spatial statistics with geoda

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reference

- `https://geodacenter.github.io`
- there are tutorials and data for practice:
  - `https://geodacenter.github.io/documentation.html`
  - `https://geodacenter.github.io/data-and-lab/`

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correlation

- everyone heard of correlation, right? what is it?

  examples?

- many things correlate positively; people in space, too
- fat people like fat people; smokers like smokers, etc
- in short people you spend time with, are like you...
  - `https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3343772/pdf/nihms-216230.pdf` p11 cool vis
  - `http://kelsocartography.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2008/05/gr2008052600099.gif`
  - `https://www.google.com/search?q=christakis+fowler+obesity`
  - see ted talks by n christakis or j fowler

same about anything in space

- `http://www.thebigsort.com/maps.php`
- hi-crime neighborhoods next to hi-crime neighborhoods
- poor blocks next to poor blocks
- even poor states are next to poor states (Mississippi, Alabama, etc)
- poor countries cluster together, too: Africa, Latin America, etc
- in short, things/areas that are close to each other in space are alike

the first law of geography (Waldo Tobler)

- "Everything is related to everything else,
- but near things are more related than distant things"
- keep this in mind! almost always true!
  - do you see this in your research?

positive v negative spatial autocorrelation

- note: autocorrelation
- correlate values of a var with values of the same var
- how?
- we spatially lag a variable (details in next section)
  - and we correlate value of that variable with
  - average value of the same variable in nearby polygons
- positive if similar values next to each other
- negative if dissimilar values next to each other
  - details in next section, but can already see it in plain thematic maps

pos and neg

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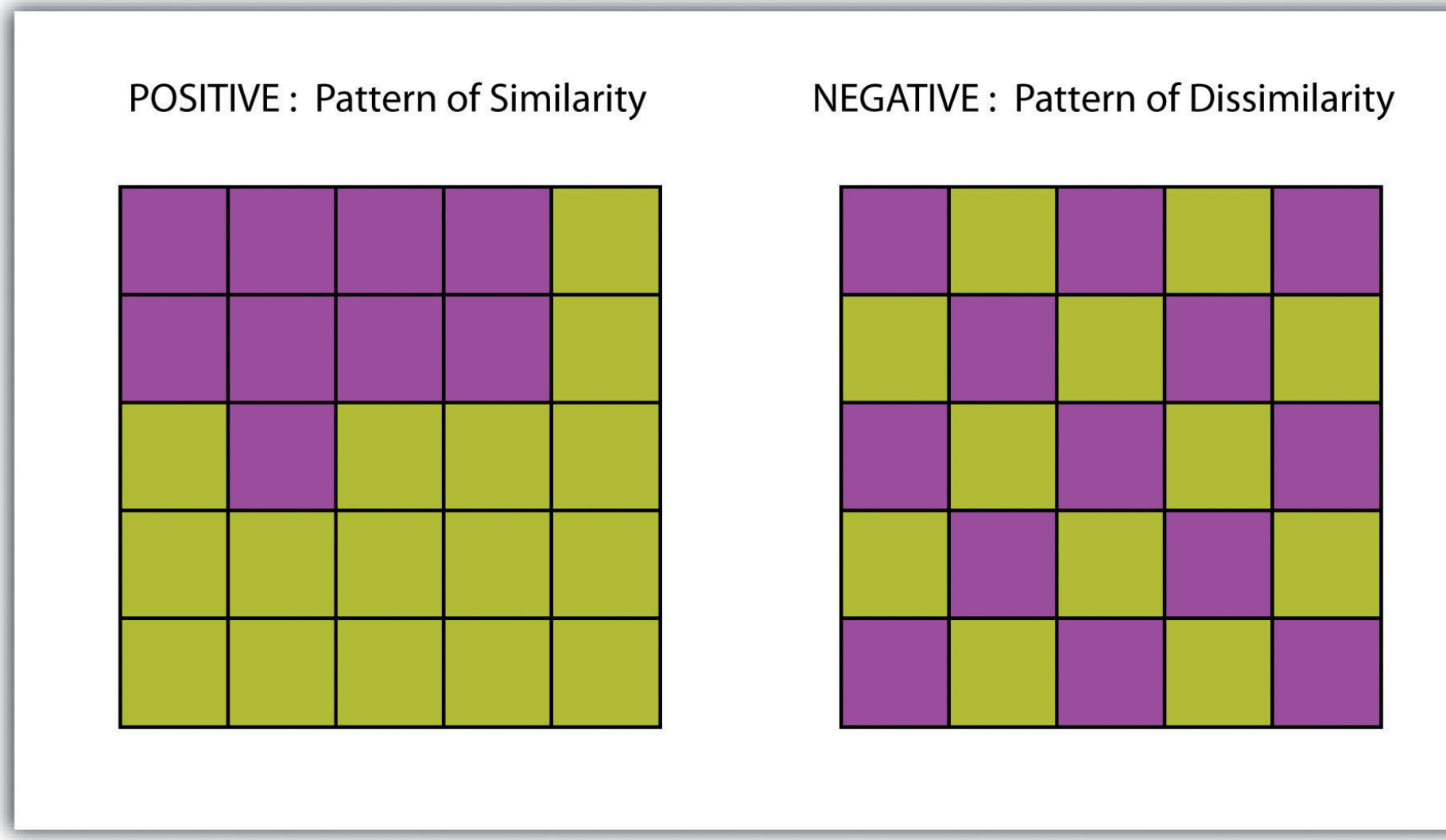
POSITIVE : Pattern of Similarity
NEGATIVE : Pattern of Dissimilarity

