01b. Intro to Network Data Model

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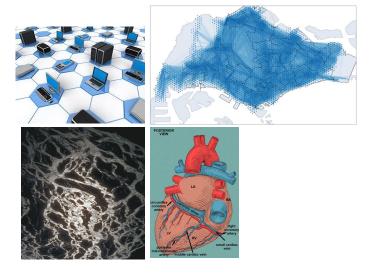
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Learning Objective

• What is the underlying structure that enables finding, e.g. shortest path, and give directions?

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Examples of Network



Key terms

Network

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Data Model

 Everyone has a mental model of a problem, be it sophisticated or basic Key terms

Mental model
Data model

 Data models help <u>make explicit</u> and scaffold our mental models as we use information technology to solve complex problems

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Spatial Data Model

- A collective term for the process of identifying all the design elements used in the construction of a GIS
- What are the primitive entities?
 - What are the permitted relations between entities?
 - What are the properties of an entity?
 - How do we enforce constraints to avoid problems in the database?

Key terms

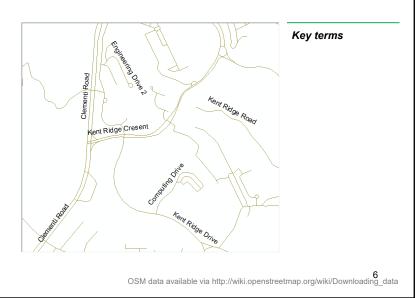
Spatial data model Entity Property Relation between entities

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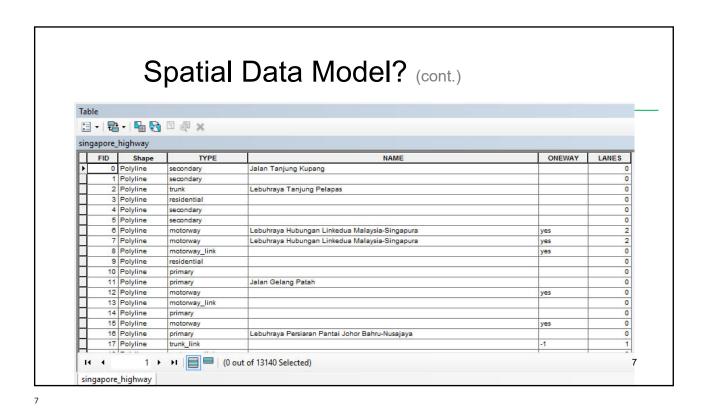
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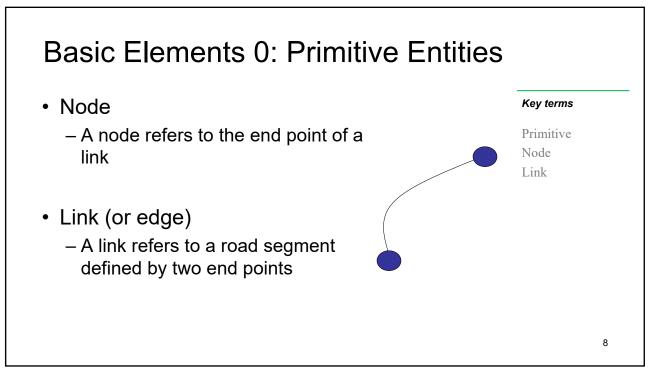
Spatial Data Model?

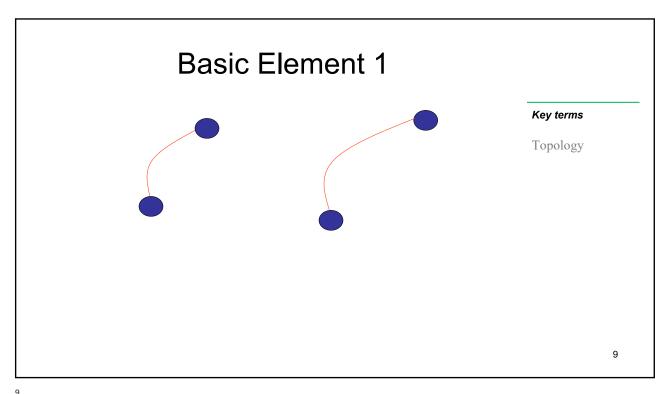




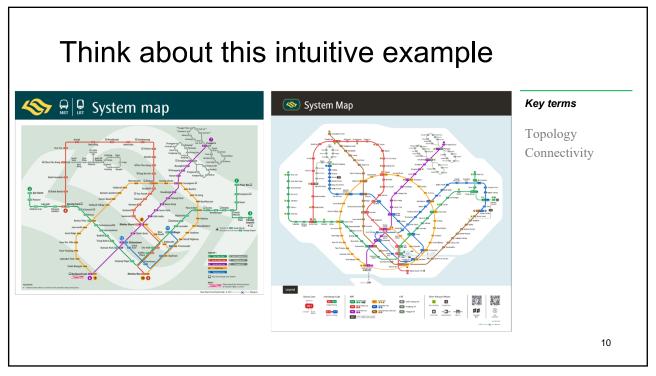
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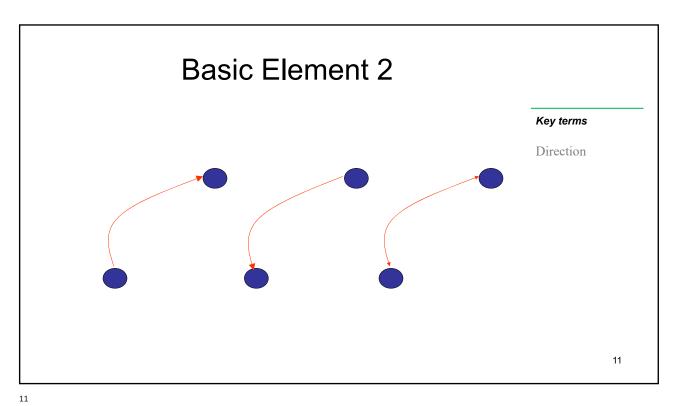






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Basic Element 3a: Link Impedance

- The cost of traversing a link
 - Length of a link?
 - Traveling speed?

