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Spatial Training:

Introduction to spatial data

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Outline

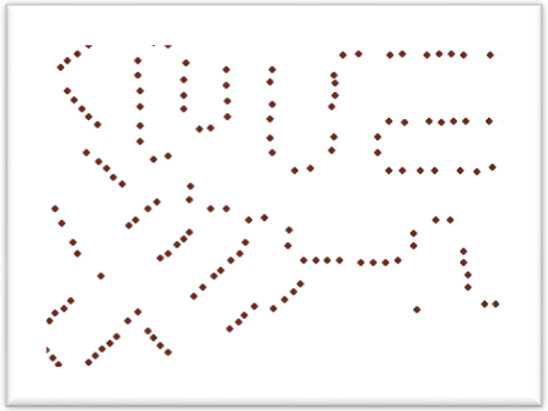
- Part 1:
  - Basics of spatial data
  - Coordinate systems
  - Data management
- Part 2:
  - MAUP
  - Working with data in different geographies
- Please ask questions as I go along!

Spatial data types

- 2 types of spatial data
  - Vector
    - Discrete data
    - Eg. Points, lines, polygons
  - Raster
    - Continuous data
    - Eg. Images, maps
- Both handled in GIS systems (Arc, QGIS)
- Types of analysis possible varies per data type

Spatial data types - vectors

Point



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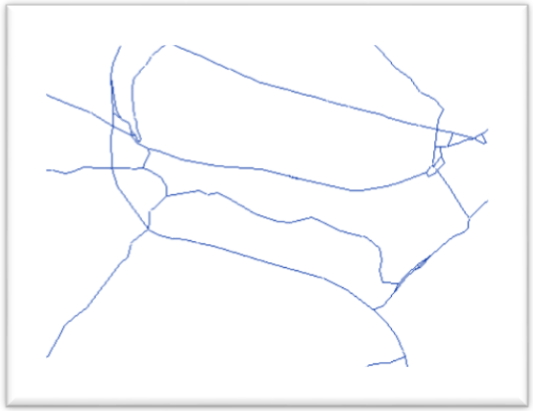

Polygon

- Attributes
- Geometry

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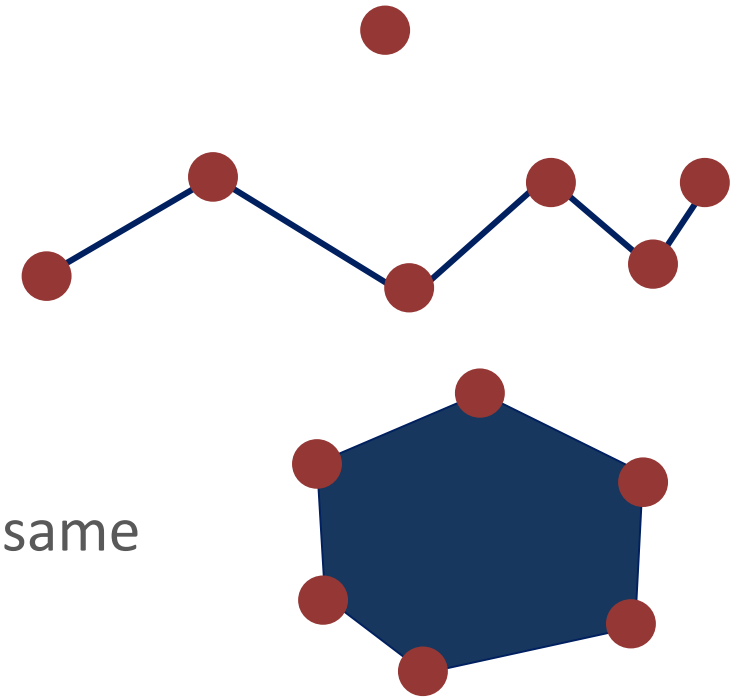
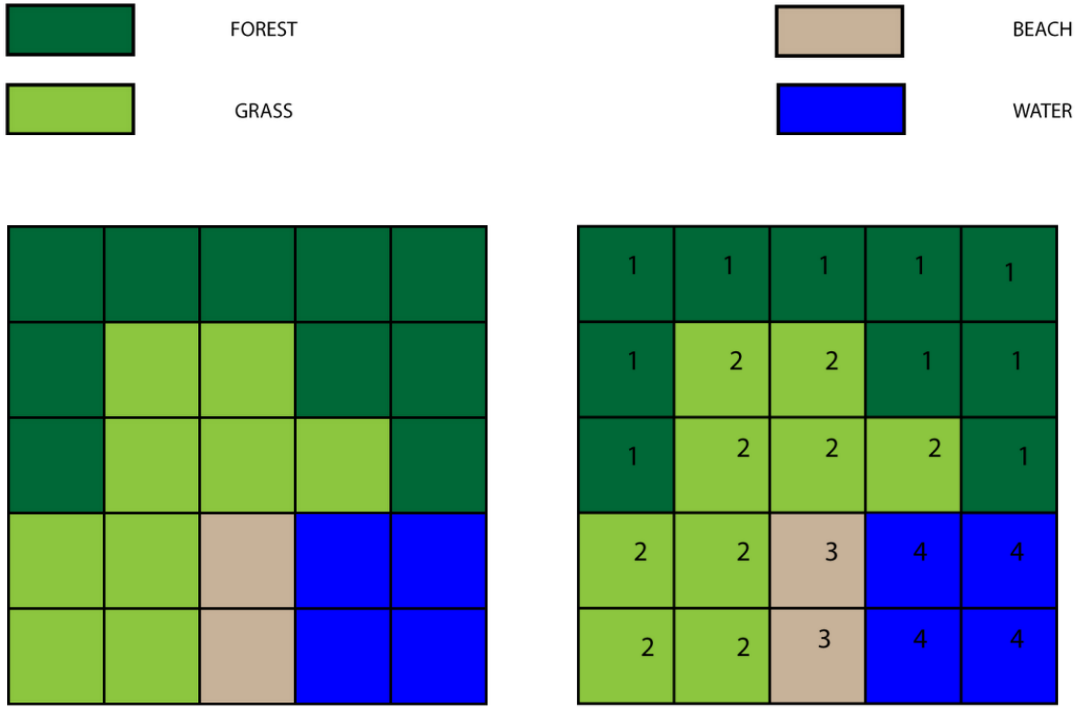
Spatial data types - vectors

- Points
  - Single x,y coordinate
- Lines (polylines)
  - A series points (x,y coordinates)
- Polygons
  - A single line
  - Start and end coordinates are the same



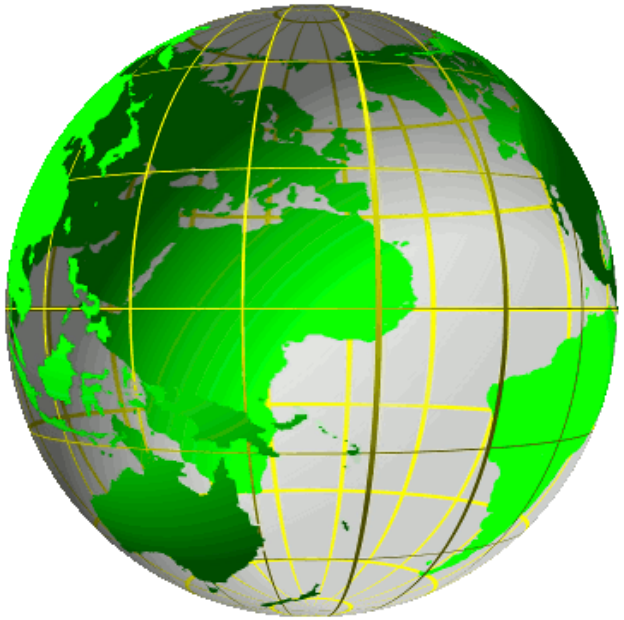
Spatial data types - raster's

- Continuous data
- Raster resolution: compromise between detail and storage size



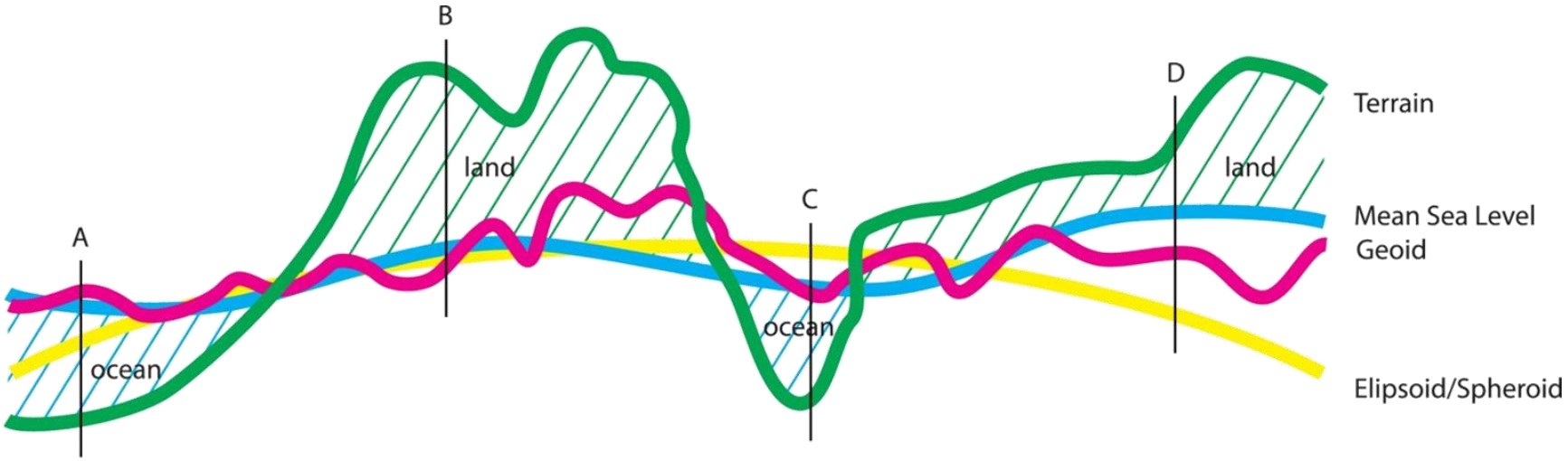
Coordinate systems

- A way of specifying a location on earth
  - E.g. X, Y, H
- Thousands of coordinate systems globally
  - Each has a unique SRID
  - Spatial Reference ID
- Geographic and Projected systems
- Each coordinate system has its own datum for height



