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SPATIAL STRUCTURE OF COMMUTING TO WORK AND SCHOOL IN WARSAW

Studies on the development of urban agglomerations in Poland have hardly included structural studies on the agglomerations themselves, their systems and internal differences of spatial, demographic and social structures (A. Andrzejewski, 1973, p. 7). The studies have been aimed at defining and explaining the essence and general determinants of development processes of urban agglomerations, their scale and range, as well as the delimitation of agglomeration boundaries. The authors of studies dealing with delimitation apply different units of reference for defining given features used as criteria and different techniques of delimitation depending on the basic purpose (cognitive, statistical, planning) the delimited areas are to serve.

Recently there has been a tendency not to apply complex delimitation criteria and to eliminate structural criteria in favour of linkage measures (P. Korcelli, 1974, 1976). According to this assumption the boundaries of urban agglomerations are identified with areas characterized by a high degree of closures of zones of everyday contacts between inhabitants of agglomerations, specially of ranges of commuting between place of work and place of residence, i.e. the functional range of urban regions. Such divisions were introduced by B. J. L. Berry (1973) and P. Hall (1973) -see P. Korcelli (1976).

The notion of a functional urban region (or daily urban system) refers to the zones of direct contacts of inhabitants and spatial relations between systems of places of residence, work, education, services, social contacts, and recreation. The introduction of the notion of a functional urban region is the main assumption of this study^{1/}. According to this notion the boundaries of the external zone of the Warsaw agglomeration should be identified with an area where the spatial system delimited on the basis of the differentiation of places of work and residence is a direct reference unit. The spatial range in question is determined by commuting to work in Warsaw from the suburban area of the Warsaw agglomeration in 1973, and the direct measure of linkage is the index expressing the percentage of commuters to Warsaw in the number of professionally active population, living in a given administrative unit, i.e. commune or town (Staff's Register, 1973), Fig. 1.

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The theoretical basis for studies on the spatial structure of functional urban regions is the theory of social interaction in space. The spatial structure of a city is created by a system of overlapping patterns (such as: those of places of work, residence, shopping, recreation, social and other contacts), corresponding with the basic spheres of man's life and activity. I assume that interaction of systems, especially that of places of residence and places of work shapes the spatial structure of agglomerations. The intensity of interactions increases together with the growth of spatial accessibility between the elements of those systems. It is necessary to determine spatial relations between systems of places of work and residence within a determined functional region of Warsaw, delimited by means of the index of linkages (based on commuting to work in Warsaw in 1973). One of the ways of dealing with this problem is to treat the central place (centres of commuting, employment, services) as a point of adherence of forces acting in different directions and on various distances (A. Jagielski 1969, p. 659). The centre of the area creates a certain type of field, known as the field of influence, which in the spatial sense constitutes a function of distance between the central point and other points. In literature concerned with this problem is a corresponding division of areas of commutation into central regions and regions on which certain influence is exerted (Zones of influence of large cities...1973; J. Cegielski, 1973, p. 33).

This concept corresponds with the commutation range concept. The choice of adequate statistical measures of commutation range depends on the result of the estimation of connections between the field and distances of commutation (A. Jagielski, 1969, p. 660). The equidistant zones, 20 km in width, have been delimited around Warsaw. The transport junction situated close to the Warsaw Central Railway Station is the centre of the area. The equidistant zones may be regarded as active zones of influence exerted by Warsaw. Various relations concerning the spatial changeability of the intensity of commutation in particular distance zones have been analysed. Concentric differentiation of the intensity of commutation in particular distance zones and the fact the density system of commutation is a negative function of distance are characteristic of the Warsaw functional region. Three areas with a different degree of linkages and intensity of commutation to work in Warsaw have been differentiated:

central zone - including the city of Warsaw and area within a 20 km radius, it constitutes a compact area with the highest linkage indices of over 70 %, and it concentrates 42 % of all commuters to work in Warsaw.

Internal zone of commutation, which includes all areas of the present metropolitan voivodship within a 50 - 60 km radius. The differentiation in the degree of commutation on the right and left banks of the Vistula is a characteristic feature. The right bank part of the zone goes beyond the voivodship boundaries in the west (60 km). This zone possesses a high degree of commutation intensity, over 50 %. This zone, together with the central zone, includes about 90 % of all commuters to work in Warsaw.

