## Spatial Dependence with Polygons

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# Recap

- ► Types of Spatial Data
- Reading and Mapping spatial data in R
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- Creating Spatial Objects
- Measuring Distances

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#### Motivation

Cross-sectional iid non-spatial data

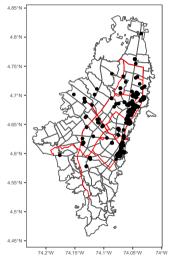
#### Standard cross-sectional models

$$y_i = X_i \beta + \epsilon_i \tag{1}$$
  
  $i = 1, \dots, n$ 

$$i=1,\ldots,n$$
 (2)

#### Motivation

- ► Independence assumption between observation is no longer valid
- ▶ Attributes of observation *i* may influence the attributes of observation *j*.
- ► We will consider various alternatives to model spatial dependence

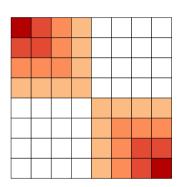


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## Spatial Dependence

- We now take a closer look at spatial dependence, or to be more precise on it's weaker expression spatial (auto)correlation.
- Spatial autocorrelation measures the degree to which a phenomenon of interest is correlated to itself in space (Cliff and Ord (1973)).
- ► For example, positive spatial correlation arises when units that are *close* to one another are more similar than units that are far apart



#### Spatial Dependence

► Following Anselin and Bera (1998) we can express the existence of spatial autocorrelation with the following moment condition:

$$Cov(y_i, y_j) \neq 0 \text{ for } i \neq j$$
 (3)

were  $y_i$  and  $y_j$  are observations on a random variable at locations i and j.

- ► The problem here is that we need to estimate *N* by *N* covariance terms directly for *N* observations.
- ▶ To overcome this problem we impose restrictions on the nature of the interactions.

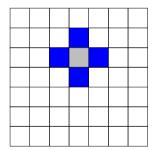
#### Closeness

"Everything is related to everything else, but close things are more related than things that are far apart" (Tobler, 1979).

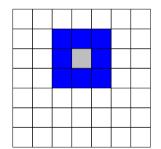
- One of the major differences between standard econometrics and standard spatial econometrics lies, in the fact that, in order to treat spatial data, we need to use two different sets of information
  - 1 Observed values of the variables
  - Particular location where those variables are observed and to the various links of proximity between all spatial observations

#### Closeness

Rook criterion: two units are close to one another if they share a side



Queen criterion: two units are close if they share a side or an edge.



#### Weights Matrix

▶ At the heart of traditional spatial econometrics is the definition of the *weights matrix*:

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} w_{11} & \dots & w_{n1} \\ \vdots & w_{ij} & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{n_1} & \dots & w_{nn} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$

$$(4)$$

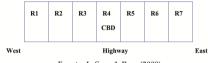
with generic element:

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \in N(i) \\ 0 & \text{o.} w \end{cases}$$
 (5)

N(i) being the set of neighbors of location j. By convention, the diagonal elements are set to zero, i.e.  $w_{ii} = 0$ .

# Weights Matrix

- ▶ The specification of the neighboring set (N(i)) is quite arbitrary and there's a wide range of suggestions in the literature.
  - ► Rook criterion
  - Oueen criterion
  - Two observations are neighbors if they are within a certain distance, i.e.,  $j \in N(j)$  if  $d_{ij} < d_{max}$  where d is the distance between location i and j.
  - ► Closest neighbor, ties can be solved randomly
  - More general matrices can also be specified by considering entries of  $w_{ij}$  as functions of geographical, economic or social distances between areas rather than simply characterized by dichotomous entries



Fuente: LeSage & Pace (2009)

#### Adjacency Criterion

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} R1 & R2 & R3 & R4 & R5 & R6 & R7 \\ R1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ R2 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ R3 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ R4 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ R5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ R6 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ R7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

(6)

Region 1		Region 2	
		Region 4	
		Region +	
			Region 3
Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	
			Region 8

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Region 1		Region 2	
		Region 4	
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#### Nearest Neighbor

Region 1		Region 2	
		Region 4	
			Region 3
Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	
			Region 8

#### Distance < 2



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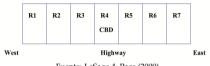
Quite often the W matrices are standardized to sum to one in each row

$$w_{ij}^* = \frac{w_{ij}}{\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}} \tag{7}$$

This can be quite useful since

$$L(y) = W^* y \tag{8}$$

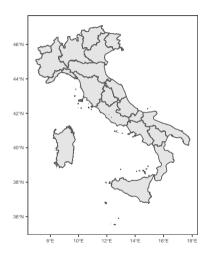
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require("spdep")
require("dplyr")
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chi.poly<-read_sf("foreclosures/foreclosures.shp")
st_crs(chi.poly) #doesn't have a projection</pre>
```

## Coordinate Reference System: NA

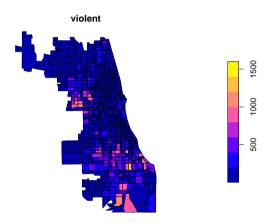
```
st_crs(chi.poly)<-4326 #WGS84 set it in the map
```