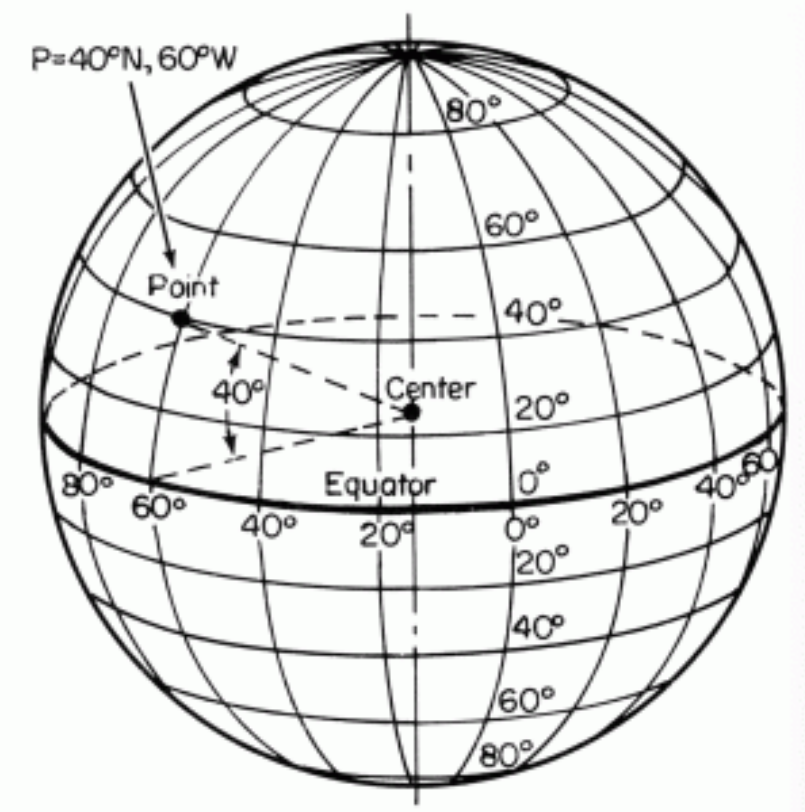
Datum's

- How do you model the Earth's surface?



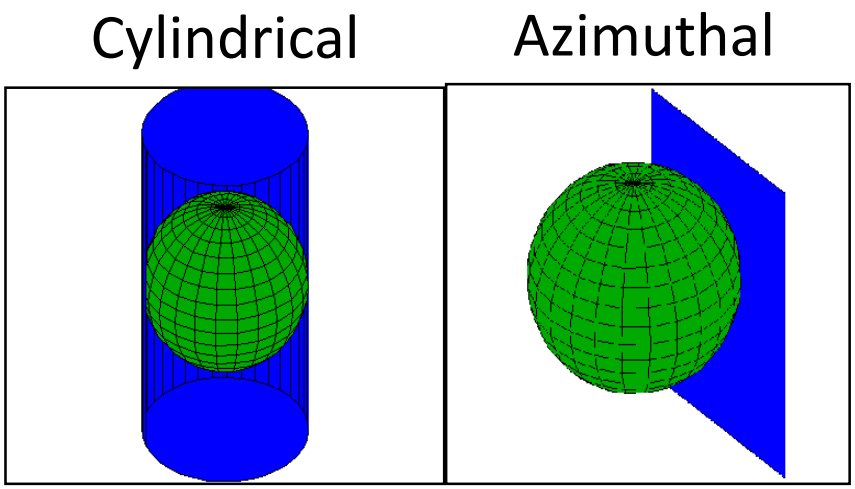
Coordinate Sys. - Geographic

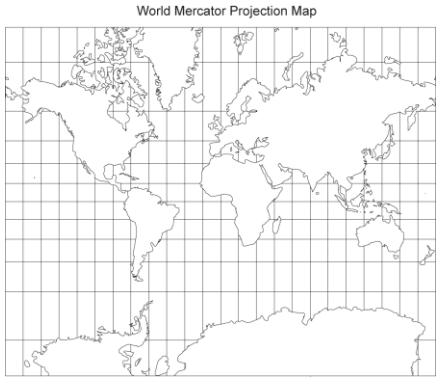
- Based on a model of the surface
  - the ellipsoid
- Latitude & longitude
  - Angular measurements
- Global
- Can include height

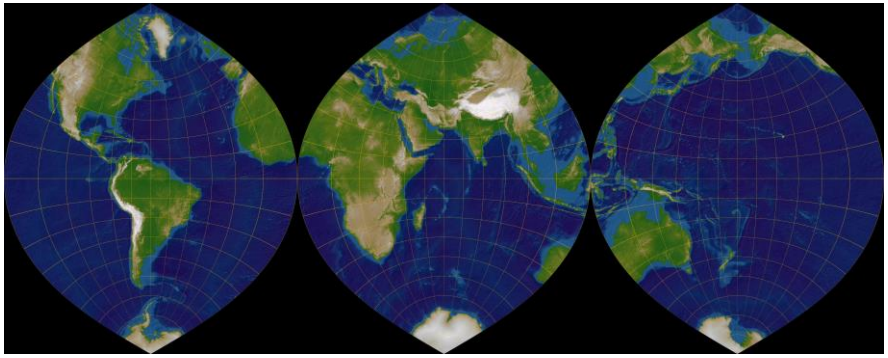


Coordinate Sys. - Projected

- Based on 2 dimensional projection of the surface
  - Will always be distortions
  - Global or local
- Eastings & Northings
- E.g. Mercator and Transverse Mercator (UTM)

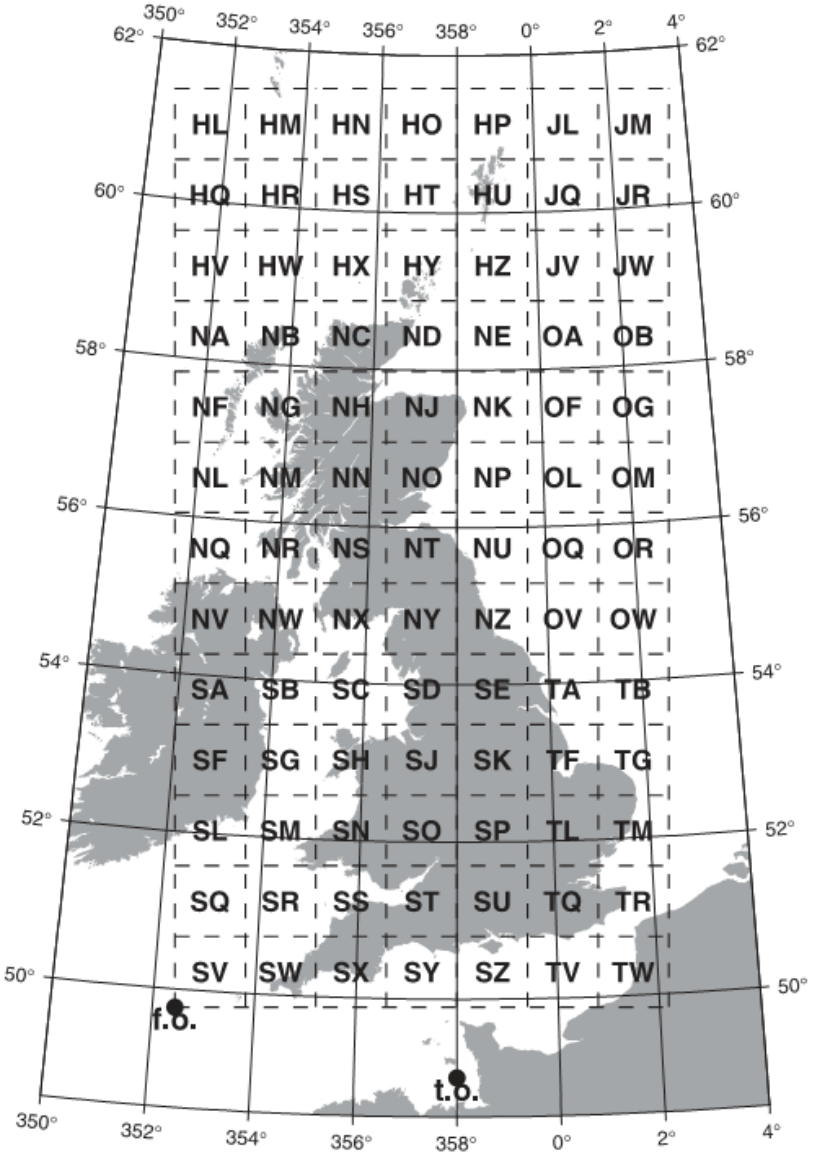






Coordinate Sys. - GB

- WGS84
  - Geographic system
  - SRID: 4326
  - GPS data
  - 51.758786, -1.2537852
- OSGB36
  - Projected system
    - Easting & Northing
  - SRID: 27700
  - Datum: Newlyn
  - 451601, 206941 (SP)

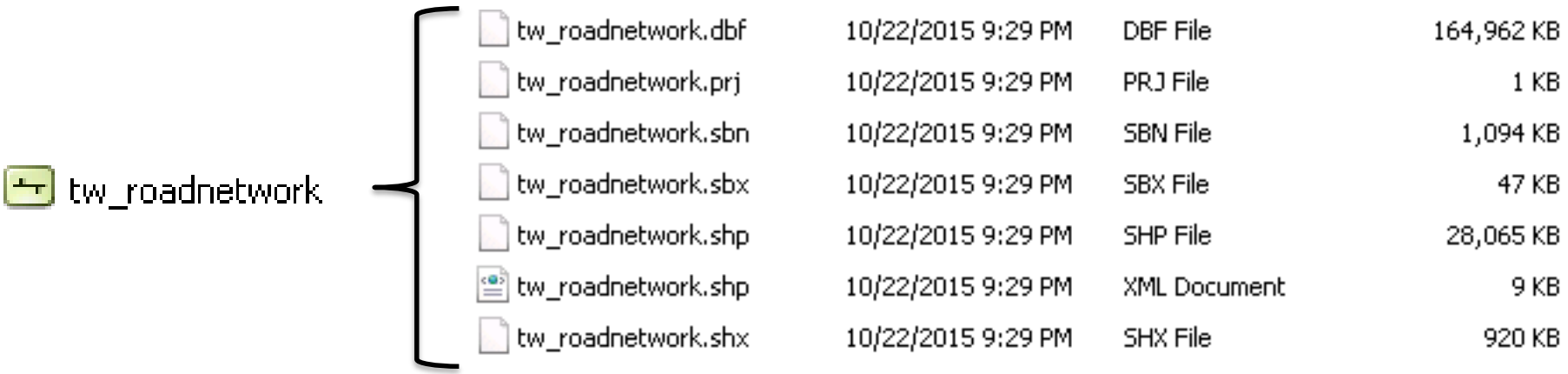


Coordinate Sys. - conversions

- Data can be converted between coordinate systems
  - Can introduce errors though
- Most GIS systems/tools should allow conversions
  - Arc: Project tool
  - QGIS: Define projection when saving as new layer

