Spatial Databases

Institute for Geoinformatics Winter Semester 2014



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• What is a Spatial Database?





• What is a Spatial Database? In a nutshell



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In a nutshell: a set a spatial data values *persistent* in a *computer environment*

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What is this Course About?

- Database Management Systems
 AND
- Spatial Databases (DBs)
 - -Understand what they do (Relational DBs)
 - -Learn (some apps) where they are used
 - -Learn to use them
 - Explore a few contemporary database models



- 1. Introduction of the participants
- 2. Course format
- 3. Course schedule
- 4. Qualification requirements
- 5. Introduction to the Course
 - a) Overview of presentation topics
 - You must have received a link to download location for course papers in the mail (I will resend it)
 - b) Selection of topics

You will received a link + instructions to choose a topic



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Course Format

- Course type: [Lecture + Exercises] + Seminar
 - Lecture + Exercises will be done in class and completed after class if necessary
 - Seminar is on Qualitative Spatial Reasoning
- intended audience
 - MSc Geoinformatics, BSc Geoinformatics
 - Advanced Topics in Computer Science (4 SWS, 5 ECTS credits)
- Communications
 - By email



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Course Schedule

- 2 times per week
- Locations and Times:
 - Wednesdays, 08:15 am. StudLab 125 (Seminar QSR)
 - Thursdays, 10:15 pm. StudLab 125 (Lecture)
- A detailed schedule will be uploaded to <u>http://www.geoinformatics.cc/</u>



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Qualification Requirements

The course will be graded as follows:

- Lecture component -> 60%
 - Exercises
- Seminar component -> 40%



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- 7. Summary of all lectures given.



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Prelude: Data and problem solving in science and applications

- 1. Questions
- 2. A gallery of geospatial applications
 - a. Land use change modelling and detection
 - b. Logistics and Transportation
 - c. Social and business applications: demographics
- Spatial Data Models: Field/Object vs. Raster/Vector
- 4. Spatial Analysis methods and input data models and formats



Questions

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Integrity concerns



Performance

concerns

a. Land use (change) modelling and detection

Land use detection is one of the foremost applications of geospatial technologies

Image: East Kilbride, Lanarkshire, SCOTLAND.

- <u>1946</u> (left), and
- <u>1988</u> (right)



Source: http://ncap.org.uk/case-studies/land-use-change



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Image: Forest loss in the Amazonia

Source:

Gilberto Camara. *Land change in Brazilian Amazonia: A case study in nature-society interaction,* November 2013.



http://www.dpi.inpe.br/gilberto/present/gcamara_ilok_2013.pptx



a. Land use (change) modelling and detection

A lot of work goes on in the background

- Segmentation
- Classification
- Integration with
 survey or history data
- Analysis



	1990	2012	% change	
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The Data?





4. Attr-1.: Num. of Jaguar citings



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- b. Logistics and Transportation
 - How to get from black to red?



2. Width of street





5. Intersecting streets

4. Average traffic conditions



6. Location of intersections





7. Plots along street



c. Social and business applications: finding a home



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- c. Social and business applications: finding a home
 - Questions?
 - Data?





Spatial Data Models: Field/Object vs. Raster/Vector

Conceptualization of space

- Field: a continuum of points [with attached measurements]
- Objects: physical entities that occupy space

Representation of space

- Raster: divide a space into array of cells
- Vector: assign specific points to spatial entities



Spatial Data Models: Field/Object vs. Raster/Vector

Representing fields

• Regularly spaced sample points

• Rectangular cells



• Triangular Irregular Network (TIN)





230 225

224 221

Spatial Data Models: Field/Object vs. Raster/Vector

Representing objects

As groups of points of a field





Vector

Raster



Points (bound vectors)



Polygons





A Very Brief Historical Overview



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File Based



	-
OGC Model +	
Raster	



Next Class

- Introduction to Relational Database Systems
- Definitions
 - Relation Schemas
 - Relations
 - Tuples
 - Attributes
 - Keys and References
- 1st Exercise



References

• See www.geoinformatic.cc



That's all for today

Thank you! Questions?

