

2/7/14 Datahack-0: Geographical data

1. Quantification

- (a) What is the total length of cycle paths in Leeds?
- (b) What is the fastest/flattest/safest/best route from X to Y?
- (c) Where's my nearest 'good' 10k cycle route?
- (d) What happens if we build a new route?
- (e) Can we add time/weather/seasonal hazards and effects?

2. Network analysis

- (a) How can junctions be detected?
- (b) How can we convert the information into a graph (e.g., networkx)?
- (c) Can we analysis properties of the network (e.g., centrality, communicability, persistent hubs, small-world property, etc)?
- (d) What is the network effect of building new roads?

3. Computational

- (a) How can we be confident in our answers?
- (b) Can we map our data onto OS maps?
- (c) How can we tell if data is automatically generated or actual input from users?
- (d) Is Python a good or bad tool for this type of problem?

4. Big-data

- (a) Which methods, algorithms and procedures scale well with geographical size?
- (b) Is anything we did more generally applicable?