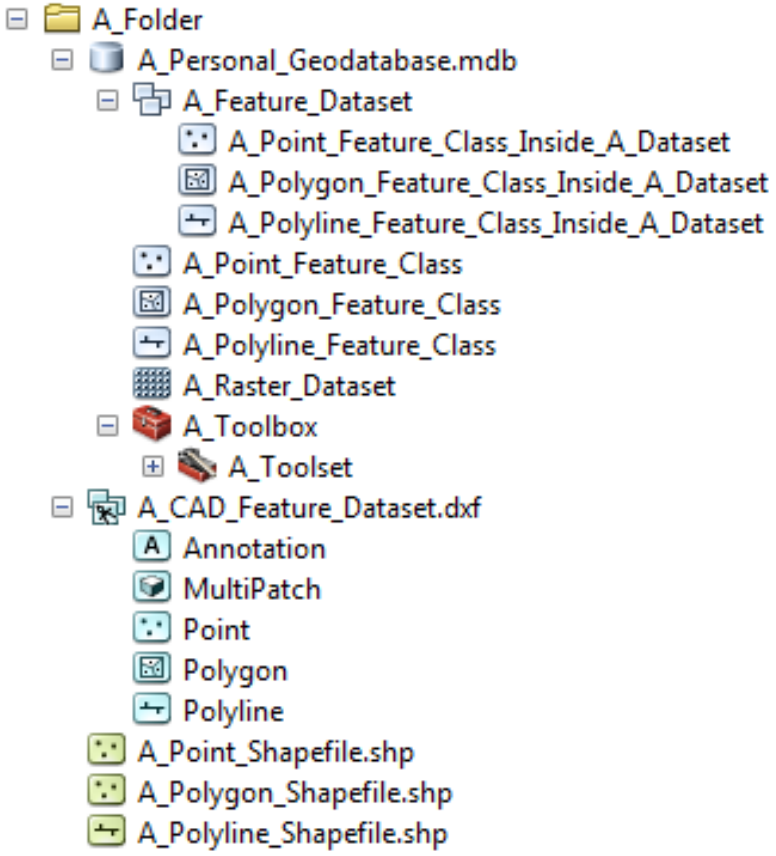
Data management

- Shapefiles
  - Store vector data
  - Points, lines and polygons
  - 4 core files: .dbf, .shp, .shx, .sbn
  - May also include others: e.g. .prj



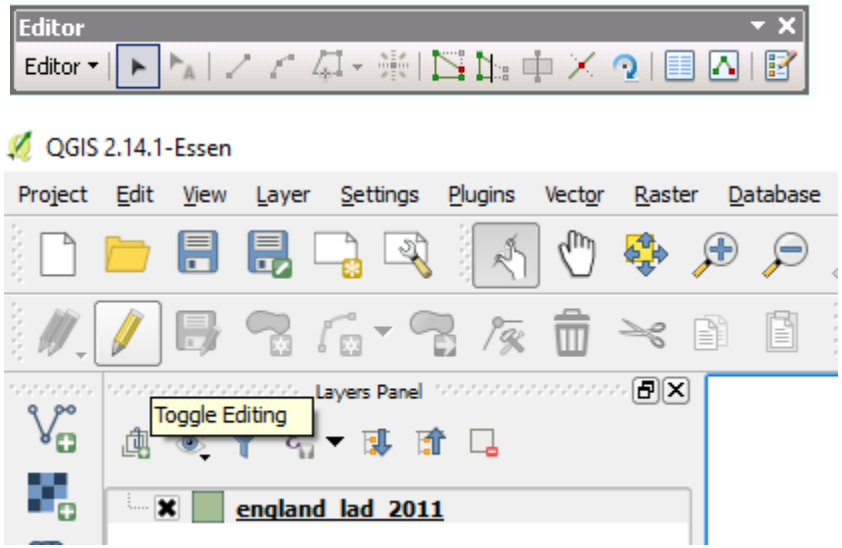
Data management

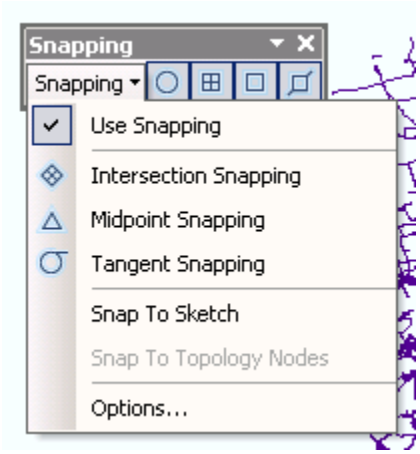
- Geodatabase's – Arc only
  - A folder for shapefiles
  - Feature class = shapefile
  - Feature dataset = sub-folder
    - Contains feature class's
    - All with the same coordinate system



Editing data (digitizing)

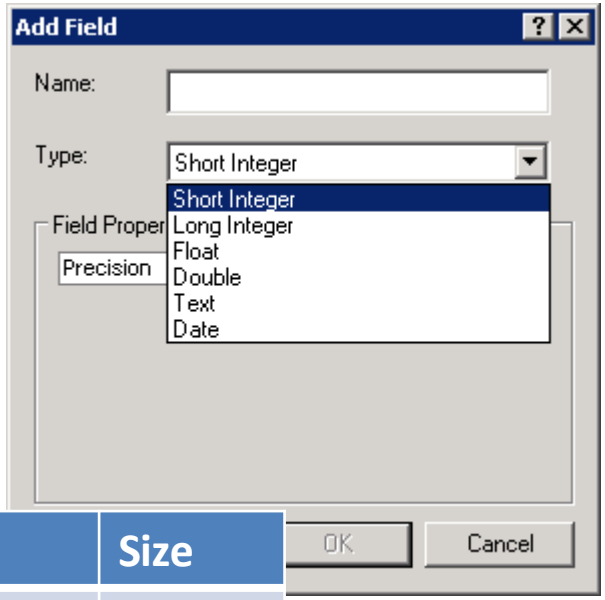
- Editing/Adding points/lines/polygons
  - Best done in a GIS package, but can be programmed
  - Editor toolbar in ArcMap
  - Edit button in QGIS
  - Move and modify existing features
  - Create new features
  - Snapping





Editing data

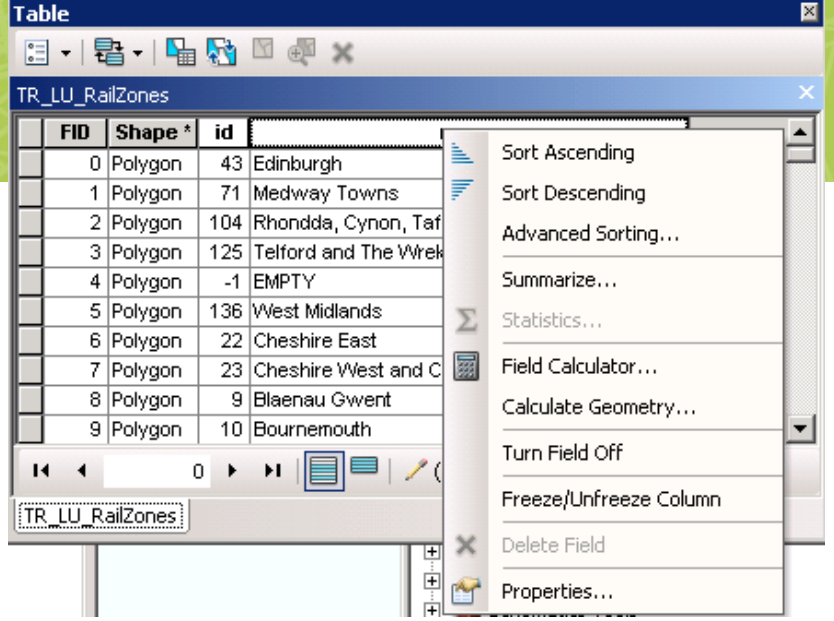
- Adding attributes
  - Can be done from attribute tables
  - Column data types restrict data stored e.g. ArcGIS:

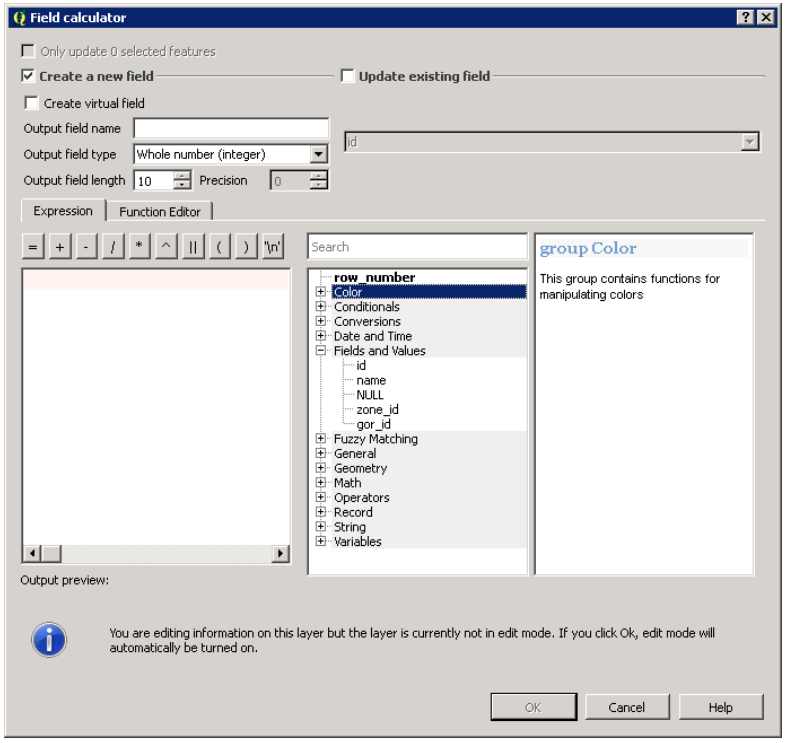


Data type	Data ranges	Size
Short integer	-32,768 to 32,767	2
Long integer	-2,147,483,648 to 2,147,483,647	4
Float	Approx. -3.4E38 to 1.2E38	4
Double	Approx. -2.2E308 to 1.8E308	8
text	Text	
date	Dates	

Editing data

- Editing attributes
  - Manually
    - Need to be in ‘editing mode’
  - Field calculator
    - Create more complex updates
- Calculating geometry
  - Area, length etc.
  - QGIS: Field calculator
  - Arc: Calculate geometry





