# Geography 360: GIS & Mapping

### **Data Models and Databases**

**Data Collection I** 

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## Review

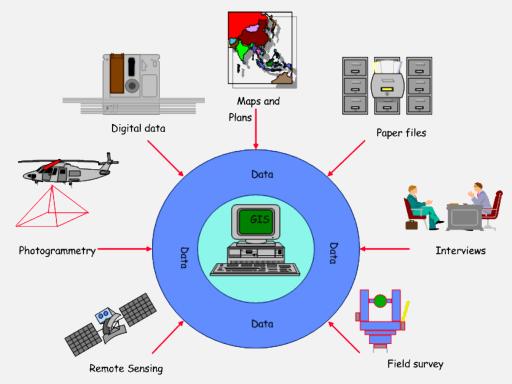
- Uncertainty is much more than error
- Sources of error
- Uncertainties in three stages
  - Conception
  - Measurement and representation
  - Analysis
- Scale

# **Learning Objectives**

- Understand the primary and secondary techniques of data capture.
- Understand concepts in remote sensing for raster data capture.
- ◆ Be familiar with techniques of vector data capture e.g. scanning, manual digitizing, vectorization.
- ◆ Familiarize with new sources of spatial data.

## **Data Collection**

- Six components of GIS
  - Software, hardware, network, people, procedure, and data
- Can be the most expensive GIS activity
  - Data capture costs can account for up to 85% of the cost of a GIS
- Many diverse sources



## Introduction

- Data capture (direct data input)
  - Primary data sources:

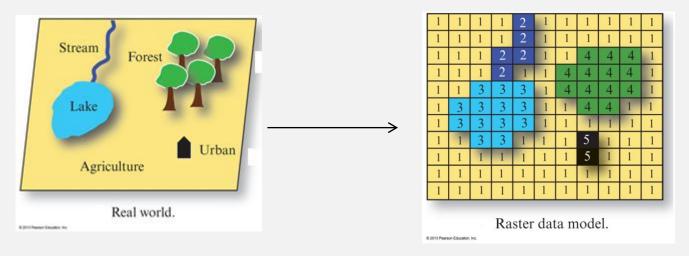
(direct measurement): collected in digital format specifically for use in a GI project.

– Secondary sources:

(derivation from other sources): digital and analog datasets originally captured for another purpose and needing to be converted into a suitable digital format for use in a GI project.

- Data transfer (input of data from other systems)
- Data typically 15–50% of the total cost of a GI project
  - If staff costs excluded, data collection can be as much as 60–85% of costs

## **Raster Data Collection**

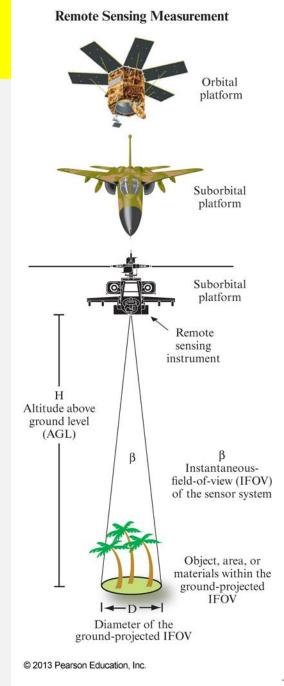


- Remote sensing
- Vector to raster conversion
- Raster data capture using scanners
- Interpolation

# Raster Data Capture

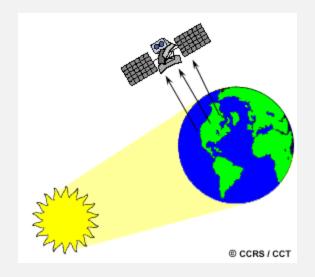
#### Remote Sensing

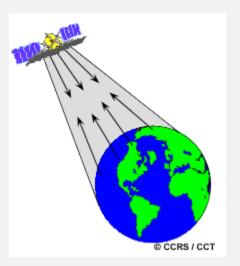
- Is the measurement of physical, chemical, and biological properties of objects without direct physical contact.
- Remote sensing instruments can be flown onboard satellites, airplanes, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles, and balloon.



