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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 authoritatively defines many of the standard's elements, including the ontology, SPARQL 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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## Major changes between versions 1.0 and 1.1

Version 1.1 of GeoSPARQL was released approximately 9 years after version 1.0. It contains no breaking changes to 1.0, but does contain additions: whole new profile resources, new ontology elements and new functions. The major changes are given in the tables below.

These new profile resources are resources - documents - that are separate from this specification. The new *profile definition* lists all the GeoSPARQL 1.1 resources.

New resource	Location
Profile definition	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql">http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql</a>
GeoSPARQL Rules in RIF	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql-rifrules">http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql-rifrules</a>
RDF validation file	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql-shapes">http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql-shapes</a>

These new ontology elements and new functions are normatively defined in this specification document.

New element	Section
<i>Classes</i>	
Spatial Measure class	<a href="#">Section 6.2.2</a>
<i>Feature Properties</i>	
hasBoundingBox	<a href="#">Section 6.5.3</a>
hasCentroid	<a href="#">Section 6.5.4</a>
hasLength	<a href="#">Section 6.5.5</a>
hasArea	<a href="#">Section 6.5.6</a>
hasVolume	<a href="#">Section 6.5.7</a>
<i>Geometry Properties</i>	
inSRS	<a href="#">Section 8.3.8</a>
<i>Geometry Serializations</i>	
asWKT function	<a href="#">Section 8.4.1.3</a>
asGML function	<a href="#">Section 8.4.2.3</a>
geoJSONLiteral	<a href="#">Section 8.4.3.1</a>

New element	Section
asGeoJSON	<a href="#">Section 8.4.3.2</a>
asGeoJSON function	<a href="#">Section 8.4.3.3</a>
kmlLiteral	<a href="#">Section 8.4.4.1</a>
asKML	<a href="#">Section 8.4.4.2</a>
asKML function	<a href="#">Section 8.4.4.3</a>
dggsLiteral	<a href="#">[RDFS Datatype: geo:dggsLiteral]</a>
asDGGSWKT	<a href="#">Section 8.4.5.2</a>
asDGGSWKT function	<a href="#">[Function: geo:asDGGSWKT]</a>
<i>Non-topological Query Functions</i>	
maxX	<a href="#">Section 8.5.11</a>
maxY	<a href="#">Section 8.5.12</a>
maxZ	<a href="#">Section 8.5.13</a>
minX	<a href="#">Section 8.5.14</a>
minY	<a href="#">Section 8.5.15</a>
minZ	<a href="#">Section 8.5.16</a>
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BBOX	<a href="#">[Function: geosaf:BBOX]</a>
BoundingCircle	<a href="#">[Function: geoaf:BoundingCircle]</a>
Centroid	<a href="#">[Function: geoaf:Centroid]</a>
ConcatLines	<a href="#">[Function: geoaf:ConcatLines]</a>
ConcaveHull	<a href="#">[Function: geoaf:ConcaveHull]</a>
ConvexHull	<a href="#">[Function: geoaf:ConvexHull]</a>
Union	<a href="#">[Function: geoaf:Union]</a>

## **v. Changes to the OGC® Abstract Specification**

The OGC® Abstract Specification does not require changes to accommodate this OGC® standard.



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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 necessarily, 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 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 an object in others.

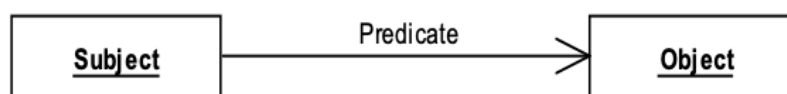


Figure 1. RDF Triple

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" /ˈspɑːrkəl/, a recursive acronym for SPARQL Protocol and RDF Query Language) is an RDF query language - that is, a semantic query language for databases — able to retrieve and manipulate data stored in Resource Description Framework (RDF) format. It was made a standard by the RDF Data Access Working Group (DAWG) of the World Wide Web Consortium, and is recognized as one of the key technologies of the semantic web. On 15 January 2008, SPARQL 1.0 was acknowledged by W3C as an official recommendation, and SPARQL 1.1 in March, 2013.

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 are relative 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.



