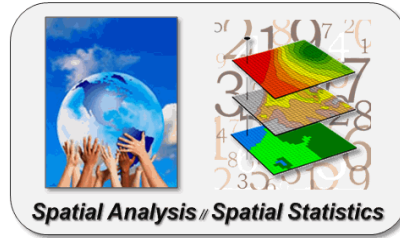


# Spatial/STEM:

## A Mathematical/Statistical Framework for Understanding and Communicating Map Analysis and Modeling



Part 3) **Spatial Statistics.** *Spatial Statistics* involves quantitative analysis of the “**numerical context**” of mapped data, such as characterizing the geographic distribution, relative comparisons, map similarity or correlation within and among data layers. Spatial Analysis and Spatial Statistics form a map-*ematics* that uses **sequential processing** of analytical operators to develop complex map analyses and models. Its approach is similar to traditional statistics except the variables are entire sets of geo-registered mapped data.

*This PowerPoint with notes and online links to further reading is posted at*

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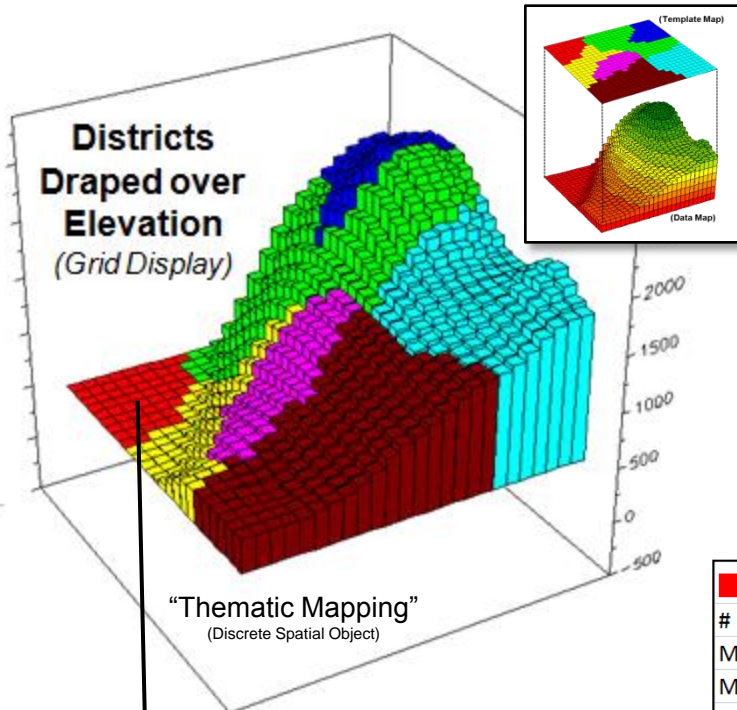
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# Thematic Mapping $\neq$ Map Analysis (Average elevation by district)

Thematic Mapping assigns a “typical value” to irregular geographic “puzzle pieces” (map features) describing the characteristics/condition without regard to their continuous spatial distribution (non-quantitative characterization)



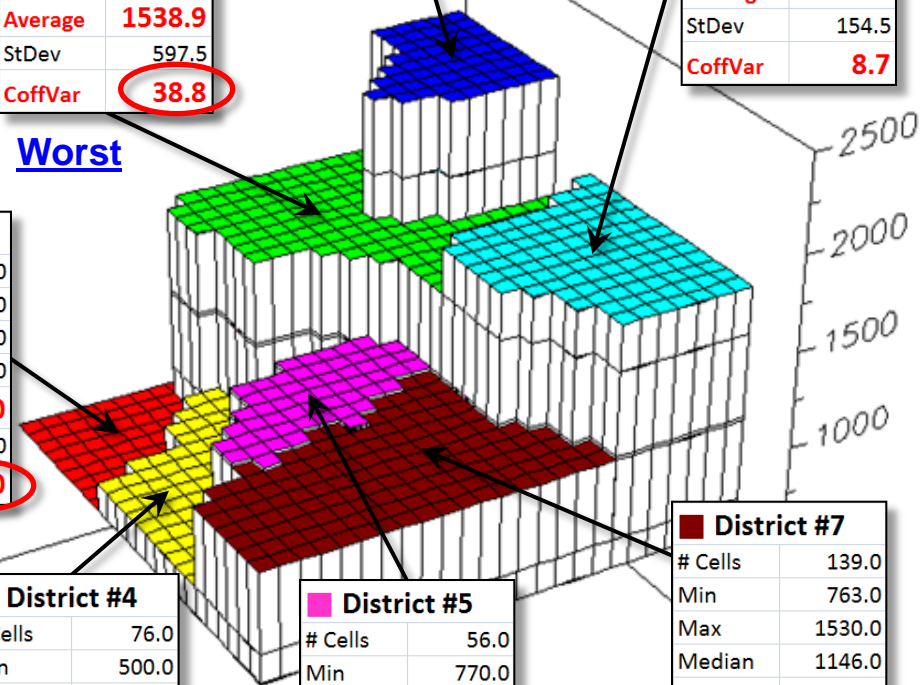
... **average** is assumed to be everywhere within each puzzle piece ( $\pm$  Stdev)

District #2	
# Cells	135.0
Min	500.0
Max	2499.0
Median	1499.0
Average	1538.9
StDev	597.5
CoffVar	38.8

District #3	
# Cells	59.0
Min	1786.0
Max	2500.0
Median	2143.0
Average	2176.0
StDev	185.3
CoffVar	8.5

District #6	
# Cells	102.0
Min	1507.0
Max	2152.0
Median	1829.0
Average	1778.9
StDev	154.5
CoffVar	8.7

District #1	
# Cells	58.0
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Median	500.0
Average	500.0
StDev	0.0
CoffVar	0.0

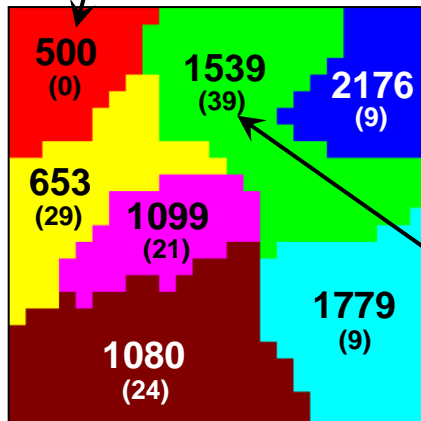


District #4	
# Cells	76.0
Min	500.0
Max	1356.0
Median	928.0
Average	652.5
StDev	186.1
CoffVar	28.5

District #5	
# Cells	56.0
Min	770.0
Max	1549.0
Median	1159.0
Average	1098.8
StDev	233.2
CoffVar	21.2

District #7	
# Cells	139.0
Min	763.0
Max	1530.0
Median	1146.0
Average	1080.3
StDev	253.9
CoffVar	23.5

Average Elevation of Districts



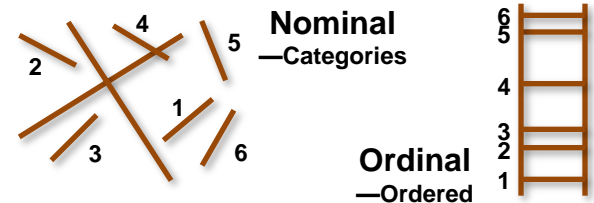
... at least include CoffVar in Thematic Mapping results

