



## Development of Pavement Deterioration Models Using Markov Chain Process

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### Abstract

A common phenomenon in developing countries is that the function of the pavement in the road network will experience structural damage before the completion of life is reached, and the uncertainty of pavement damage is difficult to predict. Planning for maintenance treatment depends on the accuracy of predicting future pavement performance and observing current conditions. This study aims to apply the Markovian probability operational research process to develop a decision support system predicting future pavement conditions. Furthermore, it determines policies and effectiveness in managing and maintaining roads. A standard approach that can be used by observing the history of pavement damage from year to year is to estimate the transition probability as a Markovian-based performance prediction model. The results show that the application of the model is quite optimal, changes in pavement conditions after repair can be easily compared with an increase in good condition, reaching 92.8%. Routinely and consistently handling road deterioration will give favorable results regarding pavement condition value. This will ease in the management of the road network and the accomplishment of the optimal maintenance and repair policies.

**Keywords:** Markov Chain; Probabilistic Process; Pavement Management; Road Maintenance.

## 1. Introduction

A common phenomenon in developing countries is the presence of excessive loads resulting in structural damage to the pavement before the design life is reached [1]. Repeated conditions result in significant damage that alters service life and the environment. The financing of continual overloads is a direct factor in the increase in maintenance costs [2]. The maintenance costs required for this condition are not only for grazing the function of the top pavement layer but also must consider the sub-base layer [3]. This condition is often a problem in almost every big city in Indonesia. A lack of serious attention to minor damage turns it severe [4]. The road network is a crucial land transportation infrastructure, especially for the sustainable distribution of goods and services [5]. Transportation intentionally moves goods and services from one place to another [6]. The existence of an excellent level of road service facilitates the movement of people and goods. Therefore, road damage can affect economic activity, quality of life, and the environment in an area [7].

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Optimization in road maintenance is required to obtain a proper pavement condition even with limited funds using a knowledge-based planning strategy [8]. Well-maintained roads are essential to supporting the continuity of economic and social activities [9]. The road pavement management system continues to develop with limited costs, but users are increasingly demanding to ensure good quality, safety, and comfort in driving [10]. An essential part of the system is excellent and sustainable planning and rehabilitation. It is assumed in planning that all relevant parameters are known with certainty [11]. However, its implementation is uncertain [12]. The common condition in the road pavement management system is maintaining the best road performance while maintaining the lowest possible maintenance costs. After the road is opened, road performance will decrease over time, influenced by traffic and environmental loading [13]. The damage that occurs varies with various types of conditions. It is essential to maintain optimal conditions within the time limit of maintenance. Maintenance costs will automatically increase to repair further damage if not implemented [14, 15]. However, in most cases, it will be handled after a complaint. This activity causes inefficient and unprogrammed maintenance activities, which impact waste. Model development is significant in optimizing road maintenance [16, 17].

The Markov chain model predicts pavement deterioration by incorporating pavement improvements resulting from implemented maintenance and rehabilitation measures. This model aims to enhance the prediction of infrastructure system deterioration using a Markov Chain model [18]. It bases the estimation of the deterioration process on an empirical assessment of conditions at an early stage, which road maintenance planning uses to address maintenance issues within budgetary constraints. Procedures for making optimal maintenance decisions for deteriorated systems were developed, and methodologies are developed to ensure that pavements meet specific performance criteria while minimizing expected maintenance costs [19].

Based on the literature search to present, the Markov process approach is still used as a predictive model of road performance to optimize road maintenance management with limited costs, which still meets the minimum road service standards applicable in Indonesia. Due to the total length of roads in Indonesia of 532,817 km and with the limited condition of human resources in the field of technology sector, especially in forecasting and optimizing road pavement management, the selection of models using the Markov chain application is easier to understand and apply [20].

## 2. Material and Methods

### 2.1. Study Area

The available road conditions are the primary factor in identifying road defects. While IRI, capacity, and network serve as the primary data, it's also crucial to consider other field-based condition data as well. The routine collection of pavement condition data is a subject of study. IIRMS is the primary source of pavement condition data. This data is a historical record of road conditions, road performance, and other important information, including roughness, crack, rut, potholes, AADT, and ESAL. This case study uses national road network data in West Java. The research focuses on 34 West Java national roads, as shown in Figure 1.

