



Article Dynamic Land-Use Map Based on Twitter Data

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Abstract: Location-based social media allows people to communicate and share information on a popular landmark. With millions of data records generated, it provides new knowledge about a city. The identification of land use intends to uncover accurate positions for future urban development planning. The purpose of this research is to investigate the use of social networking check-in data as a source of information to characterize dynamic urban land use. The data from this study were obtained from the social media application i.e., Twitter. Three kinds of data that are prioritized in this research are check-ins (specific location), timestamps, and a user's status text or post activities. In this study, we propose a grid-based aggregation method to divide the urban area. Two different approaches are compared—rank and clustering methods to group the place's activities. Then we utilize time distribution frequency to attain the land-use function. In this case, Makassar City, Indonesia, has been selected as the case study. An analysis shows that the check-in activity and the method we proposed can be used to group the actual land-use types.

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1. Introduction

Urban planning is a technical process in the formation, arrangement, and development of a city. One kind of study on urban planning is land-use mapping, related to accurate land determination for urban zoning. The problem on urban land-use mapping is deciding upon the particular region for certain land use. Previous studies have been conducted to detect land use over time, such as the use of aerial photographs for mapping and quantifying the change in forest land-use patterns [1], remote sensing [2], geographic information systems techniques [3], and Landsat images via satellite, which provide an efficient means for land-use detection [4,5]. However, these approaches have some weaknesses, such as the inability of numerous sensors to obtain data and information in cloudy areas. Clouds make the resolution of the satellite imagery too coarse for detailed mapping and for distinguishing small contrasting areas, yet high-resolution satellite imagery is very costly and time-consuming [6].

With the development of an embedded system planted on the smartphone, a user's movement could be tracked [7]. Researchers use the mobile phone's footprint to predict the user's behavior [8], Bluetooth traces [9], Global Position System (GPS) hint [10], and smart card data [11]. In the literature, we find that some researchers use these devices for land-use identification—for instance, the demonstration of GPS data for discovering a region and sensing human activity [12], urban Wi-Fi characterization [13], land-use and landscape identification using cell-phone data [14–16]. However,

these models concentrate on a particular region in a specific area, the lack of information from this data [17] and difficult to identify the user's footprint.

To overcome these research challenges, some scientists use location-based-on-social-network (LBSN) data to capture people's travel behavior as an alternative approach. These data contain information on their interests, hobbies, and place activities. Recently, the data source of social media's geolocation has provided new information in terms of understanding an individual's activity pattern. In the literature, we found that some researchers discuss social media—that is, foursquare check-in data—to catch people's social events distribution, such as by investigating human travel activity patterns [18], inferring individual lifestyle patterns [19], and predicting the next venue [20]. Additionally, many researchers have used Twitter's check-in data to capture the individual's activity in the urban area, such as in home-location identification [21], and to estimate the user's location [22,23].

On the basis of the above description, the information on the people visiting a particular place will be pertinent to form a new area. In the perspective of urban planning, geolocation becomes an indicator to identify a specific urban area. In this paper, we analyze social media data from Twitter for detecting the dynamics of urban land use. The data includes the period (time-stamped), the user's status text or post information (tweet), and the geolocation or specific location that is the point of interest where and when people undergo check-in activity. To analyze the data, we propose a grid-based aggregation method and text mining to split the Twitter land map. The proposed method uses a grid to divide the urban area and text-mining activity to count popular keywords among different categories. We compare two distinct methods: a rank method and *k*-means clustering to classify different areas. To validate the analysis, we combine the individual's travel time spread on weekdays and weekends as the parameters to define the land-use.

2. Related Work

Various studies has been conducted to describe urban structure. For example, a study [24] used large-scale taxicab data to characterize the urban dynamics in New York City on the basis of three aspects. First, they checked the urban activity pattern by aggregating pick-up and drop-off locations using trip dynamics. Second, they analyzed similar taxi travel patterns. Third, they explored the connection between the taxi trips and people's mobility. They used a clustering algorithm to classify the trip origin and the destination data. They concluded that there is a tendency for taxi travel to represent human mobility. With other datasets, another study [25] presented GPS trajectory data to discover the region of different cities: New York, Tokyo, and Paris. They analyzed the individual's movement using the probability model to categorize the point of interest (POI). As a result, they created a framework that could produce some applications for urban planning, business location, and social recommendation.

