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#### i. Preface

The GeoSPARQL standard defines:

- a formal profile
- · this specification document
  - a core RDF/OWL ontology for geographic information representation
- a set of SPARQL extension functions
- a Functions & Rules vocabulary, derived from the ontology
- a Simple Features feature types vocabulary
- a set of RIF rules, and
- SHACL shapes for RDF data validation

This document has the role of *specification* and authoratitivly defines many of the standard's elements, including the ontology, SPRQL functions and function and rule vocabularies. Complete descriptions of the standard's parts and their roles are given in the Introduction in the section GeoSPARQL Standard structure.

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#### Introduction

The W3C Semantic Web Activity is defining a collection of technologies that enables a "web of data" where information is easily shared and reused across applications. Some key pieces of this technology stack are the RDF (Resource Description Framework) data model [RDF], [RDFS], the OWL Web Ontology Language [OWL2] and the SPARQL protocol and RDF query language [SPARQL].

#### **RDF**

RDF is, among other things, a data model built on edge-node "graphs." Each link in a graph consists of three things (with many aliases depending on the mapping from other types of data models):

- Subject (start node, instance, entity, feature)
- Predicate (verb, property, attribute, relation, member, link, reference)
- Object (value, end node, non-literal values can be used as a Subject)

Any of the three values in a triple can be represented with a Internationalized Resource Identifier (IRI) [IETF3987], which globally and uniquely identifies the resource referenced. IRIs are an extension to Universal Resource Identifiers (URIs) that allow for non-ASCII characters. In addition to functioning as identifiers, IRIs are usually, but not necissarily, resolvable which means a person or machine can "dereference" them (*click on them* or otherwise action them) and be taken to more information about the resource, perhaps in a web browser.

Subjects and objects within an RDF triple are called nodes and can also be be represented with a blank node (a local identifier with meaning outside the graph it is defined within). Objects can further be represented with a literal value. Basic literal values in RDF are those used in XML [XSD2] but the basic types can be extended for specialised purposes and in this specification are, for geometry data.

Note that the same node may be a subject in some triples, and tan object in others.



Figure 1. RDF Triple

Almost all data can be presented or represented in RDF. In particular, it is an easy match to the (feature-instance-by-id, attribute, value) tuples of the General Feature Model [ISO19109], and for the relational model as (table primary key, column, value).

#### **SPARQL**

From [SPARQL]:

SPARQL ... is a set of specifications that provide languages and protocols to query and manipulate RDF graph content on the Web or in an RDF store.

and, from Wikipedia<sup>[1]</sup>:

SPARQL (pronounced "sparkle" /\(\textstyle \textstyle \

SPARQL queries work on RDF representations of data by finding patterns that match templates in the query, in effect finding information graphs in the RDF data based on the templates and filters (constraints on nodes and edges) expressed in the query. This query template is represented in the SPARQL query by a set of parameterized "query variables" appearing in a sequence of RDF triples and filters. If the query processor finds a set of triples in the data (converted to an RDF graph in some predetermined standard manner) then the values that the "query variables" take on in those triples become a solution to the query request. The values of the variables are returned in the query result in a format based on the "SELECT" clause of the query (similar to SQL).

In addition to predicates defined in this manner, the SPARQL query may contain filter functions that can be used to further constrain the query. Several mechanisms are available to extend filter functions to allow for predicates calculated directly on data values. The SPARQL specification [SPARQL] in section 17.6<sup>[2]</sup> describes the mechanism for invocation of such a filter function.

The OGC GeoSPARQL standard supports representing and querying geospatial data on the Semantic Web. GeoSPARQL defines a vocabulary for representing geospatial data in RDF, and it defines extensions to the SPARQL query language for processing geospatial data.

#### **GeoSPARQL Standard structure**

The GeoSPARQL standard comprises multiple parts:

- a formal *profile*
- http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql
  - defined according to the *Profiles Vocabulary* [PROF]
  - this relates the parts in the standard together, provides access to them, and declares dependencies on other standards
- this specification document
  - which defines many of the standard's parts
- a core RDF/OWL [RDF],[OWL2] ontology for geographic information representation
  - based on the General Feature Model [ISO19109], Simple Features [ISO19125-1], Feature Geometry [ISO19107] and SQL MM [ISO13249]

- defined within the specification document and delivered in RDF also
- a Functions & Rules vocabulary, derived from the ontology
  - presented as a [SKOS] taxonomy
- a Simple Features feature types vocabulary
  - presented as a [SKOS] taxonomy
- a set of SPARQL [SPARQL] extension functions
  - · defined within the specification document
- a set of RIF [RIFCORE] rules, and
  - templated within the specification document
  - also delivered as a RIF document also
- SHACL [SHACL] shapes for RDF data validation
  - defined within a shapes graph file

This specification document follows further modular design; it comprises several different components:

- a core component defining the top-level RDFS/OWL classes for spatial objects
- a *topology vocabulary* component defining the RDF properties for asserting and querying topological relations between spatial objects
- a *geometry* component defines RDFS data types for serializing geometry data, geometry-related RDF properties, and non-topological spatial query functions for geometry objects
- a *geometry topology* component defining topological query functions
- an *RDFS entailment* component defining mechanisms for matching implicit RDF triples that are derived based on RDF and RDFS semantics
- a *query rewrite* component defining rules for transforming a simple triple pattern that tests a topological relation between two features into an equivalent query involving concrete geometries and topological query functions

Each of these specification components forms a *requirements class* for GeoSPARQL. Implementations can provide various levels of functionality by choosing which requirements classes to support. For example, a system based purely on qualitative spatial reasoning may support only the core and topological vocabulary components.

In addition, GeoSPARQL is designed to accommodate systems based on qualitative spatial reasoning and systems based on quantitative spatial computations. Systems based on qualitative spatial reasoning, (e.g. those based on the Region Connection Calculus [QUAL], [LOGIC]) do not usually model explicit geometries, so queries in such systems will likely test for binary spatial relationships between features rather than between explicit geometries. To allow queries for spatial relations between features in quantitative systems, GeoSPARQL defines a series of query transformation rules that expand a feature-only query into a geometry-based query. With these transformation rules, queries about spatial relations between features will have the same specification in both qualitative systems and quantitative systems. The qualitative system will likely evaluate the query

with a backward-chaining spatial "reasoner", and the quantitative system can transform the query into a geometry-based query that can be evaluated with computational geometry.

[1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SPARQL

[2] https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/#extensionFunctions

# OGC GeoSPARQL – A Geographic Query Language for RDF Data

### 1. Scope

This is the specification document for GeoSPARQL which, as a whole, comprises multiple parts. See the Introduction section GeoSPARQL Standard structure for details of the parts.

GeoSPARQL does not define a comprehensive vocabulary for representing spatial information. It instead defines a core set of classes, properties and datatypes that can be used to construct query patterns. Many useful extensions to this vocabulary are possible, and we intend for the Semantic Web and Geographic Information System (GIS) communities to develop additional vocabulary for describing spatial information.

#### 2. Conformance

Conformance with this specification shall be checked using all the relevant tests specified in Annex A (normative). The framework, concepts, and methodology for testing, and the criteria to be achieved to claim conformance are specified in *ISO 19105: Geographic information — Conformance and Testing* [ISO19105].

This document establishes several requirements classes and corresponding conformance classes. Any GeoSPARQL implementation claiming conformance with one of the conformance classes shall pass all the tests in the associated abstract test suite. Requirements and conformance test IRIs defined in this document relative are to the namespace IRI http://www.opengis.net/spec/geosparql/1.1/. Table 1 summarizes the conformance classes in GeoSPARQL. Many conformance classes are parameterized. For parameterized conformance classes, the list of parameters is given within parenthesis.

Table 1. Conformance Classes

Conformance class	Description	Subclause of the abstract test suite
Core	Defines top-level spatial vocabulary components	A.1
Topology Vocabulary Extension (relation_family)	Defines topological relation vocabulary	A.2
Geometry Extension (serialization, version)	Defines geometry vocabulary and non-topological query functions	A.3
Geometry Topology Extension (serialization, version, relation_family)	Defines topological query functions for geometry objects	A.4
RDFS Entailment Extension (serialization, version, relation_family)	Defines a mechanism for matching implicit RDF triples that are derived based on RDF and RDFS semantics	A.5
Query Rewrite Extension (serialization, version, relation_family)	Defines query transformation rules for computing spatial relations between spatial objects based on their associated geometries	A.6

Dependencies between each GeoSPARQL requirements class are shown below in Figure 2. To support a requirements class for a given set of parameter values, an implementation must support each dependent requirements class with the same set of parameter values.

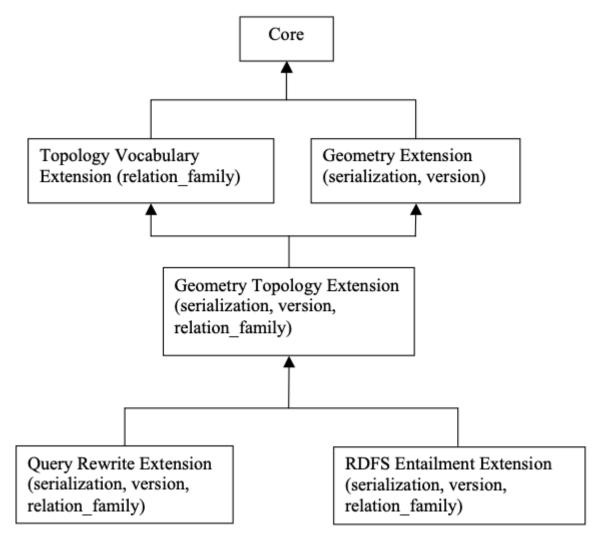


Figure 2. Requirements Class Dependency Graph

#### 3. Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this document. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this document are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies.

- [ISO19125-1], ISO 19125-1: Geographic information Simple feature access Part 1: Common architecture
- [OGC07-036], OGC 07-036: Geography Markup Language (GML) Encoding Standard, Version 3.2.1 (27 August 2007).
- [IETF3987], Internet Engineering Task Force, *RFC 3987: Internationalized Resource Identifiers* (*IRIs*). IETF Request for Comment (January 2005). https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc3987
- [RIFCORE], RIF Core Dialect (Second Edition), W3C Recommendation (5 February 2013) http://www.w3.org/TR/rif-core/
- [SPARQL], SPARQL 1.1 Query Language, W3C Recommendation (21 March 2013). https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/
- [SPARQLENT], SPARQL 1.1 Entailment Regimes, W3C Recommendation (21 March 2013). https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-entailment/
- [SPARQLPROT], SPARQL 1.1 Protocol, W3C Recommendation (21 March 2013)> http://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-protocol/
- [SPARQLRESX], SPARQL Query Results XML Format (Second Edition), W3C Recommendation (21 March 2013). https://www.w3.org/TR/rdf-sparql-XMLres/
- [SPARQLRESJ], SPARQL 1.1 Query Results JSON Format, W3C Recommendation (21 March 2013). http://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-results-json/

### 4. Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in the above references apply.

#### 5. Conventions

#### 5.1. Symbols and abbreviated terms

In this specification, the following common acronyms are used:

CRS Coordinate Reference System

DGGS Discrete Global Grid System

GeoJSON Geographic JavaScript Object Notation

GFM General Feature Model (as defined in ISO 19109)

GML Geography Markup Language

KML Keyhole Markup Language

OWL 2 Web Ontology Language

RCC Region Connection Calculus

RDF Resource Description Framework

RDFS RDF Schema

RIF Rule Interchange Format

SPARQL SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language

SRS Spatial Reference System

WKT Well Known Text (as defined by Simple Features or ISO 19125)

W3C World Wide Web Consortium (http://www.w3.org/)

XML Extensible Markup Language

#### 5.2. Namespaces

The following IRI namespace prefixes are used throughout this document:

ogc: http://www.opengis.net/

eg: http://example.com/

geo: http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#

geof: http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geosparql/

geor: http://www.opengis.net/def/rule/geosparql/

sf: http://www.opengis.net/ont/sf#

skos: http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#

gml: http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml#

my: http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#

xsd: http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#

rdf: http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#

rdfs: http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#

owl: http://www.w3.org/2002/07/owl#

#### 5.3. Placeholder IRIs

The IRI ogc:geomLiteral is used in requirement specifications as a placeholder for the geometry literal serialization used in a fully-qualified conformance class, e.g. <a href="http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#wktLiteral">http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#wktLiteral</a>. The IRI ogc:asGeomLiteral is used in requirement specifications as a placeholder for the geometry literal serialization property used in a fully-qualified conformance class, e.g. geo:asWKT.

