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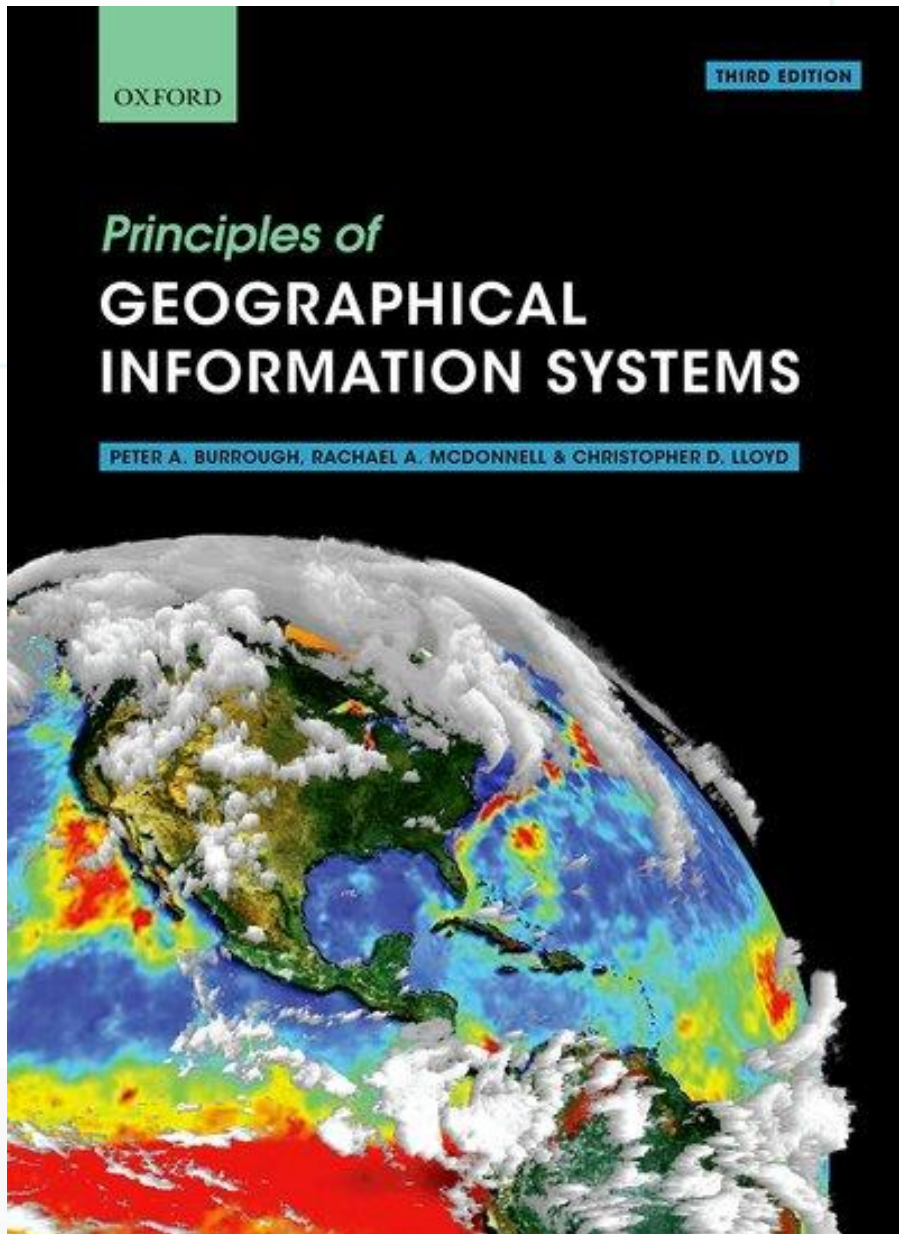
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Interpolation

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"Geographical information systems" (not available online)
 - Chapter 8

Learning Objectives



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GIS interpolation

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- When?
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Interpolation – What and When

- Have you ever heard the word “interpolation”?
- Can you define it?
- and come up with some examples?

Interpolation – What and When

- **What**
 - The prediction of data values at locations where we have no measurements
- **Point interpolation**
 - Convert data from point observations to continuous fields
 - Predicting the value of attributes at unsampled sites from measurements made at point locations within the same area
- **When**
 - Changing grid cell size
 - Converting grids/images between coordinate systems
 - Conversion between different data models
 - Generating continuous surfaces from discrete data

What is a spatial interpolation?

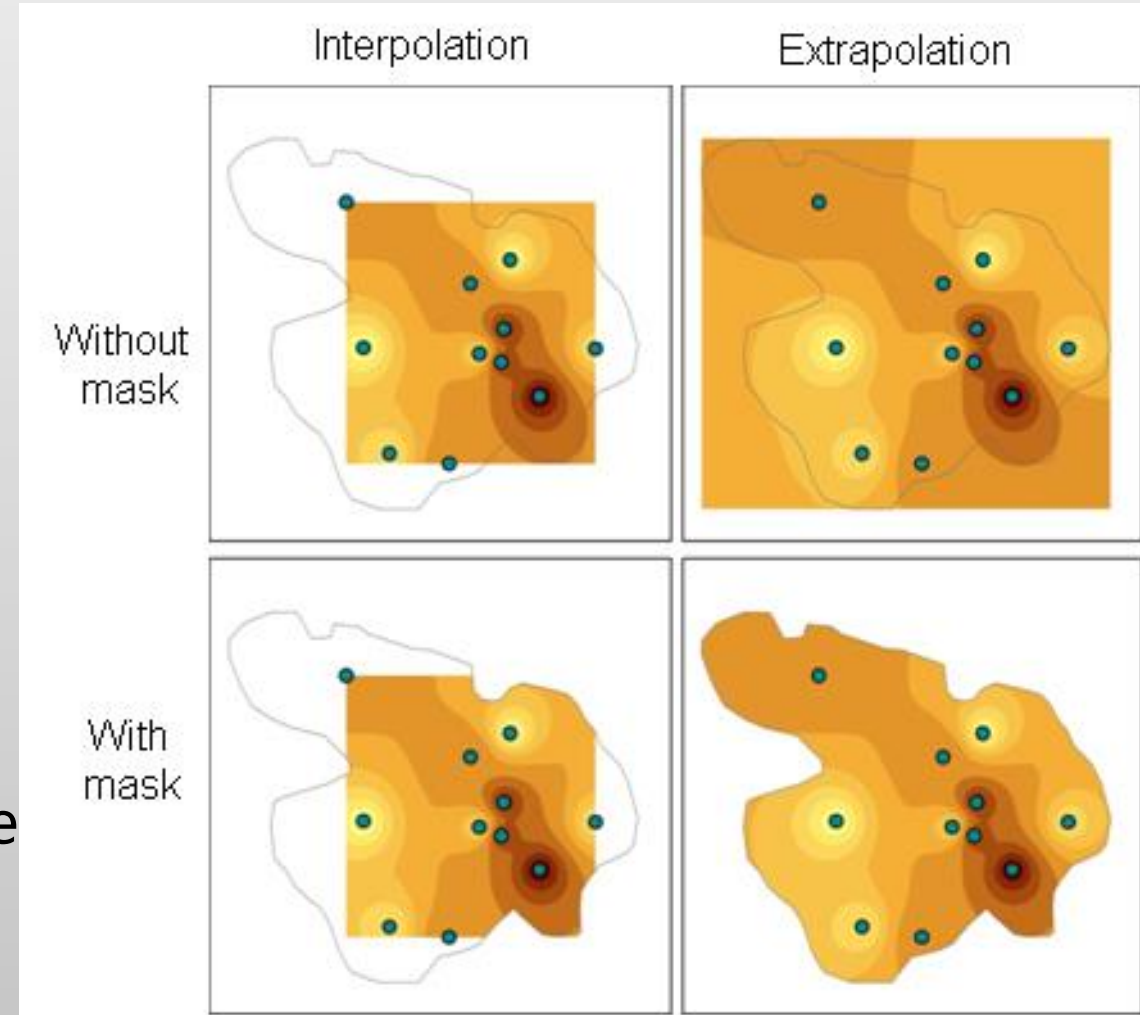
- The basis assumption of interpolation:
 - On average, the values of points close to sampled points are more likely to be similar than those farther away.

“Everything in the universe is related to everything else, but closer things are more related.” – Tobler’s First Law of Geography

What is a spatial interpolation?

We can predict conditions at unsampled locations on the basis of information from the nearest available measured points.

- ***Spatial interpolation*** when the predictions are made within the spatial extent of the measured point locations
- ***Spatial extrapolation***: predictions are made outside the spatial extent of the measured points



What is a spatial interpolation?

□ Examples of spatial interpolation (or extrapolation)

1. elevation between survey benchmark locations to create a digital elevation model (DEM);
2. meteorological conditions such as precipitation or temperature at locations other than weather stations;
3. a continuous air pollution surface from a network of regulatory monitoring stations (e.g. measuring NO₂, ozone, etc.)
4. indicators of water quality (e.g. salinity, temperature, dissolved oxygen) in surface water bodies based on field measurements at a set of sampling locations.

– Do you have other examples?

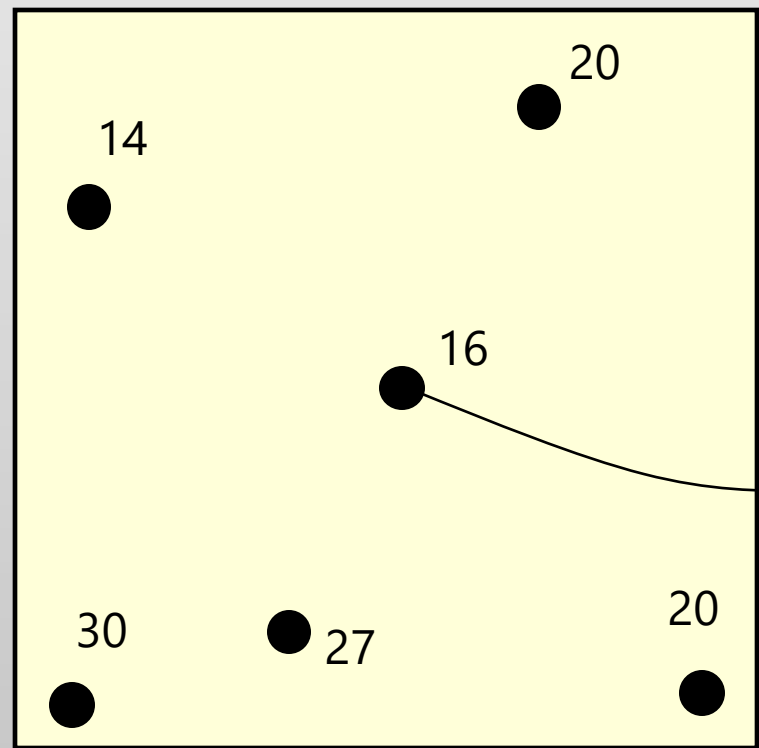
What is a spatial interpolation?

For a given sample of measurements $\{z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n\}$
at locations $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$

...the main goal is
to **estimate the value z**
at some new point x

When: Generating continuous surfaces from discrete data (samples)

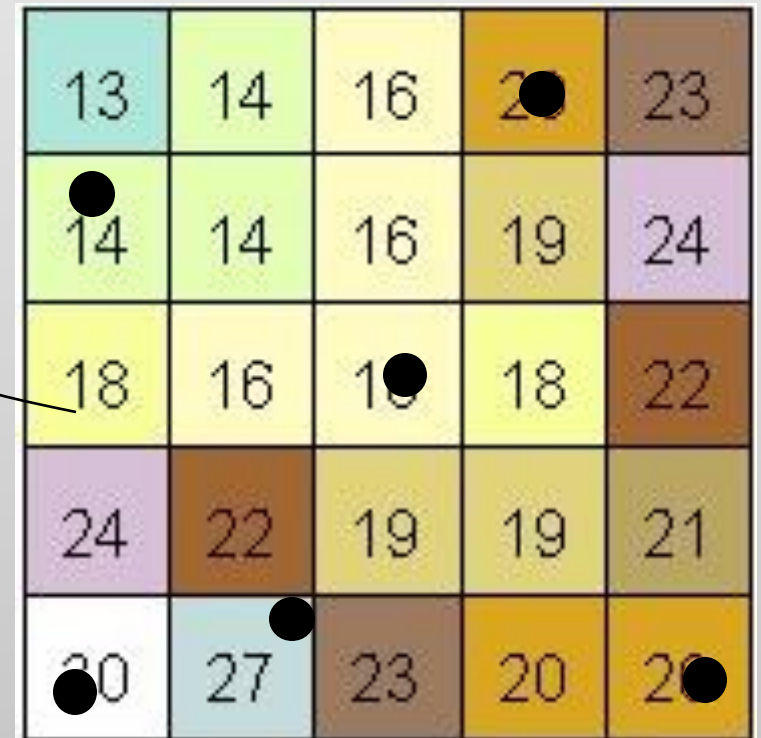
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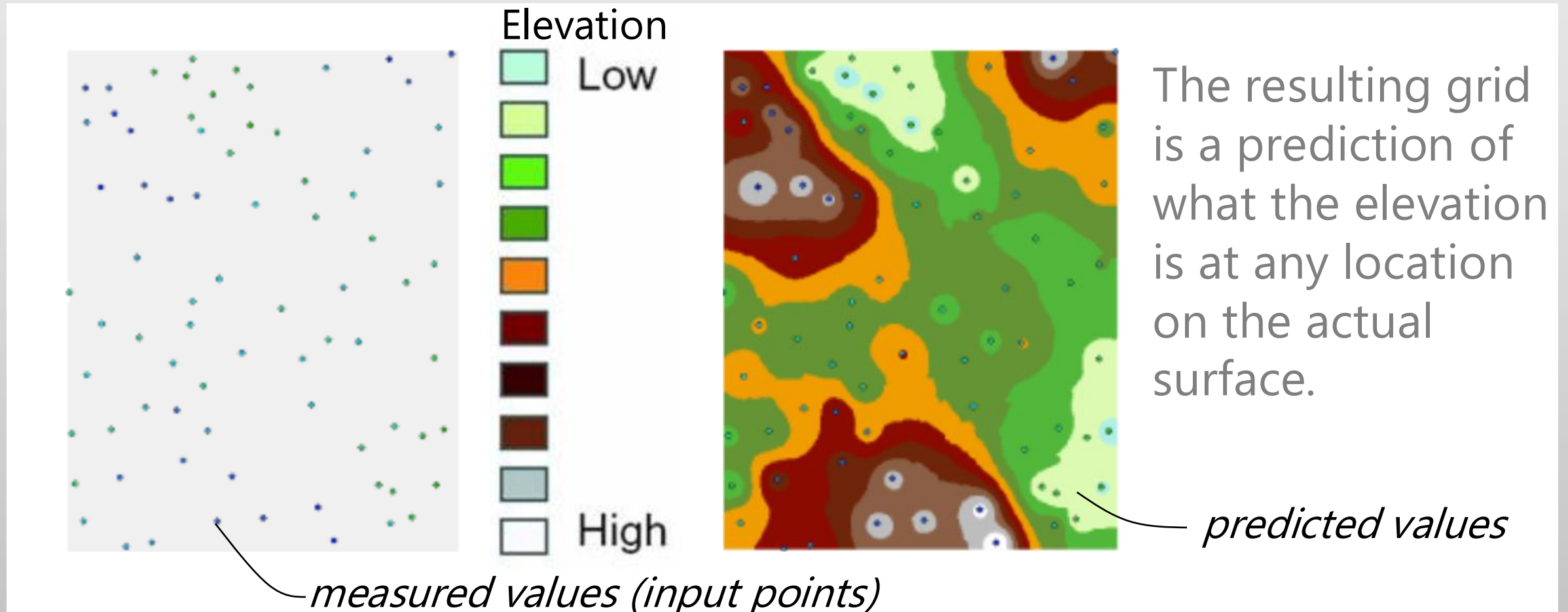
Raster 5 x 5

Possible solution

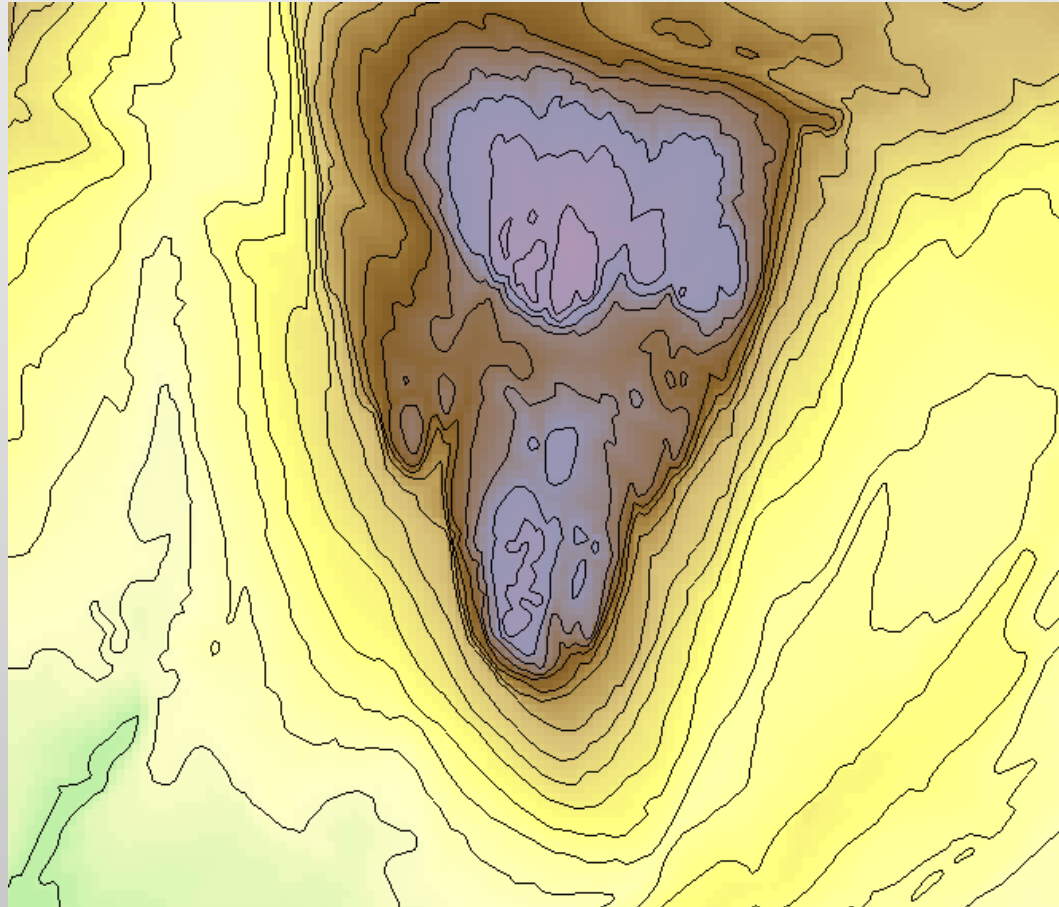
predicted values



When: Generating continuous surfaces from discrete data (samples)



When: Conversion between data models



Vector



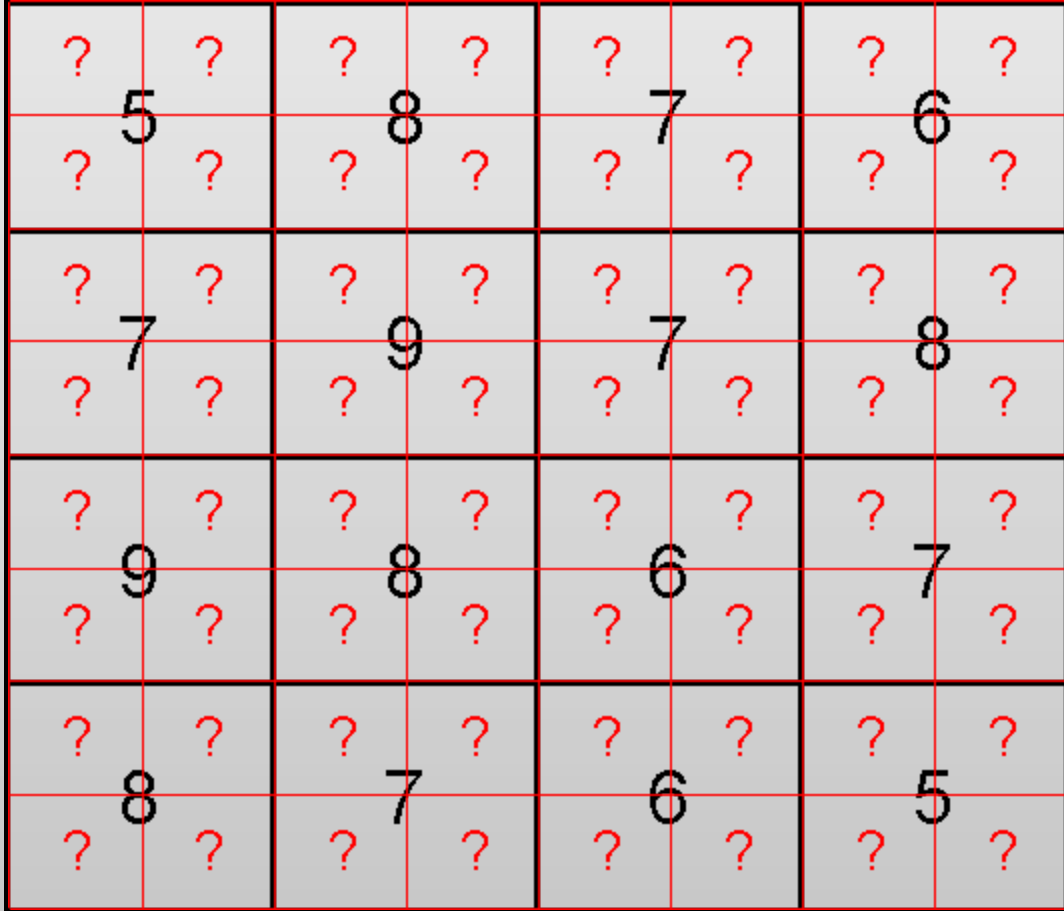
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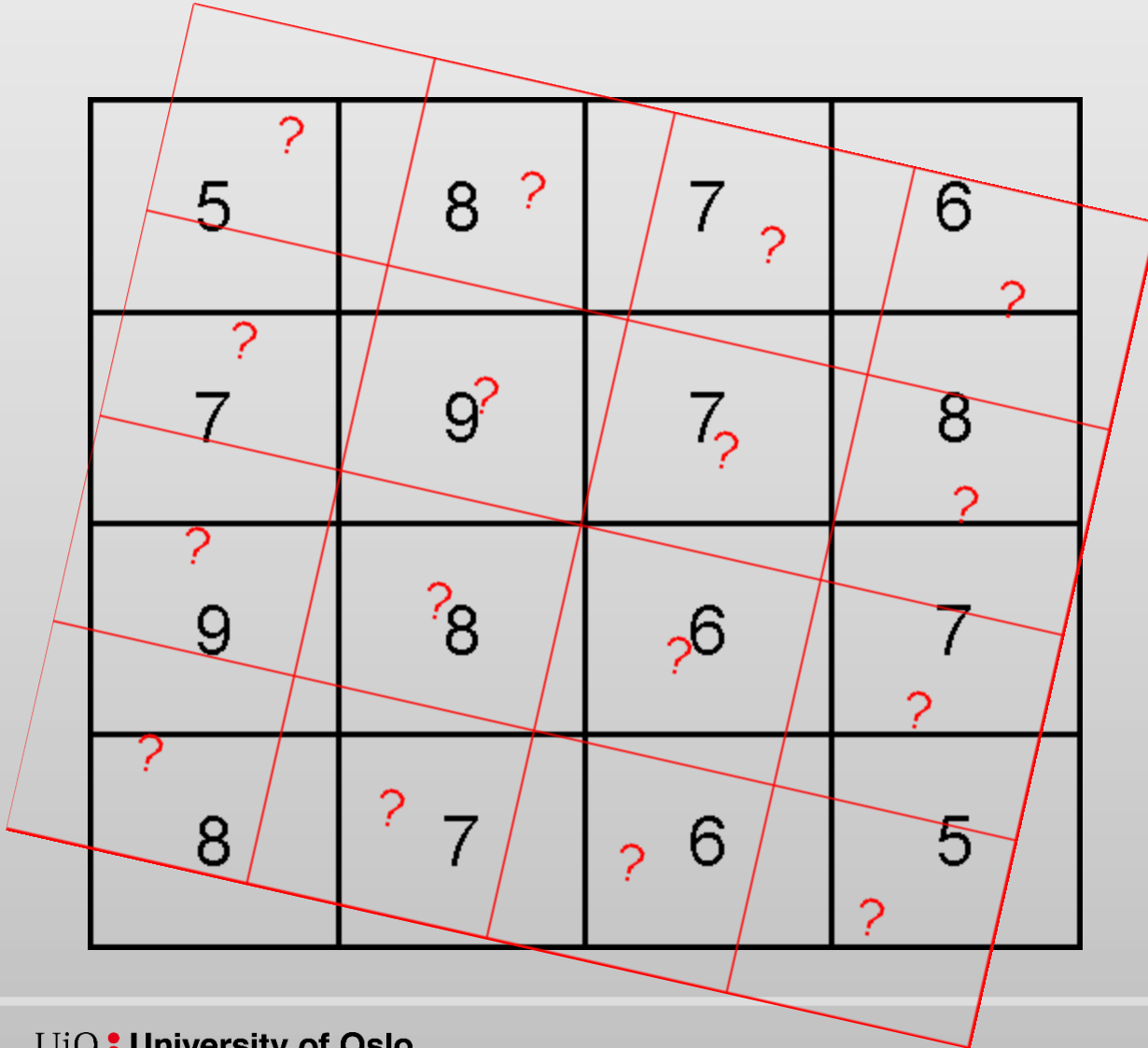
Grid

When: Changing cell size

When: Changing cell size



When: Transforming to another coord. sys.



