

Spatial data aspects: examples in biological data

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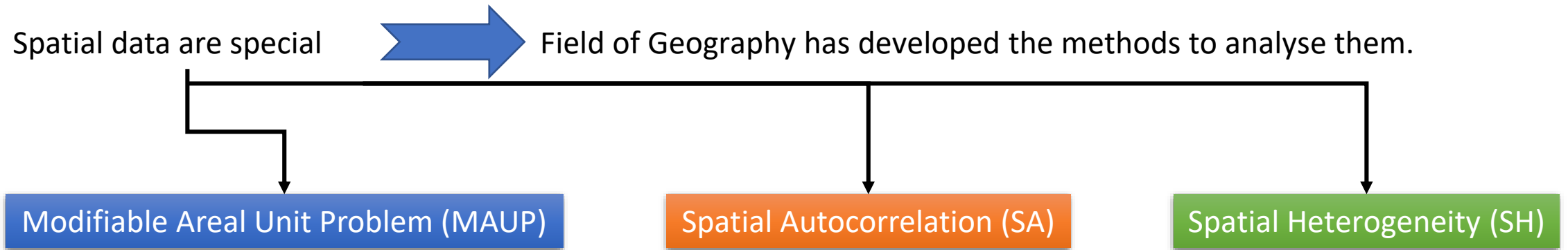
Spatial data are special



Field of Geography has developed the methods to analyse them.

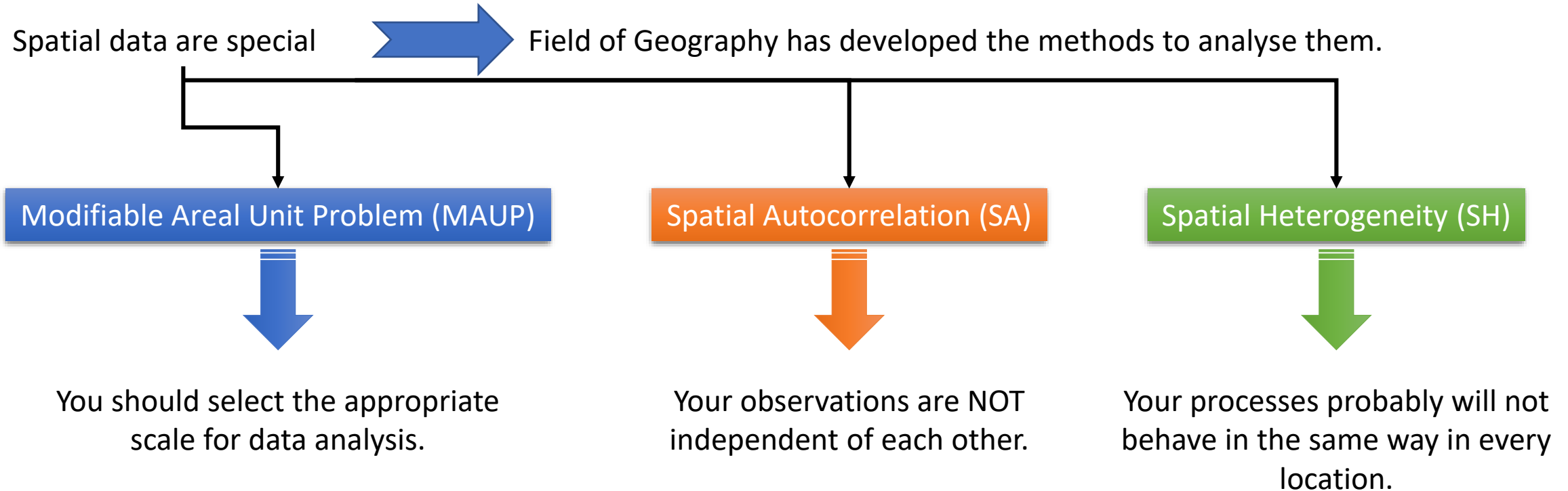


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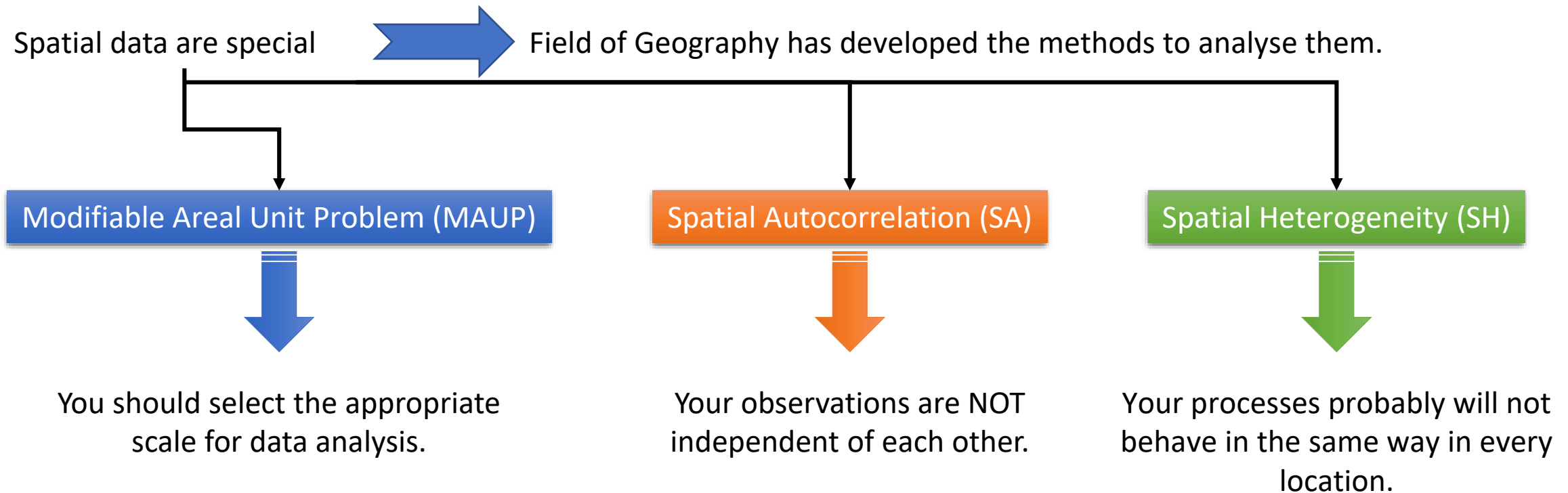


