



# Review on Hotspot Mapping For Crime Detection

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**Abstract:** *Most cities are dealing with problems with crime and the law. Departments involved in fighting crime, such as CID and criminal branches, suggested the hotspot mapping method as a way to deal with these problems. By completing hotspot mapping, law enforcement and criminal justice organisations make the best use of their resources, choose crime prevention tactics, and improve public and government safety.*

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Most cities are dealing with problems with crime and the law. Departments involved in fighting crime, such as CID and criminal branches, suggested the hotspot mapping method as a way to deal with these problems. Law enforcement and criminal justice agencies can adopt crime prevention strategies, use their resources, and enhance public and governmental safety by completing hotspot mapping. Using hotspot mapping technologies, one may identify and investigate criminal hotspots. This paper provides an overview of hotspot mapping for crime detection, including the methods and possible uses discussed.

## II. METHODOLOGIES FOR HOTSPOT MAPPING

### 1. Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis is used to discover and analyze areas with a high frequency of criminal activity [1]. By considering the spatial distribution of crime episodes, these techniques pinpoint areas with statistically significant crime densities. The two most used statistical methods for locating hotspots are:

#### 1.1 Kernel Density Estimation (KDE)

KDE is a statistical method for determining the spatial density of criminal activity in a certain region. It considers the closeness of criminal incidents and gives areas with a higher concentration of incidents higher density scores. KDE uses a kernel (weighted by crime) to smooth the density estimates and produce a continuous surface that reflects crime hotspots. High-density areas are first thought of as crime hotspots [2]. The kernel's bandwidth or radius determines the smoothing effect, which affects the hotspots' shape and size.

#### 1.2 Getis-Ord $G_i^*$ statistic

The Getis-Ord  $G_i^*$  statistic assesses the spatial clustering of crime incidences based on the quantity of episodes and their spatial relationships. An area's statistical significance as a hotspot or a coldspot (an area with fewer occurrences than expected) is indicated by the Z-score it calculates for each site. The Getis-Ord  $G_i^*$  statistic assesses the spatial clustering of crime incidences based on the quantity of episodes and their spatial relationships.

### 2 Geographic Information System (GIS) Analysis

Geographic Information System (GIS) is a beneficial approach for crime hotspot mapping, which entails locating and analysing locations with higher-than-average crime rates. This technique follows certain steps to generate geo-spatial data as result. First it will go through requirement gathering which shows precise information of location. After pre-

processing (cleaning, organizing) the data spatial analysis has been applied to identify crime hotspots [3]. GIS techniques aid in identifying regions where crime is concentrated or statistically significant [6]. Hotspots are usually shown as places with higher crime densities than the surrounding area.

### **3 Machine Learning Approaches**

Algorithms and predictive models are used in machine learning approaches for crime hotspot mapping to find and examine patterns in crime data. These methods can aid in the efficient resource allocation and development of proactive crime prevention measures by law enforcement department and policymakers [4]. We will cover some techniques for crime hotspot mapping.

#### **3.1 Density Based Clustering**

Crime hotspots are frequently associated with high-density areas in crime data, which can be found using DBSCAN [5]. Because it groups related data points together, it is useful for spotting spatial trends in crime data.

#### **3.2 Support Vector Machine**

By developing a hyperplane that best divides places with a high crime rate from other areas, SVM can be used to predict crime hotspots.

#### **3.3 Random Forest and Gradient Boosting**

These ensemble learning approaches can be used to classify locations as hotspots or non-hotspots based on several aspects, including demographics, time, and environmental elements, as well as past crime data.

### **4 Social Network Analysis**

Social Network Analysis (SNA) may be a helpful technique for mapping crime hotspots, especially when considering the social connections and interactions among individuals or institutions involved in criminal activity. Social network analysis requires the application of specific analytical procedures:

#### **4.1 Data Collection**

#### **4.2 Network Construction**

#### **4.3 Node and Edge Attributes**

#### **4.4 Centrality Analysis**

#### **4.5 Community Detection**

#### **4.6 Geospatial Integration**

#### **4.7 Resource Allocation**

#### **4.8 Evaluation**

We cannot be certain that the sorted data is flawless after pre-processing by the aforementioned analysis. Working together with law enforcement agencies, data analysts, and domain experts is essential to ensuring that the SNA technique perfectly matches the requirements and goals of crime hotspot mapping in your region. Privacy and data security concerns should also be considered when working with sensitive criminal data [7].

### **III. LIMITATIONS IN HOTSPOT MAPPING**

- 1. Data Scalability and Quality:** The success of hotspot mapping depends on the availability and correctness of crime data. Ineffective resource allocation and false hotspot detection might result from incomplete or faulty data.
- 2. Variable Timely Pattern:** Criminal occurrences frequently display temporal trends. To ensure that resource allocation reflects shifting crime trends over time, hotspot mapping should take into account temporal dynamics.
- 3. Scalability of Spatial Patterns:** It can be difficult to choose the right spatial scale for a hotspot study. Given that crime trends might differ at various degrees of granularity, the scale choice can have a major impact on hotspot detection.
- 4. Accuracy and Validation:** For hotspot identification technologies to be successfully used, accuracy and validity must be established. To evaluate the efficacy of various hotspot mapping technologies, standardised assessment and validation techniques must be created.

#### IV. FUTURE PERSPECTIVE

As technology growing, advancement in technology with evolving data analytics. In the mapping we can include certain technical measures. By consideration of this measures there is chance of accurate and efficient data output. Here we will consider certain technical measures:

1. **Dynamic temporal data for hotspot mapping:** Creating techniques to locate crime hotspots instantly, enabling law enforcement organisations to react to new criminal activity more quickly.
2. **Integration of Social Media Data:** Using digital footprints and social media data to more accurately map hotspots and understand and anticipate crime patterns.
3. **Analysis of Big Data:** Utilising big data analytics to process massive amounts of criminal data and extract insightful information for hotspot mapping.
4. **Multiple Data Sources to Integrate:** To improve the precision and efficiency of hotspot mapping, researchers are looking into the integration of various data sources, such as socioeconomic data, environmental parameters, and demographic information.

#### CONCLUSION

In crime detection hotspot mapping is efficient technique which covers almost criteria while detecting the hotspot. In this paper we reviewed most of techniques for hotspot mapping such as statistical analysis, GIS analysis, machine learning approaches, and social network analysis. We covers the limitations of hotspot mapping such as quality, scalability, variable, accuracy and validation issues while working with hotspot mapping. At the end future research directions were suggested to enhance the capabilities and effectiveness of hotspot mapping for crime detection

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