Spatial Analysis and Modeling (GIST 4302/5302)

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Outline of This Week

- Last week, we learned:
 - spatial point pattern analysis (PPA)
 - focus on location distribution of 'events'
 - Measure the cluster (spatial autocorrelation)in point pattern
- This week, we will learn:
 - How to measure and detect clusters/spatial autocorrelation in areal data (regional data)

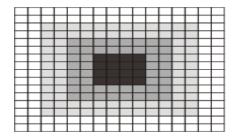
Spatial Autocorrelation

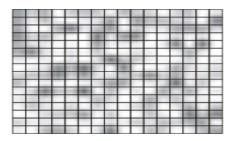
- Spatial autocorrelationship is everywhere
 - Spatial point pattern
 - K, F, G functions
 - Kernel functions
 - Areal/lattice (this topic)
 - Geostatistical data (next topic)

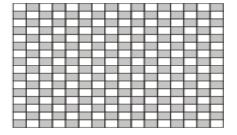
Spatial Autocorrelation of Areal Data

Spatial Autocorrelation

- Tobler's first law of geography
- Spatial auto/cross correlation







If like values tend to cluster together, then the field exhibits high positive spatial autocorrelation

If there is no apparent relationship between attribute value and location then there is zero spatial autocorrelation

If like values tend to be located away from each other, then there is negative spatial autocorrelation

Positive spatial autocorrelation

- high values
 surrounded by nearby high values
- intermediate values surrounded by nearby intermediate values
- low values surrounded by nearby low values

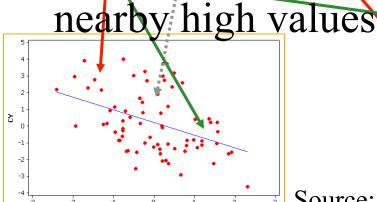
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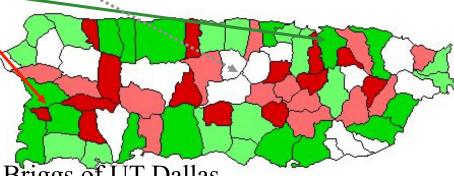
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2002 population density

Negative spatial autocorrelation

- high values surrounded by nearby low values
- intermediate values surrounded by nearby intermediate values
- low values surrounded by





competition for space



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Measuring Spatial Autocorrelation: the problem of measuring "nearness"

To measure spatial autocorrelation, we must know the "nearness" of our observations as we did for point pattern case

• Which points or polygons are "near" or "next to" other points or polygons?

-Which states are near Texas?

-How to measure this?

Seems simple and obvious,

but it is not!



Spatial Weight Matrix

- Core concept in statistical analysis of areal data
- Two steps involved:
 - define which relationships between observations are to be given a nonzero weight, i.e., define spatial neighbors
 - assign weights to the neighbors

Spatial Neighbors

Contiguity-based neighbors

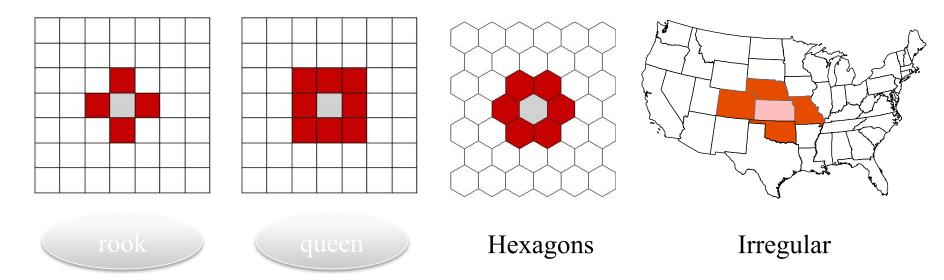
- Zone i and j are neighbors if zone i is contiguity or adjacent to zone j
- But what constitutes contiguity?

Distance-based neighbors

- Zone i and j are neighbors if the distance between them are less than the threshold distance
- But what distance do we use?

Contiguity-based Spatial Neighbors

- Sharing a border or boundary
 - Rook: sharing a border
 - Queen: sharing a border or a point

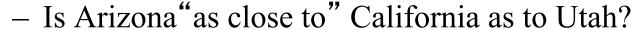


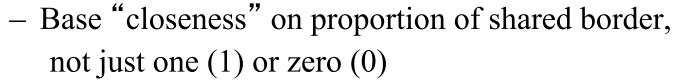
Which use?

