What is special about mining spatial data?

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Spatial Revolution



Spatial is a Critical Infrastructure Today!

- 2 billion GPS receivers in use, will hit 7 billion by 2022.
- Besides location, it reference time for critical infrastructure
 - Telecommunications industry, Banks, Airlines...
- GPS is the single point of failure for the entire modern economy.



- 50,000 incidents of deliberate (GPS) jamming last two years
 - Against Ubers, Waymo's self-driving cars, delivery drones from Amazon

Bloomberg Businessweek July 25, 2018, 4:00 AM CDT

The World Economy Runs on GPS. It Needs a Backup Plan

Source: https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2018-07-25/the-world-economy-runs-on-gps-it-needs-a-backup-plan

Growth of Spatial Data

- Hi-frequency (e.g., daily or hourly) time-series of imagery of entire earth
 - Monitor illegal fishing, forest fires, crops (2017 DARPA Geospatial Cloud Analytics)
- Large Constellations
 - 2017: Planet Labs: 200+ satellites: daily scan of Earth at 1m resolution



Easier Access to Spatial Data

- 2008: USGS gave away 35-year LandSat satellite imagery archive
 - Analog of public availability of GPS signal in late 1980s
- 2017: Many cloud-based Virtual collaboration environment
 - Explosion in machine learning on satelliite imagery to map crops, water, buildings, roads, ...

	Google Earth Engines	NEX	AWS Earth
Elevation, Landsat, LOCA, MODIS, NAIP	X	X	Х
NOAA	Х		х
AVHRR, FIA, GIMMM, GlobCover, NARR, TRIMM, Sentinel-1	Х	Х	
IARPA, GDELT, MOGREPS, OpenStreetMap, Sentinel-2, SpaceNet (building/road labels for ML)			х
CHIRPS, GeoScience Australia, GSMap, NASS, Oxford Map, PSDI, WHRC, WorldClim, WorldPop, WWF,	x		
BCCA, FLUXNET		х	
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Outline

- Motivation
 - Use cases
 - Pattern families
- Spatial Data Types
- Spatial Statistical Foundations
- Spatial Data Mining
- Conclusions

A Spatial Data Mining Story



Why Data Mining?

- Holy Grail Informed Decision Making
- Sensors & Databases increased rate of Data Collection
 - Transactions, Web logs, GPS-track, Remote sensing, ...
- Challenges:
 - Volume (data) >> number of human analysts
 - Some automation needed
- Approaches
 - Database Querying, e.g., SQL3/OGIS
 - Data Mining for Patterns
 - ...

Spatial Data Mining (SDM)

The process of discovering

- interesting, useful, non-trivial patterns
 - patterns: non-specialist
 - exception to patterns: specialist
- from large spatial datasets

Spatial pattern families

- Hotspots, Spatial clusters
- Spatial outlier, discontinuities
- Co-locations, co-occurrences
- Location prediction models

Pattern Family 1: Hotspots, Spatial Cluster

• The 1854 Asiatic Cholera in London

Near Broad St. water pump except a brewery





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Pattern Family 2: Spatial Outliers

- Spatial Outliers, Anomalies, Discontinuities
 - Traffic Data in Twin Cities
 - Abnormal Sensor Detections
 - Spatial and Temporal Outliers





<u>Source:</u> A Unified Approach to Detecting Spatial Outliers, GeoInformatica, 7(2), Springer, June 2003. (A Summary in Proc. ACM SIGKDD 2001) with C.-T. Lu, P. Zhang.

Pattern Family 3: Spatial Prediction

- Location Prediction:
 - Predict Bird Habitat Prediction
 - Using environmental variables







Details: Spatial Contextual Classification and Prediction Models for Mining Geospatial Data, S. Shekhar et al., IEEE Transactions on Multimedia, 4(2):174 - 188. 10.1109/TMM.2002.1017732.

