

Special Spatial Distributions

- ◆ Spatial correlation is not catered for in the Poisson-gamma model. That model only allows extra –variation in risk
- ◆ Alternative models are log linear in the risk
 - This allows the inclusion of other terms in the model (v and u)

◆ Example:

$$y_i \sim \text{Poiss}(e_i \theta_i)$$
$$\log(\theta_i) = \alpha_0 + v_i + u_i$$

Uncorrelated and Correlated heterogeneity (UH, CH)

- ◆ The two UH and CH components are
- ◆ These have normal distributions
- ◆ The second distribution (CAR) is conditional autoregressive and defines *spatial correlation* between regions

$$v_i + u_i$$

$$v_i \sim N(0, \tau_v)$$

$$u_i \sim N(\bar{u}_{\delta_i}, \tau_u / n_{\delta_i})$$

where δ_i is a neighborhood of the i th region and n_{δ_i} is the number of neighbors

Log linear models

- ◆ Assume a Poisson data likelihood and we want to model the log of the relative risk....in general we have

GLMM:

$$\log(\theta_i) = \mathbf{x}'_i\boldsymbol{\beta} + \mathbf{z}'_i\boldsymbol{\gamma}$$

- ◆ Linear predictor with covariates $\mathbf{x}'_i\boldsymbol{\beta}$
- ◆ Random effect predictor $\mathbf{z}'_i\boldsymbol{\gamma}$
- ◆ Special (simple) case:

$$\log(\theta_i) = \alpha_0 + v_i + u_i$$

CAR models

- ◆ On WinBUGS the CAR model can be fitted using the `car.normal()` distribution
- ◆ This requires an adjacency vector and a list of the number of neighbors for each region

`b[1:J] ~ car.normal(adj[],wei[],num[],tau.b)`

New Example

- ◆ South Carolina congenital abnormality deaths 1998 by county
- ◆ With number of deaths and number of births and % poverty per county
- ◆ This is a binomial example:

$$y_i \sim \text{bin}(p_i, n_i)$$
$$\text{logit}(p_i) = \alpha_0 + \beta x_i + v_i + u_i$$

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SCbinomial
#In this case we examine the congenital data
for 1998 with a % of pop classified by the US
#census as in poverty
# Data file is SCcongen_bin_pov.bt
#spatial file:below

model
{
  for( i in 1 : J) {
    y[i] ~ dbin(p[i], n[i])
    logit(p[i]) <- a0+a1* X[i]+b[i]+h[i]
    h[i]~dnorm(0.0,tau.h)
  }
  a0~dflat()
  a1~dnorm(0.0,tau.a1)
  b[1:J]~car.normal(adj[],wei[],num[],tau.b)

  for (i in 1:sumNumNeigh){
    wei[i]<-1.0
  }

  tau.h~dgamma(0.001,0.001)
  tau.a1~dgamma(0.001,0.001)
  tau.b~dgamma(0.001,0.001)

}

# main data is in SCcongen98_data.txt
Main data → click on one of the arrows to open data ←

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SCcongen_bin_pov.txt

The following data represents the number of cases of congenital abnormality death for 1998 in the counties of South Carolina, the number of births in South Carolina, and a census indicator of percentage of the population below a poverty level within each county for the same period.

cg98	birth98	%poverty
0.0	364.0	13.6
5.0	1797.0	13.8
0.0	177.0	32.3
16.0	2145.0	11.0
0.0	208.0	24.2
0.0	338.0	19.9
3.0	1668.0	12.3
5.0	2017.0	13.3
0.0	168.0	17.0
7.0	4403.0	15.4
1.0	686.0	14.1
5.0	476.0	15.7
1.0	550.0	18.0
2.0	409.0	24.3
1.0	519.0	21.8
3.0	907.0	20.2
2.0	489.0	24.9
5.0	1152.0	12.0
2.0	265.0	17.4
1.0	335.0	18.1
3.0	1867.0	18.7
2.0	736.0	17.5
14.0	5176.0	10.6
7.0	963.0	13.8
1.0	311.0	22.8
9.0	2324.0	13.7
1.0	280.0	21.0
3.0	665.0	12.6
1.0	809.0	14.0
3.0	864.0	14.0
1.0	758.0	26.0