Problem Situations for Irregular Polygons

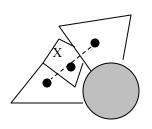
"Close" but no common border

Length of border



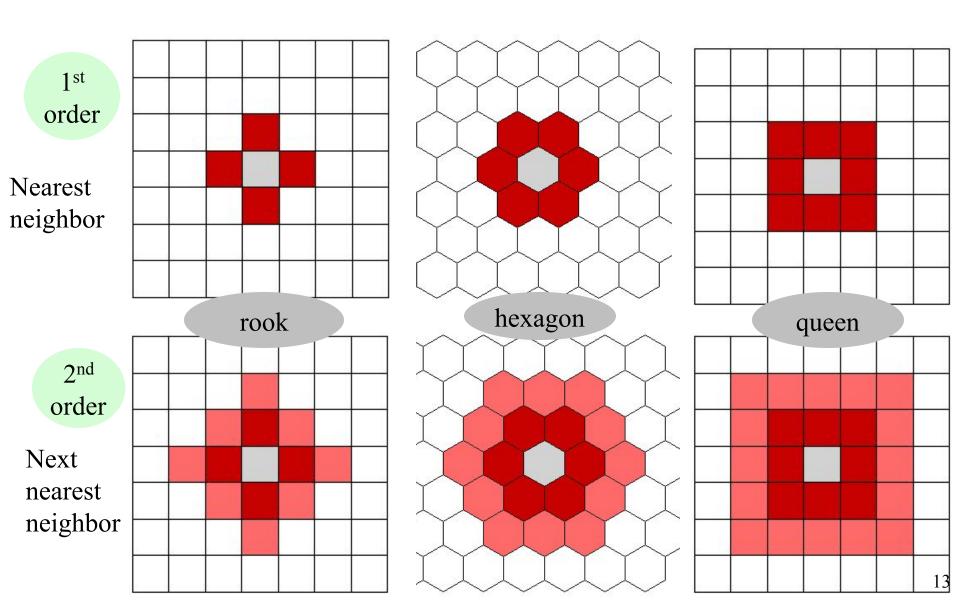


 $- w_{ij} = border \ length_{ij} / border \ length_{j})$





Higher-Order Contiguity



Distance-based Neighbors

- How to measure distance between polygons?
- Distance metrics
 - 2D Cartesian distance (projected data)
 - 3D spherical distance/great-circle distance (lat/long data)
 - Haversine formula

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Haversine a = \sin^2(\Delta \phi/2) + \cos(\phi_1).\cos(\phi_2).\sin^2(\Delta \lambda/2)
formula: c = 2.a \tan 2(\sqrt{a}, \sqrt{(1-a)})
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Distance-based Neighbors

• k-nearest neighbors

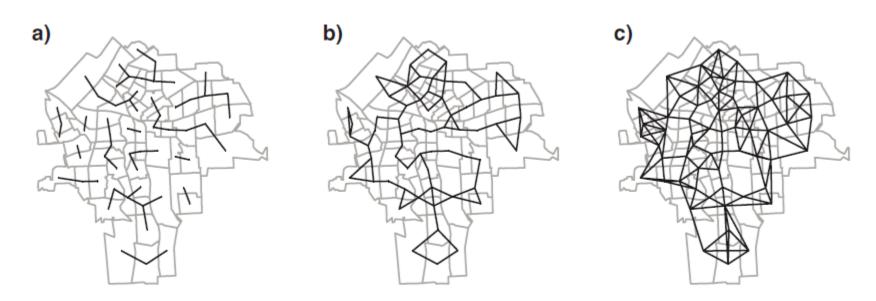


Fig. 9.5. (a) k = 1 neighbours; (b) k = 2 neighbours; (c) k = 4 neighbours

Source: Bivand and Pebesma and Gomez-Rubio

Distance-based Neighbors

• thresh-hold distance (buffer)

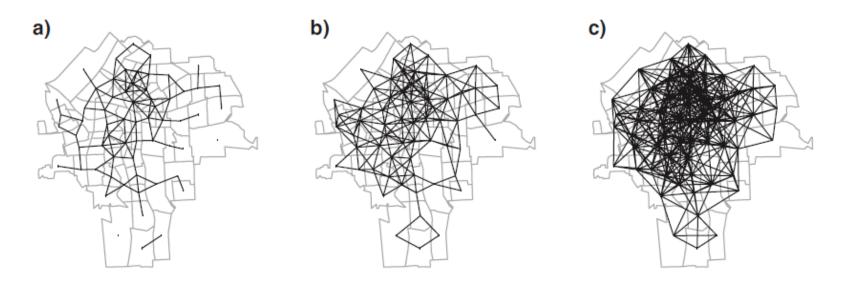
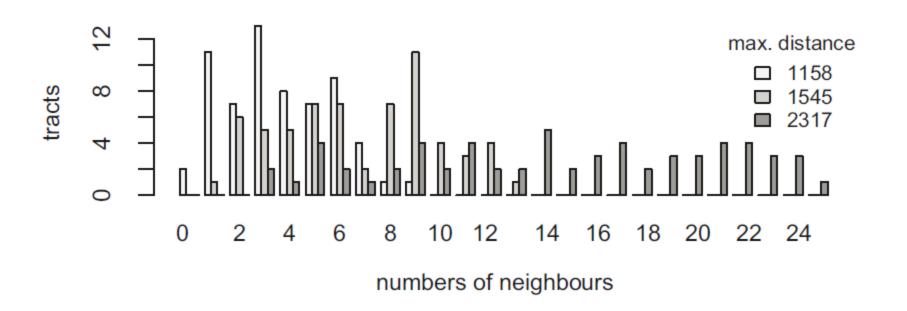


Fig. 9.6. (a) Neighbours within 1,158 m; (b) neighbours within 1,545 m; (c) neighbours within 2,317 m

Source: Bivand and Pebesma and Gomez-Rubio

Neighbor/Connectivity Histogram



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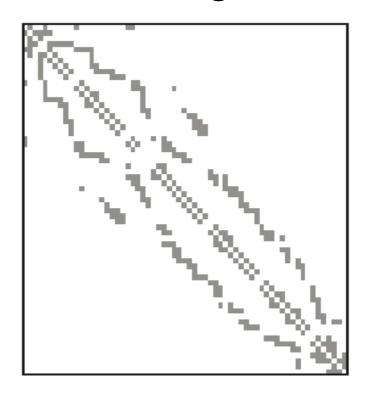
Spatial Weight Matrix