Pattern Family 4: Colocation Example

- Cholera death, Broad Street water pump (1854, London)
- Higher Lung-cancer mortality (white males, 1950-69), WW2 ship building (Asbestos)



- Food deserts, increased rate of obesity & cancer
- **Sources:** A. Jemal et al., "Recent Geographic Patterns of Lung Cancer and Mesothelioma Mortality Rates in 49 Shipyard Counties in the U.S., 1970-94", Am J. Ind. Med. 2000, 37(5):512-21.
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Family 4: Co-locations/Co-occurrence

- Given: A collection of different types of spatial events
- Find: Co-located subsets of event types





<u>Source</u>: Discovering Spatial Co-location Patterns: A General Approach, IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Eng., 16(12), December 2004 (w/ H.Yan, H.Xiong).

Scope: What's NOT Spatial Data Mining?

- Simple Querying of Spatial Data
 - Find neighbors of Canada, or shortest path from Boston to Houston
- Testing a hypothesis via a primary data analysis
 - Ex. Is cancer rate inside Hinkley, CA higher than outside ?
 - SDM: Which places have significantly higher cancer rates?
- Uninteresting, obvious or well-known patterns
 - Ex. (Warmer winter in St. Paul, MN) => (warmer winter in Minneapolis, MN)
 - SDM: (Pacific warming, e.g. El Nino) => (warmer winter in Minneapolis, MN)
- Non-spatial data or pattern
 - Ex. Diaper and beer sales are correlated
 - SDM: Diaper and beer sales are correlated in blue-collar areas (weekday evening)

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- Spatial Data
 - Spatial Data Types & Relationships
 - OGIS Simple Feature Types
- Spatial Statistical Foundations
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Data-Types: Non-Spatial vs. Spatial

- Non-spatial
 - Numbers, text-string, ...
 - e.g., city name, population
- Spatial (Geographically referenced)
 - Location, e.g., longitude, latitude, elevation
 - Neighborhood and extent
- Spatial Data-types
 - Raster: gridded space
 - Vector: point, line, polygon, ...
 - Graph: node, edge, path



Raster (Courtesy: UMN)



Vector (Courtesy: MapQuest)

OGC Simple Features Standard





Spatial Analysis	Distance	
	Buffer	
	ConvexHull	
	Intersection	
	Union	
	Difference	
	DymmDiff	
Basic Functions	SpatialReference ()	
	Envelop ()	
	Export ()	
	IsEmpty ()	
	IsSimple ()	
r	Boundary ()	
Tanalasiasi/Oat	E	
Topological / Set	Equal	
Operators	Disjoint	
	Intersect	
	Touch	
	Cross	
	Within	
	Contains	
	Overlap	

Spatial Database Management Systems

- Meta-data, Schema, DBMS (SQL, Hadoop)
- Challenge: One size does not fit all!
- Ex. Spatial Querying

Spatial Databases

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- Geo-tag. Checkin, Geo-fence
- Spatial Querying Software
 - OGC Spatial Data Type & Operations
 - Data-structures: B-tree => R-tree
 - Algorithms: Sorting => Geometric
 - Partitioning: random => proximity aware





Research Needs for Data

- Limitations of OGC Simple Features
 - Direction predicates e.g. absolute, ego-centric
 - Terrains and visibility, Network analysis, Raster operations
 - Spatio-temporal
- Needs for New Standards & Research
 - Modeling richer spatial properties listed above
 - Spatio-temporal data, e.g., moving objects



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- Spatial Data Types
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 - Spatial Auto-correlation
 - Heterogeneity
 - Edge Effect
- Spatial Data Mining
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Limitations of Traditional Statistics

Classical Statistics

- Data samples: independent and identically distributed (i.i.d)
- Simplifies mathematics underlying statistical methods, e.g., Linear Regression

Spatial data samples are not independent

- Spatial Autocorrelation metrics
 - distance-based (e.g., K-function), neighbor-based (e.g., Moran's I)
- Spatial Cross-Correlation metrics

Spatial Variability and Heterogeneity

- Spatial data samples may not be identically distributed!
- No two places on Earth are exactly alike!

Challenge: Modifiable Areal Unit Problem (MAUP)

- Result changes if spatial partitioning changes (similar to Gerrymandering)
 - Neighbor Graph Based Measures are more robust



Details: <u>Data Science for Earth: The Earth Day Report</u>, E. Eftelioglu, S. Shekhar, J. Hudson, L. Joppa, C. Baru, V. Janeja, et al. ACM SIGKDD Explorations Newsletter, 22(1), May 2020.