Data sources for interpolation

- ☐ Point samples of attributes measured in the field
- ☐ Remote sensing (airborne and spaceborne)
- ☐ Stereo images (for elevation data)

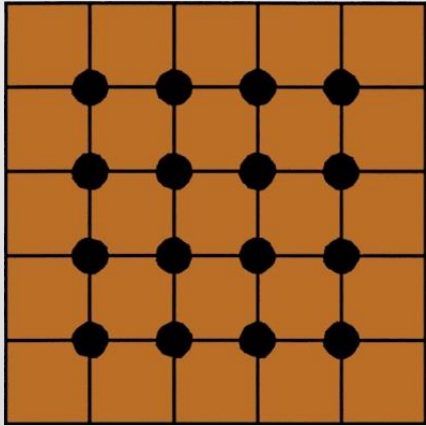
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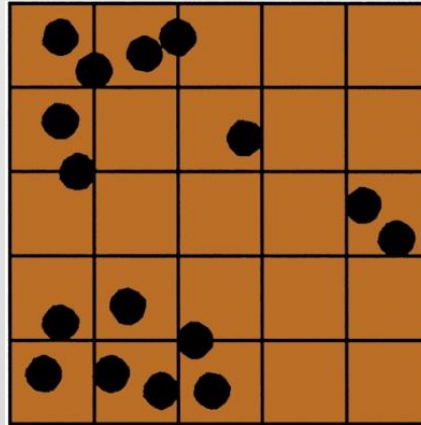
- Two characteristics of sampling
 - Location of samples
 - Number of samples (point density)

- Sometimes we can not control sampling
 - Cost of sampling
 - Available resources
 - You may be limited to occurrences of an event

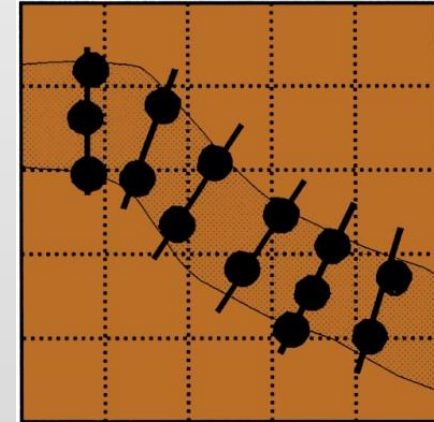
Spatial sampling: Common sampling pattern



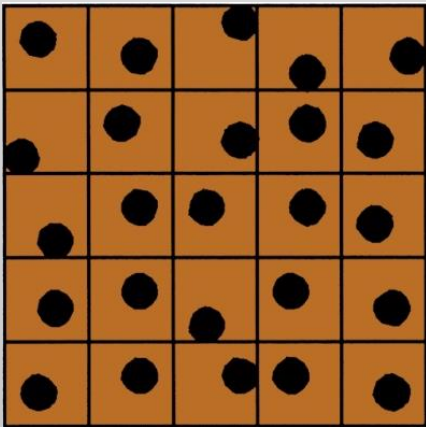
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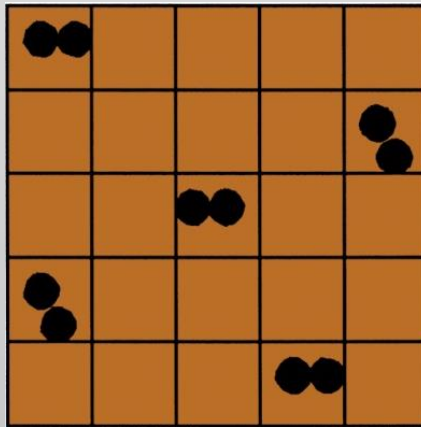
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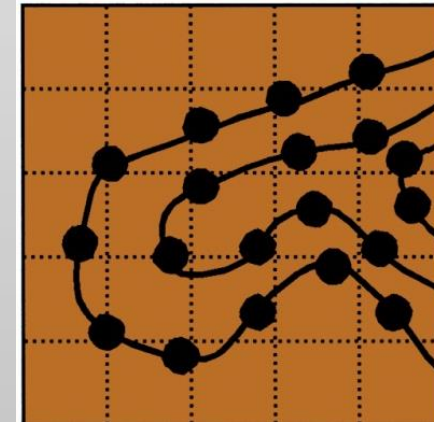
transect sampling



Stratified random sampling



cluster sampling



contour sampling

Burrough et al. 2015

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Spatial Interpolation Methods?

- No interpolation method is superior for all datasets
- Method choice depends on:
 - Characteristics of the sample data (variable) to be measured
 - Sampling pattern
 - Accuracy requirements of the users
- Methods differ in:
 - the mathematical functions used to weight each observation
 - the number of observations used

How interpolate?

- ☐ Deterministic vs. stochastic (statistical)
- ☐ Global vs. local
- ☐ Exact vs. inexact/approximation
- ☐ Error estimate vs. no error estimate

How interpolate

□ Deterministic methods:

- Deterministic Models use a mathematical function to predict unknown values and result in hard classification of the value of features.
- Example: splines, IDW, Natural Neighbour, Trend

□ Statistical (geostatistical) methods:

- Statistical techniques are based on statistical models that include autocorrelation: the statistical relationship among the measured points.
- Provide some measure of the accuracy of the predictions.
- Example: kriging

How interpolate

- **Global interpolators**
 - Use all available data to provide predictions
 - Used for examining trends

- **Local interpolators**
 - Operate within a small zone around the point being interpolated

How interpolate

- **Inexact interpolation:**
 - The measured value is not reproduced
 - In these methods the differences between measured and predicted values can be used as an indicator of the quality
- **Exact interpolation:**
 - The predicted value at a sample point is identical to the measured value
 - In these methods we may use an independent dataset to test the quality

Interpolation algorithms

- ☐ **Trend surfaces** (global polynomial interpolation, GPI)
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Interpolation algorithms: Trend surfaces

- Fit a polynomial line $f(x)$ or surface $f(x,y)$ by least squares through the sampled points.
 - Trend is based on regression. Regression analysis is the optimized fitting of a line or curve to derive a mathematical function that best fits the raw data.

Linear example:

$$z(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \varepsilon$$

- where b_0 is the intercept, b_1 is the slope and ε is the residual (noise)
- By increasing the number of terms it is possible to fit any set of points by a complicated curve, thereby reducing ε to zero

Surface example (two dimensions):

linear: $z(x, y) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2y$

quadratic (polynomial regression): $z(x, y) = b_0 + b_1x + b_2y + b_3x^2 + b_4xy + b_5y^2$

Interpolation algorithms: Trend surfaces

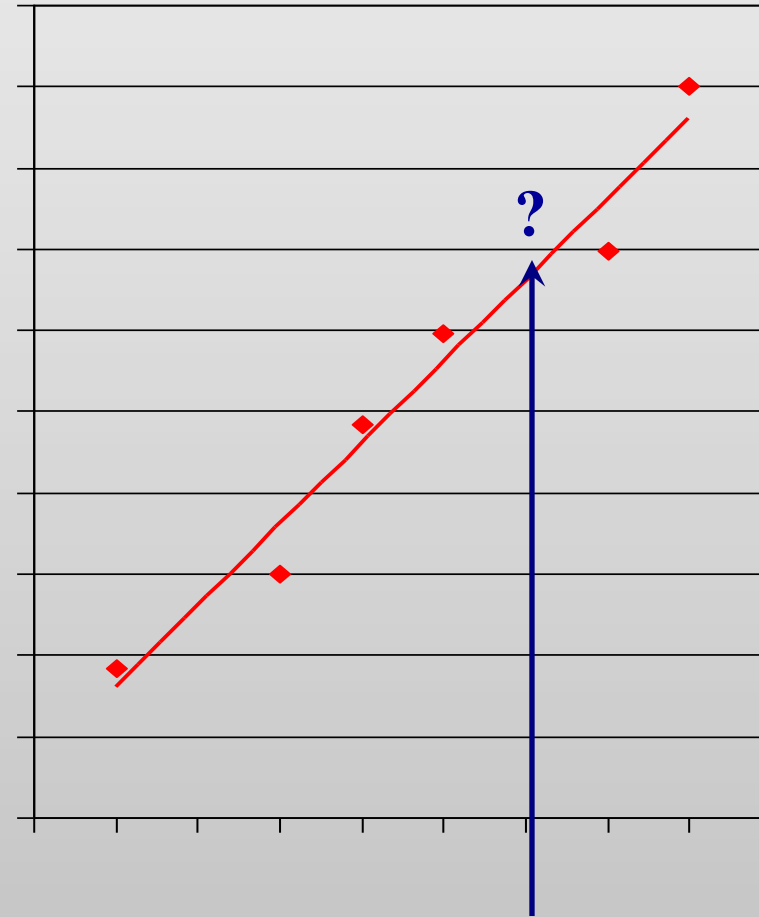
□ Linear interpolation

Least square fit

the sum of the squared distances between the predicted and the measured points is minimised

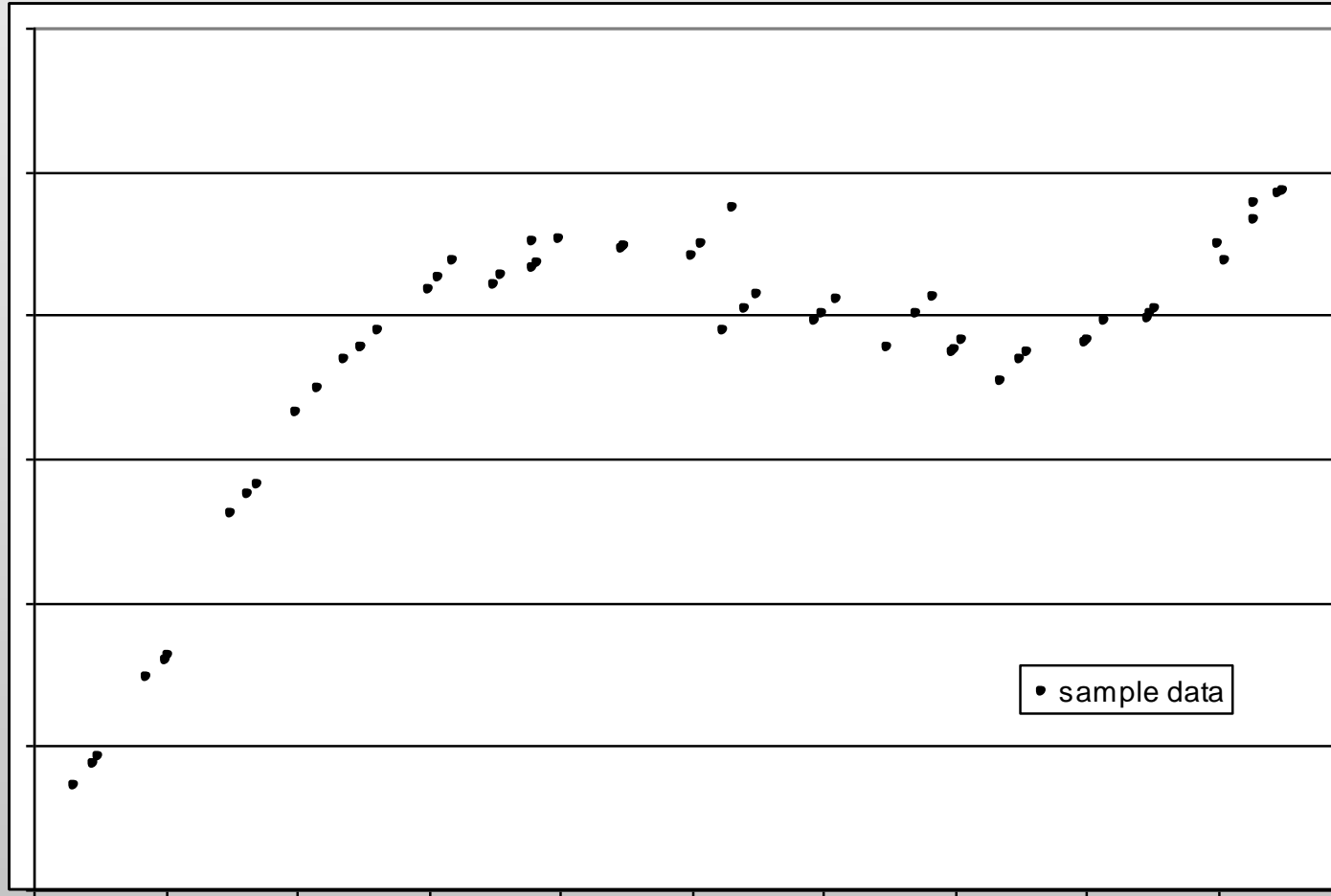
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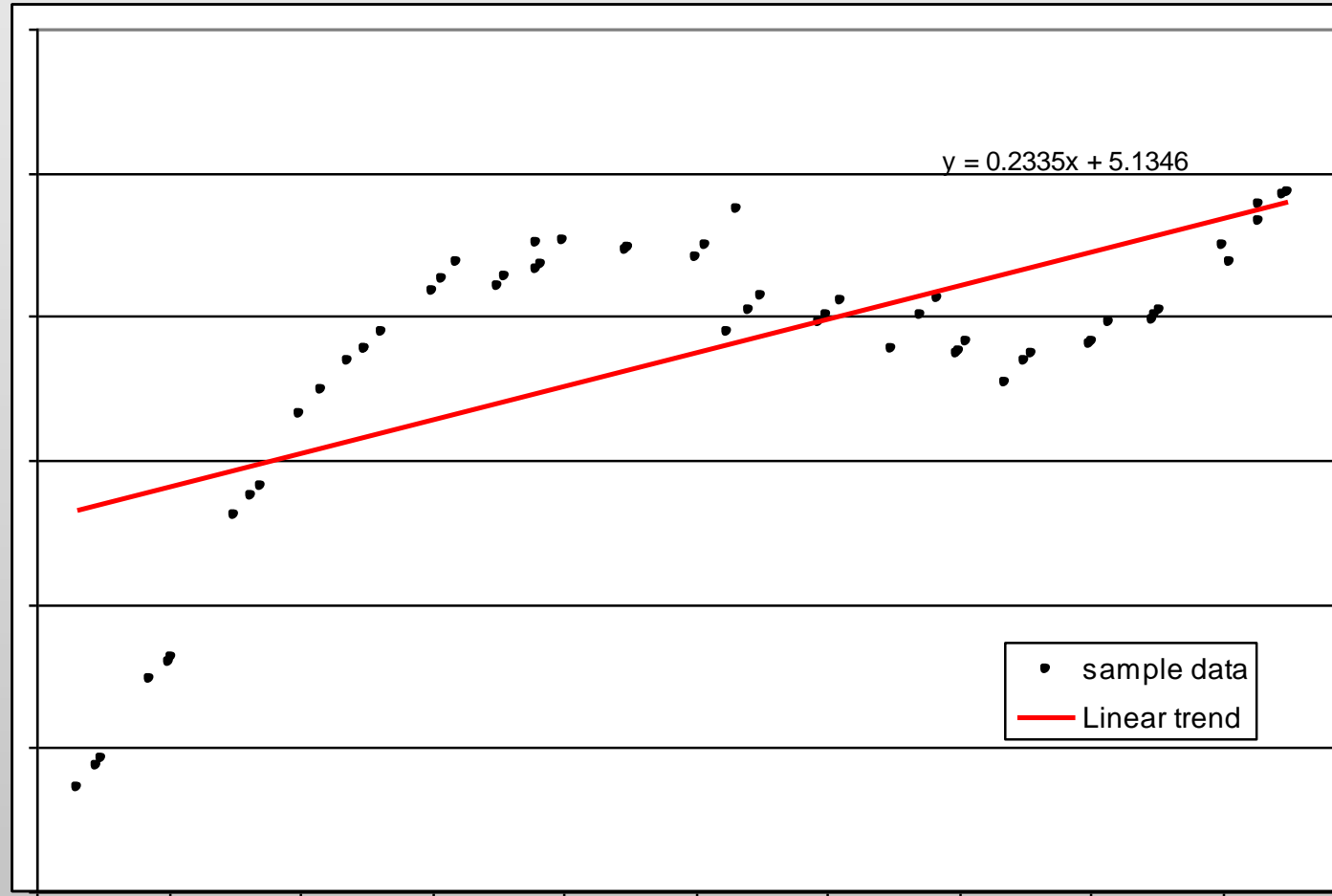
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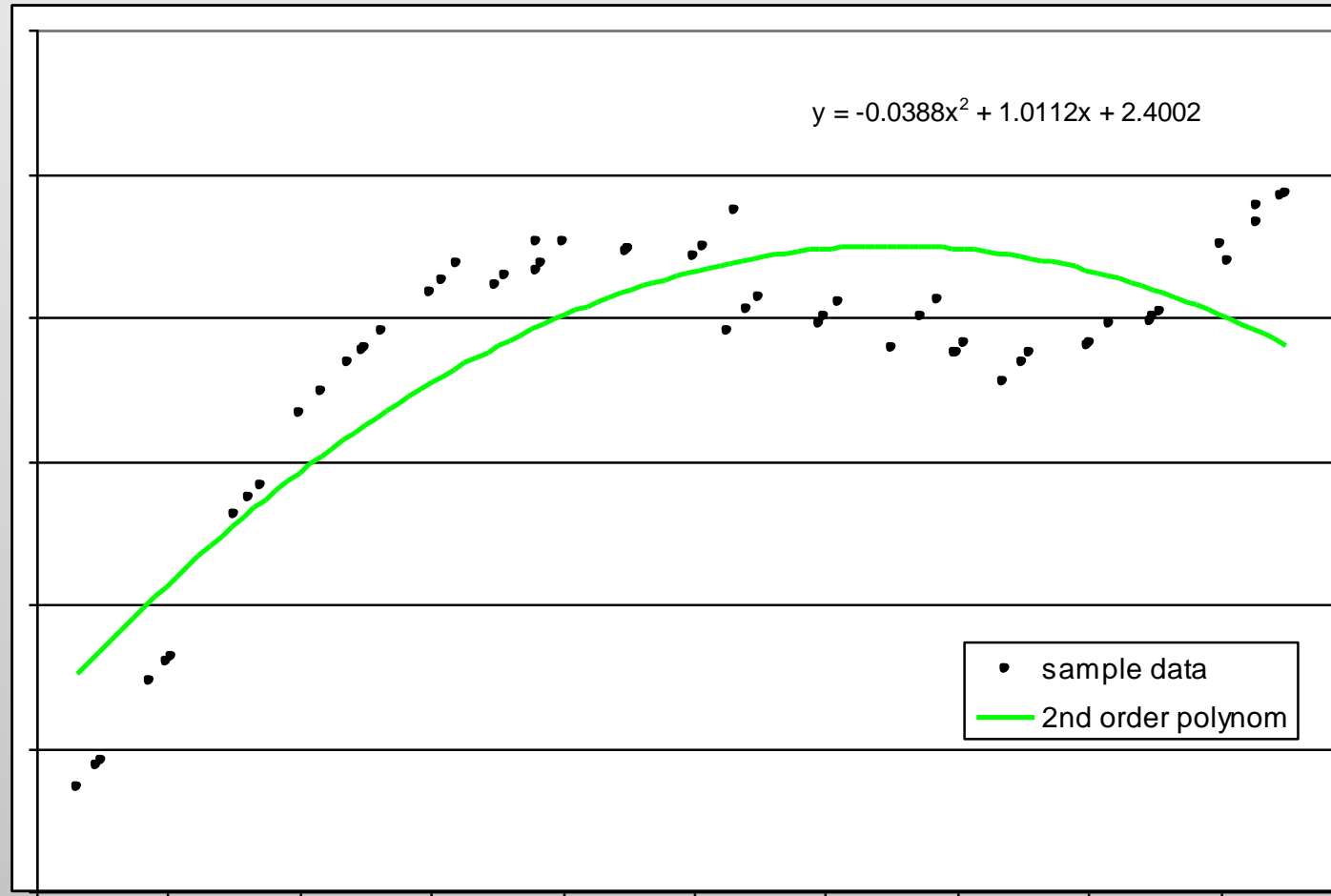
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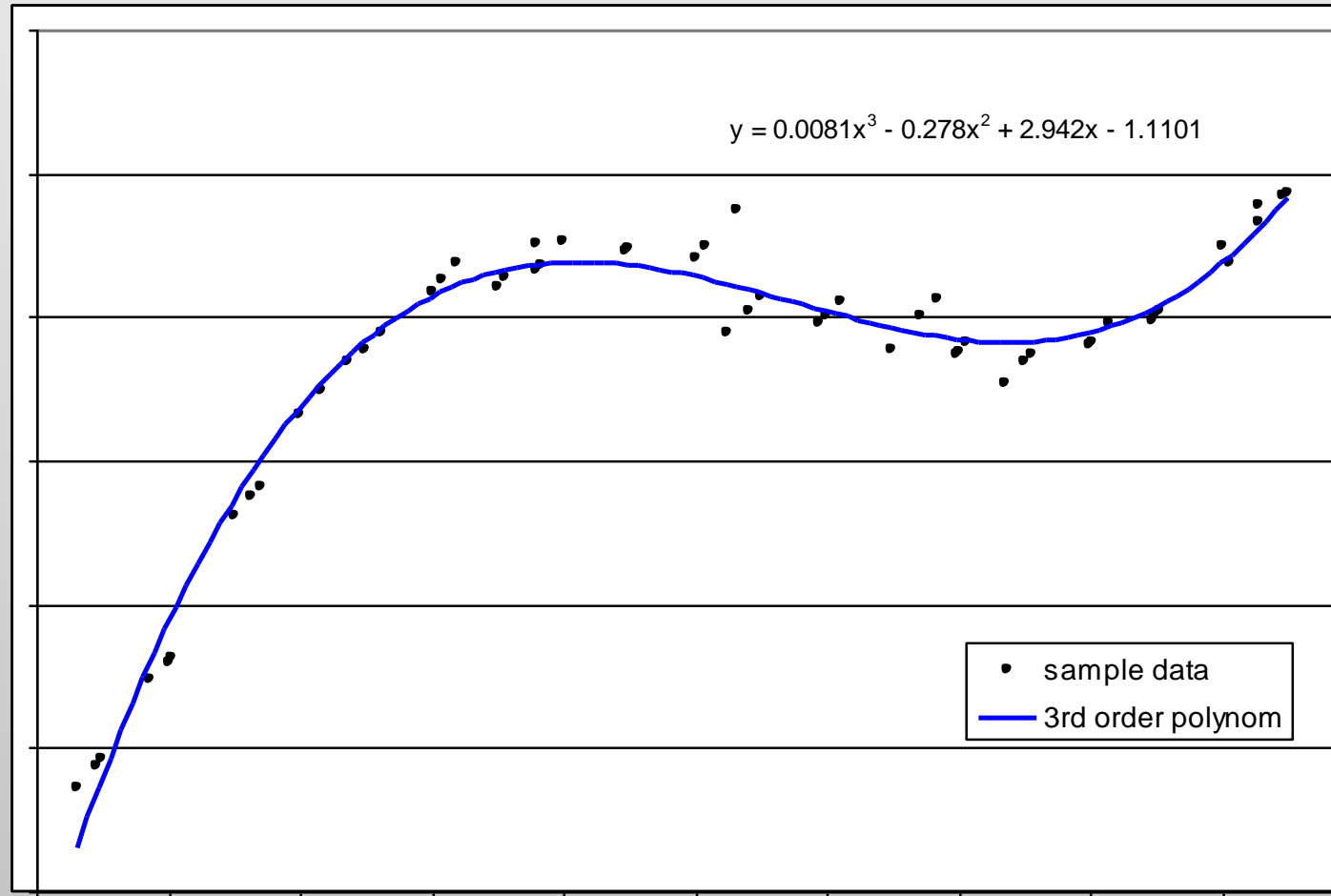
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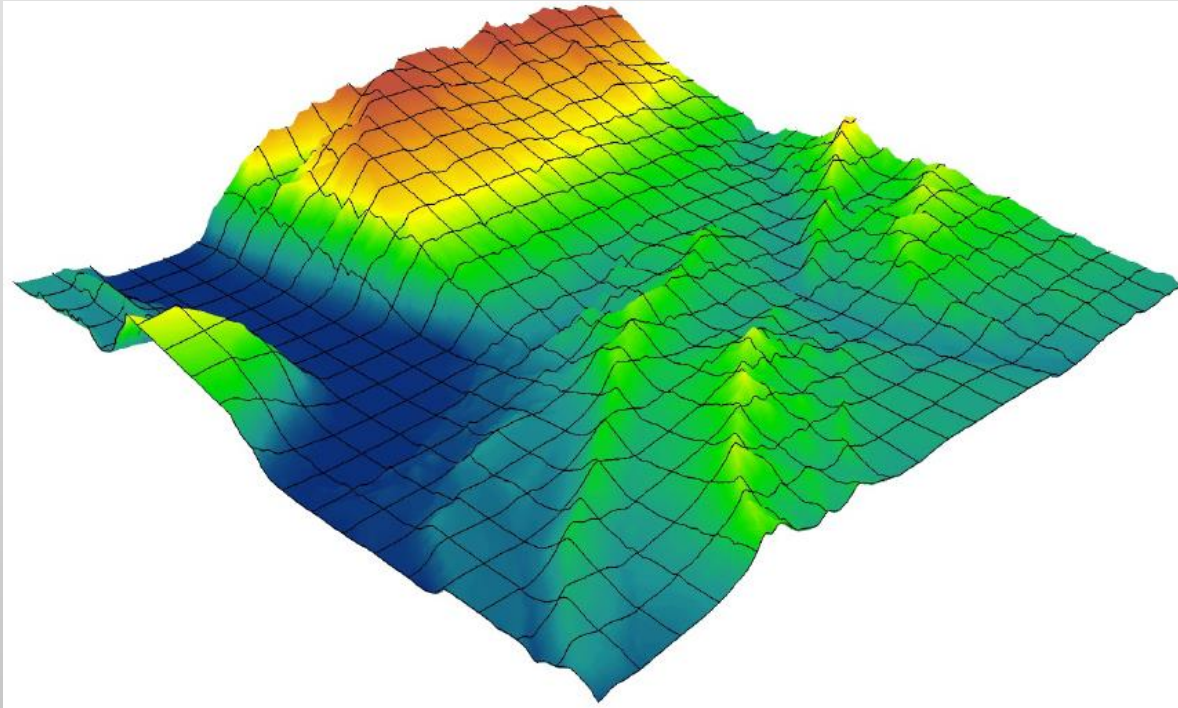
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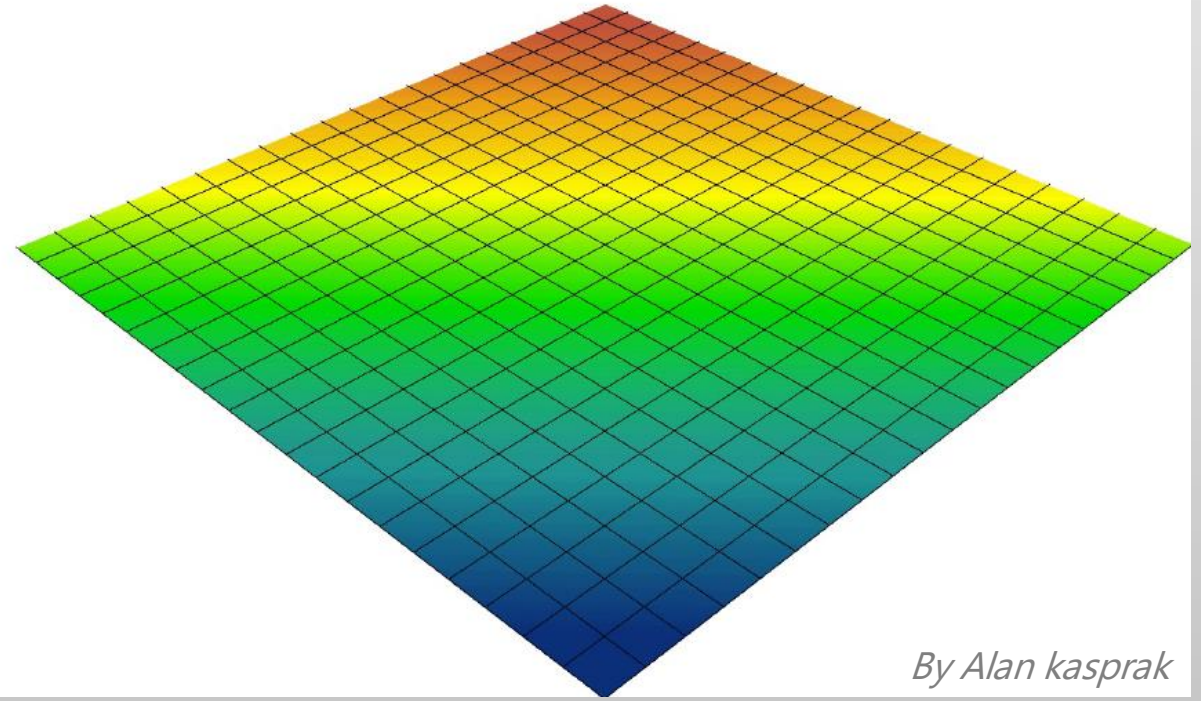
Interpolation algorithms: Trend surfaces