• Spatial weights can be seen as a list of weights indexed by a list of neighbors

• If zone j is not a neighbor of zone i, weights

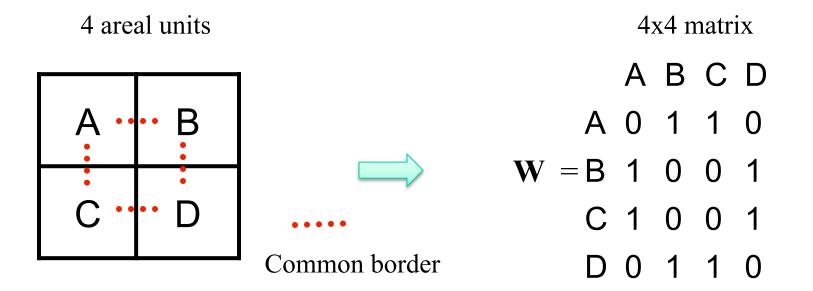
Wij will set to zero

- The weight matrix can be illustrated as an image
- Sparse matrix



A Simple Example for Rook case

- Matrix contains a:
 - 1 if share a border
 - 0 if do not share a border



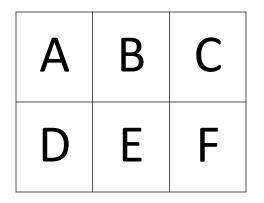
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Style of Spatial Weight Matrix

- Row
 - a weight of unity for each neighbor relationship
- Row standardization
 - Symmetry not guaranteed
 - can be interpreted as allowing the calculation of average values across neighbors
- General spatial weights based on distances

Row vs. Row standardization



Divide each number by the row sum

Total number of neighbors
--some have more than others



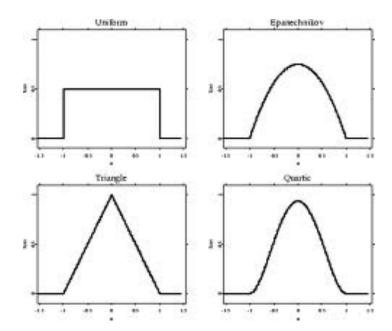
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| В | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| С | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| D | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| E | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| F | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Row standardized --usually use this

| | А | В | С | D | E | F | Row Sum |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Α | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1 |
| В | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 1 |
| С | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 1 |
| D | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1 |
| E | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 1 |
| F | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1 |

General Spatial Weights Based on Distance

- Decay functions of distance
 - Most common choice is the inverse (reciprocal) of the distance between locations i and j $(w_{ij} = 1/d_{ij})$
 - Other functions also used
 - inverse of <u>squared</u> distance $(w_{ij} = 1/d_{ij}^2)$, or
 - negative exponential $(w_{ij} = e^{-d} \ or \ w_{ij} = e^{-d^2})$



Measure of Spatial Autocorrelation

Global Measures and Local Measures

Global Measures

- A single value which applies to the entire data set
 - The same pattern or process occurs over the entire geographic area
 - An average for the entire area

Local Measures

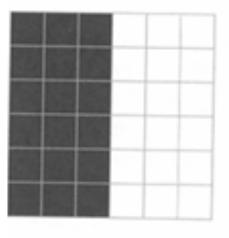
- A value calculated for <u>each</u> observation unit
 - Different patterns or processes may occur in different parts of the region
 - A unique number for each location
- Global measures usually can be decomposed into a combination of local measures

Global Measures and Local Measures

- Global Measures
 - Join Count
 - Moran's I
- Local Measures
 - Local Moran's I

Join (or Joint or Joins) Count Statistic

Positive autocorrelation



| Queen's | case |
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Rook's case
$$J_{BB} = 27$$

$$J_{BB} = 47$$

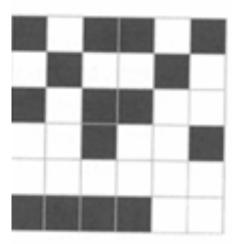
$$J_{WW} = 27$$

$$J_{WW} = 47$$

$$J_{BW} = 6$$

$$J_{BW} = 16$$





$$J_{\text{BB}} = 6$$
 $J_{\text{BB}} = 14$

$$J_{RR} = 14$$

$$J_{WW} = 19$$

$$J_{WW} = 40$$

$$J_{BW} = 35$$

$$J_{BW} = 56$$

$$J_{BB} = 0$$

$$J_{\mathsf{BB}} = 25$$

Negative autocorrelation

$$J_{WW} = 0$$

$$J_{WW} = 25$$

$$J_{BW} = 60$$

$$J_{BW} = 60$$

- 60 for Rook Case
- 110 for Queen Case

Join Count: Test Statistic

Test Statistic given by: Z= Observed - Expected
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:

$$E(J_{\mathrm{BB}}) = kp_B^2$$
 $E(J_{\mathrm{WW}}) = kp_W^2$ $E(J_{\mathrm{BW}}) = 2kp_Bp_W$