# Spatial Data Perspectives *(numerically defining the What in “Where is What”)*

## Numerical Data Perspective: *how numbers are distributed in “Number Space”*

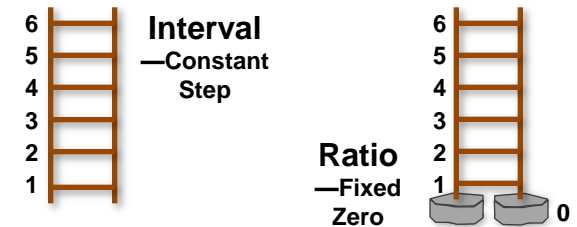
➤ **Qualitative**: *deals with unmeasurable qualities (very few math/stat operations available)*

- **Nominal numbers** are independent of each other and do not imply ordering – like scattered pieces of wood on the ground
- **Ordinal numbers** imply a definite ordering from small to large – like a ladder, however with varying spaces between rungs



➤ **Quantitative**: *deals with measurable quantities (a wealth of math/stat operations available)*

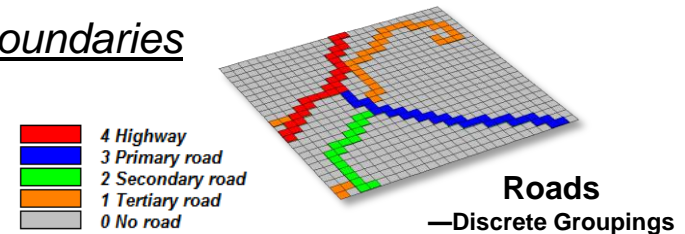
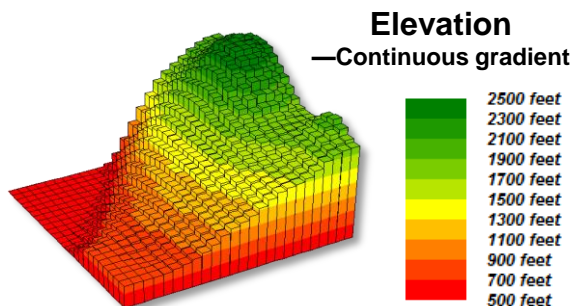
- **Interval numbers** have a definite ordering and a constant step – like a typical ladder with consistent spacing between rungs
- **Ratio numbers** has all the properties of interval numbers plus a clear/constant definition of 0.0 – like a ladder with a fixed base.



➤ **Binary**: *a special type of number where the range is constrained to just two states— such as 1=forested, 0=non-forested*

## Spatial Data Perspective: *how numbers are distributed in “Geographic Space”*

➤ **Choropleth numbers** *form sharp/unpredictable boundaries in geographic space – e.g., a road “map”*

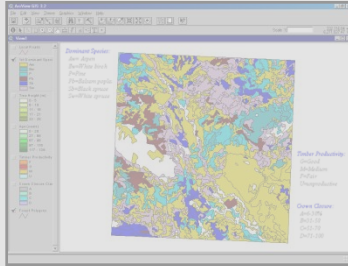


➤ **Isopleth numbers** *form continuous and often predictable gradients in geographic space – e.g., an elevation “surface”*

# Overview of Map Analysis Approaches

(Spatial Analysis and Spatial Statistics)

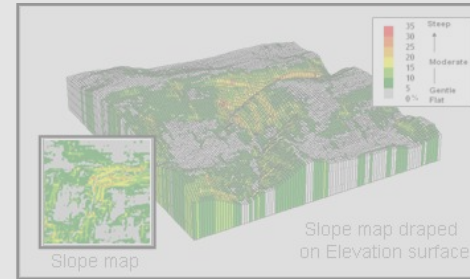
## Traditional GIS



Forest Inventory Map

- Points, Lines, Polygons
- Discrete Objects
- Mapping and Geo-query

## Spatial Analysis



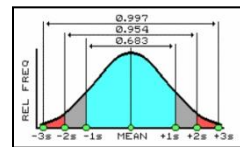
Elevation (Surface)

- Cells, Surfaces
- Continuous Geographic Space
- Contextual Spatial Relationships

...last session

## Traditional Statistics

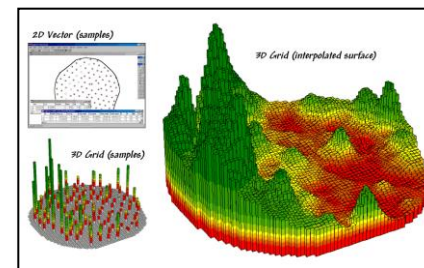
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7	902889	80230	4465163	51900	47	206	4							
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28	902729	61370	4465217	51800	12	125	6							
29	902826	28920	4465245	60000	11	121	4							



Minimum= 5.4 ppm  
 Maximum= 103.0 ppm  
 Mean= 22.4 ppm  
 StDEV= 15.5

- Mean, StDev (Normal Curve)
- Central Tendency
- Typical Response (scalar)

## Spatial Statistics



Spatial Distribution (Surface)

- Map of Variance (gradient)
- Spatial Distribution
- Numerical Spatial Relationships



# Desktop Mapping (GeoExploration) vs. Map Analysis (GeoScience)

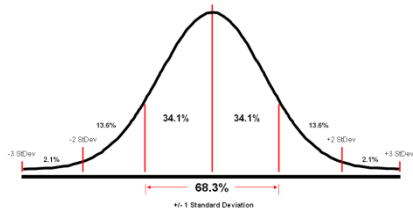
“Maps are numbers first, pictures later” — “Quantitative analysis of mapped data”

**Desktop Mapping** *graphically links generalized statistics to discrete spatial objects (Points, Lines, Polygons)—spatially aggregated summaries (GeoExploration)*

## Desktop Mapping

Data Space

Standard Normal Curve



(Numeric Distribution)

X, Y, Value

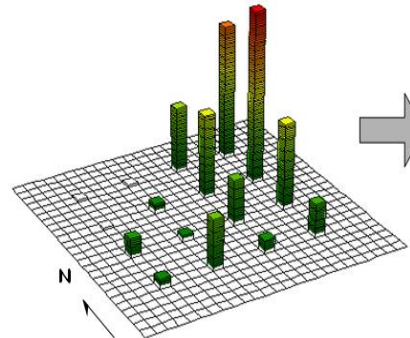
	A	B	C
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2	5	10	9
3	5	15	0
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5	10	5	25
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7	10	15	4
8	10	20	0
9	15	5	6
10	15	10	22
11	15	15	42
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Field Data

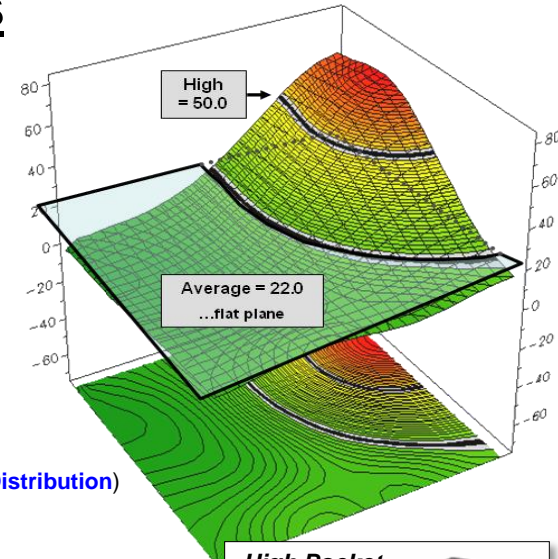
Point Sampled Data

## Map Analysis

Geographic Space



(Geographic Distribution)



Average = 22.0

StDev = 18.7

40.7 ...not a problem

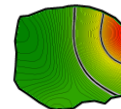
**Discrete Spatial Object**

Spatially Generalized



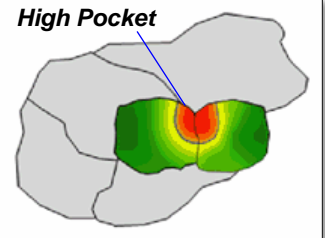
**Continuous Spatial Distribution**

Spatially Detailed



Discovery of sub-area...

