

## GIST 7128

### ArcGIS 1: Introduction

#### Lecture 2

#### Mapping Fundamentals



## Module 2 Topics

- **Lecture**
  - Map Scale
  - Map Projections & Coordinate Systems
  - Map Projections in ArcGIS
- **Lab**
  - Chapter 5. Exploring Online Resources
  - Chapter 6. Working with Coordinate Systems and Projections
- **Project**
  - EastCity – Part 1: Create New Map and Add Data (4%)
- **Quiz:** *Compressed Course: end of day // Evening Course: next week*
  - Lectures 1 & 2, Text chapters/labs 1-4 & 6
  - Short Answer, T/F, and Multiple Choice (5%)
  - Some practical questions using ArcMap and ArcCatalog

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## Map Scale

Scale represents the relationship (or ratio) between measurements on a map compared to the same measurements on the earth's surface.

$$\text{Scale} = \frac{\text{Map Distance}}{\text{Ground Distance}}$$

Scale can be expressed in three ways:

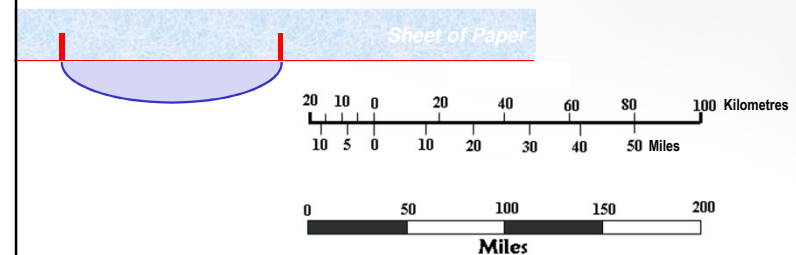
### 1. Statement Scale

- Map Distance = Ground Distance
- Any values and units on each side
  - ½ in = 1 mile
  - 1 in = 5 miles
  - 2 cm = 10 km

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## 2. Scale Bar

- Graphical – easy to use (with sheet of paper)
- Most useful when final map size is subject to change (e.g. hardcopy reproduction, computer screen, projection)
- Units can be metric and/or imperial
- The left end is often subdivided into sub-units in order to provide more precise measurement



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### 3. Representative Fraction (RF)

- RF states the amount of reduction as a fraction or ratio
  - e.g.  $1/100,000 \rightarrow 1:100,000$
- 1. Left side is always "1"**
- 2. Unitless** – any unit can be applied to left and right sides
  - e.g.  $1:5,000 \rightarrow 1 \text{ cm} = 5,000 \text{ cm} \rightarrow 1 \text{ inch} = 5,000 \text{ inch}$
- Often used as map series designation (e.g. 1:50,000 NTS maps)
- 1:2,000 is a larger scale than 1:10,000
  - because  $1/2,000$  is larger than  $1/10,000$
- Remember with "map features appear larger at large scales"
- 1 cm = 1 km is the same as an RF of 1: \_\_\_\_\_
- RF of 1:25,000 is the same as 1 cm = \_\_\_\_\_ km

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### Large vs Small Map Scales

Category (nominal)	Scale	Example Map	20 cm wide
Very Large Scale	1:1,000	City Block	
Large Scale	1:10,000	Neighbourhood	
Medium Scale	1:100,000	City	
Small Scale	1:1,000,000	County/Region	
Very Small Scale	1:10,000,000	Prov/State/Country	

#### Large Scale

- large fraction (*small* denominator)
- map features appear large
- map area is *small*

#### Small Scale

- small fraction (*large* denominator)
- map features appear small
- map area is *large*

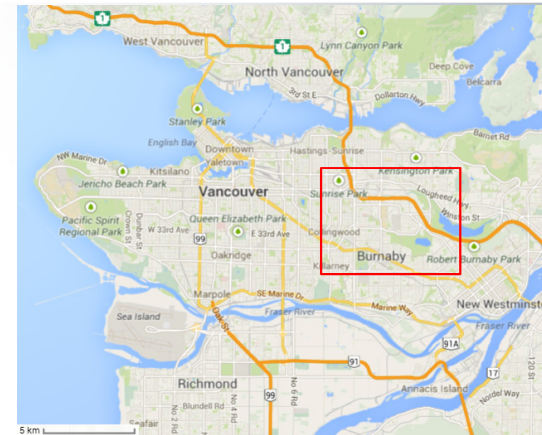
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### Map Scale Samples