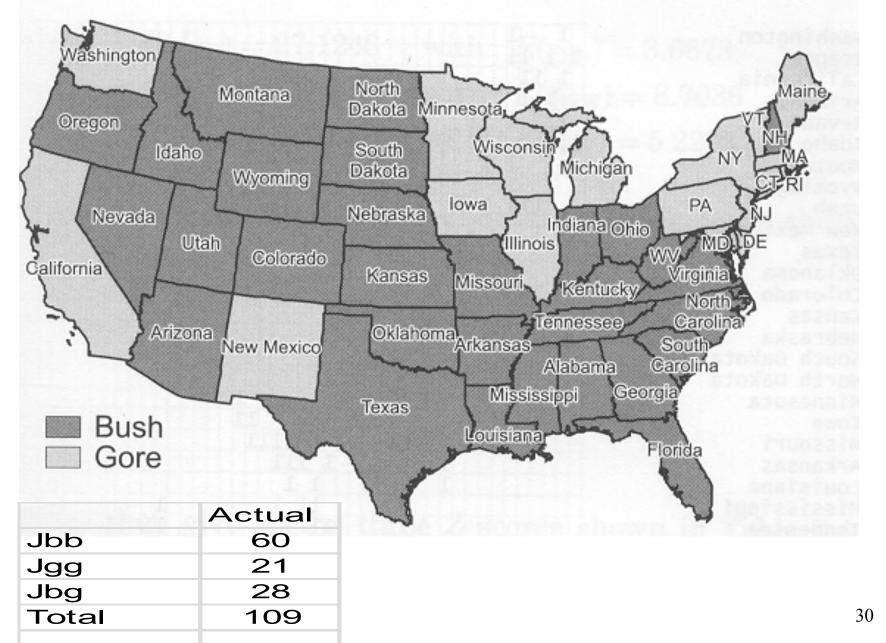
$$E(s_{\rm BB}) = \sqrt{kp_{\rm B}^2 + 2mp_{\rm B}^3 - (k+2m)p_{\rm B}^4}$$

$$E(s_{\rm WW}) = \sqrt{kp_{\rm W}^2 + 2mp_{\rm W}^3 - (k+2m)p_{\rm W}^4}$$

$$E(s_{\rm BW}) = \sqrt{2(k+m)p_{\rm B}p_{\rm W} - 4(k+2m)p_{\rm B}^2p_{\rm W}^2}$$

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 p_{W} is calculated from k according to: $m = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} k_{i}(k_{i} - 1)$

Gore/Bush Presidential Election 2000



Join Count Statistic for Gore/Bush 2000 by State

| candidates | probability |
|------------|-------------|
| Bush | 0.49885 |
| Gore | 0.50115 |
| | |

| | 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 | | |
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- The expected number of joins is calculated based on the proportion of votes each received in the election (for Bush = 109*.499*.499=27.125)
- There are far $\underline{\text{more}}$ Bush/Bush joins (actual = 60) than would be expected (27)
 - Positive autocorrelation
- There are far $\underline{\text{fewer}}$ Bush/Gore joins (actual = 28) than would be expected (54)
 - Positive autocorrelation
- No strong clustering evidence for Gore (actual = 21 slightly less than 27.375)

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)



Patrick Alfred Pierce Moran (1917-1988)

Formula for Moran's I

$$I = \frac{N \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} W_{ij} (X_i - \overline{X}) (X_j - \overline{X})}{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} W_{ij}) \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})^2}$$

Where:

 $\frac{N}{\overline{X}}$ is the number of observations (points or polygons) is the mean of the variable X_i is the variable value at a particular location X_i is the variable value at another location W_{ij} is a weight indexing location of i relative to j

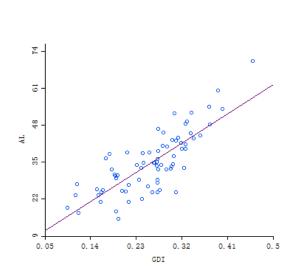
Moran's I and Correlation Coefficient

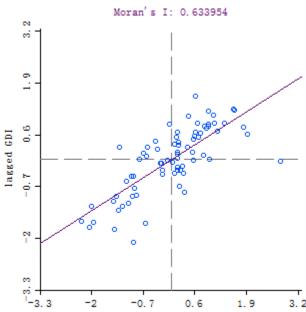
Correlation Coefficient [-1, 1]

- Relationship between <u>two</u> different variables

Moran's I [-1, 1]

- Spatial autocorrelation and often involves <u>one</u> (spatially indexed) variable only
- Correlation between observations of a spatial variable at location X and "spatial lag" of X formed by averaging all the observation at neighbors of X





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

Correlation Coefficient

Note the similarity of the numerator (top) to the measures of spatial association discussed earlier if we view Yi as being the Xi for the neighboring polygon

(see next slide)

$$\frac{N\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}w_{ij}(x_{i}-\overline{x})(x_{j}-\overline{x})}{(\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{j=1}^{n}w_{ij})\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_{i}-\overline{x})^{2}}$$