- **Surface interpolation:** Trend spatial interpolation is just regression in two dimensions

Actual landscape



First-order ($y = x$); some constant value



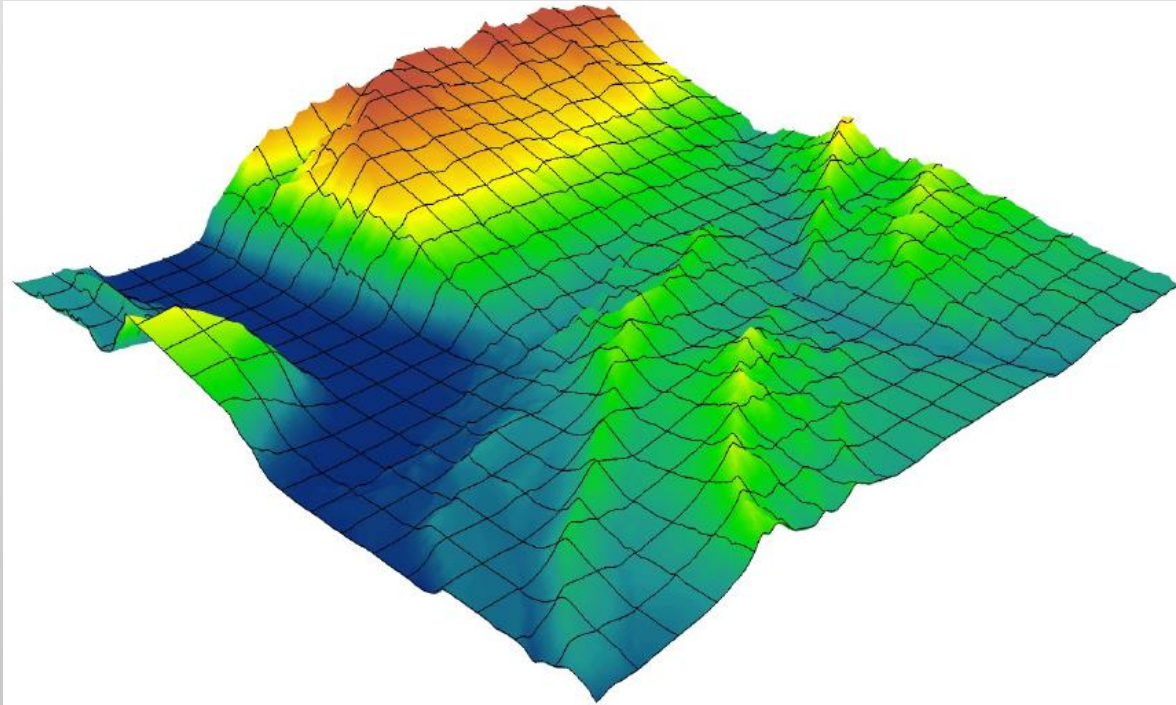
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The higher-order polynomial, the more complex terrain you can reproduce (but it takes more time)

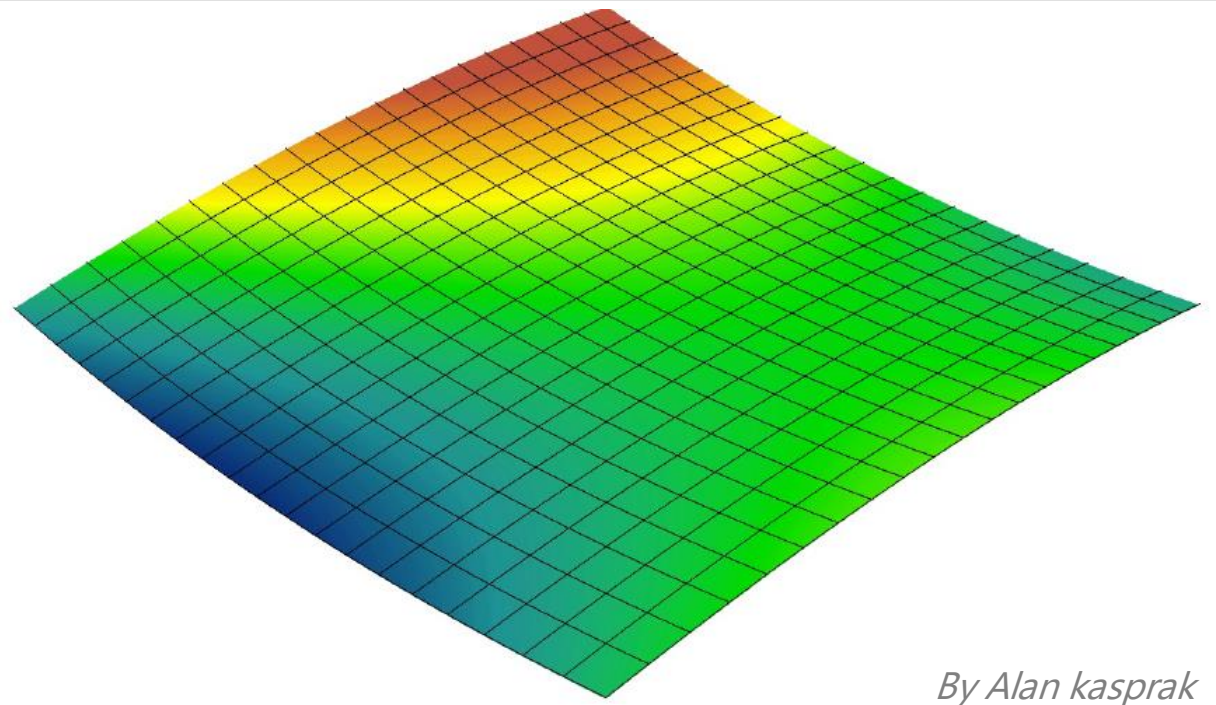
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second-order ($y = x^2 + x$)



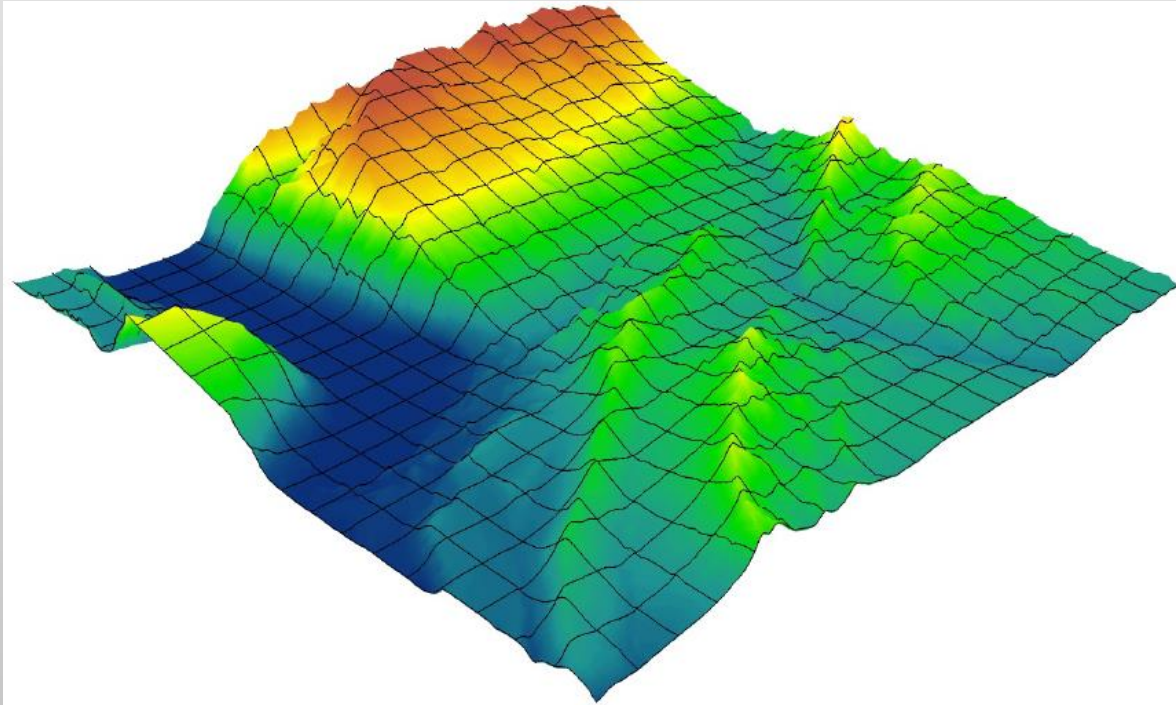
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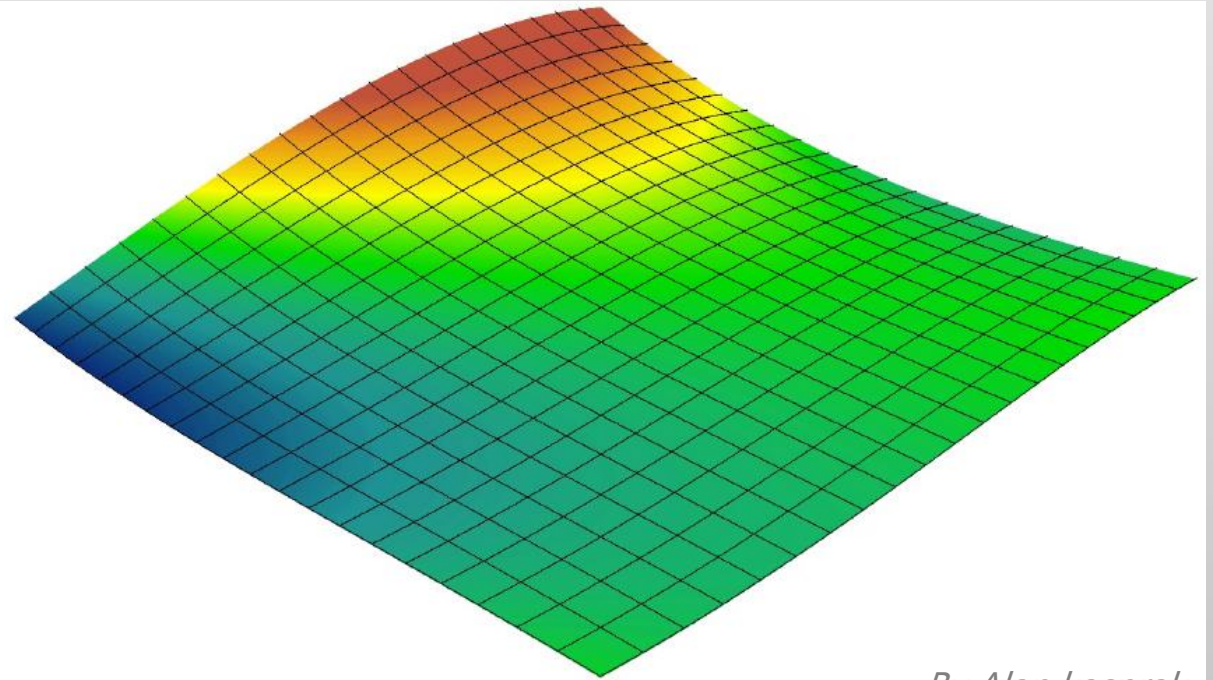
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third-order ($y = x^3 + x^2 + x$)



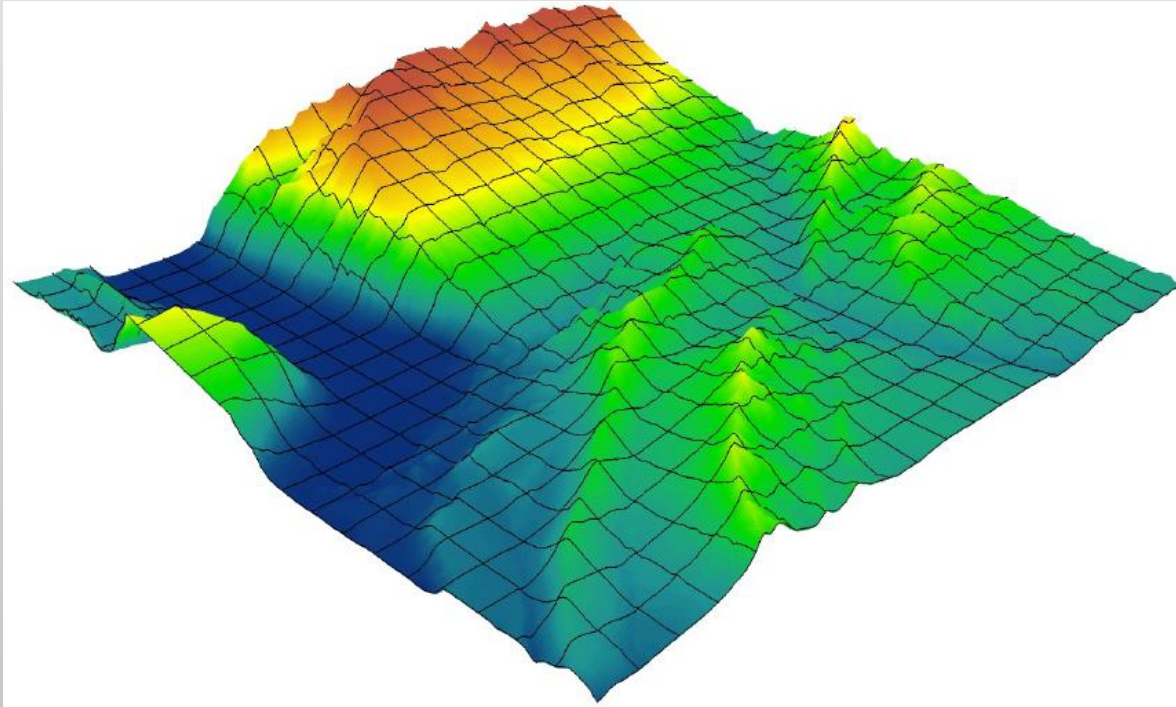
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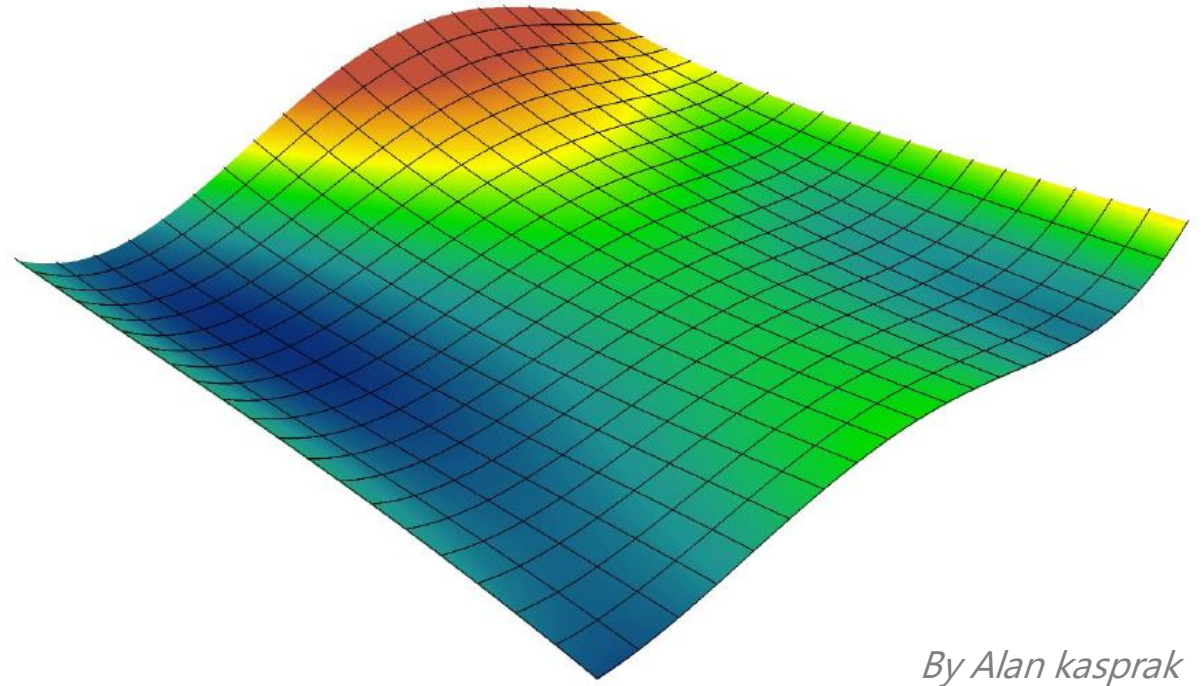
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fourth-order ($y = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$)



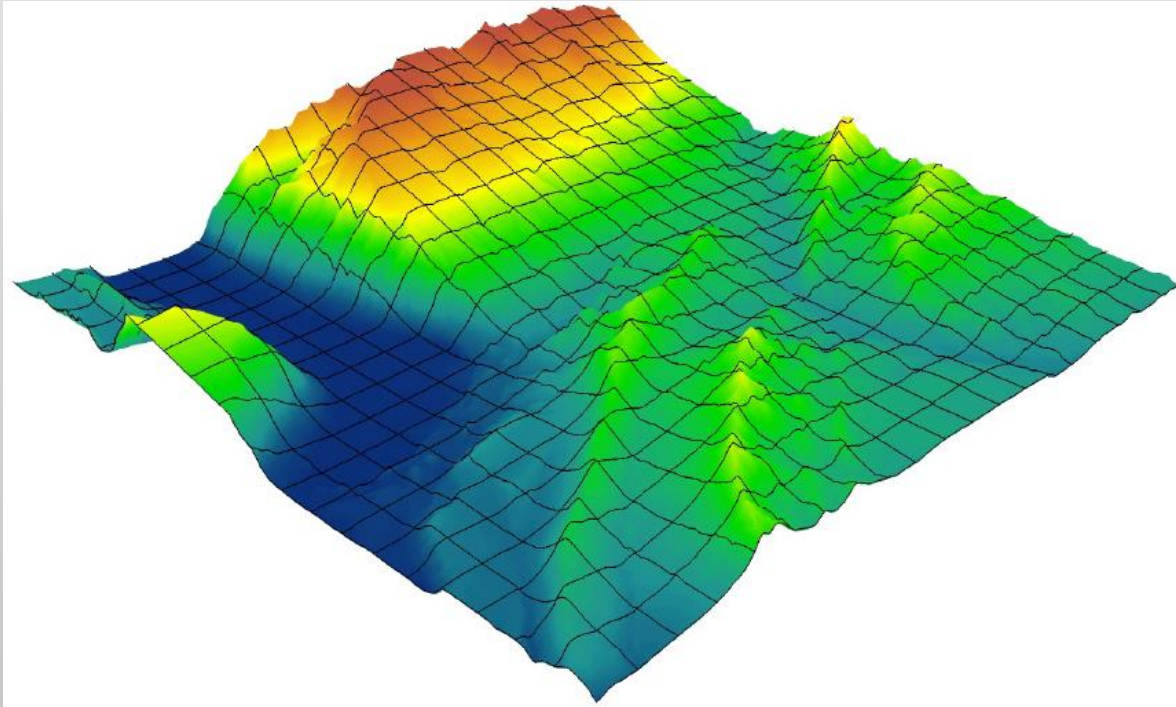
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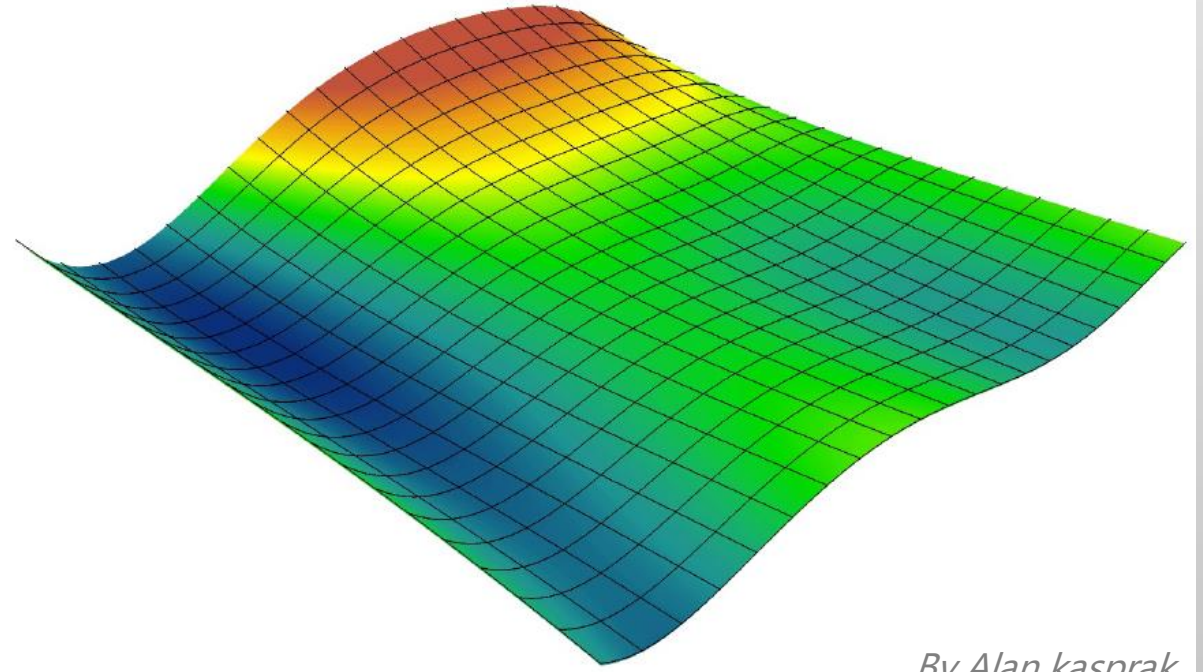
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fifth-order ($y = x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$)



