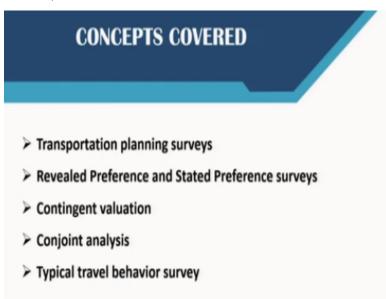
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## Lecture-14 Transport Planning Surveys, Part-1

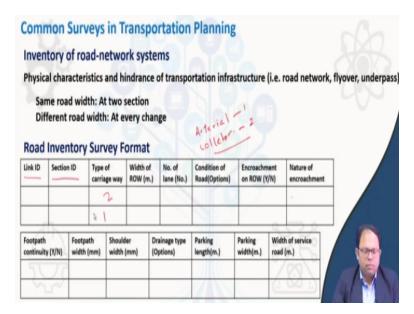
Welcome back. In lecture 14 different types of transportation planning surveys will be covered. And this is part 1 of the lecture and after this there will be part 2.

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The different concepts that will be covered in this lecture are different kinds of the transportation planning surveys, revealed preference and stated preference surveys, contingent valuation, conjoint analysis and typical travel behavior survey.

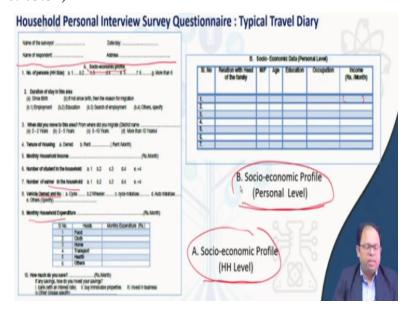
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#### Common surveys in Transportation planning

The first one is inventory of road network systems. This is carried out to measure the physical characteristics and hindrances of the transportation infrastructure, such as that of a road network or a flyover or underpass. For road width, it can be taken at two sections. The image shows the format of a road inventory survey. The link ID and section ID is followed by the type of the carriageway, width of right of way, road condition and type of encroachment on the right of way. All data fields are objective, except the column on the nature of encroachment. Another set of fields may include parking length, parking width, width of service road and so on.

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#### Household personal interview survey questionnaire

The slide shows a typical travel diary survey format conducted at the household through personal interviews. The first part of the questionnaire starts with the survey details like the name of the survey, the name of the respondent, the date and the time and the address where the survey is being done. This helps in tracing back the responder in case of a problem.

This is followed by the socio economic profile of the responder like the size of the household, the duration of the stay in that area, tenure of housing, ownership details, monthly household income, savings, vehicle ownership, etc. Using this data the samples can be classified into smaller homogeneous groups. Besides the socio-economic profile of the household, socio-economic data concerning the individuals and the inter-relationship between members in a household can also be collected.

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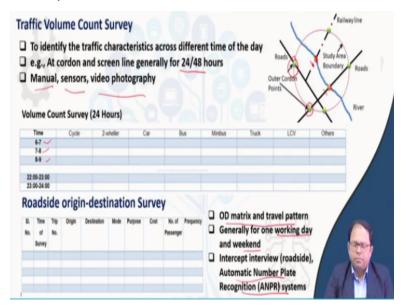


The socio-economic data is followed by the collection of data on the trips that the persons in the household make. Trip data includes purpose, origin, destination, mode, route, transfer points, trip cost, trip time, etc. Trip purpose may include work trip, recreational trip, escort trip (parent taking a child to a school), etc. Sometimes, depending on the purpose of the study, additional information like bus stop, type of para-transit used, etc can also be sought. In studies conducted for comprehensive mobility plans, responses can be sought on vehicle type (using nominal scale), comfort level, crowding (using an interval scale) and safety level (using ordinal scale) of public transit and other modes. Additional variables include neighborhood and access mode

characteristics like walkability, regional accessibility, density, etc which determine a person's mode choice.

Finally, there can be some additional policy variables, which can be a part of the travel diary like parking price in the person's destination or the parking availability, congestion charge along the way, etc. All these things determine the mode choice of a person.

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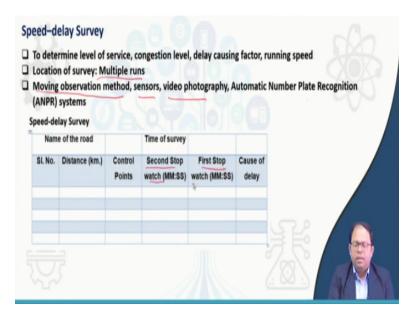


#### Traffic volume count survey

For traffic volume count in a particular study area, there can be cordon points (at roadways or railways), screen lines, etc. Here traffic can be measured during peak hours or across the entire day to understand variability. The counting of vehicles (2 wheeler/4 wheeler) can be done in 20-30 minute slots manually or continuously using sensors or video photography.

