:** Contains statistical information related to flights within a fixed distance range from 145 to 165.
- **trajectories.csv:** Stores trajectory data of flights, including flight ID, timestamp, latitude, and longitude.
- **filtered_trajectories.csv:** Contains trajectory data after applying filtering techniques to remove noise or irrelevant data.
- **clustered_trajectories.csv:** Stores trajectory data clustered based on certain criteria, such as proximity or similarity.

3.3.2 Basic Statistics of Data

The dataset for our project consists of trajectory data of flights around Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). Here are some basic statistics:

Size: The dataset comprises thousands of flight trajectories, recorded over a period of time, resulting in a substantial amount of data.

Attributes: Each flight trajectory record typically includes attributes such as flight ID, timestamp, latitude, and longitude. These attributes provide essential information about the location and timing of each flight.

Temporal Coverage: The dataset covers a specific time range, allowing for temporal analysis of air traffic patterns and trends. Understanding the temporal distribution of flights is crucial for identifying peak hours, congestion periods, and operational patterns.

Spatial Coverage: The spatial coverage encompasses the airspace around HKIA, including inbound and outbound flight paths, holding patterns, and other relevant areas. Analysing the spatial distribution of flights helps in identifying congested areas, flight routes, and operational bottlenecks.

Data Quality: Ensuring data quality is vital for accurate analysis. Preprocessing steps such as data cleaning, filtering, and outlier detection may have been applied to enhance the quality and reliability of the dataset.

Variability: The dataset likely exhibits variability in flight patterns over different days, times of day, and seasons. Exploring this variability provides insights into the dynamic nature of air traffic and its underlying factors.

Granularity: The granularity of the dataset refers to the level of detail captured in each trajectory record. Higher granularity allows for more precise analysis but may result in larger datasets and increased computational complexity.

Overall, the dataset provides a rich source of information for conducting spatial and temporal analysis of air traffic around HKIA, enabling insights into flight patterns, congestion areas, and operational dynamics

3.4 Implementation

The implementation of our project involves several key steps to analyse and visualize air traffic data around Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA). The concise overview of the implementation process is curated below:

- **Data Acquisition:** We start by obtaining the raw flight trajectory data, typically in CSV format, from sources such as flight tracking databases or aviation authorities. This data includes attributes such as flight ID, timestamp, latitude, and longitude.

- **Data Preprocessing**: Before analysis, the raw data undergoes preprocessing steps to ensure quality and reliability. This includes cleaning the data to remove errors or inconsistencies, filtering out irrelevant flights or data points, and transforming the data into a suitable format for analysis.

- **Spatial and Temporal Analysis:** With the pre-processed data, we conduct spatial and temporal analysis to identify patterns and trends in air traffic. This involves techniques such as clustering to group similar flight trajectories, computing transit times, and visualizing flight paths on maps using tools like Cartopy.

- **Visualization and Interpretation:** The analysed data is then visualized using plots, maps, and interactive dashboards to facilitate interpretation and decision-making. Visualizations may include heatmaps of congestion areas, time series plots of flight patterns, and interactive maps showing flight routes.

- **Performance Evaluation:** Finally, we evaluate the performance of our analysis and visualization techniques, considering factors such as accuracy, efficiency, and usability. This helps ensure the reliability and effectiveness of our approach in extracting insights from air traffic data around HKIA.

3.4.1 Pseudocode

1. Data Acquisition:
   - Read flight trajectory data from CSV files into a data frame.

2. Data Preprocessing:
   - Clean the data to remove missing values, outliers, and errors.
   - Filter out irrelevant flights or data points based on predefined criteria.
   - Convert timestamps to datetime objects.
   - Handle time zone conversions if necessary.

3. Spatial and Temporal Analysis:
   - Perform clustering using K-means algorithm to group similar flight trajectories.
   - Compute transit times between entry and exit points for each flight.
   - Analyse spatial distribution of flight paths using Voronoi diagrams.
   - Compute temporal statistics such as arrival rates and average transit times.

4. Visualization:
   - Plot flight trajectories on interactive maps using Cartopy or other GIS libraries.
   - Create heatmaps to visualize congestion areas and flight density.
   - Generate time series plots to analyse temporal patterns in air traffic.
   - Develop interactive dashboards for exploring and interpreting the data.

5. Performance Evaluation:
   - Assess the accuracy and efficiency of clustering and analysis algorithms.
   - Evaluate the usability and effectiveness of visualizations in conveying insights.
   - Fine-tune parameters and algorithms based on performance metrics and user feedback.

6. Documentation and Reporting:
   - Document the entire process, including data sources, preprocessing steps, analysis techniques, and visualization methods.
   - Prepare reports or presentations summarizing the findings, insights, and recommendations derived from the analysis of air traffic data around HKIA