#### 5.4. RDF Serializations

Three RDF serializations are used in this document. Terse RDF Triple Language (turtle) [TURTLE] is used for RDF snippets placed within the main body of the document, and turtle, JSON-LD [JSON-LD] & RDF/XML [RDFXML] is used for the examples in Annex B.

#### 6. Core

This clause establishes the **core** requirements class, with IRI /req/core, which has a single corresponding conformance class, **core**, with IRI /conf/core. This requirements class defines a set of classes and properties for representing geospatial data. The resulting vocabulary can be used to construct SPARQL graph patterns for querying appropriately modeled geospatial data. RDFS and OWL vocabulary have both been used so that the vocabulary can be understood by systems that support only RDFS entailment and by systems that support OWL-based reasoning.

#### 6.1. SPARQL

**Req 1** Implementations shall support the SPARQL Query Language for RDF [SPARQL], the SPARQL Protocol [SPARQLPROT] and the SPARQL Query Results XML [SPARQLRESX] and JSON [SPARQLRESJ] Formats.

/req/core/sparql-protocol

#### 6.2. Classes

Three main classes are defined: geo:SpatialObject, geo:SpatialMeasure and geo:Feature. The class geo:Feature is equivalent to the UML class Feature defined in [ISO19109].

#### 6.2.1. Class: geo:SpatialObject

The class geo: SpatialObject is defined by the following:

**Req 2** Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo:SpatialObject to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

```
/req/core/spatial-object-class
```

#### **Example:**

```
eg:x a geo:SpatialObject ;
skos:prefLabel "Object X";
.
```

#### 6.2.2. Class: geo:SpatialMeasure

The class geo:SpatialMeasure is defined by the following:

NOTE

Properties for Spatial Measure may need to indicate a use a unit of measure. When they do, OGC recommended units of measure vocabularies should be used. See the OGC Definitions Server<sup>[3]</sup>.

**Req 3** Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo: SpatialMeasure to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/core/spatial-measure-class

#### 6.2.3. Class: geo:Feature

The class geo:Feature is equivalent to the class GFI\_Feature [ISO19156] and is defined by the following:

**Req 4** Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo: Feature to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/core/feature-class

[3] https://www.ogc.org/def-server

## 7. Topology Vocabulary Extension (relation\_family)

This clause establishes the *Topology Vocabulary Extension (relation\_family)* parameterized requirements class, with IRI /req/topology-vocab-extension, which has a single corresponding conformance class *Topology Vocabulary Extension (relation\_family)*, with IRI /conf/topology-vocab-extension. This requirements class defines a vocabulary for asserting and querying topological relations between spatial objects. The class is parameterized so that different families of topological relations may be used, e.g. RCC8, Egenhofer. These relations are generalized so that they may connect features as well as geometries.

A Dimensionally Extended 9-Intersection Model (DE-9IM) pattern, which specifies the spatial dimension of the intersections of the interiors, boundaries and exteriors of two geometric objects, is used to describe each spatial relation. Possible pattern values are -1 (empty), 0, 1, 2, T (true) = {0, 1, 2}, F (false) = {-1}, \* (don't care) = {-1, 0, 1, 2}. In the following descriptions, the notation X/Y is used denote applying a spatial relation to geometry types X and Y (i.e., x relation y where x is of type X and y is of type Y). The symbol P is used for 0- dimensional geometries (e.g. points). The symbol L is used for 1-dimensional geometries (e.g. lines), and the symbol A is used for 2-dimensional geometries (e.g. polygons). Consult the Simple Features specification [ISO19125-1] for a more detailed description of DE-9IM intersection patterns.

#### 7.1. Parameters

The following parameter is defined for the Topology Vocabulary Extension requirements class.

**relation\_family**: Specifies the set of topological spatial relations to support.

## 7.2. Simple Features Relation Family (relation\_family=Simple Features)

This clause defines requirements for the *Simple Features* relation family.

**Req 5** Implementations shall allow the properties geo:sfEquals, geo:sfDisjoint, geo:sfIntersects, geo:sfTouches, geo:sfCrosses, geo:sfWithin, geo:sfContains, geo:sfOverlaps to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/topology-vocab-extension/sf-spatial-relations

Topological relations in the *Simple Features* family are summarized in Table 2. Multi-row intersection patterns should be interpreted as a logical OR of each row.

Table 2. Simple Features Topological Relations

Relation Name	Relation IRI	Domain/Range	Applies To Geometry Types	DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
equals	geo:sfEquals	geo:SpatialObject	All	(TFFFTFFFT)

Relation Name	Relation IRI	Domain/Range	Applies To Geometry Types	DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
disjoint	geo:sfDisjoint	geo:SpatialObject	All	(FF**FF***)
intersects	geo:sfIntersects	geo:SpatialObject	All	(T****** *********
touches	geo:sfTouches	geo:SpatialObject	All except P/P	(FT***** F**T**** F**T****)
within	geo:sfWithin	geo:SpatialObject	All	(T*F**F***)
contains	geo:sfContains	geo:SpatialObject	All	(T****FF*)
overlaps	geo:sfOverlaps	geo:SpatialObject	A/A, P/P, L/L	(T*T***T**) for A/A, P/P; (1*T***T**) for L/L
crosses	geo:sfCrosses	geo:SpatialObject	P/L, P/A, L/A, L/L	(T*T***T**) for P/L, P/A, L/A; (0*******) for L/L

## 7.3. Egenhofer Relation Family (relation\_family=Egenhofer)

This clause defines requirements for the 9-intersection model for binary topological relations (*Egenhofer*) relation family. Consult references [FORMAL] and [CATEG] for a more detailed discussion of *Egenhofer* relations.

Req 6 Implementations shall allow the properties geo:ehEquals, geo:ehDisjoint, geo:ehMeet, geo:ehOverlap, geo:ehCovers, geo:ehCoveredBy, geo:ehInside, geo:ehContains to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/topology-vocab-extension/eh-spatial-relations

Topological relations in the *Egenhofer* family are summarized in Table 3. Multi-row intersection patterns should be interpreted as a logical OR of each row.

Table 3. Egenhofer Topological Relations

Relation Name	Relation IRI	Domain/Range	Applies To Geometry Types	DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
equals	geo:ehEquals	geo:SpatialObject	All	(TFFFTFFFT)
disjoint	geo:ehDisjoint	geo:SpatialObject	All	(FF*FF****)

Relation Name	Relation IRI	Domain/Range	Applies To Geometry Types	DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
meet	geo:ehMeet	geo:SpatialObject	All except P/P	(FT****** F**T**** F***T****)
overlap	geo:ehOverlap	geo:SpatialObject	All	(T*T***T**)
covers	geo:ehCovers	geo:SpatialObject	A/A, A/L, L/L	(T*TFT*FF*)
covered by	geo:ehCoveredBy	geo:SpatialObject	A/A, L/A, L/L	(TFF*TFT**)
inside	geo:ehInside	geo:SpatialObject	All	(TFF*FFT**)
contains	geo:ehContains	geo:SpatialObject	All	(T*TFF*FF*)

### 7.4. RCC8 Relation Family (relation\_family=RCC8)

This clause defines requirements for the region connection calculus basic 8 (*RCC8*) relation family. Consult references [QUAL] and [LOGIC] for a more detailed discussion of *RCC8* relations.

Req 7 Implementations shall allow the properties geo:rcc8eq, geo:rcc8dc, geo:rcc8ec, geo:rcc8po, geo:rcc8tppi, geo:rcc8tpp, geo:rcc8ntppi to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/topology-vocab-extension/rcc8-spatial-relations

Topological relations in the *RCC8* family are summarized in Table 4.

Table 4. RCC8 Topological Relations

Relation Name	Relation IRI	Domain/Range	Applies To Geometry Types	DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
equals	geo:rcc8eq	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TFFFTFFFT)
disconnected	geo:rcc8dc	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(FFTFFTTTT)
externally connected	geo:rcc8ec	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(FFTFTTTTT)
partially overlapping	geo:rcc8po	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TTTTTTTT)
tangential proper part inverse	geo:rcc8tppi	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TTTFTTFFT)
tangential proper part	geo:rcc8tpp	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TFFTTFTTT)
non-tangential proper part	geo:rcc8ntpp	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TFFTFFTTT)
non-tangential proper part inverse	geo:rcc8ntppi	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TTTFFTFFT)

## 7.5. Equivalent RCC8, Egenhofer and Simple Features Topological Relations

Table 5 summarizes the equivalences between *Egenhofer*, *RCC8* and *Simple Features* spatial relations for closed, non-empty regions. The symbol + denotes logical OR, and the symbol ¬ denotes negation.

Table 5. Equivalent Simple Features, RCC8 and Egenhofer relations

Simple Features	RCC8	Egenhofer
equals	equals	equals
disjoint	disconnected	disjoint
intersects	¬ disconnected	¬ disjoint
touches	externally connected	meet
within	non-tangential proper part + tangential proper part	inside + coveredBy
contains	non-tangential proper part inverse + tangential proper part inverse	contains + covers
overlaps	partially overlapping	overlap

## 8. Geometry Extension (serialization, version)

This clause establishes the *Geometry Extension (serialization, version)* parameterized requirements class, with IRI /req/geometry-extension, which has a single corresponding conformance class *Geometry Extension (serialization, version)*, with IRI /conf/geometry-extension. This requirements class defines a vocabulary for asserting and querying information about geometry data, and it defines query functions for operating on geometry data.

As part of the vocabulary, an RDFS datatype is defined for encoding detailed geometry information as a literal value. A literal representation of a geometry is needed so that geometric values may be treated as a single unit. Such a representation allows geometries to be passed to external functions for computations and to be returned from a query.

Other schemes for encoding simple geometry data in RDF have been implemented. The W3C Basic Geo vocabulary<sup>[4]</sup> was an early (2003) RDF vocabulary for "representing lat(itude), long(itude) and other information about spatially-located things, using WGS84 as a reference datum" and many widely used Semantic Web vocabularies contain some spatial data support. For example, *Dublin Core Terms* provides a *Location* class<sup>[5]</sup> for "A spatial region or named place." and *schema.org* provides a number of spatial object and geometry classes, such as `GeoCoordinates`<sup>[6]</sup> and `GeoShape`<sup>[7]</sup>.

Many vocabularies, such as these two, provide little specific support for detailed geometries and only support the WGS84 Coordinate Reference System (CSR).

Since 2012 and the first version of GeoSPARQL, many ontologies have imported GeoSPARQL, for example, the \_ISA Programme Location Core Vocabulary\_[8] whose usage notes provide examples containing GeoSPARQL literals and the use of GeoSPARQL's "geometry class". The W3C's more recent DCAT2 standard similarly contains usage notes for geometry, bbox and other properties that suggest the use of GeoSPARQL literals.

Some of the properties defined in these vocabularies, such as hasSpatialResolution which are introduced in this version of GeoSPARQL, were motivated by similar properties introduced in external vocabularies such as DCAT2, which provided some of the motivation for their inclusion here. The GeoSPARQL 1.1 Standards Working Group charter [CHARTER] contains references to a number of vocabularies/ontologies that were influential in the generation of this verison of GeoSPARQL.

#### 8.1. Parameters

The following parameters are defined for the *Geometry Extension* requirements class.

