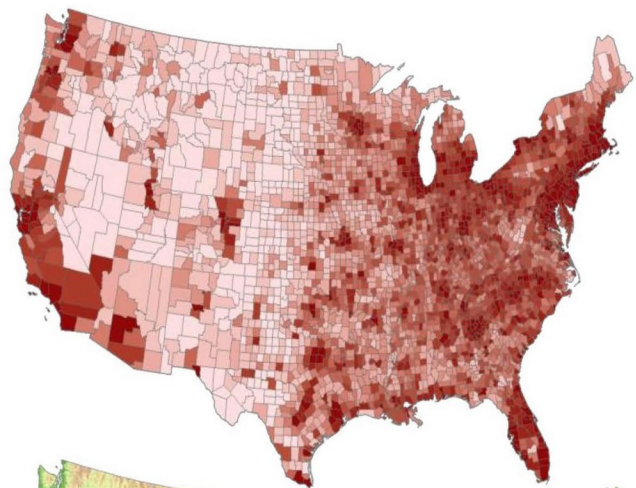
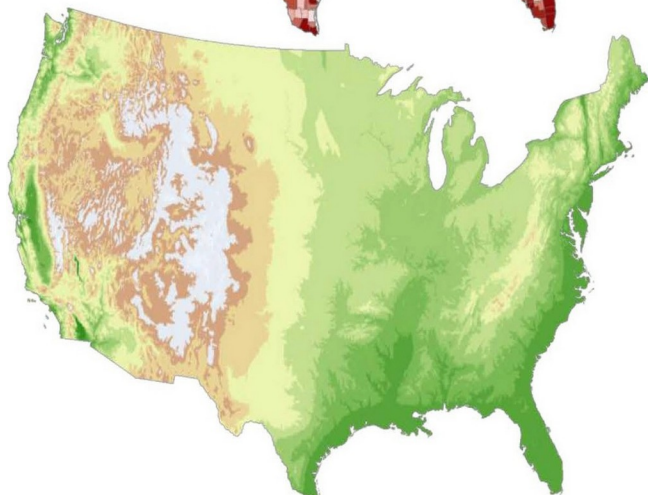
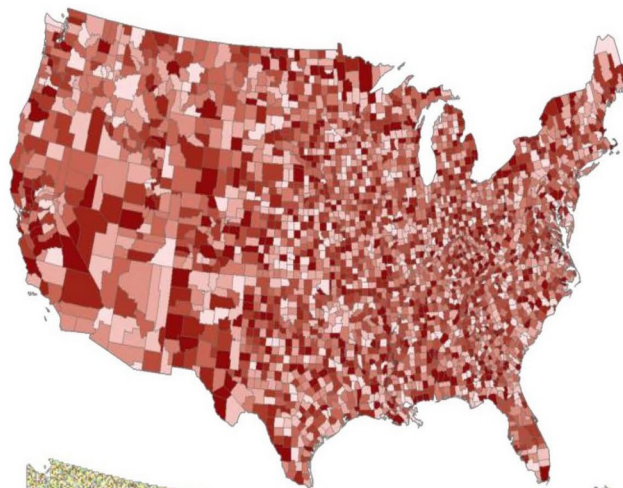


If features were
randomly distributed



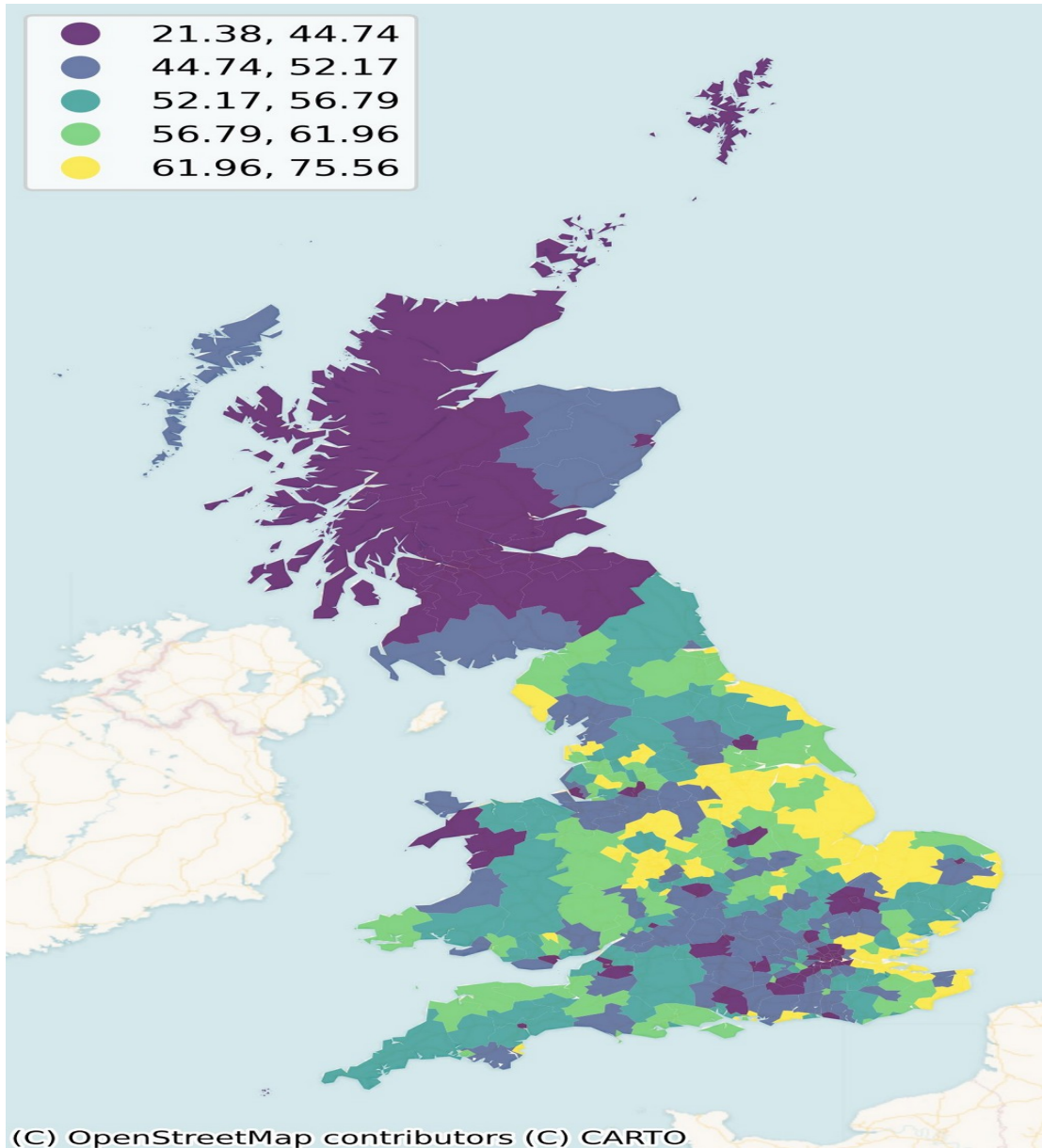
population
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elevation



