

Geographic Data Science

Introduction

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(Self-)Quiz

- Have you ever used data to make decisions in your life?
- Have you ever heard the term “Data Science”?
- Have you ever written a line of computer code?

Philosophy

- (Lots of) **methods** and techniques
 - General overview
 - Intuition
 - Very little math
 - Lots of ways to continue on your own
- Emphasis on the **application** and **use**
- Close connection to “**real world**” applications

Philosophy

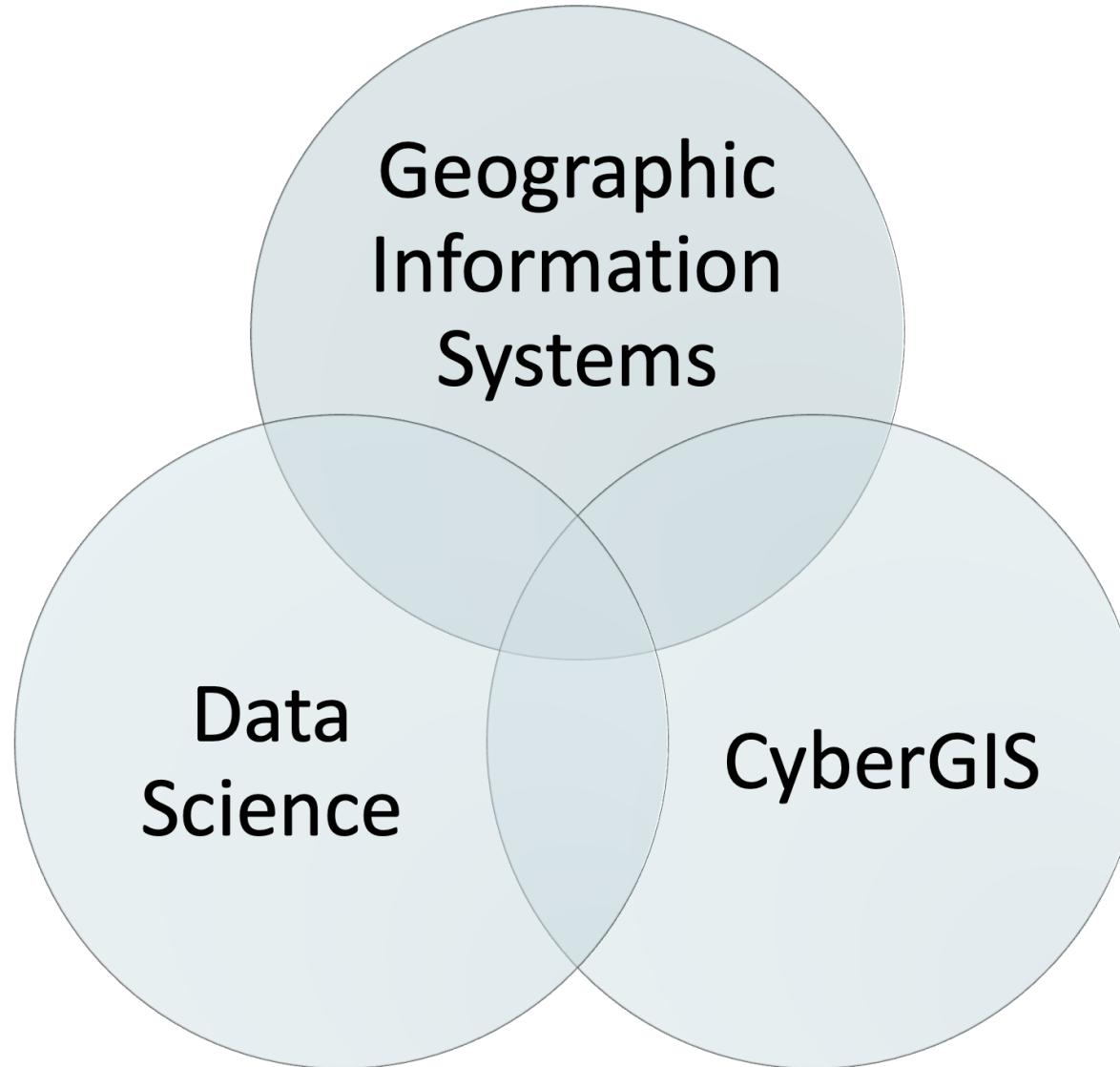
1. This course is like a gym subscription
2. Principles over technology
3. Collaborate, do not copy

