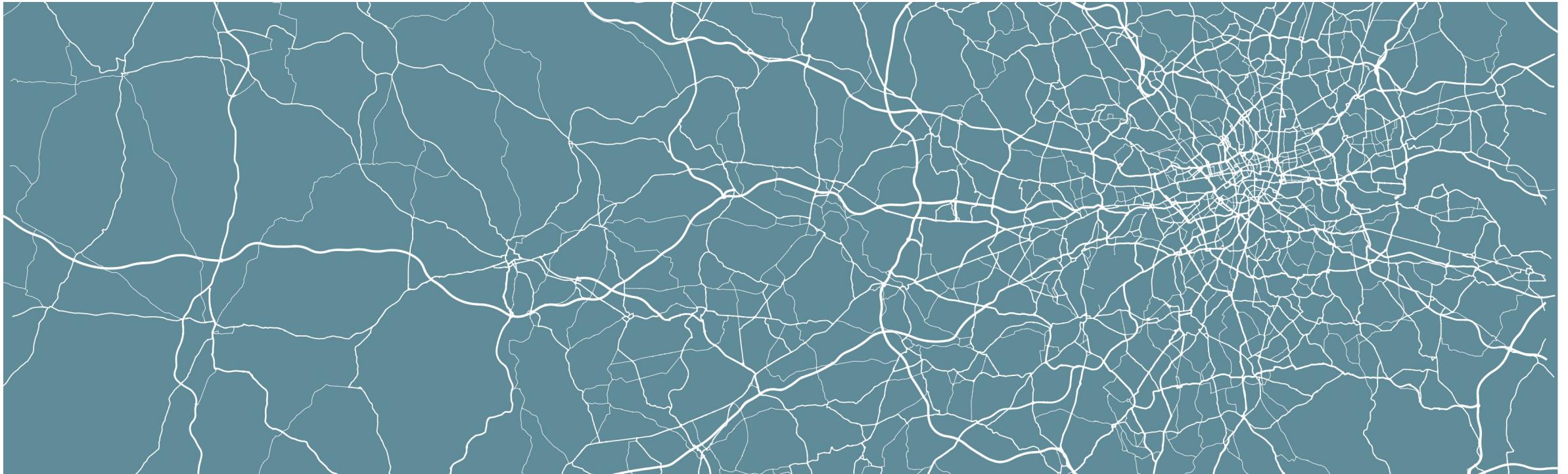


Geocomputation

W6 – Geometric Operations and Spatial Queries



Where are we at?

Part I: Foundational Concepts

W1 Geocomputation: An Introduction

W2 GIScience and GIS software

W3 Cartography and Visualisation



QGIS

W4 Programming for Data Analysis



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W5 Programming for Spatial Analysis

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Part II: Core Spatial Analysis

W6 **Geometric Operations and Spatial Queries**

W7 Spatial Autocorrelation

W8 Point Pattern Analysis



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Part III: Advanced Spatial Analysis