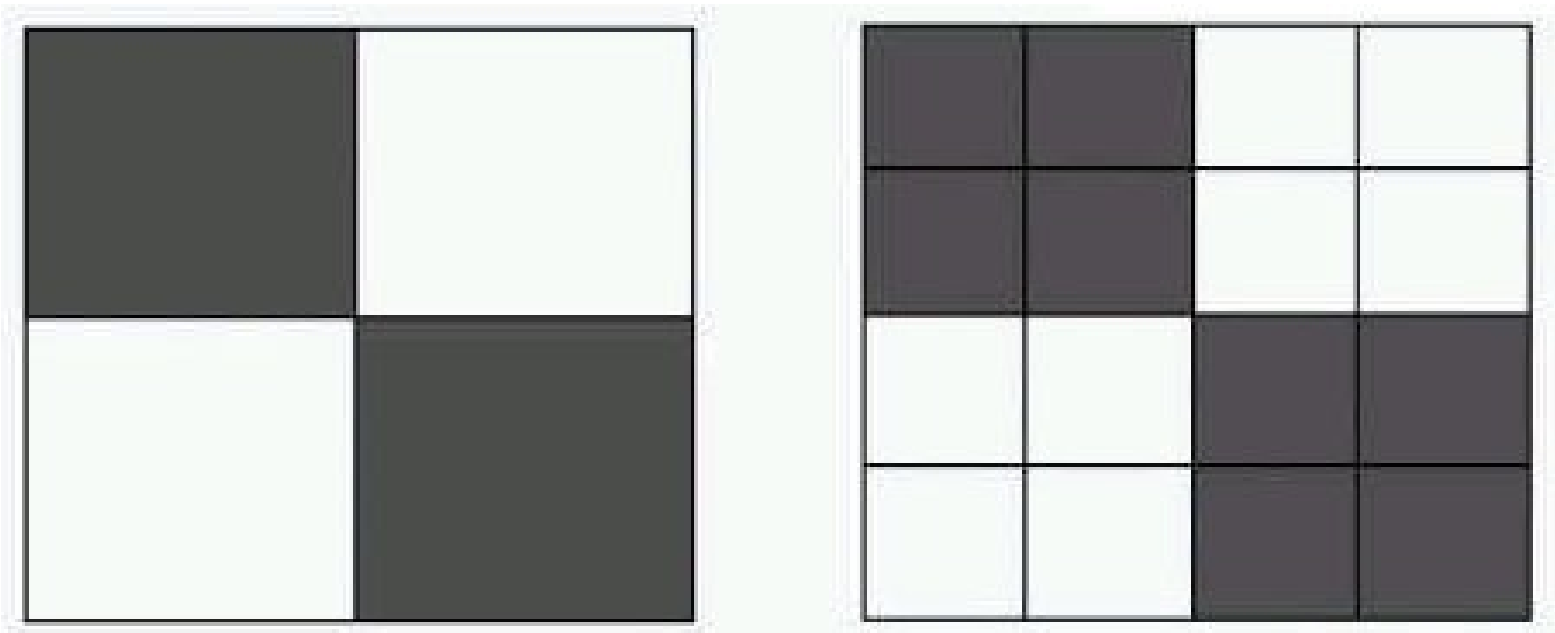
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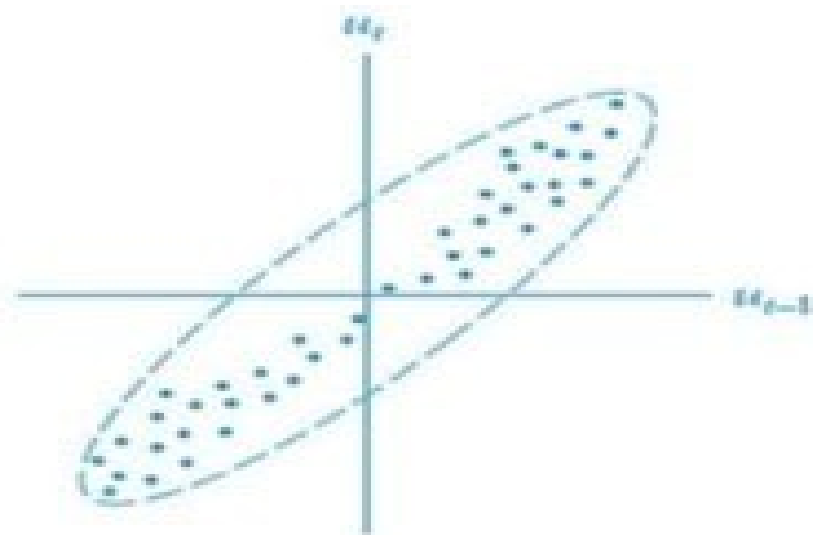
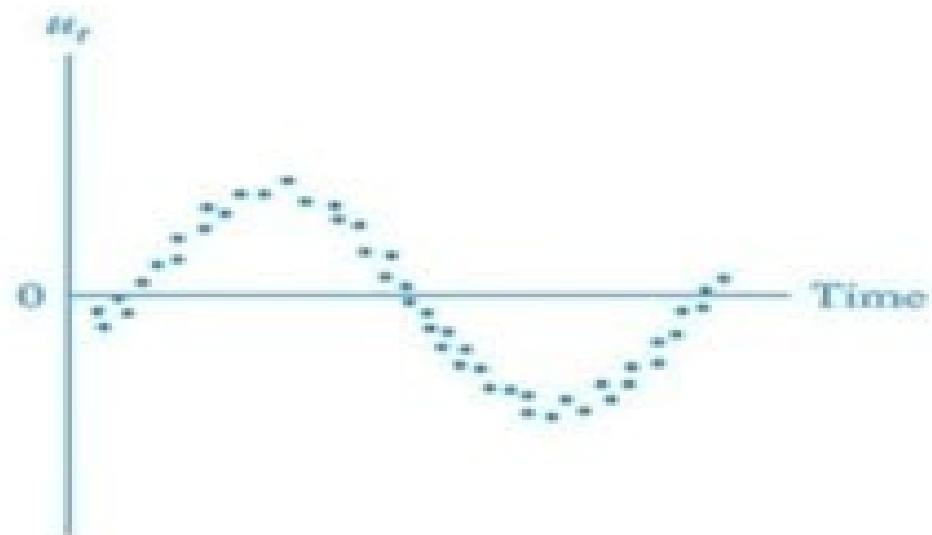


Self-correlation in Spatial Analysis

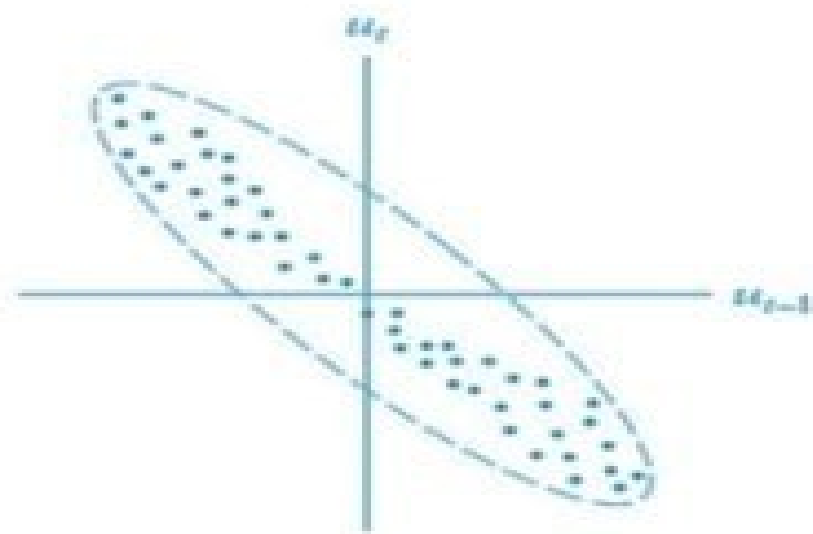
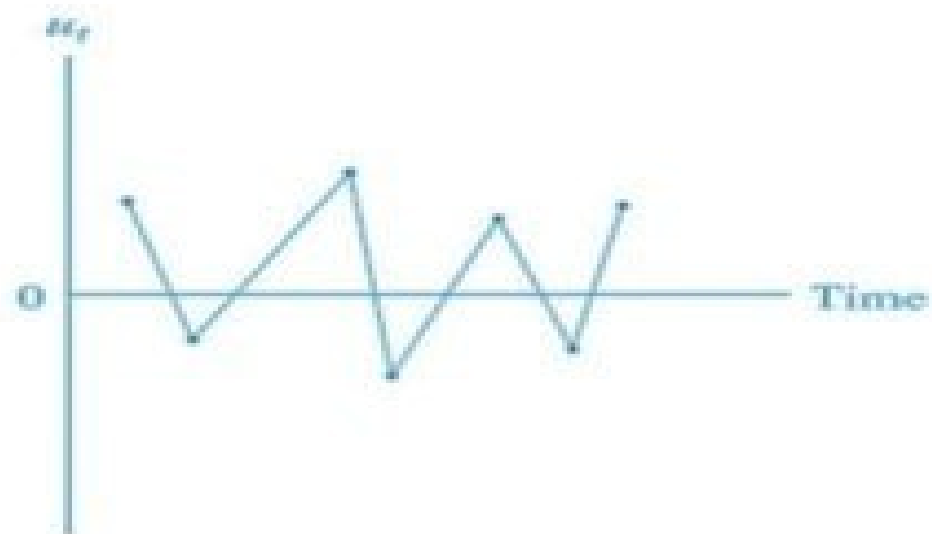
- In spatial analysis self-correlation (autocorrelation) is commonly used to describe spatial patterns.
- The relationship between a value over here compared to the value over there

Spatial Autocorrelation is Scale-Dependent!





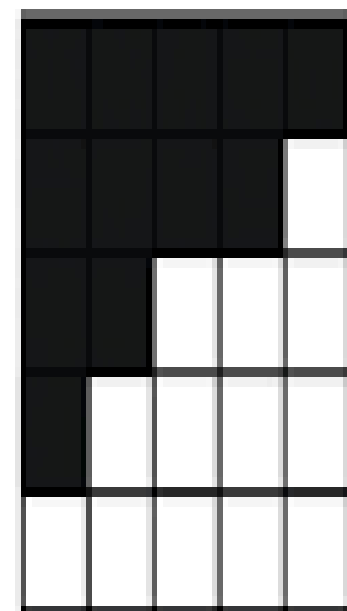
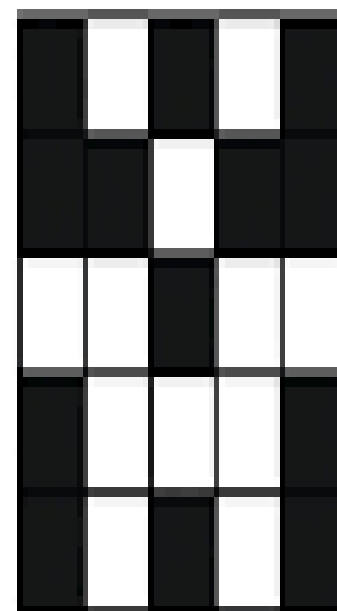
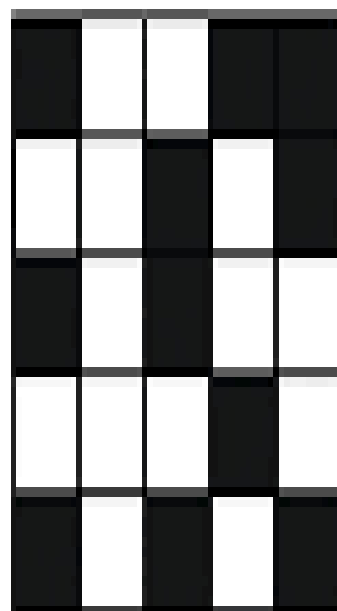
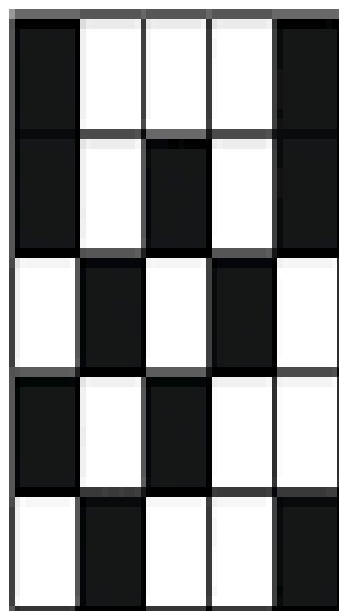
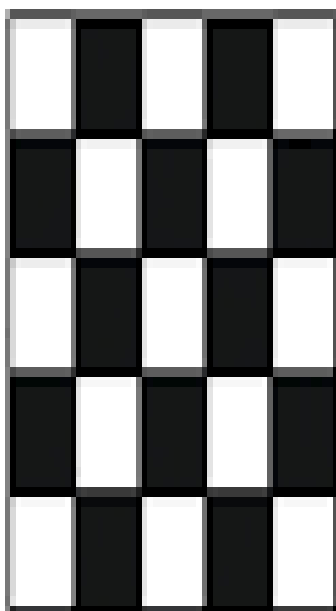
(a)



(b)

(a) Positive and (b) negative autocorrelation.

