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GIS concepts and applications

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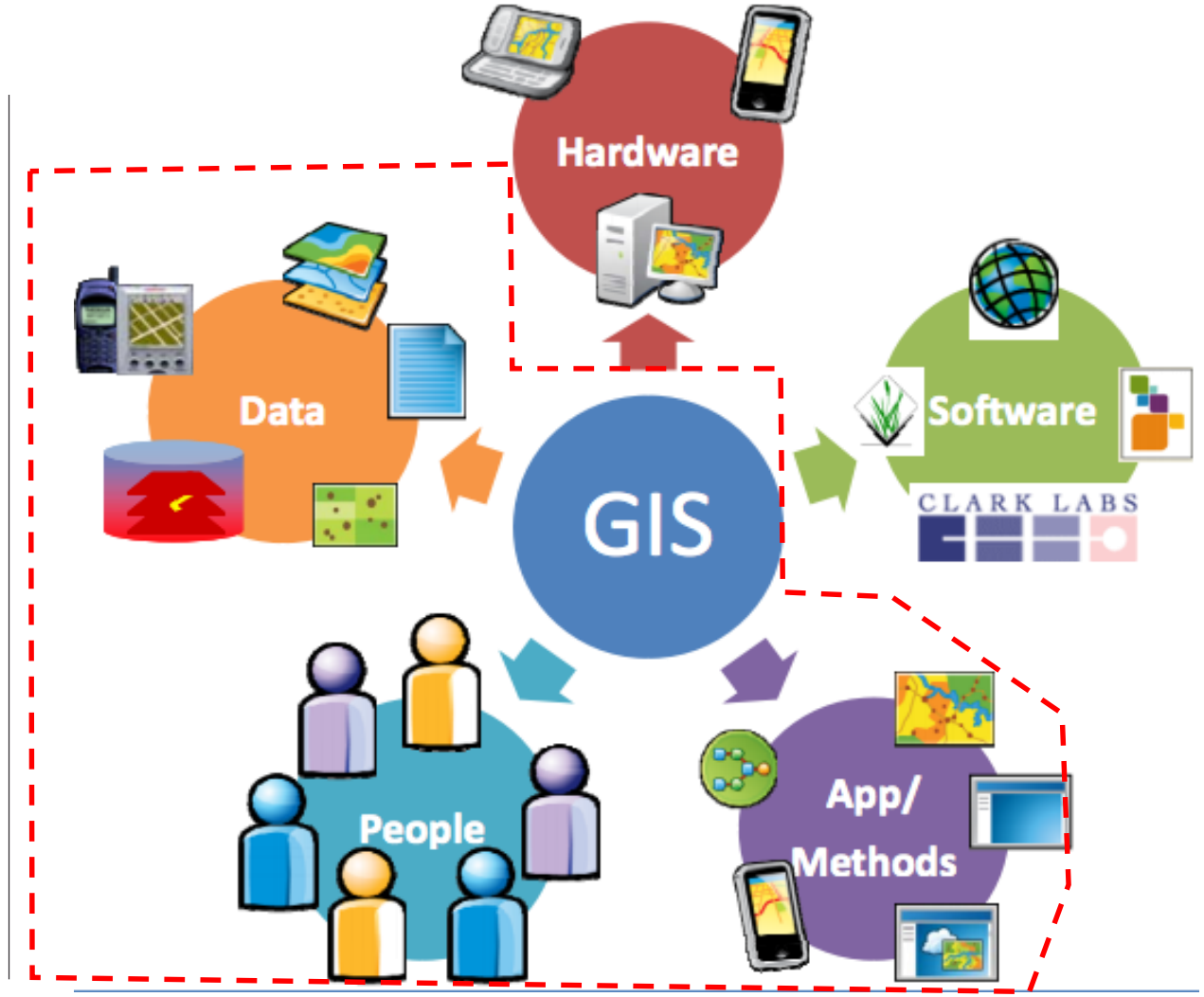
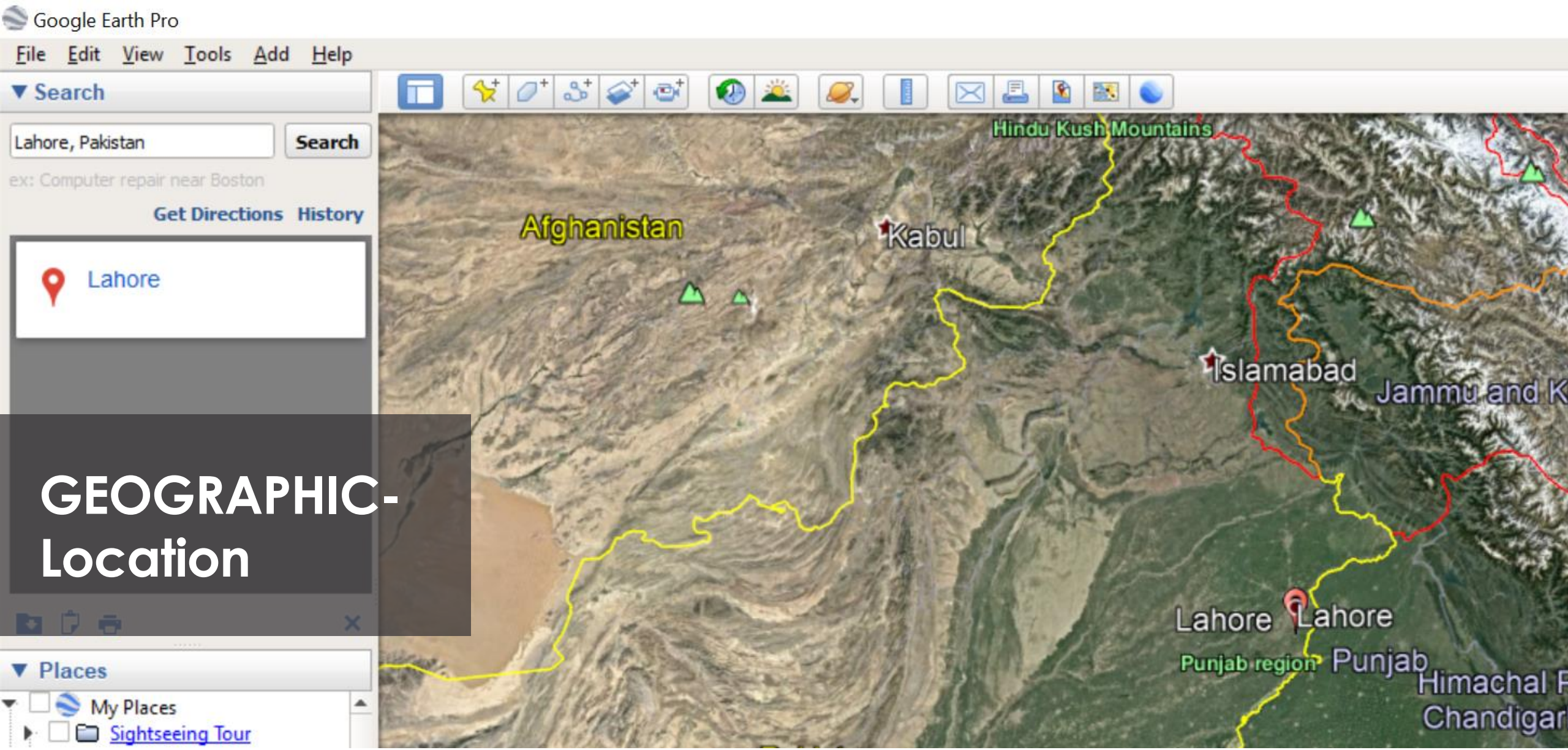
INTRODUCTION TO GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

What is GIS?

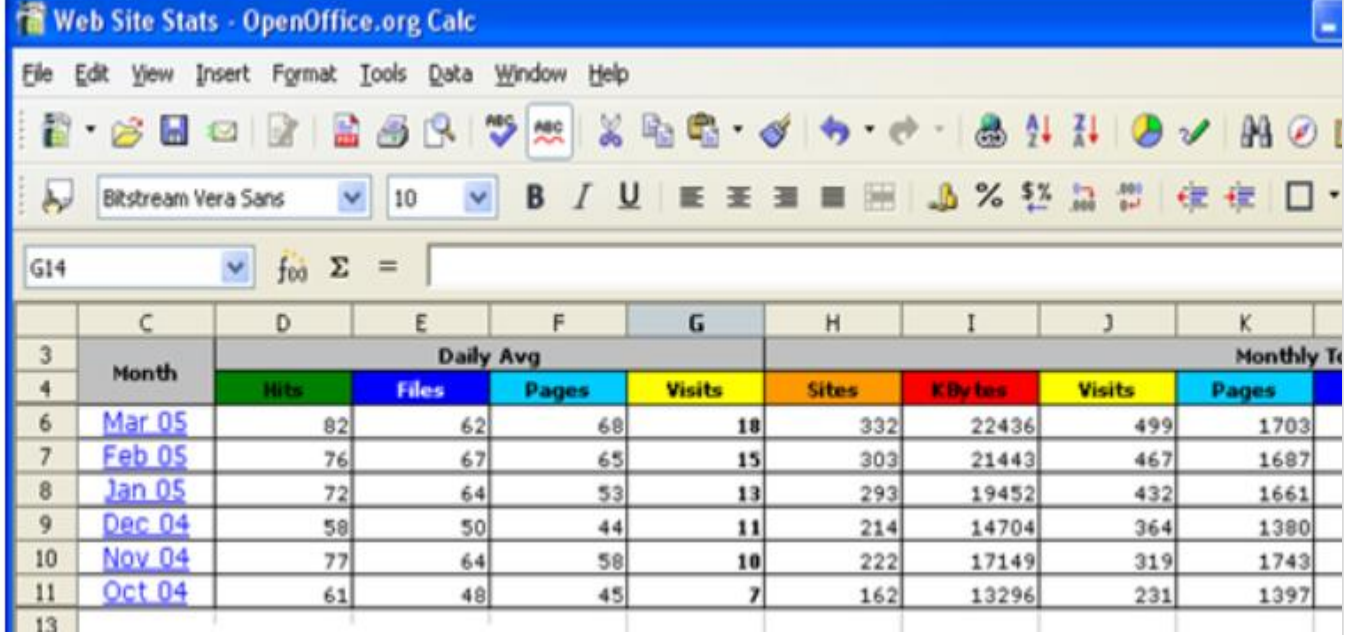
- An organized integration of
- Hardware
- Software and
- Geographic system





GEOGRAPHIC-Location

Majority of data and information are associated with some location in space or referenced to the locations on the earth



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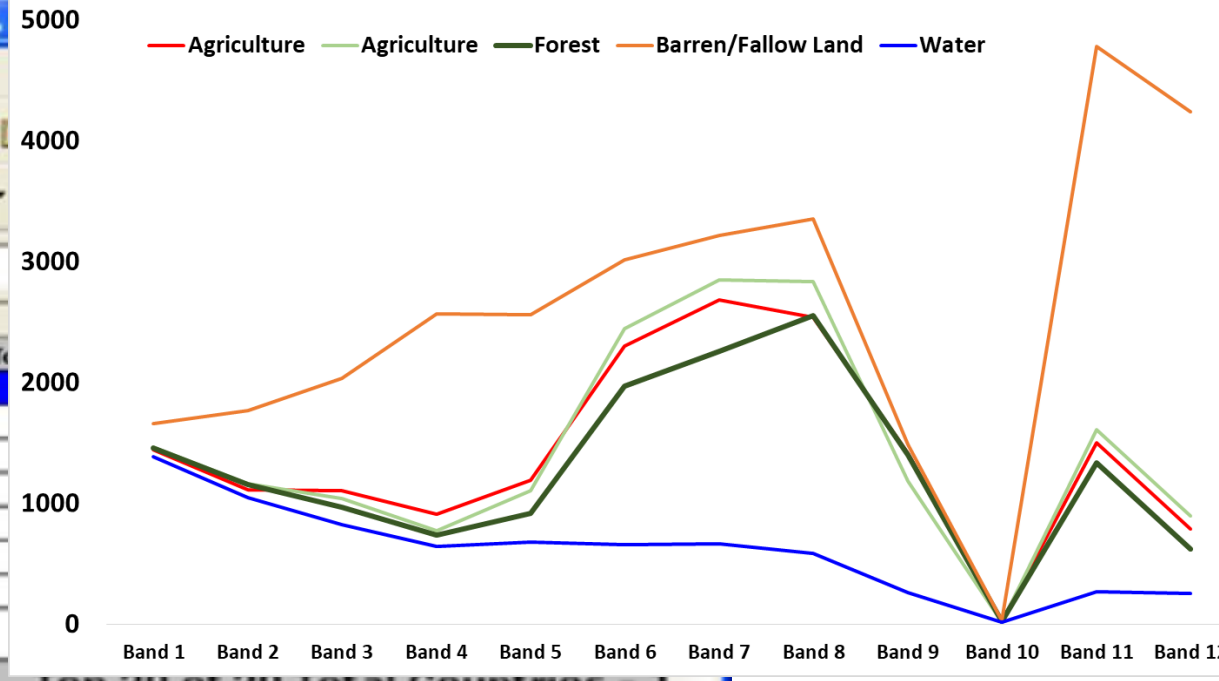
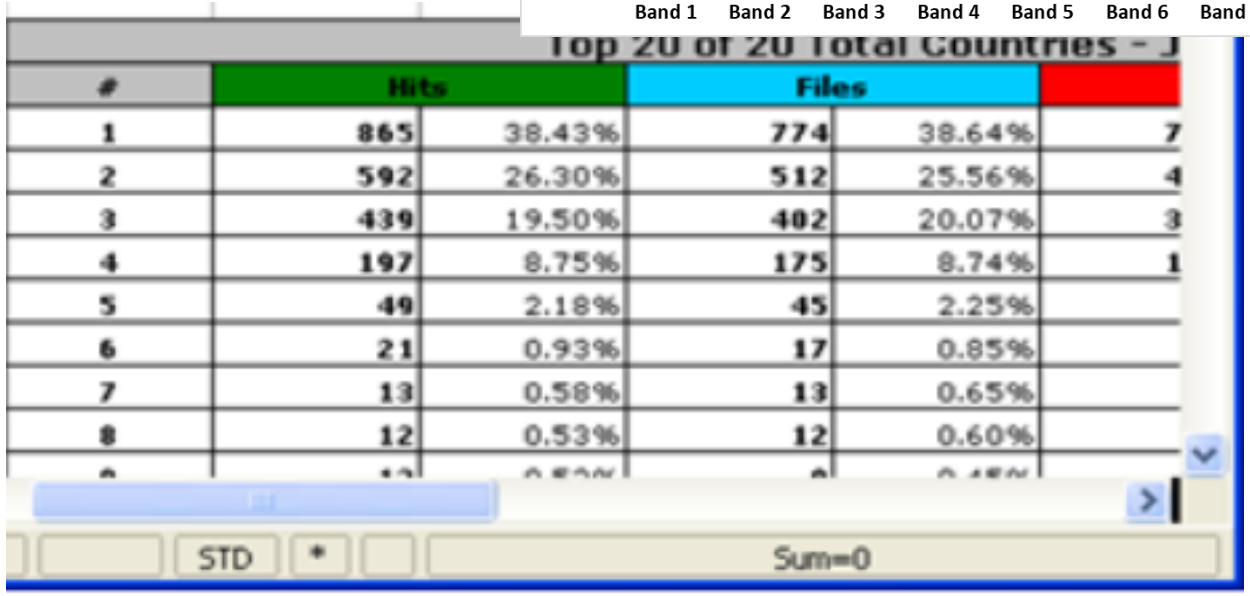