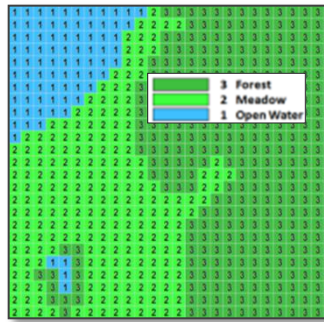
Adjacent Parcels



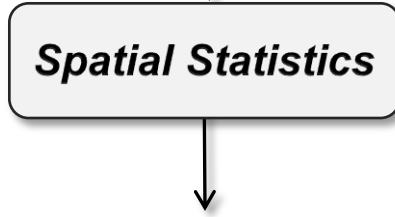
**Map Analysis** *map-atically relates patterns within and among continuous spatial distributions (Map Surfaces)—spatially disaggregated analysis (GeoScience)*

# Spatial Statistics Operations *(Numerical Context)*

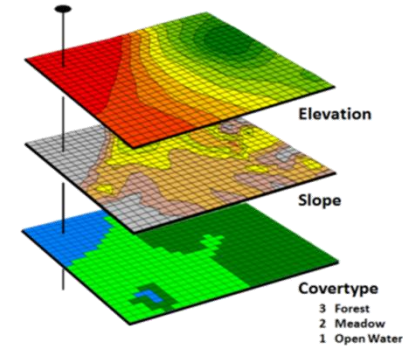
GIS as “Technical Tool” (*Where is What*) vs. “Analytical Tool” (*Why, So What and What if*)



Grid Layer



Map Stack



**Spatial Statistics** seeks to map the spatial variation in a data set instead of focusing on a single typical response (central tendency) ignoring the data's spatial distribution/pattern, and thereby provides a mathematical/statistical framework for *analyzing* and *modeling* the

## Numerical Spatial Relationships

*within and among grid map layers*

## Statistical Perspective:

*...let's consider some examples →*

Map Analysis Toolbox



**Basic Descriptive Statistics** (*Min, Max, Median, Mean, StDev, etc.*)

**Basic Classification** (*Reclassify, Contouring, Normalization*)

**Map Comparison** (*Joint Coincidence, Statistical Tests*)

✓ **Unique Map Statistics** (*Roving Window and Regional Summaries*)

✓ **Surface Modeling** (*Density Analysis, Spatial Interpolation*)

**Advanced Classification** (*Map Similarity, Maximum Likelihood, Clustering*)

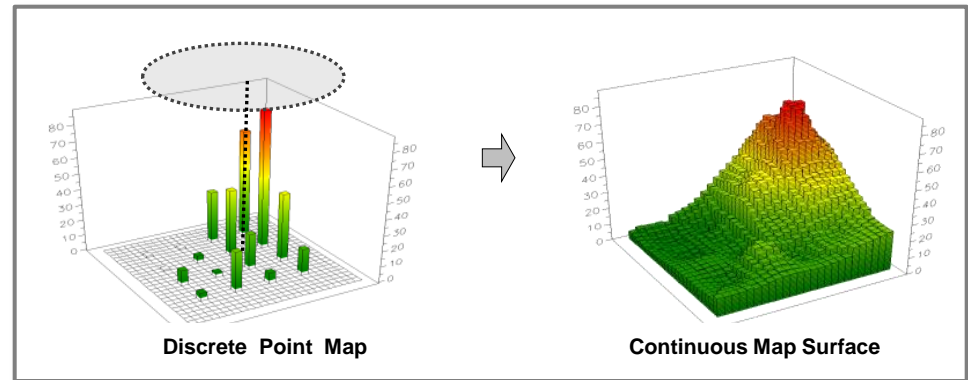
**Predictive Statistics** (*Map Correlation/Regression, Data Mining Engines*)

# Spatial Variable Dependence *(the keystone concept in Spatial Statistics)*

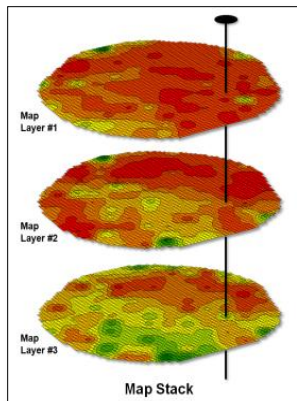
There are **two types** of spatial dependency based on ...“what occurs at a location in geographic space is **related to**” —

1) ...the **conditions of that variable at nearby locations**, termed **Spatial Autocorrelation** (intra-variable dependence; within a map layer)

**Surface Modeling** – identifies the continuous spatial distribution implied in a set of discrete point samples



2) ...the **conditions of other variables at that location**, termed **Spatial Correlation** (inter-variable dependence; among map layers)



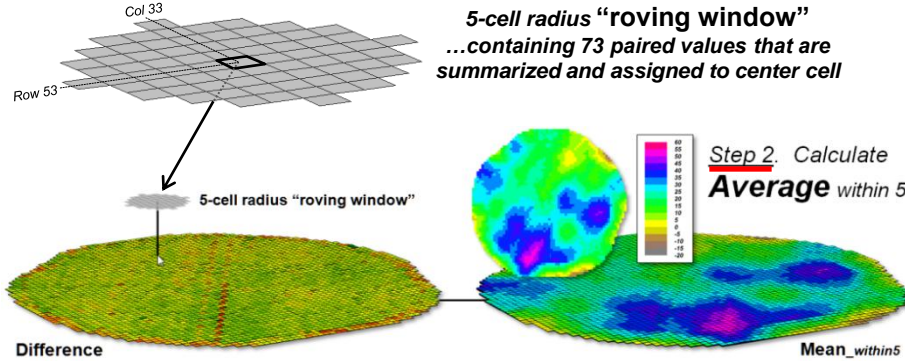
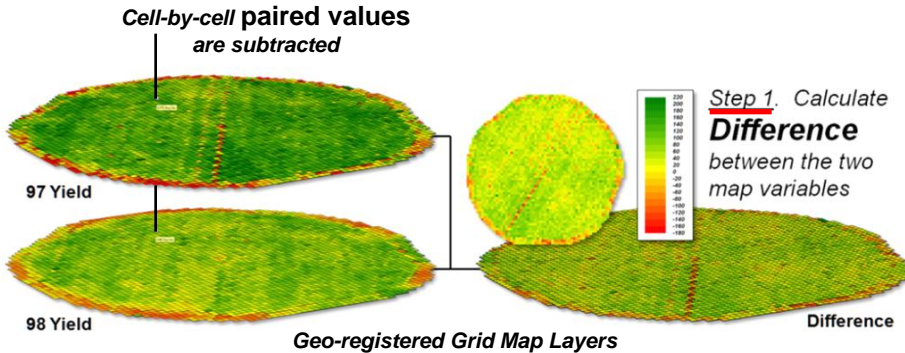
**Spatial Data Mining** – investigates spatial relationships among multiple map layers by spatially evaluating traditional statistical procedures

