# A Practitioner's Guide to Geospatial Analysis

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Package Installation	
## If a package is installed, it will be loaded. If any ## are not, the missing package(s) will be installed ## from CRAN and then loaded.	
<pre>## Packages required for this script packages = c("tidycensus", "data.table", "ggplot2", "gridExtra",</pre>	

```
## Now load or install&load all
package.check <- lapply(
   packages,
   FUN = function(x) {
     if (!require(x, character.only = TRUE)) {
        install.packages(x, dependencies = TRUE)
        library(x, character.only = TRUE)
     }
}</pre>
```

## Statistical Analysis for Demographic Comparisons

#### Loading Local Data

Note that due to data sharing restrictions, we do not provide actual data in this example. Instead, we have generated simulated data for the purposes of users interested in running this example. Because this is simulated data, the results differ from the actual results presented in the manuscript

```
#reading in prepped data
participants <- readRDS(".././Data/Synthetic_Participant_Data.RDS")</pre>
```

#### Population Estimate Extraction from ACS

Here we extract American Community Survey (ACS) counts of relevant demographic variables at the census tract level in St. Louis, MO.

In order to use tidycensus, you must acquire your own census API key. This can be obtained from https://api.census.gov/data/key\_signup.html

```
census_api_key(XXX, overwrite = TRUE, install = TRUE)
```

After establishing your relationship with the census API, you can download the list of all variables provided by the ACS using the call below.

You can view the list of all variables if you want, or you can use the demographic variables that we also evaluate in the corresponding manuscript

```
View(vars)
```

For the 2019 ACS data, the following are the relevant demographic variables we elected to extract:

- B00001\_001 population by tract
- $B01002\_001$  estimated median age

- B01001 026 total num of females
- B02001 002 total num of whites
- B02001 003 total num of blacks
- B16010\_002 total less than high school graduate
- B16010\_015 high school graduate
- $B16010\_028$  some college
- B16010 041 BS or higher

We then rename the variables for convenience/interpretability and use data.table to summarize each of these values.

And finally we compare the ACS data to our sample.

```
as.numeric(STL_tableone_characteristics
                                      [STL_tableone_characteristics$variable == "sex_femalesCount", "sum
                          as.numeric(STL_tableone_characteristics
                                      [STL_tableone_characteristics$variable == "race_blackCount", "sum";
                          as.numeric(STL_tableone_characteristics
                                      [STL_tableone_characteristics$variable == "race_whiteCount", "sum"]
                          as.numeric(STL_tableone_characteristics
                                      [STL_tableone_characteristics$variable == "educ_lessThanHS", "sum".
                          as.numeric(STL_tableone_characteristics
                                      [STL_tableone_characteristics$variable == "educ_HS", "sum"]),
                          as.numeric(STL_tableone_characteristics
                                      [STL_tableone_characteristics$variable == "educ_someCollege", "sum
                          as.numeric(STL tableone characteristics
                                      [STL_tableone_characteristics$variable == "educ_BSorMore", "sum"])
           "Participants" = c(length(unique(participants$related_study_id)),
                              mean(participants$TrueAge),
                              nrow(participants[participants$Sex == "male",]),
                              nrow(participants[participants$Sex == "female",]),
                              nrow(participants[participants$Race == "Black",]),
                              nrow(participants[participants$Race == "White",]),
                              nrow(participants[participants$Education < 12, ]),</pre>
                              nrow(participants[participants$Education == 12, ]),
                              nrow(participants[participants$Education > 12 & participants$Education <
                              nrow(participants[participants$Education >=16, ]))
           )
Table1
```

```
##
                         Characteristic
                                             STL_City Participants
## 1
                                       N 308174.00000
                                                            0.0000
## 2
                             Age (Mean)
                                             37.27925
                                                           53.1943
## 3
                           Sex - Female 149175.00000
                                                          152.0000
## 4
                             Sex - Male 158999.00000
                                                           87.0000
## 5
                           Race - Black 143018.00000
                                                          146.0000
## 6
                           Race - White 143401.00000
                                                           93.0000
## 7
      Education - less than high school 26828.00000
                                                           39.0000
## 8
                Education - high school 52444.00000
                                                           60.0000
               Education - some college 60331.00000
## 9
                                                           58.0000
## 10
               Education - BS or higher
                                         79669.00000
                                                           82.0000
```

We apply a t-test to continuous variables (Age) and a chi square test to categorical variables (race, sex, education) to test for demographic differences. We find our sampled cohort to be equivalent on the basis of years of education, but to be older, more heavily male, and containing more Black individuals than would be expected based on the city population.