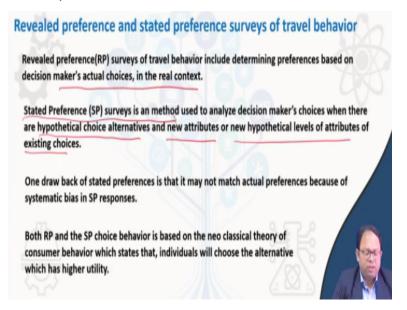
In roadside origin-destination surveys the aim is to find origin-destination and travel pattern. It can be done on a weekday and on a weekend using roadside intercept surveys or by using Automatic Number Plate recognition (ANPR) systems.

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Speed delay surveys are conducted to determine the level of service, congestion level, delay causing factor, and running speed of a vehicle at a particular road. This can be done using the moving observation method where the surveyors record the observation from a moving vehicle. In this method multiple runs can be conducted to record observations using different kinds of sensors, video photography, and automatic number plate recognition to record the number of times a vehicle stops and the reason for the stop and the time of that particular stop.

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Travel behavior surveys

These are specialized surveys to understand how travel behavior changes with the introduction of

new policies, new modes, or change in certain parameters of existing mode or change in

consumers' choices. They can be revealed preference or stated preference surveys.

Revealed preference surveys of travel behavior include determining preferences based on

decision makers actual choices in the real world. For example, a person using a public transport

reveals his/her choice in the real world. Whereas stated preference surveys is a method to

analyze decision makers' choices when there are hypothetical choice alternatives or new

attributes or new hypothetical levels of attributes of existing choices. For example, one may be

asked about his preference of shifting to metro rail when it comes up in the future. Or a person

maybe asked about his preference of shifting to a public transport if the frequency is increased.

Since the metro rail and increased frequency are non-existent now people are stating their

choices in a hypothetical situation which may not match their future preference. Thus, one

drawback of stated preference is that it may not match actual preferences because of systematic

bias in SP responses. A responder may state about his/her intention to buy environment friendly

bags but may not do so in reality if the costs are high.

Both RP and SP choice behavior is based on the neoclassical theory of consumer behavior which

states that individuals will choose the alternative which has got the highest utility. That means,

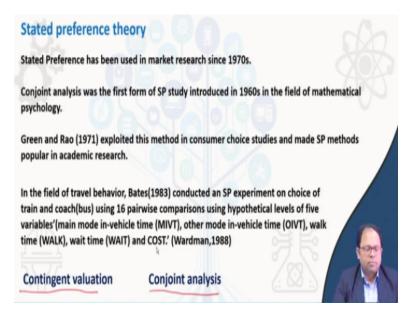
using both these surveys, we are able to get the choices of individuals and using their choices we

can develop statistical measures and models to say what influences their mode choice.

And usually we assume that the higher the utility a particular mode has got, more is its chance of

being chosen.

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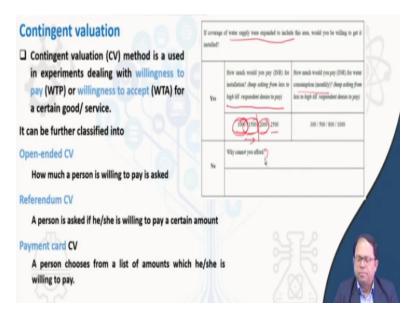


#### Stated preference theory

Since 1970s, stated preference has been used in market research. There are different techniques to determine or analyze the responses obtained through a stated preference survey. One is contingent valuation and the other is conjoint analysis.

Conjoint analysis was the first form of SP study introduced in 1960s in the field of mathematical psychology which was then popularized by Green and Rao in consumer choice studies and academic research. And in travel behavior research Bates in 1983 conducted an SP experiment on choice of trains and bus using 16 pairwise comparisons using hypothetical levels of 5 variables. That means he changed the levels for 5 variables (which include the main mode invehicle time, the second mode in-vehicle time, the walk time to the mode, wait time and the cost of that particular mode) to hypothetical values and found out if a people will choose a bus or a train and also the relative cost of time. So, this was the instance where this conjoint analysis was used in travel behavior research.

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#### Contingent valuation

Contingent valuation, which is also known as the CV method, is used particularly in experiments dealing with willingness to pay or willingness to accept a particular goods or service. For example people are asked about their willingness to pay a certain amount of money for a particular service at a particular cost or a particular level of service at a particular cost.