3.4.2 Flow graph of the Project implementation

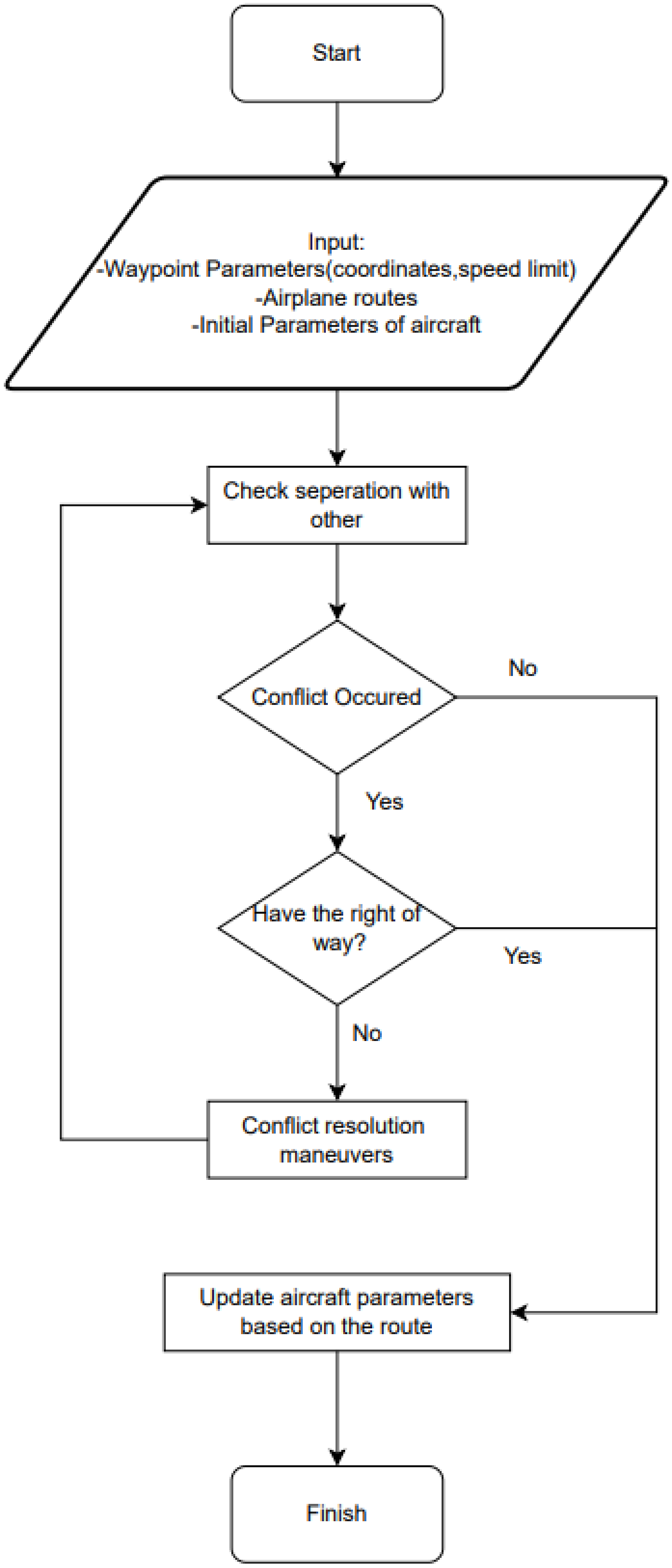

Fig 4 – Flow Graph of the project Implementation

3.4.3 Screenshots of Project Results:

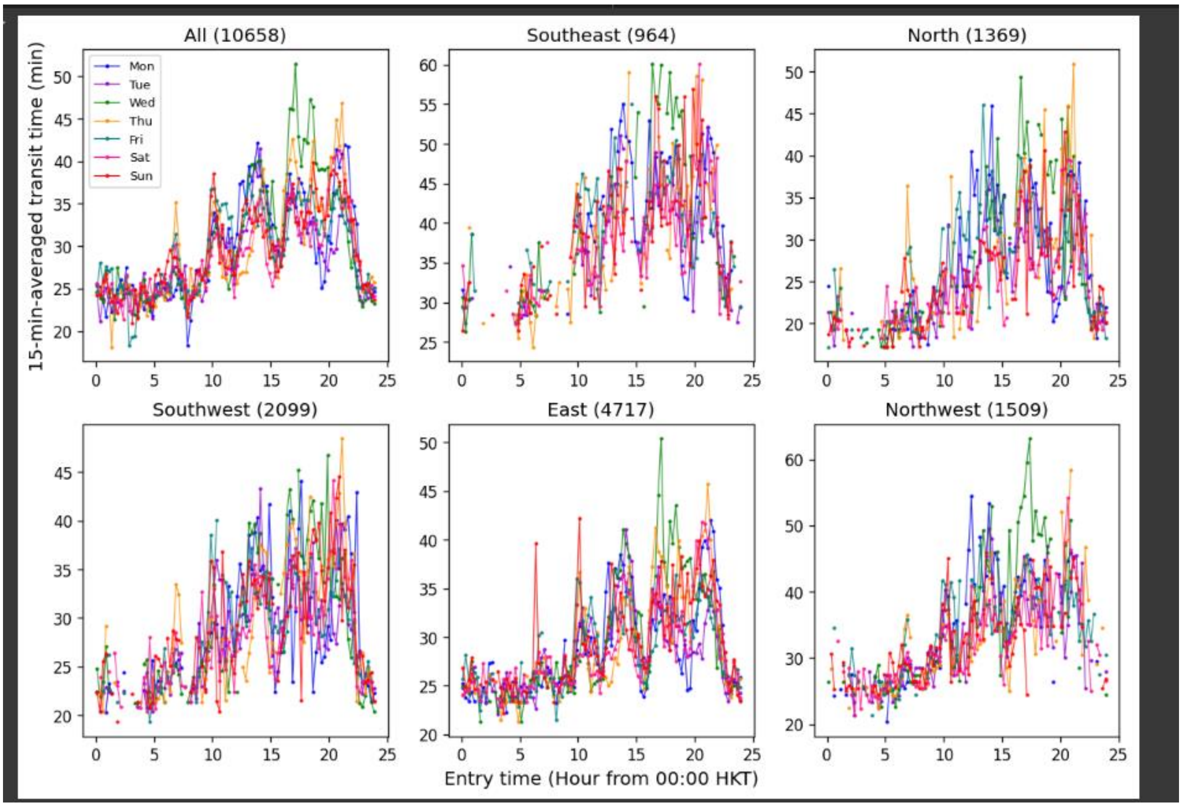

Fig. 5 – Flights' transit time against different days for different clusters

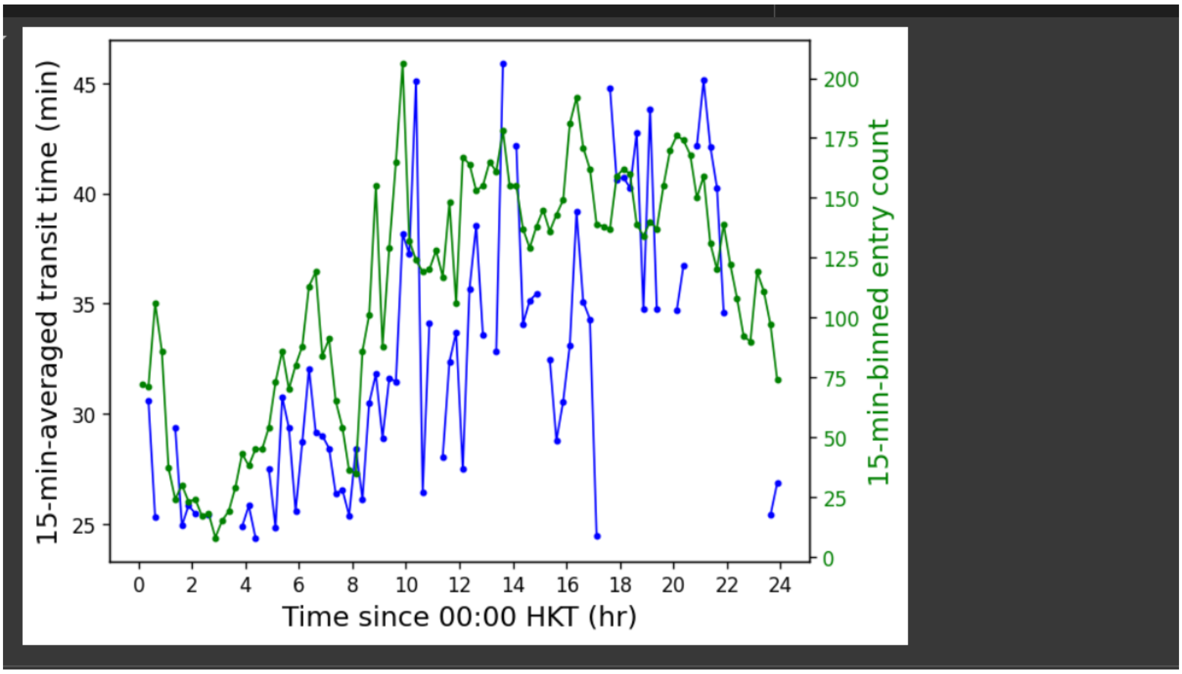

Fig. 6 – Flights' transit time vs days of the week for all clusters combined

3.4.4 Algorithms and Procedure

Our project focuses on analysing air traffic data to identify congestion areas, flight routes, and operational bottlenecks around the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA), aiding airport management in decision-making processes.

- **Data Collection and Preprocessing:**

We gathered air traffic data from CSV files, containing information like timestamps, latitude, longitude, and flight details. After collecting the data, preprocessing steps were undertaken, including cleaning and filtering out irrelevant data points. Timestamps were converted to the appropriate format for further analysis.

- **Spatial Analysis:**

We utilized Cartopy, a Python library for spatial data visualization, to plot flight trajectories on a map of the HKIA region. K-means clustering was applied to group flight trajectories into clusters based on their spatial proximity. This helped in identifying common flight routes and congestion areas.