Spatial auto-correlation

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

Source: Ron Briggs of UT Dallas

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

Correlation Coefficient

Spatial weights

Yi is the Xi for the neighboring polygon

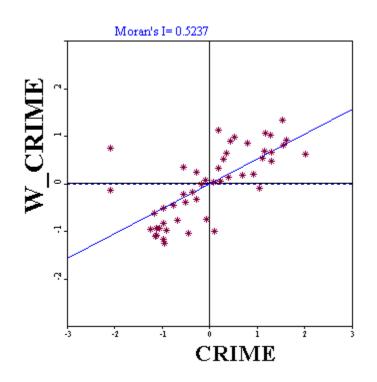
$$\frac{N \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij} (x_i - \overline{x}) (x_j - \overline{x})}{(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij}) \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{x})^2}$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij} (x_{i} - \overline{x})(x_{j} - \overline{x}) / \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij}}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \overline{x})^{2}} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \overline{x})^{2}}} \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \overline{x})^{2}}{n}}$$

Source: Ron Briggs of UT Dallas

Moran Scatter Plots

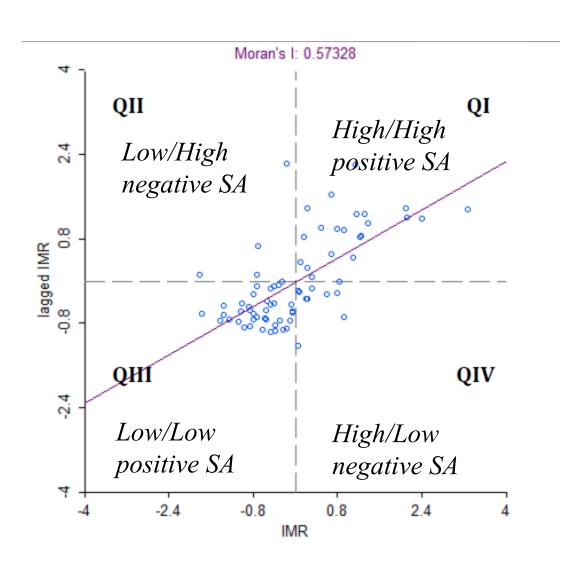
We can draw a scatter diagram between these two variables (in standardized form): **X** and **lag-X** (or W_X)



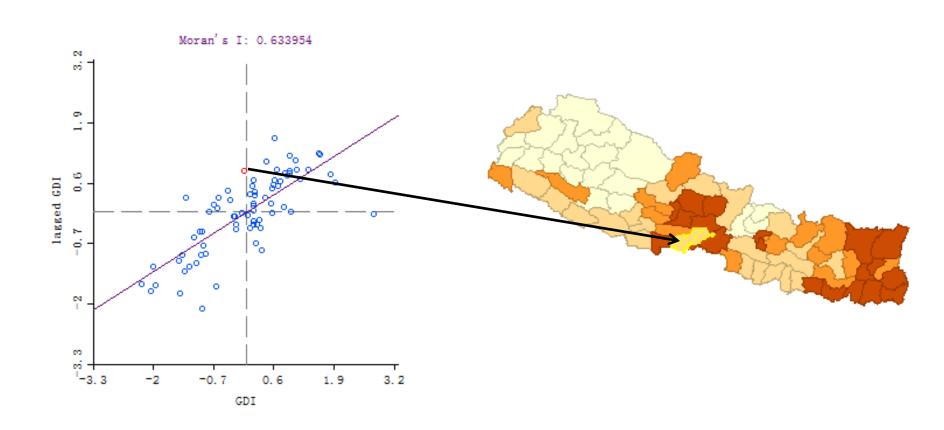


The <u>slope</u> of this *regression line* is Moran's I

Moran Scatter Plots



Moran Scatterplot: Example



Moran's I for rate-based data

- Moran's I is often calculated for rates, such as crime rates (e.g. number of crimes per 1,000 population) or infant mortality rates (e.g. number of deaths per 1,000 births)
- An adjustment should be made, especially if the denominator in the rate (population or number of births) varies greatly (as it usually does)
- Adjustment is know as the *EB adjust*ment:
 - see Assuncao-Reis Empirical Bayes Standardization
 Statistics in Medicine, 1999
- GeoDA software includes an option for this adjustment

Statistical Significance Tests for Moran's I

Based on the normal frequency distribution with

$$Z = \frac{I - E(I)}{S_{error(I)}}$$

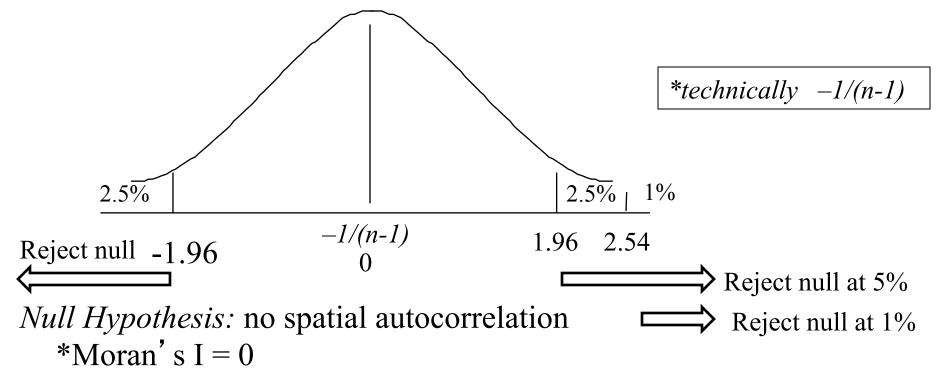
Where: I is the calculated value for Moran's I from the sample

E(I) is the expected value if random

S is the standard error

- Statistical significance test
 - Monte Carlo test, as we did for spatial pattern analysis
 - Permutation test
 - Non-parametric
 - Data-driven, no assumption of the data
 - Implemented in GeoDa

