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MINING SMARTPHONE MOBILITY DATA: ALGORITHMS & APPLICATIONS TO LBSNS & MOBILE ADVERTISING

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Human mobility at the individual level (predictive; long-term; GPS)

- "Where are you going to be 285 days from now at 2PM?"
 FarOut
- Identifies periodicity via Fourier analysis (mapping time to frequency)
- Uses PCA for pattern extraction
- Utilizes PCA-based classification
- · Performance continuous rep.: 1 km off; baseline 2.5km off
- Performance discrete rep: 80% accuracy up to 80 weeks into the future; baseline ${\sim}60\%$

Adam Sadilek & John Krumm: Far Out: Predicting Long-Term Human Mobility. AAAI 2012.

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- Data: 32K days worth of GPS data across 703 subjects ($^{\prime\!2}_{2}$ people; $^{\prime\!2}_{2}$ cars)
- High variance in area across subjects
- From 30 to more than 10⁸ km²
- Surface area of earth = 5.2 × 10⁸ km²
- Number of contiguous days = 7 to 1247
 - μ = 45.9; σ = 117.8
- Captures both continuous (raw GPS) and discretized (triangular cells) data
- · Each subject has a matrix D, where each row is a day.







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Applications: Location, Ads, Privacy

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Census Block Groups (CBGs) Assumption CBGs comprise location information fine-grained enough for useful hyper-local ad targeting, yet coarse-grained enough to avoid major privacy concerns. Why is this reasonable? Covers a contiguous area Never crosses state or county boundaries Contains between 600 and 3,000 people US is divided into ~212K CBGs US is divided into ~8.2M CBs US is divided into ~8.2M CBs US is divided into 43K zip codes

- Balakrishnan et al. (IMC 2009) examined properties of cell-phone IP addresses
- Mobile IPs are ephemeral and their addresses are itinerant
- Example: An individual cell phone can report different IP addresses to various servers within a short time-period

Answers to IP \rightarrow Location queries provided by 7 geo-location services; the actual cell phone is in Mountain View, CA.

M. Balakrishnan, I. Mohomed, and V. Ramasubramanian. Where's that phone? Geolocating IP addresses on 3G networks. In IMC, pages 294–300, 2009.

Hyperlocal: A Graph Mining Solution*

- 1. Classify IPs as mobile vs. non-mobile
- 2. Construct a movement graph with mobile and non-mobile IP nodes
- 3. Use a local relational classifier on each unknown node to infer latitude and longitude
- Assign Census Block Group (CBG) ID to the inferred latitude and longitude using a k-nearest neighbor approach

* http://eliassi.org/ESM2013TR.pdf

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Recap of Hyperlocal

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Experiments

- Experiments are divided into nine combinations of infer location for X using Y
- Values for X are 'all IPs', 'mobile IPs', and 'nonmobile IPs'
- Values for Y are 'all neighbors', 'mobile neighbors', and 'non-mobile neighbors'
- Measure accuracy by checking the predicted CBG ID vs. the actual CBG ID of an IP

Implementation & Runtime

· Hardware & OS: Macbook Pro with

- CPU 2.66 GHz Intel Core i7
- RAM 8 GB DDR3
- hard drive 500 GB SSD
- OS X 10.8
- · Language: Python
- Supporting Software: NetworkX & MongoDB
- Runtime: On average 1.2 milliseconds to process each RTB request

Data Name	Collection Date	# RTB Requests with Valid US	% RTB Requests without	% RTB Requests from
Oct-2012	Mon 10/01/2012	44.1M	36.5%	57.3%
Feb-2013	Wed 02/06/2013	21.6M	56.7%	47.7%
From Oct-	2012 to Feb	-2013		

All IPs are hashed public IP addresses.

1 • 1	# of movements whose IP endp	oints are fron	n the same SSP
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	Homophily	Oct-2012	Feb-2013
	All movements	96.5%	90.8%
Mobi	le to mobile movements	98.6%	99.2%
Non-mobi	Non-mobile to non-mobile movements		78.1%
There is a c	considerable homophily in the	e IP×IP mov	ement graph

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7.4%	93.2% 8	278,674	1,077,644	72.6 73.5	74.8	74.4	using mobile neighbors
2.1%	68.7% 6	40,777	98,338	51.7 57.3	57.7	51.9	using non-mobile neighbors
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00%	100% 1	243,630	1,004,601	74.7 77.9	79.1	76.6	using mobile neighbors
)0%	100% 1	25,323	67,553	50.2 54.5	54.7	50.4	using non-mobile neighbors
							Infer location for non-mobile IPs
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36	0% 0	35,044	73,043	42.5 43.0	45.1	44.0	using mobile neighbors
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 Number of predictions varies depending on the particular inference and the neighbor types used in the inference process

IATs on movement edges are correlated with distances

Shorter IAT, shorter distance

- For IPs with only one known neighbor, restricting IAT to \leq 60 minutes
- Improves accuracy by an average of 12% on Oct-2012 and 23% on Feb-2013 data
- Reduces the number of predictions by an average of 4 times for Oct-2012 and 5 times for Feb-2012
- Restricting IATs to > 60 minutes decrease accuracy

Limitations of a Graph Mining Approach

- · Cannot infer location for IPs with no neighbors
- Use other info e.g., site visits; subnet info, etc.
- · Cannot infer location for IPs with no known neighbors
- · Use collective classification.

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