





PPGIS data and analysis methods

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Today we will...

- First take a closer look to PPGIS data: the nature and structure
- Then we dive into the PPGIS analysis methods
 - Explore
 - Explain
 - Predict



PPGIS survey elements

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Age
- Gender
- Tenure
- Education
- Income
- Etc.

1 NON-SPATIAL KNOWLEDGE about

individual preferences, lifestyles, attitudes or values

SPATIAL KNOWLEDGE:

2

- individual preferences, attitudes or values
- individual behavior, lifestyles and everyday practices
- environmental phenomenon and problems (citizen science)

3 SPATIAL KNOWLEDGE: individual future wishes, visions and preferences OUTCOME VARIABLES

- Neighbourhood satisfaction
- Quality of
- Life
- Perceived Heath
- Happiness
- Physical activity levels
- etc.





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About the nature of PPGIS data



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Non-spatial PPGIS data



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Spatial PPGIS data

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Data preparation

Prior to further analysis the collected data needs to go through preparatory procedures that include but are not limited to:

- Downloading the data
- Cleaning the data/removal of invalid data
- Dataset setup: e.g. renaming variables, transforming variables
- Additional preparatory steps







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- Identify spatial patterns with one attribute at a time
- Compare distribution
 across attributes

Explain

- Looking further into data
- Looking more closely at observations from 'Explain'
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Explore

- The first analytical phase
- *Explore* typically involves descriptive and univariate analysis of PPGIS data and generation of visual outputs.
- Spatial patterns are identified with one attribute at one time (univariate analysis) and compared across attributes.

EXPLORE



Explore

- Explore phase typically focus on spatial and non-spatial PPGIS data but incorporate other geospatial data only as cartographic background information.
- The analysis are accomplished with basic GIS software or with the help of the interactive analysis tools provided by some online PPGIS services.
- An important part of *Explore* phase is also assessment of spatial data quality through validation.







Explore:

Method categories

- External and internal validation
- Descriptive and visual analysis



Explore: Examples

Internal and external validation: checking the inclusiveness



Explore: Examples

Visual analysis







Explore: Examples

Thematic maps





(Brown et al., 2018)

(Hasanzadeh et al., 2019)

Explore: examples

Charts



(Hasanzadeh et al., 2017)



(Samuelsson et al., 2018)

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Explain phase

- The aim is to look more closely at observations from the *Explore* phase to explain observations by further analysis
- The *Explain* phase combines spatial and non-spatial PPGIS data with other GIS spatial data.
- Methods include inferential and multivariate statistics in addition to GIS software.





Explain: Method categories

- Visual and overlay analysis
- Spatial pattern analysis
- Proximity and coexistence analysis
- Calculation of indices/measures across spatial units
- Association analysis
- Cluster and multivariate analysis



Thematic maps



(Kyttä et al., 2013)



(Hasanzadeh et al., 2017)

Explain:

Clustering analysis



(Haybatollahi et al., 2015)

Spatial pattern analysis



Spatial pattern analysis



(Pietilä & Fagerholm, 2016)

Association analysis





Calculation of indices and Spatial cluster analysis



(Solecka et al., 2021)



Cluster analysis



(Hasanzadeh et al., 2021)

Proximity and accessibility analysis



(Laatikainen et al., 2015)



Association analysis (spatial and non-spatial)

Table 6

Results of ordered logistic regression analyses on associations between the dissonance groups and walking outcomes.

