INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) AND MAPPING AGRICULTURAL SYSTEM

Hands-On Workshop



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Agenda for workshop

- Principles of GIS
- Data formats and GIS
- Projections and GPS data
- Spatial data integration
 - Population
 - Agricultural system

The Principles of Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Definition and importance of GIS

- GIS stands for Geographic Information System
- GIS is a computer-based system that captures, stores, manages, analyzes, and visualizes spatial data, including maps, satellite imagery, and other geospatial information
- GIS allows for the integration and analysis of data from multiple sources, helping to understand patterns, relationships, and trends in geographic data

Components of GIS

- Data: The foundation of GIS is data, including
 - spatial data (e.g., geographic features, locations) and
 - attribute data (e.g., characteristics, and attributes associated with spatial data)
- Software: GIS software enables the creation, management, analysis, and visualization of spatial data.
 e.g., ArcGIS, QGIS, and Google Earth
- Hardware: GIS requires hardware, such as computers, servers, and GPS devices, to process and store data
- People: Skilled GIS professionals are needed to operate and analyze GIS data, interpret results, and make informed decisions

What kind of questions can GIS address?

- Location
- Quantity (Measurement)
- Patterns
- Trends (Temporal Aspect)
- Surrounding Conditions & Relationships
- Implications (Planning for the future)

Importance of GIS

- Improved Decision Making:
 - by providing visualizations, analysis, and insights from spatial data.
- Spatial Analysis and Modeling:
 - overlay analysis, proximity analysis, and network analysis.
- Data Integration and Management:
 - satellite imagery, aerial photography, GPS data, and other spatial datasets.
- Visualization and Communication:
 - maps, charts, and other graphical representations of spatial data.
- Cost and Time Savings:
 - GIS helps in optimizing resources, reducing costs
- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment:
 - infrastructure development, land use planning, and natural resource management.

Geospatial Analysis

- It involves using GIS tools and techniques to analyze and interpret spatial data
- Include tasks such as overlay analysis, buffer analysis, spatial query, spatial statistics, and network analysis
- Helps in understanding spatial patterns, relationships, and trends, and supports decisionmaking in various fields



- Cartography is the science and art of creating maps using GIS
 - designing and creating visually appealing maps that convey spatial information effectively
 - includes elements such as map layout, symbology, scale, projection, and map design principles

Location



Implications- Network analysis



Quality - Trends

Where is child mortality the highest?

Mortality rate per 1,000 live births, 2000 and 2017





https://www.healthdata.org/papua-new-guinea



Trends - Spread



Implications- West Nile



Basic concepts: Spatial data

- Spatial data refers to data that has a geographic or spatial component, such as location, shape, and attributes associated with geographic features
- Spatial data can be represented as <u>points</u>, <u>lines</u>, <u>polygons</u>, or <u>raster images</u>, and can be stored in various formats, such as vector and raster
- Spatial data is the foundation of GIS, and it can be collected, created, and analyzed using GIS tools and techniques

GIS Data Types and Sources

- GIS data can be categorized into two main types:
 - vector data
 - raster data
- Vector data represents geographic features as points, lines, or polygons, and is used to represent discrete and well-defined features such as roads, buildings, and land parcels
- Raster data represents geographic features as a grid of cells, where each cell contains a value that represents an attribute or characteristic and is used to represent continuous data such as elevation, temperature, and precipitation

Vector Data

- Points represent a single location, such as a well or a city center
- Lines represent linear features, such as roads, rivers, or pipelines
- Polygons represent enclosed areas, such as land parcels, administrative boundaries, or vegetation cover

Vector data



Polygon





Line

Point

Vector data are also called Shapefiles

Raster Data

- Each cell in a raster represents a location and contains a value that represents a specific attribute, such as elevation, temperature, or land cover
- Raster data is used for continuous data analysis, modeling, and visualization

Raster data









Basic concepts: Layers

- Layers are the building blocks of GIS, and they represent different thematic information that can be stacked on top of each other to create a map
- Layers can include features such as roads, buildings, rivers, and land parcels, each represented as a separate layer with its own attributes and properties
- Layers can be added, removed, and manipulated in GIS software to create complex spatial analyses and visualizations

GIS map components

- A Map is made up of Layers or Shapefiles
- Layers contain Features
- Features can take the form of Points, Lines and Polygons, and are known collectively as Vector Data
- Layers contain Features, and each Feature is linked to a row of information in the Attribute table