Contingent valuation method can be categorized into 3 types. One is open ended CV, where people are directly asked how much they are willing to pay, and they state a particular amount. Though simple, the method can lead to a lot of bias.

Then there is referendum CV, where a person is asked if he or she is willing to pay a certain amount. The amounts are a more realistic valuation of the particular alternatives and a person can also choose from a list of amounts that he or she is willing to pay. In Payment card CV a person is asked to choose from a list of amounts he/she is willing to pay. As can be seen from the slide, each time a person says yes he is asked about his willingness to pay a higher amount. Why a responder is not willing to pay a higher amount can also be probed in this method. This method is more realistic compared to open ended CV.

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person is subjected to a hypothetical		fare	time at but stop	level in bus	rickshaw fare	journey by bus	Choice	
scenario.	Current trip details	0 <u></u>					Bus/ Auto	100
Each scenario is a combination of certain levels of some factors.	50.1	50% increase	10 min	50% more than west capacity	40% increase from current bus face	Same as	Bus/ Assp	
The factors and its levels are decided by the researcher through literature study	1	Same as current	15 min	50% more than wat capacity	40% increase from current bus fare	5 minutes increase	Bos/ Auto	•
and other observations.	3	Same as current	6 min	2 times the seat capacity	25% decrease from current has fare	5 minutes incresse	Bus/ Auto	<u>)</u>
The respondent is supposed to make a choice from a defined choice-set keeping in mind the hypothetical scenario.		Same as current	f min	Les that equal to wat capacity	50% decrease from current has fare	5 minutes increase	Bus/ Anto	)

#### Conjoint analysis

Conjoint analysis is a method where a person is subjected to a hypothetical scenario like the study by Bates that was discussed earlier. Each scenario is a combination of certain levels of some factors which are decided by the researcher through literature study and other observations. And the respondent is supposed to make a choice from a defined choice set keeping in mind the hypothetical scenario. As shown in the example, a response is sought between choosing an auto or bus under different scenarios of changed fares, crowding level and waiting time. Here five parameters are used. So, one can go till 7 or 8 parameters, but that is the maximum extent possible, beyond which people will not be able to give a response. As is evident from the example, using a certain combination of parameters of bus fare (like 50% increase, same as current), waiting time at stop (10, 15 and 6 minute), and etc. different scenarios can be created. The method to reduce the number of combinations or rather use the combinations which are

more appropriate is called a fractional factorial design, which will be taken up in the next lecture.

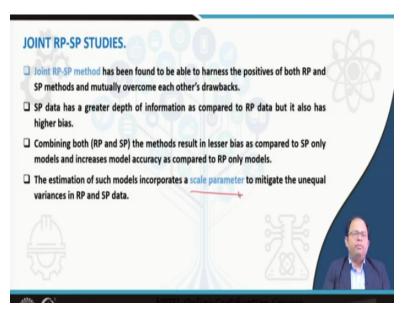
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	RP data	SP data	
Performance inference	The result of actual behaviour. Consistent with the behaviour in the real market.	Expression under hypothetical situation.  Possibility of inconsistency with the behaviour in the real market	
Alternatives	Only existing alternatives ✓	Existing and non-existing alternatives.	
Attributes	Measurement error Limited range of attributes' levels Possibility of collinearity among attributes	No measurement error  Extensibility of the range of attributes' levels.  Controllability of the collinearity among attributes.	
Choice set	Choice-set is non-clear to the respondent.	Choice-set is clear to the respondent.	
No. of responses	One response per respondent	Multiple responses per respondent	

#### Comparison between RP and SP survey

Comparison between RP and SP survey shows that RP data is based on the results of actual behavior and is consistent with the behavior in the real market, whereas SP data is expression under hypothetical situation and it may be inconsistent with the behavior in the real market. RP survey considers only existing alternatives whereas SP survey considers existing and non-existing alternatives. In RP survey the range of the attributes are limited and there may be measurement errors as well because of non-availability of data and other reasons. Additionally, there could be possibility of collinearity among that attributes whereas, in SP data, collinearity can be controlled to some extent. Because the survey scenarios are designed and the range of the attributes extendable, measurement error is absent in SP surveys. In case of RP, the respondent may not be aware of all the available choices whereas in SP, a person can see exactly what the choices available are and decide accordingly. The number of responses could be only one in case of RP, but in the case of SP data, there can be multiple responses by one individual.