**Map Stack** – relationships among maps are investigated by aligning grid maps with a common configuration— same **#cols/rows**, **cell size** and **geo-reference**

**Data Shishkebab** – within a statistical context, each map layer represents a **Variable**; each grid space a **Case**; and each value a **Measurement** ...with all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of non-spatial mathematical, numerical and statistical analysis



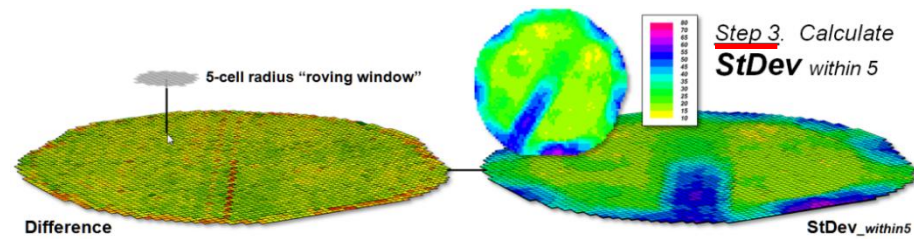
# Map Comparison *(spatially evaluating the T-test)*



## Spatially Evaluating the "T-Test"

The **T-statistic** equation is evaluated by first calculating a map of the **Difference** (Step 1) and then calculating maps of the **Mean** (Step 2) and **Standard Deviation** (Step 3) of the Difference within a "roving window." The **T-statistic** is calculated using the derived Mean and StDev maps of the localized difference using the equation (step 4) — **spatially localized solution**

$$T\text{-statistic} = \frac{\text{Mean}_{\text{difference}}}{\text{StDev}_{\text{difference}} / \text{Sqrt}(73)}$$

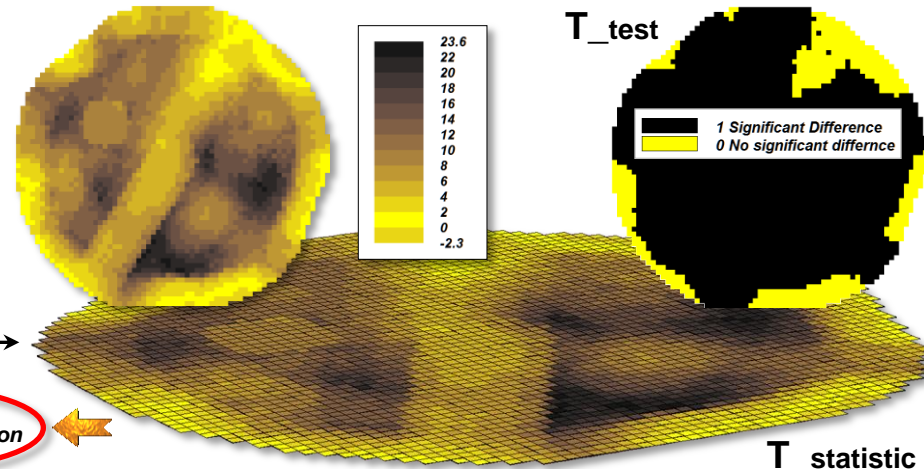


Step 4. Calculate the "Localized" T-statistic (using a 5-cell roving window) for each grid cell location

...the result is map of the **T-statistic** indicating how different the two map variables are throughout geographic space and a **T-test** map indicating where they are significantly different.

$$T\text{-statistic} = \frac{\text{Mean}_{\text{within5}}}{\left[ \frac{\text{StDev}_{\text{within5}}}{\text{sqrt}(73)} \right]}$$

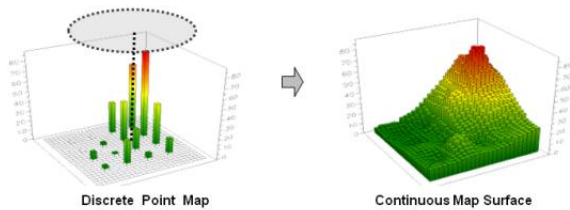
Evaluate the Map Analysis Equation





# Surface Modeling Approaches

...spatial dependency within a single map layer (Spatial Autocorrelation)

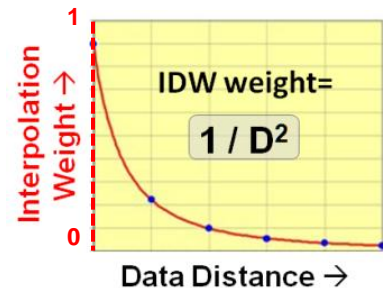


**Surface Modeling** identifies the continuous spatial distribution implied in a set of discrete point data using one of four basic approaches—

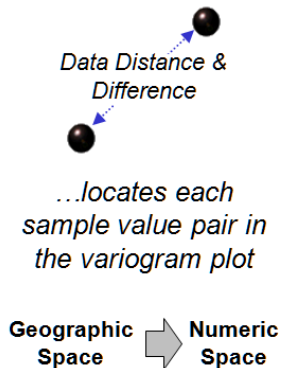
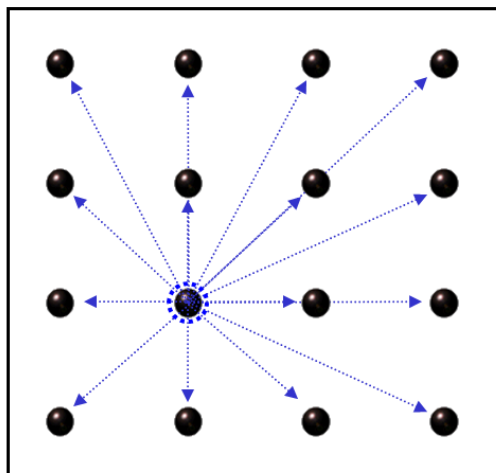
- **Map Generalization** “best fits” a **polynomial equation** to the entire set of geo-registered data values
- **Geometric Facets** “best fits” a set of **geometric shapes** (e.g., irregularly sized/shaped triangles) to the data values
- **Density Analysis** “counts or sums” data values occurring within a **roving window** (Qualitative/Quantitative)
- **Spatial Interpolation** “weight-averages” data values within a **roving window** based on a mathematical relationship relating *Data Variation* to *Data Distance* that assumes “nearby things are more alike than distant things” (Quantitative)...

