SOCIAL NETWORK ANALYSIS FOR LOCAL AND GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT





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Outline



- Multilayer networks
- International development & network metrics
- Urban development & social networks
- Social, cultural & economic capital in cities

Social Networks



Social networks are usually reduced to a single interaction type

Place Networks





Place networks can be constructed from human mobility traces between locations.

Noulas, Anastasios, et al. "Topological properties and temporal dynamics of place networks in urban environments." *Proceedings of the 24th International Conference on World Wide Web*. ACM, 2015.

Real World

In reality, human relationships are multifaceted and places can be linked in more than one way.

We need augmented network models to capture this...



Multilayer Networks

Capturing multiple heterogeneous interactions.



Kivelä, Mikko, et al. "Multilayer networks." *Journal of complex networks* 2.3 (2014): 203-271.

Multiplex Networks

Trade U.S.A. Japan U.K. Allies U.S.A. Japan U.K. Borders U.S.A. Japan U.K.

"A multiplex network is a special type of multilayer network in which the only possible types of interlayer connections are ones in which a given node is connected to its counterpart nodes in the other layers."

De Domenico, Manlio, et al. "Mathematical formulation of multilayer networks." *Physical Review X* (2013): 041022.

Interconnected Networks



Interconnected network models can capture interactions between heterogeneous entities across layers and therefore be used to study cascading effects.

Buldyrev, Sergey V., et al. "Catastrophic cascade of failures in interdependent networks." *Nature* 464.7291 (2010): 1025-1028.

Can we use network data as a proxy for international development?



Challenges: measurement is costly, coverage is incomplete, time window is 5-10 years for some indicators.



Socioeconomic Indicators



• Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Economic • Gini Index development • Economic Complexity Index Environmental • CO₂ Emissions development Life Expectancy **Poverty Rate** Human development Literacy Rate Human Development Index • Mobile phone penetration rate Technological development Internet penetration rate Corruption Perception Index Subjective wellbeing • World Happiness Index

International Postal Network







The oldest social media network is a good candidate for a proxy Measurements because of its **sustainability** (growing), **cost** (already being collected anyway), **coverage** (global) and **granularity** (daily)

Postal Network Degree

Countries can be ranked by the number of countries they exchange post with and its volume.



Global Interaction Network



In reality, countries have many other types of interactions for which we have data...

network	weight	years	$ \mathbf{V} $	$ \mathbf{E} $	< k >	assort	d	cc
Post	postal items	2010 - 15	201	22,280	110.85	-0.26	0.55	0.79
Trade	export value	2007 - 12	228	30,235	132.6	-0.39	0.58	0.84
Migration	migrants	2005 - 10	193	11,431	59.22	-0.33	0.31	0.68
Flights	flights	2010 - 15	223	$6,\!425$	28.81	-0.1	0.13	0.49
IP	IPs	2007 - 11	225	9,717	43.19	-0.42	0.19	0.6
SM	density	2009	147	10,667	145.13	-0.02	0.98	0.99

Comparing networks

- ★ A. Low edge overlap means that we have non-redundant network structure across layers.
- ★ B. High edge correlation indicates that countries exhibit multiplex interaction.
- ★ C+D. High in/out degree correlation means that countries hold a similarly central or peripheral rank across layers.



SM 0.45

fly

0.5

0.42

0.36

0.66

C. In degree Spearman correlations

0.35

0.35





Lets build a multiplex





A multiplex network can be defined as a simple collection of graphs.

 $\mathcal{M} = \{G^{1}(V^{1}, E^{1}), ..., G^{\alpha}(V^{\alpha}, E^{\alpha}), ..., G^{M}(V^{m}, E^{m})\}$

Global Network Degree



The multilayer neighbourhood can be derived from the union of single-layer neighbourhoods. Can we use network metrics to approximate socioeconomic indicators?

