

CONS 340 (final exam review)

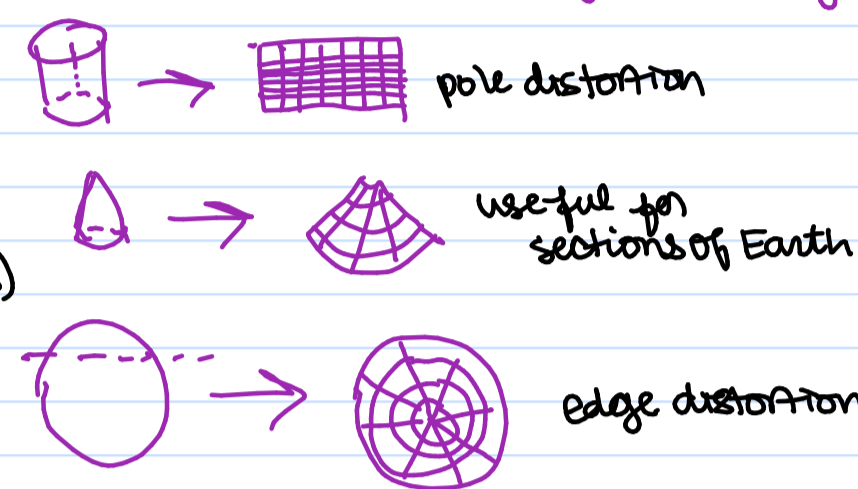
vertical deflection = difference between geoid & ellipsoidal approx.
 geoidal undulation = difference b/w geoidal & spheroidal approx.
 significance of Tropics of Cancer & Capricorn → areas where sun can be directly ahead

PROJECTION SHAPES & TYPES

(shapes) cylindrical
 conic
 planar

(types) conformal (preserves angles)
 equivalent (preserves area-land)
 equidistant (eq. distance from origin)
 compromise - aphylactic
 (Robinson: results in no metrics) (aka no applicability)

problems w/ each projection type:



NAVIGATION

- a rhumb line | constant azimuth | loxodrome spirals from (0,0) → pole
- great circles divide Earth into equal portions
- small circle " " " plane

DATABASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Entity-Relationship model: entity sets compose table

E-R model	RDBMS	MS access	object-based
Entity set	Relation	Table	Class
Instance	Tuple	Record	Object
Attribute	Attribute	Field	Property

RULES FOR MODEL BUILDER

- NAME: no spaces, elements file name (B#A#Z)
- LABEL: appearance in toolbox / "nickname" spaces
- RELATIVE PATHS: good for sharing data
- + DESCRIPTION
- "overwrite outputs" renames derived data layers to avoid data overaccumulation

WORLD SCALE (small)
 1: 40M

SCALE (metropolitan)
 1: 50,000

field-based (RASTER)

- implicit position
- discrete, continuous data
- compatible w/ remotely sensed data
- easy analysis
- large storage requirements
- depends on data's given resolution
- rasterization (vector → raster)

(VECTOR) object-based

- point/line/polygon = familiar
- easy to retrieve objects → processing
- easy to add attribute data
- geographic coordinates
- loss storage space (usually) b/c do not store surrounding cell data as well.
- vectorization (raster → vector)

RASTER ANALYSIS (local/global/zonal)

base → derived → classified → combined data
 "Reclassify" into 4 classes for understanding
 low vs. high pass filtering: low = passes over values of frequency which are lower than a set cutoff frequency
 used to create TINs (enforced over triangulated mass pts + breaklines)
 high = passes over values higher than so. cutoff frequency → edge enhancement
 densen in areas w/ lots of height variability
 Breakline enforcement → (HARD): rivers/roads
 (SOFT): defining study area/whistler bounds
 (FAULT): 2 z-values for one (x,y)
 not recordable → 2

Terrain Modeling

DEM (elevation)
 DSM (surface) → Earth + objects
 DTM → just Earth (terrain = ridges + breaklines)
 "Flow Direction" → 8 neighbor aspects
 "Flow Accumulation" → # upstream grid cells
 "Flow Length" (dwt) → then slope
 all of these help to delineate watershed
 Sinks/Peaks/Saddles
 Thermal Belt
 immersion → fire danger (changes highest in middle)
 → testGIS

Integrating Data

* use horizontal/vertical integration to transform data *
 HORIZONTAL: "merge" - adjacency + "dissolve" + "split" tools
 "affine" - polynomials → georegister + drag/fit to apply
 "projective" - projection → "Project" tool
 "differentiate" - cell points → use displacement links
 VERTICAL: to layer common to stretch (rubbersheet) map
 bounded areas locations to fit ground data
 layer stacking
 raster & vectorization

digitization & topological error

(human v. processing error)
 switchbacks, knots, slivers, pseudonodes, overshoots
 "Eliminate" → adds sliver area to larger polygon

Remote Sensing

analog/digital frame camera = detectors v. silver halide
 → pushbroom/whiskbroom sensors
 m x l x b
 1 x l x b
 Spatial/Temporal/Radiometric/Spectral Resolution (area) (time) (#greyvals) (wavelength/intervals)
 Active vs. Passive Remote Sensing?
 Active sensing = emit pulse + collect data
 Passive = absorbs reflections

LiDAR (light)
 RADAR (radio waves)
 SONAR (sound nav.)
 Satellite Orbit
 near-polar: return to the same place in the same time
 geostationary: stay in same place
 → Raster Analysis