- **Temporal Analysis:**

Temporal analysis was conducted to understand air traffic patterns over time. We computed arrival rates, moving averages, and autocorrelation coefficients to analyze temporal dependencies and fluctuations in air traffic volume and timing. This analysis provided insights into peak hours, daily trends, and periodic patterns.

- **Visualization and Interpretation:**

Visualization played a crucial role in interpreting analysis results. We used matplotlib and seaborn libraries to create visualizations of spatial and temporal analysis outcomes. These visualizations enabled us to identify trends, anomalies, and critical areas requiring attention around the airport.

- **Decision Support:**

The insights derived from our analysis serve as valuable decision support for airport management. By identifying congestion areas and operational bottlenecks, management can optimize resources, improve scheduling, and enhance overall airport efficiency.

Additionally, the analysis helps in planning future expansions and infrastructure developments to accommodate increasing air traffic demands.

In summary, our project integrates spatial and temporal analysis techniques to extract meaningful insights from air traffic data, empowering airport management with valuable information for informed decision-making and strategic planning.

3.4.5 Dijkstra's Algorithm

Our project has used Dijkstra algo and FCFS to improve the various scenarios of flight delay. Moreover, our ATC model is able to fetch the data from a real time dataset, and enhances the ATC controller by activating the closest runway to the nearest taxiways and aeroplanes, for depicting the model and representations we have used basic java plane and runway models which will also be able to run a visual video for each plane to give better understanding to the ATC controller.

The aeroplane localizer now has better connectivity with ATC as well and now can see visual depictions on its inbuilt monitors too, which helps to reduce the workload among the pilots of talking and understanding the situation of the runway.

Pseudo Code of Dijkstra' s Algorithm:

```
function Dijkstra_Algorithm(Graph, source_node)
   for each node N in Graph:
      distance[N] = INFINITY
      previous[N] = NULL
      If N != source_node, add N to Priority Queue G
      distance[source_node] = 0
   while G is NOT empty:
       Q = node in G with the least distance []
        mark Q visited
    for each unvisited neighbour node N of Q:
         temporary_ distance = distance[Q] + distance _between (Q, N)
            if temporary_ distance < distance[N]
```

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        distance[N] := temporary_ distance
        previous[N] := Q
    return distance [], previous []
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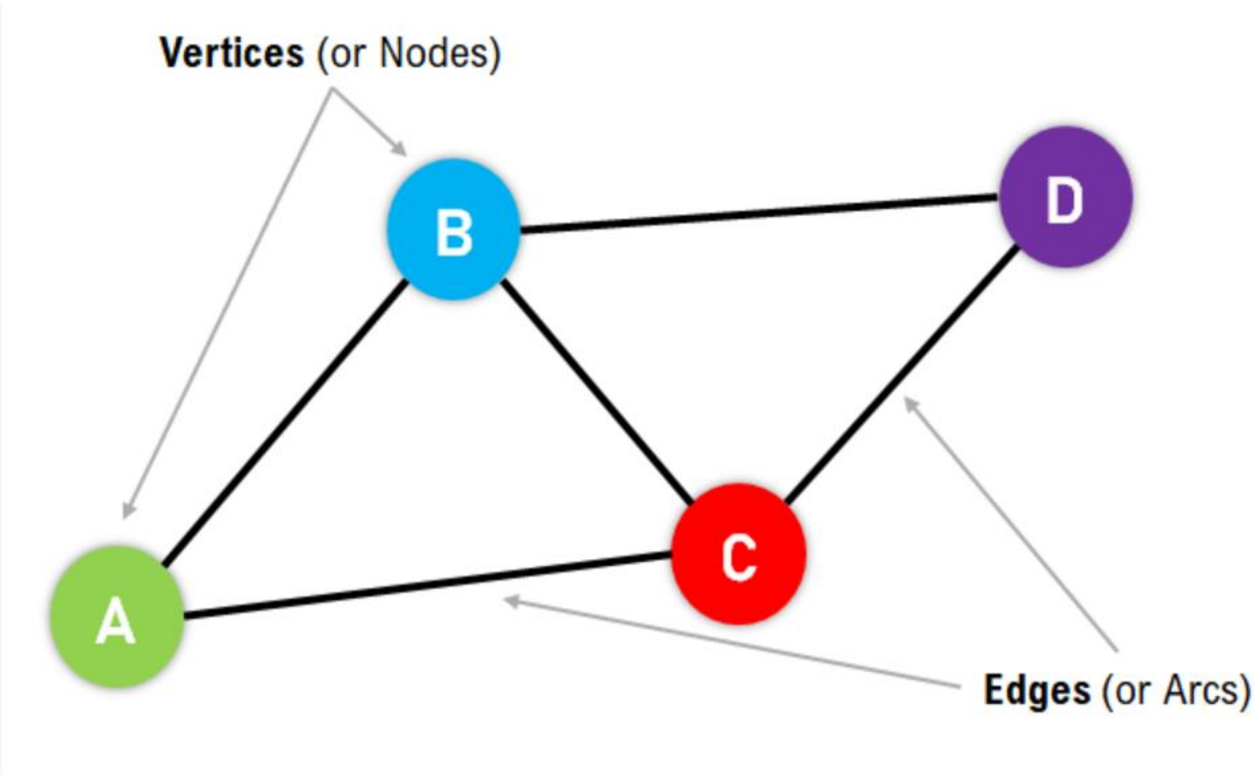


Fig 7 Dijkstra’s Shortest path finding algorithm [12]

3.4.6 The Autocorrelation Heatmap:

The autocorrelation heatmap that we drew provides valuable insights into the temporal patterns of air traffic arrival rates. By analysing the autocorrelation of arrival rates over time, we can identify recurring patterns and trends in flight arrivals at different hours of the day. The heatmap visually represents the strength and direction of correlation between arrival rates at different time intervals. Areas of high autocorrelation indicate strong temporal dependencies, suggesting consistent patterns in flight arrivals. This analysis helps in understanding the regularities and fluctuations in air traffic volume over time, which is crucial for airport management and scheduling. Additionally, the autocorrelation heatmap aids in identifying potential bottlenecks or congestion periods, allowing for better allocation of resources and optimization of airport operations. It is represented on the **Fig 11**.