# Raster Data Capture

- Remote Sensing : Passive and Active Sensors
  - Passive sensors rely on reflected solar radiation or emitted terrestrial radiation
    - Can easily be affected by cloud
  - Active sensors generate their own source of radiation to monitor the earth surface
    - Weather independent
    - Sunlight independent: can be operated day and night





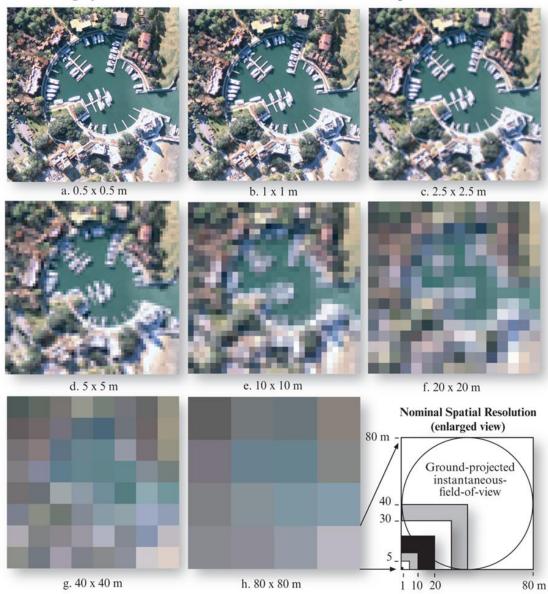
# Raster Data Capture

- Resolution is the key consideration
  - Spatial
  - Temporal
  - Spectral

# **Spatial Resolution**

- Spatial resolution: refers to the size of smallest possible objects that can be detected.
- The most usual measure is the pixel size.
- For urban analysis, the spatial resolutions greater than 10m are practically useless
  - E.g., Landsat MSS data (79m) are of little value for most urban applications
- In ArcGIS,
  - right-click the raster layer, go to property/source to check the spatial resolution

#### Imagery of Harbor Town in Hilton Head, SC, at Various Spatial Resolutions



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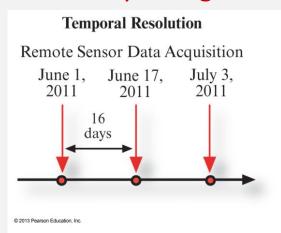
# **Temporal Resolution**

#### Temporal resolution:

generally refers to how often the remote sensor records imagery of a particular area.

e.g., every 16 days

 Multiple records of the same area obtained through time can be used to identify change and make predictions.



#### E.g.,

- 16-day revisit cycle NASA Landsat Thematic Mapper
- Every half hour GEOS (Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellites)

# IKONOS Imagery of the World Trade Center



a. June 30, 2000.

b. September 15, 2001.

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## **Trade-Off Between Spatial and Temporal Resolution**

#### **Applications**

#### Weather predication

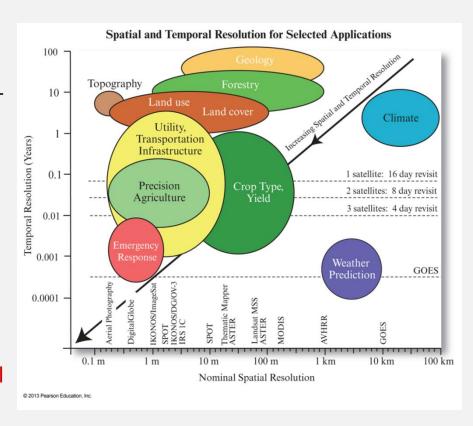
 Require very high temporal (e.g., every half-hour) resolution but low spatial resolution (e.g., 4 to 8 km)

#### Emergency response

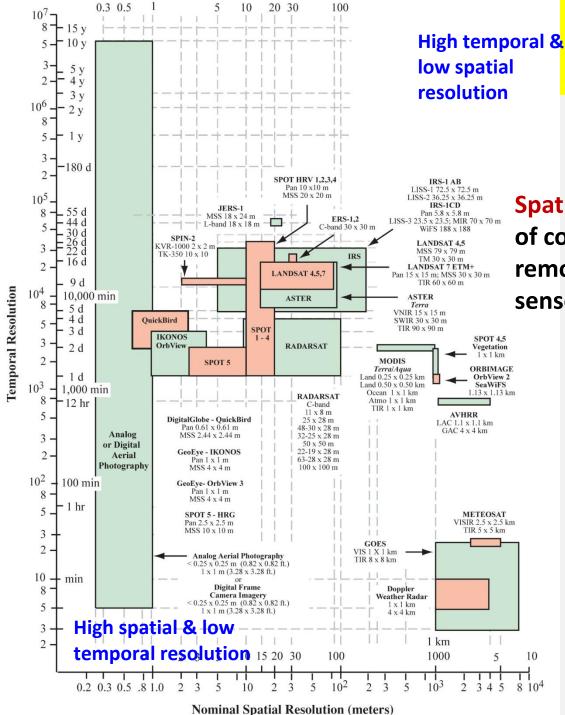
Require very high spatial (e.g., 0.5m)
resolution and high temporal resolution
(e.g., daily)

