

Urban Patterns:

Rank Size Rule and Economic Base of Settlements

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Rank Size Distribution of Settlements:

In MDCs, the pattern of cities follows the rank-size rule. This states that:

If the largest city in a country is more than twice the size of the second city, it is said to be what?

The existence of the Rank Size Rule in a country tells us what about the country?

Conversely, the absence of the rule tells us what about the country?

● **HIERARCHY OF BUSINESS SERVICES**

Read this section and answer the questions in the graphic below.

1 WORLD CITIES	a. List the three largest world cities.	b. What do they share?	c. List the “second tier” of world cities.
2 REGIONAL COMMAND & CONTROL CENTERS	d. What services do these cities contain?	e. Give several examples cities.	
3 SPECIALIZED PRODUCER-SERVICES CENTERS	f. Give examples of specializations and cities represented by each.		
4 DEPENDENT CENTERS	g. List the four sub-types of dependent centers and an example city for each.		

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● **ECONOMIC BASE OF SETTLEMENTS**

Define the following terms.

(a) ***basic industry:***

(b) ***nonbasic industry:***

What is the economic base of a community?

Explain how a basic industry creates new types of jobs.

In a postindustrial society (make sure you look that up if you don't know what it means) there are more of what types of basic economic activities?

In the table below, list examples of different cities and their specialized service.

City or Cities	Specialized Service

Business Services in LDCs

What role do Offshore centers provide?

Why would an individual or corporation choose to deposit money in an offshore account?

What seems to be the characteristics of places that serve as Offshore centers?

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What are examples of “back-office” functions?

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In the boxes below, describe the change in back office work over time.

1. Describe where it took place
2. Explain why it took place where it did or why it moved.

The diagram consists of three empty rounded rectangular boxes arranged horizontally. They are connected by a light blue horizontal bar that runs through the center of each box. The rightmost box has a light blue arrow pointing to the right, indicating a sequence or flow of information.

Explain how Richard Florida (author of the Spiky article) measured the talent and coolness of a city.

Does Charlotte rank highly on either index?