

Optimal Supply Networks III: Redistribution

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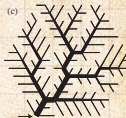
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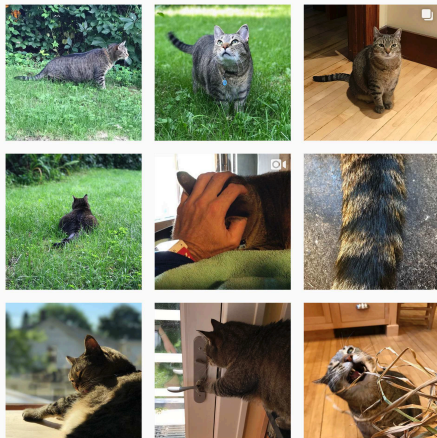
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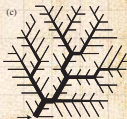
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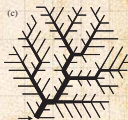
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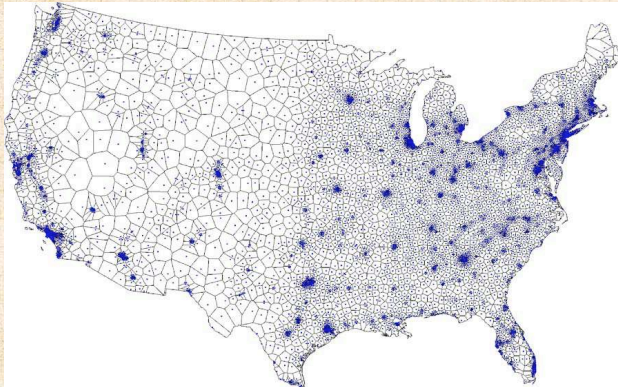
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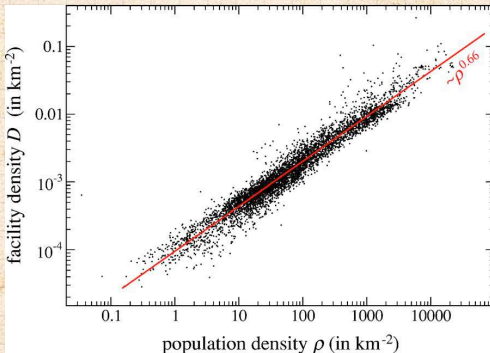


Approximately optimal location of 5000 facilities.



Based on 2000 Census data.


