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The role of Socio-economic status in Urban Mobility

Understanding human mobility patterns have attracted the attention of researchers from many different scientific realms. The advent of the big data era, have spurred this activity by providing detailed data sets of real transportation systems that are complementary to the classical source of information obtained from personal surveys. Here, we pay attention to human mobility in two large urban areas in Colombia, Bogotá and Medellín, for which a large number of trips have been collected through direct surveys. The main novelty of our study relies on the compartmentalization of the individuals in six socio-economic strata, a feature that characterizes the Colombian society. We first unveil the differences between these strata in terms of their origindestination networks and their use of the different transportation modes at hand. In addition, we show that the differences found have a large impact in the evolution of processes taking place in large urban areas such as the spread of diseases and the onset of an epidemic.