...Inverse Distance Weighted (IDW) interpolation uses a fixed  $1/D^{\text{Power}}$  **Geometric Equation**

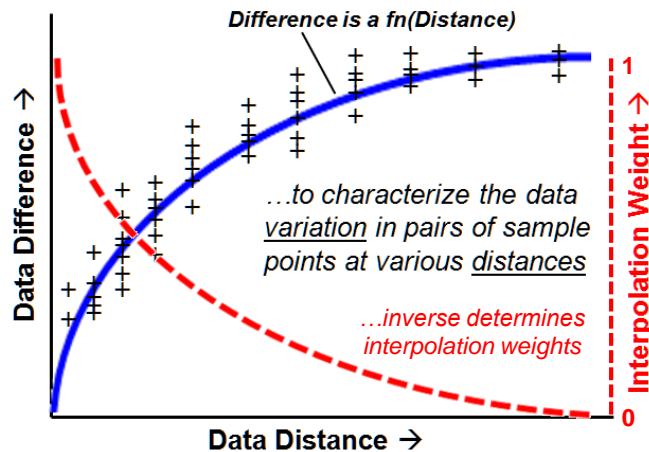
...Kriging interpolation uses a **Derived Equation** based on regional variable theory (Variogram)



Field Collected Data



Joint Variation



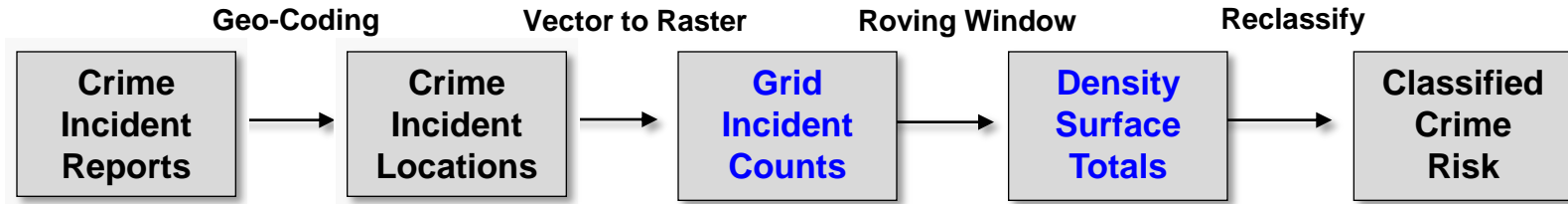
...instead of a fixed geometric decay function, a **data-driven curve** is derived  
 ...and used to determine the **sample weights** used for interpolating each map location

# Creating a Crime Risk Density Surface *(Density Analysis)*

## Spatial Statistics:

- Basic Descriptive Statistics
- Basic Classification
- Map Comparison
- Unique Map Statistics
- Surface Modeling
- Advanced Classification
- Predictive Statistics

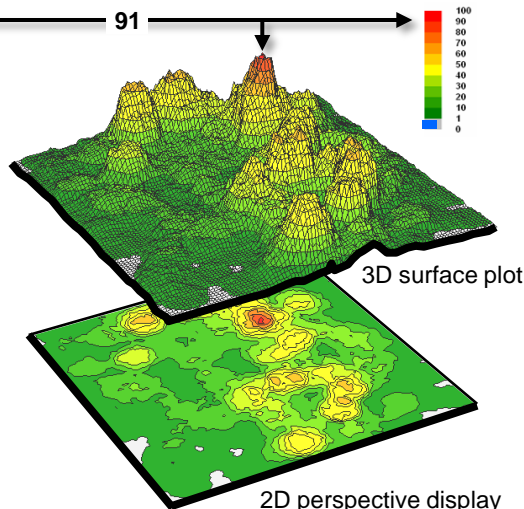
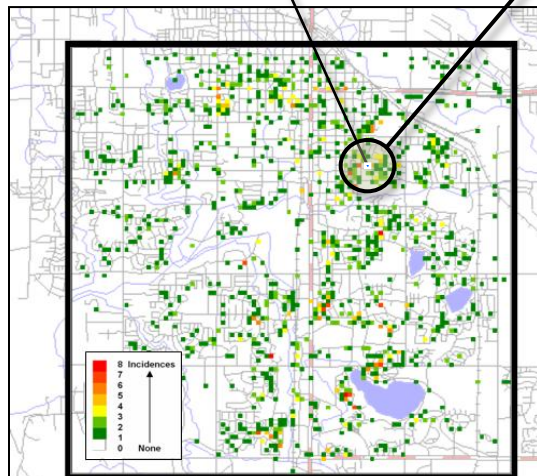
**Density Analysis** “counts or sums” data values within a specified distance from each map location (roving window) to generate a continuous surface identifying the relative spatial concentration of data within a project area, such as the number of customers or bird sightings within a half mile.



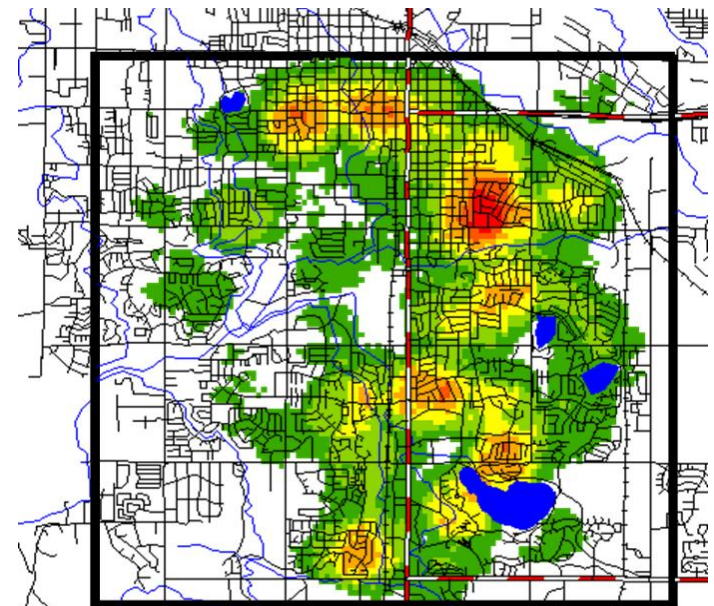
**Geo-coding** identifies geographic coordinates from street addresses



**Grid Incident Counts**  
the number of incidences (points) within in each grid cell



Calculates the total number of reported crimes within a roving window– **Density Surface Totals**

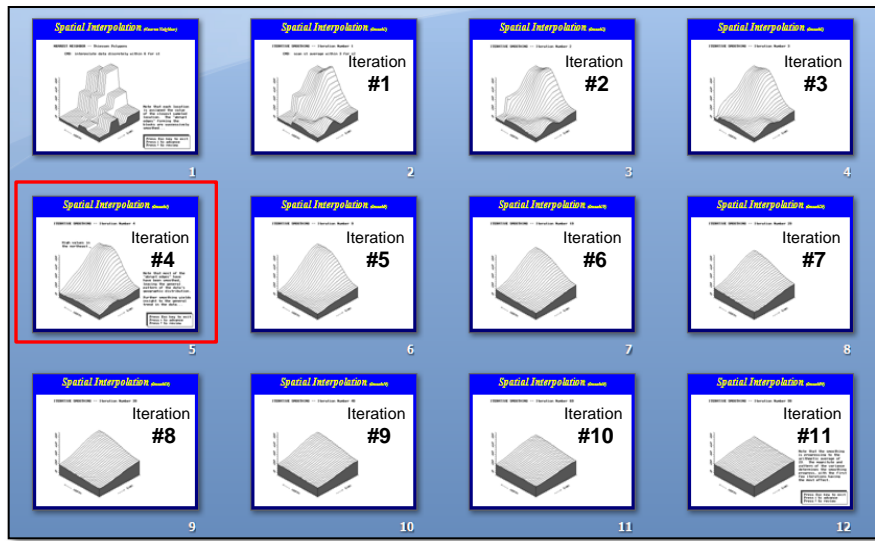
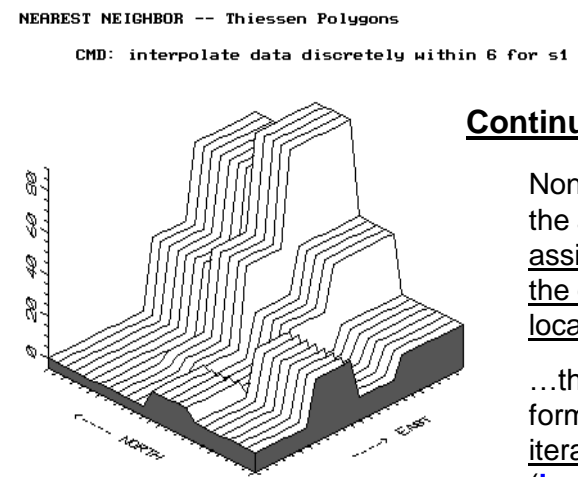
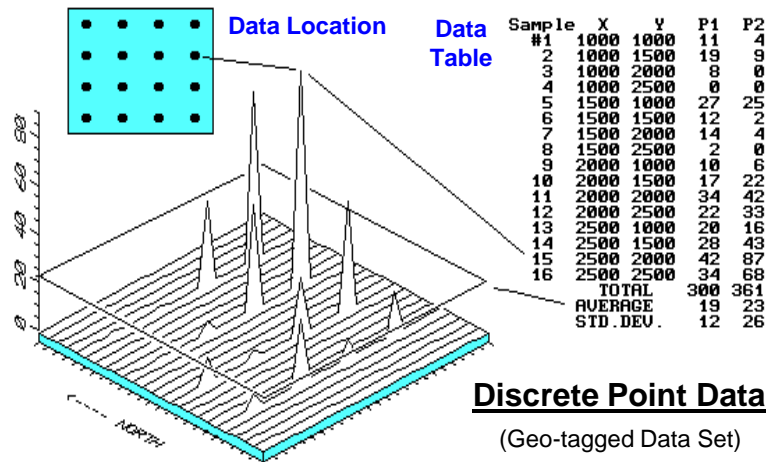