The development of social media data geolocation has provided new insights into the shape of a city. From the literature review, the authors found some studies that have used location-based social media data to catch the individual's journey pattern. For instance, a study [26] demonstrated Twitter check-in data for land-use identification in three cities: Madrid (Spain), Manhattan (USA), and London (UK). They used the spectral clustering technique to analyze the individual's travel pattern every 20 minutes, deducing the user's trip average on weekday and weekend activities. They concluded that Twitter geolocation is a useful data source for urban planning application and could potentially provide information for urban land use. Another study [27] explores the Flickr location tag to describe the city's center. To deal with this issue, a kernel density method was used to estimate the number of check-ins in each area. They argued that these data did not only cover all the city activities but could also describe the city's center. Three methods were used to find an accurate location with a vital and precise boundary: local Getis-Ord (LGOG), density-based spatial clustering of applications with noise (DBSCAN), and the Girvan–Newman (GN) algorithm. They deduced that the last methods could describe the geometrically regular boundaries of a monocentric city and that the last method

was suitable for polycentric cities. In the reviews, we found some weaknesses in the previous studies, such as a lack of validation, and that there is a particular bias of using only specific data sources to characterize land-use types. In general, previous studies have focused on the geolocation check-in (latitude and longitude coordinates) as the only criterion to make the measurement, where this feature is not explained in detail, as well as the name of the existing location.

In this research, our focus is not only the check-in data but also involving the Twitter text record, where we use a specific filter on the location name search. The use of both features (check-in and user text posting) has been studied by some researchers. For instance, a study [29] used Twitter data to characterize a places activity. The researchers proposed an unsupervised learning algorithm with the latent Dirichlet allocation (LDA) approach to classify geotagged Tweets. Then another study [30] used geotagged Chinese social media (Sina Weibo) to model urban land use. To define land use, both articles used one parameter, namely the time distribution pattern on weekdays and weekends. Besides the grid-based aggregation method and status update posts as additional criteria, we compare two techniques to characterize a place's activity. We regard the comparison between these two approaches, which distinguishes our work from others'.

3. Data and Methodology

3.1. Data Collection

Twitter is an application operated by Twitter Inc. (San Francisco, CA, USA) that offers a social networking microblogging service, allowing users to post and read text-based messages of up to 140 characters, called tweets. From its members, Twitter has gathered a vast amount of personal information, such as names, genders, phone or e-mail addresses, and passwords. For data collection, we utilized the Twitter streaming application program interface (API), a Windows application that allows developers to access the user's profile data displayed in the JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format. Through the service, Twitter provides the data to be downloaded, such as names, locations, profile locations, descriptions, follower counts, friend counts, account creation dates, and time-zone coordinate positions (latitude and longitude) [31]. One important Twitter feature is that users can display a location map that reveals the time and place at which the status was posted or where they were. This feature becomes a key to catch the individual's behavioral activity in urban areas. For our research, we focused on Makassar City, Indonesia. We analyzed 170,595 user check-in data records consisting of 43 days (6 weeks) of Twitter activity from 24 August to 5 October 2016.

Makassar is a city with the largest population in eastern Indonesia. The 2010 census of population registered 1.34 million residents in an area of 175.7 km² [32]. From the data collection, we identified that Twitter users have an average age of 15–40 years, where 34% are males and 66% are females [33]. This research is essential, as the land-use map of Makassar City is not up-to-date, while the current design for projection is 20 years ahead [34]

3.2. Text Mining for Place-Name Identification

The main purpose of text mining is to support the process of knowledge discovery on large document collection. In principle, text mining is a science field that involves information retrieval, text analysis, natural language processing, and a logic-based learning machine [35]. In this regard, text mining specifies the places at which the individuals make the tweets. Through this service, the check-in locations are grouped using the clustering method, and the place-names are individually identified from the user's status post on Twitter marked with the symbols # and @ to define the place-name (e.g., "eating at #thexxrestaurant" and "playing soccer at @theyyystadium"). Because of this, the Twitter application does not insert the location name on the APIs' search engines but includes the geographic location in the form of latitude and longitude coordinates. We use a Voyan tool, an open-source web-based application used to discover most frequently used words, to analyze and count the documented texts and to ease text separation.