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Model system: Spatial Transcriptomics (STx), 10x Visium



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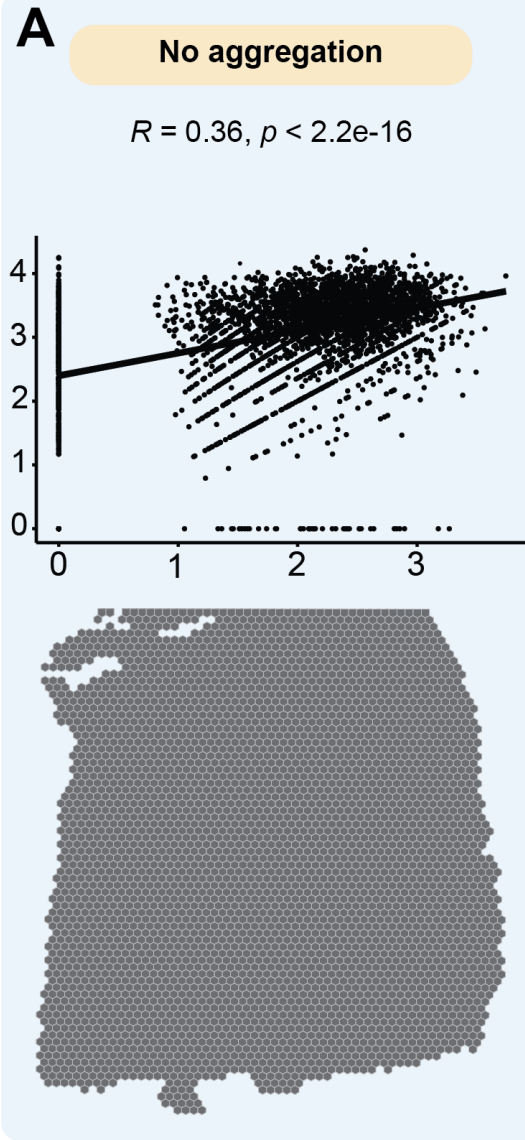
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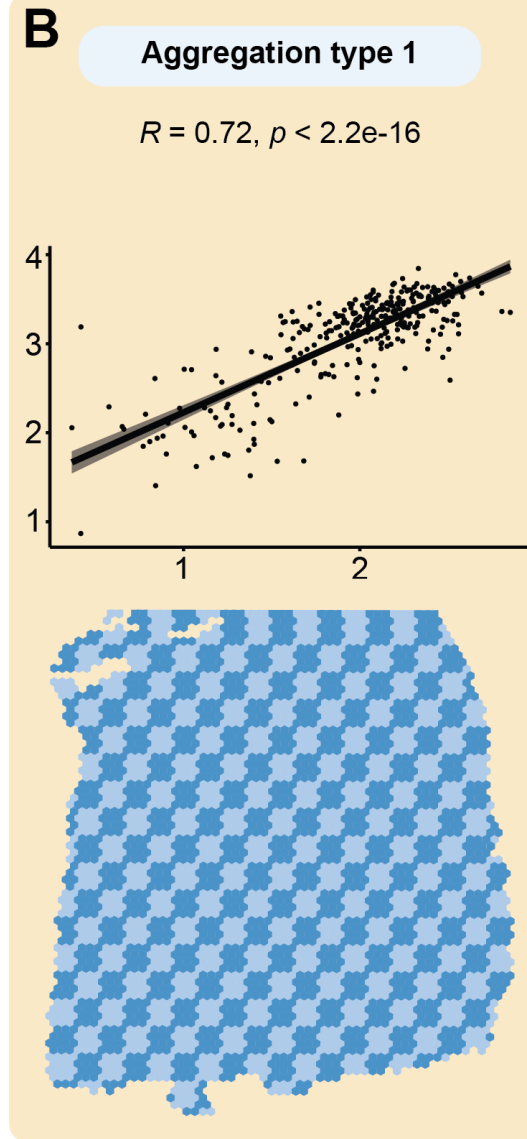
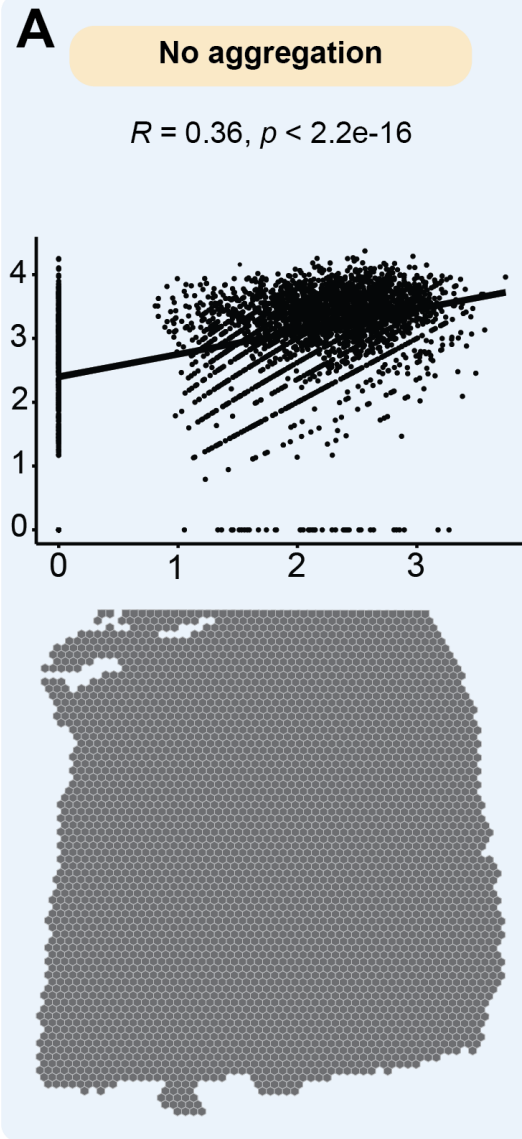


