



## General projection theory

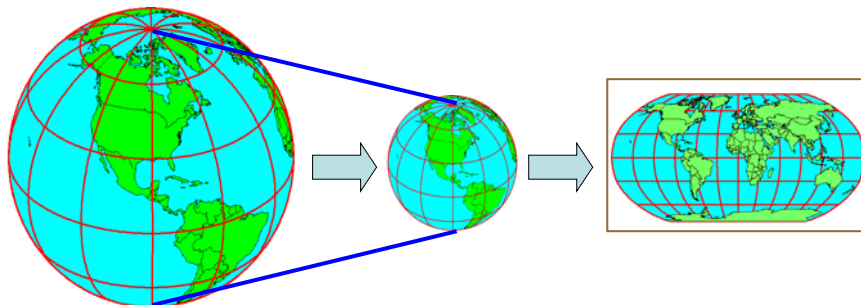


- Types of map projections
- Curvilinear coordinate systems
- Deformation of map projections
- Properties of map projections

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## Map projections: basic concepts



Map scale

$$= \frac{\text{Globe distance}}{\text{Earth distance}}$$

(e.g. 1:1000 000)

Projection scale

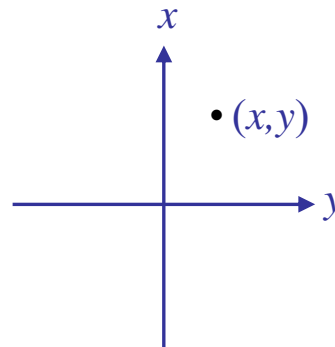
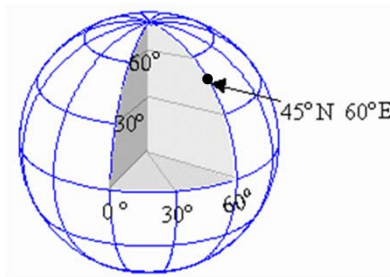
$$= \frac{\text{Map distance}}{\text{Globe distance}}$$

(e.g. 0.9996)

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## Geodetic vs projected coordinates



$(\phi, \lambda)$   $\longleftrightarrow$   $(x, y)$   
Map Projection

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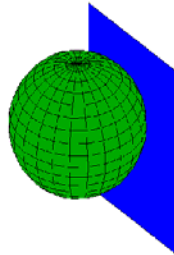
## Classification of map projections

- Projection surfaces
- Relation of projection surfaces to earth surface
- Projection surface's normal/axis in relation to the earth's polar axis

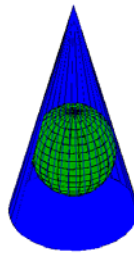
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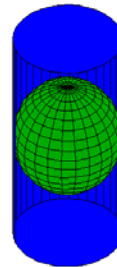
## Classification by projection surfaces



Planar Projection Surface



Conical Projection Surface

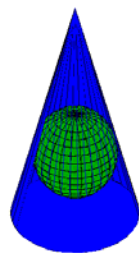


Cylindrical Projection Surface

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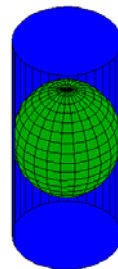


