## Modeling the "average basket" of a retail store using Geographically Weighted Regression

Average Basket Categories and Study Area

This study aimed at investigating a linear regression model to explain the variability of the "average basket" of a retail store located in the north of Portugal. 37 potential explanatory variables' data were collected.

Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) was applied to many alternative regression models, which were diagnosed for all OLS assumptions. The explanatory variables of the model that passed the diagnosis criteria were then included in a Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR) model, namely the "Number of family rented houses per km<sup>2</sup>", the "Direct distance to the point of sale" and the "Number of main residences in buildings with two dwellings per km<sup>2</sup>".

The GWR model proved to have a better fit to the data, having a higher Adjusted R-Squared (58%) and a smaller AICc (308.08) than the OLS model, without evidencing problems through the possible diagnostic methods.

The GWR approach provided additional insights about the regional variation of the explanatory variables, even though their coefficients can be unreliable because each local regression was based on few observations. In the extreme northwest of the study area, the average basket was better explained by the "Number of family rented houses per km<sup>2</sup>" and the "Direct distance to the point of sale". This region corresponds to a fishing and bathing area, thus customers living there have distinct characteristics.



It is important to point out that it is unclear what statistical tests can reliably diagnose GWR models' problems, and that the coefficients can be correlated even when there is no collinearity among explanatory variables.

	Diagnostics statistics	
OLS MODELS	Adjusted R-Squared	0.44
DIAGNOSTICS	AICc	319.88
	Joint F-Statistic	12.74*
Multicollinearity	Variance Inflation Factor (VIF)	2.12
Robust t-tests	Jarque-Bera statistic	6.68
Jarque Para test	Koenker statistic	5.22
Jarque-Bera test	Global Moran's I	O 11**
Koenker test	statistic	0.11
	Model parameters	
Global Moran's I statistic	Intercept	44.5916
Joint F-test	Nr. of family rented	+0.0192*
	nouses per km <sup>2</sup>	
Adjusted R-Squared	Direct distance to the	+ 0.0009*
Adjusted Akaike's	point of sale (meters)	
Information Critorion	buildings with two	-0.0931*

## ANALYSIS

- **Regional** histogram

- Local Moran's I statistics



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