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Place Matters

... it is space not time that hides consequences from us.



Abraham Verghese: Urbs in Rure



Verghese, A., S. Berk, and F. Sarubbi. 1989. Urbs in Rure: HIV infections in rural Tennessee. Journal of Infectious Diseases 160(6): 1051-1055.

Types of Spatial Analysis

1. Traditional GIS

- A. Query and display
- B. Buffering
- C. Overlay

2. Spatial Statistics

- A. Hot spot analysis
- B. Spatial pattern analysis
- C. Spatial Regression

Multilevel Spatial Analysis: Social Determinants of Health & Neighborhood Effects



From: After To: Beside

Aggregation

Low Education in Virginia

25% or more of residents 25-64 years old had neither a high school diploma nor GED



Source: United States Department of Agriculture: Economic Research Service, 2004 County Typologies; Census 2000, SF3-PCT25.

US ~ Stroke Hospitalization Rates Pop Ages 65+, Medicare Beneficiaries, 2000-2006



Source: http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/giscvh2/Results.aspx

Distribution of Health Care Providers

Stroke System of Care Regions ~ Board Certified Neurologists * Primary Stroke Centers (PSC) & Comprehensive Stroke Centers (CSC)





HotSpot Analysis & Scan Statistics

Examining Spatial Patterns

- Hot Spot Analysis Getis Ord Gi*
 - Used to identify clusters of features with values significantly higher or lower than the overall study area mean
 - -Z score is calculated
 - High Z = hot spot (surrounded by other high Z)
 - Low z = cold spot (surrounded by other low Z)



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Virginia Arterial Ischemic Stroke (AIS) ~ 35 Years & Over Hospitalization (Primary Diagnosis) Discharge Data *

SaTScan Cluster Analysis (25 Miles Radius)

2005~2009



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Stroke Related Recurrent Admission ~ 35 Years & Over Based on 2008 AIS Admissions Cohort

Hospitalization Discharge Data * Space-Time Permutation Analysis ~ Retrospective

1994~2007



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Spatial Analysis

Regression



Ordinary Least Squares Regression (OLS)

- Global regression technique
- Single equation to represent overall relationship between variables
- OLS will indicate spatially significant explanatory variables
- Remove non-significant variables, explore other explanatory variables
- Run several iterations of OLS

Ordinary Least Squares Regression (OLS)

- Six (6) diagnostic indicators
 - Coefficients have the expected sign
 - Check for redundancy (VIF>7.5)
 - Coefficients are statistical significance
 - Residual are normally distributed
 - AIC & Adjusted R-Squared values
 - Relationships across the area do not vary significantly

Selecting Variables for Spatial Regression.....??????



Using OLS to test hypotheses

Spatial Autocorrelation

Dependent Variable: Stroke Hospitalization Rate

Independent Variables: PctPoverty, Pct 65 & Over, Average Distance to Care, PCP FTEs, Length of Stay

Spatial Autocorrelation

Virginia Exploring Spatial Variation Stroke Hospitalization Rate ~ 2005-2009 Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR Residual)

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Modeled Relationship Across the Study Area

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