main data is in SCcongen98_data.bt

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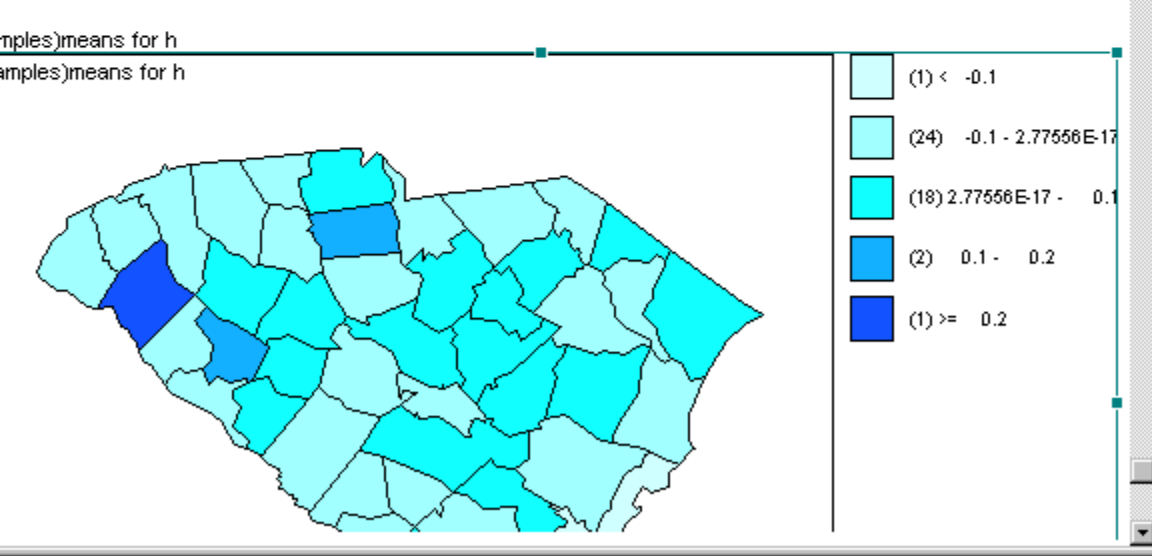
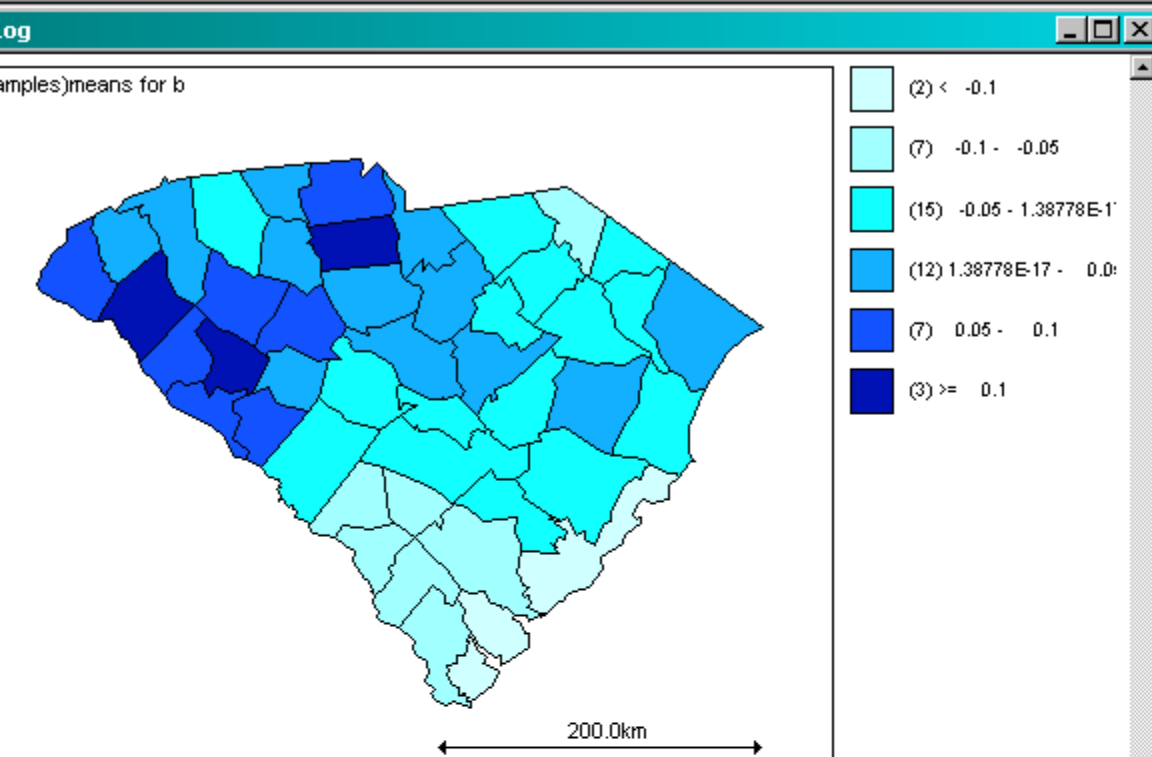
n data =>
y=c(0,5,0,16,0,0,3,5,0,7,1,5,1,2,1,3,2,5,2,1,3,2,14,7,1,9,
1,3,1,7,0,1,0,4,2,7,3,14,1,7,7,0,4,10),
(364,1797,177,2145,208,338,1668,2017,168,4403,686,476,550,40
19,907,489,1152,265,335,1867,736,5176,963,311,2324,280,665,8
864,258,3028,83,478,433,523,796,1265,1379,4286,256,3288,1699,369,502,2122),
c(13.6,13.8,32.3,11,24.2,19.9,12.3,13.3,17,15.4,14.1,15.7,18,
3,21.8,20.2,24.9,12,17.4,18.1,18.7,17.5,10.6,13.8,22.8,13.7,
12.6,14,14,26.9,9.4,17.8,23.1,23.1,14.4,10.8,22.1,10.1,13.6,15.9,11.2,18.3,14,26.4,10.6))