Test Statistic for Normal Frequency Distribution



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
- ---95% confident that spatial auto correlation exits

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Local Measures of Spatial Autocorrelation

Local Indicators of Spatial Association (LISA)

- Local versions of Moran's I, and the Getis-Ord G statistic
- Moran's I is most commonly used, and the local version is often called Anselin's LISA, or just LISA

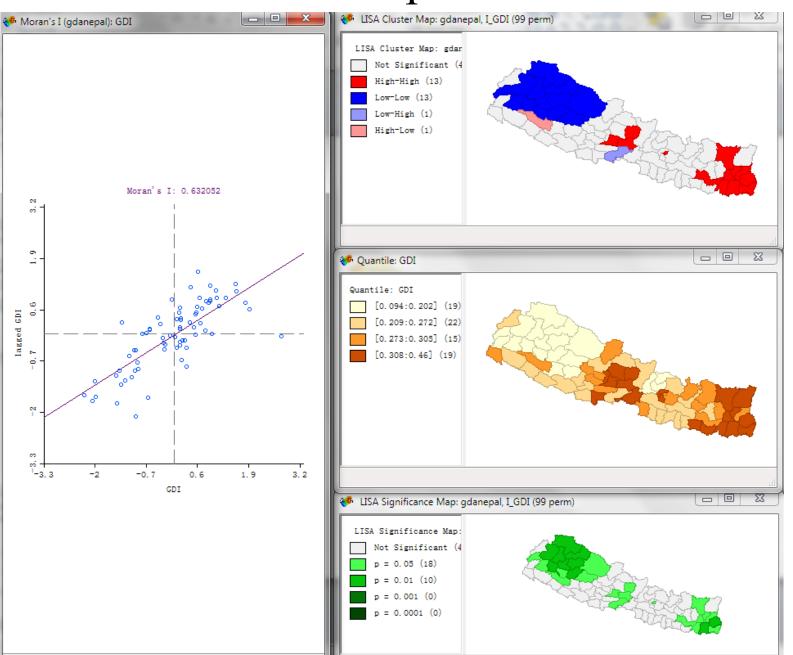
See:

Luc Anselin 1995 Local Indicators of Spatial Association-LISA Geographical Analysis 27: 93-115

Local Indicators of Spatial Association (LISA)

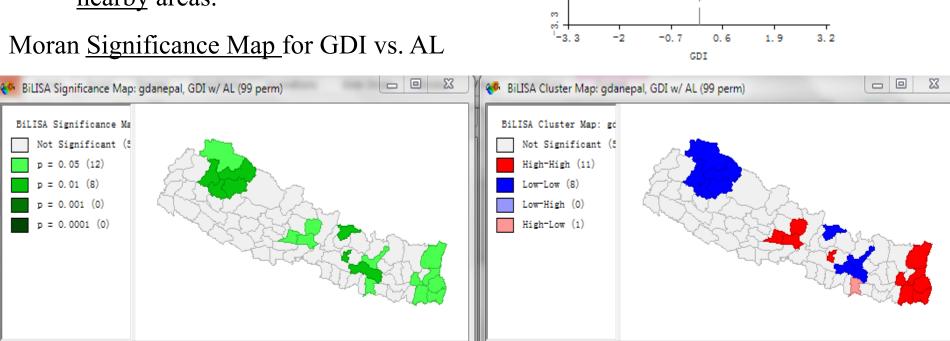
- The statistic is calculated for **each** areal unit in the data
- For each polygon, the index is calculated <u>based on neighboring</u> <u>polygons with which it shares a border</u>
- A measure is available for <u>each</u> polygon, these can be mapped to indicate how <u>spatial autocorrelation varies</u> over the study region
- Each index has an associated test statistic, we can also map which of the polygons has a <u>statistically significant relationship</u> with its neighbors, and show <u>type</u> of relationship

Example:

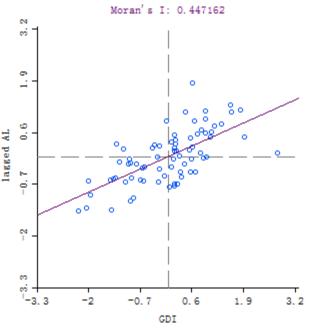


Bivariate LISA

- Moran's I is the correlation between X and Lag-X--the <u>same</u> variable but in <u>nearby</u> areas
 - Univariate Moran's I
- Bivariate Moran's I is a correlation between X and a <u>different</u> variable in <u>nearby</u> areas.