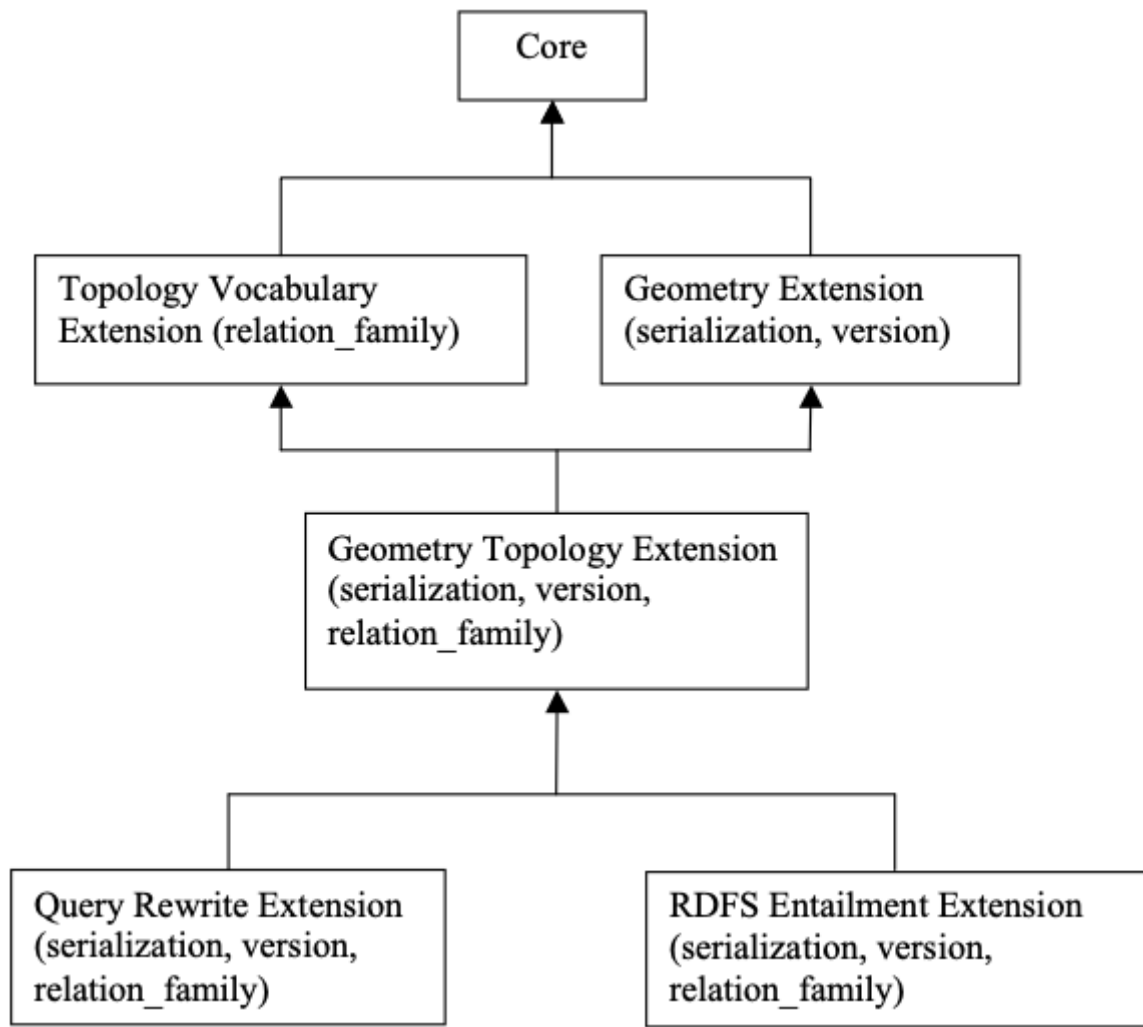


Figure 2. Requirements Class Dependency Graph

### 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	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 ( <a href="http://www.w3.org/">http://www.w3.org/</a> )
XML	Extensible Markup Language

### 5.2. Namespaces

The following IRI namespace prefixes are used throughout this document:

ogc:	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/">http://www.opengis.net/</a>
eg:	<a href="http://example.com/">http://example.com/</a>
geo:	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#">http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#</a>
geof:	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geosparql/">http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geosparql/</a>
geor:	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/def/rule/geosparql/">http://www.opengis.net/def/rule/geosparql/</a>
sf:	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/ont/sf#">http://www.opengis.net/ont/sf#</a>
skos:	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#">http://www.w3.org/2004/02/skos/core#</a>
gml:	<a href="http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml#">http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml#</a>
my:	<a href="http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#">http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#</a>
xsd:	<a href="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#">http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema#</a>