## Relation of projection surface to earth surface

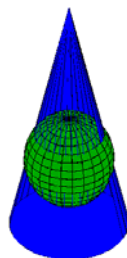


Conical Projection Surface

**Tangent**

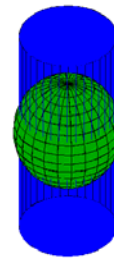


Cylindrical Projection Surface



Secant Conic Projection

**Secant**

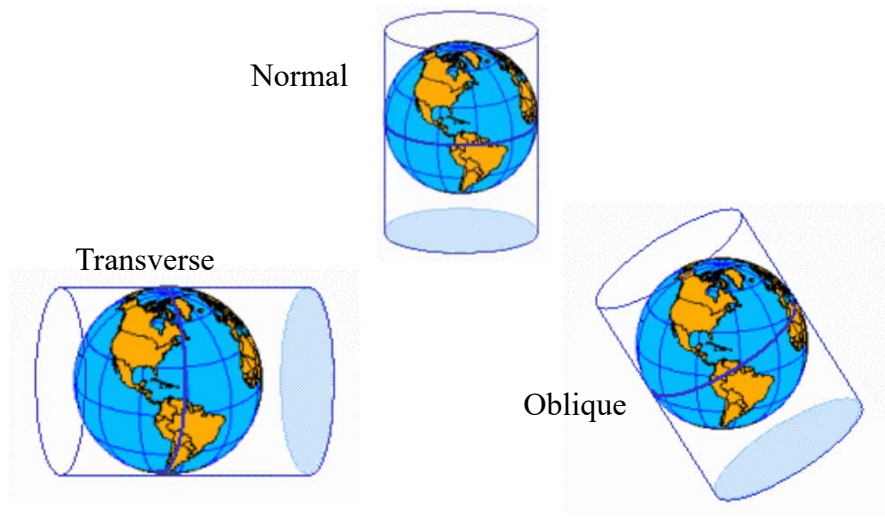


Secant Cylindrical Projection

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## Relation to the polar axis



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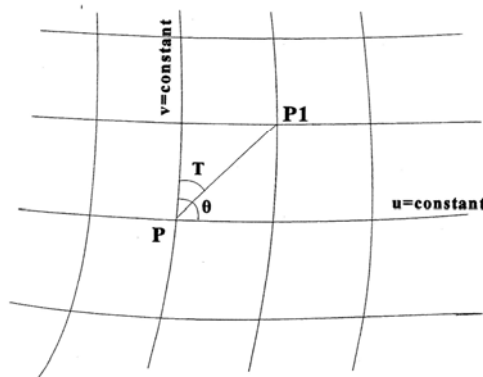
## Properties of map projections

- Conformal projections (*vinkelriktig*)
  - Angles not changed. Shape of small figures not changed
  - Distances changed
  - Same scale in all directions at the **same** point  
(**but**: different scales at **different** points!)
- Equal-area projections (*ytriktig*)
  - Area of small figures unchanged => angles/distances changed
- Equidistant projections (*avståndsriktig*)
  - Some distances not changed (meridians or parallels)
  - For a few distances, not all distances unchanged

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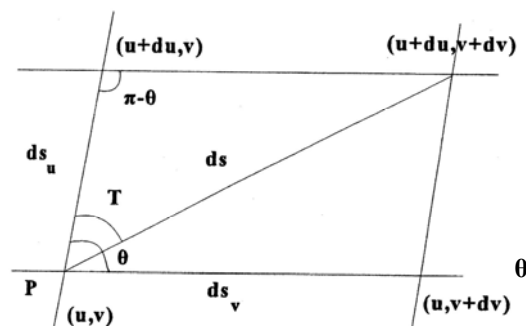
## Curvilinear coordinate system



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## Distance differential (*metric*)



$$\begin{aligned} ds^2 &= ds_u^2 + ds_v^2 - 2 ds_u ds_v \cos(\pi - \theta) = \\ &= ds_u^2 + 2 ds_u ds_v \cos \theta + ds_v^2 \end{aligned}$$

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## Distance differential in 3D

$$\begin{aligned}X &= X(u, v) \\ Y &= Y(u, v) \\ Z &= Z(u, v)\end{aligned}$$

$$ds^2 = dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2 \quad dx = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \cdot du + \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \cdot dv$$

$$dy = \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \cdot du + \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \cdot dv$$

$$dz = \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \cdot du + \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \cdot dv$$

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## Distance differential

$$\begin{aligned}ds^2 &= \left[ \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2 \right] du^2 + \\ &+ 2 \left[ \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right] du \cdot dv + \\ &+ \left[ \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2 \right] dv^2\end{aligned}$$

$$ds^2 = E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2$$

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## Distance differential

$$ds^2 = E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2$$

$$E = \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \right)^2$$

$$F = \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} + \frac{\partial z}{\partial u} \frac{\partial z}{\partial v}$$

$$G = \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial z}{\partial v} \right)^2$$