Moran's I



Moran's $I < E(I)$
indicates tend
to dispersion

Random
Moran's $I = E(I)$

Moran's $I > E(I)$
indicates tend
to clustering

Spatial Relationships

- To measure spatial autocorrelation we need a way to mathematically represent spatial relationships.
- Everything on a map has some kind of spatial relationship with everything else.

Spatial Weights Matrix

- We represent spatial relationships using a matrix.
- A matrix is essentially a table, like a mileage chart, that has rows and columns.
- The most common weights matrix is a ***connectivity matrix*** (also called a contiguity matrix).
- Uses an indicator/dummy variable to measure connections between areas.
- The weights matrix is how we define “near” values.

Measuring Spatial Autocorrelation

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if regions } i \text{ and } j \text{ share a boundary} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

sim_{ij} = similarity between i and j

Measuring Spatial Autocorrelation

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Neighborness

Similarity

$$w_{ij} \mid sim_{ij}$$

Spatial autocorrelation

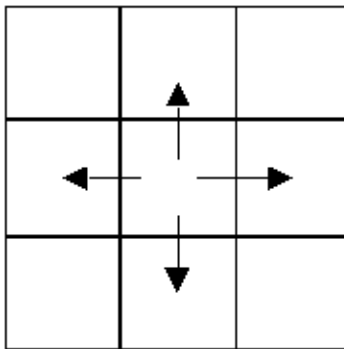
Steps in determining the extent of spatial autocorrelation in your data:

1. Choose a neighbor criterion
 - Which areas are linked?
2. Assign weights to the areas that are linked
 - Create a spatial weights matrix
3. Calculate a statistic, using weights matrix, to examine spatial autocorrelation

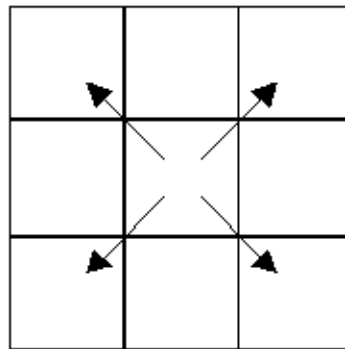
Spatial weights matrices

- Neighbors can be defined by:
 - Contiguity (common boundary)
 - What is a “shared” boundary?
 - Distance (distance band, K-nearest neighbors)
 - How many “neighbors” to include, what distance do we use?
 - General weights (social distance, distance decay)

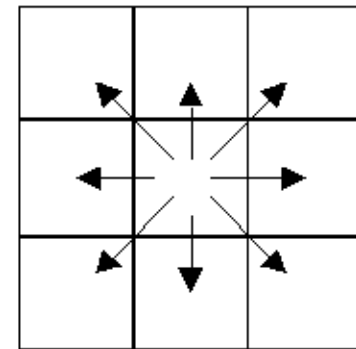
Rooks Case



Bishops Case



Queen's (Kings) Case



Common weights measures

- Most common is using *binary connectivity* based on contiguity
 - $w_{ij} = 1$ if regions i and j are contiguous, $w_{ij} = 0$ otherwise
- May also be defined as a function of the distance between i and j
 - Distance of the line connecting the centroids of two areas

STEP 1: CHOOSE A NEIGHBORHOOD

CRITERION

Importing shapefiles into R and constructing
neighborhood sets

relevant libraries:

```
> library(maptools)
```

```
> library(rgdal)
```

```
> library(spdep)
```

Importing a shapefile

```
> sids<-readShapePoly("path to shapefile/  
shpfile.shp")  
  
> class(sids)  
[1] "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame"  
attr(,"package")  
> slotNames(sids)  
[1] "data" "polygons" "plotOrder" "bbox"  
[5] "proj4string"
```


Projecting a

shapefile

If the shapefile has no .prj file associated with it, can assign a coordinate system

```
> proj4string(sids) <- CRS("+proj=longlat  
+ellps=WGS84")
```

- If a shapefile has a CRS String (projection/coordinate system) associated with it it can be reprojected using `spTransform()`.

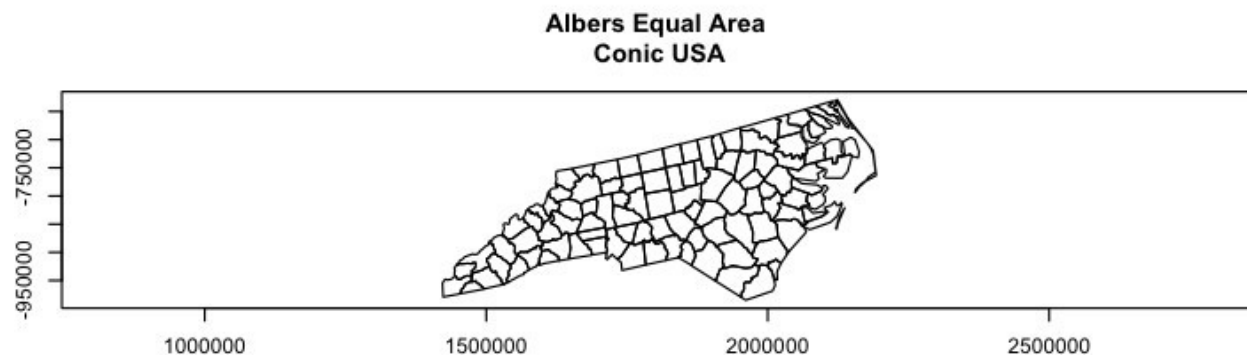
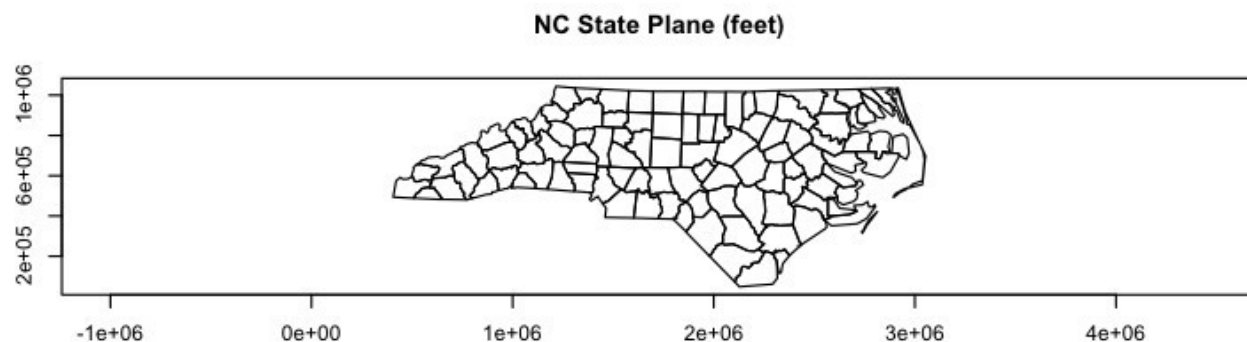
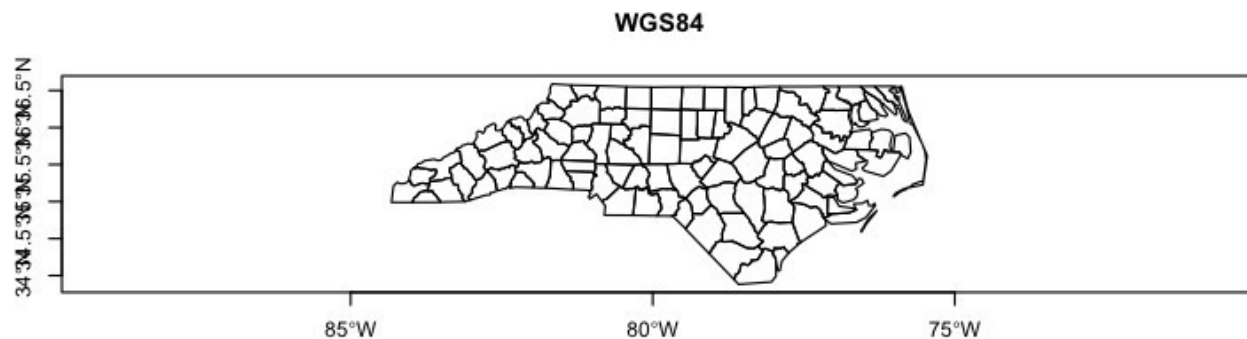
```
> library(rgdal)
```

```
> sids_Albers <- spTransform(sids,  
CRS("+init=epsg:2163")) #this is clearly wrong in  
spatial reference.
```

```
> sids_SP <- spTransform(sids, CRS("+init=ESRI:102719"))
```