Key terms

Forms of cost Edge or link

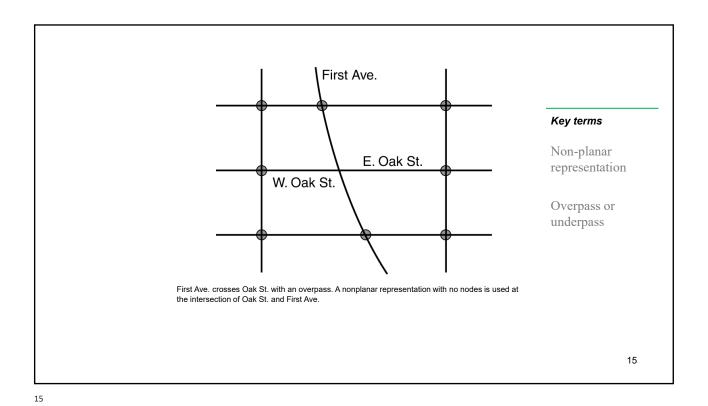
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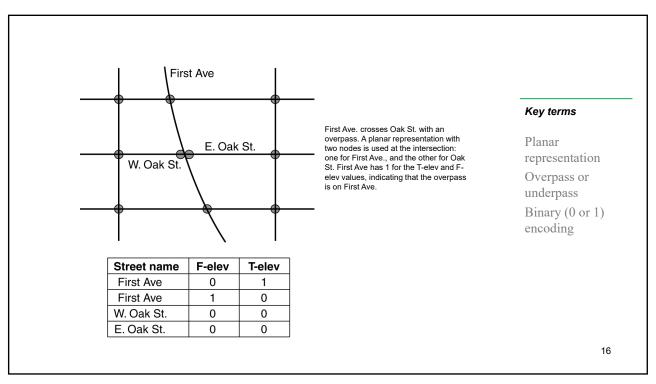
Basic Element 3b: Junction Impedance Key terms Cost Node# Arc1# Arc2# Angle Junction 341 467 503 -90 0.250 341 467 466 90 0.500 341 341 467 465 0.250 0 466 503 0.250 341 466 467 -90 0.250 341 0.500 0.500 341 13

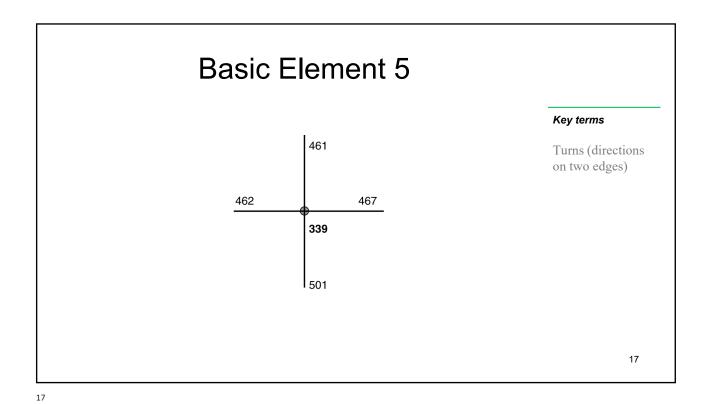
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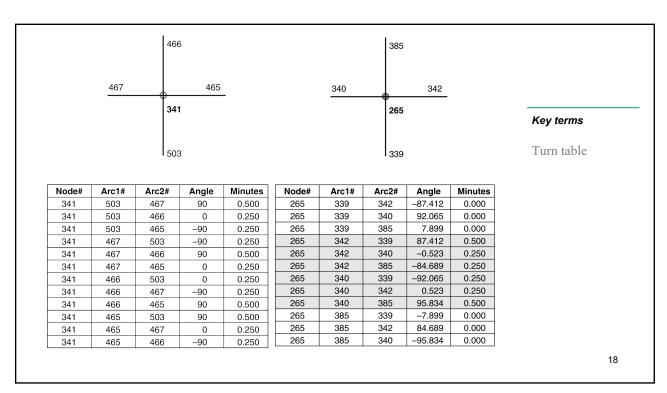
Key terms
Connectedness
Junction

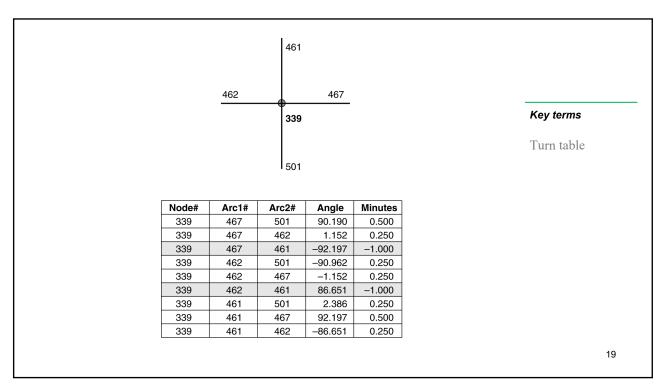
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Summary (conceptual)

- What is the underlying structure that enables finding, e.g. shortest path, and give directions?
 - A network data model based on edges and junctions. Edges and junctions are (atomic or primitive) entities that cannot be further divided
 - These entities hold multiple relations, with the most important one being connectivity
 - These entities also hold properties to capture impedance (or cost)

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