

Urban morphology and structural invariants in street networks

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Long-term real growth in US Stocks (Log Scale)

Annual price index adjusted for inflation 1871-2010





Growth, innovation, scaling, and the pace of life in cities

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Table 1. Scaling exponents for urban indicators vs. city size

Y	β	95% CI	Adj-R ²
New patents	1.27	[1.25,1.29]	0.72
Inventors	1.25	[1.22,1.27]	0.76
Private R&D employment	1.34	[1.29,1.39]	0.92
"Supercreative" employment	1.15	[1.11,1.18]	0.89
R&D establishments	1.19	[1.14,1.22]	0.77
R&D employment	1.26	[1.18,1.43]	0.93
Total wages	1.12	[1.09,1.13]	0.96
Total bank deposits	1.08	[1.03,1.11]	0.91
GDP	1.15	[1.06,1.23]	0.96
GDP	1.26	[1.09,1.46]	0.64
GDP	1.13	[1.03,1.23]	0.94
Total electrical consumption	1.07	[1.03,1.11]	0.88
New AIDS cases	1.23	[1.18,1.29]	0.76
Serious crimes	1.16	[1.11, 1.18]	0.89

Urban indicators scale super-linearly with population size

$Y(t) \sim N(t)$

PREDICTABLE CITIES

Data from 360 US metropolitan areas show that metrics such as wages and crime scale in the same way with population size.



 $1.1 \leq \beta \leq 1.3$



What is a city but the people? -William Shakespeare, Tragedy of Coriolanus





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Urban characteristics attributable to density-driven tie formation

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- Generative theory that links urban geography and population density and naturally reproduces scaling behavior found in urban data.
- The density of **social ties** is a scaffold on which rate of information exchange and interactions takes place.
- Thus this may well be **one** of the primary mechanisms behind innovation and productivity.



Limitations



- While the network is growing, it is static in the sense that there is no opportunity to reshape links.
- Relations are treated homogenously, in the sense that no differentiation based on social, functional, commuting behavior.
- Most importantly the predictions of the model fail when compared to economic data from developing countries.







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Urban Street networks

Fractal structure



R. Murcio el al. (2015) PRE

Street network analysis



Crucitti et al. (2006) PRE

Statistical properties



Polycentric or monocentric



Masucci (2009) Eur. Phys. J. B

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Betweenness Centrality



B. Lion and M. Barthelemy, Betweenness centrality patterns in random planar Graphs, arXiv:1611.03232

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Centrality measures in spatial networks of urban streets

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Self-organization versus top-down planning in the evolution of a city

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Data Source

OpenStreetMap API 92 most populous cities





Betweenness distribution of cities





Street network statistics



	Area $A($ sq miles $)$	Nodes N	Length ℓ (miles)	Density ρ	Edges e
mean	1776	83529	10850	46	130253
stdev	744	90335	9353	40	143060
min	300	3349	1114	3	5020
25%	1229	18925	3597	14	28518
50%	1703	62451	7961	39	95797
75%	2268	118712	14758	69	178773
max	4464	612418	51316	242	976040

Betweenness (1 sq. mile)





P. Crucitti, V. Latora and S. Porta, Phys. Rev. E 73 036125 (2006)

Betweenness (different scales)



Betweenness (1000 sq. miles)



Betweenness invariance

Truncated power law: $p(\tilde{g}_B) \sim \tilde{g}_B^{-\alpha} e^{-\tilde{g}_B/\beta}$



What are the factors behind this remarkable invariance?











 $P(g_B)$ only specified by planarity, number of intersections N and roads e!

Explanation for bimodality and Size-scaling?

Betweenness (1000 sq. miles)



Quasi-analytical description

K-ary Tree (Cayley) approximation



Nodes NVertex vBranching-ratio kDepth lLeaf-level L



How does one explain the low betweenness regime? Effect of loops







Edge Density
$$d_e = \frac{e}{e_{DT}}$$





























Euler's formula

N - e + f = 2





Spatial Clustering



$$C_{\theta} = \frac{1}{\langle w \rangle N_{\theta}} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\theta}} ||\mathbf{x}_{i} - \mathbf{x}_{cm}||; \quad \mathbf{x}_{cm} = N_{\theta}^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N_{\theta}} \mathbf{x}_{i}$$

Measure of anisotropy



Eigenvalue ratio of covariance matrix: $A_{\theta} = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}; \quad \lambda_1 > \lambda_2$

Spatial Clustering and anisotropy in real cities



Archetypes in real cities



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1790



1836



1849



1888 (Haussmann)











<u>Takeaways</u>

- Betweenness centralities of streets is sensitive to the scale of measurement.
- At the level of the "full" city, the distribution is bimodal composed of a backbone tree (high betweenness) decorated by loops and dead-ends (low betweenness).
- After a appropriate rescaling, the distribution appears to be invariant across cities, indicating that the "total" flow in cities is a conserved quantity determined entirely by the spatial extent and number of streets.
- On the other hand high betweenness nodes have a complicated spatial dependence, with a "decoupling" between topology and space at a "critical" edge density.
- Results suggest the interesting behavior occurs only in the tail of the distribution. "Neighborhood" of high betweenness nodes of particular interest.
- Lessons for Central Planners. Spatial and topological constraints limit room for maneuver. Multimodal transport seems the most efficient choice.

A. Kirkley, H. Barbosa, M. Barthelemy and G. Ghoshal, (working paper)

Human Mobility: Models and Applications

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Abstract

Recent years have witnessed an explosion of extensive geolocated datasets related to human movement, enabling scientists to quantitatively study individual and collective mobility patterns, as well as generate models that can capture and reproduce the spatiotemporal structures and regularities in human trajectories. The study of human mobility is especially important for applications such as estimating migratory flows, traffic forecasting, urban planning, and epidemic modeling. In this survey, we review some of the historical approaches developed to reproduce various mobility patterns. However, the main focus is on recent works in light of the explosion of relevant data. This review can be used both as an introduction to the fundamental modeling principles of human mobility, and as a collection of technical methods applicable to specific mobility-related problems. The review organizes the subject by differentiating between individual and population mobility and also between short-range and long-range mobility. Throughout the text the description of the theory is intertwined with real-world

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