Layers contain features



Each map is a system of layers



Each layer will have either Vector Data or Raster Data

Basic concepts: Attribute Data

- Refers to the non-spatial information associated with spatial features, such as attributes or characteristics of geographic features
 - e.g., name, population, elevation, land use, and other relevant information
- Stored in tabular format and linked to spatial data using unique identifiers, allowing for analysis and querying of spatial and attribute data together

Attribute table



Districts

Data sources

- GIS data can be obtained from various sources, including:
 - Publicly available data, such as government agencies, academic institutions, and NGO
 - Commercial data providers that offer specialized GIS datasets for specific industries or applications
 - Crowdsourced data collected by individuals or communities, such as **OpenStreetMap**
 - Field-collected data using GPS or other data collection devices
 - Remote sensing data, such as **satellite** imagery, aerial photographs, and LiDAR data

Data Consideration

- Data quality refers to the accuracy, precision, and completeness of the data
- Data accuracy refers to how closely the data represents the real-world features
- Data scale refers to the level of detail or resolution of the data
- Data relevance refers to how well the data meets the needs of the specific GIS application

The steps taken from feature data to Map Analysis



The map design process





GIS Software and Tools

- GIS software refers to the applications and tools used for creating, managing, analyzing, and visualizing geographic data
- Popular GIS software includes ArcGIS by Esri, QGIS, MapInfo, and Google Earth Pro
- These software provide a wide range of functionalities, such as data visualization, spatial analysis, data editing, and map production

GIS Tools

• GIS tools are specialized software or plugins that extend the capabilities of GIS software

E.g., spatial analysis tools, data management tools, geocoding tools, and remote sensing tools

• These tools enhance the functionality of GIS software and enable users to perform specific tasks or analysis on geographic data



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Basic mapping toolbar



LAB 01

Overview: Create a basic overview map of PNG.

- Introduce the ArcMap Interface & Toolbars
- Basic Symbology & Symbol hierarchies
- Basic Querying
- Labeling
- Layout
- Final Output will be exported to PowerPoint



Let's open up an ArcGIS session right now, and you can begin working on the first exercise

Advanced Symbology- Lab02

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Lab01 – Questions?



Lab 02: Advanced Symbology



In Lab 01, we mapped the data, now we will begin to classify it and choose hierarchies to better understand spatial elements of the country!

Lab 02: Advanced Symbology



Instead of displaying single feature of town and road, we can map large vs. small cities, or primary, secondary, tertiary roads.

The layer properties; table links to the attribute table that you worked with in lab01



The manner in which you are able to classify your data depends on the data type (text vs. numerical)

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Within the layer properties there is a classification window

 Allows you to decide how to classify your data (Quintiles, Natural Breaks, Standard Deviation, Manual, etc.

•Allows you to create your own "Break Values"

•Provides a histogram of the specific variable

•Gives Classification Statistics

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At the beginning of Lab 02 exercise the road network had the same line symbol regardless of their level of importance.

This is sufficient for a basic informational map, but most GIS maps are used as a visual interpretation of tabular data, therefore we will learn how to visualize such data in this lab.





Data formats and ArcCatalog





Several files comprise one shapefile

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Lab 03: Choropleth Mapping

Understanding the spatial layout-dispersion and clustering of specific indicators



Population Density

Population Count

Lab 03: Choropleth Mapping

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GIS PART II



Questions from Lab 01?



Questions from Lab 02?



Questions from Lab 03?



Population Density

Population Count

Moving Forward ...

- Using Google Earth:convert layer(shapefile)/map to KML
- Projections
- GPS data from the field

Convert map layer to KML (in ArcMap)

- The Map to KML tool allows multiple layers in an ArcMap map document data frame to be simultaneously exported to a KML file.
- Each layer will be maintained as a distinct folder in the KML, unless the option is used to convert all layers to a single flattened image
- Create or open a saved map document
- Open ArcMap's Toolbox
 - Navigate to Conversion Tools: Map to KML
 - Double-click 'Map to KML'
 - Locate the saved map document
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Convert Shapefile to KML (in ArcMap)

- Open and Review Shapefile via ArcMap
- Define that Shapefile's symbology as desired
- Open ArcMap's Toolbox
 - Navigate to Conversion Tools: Layer to KML
 - Double-click 'Layer to KML'
 - Select the symbolized 'layer'
 - Define the output file (KML)
 - Click 'OK'
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- Open KML in Google Earth







Questions?

Geographic Projections



Cold War Cartography





Was the USSR really that massive!?

Mercator Projection



Orthographic Projection

The USSR was big, but maybe not as big as we thought.



Image 2. In *Time*, 12 February 1951. p.36. © by RMC, R. L. 02-S-41. www.randmcnally.com.

Time Magazine (1951): Rand McNally ad lambasting Mercator as the man who made USSR look so big.

