

GIS PROGRAMMING FOR SPATIAL ANALYSIS

Class 06: Debugging, Geometry and Spatial
Sampling for Information Extraction

Some Updates

- **Reminder: Final Projects**
- **Next week: Proposal Presentations**
- Send us your three top picks
- Groups of 2-4 students
- Skills (don't forget!): Programming, Project management, Presentations, Communication and Writing

Last Lecture / Last Week

- You have seen already most of methodological **GP** capabilities you can use for Py Programming
- Also we had a look into more advanced programming techniques including **modules** and **functions**
- Altogether this enables you to think much more **conceptual** and **structured** (say: **systematic**) for solving specific problems in a **GIScience** context
- Solution exercise class 05!

Today 's Outline

- We will talk about **sampling strategies** and implementing sampling designs in space
- We will discuss **random** and **systematic** designs
- How to use the Geometry object for flexible spatial adjustments and modifications for information extraction
- You will discuss some fundamental techniques helpful for different aspects of **statistical analysis**
- We will look at the **debugging** environment

Learning Objectives

- You will learn how to use your programming skills for **sampling** in space
- You will learn why the **Geometry** object is at the core of spatial sampling and data extraction
- You will learn how to implement different **sampling designs** that can be used for extraction in RS data
- ...how to sample **randomly** or **systematically** in relation to existing features (large data context)
- You will learn how to **debug** your code

Remember

- => Tool functions (ArcToolbox)
- => Cataloguing, organizing and listing spatial data: Batching
- => Describing spatial data and their properties
- => Creating, editing and manipulating spatial data (data access)
- => More complex tasks combining above (e.g., Sampling in space w/ geometry)

About Errors...

- **Syntax** errors (writing errors)
- **Runtime** errors (illegal operations)
- **Semantic** errors (working properly but wrong output)

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Interactive Window
PythonWin 2.4.1 (#65, Mar 30 2005, 09:13:57) [MSC v.1310 32 bit (Intel)] on win32.
Portions Copyright 1994-2006 Mark Hammond - see 'Help/About PythonWin' for further copyright information.
>>> #See, this is a comment and nothing happens...
>>> See, this is a comment and nothing happens...
Traceback ( File "<interactive input>", line 1
      See, this is a comment and nothing happens...
              ^
SyntaxError: invalid syntax
>>> |
```

And how to approach them...



- **Compile** errors: Syntax check before execution:
 - **Syntax check** for pure programming syntax and indentation

Python and the TabNanny successfully checked the file 'testGDALNumerics.py'

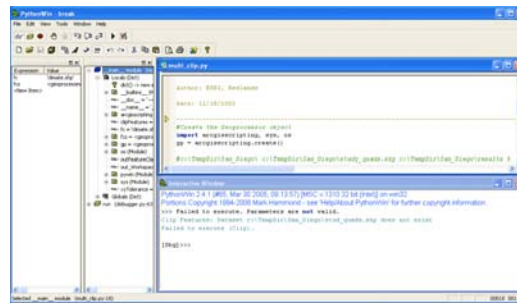
- **Run-time** (to be caught during execution)
 - **Print** statements at critical points
 - **Try/Except** statements to raise exception if something's wrong
 - `gp.getmessages()`
- **Logic errors** (think about it... and ... Debug!):
 - **Run the program in Debugging mode**