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

```
geo:SpatialObject a rdfs:Class, owl:Class ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "Spatial Object"@en ;
  skos:definition "The class Spatial Object represents everything that can
    have a spatial representation. It is superclass of feature
    and geometry"@en .
```

**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:

```
geo:SpatialMeasure a rdfs:Class, owl:Class ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "Spatial Measure"@en ;
  skos:definition "This class represents a measurement of some dimension
    of a feature's spatial presence."@en .
```

#### 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:

```
geo:Feature a rdfs:Class, owl:Class ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "Feature"@en ;
  rdfs:subClassOf geo:SpatialObject ;
  owl:disjointWith geo:Geometry ;
  skos:definition "This class represents the top-level feature type. This
    class is equivalent to GFI_Feature defined in ISO 19156,
    and it is superclass of all feature types."@en .
```

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

</req/core/feature-class>

## 6.3. Standard Properties for `geo:SpatialObject`

*To be defined*

## 6.4. Standard Properties for `geo:SpatialMeasure`

*To be defined*

## 6.5. 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>

### 6.5.1. 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 .
```

### 6.5.2. 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).

```
geo:hasDefaultGeometry a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "has Default Geometry"@en ;
  skos:definition "The default geometry to be used in spatial calculations,
    usually the most detailed geometry."@en ;
  rdfs:subPropertyOf geo:hasGeometry;
  rdfs:domain geo:Feature;
  rdfs:range geo:Geometry .
```

GeoSPARQL does not restrict the cardinality of the `geo:hasDefaultGeometry` 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 `my:f1` 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 `geor:sfDisjoint`).



```
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.

### 6.5.3. 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.

### 6.5.4. 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 image, 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 geometry 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.

### 6.5.5. Property: `geo:hasLength`

The property `geo:hasLength` is used to indicate the length of a `geo:Feature`. In the case of a one-dimensional `geo:Feature`, it is the simple length. In the case of a two-dimensional `geo:Feature`, it is interpreted to mean the perimeter length. The range of the property is `geo:SpatialMeasure`, 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)
}

```

### 6.5.6. 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)
}
```

### 6.5.7. 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.

```
geo:hasVolume a rdf:Property, owl:ObjectProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "has volume"@en ;
  skos:definition "The volume 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 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)
}
```

[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	<code>geo:sfEquals</code>	<code>geo:SpatialObject</code>	All	(TFFFTFFFT)

Relation Name	Relation IRI	Domain/Range	Applies To Geometry Types	DE-9IM Intersection Pattern
disjoint	<a href="#">geo:sfDisjoint</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	All	(FF**FF****)
intersects	<a href="#">geo:sfIntersects</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	All	(T***** *T***** ***T***** ****T****)
touches	<a href="#">geo:sfTouches</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	All except P/P	(FT***** F**T***** F***T****)
within	<a href="#">geo:sfWithin</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	All	(T*F**F****)
contains	<a href="#">geo:sfContains</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	All	(T*****FF*)
overlaps	<a href="#">geo:sfOverlaps</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	A/A, P/P, L/L	(T*T***T**) for A/A, P/P; (1*T***T**) for L/L
crosses	<a href="#">geo:sfCrosses</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	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	<a href="#">geo:ehEquals</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	All	(TFFFTFFFT)
disjoint	<a href="#">geo:ehDisjoint</a>	<a href="#">geo:SpatialObject</a>	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:rcc8ntpp`, `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	(TTTTTTTTT)
tangential proper part inverse	geo:rcc8tppi	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TTTFTTFFT)
tangential proper part	geo:rcc8tpp	geo:SpatialObject	A/A	(TFFTFTTTT)
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  $\neg$  denotes negation.