W9 Rasters, Zonal Statistics and Interpolation



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This week



Before we start

- Go to www.menti.com
- Use code: 1334 8681



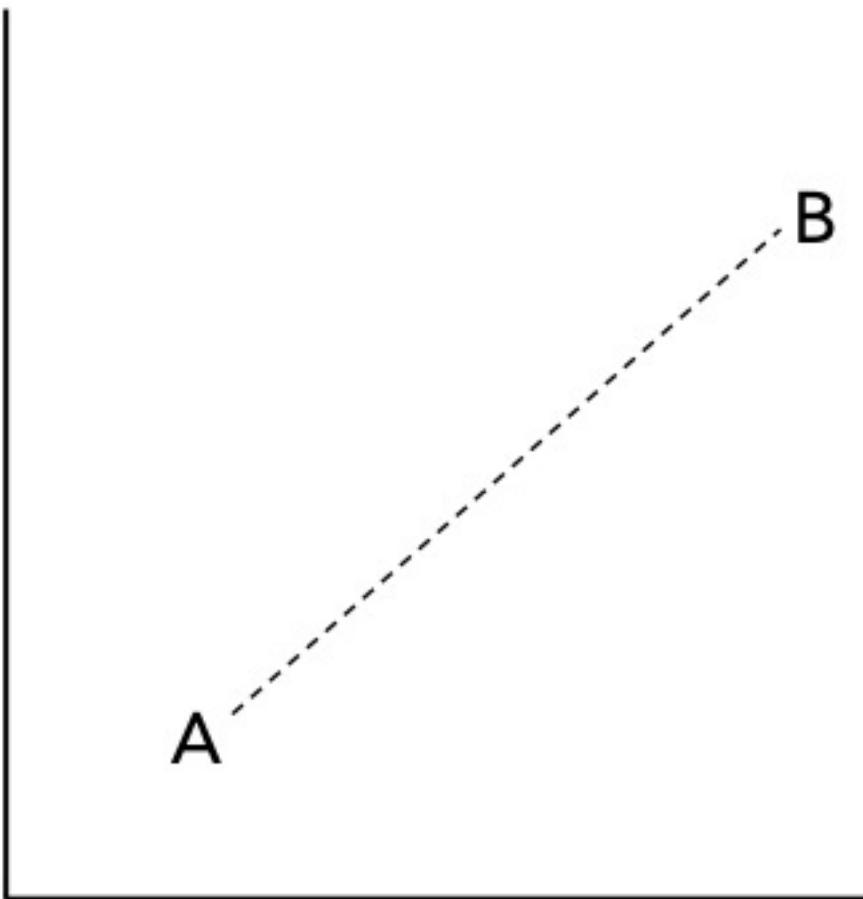
This week

- Spatial properties
- Spatial operations
- Spatial relationships

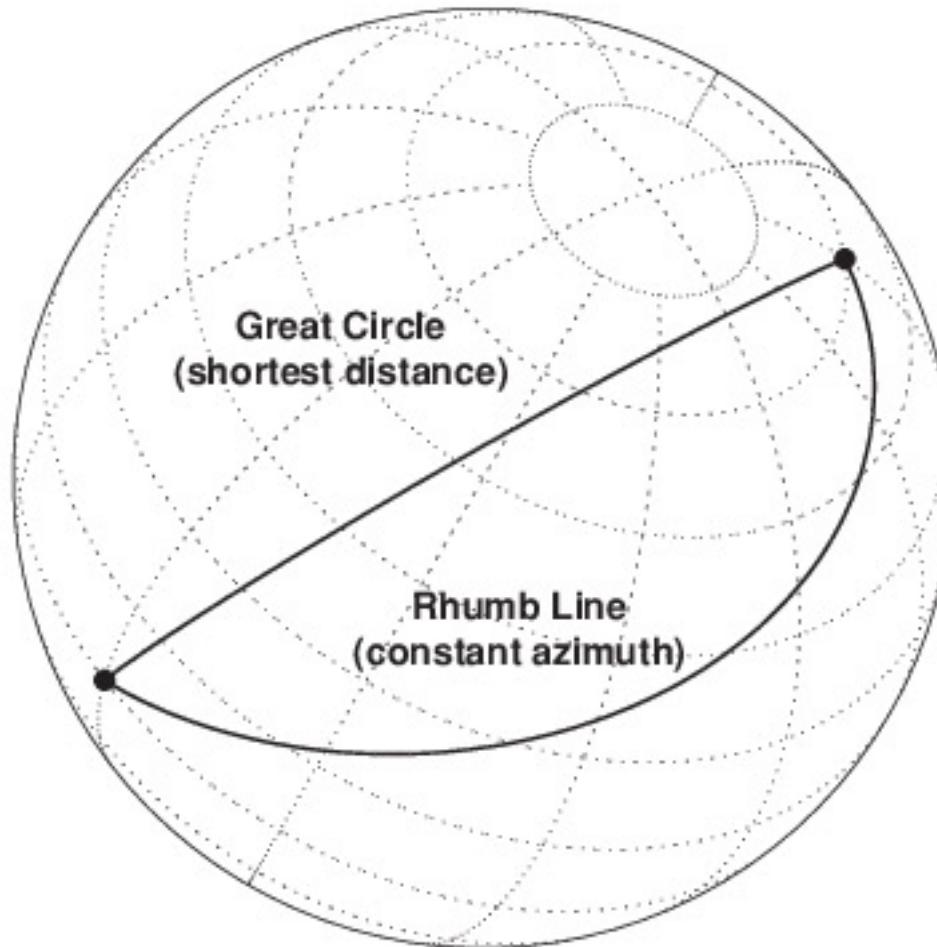
Spatial properties

- Much of spatial data involves the execution of spatial maths on spatial properties.
- We typically work with “*things*” like distance, area, and shape.
- Different ways to think about these properties and how to conceptualise them.

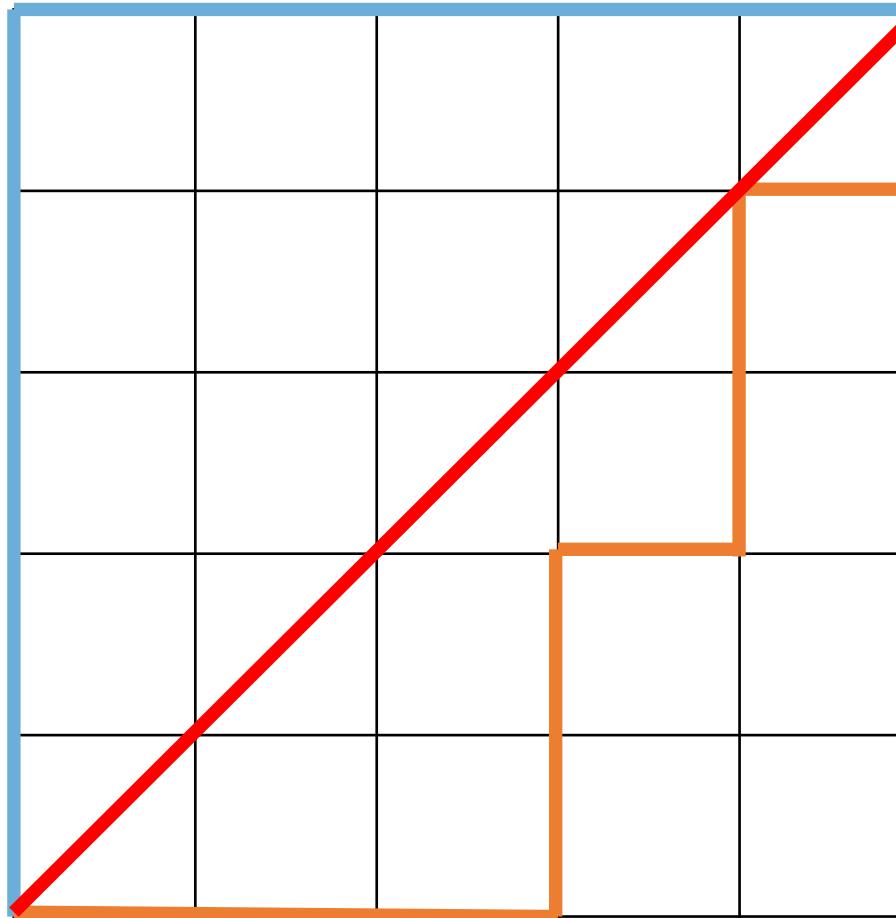
Distance I



Distance II



Distance III



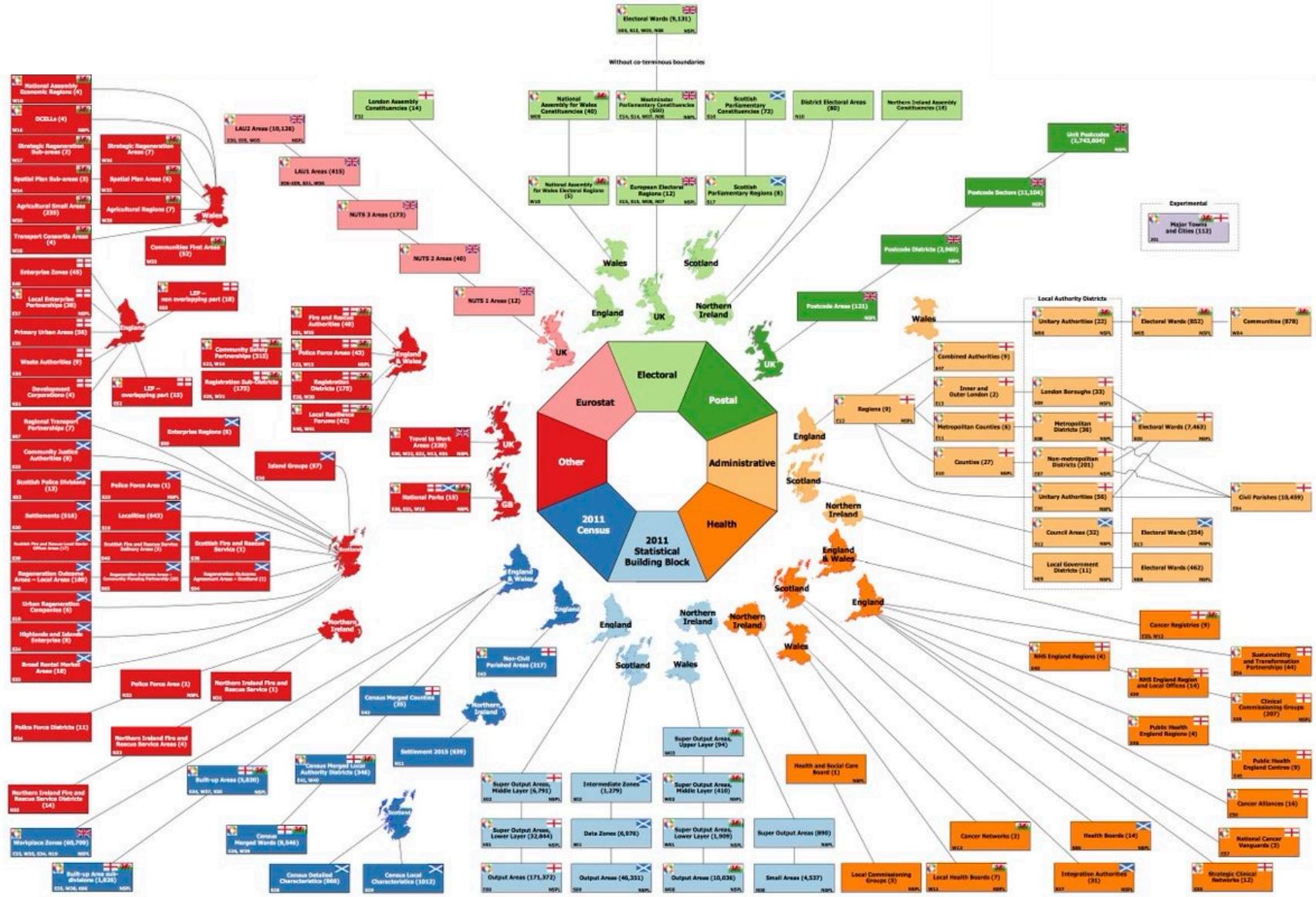
Area I



Area II

- Precision of the data source will affect calculations (e.g. simplified topology).
- Decision of which geography to use is crucial and depends on what you want to investigate – and keep in mind MAUP.