= constellation of 21/24 US govt. satellites

- NAVSTAR sys. first launched in 1978 & was declassified in 1983
- Precise Positioning v. Standard (CN) w/ selected availability
- user + Control + Space Components
- ① Receiver detects 1-way signals from (at least 3) satellites
- ② time of arrival & transmission → compared
- ③ AT * speed of light = range
- ④ each range calculated
- ⑤ triangulation → intersection → position
- * 4 satellites are necessary for travel time
- Pseudorandom #: sent to receiver → calc. distance from 2 satellites (difference)
- Σ ephemeris v. Almanac data
- Satellite Clocks: 2 Cesium + 2 Rubidium
- Receiver Clocks: quartz watch
- disabled May 2, 2000

EFFECT OF TERRAIN

→ FIRES
 high slope = high potential aspect → drying rate → veg. √
 slope → runoff rate → pollution to arish
 Why Active Sensing?
 independent from: weather, sunlight, cover
 → WIDE APPLICATIONS
 Image Transformations v. classification
 1) use a combo of bands to highlight features
 2) categorizing multispectral data into themes
 Time-series analysis: images from several diff. times

CARTOGRAPHIC MODELLING

= when one models a spatial decision process w/ raw & derived data + decreases complexity + planning/organizing + documented steps
 Georegistration
 ① derivative modelling (new data based on topology) rules created by user
 ② process/systems modelling (add knowledge/processes to use GIS as a surrogate env.)
 Capability vs. Suitability: ID possible support areas (or) ordinal classification (1-100) of relative fulfillment
 "Union" & Weighted Overlay using cost surface (variable x weight)

linear referencing

Route info = at least 2 attributes/section
 Point-event tables: 2 req. fields (ID + measure)
 Line-event tables: 3 req. fields
 dynamic segmentation allows u to assign many attribute sets to one routes
 Overlay: union of 2 event tables
 → line-line → point-line → point-point
 NETWORK ANALYSIS
 Graphs (points = (V,E)) = vertices + edges
 + weighted edges → directionality = cost raster
 Island Biogeography = thresholds v. oceans (dispersal) (inhabitable)
 model connectivity w/ removal scenarios
 Cost Raster based upon terrain, predation, shelter, food
 → horizontal/vertical directionality = /div by 2
 → diagonal directionality = */div by 2 * √2
 (largest cells = "No Data")
 Range of Paths - meaningful threshold, so route occurs where cumulative cost < threshold value

Spatial Data Error

① Positional accuracy = RMSE
 ② Attribute accuracy / position
 ③ Logical consistency = relationship fidelity + hierarchy
 U.S./Canada accuracy standards 1:1,200 (±1m) → 1:100,000 (±50m)
 Accuracy = classification
 + Precision = delineation [where]
 SOURCES OF DATA ERROR
 ① data fidelity ② natural var. ③ measurement (systematic) ④ processing
 obvious sources of error
 > age → map scale
 > aerial cover → format
 > observation density → cover → GPS = buildings (surface)
 > cost → accessibility
 LiDAR = forests
 1) Numerical error (e.g. integers have 0 decimal places) → reformatted to lowest common denom.
 - single precision = 6 dig. 24 precision = 16 dig.
 2) Topographical analysis (slivers/pseudonodes/overshoots)
 3) Classification (→ possible generalization)
 4) Digitization (human misstep) → dangles/switchbacks/knots/loops
 ERROR PROPAGATION + CASCADES:
 1 error leads to another → accumulating errors additive/multiplicative
 Always state uncertainty of map

Canadian History of Open-Source GIS

SAGA: system for Advanced Geoscientific Analysis
 > vectors/rasters > spatial stats
 > projections > mapping
 > surfaces > digitizing + editing
 GRASS
 object AND field-based
 first computerized GIS → forestry (Cats)
 1st map → adj. potential
 NEPA impact assessment
 MOSS (U.S.D-I) vector + public
 1960s '65
 1969
 1970
 1973
 1984
 TIN (Triangulated Irregular Networks)
 • functional surfaces have continuous fields + attribute variance
 • represent surface morphology w/ points + edges
 • irregular nodes → higher variation → mc. resolution
 Surface models:
 1) TIN 2) Terrain dataset 3) LAS dataset

METADATA

describes data quality, accuracy, and scale
 reuse + updates → ease of interpretation
 document sources + quality of sources
 ① PROTECT DATA INVESTMENT
 ② DATA DICTIONARY = terminology → INC. UNDERSTANDING
 ③ ENABLE DISCOVERY → aggregate trends
 ④ LIMIT COST/LIABILITY → make intended use clear
 format = .html, .txt, .xml
 [e.g. E.A.S.E.] Essential Annotation Schema for Ecologist framework vocab:
 biome organism process method
 chem
 Dutton Core ≈ 15 elements
 FGDL CSDGM ≈ 30-300 elements
 NBII ≈ 400 elements
 Atmospheric Datasets:
 > Satellite (NOAA)
 > Historical
 > Real-time

OpenTopography

high resolution data for easy access → scalable → extensible → innovative
 A. LiDAR
 B. Google Earth
 C. Data Search

Map Symbolology (Types):

- Chloropleth + essential symbolology
- Isoline > title
- Dot > legend
- Cartogram > uncertainty
- Movement > scale + arrow
- Proportional Symbols > author
- > data
- > projection

Fed. Geospatial Data Committee (Sections)

- 1) ID
- 2) quality
- 3) internal structure
- 4) spatial ref.
- 5) entity + attribute (data's meaning)
- 6) distribution (format/size/access)
- 7) metadata reference

Post-Processed LANDSAT

- 1) Bulk Ordering (list of scenes → processing (ent. 1) used for commercial analysis)
- 2) Bulk Ordering API (programming language) disparate data:
- 3) Land Product Characterization (statistical comparison)

LANDSAT cover, foodmaps MODIS = albedo + cover