Table 5. Equivalent Simple Features, RCC8 and Egenhofer relations

Simple Features	RCC8	Egenhofer
equals	equals	equals
disjoint	disconnected	disjoint
intersects	$\neg$ disconnected	$\neg$ 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*<sup>[8]</sup> whose usage notes provide examples containing GeoSPARQL literals and the use of GeoSPARQL's "geometry class". The W3C's more recent DCAT2 standard<sup>[9]</sup> 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 version 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 Class

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:

```
geo:Geometry a rdfs:Class, owl:Class ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "Geometry"@en ;
  rdfs:subClassOf geo:SpatialObject ;
  owl:disjointWith geo:Feature;
  skos:definition "The class represents the top-level geometry type. This class
                  is equivalent to the UML class GM_Object defined in ISO 19107,
                  and it is superclass of all geometry types."@en .
```

**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: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`

### 8.3.1. 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.

```

geo:dimension a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "dimension"@en ;
  skos:definition "The topological dimension of this geometric object, which
    must be less than or equal to the coordinate dimension. In
    non-homogeneous collections, this is the largest
    topological dimension of the contained objects."@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry ;
  rdfs:range xsd:integer .

```

### 8.3.2. Property: **geo:coordinateDimension**

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

```

geo:coordinateDimension a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "coordinate dimension"@en ;
  skos:definition "The number of measurements or axes needed to describe the
    position of this geometry in a coordinate system."@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry ;
  rdfs:range xsd:integer .

```

### 8.3.3. 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.

```

geo:spatialDimension a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "spatial dimension"@en ;
  skos:definition "The number of measurements or axes needed to describe the
    spatial position of this geometry in a coordinate system."@en ;
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry ;
  rdfs:range xsd:integer .

```

### 8.3.4. 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 .
```

### 8.3.5. Property: `geo:isEmpty`

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

```
geo:isEmpty a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty ;  
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;  
  skos:prefLabel "is empty"@en ;  
  skos:definition "(true) if this geometric object is the empty Geometry. If  
    true, then this geometric object represents the empty point  
    set for the coordinate space."@en ;  
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry ;  
  rdfs:range xsd:boolean .
```

### 8.3.6. 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.

```
geo:isSimple a rdf:Property, owl:DatatypeProperty ;  
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;  
  skos:prefLabel "is simple"@en ;  
  skos:definition "(true) if this geometric object has no anomalous geometric  
    points, such as self intersection or self tangency."@en ;  
  rdfs:domain geo:Geometry ;  
  rdfs:range xsd:boolean .
```

### 8.3.7. 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.

### 8.3.8. 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 .
```

## 8.4. Geometry Serializations

This section establishes the requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on different systems.

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

This section establishes the requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on Well-Known Text (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`.

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

`/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: `<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>`. This IRI denotes WGS 84 longitude-latitude.

**Req 12** The IRI `<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>` 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 `http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/` 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 `geo:wktLiteral` shall be interpreted using the axis order defined in the spatial reference system used.

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

The example `geo:wktLiteral` 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`

#### 8.4.1.2. 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 .
```

#### 8.4.1.3. Function: `geof:asWKT`

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

The function `geof:asWKT` converts `geom` 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>

### 8.4.2. Geography Markup Language (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`.

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

element directly or indirectly in the substitution group of the element `{http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml}_Geometry`.

**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:

```
"""
<gml:Point
  srsName=\"http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84\"
  xmlns:gml=\"http://www.opengis.net/ont/gml\">
  <gml:pos>-83.38 33.95</gml:pos>
</gml:Point>
\"\"\"^^<http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#gmlLiteral>
```

**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`

#### 8.4.2.2. 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.

`/req/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 .
```

#### 8.4.2.3. Function: `geof:asGML`

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



The function `geof:asGML` converts `geom` 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`

### 8.4.3. 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`.

#### 8.4.3.1. 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 `geo:geoJSONLiteral` 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 `geo:geoJSONLiteral` 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`

#### 8.4.3.2. 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 .
```

#### 8.4.3.3. Function: `geof:asGeoJSON`

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

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

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

</req/geometry-extension/asGeoJSON-function>

### 8.4.4. Keyhole Markup Language (serialization=KML)

This section establishes requirements for representing geometry data in RDF based on KML as defined by [\[OGCKML\]](#). It defines one RDFS Datatype: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#kmlLiteral> and one property, <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#asKML>.

#### 8.4.4.1. 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 `geo:kmlLiteral` 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:

```
"""
<Point xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2">
  <coordinates>-83.38,33.95</coordinates>
</Point>
""""^<http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#kmlLiteral>
```

**Req 26** An empty RDFS Literal of type `geo:kmlLiteral` shall be interpreted as an empty geometry .

[/req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-empty](#)

#### 8.4.4.2. 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 .
```

#### 8.4.4.3. Function: `geof:asKML`

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

The function `geof:asKML` converts `geom` 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>

### 8.4.5. Discrete Global Grid System (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`.

#### 8.4.5.1. 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 `geo:dggsWKTLiteral` 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 *ABNF* [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 `geo:dggsWKTLiteral` shall consist of a required DGGS identifier, an IRI, and a DGGS geometry serialization formulated according to the identified DGGS.