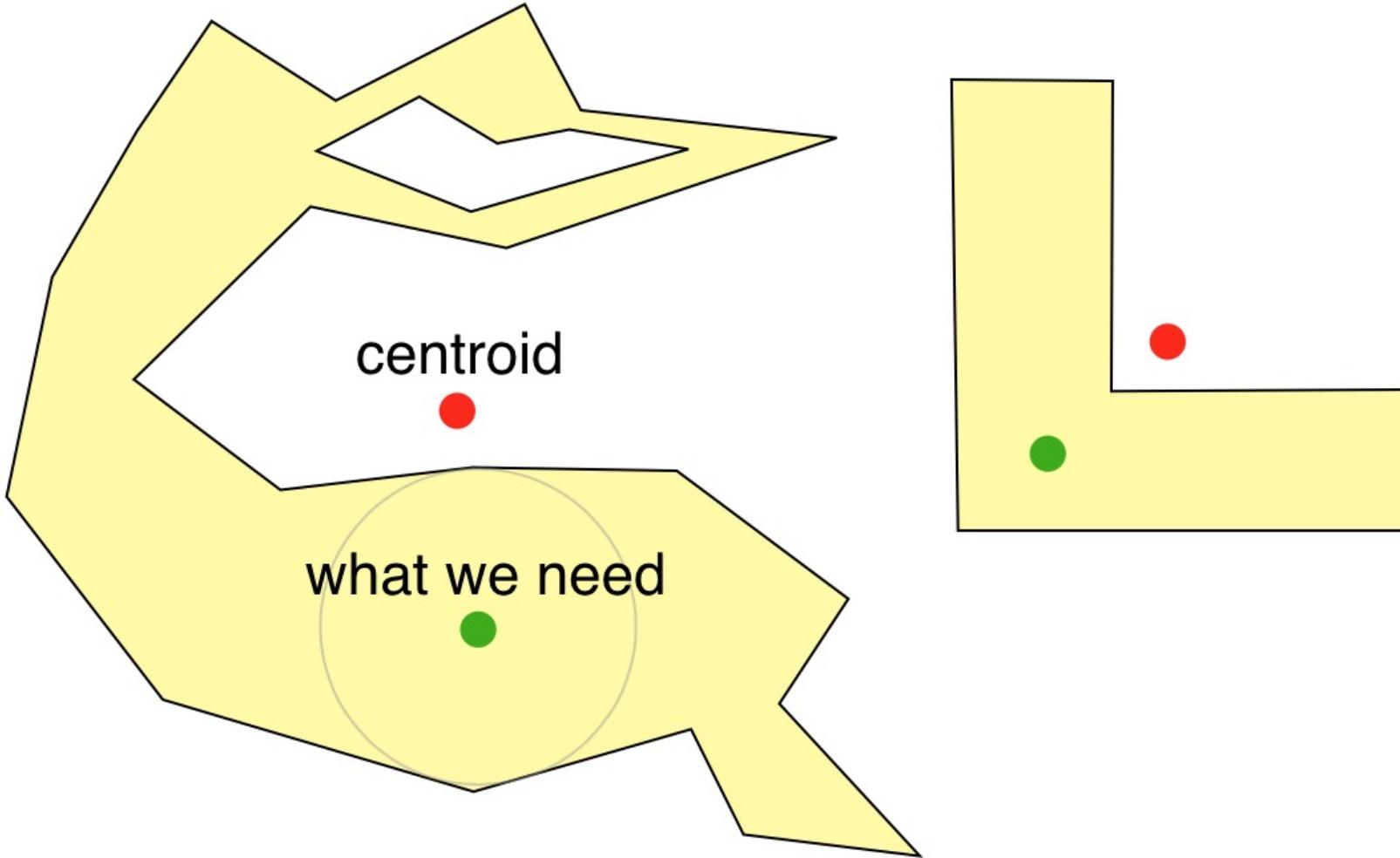
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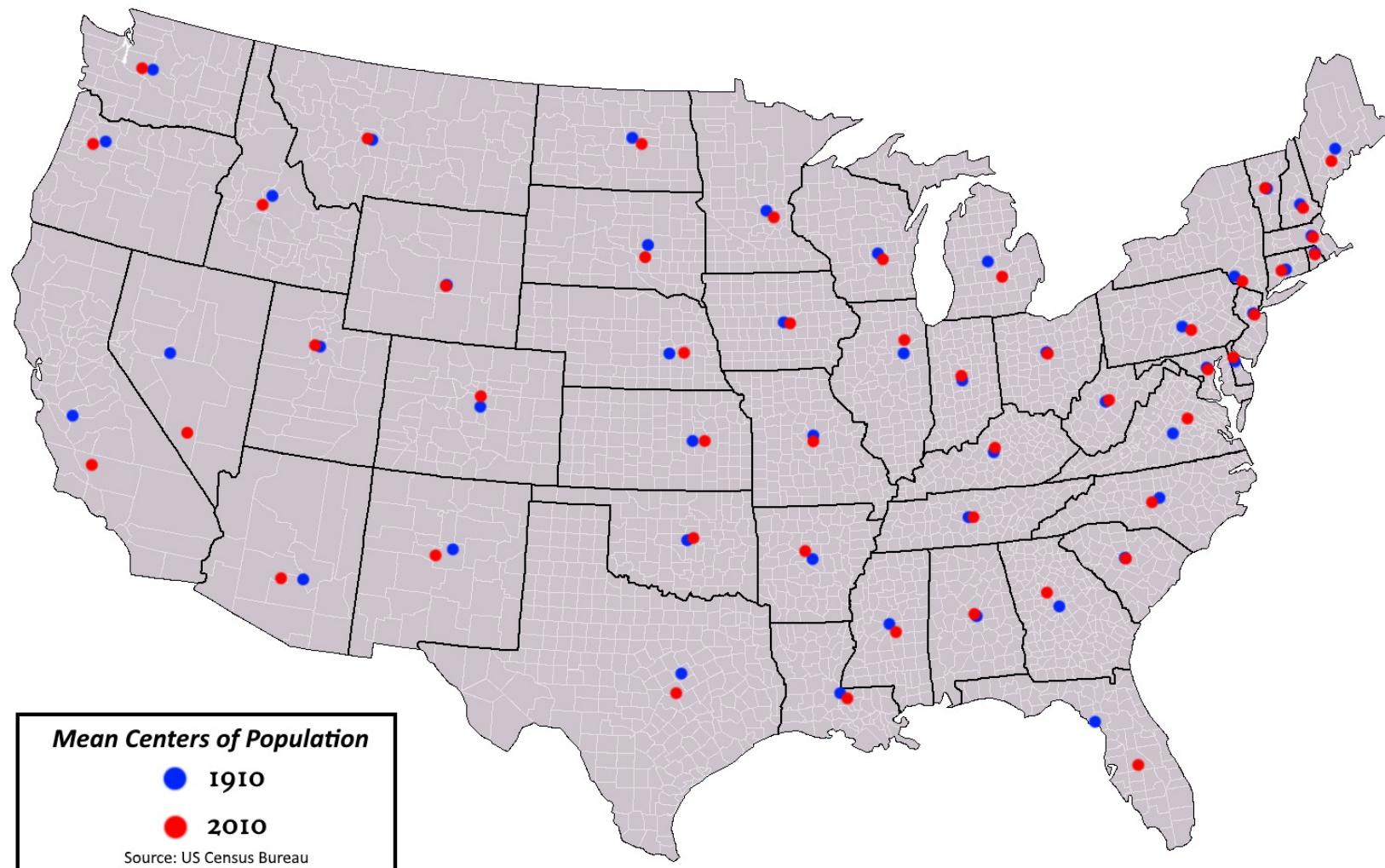
Shape I

- Identify and characterise a shape, e.g. following a process of spatially clustering individual objects or geometries.
- Quantifiable with a compactness ratio or perimeter/area ratio.
- Shape can be important to consider when calculating geometric centroids.