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Spatial Data =>
J=46, num = c(5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3, 6, 5, 4,
5, 6, 7, 5, 4, 4, 4, 6,
5, 6, 5, 3, 2, 7, 5, 7,
3, 5, 4, 7, 2, 9, 3, 6,
6, 7, 5, 4
= c(
80, 24, 23, 4,
88, 32, 19, 6,
15, 6, 5,
37, 30, 23, 1,
25, 15, 6, 3,
5, 3, 2,
25, 15,
88, 22, 18, 14, 10,
40, 38, 32, 14,
18, 15, 8,
44, 42,
44, 29, 20,
31, 29, 28, 16,
43, 38, 21, 9, 8,
25, 18, 10, 7, 5, 3,
31, 28, 21, 13,
34 26 21

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Sample Monitor Tool

node chains to percentile

beg end thin

clear set trace history density

stats coda quantiles bgr diag auto cor

2.5
5
10
25
median
75
90
95
97.5

Map Tool

map cuts

variable num cuts

quantity cut1

cut points abs value percentile cut2

threshold quantile cut3

beg end cut4

cut5

cut6

plot get cuts set cuts

Specification Tool

check model load data

compile

num of chains

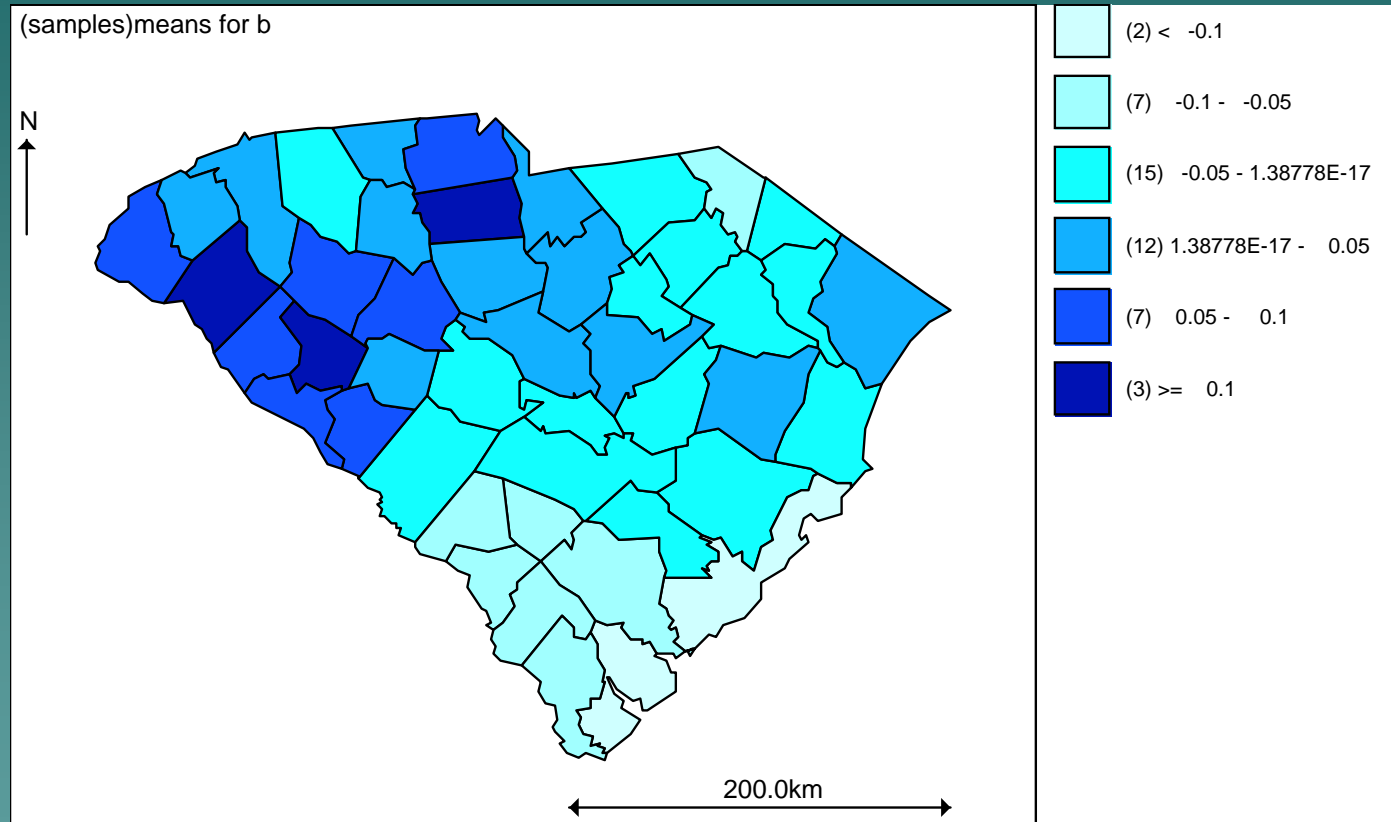
Update Tool

updates refresh

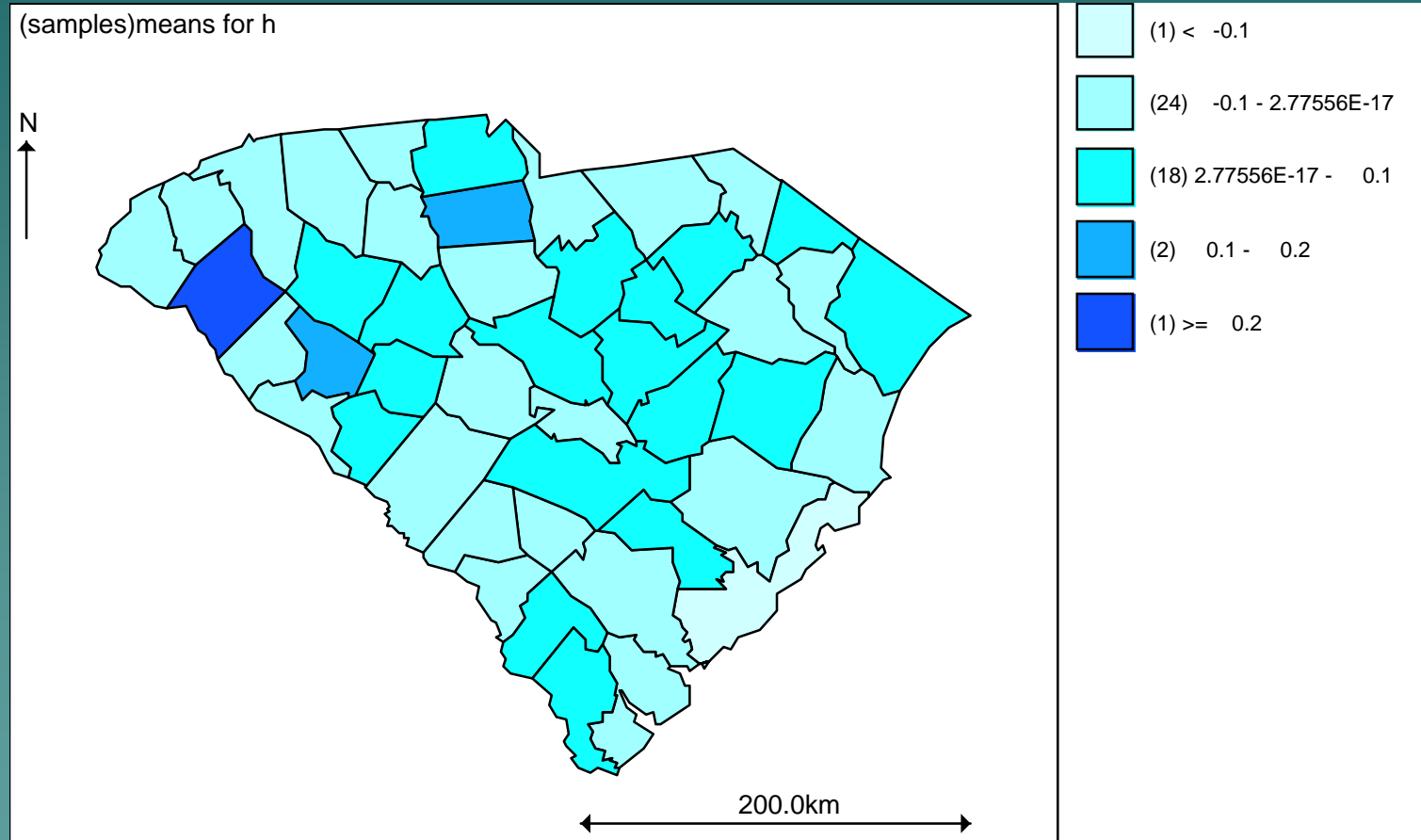
update thin iteration

over relax adapting

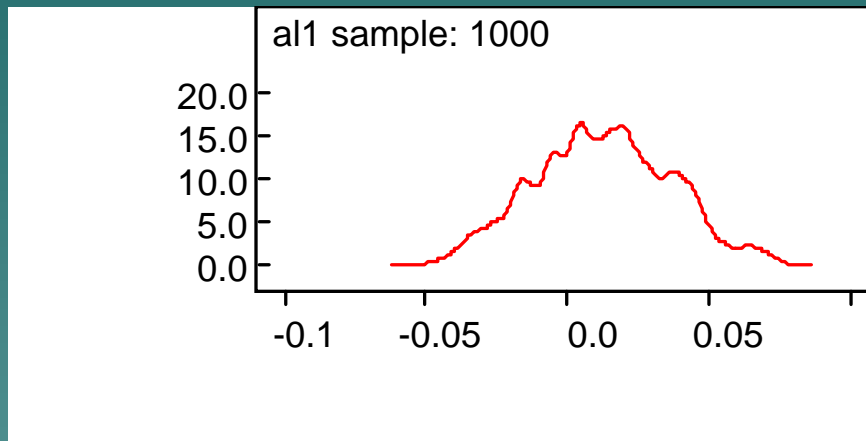
CAR (CH) component



UH component



Is %poverty significant?



