

GEOG/Math574 Introduction to Geostatistics

Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis

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Review

- First order effect
- Second order effect
- Stationary
- Isotropic

Introduction

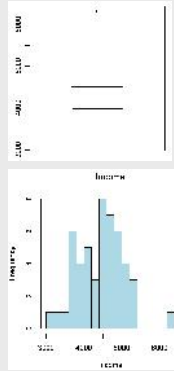
- Often one is analyzing a spatial data set where little is known about the process that generates that data
- Not much about how the data was collected or why
- It is important to glean as much information about the data as possible from the dataset

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

- Introduced by John W. Tukey
- Represent data so as to facilitate understanding and formulate hypotheses
- “The greatest value of a picture is when it *forces* us to notice what we never expected to see” John W. Tukey

Graphical Techniques

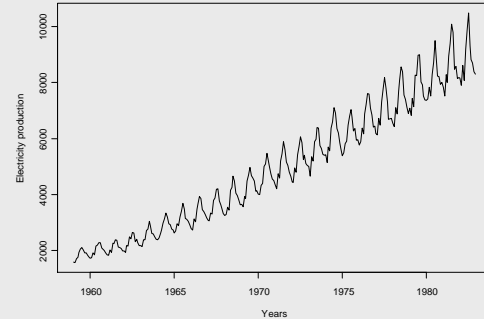
- **Box Plot**
 - Five-number summaries(smallest, Q1, Median, Q3, largest observation)
 - By John W. Tukey
- **Histogram**
 - A graphical display of tabulated frequencies
 - shape



Graphic Techniques

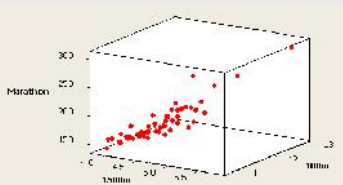
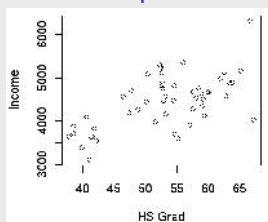
Run chart

Australia monthly production of electricity from Jan 1956 to Dec 1981 (in unit of m KWH)



Graphical Techniques

Scatterplot

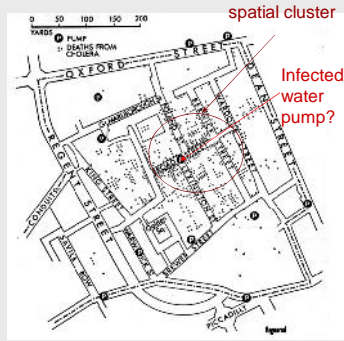


Basic Summary statistics

Mean, standard deviation/variation, skewness, kurtosis, minimum, 25th percentile, median, 75th percentile, maximum

An Example

- Dr. John Snow
- Investigation of deaths from cholera, London, 1854



Exploratory Spatial Data Analysis

- Plot of data locations coded by value of variables
- Plot of data value against first coordinate (E-W coordinate)
- Plot of data value against second coordinate (N-S coordinate)
- Plot of data value against third coordinate (vertical coordinate)
- Fit a trend surface to the data (one variable at a time) in R

Point Pattern Analysis

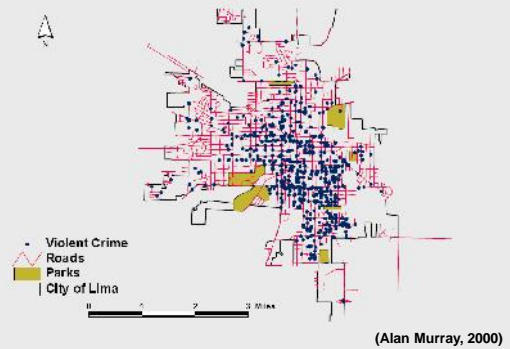
Point Patterns

- A spatial point process is a spatial stochastic process $\{Y(s), s \in \mathfrak{R}\}$, where \mathfrak{R} is random
- A spatial point pattern $\{y(s_1), y(s_2), \dots, y(s_n); s_i \in R\}$ is a realization of a spatial point process
- Two important terms
 - Events: observations on the observed locations
 - Points: other arbitrary locations

Applications

- Various disease
- Crimes
- Galaxies in space
- Plants
- Etc

Violent Crime in Lima (1999)



Point Patterns

- Mapped point pattern
 - A complete map of events in the study area
 - All relevant events in the study area have been recorded
- Sampled point pattern
 - A subset of all events are recorded in a sample of different areas of the study area
 - Complete enumeration is not feasible
 - Forestry, ecology