#### Land use mapping

 Generally require high spatial resolution imagery (1 to 5m) at relatively low temporal resolution (1 to 10 years)



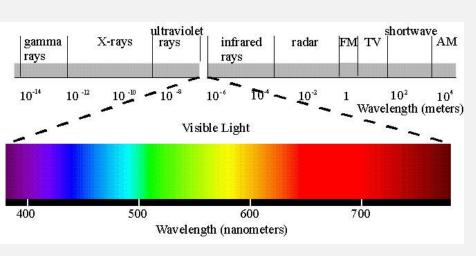
- Pointabel Satellites can acquire imagery off-nadir. (Nadir = point directly below the spacecraft.)
- Obtain imagery during an emergency,
- E.g., SPOT, IKONOS, Quick Bird, ImageSat



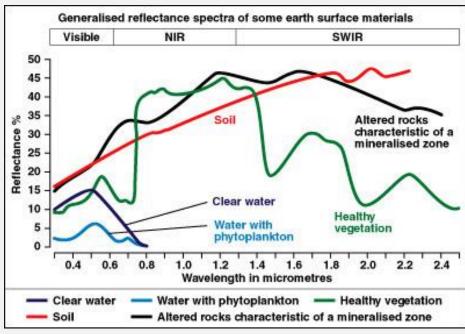
Spatial and temporal characteristics of commonly used Earth observation remote-sensing systems and their sensors

# **Spectral Resolution**

- Spectral resolution refers to the parts of the electromagnetic spectrum that are measured.
- Different objects emit and reflect different types and amount of radiation.



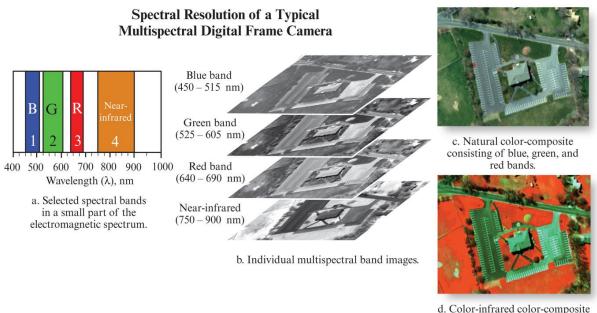




Source: http://www.rsacl.co.uk/rs.htm

## **Spectral Resolution**

- Spectral resolution
  - ◆ Is the number and size of specific wavelength interval (referred to as bands) in the electromagnetic spectrum to which a remote sensing instrument is sensitive.
  - Multispectral remote sensing
    - Records energy in multiple bands
  - Hyperspectral remote sensing
    - Records in tens to hundreds of spectral bands

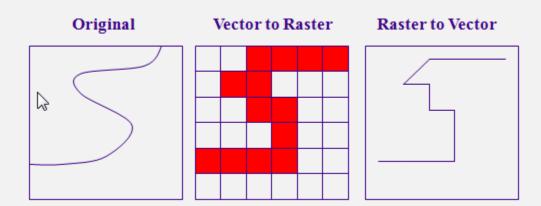


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#### **Point** vector to raster conversion:

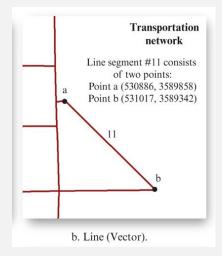
- If there is only a single point in a cell, that point's value is assigned to the cell.
- node x,y assigned to closest raster cell.
- locational shift almost inevitable; error depends on raster size.
- two points in one cell indistinguishable
- If more than one point in a cell
  - Sum, Mean, Minimum, Maximum, Range, Most frequent
- not transitive; cannot retrieve original data without error

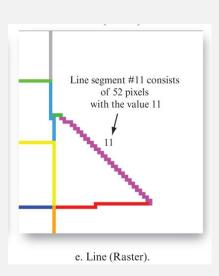
*Transitive:* the ability to reproduce the original data after conversion.