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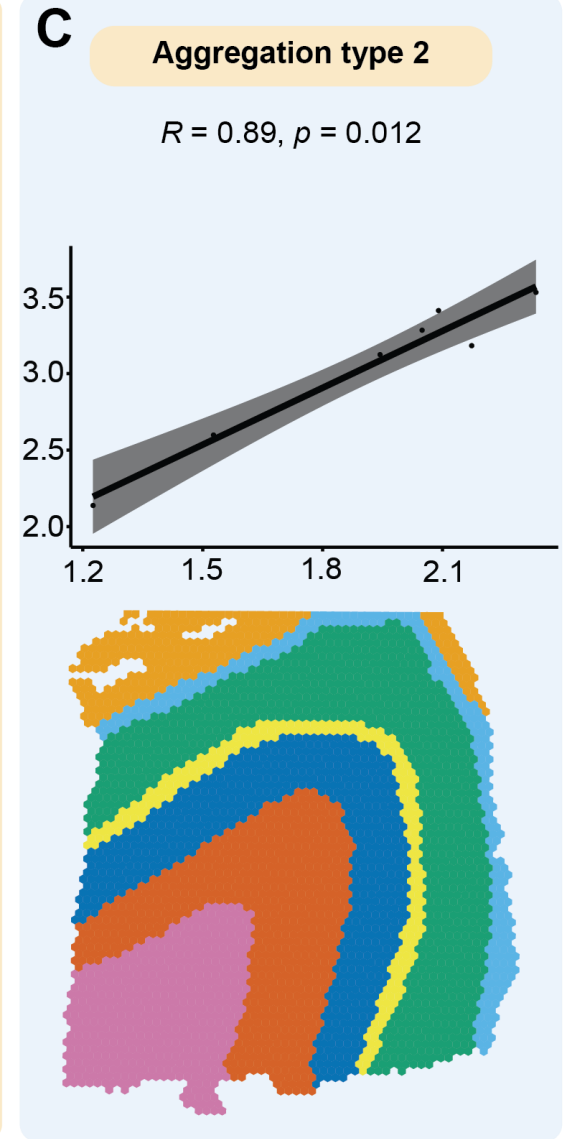
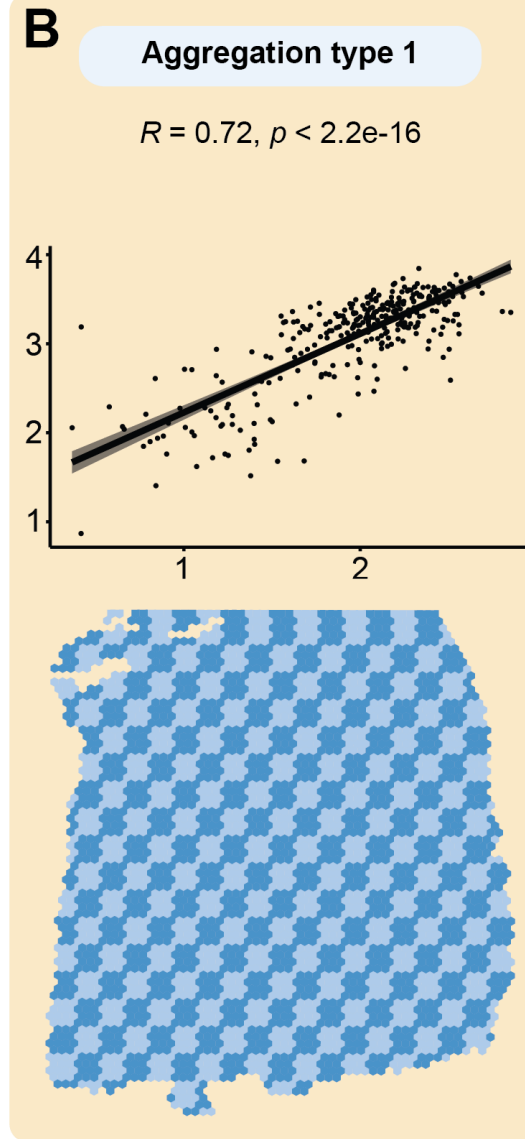
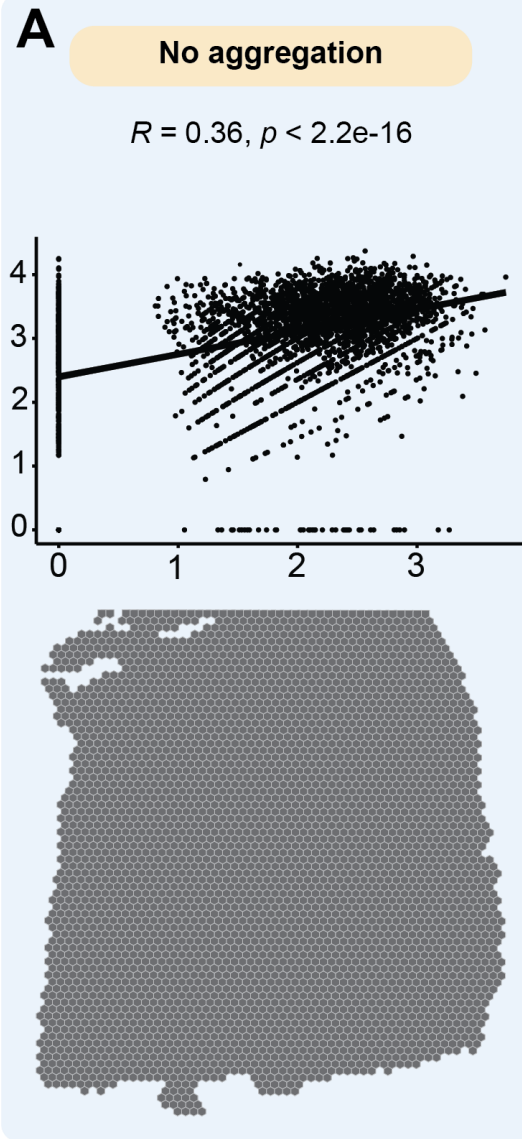