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Spatial Statistics: An Overview

- Point process
 - Discrete points, e.g., locations of trees, accidents, crimes, ...
 - Complete spatial randomness (CSR): Poisson process in space
 - K-function: test of CSR
- Geostatistics
 - Continuous phenomena, e.g., rainfall, snow depth, ...
 - Methods: Variogram measure how similarity decreases with distance
 - Spatial interpolation, e.g., Kriging
- Lattice-based statistics
 - Polygonal aggregate data, e.g., census, disease rates, pixels in a raster
 - Spatial Gaussian models, Markov Random Fields, Spatial Autoregressive Model



Spatial Autocorrelation (SA)

- First Law of Geography
 - All things are related, but nearby things are more related than distant things. [Tobler70]
- Spatial autocorrelation
 - Traditional i.i.d. assumption is not valid
 - Measures: K-function, Moran's I, Variogram, ...





Vegetation Durability with SA

Spatial Autocorrelation: K-Function

- Purpose: Compare a point dataset with a complete spatial random (CSR) data
- Input: A set of points $K(h, data) = \lambda^{-1} E$ [number of events within distance h of an arbitrary event]
 - where λ is intensity of event
- Interpretation: Compare k(h, data) with *K(h,* CSR)
 - *K*(*h*, *data*) = *k*(*h*, *CSR*): Points are CSR > means Points are clustered
 - < means Points are de-clustered



Paisson CS Cluster Process

1200

1000

Decluster Process



Clustered

De-clustered

Spatial Cross-Correlation

• Cross K-Function Definition $K_{ij}(h) = \lambda_j^{-1} E$ [number of type *j* event within distance *h* of a type *i* event]



Spatial Variability and Heterogeneity

- "Second law of geography" [M. Goodchild, UCGIS 2003]
- Global model might be inconsistent with regional models
 - Spatial Simpson's Paradox (linked to MAUP)
- May improve the effectiveness of SDM, show support regions of a pattern



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Edge Effect

- Cropland on edges may not be classified as outliers
- No concept of spatial edges in classical data mining



Korea Dataset, Courtesy: Architecture Technology Corp.

Research Needs

State-of-the-art of Spatial Statistics

		Point Process	Lattice	Geostatistics
	raster		\checkmark	\checkmark
Vector	Point	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Line			\checkmark
	Polygon		\checkmark	\checkmark
	graph			

Data Types and Statistical Models

- Research Needs
 - Correlating extended features, road, rivers, cropland
 - Spatio-temporal statistics
 - Spatial graphs, e.g., reports with street address







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Illustration of Spatial Prediction Problem



Neighbor Relationship: W Matrix



Spatial Prediction Models

- Traditional Models, e.g., Regression (with Logit or Probit),
 - Linear Regression, Bayes Classifier, ...
- Semi-Spatial : auto-correlation regularizer

$$\varepsilon = \|y - \beta X\|^2 + \|\beta X - \beta X_{neighbor}\|^2$$

- Spatial Models
 - Spatial autoregressive model (SAR)
 - Markov random field (MRF) based Bayesian Classifier

Traditional	Spatial
$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$	$y = \rho W y + X \beta + \varepsilon$
$\Pr(C_i \mid X) = \frac{\Pr(X \mid C_i) \Pr(C_i)}{\Pr(X)}$	$\Pr(c_i \mid X, C_N) = \frac{\Pr(C_i) \Pr(X, C_N \mid c_i)}{\Pr(X, C_N)}$
Decision Trees	Spatial Decision Trees
Neural Networks	Convolutional Neural Networks

Comparing Traditional and Spatial Models

- Dataset: Bird Nest prediction
- Linear Regression
 - Lower prediction accuracy, coefficient of determination,
 - Residual error with spatial auto-correlation
- Spatial Auto-regression outperformed linear regression



Prediction Error and Bias Trade-off

Linear Regression (LR): Least Squares estimator

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

- LR with Auto-correlation Regularizer
 - Least squares estimator $y = X\beta + \varepsilon$ $\varepsilon = ||y - \beta X||^2 + ||\beta X - \beta X_{neighbor}||^2$ $\varepsilon = ||y - \beta X||^2 + ||y - \beta X_{neighbor}||^2$
- Spatial Auto-Regression:
 - Maximum Likelihood Estimator

$$y = \rho W y + X \beta + \varepsilon$$



Source: Geospatial Data Science: A Transdisciplinary Approach. In *Geospatial Data Science Techniques and Applications* (pp. 17-56). CRC Press, 2017 (E. Eftelioglu,R. Ali, X. Tang., Y. Xie, Y., Li and S. Shekhar).