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Common spatial processes

- Buffers
- Clip
- Intersect
- Tabular data
- Selections
- Joins

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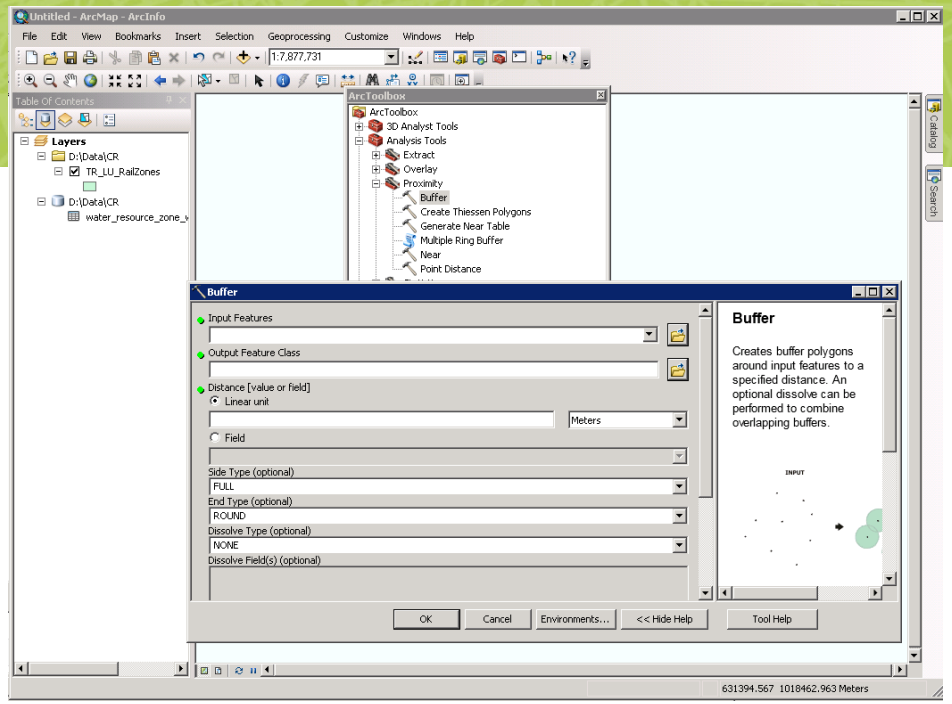
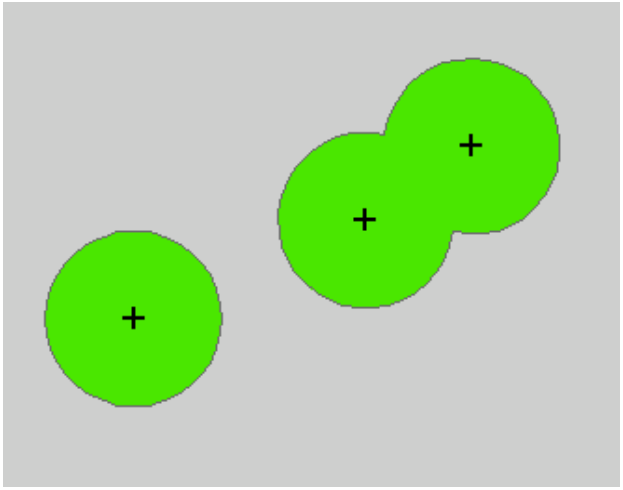
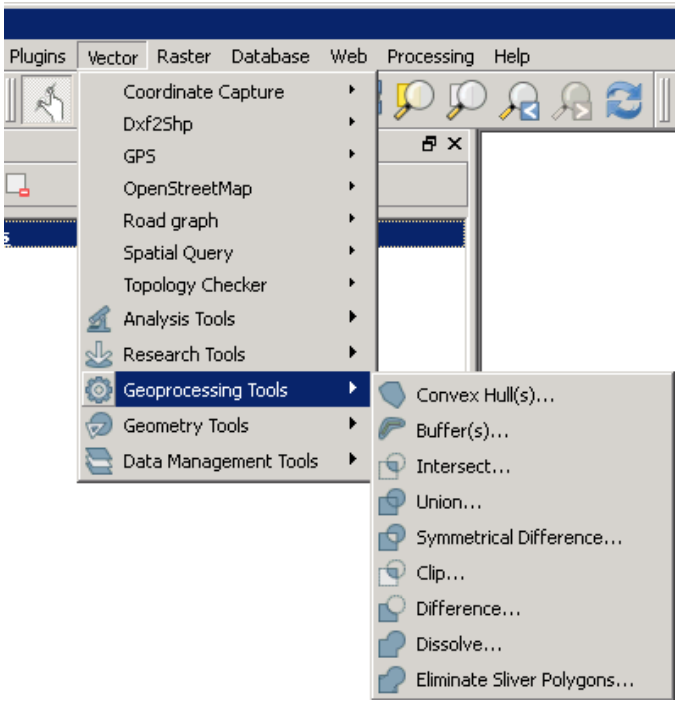
Buffers



- How to do a buffer
  - Create a polygon around existing features of a set distance
- Dissolving buffers
- Multiple (ring) buffers





Clip

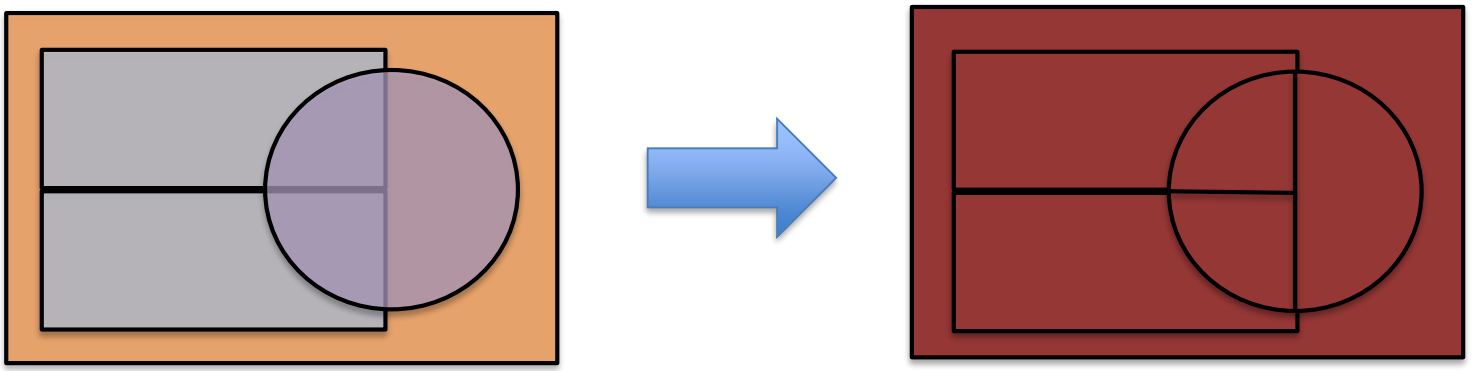
- What does clip do?

"Extracts input features that overlay the clip features. Use this tool to cut out a piece of one feature class using one or more of the features in another feature class as a 'cookie cutter'".

- Used to cut datasets down e.g. to your area of interest

Intersect

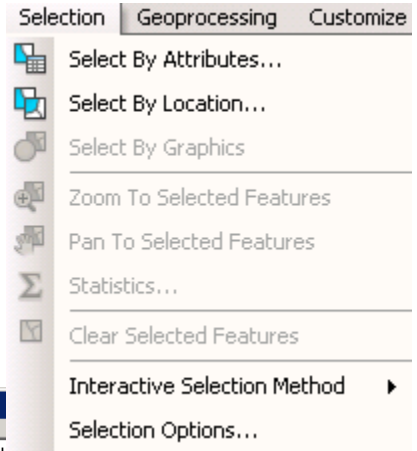
- What does intersect do?
  - Returns the features which intersect, with overlaps forming new features

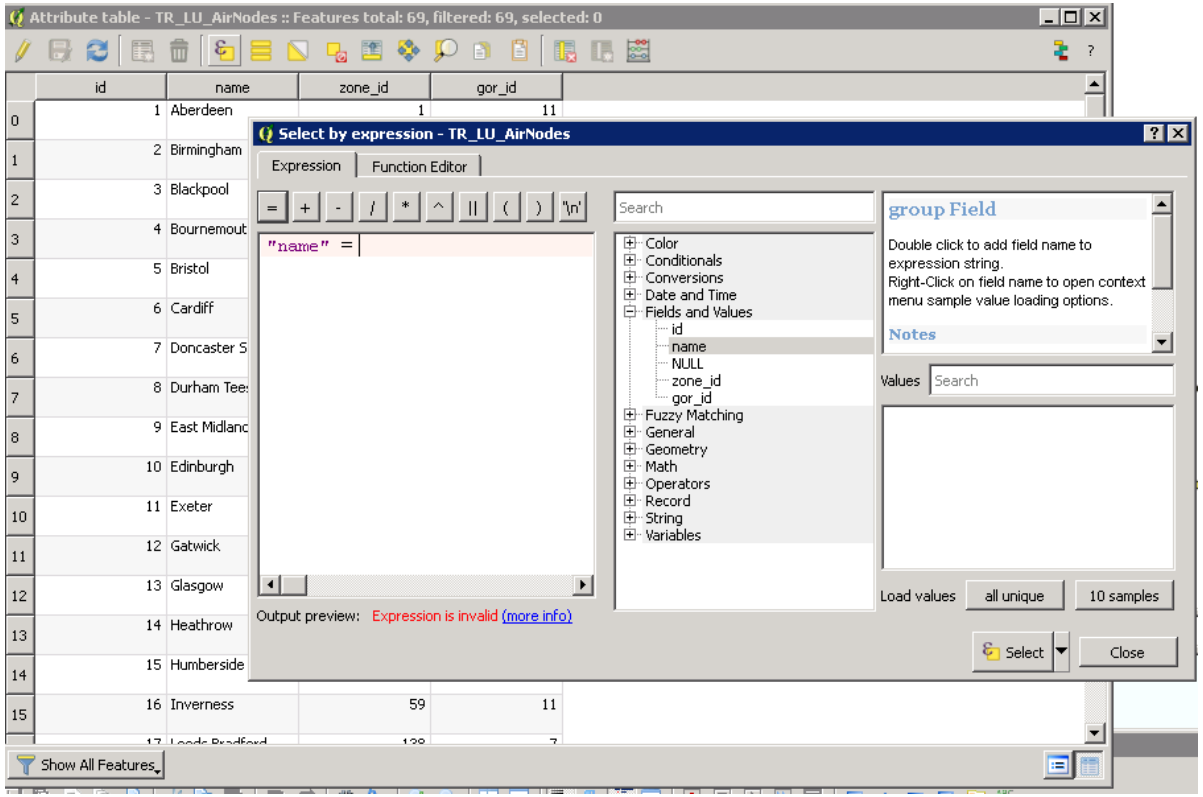


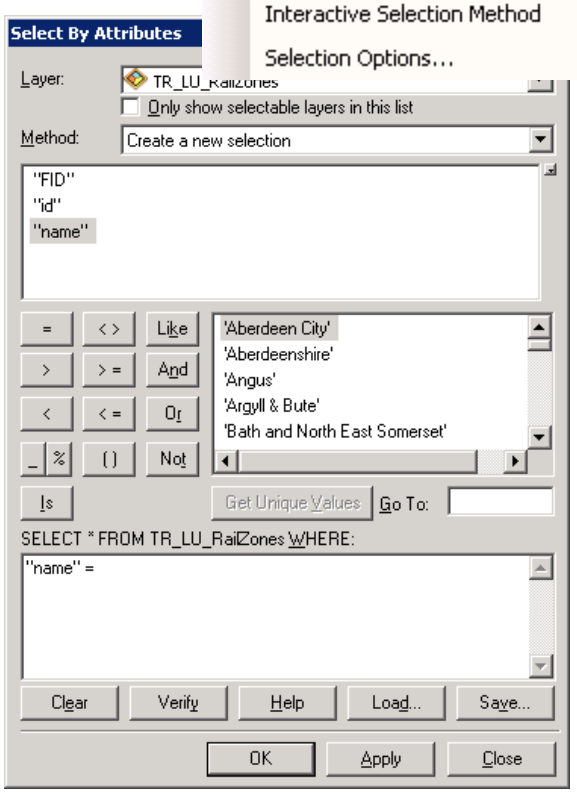
- Useful for finding areas which fall within multiple ares