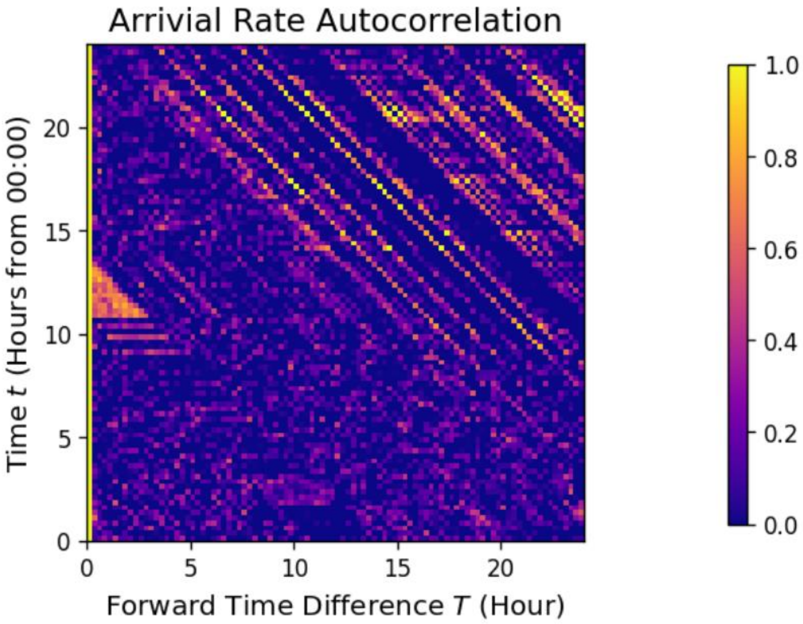


Fig 8 Flights' arrival Rate Autocorrelation Heatmap

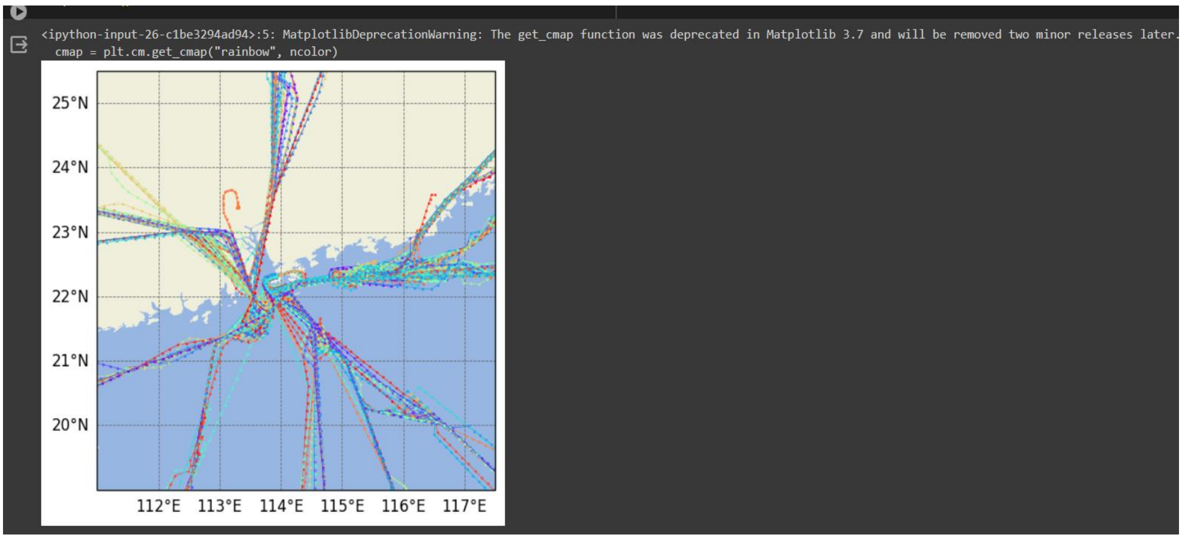


Fig 9 Distribution of Trajectories of flights throughout the week

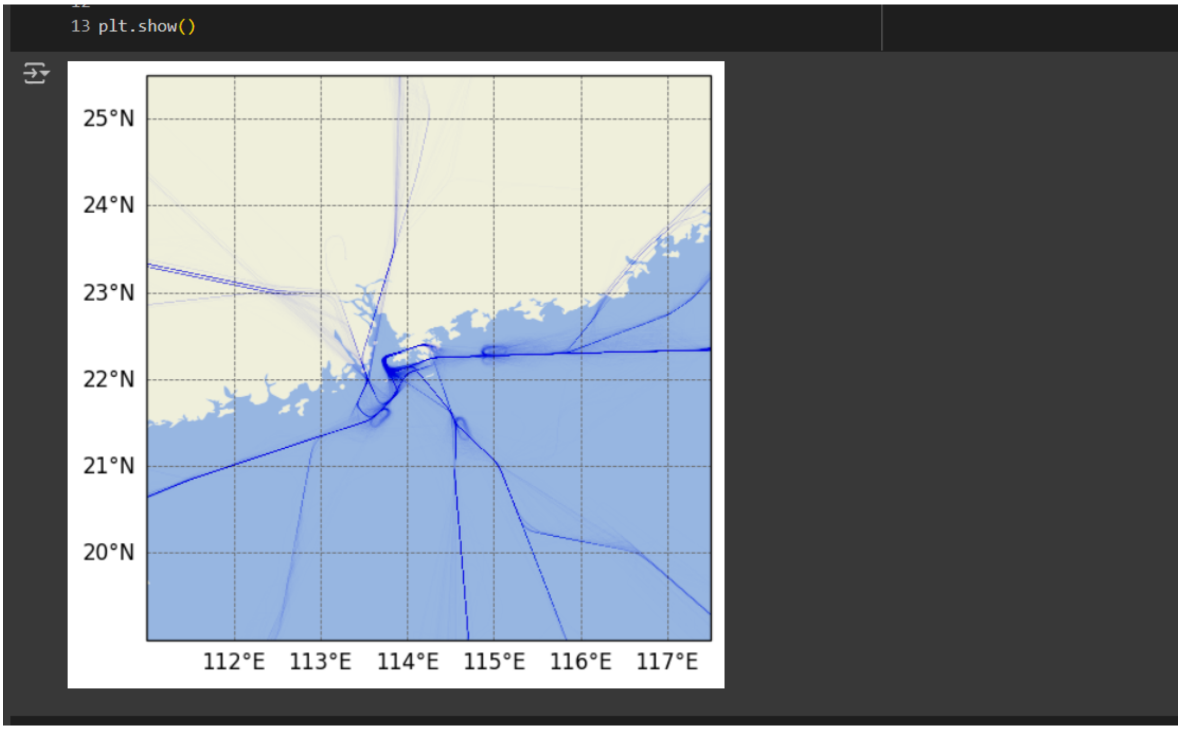


Fig 10 Extrapolated Scatterplot of flight trajectories

3.4.7 Fundamental Data Statistics:

- **Dataset Size:** The dataset comprises air traffic data collected over a specific period, including information such as timestamps, latitude, longitude, and flight details.
- **Number of Records:** The dataset consists of a significant number of records, each representing a data point corresponding to a specific flight trajectory or event.
- **Attributes:** The dataset contains several attributes, including:
- **Timestamps:** Representing the time at which each event occurred.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Providing spatial coordinates of flight trajectories.
- **Flight Details:** Including information about flight numbers, origins, destinations, and possibly other relevant flight parameters.
- **Temporal Range:** The dataset covers a specific temporal range, spanning from the earliest timestamp to the latest timestamp, indicating the duration of data collection.

- **Spatial Coverage:** The dataset encompasses air traffic data around the Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) region, providing spatial coverage of flight trajectories in and around the airport vicinity.
- **Data Quality:** Preprocessing steps, such as cleaning and filtering, may have been applied to ensure data quality and remove any inconsistencies or outliers.

These fundamental data statistics provide an initial overview of the dataset's characteristics, facilitating further analysis and exploration of air traffic patterns and trends.

3.4.8 Details of the Attributes:

The dataset comprises of the following attributes:

- **Timestamps:** Indicate the time of each event.
- **Latitude and Longitude:** Provide spatial coordinates of flight trajectories.
- **Flight Details:** Include flight numbers, origins, destinations, and other relevant parameters.

These attributes collectively enable the analysis of temporal and spatial patterns in air traffic data, aiding in identifying congestion areas, flight routes, and operational bottlenecks around Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA).