Shape II



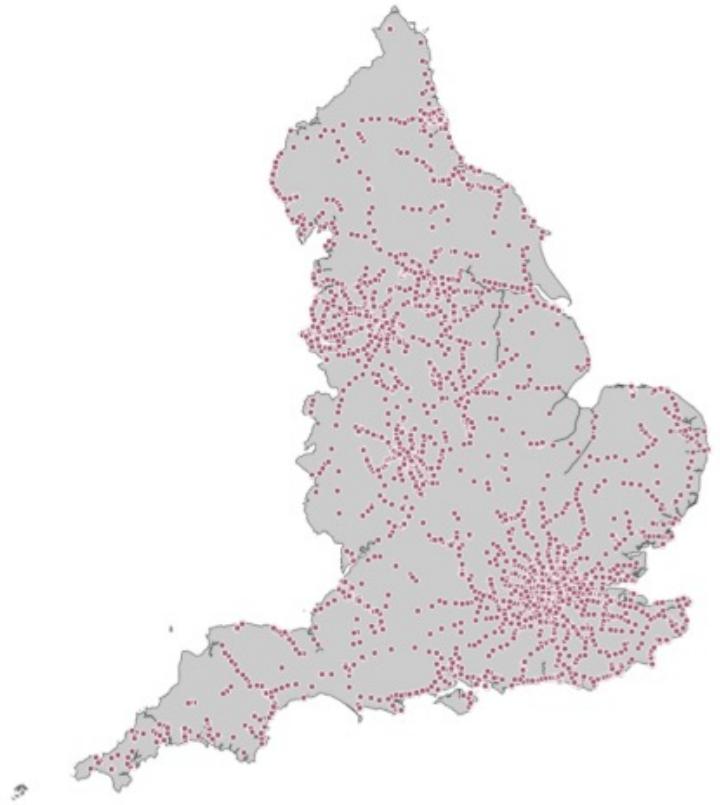
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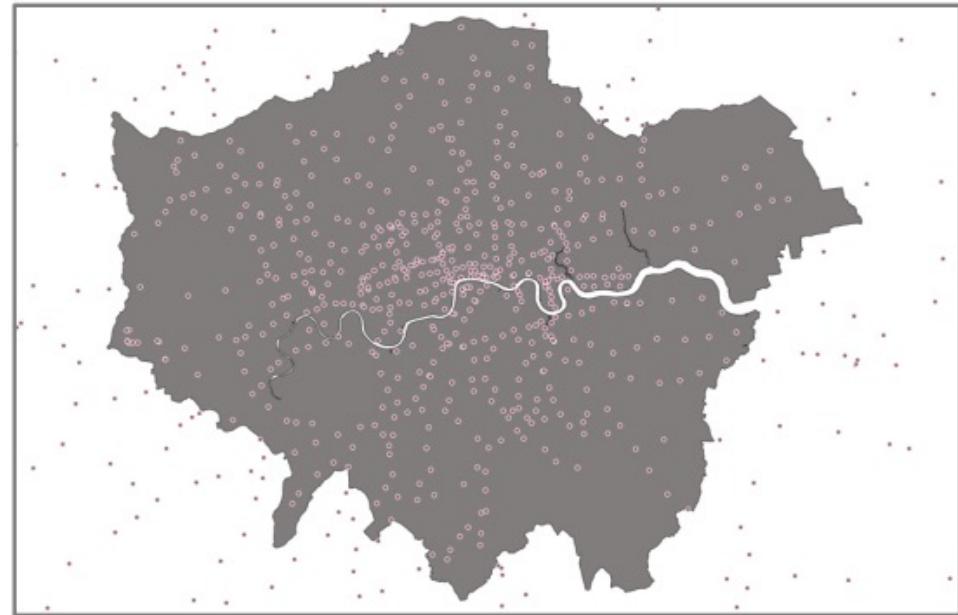
Spatial operations I

- Building blocks of spatial data analysis: selecting, filtering, reducing, and merging different geometries.
- Using spatial properties like distance, area, and shape.

Spatial operations II



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Spatial operations III

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Spatial relationships I

- Spatial relationships define how exteriors, interiors, and boundaries of different geometries interact with one another.
- Known as topological relationship.
- Evaluates adjacency, connectivity, and / or containment.

Spatial relationships II

Equals A is the same as B	
Touches A touches B	
Overlaps A and B have multiple points in common	
Contains A contains B	
Disjoint A shares nothing with B	
Covers A covers B (or vice versa)	
Crosses A and B have at least one point in common	

Spatial relationships III

- There is some spatial maths behind calculating the topological relationships between spatial objects.
- “*Does polygon A overlap with Polygon B?*”
 - 1 Establish exterior, interior and boundaries of the geometries of each the object.
 - 2 Calculate the number of times these three properties intersect with one another.
 - 3 Follow the requirements of the function to understand if it is TRUE or FALSE.