</req/geometry-extension/dggs-wkt-literal>

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

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

**Req 29** An empty RDFS Literal of type `geo:dggsWKTLiteral` shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

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

#### 8.4.5.2. 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 `geo:asDGGSWKT` 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 .
```

#### 8.4.5.3. 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.

`/req/geometry-extension/asDGGSWKT-function`

## 8.5. 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`, `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] and other attached definitions respectively.

`/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 `geo:wktLiteral` serializations may also support `geo:gmlLiteral` 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>.

### 8.5.1. Function: `geof:distance`

```
geof:distance (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral,  
              geom2: ogc:geomLiteral,  
              units: xsd:anyURI): xsd:double
```

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

### 8.5.2. Function: `geof:buffer`

```
geof:buffer (geom: ogc:geomLiteral,  
            radius: xsd:double,  
            units: xsd:anyURI): ogc:geomLiteral
```

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**.

### 8.5.3. 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**.

### 8.5.4. Function: **geof:intersection**

```
geof:intersection (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral,  
                  geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

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

### 8.5.5. Function: **geof:union**

```
geof:union (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral,  
            geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

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**.

### 8.5.6. Function: **geof:difference**

```
geof:difference (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral,  
                geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

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**.

### 8.5.7. Function: **geof:symDifference**

```
geof:symDifference (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral,  
                   geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

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**.

### 8.5.8. 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**.

### 8.5.9. 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**.

### 8.5.10. 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**, **geof:concaveHull**, **geof:minBoundingCircle**, **geof:union2**, **geof:concatLines**, **geof:centroid**, **geof:maxX**, **geof:maxY**, **geof:maxZ**, **geof:minX**, **geof:minY** and **geof:minZ** as a SPARQL extension functions.

</req/geometry-extension/srid-function>

### 8.5.11. Function: **geof:maxX**

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

The function **geof:maxX** returns the maximum X coordinate for **geom**.

### 8.5.12. Function: **geof:maxY**

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

The function **geof:maxY** returns the maximum Y coordinate for **geom**.

### 8.5.13. Function: **geof:maxZ**

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

The function **geof:maxZ** returns the maximum Z coordinate for **geom**.



#### 8.5.14. Function: **geof:minX**

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

The function **geof:minX** returns the minimum X coordinate for **geom**.

#### 8.5.15. Function: **geof:minY**

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

The function **geof:minY** returns the minimum Y coordinate for **geom**.

#### 8.5.16. Function: **geof:minZ**

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

The function **geof:minZ** returns the minimum Z coordinate for **geom**.

#### 8.5.17. Function: **geof:transform**

```
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.

#### 8.5.18. Function: **geof:minBoundingCircle**

```
geof:boundingCircle (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

The function **geof:boundingCircle** calculates a minimum bounding circle of the set of given geometries.

#### 8.5.19. Function: **geof:centroid**

```
geof:centroid (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

The function **geof:centroid** calculates the centroid of the set of given geometries.

### 8.5.20. Function: **geof:concatLines**

```
geof:concatLines (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

The function **geof:concatLines** Concatenates a set of LineStrings.

### 8.5.21. Function: **geof:concaveHull**

```
geof:concaveHull (geom: ogc:geomLiteral, targetPercent: xsd:double): ogc:geomLiteral
```

The function **geof:concaveHull** calculates the concave hull of the set of given geometries.

### 8.5.22. Function: **geof:union2**

```
geof:union2 (geom: ogc:geomLiteral): ogc:geomLiteral
```

The function **geof:union2** 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/auspax> - this is a semi-format identifier for AusPIX. Likely, in time, a more official identifier regime for DGGs 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`