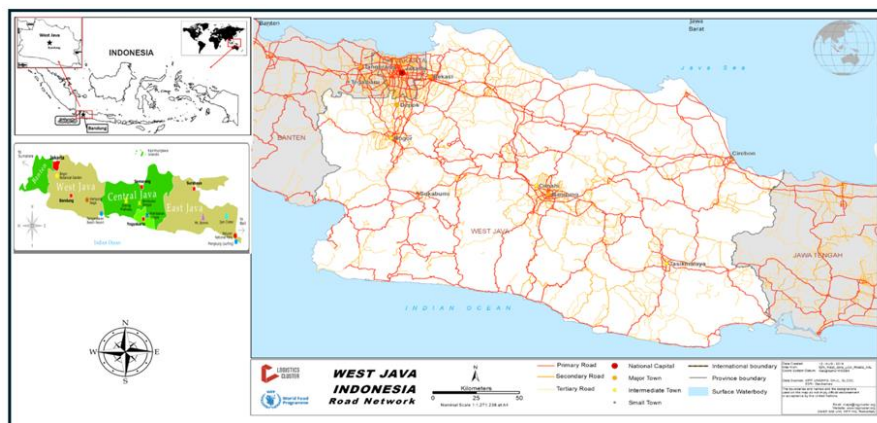


Figure 1. West Java National Road map

### 2.2. Data Collection

International Roughness Index (IRI) is a parameter to determine the road surface's unevenness level. It is on a scale that describes the driver's perception of the unevenness of the pavement surface as a function of the longitudinal and transverse sections of the road surface [21, 22]. In addition, it is also influenced by vehicle operational parameters, including wheel suspension, vehicle type, vehicle height position, and speed [23]. In general, it can be defined as the deviation of the road surface as measured from level ground, plus other parameters that can affect the following: dynamic vehicle movement, quality of travel, dynamic load of construction, and water flow on the surface [24]. It is measured by scale against the road surface when vehicles move on it and is used in developing countries such as Indonesia [25].

Its value represents the quality of unevenness that affects vehicle response related to vehicle operating costs, ride quality, wheel load, and overall road surface conditions. Hawkeye data collection is considered effective with the use of equipment integrated into a commercial vehicle [19]. Figure 2 shows the equipment used in Hawkeye.



Figure 2. Hawkeye equipment

The Directorate General of Highways uses the International Roughness Index (IRI) parameter in determining road construction conditions as Table 1:

Table 1. Determination of road conditions and maintenance methods

| Road Condition | IRI (m/km)                        | Maintenance methods  | Stability level |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| Excellent      | IRI average $\leq 4.0$            | Routine Maintenance  | Good condition  |
| Good           | $4.1 \leq$ IRI average $\leq 8.0$ | Periodic Maintenance |                 |
| Poor           | $8.1 \leq$ IRI average $\leq 12$  | Road Upgrade         |                 |
| Very poor      | IRI average $> 12$                | Road Upgrade         | Bad condition   |

The Hawkeye survey data is stored on the hard drive of the computer system within Hawkeye. The data is processed to get the users' intended-output. Figure 3 illustrates the use of the Hawkeye processing toolkit software in the data analysis process [19].

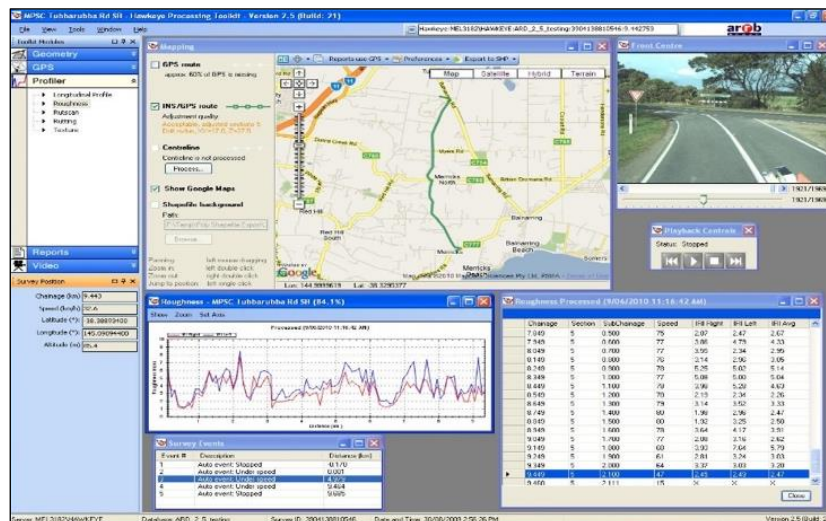


Figure 3. Hawkeye processing toolkit interface application

The data used is from the 2018–2019 period, including:

- Data on the existing road pavement condition is a variable for modeling. There are four road conditions: excellent, good, poor, and very poor.
- Road maintenance history data helps determine the type of maintenance and the amount of cost allocation performed in the previous year.

### 2.3. Data Analysis

The analysis phase begins with the Markov chain process [26, 27]. There are four steps:

- Determination of condition criteria.
- Calculation of the distribution of initial conditions.
- Preparation of the transition probability matrix.
- Pavement condition prediction model.