# Spatial Interpolation *(iteratively smoothing the spatial variability)*

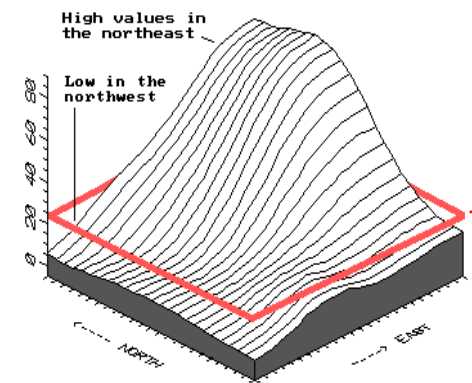
## Spatial Statistics:

- Basic Descriptive Statistics
- Basic Classification
- Map Comparison
- Unique Map Statistics
- Surface Modeling
- Advanced Classification
- Predictive Statistics

The **iterative smoothing** process is similar to slapping a big chunk of modeler's clay over the "data spikes," then taking a knife and cutting away the excess to leave a continuous surface that encapsulates the peaks and valleys implied in the original data



ITERATIVE SMOOTHING -- Iteration Number 4



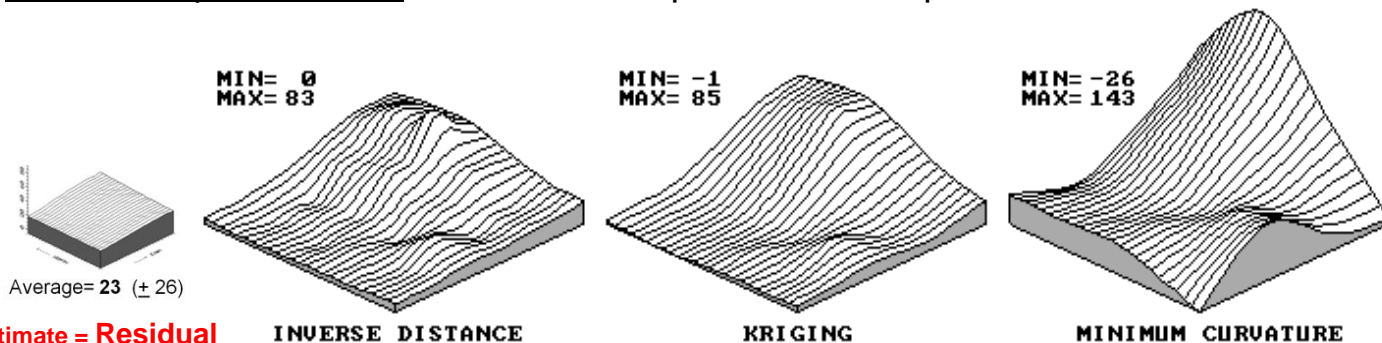
Valuable insight into the spatial distribution of the field samples is gained by comparing the "response surface" with the arithmetic average...

...for each location, its locally implied response is compared to the generalized average

# Assessing Interpolation Results *(Residual Analysis)*

The difference between an actual value (measured) and an interpolated value (estimated) is termed the **Residual**. The residuals can be summarized to assess the performance of different interpolation techniques...

...with the best map surface as the one that has the **“best guesses”** (interpolated estimates)



**Actual - Estimate = Residual**

$23 - 0 = 23$

Sample	Col	Row	Actual	Average	Inverse	Kriging	MinCurve
#17*	1	1	0	23 (-23)	8 (-8)	2 (-2)	6 (-6)
18*	18	2	48	23 (-25)	42 (-6)	46 (-2)	28 (-20)
19*	23	2	64	23 (-41)	52 (-12)	65 (1)	65 (1)
20*	19	4	65	23 (-42)	54 (-11)	56 (-9)	48 (-17)
21	15	6	34	23 (-11)	33 (-1)	30 (-4)	31 (-3)
22	5	7	0	23 (23)	2 (2)	-1 (-1)	1 (1)
23	9	8	6	23 (17)	7 (1)	1 (-5)	1 (-5)
24	19	11	79	23 (-56)	67 (-12)	70 (-9)	69 (-10)
25	23	13	64	23 (-41)	52 (-12)	68 (4)	90 (26)
26*	4	16	8	23 (15)	8 (0)	7 (-1)	6 (-2)
27	16	17	19	23 (4)	22 (3)	19 (0)	17 (-2)
28*	2	20	6	23 (17)	8 (2)	3 (-3)	-6 (-12)
29	13	22	12	23 (11)	15 (3)	14 (2)	19 (7)
30	22	22	17	23 (6)	19 (2)	20 (3)	7 (-10)
31*	2	24	9	23 (14)	8 (-1)	6 (-3)	-16 (-25)
32	19	24	14	23 (9)	19 (5)	11 (-3)	-7 (-21)
Test Set	Average = 28						
	Average Estimate = 23				26	26	22
	<u>Sum of the Residuals =</u>			(-77)	(-29)	(-28)	(-86)
	<u>Average Unsigned Residual =</u>			(22.2)	(5.1)	(3.3)	(10.5)
	<u>Normalized Residual Index =</u>			(.80)	(.18)	(.12)	(.38)