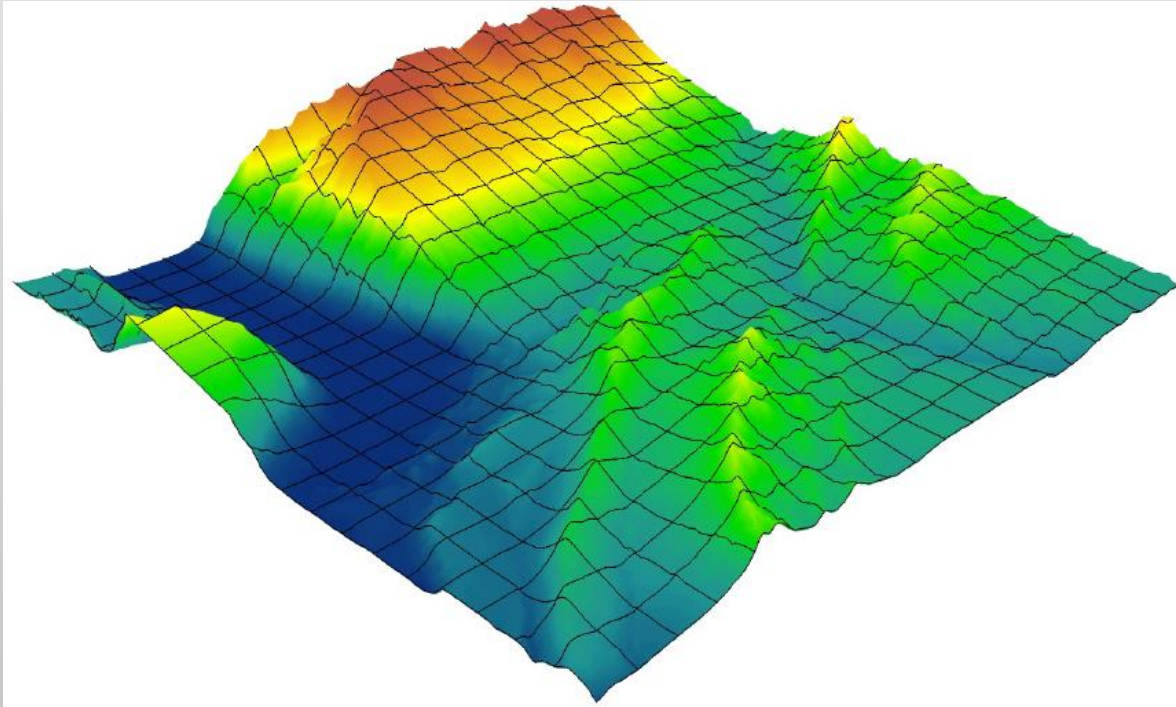
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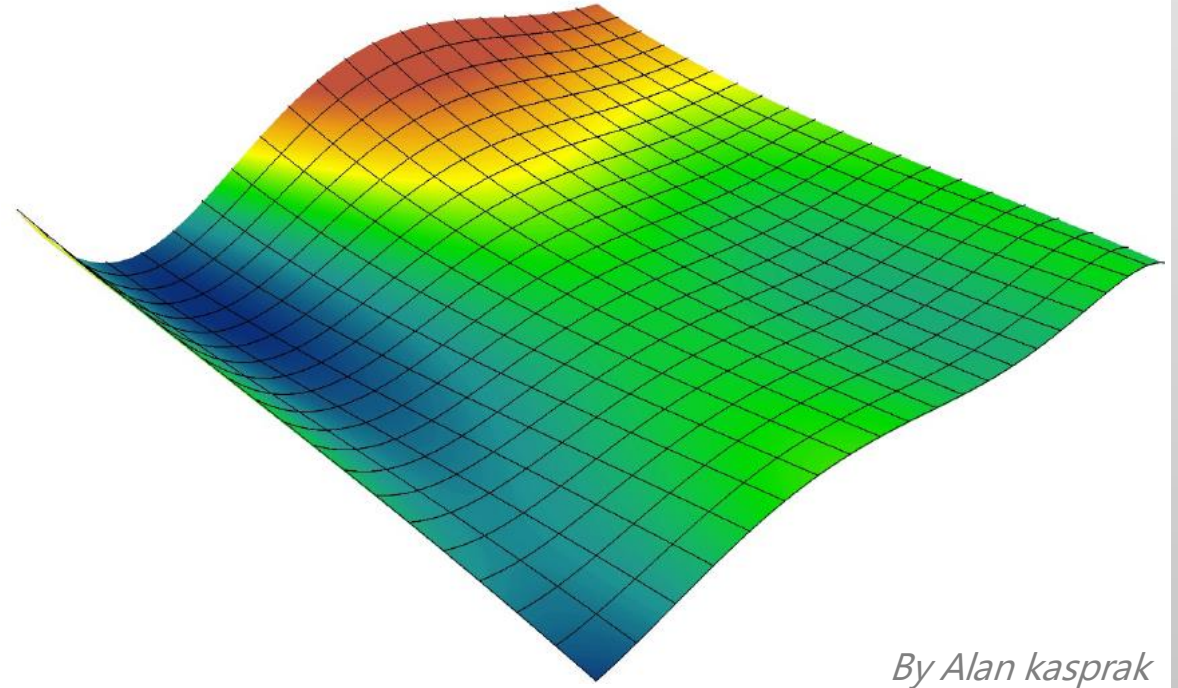
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sixth-order ($y = x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$)



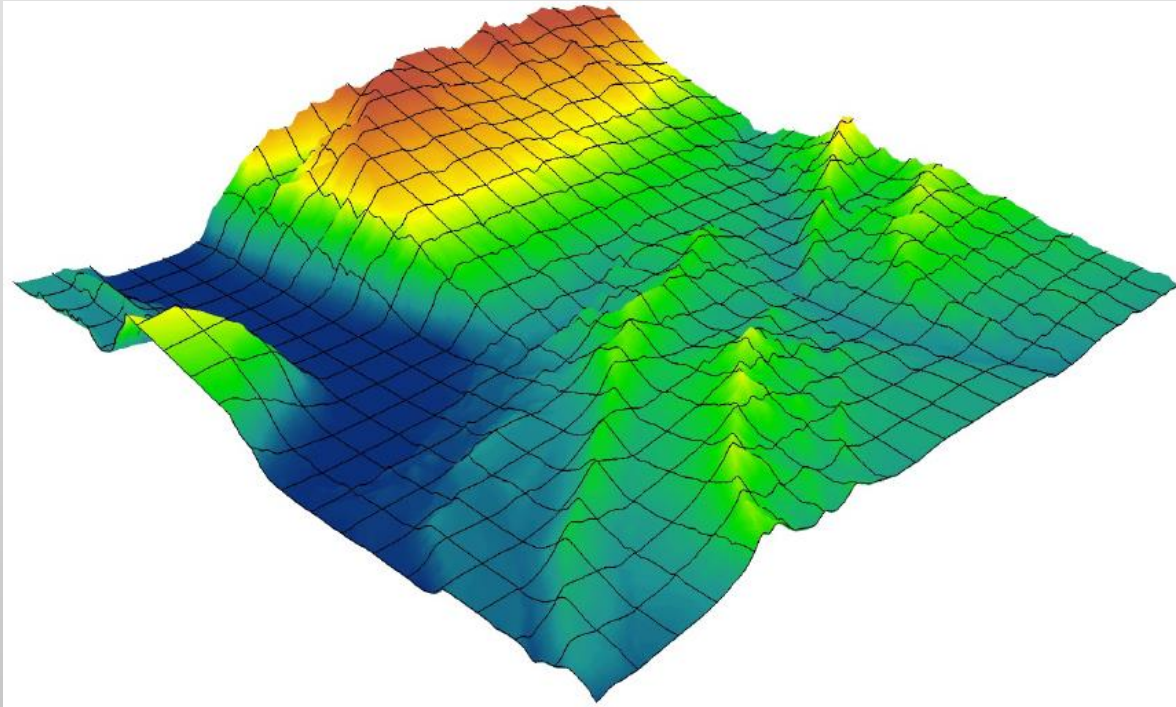
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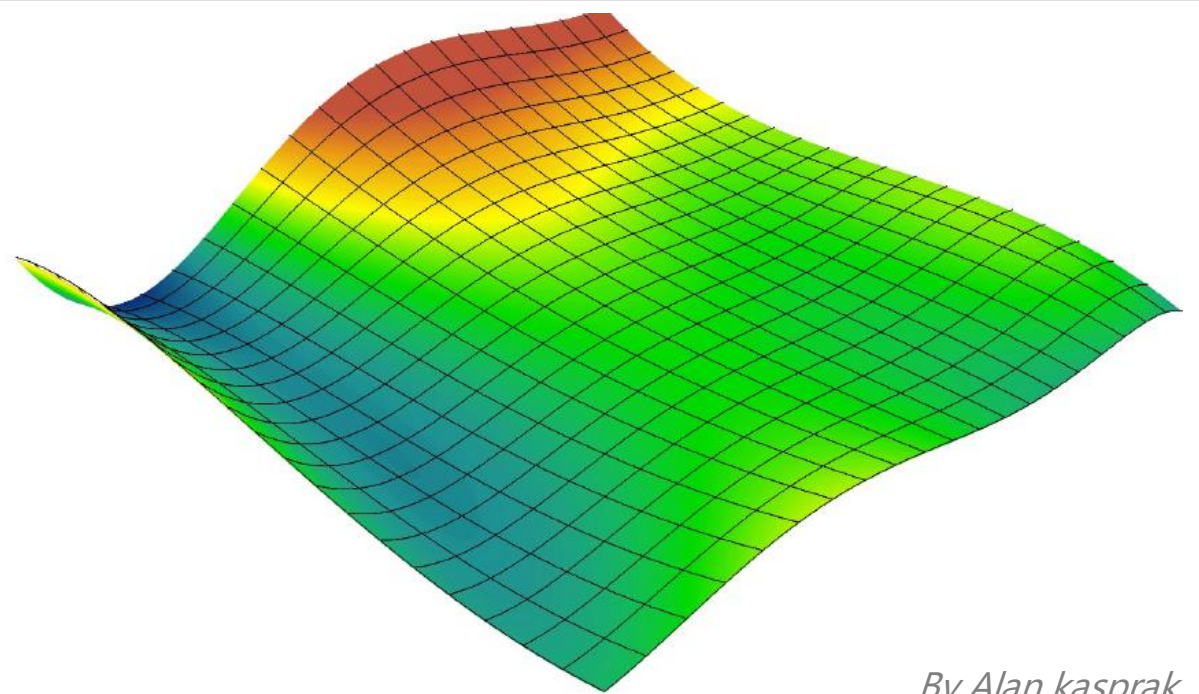
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seventh-order ($y = x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x$)

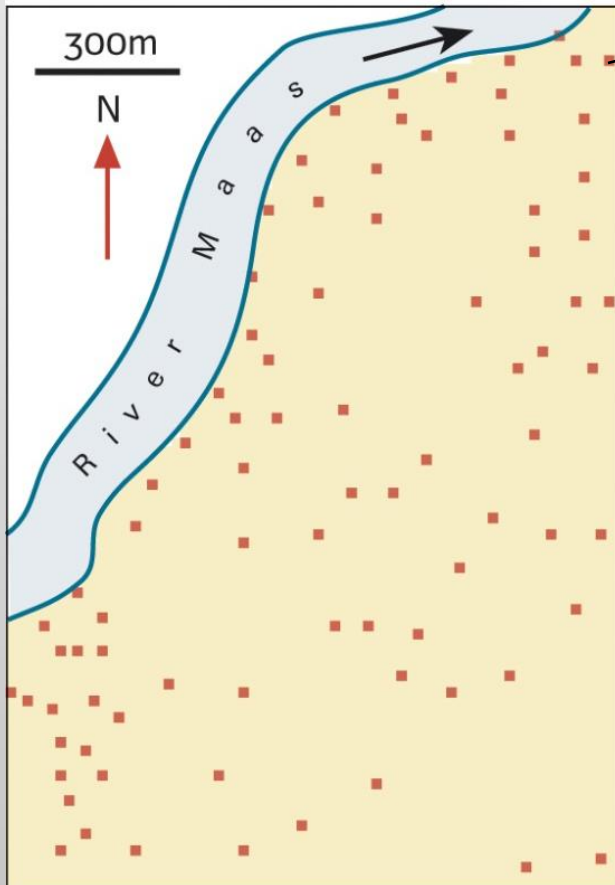


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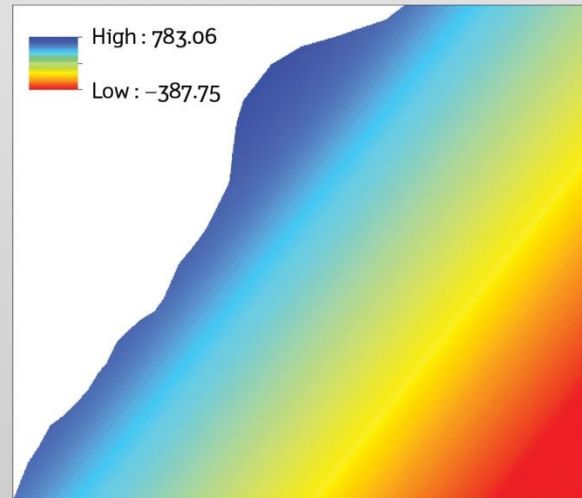
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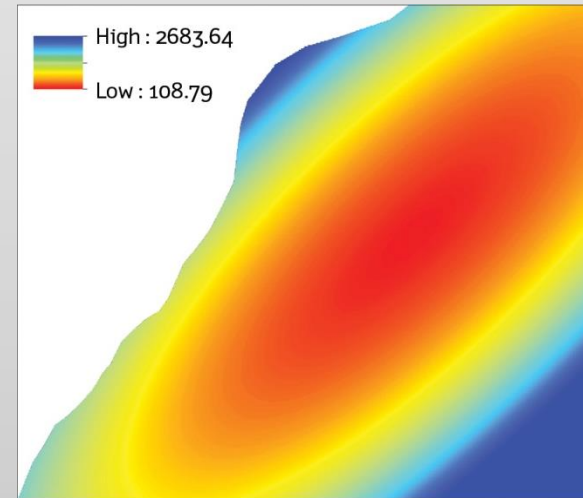
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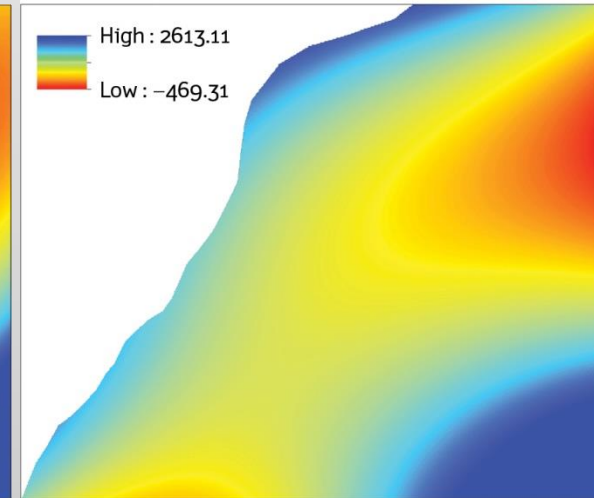
Trend surface



first order



second order



third order

Burrough et al. 2015

Interpolation algorithms: Trend surfaces

- Trend interpolation is useful when conditions vary gradually over relatively broad areas (when the surface varies gradually from region to region over the area of interest).
 - Elevation is a bad example
 - Atmospheric conditions (temperature, humidity, pollution, etc.) and aquatic conditions (temperature, pH, salinity) are good examples
- Broad features can be modelled with low-order surfaces
- Examining or removing the effects of global trends
- Difficult to describe a physical meaning to complex higher order polynomials.
 - Higher-order polynomials will always increase the model fit, but at the risk of over-fitting your model and takes more time to interpolate
- Susceptible to edge effects (do not extrapolate!) and to outliers (extremely high and low values)

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Interpolation algorithms: Nearest neighbour

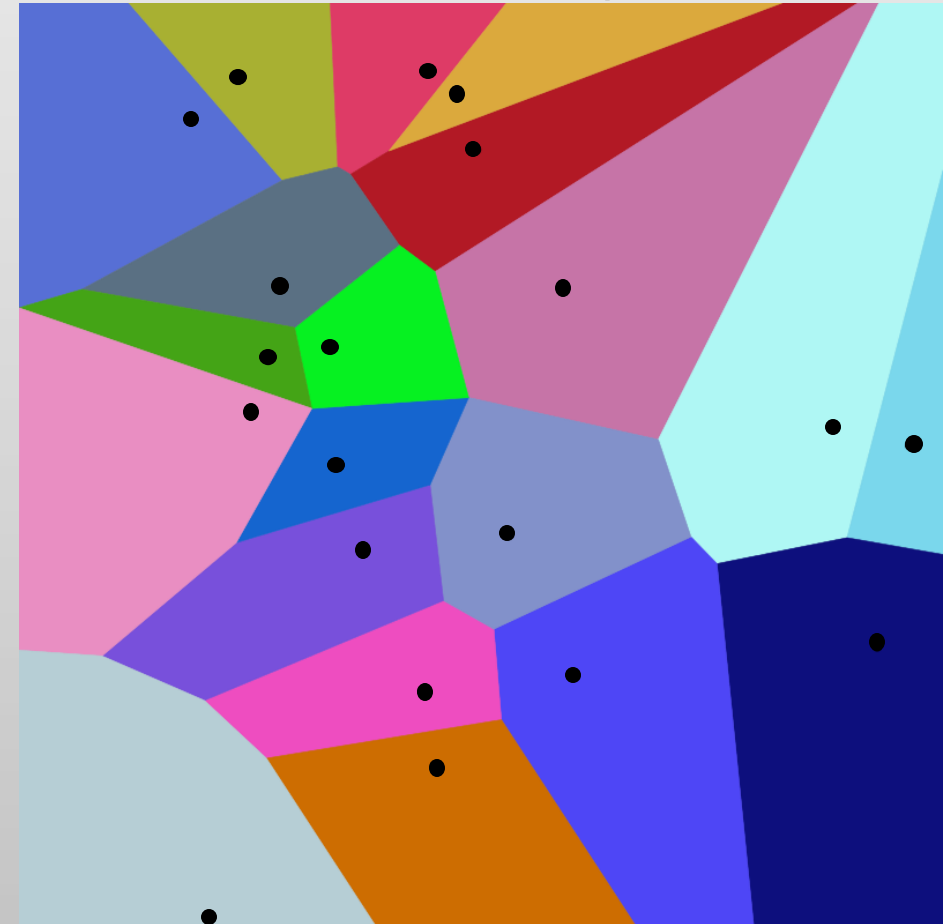
□ Voronoi diagram (Thiessen polygons)

- Voronoi diagram is a partition of a plane into regions close to each of a given set of point $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$

For each point there is a corresponding region consisting of all points of the plane closer to that point than to any other.

- The regions (*Voronoi cells*) are known as Thiessen polygons (R_k)

Assign to all unsampled locations the value of the closest sampled location



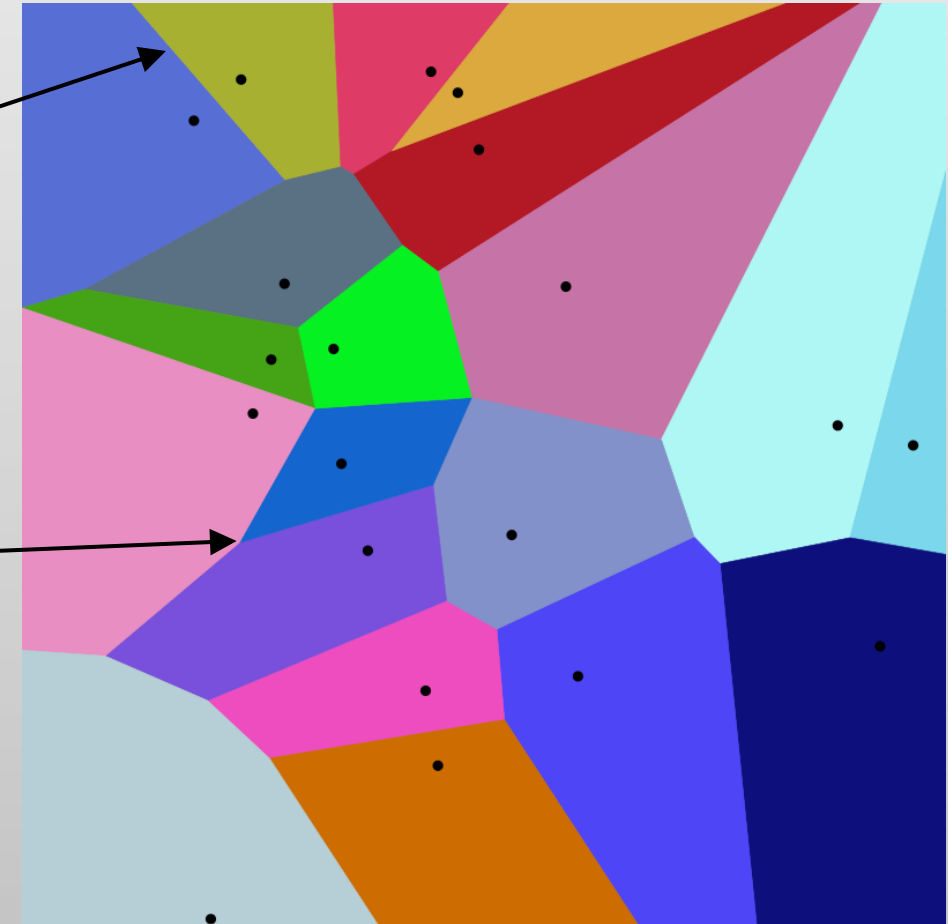
Black dots are random set of points in 2D

Spatial analysis - Interpolation

Interpolation algorithms: Nearest neighbour

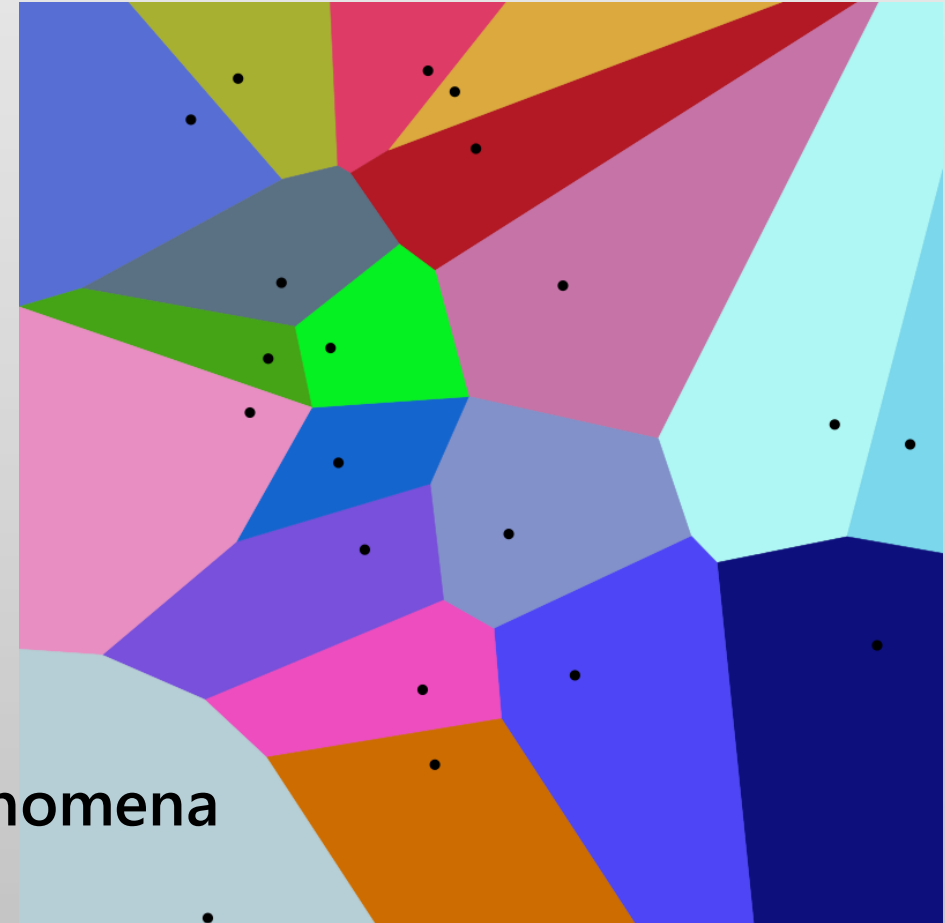
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- The line segments of the Voronoi diagram are all the points in the plane that are equidistant to the two nearest sites.
- The Voronoi vertices (nodes) are the points equidistant to three (or more) sites.