Format

- Concepts: lectures (website + slides), readings, videos
- Hands-on: concepts in (interactive) action
- Do-It-Yourself: practical material to do on your own

What is Geographic Data Science?

Geographic Data Science



Geographic Data Science

- Analyse and extract insights from geospatial data
- Work with real-world data on a number of domains and problems
- Acquire key data science skills and important tools to answer spatial questions

It is in very high demand in industry.

Philosophy of Geographic Data Science

Statistician George Box :

All models are wrong, but some are useful In a similar fashion.

Geographer Keith Ord :

All maps are wrong, but some are useful.

In what fields is it useful?

Housing

Transportation

Insurance

Telecommunications

Energy

Retail

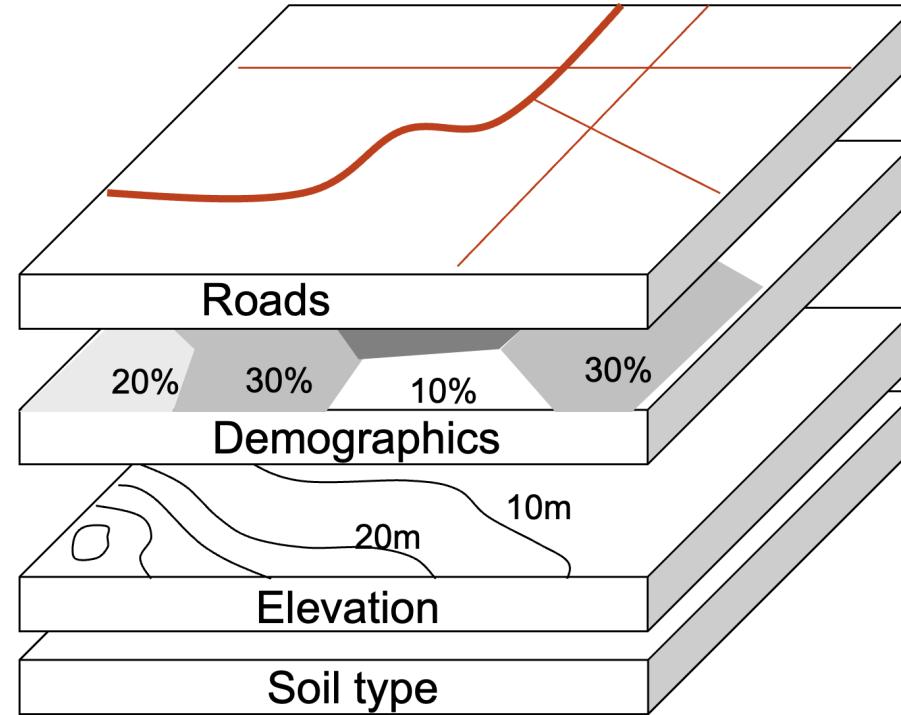
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Healthcare