Objectives

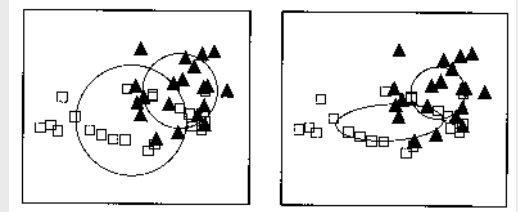
- To determine whether the spatial distribution of data points exhibit a systematic pattern as opposed to randomness
- To estimate the variation of the intensity at a large scale
- To detect the presence of spatial dependence among events
- To find an underlying model generating the observed patterns

Describing a point pattern

- Summary measures
- First order effect
 - Density-based measures
 - **Quadrat count method**
 - Kernel estimation
- Second order effect
 - Distance-based measures
 - Nearest neighbor distance
 - K/L function

Summary measures

- Mean center
- Standard distance / relative distance
- Standard deviational ellipse



Measures of spatial central tendency - mean center

- Given a set of points $\{(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)\}$, the mean center is calculated as

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

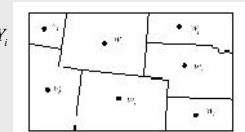
- Minimize the sum of squared distances that individual must travel

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n [(X_i - \bar{X})^2 + (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2]$$

Measures of spatial central tendency – weighed mean center

- Produced by weighting each X and Y coordinate by another variable (w_i)
- Centroids derived from polygons can be weighted by any characteristic of the polygon

$$\bar{X}_w = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i X_i, \bar{Y}_w = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i Y_i$$



Euclidean Median

- Minimize the sum of Euclidean distances from all other points to that central location?

$$\min \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{(x_i - x_c)^2 + (y_i - y_c)^2}$$

- Weber problem

$$\text{Minimize } \sum_{i=1}^n f_i \sqrt{(x_i - \bar{X})^2 + (y_i - \bar{Y})^2}$$

– Minimize the total costs

- Location-allocation problem
- GIS, marketing analysis

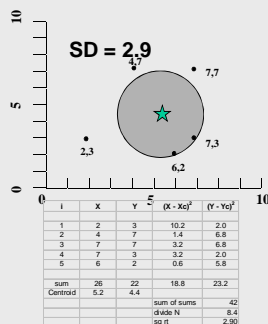
Standard distance

- Spatial equivalent to standard deviation
- Amount of absolute dispersion
- Provides a single unit measure of the spread or dispersion of a spatial distribution

$$S_D = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_c)^2 + (y_i - \bar{y}_c)^2}{n}}$$

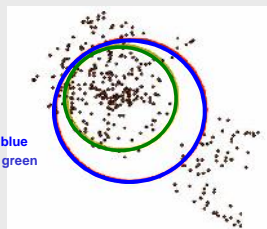
$$S_D = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{n} - \bar{x}_c^2 \right) + \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2}{n} - \bar{y}_c^2 \right)}$$

Examples



Seasonal effects of childhood respiratory diseases

Winter - blue
Spring - green



First Order Effects

- Intensity
 - The mean number of events per unit area at one point s
 - Defined as the limit when the size of small region ds around point s approaches zero:

$$\lambda(s) = \lim_{ds \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{E(Y(ds))}{|ds|} \right\}$$

- For a stationary point process, $\lambda(s)$ is constant over the study area

- The intensity is λ
- For an arbitrary area A , $E(Y(A)) = \lambda |A|$

Second Order Effects

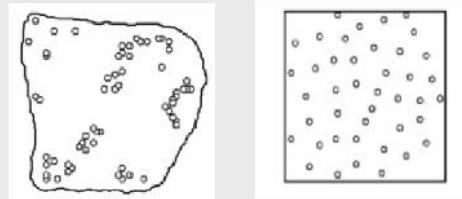
- Second order intensity
 - The relationship between numbers of events in pairs of areas in the study area \mathfrak{R}
 - Defined as the limit when the sizes of small regions ds_i and ds_j around point s_i and s_j approach zero:

$$\lambda(s_i, s_j) = \lim_{ds_i, ds_j \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{E(Y(ds_i)Y(ds_j))}{|ds_i| \times |ds_j|} \right\}$$

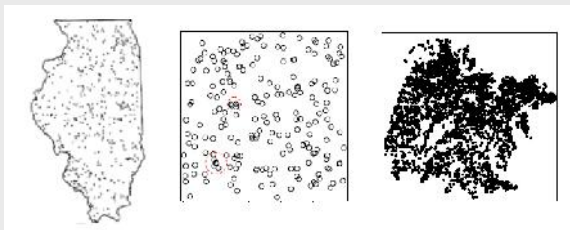
- For a stationary point process
 - Anisotropic $\lambda(s_i, s_j) = \lambda(s_i - s_j) = \lambda(h)$
 - Isotropic $\lambda(s_i, s_j) = \lambda(|h|)$