#### Assessing cohort differences by age

```
t_test <- function (mean1, mean2, sd1, sd2, n1, n2){
  t <- (mean1 - mean2) / sqrt((sd1)^2 / n1 + (sd2)^2 / n2)
  p <- 2*pt(q = abs(t), df = (n1 + n2 - 2), lower.tail = FALSE) #2 tailed t test</pre>
```

```
return(list(t, p))
}

t_score <- t_test(37.3, 53.2, 6.4, 11.5, 308174, 239)

print(paste0("T = ", t_score[[1]], " p = ", t_score[[2]]))

## [1] "T = -21.3720451385086 p = 2.88226745979766e-101"</pre>
```

#### Assessing cohort difference by sex

#### Assessing cohort difference by race

## X-squared = 21.466, df = 1, p-value = 3.602e-06

##

## data: sex\_chi

```
##
## Pearson's Chi-squared test with Yates' continuity correction
##
## data: race_chi
## X-squared = 11.443, df = 1, p-value = 0.0007175
```

#### Assessing cohort difference by educational level

```
nrow(participants[participants$Education == 12, ]),
nrow(participants[participants$Education > 12 & participants$Educat
nrow(participants[participants$Education >=16, ])))

chisq.test(ed_chi)

##
## Pearson's Chi-squared test
##
## data: ed chi
```

# **Spatial Analysis**

## X-squared = 4.5762, df = 3, p-value = 0.2056

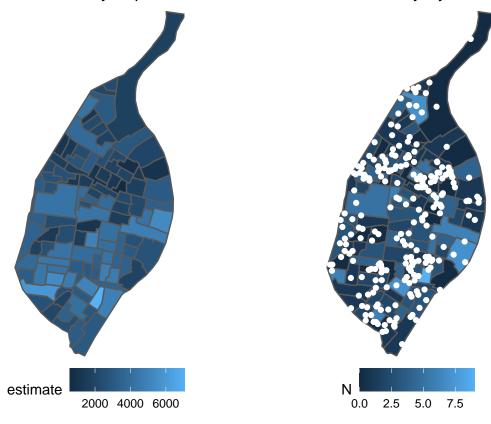
#### Visualizing participant distribution vs. Overall City Population

We present the sampled distribution overlain on tract level sampling information. This is displayed in conjunction with the actual ACS tract level counts.

```
#getting participant count by census tract
participants_count <- data.frame(data.table(participants)[, .N, by = GEOID])</pre>
participants_poly <- merge(participants_count,</pre>
                            stl_value[, c("GEOID", "NAME", "geometry")], by = "GEOID", all = TRUE)
participants_poly <- participants_poly[!duplicated(participants_poly),]</pre>
participants_poly[is.na(participants_poly)] <- 0</pre>
participants_poly <- st_as_sf(participants_poly)</pre>
p1 <- ggplot(stl_value[stl_value$variable == "population",]) +
  aes(fill = estimate) + geom_sf() +
  xlim(c(-90.32, -90.175)) + ylim(c(38.54, 38.77)) + theme_void() +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  ggtitle("St. Louis City Population Distribution")
p2 <- ggplot(participants poly) +
  aes(fill = N) + geom_sf() +
  xlim(c(-90.32, -90.175)) + ylim(c(38.54, 38.77)) + theme_void() +
  geom_point(data = participants, aes(x = lon, y = lat, fill = 1), colour = "white") +
  theme(legend.position = "bottom") +
  ggtitle("St. Louis City Synthetic Sample Distribution")
grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow = 1)
```

## St. Louis City Population Distribution

## St. Louis City Synthetic Sample



## Kernel Density Map Generation

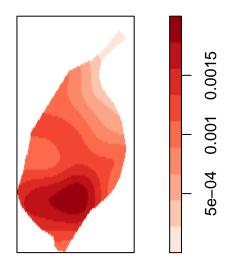
The Kernel Density Map shows the continuous distribution of city residents or participants across the sampled area. We can generate this map and identify "hot spots" of high population concentration. There are empirical ways to test for differences in spatial distribution between the sample and population, but generating a kernel density map allows for a first pass visualization of this data.