#### serialization

Specifies the serialization standard to use when generating geometry literals and also the supported geometry types.

Note that the serialization chosen strongly affects the geometry conceptualization. The WKT

serialization aligns the geometry types with *ISO 19125 Simple Features* [ISO19125-1], and the GML serialization aligns the geometry types with *ISO 19107 Spatial Schema* [ISO19107].

#### version

Specifies the version of the serialization format used.

### 8.2. Geometry Classes and Properties

A single root geometry class is defined: geo:Geometry. The class geo:Geometry is equivalent to the UML class GM\_Object defined in [ISO19107]. In addition, properties are defined for describing geometry data and for associating geometries with features.

#### 8.2.1. Class: geo:Geometry

The class geo: Geometry is equivalent to GM\_Object [ISO19107] and is defined by the following:

**Req 8** Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo: Geometry to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/geometry-extension/geometry-class

#### 8.3. Standard Properties for geo: Feature

Properties are defined for associating geometries with features.

**Req 9** Implementations shall allow the properties geo:hasGeometry, geo:hasDefaultGeometry, geo:hasLength, geo:hasArea, geo:hasVolume geo:hasCentroid, geo:hasBoundingBox and geo:hasSpatialResolution to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/geometry-extension/feature-properties

#### 8.3.1. Property: geo:hasGeometry

The property geo:hasGeometry is used to link a feature with a geometry that represents its spatial extent. A given feature may have many associated geometries.

```
geo:hasGeometry a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo:;
  skos:prefLabel "has Geometry"@en;
  skos:definition "A spatial representation for a given feature."@en;
  rdfs:domain geo:Feature;
  rdfs:range geo:Geometry.
```

#### 8.3.2. Property: geo:hasDefaultGeometry

The property geo:hasDefaultGeometry is used to link a feature with its default geometry. The default geometry is the geometry that should be used for spatial calculations in the absence of a request for a specific geometry (e.g. in the case of query rewrite).

GeoSPARQL does not restrict the cardinality of the <code>geo:hasDefaultGeometry</code> property. It is thus possible for a feature to have more than one distinct default geometry or to have no default geometry. This situation does not result in a query processing error; SPARQL graph pattern matching simply proceeds as normal. Certain queries may, however, give logically inconsistent results. For example, if a feature <code>my:f1</code> has two asserted default geometries, and those two geometries are disjoint polygons, the query below could return a non-zero count on a system supporting the GeoSPARQL Query Rewrite Extension (rule <code>geor:sfDisjoint</code>).

```
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>

SELECT (COUNT(*) AS ?cnt)
WHERE { :f1 geo:sfDisjoint :f1 }
```

Such cases are application-specific data modeling errors and are therefore outside of the scope of the GeoSPARQL specification., however it is recommended that multiple geometries indicated with geo:hasDefaultGeometry should be differentiated by Geometry class properties, perhaps relating to precision, SRS etc.

#### 8.3.3. Property: geo:hasBoundingBox

The property geo:hasBoundingBox is used to link a feature with a simplified geometry-representation corresponding to the envelope of its geometry. Bounding-boxes are typically uses in indexing and discovery.

```
geo:hasBoundingBox a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasGeometry;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "has bounding box"@en ;
  skos:definition "The minimum or smallest bounding or enclosing box of a given
feature."@en ;
  skos:scopeNote "The target is a geometry that defines a rectilinear region whose
edges are aligned with the axes of the coordinate reference system, which exactly
contains the geometry or feature e.g. sf:Envelope"@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Feature ;
  rdfs:range geo:Geometry .
```

GeoSPARQL does not restrict the cardinality of the geo:hasBoundingBox property. A feature may be associated with more than one bounding-box, for example in different coordinate reference systems.

#### 8.3.4. Property: geo:hasCentroid

The property geo:hasCentroid is used to link a feature with a point geometry corresponding with the centroid of its geometry. The centroid is typically used to show location on a low-resolution map, and for some indexing and discovery functions.

```
geo:hasCentroid a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasGeometry;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "has centroid"@en ;
  skos:definition "The arithmetic mean position of all the geoetry points of a given feature."@en ;
  skos:scopeNote "The target geometry shall describe a point, e.g. sf:Point"@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Feature ;
  rdfs:range geo:Geometry .
```

GeoSPARQL does not restrict the cardinality of the geo:hasCentroid property. A feature may be associated with more than one centroid, for example computed using different rules or in different coordinate reference systems.

#### 8.3.5. Property: geo:hasLength

The property <code>geo:hasLength</code> is used to indicate the length of a <code>geo:Feature</code>. In the case of a one-dimensional <code>geo:Feature</code>, it is the simple length. In the case of a two-dimensional <code>geo:Feature</code>, it is interpreted to mean the perimeter length. The range of the property is <code>geo:SpatialMeasure</code>, which encodes the length value expressed as a scalar quantity which also includes the units of measure, and potentially uncertainty and other properties.

```
geo:hasLength a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo:;
  skos:prefLabel "has length"@en;
  skos:definition "The length of a Feature, expressed as a Spatial Measure."@en;
  rdfs:domain geo:Feature;
  rdfs:range geo:SpatialMeasure.
```

TIP

A consistency check can be applied to geometries indicating both this property and the geo:dimension property: if supplied, the geo:dimension property's range value must be the literal integer 1 or 2. The following SPARQL query will return true if applied to a graph where is not always the case for all geometries:

```
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
ASK
WHERE {
    ?g geo:hasLength ?l ;
        geo:dimension ?d .

FILTER (?d > 2)
}
```

#### 8.3.6. Property: geo:hasArea

The property geo:hasArea is used to indicate the area of a geo:Feature. The range of the property is geo:SpatialMeasure, which encodes the area value expressed as a scalar quantity which also includes the units of measure, and potentially uncertainty and other properties.

```
geo:hasArea a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "has area"@en ;
  skos:definition "The two-dimensional area of a Feature, expressed as a Spatial
Measure."@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Feature ;
  rdfs:range geo:SpatialMeasure .
```

TIP

A consistency check can be applied to geometries indicating both this property and the geo:dimension property: if supplied, the geo:dimension property's range value must be the literal integer 2. The following SPARQL query will return true if applied to a graph where is not always the case for all geometries:

```
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
ASK
WHERE {
    ?g geo:hasArea ?a ;
        geo:dimension ?d .

FILTER (?d != 2)
}
```

#### 8.3.7. Property: geo:hasVolume

The property geo:hasVolume is used to indicate the volume of a geo:Feature. The range of the property is geo:SpatialMeasure, which encodes the volume value expressed as a scalar quantity which also includes the units of measure, and potentially uncertainty and other properties.

TIP

A consistency check can be applied to geometries indicating both this property and the geo:dimension property: if supplied, the geo:dimension property's range value must be the literal integer 3. The following SPARQL query will return true if applied to a graph where is not always the case for all geometries:

```
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
ASK
WHERE {
    ?g geo:hasVolume ?a ;
      geo:dimension ?d .

FILTER (?d != 3)
}
```

# 8.4. Standard Properties for geo:Geometry

Properties are defined for describing geometry metadata.

**Req 10** Implementations shall allow the properties geo:dimension, geo:coordinateDimension, geo:spatialDimension, geo:isEmpty, geo:isSimple, geo:hasSerialization, geo:inSRS to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

/req/geometry-extension/geometry-properties

#### 8.4.1. Property: geo:dimension

The dimension is the topological dimension of this geometric object, which must be less than or equal to the coordinate dimension. In non-homogeneous collections, this will return the largest topological dimension of the contained objects.

#### 8.4.2. Property: geo:coordinateDimension

The coordinate dimension is the dimension of direct positions (coordinate tuples) used in the definition of this geometric object.

#### 8.4.3. Property: geo:spatialDimension

The spatial dimension is the dimension of the spatial portion of the direct positions (coordinate tuples) used in the definition of this geometric object. If the direct positions do not carry a measure coordinate, this will be equal to the coordinate dimension.

#### 8.4.4. Property: geo:hasSpatialResolution

The property geo:hasSpatialResolution is used to indicate resolution of the elements within literal

representations of a geometry. Since this property is defined for a geo:Geometry, all literal representations of that geometry must have the same spatial resolution.

```
geo:hasSpatialResolution a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "has spatial resolution"@en ;
  skos:definition "The spatial resolution of a Geometry"@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry .
```

#### 8.4.5. Property: geo:isEmpty

The geo:isEmpty Boolean will be set to true only if the geometry contains no information.

#### 8.4.6. Property: geo:isSimple

The geo:isSimple Boolean will be set to true, only if the geometry contains no self-intersections, with the possible exception of its boundary.

#### 8.4.7. Property: geo:hasSerialization

The geo:hasSerialization property is used to connect a geometry with its text-based serialization (e.g., its WKT serialization).

```
geo:hasSerialization a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo:;
  skos:prefLabel "has serialization"@en;
  skos:definition "Connects a geometry object with its text-based serialization."@en;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry;
  rdfs:range rdfs:Literal.
```

NOTE

this property is the generic property used to connect a geometry with its serialization. GeoSPARQL also contains a number of sub properties of this one for connecting serializations of common types with geometries, for example geo:asGeoJSON which can be used for GeoJSON [GEOJSON] literals.

#### 8.4.8. Property: geo:inSRS

The geo:inSRS property is used to connect a geometry with the SRS used for its representation which affects measurements of its size (length, area, volume).

```
geo:inSRS a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
   rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
   skos:prefLabel "in SRS"@en ;
   skos:definition "The spatial reference system used for the literal representation
of the geometry."@en ;
   rdfs:domain geo:Geometry ;
   rdfs:range skos:Concept .
```

# 8.5. Geometry Serializations

#### 8.5.1. Well-Known Text (serialization=WKT)

This section establishes the requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on WKT as defined by Simple Features [ISO19125-1]. It defines one RDFS Datatype: http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#wktLiteral and one property, http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#asWKT.

#### 8.5.2. RDFS Datatype: geo:wktLiteral

```
geo:wktLiteral a rdfs:Datatype ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "Well-known Text literal"@en ;
  skos:definition "A Well-known Text serialization of a geometry object."@en .
```

**Req 11** All RDFS Literals of type <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> shall consist of an optional IRI identifying the coordinate reference system and a required Well Known Text (WKT) description of a geometric value. Valid <code>geo:wktLiterals</code> are formed by either a WKT string as defined in <code>[ISO13249]</code> or by concatenating a valid absolute IRI, as defined in <code>[IETF3987]</code>, enclose in angled brackets (< & >) followed by a single space (Unicode U+0020 character) as a separator, and a WKT string as defined in <code>[ISO13249]</code>.

/req/geometry-extension/wkt-literal

The following *ABNF* [IETF5234] syntax specification formally defines this literal:

```
wktLiteral ::= opt-iri-and-space geometric-data
opt-iri-and-space = "<" IRI ">" LWSP / ""
```

The token opt-iri-and-space may be either an IRI and space or nothing (""), the token IRI (Internationalized Resource Identifier) is essentially a web address and is defined in [IETF3987] and the token LWSP, is one or more white space characters, as defined in [IETF5234]. geometric-data is the Well-Known Text representation of the geometry, defined in [ISO13249].

In the absence of a leading spatial reference system IRI, the following spatial reference system IRI will be assumed: <a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/0GC/1.3/CRS84">http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/0GC/1.3/CRS84</a>. This IRI denotes WGS 84 longitude-latitude.

**Req 12** The IRI <a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/06C/1.3/CRS84">http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/06C/1.3/CRS84</a>> shall be assumed as the spatial reference system for geo:wktLiteral instances that do not specify an explicit spatial reference system IRI.

```
/req/geometry-extension/wkt-literal-default-srs
```

The OGC maintains a set of SRS IRIs under the <a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/">http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/</a> namespace and IRIs from this set are recommended for use, however others may also be used, as long as they are valid IRIs.