There are four condition criteria: 1) excellent, 2) good, 3) poor, and 4) very poor. State 1 represents the best condition, while state 4 represents the worst condition [28, 29]. The study used the end of 2018 as the base year ( $t = 0$ ). From the road condition data for 2018–2019, the distribution of pavement conditions can be calculated based on the classification of predetermined condition values. The distribution proportion is obtained by comparing the road length under certain situations with the total under review. After getting the distribution value of the initial conditions for all states, the initial condition vector ( $a_0$ ) is known [30, 31].

Furthermore, the transition probability matrix is prepared based on the transition data of road conditions in one year of pavement operation (2018–2019). The category used is handling. It means that there are actions to overcome road damage so that the value of the pavement condition can change to a better state after one cycle [32]. The types of road management programs can be in the form of routine, periodic maintenance, rehabilitation, and reconstruction [33]. The transition probability matrix organized into this category contains the increasing transition probability values [34].

The prediction application is implemented for ten years (2020–2029). The value of the prediction condition for the first year ( $t = 1$ ) is included in the calculation of the second year ( $t = 2$ ). Prediction of requirements for the following year is conducted similarly and is calculated until the end of the tenth year ( $t = 10$ ) [18].

Figure 4 shows the flowchart of the research methodology through which the objectives of this study were achieved.

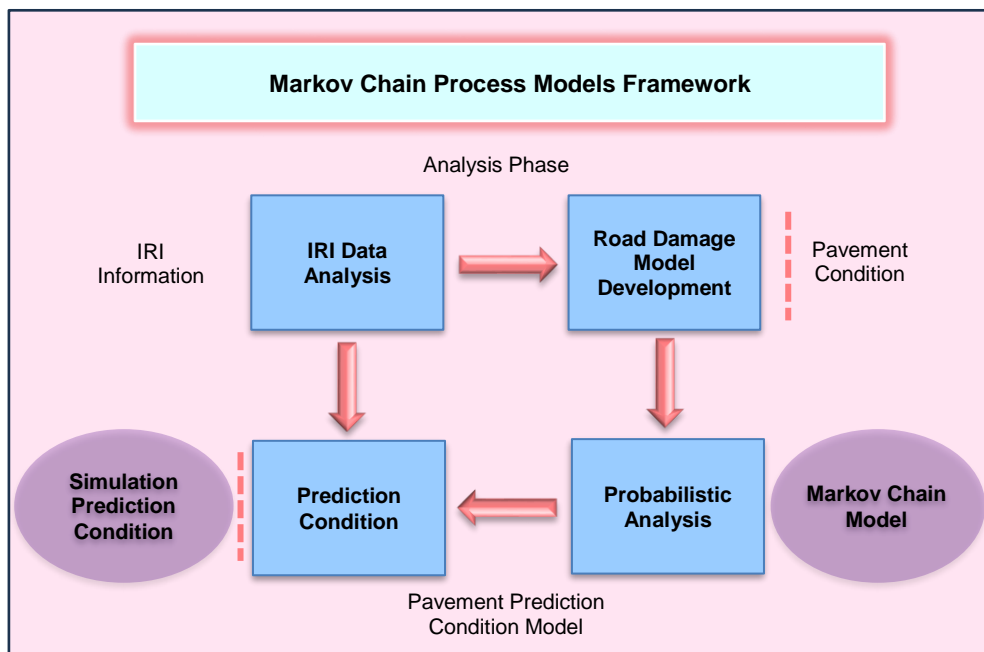


Figure 4. The framework of the development models

### 3. Results and Discussion

West Java Province has an area of 35,377.76 km<sup>2</sup> with 1,789.2 km of national roads. IRI is applicable for determining various pavement ages and speeds. A speed of 100 km/h, which is the maximum speed limit on all roadways in Indonesia, can be achieved for road surfaces with an IRI value of < 4 m/km. The following in Figure 5 is the IRI data

for 2018 and 2019 used as the basis for this study. The government is having difficulty preventing it, while on the other hand, they constantly have to create prime road conditions. Markov chains are one of the best ways to model road condition performance [35]. This is because the future state of the model element is estimated only for the current state. Predicted future pavement performance depends on current conditions, not on past ones.