External zone of commutation, which is the most external zone within a 100 km radius. It has the lowest linkage index (below 30 %) and includes 10 % of all commuters to work.

A similar spatial distribution may be presented in the case of commuters to over-elementary schools in Warsaw (Commuting to... schools, 1975). About 90 % of pupils commute from the metropolitan voivodship to secondary schools in Warsaw, i.e. from areas with high linkage indices. Similar observations have been made concerning the distribution of commutation to secondary schools in Warsaw depending on time zones. Over a half of commuting pupils (56.2 %) lives within an one-hour isochrone zone, whereas 89.6 % in an 1-1.5 hour zone (Table 1).

The spatial distribution and structure of commutation is characterized by certain regularities. Among commuters to work men prevail (60 of the total). The smallest difference between men and women commuters is in the central zone and amounts to 1.3 % for commutation from cities and 1.8 % for commutation from communes. The bigger the distance from the centre, the difference between the number of men and women commuters becomes greater (in the external zone it is 8 times bigger). With the increase of distance, the percentage of men commuters increases, and so does the number of commuters from the countryside (Table 2).

It should however be remembered that the spatial distribution of commutation to Warsaw is not a simple function of distance. There exist sector differences in size and intensity of commutation in the functional region of Warsaw. In the structure of commutation to work the Wolomin route is dominant (23.1 % of all commuters) both in size and intensity of commutation. The linkage index in this sector assume the highest values (70-90 %). The counterpoise of this sector as far as the percentage and intensity of commutation are concerned is the Skierniewice route (18.4 %). The sector differentiation of the spatial structure of commutation to work in the functional region of Warsaw is illustrated in Table 2. However, it should be emphasized that the present spatial distribution of commutation is caused by the changes which took place during the last 20 years in the Warsaw region. Until 1958 the dominant role in the spatial distribution of the relations: place of work to place of residence, could be assigned to commutation from Western directions, especially on the Skierniewice route (Table 3).

The sector differences in size and intensity of commutation are even sharper when the region is divided into the left - and right-bank parts (in relation to the Vistula flow). The prevalence of commutation in the right-bank part (58.7 % of all commuters in 1973) is connected i.a. with a surplus of manpower in this weakly industrialized part of the region. The commutation distribution is different in the industrialized left-bank part, where the intensity is lower (41.3 % of all commuters). It is characteristic that the prevalence of commutation over surplus manpower is much stronger in the left-bank part than in the right-bank part.

Commutation to work in the region presents a variety of very complex movements. In the suburban zone commutation to work in Warsaw prevails and amounts to about three-quarters of total commutation. Every fifth person commutes to industrial plants located in the suburban zone. Commutation from the suburban zone outside the region is not significant. It is characteristic that the number of commuters to Warsaw is higher than the manpower surplus.

In the structure of commutation to work in the region not only Warsaw dominates, but also industrial towns, located near the capital along the Skierniewice railway line, like Ursus, Pruszków, Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Piastów, Milanówek and also Wolomin, Otwock, attract commuters. Studies on the socio-economic changes caused by industrialization and urbanization in the region of Warsaw have shown that the presented system of commutation to work is rather specific in its socio-professional structure. The commuters from towns and communes located in the centre of the region possess higher qualifications than those commuting from rural areas who usually are employed on hard-work jobs.

On the basis of the above observation it may be assumed that there exist interdependences between the systems of places of work and those of residence within the functional region of Warsaw.

Let us assume that those relations are twofold:

A/ size and spatial distribution of commutation to work depend on the socio-economic and demographic structures of population;

B/ daily commutation to work brings about changes in the socio-demographic structure of population.

Moreover:

C/ sector spatial distribution of commutation to work corresponds with the differentiation of socio-economic features of population.

D/ concentric spatial distribution of commutation to work corresponds with the differentiation of demographic features of population.