Projecting a Shapefile

- It is important to use an appropriate projection, especially when working at large scales (continental, global, etc.).
- If the file does have projection information you can import the shapefile with `readOGR()`.
 - The result is the same but `readOGR` will read the projection information.



```
par(mfrow=c(3,1))
plot(sids, axes=T)
title("WGS84")
plot(sids_SP,
axes=T)
title("NC State
Plane (feet)")
plot(sids_Albers,
axes=T)
title("Albers
Equal Area
Conic USA")
```

Contiguity based

- **neighbors** Counties sharing any boundary point (QUEEN) are taken as neighbors, using the `poly2nb` function, which accepts a `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`

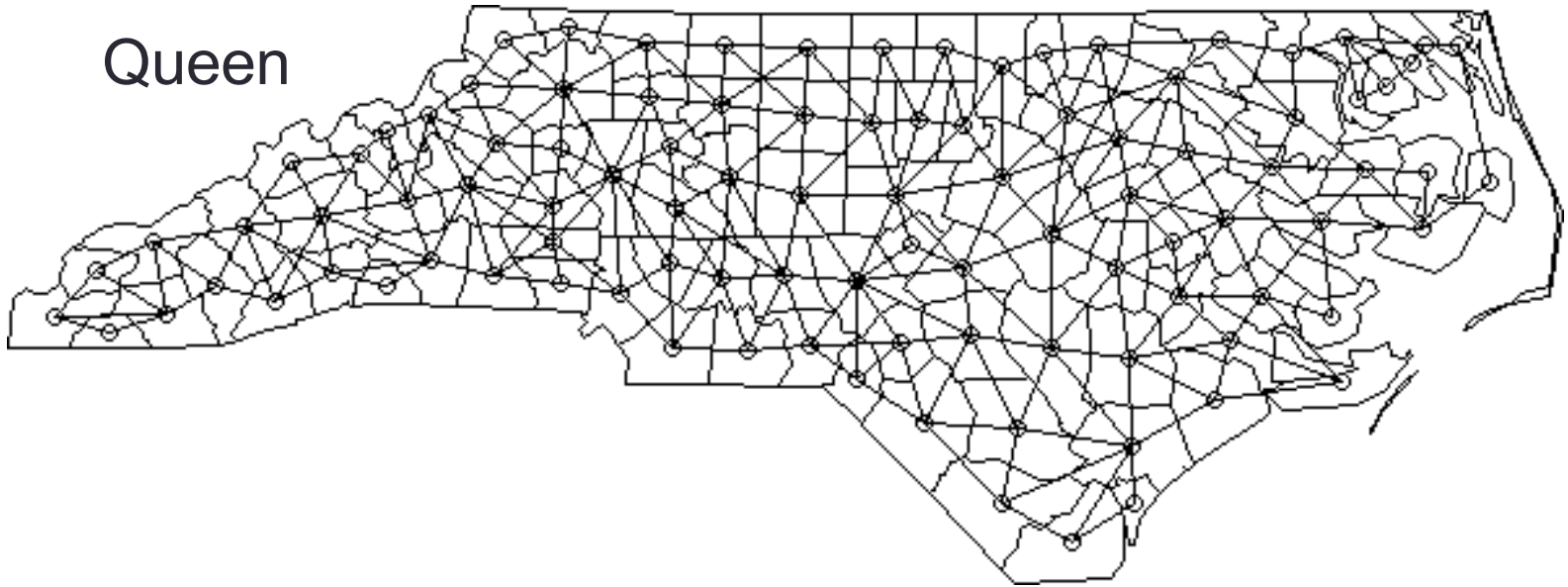
```
> library(spdep)
> sids_nbq<-poly2nb(sids)
```

- If contiguity is defined as counties sharing more than one boundary point (ROOK), the `queen=` argument is set to **FALSE**

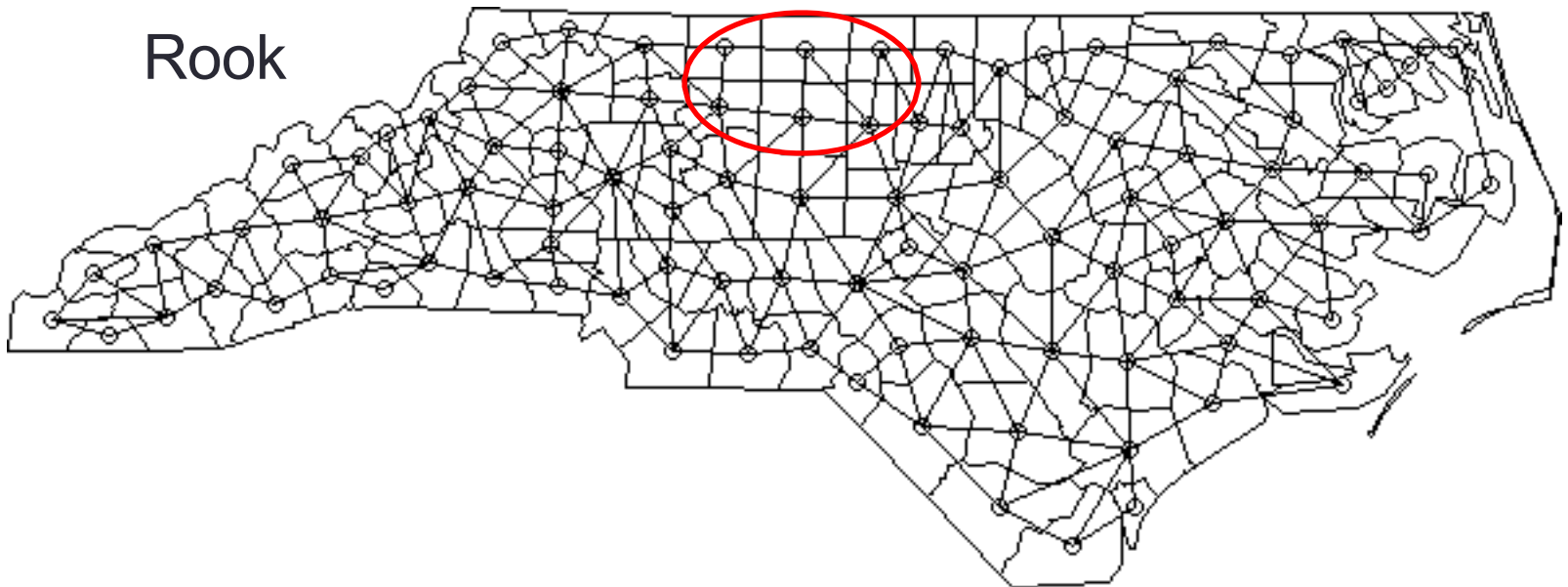
```
> sids_nbr<-poly2nb(sids, queen=FALSE)

> coords<-coordinates(sids)
> dev.off()      #clears the screen and the panels
> plot(sids_nbq, coords)
> plot(sids, add= T) #Add the count outlines
```

Queen



Rook



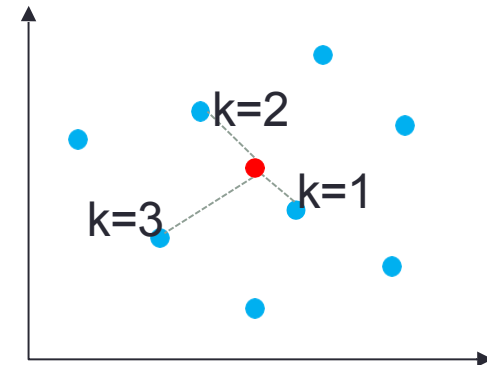
Distance based neighbors k nearest

- neighbors
- Can also choose the k nearest points as neighbors

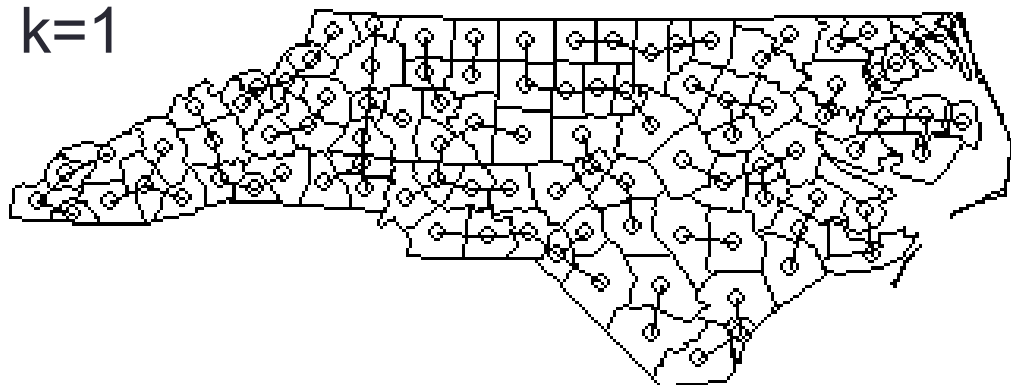
```
> coords<-coordinates(sids_SP)

> sids_kn1<-knn2nb(knearneigh(coords, k=1))
> sids_kn2<-knn2nb(knearneigh(coords, k=2))
> sids_kn4<-knn2nb(knearneigh(coords, k=4))

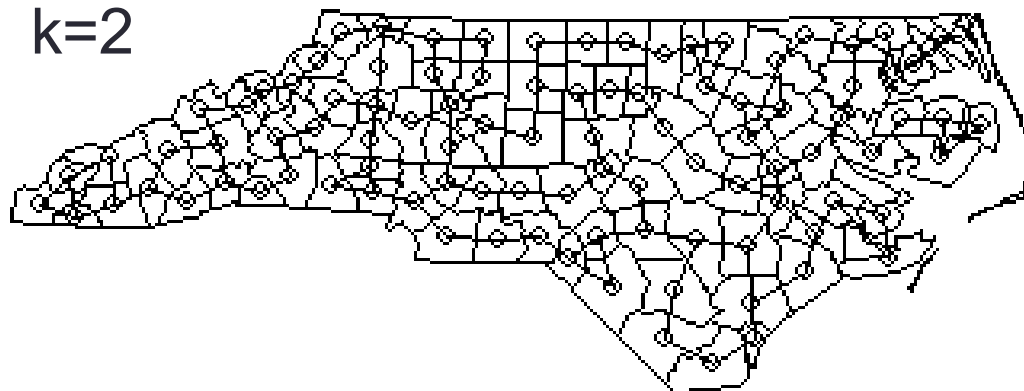
> plot(sids_SP)
> plot(sids_kn2, coords, add=T)
```