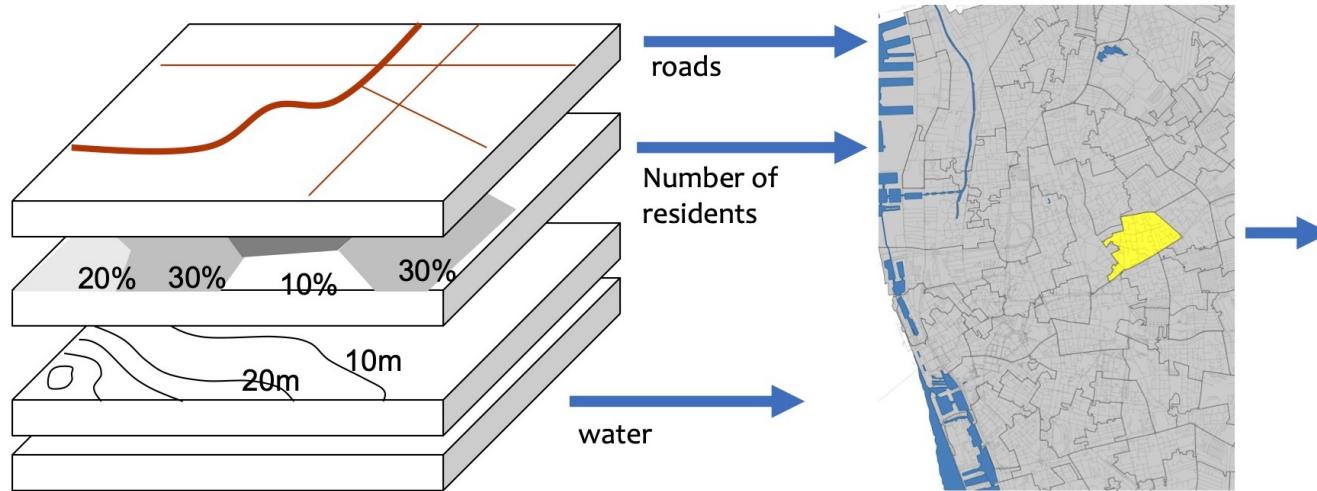
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GIS

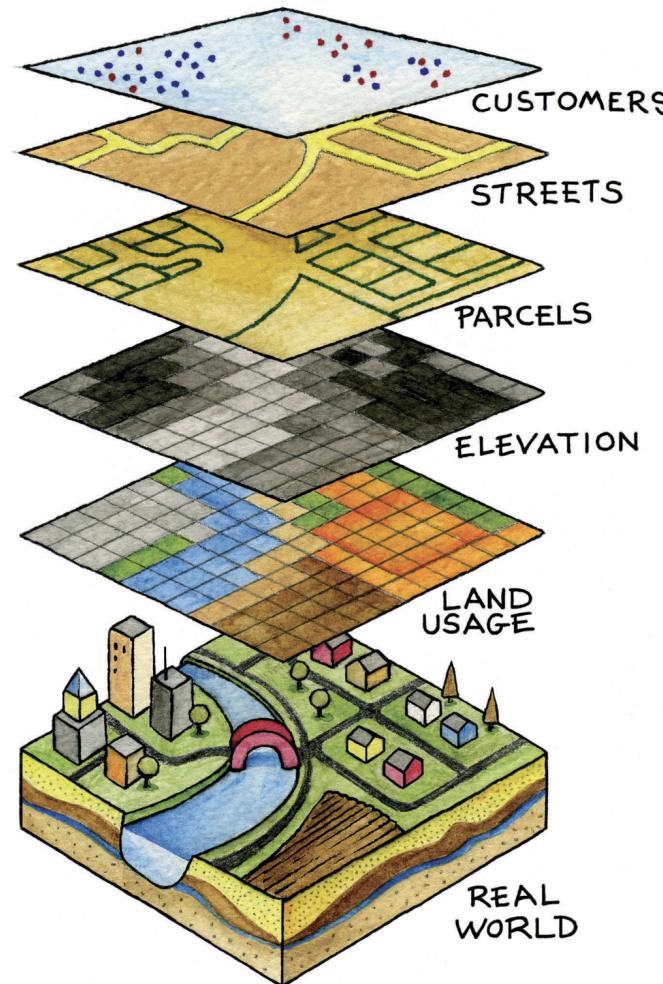


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Liverpool 02...	27.5	1899	69
Liverpool 02...	41.3	1422	34
Liverpool 02...	32.7	2175	66
Liverpool 001A	54.9	1642	30
Liverpool 00...	63.2	1505	24