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Aggregation scale



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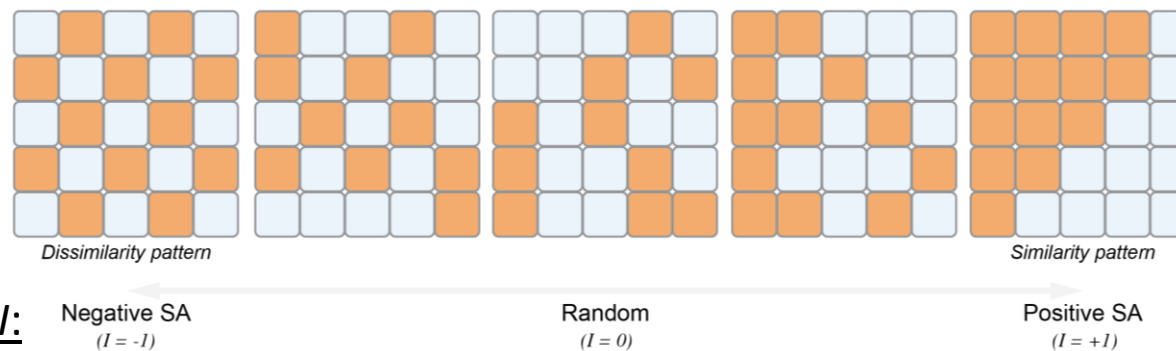
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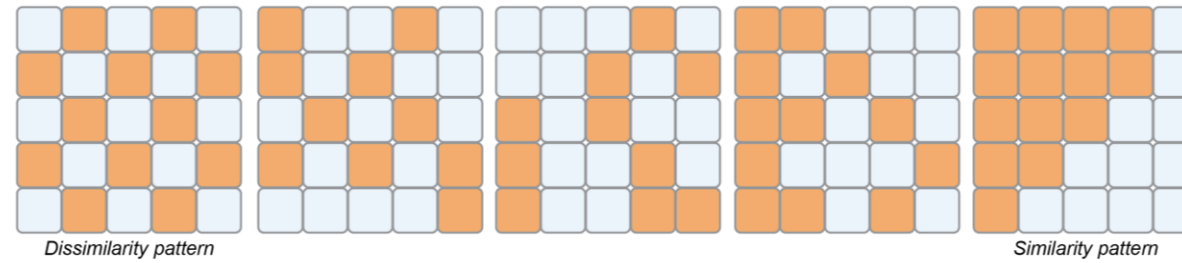