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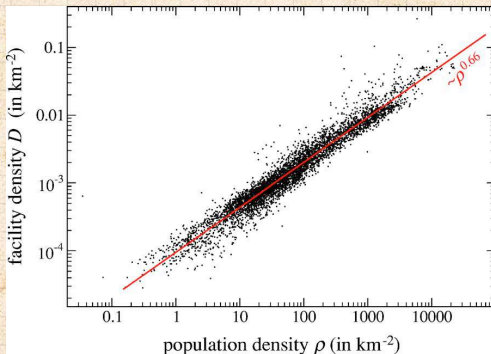
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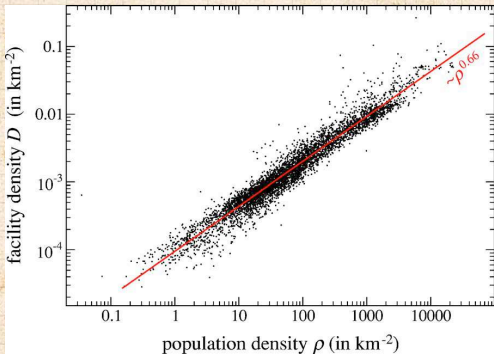
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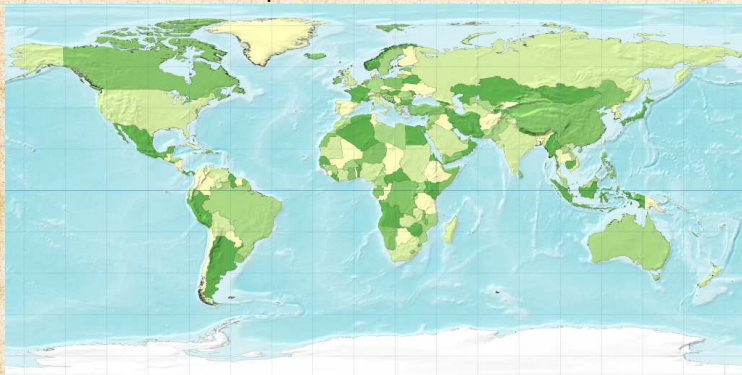
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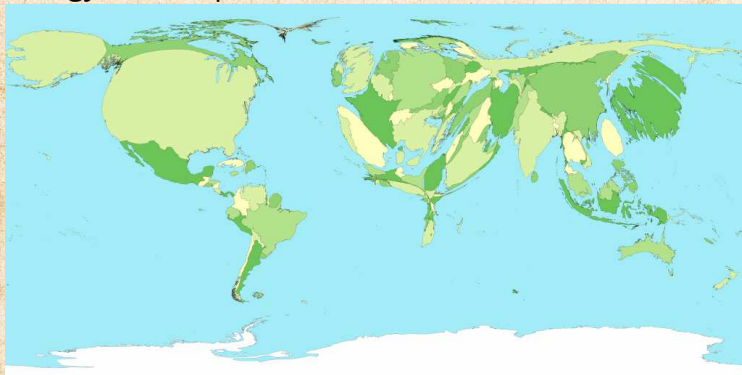
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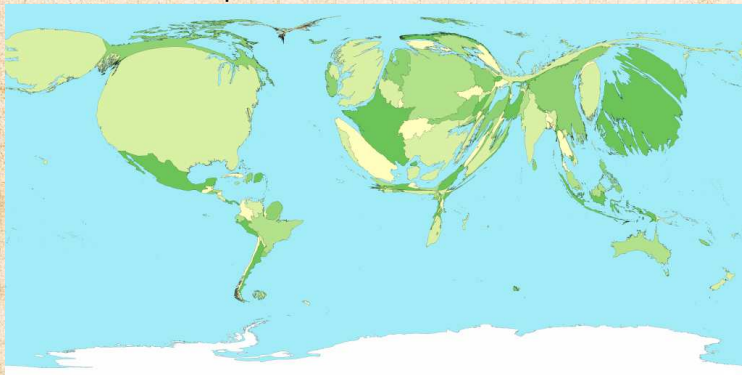
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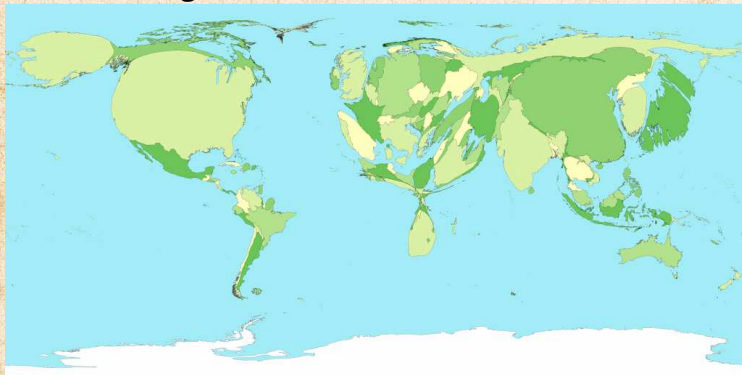
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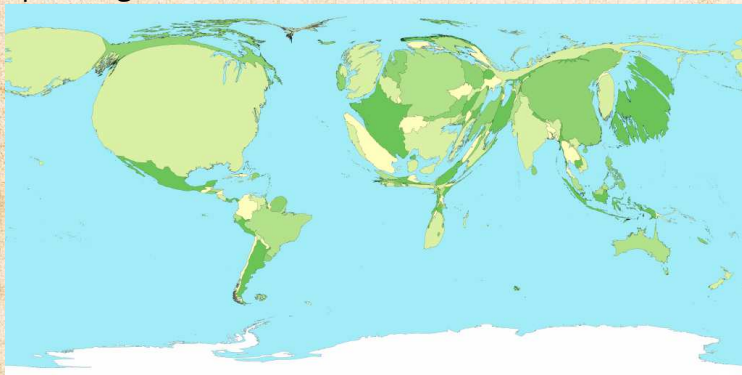
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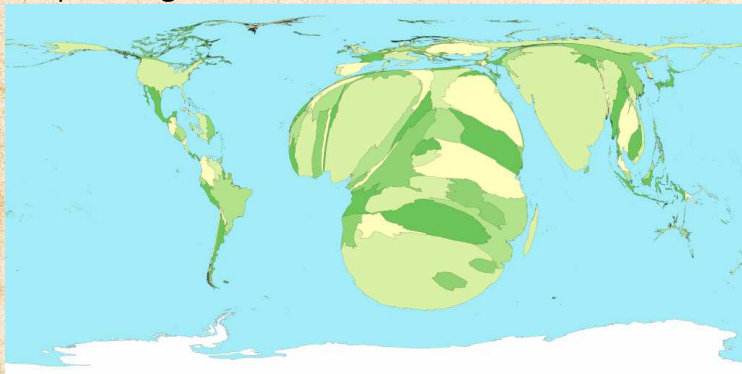