INFORMATION- Attributes



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6	21	0.93%	17	0.85%	
7	13	0.58%	13	0.65%	
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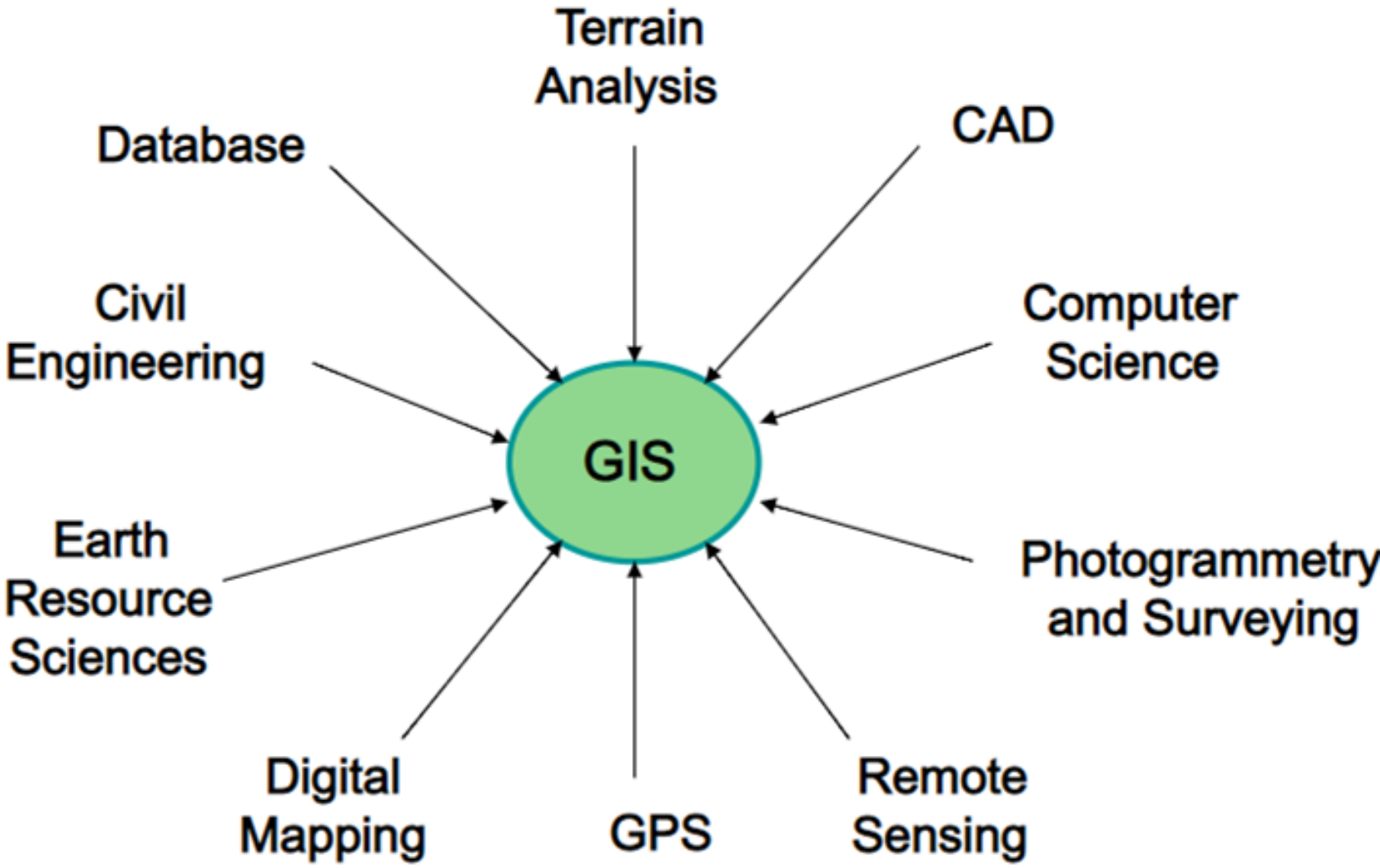
Attributes, or the characteristics (data), can be used to symbolize and provide further insight into a given location

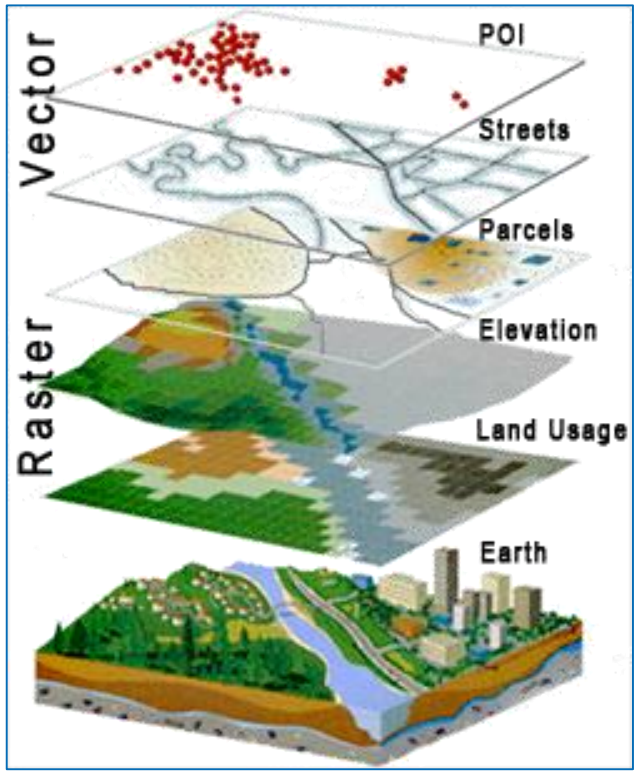
SYSTEM-Manipulation



A seamless operation linking the information to the geography – which requires hardware, networks, software, data, and operational procedures

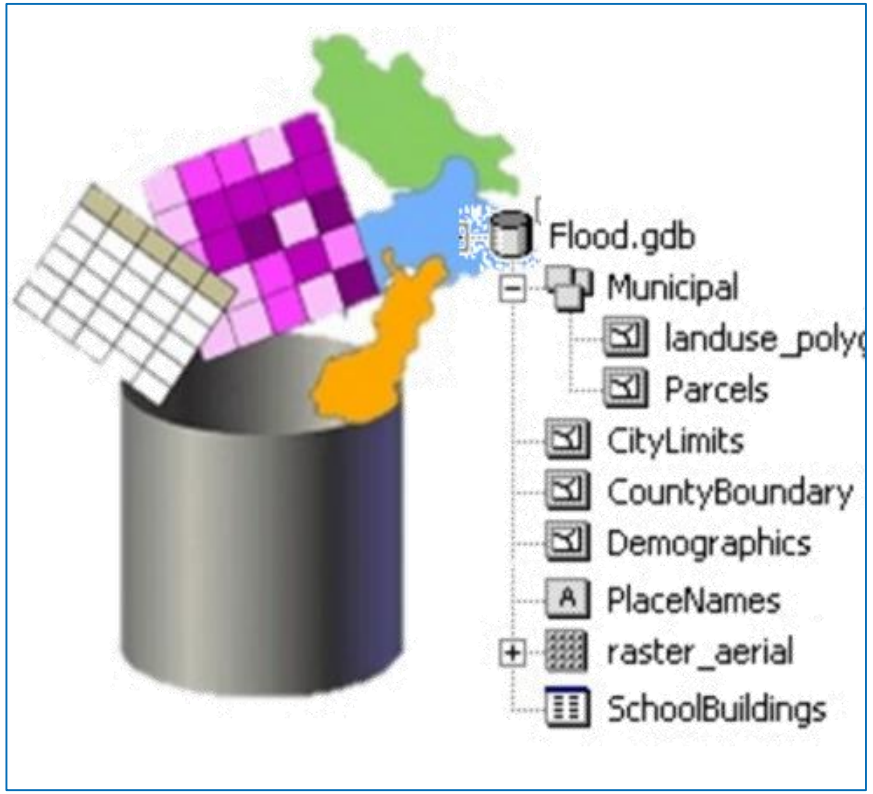
Functions of GIS

Data Acquisition and Preprocessing



Digitization, editing, topology, projection, format conversion

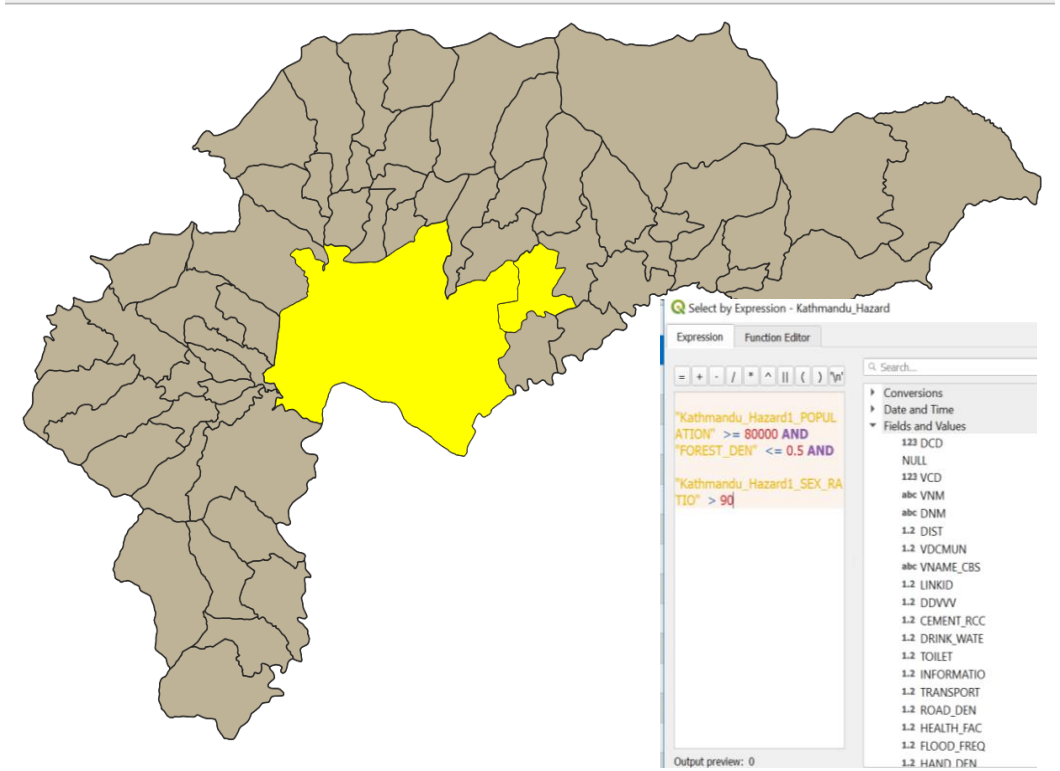
Database Management, Update and Retrieval



Data retrieval, Updation, Maintenance, Security and, Integration

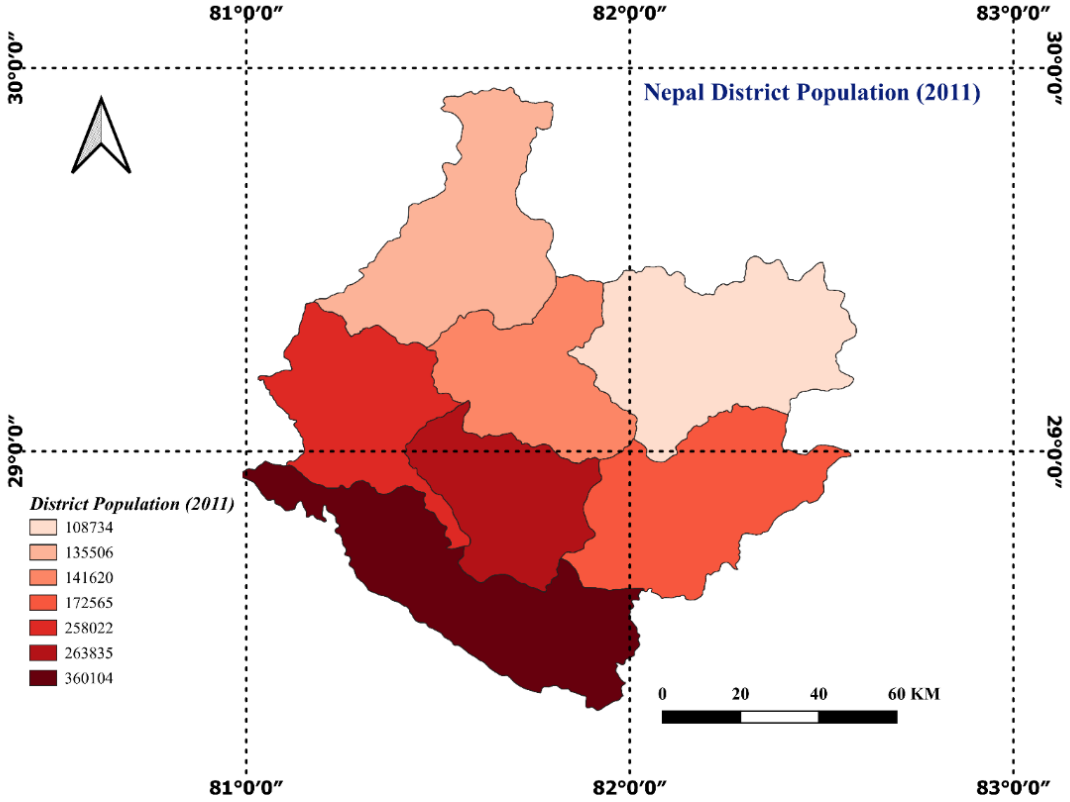
Functions of GIS

Spatial Modeling, Measurement and Analysis



Hierarchical, Network, Relational modelling, Attribute query etc.

Presenting Results – Graphical output and Visualization



Scale transformation, Generalization, Map, Statistical representation etc.

Fundamental Data types

1) Spatial Data: Objects or elements that are present in a geographical space or horizon

- Map
- Image

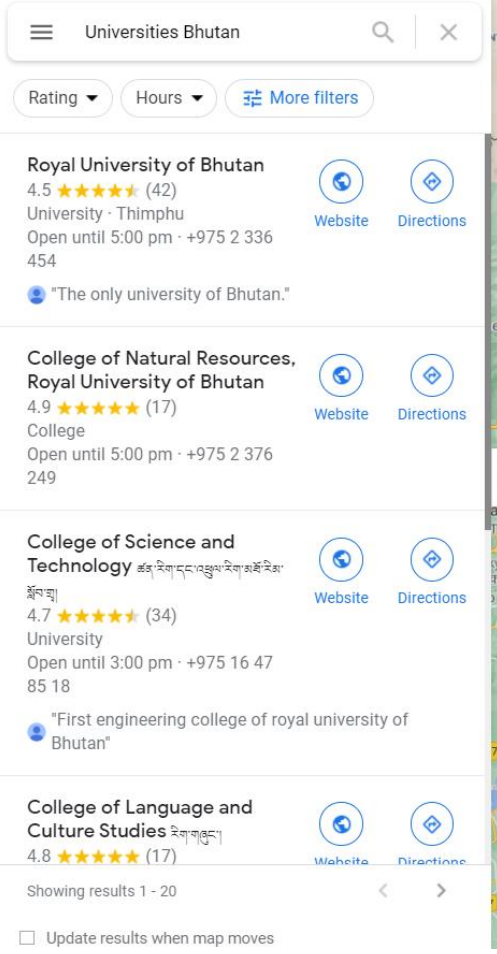
2) Non-Spatial Data: Not involving Space - Describes the quantitative or qualitative characteristic of spatial features

- Area
- Length
- Population

Spatial data can be mapped and usually stored as coordinate and topology

Fundamental Data types

Non-Spatial Information

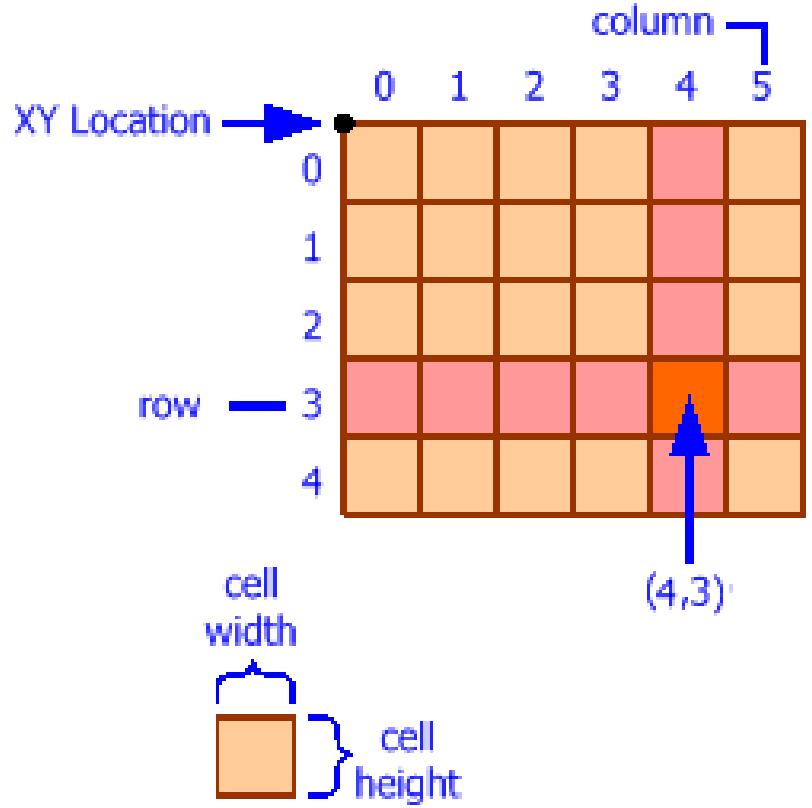


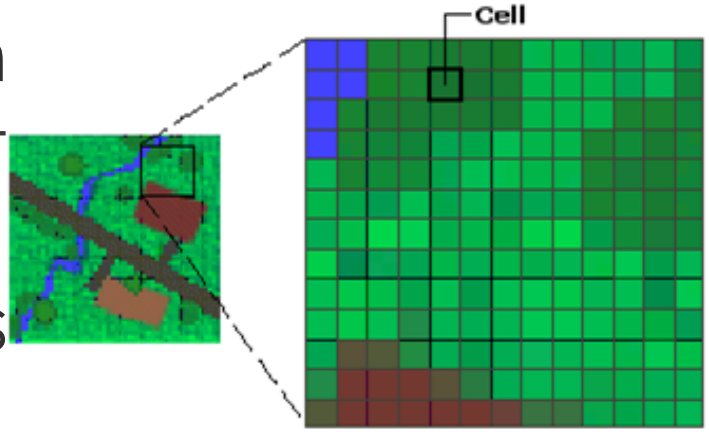
Spatial Information

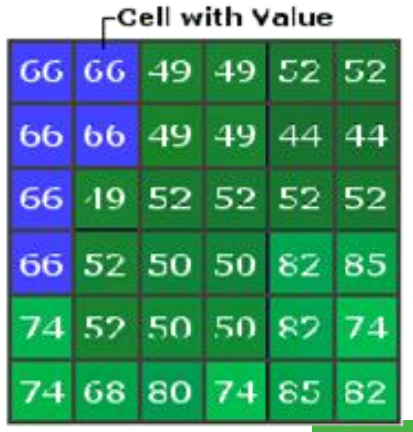
Spatial Data

Raster

- Defines space as an array of equally sized cells arranged in rows and columns.
- Each cell contains an attribute value and location coordinates
- Attribute value may be an elevation, land use class, plant biomass etc.
- The spatial resolution is determined by the size of the cell