Selections

- Selecting a subset of a dataset
- Select By Attribute
  - Select features on a set of rules based on attribute values

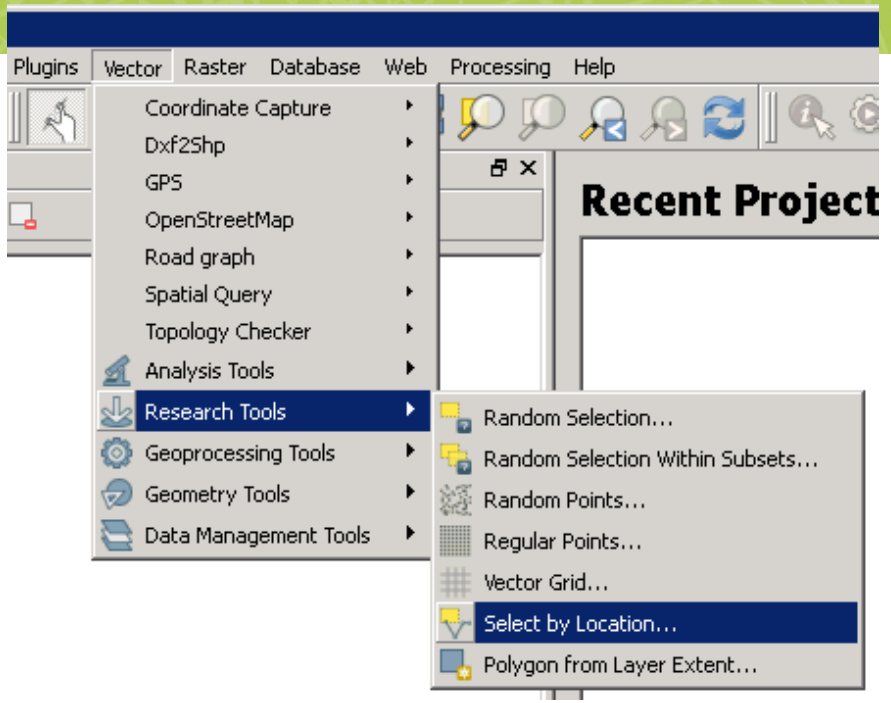


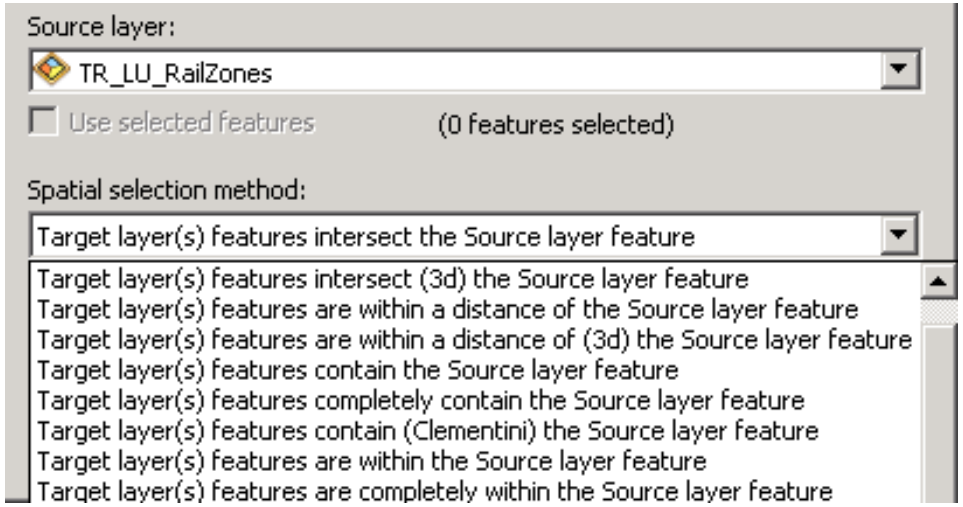


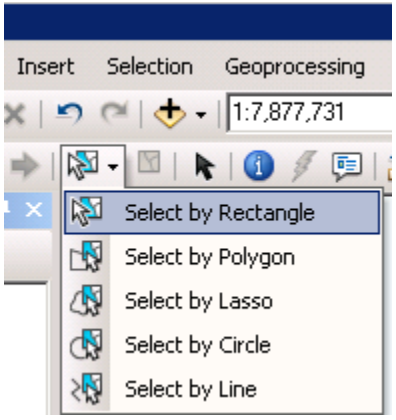


Selections

- Select By Location
  - Select features based on their spatial location with regard to another layer
- Manual selection

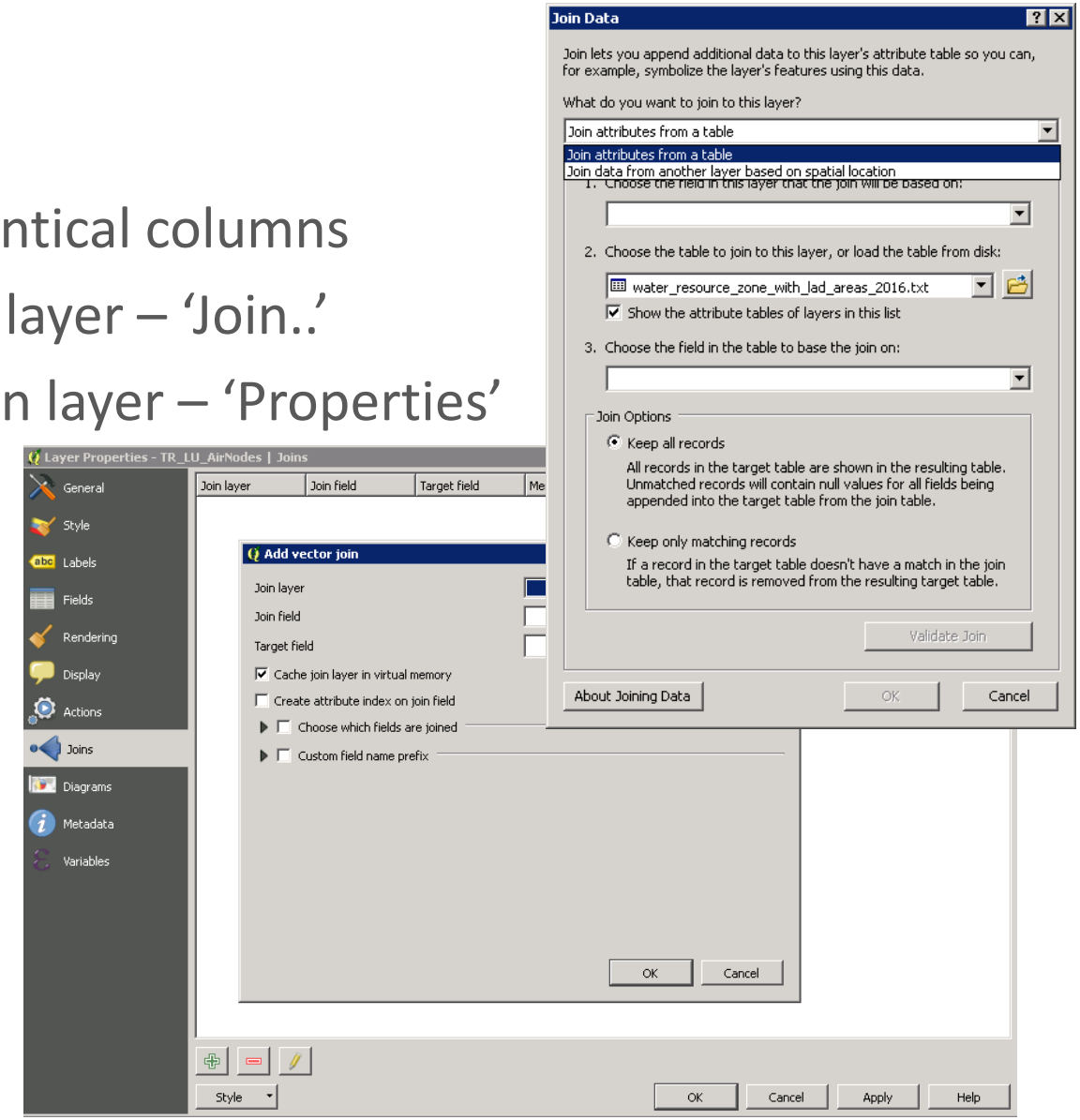






Joins

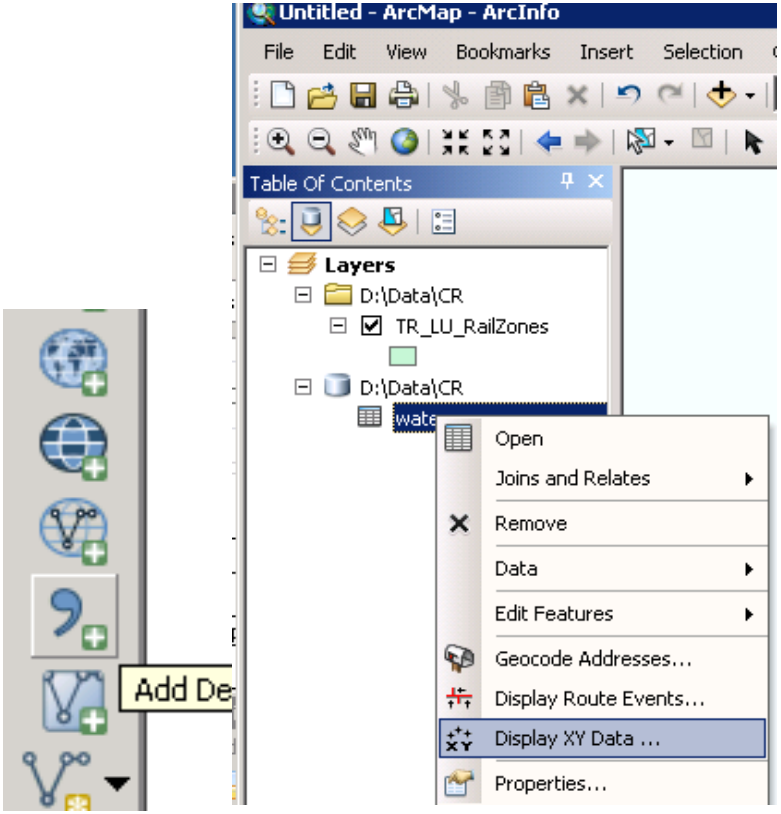
- Join by data
  - Two files have identical columns
  - Arc: right-click on layer – ‘Join..’
  - QGIS: right-click on layer – ‘Properties’
- Spatial Join
  - Based on a rule



