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Sub-neighborhood and baseline value study based on geographical grouping analysis for New York City

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Study Goal:

- Seek to use statistical methods based on data(condo sales data used for this talk)
 - Guide the subdivision and grouping of existing neighborhoods
 - Produce baseline values based on location
- This is a pilot study conducted as part of a neighborhood delineation project.
- It is still an ongoing study...



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Overlay of different neighborhood boundaries



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Study Area

- Study area:
 - 5 neighborhoods in Queens:
 - ASTORIA, CORONA, ELMHURST, JACKSON HEIGHTS, LONG ISLAND CITY
 - Condo Sales Price per sf (2015 -2016)



neighbor	n	Mean	Median	Q1	Q2	Q3
ASTORIA	200	\$ 850.78	\$ 853.08	\$ 729.91	\$ 853.08	\$ 993.44
CORONA	134	\$ 447.49	\$ 502.99	\$ 300.09	\$ 502.99	\$ 542.94
ELMHURST	132	\$ 507.97	\$ 511.41	\$ 435.29	\$ 511.41	\$ 600.93
JACKSON HEIGHTS	143	\$ 494.04	\$ 485.75	\$ 428.24	\$ 485.75	\$ 551.14
LONG ISLAND CITY	245	\$1,089.66	\$1,108.70	\$1,001.16	\$1,108.70	\$1,188.17





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Geographical Methods:

- General discussion
 - Thin plate spline and classification
 - K nearest neighbor and classification
 - GWR and cluster analysis



- Thin plate splines (TPS) is a spline based technique for data interpolation and smoothing
- The minimization problem is: $\sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - f(x_i))^2 + \lambda * J_m(f)$
- Where Jm(f) is the m-th order thin plate spline penalty functional.
- The smoothing variant, uses a tuning parameter λ to control how non-rigid is allowed for the deformation



• Original Sales data: Tax Class 2





• Predictions: use optimized λ





• Predictions for all blocks: use optimized λ





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Predictions for all blocks: use optimized λ





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• Predictions for all blocks: use a larger λ





Classification: Jenks Natural Breaks

- After filling up the entire area with predicted values
- Data clustering method: Jenks Natural Breaks Classification
 - Determines the best arrangement of values into different classes
 - Divide blocks into sub-neighborhood areas
 - By reducing the variance within classes and maximizing the variance between classes



• Grouped to sub-neighborhoods: Jenks Natural Breaks





- Discussion:
 - Pros:
 - quick and straight forward,
 - use coordinates and specify lambda
 - Cons:
 - choice of lambda, can be tricky; Can over fit.
 - When data is sparse, confident level for predictions near boundary are low. May end up with interpolation values from closest point looking like contours.
 - When data variation is larger in small area, extreme peaks can form.





- K-nearest neighbor:
 - data interpolation and smoothing technique
 - Value of a given location determined by the k nearest neighbors around
 - Flexibility on distance
- For our purposes, we look for a subject block's value based on the median of its k nearest block values
 - Classification: Jenks Natural Breaks







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nearest neighbor block values on tc2 sales Based ſ CZ,



K nearest neighbor group: Jenks Natural Break





c2, 10 nearest neighbor groups

Based on tc2 sales

- Discussion
 - Pros:
 - Easy to interpret
 - Flexible searching distance
 - Cons:
 - Based on one variable: price psf
 - Small pieces of land when grouping



• The basic form of the GW regression model is:



- As data are geographically weighted, nearer observations have more influence in estimating the local set of regression coefficients than observations farther away.
- Difference in local coefficients reflect the difference in sensitivity to how price respond



Geographically Weighted Regression scheme. Geographical weighting is achieved by a fixed Gaussian kernel function with a given bandwidth moving across the spatial domain. Bandwidth determines the rate at which the weights decay around each cell, and reflects the degree of spatial variation: if the bandwidth gets larger, the model will tend to a global regression model.



- GWR variables
 - Predicting variables: pricepsf
 - Explaining variables:
 - Aptsize
 - Total resid unit
 - Building story
 - Year built
 - Elev/Walkup
 - Building size
 - Resratio, retratio ...
 - yearqtr
 - * Variables used in model are after transformation and scaled



• GWR local coefficients rendering: BLDG Story





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• GWR local coefficients rendering: year built





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- K- means clustering
- Find optimized number of groups





• Clustering result

Go to Interactive map





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What's Next?

- Application on larger geographical area and expand sales data
- Look for systematic method to identify boundary considering the hierarchy of road system or other geo boundaries in the area
- Test in practice



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