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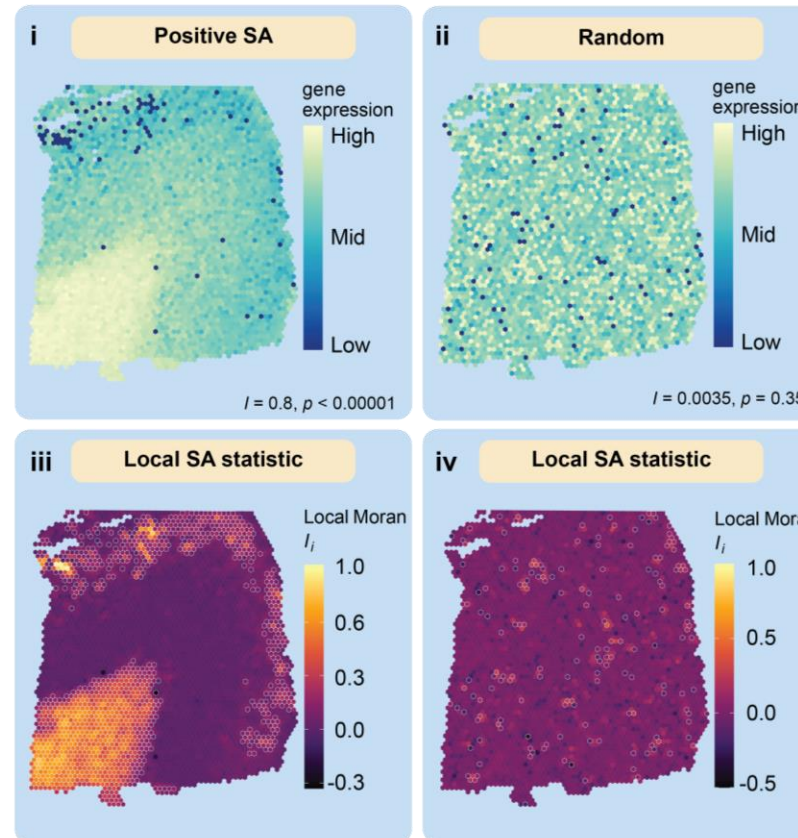


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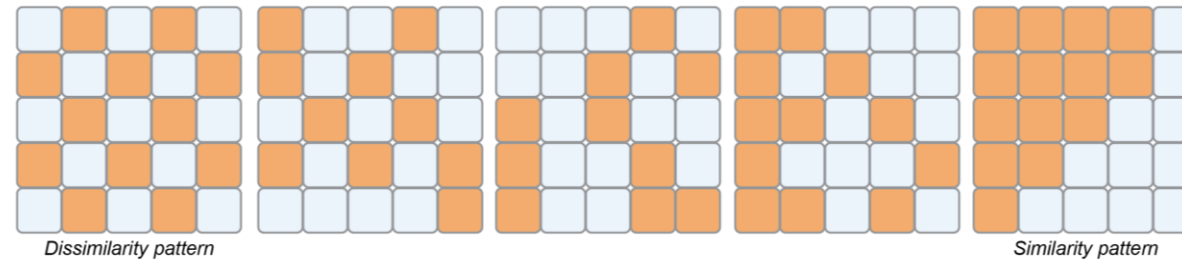


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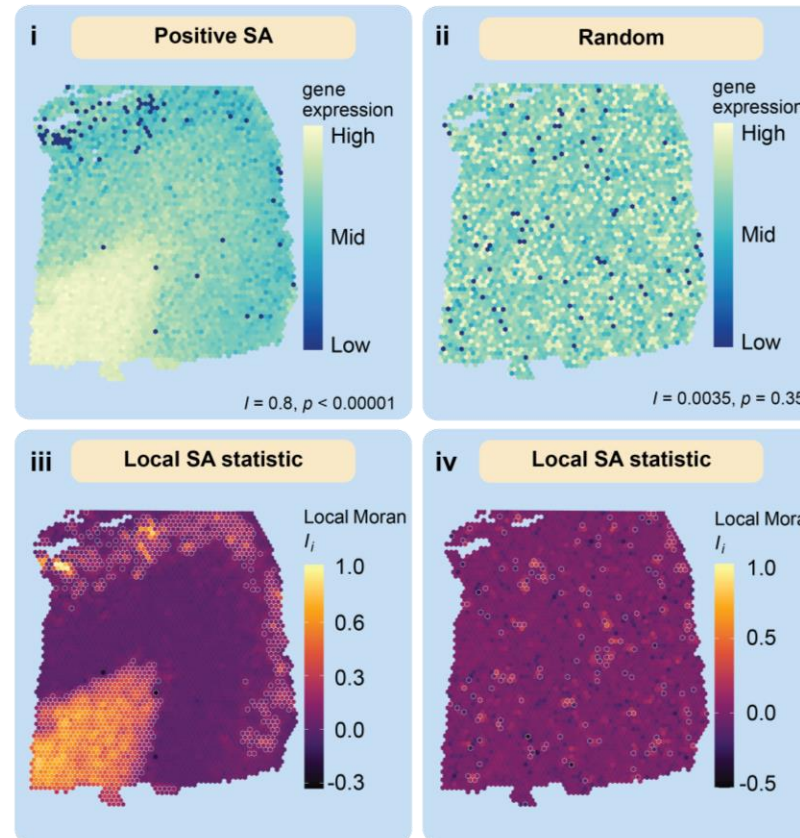