Figure 1 shows the data flow and methods proposed for urban land-use identification, where two data-grouping methods are compared. To conclude the land hypothesis, we used the daily time distribution on weekdays and weekends activities.



Figure 1. Data flow diagram of method used.

3.3. Aggregation Grid for Dividing Land Area

In a Twitter dataset, check-ins are separate; thus the issue arises of how to unite their spreads in one or several information units. We propose a grid-based aggregation method to identify each area for detecting urban land use, a technique to combine distinct objects into different groups. Figure 2 shows the 16×6.5 km² tweet distribution map of Makassar City.

To facilitate the analysis, we divided the grid into $500 \times 500 \text{ m}^2$ areas and produced 558 blocks. We then removed the blocks without check-in activity. A total of 160 blocks were removed, and 398 blocks with tweet activity were used. The figure below illustrates the spread of twitter check-ins. The dots represent the locations, and the block gradations indicate the frequency of each block.



Figure 2. Grid distribution of check-ins with $500 \times 500 \text{ m}^2$ blocks. The dots represent the user location tags, and the color describes the Twitter activity frequency.

To recognize the place type on each block, we used the user's text-posting activity on Twitter. A total of 85 venues were found from the whole blocks. We then divided the area into six categories (Table 1). From this result, we could see the description about the information of the land.

Category	Place
Art and Entertainment	Cinema, street park, bar, karaoke, hall, meeting building, monument, wedding hall, fort, photography studio, radio station, television station.
Business and Service	Hotel, guesthouse, housing, bank, diagnostic center, pharmacy, skincare clinic, hospital, telecommunication service headquarter
Community and Office	Electricity company, church, office, mosque, university, school, library
Food and Drink	Café, coffee shop, restaurant (culinary, meatball, seafood, noodle, chicken porridge, ice cream, fried chicken, pizza, donut, steak, snack, lunch, dinner, fried rice, sushi, and udon), tea house, canteen, cake shop, kiosk/corner stand (roasted corn, and fried banana)
Shopping	Mall, shop, store, fresh market, bike shop, bookstore
Sports and Recreation	Indoor soccer field, basketball court, beach, stadium, sports area, jogging track, garden, swimming pool, field, gym

	Table 1.	Location	categories	visited k	ov user.
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To calculate the number of check-ins on each block, we grouped each block into 32 classes with an interval of 100 check-ins. The grouping provided a description of the frequency of data diversity. Figure 3 shows the graph of block allocation based on each class (e.g., the class C100 contains 112 blocks).



Figure 3. Frequency distribution classes with each group of 100 check-ins.

3.4. K-means Clustering for Land-Use Characterizing

Clustering is a method to group objects into classes with identical characteristics [36]. The *k*-means clustering is one algorithm of unsupervised learning that uses a nearest mean approach. This reliable algorithm can quickly process huge amounts of data [37]. The *k*-means clustering attempts to group objects into two or more clusters so that the objects within one cluster share similarities. To measure the similarity among objects, *k*-means clustering utilizes the distance function as the parameter to determine the group members. The *k*-means algorithm uses the following steps:

- Decide the number of clusters (in this research, five clusters are specified).
- Determine the centroid value (center of measurement) randomly.
- Calculate the distance between the centroid points and the point of each object. To measure, we use the Euclidean distance:

$$D_e = \sqrt{(x_i - s_i)^2 + (y_i - t_i)^2}$$
(1)

where D_e is the Euclidean distance, *i* is the number of the object, (*x*, *y*) are the object coordinates, and (*s*, *t*) are the centroid coordinates.