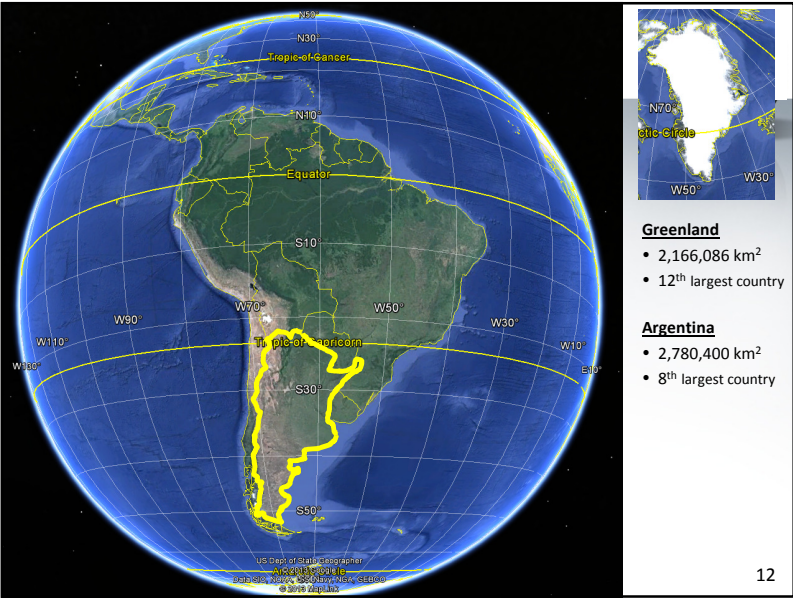
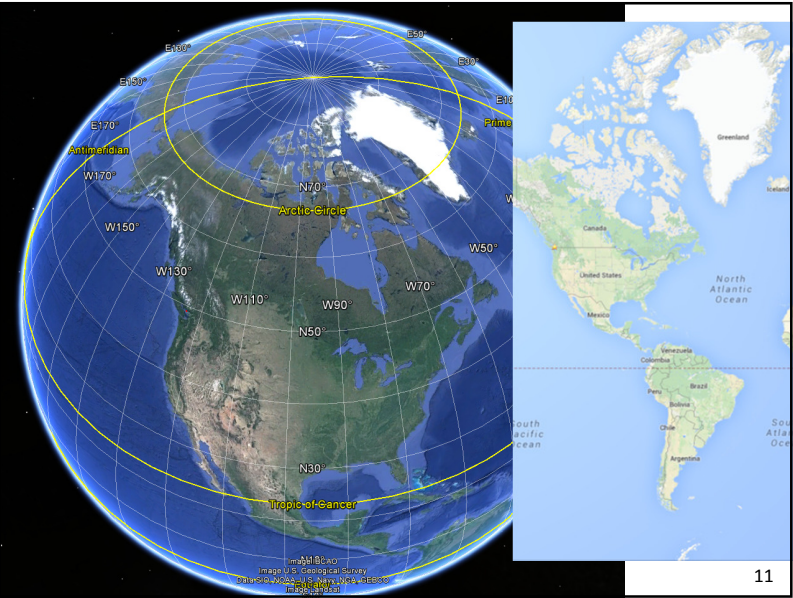
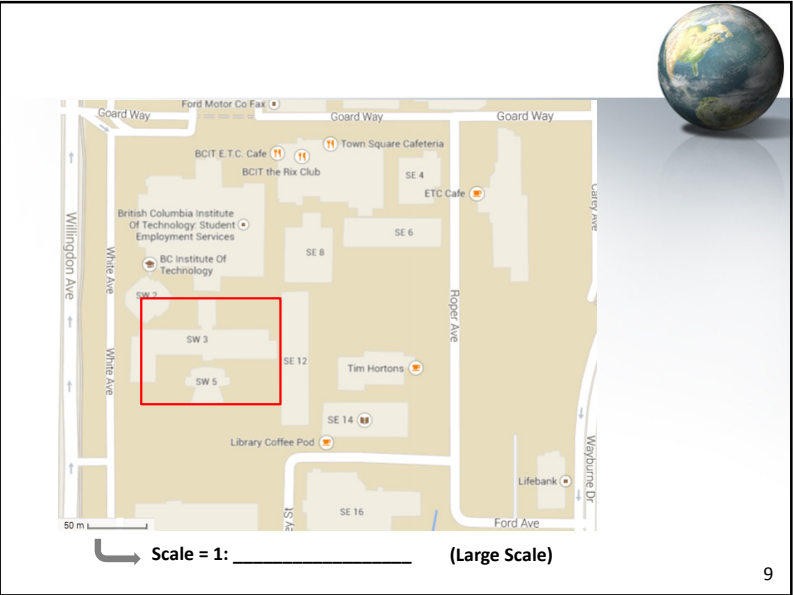
Scale = 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (Small Scale)