→  $ds^2$  is a *quadratic form* of  $du, dv$

$$E > 0$$

$$G > 0$$

$$EG - F^2 > 0$$

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## Distance differential in 2 forms

$$ds^2 = ds_u^2 + ds_v^2 - 2 ds_u ds_v \cos(\pi - \theta) =$$

$$= ds_u^2 + 2 ds_u ds_v \cos \theta + ds_v^2$$

$$ds^2 = E du^2 + 2F du dv + G dv^2$$

$$ds_u = \sqrt{E} \cdot du$$

$$ds_v = \sqrt{G} \cdot dv$$

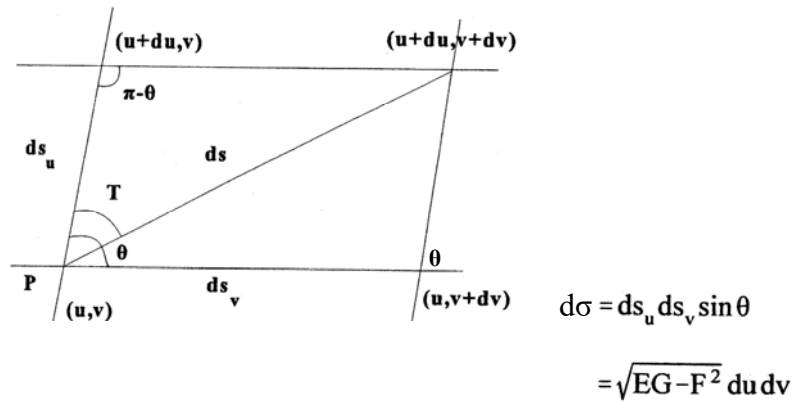
$$\cos \theta = \frac{F}{\sqrt{EG}}$$

$$\text{on ellipsoid} \rightarrow ds_\varphi = M d\varphi$$

$$ds_{\Delta\lambda} = P d\Delta\lambda$$

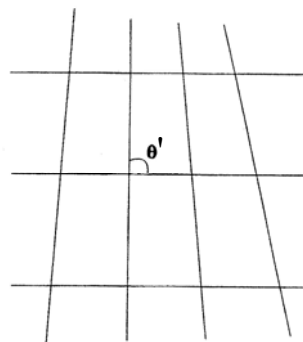
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## Area of the parallelogram



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## Differentials on projection plane



$$H = \sqrt{eg - f^2} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \Delta \lambda} - \frac{\partial x}{\partial \Delta \lambda} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \varphi}$$

$$\Delta \lambda = \lambda - \lambda_0$$

$$X = f_x(\varphi, \Delta \lambda)$$

$$Y = f_y(\varphi, \Delta \lambda)$$

$$ds'^2 = e d\varphi^2 + 2f d\varphi d\Delta \lambda + g d\Delta \lambda^2$$

$$e = \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \varphi} \right)^2$$

$$f = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \Delta \lambda} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \varphi} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \Delta \lambda}$$

$$g = \left( \frac{\partial x}{\partial \Delta \lambda} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\partial y}{\partial \Delta \lambda} \right)^2$$

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## Linear scales of map projections

$$\mu = \frac{ds'}{ds}$$

$$h = \frac{ds'_{\varphi}}{ds_{\varphi}} \quad k = \frac{ds'_{\lambda}}{ds_{\lambda}}$$

$$ds'_{\varphi} = \sqrt{e} \cdot d\varphi$$

$$ds_{\varphi} = M d\varphi$$

$$ds'_{\Delta\lambda} = \sqrt{g} \cdot d\Delta\lambda$$

$$ds_{\Delta\lambda} = P d\Delta\lambda$$

$$h = \frac{ds'_{\varphi}}{ds_{\varphi}} = \frac{\sqrt{e} d\varphi}{M d\varphi} = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{M}$$

$$k = \frac{ds'_{\Delta\lambda}}{ds_{\Delta\lambda}} = \frac{\sqrt{g} d\Delta\lambda}{P d\Delta\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{g}}{P}$$

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## Area scale of map projections

$$\xi = \frac{d\sigma'}{d\sigma} = \frac{H d\varphi d\Delta\lambda}{MP d\varphi d\Delta\lambda} = \frac{H}{MP}$$

$$H = \sqrt{eg - f^2}$$

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## Scale of map projections

Projections for a **spherical** earth:

$$\eta = \frac{\sqrt{e} d\bar{\phi}}{R d\bar{\phi}} = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{R}, \quad \kappa = \frac{\sqrt{g} d\lambda}{R \cos \bar{\phi} d\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{g}}{R \cos \bar{\phi}}$$

$$\xi = \frac{\sqrt{eg - f^2} d\bar{\phi} d\lambda}{R^2 \cos \bar{\phi} d\bar{\phi} d\lambda} = \frac{\sqrt{eg - f^2}}{R^2 \cos \bar{\phi}}$$