- Assign object to closest cluster.
- Go back to step 2 and recalculate the centroid value until the cluster members do not move to other clusters.

From the place activity (see Appendix A), we then grouped the data and produced five clusters. Table 2 shows the different places visited by people.

Place	Check-In	%	Place	Check-In	%	Place	Check-In	%
Cluster 1		Soccer	597	0.032	University	11187	0.805	
Housing	2974	19.101	KFC	450	0.024	C	luster 4	
Mall	1691	10.861	Worship	620	0.033	Office	2330	0.150
Cinema	1841	11.824	Shop	278	0.015	School	1742	0.112
School	1869	12.004	Park	247	0.013	University	1969	0.127
University	1780	11.432	Seafood	278	0.015	Beach	427	0.027
Coffee	1777	11.413	Karaoke	421	0.023	Coffee	3692	0.238
Hotel	958	6.153	University	436	0.023	Hotel	568	0.037
McDonald's	958	6.153	Cinema21	269	0.014	Housing	438	0.028
Street	877	5.633	Hall	658	0.035	KFC	1082	0.070
Stadium	845	5.427	Fitness	182	0.010	Mall	544	0.035
C	Cluster 2		Housing	186	0.010	McDonald's	444	0.029
School	1017	0.054	Bookstore	133	0.007	Restaurant	2309	0.149
Hotel	Hotel 1003 0.054			Hall 680 0.031			luster 5	
Culinary	1372	0.073	Tea	590	0.027	University	3517	0.160
Bank	616	0.033	Hotel	438	0.020	Restaurant	2938	0.133
Restaurant	2811	0.151	Meatball	430	0.020	Coffee	2500	0.113
Office	1164	0.062	Mall	429	0.019	Hospital	1889	0.086
Coffee	963	0.052	Beach	375	0.017	Culinary	1570	0.071
Street	889	0.048	Fort	296	0.013	Cinema21	1329	0.060
Mall	676	0.036	Supermarket	250	0.011	Office	1235	0.056
Noodles	1322	0.071	Ŝtadium	191	0.009	KFC	1148	0.052
Café	376	0.020		Cluster 3		Street	820	0.037
Hospital	506	0.027	Housing	1350	0.097	McDonald's	704	0.032
Pizza	534	0.029	Hotel	1354	0.097	Pizza	698	0.032

Table 2. K-means clustering result for land use type.

Figure 4 shows the time distribution pattern on weekdays and weekends from *k*-means clustering. To analyze the land use type, the method will be compared with the group result from the ranking method to determine the potential land use.



Figure 4. Cont.



Figure 4. The graph results of *k*-means clustering in different time frequencies on weekdays and weekends. (a) Clusters' comparison on weekdays and weekends; (b) cluster 1; (c) cluster 2; (d) cluster 3; (e) cluster 4; (f) cluster 5.

4. Land-Use Segmentation

We tried a method of grid-based aggregation to divide the urban area. After class grouping (see Table 3), we then characterized each region to understand the type of land use. To identify the land area, we grouped the check-in activity blocks on the basis of the following:

- We determined the frequency of places visited by comparing the percentage data of each block. We then combined the blocks into several classes and grouped the classes into several clusters. In this case, each cluster was decided by the place with the highest frequency as a decision-making indicator. For example, on the basis of tweets, we found that classes C100, C200, C300, and C400 were dominated by the individual's activities in residential areas (see Table A1). Thus, the combination of these classes was called cluster 1.
- To identify the land-use type, we ranked every place on each cluster to determine the most visited venue (see Table 4).
- We then analyzed the time distribution frequency on each class to determine the trends of each region by comparing weekday and weekend check-in patterns. In doing so, the identification of land use could be detected.