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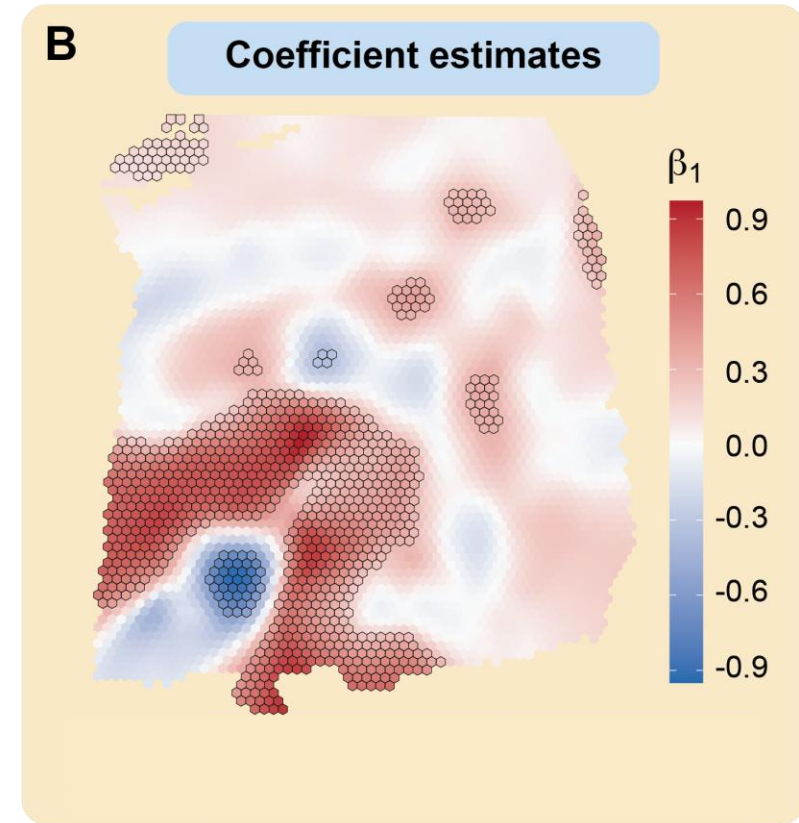
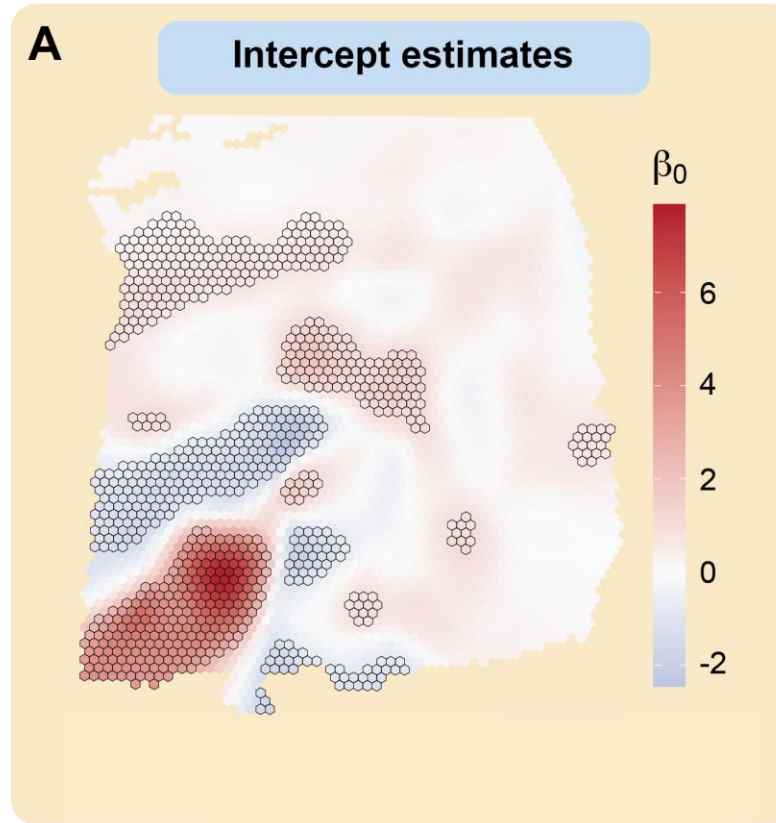
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