Spatial analysis

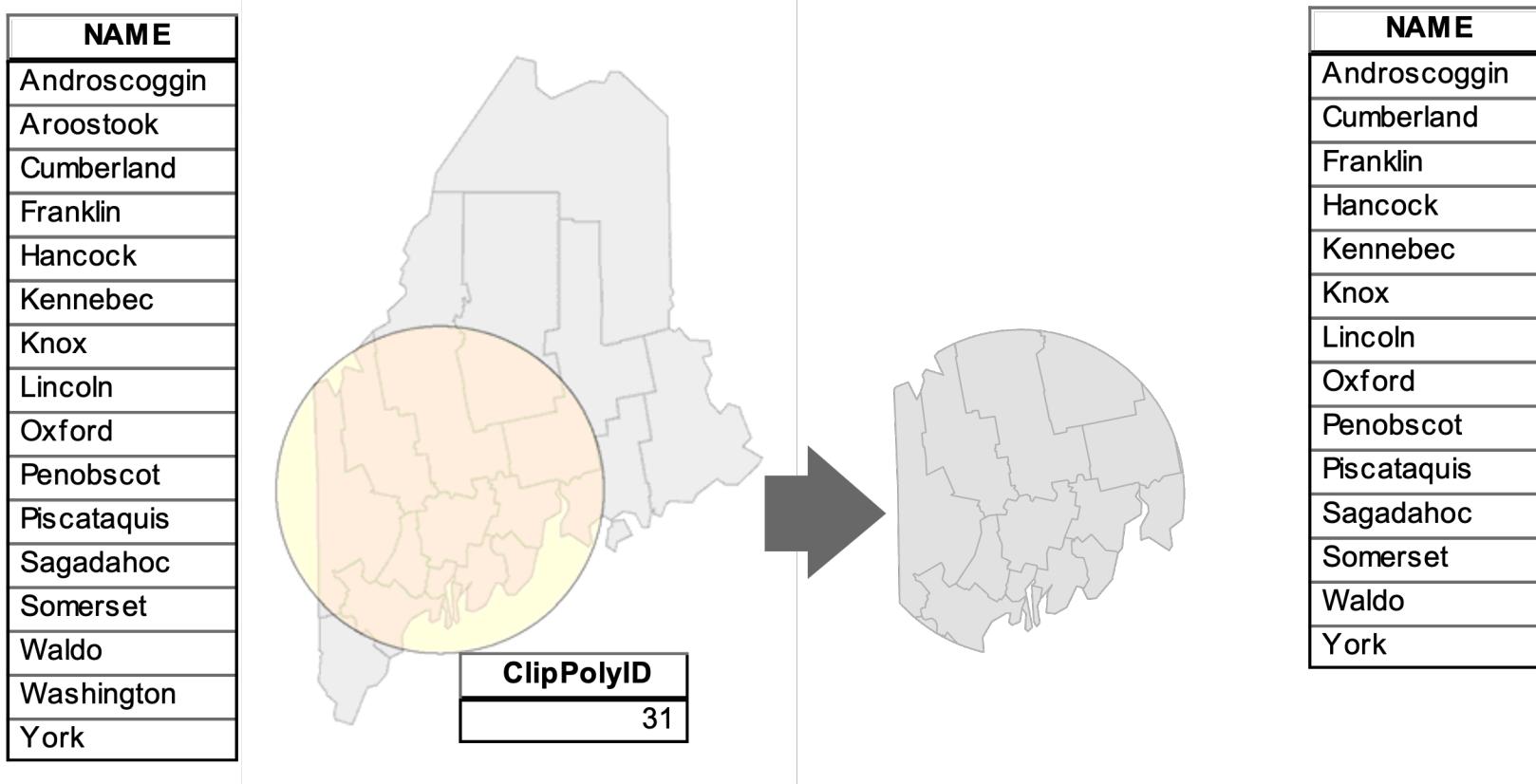
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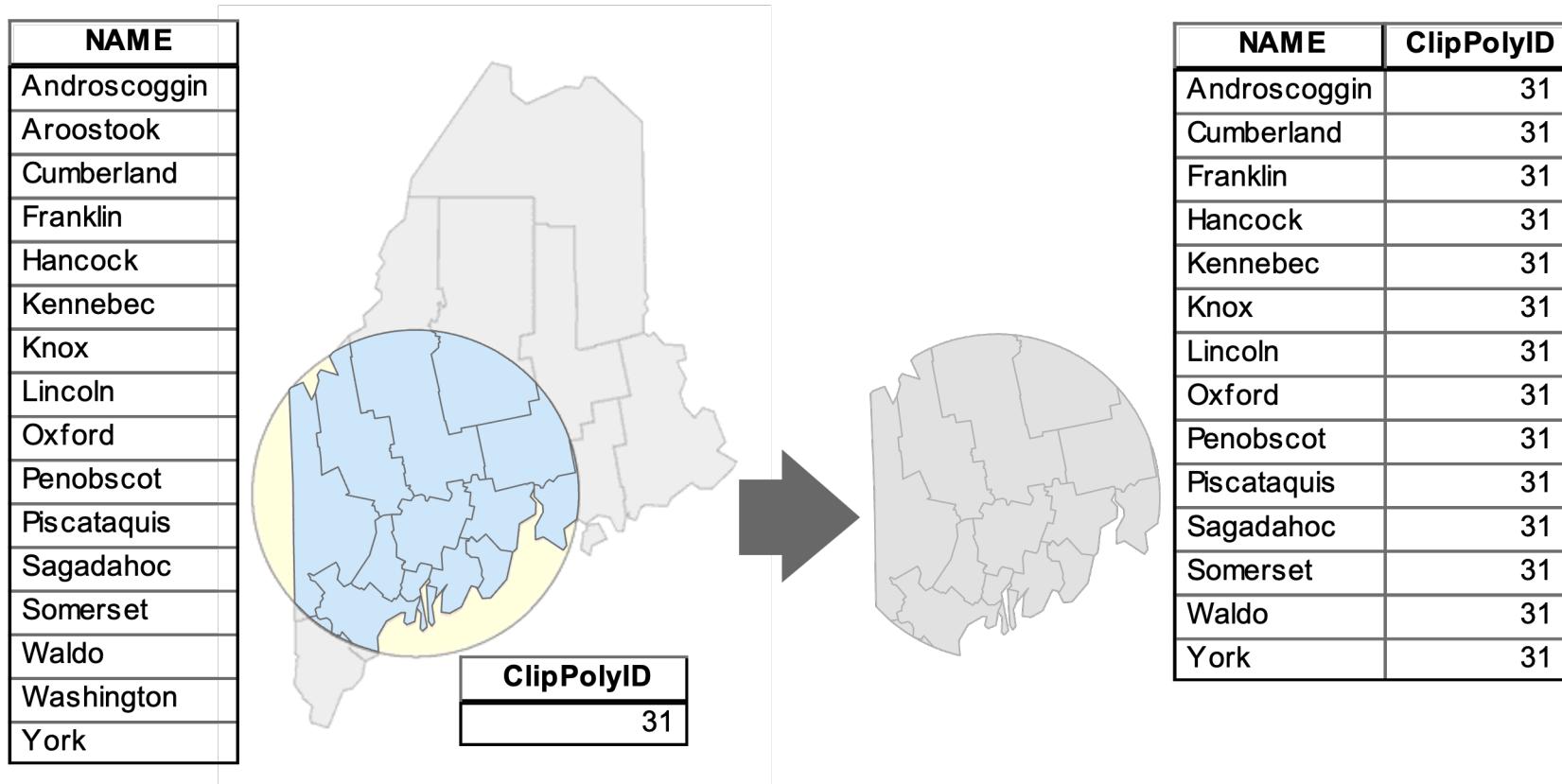
Geometric Operations + Spatial Queries