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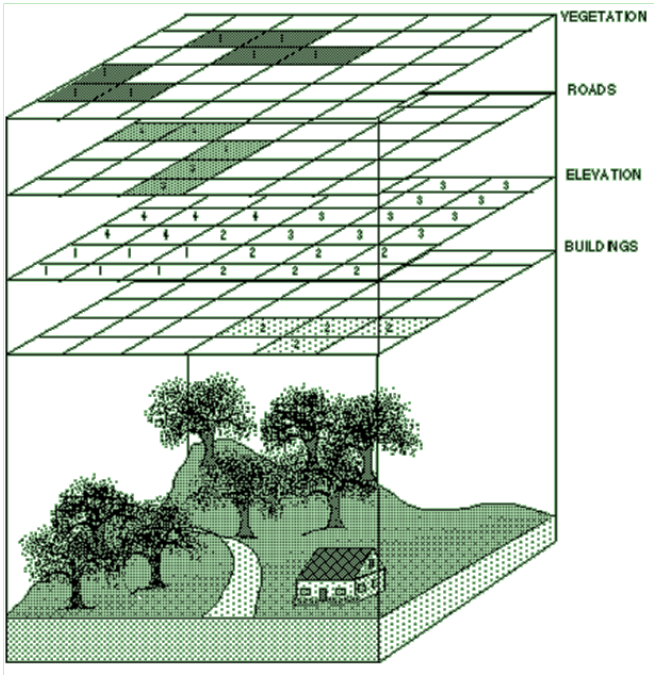
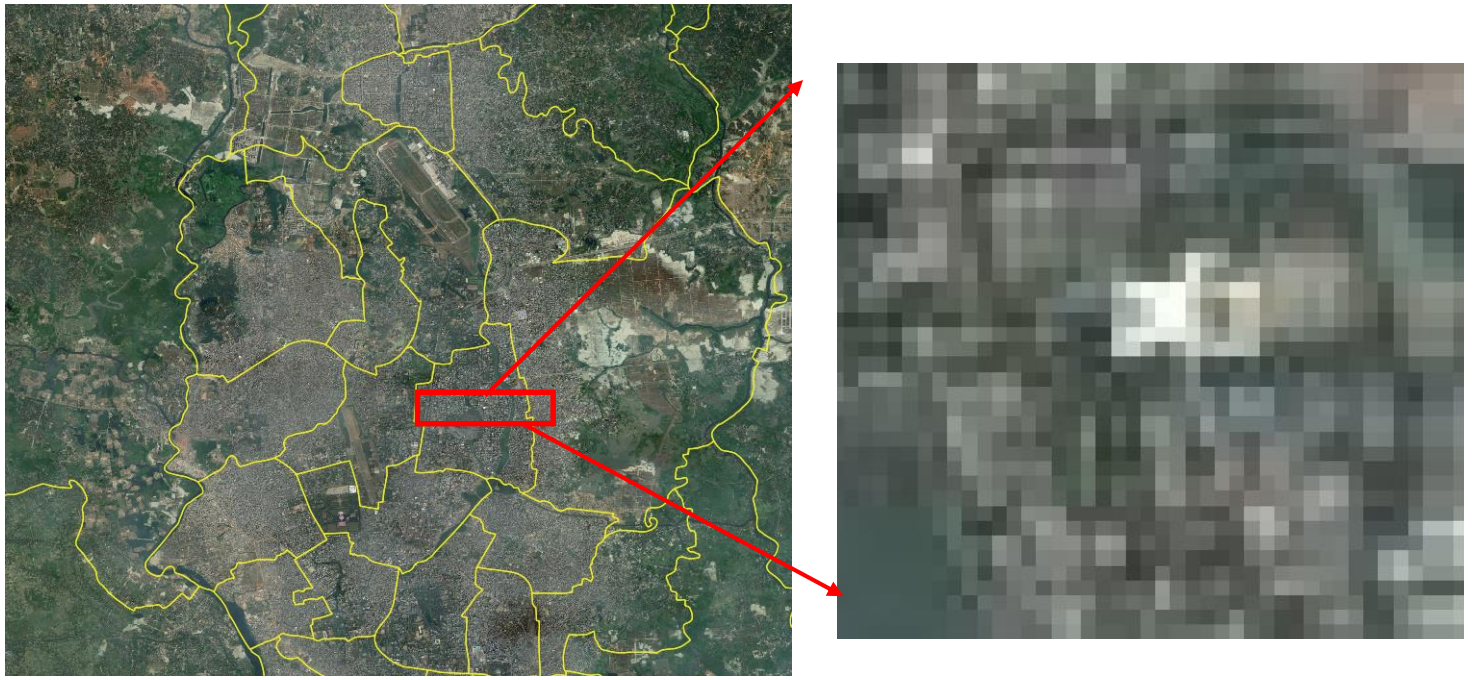
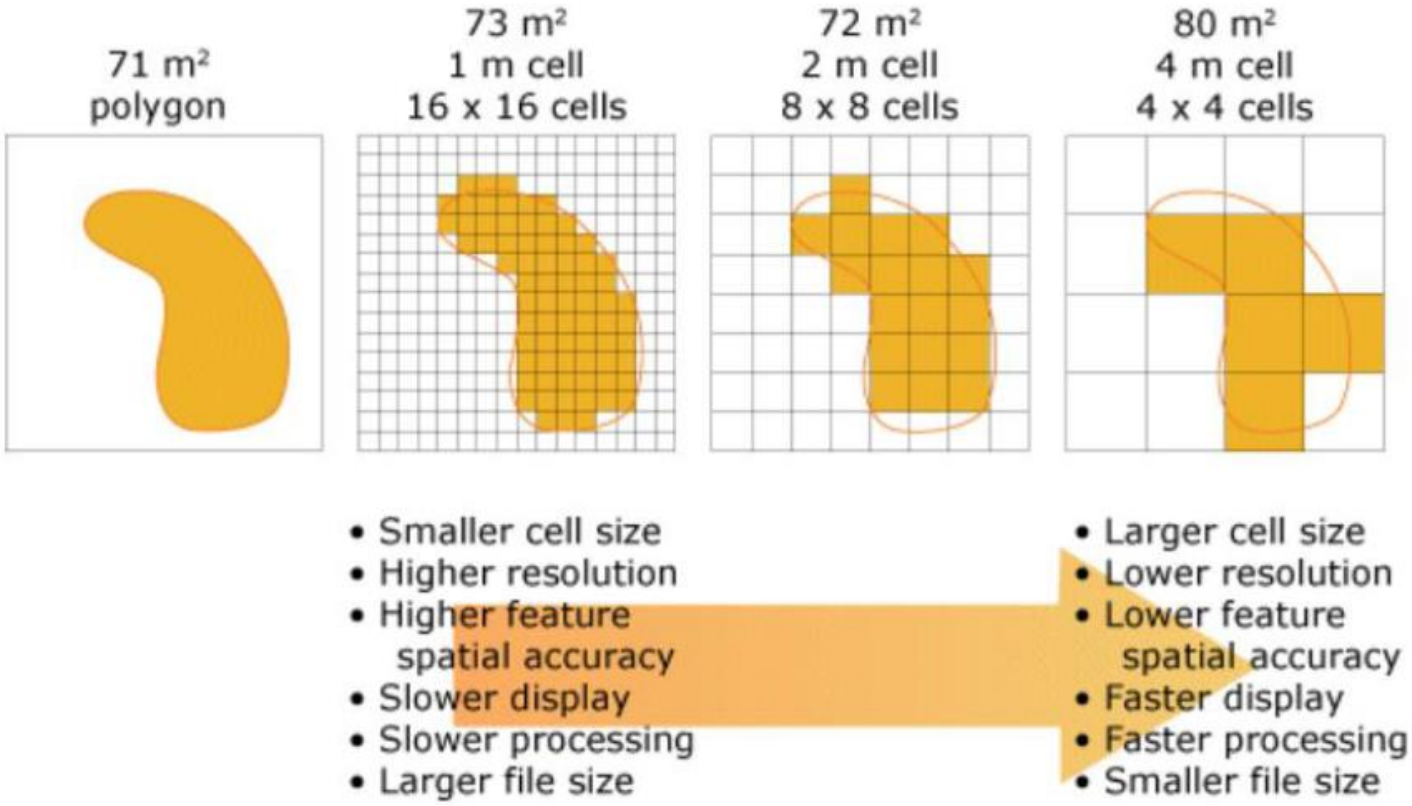




Structure of raster data model showing the matrix structure into row and column of the cells

Spatial Data



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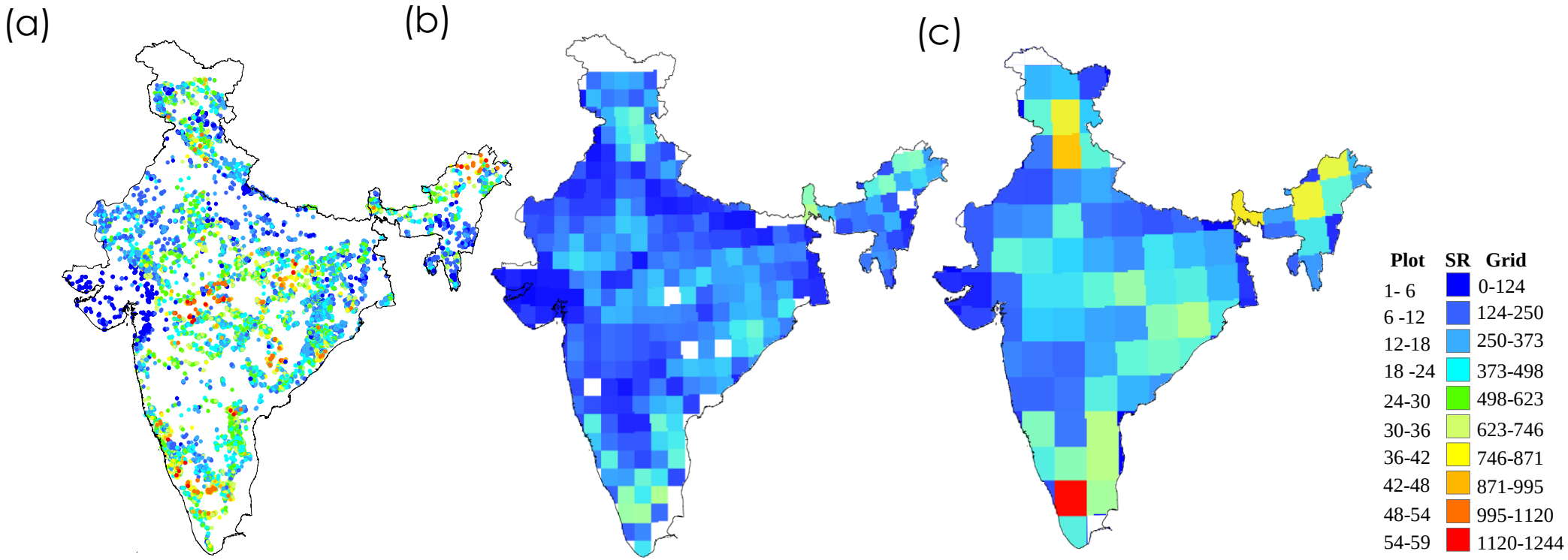
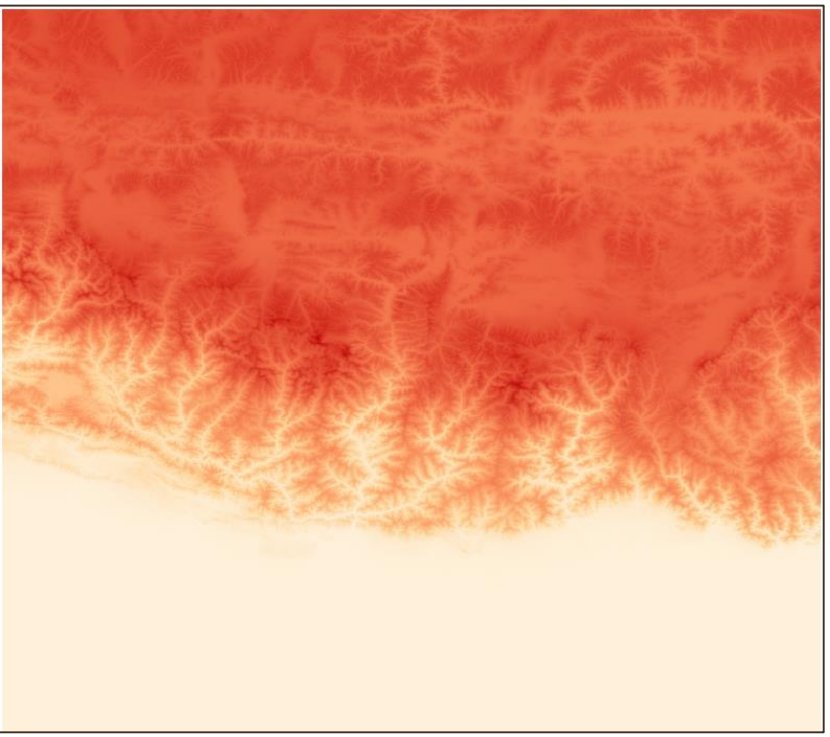


Plant species distribution in Indian mainland
(a) plot level (0.04 hac), (b)1 degree grid, (c) 2 degree grid

Source: *Tripathi et al., 2017*

Spatial Data

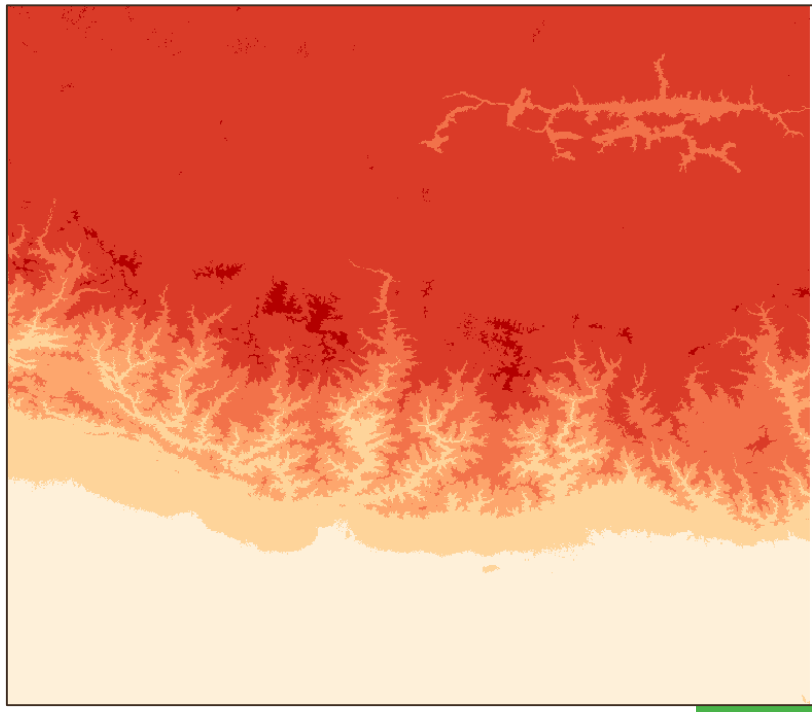


Two forms of raster data

1) Continuous Raster

- Numeric values ranges smoothly from one location to another

e.g. DEM, temperature etc.



