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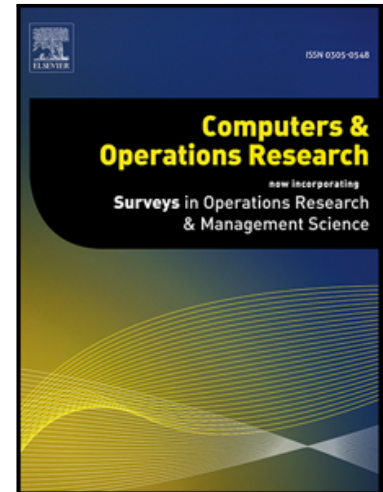
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Highlights

- We study the network design problem with relays (NDR) and discuss various transportation applications.
- We expose the relation between NDR and hub location problems.
- We further investigate the special case NDR-S (NDR with a single source for each demand) from the practical and theoretical point of views.
- We describe significant properties of optimal NDR and NDR-S solutions and use these properties to devise exact algorithms that can compete with the state of the art heuristics.

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