Applications of space-based infectious disease detection models and enlightenment for COVID-19 control

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1. Background

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1. Background

1.1 The outbreak and prevalence of infectious diseases

- Great progress: prevention and control
- Severe situation:
 - ✓ Old infectious diseases are still spreading
 - ✓ New infectious diseases continue to

emerge









1. Background

1.2 Application of Space-based Technology



2.1 Characteristics of infectious disease data



2.2 Space-based detection models

Data \rightarrow Modelling

	CLR	$y_i = a + bx_i + cx_i z_i$
<i>y x</i>	SLR	$y_i = a + bx_i + W_1 y_i + W_2 u$
$y_1 x_1$	GWR	$y_i = a_i + b_i x_i$
$\begin{array}{c c} y_2 & x_2 \\ \hline \cdot & \cdot \end{array}$	MLM	$y_{ii} = a_i + b_i x_{ii}$
: :	BHM	$y_i = f(x_i \theta), \ \theta \sim \mathrm{pdf}(v)$
$y_n x_n$	GAM	$g(y_i) = a + f(x_i)$
y = f(x)	DLNM	$g(y_i, t) = a + f(x_i, t - \tau)$
Linear	DL	$y_i = a + \sum_k f_k(w_k x_i)$
Fix nonlinear	GP	$F = [\{+, -, *, /\}; \{x_i, y_i\}]$
Any nonlinear	ANOVA	F(y x) = SSB(y x)/SSW(y)
No interact Fix interact	Geodetector q	q(y x) = 1 - SSW(y x)/SST(y)
Any interact		Black box Interpretable

2.2.1 Ordinary Least Squares Regression (OLS)

Suitable for all observation objects that do not change with geographic location

y = xeta + arepsilon

where

- Y : dependent variable
- x : n*(p+1) -order regression matrix
- β : parameter vector
- ϵ : random error vector

2.2.2 Geographically Weighted Regression Model (GWR)

✓ Spatial extension of the OLS model

✓ Changes with the geographic location of the regression parameters.

$$y_i = eta_{i0}(u_i,v_i) + \sum_{k=1}^p eta_{ik}(u_i,v_i) x_{ik} + arepsilon_i$$

- (u_i, v_i) : the spatial position of the i-th sample point
- $\beta_{i0}(u_i, v_i)$: the constant estimated value

 $\beta_{ik}(u_i, v_i)x_{ik}$: parameter estimated value of the i-th sample point

 ε_i : the random error term of the i-th sample point

2.2.2 Geographically Weighted Regression Model (GWR)

✓ The distance weighted OLS method to estimate the parameters

$$\widehat{oldsymbol{eta}}(u_i,v_i) = ig(oldsymbol{X}^{\mathrm{T}}oldsymbol{W}(u_i,v_i)oldsymbol{X}ig)^{-1}oldsymbol{X}^{\mathrm{T}}oldsymbol{W}(u_i,v_i)oldsymbol{Y}$$

 $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$: the estimated value of parameter β

Y : a variable composed of observations of independent variablesW : a matrix of spatial weights, which guarantees each distance Observations with closer sample points have greater weight.

2.2.3 Geodetector



PD value: Measure the degree of impact of all factors on the occurrence of diseases, the range is [0,1], the larger the value, the greater the correlation between the two, and vice versa

3. Application on typical infections



3.1.1 The Effects of Socioeconomic and Environmental Factors on the Incidence of Dengue



Dengue fever is an acute infectious disease, which is mainly transmitted through the bites of Aedes albopictus and Aedes aegypti in China .

> Study area: Pearl River Delta

3.1.1 The Effects of Socioeconomic and Environmental Factors on the Incidence of Dengue

The accuracy of previous studies is not enough to accurately describe the influence law of specific features.

At the village level, the impact of natural factors and socio-economic factors on the incidence of dengue fever is analyzed.