2) Discrete Raster

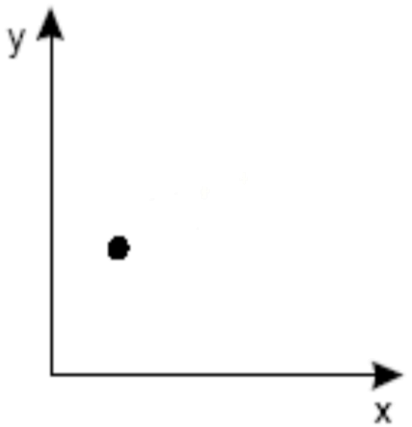
- Relative few possible values to repeat themselves in adjacent cells.

e.g. Soil type, Land use land cover type etc.

Spatial Data

Vector

- Objects are represented as Points, Lines or Polygon
- The position of each object is defined by a (series of) coordinate pairs
- A point is described by a single X-Y coordinate pair and by its name or label e.g. buildings, trees etc.
- A line and polygon are described by a set of coordinate pairs and by their name and label e.g. streams, streets, sewers, forest, rock type etc.



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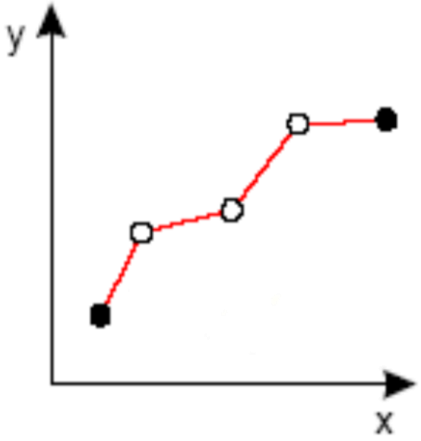

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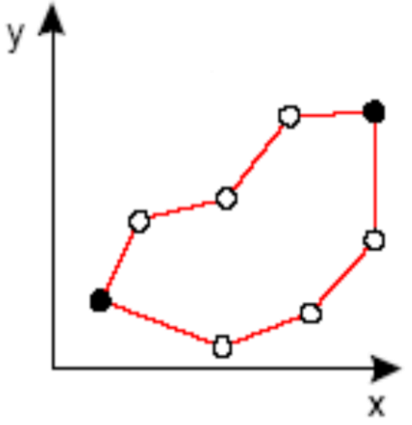
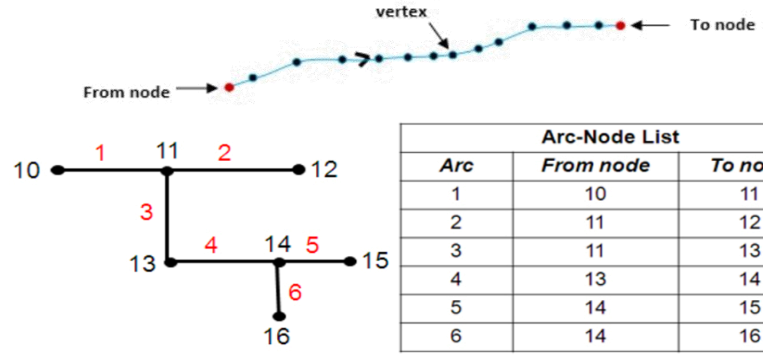


Area

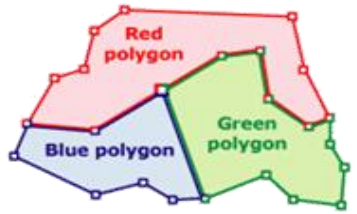
Spatial Data

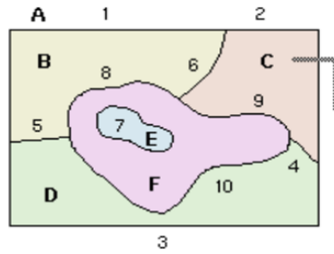
Topological property of vector data model

- **Connectivity:** Information about linkages among spatial objects.
- Arc node topology supported through an arc-node list. For each arc in the list there is a from node and a to node.
- **Contiguity:** Polygons share a common arc. Contiguity allows the vector data model to determine adjacency
- **Containment:** Geographic features cover distinguishable area on the surface of the earth. An area is represented by one or more boundaries defining a polygon



Arc-Node List		
Arc	*From node*	*To node*
1	10	11
2	11	12
3	11	13
4	13	14
5	14	15
6	14	16



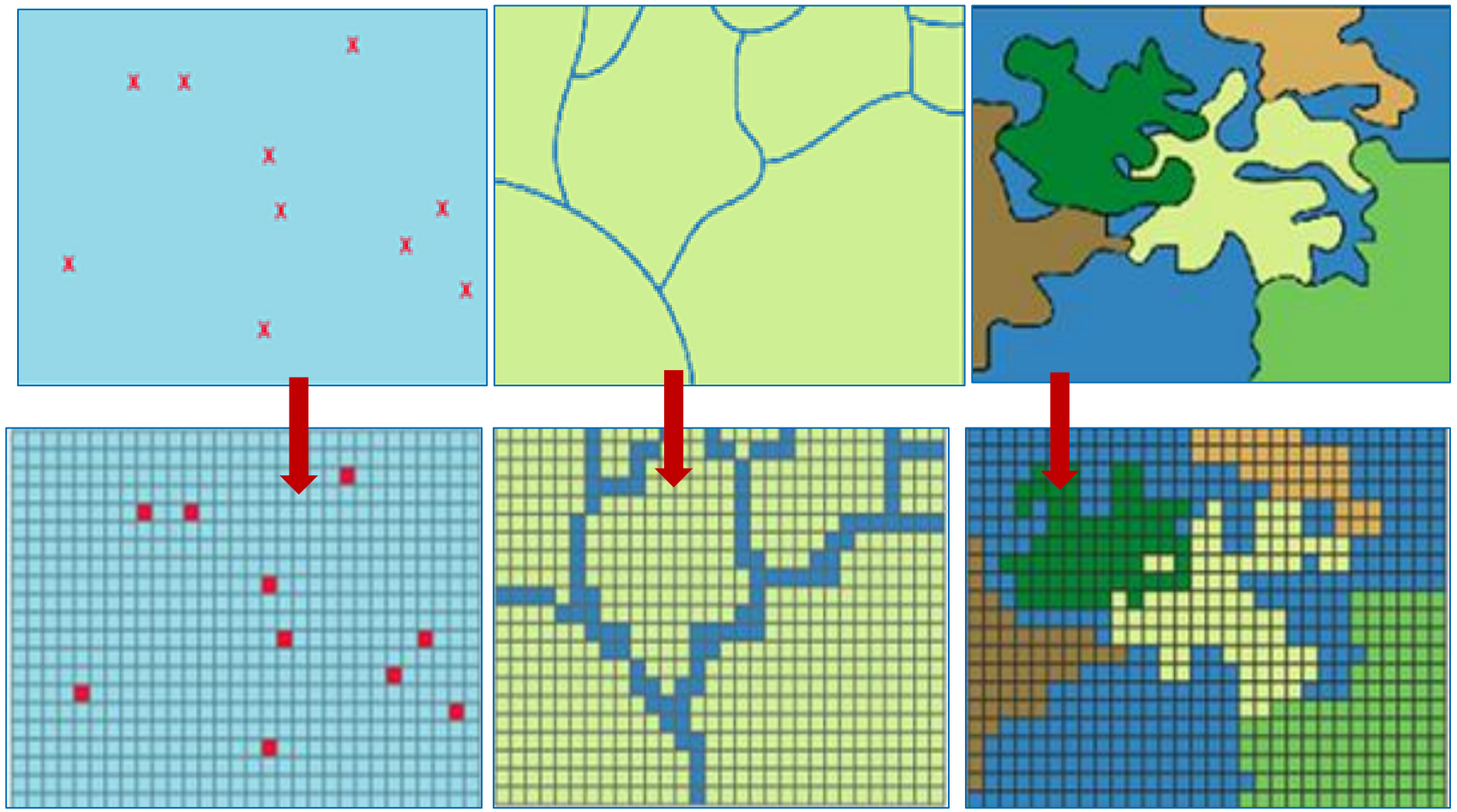


Polygon-Arc Topology

Polygon	Arc List
B	1, 6, 8, 5
C	2, 4, 9, 6
D	3, 5, 10, 4
E	7
F	8, 9, 10, 0, 7

Spatial Data

Conversion of vector to rater



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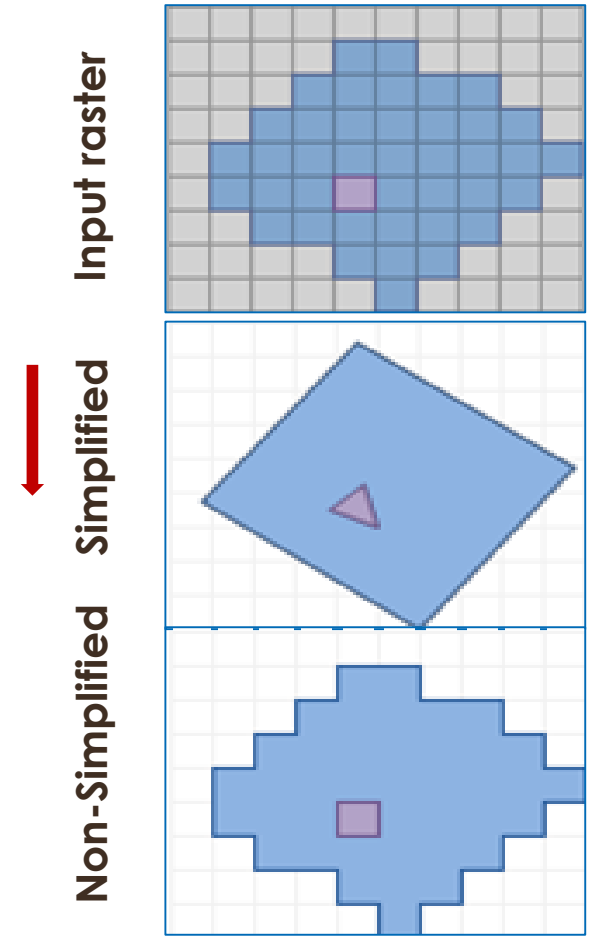

Spatial Data

		Raster	Vector	
Data structure	Advantage	Simple	Complex	Disadvantage
Overlaying	Advantage	Easy and efficient	Difficult to perform	Disadvantage
Compatible with RS imagery	Advantage	Yes	No	Disadvantage
High spatial variability	Advantage	Efficient representation	In-efficient representation	Disadvantage
Programming by user	Advantage	Yes	Complex	Disadvantage
Compact data structure	Disadvantage	No	Yes	Advantage
Efficient encoding of topology	Disadvantage	No	Yes	Advantage
Easy editing	Disadvantage	No	Yes	Advantage
Network analysis	Disadvantage	In-efficient	Efficient	Advantage
Map output	Disadvantage	Less accurate	Accurate	Advantage
Projection transformation	Disadvantage	In-efficient	Efficient	Advantage

Spatial Data

Raster data file format

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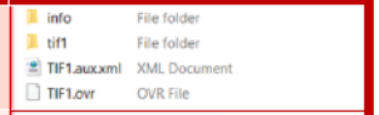
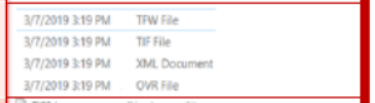
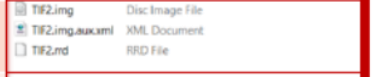
Esri Grid	
Geographic Tagged Image File Format	
Imagine image	
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Network Common Data Form (NetCDF)	.nc
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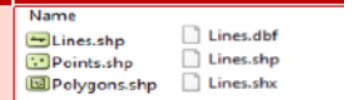
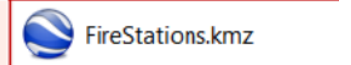
Vector data file format

VECTOR	File format
Shape files	
Keyhole Markup Language (KML)	
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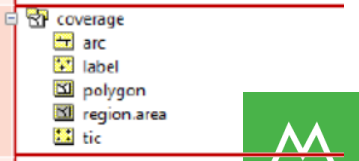
ArcInfo Coverage	
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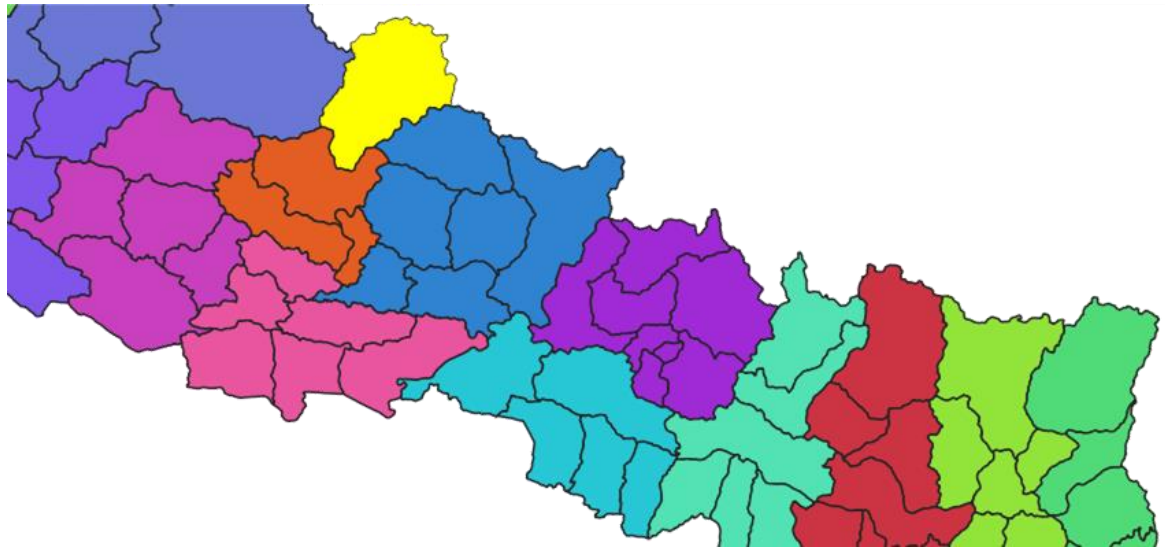
Non-Spatial Data

Attribute Data

- Commonly arranged in tables where a row is equivalent to one entity and a column is equivalent to one **attribute, or descriptor**, of that entity
- Typically, each row relates to a **single object** and a geospatial data model
- Usually each object will have **multiple attributes** that describe the object



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32	MUGU	36364	43705	43937	55311	53	KARNALI
33	MORANG	674823	534692	843220	964709	9	KOSHI
34	MANANG	5363	7021	9587	6527	39	GANDAKI
35	MAKAW...	314599	243411	392604	427494	34	NARAYANI
36	MAHOTT...	440146	361054	553481	646405	21	JANAKPUR
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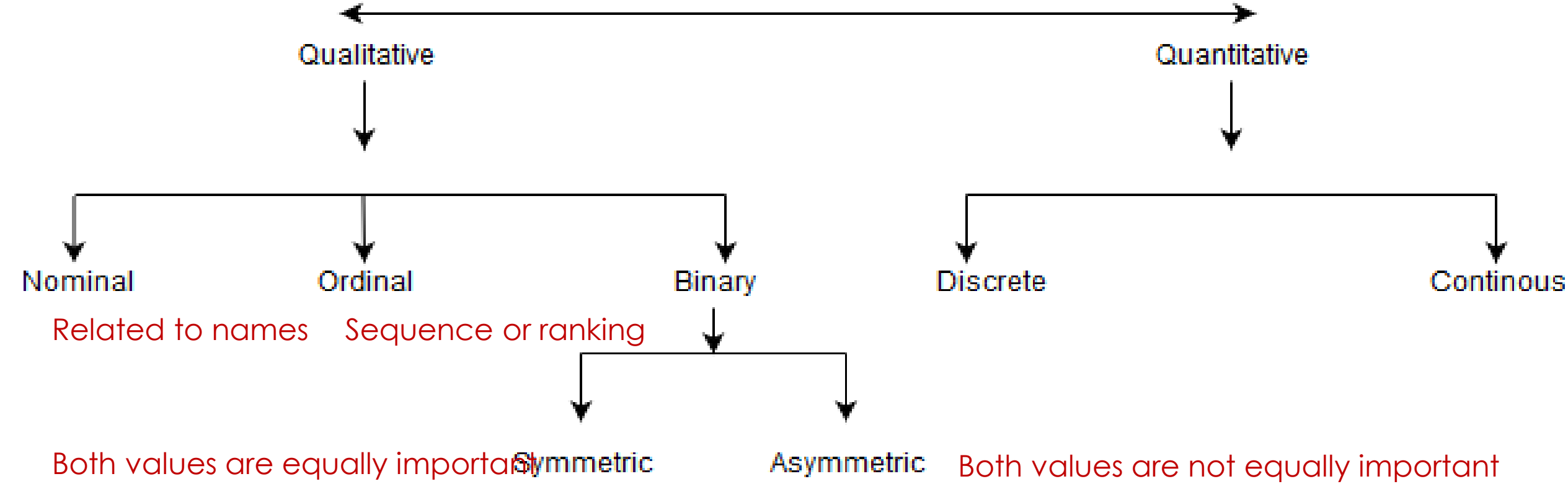
Non-Spatial Data