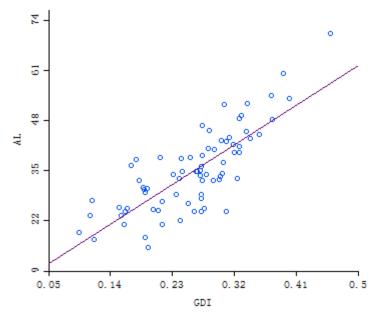


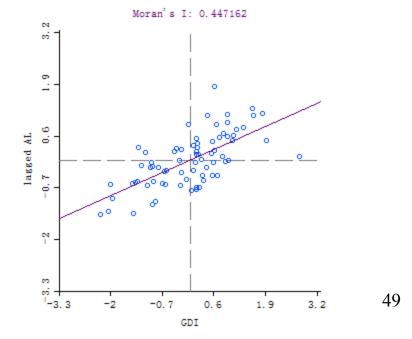
Moran Scatter Plot for GDI vs AL



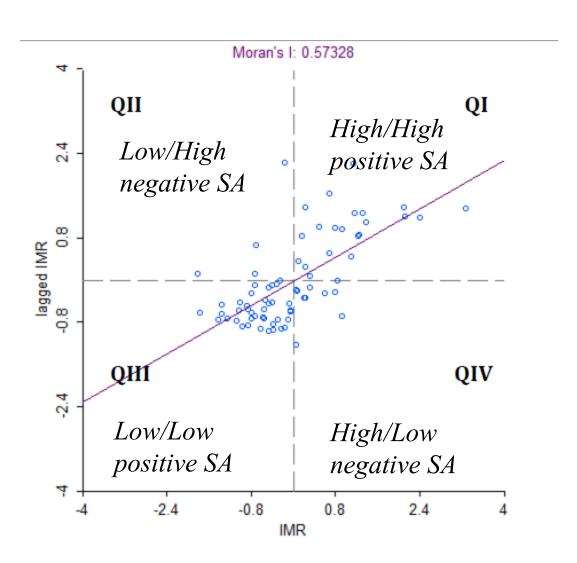
Bivariate LISA and the Correlation Coefficie

- Correlation Coefficient is the relationship between two <u>different</u> variables in the <u>same</u> area
- Bivariate LISA is a correlation between two <u>different</u> variables in an area and in <u>nearby</u> areas.





Bivariate Moran Scatter Plot



Summary

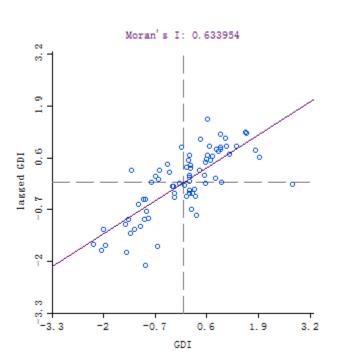
- Spatial autocorrelation of areal data
- Spatial weight matrix
- Measures of spatial autocorrelation
- Global Measure
 - Moran's I
 - Local
 - LISA: Moran's I
- Significance test

Spatial Regression

Spatial Autocorrelation vs Correlation

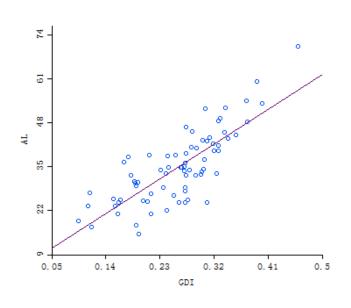
Spatial Autocorrelation:

shows the association or relationship between the same variable in "nearby" areas.



Standard Correlation

shows the association or relationship between two different variables



Consequences of Ignoring Spatial Autocorrelation

- correlation coefficients and coefficients of determination appear <u>bigger</u> than they really are
 - •You think the relationship is stronger than it really is
 - •the variables in nearby areas affect each other
- Standard errors appear <u>smaller</u> than they really are
 - exaggerated precision
 - •You think your predictions are better than they really are since standard errors measure *predictive accuracy*
 - •More likely to conclude relationship is *statistically significant*.

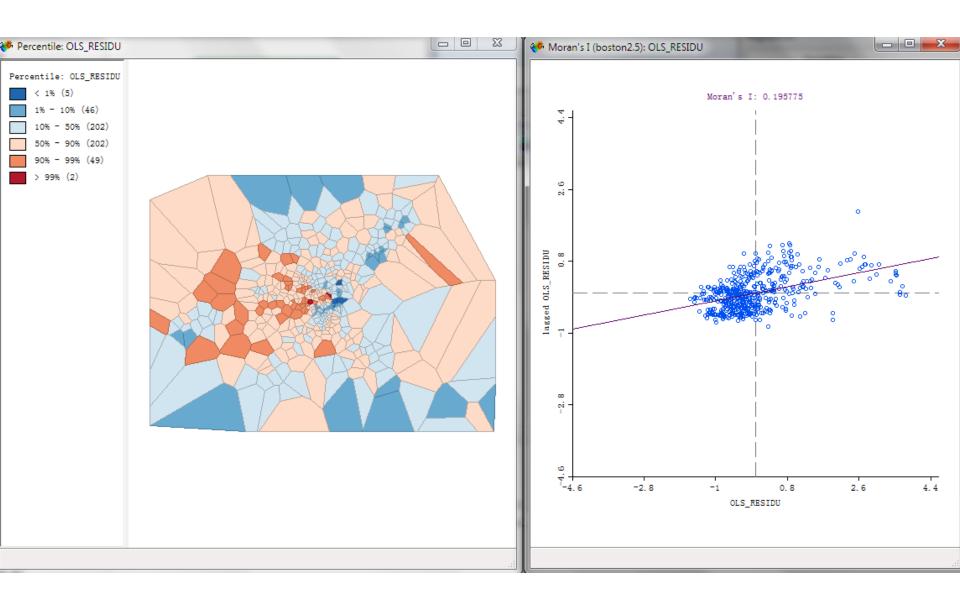
Diagnostic of Spatial Dependence

For correlation

- calculate Moran's I for each variable and test its statistical significance
- If Moran's I is significant, you may have a problem!