First we take the population counts for each census tract and convert to the appropriate projected coordinate system. When doing this, we localize each tract level population at the census tract centroid.

```
st_transform(3857) %% # convert to projected coord system for better centroid
  st_centroid()
participants_centroid <- participants_poly %>%
  st_transform(3857) %>% # convert to projected coord system for better centroid
  st centroid()
#then we apply appropriate coordinate reference system transformation
stl boundaries <- st transform(stl boundaries$geometry, crs = 3857)
#Here we define the overall city limits as the operating window used throughout these calculations
stl_owin <- as.owin(as_Spatial(stl_boundaries))</pre>
#applying appropriate coordinate reference system transformation to the census level data
tmp <- st_transform(stl_centroid$geometry, crs = 3857)</pre>
xy <- data.frame(st_coordinates(tmp))</pre>
stl_centroid_df <- data.frame("x" = rep(xy$X, times = stl_centroid$estimate),
                                       "y" = rep(xy$Y, times = stl_centroid$estimate))
#Similarly, we generate a count of the number of participants in each census tract, then locate each of
tmp <- st_transform(participants_centroid$geometry, crs = 3857)</pre>
xy <- data.frame(st coordinates(tmp))</pre>
participant_centroid_df <- data.frame("x" = rep(xy$X, times = participants_centroid$N),</pre>
                  "y" = rep(xy$Y, times = participants_centroid$N))
#After creating these centroid-based dataframes, we have to convert the dataframes to PPP objects.
#We define the window as the city limits of St Louis
PPP_STL_centroids <- as.ppp(stl_centroid_df, W = stl_owin)</pre>
PPP_centroids <- as.ppp(participant_centroid_df, W = stl_owin)</pre>
```

Then we can use the built in spatstat functionality to generate kernel density plots

# **Population**



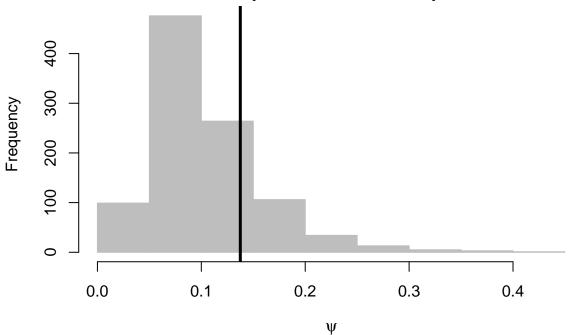
## Cramer-von Mises test for observed vs predicted distribution of spatial values

The two-sample Cramer-von Mises test tests for differences between the spatial distributions of two populations. It is designed to be sensitive to differences in the way populations are distributed across the study area (and you must evaluate within the same study area for both populations), but it is insensitive to differences in abundance between the two populations. Recall that St. Louis City has a population of approximately 300,000 individuals and our sample is 239 scanned individuals. This mismatch in N's is not problematic for this test statistic.

```
coords <- data.frame(full_sample[, c("x", "y")])
res <- syrjala(coords, full_sample$V1, full_sample$V2, nperm = nperm)
psi <- res$cvm.obs #psi
pvalue <- (sum(res$cvm.sim >=psi)+1)/nperm

plot(res)
```

# Cramer-von Misses test for the difference between the spatial distributions of full\_sample\$V1 and full\_sample\$V2



We observe no difference in spatial distributions between the sample and population based on the 1000 permutation Cramer-von Mises or Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

```
res
```

```
## Cramer-von Misses test for the difference between
## the spatial distributions of full_sample$V1 and full_sample$V2
## based on 1000 permutations.
##
##
               0.1375183
      psi:
##
      p-value: 0.2097902
##
## Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for the difference between
## the spatial distributions of full_sample$V1 and full_sample$V2
## based on 1000 permutations.
##
##
               0.08582897
      psi:
      p-value: 0.2967033
##
```

#### K Function to Test for Equal Clustering

Ripley's K describes the clustering pattern of a set of points. This is a second order property that describes the interaction between multiple points. Specifically, the K function measures the number of events occurring within a given distance of a particular event.