Vector operations I - Clip



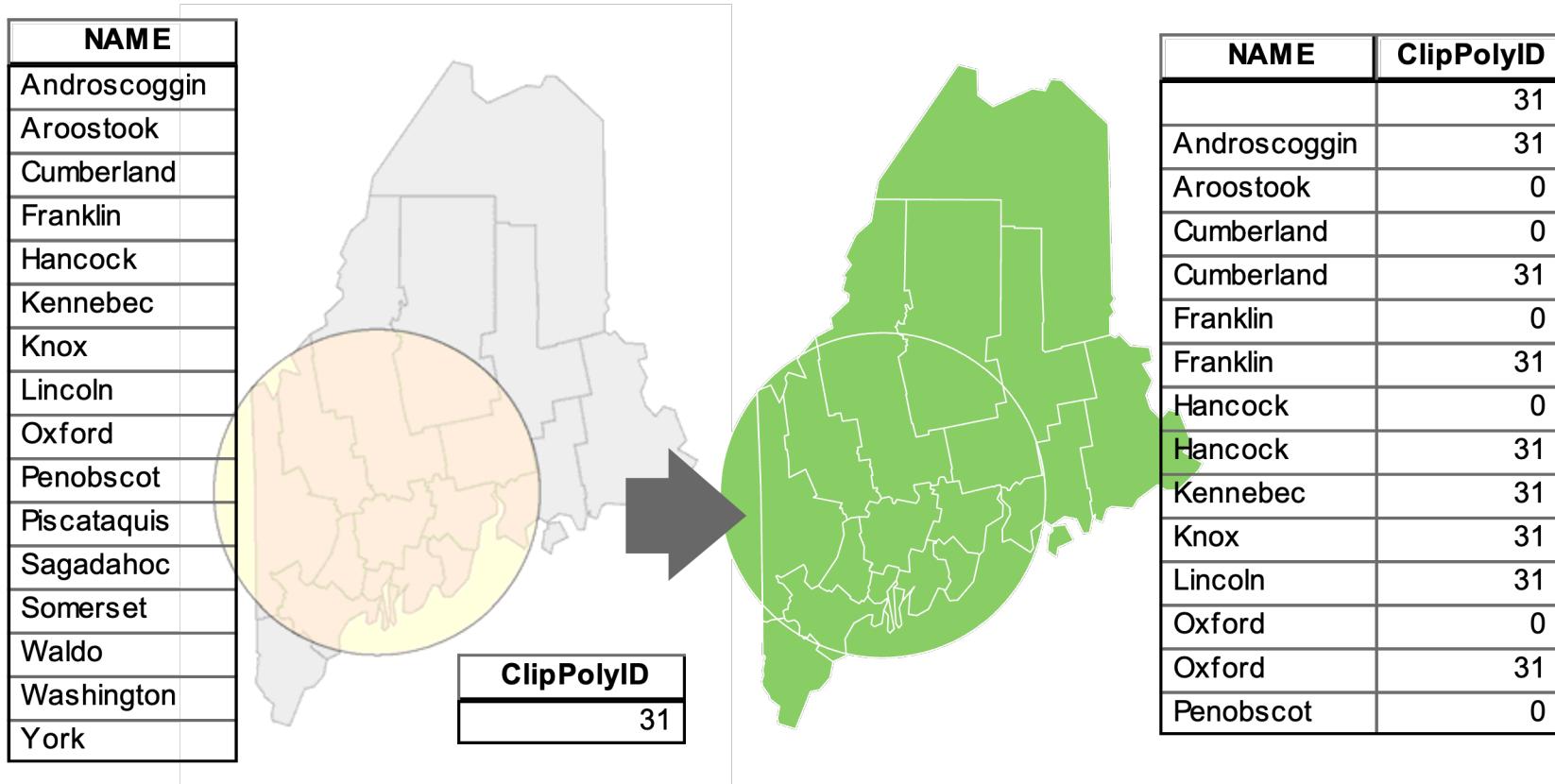
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Vector operations II - Intersect



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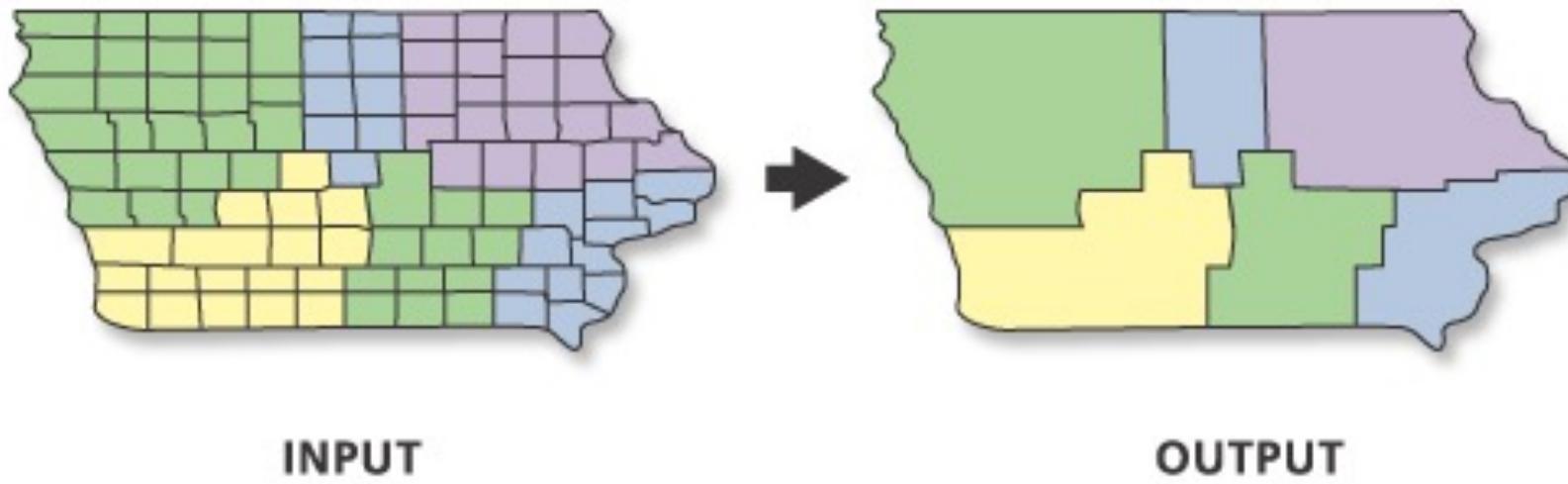
Vector operations III - Union



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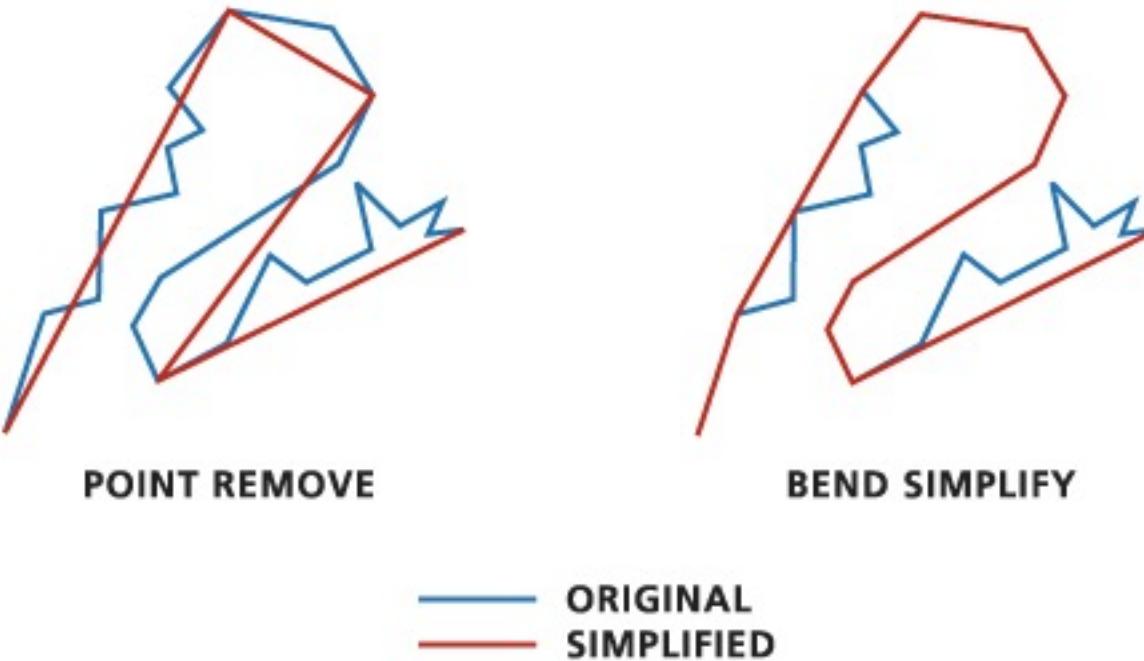
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Vector operations IV - Dissolve