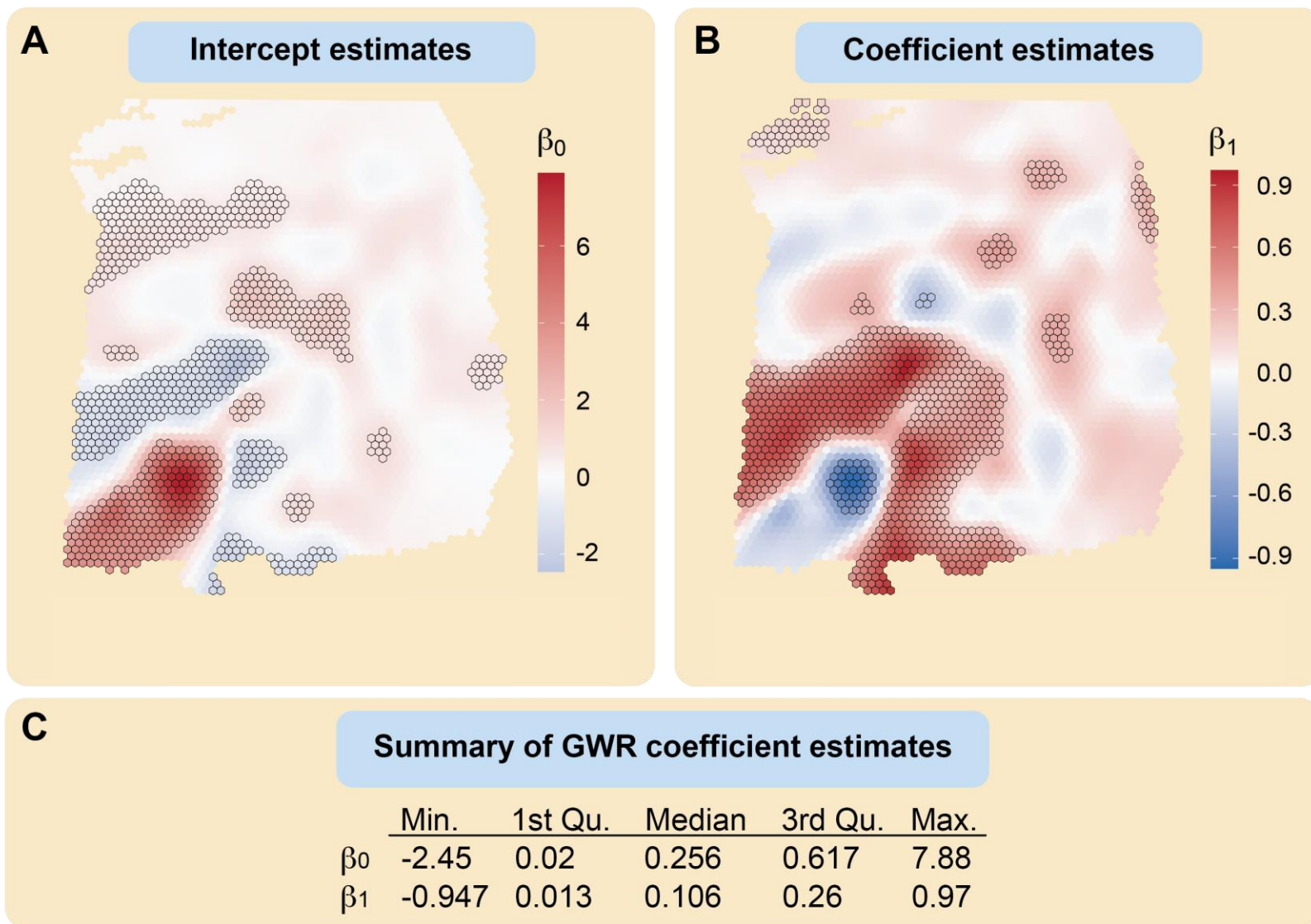
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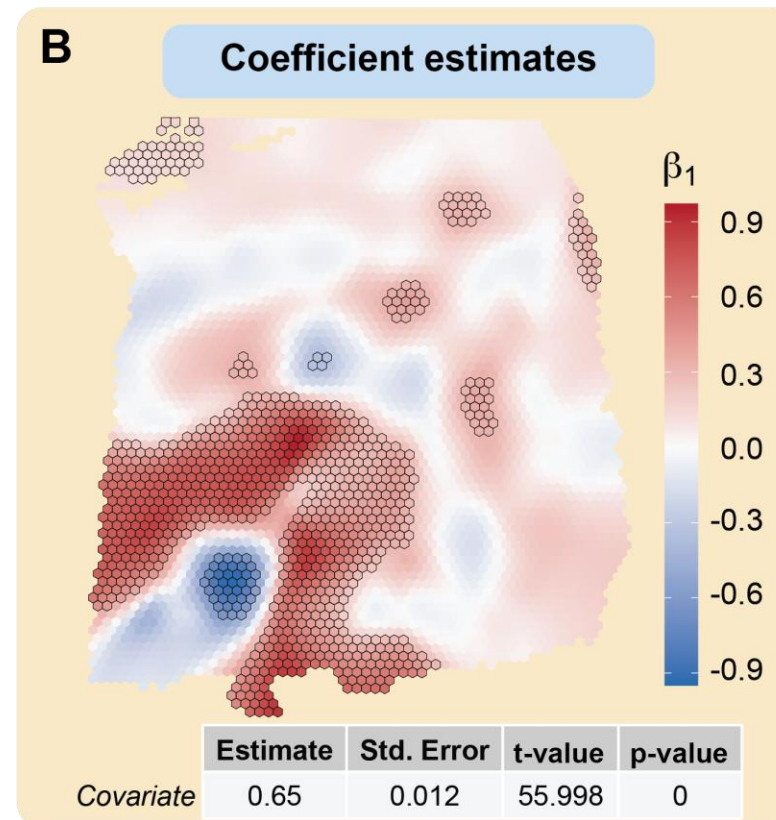
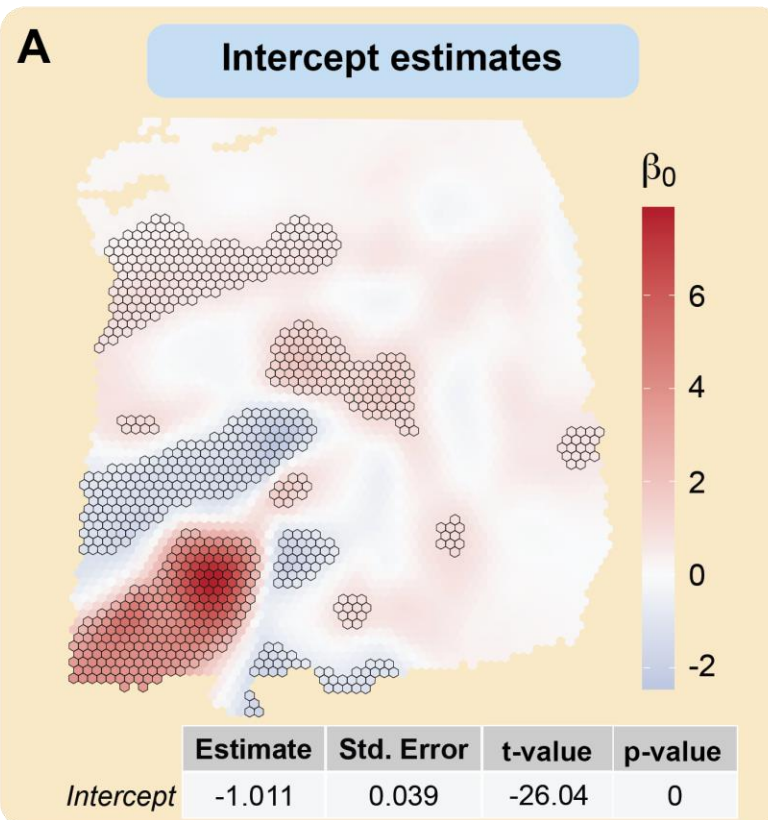