Attribute Data Type



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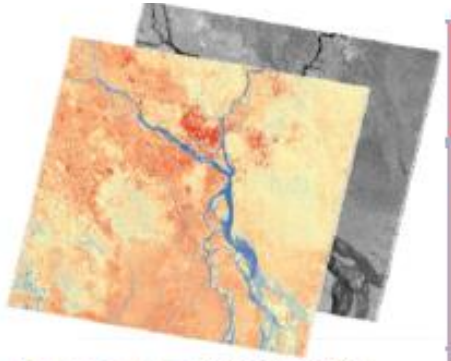
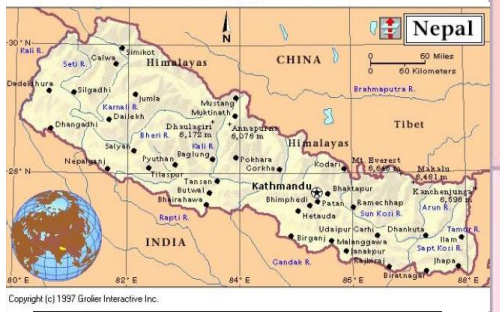
GIS data capture and update of Vector feature



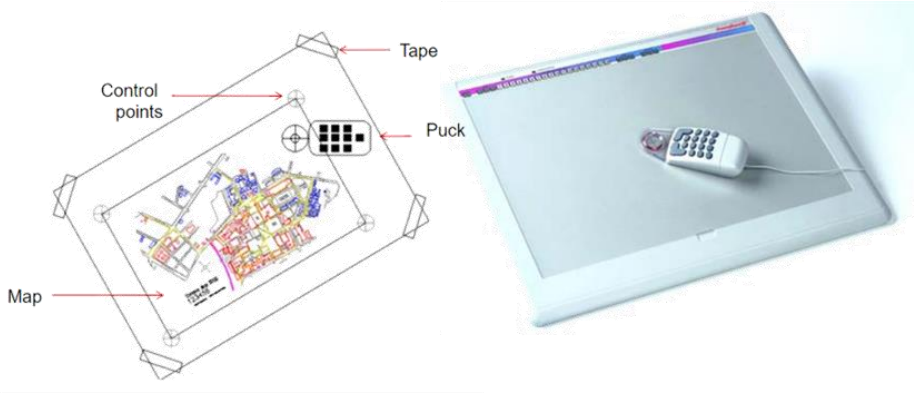


Raster		Vector
Digital Remote sensing images	Primary	GPS measurements
Digital Aerial photographs	Primary	Survey measurements
Scanned Maps	Secondary	Topographic surveys
DEM from Images	Secondary	Toponymy data from atlases

- LULC
- Crop types
- Census
- Biomass

GIS data capture and update of Vector feature

Digitization: Process of converting geographic data into vector data by tracing the features from a hardcopy, digital or a scanned image



a) **Manual:**

1) **Tablet Digitization :**Involves placing a digitizing puck over a location on the tablet and presses one of the buttons on the puck to record the location of the feature of interest

2) **On-screen Digitization:** User generates vector data on desktop GIS by clicking on features that defines the entity

b) **Automated digitization** : Scanning and vectorization

Digitalization Errors

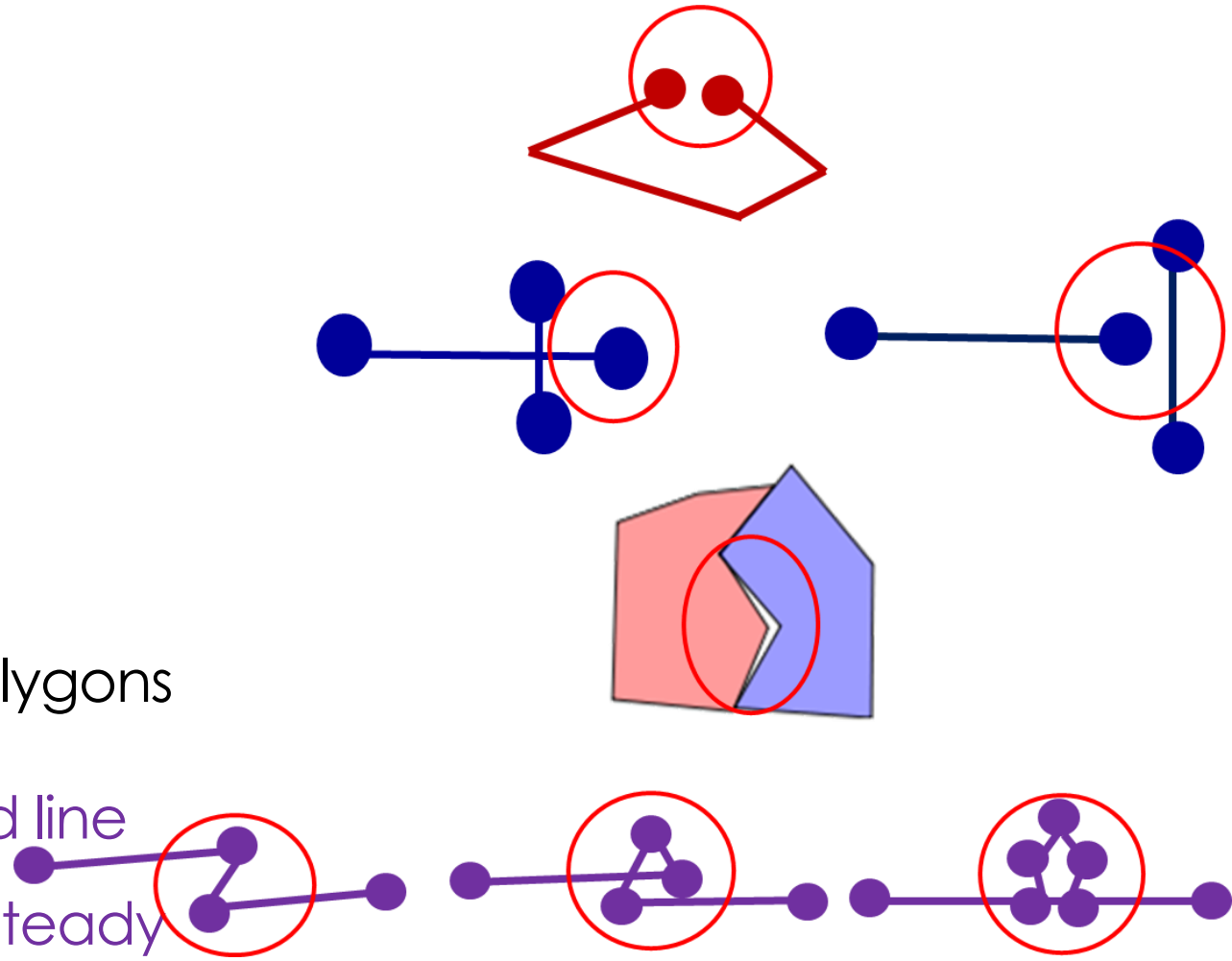
(1) Dangles: Lines that are not connected

(2) Overshoots: Overextended line

(3) Undershoots: Gap exists between two intersecting line

(4) Slivers: Gaps between two adjoining polygons

(5) Switchbacks, Knots, and Loops: Digitized line with extra vertices and/or nodes due to unsteady hand of the digitizer



Coordinate systems

A reference system to represent the locations of geographic features

Each coordinate system is defined by:

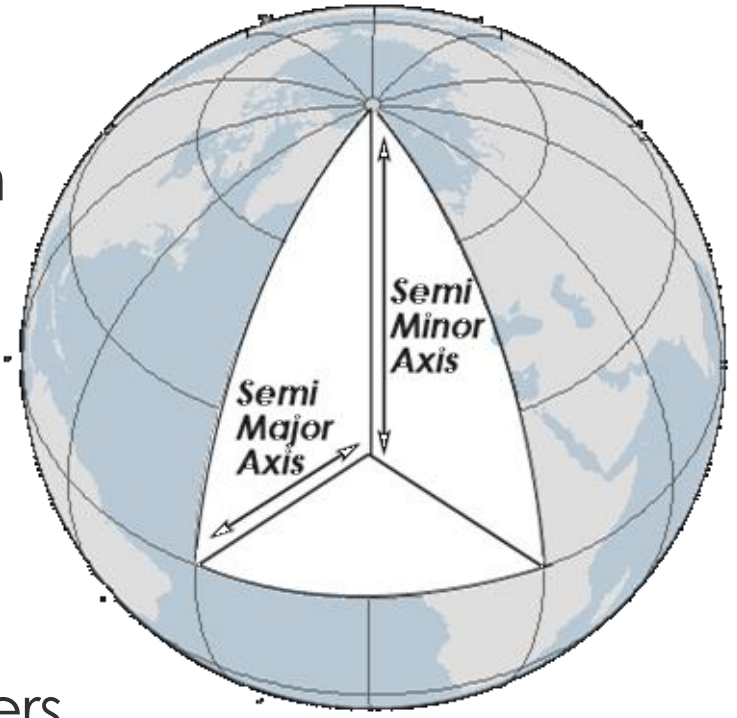
1) Measurement framework

a) Geographic: Spherical coordinates are measured from the earth's center

b) Planimetric: Earth's coordinates are projected onto a two-dimensional planar surface

2) Unit of measurement

3) Other measurement system properties such as a spheroid of reference, a datum, and projection parameters like one or more standard parallels, a central meridian, and possible shifts in the x- and y-directions

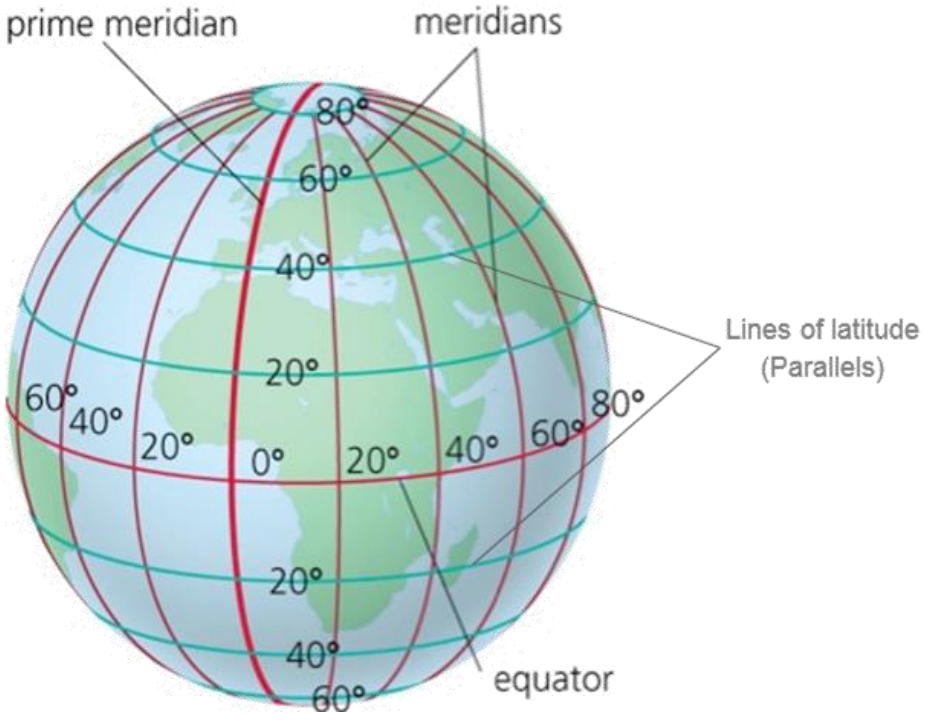


Representation of globe showing parallels and meridians lines

Coordinate systems

Geographic Coordinate System (GCS)

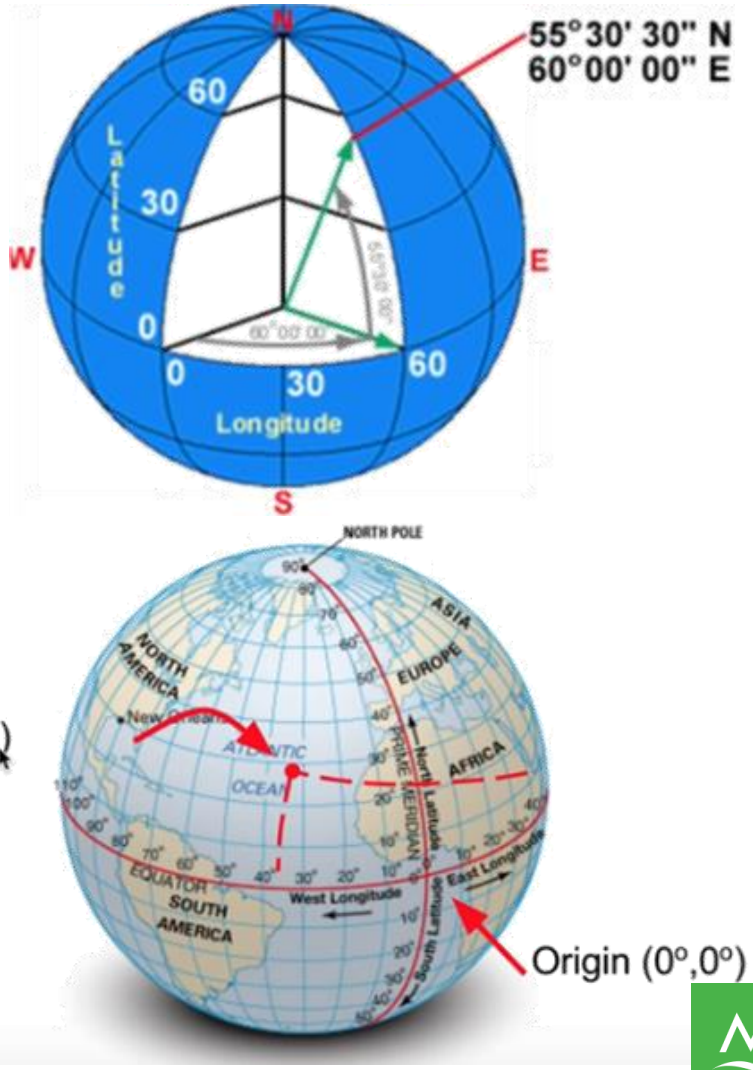
- Three-dimensional spherical surface to define locations on the earth
- A point is referenced by its longitude and latitude values that are the angles measured from the earth's center to a point on the earth's surface
- Vertical lines (north–south) are the lines of longitude, or meridians
- Horizontal lines (East–West) are the lines of equal latitude, or parallels



Coordinate systems

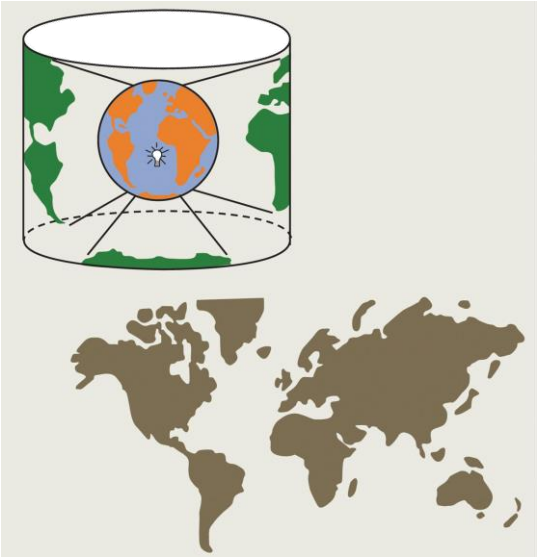
Geographic Coordinate System (GCS)

- The line of **latitude** midway between the poles is called the **equator**
- The **prime meridian (zero longitude)** is the longitude that passes through Greenwich, England
- The origin of the graticule (0, 0) is defined by where the equator and prime meridian intersect
- Coordinate value can be specified in **DMS**(degree, minutes, seconds) or DD (degree decimel)
- Directions can be specified using **E** (east), **W** (west), **N**(north), **S**(south) or by sign **plus (+)** or **minus (-)**