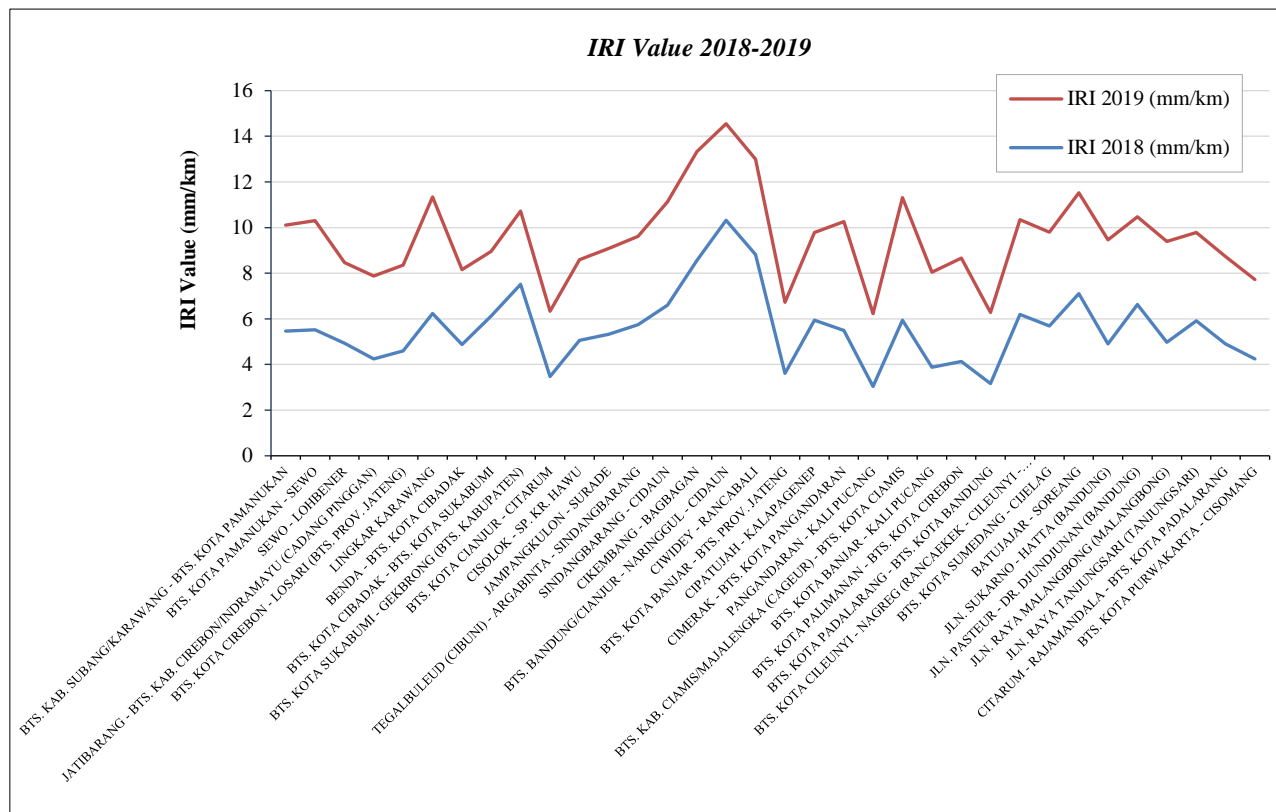


Figure 5. IRI value chart for 2018-2019

### 3.1. Probabilistic Analysis

The end of 2019 was used as the research base year (year 0) in this modeling using 2018-2019 data. The calculation of the distribution of pavement conditions is conducted based on the specified condition value classification. The comparison between the length of the road segment under certain conditions and the total length of the road section under review is conducted to figure out the distribution proportion. The initial condition vector will be used as the initial distribution proportion for the condition of the road section to be reviewed. The data for road conditions are provided in Table 2 based on the survey results, using 34 West Java national roads:

Table 2. The proportion of initial distribution of road conditions

| No. | Road Segment Name   | Initial Condition Proportion 2019 |          |              |              |
|-----|---|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|     |   | Good                              | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage |
| 1   | BTS. KAB. SUBANG/KARAWANG - BTS. KOTA PAMANUKAN           | 0.642                             | 0.352    | 0.006        | 0.001        |
| 2   | BTS. KOTA PAMANUKAN - SEWO                                | 0.313                             | 0.601    | 0.080        | 0.007        |
| 3   | SEWO - LOHBENER   | 0.523                             | 0.413    | 0.059        | 0.005        |
| 4   | JATIBARANG - BTS. KAB. CIREBON/INDRAMAYU (CADANG PINGGAN) | 0.713                             | 0.262    | 0.021        | 0.004        |
| 5   | BTS. KOTA CIREBON - LOSARI (BTS. PROV. JATENG)            | 0.648                             | 0.328    | 0.022        | 0.002        |
| 6   | LINGKAR KARAWANG  | 0.336                             | 0.523    | 0.118        | 0.024        |
| 7   | BENDA - BTS. KOTA CIBADAK                                 | 0.601                             | 0.323    | 0.069        | 0.006        |
| 8   | BTS. KOTA CIBADAK - BTS. KOTA SUKABUMI                    | 0.610                             | 0.388    | 0.003        | 0.000        |
| 9   | BTS. KOTA SUKABUMI - GEKBRONG (BTS. KABUPATEN)            | 0.106                             | 0.870    | 0.024        | 0.000        |
| 10  | BTS. KOTA CIANJUR - CITARUM                               | 0.855                             | 0.145    | 0.000        | 0.000        |