Spatial Heterogeneity

Knowledge of location can improve land-cover and object recognition (Ex. Snow vs. salt)



Salt Marsh (Runn of Kutch, India)



Snow

Snow

Coarse Satellite Imagery (e.g., 30m pixels) Better for mono-crop farms than mixed-crop plots



However, Convolutional Neural Networks does not model geographic heterogeneity.

Q? Which of these problem may be addressed by "attention" in DNN ?

Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR)

- Goal: Model spatially varying relationships
- Example: $y = X\beta' + \varepsilon'$ Where β' and ε' are location dependent



Source: resources.arcgis.com

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Spatial Variability Aware Neural Networks (SVANN)

- Each NN parameter is a map i.e., a function of location
 - Similar to Geographically Weighted Regression





- Evaluation:
 - Urban Garden Detection across Hennepin County, MN and Fulton County, GA.
 - SVANN outperformed OSFA by 14.34% on F1-scores.

Details:Towards Spatial Variability Aware Deep Neural Networks (SVANN), <u>ACM Trans. on Intelligent</u> <u>Systems and Tech</u>, 12(6):1-21, 2021. (A Summary in ACM SIGKDD DeepSpaial, 2020. (Best Paper Award)

Research Needs in Spatial Prediction

Spatial Auto-Regression

- Estimate W
- Scaling issue $\rho Wy vs. X\beta$
- Spatial interest measure
 - e.g., distance(actual, predicted)



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Limitations of Classical Clustering Methods

Easily fooled by noise



Spatial Scan Statistics

- Goal: Omit chance clusters
- Ideas: Likelihood Ratio, Statistical Significance

Steps

- Enumerate candidate zones & choose zone X with highest likelihood ratio (LR)
 - LR(X) = p(H1|data) / p(H0|data)
 - H0: points in zone X show complete spatial randomness (CSR)
 - H1: points in zone X are clustered
- If LR(Z) >> 1 then test statistical significance
 - Check how often is LR(CSR) > LR(Z) using 1000 Monte Carlo simulations

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Satscan" Software for the spatial, temporal, and space-time scan statistics

SaTScan Examples



Source: Ring-Shaped Hotspot Detection, IEEE Trans. Know. & Data Eng., 28(12), 2016. (A Summary in Proc. IEEE ICDM 2014) (w/ E. Eftelioglu et al.)

Non-circular Hotspots

- Geographic features, e.g., rivers, streams, roads, ...
 - Hot-spots => Hot Geographic-features, e.g., Linear Hotspots
 - Spatial Theories, e.g., environmental criminology
 - Circles → Doughnut holes



Pedestrian fatalities Orlando, FL

Circular hotspots by SatScan

Linear hotspots

Details: Significant Linear Hotspot Discovery, IEEE Transactions on Big Data, 3(2):140-153, 2017. (Summary in Proc. Geographic Info. Sc., Springer LNCS 8728, pp. 284-300, 2014.

Hotspots with Flexible Shapes



Details: Significant DBSCAN towards Statistically Robust Clustering, <u>ACM Trans. on Intelligent Systems and</u> <u>Tech</u>, 12(5):1-26, Oct. 2021. (A summary in 16th Intl. Symp. on Spatial and Temporal Databases, 2019. (Best Paper Award)

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Outliers: Global (G) vs. Spatial (S)



Outlier Detection Tests: Variogram Cloud

Graphical Test: Variogram Cloud



Outlier Detection Tests: Spatial Z-test

- Quantitative Tests: Spatial Z-test
 - Algorithmic Structure: Spatial Join on neighbor relation



Flow Anomalies

Example Forensics: When and where do contaminants enter a Creek?