Projections for a **ellipsoidal** earth:

$$\eta = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{M}, \quad \kappa = \frac{\sqrt{g}}{N \cos \phi}, \quad \xi = \frac{\sqrt{eg - f^2}}{M N \cos \phi}$$

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## Projection properties

- Conformal projections:  $h = k$
- Equal-area projections:  $h \cdot k = 1$
- Equidistant projections:
  - $h = 1$  for meridians
  - $k = 1$  for parallel circles
  - $\mu = 1$  for some curves (e.g. great circles)

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### Example: Analysis of a certain map projection

The planar coordinates of a certain map projection are computed as:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \rho_0 - \rho \cos n(\lambda - \lambda_0) \\ y &= \rho \sin n(\lambda - \lambda_0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\rho_0$ ,  $\lambda_0$  and  $n$  are constants.  $\rho$  is a function of latitude  $\phi$ .  $\rho$  and its derivative are :

$$\rho = \rho(\phi) = \frac{R}{n} \sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}, \quad \frac{d\rho}{d\phi} = -R \frac{\cos \phi}{\sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}}$$

where  $R$  is the mean radius of the earth sphere and  $C$  is another constant.

For this projection, find out :

- a) the first fundamental coefficients  $e$ ,  $f$ ,  $g$
- b) the scale factor of the meridian
- c) the scale factor of the parallel circle
- d) the angle  $\theta'$  between the projections of the meridians and parallel circles
- e) the area scale factor  $\xi$
- f) Is this projection conformal or equivalent ? Why?
- g) If a parallel circle is equidistant, what is the latitude  $\phi_0$  of this parallel circle ?

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**a)**

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} = -\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \phi} \cos n(\lambda - \lambda_0) = R \frac{\cos \phi}{\sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}} \cos n(\lambda - \lambda_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} = \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \phi} \sin n(\lambda - \lambda_0) = -R \frac{\cos \phi}{\sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}} \sin n(\lambda - \lambda_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \lambda} = n \rho \sin n(\lambda - \lambda_0)$$

$$\frac{\partial y}{\partial \lambda} = n \rho \cos n(\lambda - \lambda_0)$$

$$e = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi}\right)^2 = \left[R \frac{\cos \phi}{\sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}}\right]^2, \quad \sqrt{e} = R \frac{\cos \phi}{\sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}}$$

$$f = \frac{\partial x}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial x}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial \phi} \frac{\partial y}{\partial \lambda} = 0$$

$$g = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial \lambda}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial y}{\partial \lambda}\right)^2 = (n\rho)^2 = \left[R\sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}\right]^2, \quad \sqrt{g} = R\sqrt{C - 2n \sin \phi}$$

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b)

$$h = \frac{\sqrt{e}}{R} = \frac{\cos \phi}{\sqrt{C-2n} \sin \phi}$$

c)

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{g}}{R \cos \phi} = \frac{\sqrt{C-2n} \sin \phi}{\cos \phi}$$

d)

$$\cos \theta' = \frac{f}{\sqrt{eg}} = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \cos \theta' = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \theta' = 90^\circ$$

e)

$$\sqrt{eg} = R \frac{\cos \phi}{\sqrt{C-2n} \sin \phi} R \sqrt{C-2n} \sin \phi = R^2 \cos \phi$$

$$\xi = \frac{\sqrt{eg}}{R^2 \cos \phi} = 1$$

f)

Because  $\xi = 1$ , this projection is an equivalent projection.

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g)

A parallel circle at latitude  $\phi_0$  is equidistant if  $k$  is equal to 1. Then we have:

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{C-2n} \sin \phi_0}{\cos \phi_0} = 1 \quad \text{or:} \quad C - 2n \sin \phi_0 = \cos^2 \phi_0 = 1 - \sin^2 \phi_0$$

$$\text{or: } t^2 - 2n t + (C - 1) = 0 \quad (t = \sin \phi_0)$$

$$t = n \pm \sqrt{n^2 + 1 - C} \quad \rightarrow \quad \phi_0 = \arcsin [n \pm \sqrt{n^2 + 1 - C}]$$

**Abers equal-area projection**

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