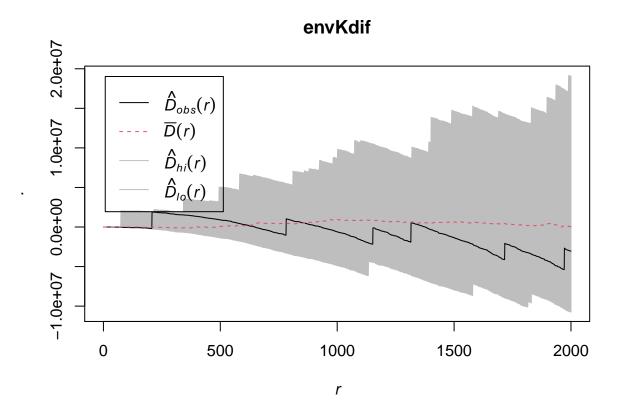
Here we apply the spatstat implementation to calculate the difference of two K functions. We test for differences in clustering between participants with high brain age gap (BAG) and the remainder of our participants (controls).

#### Testing for differences in spatial distribution between high BAG and controls

Here we apply the default spatstat approach to calcuating the difference in K functions. We are also able to use actual lat/lon coordinates for each participant since we are using sample data rather than ACS data. We see that the black line indicating the K function for participants with high BAG lies fully within the envelope, indicating no difference in clustering patterns between the participants with high BAG and controls.

```
#Define what is a "high BAG"
participants$marks <- ifelse(participants$T1BrainAgeGap > mean(participants$T1BrainAgeGap) + 1.5 * sd(p
#convert dataframe to proper data structure
tmp <- SpatialPoints(participants[, c("lon", "lat")], proj4string=CRS("+proj=longlat"))</pre>
tmp.UTM <- spTransform(tmp, CRS("+init=epsg:3857"))</pre>
PPP <- as.ppp.SpatialPoints(tmp.UTM)</pre>
PPP$marks <- as.factor(participants$marks)</pre>
  marks(PPP) <- relevel(PPP$marks, "control") #Setting controls as reference
PPP$window <- stl owin
#Then calculate the K difference envelope using standard spatstat method:
r < -seq(0, 2000, by = 1)
Kdif<-function(Xppp, r, case_mark_name, control_mark_name, cr="border")</pre>
  k1<-Kest(Xppp[marks(Xppp)==case_mark_name], r=r, correction=cr)</pre>
  k2<-Kest(Xppp[marks(Xppp)==control_mark_name], r=r, correction=cr)</pre>
  res<-data.frame(r=r, D=k1[[cr]]-k2[[cr]])
  return(fv(res, valu="D", fname="D"))
 envKdif<-envelope(PPP, Kdif, r=r, nsim=99, case_mark_name = "HighBAG", control_mark_name = "control",</pre>
                    savefuns=TRUE,
                    simulate=expression(rlabel(PPP)))
```

```
## Generating 99 simulations by evaluating expression ...
## 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 2
## 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, ## 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99.
##
## Done.
```



### **Probaility Map Generation**

The kernel ratio of the intensity of cases vs. controls can be used to show the spatial variation of relative risk of developing high BAG. Here we apply a Monte Carlo simulation to estimate the case vs. control intensity across the city.

```
bw_est <- 1000 #hand chosen bandwidth. used as a smoothing parameter.
cases<-unmark(subset(PPP, marks(PPP) =="HighBAG"))
ncases<-npoints(cases)
controls<-unmark(subset(PPP, marks(PPP) =="control"))
ncontrols<-npoints(controls)

kcases<-density(cases, bw_est)
kcontrols<-density(controls, bw_est)

#dropping missing cells
spkratio0<-as(kcases, "SpatialGridDataFrame")
names(spkratio0)<-"kcases"
spkratio0$kcontrols<-as(kcontrols, "SpatialGridDataFrame")$v
spkratio<-as(spkratio0, "SpatialPixelsDataFrame")</pre>
spkratio$kratio <- spkratio$kcases/spkratio$kcontrols
```