```
chi.poly<-st_transform(chi.poly,26916) #reproject planarly
#NAD83 UTM Zone 16N
st_crs(chi.poly)
## Coordinate Reference System:
    User input: EPSG: 26916
##
    wkt:
## PROJES["NAD83 / UTM zone 16N".
##
      GEOGCS["NAD83",
##
          DATUM["North American Datum 1983".
##
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      PARAMETER["false_easting",500000].
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##
      AXIS["Easting", EAST].
##
       AXIS["Northing", NORTH].
```

```
str(chi.poly)
```

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## tibble [897 x 17] (S3: sf/tbl df/tbl/data.frame)
## $ SP ID
            : chr [1:897] "1" "2" "3" "4" ...
## $ fips
             : chr [1:897] "17031010100" "17031010200" "17031010300" "17031010400" ...
## $ est fcs : int [1:897] 43 129 55 21 64 56 107 43 7 51 ...
## $ est_mtgs : int [1:897] 904 2122 1151 574 1427 1241 1959 830 208 928 ...
## $ est fcs rt: num [1:897] 4.76 6.08 4.78 3.66 4.48 4.51 5.46 5.18 3.37 5.5 ...
## $ res_addr : int [1:897] 2530 3947 3204 2306 5485 2994 3701 1694 443 1552 ...
## $ est_90d_va: num [1:897] 12.61 12.36 10.46 5.03 8.44 ...
## $ county
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   $ property : num [1:897] 646 914 478 509 641 612 678 332 147 351 ...
## $ violent : num [1:897] 433 421 235 159 240 266 272 146 78 84 ...
## $ geometrv :sfc_POLYGON of length 897; first list element: List of 1
   ..$: num [1:15, 1:2] 443923 444329 444814 444839 444935 ...
   ..- attr(*, "class")= chr [1:3] "XY" "POLYGON" "sfg"
## - attr(*, "sf_column")= chr "geometry"
..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:16] "SP ID" "fips" "est fcs" "est mtgs" ...
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plot(chi.poly['violent'])

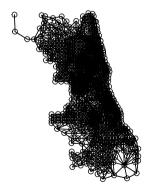


```
list.queen<-poly2nb(chi.poly, queen=TRUE)
W<-nb2listw(list.queen, style="W", zero.policy=TRUE)
W

## Characteristics of weights list object:
## Number of regions: 897
## Number of nonzero links: 6140
## Percentage nonzero weights: 0.7631036
## Average number of links: 6.845039
##
## Weights style: W
```

## Weights constants summary: ## n nn S0 S1 S2 ## W 897 804609 897 274 4893 3640 864

plot(W,st\_geometry(st\_centroid(chi.poly)))



```
coords <- st_centroid(st_geometry(chi.poly), of_largest_polygon=TRUE)
W_dist<-dnearneigh(coords,0,1000)
W_dist</pre>
```

```
## Neighbour list object:
## Number of regions: 897
## Number of nonzero links: 5448
## Percentage nonzero weights: 0.6770991
## Average number of links: 6.073579
## 55 regions with no links:
## 141 142 143 145 153 154 155 158 462 631 637 638 642 643 644 645 655 656 657 658 659 758 759 769 820 821 822 823 824 855 856 857 861 862 8
```

#### plot(W\_dist, coords)



```
W_dist<-dnearneigh(coords,0,4300)
W_dist
## Neighbour list object:</pre>
```

```
## Number of regions: 897
## Number of nonzero links: 87988
## Percentage nonzero weights: 10.9355
## Average number of links: 98.09142
```

#### plot(W\_dist, coords)



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#### Testing for Spatial Dependence

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

```
chi.ols<-lm(violent~est_fcs_rt+bls_unemp, data=chi.poly@data)</pre>
summary(chi.ols)
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = violent ~ est_fcs_rt + bls_unemp, data = chi.poly@data)
##
## Residuals:
##
      Min
               10 Median
                              30
                                     Max
## -892.02 -77.02 -23.73 41.90 1238.22
##
  Coefficients:
##
              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -18.627 45.366 -0.411
                                           0.681
## est_fcs_rt 28.298 1.435 19.720 <2e-16 ***
## bls_unemp -0.308
                           5.770 -0.053
                                         0.957
## ---
```

## Signif. codes: 0 '\*\*\* 0.001 '\*\* 0.01 '\* 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' 1

##

## Testing for Spatial Dependence

- ▶ We can use the OLS reiduals to test for spatial correlation.
- ► The most basic one is Moran's I test (1950), a test statistics for the null of uncorrelation among regression residuals.

$$I = \left(\frac{e'We}{e'e}\right) \tag{10}$$

- where  $e = y X\beta$  is a vector of OLS residuals  $\beta = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$ , W is the row standardized spatial weights matrix
- ► Moran's I test was originally developed as a two-dimensional analog of Durbin-Watson's test



#### Testing for Spatial Dependence

