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Integrating deep-learning

models to forecast land use







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Goal

- Make spatially and temporally accurate allocations of population and employment projections
- Objectives
- 1. Account for Variation in Types of Places
- 2. Accommodate Dynamic Growth Trajectories
- 3. Improve the Surface of Transition Probabilities





Deep Learning: Long Short-Term Memory

Capturing temporal information



Deep Learning: Convolution

Capturing spatial information



Convolutional Long Short-Term Memory

1. Model Dynamic Growth

T₋₂

2. Improve the Surface of Transition Probabilities



T₋₁

Transition Probability



 T_{+1}



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Self Organizing Map

Account for Variation in Types of Places



Socio-Economic Data





Block Types

- 1. 66 'Types' of Census Blocks
- 2. Differences in growth rates

Quantization Error = 0.000005 Topographic Error = 0.3 Combined Error = 0.002







LSTM Training

Static variables

- 1. Distance to water
- 2. Distance to sewer
- 3. Regional employment

Temporal variables (2000, 2010)

- 1. Distance to commercial hotspots
- 2. Distance to residential hotspots
- 3. Distance to urban clusters
- 4. Travel time
- 5. Landcover
- 6. Developed vs. Natural vs. Agricultural

Response Variable

Residential vs. Commercial vs. No Change in 2020













Predicted 2020 Commercial Development Probability



2020 Commercial Development







Predicted 2020 Residential Development Probability





2020 Residential Development









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Questions?

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Chesapeake Bay Land Change Model (CBLCM)



Application

- 1. Estimate extent of future development
- 2. Estimate future population and households on sewer and septic
- 3. Estimate future conversion of forest and farmland



May, 2018 Sentinel-2 image



Aug, 2018 Sentinel-2 image



Siamese U-Net Difference



2 km



LSTM Aug, 2018 prediction



Normalized Diff (LSTM Aug, real Aug)





Long Short-Term Memory

Capturing temporal information



April/May

June/July

Aug/Sep

Classification

Deep Learning (AI)

