# **U.S. Geographic Statistical Areas**

- Defined by Office of Management and Budget (OMB)
	- Each consists of one or more counties
- Top-to-bottom:
	- 1. Metropolitan divisions
	- 2. Combined statistical areas (CSAs)
	- 3. Core-based statistical areas (CBSAs)
	- 4. Metropolitian/ micropolitan statistical areas (MSAs)
	- 5. County (rural)



#### **Aggregate Demand Point Data Sources**

- Aggregate demand point: centroid of population + area + population
- Good rule of thumb: use at least 10x number of NFs ( $\approx$  100 pts provides minimum coverage for locating  $\approx 10$  NFs)
- 1. City data: ONLY USE FOR LABELING!, not as aggregate demand points
- 2. 3-digit ZIP codes:  $\approx$  1000 pts covering U.S., = 20 pts NC
- 3. County data:  $\approx$  3000 pts covering U.S., = 100 pts NC
	- Grouped by state or CSA (Combined Statistical Area)
	- CSA = defined by set of counties (174 CSAs in U.S.)
	- $-$  FIPS code  $=$  5-digit state-county FIPS code
		- = 2-digit state code + 3-digit county code
		- = 37183 = 37 NC FIPS + 183 Wake FIPS
	- CSA List: www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/metro-micro/geographies/ reference-files/2017/delineation-files/list1.xls
- 4. 5-digit ZIP codes:  $>$  35K pts U.S.,  $\approx$  1000 pts NC
- 5. Census Block Group:  $> 220K$  pts U.S.,  $\approx 1000$  pts Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC CSA
	- Grouped by state, county, or CSA
	- Finest resolution aggregate demand data source

## **City vs CSA Population Data**





## **Demand Point Aggregation**

- *Existing facility* (EF): actual physical location of demand source
- *Aggregate demand point*: single location representing multiple demand sources



## **Demand Point Aggregation**

• Calculation of aggregate point depends on objective



• For minisum location, would like for any location *x*:

$$
(w_1 + w_2) d(x, x_{\text{agg}}) = w_1 d(x, x_1) + w_2 d(x, x_2), \quad \text{let } x = 0, x_1, x_2 > 0
$$

$$
(w_1 + w_2)x_{\text{agg}} = w_1x_1 + w_2x_2
$$

$$
x_{\text{agg}} = \frac{w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2}{w_1 + w_2} \implies \text{centroid}
$$

Note: if  $x_1 < x < x_2$ , then  $x_{\text{agg}}$  not centroid

• For squared distance:  $(w_1 + w_2)x_{\text{agg}}^2 = w_1x_1^2 + w_2x_2^2$  $w_1 + w_2$ )  $x_{\text{agg}}^2 = w_1 x_1^2 + w_2 x_2^2$ 

$$
x_{\text{agg}} = \sqrt{\frac{w_1 x_1^2 + w_2 x_2^2}{w_1 + w_2}} \implies \text{ not centroid}
$$

#### **Transport Cost if NF at every EF**



#### **Area Adjustment for Aggregate Data Distances**



- LB: avg. dist. from center to all points in area
- UB: avg. dist. between all random pairs of points
- Local circuity factor = 1.5, regular non-local =  $1.2$

Mathai, A.M., *An Intro to Geo Prob*, p. 207 (2.3.68)

$$
d_0 = \sqrt{d_0^{LB} d_0^{UB}} \approx 0.45\sqrt{a}
$$

 $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$ 

2

2

$$
d_a(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2) = \max \left\{ g d_{GC}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2), g_{\text{local}} 0.45 \max \left\{ \sqrt{a_1}, \sqrt{a_2} \right\} \right\}
$$

$$
= \max \left\{ 1.2 d_{GC}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2), 0.675 \max \left\{ \sqrt{a_1}, \sqrt{a_2} \right\} \right\}
$$