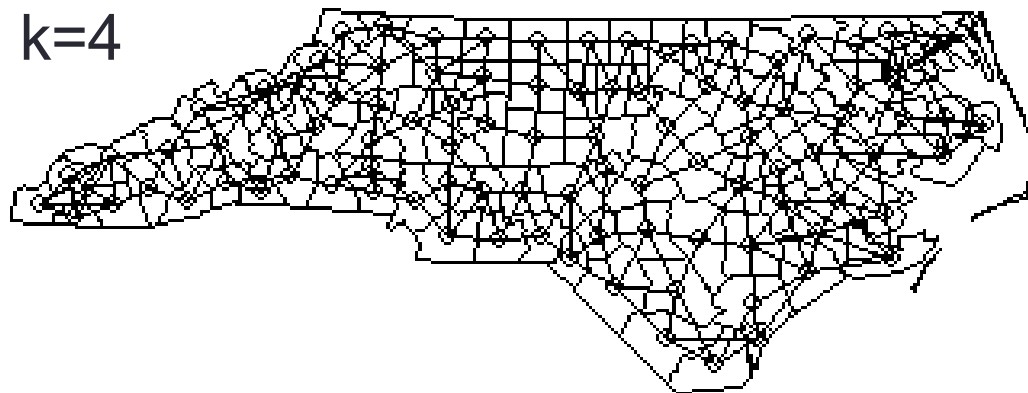
$k=1$



$k=2$



$k=4$



Distance based neighbors Specified distance

- Can also assign neighbors based on a specified distance

```
> dist<-unlist(nbdists(sids_kn1, coords))
```

```
#Notice that we are using the State Plane version so that the  
distances are easier to interpret
```

```
> summary(dist)
```

	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	Mean	3rd Qu.
	0	40100	89770	97640	96290

```
> max_k1<-max(dist)
```

```
> sids_kd1<-dnearneigh(coords, d1=0, d2=0.75*max_k1)
```

```
> sids_kd2<-dnearneigh(coords, d1=0, d2=1*max_k1)
```

```
> sids_kd3<-dnearneigh(coords, d1=0, d2=1.5*max_k1)
```

OR by raw distance

```
> sids_ran1<-dnearneigh(coords, d1=0, d2=134600)
```


STEP 2: ASSIGN WEIGHTS TO THE AREAS THAT ARE LINKED

Creating spatial weights matrices using neighborhood lists

Spatial weights matrices

- Once our list of neighbors has been created, we assign spatial weights to each relationship
 - Can be binary or variable
 - If we don't know much about the spatial process, try to stick with binary weights
- Even when the values are binary 0/1, the issue of what to do with no-neighbor observations arises
- Binary weighting will, for a target feature, assign a value of 1 to neighboring features and 0 to all other features
 - Used with fixed distance, k nearest neighbors, and contiguity

Row-standardized weights

```
> sids_nbq_w<- nb2listw(sids_nbq)
# sids_nbq_w
matrix
```

Characteristics of weights list:

Neighbour list object:

Number of regions: 100

Number of nonzero links: 490

Percentage nonzero weights: 4.9

Average number of links: 4.9

...output deleted...

>

```
sids_nbq_w$neighbours[1:3]
```

```
#WHAT DOES THIS SHOW YOU?
```

```
> sids_nbq_w$weights[1:3]
```

```
#WHAT DOES THIS SHOW YOU?
```

- Row standardization is used to create proportional weights in cases where features have an unequal number of neighbors
- Divide each neighbor weight for a feature by the sum of all neighbor weights
 - Obs i has 3 neighbors, each has a weight of $1/3$
 - Obs j has 2 neighbors, each has a weight of $1/2$

Binary weights

```
> sids_nbq_wb<-  
  nb2listw(sids_nbq, style="B")  
> sids_nbq_wb
```

Characteristics of weights list:

Neighbour list object:

Number of regions: 100

Number of nonzero links: 490

Percentage nonzero weights: 4.9

Average number of links: 4.9

Weights style: B

Weights constants summary:

	n	nn	S0	S1	S2
B	100	10000	490	980	10696

- Row-standardized weights increase the influence of links from observations with few neighbors
- Binary weights make interpretation more difficult...
- Standard to use row standardization.

Binary vs. row-standardized

- A binary weights matrix looks like:

- Observation 1 has neighbor 2
- Observation 2 has neighbors 3 and 4
- Observation 3 has neighbors 1 and 2
- Observation 4 has neighbor 2, 3 and 4

0	1	0	0
0	0	1	1
1	1	0	0
0	1	1	1

- A row-standardized matrix it looks like:

0	1	0	0
0	0	.5	.5
.5	.5	0	0
0	.33	.33	.33

- In practice R uses lists not matrices because the matrices have lots of zeros and take up a lot of space...

Regions with no

- If you ever get the following error:
neighbors

```
Error in nb2listw(filename): Empty neighbor sets found
```

- You have some regions that have NO neighbors
 - This is most likely an artifact of your GIS data (digitizing errors, slivers, etc), which you should fix in a GIS
 - Also could have “true” islands (e.g., Hawaii, San Juans in WA)
 - May want to use k nearest neighbors
 - Or add `zero.policy=T` to the `nb2listw` call

```
> sides_nbq_w<-nb2listw(sides_nbq, zero.policy=T)
```

Weights based on IDW

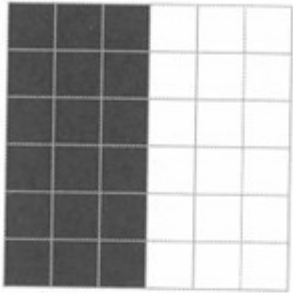
```
> dist<-nbdists(sids_nbq, coordinates(sids_SP))
> idw<-lapply(dist, function(x) 1/(x/1000))

> sids_nbq_idwb<-nb2listw(sids_nbq, glist=idw,
style="B")

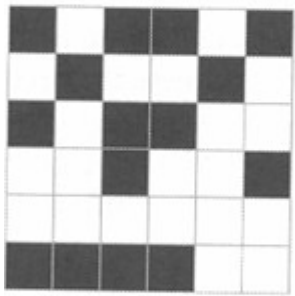
> summary(unlist(sids_nbq_idwb$weights))
      Min.           1st          Qu.           Median
      Mean           3rd          Qu.           Max. 0.004123
0.006274 0.007640 0.008037
0.009268 0.024930
```

Join (or Joins or Joint) Count Statistic

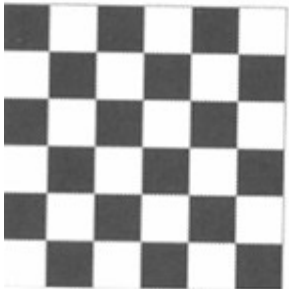
Positive autocorrelation



No autocorrelation



Negative autocorrelation



Polygons only
binary (1,0) data only

Polygon has or does not have a characteristic
For example, a candidate won or lost an election

Based on examining polygons which share a border

Do they have the same characteristic or not?

Border same

on each side

Border not the same

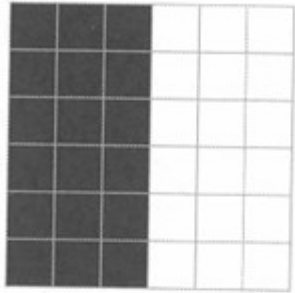
on each side

Requires a contiguity matrix



Join (or Joint or Joins) Count Statistic

Positive autocorrelation



Rook's case

$$J_{BB} = 27$$

$$J_{WW} = 27$$

$$J_{BW} = 6$$

Queen's case

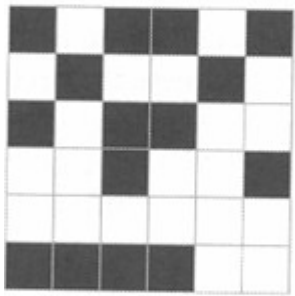
$$J_{BB} = 47$$

$$J_{WW} = 47$$

$$J_{BW} = 16$$

Small number of BW
joins (6 only for rook)
Large proportion of BB and
WW joins

No autocorrelation



$$J_{BB} = 6$$

$$J_{WW} = 19$$

$$J_{BW} = 35$$

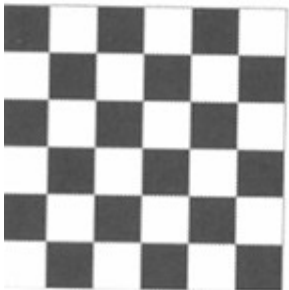
$$J_{BB} = 14$$

$$J_{WW} = 40$$

$$J_{BW} = 56$$

Different numbers of BW,
BB and WW joins

Negative autocorrelation



$$J_{BB} = 0$$

$$J_{WW} = 0$$

$$J_{BW} = 60$$

$$J_{BB} = 25$$

$$J_{WW} = 25$$

$$J_{BW} = 60$$

Large number of BW
joins
Small number of BB and
WW joins

Uses binary (1,0) data
Shown here as B/W
(black/white)

Measures the number of
borders ("joins") of each
type (1,1), (0,0), (1,0 or
0,1) relative to total number
of borders

For 6 x 6 matrix, border
totals are:

60 for Rook Case

110 for Queen Case

Join Count: Test Statistic

Test Statistic given by: $Z = \frac{\text{Observed} - \text{Expected}}{\text{SD of Expected}}$

Expected = random pattern generated by tossing a coin in each cell.