Node statistics

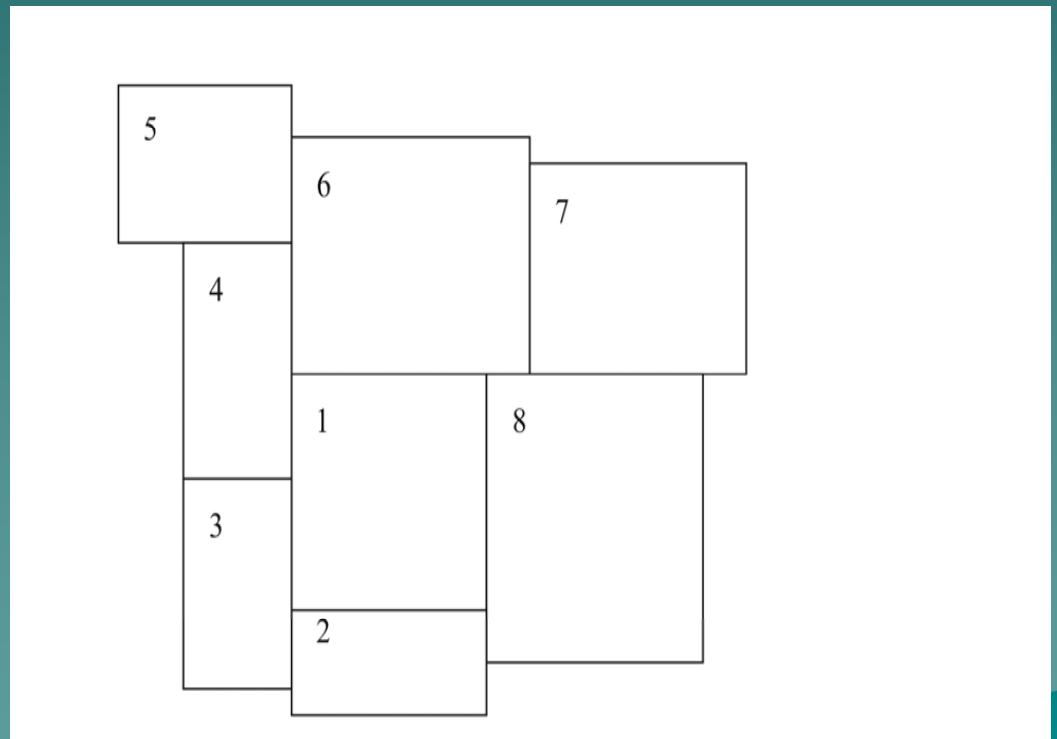
node	mean	sd	MC error	2.5%	median	97.5%	start	sample
al1	0.01258	0.02437	0.003607	-0.03415	0.01262	0.06251	11001	1000

CAR and other models

- ◆ The CAR model is available on WinBUGS
- ◆ Other correlation models can also be used and are available: for example a full Multivariate Normal model can be used (similar to Bayesian Kriging). A proper CAR can also be used

Dependencies

- ◆ adjacency: 2,3 ,4 ,6, 8 neighbors of 1:
- ◆ hence



$$\bar{\mu}_{\delta_i} = \sum_{j \in \delta_i} \mu_j / n_{\delta_i}$$

$$\bar{\mu}_{\delta_1} = (\mu_2 + \mu_3 + \mu_4 + \mu_6 + \mu_8) / 5$$

Other spatial dependencies

- ◆ Fully specified covariance models:

$$\mathbf{u} \sim N_m(\mathbf{0}, \tau \Sigma)$$

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \text{cov}(u_i, u_j) = \exp(-\alpha d_{ij})$$

$$d_{ij} = \|s_i, s_j\|$$

where s_* is the location of u_*

Comments

- ◆ Advantage: more flexible spatial form (two parameters instead of one)
- ◆ Advantage: stationary
- ◆ Disadvantage: requires inversion of large $m \times m$ covariance matrix

MCAR models

- ◆ The CAR model is now available on WinBUGS for multiple diseases (MCAR models)
- ◆ Multiple disease analysis can be examine in a variety of ways

MCAR Scottish example

- a) cryptorchidism, b) Hypospadias,
c) testicular cancer



Infectious Diseases

- ◆ Usually must consider temporal dimension (as well as space)
- ◆ Interest usually in spread and rate of transmission
- ◆ Simple example: description of spatial cross-section of disease

- ◆ Foot and Mouth disease (FMD): NW England 2001

FMD

- ◆ Foot and mouth disease (FMD) is a viral disease of cloven-footed animals and being extremely contagious it spreads rapidly.
- ◆ It reduces animal production, and can sometimes be fatal in young stock.
- ◆ Counts of new cases of FMD were available for parishes within the county of Cumbria, Northern England for the period February 2001-August 2001. The data were available as half monthly counts and so there were 13 time periods available for analysis.

