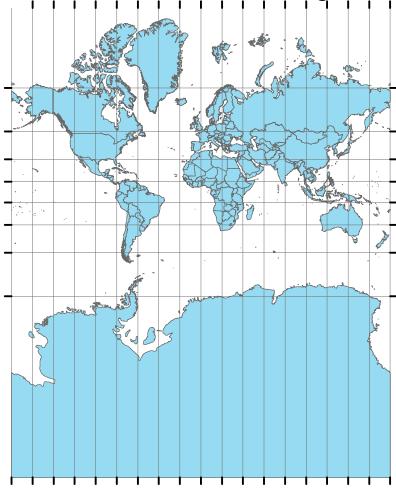
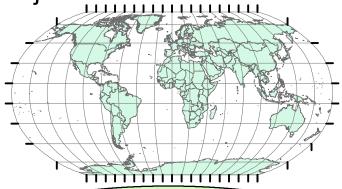
Comparison of Different Projections of the Globe

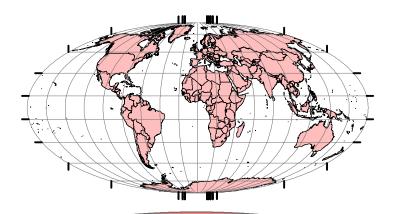
Using three different Projections



Mercator Projection
Projection Family: Conformal (cylindrical)
This projection conserves angles of shapes and direction, at the cost of area distortion around the poles.



Robinson Projection
Projection Family: Compromise (Pseudocylindrical)
This projection compromises between having equal area and being conformal.



Mollweide Projection
Projection Family: Equal-area (Pseudocylindrical)
This projection maintains proportional area at the cost of shape and angle.

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Data Source: Thematic Mapping.org

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Despite all of these maps having the same scale, they are different sizes.

This is because a sphere projected onto different shapes, and then displayed in two-dimensions causes distance warping.

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