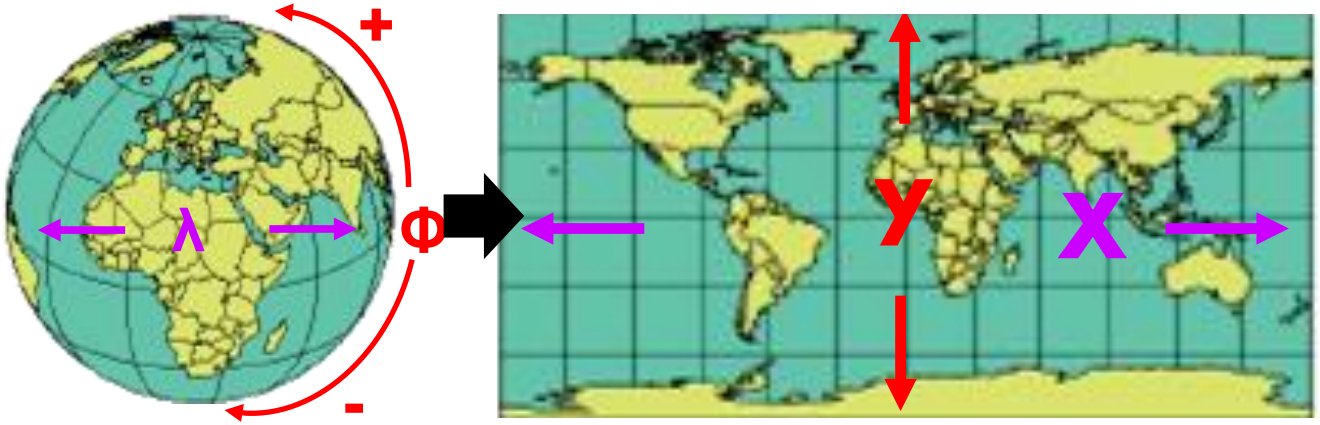


Coordinate systems

Projected Coordinate System (PCS)



- PCS is a reference system for transforming the spherical three-dimensional earth into two-dimensional planar surfaces
- Measuring features on a flat (map) surface



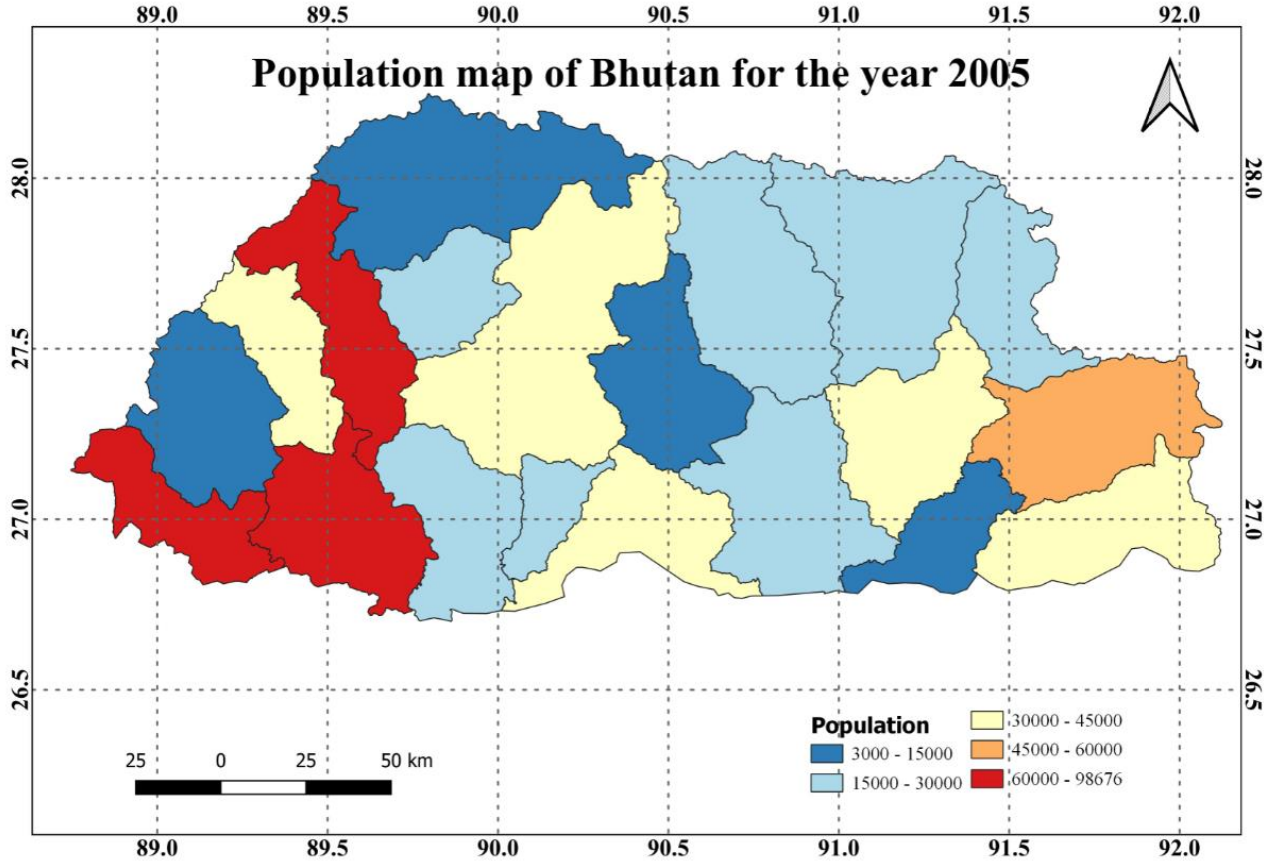
- PCS has constant lengths, angles, and areas across the two dimensions
- Locations are identified by planar x, y coordinates on a grid, with the origin at the center of the grid
- The two values are called the x-coordinate and y-coordinate

Map Production

Process of arranging Map elements on a sheet of paper

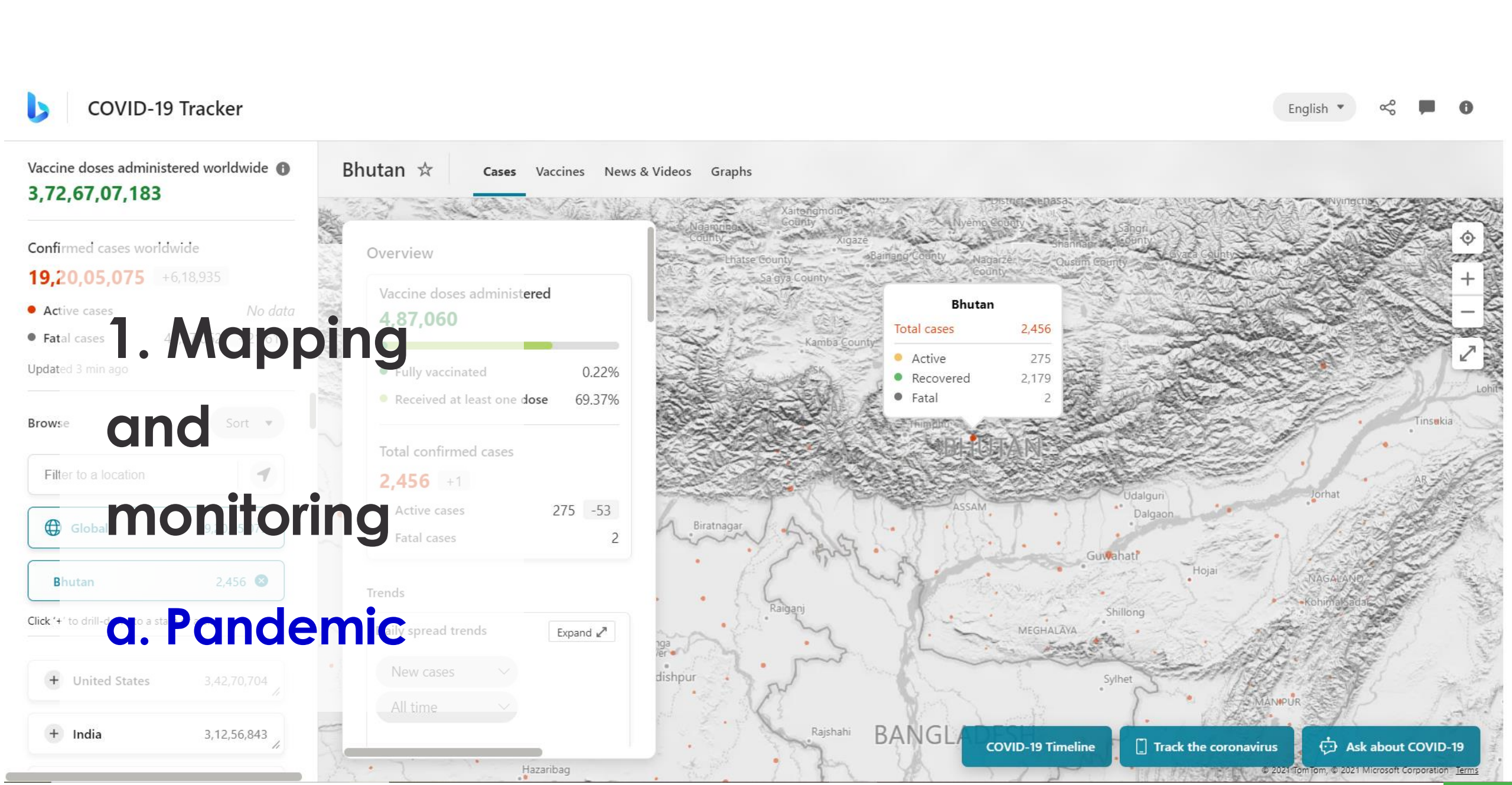
Properties

- Data frame
- Title
- Legends
- Scale
- North Arrow
- Co-ordinates



Applications of GIS

- Mapping and monitoring
- Environmental Impact Analysis
- Biodiversity Assessment
- Agricultural Applications
- Fire Risk Modelling
- Disaster Management and Mitigation
- Hazard and risk modelling
- GIS for Planning and Community Development etc.



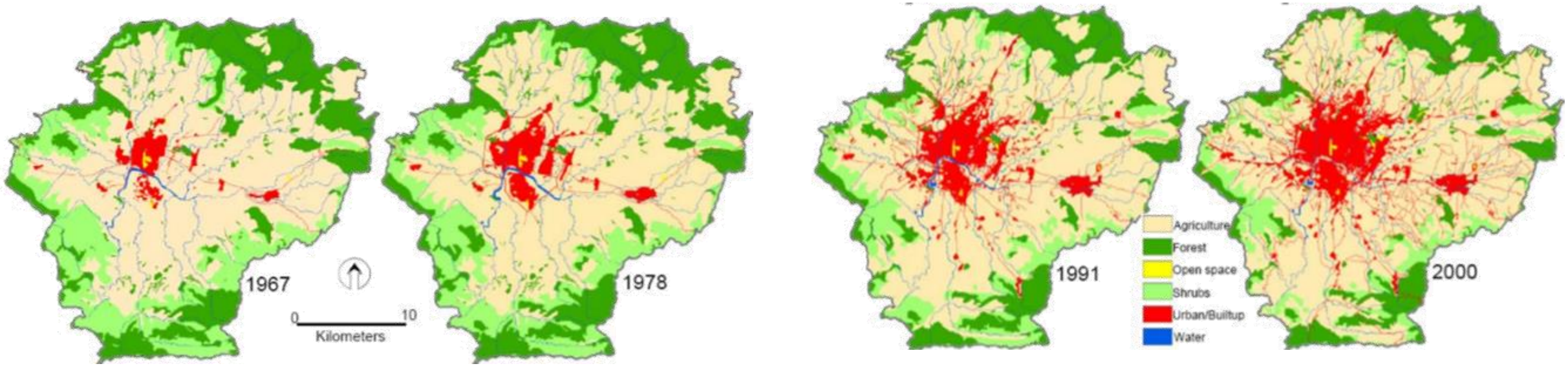
1. Mapping and monitoring

a. Pandemic

Applications of GIS

Mapping and monitoring

b. Urban Growth



Land use maps of Kathmandu Valley, 1967-2000

Source: *Thapa and Murayama, 2008*

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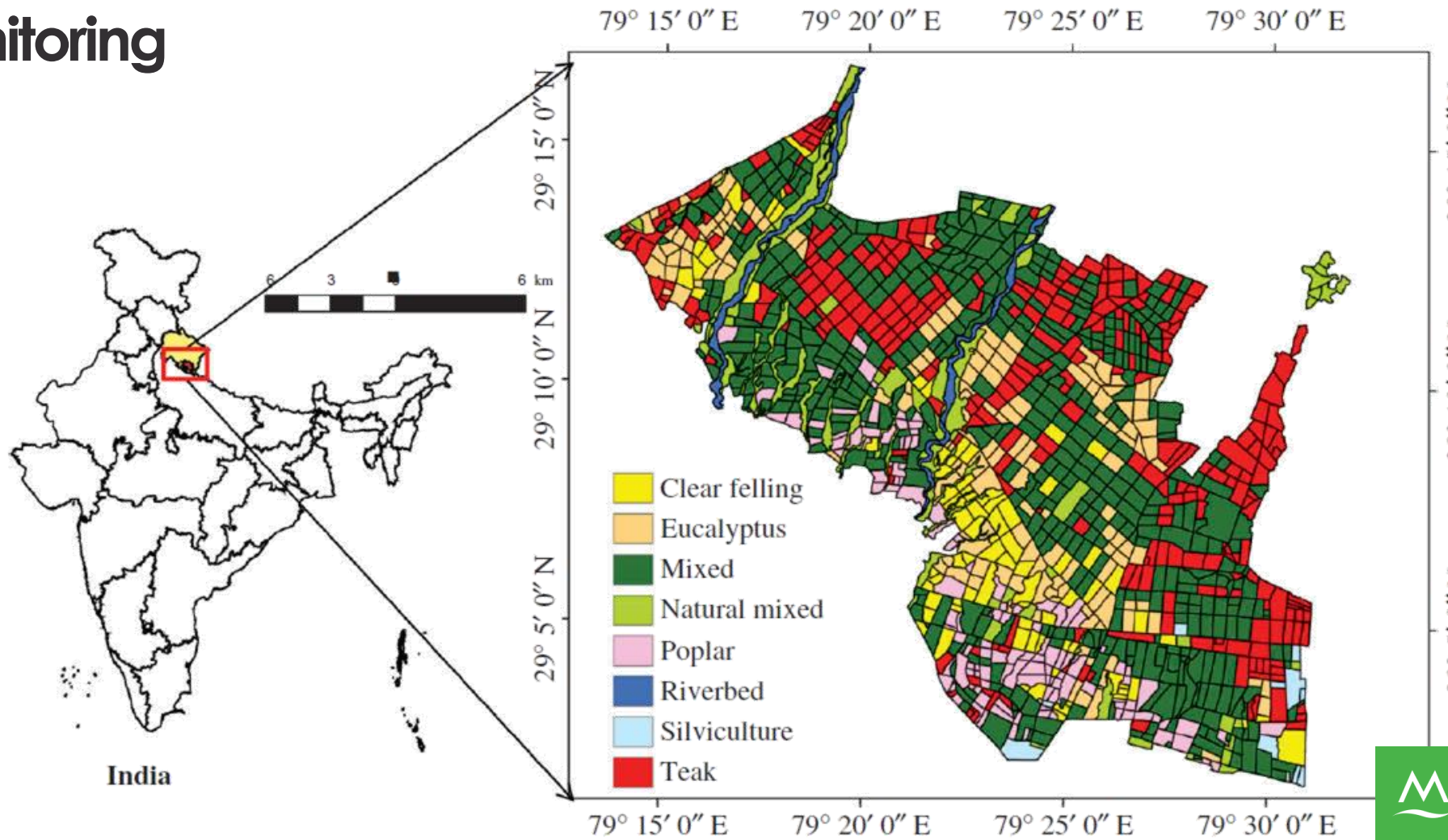
Mapping and monitoring