On the basis of the above criteria, we classified the class interval (see Table 3) into four clusters. The clusters illustration can be seen in the following table:

Cluster	Group Class
Cluster 1	C100, C 200, C300, C400
Cluster 2	C500, C1200, C1300, C1400, C1500, C2200, C2300
Cluster 3	C1000, C1900, C2000, C2100, C2200, C2400, C2500, C2900, C5200
Cluster 4	C600, C700, C800, C900, C1100, C1600, C1700, C3300, C3600

Table 3. Class	partition
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Figure 5a illustrates the user's daily frequency times. We observe that the peak of individual activity occurs at 10 p.m. and the lowest check-in activity at 6 a.m. On Figure 5b, we see that majority of user frequency is between 20 up to 100 check-ins.



Figure 5. Daily time distribution activity (a) and trip flow distribution for each user (b).

From the 85 places (see Table 1), we then identified the venue type and found 31 places with significant check-ins. Table 4 depicts the spatial distribution cluster showing the check-in numbers and percentages in each place. This cluster would provide an overview of potential land use.

Cluster 1		Cluster 2		Cluster 3		Cluster 4	
Place	Check-In (%)						
Housing	4324 26.149	University	8033 46.019	Culinary	2787 13.654	Coffee	2943 16.121
University	2089 12.633	Street	2206 12.637	Coffee	2630 12.885	Hotel	2640 14.461
Coffee	1634 9.881	School	996 5.706	Restaurant	2170 10.632	Office	1820 9.969
Street	1596 9.652	Restaurant	814 4.663	McDonald's	2008 9.838	Culinary	1767 9.679
Culinary	1291 7.807	Pizza	728 4.170	Hotel	1440 7.055	Stadium	1205 6.601
School	1156 6.991	Office	684 3.918	KFC	1333 6.531	Mall	1073 5.878
Office	1112 6.725	Monument	606 3.472	Office	1269 6.217	Restaurant	1003 5.494
Restaurant	608 3.677	McDonald's	457 2.618	Mall	1184 5.801	School	873 4.782
Hospital	341 2.062	Mall	440 2.521	School	1145 5.610	KFC	867 4.749

Table 4. Place ranking for land-use-type clustering.

Cluster 1		Cl	Cluster 2		Cluster 3		Cluster 4	
Place	Check-In (%)	Place	Check-In (%)	Place	Check-In (%)	Place	Check-In (%)	
Beach	304 1.838	Library	438 2.509	University	928 4.547	Hall	780 4.273	
Park	286 1.730	KFC	371 2.125	Stadium	523 2.562	Cinema21	672 3.681	
Office	277 1.675	Housing	307 1.759	Hospital	440 2.156	Street	555 3.040	
KFC	268 1.621	Hotel	233 1.335	Beach	438 2.146	Hospital	510 2.794	
Hotel	259 1.566	Hospital	228 1.306	Street	370 1.813	McDonald's	390 2.136	
Soccer	244 1.476	Hall	222 1.272	Cinema	364 1.783	University	314 1.720	
Seafood	225 1.361	Culinary	164 0.940	Pizza	329 1.612	Pizza	283 1.550	
Mosque	180 1.089	Coffee	161 0.922	Bar	318 1.558	Corner	174 0.953	
Building	154 0.931	Cinema21	152 0.871	Karaoke	256 1.254	Fresh market	142 0.778	
Shop	96 0.581	Building	109 0.624	Monument	243 1.191	Bank	123 0.674	
Hall	92 0.556	Beach	107 0.613	Supermarket	236 1.156	Building	122 0.668	

Table 4. Cont.

4.1. Housing Area (Cluster 1)

To understand the land use of this region, we compared the classes by considering the most frequently visited places. We observed that in general, the tweet activity in cluster 1 was closely related to the activities of people who were around the residential area (see Figure 6a). We found about 26% of the tweet activity covered by this group (see Figure 7b). We then analyzed the daily tweet pattern and found that the peak of tweet activity occurs at 10:00 p.m. (Figure 7a), related to the individual's activity before bed. Meanwhile, other activities, such as being in or going to a university, a café, and others, were done during the day and peaked from 11 a.m. to noon. We observed about 70% of this area was covered by this cluster. Thus, this cluster can be associated with the housing area. If we compare this to the *k*-means clustering, then this group is identical with clusters 1 and 3 (see Table 2 and Figure 4). Thus we associate this area to housing.