Interpolation algorithms: **Nearest neighbour**

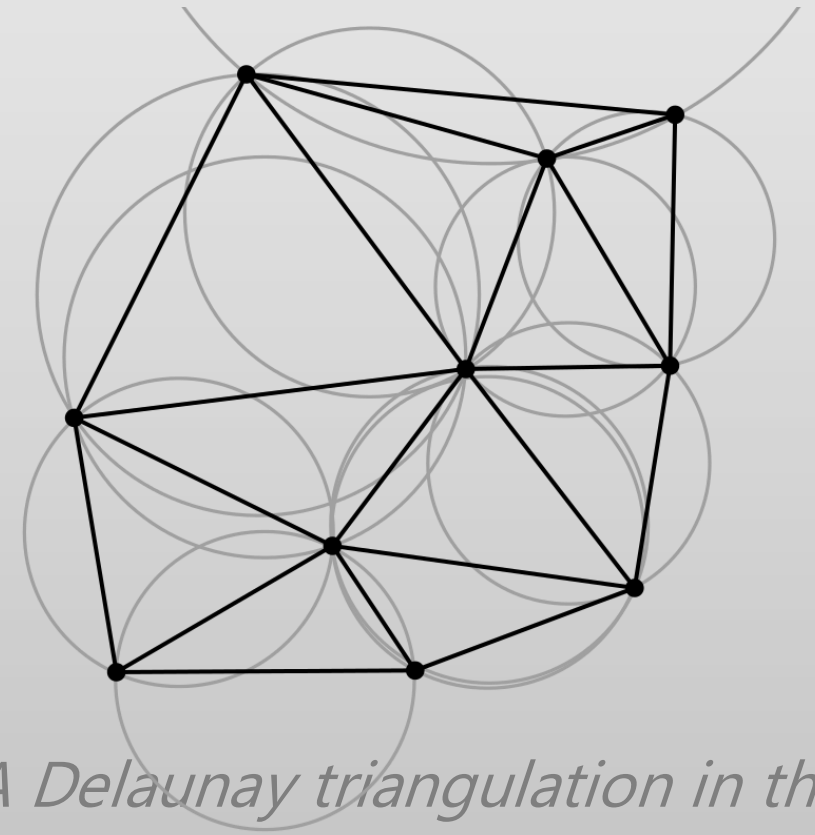
- **Voronoi diagram (Thiessen polygons)**
 - Assigns a value to an unsampled location that is equal to the value found at the nearest sample location
 - The predicted value is equal to the value of the nearest sample point
 - Exact interpolator: Value at each sample point is preserved.
 - No variation within polygons
 - Not appropriate for gradually varying phenomena
 - Suitable for qualitative data



Interpolation algorithms: **Nearest neighbour**

□ Relationship of the Voronoi diagram with Delaunay triangulation

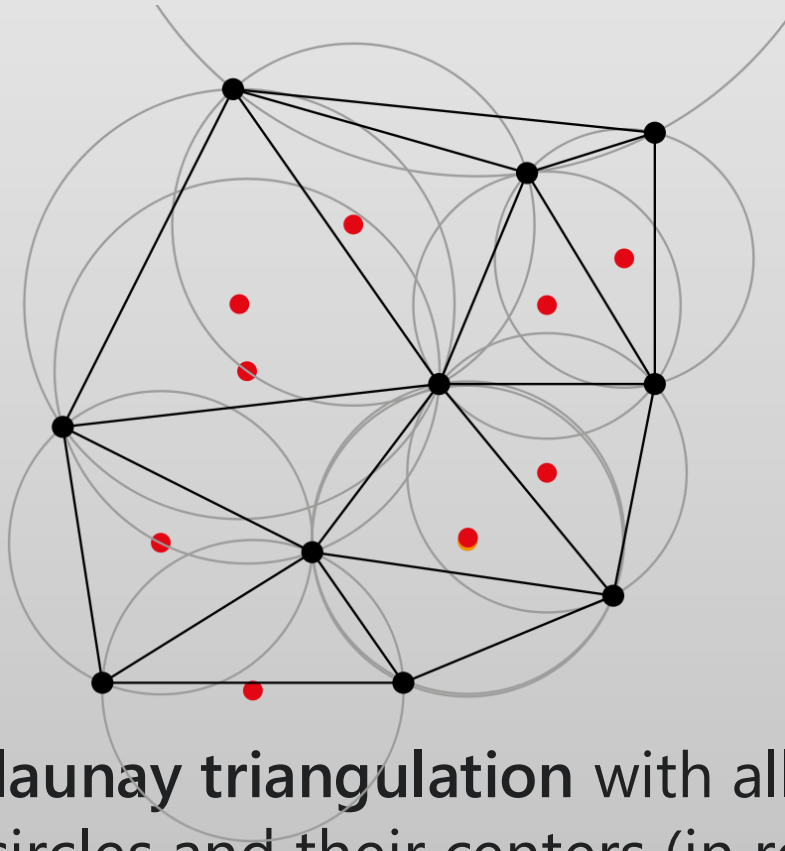
- The vertices of the Voronoi diagram are the circumcenters of Delaunay triangles
- The triangles satisfies the "Delaunay condition", i.e., that the circumcircles of all triangles have empty interiors



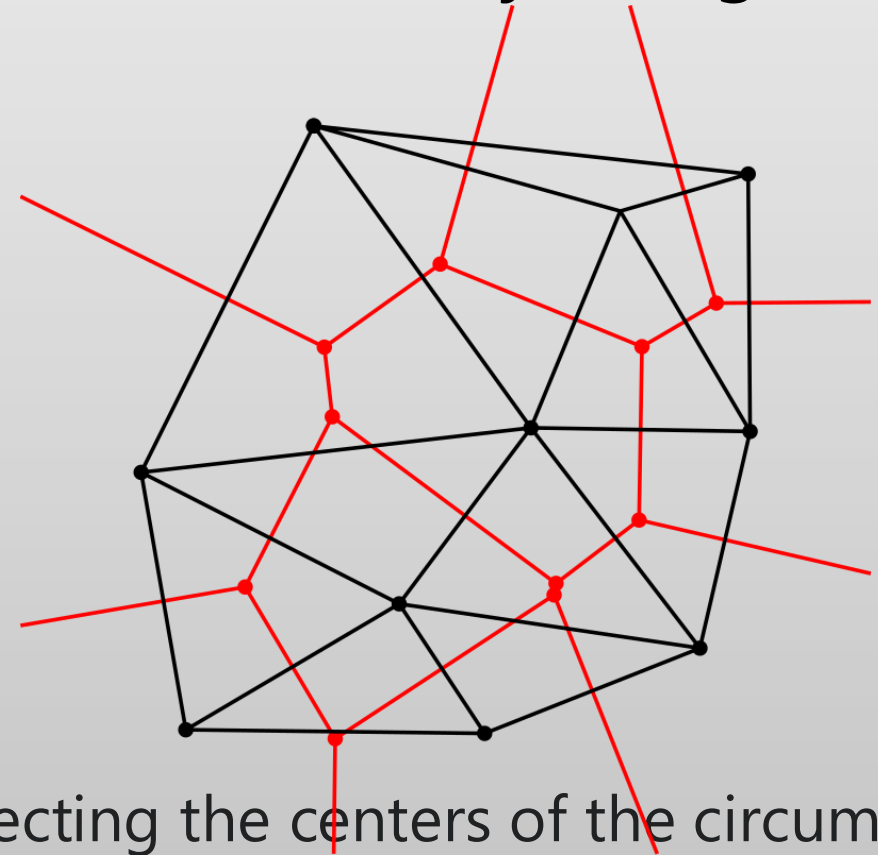
A Delaunay triangulation in the plane with circumcircles shown

Interpolation algorithms: **Nearest neighbour**

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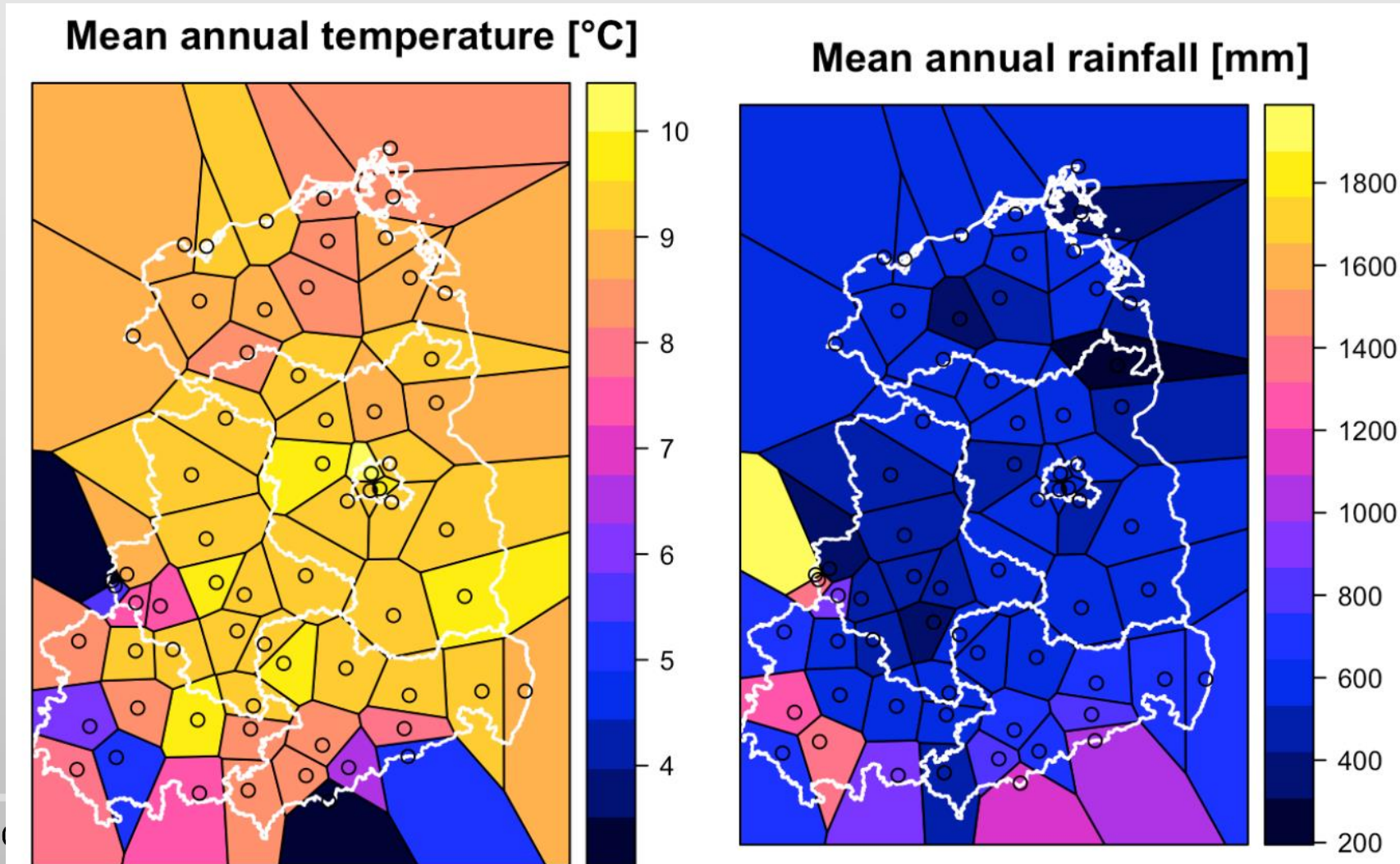
The **Delaunay triangulation** with all the circumcircles and their centers (in red)



Connecting the centers of the circumcircles produces the **Voronoi diagram (in red)**.

Interpolation algorithms: **Nearest neighbour**

Voronoi polygons for the weather station data set in Germany



What is the problematic aspect of this approach ?

The surface values change abruptly across the tessellated boundaries

Brundson and Comber, 2015

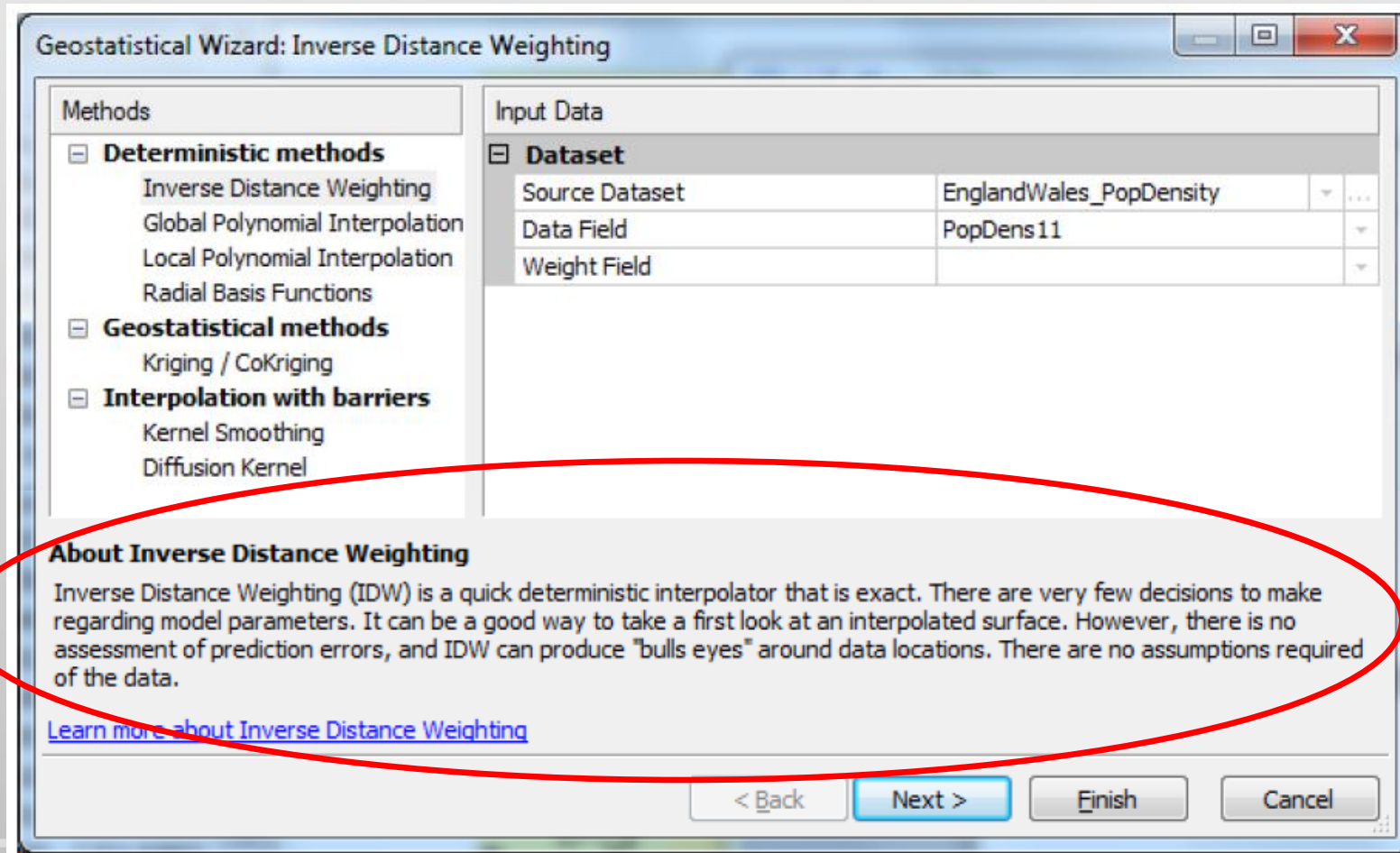
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- Inverse distance weighting (IDW) or weighted moving average
 - The predicted value at any point is the weighted average of the surrounding points

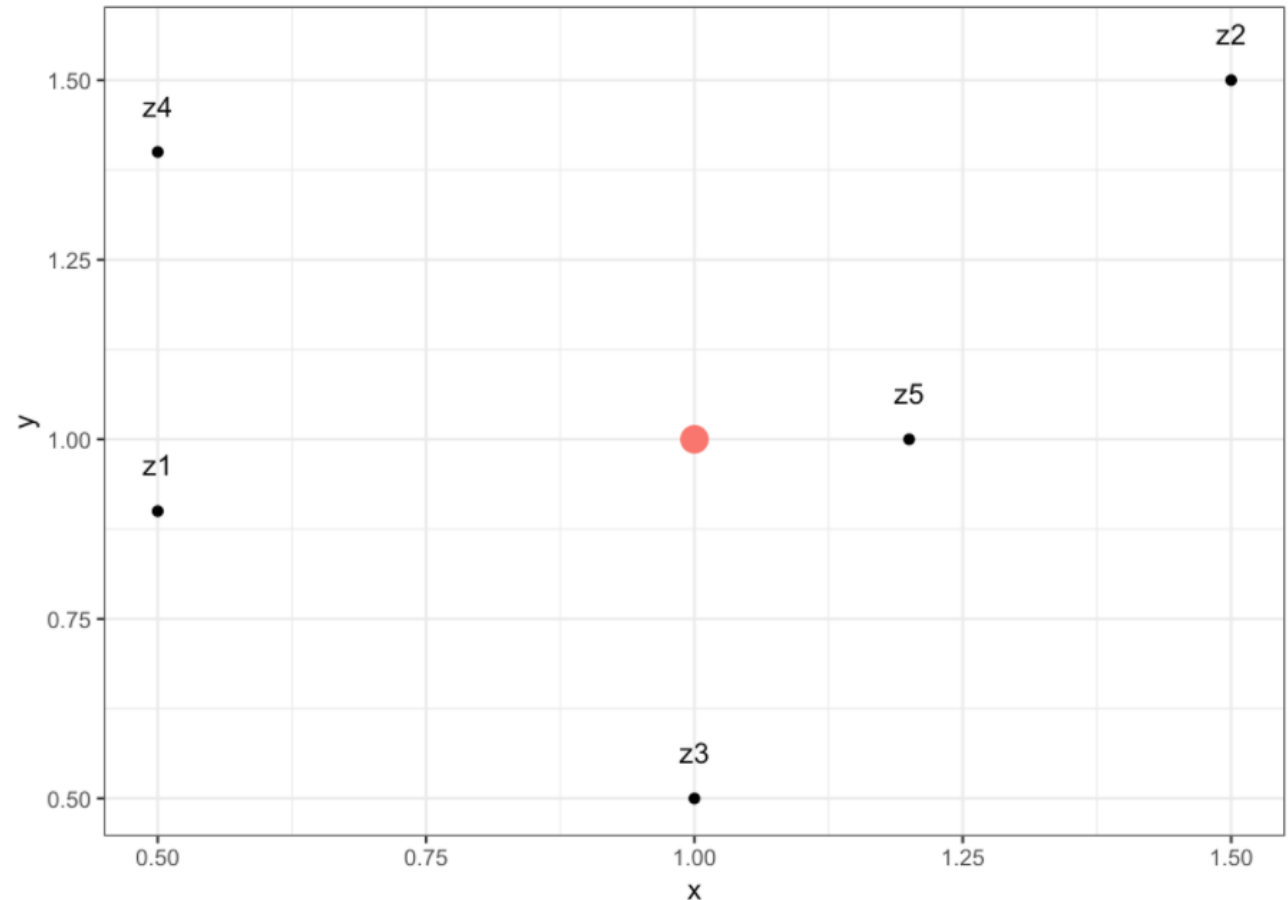
$$\hat{z}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_i^n w_i z_i}{\sum_i^n w_i} \quad \text{where} \quad w_i = |\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i|^{-\beta}$$

- where:
- $\beta \geq 0$
 - β is the inverse distance power (or power coefficient)
 - $|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_i|$ is the euclidean distance
 - n is the number of surrounding points to be included

Interpolation algorithms: IDW

□ Example: Inverse distance weighting (IDW)

<u>ID</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>y</u>	<u>z</u>
z0	1.0	1.0	?
z1	0.5	0.9	1
z2	1.5	1.5	3
z3	1.0	0.5	5
z4	0.5	1.4	7
z5	1.2	1.0	7



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The euclidean distance, d , between two points (u,v) in a plane (R^2) is given by

$$d(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) = \sqrt{(u_1 - v_1)^2 + (u_2 - v_2)^2}$$

You can compute w_i as follow. Consider $\beta=2$ and $n=5$

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ \dots \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_1|^{-\beta} \\ |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_2|^{-\beta} \\ \dots \\ |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_5|^{-\beta} \end{bmatrix}$$

Interpolation algorithms: IDW

□ Example: Inverse distance weighting (IDW)

ID	x	y	z
z0	1.0	1.0	?
z1	0.5	0.9	1
z2	1.5	1.5	3
z3	1.0	0.5	5
z4	0.5	1.4	7
z5	1.2	1.0	7

$$\begin{bmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \\ w_3 \\ w_4 \\ w_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_1|^{-\beta} \\ |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_2|^{-\beta} \\ |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_3|^{-\beta} \\ |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_4|^{-\beta} \\ |\mathbf{z} - \mathbf{z}_5|^{-\beta} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{(1 - 0.5)^2 + (1 - 0.9)^2}^{-2} \\ \sqrt{(1 - 1.5)^2 + (1 - 1.5)^2}^{-2} \\ \sqrt{(1 - 1)^2 + (1 - 0.5)^2}^{-2} \\ \sqrt{(1 - 0.5)^2 + (1 - 1.4)^2}^{-2} \\ \sqrt{(1 - 1.2)^2 + (1 - 1)^2}^{-2} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 3.846 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2.439 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Hence:

$$\sum_i^n w_i \approx 37.285 \quad w_i z_i = \begin{bmatrix} 3.846 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 2.439 \\ 25 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \sum_i^n w_i z_i = 221.919$$

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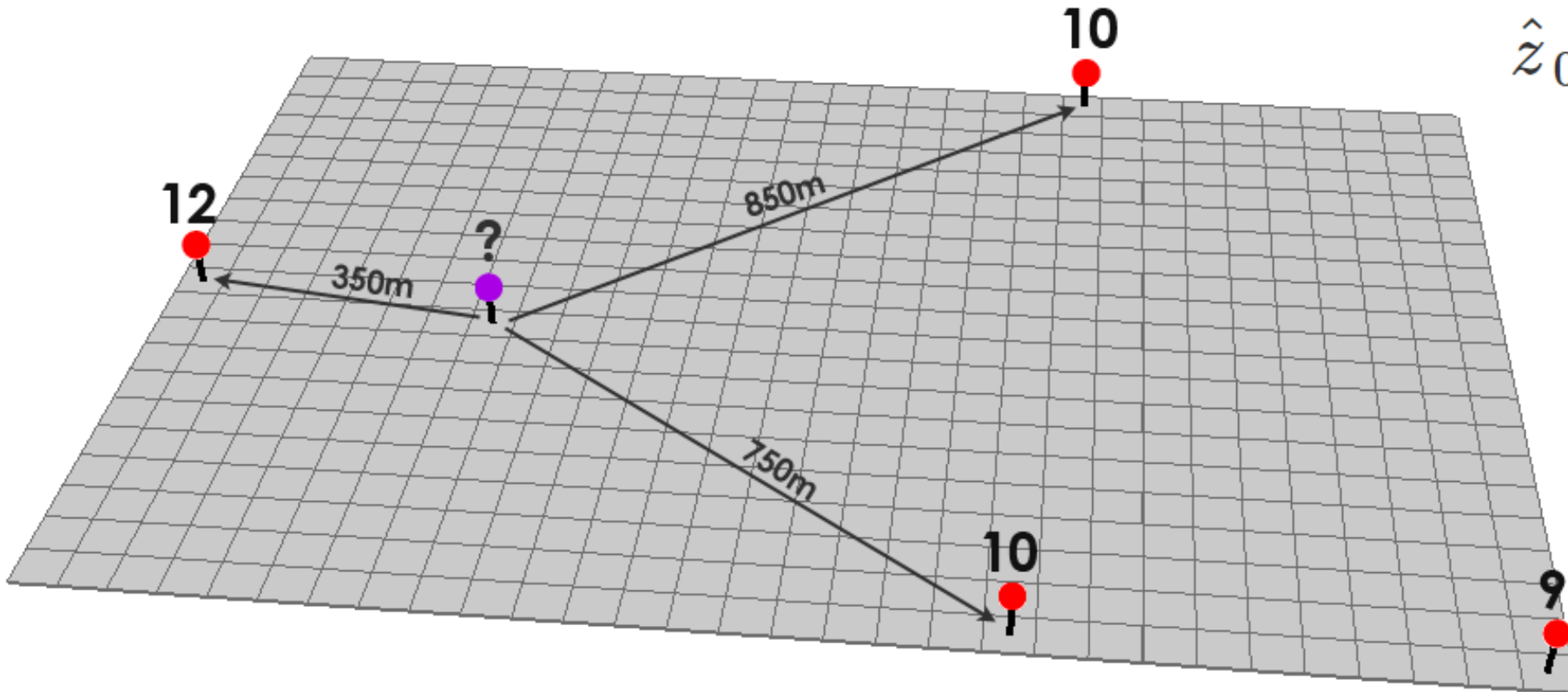
Plugging the numerator and the denominator into the equation from above yields

$$\hat{z}_0 = \frac{\sum_i^n w_i z_i}{\sum_i^n w_i} \approx \frac{221.919}{37.285} = 5.952$$

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z0	1.0	1.0	5.952

Interpolation algorithms: IDW

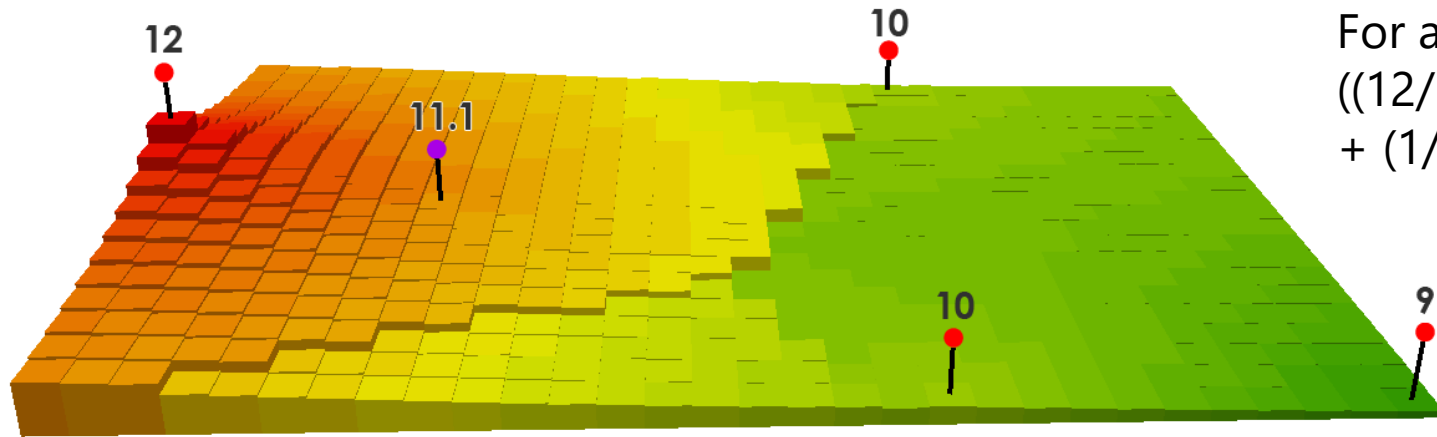
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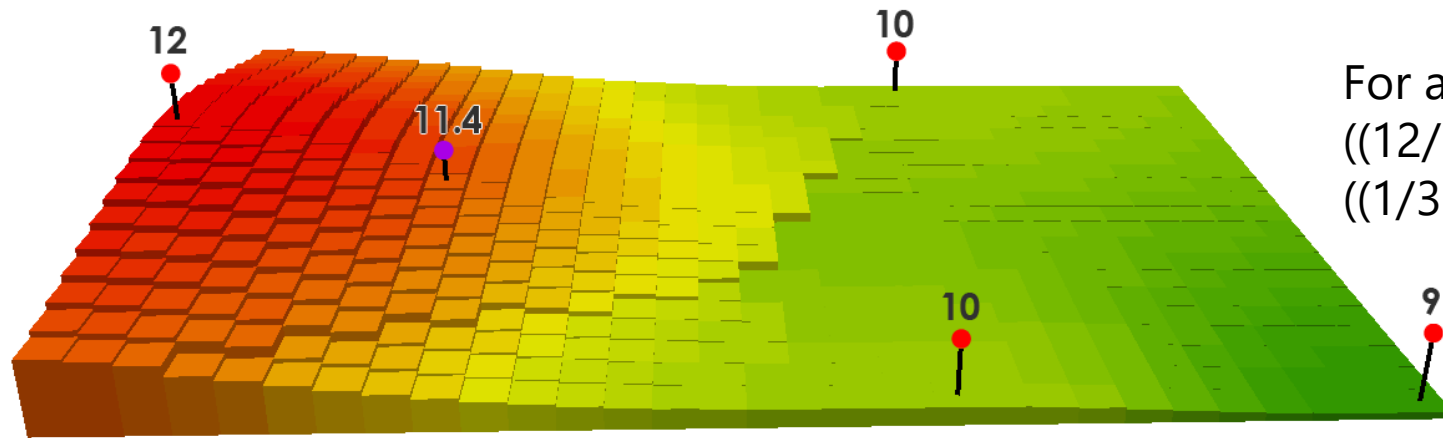
$$\hat{z}_0 = \frac{\sum_i^n w_i z_i}{\sum_i^n w_i}$$

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Interpolation algorithms: IDW



For a **power of 1**, that cell value is equal to:
$$((12/350) + (10/750) + (10/850)) / ((1/350) + (1/750) + (1/850)) = 11.1$$

