

In preparation for writing your RP- Malcomb et al (2014) discussion... Consider a framework of vulnerability modeling and uncertainty (Tate 2013)

Modelling Phase	Common Decisions	Malcomb et al (2014)
Model Structure	<i>Deductive</i> (based on theory) <i>Hierarchical</i> (deductive, organized by sub-themes) <i>Inductive</i> (based on data)	
Indicator Set (Hinkel 2011)	Choosing variables... <i>Deductive</i> (theory-based) <i>Normative</i> (value judgements) <i>Inductive / statistical</i> (based on data characteristics <i>vis a vis</i> outcomes) <i>Non-substantial</i> (based on data characteristics alone with no outcome) <i>Practical</i> (availability and cost)	
Analysis Scale	County Polygons Census Tract Polygons	
Measurement Error	Census Undercounts American Community Survey 90% Confidence Interval Margin of Error	
Transformation (often called normalization in cartography)	Raw Counts Density Percentage Rates	
Normalization	Inversion $1 / x$ or $\max - x$ min-max scaling $(x - \min) / (\max - \min)$ Z-score standardization $(x - \text{mean}) / \text{stddev}$	
Weighting	Normative Deductive Equal Weights (the normative decision not to decide) Inductive / Statistical	
Aggregation	Additive (compensable/substitutable) Multiplicative / Geometric (interactive) Pareto ranking	
Uncertainty analysis Sensitivity analysis Validation (Rufat et al 2019)	Monte Carlo simulation Expert opinion Statistical test <i>vis a vis</i> outcomes	

Recalling our model for thinking about error, uncertainty, and ethics in spatial research...

1) Real World (Referent)	Real World
2) Problem Conceptualization & Problem Framing	
a) Are you asking the right questions? Framing them the right way?	--- filter ---
b) Are the concepts & theories even appropriate?	
3) Construct Validity	Conception
a) Referent – Symbol – Concept	
b) Applies to data representations and analytical models	--- filter ---
4) Error (Measurement / Representation)	Measurement & Representation
a) Accuracy vs Precision	
b) Location vs Attribute	--- filter ---
5) Error in Motion (Analysis)	Analysis
a) Propagation	
b) Uncertainty	
c) Sensitivity	--- filter ---
6) Ethics	Interpretation, validation
a) Should we be doing this research? How should we represent results?	
b) Participants, Audience, Responsibility	

Can conducting **reproductions** (using the same data and techniques to attempt to produce the same outputs) help with vulnerability model uncertainty? How?

Can conducting **replications** (using new data & study contexts to test generalizability of the original study findings) help with vulnerability model uncertainty? How?

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