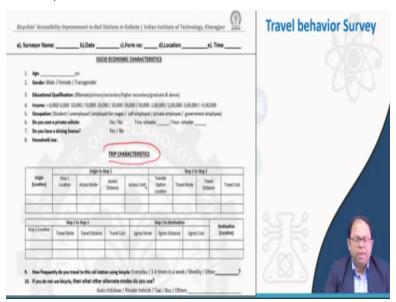
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#### Joint RP-SP surveys

Joint RP-SP methods can harness the positives of both the methods while overcoming their individual drawbacks. SP data has a greater depth of information (owing to the multiple scenarios), but it also has a higher bias. Combining the two can result in lesser bias and increase model accuracy. A scale parameter is incorporated to mitigate the unequal variances in RP and SP data.

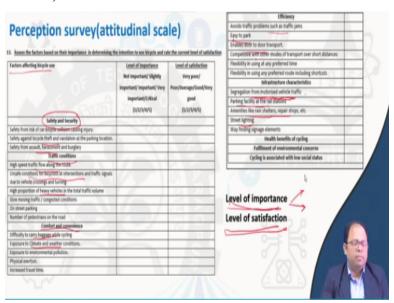
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Here is an example of a travel behavior survey combining SP and RP techniques. This was a survey of people coming to a railway stations and the purpose of this research was to improve bicyclist accessibility or determine the causes which prevent a person from using a bicycle to

come to a station. And the hypothesis was, if people use bicycles to stations it would reduce the share of polluting transport. In the first part is the surveyor's name, date, phone number, location and all the details and the time of the survey followed by the socio economic characteristics of the respondent- age, gender, education, income, occupation, vehicle ownership, driving license, household size and so on. This is followed by the trip details of his entire trip, which is an important determinant in his choice of a bicycle. Because if a trip is too long, one may feel disinclined to use a bicycle. The trip details include origin location, stop location, access mode, access distance, access cost, transfer station location, travel mode, travel distance, travel costs, egress mode, egress distance, egress cost, destination, frequency of such trips and mode.

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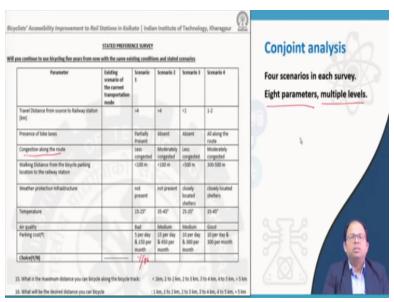


In the next part, a perception survey using an attitudinal scale is conducted to determine the important factors that influence the use of bicycles. Also the current level of satisfaction of the important determinants of bicycle use is also enquired into.

This is also RP, but this is not the numerical values or actual values of his choices, but these are his attitudinal values or perceptions. The factors affecting bicycle use are safety and security, safety from collision, safety from bicycle theft, safety from assault harassment, etc. Traffic conditions, high speed traffic flow along the road, unsafe conditions for bicyclists at intersections, high proportion of heavy vehicles, comfort and convenience, difficult to carry loads while cycling, exposure to climate and weather conditions are the different factors which determine perception about bicycling.

There are also other factors which determine efficiency- easy to park the bicycle, flexibility of usage, segregation from heavy traffic, etc. The questions probe both level of importance and level of satisfaction. Level of importance helps us to understand what should be provided in the future and level of satisfaction captures the existing conditions. Level of importance is related to both current and potential users, unlike level of satisfaction which concerns current users only. By doing a regression analysis on the data one can find out which are the factors actually influencing overall satisfaction.

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#### Conjoint analysis

In the above example, stated preference survey is carried out using conjoint analysis. Four scenarios are present with eight parameters and multiple levels. The eight parameters are-travel distance from source to railway station, presence of bike lanes, congestion along the route, walking distance from bicycle parking location to the railway station, weather protection infrastructure, temperature, air quality and parking. Bike lanes are absent and are considered as a hypothetical scenario. Using these parameters four scenarios are constructed and a binomial response is sought- 'will the responder choose to bicycle?'

So, this survey includes 3 parts one is the basic RP part, then there is RP part but attitudinal survey and then there is a stated preference which have all been combined in one survey.

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### CONCLUSION

Good survey design is key to reach our study objective.

A survey has got several distinct sections. The design should be such that in case of modification/addition only certain sections are changed.

Both RP and SP survey have their own strengths and should be used as per requirement.

To conclude it can be said that, a good survey design is key to reach the desired study objective. A survey has got several distinct sections and the design should be such that in case of modification or addition, only certain sections have to be changed. Both RP and SP surveys have their own strength and should be used as per requirement. Thank you.