Hypotheses C and D fall under the ecological concept which says that the spatial system of urban population differentiation consists of sector and concentric elements, while the differentiation of socio-economic features acquires the form of sectors and the differentiation of demographic features acquires a concentric form.

In order to determine the interdependences between the systems of places of work and the system of places of residence the multiple regression model has been applied:

$$Y = a + B_1 x_1 + B_2 x_2 + \dots + B_k x_k + \epsilon$$

where Y is a dependent variable describing the system of places of work, and the set of independent variables (x_k) describes the socio-demographic structure of the area of functional urban region of Warsaw, in 1973. The dependent variable is in the form of an index expressed by a percentage of the number of commuters to work, from a given unit to Warsaw, to the number of people professionally active, living in a given unit, i.e. a town or a commune.

The independent variables are: x_1 - distance (in km);

x_2 - the density of population per sq.km; x_3 - percentage of males in the total population; x_4 - natural increase in ‰;

x_5 - net-migrations per 1000 inhabitants; x_6 - percentage of places of work and places of residence of total employees; x_7 - employment in manufactory per 1000 inhabitants; x_8 - percentage of employment in agriculture; x_9 - percentage of employees with higher education; x_{10} - percentage of employees with primary education; x_{11} - housing units completed in 1973 per 1000 new households; x_{12} - rooms completed in 1973 per 1000 inhabitants; x_{13} - housing units per 1000 inhabitants.

A correlation matrix (see table 4) portrays the observed direction and degree of association between individual variables. Out of the total of thirteen independent variables nine were found to be significantly correlated with the dependent variable. The Backward Elimination Procedure has been used to select the variables which contribute to the reduction of the "unexplained" variation of the dependent variable.

The equation estimated for the independent variables is the following:

$$Y_c = 104.720 - 0.489x_1 + 0.0016x_2 - 0.065x_3 - 0.1538x_6 - 0.03645x_7 + \\ + 0.5314x_8 - 0.0778x_9 - 0.5099x_{10} - 0.0438x_{13}$$

$$R = 0.7703$$

In general, it may be assumed that the results of the multiple regression analysis have confirmed the presented hypotheses as to the existence of inter-dependences between the distribution of places of work and residence in the Warsaw functional region. The role of variables x_1 (distance), and x_9 (percentage of employees with higher education) should be especially emphasized. A mutual relationship between the distributions shapes the spatial structure of the region. The intensity of the interaction increases with the increased spatial accessibility between the elements of those differentiations.

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Table 1. Structure of commuting to over-elementary schools in Warsaw in 1975 (by commuting time)

Commuting time in min.	Left-bank area	Right-bank area	Commuting total
under 60 min.	38.1	18.2	56.3
60 - 90 min.	22.3	11.1	33.4
90 - 120 min.	6.3	2.6	8.9
over 120 min.	1.3	0.1	1.4
	68.0	32.0	100.0

Source: Commuting to over-elementary schools in Warsaw, 1975, GUS. Calculations made by the author.

Table 2. Structure of commuting to work in Warsaw in 1973 by distances and sectors (according to directions)