3.4.9 Dataset Screenshot: -

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
10	GATE 1	100	1100	950			Open		
11	GATE 2	-150	900	730			Open		
12	GATE 3	-300	650	510			Open		
13	GATE 4	-450	450	290			Open		
14	GATE 5	-600	200	60			Open		
15									
16	Flights								
17	FlightId	FlightNumber	PlaneType	Type	DepartTime	ArrivalTime	From	To	Status
18	1	AZ901 - ND to MLB	Boeing 747	Depart	CurrentTime + 1 minute		New Delhi	Melbourne	OnTime
19	2	IND901 - MUM to PRS	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 1 minute		Mumbai	Paris	OnTime
20	3	9W795 - BLG to SFL	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 1 minute		Bangalore	Schiphol	OnTime
21	4	9W796 - HYD to LON	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 2 minute		Hyderabad	London	OnTime
22	5	AW838 - ND to NYC	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 2 minute		New Delhi	New York City	OnTime
23	6	AW820 - BNG to NYC	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 2 minute		Bangalore	New York City	OnTime
24	7	9W888 - LON to PRS	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 3 minute		London	Paris	OnTIme
25	8	IND - PUN to MHA	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 3 minute		Punjab	Mumbai	OnTime
26	9	IND - ND to BNG	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 3 minute		New Delhi	Bangalore	OnTime
27	10	JP01 - ND to TOK	Airbus 380	Depart	CurrentTime + 3 minute		New Delhi	Tokyo	OnTIme

Fig 11 - Dataset

3.5 Key Challenges

Our improvements have certain limitations even though they were significant.
The current system experiences several problems including runway congestion which finds it hard to accommodate expanding numbers of planes both arriving and leaving therefore increased waiting hours.
Flight delays are now common with flight delays becoming an inconvenient problem for both airlines and their customers due to ramp congestion.
The other problem is that they don't utilise the runway well; this leads to additional plane delays and wastefulness of the resource. The second problem with the inaccurate flight scheduling is that it results in mass traffic congestion at terminal points.

Despite these challenges, our project touches on vital air traffic administration issues and is quite useful for the subject matter. These recommended modifications will help decongest the airfield, minimise flight delays, optimise airfield throughput and schedule flights with precision.

Though our project offers a remedy for decreasing queuing, it does not explain what could cause holdups owing to flight timings. The following are key challenges that we will address in upcoming semester:

Runway Congestion: It's a pity that the limited air traffic space at JFK airport does not stop more and more aircraft coming and causing congestion on traffic.
Flight Delays: Thus, the extra flight delay leads to more damage for airports, airlines and also for passengers' interests.
Inefficient Runway Utilisation: Aircraft are made to meander vast distances just before they eventually come to a halt on the runway to await lengthy stretches under the current system.
Inaccurate Flight Scheduling: Poor flight management also causes situations when two aircraft are landing or taking off at once resulting in overcrowding of air traffic flow and operational inefficiency in air traffic flow management.

CHAPTER 4: TESTING

4.1 Testing Strategy

Our strategies include the use of various test cases and models to redefine the best possible outcome of the scenarios. It will also include if the model is able to actually generate and work on FCFS or not.

Most of the time, we have used the try except function to detect the errors, but we also have another python file called Itinerary_LIST_TEST.py, where we put some print statements for every single thing just to check out the mistakes or possible calculation mistakes.

In our process of development, we opted to try except methods for opening the files as they are stated in the itinerary list method within the module code and also on the main code section whenever a user tries to input the airport codes on the built user interface but ends up making mistakes.

As for future improvements, various advancements need to be made on the testing part.

So, in this ever-evolving world of system creation, a strong framework of examination approaches is important for the guarantee of dependability, functionality, and efficiency of the proposed solution. So, here we will talk about the basic approach utilised for this project. This will encompass methods, techniques, and instruments to authenticate the suggested resolution for enhancing air traffic control.

The fundamental aim of this testing in our project is to explore the latest developments in air traffic control simulation and identify potential areas for future research. A thorough review of air traffic control simulation might cover the following key areas:

Simulation Models: This might be done through study of some air traffic control simulation models such as discrete event, agent based or system dynamics simulations. It would assess the pros and cons of models and their potential use for different ATC applications.

Human Factors: The third stage will evaluate the significance that the human factor holds, in air traffic control simulation like design user interface and decision support system, and develop training materials for air traffic controllers. Monitoring and management of workload; situation awareness; and, communicating on air traffic control and management issues will also be part of this testing procedure.

Optimization Techniques: The second part of this chapter evaluates different optimization algorithms such as simulated work, aircraft optimization and genetic algorithms in an intelligent air traffic system. Such methodologies should also be examined, on how they support seamless air flows and avoid collision and flight disruptions.

System Integration: In the second part of this discussion is integrated simulated air traffic control, including weather monitoring system, aircraft tracking system and airport management among others. Some of such problems associated with this kind of merger will be discussed in the next section, along with corresponding advantages. It would also highlight the needed modifications.

Applications: Here we would like to explore a multitude of applications of air traffic monitoring and management simulations. These might include predicting upcoming air traffic patterns, trialling novel air traffic control methods and technologies, and evaluating various alterations in airspace layout. The section could assess the positive outcome and limitations of these applications and pinpoint potential domains for subsequent investigation.

In conclusion, an exhaustive examination of air traffic control simulation would provide a deep insight into the latest advancements in the management, and aid in pinpointing potential sectors for future exploration and enhancement.

4.1.1 Testing Goals

Functional Testing:

The motive of functional testing here in our project is to assess precision and real time fetching of data via the excel sheet. This would remove any safety issue or chance of error from our side. This would also help in cross check all the safety protocols among the system and the airline industry.

Performance Testing:

Our aim in this performance testing is to analyse and look into the power of the system to handle some amount of traffic in the air in real time conditions. This could thus measure the reaction time of important functions like sending alerts to the system and updating aircraft locations. This would help us to manage max loads during certain emergencies and cases of high traffic would potentially be able to test the capacity of the system.

Security Testing:

Security testing detects and rectifies vulnerabilities in the air traffic management system to avoid if not prevent unauthorised access. Evaluate the system's resilience to cyber threats and ensure the integrity of data during transmission and storage. Confirm power of authentication and authorization procedures for system users.

Usability Testing:

Review the user interfaces for air traffic controllers and monitoring staff for intuitiveness and user-friendliness. Measure the effectiveness of system navigation and the clarity of the information displayed. Gather user feedback to enhance user experience and interface design.

Scalability Testing:

Examine the system's capability to expand with a growing number of aeroplanes and air traffic incidents. Evaluate the performance under both regular and maximum load conditions to guarantee scalability for future growth.

Reliability and Availability Testing:

Confirm the system's dependability by ensuring continuous services during prolonged periods. Examine the failover mechanisms and recovery procedures to reduce downtime in the event of system failures. Assess the system's capability to manage scheduled maintenance without interrupting critical operations.

4.1.2 End User benefits of testing

Aircraft Landing and take-off System would potentially Improve experiences Of Participants. So, the system would be beneficial to the end users as follows:

Airlines: Flight delays will be reduced thus; airlines will improve on their on-time performance and also enhance customer satisfaction in our system. This may also lead to considerable savings on fuel costs, thereby representing a positive economic return for most airline carriers.

Passengers: To this end, our system and model are designed to minimise flight delays for passengers in order to guarantee close-to-perfect arrival times and fewer troubles. This would also entail a more secure and seamless journey through flights.

Air Traffic Controllers: Advanced system will give air traffic controllers a sophisticated tool for monitoring the runway better and ease burden and complexity in emergency handling.

Airport Operators: This new innovative system improves overall efficiency at airports enabling operators to handle additional flights thereby increasing profits. Also, it will help in enhancing the airport's image of service excellence.

Government Authorities: It is a revolutionary system, which will improve the conditions of air travel by complying with the air safety and other regulations as well as standards. Furthermore, it will fuel expansion of the aviation sector and the economy generally.