c. Vegetation type

Plantation types of Terai Central Forest Division Nainital, Uttarakhand, India



Source: *Tripathi et al., 2014*

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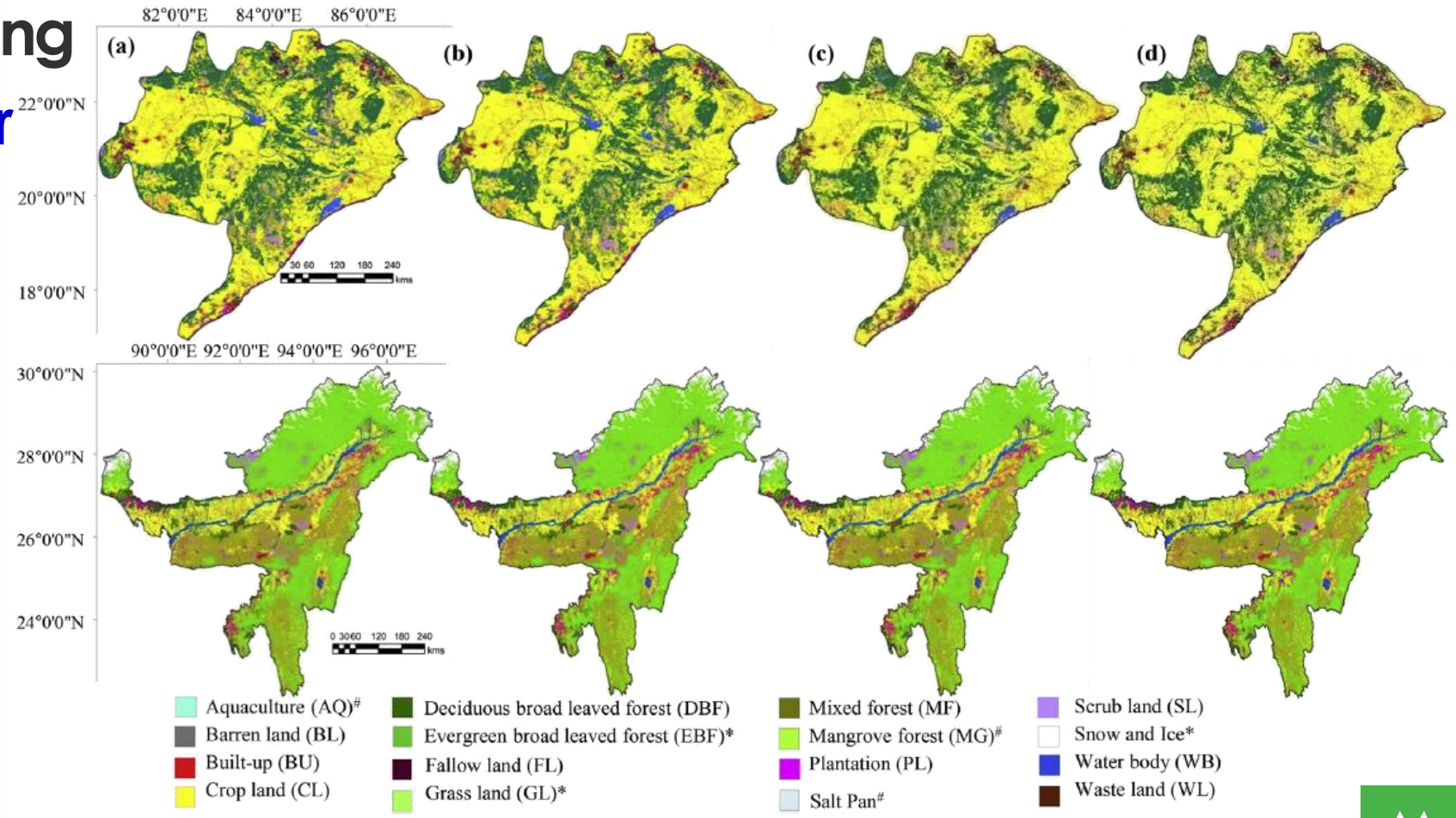
Mapping and monitoring

d. Land use land cover

Classified LULC map of Mahanadi and Brahmaputra river basins for the year (a) 1985 (b) 1995 (c) 2005; and (d) predicted- 2005



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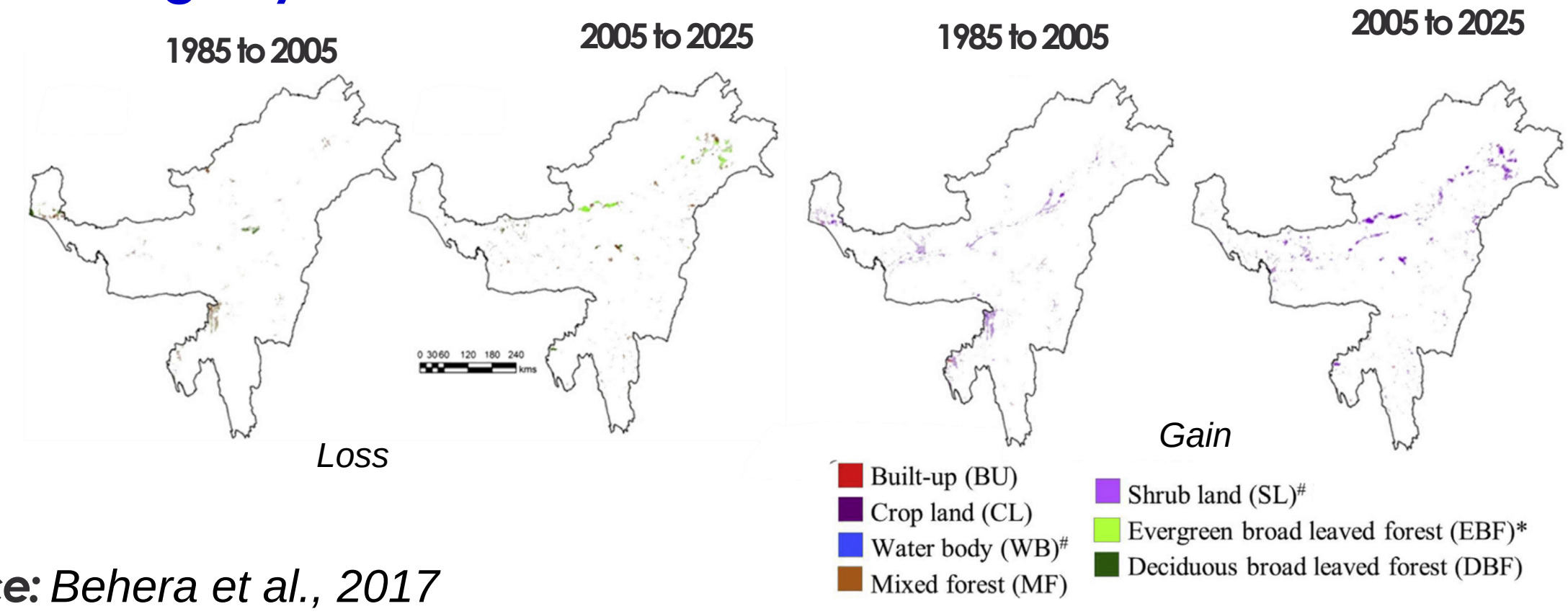
Mapping and monitoring

e. Change dynamics



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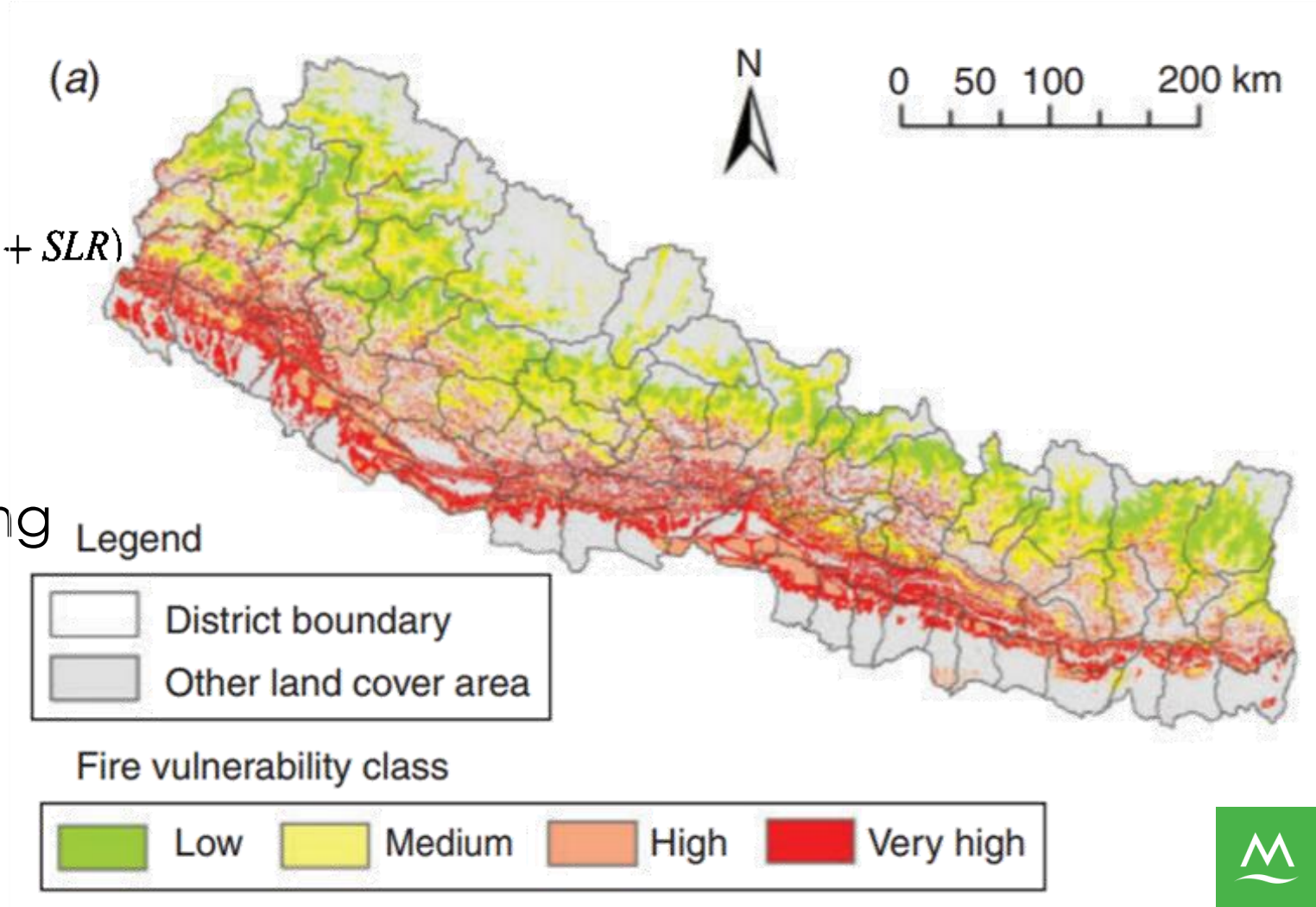
Applications of GIS

2. Fire risk modeling

Equation used for modelling

$$FRI = 10LCR + 6TR + 4(SDR + RDR) + 2(ER + SLR)$$

LCR: land cover rating
TR: temperature rating
SDR: settlement distance rating
RDR: road distance rating
ER: elevation rating
SLR: slope rating

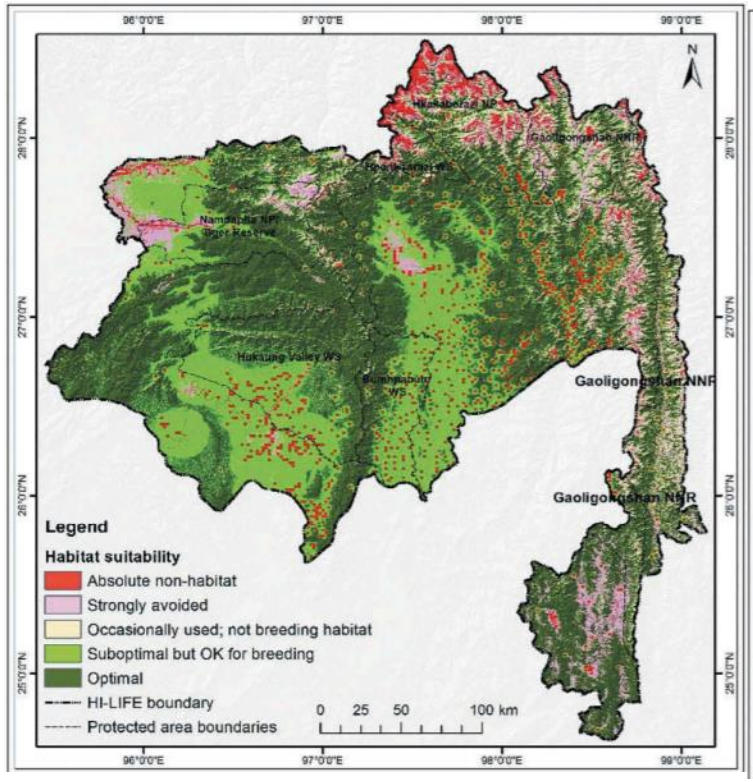


Source: *Matin et al., 2017*

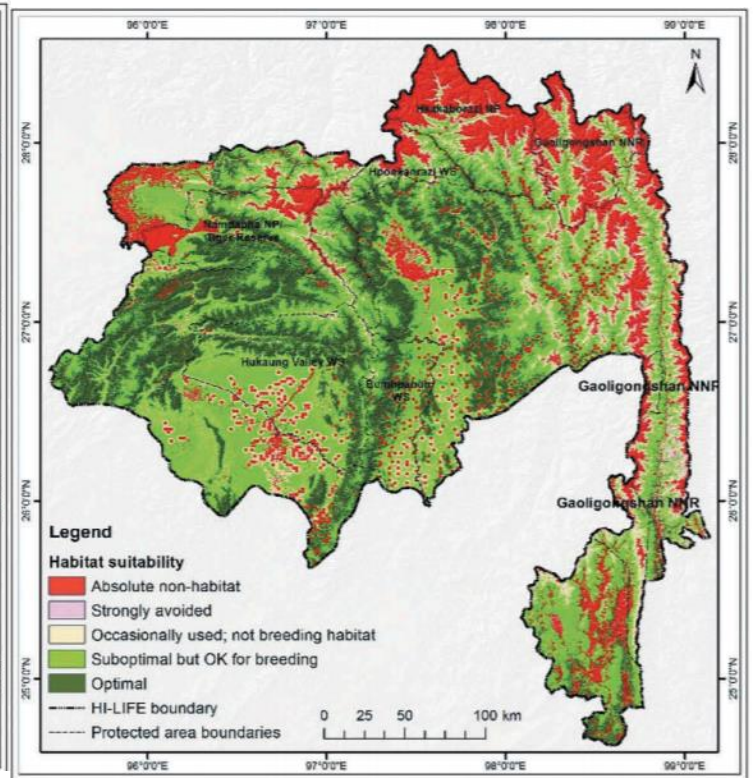
Applications of GIS

3. Habitat Suitability Analysis

- Suitability scores assigned to each of the factors (e.g., land cover types, topographic position classes) paying particular attention to the suitability
- A numerical **weighting factor** was assigned to each thematic layer according to the relative importance of habitat suitability.



Himalayan black bear



Leaf dear

Source: *Uddin et al., 2019*

Applications of GIS

4. Risk & Hazard Analysis

Flood susceptibility analysis

(Markham river basin, New Guinea)

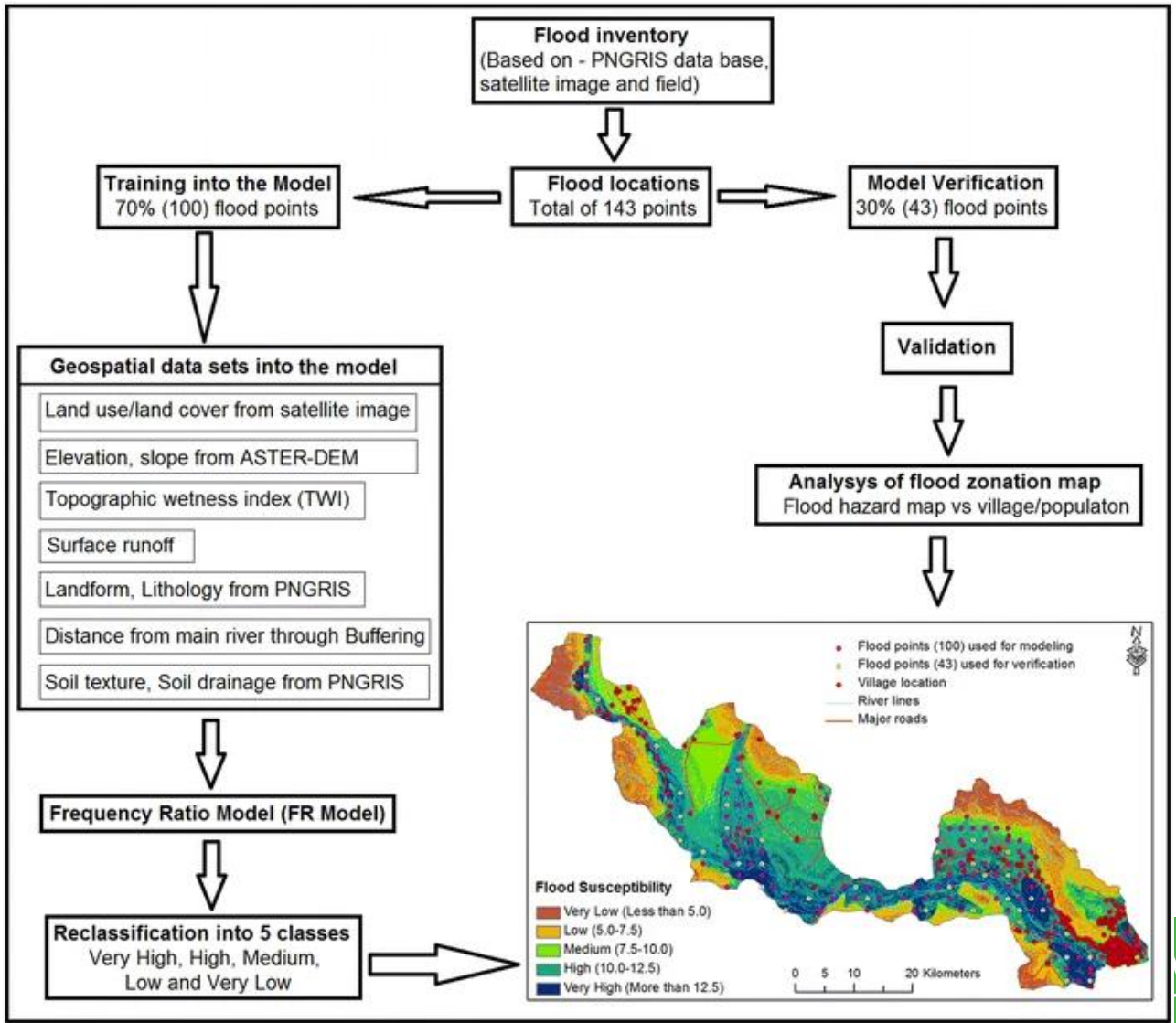
Equation used for modelling

$$FSI = \sum FR,$$

where FSI is the flood susceptibility index and FR is the frequency ratio for each factor.

$$FR = (E/F)/(M/L),$$

where E is the number of flood episodes for each factor; F is the total number of flood episodes; M is the histogram of a class; L is the total histogram of the study area.