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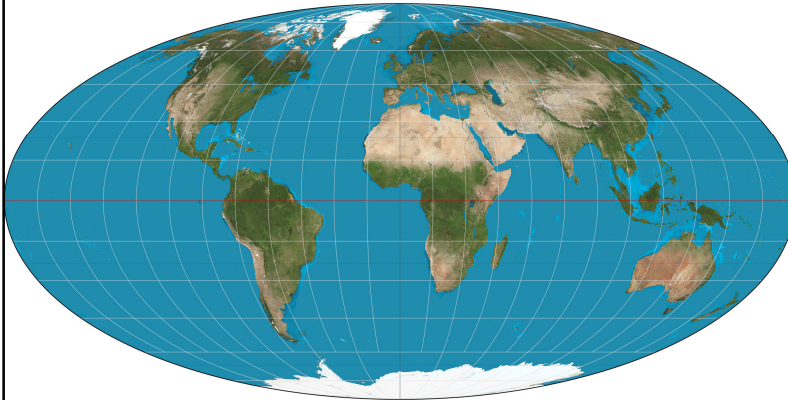
Scale = 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (Medium Scale)

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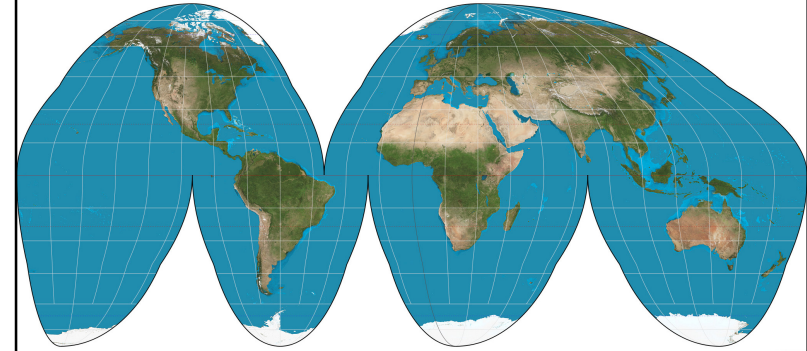




### Mollweide: equal area



### Goode Homolosine: equal area



### Example Projection Formulas

#### Eckert IV pseudocylindrical map projection

##### Forward formulas [\[edit\]](#)

Given a radius of sphere  $R$ , central meridian  $\lambda_0$  and a point with polar coordinates  $(\varphi, \lambda)$ ,  $x$  and  $y$  can be computed using the following formulas:

$$x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{4\pi + \pi^2}} R (\lambda - \lambda_0) (1 + \cos \theta) \approx 0.4222382 R (\lambda - \lambda_0) (1 + \cos \theta),$$

$$y = 2 \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{4 + \pi}} R \sin \theta \approx 1.3265004 R \sin \theta.$$

where  $\theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta = \left(2 + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \sin \varphi$ . This equation can be solved numerically using Newton's method.<sup>[2]</sup>

(phi, lambda) = (latitude, longitude)

##### Inverse formulas [\[edit\]](#)

(x,y) = (easting, northing)

$$\theta = \arcsin \left[ \frac{y \sqrt{4 + \pi}}{2 \sqrt{\pi} R} \right] \approx \arcsin \left[ \frac{y}{1.3265004 R} \right]$$

$$\varphi = \arcsin \left[ \frac{\theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta + 2 \sin \theta}{2 + \frac{\pi}{2}} \right]$$

$$\lambda = \lambda_0 + x \frac{\sqrt{4\pi + \pi^2}}{2R(1 + \cos \theta)} \approx \lambda_0 + \frac{x}{0.4222382 R (1 + \cos \theta)}$$

### Projections and Coordinate Systems

#### Map Projections

- required to transform the earth's surface to a flat map
- mathematical formula, but represented graphically
- cause some distortion in area, shape, distance, &/or direction
- preserve: Equal Area, Conformal, Equidistant, Azimuthal

#### Coordinate System

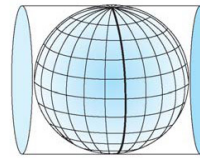
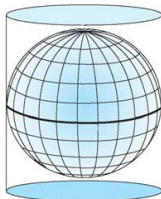
- reference framework to determine positions in 2D/3D space
- Geographic CS – non-projected, based on the spherical earth
- Projected CS – based on a plane (derived using a projection)
- Variety of Coordinate Systems in both categories
  - Geographic depends on ellipsoid (estimated model of earth)
  - Projected depends on type of projection and parameters