```
moran.lm<-lm.morantest(chi.ols, W, alternative="two.sided")
print(moran.lm)</pre>
```

```
##
   Global Moran I for regression residuals
##
## data:
## model: lm(formula = violent ~ est_fcs_rt + bls_unemp, data =
## chi.poly@data)
## weights: W
##
## Moran I statistic standard deviate = 11.785, p-value < 2.2e-16
## alternative hypothesis: two.sided
## sample estimates:
## Observed Moran T
                                              Variance
                         Expectation
##
      0.2142252370
                       -0.0020099108
                                         0.0003366648
```

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▶ We can think of situations where values observed at one location or region, say observation i, depend on the values of neighboring observations at nearby locations.

$$y_i = \rho_i y_j + X_i \beta + \epsilon_i \tag{11}$$

$$y_j = \rho_j y_i + X_j \beta + \epsilon_j \tag{12}$$

▶ This situation suggests a simultaneous data generating process, where the value taken by  $y_i$  depends on that of  $y_i$  and vice versa.

 Spatial lag dependence in a regression setting can be modeled similar to an autoregressive process in time series. Formally,

$$y = \rho Wy + X\beta + u$$

- Wy induces a nonzero correlation with the error term, similar to the presence of an endogenous variable.
- ▶ Unlike to time series,  $Wy_i$  is always correlated with u
- ▶ OLS estimates in the non spatial model will be biased and inconsistent. (Anselin and Bera, 1998)
- ▶ In R the function lagsarlm uses MLE