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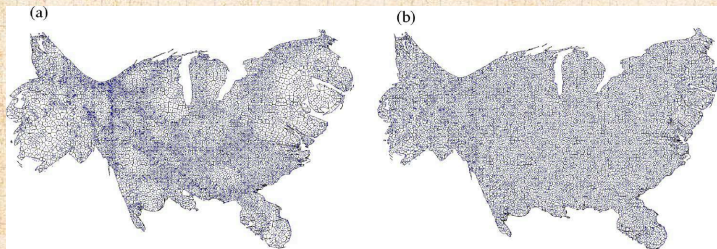
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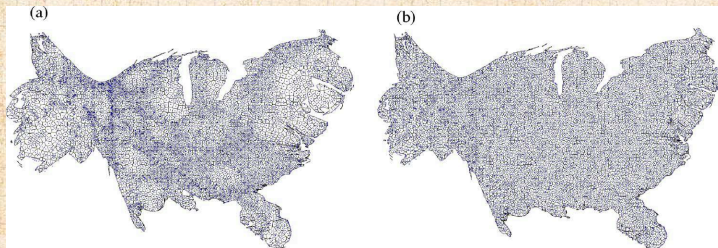
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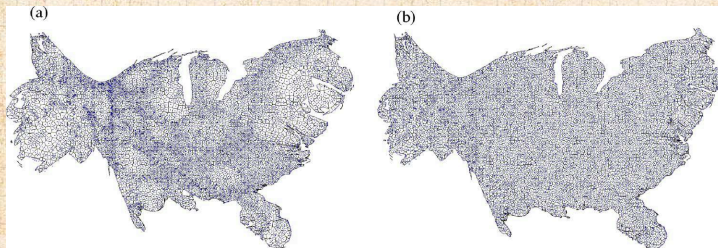
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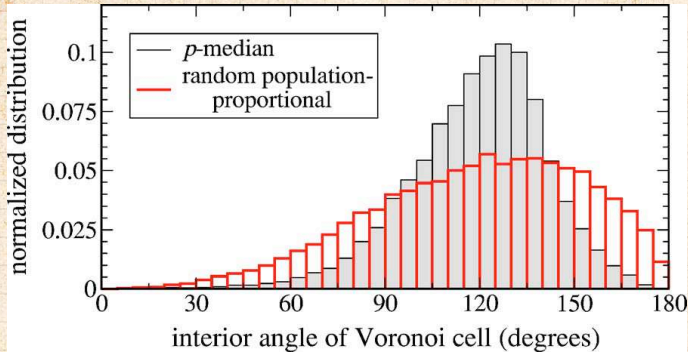
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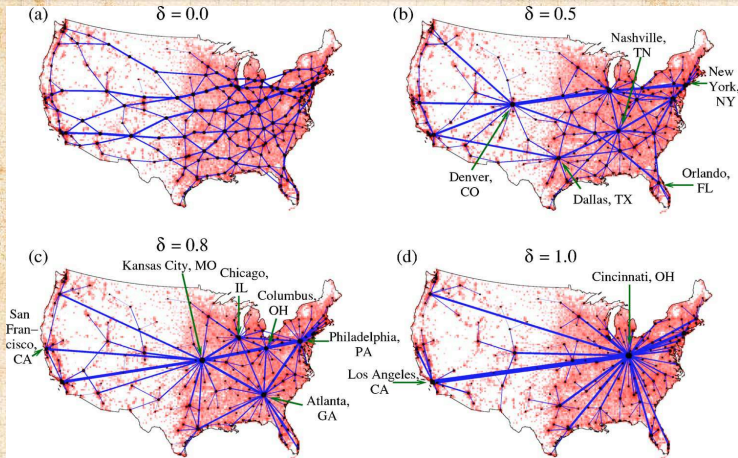
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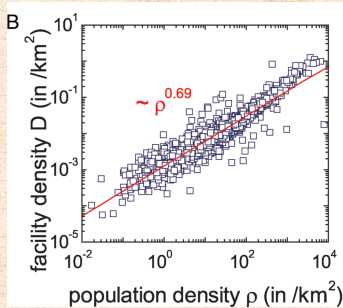
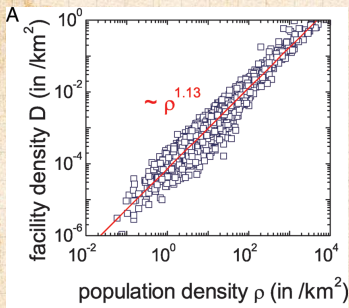
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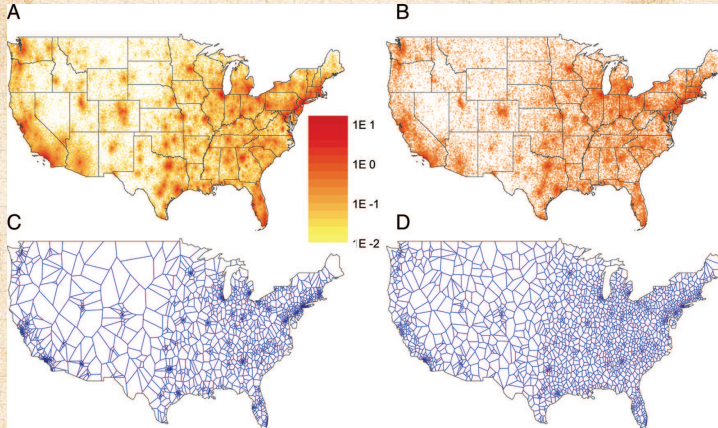
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