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Vector operations V - Simplify

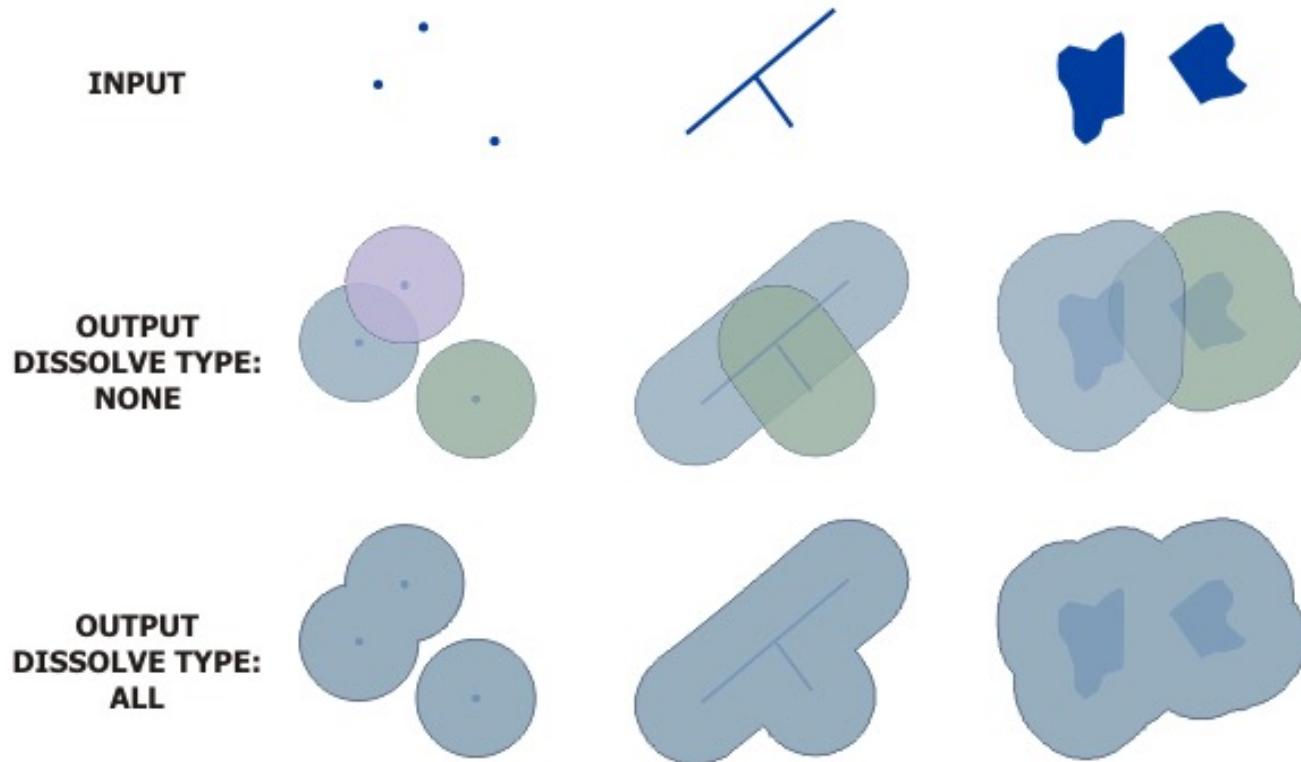


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Vector operations V - Simplify