Therefore, the developed system targets to increase efficiencies while ensuring security and customers' happiness in all stakeholders of the aircraft's landing and take-off process.

4.2 Test instances and outputs

Test Instance 1: Functional Testing - Runway Assignment

Aim: Confirm the system's capability to effectively assign runways based on the First-In-First-Out (FIFO) rule.

Procedure: Introduce a group of 5 flight requests with different departure and arrival times. Monitor the system's runway assignment for each flight.

Predicted Result: The airplanes should have been assigned to the runways in the sequence of their arrival, complying with the FIFO rule.

Test Instance 2: Performance Testing - Runway Traffic

Goal: The goal is to check the ability of the system to work in high loads and a significant amount of air traffic.

Procedure:

The procedure for this testing method includes the creation of a scenario with 20 flights planned to land or take off within a brief time period. Observe the system's reaction time and efficiency in allocating runways.

Predicted Result: The system shall exhibit steady performance, promptly assigning runways without considerable delays.

Test Instance 3: Security Testing – Access Restrictions

Goal: The aim is for confirming the restricted actions measures to ensure that unauthorised users cannot interfere within the system.

Procedure:

The procedure is to try to access the system using incorrect credentials. We can try to carry out actions, like modifying flight schedules or runway assignments.

Predicted Result: The system should be able to refuse unauthorised access to users and block any unauthorised actions.

Test Instance 4: User Interface Usability Assessment

Aim: The goal is for assessing the intuitiveness and user friendliness of the air traffic controller user interface.

Procedure:

The procedure includes the execution of newest routine operations and flights, while assigning the runways, and alerting the management. We would try to also like to gather opinion of the users for the design and navigation ability of the interface.

Anticipated Result:

In this test instance, the user interface (UI) needs to be very user friendly which should be able to perform the tasks effectively and the feedback of the user should give a satisfying user experience.

Test Instance 5: Availability and reliability of a system in downtime

Objective: Our main goal for this test case is to investigate the reliability and availability of the system during simulated scenarios.

Steps: The procedure includes intentionally inducing a simulated system failure or downtime which also needs to be supervising the ability of the system to resume after a recovery operation

Expected Outcome:

The expected outcome of this test case is that our system needs to be able to show good recovery procedures and to minimise the downtime and fast restoration of the services.

Test Instance 6: Handling weather conditions

Objective: The object is to identify the capacity of the system in difficult weather conditions

Steps:

For example, simulating very adverse conditions of the weather like storm or reduced visibility.

Flight rescheduling and runways management observance of system response.

Expected Outcome:

The system should demonstrate adaptive behaviour, optimising air traffic management which should also work within weather conditions which could be prevailed.

These test cases cover a range of scenarios to ensure the robustness, security, and usability of the Air Traffic Control and Monitoring system. Test outcomes will provide insights into the system's strengths and areas that may require further refinement.

CHAPTER 05: RESULTS

5.1 Results

Our code visualized the entry and end points of flight trajectories over a specified time range namely from January 1, 2017, to January 31, 2017.

The entry and end points represent the locations where the flights enter and exit a designated airspace, respectively.

<u>Before Filtering of Processed data:</u>

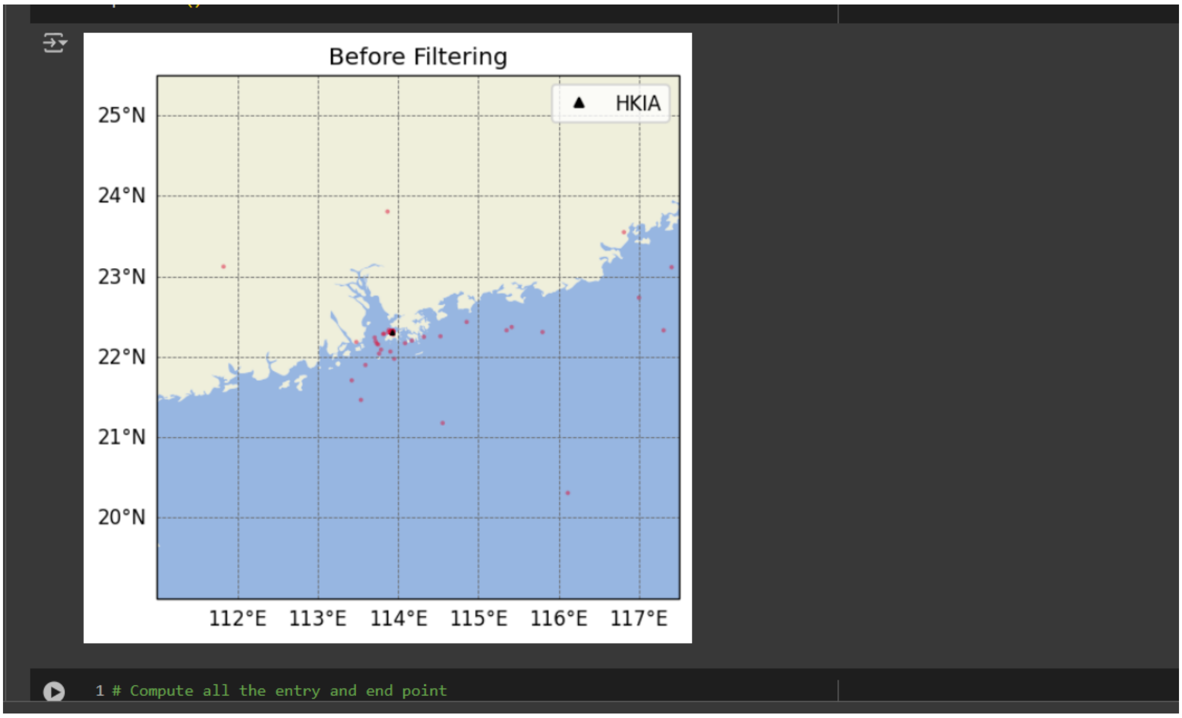


Fig. 12 – Before Filtering

After the clustering of the processed data is initiated, the result is the output of the clustering algorithm applied to the air traffic data that is mentioned on the next page. The visualization illustrates the spatial distribution of clustered flight trajectories, providing insights into distinct patterns and traffic flow dynamics.

After Filtering:

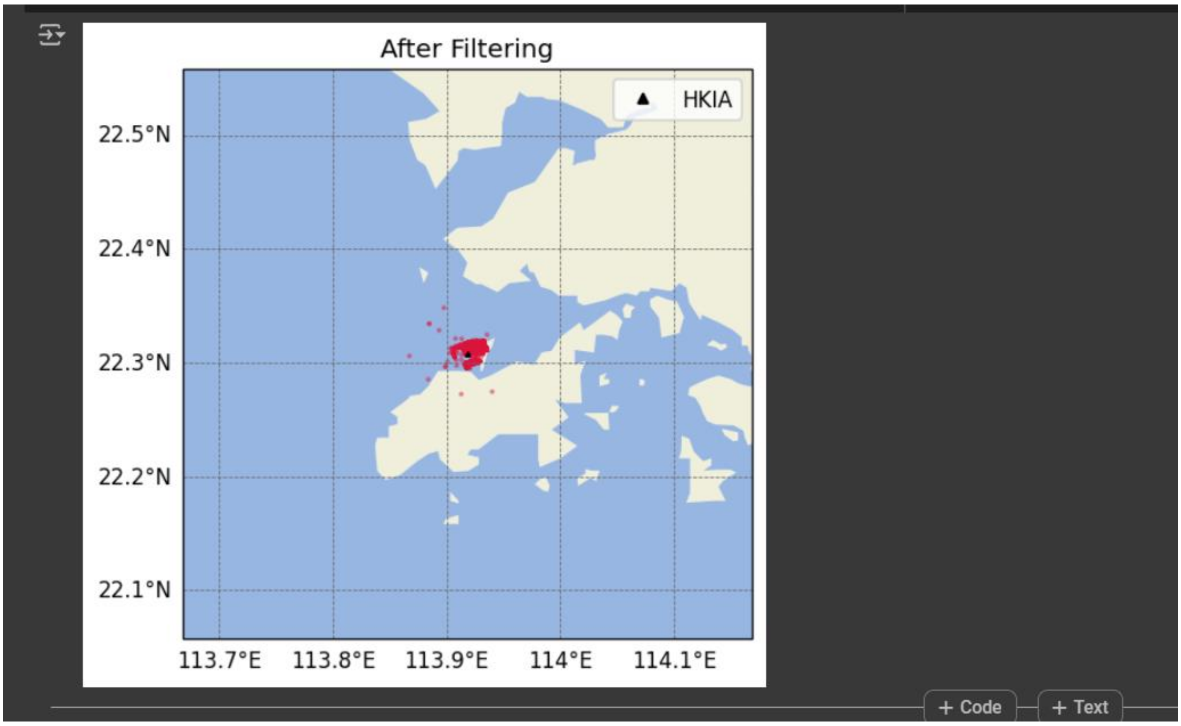


Fig. 13 – After Filter Clustering

Clustering of Entry Direction:

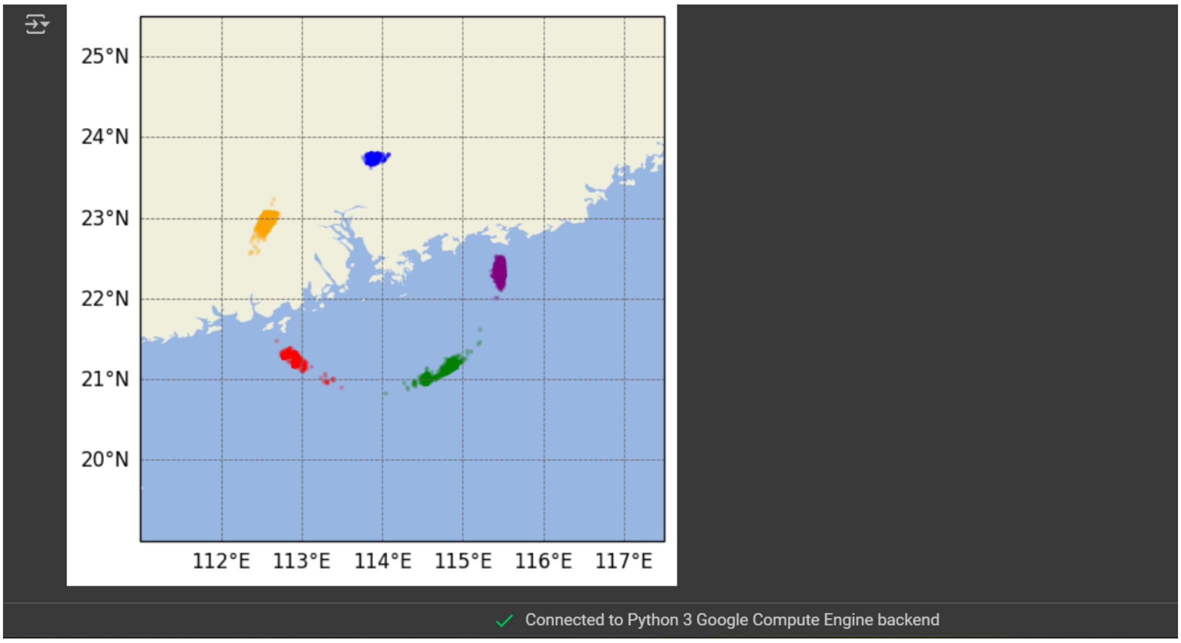


Fig. 14 – Clustering of Entry direction

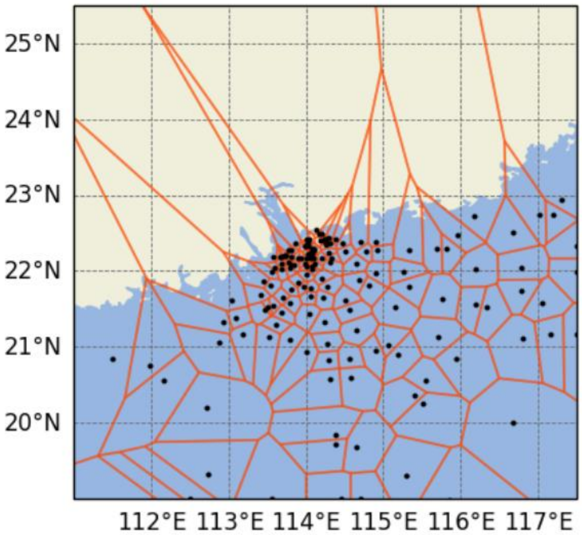


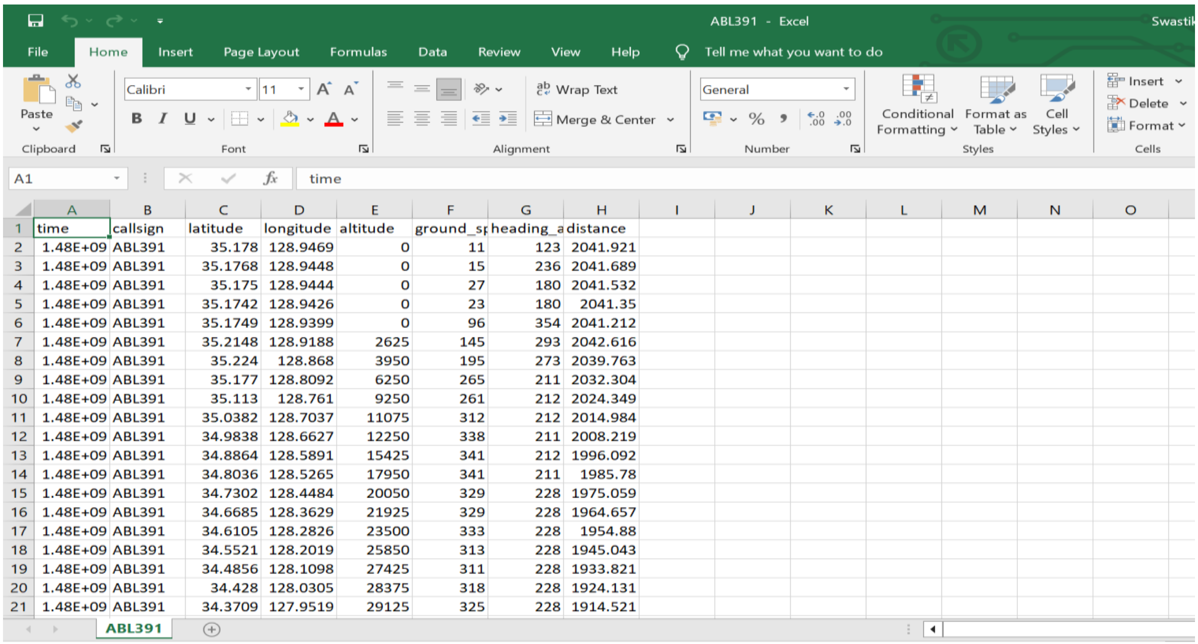
Fig 15 – Significant Waypoints after clustering

The airport codes entered in the input screen above are IATA codes of the airports.