**Req 13** Coordinate tuples within <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> shall be interpreted using the axis order defined in the spatial reference system used.

```
/reg/geometry-extension/wkt-axis-order
```

The example <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> below encodes a point geometry using the default WGS84 geodetic longitude-latitude spatial reference system:

```
"Point(-83.38 33.95)"^^<http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#wktLiteral>
```

A second example below encodes the same point as encoded in the example above but using a SRS identified by http://www.opengis.net/def/SRS/EPSG/0/4326: a WGS 84 geodetic latitude-longitude spatial reference system (note that this spatial reference system defines a different axis order):

```
"<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/EPSG/0/4326> Point(33.95
-83.38)"^^<http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#wktLiteral>
```

Req 14 An empty RDFS Literal of type geo:wktLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

/req/geometry-extension/wkt-literal-empty

#### 8.5.3. Property: geo:asWKT

The geo:asWKT property is defined to link a geometry with its WKT serialization.

**Req 15** Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asWKT to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

```
/req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-wkt-literal
```

The property geo:asWKT is used to link a geometric element with its WKT serialization.

```
geo:asWKT a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasSerialization;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo:;
  skos:prefLabel "as WKT"@en;
  skos:definition "The WKT serialization of a geometry."@en;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry;
  rdfs:range geo:wktLiteral.
```

#### 8.5.4. Function: geof:asWKT

```
geof:asWKT (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): geo:wktLiteral
```

The function <code>geof:asWKT</code> converts <code>geom</code> to an equivalent WKT representation preserving the coordinate reference system.

```
Req 15.x Implementations shall support geof:asWKT as a SPARQL extension function.
```

```
/req/geometry-extension/asWKT-function
```

# 8.6. GML Serialization (serialization=GML)

This section establishes requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on GML as defined by Geography Markup Language Encoding Standard [OGC07-036]. It defines one RDFS Datatype: http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#gmlLiteral and one property, http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#asGML.

#### 8.6.1. RDFS Datatype: geo:gmlLiteral

```
geo:gmlLiteral a rdfs:Datatype ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "GML literal"@en ;
  skos:definition "The datatype of GML literal values"@en .
```

Valid <code>geo:gmlLiteral</code> instances are formed by encoding geometry information as a valid element from the GML schema that implements a subtype of <code>GM\_Object</code>. For example, in GML 3.2.1 this is every element directly or indirectly in the substitution group of the element <code>{http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml/3.2}AbstractGeometry</code>. In GML 3.1.1 and GML 2.1.2 this is every element directly or indirectly in the substitution group of the element <code>{http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml}\_Geometry</code>.

**Req 16** All geo:gmlLiteral instances shall consist of a valid element from the GML schema that implements a subtype of GM\_Object as defined in [OGC07-036].

```
/req/geometry-extension/gml-literal
```

The example geo:gmlLiteral below encodes a point geometry in the WGS 84 geodetic longitude-latitude spatial reference system using GML version 3.2:

```
Req 17 An empty geo:gmlLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.
```

```
/req/geometry-extension/gml-literal-empty
```

**Req 18** Implementations shall document supported GML profiles.

```
/req/geometry-extension/gml-profile
```

#### 8.6.2. Property: geo:asGML

This document defines the geo:asGML property to link a geometry with its serialization.

**Req 19** Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asGML to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

```
/reg/geometry-extension/geometry-as-gml-literal
```

The property geo:asGML is used to link a geometric element with its GML serialization.

```
geo:asGML a rdf:Property;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasSerialization;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo:;
  skos:prefLabel "as GML"@en;
  skos:definition "The GML serialization of a geometry."@en;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry;
  rdfs:range geo:gmlLiteral.
```

#### 8.6.3. Function: geof:asGML

```
geof:asGML (geom: ogc:geomLiteral, gmlProfile: xsd:string): geo:gmlLiteral
```

The function <code>geof:asGML</code> converts <code>geom</code> to an equivalent GML representation defined by a gmlProfile version string preserving the coordinate reference system.

```
Req 19.x Implementations shall support geof:asGML as a SPARQL extension function.

/req/geometry-extension/asGML-function
```

#### 8.6.4. GeoJSON (serialization=GEOJSON)

This section establishes requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on GeoJSON as defined by [GeoJSON]. It defines one RDFS Datatype: http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#geoJSONLiteral and one property, http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#asGeoJSON.

#### 8.6.5. RDFS Datatype: geo:geoJSONLiteral

```
geo:geoJSONLiteral a rdfs:Datatype ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "GeoJSON Literal"@en ;
  skos:definition "A GeoJSON serialization of a geometry object."@en .
```

Valid geo:geoJSONLiteral instances are formed by encoding geometry information as a Geometry object as defined in the GeoJSON specification [GEOJSON].

**Req 20** All geo:geoJSONLiteral instances shall consist of the Geometry objects as defined in the GeoJSON specification [GEOJSON].

```
/req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal
```

**Req 21** RDFS Literals of type <code>geo:geoJSONLiteral</code> do not contain a SRS definition. All literals of this type shall, according to the GeoJSON specification, be encoded only in, and be assumed to use, the WGS84 geodetic longitude-latitude spatial reference system

```
(http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84).
```

/req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal-srs

The example <code>geo:geoJSONLiteral</code> below encodes a point geometry using the default WGS84 geodetic longitude-latitude spatial reference system for Simple Features 1.0:

```
"""
{"type": "Point", "coordinates": [-83.38,33.95]}
"""^^<http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#geoJSONLiteral>
```

```
Req 22 An empty RDFS Literal of type geo:geoJSONLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry, i.e. {"geometry": null} in GeoJSON.
/req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal-empty
```

#### 8.6.6. Property: geo:asGeoJSON

The geo:asGeoJSON property is defined to link a geometry with its GeoJSON serialization.

**Req 23** Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asGeoJSON to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

```
/req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-geojson-literal
```

The property geo:asGeoJSON is used to link a geometric element with its GeoJSON serialization.

```
geo:asGeoJSON a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasSerialization;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo:;
  skos:prefLabel "as GeoJSON"@en;
  skos:definition "The GeoJSON serialization of a geometry."@en;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry;
  rdfs:range geo:geoJSONLiteral.
```

### 8.6.7. Function: geof:asGeoJSON

```
geof:asGeoJSON (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): geo:geoJSONLiteral
```

The function <code>geof:asGeoJSON</code> converts <code>geom</code> to an equivalent <code>GeoJSON</code> representation. Coordinates are converted to the CRS84 coordinate system, the only valid coordinate system to be used in a <code>GeoJSON</code> literal.

```
Req 23.x Implementations shall support geof:asGeoJSON as a SPARQL extension function.

/req/geometry-extension/asGeoJSON-function
```

# 8.7. KML Serialization (serialization=KML)

This section establishes requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on KML as defined by [OGCKML]. It defines one RDFS Datatype:

#### 8.7.1. RDFS Datatype: geo:kmlLiteral

```
geo:kmlLiteral a rdfs:Datatype ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "KML Literal"@en ;
  skos:definition "A KML serialization of a geometry object."@en .
```

Valid geo:kmlLiteral instances are formed by encoding geometry information as a Geometry object as defined in the KML specification [OGCKML].

**Req 24** All geo:kmlLiteral instances shall consist of the Geometry objects as defined in the KML specification [OGCKML].

```
/req/geometry-extension/kml-literal
```

**Req 25** RDFS Literals of type <code>geo:kmlLiteral</code> do not contain a SRS definition. All literals of this type shall according to the KML specification only be encoded in and assumed to use the WGS84 geodetic longitude-latitude spatial reference system

```
(http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84).
```

```
/req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-srs
```

The example geo:kmlLiteral below encodes a point geometry using the default WGS84 geodetic longitude-latitude spatial reference system for Simple Features 1.0:

 $\textbf{Req 26} \ \textbf{An empty RDFS Literal of type } \textbf{geo:kmlLiteral} \ \textbf{shall be interpreted as an empty geometry} \ .$ 

```
/req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-empty
```

#### 8.7.2. Property: geo:asKML

The geo:asKML property is defined to link a geometry with its KML serialization.

**Req 27** Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asKML to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

```
/req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-kml-literal
```

The property geo:asKML is used to link a geometric element with its KML serialization.

```
geo:asKML a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasSerialization ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "as KML"@en ;
  skos:definition "The KML serialization of a geometry."@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry ;
  rdfs:range geo:kmlLiteral .
```

#### 8.7.3. Function: geof:asKML

```
geof:asKML (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): geo:kmlLiteral
```

The function <code>geof:asKML</code> converts <code>geom</code> to an equivalent KML representation. Coordinates are converted to the CRS84 coordinate system, the only valid coordinate system to be used in a KML literal.

```
Req 27.x Implementations shall support geof:asKML as a SPARQL extension function.

/req/geometry-extension/asKML-function
```

## 8.8. DGGS Serialization (serialization=DGGS)

This section establishes the requirements for representing geometry data in RDF as represented in a Discrete Global Grid System (DGGS), in text. The form of representation is known as a DGGS Well-Known Text geometry representation and is based on elements of the second version of the DGGS Abstract Specification [DGGSAS]. It defines one RDFS Datatype: http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#dggsWktLiteral and one property, http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#asDggsWkt.

#### 8.8.1. RDFS Datatype: geo:dggsWktLiteral

```
geo:dggsWktLiteral a rdfs:Datatype ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "DGGS Well-Known Text Literal"@en ;
  skos:definition "A textual serialization of a Discrete Global Grid (DGGS) geometry
object."@en .
```

Valid <code>geo:dggsWktLiteral</code> instances are formed by encoding geometry information as text and as required by a particular DGGS and in accordance with the *Discrete Global Grid System Abstract Specification* [DGGSAS]. An indication of the particular DGGS, as well as the geometric information must also be indicated in the literal as per the following <code>ABNF</code> [IETF5234] syntax specification:

```
dggsWktLiteral ::= "<" IRI ">" LWSP geometric-data
```

The token IRI (Internationalized Resource Identifier) is essentially a web address and is defined in [IETF3987] and the token LWSP, is one or more white space characters, as defined in [IETF5234]. geometric-data is potentially specific to the DGGS and is not specified here.

**Req 28** All RDFS Literals of type <code>geo:dggsWktLiteral</code> shall consist of a required DGGS identifier, an IRI, and a DGGS geometry serialization formulated according to the identified DGGS.

```
/req/geometry-extension/dggswkt-literal
```

The example <code>geo:dggsWktLiteral</code> below encodes a point geometry according to the <code>AusPIX</code> DGGS<sup>[10]</sup>. The DGGS geometry type is indicated with the token <code>OrdinateList</code> and the point, enclosed in parenthesis, is identified with the <code>AusPIX-specific</code> 'Cell ID' of <code>R3234</code>:

```
"<https://w3id.org/dggs/auspix> OrdinateList
(R3234)"^^<http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#dggsWktLiteral>
```

**Req 29** An empty RDFS Literal of type <code>geo:dggsWktLiteral</code> shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

```
/req/geometry-extension/dggswkt-literal-empty
```

#### 8.8.2. Property: geo:asDggsWkt

The geo:asDggsWkt property is defined to link a geometry with its DGGS WKT serialization.

**Req 30** Implementations shall allow the RDF property <a href="geo:asDggsWkt">geo:asDggsWkt</a> to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

```
/req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-dggswkt-literal
```

The property geo:asDggsWkt is used to link a Geometry instance with its serialization.

```
geo:asDggsWkt a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasSerialization;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo:;
  skos:prefLabel "as DGGS WKT"@en;
  skos:definition "The DGGS Well-Known Text serialization of a geometry."@en;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry;
  rdfs:range geo:dggsWktLiteral.
```

#### 8.8.3. Function: geof:asDggsWKT

```
geof:asDggsWKT (geom: ogc:geomLiteral, dggsIri: xsd:anyURI): geo:DggsWKTLiteral
```

The function geof:asDggsWKT converts geom to an equivalent DggsWKT representation.

