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# Propagation Measure on Circulation Graphs for Tourism Behavior Analysis

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# How to Analyze Tourists' Propagation?

Is it possible to use the Circulation Graph to understand propagation?

• Is there any logic?

Must take into account both topology & weights

- But also, we should take into account the distance
- Multi-weighted aggregated graphs





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# Minimum/Maximum Spanning Tree (MST)

Reflects the traffic flow and hierarchy in the underlying system [Stam et al. 2014]

MST: Kruskal algorithm [AMS'56]



French, American and Spanish Maximum Spanning Trees in 2018 Nouvelle-Aquitaine (district scale)



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## MST – How to compare both topologies and Remoteness?

- Tree Edit Distance # of nodes/edges interchange
  - No viable comparison
- Tree Hierarchy # of leafs vs links & Betweenness Centrality

$$T_h = \frac{L}{2 \times m \times BC_{max}}$$

> Only dedicated to star vs lines topologies & no notions of distances.



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# Definition

#### Definition: Remoteness Influence Factor (RIF)

Consider a Multi-weighted graph AC(V, E(w, d)) the RIF measures the **remoteness** of vertices combined with their **influences** in AC. For each node  $n \in V$ , it computes its normalized distance from a source **s**, combined with the inverse of its centrality BC(n). It is defined as:





#### **Remoteness Influence Factor - Example**



## **RIF Computation on a Graph**

Algorithm 1 Computation of the Remoteness Influence Factor

**Require:** AC( $\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E}(w, d)$ ) a graph,  $s \in \mathcal{V}$  is the source node of the graph

- 1: **function** Remoteness(AC, s)
- 2: wBetweennessCentrality = WeightedBetweennessCentrality(AC(w))
- 3: distancePairs = Dijkstra( $\overline{AC(d)}$ , s)

rif

- 4: max\_dist = max(distancePairs)
- 5: **for**  $n \in \mathcal{V} s$  **do**
- 6:  $rif = rif + \log_{max\_dist} (distancePairs[s][n]) \times \frac{1}{1 + wBetweennessCentrality[n]}$
- 7: **end for**

8: return 
$$\frac{n_j}{(|\mathcal{V}|-1) \times |\mathcal{V}|}$$

9: end function



# **RIF approximation (Graph vs MST)**



Graphs size	MSE	MAE	MAPE
200 Nodes	$6.96 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.39 \times 10^{-4}$	5.53%
500 Nodes	$7.20 \times 10^{-9}$	$7.92 \times 10^{-5}$	4.50%
1000 Nodes	$5.89 \times 10^{-10}$	$8.20 \times 10^{-6}$	3.92%
2000 Nodes	$2.57 \times 10^{-11}$	$3.32 \times 10^{-6}$	3.17%



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# **Aggregated circulation graphs**

AC Graphs	Aggregation	#nodes	#edges
	Towns	16,824	5,596,001
France	Cities	3,678	4,725,402
	Districts	329	801,924
Nouvelle-	Cities	2,665	935,294
Aquitaine	Districts	42	170,403

- From 2013 to 2018
- Five different nationalities
- Five levels of aggregation



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#### French, English, American, Spanish and Italian MST in 2018 over France



## **Experiments - RIF vs Tree Hierarchy**





Nouvelle-Aquitaine (District-scale)



# **Conclusions & perspectives**

#### Propagation Measure on Circulation Graphs for Tourism Behavior Analysis

- An automatic **Maximum Spanning Tree** extraction methodology dedicated to spatiotemporal graphs
- The Remoteness Influence Factor (RIF), a new propagation measure
  - Community, year, scale
- Proposed an **optimization strategy** of this computation using Maximum Spanning Trees

#### Perspectives

- Apply the Remoteness Influence Factor to other fields such as GIS, Traffic Networks or Social Networks
- Study the strength of propagation of tourists in a given area using the principle of percolation
- Study of forests to observe how different tourist regions behave and how they interact within a territory



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