negative correlation is even more interesting

- less common than positive correlation: more interesting
- usually anything less common is more interesting
- if a dog bites a man its no news, if a man bites dog, that's news
- eg sometimes you will see rich area in the middle of poverty
- etc

application: my paper about happiness in Europe

- `https://theaok.github.io/docs/gesis3.pdf`
  - see histogram and maps
- positive spatial autocorrelation
- clusters of happy and unhappy provinces
  - and they span across country boundaries
  - it is interesting to identify them and formally test it

just a thematic map

- you'll already see or at least sense
  - spatial correlation from regular thematic maps
- just have a close look, and think about it
  - discuss in ps
- and now we'll use geoda to formally test if there is correlation

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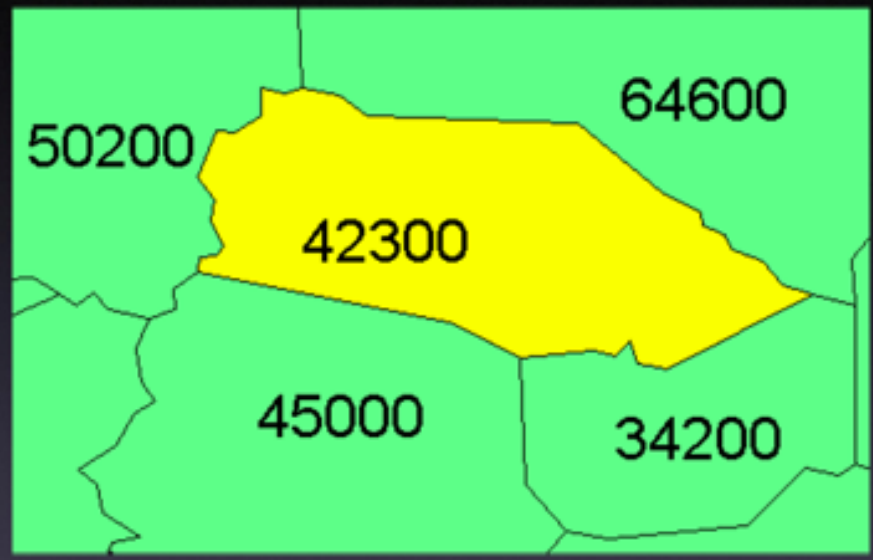
the first step

- the first step before producing spatial corr
- is to produce spatial weights
- or spatially lag a variable

we will spatially lag a variable

- it's like time lagging a variable draw a var and its lag
  - time lagging is useful in exploring temporal precedence
  - eg you may want to know what is the corr/effect of unemployment last year on this year's poverty
- spatially lagged var: want to know the relationship of
- a place to its neighbors
- spatially lagged variable is just
  - an average of values for its neighbors
- for elaboration see geoda documentation