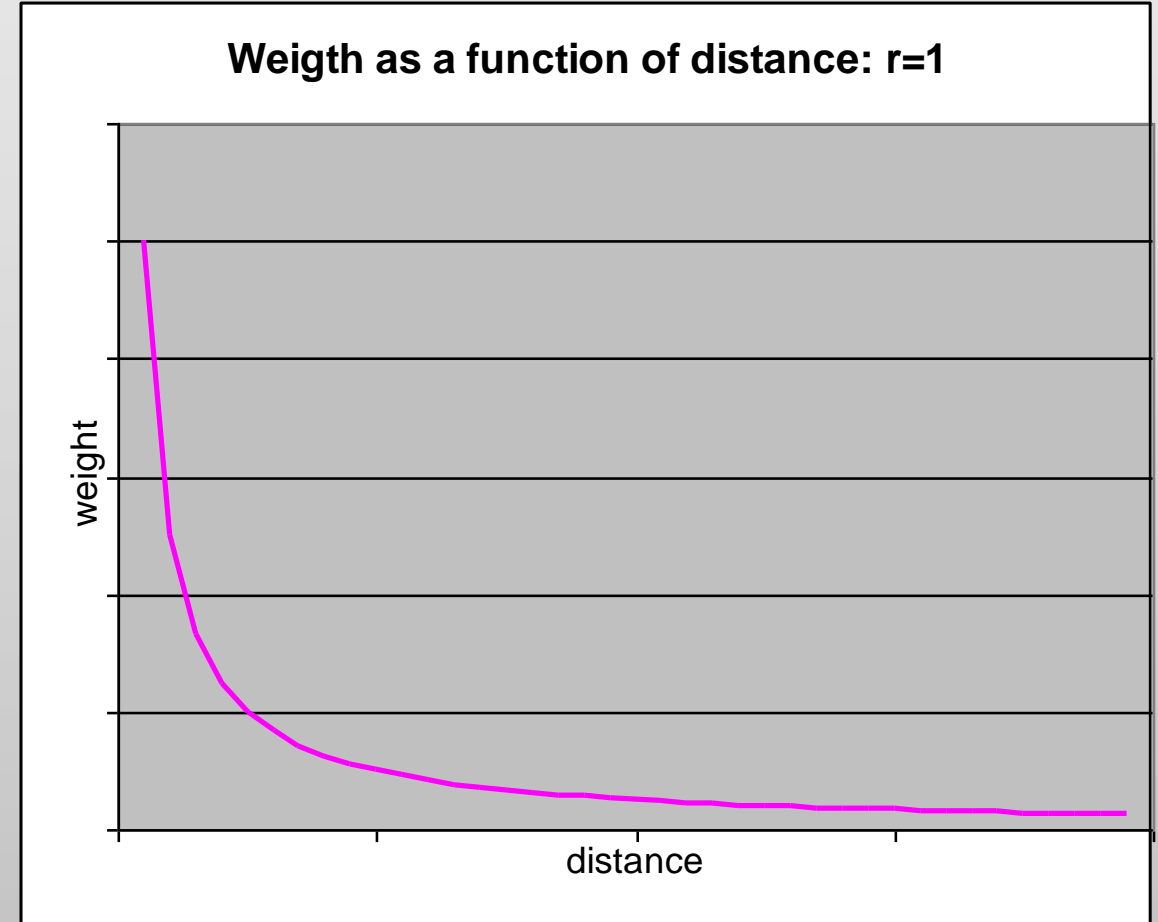
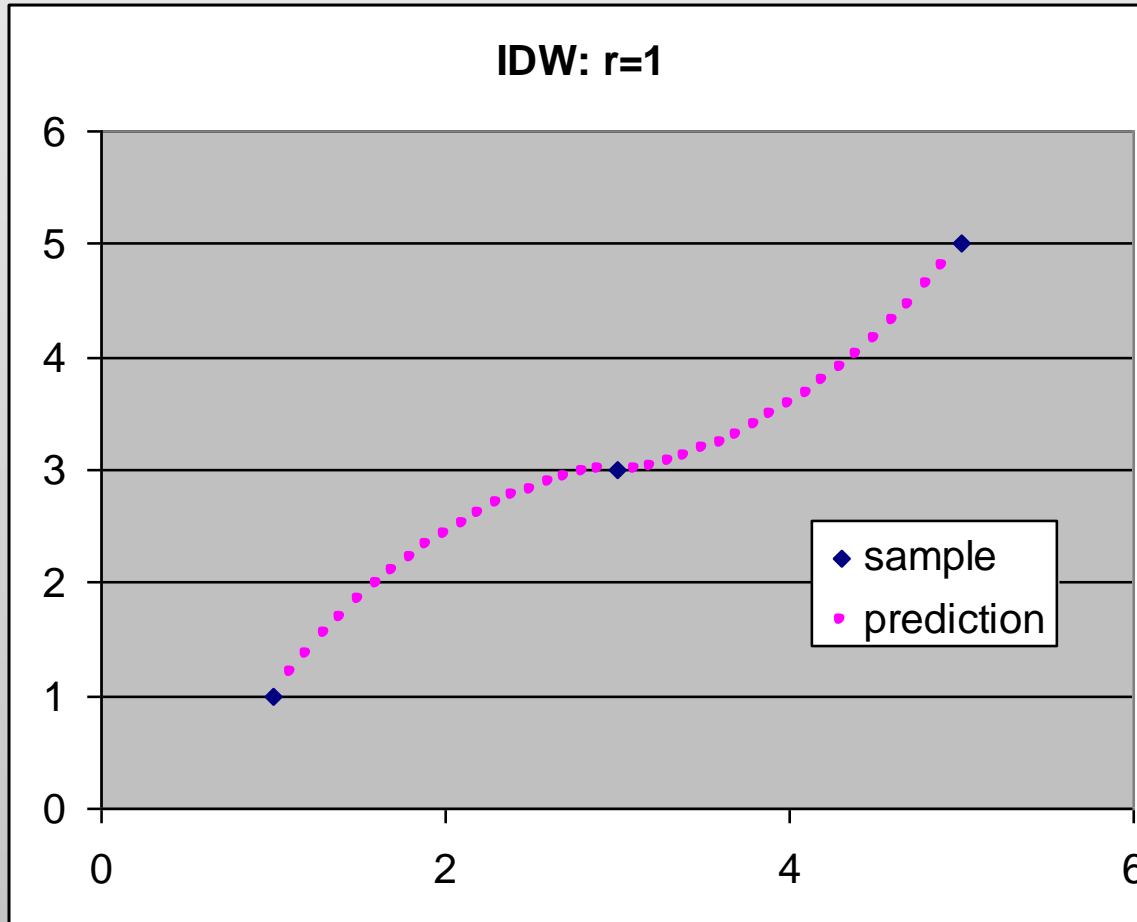


For a **power of 2**, that cell value is equal to:
$$((12/350^2) + (10/750^2) + (10/850^2)) / ((1/350^2) + (1/750^2) + (1/850^2)) = 11.4$$

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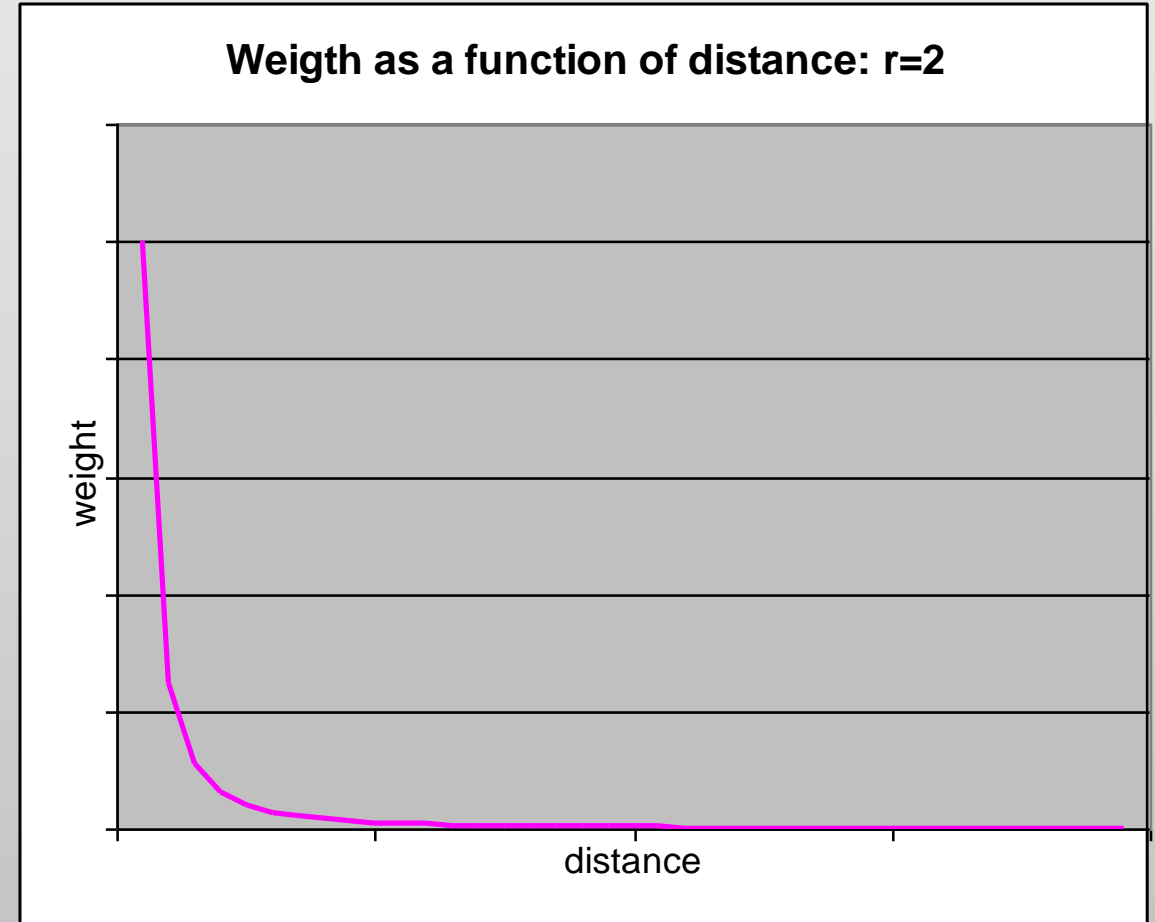
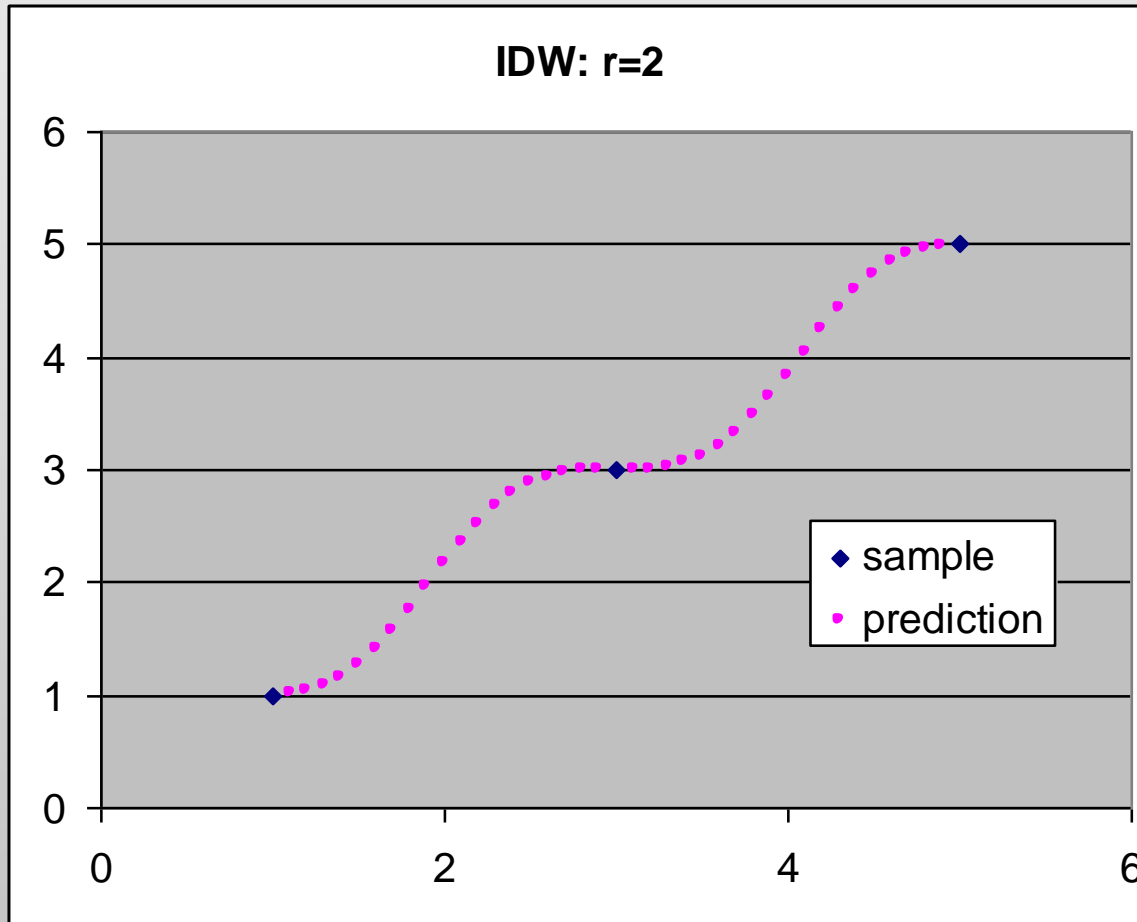
Interpolation algorithms: IDW

- The r value controls the level of relative spatial dependency (low r value)



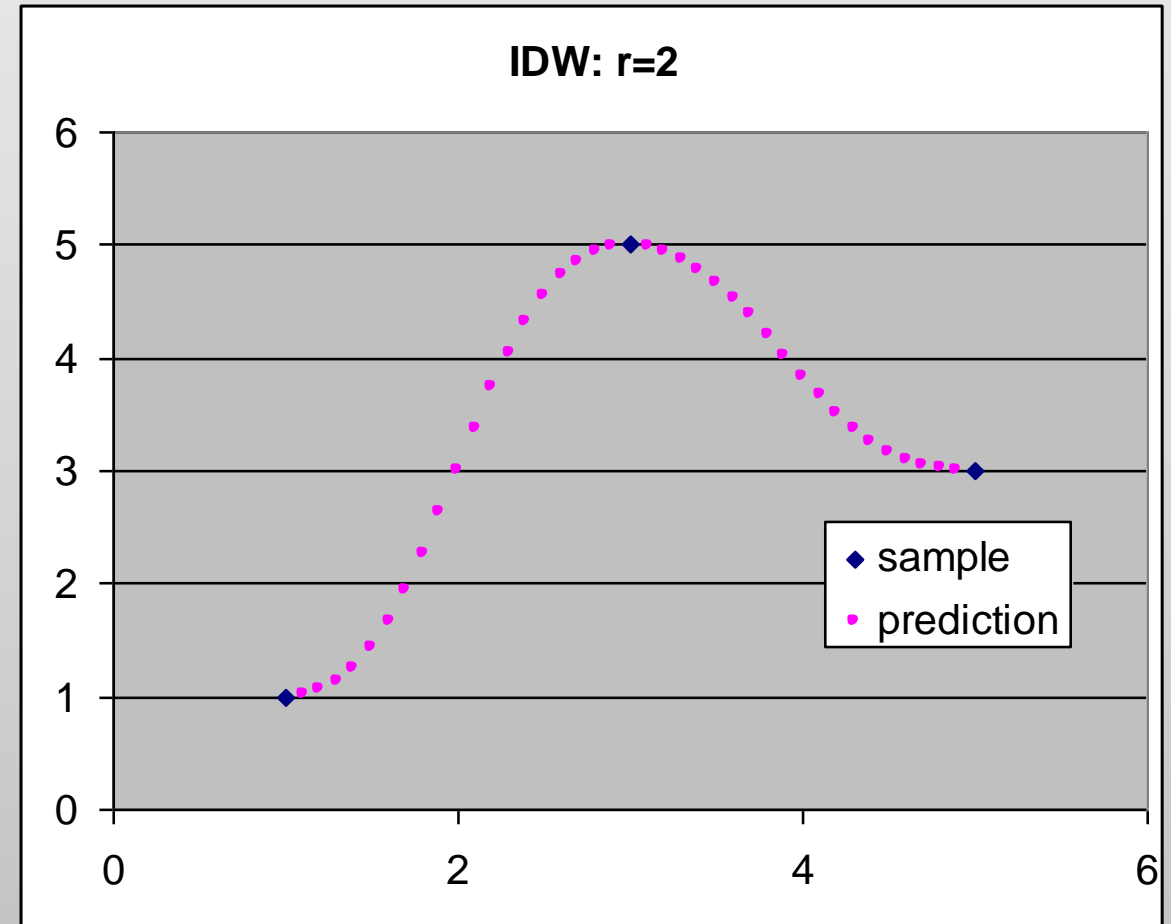
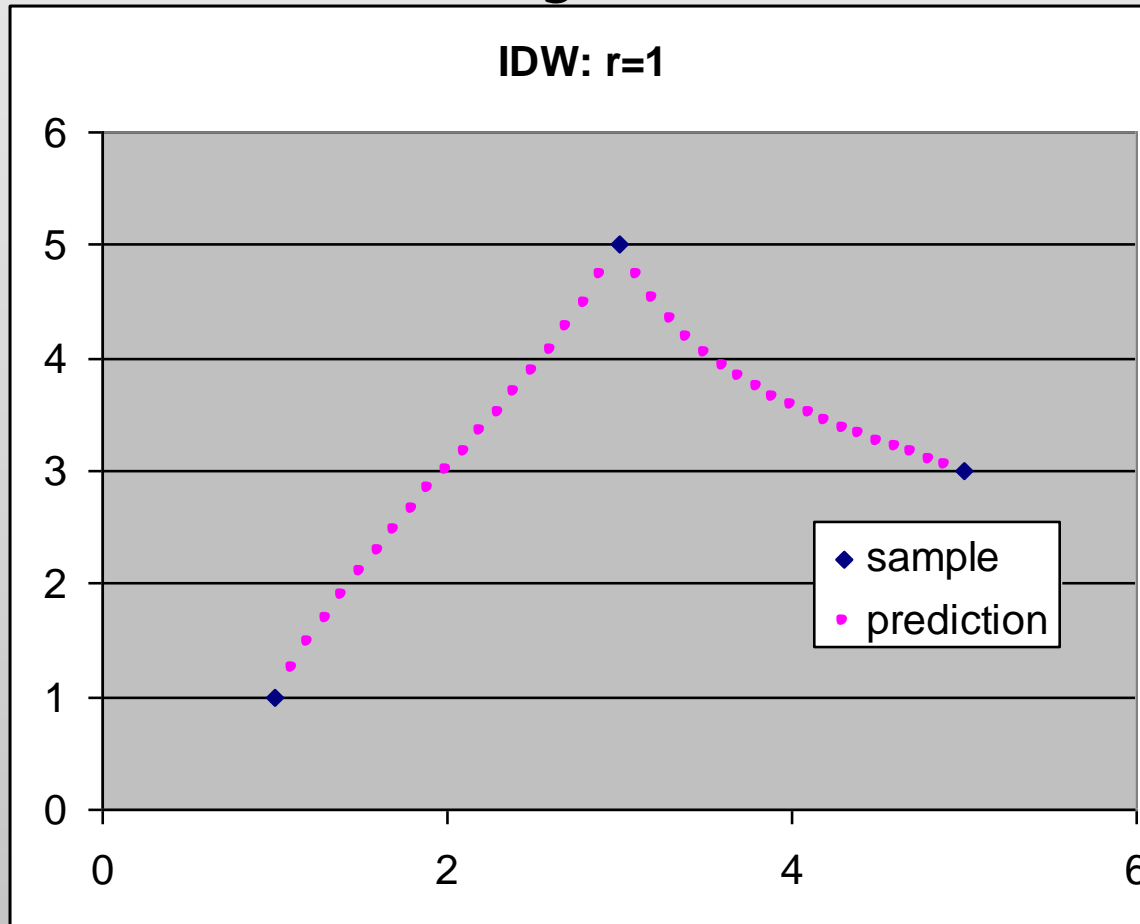
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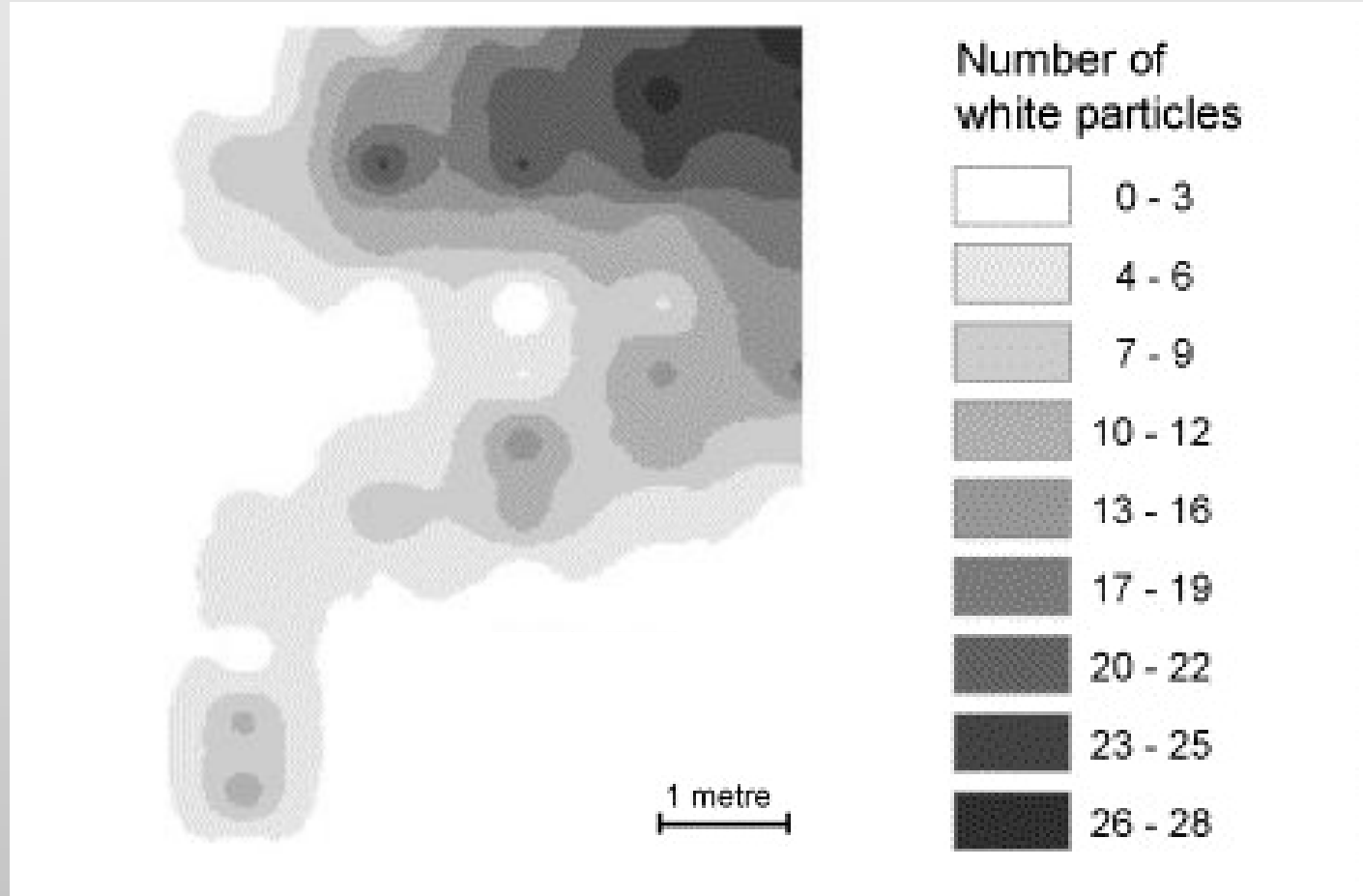
Interpolation algorithms: IDW

- “Duck-egg” pattern appear around solitary data points that differ greatly from their surroundings



Interpolation algorithms: IDW

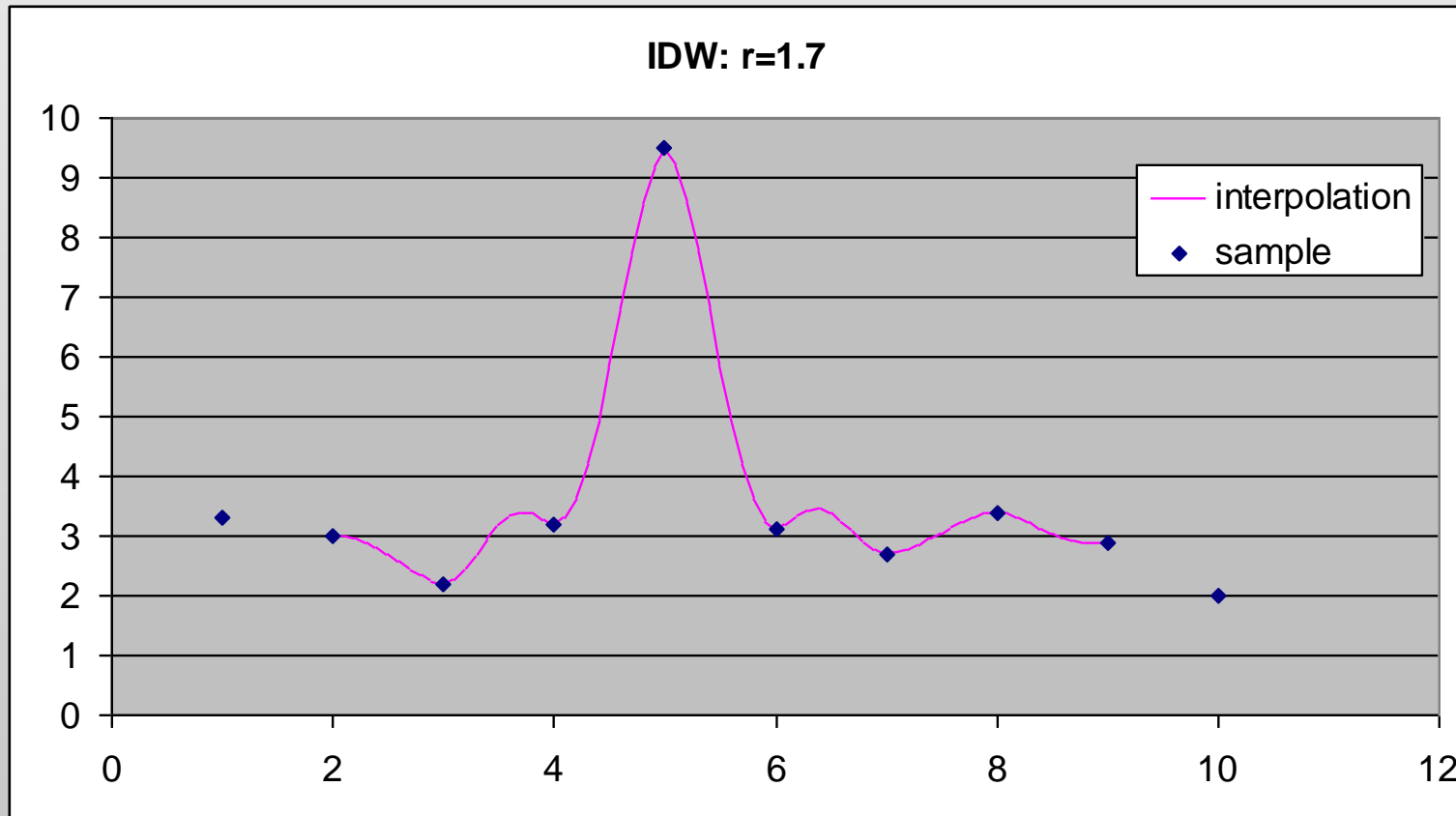
- “Duck-egg” pattern



(McKinley and Ruffell 2006)