Based on the given information, the program finds the cheapest route between the airport and also provides the cheapest route distance and the cost of the cheapest route.

5.1.1 Demo CSV File

The demo CSV file contains simulated air traffic data with attributes like timestamp, latitude, longitude, altitude, and flight information, representing flights around a specified airport. The csv file is illustrated in **Fig 16.**



time	callsign	latitude	longitude	altitude	ground_sp	heading_a	distance
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.178	128.9469	0	11	123	2041.921
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.1768	128.9448	0	15	236	2041.689
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.175	128.9444	0	27	180	2041.532
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.1742	128.9426	0	23	180	2041.35
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.1749	128.9399	0	96	354	2041.212
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.2148	128.9188	2625	145	293	2042.616
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.224	128.868	3950	195	273	2039.763
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.177	128.8092	6250	265	211	2032.304
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.113	128.761	9250	261	212	2024.349
1.48E+09	ABL391	35.0382	128.7037	11075	312	212	2014.984
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.9838	128.6627	12250	338	211	2008.219
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.8864	128.5891	15425	341	212	1996.092
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.8036	128.5265	17950	341	211	1985.78
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.7302	128.4484	20050	329	228	1975.059
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.6685	128.3629	21925	329	228	1964.657
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.6105	128.2826	23500	333	228	1954.88
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.5521	128.2019	25850	313	228	1945.043
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.4856	128.1098	27425	311	228	1933.821
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.428	128.0305	28375	318	228	1924.131
1.48E+09	ABL391	34.3709	127.9519	29125	325	228	1914.521

Fig 16 - CSV File Used along with attributes

The management of aircraft landings, take-offs, and runway operations are thus significantly improved since the arrival of the ATC system on the basis of shortest route-finding principle. By manifesting these methods, the system has successfully reduced wait times, prevented aircraft delays, and maximised the use of the runway. It is thus able to accurately predict arrival and delay times for flights, which makes resource management and allocation more effective. Additionally, the system has proven to be flexible in a range of airport conditions.

5.1.2 Project Results:

Use of FCFS: First come first serve increases the landing and take-off efficiency of the airport operations i.e., aircrafts and taxiways.

Reduced Runway Congestion: The project effectively reduced wait times and congestion problems by tackling the problems related to runway congestion and refuelling

Improved Flight Scheduling: By reducing simultaneous arrivals and departures, precise flight scheduling algorithms were put into place, which helped to lessen traffic and delays.

Increasing resource efficiency: By timing take-off and landing right, we can use half the runway for take-off and the other for landings, increasing the fuel and aircraft efficiency.

5.1.4 Key Limitations

While creating our system we were able to achieve good results, but the limitations we face is creating an app which can be integrated in the cockpit of the aeroplane and will be able to display live time real data which should be able to transfer real time data to both ATC and the pilots, it also needs the big data of aircrafts and runways to produce better results. We also need a server to store data.

5.2 Covering premade solutions

Runway Congestion: Due to the current runway management system's inability to handle the daily increase in landings and take-offs, there is runway congestion and longer plane wait times.

Flight Delays: Congestion on the runways has increased the number of delayed flights, which is inconveniencing both travellers and airlines. Improving this problem is of utmost importance.

Ineffective Use of Runway: The existing system is unable to make the most of runways to their full potential, which results in the inefficient use of resources and longer plane wait times.

Erroneous Flight Scheduling: Whenever the flight schedules are not accurately coordinated, simultaneous arrivals and departures occur, which exacerbates traffic jams and delays.

CHAPTER 06: CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

6.1 Conclusion:

To sum up, our project on Air Traffic control and monitoring has addressed many of the major issues that the current system is facing. Reducing the Flight delays by implementing shortest path algorithms in addition to enhancing the effectiveness of aircraft handling during take-off, landing, and runway operations was the main goal of the project.

The dataset's fundamental statistics, which included eight columns with values for Flight ID, Flight Number, Plane Type, Type, Departure Time, Arrival Time, From, To, and Status disclosed important information. The size of the air congestion management system was further demonstrated by the presence of 10 aircraft and 4 runways.

The attribute data offered valuable perspectives on the system's operations, highlighting the importance of taxiways, gates, and a step-by-step approach for planes to use the runway in accordance with the First-Come-First-Served (FCFS) principle.

6.2 Future Scope

We will be integrating our inbuilt model in the form of an app which can be later added into the screens of the pilots, which will give them a better visual scenario of the runways and the localizers, it can also be used in training purposes.

6.2.1 Future Scope for Datasets

We will look for a way to collect our data from the real time information of the airline industry which we will be looking to host on an AWS cloud. We would also like to use an excel like format to fetch the data.

With a specially designed dataset as well as the sample we would generate, we would construct an exhaustive analytical structure. Studies of airports operations require information like the runway and airport data that provide information on the arrival and waiting time of the flights. So, this would help us to visualise the platform on a more real time basis.

Data Collection: Our project would aim at collecting data from the excel sheet which is supervised and it continuously evolves. Even if a new entry is added it would still be able to find the best possible time and solution, which eventually will improve the flight delays

6.2.2 What's next for our project

In our air traffic routing optimizer project, promising future directions and advancements in the field can be made possible. Although a lot of progress has been made in addressing the problems that air traffic management systems face today, there are still numerous areas where more study and innovation can advance the field such as:

Advanced Automation and AI Integration:

We would like to investigate data fetching automation and artificial intelligence (AI) solutions to enhance decision-making instantly. We would also look for a way to utilise machine learning algorithms to forecast air traffic patterns so that proactive modifications can be made and congestion can be avoided.

Dynamic Runway Management Strategies:

We would like to create flexible runway management plans that can adjust to shifting traffic patterns and make effective use of the resources at hand. This utilisation of machine learning models would help us evaluate past data and forecast the best runway distribution according to different criteria.

Enhanced Communication Protocols:

ATC, airlines, and airports should be able to improve their communication protocols to facilitate seamless information sharing. Thus, we would try to examine the potential integration of blockchain technology to enhance communication security and transparency within the management of the airline ecosystem.

Environmental Considerations:

We would also incorporate environmental aspects such as weather, emissions, and noise pollution into ATC. We would create routing algorithms which would facilitate the reduction of the impact of air travel on the environment.

Continuous Monitoring and Feedback Systems:

We would like to put in place the mechanisms for ongoing observation to gauge how well the implemented changes are working. Creating these feedback loops with stakeholders would give us practical insights and it would also help us to modify plans in response to changing requirements.

Cybersecurity Measures:

To protect vital ATC systems from possible cyberattacks, bolster cybersecurity measures also need to be taken into account. Constant updating and audit of security protocols frequently would guarantee the management infrastructure's resilience and integrity.

So, these upcoming actions anticipate how air controllers will change in the future in addition to addressing current constraints. Through this promotion of teamwork, and the emphasis on sustainability, our project has the ability to make a substantial impact on how air traffic management systems are developed in the future.

Our ATC system may undergo further improvements with targets of resolving existing issues and improving its adaptability to real-time modifications. By investigating and incorporating advanced technologies like artificial intelligence and various ML algorithms, our system could be modified to handle a larger variety of situations, making complicated tasks easier to understand by employing simpler techniques.

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