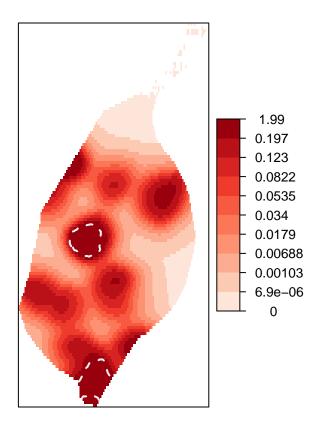
```
spkratio$logratio <- log(spkratio$kratio)-log(ncases/ncontrols)</pre>
  rr<-relrisk(PPP, bw_est) #calculate relative risk for probability plot
  spkratio$prob<-as(as(rr, "SpatialGridDataFrame"), "SpatialPixelsDataFrame")$v #store for probability
niter <- 99
  ratio <- rep(NA, niter)
  pvaluemap <- rep(0, nrow(spkratio))</pre>
  rlabelratio <- matrix(NA, nrow=niter, ncol=nrow(spkratio))</pre>
  #MC test script
  set.seed(1)
  for(i in 1:niter){
    PPPO<-rlabel(PPP)
    casesrel <- unmark(subset(PPP0, marks(PPP0) =="HighBAG"))</pre>
    controlsrel <- unmark(subset(PPP0, marks(PPP0) =="control"))</pre>
    kcasesrel <- density(casesrel, bw_est) #calculating density</pre>
    kcontrolsrel <- density(controlsrel, bw_est) #calculating density
    kratiorel <- eval.im(kcasesrel/kcontrolsrel) #calculating the ratio of the two densities
    tryCatch(
      expr = {
        rlabelratio[i,] <- as(as(kratiorel, "SpatialGridDataFrame"), "SpatialPixelsDataFrame")$v
        pvaluemap <- pvaluemap + (spkratio$kratio < rlabelratio[i,])</pre>
      }, error = function(e){
        rlabelratio[i,] <- NA</pre>
        pvaluemap <- NA
      }
    )
  }
  #Calculating the kernel ratio
  cellsize<-kcontrols$xstep*kcontrols$ystep</pre>
  ratiorho <- cellsize*sum((spkratio*kratio-ncases/ncontrols)^2)
  ratio <- cellsize*apply(rlabelratio, 1,
                           function(X, rho0) {sum((X-rho0)^2)}, rho0=ncases/ncontrols
  )
    pvaluerho <- (sum(ratio > ratiorho, na.rm = TRUE)+1)/(niter+1)
```

The results of this Monte Carlo simulation can be used to generate a plot of the relative intensity of cases. We can also extract p values from the simulation in order to identify the area where one is statistically significantly more likely to have high BAG. This is shown with a white dashed line.

```
alpha <- 0.05 #Pvalue
alpha_flip <- 1 - alpha

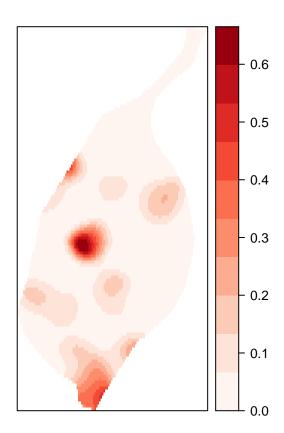
spkratio$pvaluemap <- (pvaluemap+1)/(niter+1)</pre>
```

```
imgpvalue <- as.image.SpatialGridDataFrame(spkratio["pvaluemap"])</pre>
 clpvalue <- contourLines(x = imgpvalue$x, y = imgpvalue$y, z = imgpvalue$z,
                           levels=c(0,as.numeric(alpha), as.numeric(alpha_flip), 1))
 cl <- ContourLines2SLDF(clpvalue)</pre>
 cl05 <- cl[cl$level == alpha,]</pre>
 xzx <- slot(slot(cl05, "lines")[[1]], "Lines")</pre>
 cl05a <- SpatialLines(list(Lines(xzx, ID=alpha)))</pre>
 lyt05 <- list("sp.lines", cl05a, lwd=2, lty=2, col="grey95")</pre>
 brks <- quantile(spkratio$kratio[spkratio$kratio>0], seq(0,1,1/10), na.rm=TRUE)
 brks[1] <- 0
 lbrks <- formatC(brks, 3, 6, "g", " ")</pre>
 cols <- colorRampPalette(brewer.pal(7, "Reds"))(length(brks)-1)</pre>
 colorkey<-list(labels=lbrks,</pre>
                 at=(0:10)/10, height=.5)
print(spplot(spkratio, "kratio",
                     col.regions=cols,
                     do.log=TRUE,
                     colorkey=colorkey,
                     at=c(0, brks[-c(1,11)], max(spkratio$kratio, na.rm=TRUE)),
              sp.layout=list(lyt05)
), silent = TRUE)
```