#### **Line** vector to raster conversion:

- Cells assigned if touched by line .
- Stair step appearance of diagonal lines (called aliasing).
- If there is more then one line in the cell, then:
  - Maximum\_Length
  - Maximum\_Combined\_Length
  - If the priorities are adopted, then select the one with the highest priority.

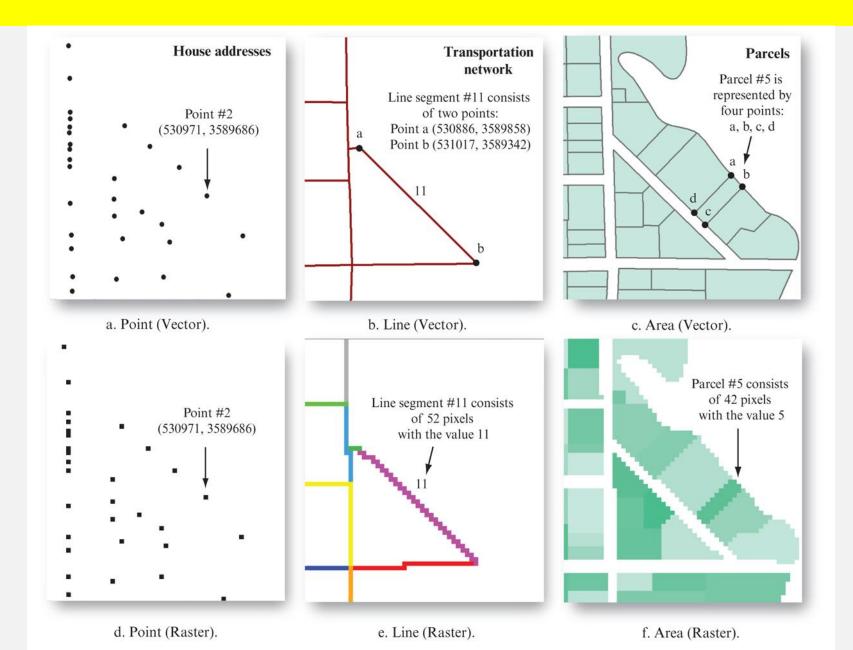




#### **Polygon vector to raster conversion:**

There are three ways to control how the cell will be assigned a value when more than one feature falls within a cell.

- CELL\_CENTER
- MAXIMUM\_AREA
- MAXIMUM\_COMBINED\_AREA



# Raster Secondary Data Capture

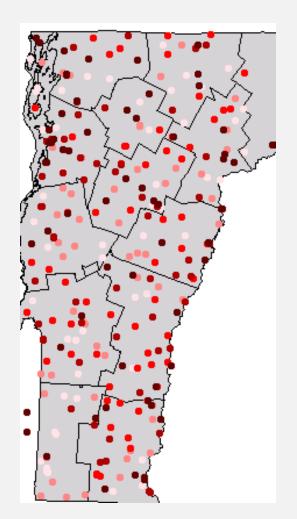
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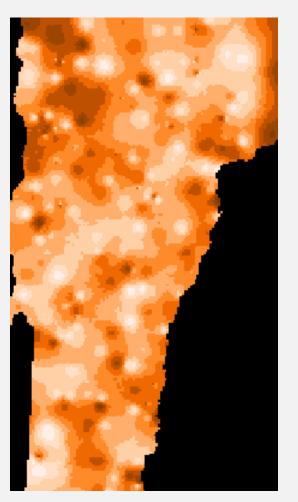
- Scanning of maps, aerial photographs, and other hard-copy documents into digital images.
  - Most GIS scanning is in the range 400-900 dpi (dot per inch).
- The larger the dpi, the higher the resolution, the longer it takes to scan a map.
- After scanning, the images have to be georegistered so that they provide geographic context for other spatial data.

Several terms are used to describe the act of assigning locations including **georeference**, geolocate, geocode, or tag with location.

# **Interpolation**

 Process of creating a continuous surface based on values at isolated sample points.





## Conclusion

- Primary geographic data capture
  - direct measurement of objects
- **♦** Secondary geographic data capture
  - ◆ the process of creating raster and vector files and databases from maps, photographs, and other hardcopy documents.
- ◆ Raster data capture (Primary & Secondary)
- ◆ Vector data capture (Primary & Secondary)
- ◆ New sources of spatial data

# **Questions?**



# **Upcoming**

- Lecture : Data Collection II
- Lab 03 due (Check Syllabus)
- Readings updated on canvas.
- Exam in Week 6
- DRS accommodations