Tabular data

- Use a join to add to another dataset with geography

- Tell the GIS what the spatial columns are
  - Arc: right-click – 'Add XY'
  - QGIS: add a csv layer
  - Select columns with X and Y data in



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Data management

- Databases
  - External to GIS systems
  - Spatially enabled databases allow spatial and non-spatial data to be stored in a generic format
  - GIS systems can connect directly e.g. QGIS
  - Database stores all spatial information as well as attributes

e.g. Water Pumping stations

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Data sources

- Main spatial data sources
  - Ordnance survey
  - Open street map (volunteer generated)
  - Government departments (data.gov.uk etc.)
- Open source data v known data
  - Limitations of open source data
    - …..
  - Advantages of open source data
    - …..

Discussion (15mins)

- Data sources/reliability:
  - Volunteered data e.g. Open street map v open v commercial etc.
  - Data verification
- Data management:
  - Folders/databases?
  - Version control?
  - Is everyone using the same version?
  - How often should be data be updated?

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Modifiable areal unit problem

- Problems associated with changing between geographies
- Given the same data, you can get different results depending on how you aggregate it
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  - buildings, super output areas, postcode areas, telephone exchange areas, local authority district areas, council areas, government office region areas, water resource zone areas, substations.....

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Modifiable areal unit problem

- 2 aspects
  - Zone
    - The shape of the zone's being used change
    - E.g. from 2001 census boundaries to 2011 census boundaries
    - E.g. electoral boundaries
  - Scale
    - Different levels of scale are used for different results (or inputs in our case)
    - E.g. local authority district (380+) areas and government office regions (11)

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Modifiable areal unit problem

- There is no ‘right’ solution
- Each solution will give a different answer
- Need to think carefully
- Case by case basis
- Further reading
  - S. Openshaw (1984)
  - Fotheringham and Wong (1991)

Converting between geographies

- Area density values
  - Estimate values based on density and zone sizes
- Spatial interpolation
  - ‘the procedure of predicting the value of attributes at unsampled sites from measurements made at locations within the same area (Burrough & McDonnel, 1998)

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Density approach

- Calculate the density of a variable for each zone in the data set
- Intersect the current data zones with the target data zones
- Calculate the areas of the resulting zones
- Calculate the values in each of the zones using the densities and areas
- Sum for the values for each target zone to get a total value

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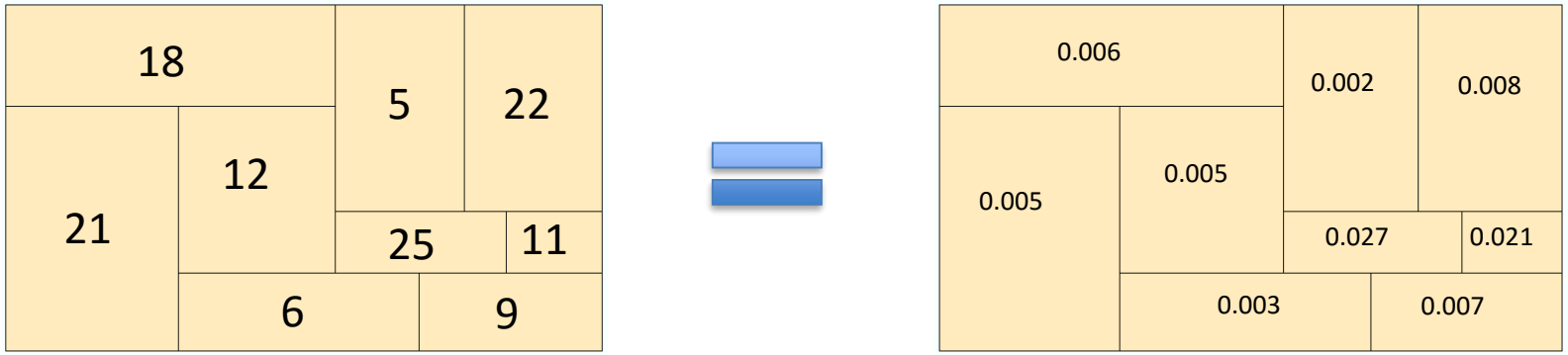
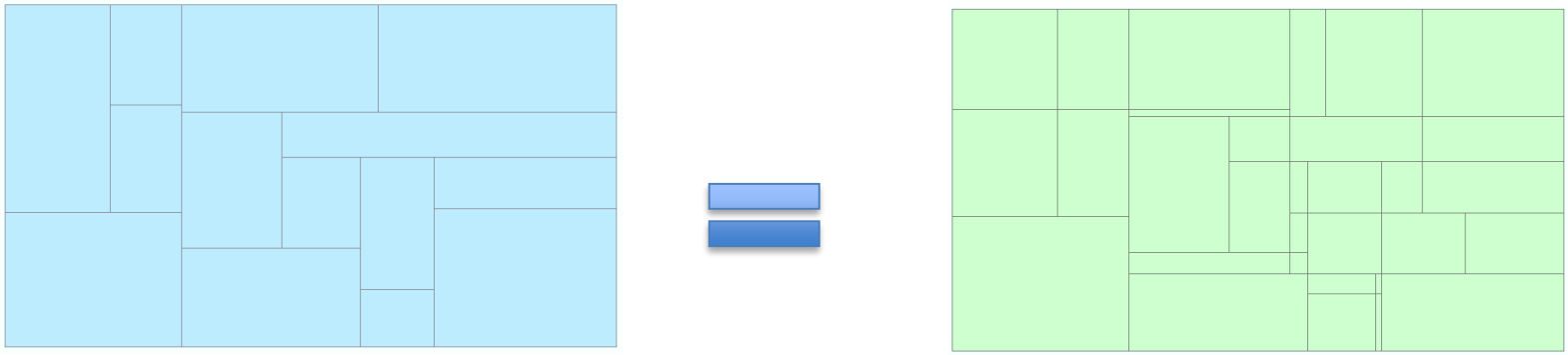


- Intersect the current data zones with the target data zones – attributes are copied as well



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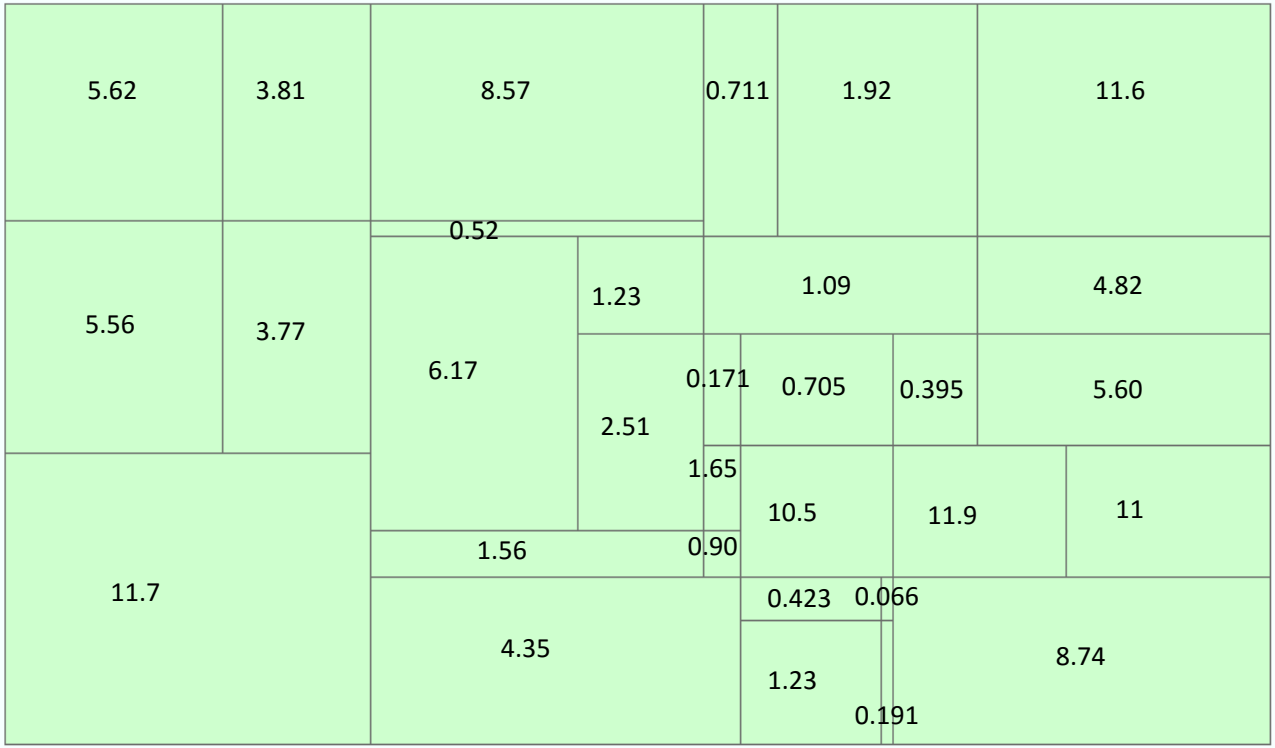
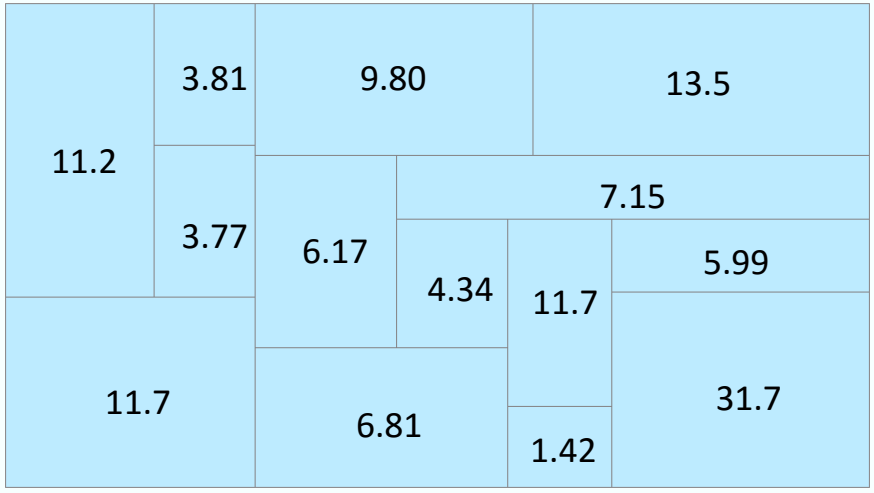