Source: *Samanta et al., 2018*

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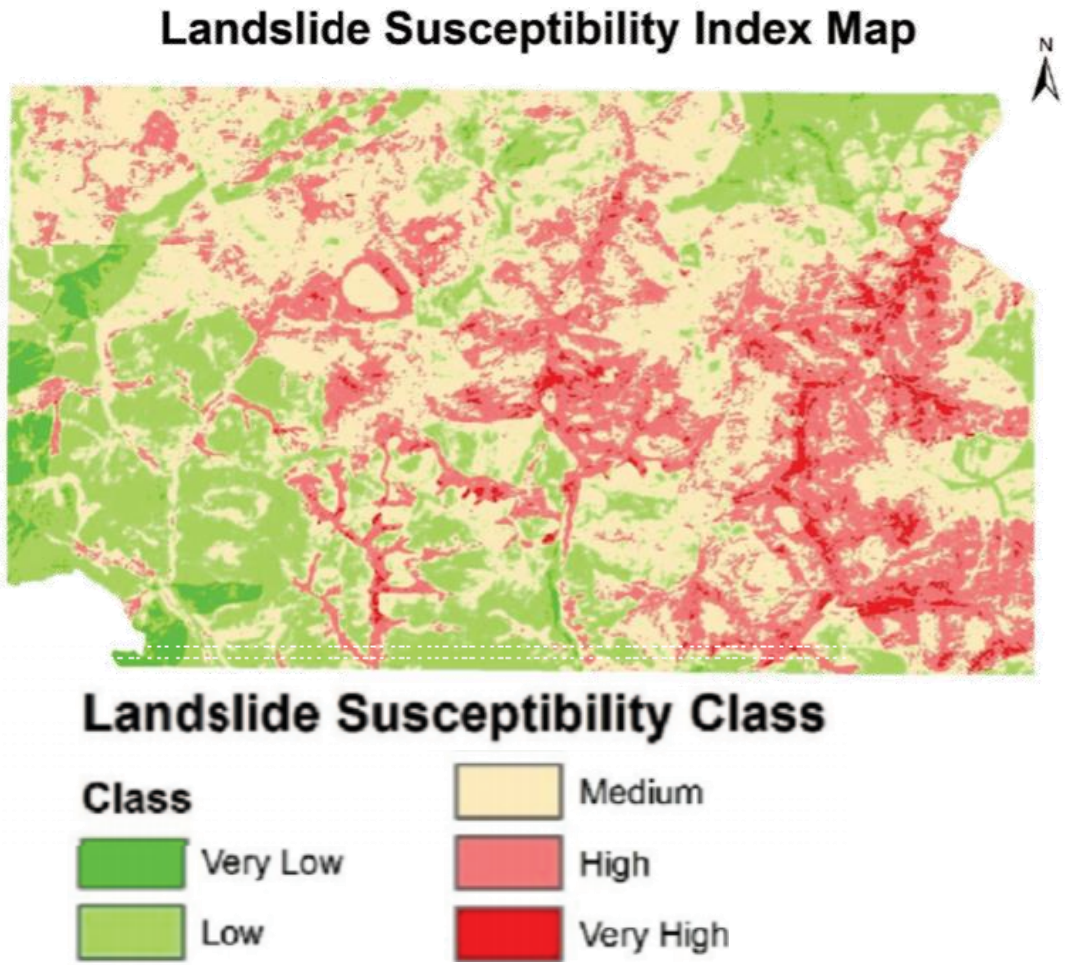
4. Risk & Hazard Analysis

$$W_i = ln \frac{Density\ of\ landslide\ within\ a\ class\ of\ a\ factor}{Density\ of\ landslide\ within\ the\ study\ area}$$

$$= ln \frac{\frac{Npix_{(Si)}}{Npix_{(Ni)}}}{\frac{\Sigma Npix_{(Si)}}{\Sigma Npix_{(Ni)}}}$$

Where, W_i = Weight of a factor class;
$Npix_{(Si)}$ = Number of pixel of landslide within class i;
$Npix_{(Ni)}$ = Number of pixel of class i;
$\Sigma Npix_{(Si)}$ =Number of Pixel of landslide within the whole study area;
$\Sigma Npix_{(Ni)}$ = Number of pixel of the whole study area.

Class	LSI value	Description	Area in Square Kilometers	% Area of Map
1	-14.1493 to -9	Very Low	23.5449	1.81
2	-9 to -4	Low	330.9489	25.41
3	-4 to 0	Medium	602.1585	46.23
4	0 to 3	High	326.8251	25.09
5	3 to 8.5718	Very High	18.9441	1.45



Source: *Bibek et al., 2015*

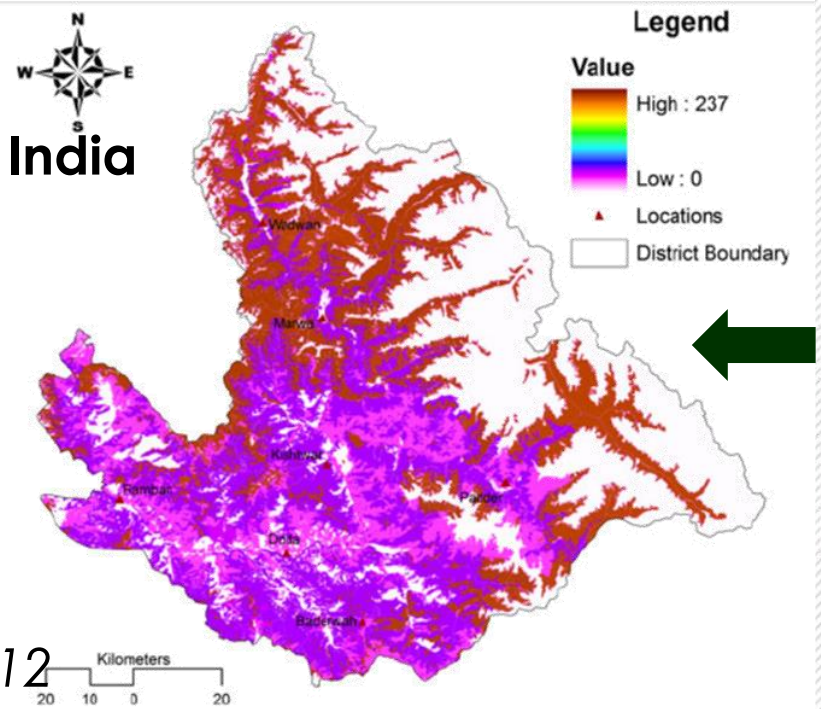
Applications of GIS

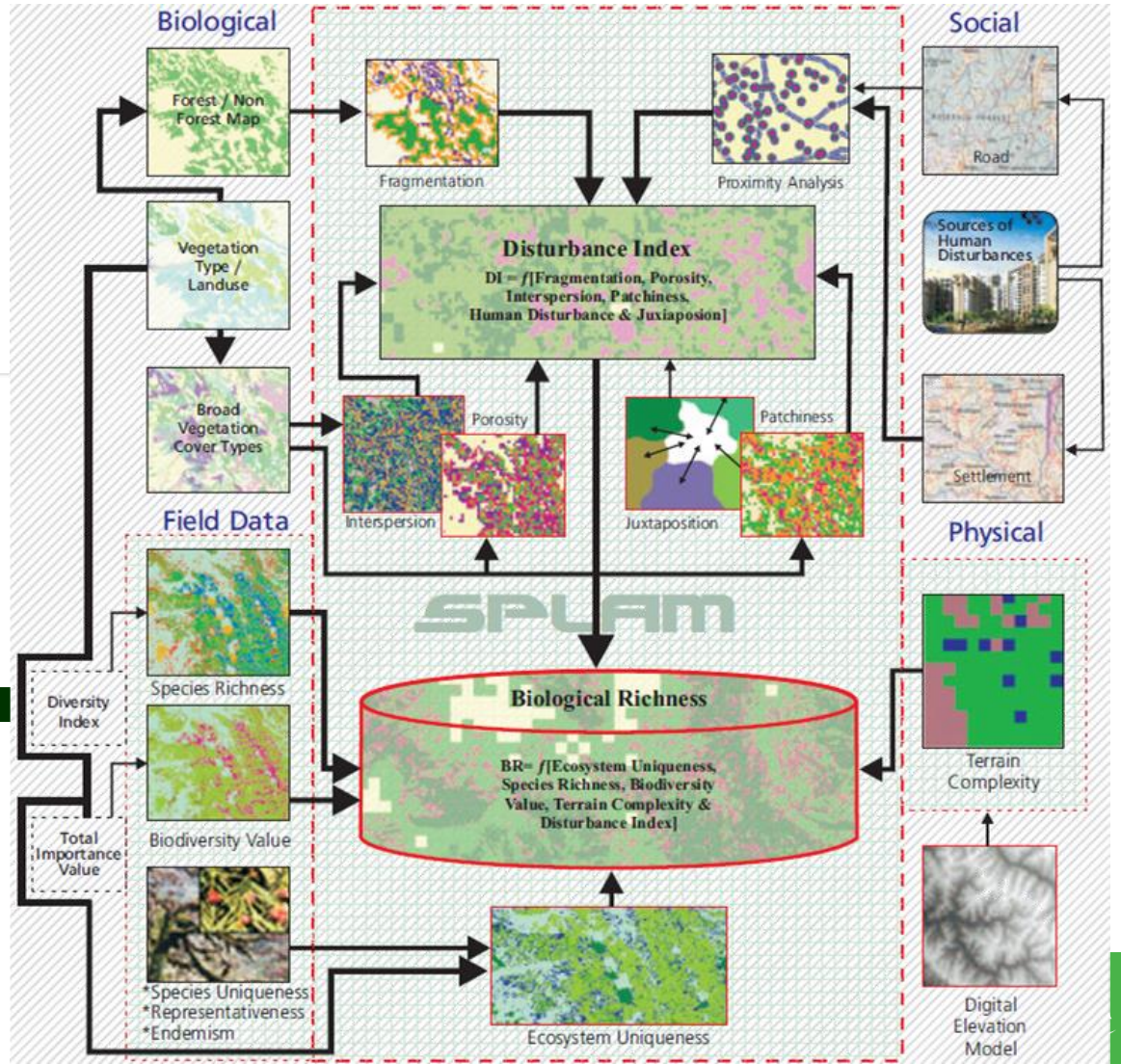
5. Biodiversity Analysis

$$BR = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (DI_i \times wt_{i1} + TC_i \times wt_{i2} + SR_i \times wt_{i3} + BV_i \times wt_{i4} + EU_i \times wt_{i5})$$

where *BR* = Biological Richness, *DI* = Disturbance Index, *TC* = Terrain Complexity, *SR* = Species Richness, *BV* = Biodiversity Value, *EU* = Ecosystem Uniqueness, and *wt* = Weights.

Doda district, Jammu, India





Source: *Roy et al., 2012*

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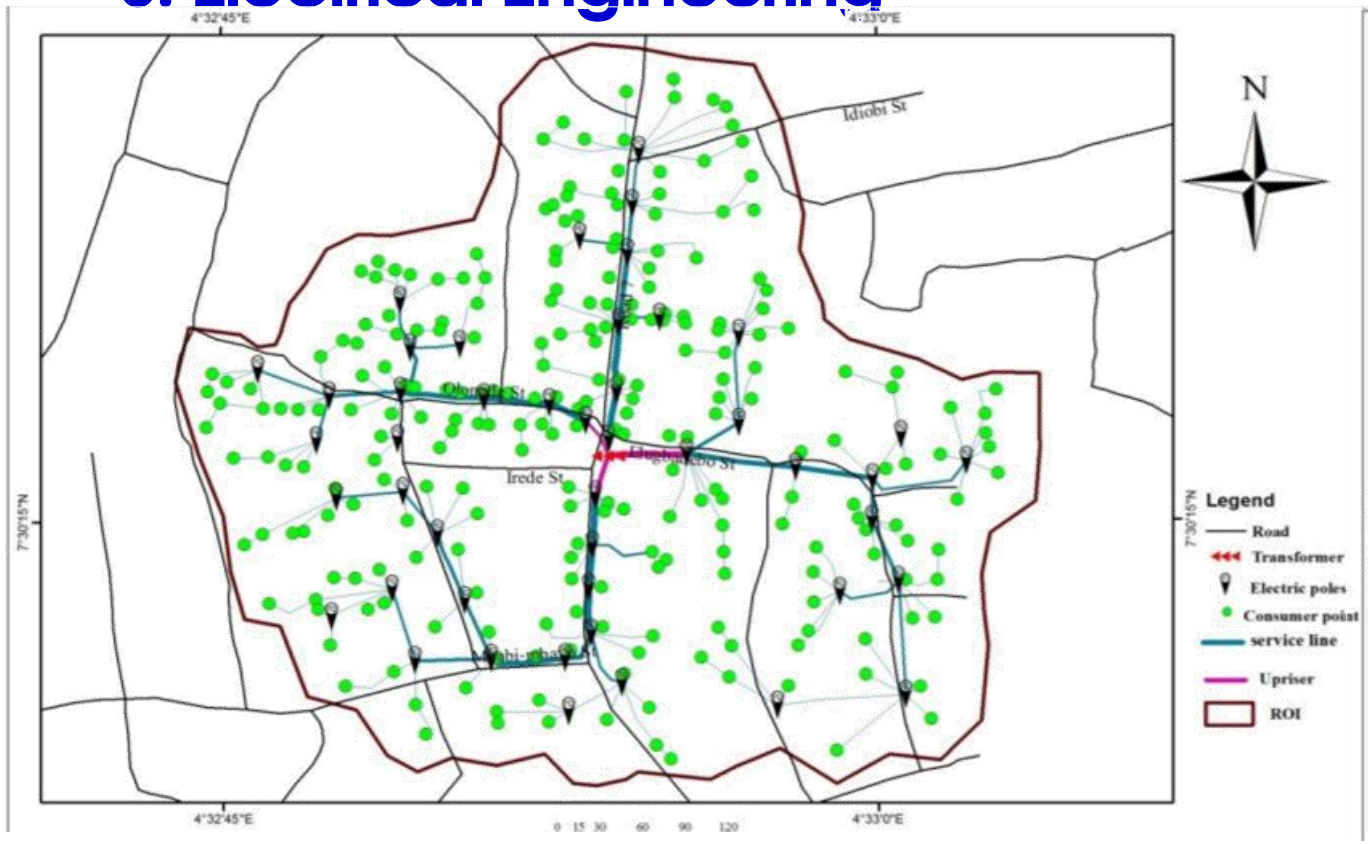
6. Electrical Engineering



Electricity distribution network map

Power consumption map

Source: *Adejoh et al., 2015*


Thank you
Let’s protect
the pulse.