Zones	Sectors	Płock		Łowicz		Skierniewice		Radom		Otwock		Siedlce		Wofomin		Nasielsk		Total	
		men	women	men	women	men	women	men	women	men	women	men	women	men	women	men	women	men	women
under 20 km	towns			0.26	0.27	4.67	4.56	1.27	1.06	1.16	1.04	1.87	1.63	6.12	5.78	1.59	1.28	16.94	15.61
	communes	2.24	1.69	0.34	0.28	0.55	0.48	2.86	2.39			0.55	0.38	0.72	0.59	1.47	1.04	8.74	6.86
20-40km	towns			0.52	0.43	1.44	1.24	0.68	0.58	0.58	3.30	2.32	1.06	0.90	0.63	0.46	0.80	0.44	6.37
	communes	1.32	0.69	0.31	0.20	0.48	0.35	1.46	0.90	1.34	0.77	1.59	1.26	2.51	1.52	0.45	0.25	9.47	5.94
40-50km	towns					0.73	0.40	0.15	0.06					0.20	0.11	0.14	0.05	1.21	0.62
	communes	0.06	0.03	0.19	0.09	0.43	0.27	0.20	0.07	0.96	0.48	0.46	0.26	1.53	0.76	0.58	0.10	4.42	2.06
50-60km	towns			0.47	0.25			0.09	0.06	0.12	0.03	0.04	0.02	0.07	0.05	0.10	0.02	0.84	0.43
	communes	0.15	0.02	0.21	0.05	0.11	0.02	0.22	0.08	0.60	0.20	0.56	0.23	0.83	0.26	0.29	0.07	2.98	0.93
60-80km	towns			0.14	0.02	0.38	0.11	0.06	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.02		0.17	0.05	0.30	0.04	1.08	0.25
	communes	0.02	0.01	0.41	0.06	0.69	0.09	0.46	0.05	1.00	0.02	0.63	0.03	0.74	0.18	0.10	0.02	4.04	0.63
80-100 km	towns	0.08	0.01					0.04	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.11	0.01		0.01	0.01		0.26	0.05
	communes	0.02		0.10	0.01	0.09		0.13		0.05		0.11	0.01	0.70	0.11	0.13		1.33	0.11
Over 100 km	towns	0.02		0.04	0.01	0.01								0.04	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.14	0.03
	communes	0.02										0.02		0.03	0.01	0.01		0.10	0.01
Total		6.4		4.7		17.1		12.9		13.6		11.8		24.2		9.3		100.0	

Source: Calculated by the author on the basis of "Staffs' Register", 1973.

Table 3. Structure of commuting to work in Warsaw in 1951-1973
(by directions)

Direction	1951	1958	1968	1973
south-western (Skierniewice)	29.5	24.3	20.4	17.1
western (Łowicz)	4.2	7.6	7.9	8.7
northern (Nasielsk)	10.9	12.0	11.6	11.7
north-eastern (Wołomin)	12.9	21.0	24.2	24.2
eastern (Siedlce)	12.2	12.2	12.7	11.8
south-eastern (Otwock)	22.2	14.8	14.3	13.6
southern (Radom)	8.1	8.1	8.9	12.9
	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Calculated on the basis of material compiled by Miejska i Wojewódzka Komisja Planowania Gospodarczego, and on the basis of data from "Staff' Register", GUS, Warsaw 1973.

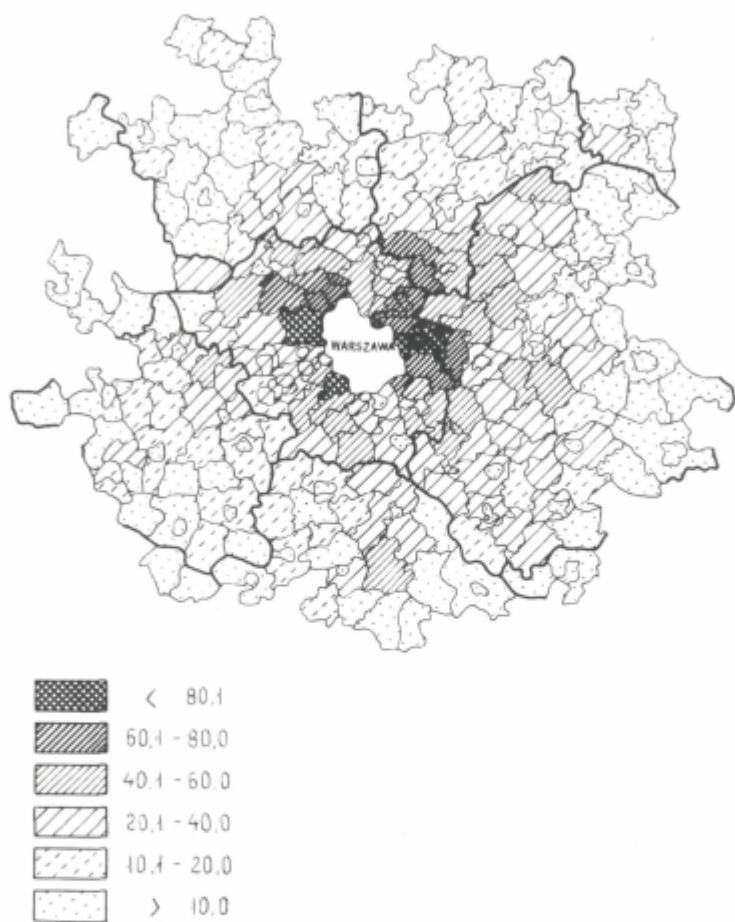


Fig. 1. The percentage of commuters to Warsaw in the number of professionally active population.