Visualizing Spatial Point Patterns

- Dot map
 - Shape of the study area
 - Visual impression of patterns



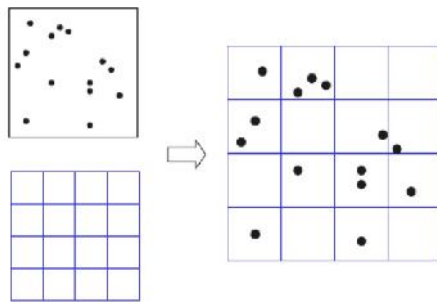
Examples



Exploring Spatial Point Patterns

- Summary statistics or plots
- First order effects
 - Quadrat methods
 - Kernel estimation
- Second order effects
 - Nearest neighbor distances
 - K function

Quadrat Methods



Area of each quadrat = 10

1	3	0	0
2	0	1	1
0	1	2	1
1	1	1	0



0.1	0.3	0	0
0.2	0	0.1	0.1
0	0.1	0.2	0.1
0.1	0.1	0.1	0

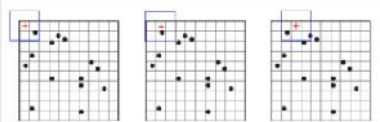
Count

Intensity

$$f(A) = \frac{\#(A)}{|A|}$$

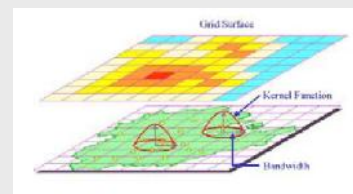
Remarks

- Quadrat can be randomly placed over the study area to gain a rough estimation of the variation in intensity
- No spatial details are considered within each quadrat
- The size of quadrat: large or small
- An alternative approach: moving window?



Kernel Estimation

- An extension of moving window approach
- Originally designed to obtain a smooth estimate of probability density function



Kernel Estimation

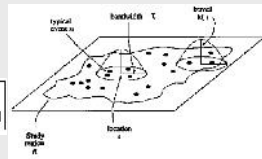
- Notation
 - s : an arbitrary location in R
 - s_1, \dots, s_n are the locations of the n observed events

- The intensity at location s is estimated by

$$\hat{\lambda}_\tau(s) = \frac{1}{\delta_\tau(s)} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\tau^2} k\left(\frac{(s-s_i)}{\tau}\right)$$

where $\delta_\tau(s)$ is the edge correction term;

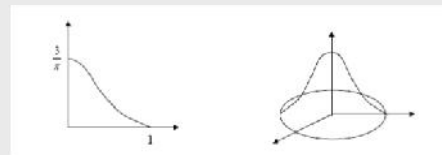
$k(\cdot)$ is kernel function; τ is bandwidth of kernel



Kernel Estimation

- Kernel function

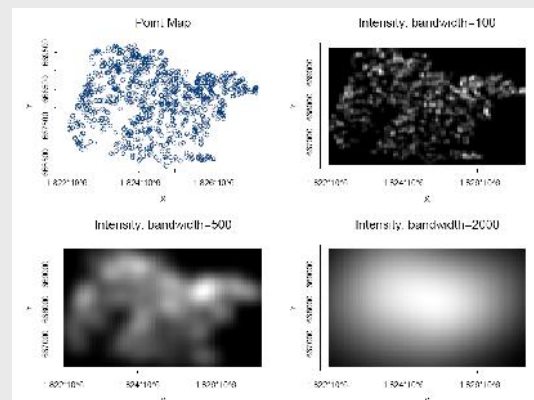
$$k(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{4\pi} (1 - u^T u)^2, & u^T u \leq 1 \\ 0, & u^T u > 1 \end{cases} \quad u^T u = |u|^2$$



How to choose a bandwidth

- The bandwidth determines the degree of smoothness of the intensity map
- If τ is too large, the intensity will be very smooth and spatial details are averaged out
- If τ is too small, the intensity will be very spiky at the locations of events and flat at the locations with no or few events
- One rule of thumb
- Or, try different bandwidths

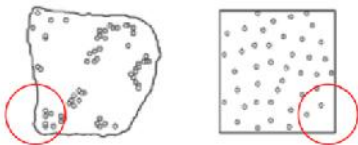
Effects of Bandwidth



Edge Correction

- Edge correction Term $u_i(s)$
 - The volume under the scaled kernel centered on s which lies “inside” the study area R

$$\delta_r(s) = \int_{\mathcal{R}} \frac{1}{\tau^2} k\left(\frac{s-u}{\tau}\right) du$$



Adaptive Kernel Estimation

- Locally adjusting the bandwidth
 - For dense areas, use smaller bandwidth
 - For sparse areas, use larger bandwidth

$$\hat{\lambda}_r(s) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\tau^2(s_i)} k\left(\frac{(s-s_i)}{\tau(s_i)}\right)$$

$\tau(s_i)$ is proportional to the intensity at location s_i