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## Projection Surfaces



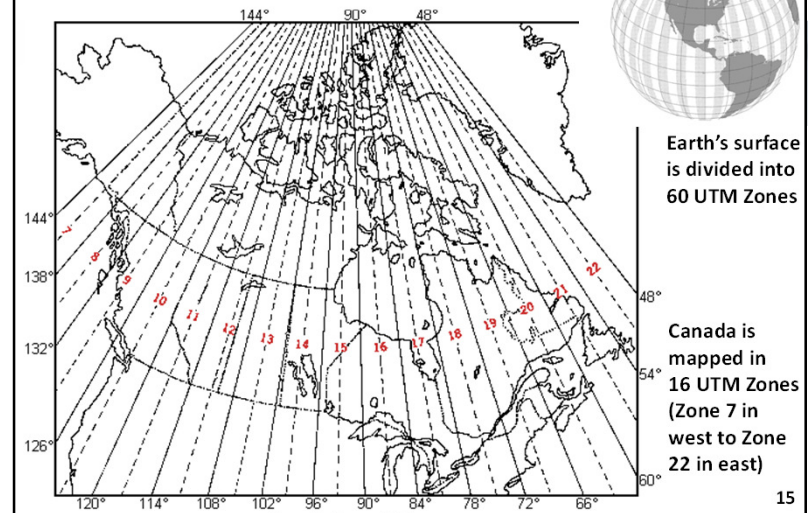
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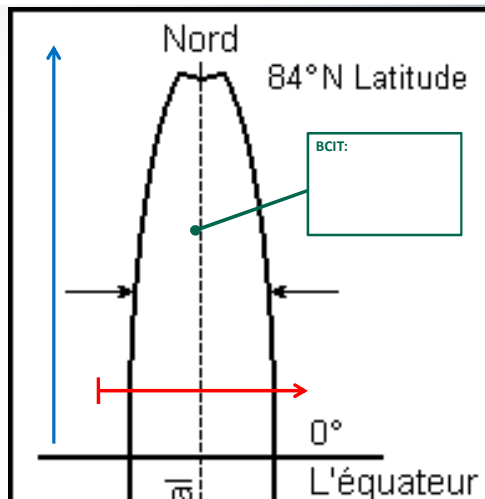
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## UTM Zones



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## UTM Zone



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## Coordinate Systems

	Geographic	Projected: UTM
Underlying Geometry:		
Measures:		
X,Y Axis:		
Units:		
Foundation:		

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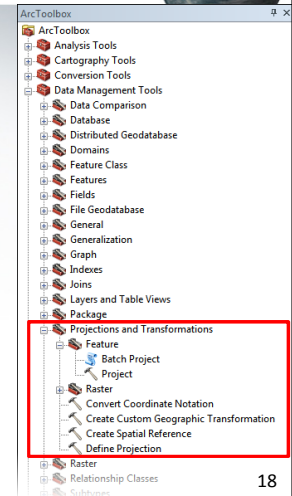
## Map Projections in ArcGIS

- Introduction to projections & coordinate systems
  - Text chapter 6, pages 154-163
- Every spatial dataset has a coordinate system
  - Geographic Coordinates stored as lat/long values
    - Also includes spheroid datum, dimensions, other specifications
  - Projected Coordinates stored as X/Y values
    - Also includes projection specifications
    - And Geographic CS on which it is based

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## Map Projections in ArcGIS

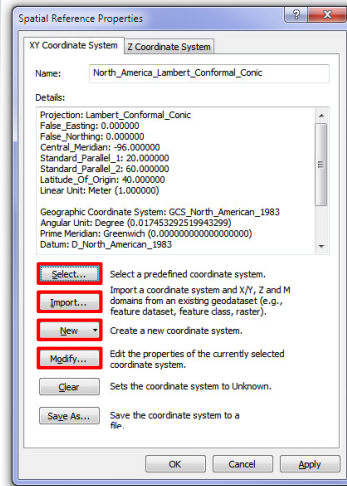
- On-the-fly Projections
  - Data Frame is set to the CS of first layer added to it
  - additional layers are dynamically re-projected if their CS is different
- Projection Tools
  - ArcToolbox > Data Management > Projections and Transformations
  - For both Vector (Feature) & Raster



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## Defining a Projection

- Necessary if CS for dataset is missing or corrupted
- **Select** from hundreds of predefined CS
- **Import** CS from an existing dataset
- **New** to create a specialized or unique CS
- **Modify** to adjust parameters of an existing CS



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**Thank You**  
**End of Lecture 2**