#### **Fixed Cost and Economies of Scale**

- Cost data from existing facilities can be used to fit linear estimate
	- Economies of scale in production  $\Rightarrow k > 0$  and  $\beta < 1$



$$
TPC_{\text{act}} = \max_{f < f_{\text{max}}} \left\{ TPC_{\text{min}}, TPC_0 \left( \frac{f}{f_0} \right)^{\beta} \right\}
$$

$$
\beta = \begin{cases}\n0.62, & \text{Hand tool mfg.} \\
0.48, & \text{Construction} \\
0.41, & \text{Chemical processing} \\
0.23, & \text{Medical centers}\n\end{cases}
$$

$$
TPC_{\text{est}} = k + c_p f
$$

$$
APC_{\text{act}} = \frac{TPC_{\text{act}}}{f} = \frac{TPC_0}{f_0^{\beta}} f^{\beta - 1}
$$

$$
APC_{\text{est}} = \frac{k}{f} + c_p
$$

 $k =$  fixed cost

 $c_p$  = constant unit production cost  $f_{\text{min}}/f_{\text{max}} = \text{min/max}$  feasible scale

f<sub>MES</sub> = Minimum Efficient Scale



- **Problem:** Popco currently has 42 bottling plants across the western U.S. and wants to know if they should consider reducing or adding plants to improve their profitability.
- **Solution:** Formulate as an UFL to determine the number of plants that minimize Popco's production, procurement, and distribution costs.

• Following representative information is available for each of *N* current plants (DC) *i*:

 $xy_i =$ **location** 

aggregate production (tons) *DC*  $f_i^{DC} =$ 

 $TPC_i$  = total production and procurement cost

 $TDC_i$  = total distribution cost

• Assuming plants are (monetarily) weight gaining since they are bottling plants, so UFL can ignore inbound procurement costs related to location





- Difficult to estimate fixed cost of each new facility because this cost must not include any cost related to quantity of product produced at facility.
- 1. Use plant (DC) production costs to find UFL fixed costs via linear regression
	- variable production costs  $c_p$  do not change and can be cut

$$
TPC = \sum_{i \in N} TPC_i = \sum_{i \in N} \left( k + c_p f_i^{DC} \right)
$$
  
(only keep *k* for UFL)



2. Allocate all 3-digit ZIP codes to closest plant (up to 200 mi max) to serve as aggregate customer demand points.

$$
M_{i} = \left\{ j : \arg\min_{h} d_{hj}^{a} = i \text{ and } d_{ij}^{a} \le d_{\max} \right\}
$$
  

$$
d_{\max} = 200 \text{ mi}
$$
  

$$
M = \bigcup_{i \in N} M_{i}
$$

3. Allocate each plant's demand (tons of product) to each of its customers based on its population.



$$
f_{j \in M_i} = f_i^{DC} \frac{q_j}{\sum_{h \in M_i} q_h}
$$

 $q_j$  = population of EF*j* 

$$
f_5 = f_2^{DC} \frac{q_5}{q_5 + q_6}
$$

4. Estimate a nominal transport rate (\$/ton-mi) using the ratio of total distribution cost  $(\xi)$  to the sum of the product of the demand (ton) at each customer and its distance to its plant (mi).

$$
r_{\text{nom}} = \frac{\sum_{i \in N} TDC_i}{\sum_{i \in N} \sum_{j \in M_j} f_j d_{ij}^a}
$$

5. Calculate UFL variable transportation cost  $c_{ii}$  (\$) for each possible NF site *i* (all customer and plant locations) and EF site *j* (all customer locations) as the product of customer *j* demand (ton), distance from site *i* to *j* (mi), and the nominal transport rate (\$/ton-mi).

$$
\mathbf{C} = \left[ c_{ij} \right]_{\substack{i \in M \cup N \\ j \in M}} = \left[ r_{\text{nom}} f_j d_{ij}^a \right]_{\substack{i \in M \cup N \\ j \in M}}
$$

6. Solve as UFL, where *TC* returned includes all new distribution costs and the fixed portion of production costs.

$$
TC = \sum_{i \in Y}^{fixed cost} k_i + \sum_{i \in Y} \sum_{j \in M_i} c_{ij}
$$
  

$$
n = |M \cup N|, \text{ number of potential NF sites}
$$
  

$$
m = |M|, \text{ number of EF sites}
$$