Figure 6. Cont.



Figure 6. The words frequency (a) and housing distribution map (b).



Figure 7. The daily time spread (a) and percentage of check-ins in different places in cluster 1 (b).

4.2. Education Area (Cluster 2)

As shown in Figure 8d, we compared the pattern of weekday and weekend activities. During weekday, tweet activity increased at 8 a.m. We observed a changing trend between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Then on the weekends, the peak activity was at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. We compared the pattern of weekdays and weekends and found a very significant difference in that, on the weekends, the tweet activities decreased. This was because on weekdays, the frequency of university visits increases, while on weekends, only a handful of individuals come to the university.

In general, this cluster was more populated in places such as universities and schools. The existence of other venues such as restaurants—Pizza Hut and McDonald's—malls, and others was because of the university and was not influenced by other regions. On the basis of this analysis, we then concluded that this cluster is related to education. This can be seen in the word frequency and graph percentage of each place (Figure 8a,c). This group is similar to clusters 2 and 5 (see Table 2 and Figure 4) from the *k*-means result. If we observe the difference between Figure 4c,f, we find that there are contrasting activities during weekdays and weekends, except for during night.





Figure 8. Cont.



Figure 8. The analysis of user text posted (**a**), the map of the education area (**b**), a graph of different visited places in the education cluster (**c**), and difference activity on weekdays and weekend (**d**).

4.3. Commercial, Business, and Work Area (Cluster 3)

In cluster 3, we divided the time spread into two parts (evening and morning). In the evening, the peak of tweet activity occurred at 9 p.m. We observed that this cluster was dominated by individual activity at places such as culinary venues, coffee, and restaurants (see Figure 9c). It is therefore most likely that people go out for dinner. We would argue that this cluster represents the commercial area for eating or other culinary activities, which can be proven by the decrease of check-in activity one hour later (see Figure 9d).

Then in the morning, the peak occurred at around 8–9 a.m., and then the trend fluctuated until noon or 2 p.m. (see Figure 9d). We observed that this cluster was populated in places such as hotels, offices, and malls. We argue that in addition to visitors, this check-in was also made by employees and office staff. We therefore concluded that this was a working or business area. There was a large difference when we compared the tweet pattern on weekdays and weekends; weekends showed a decrease in tweet activity when compared to weekdays. Thus, we concluded that check-in at work places started from the morning and continued until noon. Then in the afternoon (returning home from work), people would look for other activities, such as shopping or going to dinner. Comparing this with the *k*-means result, we find that cluster 4 (see Table 2) has a similarity with the group pattern of the rank method. We concluded that this is a work area.





Figure 9. Cont.



Figure 9. The word frequency analysis (**a**), the user distribution map in cluster 3 (**b**), check-in activity in different places (**c**), and the time difference of user distribution on weekdays and weekends (**d**).

4.4. Mixed Area (Cluster 4)

We could not explain specifically the land use of this region. We called this the mixed cluster, because in this region, there were various activities in venues such as hotels, shopping centers, office centers, and sports centers (see Figure 10a). In the morning, check-in activity for this cluster began at 7 a.m. and increased until the afternoon. The spread of time on weekdays and weekends had similar patterns. We concluded that this area was the most active area as the tendency of check-in activity did not decrease until 10:00 p.m. (see Figure 10b).



Figure 10. Cont.







(**d**)

Figure 10. The graph of check-ins at different places (**a**), user time deployment activity over 24 h (**b**), word frequency for analysis and place identification (**c**), and the physical layout of tweeting activity in cluster 4 (**d**).

5. Conclusions

In this study, we used Twitter as a source of data to analyze urban land use. To investigate the regional profile, we collected information from Twitter in the form of users' text posts, time zones, and coordinates. In this paper, we proposed a grid-based aggregation method to explore urban areas. The proposed approach divided the region in the form of a grid, where on each grid, there was a $500 \times 500 \text{ m}^2$ block, thus yielding 398 blocks. We divided the area into 32 classes, where each class had 100 check-in intervals, and then classified the existing classes into some clusters. Land identification was determined on the basis of, firstly, the highest number of check-ins and, secondly, the result of a comparison of check-in patterns on weekdays and weekends.