Density approach

- Sum for the values for each target zone to get a total value (dissolve function)

Values in new areas



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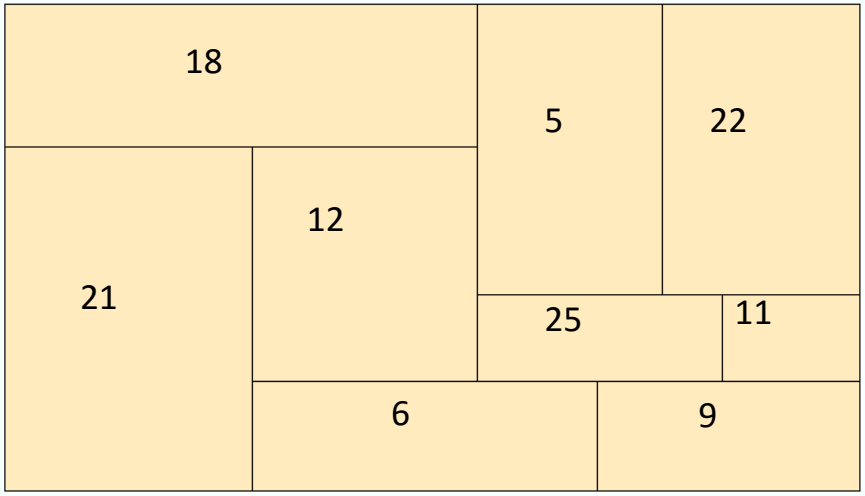


Density approach

- Limitations
  - Assumes uniform distribution across the zone
  - Assumes variable distribution is a function of the chosen parameter e.g. area

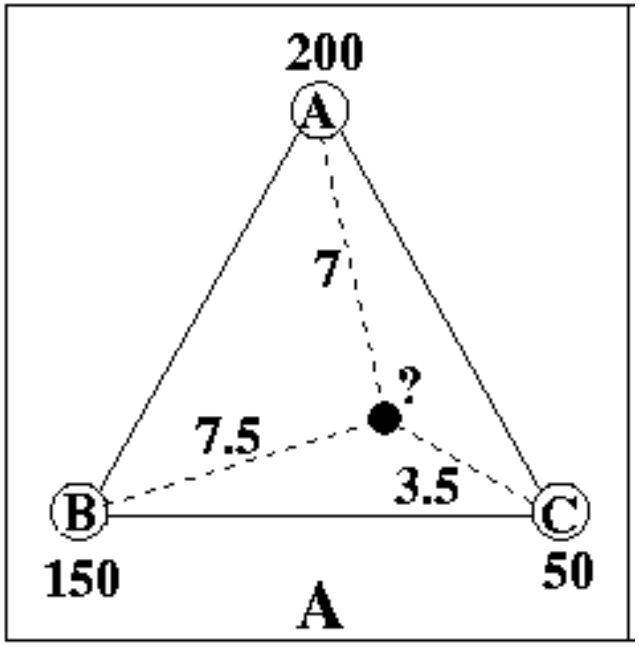
- Advantages
  - Quick method of switching between geographies
  - Computationally simple

Interpolation

- Filling in gaps in data and generating a surface of values
- 3 common methods
  - IDW (Inverse distance weighted)*
  - TIN (Triangular Irregular Networks)
  - Global trend surfaces

Inverse Distance Weighted

- Based on distance from the unknown to the know
- Distance used to weight each know value's relationship for the unknown
- Weights used to estimate the unknown



Inverse Distance Weighted

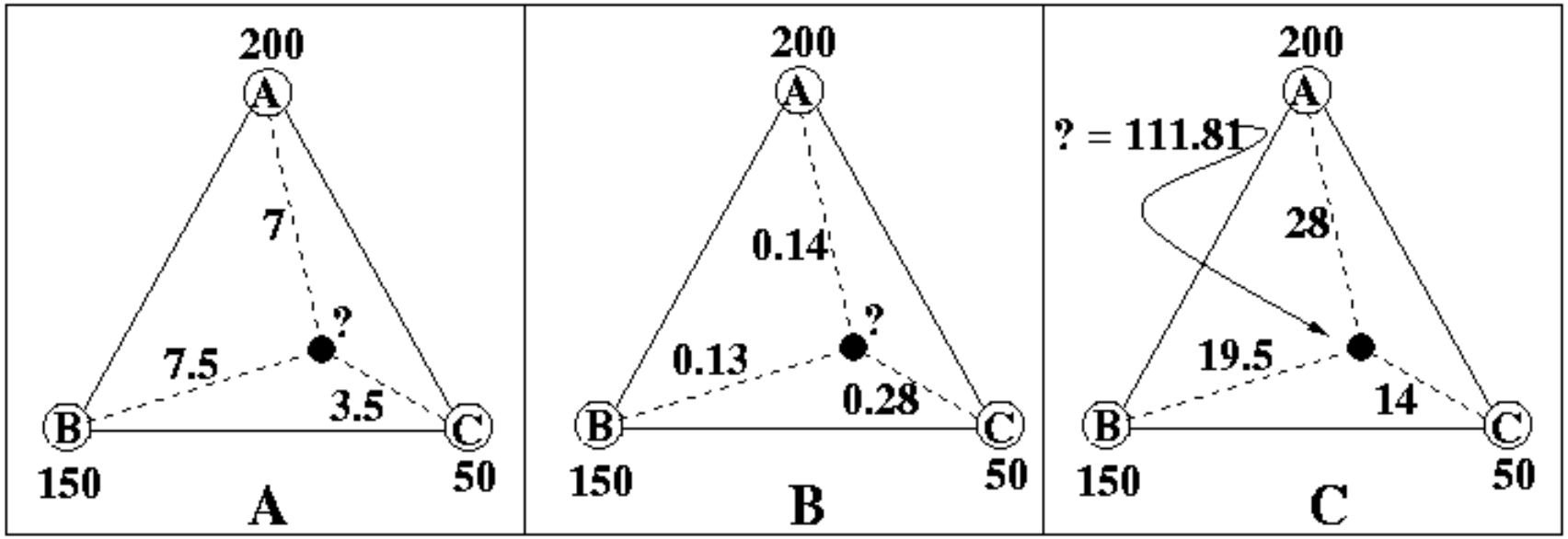
$$Z(x_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} z(x_i) \bullet d_{ij}^{-r} \Big/ \sum_{i=1}^{n} d_{ij}^{-r}$$

Where:

$Z(x_j) = Z(x, y)$ = the unknown point to be interpolated

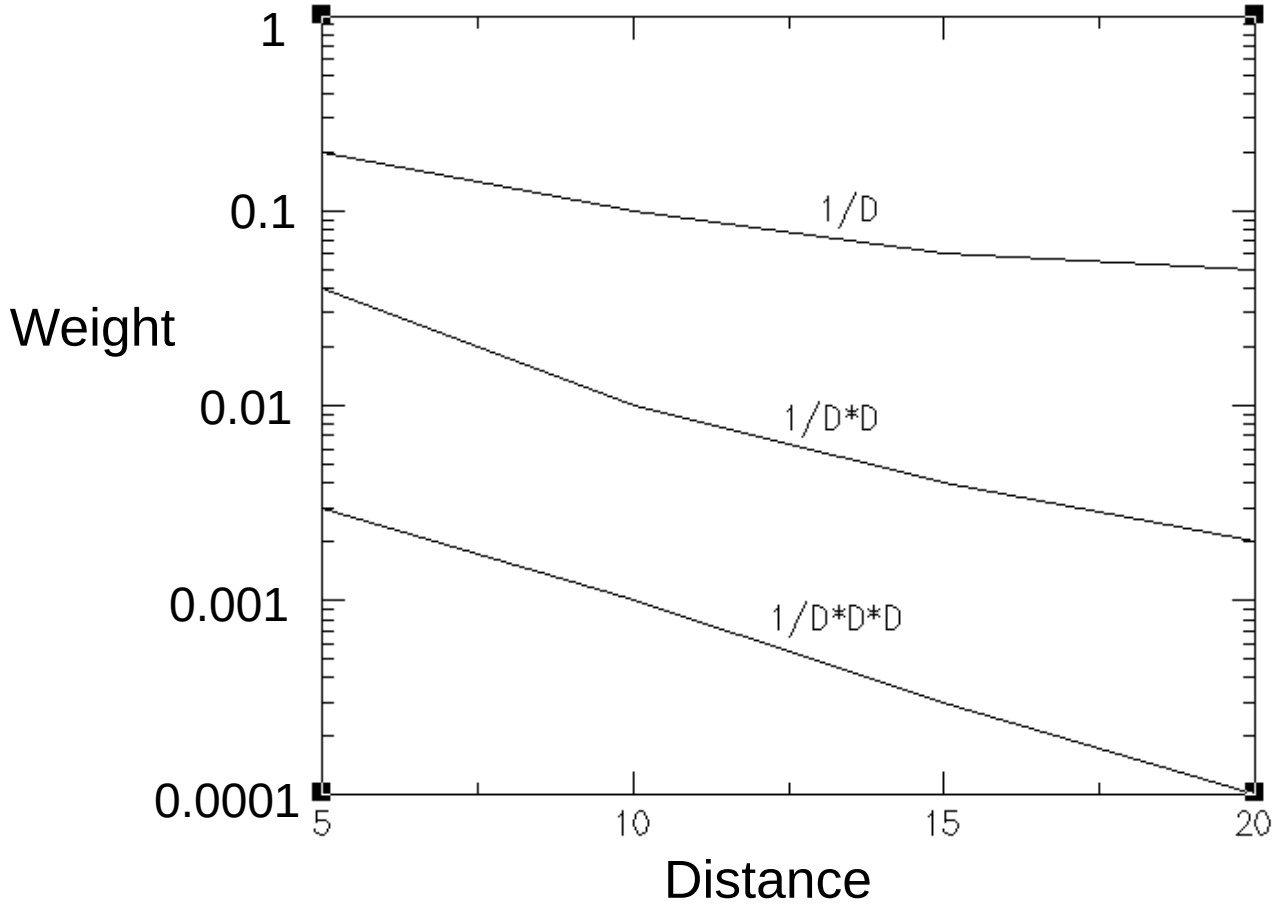
$z(x_i) = z(x, y)$ = the known points used to derive the interpolated point

d_{ij}^{-r} = the distance between a known point and the unknown weighted by a reciprocal