The creation of a flat map creates Distortion – How do we identify it?



Orthographic projection

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Mercator Projection

Transformation to the plane

Round World

Flat Map


Map Projection Techniques

Step 1

Reduce the Earth's size to that of an imaginary globe

Reference Globe

A model of the earth at a reduced scale, that is used to project the landmasses and graticule onto a flat map



Map projection techniques

Step 2

Project the graticule from the reference globe onto the developable surface

Developable Surface

A mathematically definable surface onto which the land masses and graticule are projected from the reference globe



Case

The Case of a projection relates to how the developable surface is positioned with respect to the reference globe

Case can be described as

- Tangent or
- Secant

Tangency



In a tangent case of a map projection, the reference globe only touches the developable surface along one line, or at one point in the case of the planar projection.

Secant case



A secant case of a map projection occurs when the developable surface *passes through* the reference globe, producing two lines of contact

Standard line & scale variation



Figure 8.12 – Slocum, Chapter 8

Back to the USSR: Choosing tangent or Secant case



Figure 8.13 – Slocum, Chapter 8

Distortion patterns





Types of Projections cont. Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)

- The UTM system is not a single map projection
- The system employs a series of sixty zones, each of which is based on a specifically defined secant Transverse Mercator projection.



UTM projection cont.







The Mercator projection maps the world onto a cylinder where the central ring of tangency is the Earth's Equator. (Remember USSR?) Turning the Mercator projection's cylinder so that it is tangent to the Earth along a meridian (longitude line) results in what is called a **Transverse Mercator** projection. The Universal Transverse Mercator system of projections deals with this by defining 60 different standard projections.

Each projection has a different Transverse Mercator projection that is slightly rotated to use a different meridian as the central line of tangency.

So, what is the UTM projection of PNG?



So, what does this have to do with your analysis?

The first step in problem solving spatial data is to check the projection.

If the projection is 'undefined' or is different from the other 'Layers' in your Data Frame it will not merge nicely and you will not be able to do ANY spatial analysis!



You will experiment with different projections to understand what can be preserved and what is lost due to geographic projection decisions

You have been given detailed surveyed community point information, which was collected using GPS units in the field. Unfortunately, it is not displaying correctly in the data frame. You will need to project the data correctly and perform any analysis.

Surveyed community location



GPS data from the field, when projected correctly allows for new data creation and facilitates data comprehension when analyzing across geographic space.

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Once you master projections, you can use data from a variety of sources in order to create more data and perform more analysis.



What are we looking at?

What can we question about population density and infrastructure?

P'yongyang

Seoul





Spatial Joins



Moving along ...

- Spatial Data Integration
 - Spatial Join
 - Spatial Join with the health centers in PNG
 - Tabular Join

Spatial data integration –Lab 06...

Two Types of Data to be managed in GIS

- Spatial Data (Where things are)
- Tabular data (What things are)

Spatial Joins can generate interesting statistics about SSA:

- Compare road density and surface type by country, province, district, etc.
- Compare road kilometer length and surface type by country, state/province, etc.



Spatial join can also calculate population counts and densities within specified geographic regions



Lab 06



- How do the number of Health centers relate to the population density figures you worked with in Lab03?
- How would we calculate Health center per capita figure for district level statistics?

Tabular Joins



- Tabular Data
 - Merging other datasets to GIS shapefiles
 - Census
 - HHS
 - DHS
 - Environmental Surveys



Excel to ArcGIS

Formatting Rules:

- No spaces in field names
- Numeric and text fields must be designated as such
- Field names no longer than 11 digits (to permanently append to the shapefile)

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Linking Tabular Data

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When tabular data are successfully merged with spatial attributes, we can evaluate variations among disaggregated variables, and trends over time and throughout space



Lab 07

Exercise Overview

- You have received detailed Household Census information from NSO-PNG. The data is in Microsoft Excel format, and you need to integrate this information into ArcMap to create a thematic map.
- To achieve this you must conduct a Table Join. A table join appends attributes of a non-spatial table, to the attributes of a map table. (Non-Spatial means "without geography", i.e.: without map attached). In order for this join to be successful there must be a way to match records in one table with appropriate records in another.

Tabular Joins cont'd

Agricultural system mapping



QUESTIONS ON LAB 7?



In the last lab we merged census tabular data to display in a more visual map format

Now we will continue with agricultural system map:

- The Papua New Guinea Agricultural Systems Project produced information on smallholder agriculture at provincial and national levels.
- Information was collected by field observation, interviews with villagers and reference to published and unpublished documents.
- The projected identified 287 discrete agricultural systems.