```
>>> Failed to execute. Parameters are not valid.
Clip Features: Dataset c:\TempDir\San_Diego\stud_quads.shp does not exist
Failed to execute (Clip).
```

Debugging Environment



- While running: Interrogate variables, check object validity, evaluate expressions
- **Stack view window:** Check scope of **variables** and contents of **modules** imported
- **Watch window:** Display values of certain variables
- Step through each line of the program
- **Breakpoints:**
Execute the program until this point



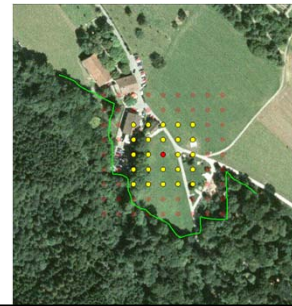
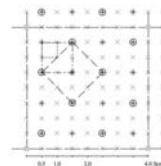
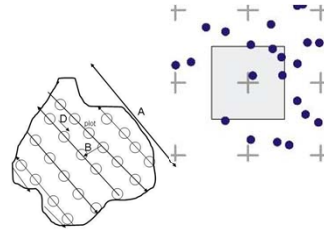
Class01_03_guessGame, then class05_02_debugg

Sampling and Selection in Space for Information Extraction

- **Representative** subset of an underlying population
- Collect data in the field or in remote sensing images or combined – data are BIG!
- Spatial sampling for **field surveys** or as **data input** to modeling (training data)
- Strategies/Design depend on
 - Objective** of the survey (error, costs, variance)
 - Geographical extent** to be surveyed (scale)

Some Sampling Approaches

- **Random Sampling** as the most representative approach
- **Systematic sampling** is an approach to sample if random sampling is difficult to be realized (field conditions, efficiency...)
- **Stratified sampling**
- **Area frames**
- **Multi-stage sampling** (RS/field surveys)

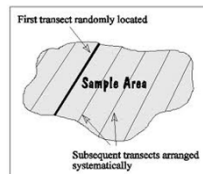
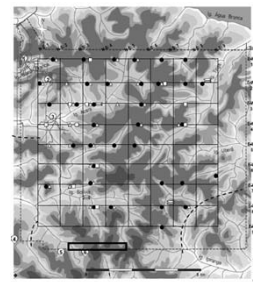


How to Spatially Sample to Extract Information

- Define **spatial extent** within which you want to sample: (sub)area, population, along/across features (lines, boundaries)
- Define a **sampling design** (or strategy) HOW you want to collect information in the field or from imagery (**random, systematic, distances** between locations, **shapes**)
- Determine **locations** for sampling
- Extract the information at the considered **points** (point-based) or in **local environments** (e.g., concentric circles)

Some Examples

- **Predictive Habitat Modeling** using Remote Sensing data sources
- Forest or landscape **inventories** based on field surveys and Remote Sensing
- **Land use change** analysis based on RS time series or statistical assessments
- **Landscape diversity assessment** (edges along transects)
- **Machine Learning**



What you need to know

- You need to be able to **describe area and sampling locations schematically**
- Know how to use feature **properties** (extent, lengths, shape types, first/last points ect.)
- You have to be able to create **new objects** in space (points, areas, lines)
- Implement a given sampling design using features
- You need to know how to **derive (extract) information** and make this information available (attribute table or spatial layer)



Random ... ?

- First rule to make a **random sampling** is to **generate** random numbers!
- Python allows you to use the **random module** to do this (plus methods provided):

Floats [0,1]

`random()`

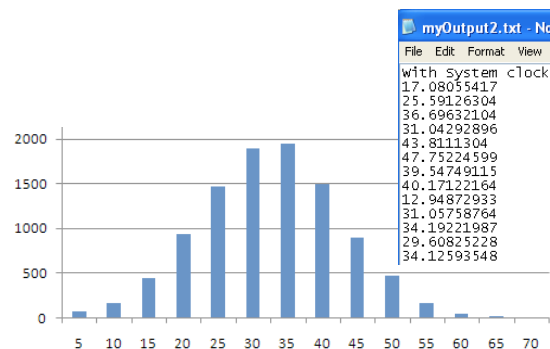
Ints [0,100]

`randint(0,100)`

- Distributions:
`normal(...)`
`poisson(...)`

Defining Distributions

- You can use **predefined distributions** for creating random numbers
- For samples that should follow certain criteria to represent a **population of expected characteristics**
- **Simulation tasks**
- Random!=Random



Geometry and Sampling

- Sampling based on **spatial information** means:
Sampling using geometry
- Properties of the **geometry object** are useful to determine the “extent” or locations at which sampling has to be done
- ... or the local sampling area

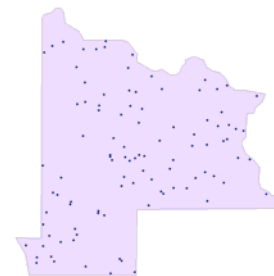
Geometry

METHODS

```
contains(second_geometry)--Boolean
crosses(second_geometry)--Boolean
disjoint(second_geometry)--Boolean
equals(second_geometry)--Boolean
getPart(index)--Array
overlaps(second_geometry)--Boolean
touches(second_geometry)--Boolean
within(second_geometry)--Boolean
```

PROPERTIES

```
+area--Double
+centroid--Point
+extent--Extent
+firstPoint--Point
+hullRectangle--String
+isMultipart--Boolean
+labelPoint--Point
+lastPoint--Point
+length--Double
+partCount--Integer
+pointCount--Integer
+trueCentroid--Point
+type--String
```



Flexibility through work with Geometry

Point

METHODS