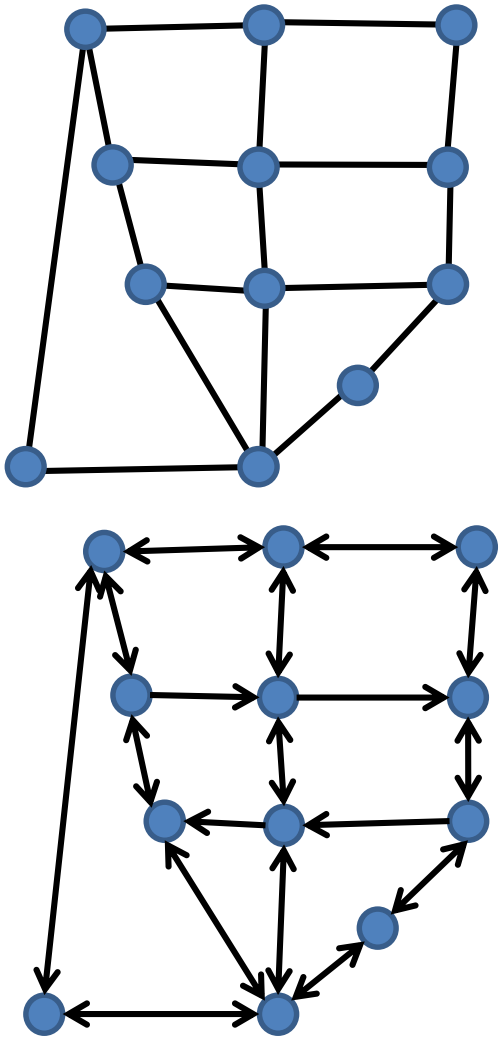
Inverse Distance Weighted

- The reciprocal for the weight calculation can vary



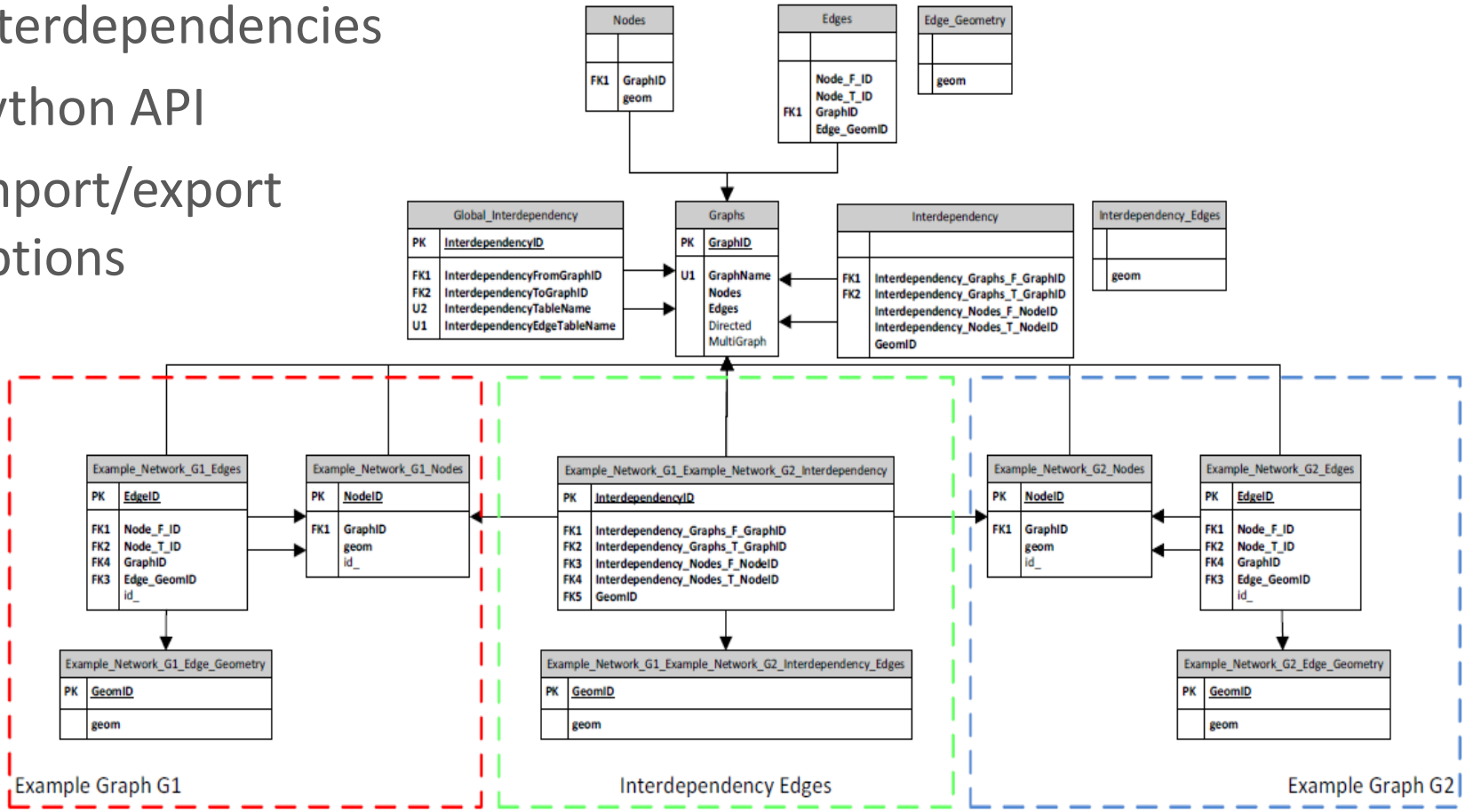
Networks

- What is a network (or graph)
  - A series of nodes and edges
  - Standard graph (undirected)
  - Directed graph:
    - Each edge has a direction set
  - Multigraph:
    - Multiple edges between the same node pair
    - E.g. one for each lane on a motorway



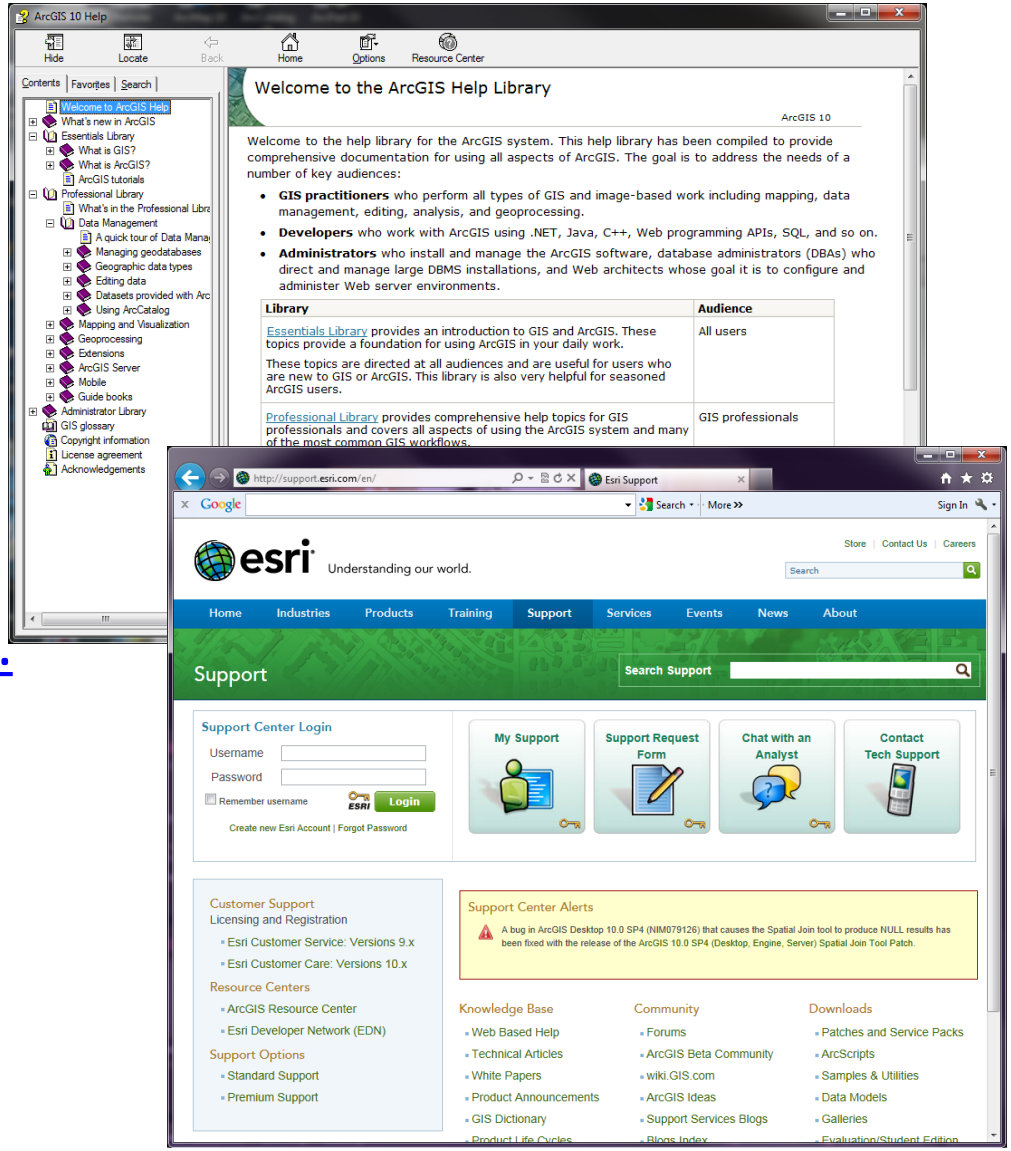
Networks - handling

- Database schema
  - Stores networks, dependencies and interdependencies
  - Python API
  - Import/export options



Help

- Plenty of help on the desktop software
- ArcMap help guides
  - www.
- QGIS help online
  - Eg:http://docs.qgis.org/2.2/en/docs/user_manual/
  - Forums etc.



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Questions I haven't answered

- Version control for spatial data
  - Discussed in discussion one
- Mapping objects to a point on a network
- Compute multi-modal commuting times between two points
- Division of areas in areas of influence
- Raster processes

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Discussion (15mins)

- Converting between geographies
  - How to approach this
  - Can all cases be identified
- Network generation
  - Standardized methods
  - Standardized storage methods