PROSTORSKA SESTAVA DELOVNE IN ŠOLSKE DNEVNE MIGRACIJE
V VARŠAVO

Pojem funkcionalne mesine regije (ali dnevni mestni sistem) se nanaša na območja neposrednega kontakta prebivalcev in prostorskih odnosov med sistemi krajev bivanja, dela, izobraževanja, storitev, socialnih stikov in rekreacije. Uvedba pojma funkcionalne mestne regije je glavni predmet študije. Neposredna mera povezav mesta z okolico je koeficient, ki izražajo odstotek dnevnih migrantov v Varšavo od števila zaposlenega aktivnega prebivalstva, živečega v določeni administrativni enoti. Predpostavljamo, da medsebojni odnos med sistemi, posebno med krajem bivanja in kraji zaposlitve, oblikuje prostorsko strukturo aglomeracij. Moč medsebojnih stikov narašča z rastjo prostorske dostopnosti med elementi teh sistemov. Analiza je pokazala, da obstajajo tri osnovna območja z različno stopnjo povezav in intenzivnostjo dnevnega odhajanja na delo v Varšavo.

1. Središčna cona, ki vključuje Varšavo z okolico do razdalje 20 km. Sestavlja zgoščeno območje z najvišjo vrednostjo kazalcev povezav, ki znaša več kot 70 %. Na tem območju živi 42 % dnevnih migrantov, ki so zaposleni v Varšavi.
2. Notranja cona dnevne migracije vsebuje območja sedanjega varšavskega vojvodstva znotraj polmera 50 do 60 km. Značilna je razlika v stopnji dnevne povezanosti med levim in desnim bregom Visle. Notranja cona na desnem bregu Visle je razširjena na zahodu preko vojvodskih meja in je zelo intenzivno vključena v dnevno migracijo. V središčni in notranji coni živi 90 % dnevnih migrantov.
3. Zunanja cona dnevne migracije sega do razdalje 100 km izven Varšave, v njej pa živi 10 % dnevnih migrantov.

Podobna prostorska razporeditev velja za dnevne migrante v šole. Potrebno je poudariti, da prostorska razporeditev dnevnih migrantov v Varšavo ni enostavna funkcija oddaljenosti, saj obstajajo predeli, kjer so razlike v obsegu in intenzivnosti dnevnih migracij. Te razlike so še večje, če primerjamo med seboj območji na obeh bregovih Visle. Prevlada dnevnih migrantov z desnega brega Visle (58,7 % vseh dnevnih migrantov) je posledica viška delovne sile v tej slabše industrializirani regiji.

Na osnovi podane analize lahko predpostavimo, da obstaja soodvisnost med sistemoma delovnih mest in kraji bivanja v funkcionalni regiji Varšave.

- a) Velikost in prostorska razporeditev dnevnih migracij delovne sile zavisi od

socialno-ekonomske in demografske sestave prebivalstva.

b) Dnevne migracije delovne sile spreminjajo socialno-ekonomsko sestavo prebivalstva.

c) Razlika v prostorski razporeditvi vozačev sovpada z razlikami v demografskih potezah prebivalstva.

Da bi se preverile hipoteze in ugotovila soodvisnost med sistemom delovnih mest in sistemom kraja bivanja, je bil uporabljen model multiple regresije. Rezultati analize so na splošno potrdili postavljene hipoteze, torej obstoj soodvisnosti med razporeditvijo delovnih mest in krajev bivanja v funkcionalni regiji Varšave. Posebej je bila poudarjena vloga oddaljenosti in deleža zaposlenih, ki imajo višjo izobrazbo. Intenzivnost medsebojnih učinkovanj narašča z večanjem prostorske dostopnosti.