**Req 15.x** Implementations shall support geof:asDggsWKT as a SPARQL extension function.

# 8.9. Non-topological Query Functions

This clause defines SPARQL functions for performing non-topological spatial operations.

Req 31 Implementations shall support geof:distance, geof:buffer, geof:convexHull, geof:intersection, geof:union, geof:difference, geof:symDifference, geof:envelope and geof:boundary as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with the definitions of their corresponding functions (distance, buffer, convexHull, intersection, difference, symDifference, envelope and boundary respectively) in Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

/req/geometry-extension/query-functions

An invocation of any of the following functions with invalid arguments produces an error. An invalid argument includes any of the following:

- · An argument of an unexpected type
- · An invalid geometry literal value
- A geometry literal from a spatial reference system that is incompatible with the spatial reference system used for calculations
- An invalid units IRI

For further discussion of the effects of errors during FILTER evaluation, consult Section 17<sup>[11]</sup> of the SPARQL specification [SPARQL].

Note that returning values instead of raising an error serves as an extension mechanism of SPARQL.

From Section 17.3.1<sup>[12]</sup> of the SPARQL specification [SPARQL]:

SPARQL language extensions may provide additional associations between operators and operator functions; ... No additional operator may yield a result that replaces any result other ... . The consequence of this rule is that SPARQL FILTER s will produce at least the same intermediate bindings after applying a FILTER as an unextended implementation.

This extension mechanism enables GeoSPARQL implementations to simultaneously support multiple geometry serializations. For example, a system that supports <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> serializations may also support <code>geo:gmlLiteral</code> serializations and consequently would not raise an error if it encounters multiple geometry datatypes while processing a given query.

**NOTE** 

Several non-topological query functions use a unit of measure IRI. The OGC has recommended units of measure vocabularies for use, see the OGC Definitions Server<sup>[13]</sup>.

#### 8.9.1. Function: geof:distance

Returns the shortest distance between any two Points in the two geometric objects. Calculations are in spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.2. Function: geof:buffer

Returns a geometric object that represents all Points whose distance from geom1 is less than or equal to the radius measured in units. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.3. Function: geof:convexHull

```
geof:convexHull (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Returns a geometric object that represents all Points in the convex hull of geom1. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.4. Function: geof:intersection

Returns a geometric object that represents all Points in the intersection of geom1 with geom2. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.5. Function: geof:union

This function returns a geometric object that represents all Points in the union of geom1 with geom2. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.6. Function: geof:difference

This function returns a geometric object that represents all Points in the set difference of geom1 with geom2. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.7. Function: geof:symDifference

This function returns a geometric object that represents all Points in the set symmetric difference of geom1 with geom2. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.8. Function: geof:envelope

```
geof:envelope (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

This function returns the minimum bounding box of geom1. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.9. Function: geof:boundary

```
geof:boundary (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

This function returns the closure of the boundary of geom1. Calculations are in the spatial reference system of geom1.

#### 8.9.10. Function: geof:getSRID

```
geof:getSRID (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:anyURI
```

Returns the spatial reference system IRI for geom.

```
Req 32 Implementations shall support geof:getSRID as a SPARQL extension function.
/req/geometry-extension/srid-function
```

#### 8.9.11. Function: geof:maxX

```
geof:maxX (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:double
```

Returns the maximum X coordinate for geom.

#### 8.9.12. Function: geof:maxY

```
geof:maxY (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:double
```

Returns the maximum Y coordinate for geom.

#### 8.9.13. Function: geof:maxZ

```
geof:maxZ (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:double
```

Returns the maximum Z coordinate for geom.

#### 8.9.14. Function: geof:minX

```
geof:minX (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:double
```

Returns the minimum X coordinate for geom.

#### 8.9.15. Function: geof:minY

```
geof:minY (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:double
```

Returns the minimum Y coordinate for geom.

#### 8.9.16. Function: geof:minZ

```
geof:minZ (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:double
```

Returns the minimum Z coordinate for geom.

```
geof:transform (geom: ogc:geomLiteral, srsIRI: xsd:anyURI): ogc:geomLiteral
```

geof:transform converts geom to a spatial reference system defined by srsIRI. The function raises an error if a transformation is not mathematically possible.

NOTE

We recommend that implementers use the same literal type as a result of this function that is passed as a parameter to this function.

# 8.10. Spatial Aggregate Functions

This clause defines SPARQL functions for performing spatial aggregation operations.

**Req 33** Implementations shall support geoaf:BBOX, geosaf:BoundingCircle, geosaf:Centroid, geosaf:ConcatLines, geosaf:ConcaveHull, geosaf:ConvexHull and geosaf:Union as SPARQL extension functions.

/req/geometry-extension/query-aggregate-functions

This clause establishes the Spatial Aggregate extension requirements class with URI /req/spatial-aggregate-extension. Spatial Aggregate Functions may be used in the SELECT used in the SELECT, HAVING and ORDER BY clauses of a SPARQL query. Such functions calculate an aggregate value over a group of solutions. Solution groups are determined by a GROUP BY clause. All solutions form a single group if no GROUP BY is specified.

#### 8.10.1. Function: geosaf:BBOX

```
geosaf:BBOX (ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Calculates a minimum bounding box of the set of given geometries.

#### 8.10.2. Function: geosaf:BoundingCircle

```
geosaf:BoundingCircle (ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Calculates a minimum bounding circle of the set of given geometries.

#### 8.10.3. Function: geosaf:Centroid

```
geosaf:Centroid (ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Calculates the centroid of the set of given geometries.

#### 8.10.4. Function: geosaf:ConcatLines

```
geosaf:ConcatLines (ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Concatenates a set of LineStrings.

#### 8.10.5. Function: geosaf:ConcaveHull

```
geosaf:ConcaveHull (ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Calculates the concave hull of the set of given geometries.

#### 8.10.6. Function: geosaf:ConvexHull

```
geosaf:ConvexHull (ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Calculates the convex hull of the set of given geometries.

#### 8.10.7. Function: geosaf:Union

```
geosaf:Union (ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

Calculates the union of the set of given geometries.

- [4] http://www.w3.org/2003/01/geo/
- [5] http://purl.org/dc/terms/Location
- [6] https://schema.org/GeoCoordinates
- [7] https://schema.org/GeoShape
- [8] https://www.w3.org/ns/locn
- [9] https://www.w3.org/TR/vocab-dcat/#spatial-properties
- [10] https://w3id.org/dggs/auspix this is a semi-formatl identifier for AusPIX. Likley, in time, a more official identifier regime for DGGSes will emerge, similar to the OGC's SRS register
- [11] https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/#expressions
- [12] https://www.w3.org/TR/sparql11-query/#operatorExtensibility
- [13] https://www.ogc.org/def-server

# 9. Geometry Topology Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)

This clause establishes the *Geometry Topology Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)* parameterized requirements class, with IRI /req/geometry-topology-extension, which defines a collection of topological query functions that operate on geometry literals. This class is parameterized to give implementations flexibility in the topological relation families and geometry serializations that they choose to support. This requirements class has a single corresponding conformance class *Geometry Topology Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)*, with IRI /conf/geometry-topology-extension.

The Dimensionally Extended Nine Intersection Model (DE-9IM) [DE-9IM] has been used to define the relation tested by the query functions introduced in this section. Each query function is associated with a defining DE-9IM intersection pattern. Possible pattern values are:

```
-1 (empty)
0, 1, 2, T (true) = {0, 1, 2}
F (false) = {-1}
* (don't care) = {-1, 0, 1, 2}
```

In the following descriptions, the notation X/Y is used denote applying a spatial relation to geometry types X and Y (i.e., x relation y where x is of type X and y is of type Y). The symbol P is used for 0-dimensional geometries (e.g. points). The symbol L is used for 1- dimensional geometries (e.g. lines), and the symbol A is used for 2-dimensional geometries (e.g. polygons). Consult the Simple Features specification [ISO19125-1] for a more detailed description of DE-9IM intersection patterns.

#### 9.1. Parameters

- relation\_family: Specifies the set of topological spatial relations to support.
- serialization: Specifies the serialization standard to use for geometry literals.
- version: Specifies the version of the serialization format used.

# 9.2. Common Query Functions

**Req 34** Implementations shall support geof:relate as a SPARQL extension function, consistent with the relate operator defined in Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

/req/geometry-topology-extension/relate-query-function

Returns true if the spatial relationship between geom1 and geom2 corresponds to one with acceptable

values for the specified pattern-matrix. Otherwise, this function returns false. pattern-matrix represents a DE-9IM intersection pattern consisting of T (true) and F (false) values. The spatial reference system for geom1 is used for spatial calculations.

# 9.3. Simple Features Relation Family (relation\_family=Simple Features)

This clause establishes requirements for the Simple Features relation family.

**Req 35** Implementations shall support geof:sfEquals, geof:sfDisjoint, geof:sfIntersects, geof:sfTouches, geof:sfCrosses, geof:sfWithin, geof:sfContains, geof:sfOverlaps as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with their corresponding DE-9IM intersection patterns, as defined by Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

/req/geometry-topology-extension/sf-query-functions

Boolean query functions defined for the Simple Features relation family, along with their associated DE-9IM intersection patterns, are shown in Table 6 below. Multi-row intersection patterns should be interpreted as a logical OR of each row. Each function accepts two arguments (geom1 and geom2) of the geometry literal *serialization* type *specified* by serialization and version. Each function returns an xsd:boolean value of true if the specified relation exists between geom1 and geom2 and returns false otherwise. In each case, the spatial reference system of geom1 is used for spatial calculations.

Table 6. Simple Features Query Functions

Query Function	Defining DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
<pre>geof:sfEquals(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TFFFTFFFT)
<pre>geof:sfDisjoint(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(FF*FF****)
<pre>geof:sfIntersects(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(FT****** F**T**** F***T****)
<pre>geof:sfTouches(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(FT***** F**T**** F***T****)
<pre>geof:sfCrosses(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(T*T***T**) for P/L, P/A, L/A; (0*T***T**) for L/L
<pre>geof:sfWithin(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(T*F**F***)
<pre>geof:sfContains(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(T****FF*)
<pre>geof:sf0verlaps(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(T*T***T**) for A/A, P/P; (1*T***T**) for L/L

# 9.4. Egenhofer Relation Family (relation\_family=Egenhofer)

This clause establishes requirements for the *Egenhofer* relation family. Consult references [FORMAL] and [CATEG] for a more detailed discussion of *Egenhofer* relations.

**Req 36** Implementations shall support geof:ehEquals, geof:ehDisjoint, geof:ehMeet, geof:ehOverlap, geof:ehCovers, geof:ehCoveredBy, geof:ehInside, geof:ehContains as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with their corresponding DE-9IM intersection patterns, as defined by Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

/req/geometry-topology-extension/eh-query-functions

Boolean query functions defined for the *Egenhofer* relation family, along with their associated DE-9IM intersection patterns, are shown in Table 7 below. Multi-row intersection patterns should be interpreted as a logical OR of each row. Each function accepts two arguments (geom1 and geom2) of the geometry literal serialization type specified by *serialization* and *version*. Each function returns an xsd:boolean value of true if the specified relation exists between geom1 and geom2 and returns false otherwise. In each case, the spatial reference system of geom1 is used for spatial calculations.

Table 7. Egenhofer Query Functions

Query Function	Defining DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
<pre>geof:ehEquals(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TFFFTFFFT)
<pre>geof:ehDisjoint(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(FF*FF****)
<pre>geof:ehMeet(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(FT***** F**T**** F***T****)
<pre>geof:ehOverlap(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(T*T***T**)
<pre>geof:ehCovers(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(T*TFT*FF*)
<pre>geof:ehCoveredBy(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TFF*TFT**)
<pre>geof:ehInside(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TFF*FFT**)
<pre>geof:ehContains(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(T*TFF*FF*)

# 9.5. Requirements for RCC8 Relation Family (relation\_family=RCC8)

This clause establishes requirements for the *RCC8* relation family. Consult references [QUAL] and [LOGIC] for a more detailed discussion of *RCC8* relations.