```
clone(point_object)
contains(second_geometry)--Boolean
crosses(second_geometry)--Boolean
disjoint(second_geometry)--Boolean
equals(second_geometry)--Boolean
overlaps(second_geometry)--Boolean
touches(second_geometry)--Boolean
within(second_geometry)--Boolean
```

PROPERTIES

```
+ID--Integer
+M--Double
+X--Double
+Y--Double
+Z--Double
```

Polygon

METHODS

```
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+pointCount--Integer
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Polyline

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crosses(second_geometry)--Boolean
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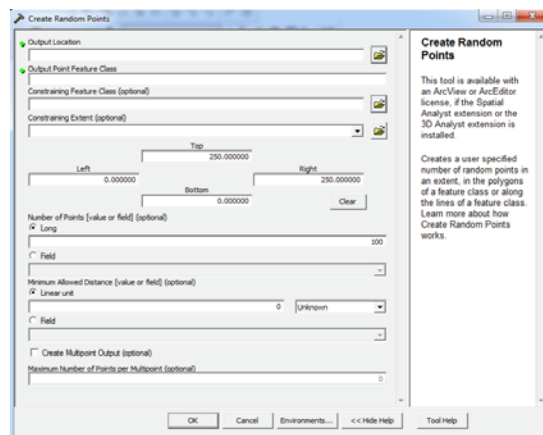
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Geometry and Sampling?

- Sampling **along lines** (every x meter, in equal distances, randomly)
- Sampling **within polygons** (system, rand)
- Sampling **within areas around points**
- Sampling at **predefined coordinates** based on random and systematic design

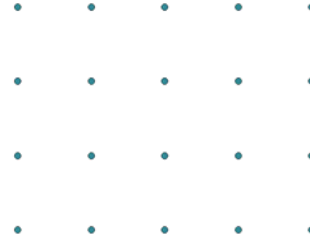
The Random Points Tool

- ArcToolbox provides a tool for **generating random points** along a line or within polygons
- These standard mechanisms can thus be used if sufficient
- If you need something else ...



Systematic Sampling in 2D

- Extent of the area
(Rectangle around your polygon!)
- Mesh sizes
- Number of points