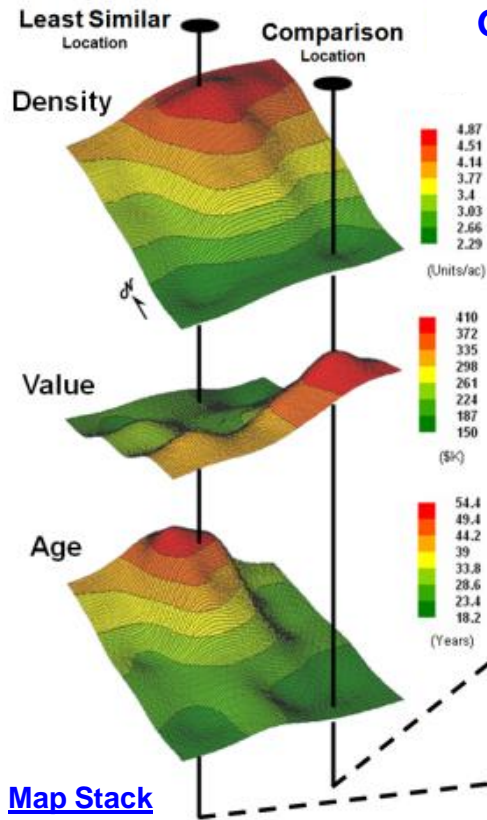
Bad Guess

Best Surface

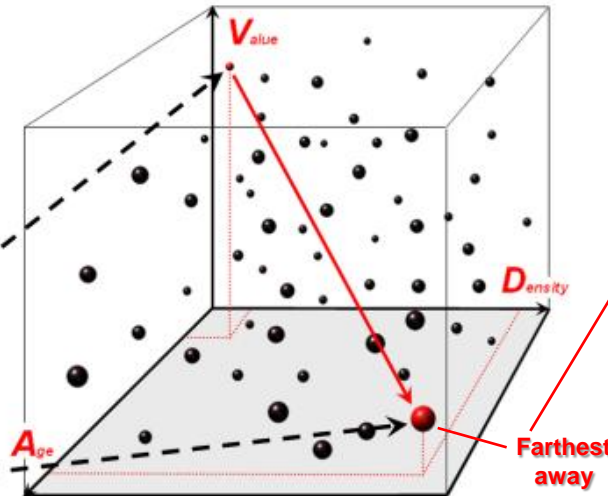


# Map Similarity *(identifying similar numeric patterns)*

**Geographic Space** — relative spatial position of map values



**Data Space** — relative Numerical magnitude of map values



**Locations identical to the Comparison Point are set to 100% similar** (*Identical* numerical pattern)

**The farthest away point in data space is set to 0** (*Least Similar* numerical pattern)

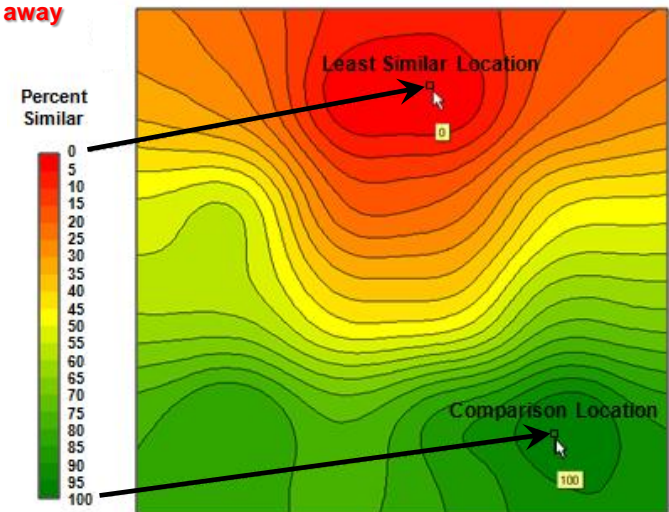
**...all other Data Distances are scaled in terms of their relative similarity to the comparison point** (*0 to 100% similar*)

**Map Stack**

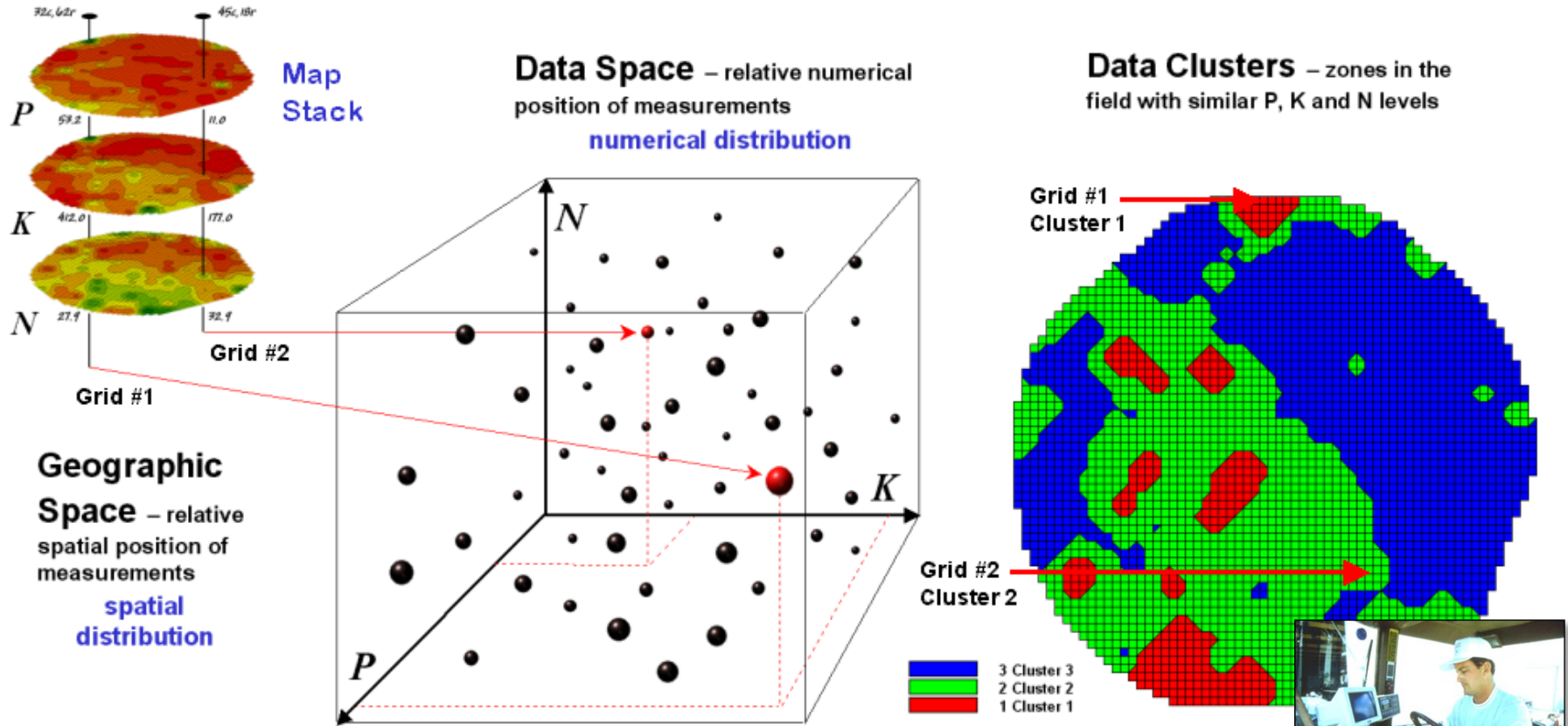
- Basic Descriptive Statistics
- Basic Classification
- Map Comparison
- Unique Map Statistics
- Surface Modeling
- Advanced Classification
- Predictive Statistics

Each "floating ball" in the **Data Space** scatter plot schematically represents a location in the field (**Geographic Space**).

