Railways and Uneven Geographic Development, in Britain and France 1840-1914

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The Great Train Race: Britain vs. France Converging paths of development, 1827-1913 [rail density=kilometers of rail by 100,000 inhabitants]



Average rail density by area

England and Wales: 16 km

km2



The Growth of the rail network in France 1827-1914



Regional Disparities in Rail Transport, 1890 Mapping LISA statistics [local indicator of spatial auto-correlation]

Uneven Development: Geographic Clustering of Rail Transport in 1890



red = clusters of high rail density

blue = clusters of low or negligible rail density

Digital Terrain Model: the influence of topography on regional differences in the accessibility of rail transport, 1890



The Growth of rail network in England and Wales, 1845-1914

By what period did the railways reach rural areas?



Patterns of spatial auto-correlation of net migration by decade, 1851-61 through 1901-1911 (results from localized Moran' s I statistics)



Positive spatial auto-correlation

- •*red* = high levels of out migration
- •*purple* = high levels of in migration

Negative spatial auto correlation

- •green = weak out migration and strong in migration
- •*blue* = high out migration and weak in migration

Animation

England and the Wales: Population Change because of net migration, 1861-91



net migration = inter-censusl population change - change from natural increase (births-deaths) during the same period

Estimating the spatial and temporal relationship between rail transport and net migration: an Geographically Weighted Regression (GWR)

Model

Population cl due to net mi	hange gration = 1) Rail density + fi to	2) Distance + 3 om a major Ru own the	3) ggedness of e terrain
Period	The Statistical Significance of rail density (km rail/1000 km2 of area)	R-Square	N. of Regions
1861-71	Not significant	.24	595
1871-81	Significant	.42	606
1881-91	Significant	.39	616

Ordinary least-squares regression (OLS) is a global statistical technique: it estimates the model parameters over the whole study area. GWR is a local statistical technique: it estimates model parameters for each of many subgroups or regions, producing a parameter estimate for every subgroup.

Spatially varying effects of rail density on net migration 1871-81 (result of GWR analysis)



Interpretation: the relationship between rail transport and population change due to net migration varied significantly in time and in space

In rural regions: from 1870s until 1890, a higher rates of rail density fostered new or expanded economic opportunities, which tended to diminish rates of out migration, and especially in parts of central and southern Wales, the southwest and far northwest.

In urban areas: rail density was so high that its effect on net migration was probably negligible.



Théophile-Alexandre Steinlen, 1894

Rail density and the percent population change from 1871 to 1881 due net migration, England and Wales



Rail density

rail density = kilometers of line of rail by 100 km2 of area

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Concepts of geographical spatiality

Connectivité: everything is linked. 1) horizontally 2) vertically

Dynamic connectivity and changing spatial identities: the alteration of one part of a spatial system is going to affect other Displacement of a city in the existent hierachie, e.g., Aix-en-Provence

L' development and regional concentration of milk industry

The geographical restructuring of the agrarian local and numerous In England of 1880s, the novel of Thomas Hardy, Tess of the D'Urbervilles identity: Thenisseian, a Burgundian, Francais







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cultural change

The city in the country



1905: A group of Dijonnais bourgeois arrives at St Saine I' Abbaye by the narrow gauge railway running from Dijon to Châtillions-sur-Seine.

Destination: Saint Seine l'Abbaye Population in 1905: 550











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