| No. | Road Segment Name   | Initial Condition Proportion 2019 |          |              |              |
|-----|---|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|     |   | Good                              | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage |
| 11  | CISOLOK - SP. KR. HAWU  | 0.239                             | 0.737    | 0.024        | 0.000        |
| 12  | JAMPANGKULON - SURADE   | 0.372                             | 0.605    | 0.023        | 0.000        |
| 13  | TEGALBULEUD (CIBUNI) - ARGABINTA - SINDANGBARANG                                | 0.422                             | 0.546    | 0.031        | 0.001        |
| 14  | SINDANGBARANG - CIDAUN  | 0.223                             | 0.722    | 0.056        | 0.000        |
| 15  | CIKEMBANG - BAGBAGAN  | 0.198                             | 0.703    | 0.099        | 0.000        |
| 16  | BTS. BANDUNG/CIANJUR - NARINGGUL - CIDAUN                                       | 0.016                             | 0.952    | 0.031        | 0.000        |
| 17  | CIWIDEY - RANCABALI   | 0.032                             | 0.947    | 0.021        | 0.000        |
| 18  | BTS. KOTA BANJAR - BTS. PROV. JATENG  | 0.797                             | 0.203    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| 19  | CIPATUJAH - KALAPAGENEP   | 0.126                             | 0.861    | 0.013        | 0.000        |
| 20  | CIMERAK - BTS. KOTA PANGANDARAN   | 0.336                             | 0.624    | 0.039        | 0.001        |
| 21  | PANGANDARAN - KALI PUCANG   | 0.908                             | 0.088    | 0.003        | 0.000        |
| 22  | BTS. KAB. CIAMIS/MAJALENGKA (CAGEUR) - BTS. KOTA CIAMIS                         | 0.351                             | 0.631    | 0.016        | 0.001        |
| 23  | BTS. KOTA BANJAR - KALI PUCANG  | 0.021                             | 0.957    | 0.022        | 0.000        |
| 24  | BTS. KOTA PALIMANAN - BTS. KOTA CIREBON   | 0.746                             | 0.195    | 0.040        | 0.019        |
| 25  | BTS. KOTA PADALARANG - BTS. KOTA BANDUNG  | 0.864                             | 0.136    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| 26  | BTS. KOTA CILEUNYI - NAGREG (RANCAEKEK - CILEUNYI - CICALENGKA/PARAKAN MUNCANG) | 0.285                             | 0.671    | 0.043        | 0.001        |
| 27  | BTS. KOTA SUMEDANG - CIJELAG  | 0.317                             | 0.626    | 0.057        | 0.000        |
| 28  | BATUJAJAR - SOREANG   | 0.119                             | 0.832    | 0.049        | 0.000        |
| 29  | JLN. SUKARNO - HATTA (BANDUNG)  | 0.381                             | 0.586    | 0.027        | 0.005        |
| 30  | JLN. PASTEUR - DR. DJUNDJUNAN (BANDUNG)   | 0.508                             | 0.468    | 0.023        | 0.000        |
| 31  | JLN. RAYA MALANGBONG (MALANGBONG)   | 0.545                             | 0.416    | 0.039        | 0.000        |
| 32  | JLN. RAYA TANJUNGSARI (TANJUNGSARI)   | 0.350                             | 0.608    | 0.042        | 0.000        |
| 33  | CITARUM - RAJAMANDALA - BTS. KOTA PADALARANG                                    | 0.598                             | 0.396    | 0.006        | 0.000        |
| 34  | BTS. KOTA PURWAKARTA - CISOMANG   | 0.650                             | 0.347    | 0.002        | 0.000        |

### 3.2. Pavement Condition Transition Probability

The transition probability indicates the change in the proportion of pavement from one condition to another in one year. Furthermore, its estimation process is conducted by observing changes in each situation. The transition probability matrix for maintenance activities is found by calculating the proportion of pavement segments under certain conditions before maintenance changes to better ones afterward [36, 37]. The ratio of changes is then calculated by referring to the handling history and condition data for 2018-2019. In this study, there are four types of maintenance activities: routine, periodic, rehabilitation, and reconstruction. Each type is distinguished based on handling, work items, unit prices, and their impact on the existing pavement. The next step is calculating the transition probability matrix for each type of activity, as shown in Table 3:

**Table 3. The proportion of initial distribution of road conditions**

| Condition    | Good    | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage | Total Length (km) |
|--------------|---------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Good         | 176.938 | 707.752  | 0.000        | 0.000        | 884.690           |
| Moderate     | 0.000   | 230.019  | 47.773       | 0.000        | 277.793           |
| Light Damage | 0.000   | 0.000    | 8.847        | 8.139        | 16.986            |
| Heavy Damage | 0.000   | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.708        | 0.708             |
|              |         |          |              |              | 1180.176          |

Next, it is compiled into a transition probability matrix by normalizing the change value for each condition, as shown in Tables 4 to 8:

**Table 4. Matrix of transition probability from routine maintenance activities**

| Probability of Condition t Years | Probability of Condition t+1 Year |          |              |              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  | Good                              | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage |
| Good                             | 0.200                             | 0.800    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Moderate                         | 0.000                             | 0.828    | 0.172        | 0.000        |
| Light Damage                     | 0.000                             | 0.000    | 0.521        | 0.479        |
| Heavy Damage                     | 0.000                             | 0.000    | 0.000        | 1.000        |

**Table 5. The transition of conditions from periodic maintenance activities**

| Condition    | Good  | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage | Total Length (km) |
|--------------|-------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Good         | 3,539 | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        | 3.539             |
| Moderate     | 6.547 | 46.004   | 0.000        | 0.000        | 52.551            |
| Light Damage | 0.000 | 26.541   | 5.308        | 0.000        | 31.849            |
| Heavy Damage | 0.000 | 5.308    | 3.362        | 0.354        | 9.024             |
|              |       |          |              |              | 96.962            |

**Table 6. Transition probability matrix of periodic maintenance activities**

| Probability of condition t years | Probability of Condition t+1 Year |          |              |              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  | Good                              | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage |
| Good                             | 1.000                             | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Moderate                         | 0.125                             | 0.875    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Light Damage                     | 0.000                             | 0.833    | 0.167        | 0.000        |
| Heavy Damage                     | 0.000                             | 0.588    | 0.373        | 0.039        |

**Table 7. Transition of conditions from rehabilitation activities**

| Condition    | Good   | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage | Total Length (km) |
|--------------|--------|----------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Good         | 4.423  | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        | 4.423             |
| Moderate     | 38.926 | 33.618   | 0.000        | 0.000        | 72.545            |
| Light Damage | 5.308  | 10.262   | 0.000        | 0.000        | 15.571            |
| Heavy Damage | 0.354  | 1.239    | 0.000        | 0.000        | 1.592             |
|              |        |          |              |              | 94.131            |

**Table 8. Matrix probability transition from rehabilitation activities**

| Probability of Condition t Years | Probability of Condition t+1 Year |          |              |              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  | Good                              | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage |
| Good                             | 1.000                             | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Moderate                         | 0.537                             | 0.463    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Light Damage                     | 0.341                             | 0.659    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Heavy Damage                     | 0.222                             | 0.778    | 0.000        | 0.000        |

Since there is no reconstruction maintenance in the study area, the probability matrix is assumed at the start of the road construction at the beginning of the design life so that the road conditions are all in good condition, as shown in Table 9:

**Table 9. Transition probability matrix of reconstruction activities**

| Probability of Condition t Years | Probability of Condition t+1 Year |          |              |              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|                                  | Good                              | Moderate | Light Damage | Heavy Damage |
| Good                             | 1.000                             | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Moderate                         | 1.000                             | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Light Damage                     | 1.000                             | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        |
| Heavy Damage                     | 1.000                             | 0.000    | 0.000        | 0.000        |

Compilation of MPT from Markov chain modeling for model application on all roads is below:

**MPT routine:**

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.200 & 0.800 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 0.000 & 0.828 & 0.172 & 0.000 \\ 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.521 & 0.479 \\ 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

**MPT periodic:**

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 0.125 & 0.875 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 0.000 & 0.833 & 0.167 & 0.000 \\ 0.000 & 0.588 & 0.373 & 0.039 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

**MPT rehabilitation:**

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 0.537 & 0.463 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 0.341 & 0.659 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 0.222 & 0.778 & 0.000 & 0.000 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

**MPT reconstruction:**

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 1.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 1.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \\ 1.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 & 0.000 \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

**3.3. Pavement Condition Prediction Model with Markov Chain**

Modeling is intended to determine the level of accuracy of the prediction model to the actual conditions. Furthermore, the prediction of pavement conditions is performed in the future using the MPT of each activity with the equation [38]:

$$a_t = a_0 \times P \quad (5)$$

where:  $a_t$  = Future Condition Distribution;  $a_0$  = Initial Condition Distribution;  $P$  = MPT per type of maintenance