Following this simulation, we apply a binary regression estimator to assess the probability of being a case at every grid cell in the study region. This will yield a map that shows the probability of having high BAG across St. Louis.

```
ats <- seq(0,max(spkratio$prob),length.out=11)
cols <- colorRampPalette(brewer.pal(8, "Reds"))(length(ats)-1)
p <- print(spplot(spkratio, "prob", col.regions=cols, at=ats))</pre>
```



# Supplemental Materials

#### **ADI** Map Generation

The University of Wisconsin offers neighborhood level estimates of area deprivation (https://www.neighborhoodatlas.medicine.wisc.edu/). These tract-level values are freely available for download. Here we demonstrate an R-based way to replicate the Arc-GIS based mappings that are displayed on the University of Wisconsin's website.

We have pre-downloaded ADI for the state of Missouri and include it in the git repo. Other state values can be downloaded directly from the Neighborhood Atlas website.

Note that conversion across various types of geographic identifiers can sometimes be cumbersome. We recommend https://www.nhgis.org/geographic-crosswalks for assistance when trying to figure out which numeric code you are using and how to translate it to another useful code.

```
ADI <- read.csv(".././Data/MO_2019_ADI_CensusBlockGroup_v3.1.csv")
#Just using ACS data to extract the geometries
#Limiting extracted geometry to St. Louis City Limits
metro_region <- get_acs(geography = "tract"</pre>
                      , state = c("MO")
                     county = c("St. Louis city")
                     variables = "B19013 001"
                     geometry = TRUE)
#How to convert between available values https://www.nhgis.org/geographic-crosswalks
ADI$GEOID <- pasteO(substr(ADI$GISJOIN, start = 2, stop = 3),
                    substr(ADI$GISJOIN, start = 5, stop = 7),#state & county FIPScode
                    substr(ADI$GISJOIN, start = nchar(ADI$GISJOIN) -6, stop = nchar(ADI$GISJOIN) - 1))
ADI$ADI_NATRANK <- as.numeric(as.character(ADI$ADI_NATRANK))</pre>
ADI <- data.table(ADI)[, mean(ADI_NATRANK, na.rm = TRUE), by = GEOID]
colnames(ADI)[2] <- "ADI_NATRANK"</pre>
#Generating a dataframe for plotting
plot_df <- merge(metro_region, ADI[, c("GEOID", "ADI_NATRANK")], by = "GEOID")</pre>
#Classifying ADI by National Deciles
plot_df$ADI_cut <- as.factor(cut(plot_df$ADI_NATRANK, c(0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 101)))
ggplot(plot_df[!is.na(plot_df$ADI_cut),]) + geom_sf(aes(fill = ADI_cut)) +
  #Manually selecting hex colors that match those used on UW's site
  scale_fill_manual(values = c(#"#3a3f94", "#4c78b0",
                                "#77aaab",
                                "#a8d2e0", "#cfe9ea", "#f3d890",
                                "#f2ab65", "#ea704a", "#d03830",
                                "#a30d2f"), name = "National ADI") +
  x\lim(c(-90.33, -90.18)) + y\lim(c(38.53, 38.785)) + theme_void() + theme(legend.position = "bottom")
```