Req 37 Implementations shall support geof:rcc8eq, geof:rcc8dc, geof:rcc8ec, geof:rcc8po, geof:rcc8tppi, geof:rcc8tpp, geof:rcc8ntppi as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with their corresponding DE-9IM intersection patterns, as defined by Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

/req/geometry-topology-extension/rcc8-query-functions

Boolean query functions defined for the *RCC8* relation family, along with their associated DE-9IM intersection patterns, are shown in Table 8 below. Each function accepts two arguments (geom1 and geom2) of the geometry literal serialization type specified by *serialization* and *version*. Each function returns an xsd:boolean value of true if the specified relation exists between geom1 and geom2 and returns false otherwise. In each case, the spatial reference system of geom1 is used for spatial calculations.

Table 8. RCC8 Query Functions

Query Function	Defining DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
<pre>geof:rcc8eq(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TFFFTFFFT)
<pre>geof:rcc8dc(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(FFTFFTTTT)
<pre>geof:rcc8ec(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(FFTFTTTTT)
<pre>geof:rcc8po(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TTTTTTTT)
<pre>geof:rcc8tppi(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TTTFTTFFT)
<pre>geof:rcc8tpp(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TFFTTFTTT)
<pre>geof:rcc8ntpp(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TFFTFFTTT)
<pre>geof:rcc8ntppi(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2:   ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</pre>	(TTTFFTFFT)

# 10. RDFS Entailment Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)

This clause establishes the *RDFS Entailment Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)* parameterized requirements class, with IRI /req/rdfs-entailment-extension, which defines a mechanism for matching implicitly-derived RDF triples in GeoSPARQL queries. This class is parameterized to give implementations flexibility in the topological relation families and geometry types that they choose to support. This requirements class has a single corresponding conformance class *RDFS Entailment Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)*, with IRI /conf/rdfs-entailment-extension.

#### 10.1. Parameters

- relation\_family: Specifies the set of topological spatial relations to support.
- serialization: Specifies the serialization standard to use for geometry literals.
- version: Specifies the version of the serialization format used.

## 10.2. Common Requirements

The basic mechanism for supporting RDFS entailment has been defined by the W3C SPARQL 1.1 RDFS Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT].

**Req 38** Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RDFS Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT].

/req/rdfs-entailment-extension/bgp-rdfs-ent

#### 10.3. WKT Serialization (serialization=WKT)

This section establishes the requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on WKT as defined by Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

#### 10.3.1. Geometry Class Hierarchy

The Simple Features specification presents a geometry class hierarchy. It is straightforward to represent this class hierarchy in RDFS and OWL by constructing IRIs for geometry classes using the following pattern: http://www.opengis.net/ont/sf#{geometry class} and by asserting appropriate rdfs:subClassOf statements.

The example RDF snippet below encodes the Polygon class from Simple Features 1.0.

**Req 39** Implementations shall support graph patterns involving terms from an RDFS/OWL class hierarchy of geometry types consistent with the one in the specified version of Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

/req/rdfs-entailment-extension/wkt-geometry-types

## 10.4. GML Serialization (serialization=GML)

This section establishes requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on GML as defined by Geography Markup Language Encoding Standard [OGC07-036].

#### 10.4.1. Geometry Class Hierarchy

An RDF/OWL class hierarchy can be generated from the GML schema that implements GM\_Object by constructing IRIs for geometry classes using the following pattern: http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml#{GML Element} and by asserting appropriate rdfs:subClassOf statements.

The example RDF snippet below encodes the Polygon class from GML 3.2.

**Req 40** Implementations shall support graph patterns involving terms from an RDFS/OWL class hierarchy of geometry types consistent with the GML schema that implements GM\_Object using the specified *version* of GML [OGC07-036].

/req/rdfs-entailment-extension/gml-geometry-types

# 11. Query Rewrite Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)

This clause establishes the *Query Rewrite Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)* parameterized requirements class, with IRI /req/query-rewrite-extension, which has a single corresponding conformance class *Query Rewrite Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)*, with IRI /conf/query-rewrite-extension. This requirements class defines a set of RIF rules [RIF] that use topological extension functions defined in Clause 9 to establish the existence of direct topological predicates defined in Clause 7. One possible implementation strategy is to transform a given query by expanding a triple pattern involving a direct spatial predicate into a series of triple patterns and an invocation of the corresponding extension function as specified in the RIF rule.

The following rule specified using the RIF Core Dialect [RIFCORE] is used as a template to describe rules in the remainder of this clause. ogc:relation is used as a placeholder for the spatial relation IRIs defined in Clause 7, and ogc:function is used as a placeholder for the spatial functions defined in Clause 9.

```
Forall ?f1 ?f2 ?g1 ?g2 ?g1Serial ?g2Serial
    (?f1[ogc:relation->?f2] :-
        Or(
            And
                # feature D feature rule
                (?f1[geo:hasDefaultGeometry->?g1]
                 ?f2[geo:hasDefaultGeometry->?g2]
                 ?g1[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g1Serial]
                 ?g2[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g2Serial]
                 External(ogc:function (?g1Serial,?g2Serial)))
            And
                # feature [] geometry rule
                (?f1[geo:hasDefaultGeometry->?g1]
                 ?q1[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?q1Serial]
                 ?f2[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g2Serial]
                 External(ogc:function (?g1Serial,?g2Serial)))
            And
                # geometry - feature rule
                (?f2[geo:hasDefaultGeometry->?g2]
                 ?f1[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g1Serial]
                 ?g2[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g2Serial]
                 External(ogc:function (?g1Serial,?g2Serial)))
            And
                # geometry - geometry rule
                (?f1[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g1Serial]
                 ?f2[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g2Serial]
                 External(ogc:function (?g1Serial,?g2Serial)))
    )
)
```

NOTE

The GeoSPARQL 1.1 Standard contains a RIF rules artefact expanded for all function generated from this template and Python software for re-issuing the expanded artefact. See GeoSPARQL Standard structure.

#### 11.1. Parameters

- relation\_family: Specifies the set of topological spatial relations to support.
- serialization: Specifies the serialization standard to use for geometry literals.
- version: Specifies the version of the serialization format used.

# 11.2. Simple Features Relation Family (relation\_family=Simple Features)

This clause defines requirements for the *Simple Features* relation family. Table 9 specifies the function and property substitutions for each rule in the *Simple Features* relation family.

Req 41 Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RIF Core Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT] for the RIF rules [RIFCORE] geor:sfEquals, geor:sfDisjoint, geor:sfIntersects, geor:sfTouches, geor:sfCrosses, geor:sfWithin, geor:sfContains, geor:sfOverlaps.

/req/query-rewrite-extension/sf-query-rewrite

Table 9. Simple Features Query Transformation Rules

Rule	ogc:relation	ogc:function
geor:sfEquals	geo:sfEquals	geof:sfEquals
geor:sfDisjoint	geo:sfDisjoint	geof:sfDisjoint
geor:sfIntersects	geo:sfIntersects	geof:sfIntersects
geor:sfTouches	geo:sfTouches	geof:sfTouches
geor:sfCrosses	geo:sfCrosses	geof:sfCrosses
geor:sfWithin	geo:sfWithin	geof:sfWithin
geor:sfContains	geo:sfContains	geof:sfContains
geor:sfOverlaps	geo:sfOverlaps	geof:sfOverlaps

# 11.3. Egenhofer Relation Family (relation\_family=Egenhofer)

This clause defines requirements for the *Egenhofer* relation family. Table 10 specifies the function and property substitutions for each rule in the *Egenhofer* relation family.

Req 42 Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RIF Core Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT] for the RIF rules [RIFCORE] geor:ehEquals, geor:ehDisjoint, geor:ehMeet, geor:ehOverlap, geor:ehCovers, geor:ehCoveredBy, geor:ehInside, geor:ehContains.

/req/query-rewrite-extension/eh-query-rewrite

Table 10. Egenhofer Query Transformation Rules

Rule	ogc:relation	ogc:function
geor:ehEquals	geo:ehEquals	geof:ehEquals
geor:ehDisjoint	geo:ehDisjoint	geof:ehDisjoint
geor:ehMeet	geo:ehMeet	geof:ehMeet
geor:ehOverlap	geo:ehOverlap	geof:ehOverlap
geor:ehCovers	geo:ehCovers	geof:ehCovers
geor:ehCoveredBy	geo:ehCoveredBy	geof:ehCoveredBy
geor:ehInside	geo:ehInside	geof:ehInside
geor:ehContains	geo:ehContains	geof:ehContains

# 11.4. RCC8 Relation Family (relation\_family=RCC8)

This clause defines requirements for the *RCC8* relation family. Table 11 specifies the function and property substitutions for each rule in the *RCC8* relation family.

Req 43 Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RIF Core Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT] for the RIF rules [RIFCORE] geor:rcc8eq, geor:rcc8dc, geor:rcc8ec, geor:rcc8po, geor:rcc8tppi, geor:rcc8tpp, geor:rcc8ntppi.

/req/query-rewrite-extension/rcc8-query-rewrite

Table 11. RCC8 Query Transformation Rules

Rule	ogc:relation	ogc:function
geor:rcc8eq	geo:rcc8eq	geof:rcc8eq
geor:rcc8dc	geo:rcc8dc	geof:rcc8dc
geor:rcc8ec	geo:rcc8ec	geof:rcc8ec
geor:rcc8po	geo:rcc8po	geof:rcc8po
geor:rcc8tppi	geo:rcc8tppi	geof:rcc8tppi
geor:rcc8tpp	geo:rcc8tpp	geof:rcc8tpp
geor:rcc8ntpp	geo:rcc8ntpp	geof:rcc8ntpp
geor:rcc8ntppi	geo:rcc8ntppi	geof:rcc8ntppi

# 11.5. Special Considerations

The applicability of GeoSPARQL rules in certain circumstances has intentionally been left undefined.

The first situation arises for triple patterns with unbound predicates. Consider the query pattern below:

```
{ my:feature1 ?p my:feature2 }
```

When using a query transformation strategy, this triple pattern could invoke none of the GeoSPARQL rules or all of the rules. Implementations are free to support either of these alternatives.

The second situation arises when supporting GeoSPARQL rules in the presence of RDFS Entailment. The existence of a topological relation (possibly derived from a GeoSPARQL rule) can entail other RDF triples. For example, if geo:sf0verlaps has been defined as an rdfs:subPropertyOf the property my:overlaps, and the RDF triple my:feature1 geo:sf0verlaps my:feature2 has been derived from a GeoSPARQL rule, then the RDF triple my:feature1 my:overlaps my:feature2 can be entailed. Implementations may support such entailments but are not required to.

# 12. Future Work

Many future extensions of this standard are possible and, since the release of GeoSPARQL 1.0, many extensions have been made. The GeoSPARQL 1.1 release tried to incorporate many additions requested of the GeoSPARQL 1.0 Standard, including options the use of other serializations of geometry data (e.g. KML, GeoJSON, DGGS) and the addition of handling spatial scalar measurements.

Significant work remains in developing vocabularies for spatial data, and expanding the GeoSPARQL vocabularies with OWL axioms to aid in logical spatial reasoning would be a valuable contribution. There are also large amounts of existing feature data represented either in a GML file (or similar serialization) or in a datastore supporting the general feature model. It would be beneficial to develop standard processes for converting (or virtually converting and exposing) this data as RDF.