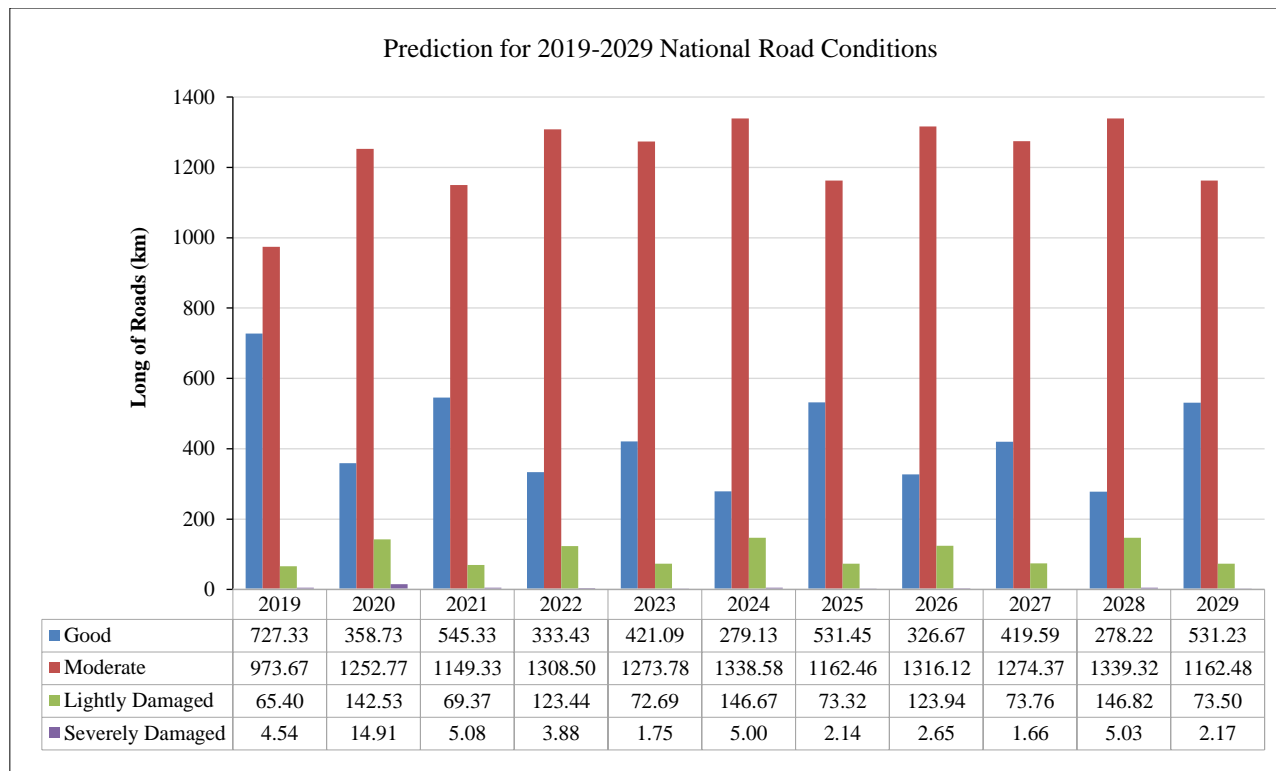
The type of maintenance for each segment is determined based on the proportion of lightly damaged (LD) and heavily damaged (HD) conditions by looking at the end of the previous year.

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| LD + HD $\leq$ 6%        | : Routine        |
| 6% < LD + HD $\leq$ 11%  | : Periodic       |
| 11% < LD + HD $\leq$ 15% | : Rehabilitation |
| LD + HD > 15%            | : Reconstruction |

The following are the simulation results from the calculation of pavement conditions used to predict national road sections for the years 2019-2029.