Interpolation algorithms: IDW

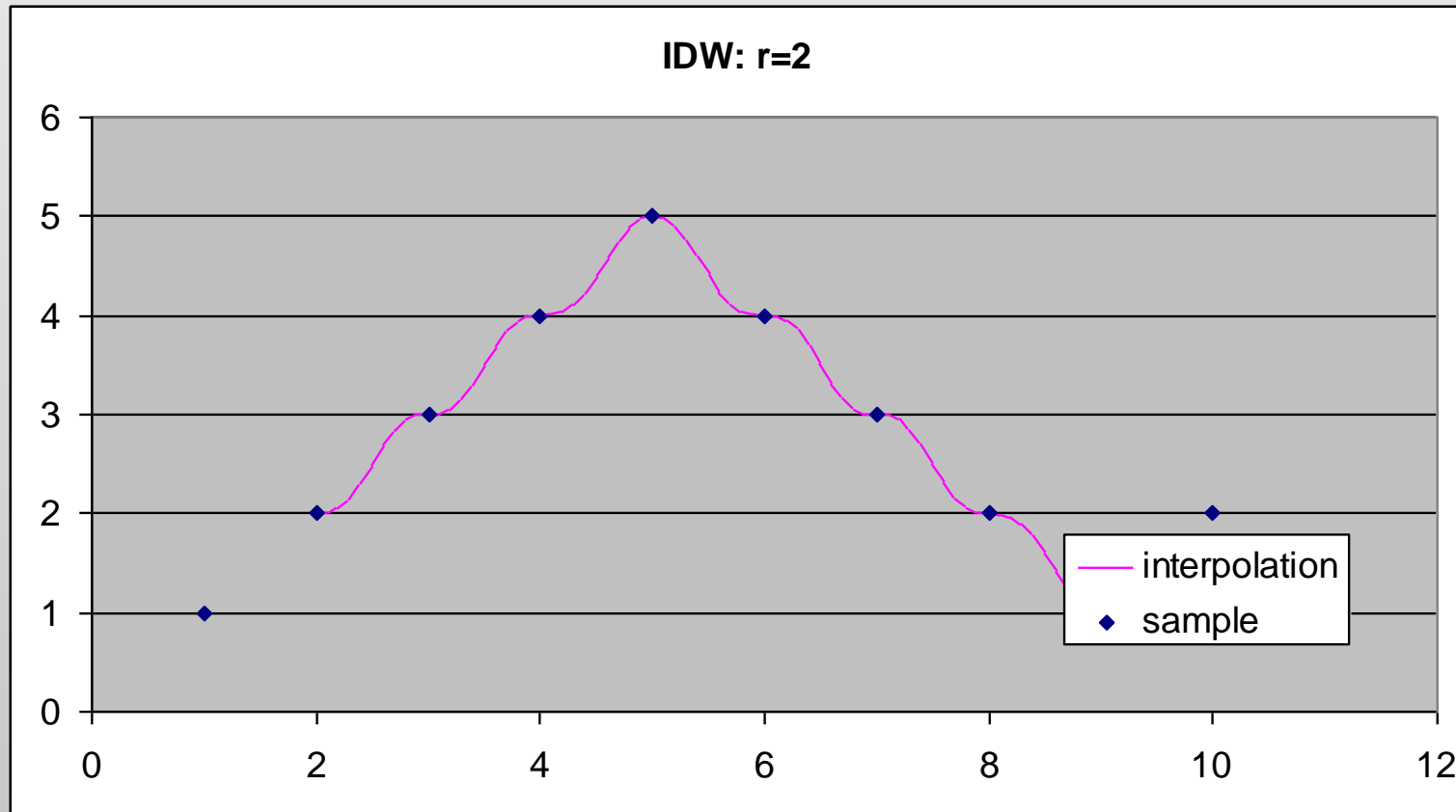
- Outlier effects



(McKinley and Ruffell 2006)

Interpolation algorithms: IDW

- Terracing effects may also occur (especially for high r values)



(McKinley and Ruffell 2006)

Interpolation algorithms

- ❑ **Trend surfaces** (global polynomial interpolation, GPI)
- ❑ **Nearest neighbour (Thiessen)**
- ❑ **Inverse distance weighting (IDW)** (moving average)
- ❑ **Radial basis functions or spline**
- ❑ **Kriging** (ordinary, simple, universal, etc....analyses of spatial variation)

Interpolation algor.: Radial basis functions

- ❑ Radial basis functions are a series of exact interpolation techniques i.e. the surface must pass through each measured sample value.

- ❑ There are five different basis functions:
 - Thin-plate spline
 - Spline with tension
 - Completely regularized spline
 - Multiquadric function
 - Inverse multiquadric function

- ❑ Radial basis functions methods are a special case of splines.

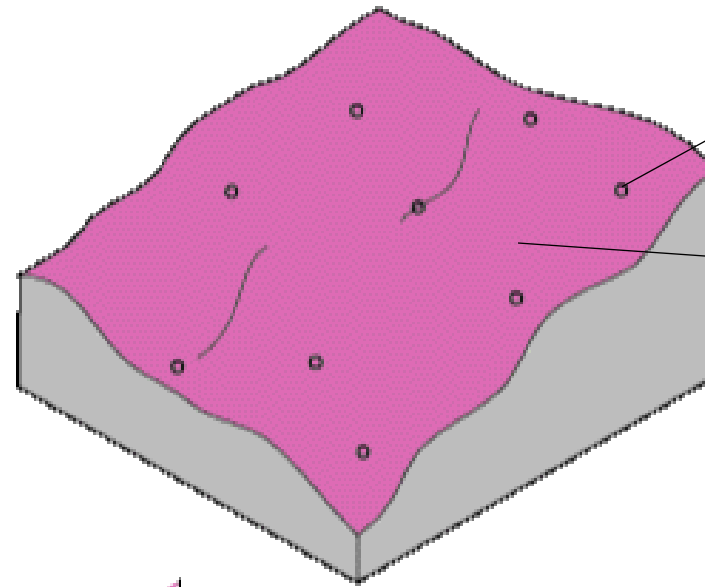
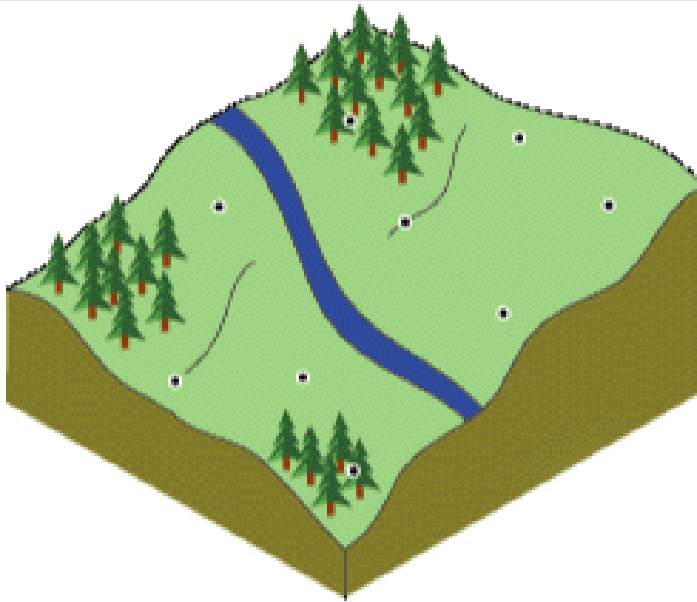
Interpolation algor.: Radial basis functions

Splines

- Piece-wise functions
 - Fitted exactly to a small number of data points
 - Joins between one part of the curve and another are continuous
- Bicubic spline
 - Three dimensional (surface)
 - The resulting smooth surface passes exactly through the input points.
- Thin-plate spline
 - Exact spline surface is replaced by a locally smoothed average

Interpolation algor.: Radial basis functions

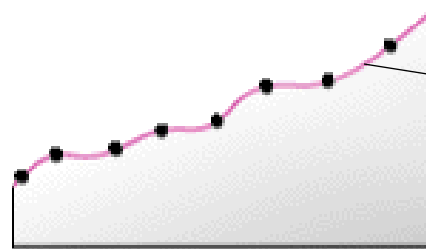
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sample value

Radial basis functions surface

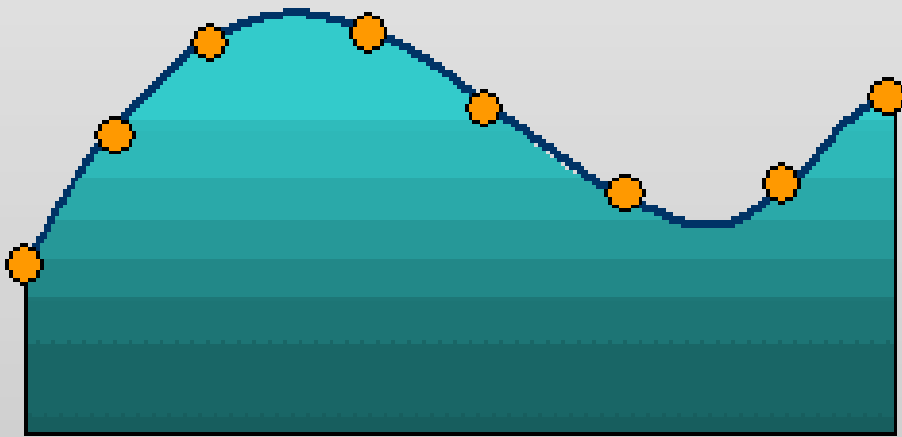
Cross section illustrating how RBF surface fits through the sample values



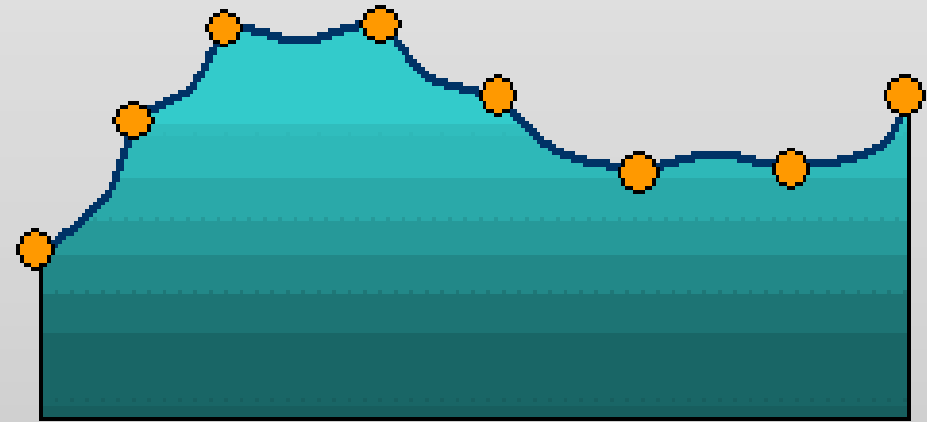
the surface passes through the data values

Interpolation algor.: Radial basis functions

- Difference between Radial basis functions (RBF) and Inverse Distance Weighted (IDW)



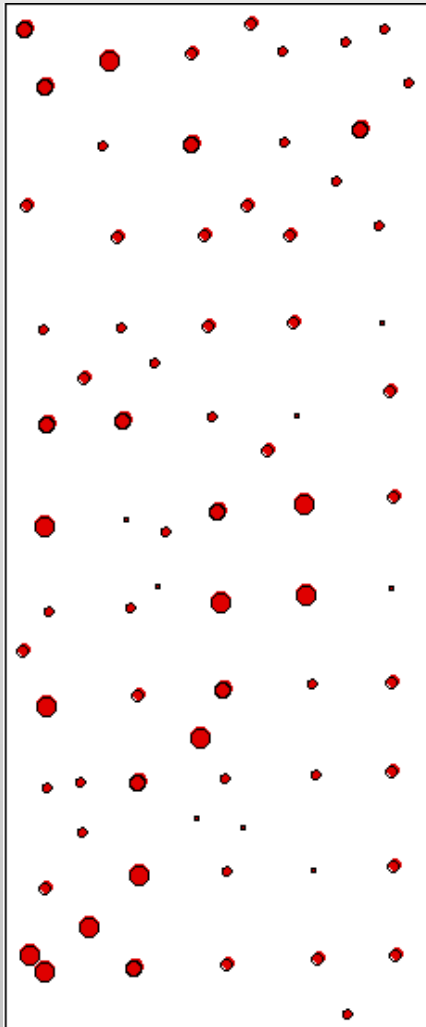
Example RBF profile



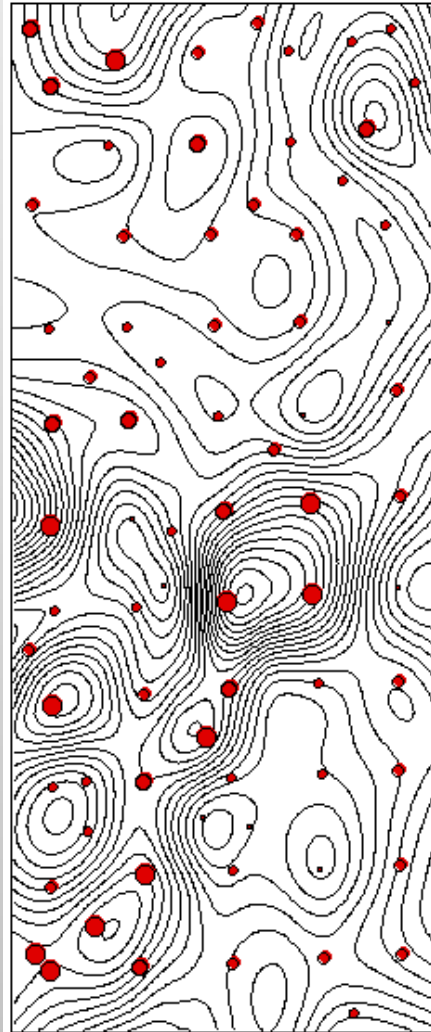
Example IDW profile

Interpolation algor.: Radial basis functions

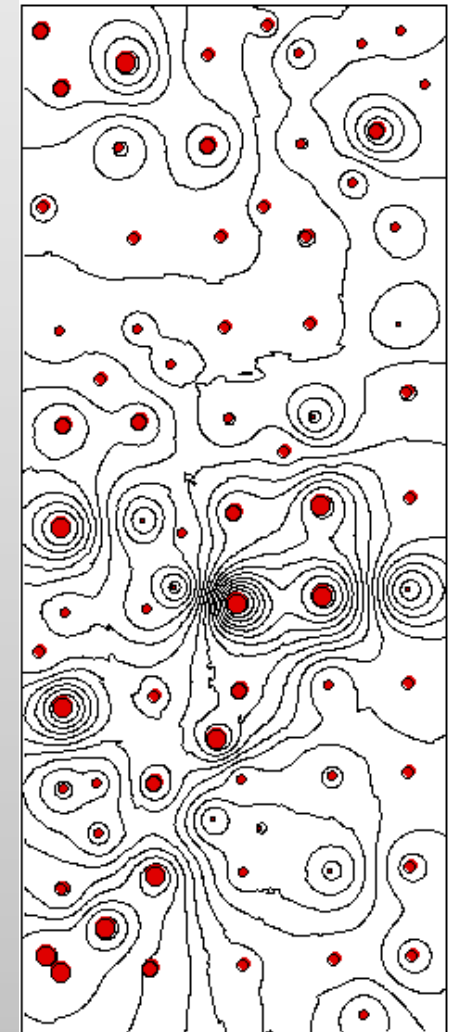
Point data



Spline result



IDW result



Interpolation algor.: Radial basis functions

- ☐ RBFs are used to produce smooth surfaces from a large number of data points.
- ☐ The functions produce good results for gently varying surfaces such as elevation.
- ☐ The techniques are inappropriate when
 - large changes in the surface values occur within short distances
 - the sample data is prone to measurement error or uncertainty

Interpolation algorithms

- ☐ Trend surfaces
- ☐ Nearest neighbour (Thiessen)
- ☐ Inverse distance interpolation / weighted moving average (IDW)
- ☐ Spline/local polynomials
- ☐ Kriging (analyses of spatial variation)



next lecture

Summary of interpolation tool

Tool	Description
Trend	Interpolates a raster surface from points using a trend technique.
Natural Neighbour	Interpolates a raster surface from points using a natural neighbour technique.
IDW	Interpolates a raster surface from points using an inverse distance weighted (IDW) technique.
Spline	Interpolates a raster surface from points using a two-dimensional minimum curvature spline technique. The resulting smooth surface passes exactly through the input points.
Spline with Barriers	Interpolates a raster surface, using barriers, from points using a minimum curvature spline technique. The barriers are entered as either polygon or polyline features.
Topography to Raster	Interpolates a raster surface from point, line, and polygon data. E.g. contour line
Kriging	Interpolates a raster surface from points using kriging.

Learning Objectives



1

GIS interpolation

- What?
- When?
- Data sources for interpolation

2

- Spatial Interpolation Methods
- Interpolation algorithms

3

Interpolation examples and application

Today's topics

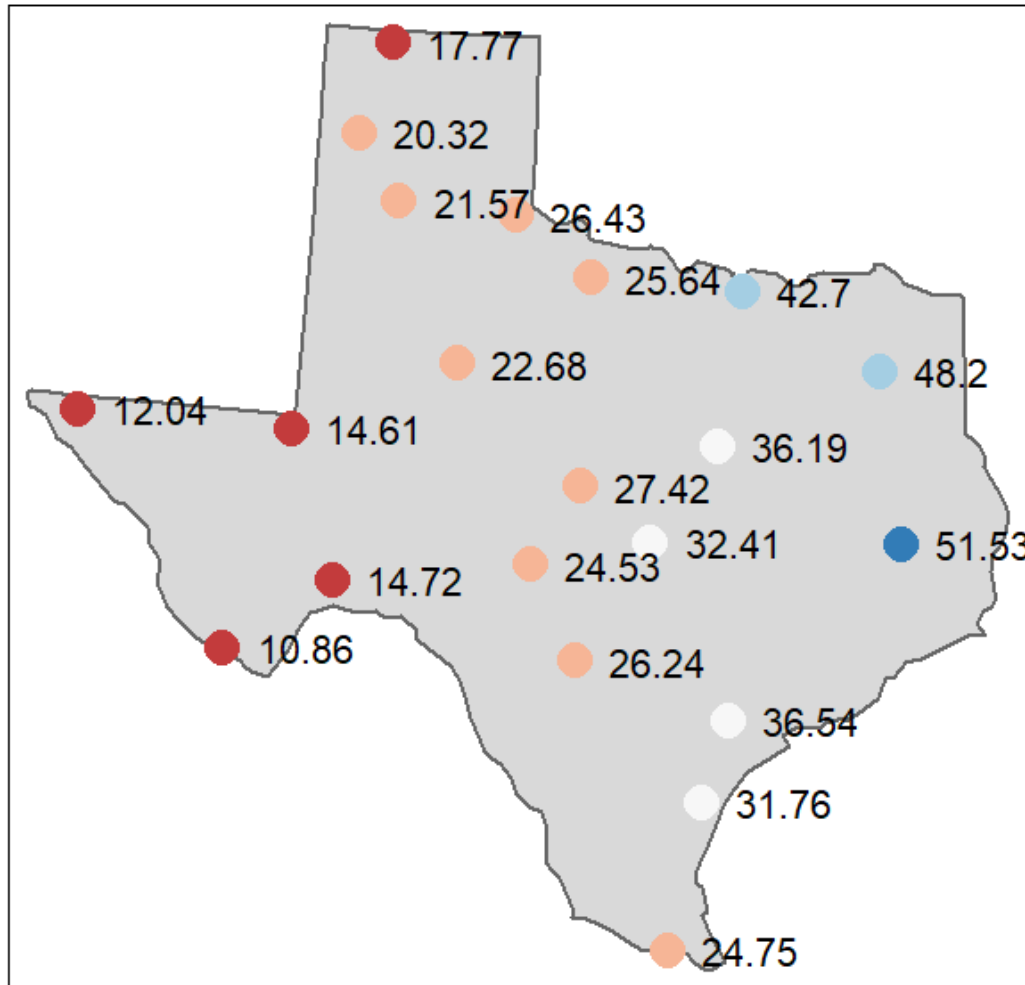
Interpolation tool: Summary & application

Given a distribution of point meteorological stations showing precipitation values,

How can I estimate precipitation values where data have not been observed?

Interpolation tool: Summary & application

Distribution of meteorological stations (points) showing precipitation values



Precipitation (in)

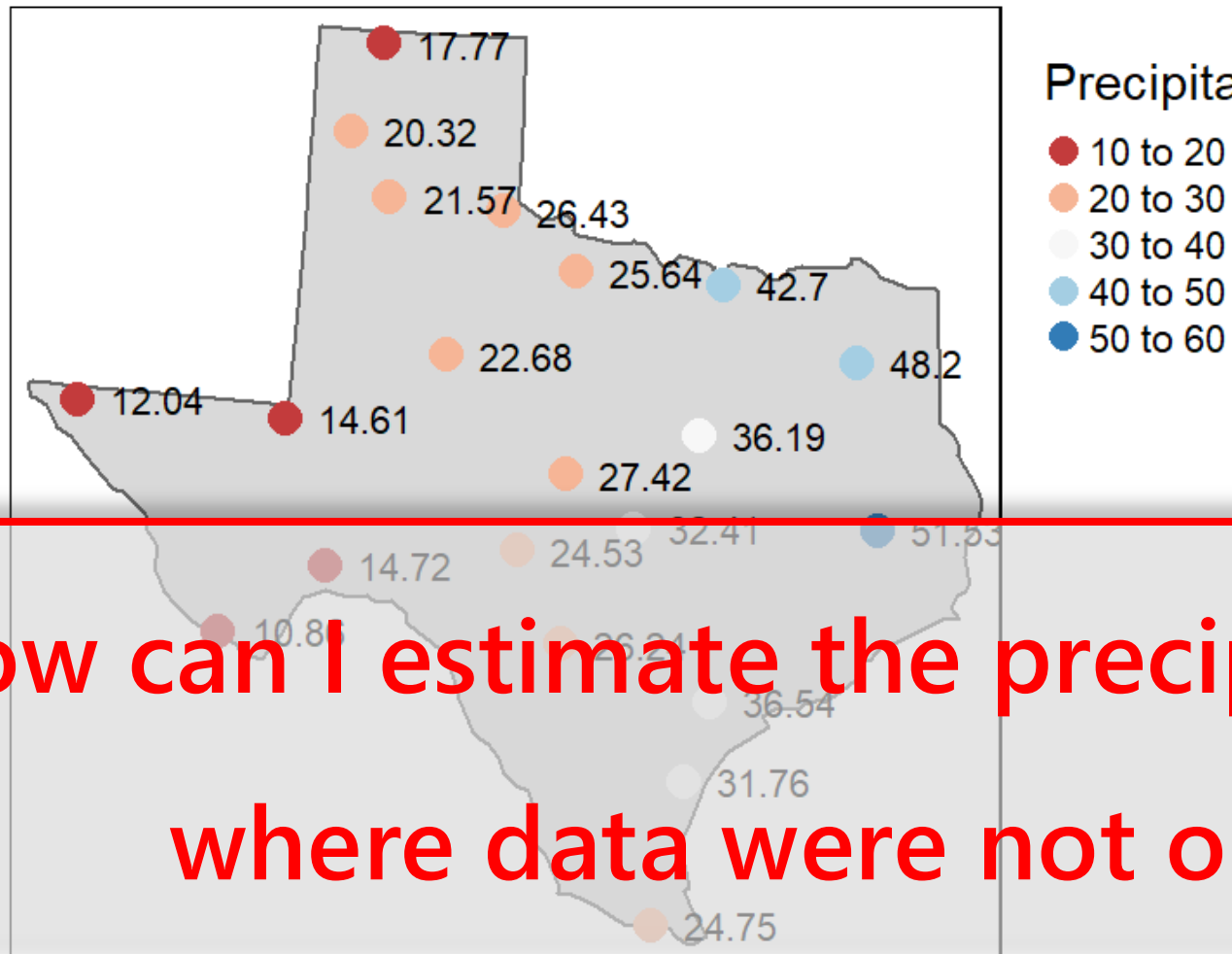
- 10 to 20
- 20 to 30
- 30 to 40
- 40 to 50
- 50 to 60

Average yearly precipitation
(reported in inches) for several
meteorological sites in Texas

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Interpolation tool: Summary & application

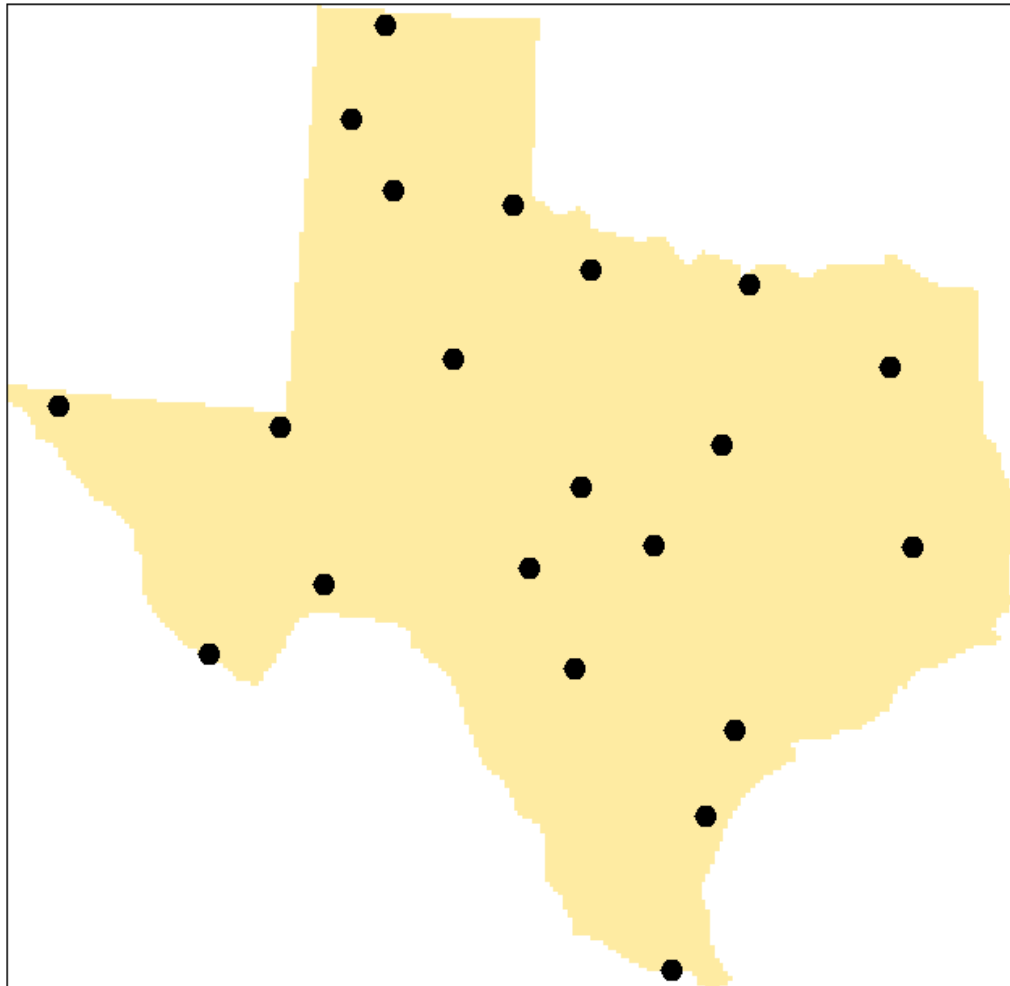
Distribution of meteorological stations (points) showing precipitation values



how can I estimate the precipitation values
where data were not observed?