GIS world vs. Real World



Skills

Hard Skills - Programming Language - Transparency and Reproducibility - Version control

Soft Skills - Communication - Storytelling - Geospatial analytics acumen - Ethical skills

Open Science

Command line interface

Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs)

Open source Geographic Information Systems (GIS), exemplified by software like QGIS, have revolutionized the accessibility of geographic analysis on a global scale. However, they inadvertently introduce a challenge to reproducibility.

Command Line Interfaces (CLIs)

Command Line Interfaces (CLIs) offer a solution to the reproducibility challenge in GIS.

The geodata ‘revolution’

Advanced Hardware: High-performance computer hardware combined with efficient algorithms are driving the geospatial data revolution, allowing us to process vast datasets quickly.

Scalable Software: Scalable software solutions are essential for sifting through this data deluge, helping us extract valuable insights from the noise.

Spatial Databases: The advent of spatial databases empowers us to store and manipulate manageable subsets within the vast sea of geographic data.

Logistics

Sessions

- Lectures *and* labs
- Mondays 1-2pm (Lecture 1h)
- Thursdays 1-3pm (Lab 2h approx) except in week 7 Tuesday
11:00-13:00
- Keep in touch on Teams!

Website

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Welcome

This is the website for the “Geographic Data Science” module **ENVS363/563** at the University of Liverpool. This is a course designed and delivered by Dr. Elisabetta Pietrostefani and Dr. Carmen Cabrera-Arnau from the Geographic Data Science Lab at the University of Liverpool, United Kingdom. Much of the course material is inspired by Dani Arribas-Bel’s [course on Geographic Data Science](#).



This module will introduce students to the field of **Geographic Data Science (GDS)**, a discipline established at the intersection between Geographic Information Science (GIS) and Data Science. The course covers how the modern GIS toolkit can be integrated with Data Science tools to solve practical real-world problems.

<https://pietrostefani.github.io/gds/>

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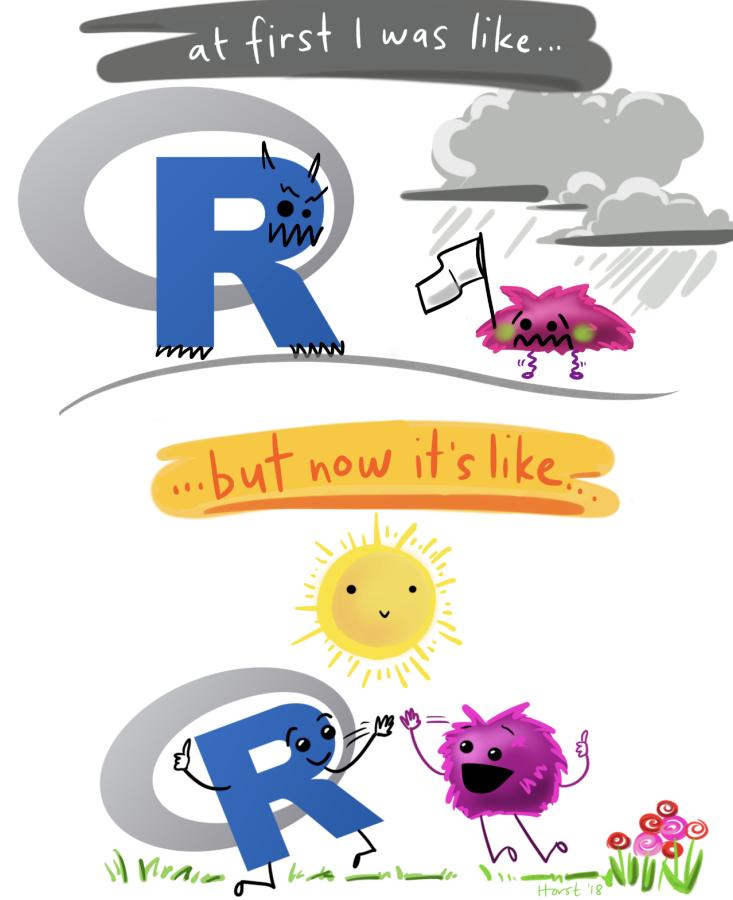
 **Pietrostefani, Elisabetta** 17:22 Edited
Welcome to ENVS363/563! Let me introduce the team. [Cabrera-Arnau, Carmen](#) and will be co-teaching this module. Please feel free to introduce yourself in this thread. Looking forward to meeting you all next week! 