Expected given by: Standard Deviation of Expected (standard error) given by:

$$E(J_{BB}) = kp_B^2$$

$$E(s_{BB}) = \sqrt{kp_B^2 + 2mp_B^3 - (k + 2m)p_B^4}$$

$$E(J_{WW}) = kp_W^2$$

$$E(s_{WW}) = \sqrt{kp_W^2 + 2mp_W^3 - (k + 2m)p_W^4}$$

$$E(J_{BW}) = 2kp_Bp_W$$

$$E(s_{BW}) = \sqrt{2(k + m)p_Bp_W - 4(k + 2m)p_B^2p_W^2}$$

Where: k is the total number of joins (neighbors)

p_B is the expected proportion Black, if random

p_W is the expected proportion White

$$m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n k_i(k_i - 1)$$

m is calculated from k according to:

Note: the formulae given here are for free (normality) sampling. Those for non-free (randomization) sampling are substantially more complex. See Wong and Lee 1st ed. p. 151 compared to p. 155. See next slide for explanation.

A Note on Sampling Assumptions:

applies to most tests for spatial autocorrelation

Test results depend on the assumption made regarding the type of sampling:

Free (or normality) sampling

Analogous to sampling with replacement

After a polygon is selected for a sample, it is returned to the population set

The same polygon can occur more than one time in a sample



Non-free (or randomization) sampling

Analogous to sampling without replacement

After a polygon is selected for a sample, it is not returned to the population set

The same polygon can occur only one time in a sample



The formulae used to calculate the test statistic (particularly the standard error) are different for each

Generally, the formulae are substantially more complex for *free* sampling—unfortunately, it is also the more common situation!

Assuming free sampling requires knowledge about larger trends from outside the region or access to additional information within the region in order to estimate parameters.

Gore/Bush Presidential Election 2000

Is there evidence of clustering by State?

Use Join Count to answer this question!



	Actual
Jbb	60
Jgg	21
Jbg	28
Total	109

Many BB joins

total number of joins = 109

= sum of neighbors/2 in the sparse contiguity matrix

= number of 1s/2 in the full contiguity matrix for US States

Sparse Contiguity Matrix for US States -- obtained from Anselin's web site (see powerpoint for link)										
Name	Fips	Ncount	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	N7	N8
Alabama	1	4	28	13	12	47				
Arizona	4	5	35	8	49	6	32			
Arkansas	5	6	22	28	48	47	40	29		
California	6	3	4	32	41					
Colorado	8	7	35	4	20	40	31	49	56	
Connecticut	9	3	44	36	25					
Delaware	10	3	24	42	34					
District of Columbia	11	2	51	24						
Florida	12	2	13	1						
Georgia	13	5	12	45	37	1	47			
Idaho	16	6	32	41	56	49	30	53		
Illinois	17	5	29	21	18	55	19			
Indiana	18	4	26	21	17	39				
Iowa	19	6	29	31	17	55	27	46		
Kansas	20	4	40	29	31	8				
Kentucky	21	7	47	29	18	39	54	51	17	
Louisiana	22	3	28	48	5					
Maine	23	1	33							
Maryland	24	5	51	10	54	42	11			
Massachusetts	25	5	44	9	36	50	33			
Michigan	26	3	18	39	55					
Minnesota	27	4	19	55	46	38				
Mississippi	28	4	22	5	1	47				
Missouri	29	8	5	40	17	21	47	20	19	31
Montana	30	4	16	56	38	46				
Nebraska	31	6	29	20	8	19	56	46		
Nevada	32	5	6	4	49	16	41			
New Hampshire	33	3	25	23	50					
New Jersey	34	3	10	36	42					
New Mexico	35	5	48	40	8	4	49			
New York	36	5	34	9	42	50	25			
North Carolina	37	4	45	13	47	51				
North Dakota	38	3	46	27	30					
Ohio	39	5	26	21	54	42	18			
Oklahoma	40	6	5	35	48	29	20	8		
Oregon	41	4	6	32	16	53				
Pennsylvania	42	6	24	54	10	39	36	34		
Rhode Island	44	2	25	9						
South Carolina	45	2	13	37						
South Dakota	46	6	56	27	19	31	38	30		
Tennessee	47	8	5	28	1	37	13	51	21	29
Texas	48	4	22	5	35	40				
Utah	49	6	4	8	35	56	32	16		
Vermont	50	3	36	25	33					
Virginia	51	6	47	37	24	54	11	21		
Washington	53	2	41	16						
West Virginia	54	5	51	21	24	39	42			
Wisconsin	55	4	26	17	19	27				
Wyoming	56	6	49	16	31	8	46	30		

Queens Case Sparse Contiguity Matrix for US States

- *Ncount* is the number of neighbors for each state
- Equals number of 1s in a row of full contiguity matrix
- Sum of Ncount is 218
- Number of common borders (joins) = $\sum \text{ncount} / 2 = 109$
- *N1, N2...* FIPS codes for neighbors

Join Count Statistic for Gore/Bush 2000 by State

% of Votes in election	
Bush % (Pb)	0.49885
Gore % (Pg)	0.50115

$$E(J_{BB}) = kp_B^2$$

	Actual	Expected	Stan Dev	Z-score
Jbb	60	27.125	8.667	3.7930
Jgg	21	27.375	8.704	-0.7325
Jbg	28	54.500	5.220	-5.0763
Total	109	109.000		

- The expected number of joins is calculated based on the proportion of votes each received in the election (for Bush = $109 \times .499 \times .499 = 27.125$)
- $K = 109$ = total number of joins
- There are far more Bush/Bush joins (actual = 60) than would be expected (27)
 - Since test score (3.79) is greater than the critical value (2.54 at 1%) result is statistically significant at the 99% confidence level ($p \leq 0.01$)
 - Strong evidence of spatial autocorrelation—clustering
- There are far fewer Bush/Gore joins (actual = 28) than would be expected (54)
 - Since test score (-5.07) is greater than the critical value (2.54 at 1%) result is statistically significant at 99% confidence level ($p \leq 0.01$)
 - Again, strong evidence of spatial autocorrelation—clustering
- Actual calculations available in *spatstat.xls* spreadsheet (JC-%vote tab)

STEP 3: EXAMINE SPATIAL AUTOCORRELATION

Using spatial weights matrices, run statistical tests of spatial autocorrelation

Moran's I

The most common measure of Spatial Autocorrelation

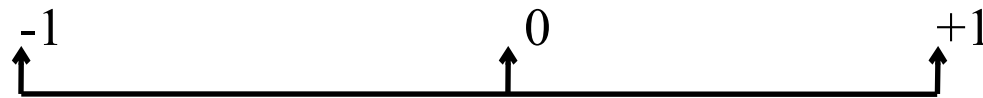
Use for points or polygons

Join Count statistic only for polygons

Use for a continuous variable (any value)

Join Count statistic only for binary variable (1,0)

Varies on a scale between -1 through 0* to +1



**technically it is:
 $-1/(n-1)$*

high negative spatial
autocorrelation

no spatial
autocorrelation*

high positive spatial
autocorrelation

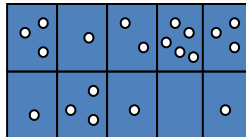
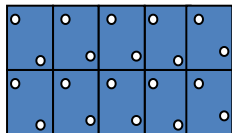
Can also use it as an index for dispersion/random/cluster patterns.

Dispersed Pattern

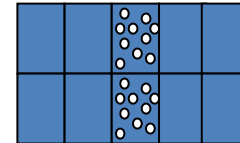
Random Pattern

Clustered Pattern

UNIFORM/
DISPERSED



CLUSTERED

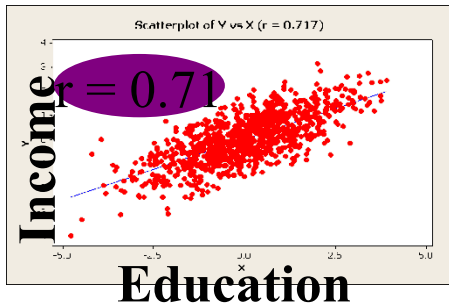


Moran's I and Correlation Coefficient r

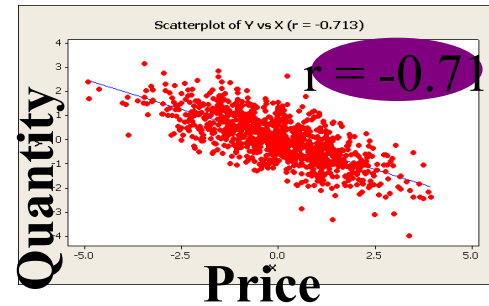
Differences and Similarities

Correlation Coefficient r

Relationship between two variables



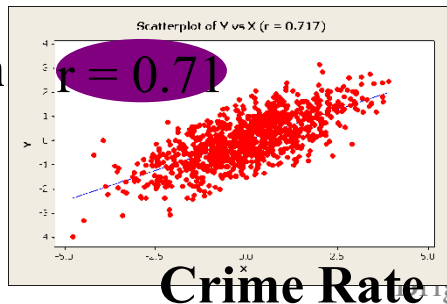
or



Moran's I

- Involves one variable only
- Correlation between variable, X, and the “spatial lag” of X formed by averaging all the values of X for the neighboring polygons

Crime in
nearby
area



Grocery
Store
Density
Nearby



Crime Rate

Grocery Store Density

Moran's I

- Moran's I statistic measures spatial autocorrelation.
- Moran's I is on the same scale as the correlation coefficient.
- The Moran's I equation can be simplified to something similar to the correlation coefficient.