```
geof:relate (geom1: ogc:geomLiteral,  
            geom2: ogc:geomLiteral,  
            pattern-matrix: xsd:string): xsd:boolean
```

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
<b>geof:sfEquals</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(TFFFTFFFT)
<b>geof:sfDisjoint</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(FF*FF****)
<b>geof:sfIntersects</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(FT***** F**T***** F***T****)
<b>geof:sfTouches</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(FT***** F**T***** F***T****)
<b>geof:sfCrosses</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(T*T***T**) for P/L, P/A, L/A; (0*T***T**) for L/L
<b>geof:sfWithin</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(T*F**F****)
<b>geof:sfContains</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(T*****FF*)
<b>geof:sfOverlaps</b> (geom1: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> , geom2: <i>ogc:geomLiteral</i> ): <i>xsd:boolean</i>	(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
<code>geof:ehEquals(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TFFFTFFFT)
<code>geof:ehDisjoint(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(FF*FF****)
<code>geof:ehMeet(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(FT***** F**T***** F***T****)
<code>geof:ehOverlap(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(T*T***T**)
<code>geof:ehCovers(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(T*TFT*FF*)
<code>geof:ehCoveredBy(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TFF*TFT**)
<code>geof:ehInside(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TFF*FFT**)
<code>geof:ehContains(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(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:rcc8ntpp`, `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
<code>geof:rcc8eq(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TFFFTFFFT)
<code>geof:rcc8dc(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(FFTFFTTTT)
<code>geof:rcc8ec(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(FFTFTTTTT)
<code>geof:rcc8po(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TTTTTTTTT)
<code>geof:rcc8tppi(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TTFTTFFFT)
<code>geof:rcc8tpp(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TFFTFTTTT)
<code>geof:rcc8ntpp(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(TFFTFFTTT)
<code>geof:rcc8ntppi(geom1: ogc:geomLiteral, geom2: ogc:geomLiteral): xsd:boolean</code>	(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.

```
sf:Polygon a rdfs:Class, owl:Class ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "Polygon"@en ;
  rdfs:subClassOf sf:Surface ;
  skos:definition "A planar surface defined by 1 exterior boundary and 0 or
    more interior boundaries"@en .
```

**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.