```
sar.chi<-lagsarlm(violent~est_fcs_rt+bls_unemp, data=chi.poly, W)</pre>
summary(sar.chi)
##
## Call:
## lagsarlm(formula = violent ~ est_fcs_rt + bls_unemp, data = chi.poly,
      listw = W)
## Residuals:
       Min
                 10 Median
                                          Max
## -519.127 -65.003 -15.226
                            36.423 1184.193
## Type: lag
## Coefficients: (asymptotic standard errors)
              Estimate Std. Error z value Pr(>|z|)
## (Intercept) -93.7885
                         41.3162 -2.270 0.02321
## est fcs rt 15.6822 1.5600 10.053 < 2e-16
## bls unemp
              8.8949
                          5.2447 1.696 0.08989
##
## Rho: 0.49037. LR test value: 141.33. p-value: < 2.22e-16
## Asymptotic standard error: 0.039524
      z-value: 12.407, p-value: < 2.22e-16
## Wald statistic: 153.93, p-value: < 2.22e-16
## Log likelihood: -5738.047 for lag model
## ML residual variance (sigma squared): 20200, (sigma: 142.13)
## Number of observations: 897
## Number of parameters estimated: 5
## AIC: 11486, (AIC for lm: 11625)
```

The model is then

$$y = \rho Wy + X\beta + u$$

with  $|\rho|$  < 1, we also assume that W is exogenous

If *W* is row standardized:

- ► Guarantees  $|\rho|$  < 1 (Anselin, 1982)
- ▶ [0,1] Weights
- ► *Wy* Average of neighboring values
- ▶ W is no longer symmetric  $\sum_{i} w_{ij} \neq \sum_{i} w_{ji}$  (complicates computation)

Maximum Likelihood Estimator

Note that we can write

$$(I - \rho W)y = X\beta + u$$

- ▶ We can think this model as a way to correct for loss of information coming from spatial dependence.
- $(1 \rho W)y$  is a spatially filtered dependent variable, i.e., the effect of spatial autocorrelation taken out

- ▶ In this case, endogeneity emerges because the spatially lagged value of y is correlated with the stochastic disturbance.
- One solution that emerged in the literature is MLE
- ▶ We need an extra assumption, i.e.,  $u \sim_{iid} N(0, \sigma^2 I)$ .

Maximum Likelihood Estimator

The associated likelihood function is then

$$\mathcal{L}\left(\sigma^2, \rho, y\right) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n |\sigma^2\Omega|^{-\frac{1}{2}} exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - (I - \rho W)^{-1} X\beta)' \Omega^{-1} (y - (I - \rho W)^{-1} X\beta)\right\}$$

the log likelihood

$$l\left(\sigma^{2},\rho,y\right)=constant-\frac{1}{2}ln|\sigma^{2}\Omega|-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(y-(I-\rho W)^{-1}X\beta)'\Omega^{-1}(y-(I-\rho W)^{-1}X\beta)$$

#### Maximum Likelihood Estimator

so returning to the log likelihood we have that the log likelihood is

$$l(\sigma^{2}, \rho, y) = constant - \frac{n}{2}ln(\sigma^{2}) + ln(|(I - \rho W)|)$$
$$-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}(y - (I - \rho W)^{-1}X\beta)'(I - \rho W)'(I - \rho W)(y - (I - \rho W)^{-1}X\beta)$$
(13)

then

$$l(\sigma^{2}, \rho, y) = constant - \frac{n}{2}ln(\sigma^{2})$$

$$-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}((I - \rho W)y - X\beta)'((I - \rho W) - X\beta)$$

$$+ln(|(I - \rho W)|)$$
(14)

#### Maximum Likelihood Estimator

- ► The determinant  $|(I \rho W)|$  is quite complicated because in contrast to the time series, where it is a triangular matrix, here it is a full matrix.
- Nowever, Ord (1975) showed that it can be expressed as a function of the eigenvalues  $ω_i$

$$|(I - \rho W)| = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (1 - \rho \omega_i)$$

So the log likelihood is simplified to

$$l(\sigma^{2}, \rho, y) = constant - \frac{n}{2}ln(\sigma^{2})$$

$$-\frac{1}{2\sigma^{2}}((I - \rho W)y - X\beta)'((I - \rho W)y - X\beta)$$

$$+\sum ln(1 - \rho\omega_{i})$$
(15)

Maximum Likelihood Estimator

Applying FOC, the ML estimates for  $\beta$  and  $\sigma^2$  are:

$$\beta_{MLE} = (X'X)^{-1}X'(I - \rho W)y$$

$$\sigma_{MLE}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (y - \rho Xy - X\beta_{MLE})'(y - \rho Xy - X\beta_{MLE})$$

ightharpoonup Conditional on ho these estimates are simply OLS applied to the spatially filtered dependent variable and explanatory variables X.

#### Maximum Likelihood Estimator

ightharpoonup Substituting these in the log likelihood we have a concentrated log-likelihood as a nonlinear function of a single parameter  $\rho$ 

$$l(\rho) = -\frac{n}{2} ln \left( \frac{1}{n} (e_0 - \rho e_L)'(e_0 - \rho e_L) \right) + \sum ln (1 - \rho \omega_i)$$
 (16)

- $\blacktriangleright$  where  $e_0$  are the residuals in a regression of y on X and
- $ightharpoonup e_L$  of a regression of *Wy* on *X*.
- ▶ This expression can be maximized numerically to obtain the estimators for the unknown parameters  $\rho$ .

Two-Stage Least Squares estimators

- ▶ An alternative to MLE we can us 2SLS to eliminate endogeneity.
- Key is to identify proper instruments
  - ▶ Need to be uncorrelated with the error term
  - Correlated with WY

Two-Stage Least Squares estimators

Consider the following

$$E(y) = (I - \rho W)^{-1} X \beta$$

now, since |
ho| < 1 we can use Neumann series property to expand the inverse matrix as

$$(I - \rho W)^{-1} = I + \rho W + \rho^2 W^2 + \rho^3 W^3 + \dots$$

hence

$$E(y) = (I + \rho W + \rho^2 W^2 + \rho^3 W^3 + ....) X\beta$$

$$= X\beta + \rho WX\beta + \rho^2 W^2 X\beta + \rho^3 W^3 X\beta + \dots$$

so we can express E(y) as a function of X, WX,  $W^2X$ ,...



Two-Stage Least Squares estimators

We can use the first three elements of the expansion as instruments. Let's define H as the matrix with our instruments

$$H = [X, WX, W^2X]$$

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### Spatial Error Model (SEM)

#### An OVB motivation

► True GDP

$$y = X\beta + Z\theta$$

- ▶ but *Z* is not observed and  $Z \perp X$
- we estimate

$$y = X\beta + \epsilon$$

▶ if *Z* has a spatial autoregressive process

$$Z = \rho WZ + r$$

### Spatial Error Model (SEM)

#### An OVB motivation

► Then

$$y = X\beta + (I - \rho W)^{-1}(\theta r)$$

ightharpoonup calling  $(\theta r) = u$ 

$$y = X\beta + (I - \rho W)^{-1}u$$

 $\triangleright$   $\beta$  will be unbiased but inefficient

## Spatial Error Model (SEM)

The model is now

$$y = X\beta + u$$

with

$$u = \rho Xu + \epsilon$$

with  $|\rho|$  < 1, we also assume that W is exogenous We can estimate this by MLE or FGLS

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