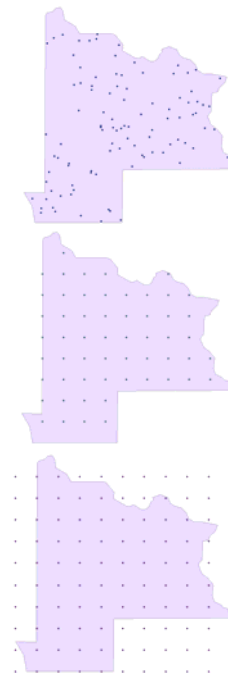


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for i in range(0,10):
    g += 1
    if xurStr > xllStr: x[i*(10)] = xllStr + i*partTransectX
    if xurStr < xllStr: x[i*(10)] = xllStr - i*partTransectX
    if yurStr > yllStr: y[i*(10)] = yllStr
    if yurStr < yllStr: y[i*(10)] = yllStr
    id[i*(10)] = g
for j in range(0,9):
    g += 1
    if xurStr > xllStr: x[j+(i*10)+1] = x[i*(10)]
    if xurStr < xllStr: x[j+(i*10)+1] = x[i*(10)]
    if yurStr > yllStr: y[j+(i*10)+1] = yllStr + (j+1)*partTransectY
    if yurStr < yllStr: y[j+(i*10)+1] = yllStr - (j+1)*partTransectY
    id[j+(i*10)+1] = g
```

Show syst sample fct

Where to go from here

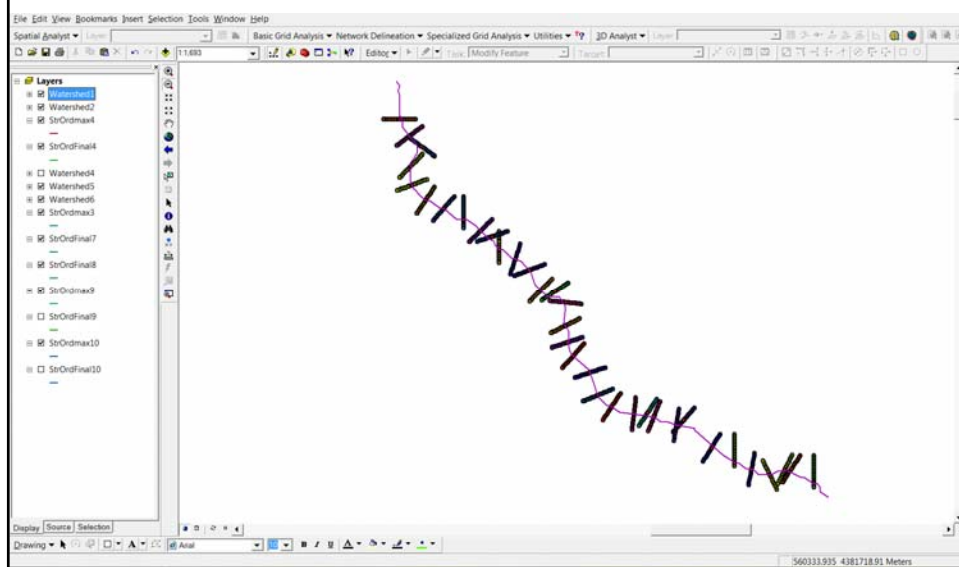
- Varying **density** in different subregions
- First-stage **subsample**
- **Varying** local sampling **areas** for extraction
- Refining sample design by **masking** (e.g., water/external data)
- Finally **shape adjustment** for non-circularity



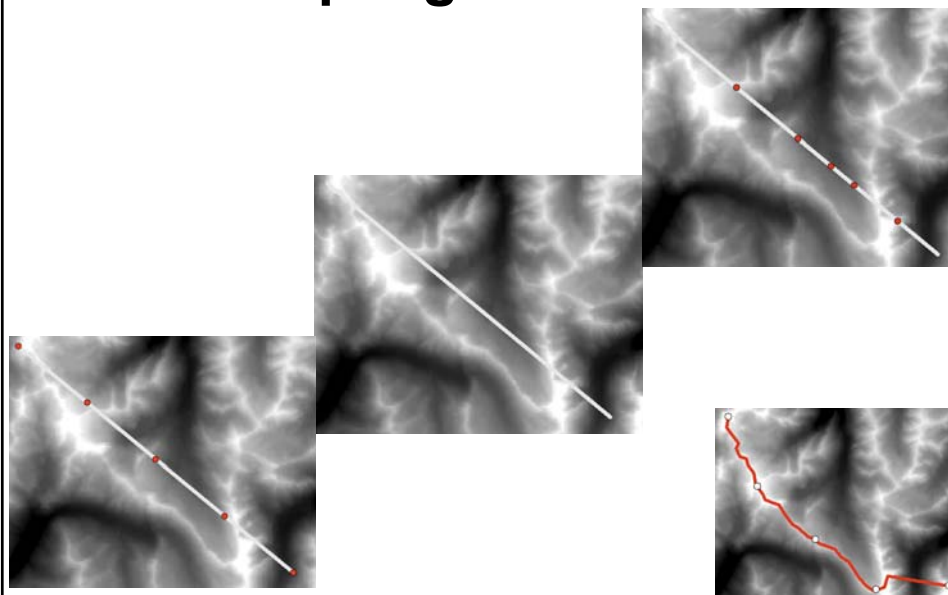
Show geom modify fct for sys sampleadjustment

Let's look at sampling strategies along a line segment

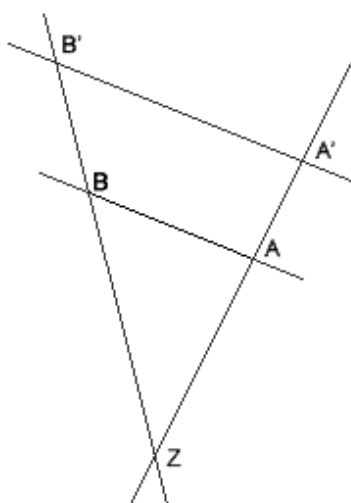
Cross Sections (final project by Francis Rengers)



Sampling a Transect



Theorem on Intersecting Lines (Intercept Theorem)



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Summary

- Sampling in space as a fundamental approach for field **survey planning** or **RS based information extraction** in different disciplines (Biogeography, land use, Landscape Ecology, Urban geography,...)
- We can make use of the **geometry** (object) to define the strategy how we would like to sample in space
- **Sampling schemes** are flexible and can be adjusted to your needs (along lines, within certain areas, varying densities of sampling points, depending on autocorrelation, random/systematic, etc...) and include time!!!

Next time

- **Raster** data processing
- Working with 2D raster matrices
- Numpy
- Remote sensing context