 **Cabrera-Arnau, Carmen** 18:22
Welcome to ENVS353/563! I am also looking forward to the first week of teaching 

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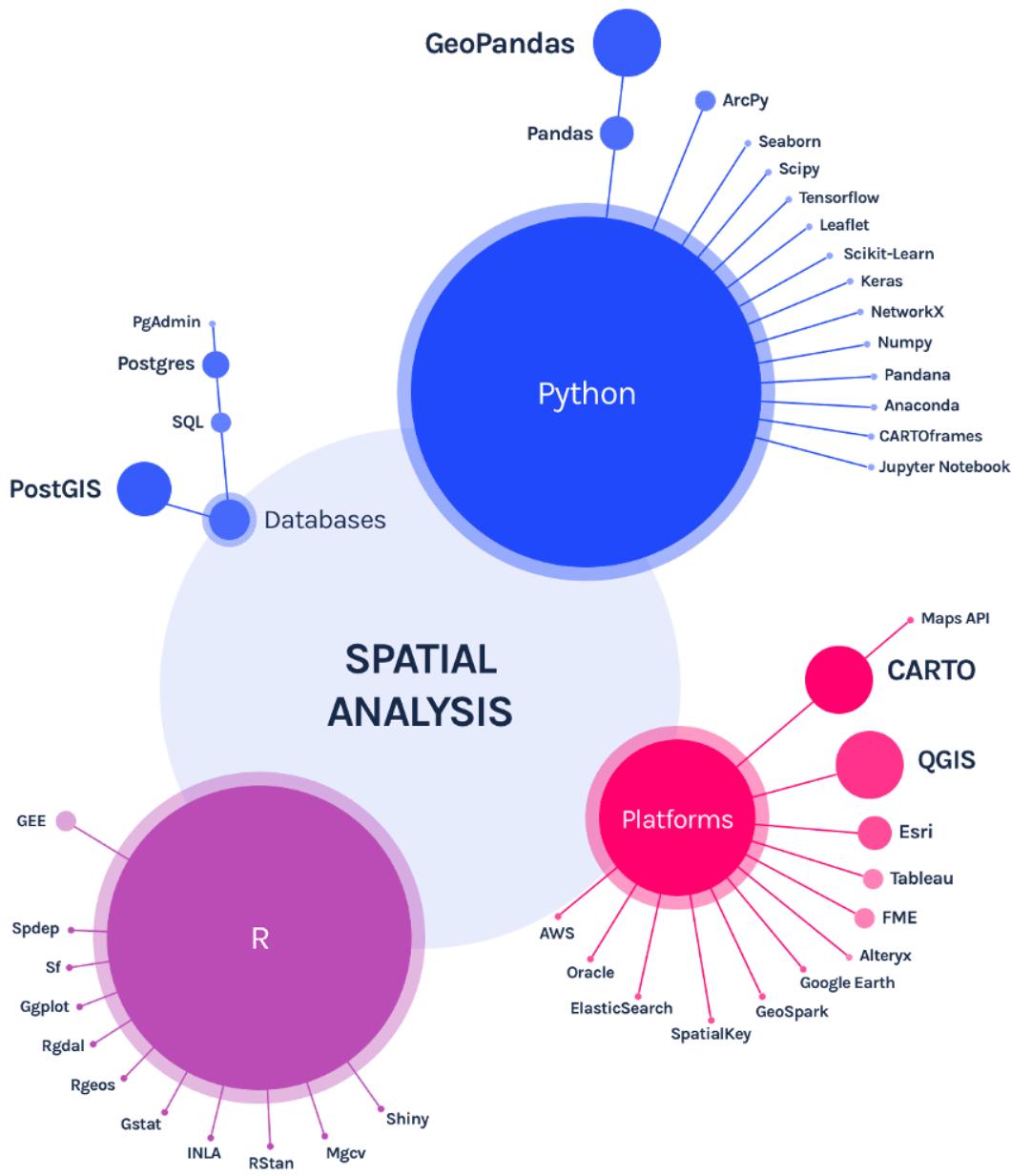


