

Map Projections

Cartography, make a bigger impact with maps

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How big is the Earth?

Equatorial circumference
40 075 km

Meridional circumference
40 008 km

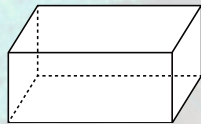
Why projection?

to reflect the **roundish** earth
(3D) onto a **flat** surface (2D).

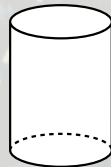
Types of projection



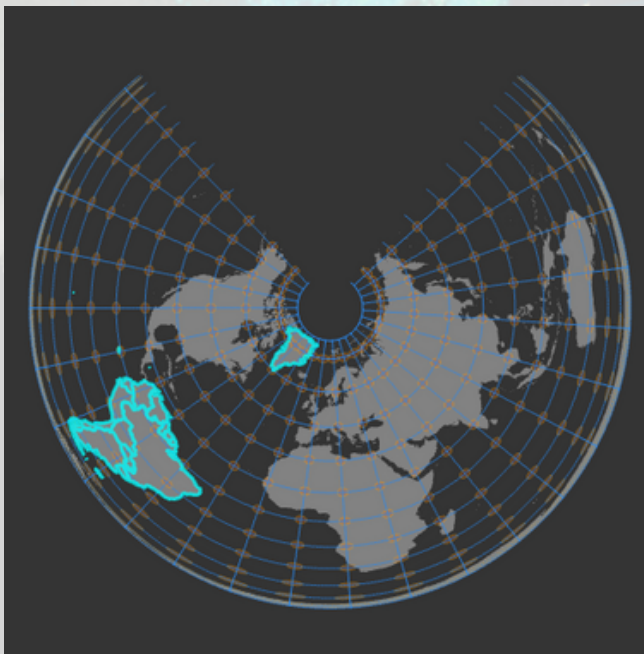
conic



azimuthal



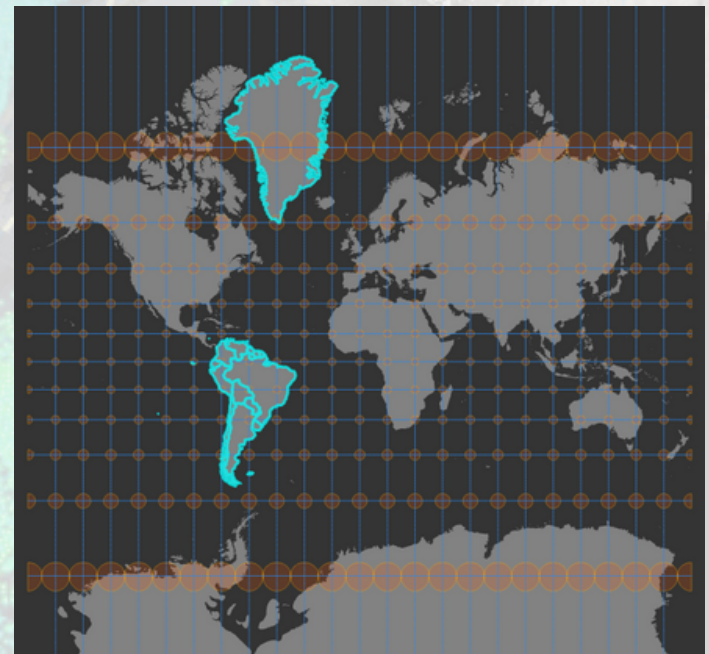
cylindrical



equal area



plate carree



mercator

Distortions caused by projection



area



shape



direction



distance