Spatial distribution of socioeconomic and environmental data at the township level in the PRD, China

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3.1.1 The Effects of Socioeconomic and Environmental Factors on the Incidence of Dengue

✓ Generalized Additive Models (GAM)

 $egin{aligned} \log(ext{case}) \ &= eta_0 + eta_1(ext{boundary}) + eta_2(ext{urban \& rural}) \ &+ s(ext{ pop_density }) + s(ext{ GDP_per_capita }) \ &+ s(ext{ road_density }) + s(ext{ NDVI }) \end{aligned}$

s() is the spline smooth, non-parametric function



Partial contributions of six exploratory variables with confidence bands

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3.1.2 Effects of socio-economic and environmental factors on the spatial heterogeneity of dengue fever



Study area: Guangzhou city

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✓ Spatiotemporal scanning statistics



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✓ Generalized Additive Models (GAM)

 $\log(\text{case}) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 (urban_{village}) + \beta_2 (urban_{village_{\text{fringe}_{\text{zone}}}})$

 $+ s(pop_density) + s(GDP_per_capita) + s(NDVI)$





Summary

Theme	The relationship between natural and socio-economic factors and the incidence of dengue fever		
Study Area	Pearl River Delta	Guangzhou City	
Scale	Township/street	Township/street	
Time	2013	2014	
Model	GAM	Space-time scan statistics; GAM	
Independent variable	DF incidence in PRD,2013	DF incidence in Guangzhou,2014	
Exploratory variable	Street/town at the prefectural boundary; Rural and urban; Population density; GDP per capita; Road density; NDVI.	Urban villages; Urban-rural fringes zones; Population density; GDP per capita; NDVI; Road density.	
Conclusion	The relative risk of living at the prefectural boundary was higher than that of living in the urban areas. Higher "road density" or lower "GDP per capita" were considered to be consistent risk factors. Moreover, higher or lower values of "population density" and "NDVI" could result in an increase in DF cases.	The junction of the central districts of Guangzhou is a high-risk area with the urban village and urban-rural fringe zone formed by urbanization as important regional factors. The low GDP per capita , the high population density , the low NDVI and the high road density were perceived as risk factors.	

Enligtenment

✓ Space-based research results are helpful for the prevention and control of dengue fever.

 \checkmark Other countries can learn from China's experience.

3.2 China's response to COVID-19

In China, space-based technology is used to provide important scientific and technical support to allow the government to judge the epidemic situation and formulate prevention and control measures.



• Rapid construction of a big data information system for epidemics



Dynamic information query system for different scales: (a)City level; (b) County level; (c) Community level

Spatial tracking and spatiotemporal trajectory



Exposure analysis of a patient's spatial trajectory

• Spatial segmentation of the epidemic risk and prevention level



A risk assessment model was constructed with the spatial distribution of the number of confirmed cases and the population migration, and three risk level areas were outlined on the regional scale and on the urban scale for the cities with high risks of epidemics.

National spatial segmentation of the COVID-19 epidemic risk

• Spatial dynamic balancing of supply and demand for medical resources



Based on the factors of online hospital help information, local cases and forecasts, and existing resource data, the current dynamic situation of medical protective equipment across the country were analyzed.

National distribution of hospitals in shortage of medical protective materials

• Estimation of population flow and distribution



(a) Recovery of urban population flow;(b) Rework population flow network and community Division.

• Spatial spread and detection of social sentiment



Spatial distribution of help and donation information of COVID-19 during the epidemic period (2020/01/09 - 2020/02/10)

Laws of spatiotemporal distribution of diseases

- Sufficient data support: natural environment data, socioeconomic data, demographic data with multiple types and multiple years
- Spatial feature extraction: extract natural and social factors closely related to infectious diseases and construct spatiotemporal data sets of related indicators

Causes of disease

- ✓ Impact factor exploration : select impact factors and build appropriate models
- Disease transmission mechanism: establish the relationship between various natural and social indicators and the epidemic, analyze the distribution and spread of the dangerous environmental factors of the disease

Disease prevention and control

- Risk prediction: according to the space-based detection model, reveal disease distribution and transmission risk indicators, and evaluate the risk of disease distribution in time and space
- Precise prevention and control: based on the comprehensive risk value and the similarity and difference of the spatial distribution of the scores of each risk factor, a zoning plan for comprehensive prevention and control measures focusing on controlling the source of infection and cutting off the transmission route

China' s Experience

- ✓ Large-scale testing: making nucleic acid testing compuls ory among all key groups
- ✓ Traceability: locating patients and contacts
- ✓ Isolate the diagnosed: people's cooperation

Thanks!

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