```
gml:Polygon a rdfs:Class, owl:Class ;
  rdfs:isDefinedBy geo: ;
  skos:prefLabel "Polygon"@en ;
  rdfs:subClassOf gml:SurfacePatch ;
  skos:definition "A planar surface defined by 1 exterior boundary and 0 or
    more interior boundaries."@en .
```

**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 ⊃ 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]
         ?g1[ogc:asGeomLiteral->?g1Serial]
         ?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
<code>geor:sfEquals</code>	<code>geo:sfEquals</code>	<code>geof:sfEquals</code>
<code>geor:sfDisjoint</code>	<code>geo:sfDisjoint</code>	<code>geof:sfDisjoint</code>
<code>geor:sfIntersects</code>	<code>geo:sfIntersects</code>	<code>geof:sfIntersects</code>
<code>geor:sfTouches</code>	<code>geo:sfTouches</code>	<code>geof:sfTouches</code>
<code>geor:sfCrosses</code>	<code>geo:sfCrosses</code>	<code>geof:sfCrosses</code>
<code>geor:sfWithin</code>	<code>geo:sfWithin</code>	<code>geof:sfWithin</code>
<code>geor:sfContains</code>	<code>geo:sfContains</code>	<code>geof:sfContains</code>
<code>geor:sfOverlaps</code>	<code>geo:sfOverlaps</code>	<code>geof:sfOverlaps</code>

## 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
<code>geor:ehEquals</code>	<code>geo:ehEquals</code>	<code>geof:ehEquals</code>
<code>geor:ehDisjoint</code>	<code>geo:ehDisjoint</code>	<code>geof:ehDisjoint</code>
<code>geor:ehMeet</code>	<code>geo:ehMeet</code>	<code>geof:ehMeet</code>
<code>geor:ehOverlap</code>	<code>geo:ehOverlap</code>	<code>geof:ehOverlap</code>
<code>geor:ehCovers</code>	<code>geo:ehCovers</code>	<code>geof:ehCovers</code>
<code>geor:ehCoveredBy</code>	<code>geo:ehCoveredBy</code>	<code>geof:ehCoveredBy</code>
<code>geor:ehInside</code>	<code>geo:ehInside</code>	<code>geof:ehInside</code>
<code>geor:ehContains</code>	<code>geo:ehContains</code>	<code>geof:ehContains</code>

## 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:rcc8ntpp`, `geor:rcc8ntppi`.

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

Table 11. RCC8 Query Transformation Rules

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

## 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:sfOverlaps` has been defined as an `rdfs:subPropertyOf` the property `my:overlaps`, and the RDF triple `my:feature1 geo:sfOverlaps 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 6.1](#)
- d. **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 6.2.1](#)
- d. **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 7.2](#)
- d. **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:rcc8tp](#), [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 [geo:Geometry](#) 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 6.5](#)
- 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 8.3](#)
- 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 8.5](#)
- 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 `geof:getSRID` function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.5.10](#)
- 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 `geo:wktLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.1.1](#)
- 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:wktLiteral` that do not specify an explicit SRS IRI.

- a. **Test purpose:** check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method:** verify that queries involving `geo:wktLiteral` values without an explicit encoded SRS IRI return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.1.1](#)
- 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:wktLiteral` 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 `geo:wktLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.1.1](#)
- 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 `geo:wktLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.1.1](#)
- 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 `geo:asWKT` property return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.1.2](#)
- 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 `geof:asWKT` 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 `geo:gmlLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.2.1](#)
- 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 `geo:gmlLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.2.1](#)
- 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 8.4.2.1](#)
- 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 8.4.2.2](#)
- 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 `geof:asGML` 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 8.4.2.2](#)
- 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>](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 `geo:geoJSONLiteral` values without an explicit encoded SRS IRI return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.3.1](#)
- 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 8.4.3.1](#)
- 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 `geo:asGeoJSON` property return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.3.2](#)
- 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 `geof:asGeoJSON` 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 `geo:kmlLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [\[rdfs\\_datatype\\_geomkmlliteral\]](#)
- d. **Test Type:** Capabilities

#### A.3.5.2 `/req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-srs`

**Requirement:** `/req/geometry-extension/kml-literal-default-srs` The IRI `<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>` 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 `geo:kmlLiteral` values without an explicit encoded SRS IRI return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [\[rdfs\\_datatype\\_geomkmlliteral\]](#)
- 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 `geo:kmlLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [\[rdfs\\_datatype\\_geomkmlliteral\]](#)
- 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 `geo:asKML` property return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 8.4.4.2](#)
- d. **Test Type:** Capabilities

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

**Requirement:** /req/geometry-extension/askKML-function Implementations shall support `geof:askKML`, 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 `geof:askKML` 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:dggsLiteral` 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 `geo:dggsLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [\[dggs\\_serialization\\_serializationdggs\]](#)
- d. **Test Type:** Capabilities

### A.3.6.2 /req/geometry-extension/dggsWKT-literal-empty

**Requirement:** /req/geometry-extension/dggsWKT-literal-empty An empty `geo:dggsLiteral` shall be interpreted as an empty geometry.

- a. **Test purpose:** check conformance with this requirement
- b. **Test method:** verify that queries involving empty `geo:dggsLiteral` values return the correct result for a test dataset.
- c. **Reference:** [\[dggs\\_serialization\\_serializationdggs\]](#)
- 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 8.4.5.2](#)

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 `geof:asDGGSWKT` 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 [geof:relate](#) function returns the correct result for a test dataset when using the specified serialization and version.
- c. **Reference:** [Section 9.2](#)
- d. **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:** [Section 7.2](#)
- 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:** [Section 7.3](#)
- 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:rcc8ntpp`, `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 7.4](#)
- 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/rdfs-entailment-extension/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 10.2](#)
- d. **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 10.3.1](#)
- d. **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:** [Section 9.3](#)
- 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:** [Section 9.4](#)
- 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:rcc8tpp`, `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:** [Section 11.4](#)
- 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`.

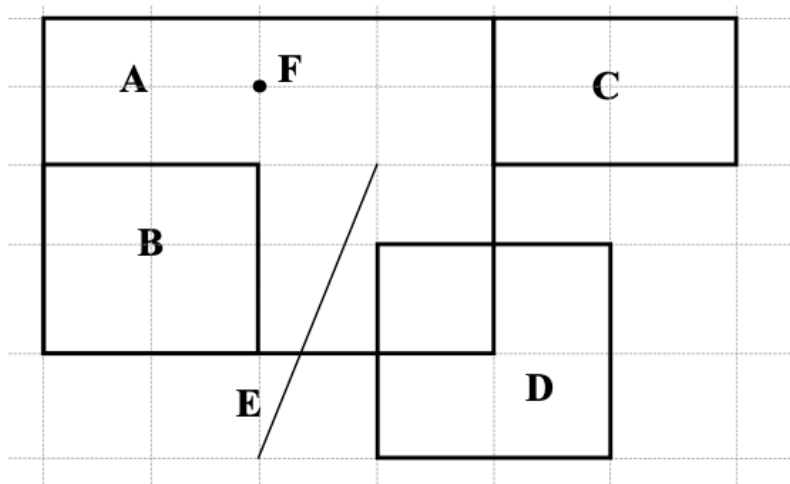


Figure 3. Illustration of spatial data

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