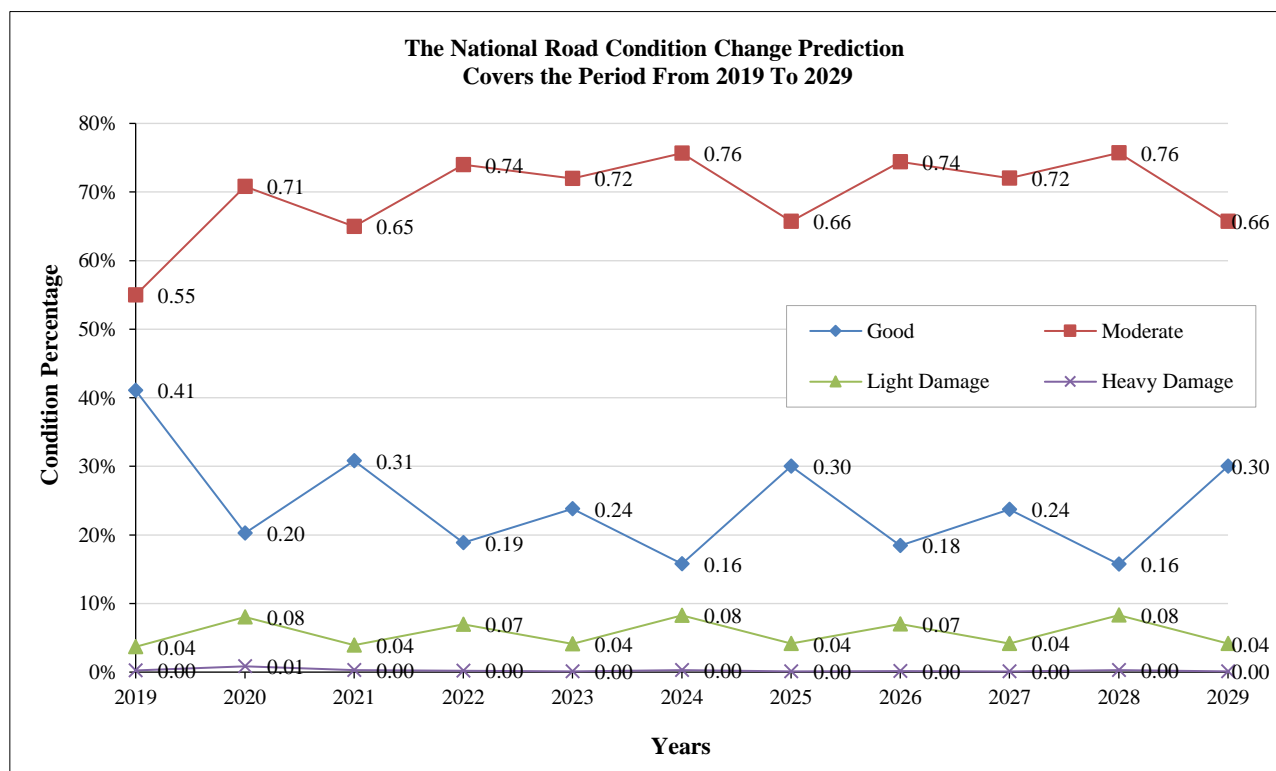
The graph Figure 6 shows that the length of national roads in mildly damaged conditions fluctuated during the analysis year, where the most significant number was in 2028. At the same time, heavily damaged conditions were mostly found in 2020, subsequently decreasing after routine maintenance. At the end of the year of analysis, it can be seen that the results of roads in good condition are 531.23 km, moderate 1,162.48 km, lightly damaged 73.5 km, and heavily damaged 2.17 km.





**Figure 6. Prediction graph for 2019-2029 national road conditions**

The graph in Figure 7 proves that the simulation in the road handling program for a period of ten (10) years produces a steady condition (good + moderate) of 95.72%, while the unsteady condition (light damage + heavy damage) continues to decrease to 4.28%. This indicates that the road handling program plan in this modeling is quite optimal, as it involves handling actions for all road sections on a consistent annual basis. Delaying the road handling actions, whether routine, periodic, or rehabilitation/reconstruction of road damage, will result in poor pavement condition values and incur significant handling costs.



**Figure 7. The National Road condition change prediction graph covers the period from 2019 to 2029**

## 4. Conclusion

This study, conducted on 1.789,76 km of national roads across 34 locations in West Java Province, Indonesia, from 2019 to 2029, focuses on modeling the prediction of future road surface conditions to serve as a recommendation for road maintenance decision-making with a limited budget. The results demonstrated that the probabilistic Markov chain method can accurately model changes in pavement condition, leading to a good maintenance pattern that reaches 95.72% with a stable condition at the end of the design life. Routinely and consistently handling road deterioration will give favorable results in terms of pavement condition value, this will assist in the management of the road network and in making optimal maintenance and repair policies.

The model resulting from developing the Markov chain model in this study is local in the sense that its application is carried out for the study area, namely the West Java area of national roads. The use of the model for other areas outside the study area must be with specific considerations, or it can be done by making adjustments to the calculation of the initial condition vector ( $\alpha_0$ ) and MPT by the handling pattern and existing road condition data. The information from the prediction results will be beneficial to the governance of the district's road network to maintain and sustain road conditions at an acceptable level. The study found that designing a decision support system for pavement maintenance management can effectively utilize the Markov process.

## 5. Declarations

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