The position of a ball in the plot identifies the relative phosphorous (P), potassium (K) and nitrogen (N) levels at that location.



# Clustering *(automated map similarity)*



...clusters of “floating balls” in data space identify locations in the field with similar data patterns – **Data Zones**  
(groupings of locations having similar data patterns)

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...fertilization rates vary “on-the-fly” for the different clusters



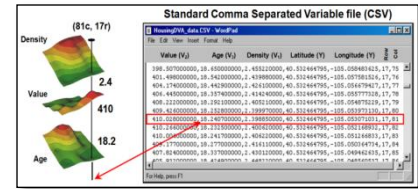
Variable Rate Application

# Predictive Spatial Statistics (map regression)

## Spatial Statistics:

- Basic Descriptive Statistics
- Basic Classification
- Map Comparison
- Unique Map Statistics
- Surface Modeling
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**Map regression** measures of the association between one map variable (dependent variable) and one or more other map variables (independent variables) expressing the relationship as a predictive equation that can be applied to other data sets

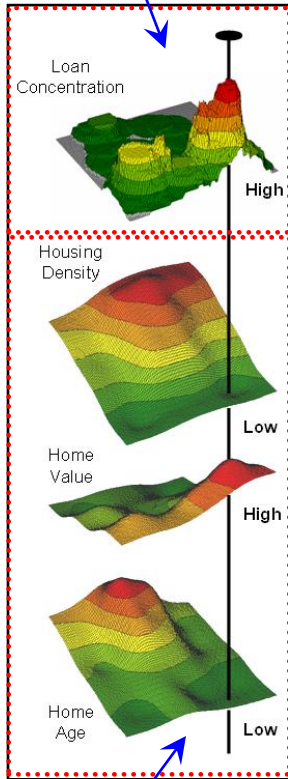


**Spatial DBMS** — export grid layers to dB with each cell a record & each layer a field

...pass map layers to any Statistics or Data Mining package

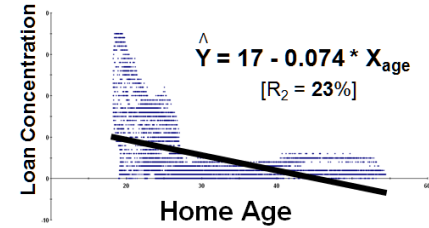
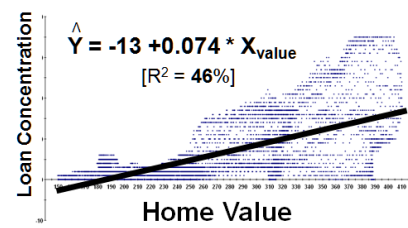
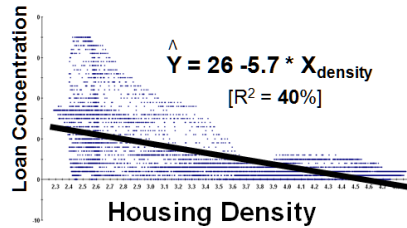
For example, predicting *Loan Concentration* based on *Housing Density*, *Home Value* and *Home Age* in a city

**Dependent Map** variable is what you want to predict...

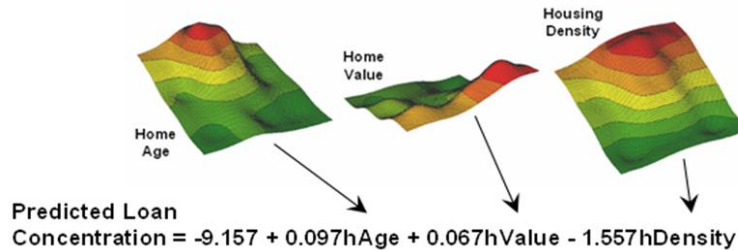


...from a set of easily measured **Independent Map** variables

## Univariate Linear Regressions



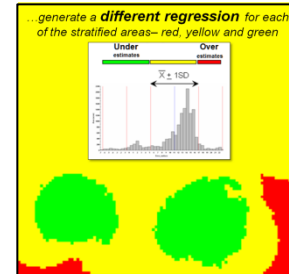
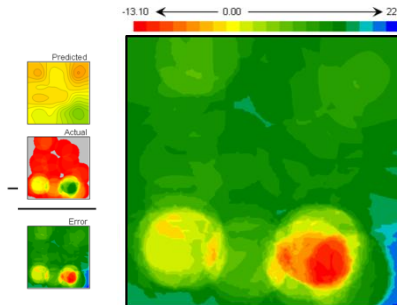
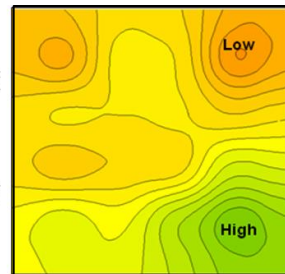
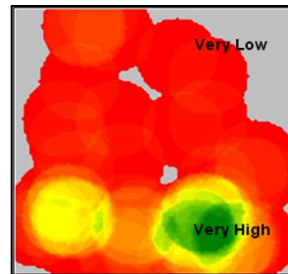
## Multivariate Linear Regression



## Error = Predicted – Actual

...substantially under-estimates (but 2/3 of the error within 5.26 and 16.94)

...can use error to generate Error Ranges for calculating new regression equations



Actual

Predicted

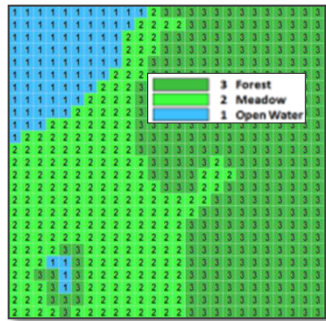
Error Surface

Stratified Error



# Spatial Statistics Operations *(Numerical Context)*

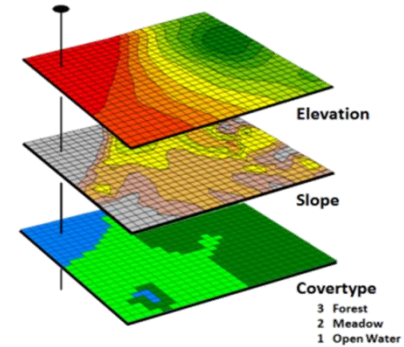
GIS as “Technical Tool” (*Where is What*) vs. “Analytical Tool” (*Why, So What and What if*)



Grid Layer

**Spatial Statistics**

Map Stack



**Spatial Statistics** seeks to map the spatial variation in a data set instead of focusing on a single typical response (central tendency) ignoring the data’s spatial distribution/pattern, and thereby provides a mathematical/statistical framework for *analyzing* and *modeling* the

## Numerical Spatial Relationships

*within and among grid map layers*

*...discussion focused on these groups of spatial statistics — see [reading references](#) for more information on all of the operations*

## Statistical Perspective:

Map Analysis Toolbox



**Basic Descriptive Statistics** (*Min, Max, Median, Mean, StDev, etc.*)

**Basic Classification** (*Reclassify, Contouring, Normalization*)

**Map Comparison** (*Joint Coincidence, Statistical Tests*)

✓ **Unique Map Statistics** (*Roving Window and Regional Summaries*)

✓ **Surface Modeling** (*Density Analysis, Spatial Interpolation*)

**Advanced Classification** (*Map Similarity, Maximum Likelihood, Clustering*)

**Predictive Statistics** (*Map Correlation/Regression, Data Mining Engines*)