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Code



Code



Website

- Syllabus
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Let's have a look

More Help

This course is much more about *learning to learn* and **problem solving** rather than acquiring specific programming tricks or stats wizardry.

- Learn to ask questions (but don't expect exact answers all the time!!!)
- **Help others** as much as you can (the best way to learn is to teach)
- Search heavily on **Google + Stack Overflow**

Workflow

come to the Lectures

1. Go over the Concepts sections of each week after the lecture
2. Have a look at the Readings and/or videos
3. Record questions and post them on Teams prior to the lab

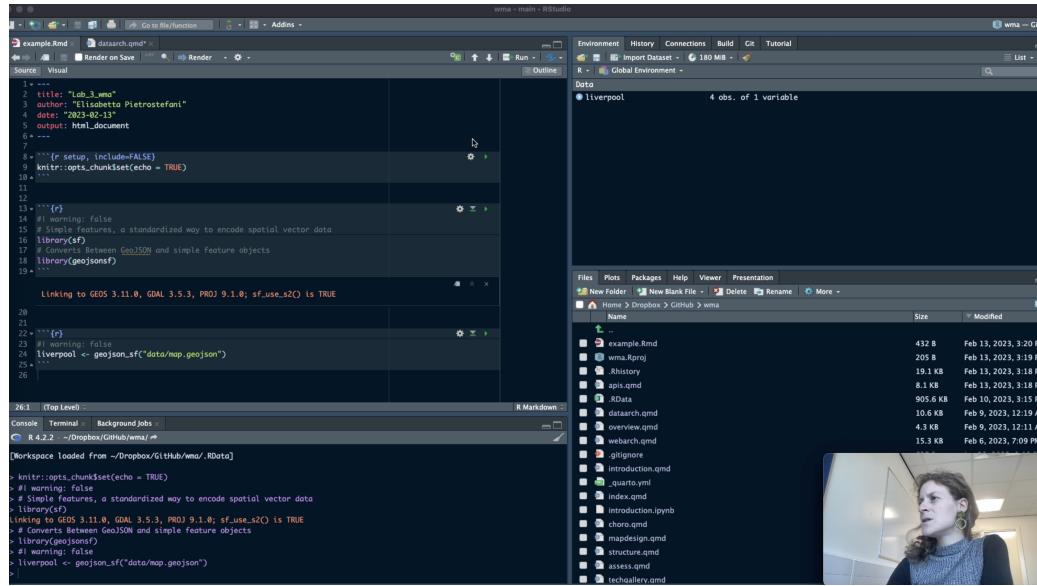
Workflow

come to the Labs

1. Come work through the code and DIY sections
2. Live answers to questions posted
3. Support from your lecturers and demonstrators
 - Hands on!
 - Collaborate *and* participate

Download R before Lab

If using your own laptop



Questions



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