# Annex A (normative) Abstract Test Suite

# A.1 Conformance Class: Core

Conformance Class IRI: /conf/core

# A.1.1 /conf/core/sparql-protocol

**Requirement**: /req/core/sparql-protocol

Implementations shall support the SPARQL Query Language for RDF [SPARQL], the SPARQL Protocol for RDF [SPARQLPROT] and the SPARQL Query Results XML Format [SPARQLRESX].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that the implementation accepts SPARQL queries and returns the correct results in the correct format, according to the SPARQL Query Language for RDF, the SPARQL Protocol for RDF and SPARQL Query Results XML Format W3C specifications.

c. Reference: Section 6.1d. Test Type: Capabilities

## A.1.2 /conf/core/spatial-object-class

Requirement: /req/core/spatial-object-class

Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo:SpatialObject to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving geo:SpatialObject return the correct result on a test dataset.

c. Reference: Section 6.2.1d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.1.3 /conf/core/spatial-measure-class

**Requirement**: /req/core/spatial-measure-class Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo:SpatialMeasure to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving geo:SpatialMeasure return the correct result on a test dataset.

c. **Reference**: Section 6.2.2

d. Test Type: Capabilities

# A.1.3 /conf/core/feature-class

**Requirement**: /req/core/feature-class Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo:Feature to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving geo:Feature return the correct result on a test dataset.

c. Reference: Section 6.2.3

d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

# A.2 Conformance Class: Topology Vocabulary Extension (relation\_family)

Conformance Class IRI: /conf/topology-vocab-extension

# A.2.1 relation\_family = Simple Features

#### A.2.1.1 /conf/topology-vocab-extension/sf-spatial-relations

**Requirement**: /req/topology-vocab-extension/sf-spatial-relations Implementations shall allow the properties geo:sfEquals, geo:sfDisjoint, geo:sfIntersects, geo:sfTouches, geo:sfCrosses, geo:sfWithin, geo:sfContains, geo:sfOverlaps to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that queries involving these properties return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 7.2d. Test Type: Capabilities

# A.2.2 relation\_family = Egenhofer

#### **A.2.2.1** /conf/topology-vocab-extension/eh-spatial-relations

**Requirement**: /req/topology-vocab-extension/eh-spatial-relations Implementations shall allow the properties geo:ehEquals, geo:ehDisjoint, geo:ehMeet, geo:ehOverlap, geo:ehCovers, geo:ehCoveredBy, geo:ehInside, geo:ehContains to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that queries involving these properties return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 7.3
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

## A.2.3 relation\_family = RCC8

#### A.2.3.1 /conf/topology-vocab-extension/rcc8-spatial-relations

**Requirement**: /req/topology-vocab-extension/rcc8-spatial-relations Implementations shall allow the properties geo:rcc8eq, geo:rcc8dc, geo:rcc8ec, geo:rcc8po, geo:rcc8tppi, geo:rcc8ntpp, geo:rcc8ntppi to be used in SPARQL graph patterns

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. Test method: Verify that queries involving these properties return the correct result for a test

dataset.

c. **Reference**: Section 7.4

d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

# A.3 Conformance Class: Geometry Extension (serialization, version)

Conformance Class IRI: /conf/geometry-extension

### A.3.1 Tests for all Serializations

### A.3.1.1 /conf/geometry-extension/geometry-class

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geometry-class Implementations shall allow the RDFS class geo:Geometry to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:Geometry</code> return the correct result on a test dataset
- c. **Reference**: Section 8.2.1
- d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

### **A.3.1.2** /conf/geometry-extension/feature-properties

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/feature-properties Implementations shall allow the properties geo:hasGeometry and geo:hasDefaultGeometry, geo:hasLength, geo:hasArea, geo:hasVolume geo:hasBoundingBox geo:hasCentroid to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that queries involving these properties return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.3
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.1.3 /conf/geometry-extension/geometry-properties

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geometry-properties Implementations shall allow the properties geo:dimension, geo:coordinateDimension, geo:spatialDimension, geo:isEmpty, geo:isSimple, geo:hasSerialization to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that queries involving these properties return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.4
- d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

### **A.3.1.4** /conf/geometry-extension/query-functions

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/query-functions Implementations shall support geof:distance, geof:buffer, geof:convexHull, geof:intersection, geof:union, geof:difference, geof:symDifference, geof:envelope and geof:boundary as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with the definitions of the corresponding functions (distance, buffer, convexHull, intersection, difference, symDifference, envelope and boundary respectively) in Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. Test method: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving each of the following functions returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version: geof:distance, geof:buffer, geof:convexHull, geof:intersection, geof:union, geof:difference, geof:symDifference, geof:envelope and geof:boundary.

c. **Reference**: Section 8.9

d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

### **A.3.1.5** /conf/geometry-extension/srid-function

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/srid-function Implementations shall support geof:getSRID as a SPARQL extension function.

a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement

b. **Test method**: Verify that a SPARQL query involving the <code>geof:getSRID</code> function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.

c. Reference: Section 8.9.10

d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.2 serialization = WKT

### A.3.2.1 /conf/geometry-extension/wkt-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/wkt-literal All geo:wktLiteral instances shall consist of an optional IRI identifying the Spatial Reference System (SRS) followed by Simple Features Well Known Text (WKT) describing a geometric value. Valid geo:wktLiteral instances are formed by concatenating a valid, absolute IRI as defined in [IETF3987], one or more spaces (Unicode U+0020 character) as a separator, and a WKT string as defined in Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.

c. Reference: Section 8.5.2

d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

### A.3.2.2 /conf/geometry-extension/wkt-literal-default-srs

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/wkt-literal-default-srs The IRI http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84 shall be assumed as the SRS for geo:wktLiterals that do not specify an explicit SRS IRI.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> values without an explicit encoded SRS IRI return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.5.2
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.2.3 /conf/geometry-extension/wkt-axis-order

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/wkt-axis-order Coordinate tuples within geo:wktLiterals shall be interpreted using the axis order defined in the SRS used.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.5.2
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.2.4** /conf/geometry-extension/wkt-literal-empty

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/wkt-literal-empty An empty RDFS Literal of type geo:wktLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving empty <code>geo:wktLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.5.2
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.2.5 /conf/geometry-extension/geometry-as-wkt-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-wkt-literal Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asWKT to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving the <code>geo:asWKT</code> property return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.5.3
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.2.6 /req/geometry-extension/asWKT-function

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/asWKT-function Implementations shall support geof:asWKT, as a SPARQL extension function

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving the <code>geof:asWKT</code> function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.
- c. **Reference**: [\_function\_aswkt]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.3 serialization = GML

### **A.3.3.1** /conf/geometry-extension/gml-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/gml-literal All geo:gmlLiteral instances shall consist of a valid element from the GML schema that implements a subtype of GM\_Object as defined in [OGC 07-036].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:gmlLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.6.1
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.3.2** /conf/geometry-extension/gml-literal-empty

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/gml-literal-empty An empty geo:gmlLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

- a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving empty <code>geo:gmlLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.6.1
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.3.3** /conf/geometry-extension/gml-profile

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/gml-profile Implementations shall document supported GML profiles.

- a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Examine the implementation's documentation to verify that the supported GML profiles are documented.

c. Reference: Section 8.6.1

d. Test Type: Documentation

### **A.3.3.4** /conf/geometry-extension/geometry-as-gml-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-gml-literal Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asGML to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement

b. Test method: verify that queries involving the geo:asGML property return the correct result for a test dataset.

c. Reference: Section 8.6.2

d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.3.5** /req/geometry-extension/asGML-function

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/asGML-function Implementations shall support geof:asGML, as a SPARQL extension function

a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement

b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving the <code>geof:asGML</code> function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.

c. Reference: [\_function\_asgml]

d. Test Type: Capabilities

# A.3.4 serialization = GEOJSON

### A.3.4.1 /req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal All geo:geoJSONLiteral instances shall consist of valid JSON that conforms to the GeoJSON specification [GEOJSON]

a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement

b. Test method: verify that queries involving geo:geoJSONLiteral values return the correct result for a test dataset.

c. Reference: Section 8.6.2

d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.4.2 /req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal-srs

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal-default-srs The IRI http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84 shall be assumed as the SRS for geo:geoJSONLiteral instances that do not specify an explicit SRS IRI.

a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement

- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:geoJSONLiteral</code> values without an explicit encoded SRS IRI return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference**: Section 8.6.5
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.4.3** /req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal-empty

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geojson-literal-empty An empty geo:geoJSONLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving empty geo:geoJSONLiteral values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.6.5
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.4.4** /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-geojson-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-geojson-literal Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asGeoJSON to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving the <code>geo:asGeoJSON</code> property return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.6.6
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.4.5** /req/geometry-extension/asGeoJSON-function

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/asGeoJSON-function Implementations shall support geof:asGeoJSON, as a SPARQL extension function

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving the <code>geof:asGeoJSON</code> function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.
- c. Reference: [\_function\_asgeojson]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.5 serialization = KML

### A.3.5.1 /req/geometry-extension/kml-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/kml-literal All geo:kmlLiteral instances shall consist of a valid element from the KML schema that implements a kml:AbstractObjectGroup as defined in

### [OGCKML].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:kmlLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference**: [\_rdfs\_datatype\_geomklliteral]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.5.2 /reg/geometry-extension/kml-literal-srs

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-default-srs The IRI <a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84">http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84</a> shall be assumed as the SRS for geo:kmlLiterals that do not specify an explicit SRS IRI.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:kmlLiteral</code> values without an explicit encoded SRS IRI return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference**: [\_rdfs\_datatype\_geomklliteral]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.5.3** /req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-empty

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-empty An empty geo:kmlLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving empty <code>geo:kmlLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference**: [\_rdfs\_datatype\_geomklliteral]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.5.4** /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-kml-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-kml-literal Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asKML to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving the <code>geo:asKML</code> property return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.7.2
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.5.5 /req/geometry-extension/asKML-function

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/asKML-function Implementations shall support geof:asKML, as a SPARQL extension function

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving the <code>geof:asKML</code> function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.
- c. **Reference**: [\_function\_askml]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.6 serialization = DGGS

### **A.3.6.1** /req/geometry-extension/dggswkt-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/dggswkt-literal All RDFS Literals of type geo:dggsWktLiteral shall consist of a DGGS identifier, an IRI enclosed in '<' & '>', followed by one or more spaces (Unicode U+0020 character) and a DGGS geometry serialization formulated according to the identified DGGS.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving <code>geo:dggsWktLiteral</code> values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.8
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.6.2** /req/geometry-extension/dggswkt-literal-empty

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/dggswkt-literal-empty An empty geo:dggsWktLiteral shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving empty geo:dggsWktLiteral values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. Reference: Section 8.8
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### **A.3.6.3** /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-dggswkt-literal

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/geometry-as-dggswkt-literal Implementations shall allow the RDF property geo:asDggsWkt to be used in SPARQL graph patterns.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: verify that queries involving the geo:asDggsWkt property return the correct result for a test dataset.

c. Reference: Section 8.8.2

d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.3.6.4 /req/geometry-extension/asDggsWKT-function

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-extension/asDggsWKT-function Implementations shall support geof:asDggsWkt, as a SPARQL extension function

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving the <code>geof:asDggsWkt</code> function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.
- c. **Reference**: [\_function\_asdggswkt]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

/req/geometry-extension/asDggsWKT-function

# A.4 Conformance Class: Geometry Topology Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)

Conformance Class IRI: /conf/geometry-topology-extension

### A.4.1 Tests for all relation families

### A.4.1.1 /conf/geometry-topology-extension/relate-query-function

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-topology-extension/relate-query-function Implementations shall support geof:relate as a SPARQL extension function, consistent with the relate operator defined in Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving the <code>geof:relate</code> function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.

c. Reference: Section 9.2d. Test Type: Capabilities

# A.4.2 relation\_family = Simple Features

### A.4.2.1 /conf/geometry-topology-extension/sf-query-functions

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-topology-extension/sf-query-functions Implementations shall support geof:sfEquals, geof:sfDisjoint, geof:sfIntersects, geof:sfTouches, geof:sfCrosses, geof:sfWithin, geof:sfContains, geof:sfOverlaps as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with their corresponding DE-9IM intersection patterns, as defined by Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. Test method: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving each of the following functions returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version: geof:sfEquals, geof:sfDisjoint, geof:sfIntersects, geof:sfTouches, geof:sfCrosses, geof:sfWithin, geof:sfContains, geof:sfOverlaps.
- c. Reference:

[\_requirements\_for\_simple\_features\_relation\_family\_relation\_familysimple\_features]

d. Test Type: Capabilities

# A.4.3 relation\_family = Egenhofer

### A.4.3.1 /conf/geometry-topology-extension/eh-query-functions

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-topology-extension/eh-query-functions Implementations shall support geof:ehEquals, geof:ehDisjoint, geof:ehMeet, geof:ehOverlap, geof:ehCovers, geof:ehCoveredBy, geof:ehInside, geof:ehContains as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with their corresponding DE-9IM intersection patterns, as defined by Simple Features [ISO 19125-1].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving each of the following functions returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version: geof:ehEquals, geof:ehDisjoint, geof:ehMeet, geof:ehOverlap, geof:ehCovers, geof:ehCoveredBy, geof:ehInside, geof:ehContains.
- c. **Reference**: [\_requirements\_for\_egenhofer\_relation\_family\_relation\_familyegenhofer]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.4.4 relation\_family = RCC8

### A.4.4.1 /conf/geometry-topology-extension/rcc8-query-functions

**Requirement**: /req/geometry-topology-extension/rcc8-query-functions Implementations shall support geof:rcc8eq, geof:rcc8dc, geof:rcc8ec, geof:rcc8po, geof:rcc8tppi, geof:rcc8tpp, geof:rcc8ntppi as SPARQL extension functions, consistent with their corresponding DE-9IM intersection patterns, as defined by Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. Test method: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving each of the following functions returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version: geof:rcc8eq, geof:rcc8dc, geof:rcc8ec, geof:rcc8po, geof:rcc8tppi, geof:rcc8tpp, geof:rcc8ntpp, geof:rcc8ntppi.
- c. Reference: Section 9.5
- d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

# A.5 Conformance Class: RDFS Entailment Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)

Conformance Class IRI: /conf/rdfs-entailment-extension

# A.5.1 Tests for all implementations

### A.5.1.1 /conf/rdfsentailmentextension/bgp-rdfs-ent

**Requirement**: /req/rdfs-entailment-extension/bgp-rdfs-ent Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RDFS Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT].

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving entailed RDF triples returns the correct result for a test dataset using the specified serialization, version and relation\_family.

c. Reference: Section 10.2d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.5.2 serialization=WKT

### A.5.2.1 /conf/rdfs-entailment-extension/wkt-geometry-types

**Requirement**: /req/rdfs-entailment-extension/wkt-geometry-types Implementations shall support graph patterns involving terms from an RDFS/OWL class hierarchy of geometry types consistent with the one in the specified version of Simple Features [ISO19125-1].

- a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving WKT Geometry types returns the correct result for a test dataset using the specified version of Simple Features.

c. Reference: Section 10.3.1d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.5.3 serialization=GML

### A.5.3.1 /conf/rdfs-entailment-extension/gml-geometry-types

**Requirement**: /req/rdfs-entailment-extension/gml-geometry-types Implementations shall support graph patterns involving terms from an RDFS/OWL class hierarchy of geometry types consistent with the GML schema that implements GM\_Object using the specified version of GML [OGC07-036].

a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement

- b. **Test method**: Verify that a set of SPARQL queries involving GML Geometry types returns the correct result for a test dataset using the specified version of GML.
- c. **Reference**: Section 10.4.1
- d. **Test Type**: Capabilities

# A.6 Conformance Class: Query Rewrite Extension (relation\_family, serialization, version)

Conformance Class IRI: /conf/query-rewrite-extension

### A.6.1 relation\_family = Simple Features

### A.6.1.1 /conf/query-rewrite-extension/sf-query-rewrite

**Requirement**: /req/query-rewrite-extension/sf-query-rewrite Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RIF Core Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT] for the RIF rules [RIFCORE] geor:sfEquals, geor:sfDisjoint, geor:sfIntersects, geor:sfTouches, geor:sfCrosses, geor:sfWithin, geor:sfContains and geor:sfOverlaps..

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that queries involving the following query transformation rules return the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version: geor:sfEquals, geor:sfDisjoint, geor:sfIntersects, geor:sfTouches, geor:sfCrosses, geor:sfWithin, geor:sfContains and geor:sfOverlaps.
- c. Reference:

[\_requirements\_for\_simple\_features\_relation\_family\_relation\_familysimple\_features\_2]

d. Test Type: Capabilities

### A.6.2 relation\_family = Egenhofer

### **A.6.2.1** /conf/query-rewrite-extension/eh-query-rewrite

**Requirement**: /req/query-rewrite-extension/eh-query-rewrite Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RIF Core Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT] for the RIF rules [RIFCORE] geor:ehEquals, geor:ehDisjoint, geor:ehMeet, geor:ehOverlap, geor:ehCovers, geor:ehCoveredBy, geor:ehInside, geor:ehContains.

- a. Test purpose: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that queries involving the following query transformation rules return the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version: geor:ehEquals, geor:ehDisjoint, geor:ehMeet, geor:ehOverlap, geor:ehCovers, geor:ehCoveredBy, geor:ehInside, geor:ehContains.
- c. **Reference**: [ requirements for egenhofer relation family relation familyegenhofer 2]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

# A.6.3 relation\_family = RCC8

### A.6.3.1 /conf/query-rewrite-extension/rcc8-query-rewrite

**Requirement**: /req/query-rewrite-extension/rcc8-query-rewrite Basic graph pattern matching shall use the semantics defined by the RIF Core Entailment Regime [SPARQLENT] for the RIF rules [RIFCORE] geor:rcc8eq, geor:rcc8dc, geor:rcc8ec, geor:rcc8po, geor:rcc8tppi, geor:rcc8tppi, geor:rcc8ntpp, geor:rcc8ntppi.

- a. **Test purpose**: check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method**: Verify that queries involving the following query transformation rules return the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version: geor:rcc8eq, geor:rcc8dc, geor:rcc8ec, geor:rcc8po, geor:rcc8tppi, geor:rcc8tpp, geor:rcc8ntpp, geor:rcc8ntppi.
- c. **Reference**: [\_requirements\_for\_rcc8\_relation\_family\_relation\_familyrcc8\_2]
- d. Test Type: Capabilities

# Annex B (informative) GeoSPARQL Examples

# **B.1 Example Data**

The following RDF data (Turtle format) encodes application-specific spatial data. The resulting spatial data is illustrated in Figure 3. The RDF statements define the feature class my:PlaceOfInterest, and two properties are created for associating geometries with features: my:hasExactGeometry and my:hasPointGeometry. my:hasExactGeometry is designated as the default geometry for the my:PlaceOfInterest feature class.

All the following examples use the parameter values relation\_family = Simple Features, serialization = WKT, and version = 1.0.

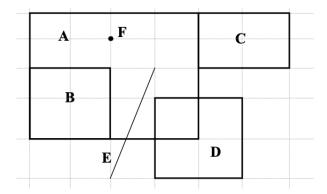


Figure 3. Illustration of spatial data

```
@prefix geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geospargl#> .
@prefix my: <http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#> .
@prefix rdf: <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#> .
@prefix rdfs: <http://www.w3.org/2000/01/rdf-schema#> .
@prefix sf: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/sf#> .
my:PlaceOfInterest a rdfs:Class ;
    rdfs:subClassOf geo:Feature .
my:A a my:PlaceOfInterest ;
    my:hasExactGeometry my:AExactGeom ;
    my:hasPointGeometry my:APointGeom .
my:B a my:PlaceOfInterest ;
    my:hasExactGeometry my:BExactGeom ;
    my:hasPointGeometry my:BPointGeom .
my:C a my:PlaceOfInterest ;
    my:hasExactGeometry my:CExactGeom ;
    my:hasPointGeometry my:CPointGeom .
my:D a my:PlaceOfInterest ;
    my:hasExactGeometry my:DExactGeom ;
    my:hasPointGeometry my:DPointGeom .
my:E a my:PlaceOfInterest ;
    my:hasExactGeometry my:EExactGeom .
```

```
my:F a my:PlaceOfInterest ;
    my:hasExactGeometry my:FExactGeom .
my:hasExactGeometry a rdf:Property ;
    rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasDefaultGeometry,
        geo:hasGeometry .
my:hasPointGeometry a rdf:Property ;
    rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasGeometry .
my:AExactGeom a sf:Polygon ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Polygon((-83.6 34.1, -83.2 34.1, -83.2 34.5,
                 -83.6 34.5, -83.6 34.1))"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:APointGeom a sf:Point ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Point(-83.4 34.3)"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:BExactGeom a sf:Polygon ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Polygon((-83.6 34.1, -83.4 34.1, -83.4 34.3,
                 -83.6 34.3, -83.6 34.1))"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:BPointGeom a sf:Point ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Point(-83.5 34.2)"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:CExactGeom a sf:Polygon ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Polygon((-83.2 34.3, -83.0 34.3, -83.0 34.5,
                 -83.2 34.5, -83.2 34.3))"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:CPointGeom a sf:Point ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Point(-83.1 34.4)"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:DExactGeom a sf:Polygon ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Polygon((-83.3 34.0, -83.1 34.0, -83.1 34.2,
                 -83.3 34.2, -83.3 34.0))"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:DPointGeom a sf:Point ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 Point(-83.2 34.1)"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
my:EExactGeom a sf:LineString ;
    geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
                 LineString((-83.4 34.0, -83.3 34.3))"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
```

```
my:FExactGeom a sf:Point ;
geo:asWKT """<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
Point(-83.4 34.4)"""^^geo:wktLiteral.
```

# **B.2 Example Queries**

This Section illustrates the use of GeoSPARQL functions through a series of example queries.

**Example 1**: Find all features that feature my: A contains, where spatial calculations are based on my:hasExactGeometry.

#### Result:

```
    ?f

    my:B

    my:F
```

**Example 2**: Find all features that are within a transient bounding box geometry, where spatial calculations are based on my:hasPointGeometry.

### Result:

```
?f
my:D
```

**Example 3**: Find all features that touch the union of feature my:A and feature my:D, where computations are based on my:hasExactGeometry.

#### Result:

```
?f
my:C
```

**Example 4**: Find the 3 closest features to feature my:C, where computations are based on my:hasExactGeometry.

#### Result:

```
?f
my:A
```

?f	
my:D	
my:E	

# **B.3 Example Rule Application**

This section illustrates the query transformation strategy for implementing GeoSPARQL rules.

**Example 5**: Find all features or geometries that overlap feature my:A.

**Original Query:** 

```
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>

SELECT ?f
WHERE { ?f geo:sfOverlaps my:A }
```

Transformed Query (application of transformation rule geor:sfOverlaps):

```
PREFIX my: <a href="http://example.org/ApplicationSchema">http://example.org/ApplicationSchema">http://example.org/ApplicationSchema</a>
PREFIX geo: <a href="http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql">http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql</a>
PREFIX geof: <a href="mailto:right-red">rtp://www.opengis.net/def/function/geospargl/>
SELECT ?f
WHERE { { # check for asserted statement
            ?f geo:sfOverlaps my:A }
         UNION
         { # feature [] feature
            ?f geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?fGeom .
            ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fSerial .
            my:A geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?aGeom .
            ?aGeom geo:asWKT ?aSerial .
            FILTER (geof:sf0verlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
         UNION
         { # feature 🛮 geometry
            ?f geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?fGeom .
            ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fSerial .
            my:A geo:asWKT ?aSerial .
            FILTER (geof:sf0verlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
         UNION
         { # geometry □ feature
            ?f geo:asWKT ?fSerial .
            my:A geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?aGeom .
            ?aGeom geo:asWKT ?aSerial .
            FILTER (geof:sf0verlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
         UNION
         { # geometry □ geometry
            ?f geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?fGeom .
            ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fSerial .
            my:A geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?aGeom .
            ?aGeom geo:asWKT ?aSerial .
            FILTER (geof:sf0verlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
}
```

### Result:

```
?f
my:D
my:DExactGeom
my:E
my:EExactGeom
```

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