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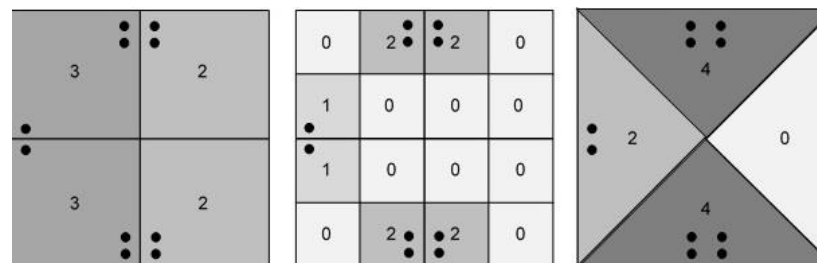


C Summary of GWR coefficient estimates

	Min.	1st Qu.	Median	3rd Qu.	Max.
β_0	-2.45	0.02	0.256	0.617	7.88
β_1	-0.947	0.013	0.106	0.26	0.97

SUMMARY

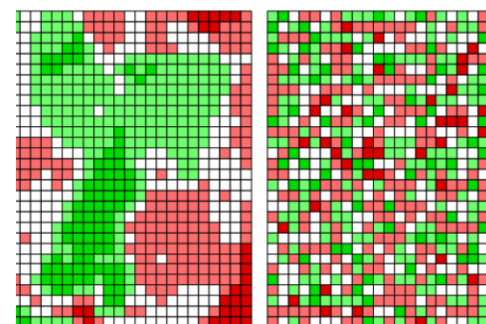
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Source: <https://gistbok.ucgis.org/bok-topics/problems-scale-and-zoning>

The impact on aggregating data for a set of points to an original partitioning scheme (left panel) due to differences in scale (middle panel) and zoning (right panel). explanation.

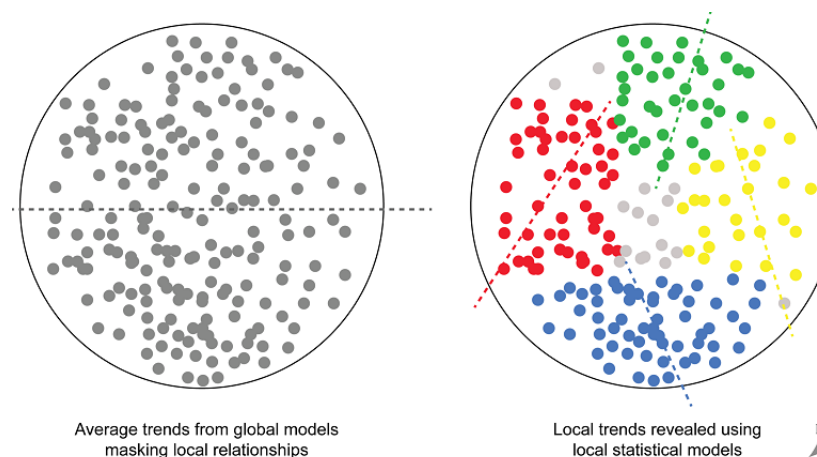
Spatial Autocorrelation (SA)



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Everything is related to everything else, but nearby things are more related than distant things.

Spatial Heterogeneity (SH)



Average trends from global models
masking local relationships

Local trends revealed using
local statistical models



Source: <https://gistbok.ucgis.org/bok-topics/geographically-weighted-regression-framework>

Local trends are revealed using local statistical models (right) which are otherwise masked by 'averaged' global trends (left).

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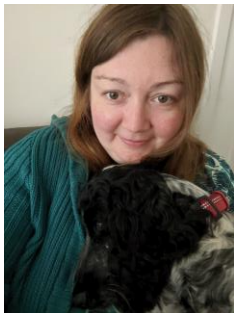
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