Our proposed method could characterize the urban area, particularly for land-use identification. The model used produces a polycentric area—not centered on one particular region—which means that in the city, there will be more than one similar land-use type (see Figure 11). For example, the education and commercial areas are not only centered on one area but also spread over several regions. We concluded that Twitter check-in data can be used to understand the actual urban land use. Our new method can contribute additional data or input for city planners and stakeholders to solve these problems, specifically the analysis of urban land use. As such, the method we propose is cheap to implement and easy to use. In this regard, this research could become a part of the city's sustainability, specifically for the development of urban land use. To obtain maximum measurement results, this method depends and relies on the size of the used grid. For this, larger grid sizes will provide at least twice as many land-use functions in a region. In this regard, grid-size standardization is necessary for the partition of land types. This challenge needs to be considered for future research.

If we compare the ranking and *k*-means clustering methods, we found that the rank method measures on the basis of the order of data; the highest-ranking order became a standard to determine the state of the region. Meanwhile, the *k*-means clustering method used a similarity-and-distance approach to group the data. Other than being reliable, both methods can solve huge amounts of data.



Figure 11. Land use hypothesis (education, commercial and mixed area).

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Appendix A

C200	Check-In	C300	Check-In	C400	Check-In	C500	Check-In
Housing	1350	Housing	1135	Housing	1060	School	866
University	469	University	885	Street	877	University	696
Office	400	School	407	University	600	Housing	457
Street	303	Street	305	Coffee	619	Coffee	556
School	299	Coffee	267	Office	427	Hospital	318
Restaurant	269	Café	253	School	349	Office	189
Coffee	454	Office	248	Culinary	268	Hotel	119
Pool	133	Park	194	KFC	268	Bank	109
Seafood	117	Meatball	165	Meatball	255	Ice	107
Beach	116	Culinary	154	Hospital	222	Street	107
Culinary	112	Restaurant	149	Beach	188	Unhas	106
Shop	96	Hospital	119	Eating	181	Meatball	104
Park	92	Noodle	113	Hotel	150	Eating	97
Cinema21	88	Hotel	109	Noodle	114	Culinary	66
Meatball	82	Hall	92	Seafood	108	Chicken	62
Field	81	Mosque	83	Mosque	97		
C900	Check-In	C1100	Check-In	C5200	Check-In	C700	Check-In
KFC	427	McDonald	390	Mall	845	Coffee	763
Coffee	450	Ice	217	KFC	631	Hospital	268
Housing	288	Stadium	191	Cinema21	364	University	366
Hospital	242	Restaurant	319	McDonald	333	Street	212
Eating	329	Office	181	Eating	245	Office	206
Mall	164	Coffee	105	Coffee	501	Meatball	175
Noodle	126	Noodle	101	Pizza	216	Housing	174
Pizza	97	Meatball	91	Street	148	Seafood	164
Office	149	Café	68	Hotel	133	Eating	124
Soccer	73	Hotel	64	Karaoke	121	School	118
Hotel	64	Karaoke	51	Restaurant	117	Restaurant	101
Street	60	Shop	45	Culinary	117	Skincare	98
Porridge	59	Mall	44	Supermarket	100	Cheese	88
Noodle	55	Housing	39	Office	165	Eating	85
Cinema21	53	Church	37	Shop	91		
C1200	Check-In	C3300	Check-In	C600	Check-In	C1000	Check-In
School	592	Coffee	606	Hotel	1354	Coffee	488
Church	91	KFC	219	Hall	341	University	344
Coffee	86	Cinema21	194	University	314	School	322
Culinary	147	Market	142	Café	168	Culinary	140
Coffee	73	Mall	122	School	136	Restaurant	119
Restaurant	138	Hotel	52	Corner	87	Housing	108
Office	51	Street	87	Office	66	Cinema21	107
Hotel	42	Bar	80	Street	65	Noodle	73
Culinary	38	Tea	77	School	65	Shop	67
Mall	38	Eating	72	Building	57	Mall	56
Clinic	35	Karaoke	65	Wedding	56	Office	48
Store	29	Culinary	182	Swimming	55	Eating	45
Mall	28	Pizza	63	Garden	47	Bank	38
Donuts	26	Snack	58				

Table A1. The classes group of place activity.