```
PREFIX my: <http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#>
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
PREFIX geof: <http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geosparql/>

SELECT ?f
WHERE {
  my:A my:hasExactGeometry ?aGeom .
  ?aGeom geo:asWKT ?aWKT .
  ?f my:hasExactGeometry ?fGeom .
  ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fWKT .
  FILTER (geof:sfContains(?aWKT, ?fWKT) &&
    !sameTerm(?aGeom, ?fGeom))
}
```

**Result:**

<code>?f</code>
<code>my:B</code>
<code>my:F</code>

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

```
PREFIX my: <http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#>
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
PREFIX geof: <http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geosparql/>

SELECT ?f
WHERE {
  ?f my:hasPointGeometry ?fGeom .
  ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fWKT .
  FILTER (geof:sfWithin(?fWKT,
    "<http://www.opengis.net/def/crs/OGC/1.3/CRS84>
    Polygon ((-83.4 34.0, -83.1 34.0,
      -83.1 34.2, -83.4 34.2,
      -83.4 34.0))"^^geo:wktLiteral))
}
```

**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.

```
PREFIX my: <http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#>
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
PREFIX geof: <http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geosparql/>

SELECT ?f
WHERE {
  ?f my:hasExactGeometry ?fGeom .
  ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fWKT .
  my:A my:hasExactGeometry ?aGeom .
  ?aGeom geo:asWKT ?aWKT .
  ?my:D my:hasExactGeometry ?dGeom .
  ?dGeom geo:asWKT ?dWKT .
  FILTER (geof:sfTouches(?fWKT,
    geof:union(?aWKT, ?dWKT)))
}
```

**Result:**

?f

my:C

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

```
PREFIX uom: <http://www.opengis.net/def/uom/OGC/1.0/>
PREFIX my: <http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#>
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
PREFIX geof: <http://www.opengis.net/def/geosparql/function>

SELECT ?f
WHERE {
  my:C my:hasExactGeometry ?cGeom .
  ?cGeom geo:asWKT ?cWKT .
  ?f my:hasExactGeometry ?fGeom . ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fWKT .
  FILTER (?fGeom != ?cGeom) }
ORDER BY ASC (geof:distance(?cWKT, ?fWKT,
  uom:metre))
LIMIT 3
```

**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: <http://example.org/ApplicationSchema#>
PREFIX geo: <http://www.opengis.net/ont/geosparql#>
PREFIX geof: <http://www.opengis.net/def/function/geosparql/>
```

```
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:sfOverlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
  UNION
  { # feature □ geometry
    ?f geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?fGeom .
    ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fSerial .
    my:A geo:asWKT ?aSerial .
    FILTER (geof:sfOverlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
  UNION
  { # geometry □ feature
    ?f geo:asWKT ?fSerial .
    my:A geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?aGeom .
    ?aGeom geo:asWKT ?aSerial .
    FILTER (geof:sfOverlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
  UNION
  { # geometry □ geometry
    ?f geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?fGeom .
    ?fGeom geo:asWKT ?fSerial .
    my:A geo:hasDefaultGeometry ?aGeom .
    ?aGeom geo:asWKT ?aSerial .
    FILTER (geof:sfOverlaps(?fSerial, ?aSerial)) }
}
```

## Result:

<b>?f</b>
my:D
my:DExactGeom
my:E
my:EExactGeom

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