	post_indeg	post_outdeg	post_windeg	post_woutdeg	trade_indeg	trade_outdeg	trade_windeg	trade_woutdeg	mig_indeg	mig_outdeg	mig_windeg	mig_woutdeg	fly_indeg	fly_outdeg	fly_windeg	fly_woutdeg	ip_deg	ip_wdeg	sm_deg	sm_wdeg	global_deg	global_wdeg		
GDP	0.62	0.64	0.69	0.79	0.58	0.69	0.65	0.81	0.68	0.09	0.71	0.16	0.65	0.66	0.69	0.75	0.7	0.78	0.61	0.32	0.82	0.68	「 '	
LifeExp	0.6	0.64	0.68	0.78	0.64	0.73	0.69	0.79	0.66	0.11	0.67	0.18	0.61	0.62	0.64	0.7	0.73	0.79	0.61	0.33	0.82	0.66	- 0.8	
CPI	0.49	0.49	0.54	0.67	0.48	0.57	0.5	0.69	0.51	-0.03	0.52	0.05	0.41	0.41	0.44	0.51	0.54	0.64	0.47	0.28	0.64	0.53	- 0.6	
Happiness	0.51	0.54	0.58	0.63	0.54	0.61	0.58	0.7	0.62	0.14	0.63	0.18	0.42	0.43	0.46	0.51	0.67	0.71	0.6	0.29	0.69	0.55		
Gini.ldx	-0.38	-0.37	-0.41	-0.43	-0.38	-0.35	-0.38	-0.37	-0.34	-0.04	-0.33	-0.08	-0.51	-0.52	-0.5	-0.52	-0.3	-0.34	-0.21	-0.17	-0.38	-0.29	- 0.4	
ECI	0.65	0.7	0.73	0.82	0.73	0.78	0.75	0.85	0.68	0.05	0.68	0.11	0.67	0.67	0.7	0.74	0.77	0.82	0.66	0.3	0.81	0.62	- 0.2	
LitRate	0.28	0.33	0.37	0.5	0.33	0.29	0.33	0.44	0.46	-0.15	0.44	-0.06	0.31	0.33	0.33	0.42	0.5	0.59	0.34	0.23	0.46	0.35		
PovRate	-0.44	-0.51	-0.53	-0.65	-0.57	-0.5	-0.59	-0.63	-0.54	0.01	-0.52	-0.07	-0.5	-0.53	-0.52	-0.63	-0.55	-0.62	-0.53	-0.3	-0.67	-0.49	- 0	
EdRate	0.36	0.4	0.41	0.56	0.31	0.31	0.33	0.46	0.34	-0.01	0.33	0.07	0.3	0.31	0.32	0.4	0.45	0.51	0.31	0.14	0.45	0.4	0.2	
CO2	0.52	0.52	0.58	0.66	0.51	0.5	0.53	0.65	0.53	0.06	0.55	0.12	0.51	0.53	0.53	0.62	0.62	0.67	0.47	0.32	0.7	0.59	0.4	
FxPhone	0.5	0.52	0.56	0.72	0.53	0.52	0.53	0.68	0.52	-0.04	0.52	0.04	0.44	0.45	0.47	0.56	0.62	0.71	0.49	0.32	0.73	0.56		
Inet	0.57	0.57	0.63	0.74	0.59	0.57	0.6	0.72	0.54	0.02	0.55	0.09	0.5	0.51	0.53	0.61	0.67	0.74	0.56	0.35	0.76	0.6	0.6	
Mobile	0.34	0.34	0.39	0.51	0.36	0.4	0.39	0.55	0.38	0.01	0.38	0.07	0.36	0.38	0.39	0.49	0.47	0.56	0.43	0.27	0.53	0.5	0.8	
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Hristova, Desislava, et al. "The international postal network and other global flows as proxies for national wellbeing." *PloS one* 11.6 (2016).

Can we model urban development with multilayer networks?





Urban development is the process of **social**, **cultural**, **economic** and physical development of cities, along with the underlying causes of this process...

Social networks and social capital



Open network structures (aka "structural holes") are associated with having an advantageous position in the social network but what about the place network?

Burt, Ronald S. "Structural holes and good ideas 1." *American journal of sociology* 110.2 (2004): 349-399.

Urban Geo-Social Network Model

We can model urban areas as a multilayer interconnected network of people and the places they visit.



Deriving the social brokerage of places from Foursquare



Category	Bridging role	Bonding role				
Travel	Motel	B&B				
Shops	Mall	Laundry				
Residences	Apartment Building	Home				
Professional	Courthouse	Emergency Room				
Outdoors	Bridge	Vineyard				
Nightlife	Gay Bar	Strip Club				
Food	Dumplings	Fried Chicken				
Study	Bookstore	Classroom				
Arts	Art Museum	Football				





Urban development & social place diversity metrics



Symptoms of Gentrification

- "Organic" change
- Falling crime rates
- Coffee shops (amenities)
- Lowering deprivation
- Employment industry of residents
- Increase in housing prices
- Population demographics
- Economic growth
- Social media use?



Papachristos, Andrew V., et al. "More coffee, less crime? The relationship between gentrification and neighborhood crime rates in Chicago, 1991 to 2005." *City & Community* 10.3 (2011): 215-240.

Gentrification: Diversity & Deprivation?

High deprivation and high diversity in 2010 signal gentrification in 2015.





Hristova, Desislava, et al. "Measuring urban social diversity using interconnected geo-social networks." *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on World Wide Web*, 2016.

Culture & Regeneration: Can we use Flickr photos to predict gentrification?



Cultural Capital



Cultural and economic capital can both be acquired and one can be converted into the other.



[Digital] Cultural Capital





We can measure the digital cultural capital of places by quantifying the amount of cultural activities that take place in a neighbourhood and their type using a taxonomy of cultural terms to mine Flickr photo tags. Cultural vs Economic Capital

Recreating Bordieu's cultural vs economic capital plots for neighbourhoods shows that high cultural capital but low economic capital in 2010 is indicative of gentrifying neighbourhoods in 2015.

$$capital(l) = rac{capital_l - \mu(capital)}{\sigma(capital)}$$

Economic capital (income) rank vs Cultural capital rank (Flickr) for neighbourhoods in 2010. Color and size indicate the percent change in IMD.



Predicting up-and-coming neighbourhoods



While IMD data is available only once every 5 years, social media data is real-time. This way, we can track changes in urban social networks and anticipate both positive and negative aspects of gentrification.

Housing price prediction

One of the most severe effects of gentrification is sudden housing price rises. Using only public income data and Flickr photos related to cultural activities, we can predict a great deal of these price fluctuations.



Hristova D., Aiello, L., Quercia, D. Cultural Capital 2.0: Quantifying urban development through digital cultural expressions. 2017. Under submission.

Summary & Questions

- Multilayer network models
- Multiple heterogeneous data sources
- Inspiration from urbanism and sociology
- Approximating critical socioeconomic indicators
- Quantifying urban processes of development