Moran's I

- Similar to correlation: avg of the product of the Z-scores
- -- or ++ z-score pairs contribute to a positive correlation coefficient.
- -+ or +- z-score pairs contribute to a negative correlation coefficient.
- Different from correlation in that it only considers neighbors.

The correlation coefficient

$$r = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{s_x} * \frac{Y_i - \bar{Y}}{s_y} \right)$$

What is this???

Moran's I, simplified

$$z = \frac{(Y_i - \bar{y})}{SD_y}$$

$$I_i = \frac{Y_i - \bar{Y}}{sd_y} \sum_{j=1}^N w_{ij} \frac{Y_j - \bar{Y}}{sd_y}$$

Moran's I vs. Pearson's r

Pearson correlation coefficient

$$r_{xy} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2}}$$

feasible range: -1 to +1

Moran's I coefficient

Need a weights matrix

$$I = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij} (x_i - \bar{x})(x_j - \bar{x})}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \bar{x})^2}}$$

feasible range: -1 to +1
(sort of)

Moran's I

- High values near low values will lead to negative Moran's I statistic.
- High values near high values will lead to positive Moran's I statistic.
- When there is no pattern $E(I) = 0$.

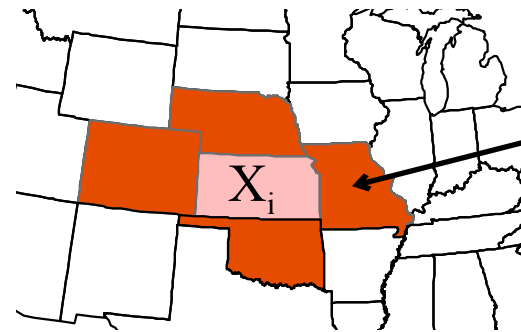
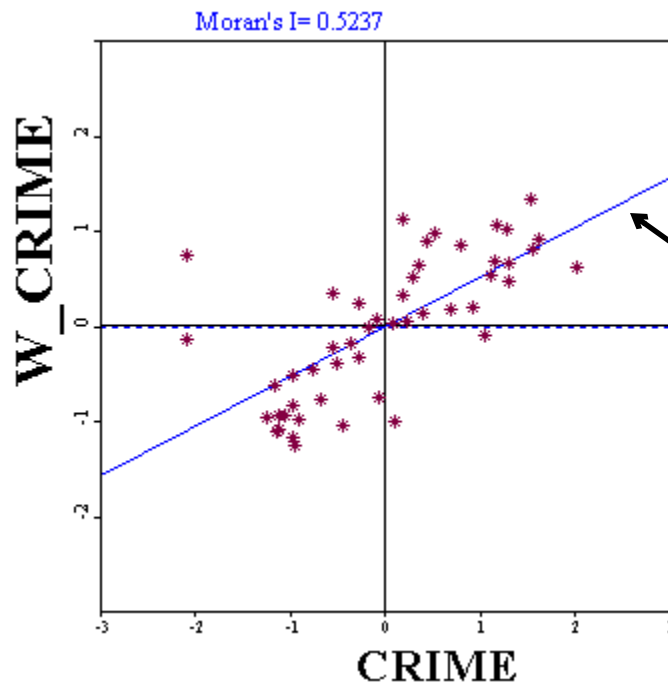
Correlation is the ...

- The Pearson correlation is simply the slope of a regression line through a scatterplot of two variables.
- Conceptually Moran's I is simply the correlation between each observation and its neighbors.
 - We can calculate Moran's I by fitting a regression through a scatter plot of each value and the weighted average of its neighbors.
 - We get the neighbors (and their weights) from the weights matrix.
- A “lagged variable”:
 - The lag of variable X for observation i is $w_{ij}X_j$

Moran Scatter Plots

Moran's I can be interpreted as the correlation between variable, X , and the “spatial lag” of X formed by averaging all the values of X for the neighboring polygons

We can then draw a scatter diagram between these two variables (in standardized form): X and $\text{lag-}X$ (or W_X)



Lag X_i
is average
of these

Least squares “best fit” line to the points.

The slope of this *regression line* is Moran's I

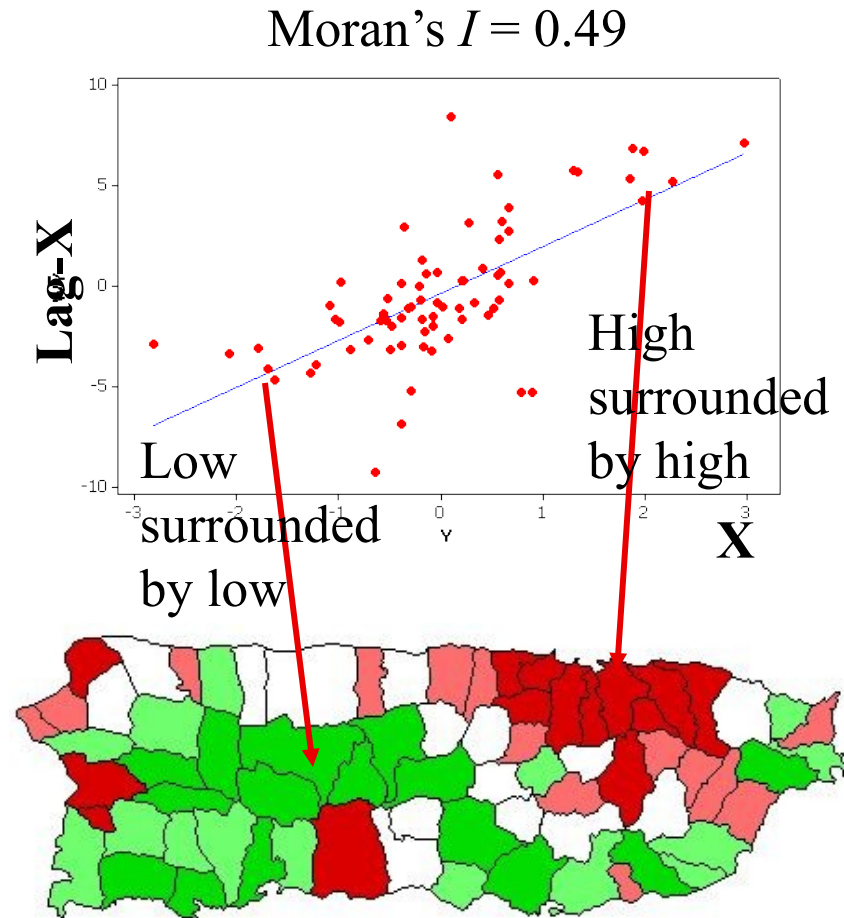
(will discuss Regression later)