Spatial Lag Example



Average Neighbor Land Values

1/4x50200 + 1/4x45000 + 1/4x34200 + 1/4x64600

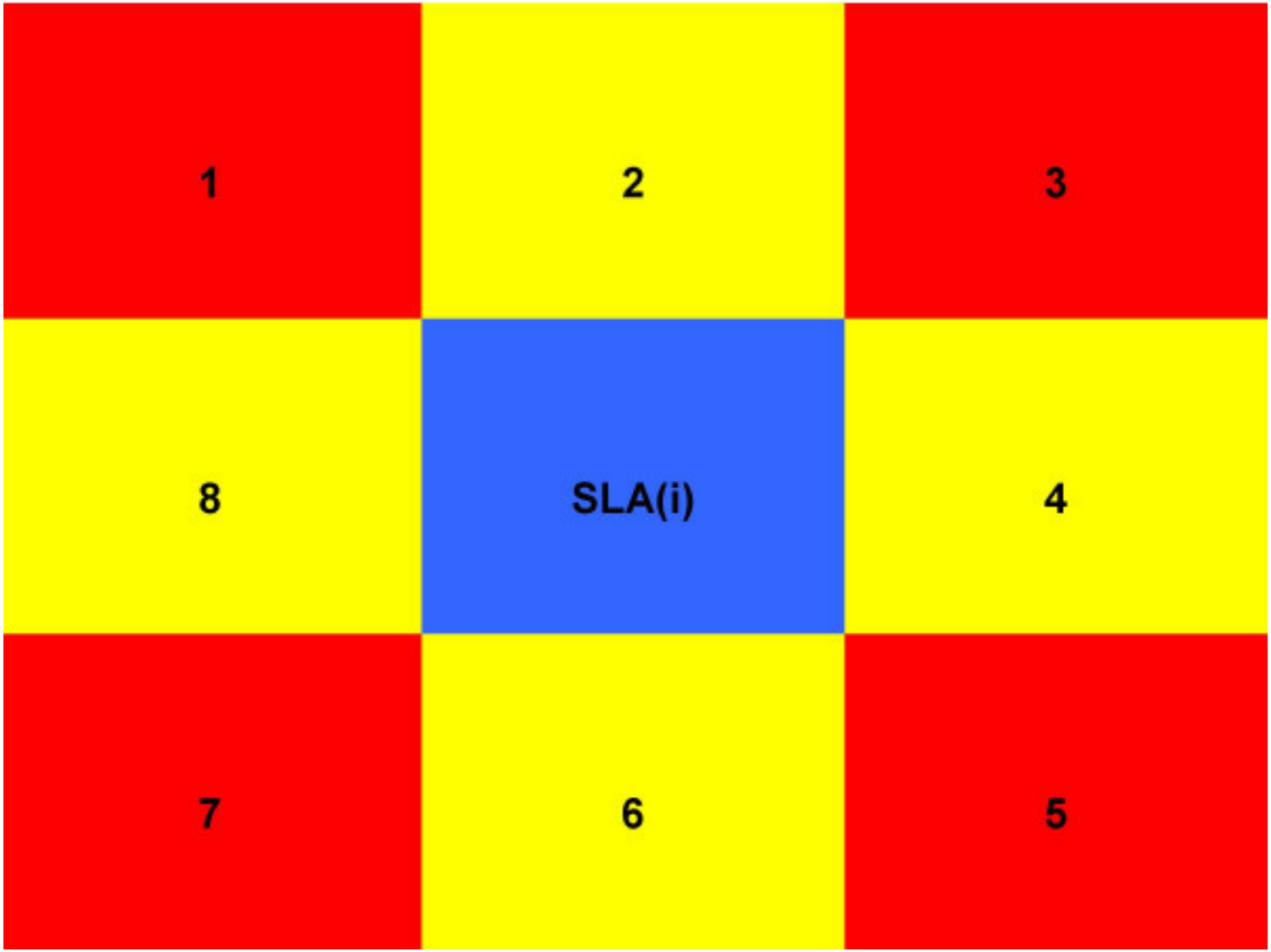
2 ways

- contiguity based (we'll just do these):
  - neighbor of place A touches on place A
- distance based: neighbor of place A is within some distance of place A

2 types of contiguity weights

- usually just pick queen contiguity–neighbor is any place that neighbors our place
  - at least must share a vertex, say North, North-East, etc
- can do rook: must share a border, not just vertex
  - so *not* North-East

rook v queen



- Rook: only 2,4,6, 8; Queen: all (i.e. 1-8)

order of contiguity

- can choose higher orders
- i.e. neighbors of my neighbors are my neighbors...
- we'll just stick with 1st order

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- again, see geoda workbook's appropriate chapter

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Moran's I

- it's a basic spatial statistic
- just like regular correlation (from -1 to 1)

application

- `https://theaok.github.io/docs/gesis3.pdf`
  - see Moran's I scatterplot

so what?

- Moran's I and LISA help make sense of thematic maps
- they identify patterns, clusters, outliers
- very useful!
- eg is poverty concentrated?
- I would be really happy if I see them in final project
- likewise, histograms are very nice for paper
- and histogram for your key variable is necessary
  - (don't forget about interpretation!)
  - (don't ever show anything that you don't interpret)

so what?

- and it does matter where in the cluster one is located
- eg being poor in the middle of poverty may be better
- than being poor next to rich
- suicide among females in rural china:
  - not absolute but relative deprivation

we're doing space, but think about time, too

- not only focus on location of greatest poverty, crime etc
- over-time changes matter, too
- greatest or smallest increase
- largest change from well-established trend
- trend
- etc
- show 2 maps, say 1950 map next to 2000 map
- or calculate new var (2000-1950)/1950

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