C1800	Check-In	C2500	Check-In	C6600	Check-In	C1300	Check-In
Pizza	291	Culinary	544	Mall	1145	University	928
Coffee	361	Hotel	263	Cinema21	1025	McDonald	371
University	224	Office	114	Tea	347	KFC	199
Culinary	190	Bar	92	Supermarket	250	Hospital	186
School	305	Mall	159	Pizza	191	Office	153
Beach	187	Culinary	102	Mall	188	Street	152
Restaurant	482	Tower	82	Coffee	209	Coffee	247
Bar	131	Park	60	Eating	102	Restaurant	77
Meatball	119	Bank	52	Restaurant	313	Monument	161
Office	106	Hospital	73	Bank	61	Pizza	60
Hall	84	Eating	44	Bookstore	70	Noodle	56
Bank	70	Coffee	32				
C7600	Check-In	C3600	Check-In	C2900	Check-In	C1900	Check-In
Mall	1720	Hotel	1106	Restaurant	444	McDonald	914
Cinema	935	Office	571	Fort	296	Coffee	344
KEC	159	University	325	Office	239	Office	172
Tea	243	Café	165	Coffee	200	Fating	163
Fating	183	School	187	Park	67	Culinary	271
Coffee	294	Ballroom	107	Food	44	Hotel	77
Pizza	141	Happy	98	Bar	87	Steak	77
Rostaurant	141	Corper	87	Culinary	76	Ico	74
Spack	95	Wodding	56	Hotol	36	University	64
Bookstoro	93 70	Stroot	131	Fating	137	University	04
C1700	Charlein	Color	Ch a ala lar	Cana	Charle in	<u> </u>	Charle in
C1700	Check-in	C2100	Спеск-іп	C2400	Check-in	C800	Check-in
Mall	687	Field	332	School	236	University	2138
Cinema21	318	KFC	125	KFC	137	Office	564
Restaurant	101	School	246	Culinary	179	School	392
Coffee	119	Field	86	Hotel	142	Culinary	280
lea	39	Office	152	Field	67	KFC	221
Dinner	33	Mall	70	Bank	60	Seafood	139
Lunch	27	Street	70	Coffee	137	Pizza	123
Bank	25	Pizza	53	Hospital	41	Coffee	116
Snack	25	Coffee	96	Restaurant	64	Soccer	108
Fitness	18	Bank	42				
C2000	Check-in	C2200	Check-in	C1500	Check-in	C100	Check-in
Restaurant	568	University	1897	University	1715	Housing	779
Hotel	175	Beach	438	Café	992	University	135
Café	169	Restaurant	258	Cinema21	228	Street	111
Bar	139	KFC	241	Mall	241	School	101
Guesthouse	84	Culinary	200	Building	130	Café	41
Office	42	Coffee	325	Library	233	Coffee	37
Hospital	34	Hotel	508	Meatball	61	Restaurant	36
Eating	52	Hall	84	Hotel	59	Office	29
Culinary	62	Hospital	106	School	57	Culinary	28
C1600	Check-in	C3000	Check-in	C1400	Check-in	C2300	Check-in
Stadium	849	Mall	1600	University	2117	University	574
Office	101	Restaurant	342	Office	603	School	958
Photography	62	Cinema21	225	Hospital	191	Futsal	39
Soccer	57	Coffee	150	Building	92	Hospital	13
School	45	Bar	77	School	126	Mosque	18
University	87	Snacks	133	Hall	164		
Culinary	22	Eating	31	Canteen	52		
Television	17	Fitness	30				

Table A1. Cont.

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