Moran Scatterplot: example

Scatterplot of X vs. $\text{Lag-}X$

The slope of the regression line is Moran's I

Population density
in Puerto Rico

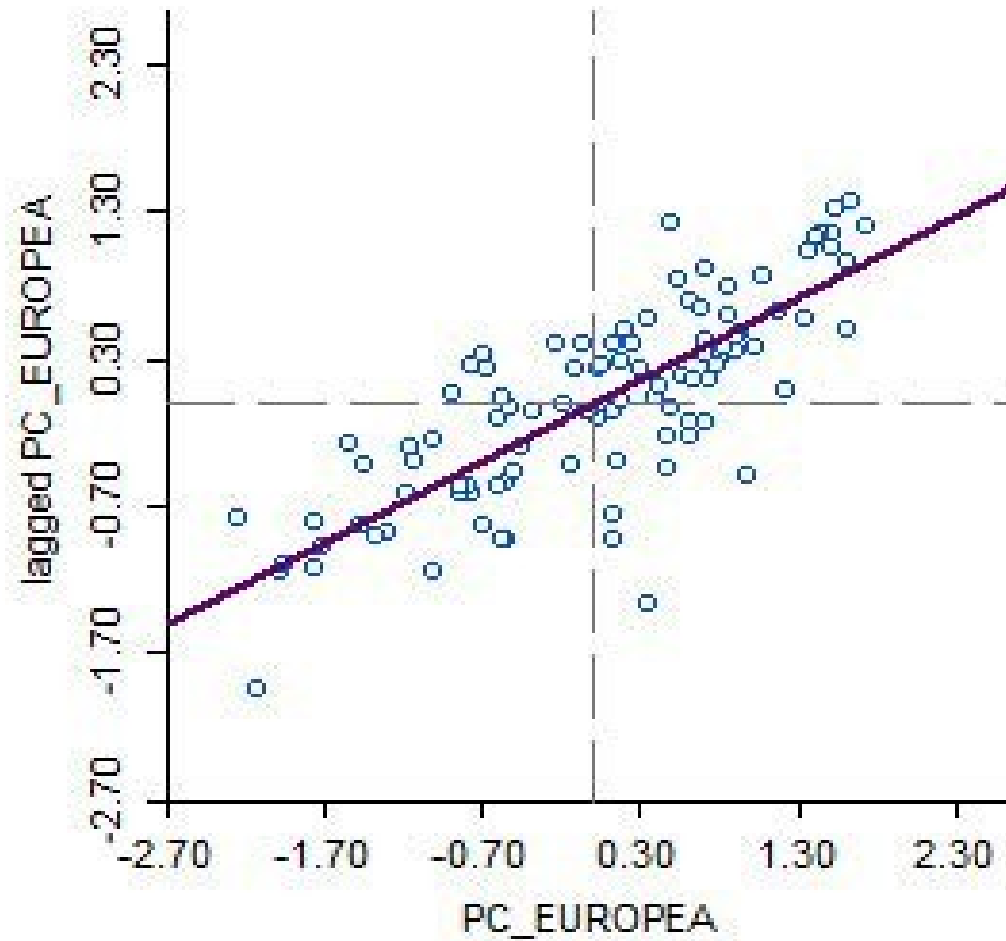


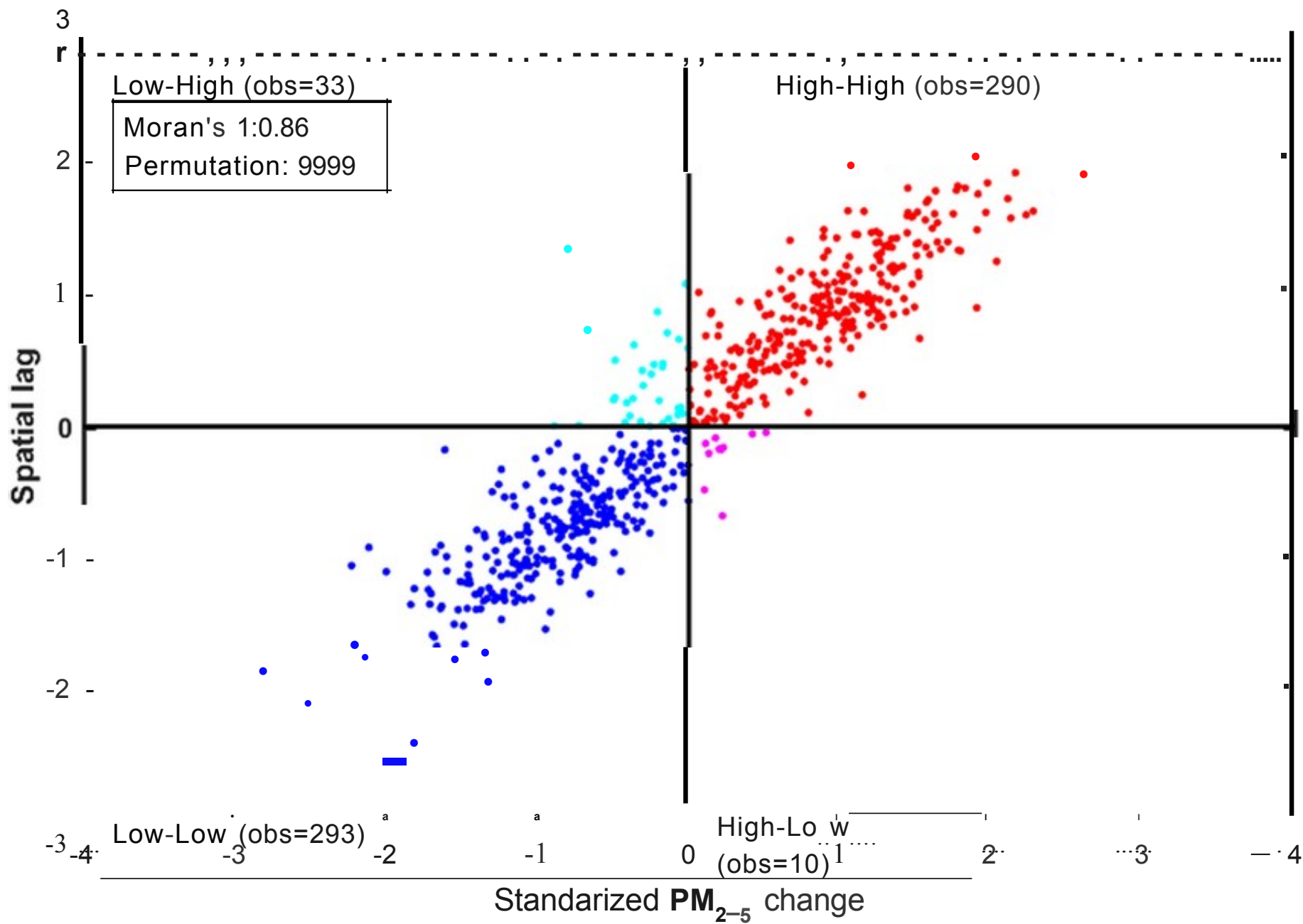


Moran's I (akCity_CAU01): PC_EUROPEA



Moran's I: 0.560





To calculate Moran's I

- We need:
 - A variable of interest
 - A new “lagged” variable which measures the same thing for each observations neighbors.
- We need to look at the correlation between these variables.
- **THIS MEASURES SPATIAL ASSOCIATION**

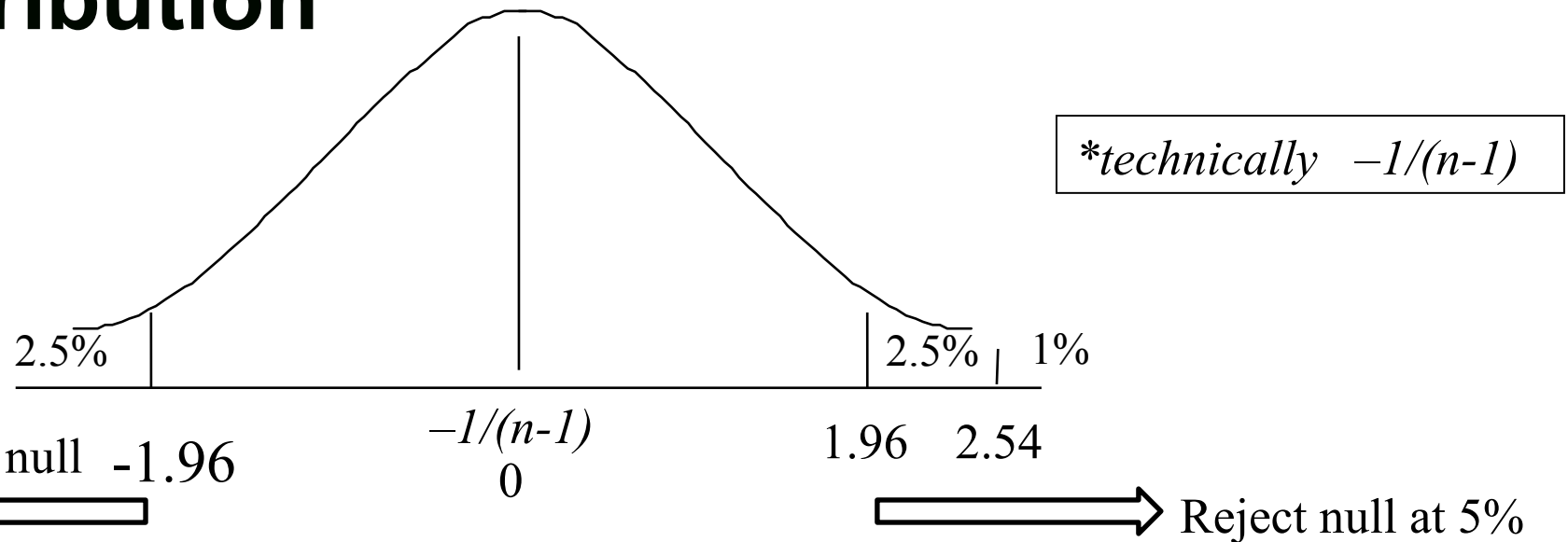
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> sids$NWBIR79 #births to non-white mothers
> sids$NWBIR79_lag <- lag(sids_nbq_w, sids
$NWBIR79) #lag using row standardized
weights
> lm1 <-
  lm(sids$NWBIR79_lag~sids$NWBIR79)
>lm
1
Call:
lm(formula = sids$NWBIR79_lag ~ sids$NWBIR79, data = sids)
Coefficients:
(Intercept)  sids$NWBIR79
-15.9441      0.1497
R^2 adj: 0.999
> plot(y= sids$NWBIR79_lag, x= sids
$NWBIR79)
> title("The relationship between a
$NWBIR79_lag and the lag of itself is
Moran's I")
```

Moran's I is about the relationship between a variable and its lag...

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>lm
1
Call:
lm(formula = sids$NWBI, data = sids, weights = sids$NWBI_lag)
Coefficients:
(Intercept)  sids$NWBI_lag
0.059441      0.1497
>Moran.test(sids$NWBI, sids$NWBI_lag)
Moran's I test under randomisation
data:  sids$NWBI
weights: sids$NWBI_lag
Moran I statistic standard deviate = 2.6131, p-value = 0.004487
alternative hypothesis: greater
sample estimates:
Moran I statistic      Expectation      Variance
0.149686037          -0.010101010          0.003739254
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Notice that the regression coefficient is the Moran's I

Test Statistic for Normal Frequency Distribution



Null Hypothesis: no spatial autocorrelation

*Moran's $I = 0$

Alternative Hypothesis: spatial autocorrelation exists

*Moran's $I > 0$

Reject *Null Hypothesis* if Z test statistic > 1.96 (or < -1.96)

---less than a 5% chance that, in the population, there is no

spatial autocorrelation

Hypothesis Tests

Expected Moran's I just based on the n of observations, approaching 0 as n increases: $E(I) = -1/(n-1)$

$O > E$ = clustering, $E > O$ = dispersion

under assumptions of near normality, can use Z-scores to test significance

$Z^* = (I - E(I)) / sd$, where $sd = \sqrt{\text{var}(I)}$

I from 30 cities precip, $\text{exp } I$, $\text{var } .00199$

eg: $.0822 - (-.034) / .0446 = 2.605$ (reject H_0)