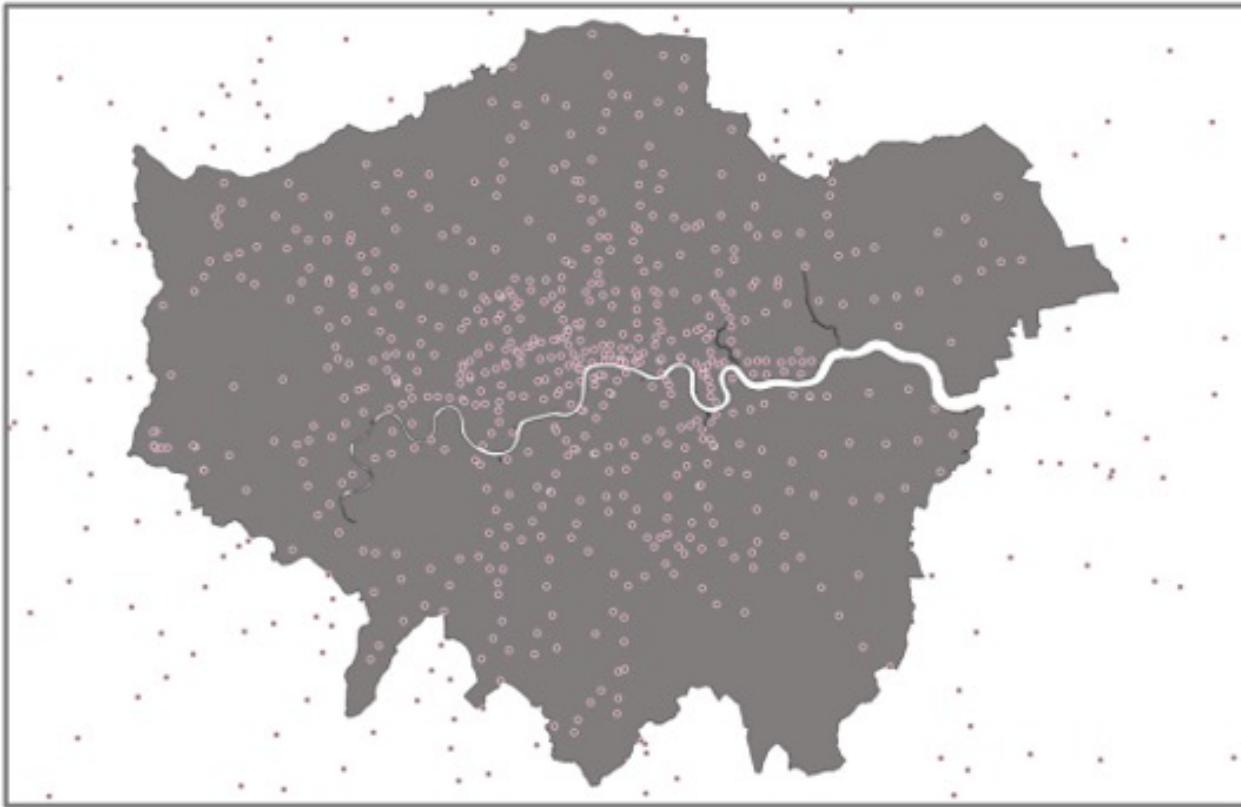


Vector operations VI - Buffer

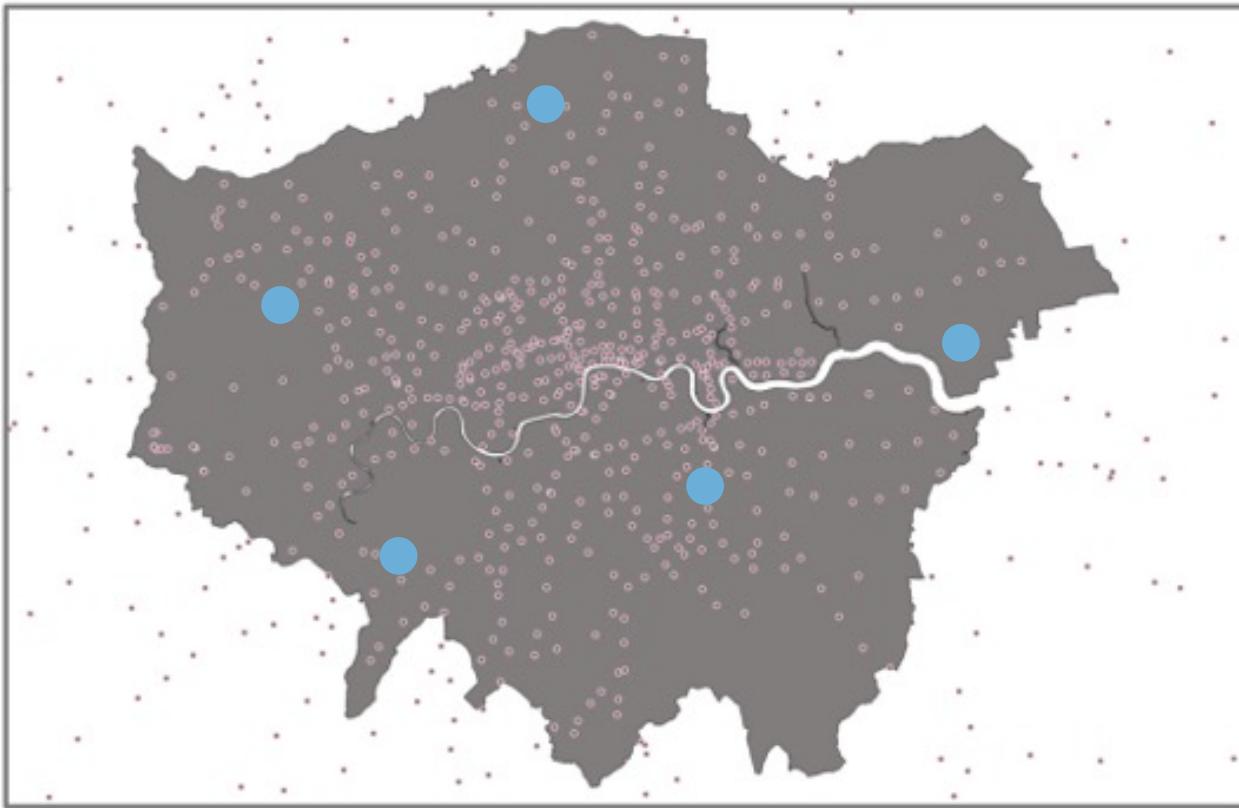


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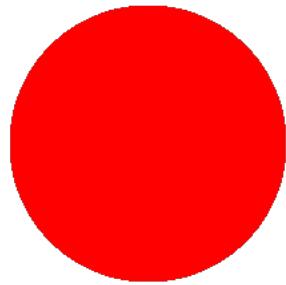
Vector operations VII – Spatial query



Vector operations VIII – Attribute query



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Conclusion

- The core of spatial analysis comes down to executing geometric operations and spatial queries.
- Spatial analysis relies therewith on the spatial properties of an object as well as on the spatial relationships both *within* and *between* spatial objects.

Computer tutorial

- Today: conducting geometric operations and spatial queries with yet another case study of London.
- Carefully read the instructions although there *may* be small deviations in the syntax.
- Assignment: no need to hand-in but if you want to leave before the end of the computer tutorial you should be able to show your results.

Assessment

- Social Atlas Coursework Assessment (60%): The first assessment will involve the completion of a spatial analysis project, based on the theory, concepts and application learnt during the module. For this coursework you are required to create a small “social atlas” on a topic or area that interests you. Deadline: April 25 2022.
- On Moodle: guidance as well as examples.

Assessment

- You should create a minimum of 8 maps - and a maximum of 10 - and not exceed 1,500 words.
- You can choose a specific theme, e.g. "Healthy Living" or "COVID19 impact across England", or create a research question to answer.
- You should aim to utilise a range of different techniques taught in the Geocomputation module to explore your topic – but make sure you apply the techniques in appropriate manner and with the right data types.

Assessment

The screenshot shows a Moodle course page for 'GEOG0030: Geocomputation'. The top navigation bar includes links for Home, Events, My courses, This course, Staff Help, Student Help, Services, Turn editing on, and Hide blocks. The main content area features a tab navigation bar with Welcome, Learning Online, Keeping In Touch, Module Overview, Lecturecast - Video recordings of classes, and Assessment, where the Assessment tab is selected. Below this, a section titled 'Module assessment details' states: 'Geocomputation is assessed through two separate assessments:' followed by two numbered points: 1. Social Atlas Coursework Assessment (60%): Described as a spatial analysis project based on theory, concepts, and application. 2. Exam Assessment (40%): Described as a written 2-hour Exam. A sidebar on the right contains sections for Contact Details (Module Convenor: Dr Justin van Dijk), Common Timetable (Personal and Module Timetables), Library Resources (UCL Explore, LibrarySkills@UCL), and Administration (Course administration, Edit settings, Turn editing on, Course completion, Users, Unenrol me from GEOG0030 Geocomputation). A 'Coursework guidance' box lists three download links: 'GEOG0030 Assessment: Social Atlas' (78.4KB PDF document), 'GEOG0030 Assessment: Data Descriptor Table' (17.7KB Word 2007 document), and 'GEOG0030 Assessment: Social Atlas Examples'. An 'Assessment support' box contains a link to 'Plagiarism and Academic Writing for Students'.

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Assessment support

Plagiarism and Academic Writing for Students

This Moodle course is open to all UCL students and contains:

- Guidance on essay writing style;
- UCL's definition and guidelines around plagiarism;
- Advice to help you avoid plagiarism;

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Assessment

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "11 Data Sources | GEOG0030: Geocomputation" at the top. The URL in the address bar is "jtvdijk.github.io/GEOG0030/data-sources.html". The left sidebar contains a table of contents for the module:

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10 Transport Network Analysis
Additional Resources
11 Data Sources
11.1 Open Data
11.2 CDRC Data
11.3 Other Data

The main content area starts with a section titled "11 Data Sources". Below it, a text block says:

Below you will find some online resources that you might want to explore when sourcing data for your coursework assignment and/or your dissertation. This is by no means an extensive data list, but summarises data used within some of the practicals alongside some additional data sources.

Note

You are **not limited** to using these datasets for your coursework assignment and/or your dissertation.

Below this note, there is a section titled "11.1 Open Data" which contains the following text:

The following websites contain Open Data or link to Open Data from several respectable data providers:

- [Google Dataset Search](#)
- [Tesco Store Data \(London\)](#)
- [NHS Data \(ready for R\)](#)
- [US City Open Data Census](#)
- [nomis](#)
- [ONS Geoportal](#)
- [UK Data Service](#)
- [ONS](#)
- [Edina \(e.g. OS mastermap\)](#)

Assessment

TL;DR story of at most 1,500 words tied together by 8-10 related maps.

Geocomputation Help Session

- Thursday from 14h00-15h00 in Foster Court 215.
- Bring your own laptop.

Questions

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