Interpolation tool: Summary & application

0th Order Trend Surface



Predicted precip

27.09

$$Z = a$$

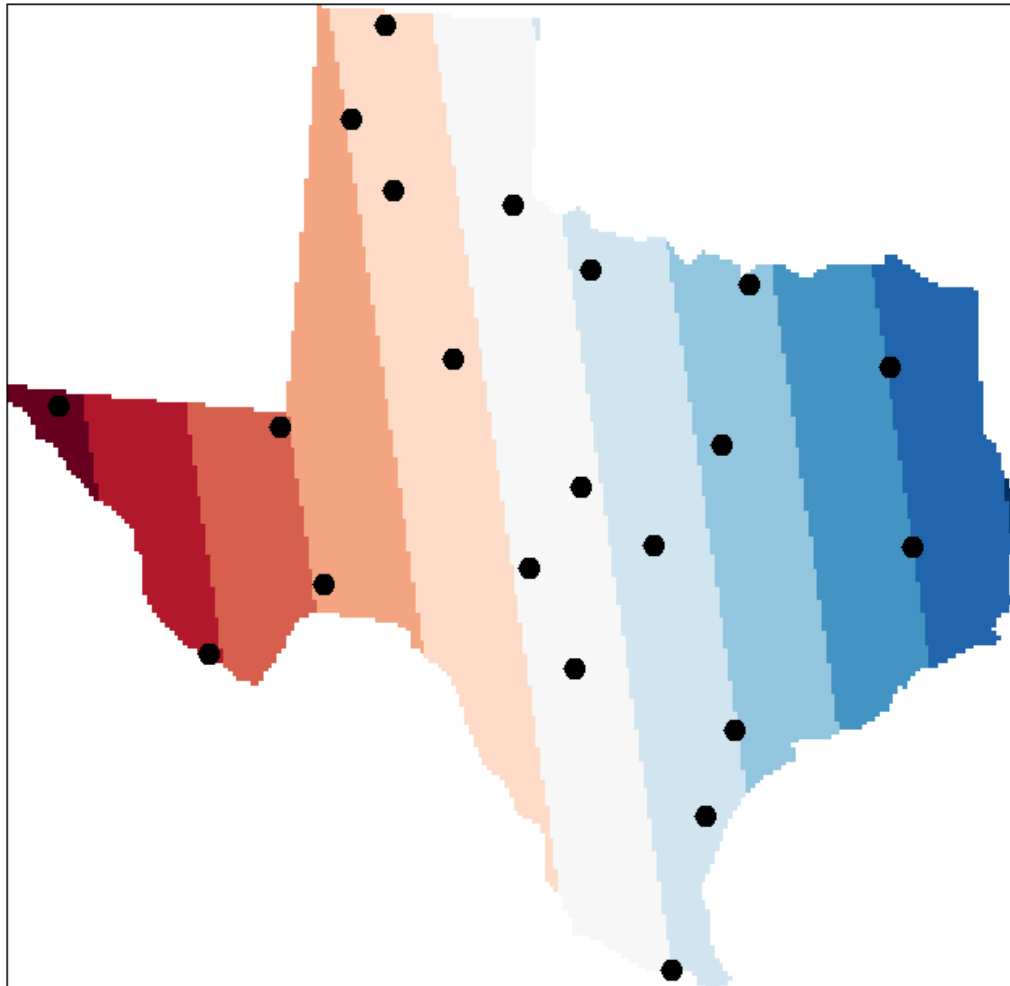
where a is the mean precipitation value of all sample points

The simplest model where all interpolated surface values are equal to the mean precipitation.

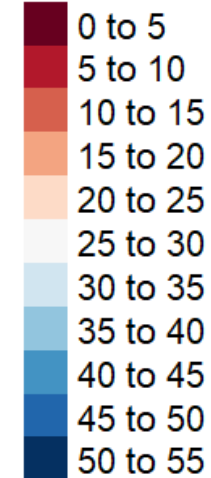
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Interpolation tool: Summary & application

1st Order Trend Surface



Predicted precip



$Z = a + bX + cY$
where X and Y are
the coordinate pairs

Result of a first order
interpolation

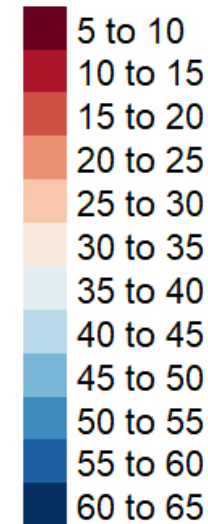
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Interpolation tool: Summary & application

2nd Order Trend Surface (quadratic polynomial)



Predicted precip



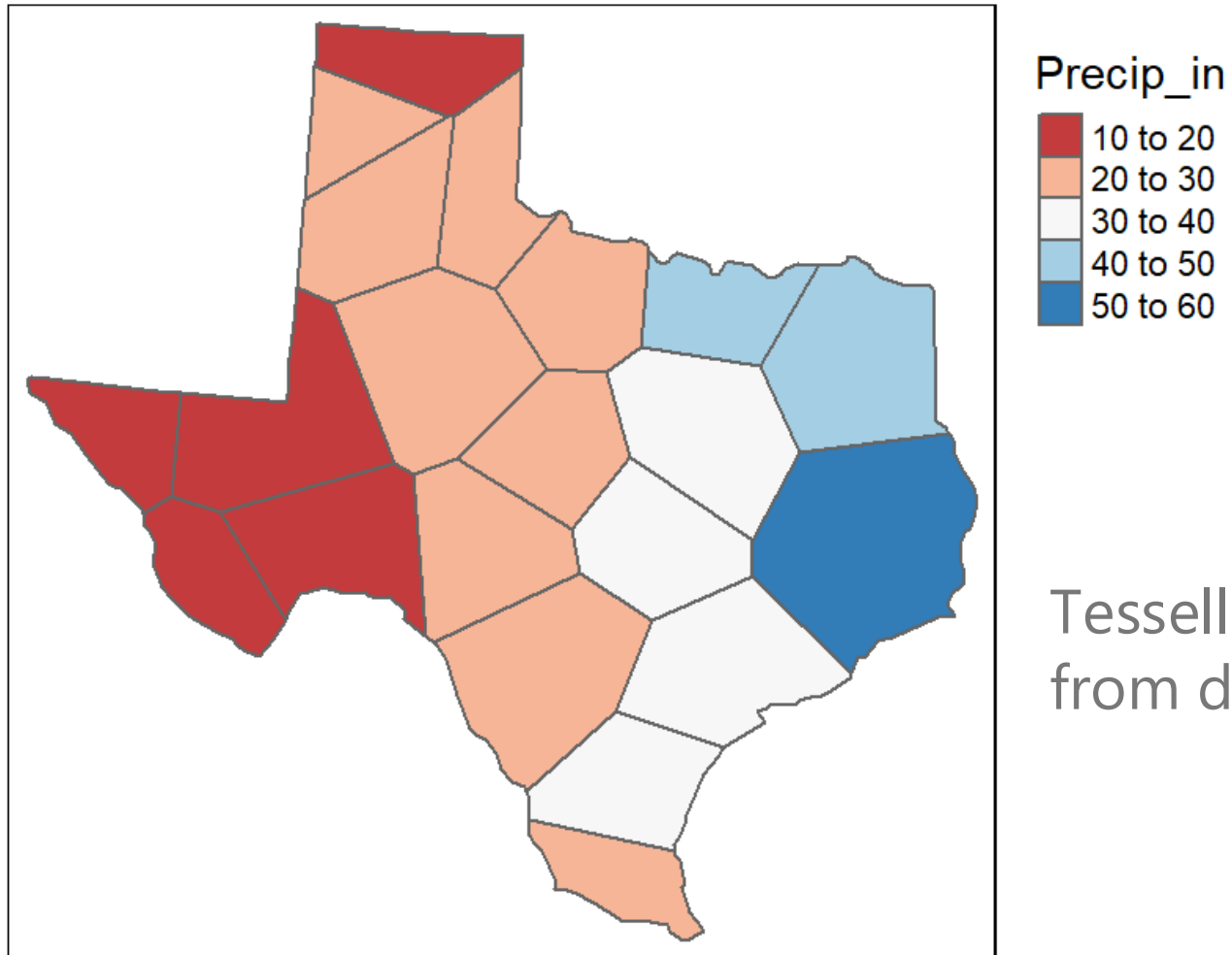
$$Z = a + bX + cY + dX^2 + eY^2 + fXY$$

Result of a second order
interpolation

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Interpolation tool: Summary & application

Thiessen interpolation

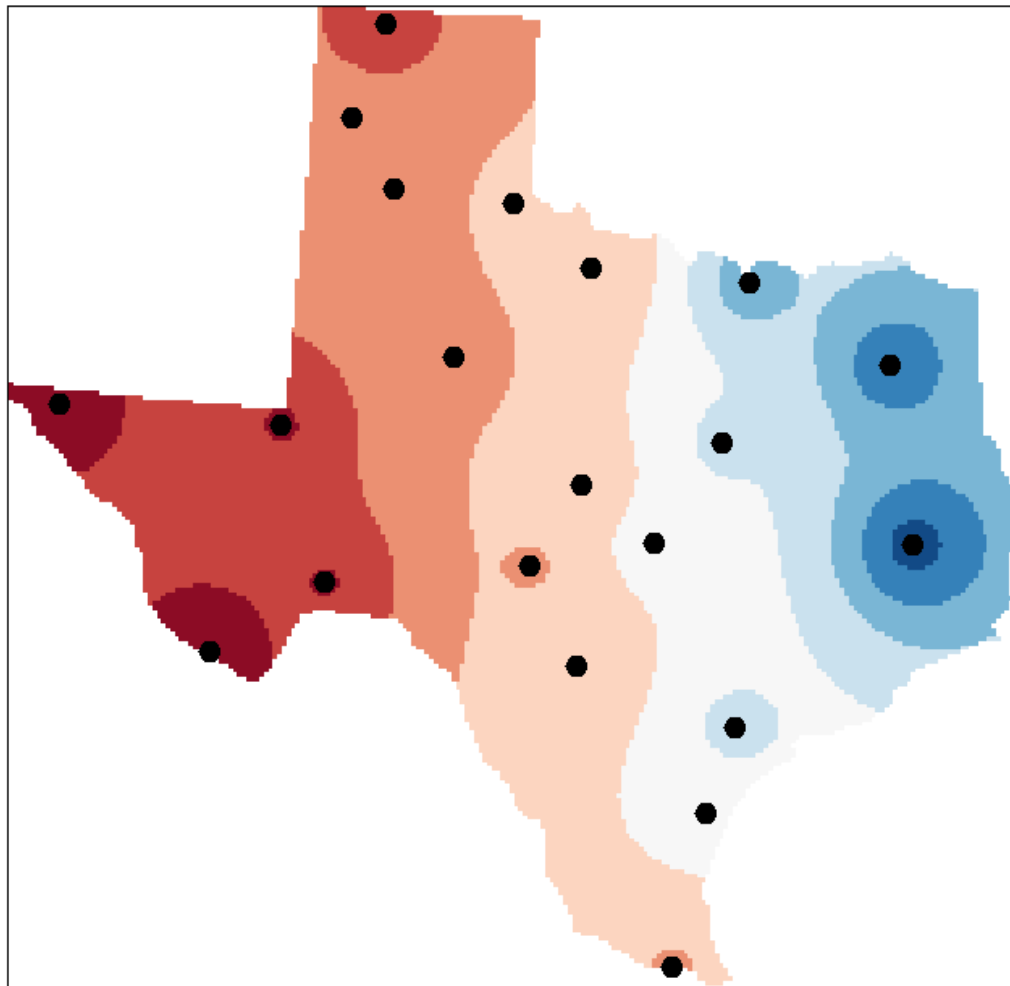


Tessellated surface generated from discrete point samples.

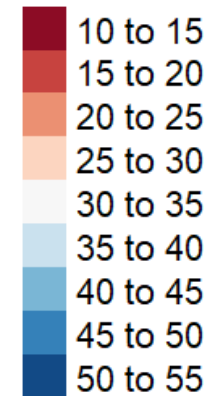
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Interpolation tool: Summary & application

IDW interpolation, power of 2



Predicted precip



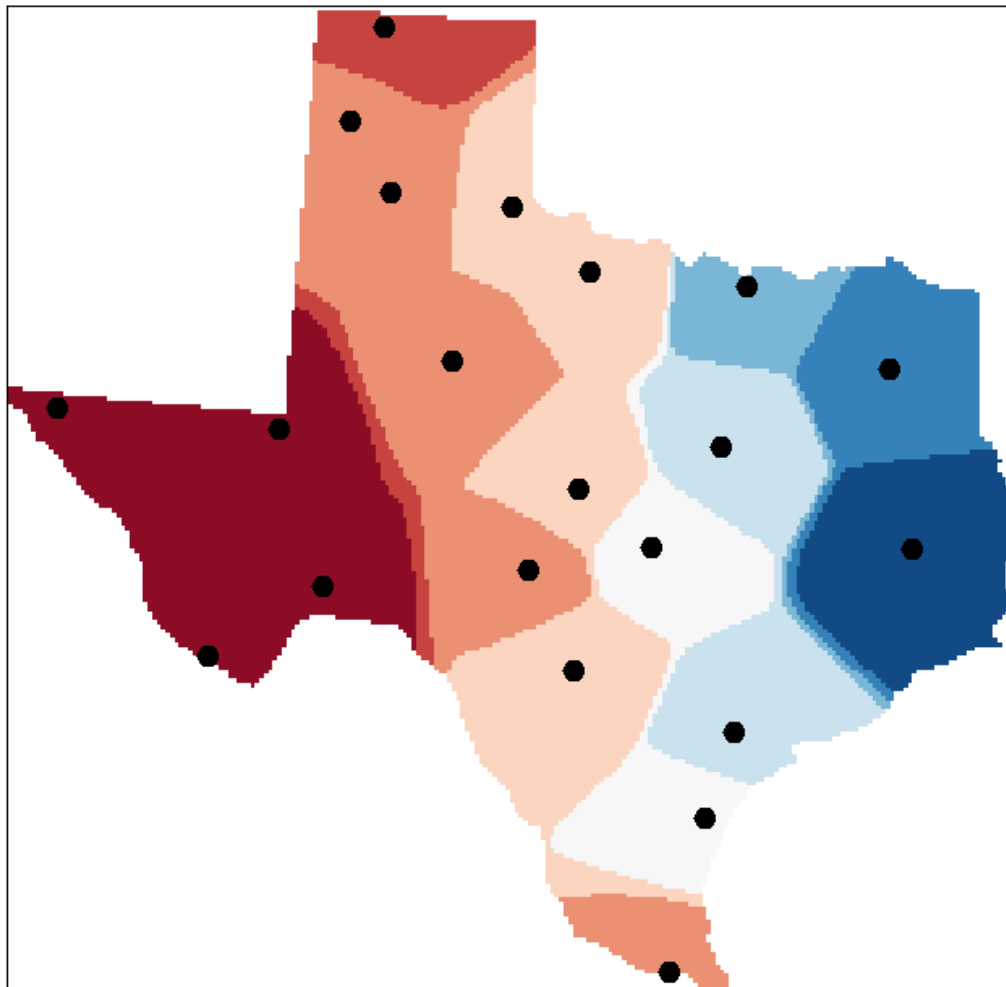
$$\hat{Z}_j = \frac{\sum_i Z_i / d_{ij}^n}{\sum_i 1 / d_{ij}^n}$$

An IDW interpolation of the average yearly precipitation. An IDW generated with power coefficient (n) of 2

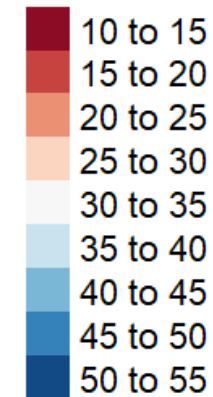
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Interpolation tool: Summary & application

IDW interpolation, power of 15



Predicted precip

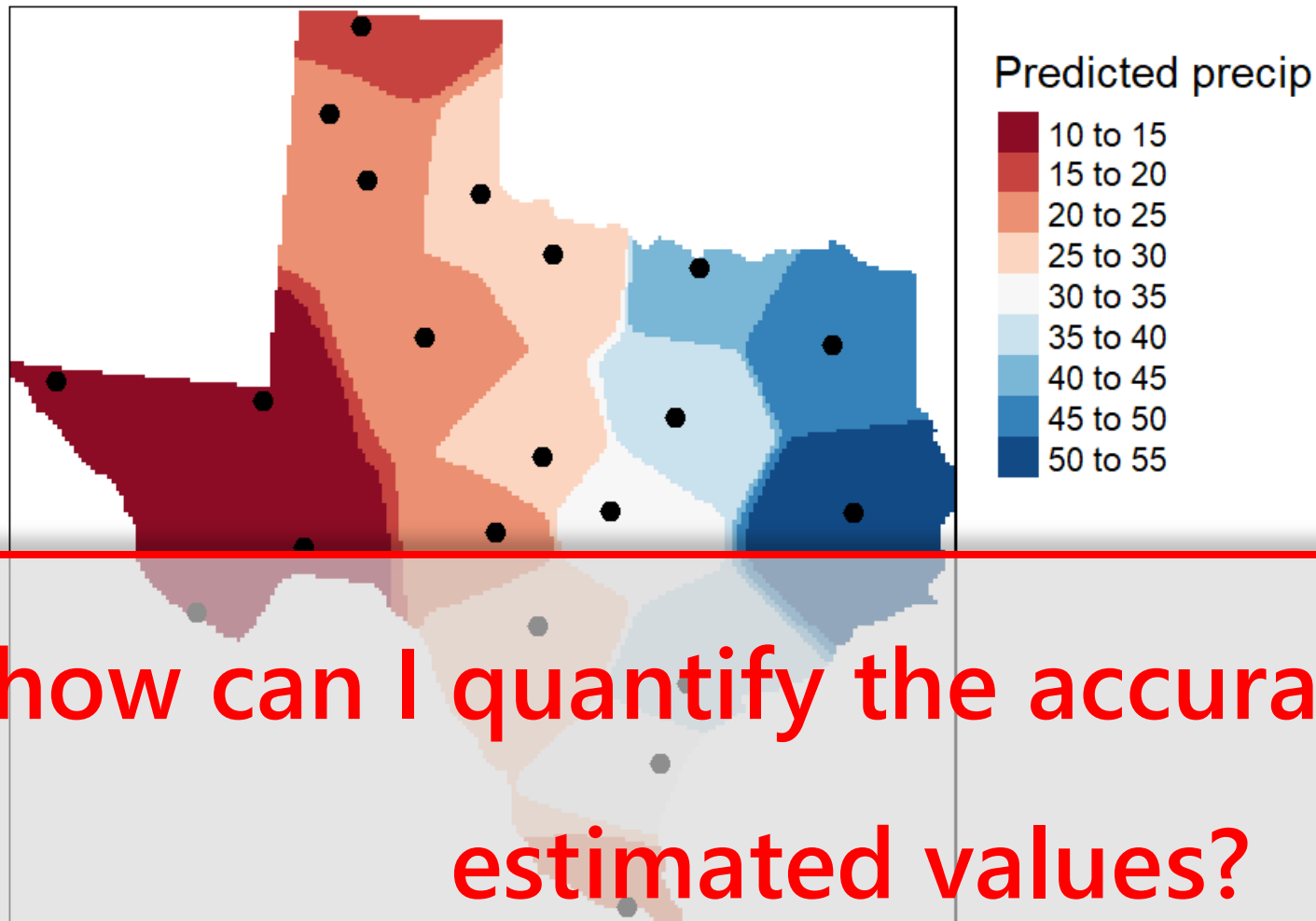


$$\hat{Z}_j = \frac{\sum_i Z_i / d_{ij}^n}{\sum_i 1 / d_{ij}^n}$$

An IDW power coefficient n of 15

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Interpolation tool: Summary & application



Accuracy of the estimated values

- **Option 1: split the points into two sets:**
 - The points used in the interpolation operation and the points used to validate the results
- **Option 2: so called “leave-one-out cross validation analysis”**
 - Remove one data point from the dataset and interpolate its value using all other points in the dataset
 - Repeat this process for each point in that dataset (the interpolator parameters remain constant)
 - The interpolated values are then compared with the actual values from the omitted point
 - Statistics: example root-mean of squared residuals (RMSE)

Accuracy of the estimated values

- Option 2: so called “leave-one-out cross validation analysis”

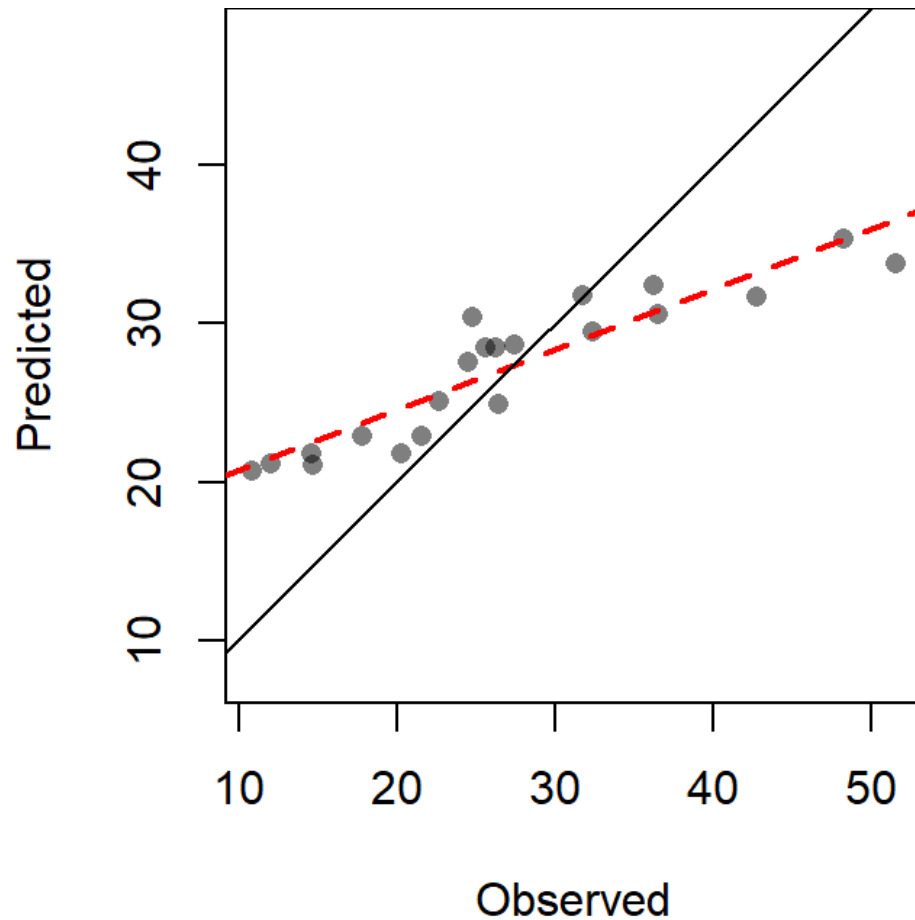
$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{Z}_i - Z_i)^2}{n}}$$

Where

- \hat{Z}_i is the interpolated value at the unsampled location i where the sample point was removed
- Z_i is the true value at location i
- n is the number of points in the dataset

Accuracy of the estimated values

□ Option 2: so called “leave-one-out cross validation analysis”



Scatter plot fitting predicted values vs. the observed values at each sampled location following a leave-one-out cross validation analysis

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Thanks!

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