Details: Discovering Flow Anomalies: A SWEET Approach, IEEE Intl. Conf. on Data Mining, 2008 (w/J. Kang et al.).

Spatial Outlier Detection: Computation

• Separate two phases

- Model Building
- Testing: test a node (or a set of nodes)
- Computation Structure of Model Building
 - Key insights:
 - Spatial self join using N(x) relationship
 - Algebraic aggregate function computed in one scan of spatial join

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Trends in Spatial Outlier Detection

- Multiple spatial outlier detection
 - Eliminating the influence of neighboring outliers
- Multi-attribute spatial outlier detection
 - Use multiple attributes as features
- Spatio-temporal anomalies
 - Anomalous trajectories, patterns of life
- Scale up for large data

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Background: Association Rules

• Association rule e.g. (Diaper in T => Beer in T)

Transaction	Items Bought
1	{socks, 📑, milk, 🎒, beef, egg,}
2	{pillow, [], toothbrush, ice-cream, muffin,}
3	{ 📑 , 🎒 , pacifier, formula, blanket, }
n	{battery, juice, beef, egg, chicken,}

- Support: probability (Diaper and Beer in T) = 2/5
- Confidence: probability (Beer in T | Diaper in T) = 2/2
- Apriori Algorithm
 - Support based pruning using monotonicity
 - Computationally efficient, scales to larger dataset than correlation coefficient

Limitations of Association Rules









(a) Map of 3 item-types

(b) Spatial Partition P1

(c) Spatial Partition P2

(d) Spatial Partition P3

Spatial Partitioning	P1	P2	P3
Transactions	T11, T12, T13, T14	T21, T22, T23, T24	T31, T32, T33, T44
Associations with support >= 0.5	(🔺 🔹)	(📕 🔺)	(🗖 🔺 🖜)

Spatial Colocation





Participation ratio (pr): $pr(\bullet, \bullet) = fraction of \bullet instances neighboring feature \{\bullet\} = 2/3$ $pr(\bullet, \bullet) = \frac{1}{2}$ Participation index (A,B.) = pi(A,B.) $= min \{ pr(A., (A \bullet) = pi(A,B.) \}$ $= min (2/3, \bullet) = \bullet$

Participation Index Properties:

- (1) Computational: Non-monotonically decreasing like support measure
- (2) Statistical: Upper bound on Ripley's Cross-K function

Participation Index >= Cross-K Function

	B.1 A.1	B.1 A.1	B.1 A.1
	A.3	A.3	A.3
	B.2 A.2	B.2 A.2	B.2 A.2
Cross-K (A,B)	2/6 = 0.33	3/6 = 0.5	6/6 = 1
PI (A,B)	2/3 = 0.66	1	1

Co-occurrence Patterns to Refine a Physical Model

Details: R. Ali, V. Gunturi, A. Kotz, E. Eftelioglu, S. Shekhar, and W. Northrop "*Discovering Non-compliant Window Co-Occurrence Patterns.*" GeoInformatica, 21(4), 829-866 (2017).



Spatial Colocation: Trends

Algorithms

- Join-based algorithms
 - One spatial join per candidate colocation
- Join-less algorithms
- Statistical Significance
 - ?Chance-patterns

Spatio-temporal

- Which events co-occur in space and time?
 - (bar-closing, minor offenses, drunk-driving citations)
- Which types of objects move together?

Cascading spatio-temporal pattern (CSTP)



Details: Cascading Spatio-Temporal Pattern Discovery, IEEE Trans. on Know. & Data Eng, 24(11), 2012.

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Summary

What's Special About Mining Spatial Data?

		Spatial DM	Spatio-Temporal DM
Input Dat	a	Often implicit relationships, complex types	Another dimension – Time. Implicit relationships changing over time
Statistica	l Foundation	Spatial autocorrelation	Spatial autocorrelation and Temporal correlation
Output	Association	Colocation	Frequent Patterns of Change
	Clusters	Hot-spots	Flock pattern Moving Clusters
	Outlier	Spatial outlier	Change Detection
	Prediction	Location prediction	Future Location prediction

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