For regression

- calculate the residualsmap the residuals: do you see any spatial patterns?
- Calculate Moran's I for the residuals: is it statistically significant?



When (spatial) correlation happens

- Try to think of <u>omitted variables</u> and include them in a multiple regression.
 - Missing (omitted) variables may cause spatial autocorrelation
- Regression assumes <u>all</u> relevant variables influencing the dependent variable are included
 - If relevant variables are missing, model is *misspecified*

Spatial Regression Methods

- Spatial Econometrics Approaches
 - Lag model
 - Error model
- Spatial Statistics Approaches
 - Simultaneous Autoregressive Models (SAR)
 - •A more general case of Spatial Econometrics
 - Conditional Autoregressive Models (CAR)
- Other methods:
 - Generalized linear model with mixed effects
 - Generalized additive model
 - Generalized Estimating Equations

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Spatial Econometrics Approaches

Spatial lag model

$$Y = \beta_0 + \lambda WY + X\beta + \varepsilon$$

values of the <u>dependent variable</u> in neighboring locations (WY) are included as an extra explanatory variable

• these are the "spatial lag" of Y

Spatial error model

$$Y = \beta_0 + X\beta + \rho W\varepsilon + \xi$$

 ξ is "white noise"

values of the <u>residuals</u> in neighboring locations ($W\varepsilon$) are included as an extra term in the equation;

• these are "spatial error"

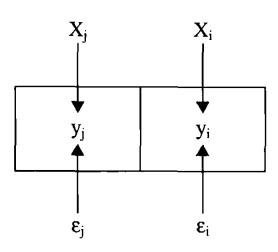
Spatial Lag and Spatial Error Models: conceptual comparison

Ordinary Least Squares

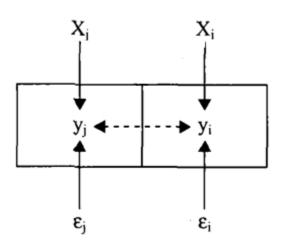
OLS

LS SPATIAL LAG

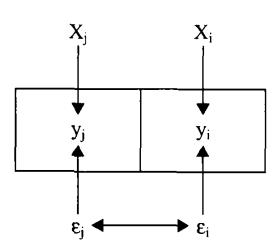
TIAL LAG SPATIAL ERROR



No influence from neighbors



Dependent variable influenced by neighbors



Residuals influenced by neighbors

Baller, R., L. Anselin, S. Messner, G. Deane and D. Hawkins. 2001. Structural covariates of US County homicide rates: incorporating spatial effects,. Criminology, 39, 561-590

Source: Briggs UT Dallas

Spatial Lag Model

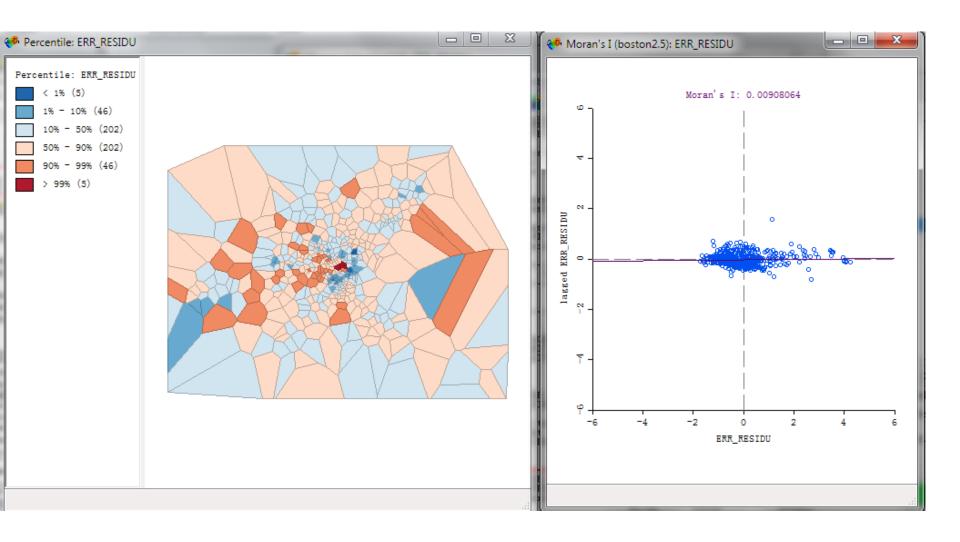
- Incorporates spatial effects by including a spatially lagged dependent variable as an additional predictor
- Outcome is dependent on the outcome for neighbors
- The 'spatially lagged' or 'average neighbouring' Wy is correlated with the unobserved error term, thus the model leads to biased and inefficient coefficients if using OLS

Spatial Error Model

- Incorporates spatial effects through error term
- Unobserved factors in neighboring locations are correlated
- With spatial error violate the assumption that error terms are uncorrelated and coefficients are inefficient if using OLS

Lag or Error Model: Which to use?

- Lag model primarily controls spatial autocorrelation in the dependent variable
- Error model controls spatial autocorrelation in the <u>residuals</u>, thus it controls autocorrelation in <u>both</u> the dependent <u>and</u> the independent variables
- Conclusion: the <u>error model</u> is more robust and generally the better choice.
- Statistical tests called the LM Robust test can also be used to select
 - Will <u>not</u> discuss these



• End of this topic