Lecture 12: Spatial Dependence

Big Data and Machine Learning for Applied Economics Econ 4676

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Recap

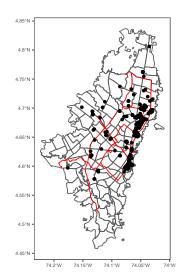
- ► Types of Spatial Data
- Reading and Mapping spatial data in R
- Projections
- Creating Spatial Objects
- Measuring Distances

Agenda

- 1 Motivation
- 2 Closeness
- 3 Weights Matrix
 - Examples of Weight Matrices
 - Weights Matrix in R
- **4** Traditional Spatial Regressions
- 5 Prediction with SAR Models
- 6 Further Readings

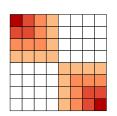
Motivation

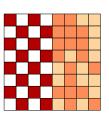
- Independence assumption between observation is no longer valid
- Attributes of observation i may influence the attributes of observation j.
- We will consider varius alternatives to model spatial dependence
- ▶ Think as a way to model f(X)



Motivation

- Independence assumption between observation is no longer valid
- ► Attributes of observation *i* may influence the attributes of observation *j*.
- Positive Spatial correlation arises when units that are *close* to one another are more similar than units that are far apart
- Similarly spatial heterogeneity arises when some areas present more variability than others





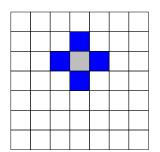
Closeness

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

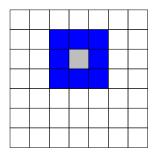
- ▶ One of the major differences between standard econometrics and standard spatial econometrics lies, in the fact that, in order to treat spatial data, we need to use tow different sets of information
 - 1 Observed values of the economic variables
 - 2 Particular location where those variables are observed 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*:

$$W = \begin{pmatrix} w_{11} & \dots & \dots & w_{n1} \\ \vdots & w_{ij} & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{n_1} & \dots & \dots & w_{nn} \end{pmatrix}_{n \times n}$$
 (1)

with generic element:

$$w_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j \in N(i) \\ 0 & \text{o.w} \end{cases} \tag{2}$$

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
 - Queen 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

Adjacency Criterion

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

$$W = \left(\begin{array}{cccccccc} 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right)_{8 \times 8}$$

Nearest Neighbor

Region 1		Region 2	
		Region 4	
			Region 3
Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	
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Distance < 2

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

$$w_{ij}^* = \frac{w_{ij}}{\sum_{j=1}^n w_{ij}}$$
 (3)

This can be quite useful since

$$L(y) = W^* y \tag{4}$$

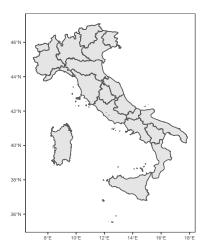
in which each single element is equal to

$$L(y_{i}) = \sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij}^{*} y_{j}$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{w_{ij} y_{j}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} w_{ij}}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{j \in N(i)} y_{j}}{\#N(i)}$$
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require("sf")
require("spdep")
require("dplyr")

chi.poly<-read_sf("foreclosures/foreclosures.shp")
st_crs(chi.poly) #doesn't have a projection</pre>
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Coordinate Reference System: NA

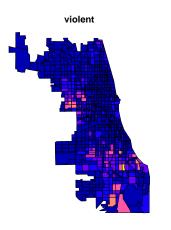
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st_crs(chi.poly)<-4326 #WGS84 set it in the map
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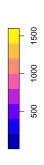
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chi.poly<-st_transform(chi.poly,26916) #reproject planarly
#NAD83 UTM Zone 16N
st_crs(chi.poly)
## Coordinate Reference System:
     User input: EPSG:26916
##
     wkt.
## PROJCS["NAD83 / UTM zone 16N",
      GEOGCS["NAD83".
##
##
           DATUM["North American Datum 1983".
               SPHEROID["GRS 1980",6378137,298.257222101,
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                   AUTHORITY["EPSG", "7019"]],
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str(chi.poly)

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## $ violent : num [1:897] 433 421 235 159 240 266 272 146 78 84 ...
## $ geometry :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 "geometrv"
..- attr(*, "names")= chr [1:16] "SP_ID" "fips" "est_fcs" "est_mtgs" ...
```

plot(chi.poly['violent'])





Percentage nonzero weights: 0.7631036
Average number of links: 6.845039

W 897 804609 897 274.4893 3640.864

S2

##

Weights style: W
Weights constants summary:
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```
list.queen<-poly2nb(chi.poly, queen=TRUE)
W<-nb2listw(list.queen, style="W", zero.policy=TRUE)
W
## Characteristics of weights list object:
## Neighbour list object:
## Number of regions: 897
## Number of nonzero links: 6140</pre>
```

```
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
## Neighbour list object:</pre>
```

```
## 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

plot(W_dist, coords)



```
W_dist<-dnearneigh(coords,0,4300)
W_dist
```

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

plot(W_dist, coords)



Traditional Spatial Econometrics

Spatial Autoregressive (SAR) Models

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

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

- ▶ *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 ϵ_i
- OLS estimates in the non spatial model will be biased and inconsistent. (Anselin and Bera, 1998)
- ► The estimation of the SAR model can be approached in two ways.
 - 1 Assume normality of the error term and use maximum likelihood.
 - 2 Use 2SLS
- ► In R the function lagsarlm uses MLE

► The usual *prolegomena*

```
set.seed(101010) #sets a seed
#70% train
indic<-sample(1:nrow(chi.poly),floor(.7*nrow(chi.poly)))

#Partition the sample
train<-chi.poly[indic,]
test<-chi.poly[-indic,]

ols<-lm(violent~est_fcs_rt+bls_unemp, data=train)
test$yhat<-predict(ols,newdata=test)
mean((test$violent-test$yhat)^2)</pre>
```

```
## [1] 29773.64
```

▶ Modeling the spatial structure with a SAR Model

```
list.queen_train<-poly2nb(train, queen=TRUE)
W_train<-nb2listw(list.queen_train, style="W", zero.policy=TRUE)
W_train
Error in print.listw(x) : regions with no neighbours found, use zero.policy=TRUE
plot(train["fips"])</pre>
```



Use distance instead

```
coords <- st_centroid(st_geometry(train), of_largest_polygon=TRUE)</pre>
W_train<-dnearneigh(coords,0,4300)
W_train<-nb2listw(W_train, style="W", zero.policy=TRUE)
coords <- st_centroid(st_geometry(test), of_largest_polygon=TRUE)</pre>
W_test<-dnearneigh(coords,0,4300)
W_test<-nb2listw(W_test, style="W", zero.policy=TRUE)
require("spatialreg")
sar.chi<-lagsarlm(violent~est_fcs_rt+bls_unemp, data=train, W_train)</pre>
test$yhat_sar<-predict(sar.chi,newdata=test,listw=W_test)</pre>
```

Comparing to OLS

```
mean((test$violent-test$yhat)^2)

## [1] 29773.64

mean((test$violent-test$yhat_sar)^2)
```

[1] 28662.23

Review & Next Steps

- ► Today:
 - Closeness
 - Weights Matrix
 - Examples of Weight Matrices Weights Matrix in R
 - Traditional Spatial Regressions
 - Prediction with SAR Models
- Next class: More on Spatial Regressions
- Questions? Questions about software?

Further Readings

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