	All destinations	i	Recreational de	stinations	Utilitarian destinations	
	Walking trips	Walking distance	Walking trips	Walking distance	Walking trips	Walking distance
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)	(95% CI)
Gender (ref. female)						
Male	0.87 (0.61-1.25)	0.82 (0.57-1.18)	1.08 (0.75–1.54)	0.97 (0.68–1.39)	0.98 (0.66–1.44)	0.91 (0.61–1.34)
Age (years)	1.00	1.01	1.02	1.02	0.96	0.97
Household income (ref. < 3,000 €)	(0.00 1.0 1)	(0.57 1.00)	(0.50 1.07)	(0.50 1.07)	(0.52 1.01)	(0.50 1.02)
3,000–6,500 €	1.14	0.98 (0.56–1.69)	1.06	0.87	0.77 (0.43-1.4)	0.69 (0.38-1.25)
> 6,500 €	1.18	1.17	0.93	0.87	1.22 (0.77-1.95)	1.17
Employed (ref. no)	0.59	0.53	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.76
University degree (ref. no) ^a	(0.38-0.93)	(0.33-0.82)	(0.45-1.11) 1.29	(0.47–1.16) 1.54	(0.48–1.25) 1.05	(0.47-1.23)
Children in household (ref. no)	(0.86-1.95)	(1.02-2.34)	(0.85–1.96) 1.71	(1.01-2.34)	(0.67–1.63) 1.06	(0./1-1./2) 1.01
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Low-walkability consonant	0.15 (0.09–0.26)	0.12 (0.07-0.22)	0.34 (0.20-0.58)	0.25 (0.15 -0.44)	0.10 (0.06–0.19)	0.10 (0.05-0.19)
Low-walkability, no strong preference	0.28 (0.17-0.47)	0.23	0.40	0.30 (0.18-0.50)	0.21 (0.12-0.36)	0.19 (0.11-0.33)
Low-walkability dissonant	0.44	0.41 (0.22-0.77)	0.50	0.44	0.36	0.35
High-walkability dissonant	0.49	0.40	0.43	0.39	0.47	0.43
High-walkability, no strong preference	0.51	0.43	0.53	0.45	0.57	0.57
BIC ^b	1188.54	1179.68	1181.54	1171.30	1056.73	1048.85
– Log likelihood	-548.27	-543.84	-544.98	-539.86	- 483.39	-479.47
n	461	461	448	448	402	402

All outcome measures have been classified into ordered outcome variables (1 = 1st quartile, 2 = 2nd quartile, 3 = 3rd quartile, 4 = 4th quartile). Bolded values are significant (p < .05).

^a Including undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate degrees.

^b Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC). Lower values indicate a better model fit.

Logistic regression





Table 3

Correlations between different measures of activity space dispersion. (AS: activity space).

	Perimeter of AS	Area of AS	Average distance to activity places	Elongation	Gravelius	Centricity
Perimeter of AS	1	0.627**	0.415**	0.105**	0.201**	0.282**
Area of AS	0.627**	1	0.263**	-0,013	-0,012	0.136**
Average distance to activity places	0.415**	0.263**	1	0,031	0,025	0.233**
Elongation	0.105**	-0,013	0,031	1	0.901**	-0,054
Gravelius	0.201**	-0,012	0,025	0.901**	1	-0.084^{*}
Centricity	0.282**	0.136**	0.233**	-0,054	-0.084*	1

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

** Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Pearson's correlation

(Hasanzadeh, 2019)

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Predict phase

 The aim is to generalize and predict mapped attributes to other places and contexts (prediction) or produce a representation of a system to make inferences (model)







Predict phase

- This phase typically requires multiple data sources with PPGIS data and involve multivariate modelling.
- Performing analysis in *Predict/Model* phase requires indepth expertise in applying GIS and statistical software. Skills in computer coding may also be necessary.

PREDICT/MODEL





Predict:

Method categories

Data modelling





Predict: examples

Spatial regression model



Exposure estimation (IREM)



(Samuelsson et al., 2018)

(Hasanzadeh et al., 2018)

Predict: Examples





Kajosaari & Hasanzadeh 2022, forthcoming



Remember...

- The journey up the pyramid is not always a straight one
 - We might need to move back and forth between analytical stages
- The stages can overlap
 - Similar methods may be used for different purposes
- Mixed approaches are very common







Thank you!

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