

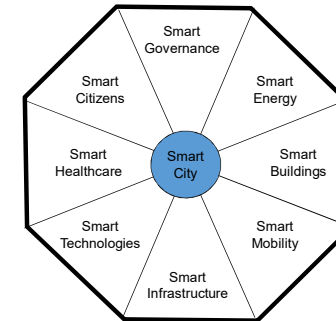
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$\begin{aligned} &\forall B \in PROJECT, \exists P \in GO \\ &\Omega\text{-Type}(B) = \text{"Building"}, \\ &\Omega\text{-Type}(P) = \text{"Parcels"}, \\ &\text{Contains}(\text{Geom}(P), \text{Geom}(B)) : \\ &\quad \text{Height}(B) < 10 \\ &\quad \wedge \text{Street\_distance}(B, P) > 3 \\ &\quad \wedge \text{Neighbor\_distance}(B, P) > 3 \\ &\quad \Rightarrow \\ &\quad \text{UP-Allowed}(B, P) \end{aligned}$	Rule 10.9- 10.13

Geographic Knowledge Modeling for Territorial Intelligence	
1 – Introduction	
2 – Components of a GKB	
3 – Conclusions	

## 1 – Introduction

- Information
  - Geographic information systems (80s)
  - Fundamentals of Spatial Information Systems (Laurini-Thompson, 91)
  - "Information Systems for Urban Planning" (Laurini, 01)
- Now Knowledge
  - Business intelligence to Territorial Intelligence
  - Knowledge society

## Mathew's diamond for smart cities



## Territorial Intelligence

Territorial Intelligence  
 =  
 (Territory  
 +  
 Collective Human Intelligence  
 +  
 Artificial Intelligence)  
 → Sustainable development)

## About Knowledge

- Knowledge Society
- Basis for governance
  - Smart Cities
  - Territorial Intelligence
- Difference between data, information and knowledge
- Neighboring concepts
  - Smart People
  - Smart Governance

## New Context

- New acquisition devices
  - Real time sensors
  - Crowd sourcing
  - VGI
  - Big Data
- New concepts
  - Smart cities
  - Territorial Intelligence
- Reorganize information systems in local authorities
- Importance of geographic reasoning

## Definition of Geographic Knowledge

- Geographic knowledge corresponds to information potentially useful to
  - explain,
  - manage,
  - monitor
  - and plan a territory.
- But also to
  - analyze the past
  - forecast the future landscapes

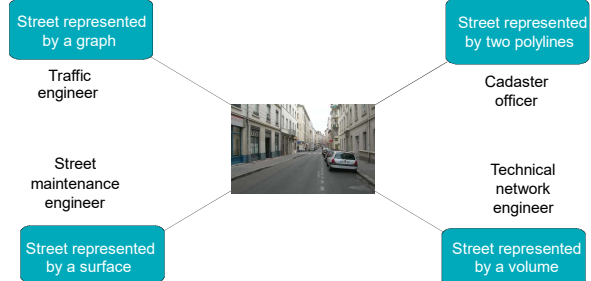
## Geographic Knowledge

- RULES as first-class citizens in IT
  - IF-THEN-Fact
  - IF-THEN-Actions
- Business intelligence (1<sup>st</sup> order logic)
- Territorial Intelligence
  - Rewrite geoprocessing based on rules
  - Renovate concepts
- New types for geographic rules

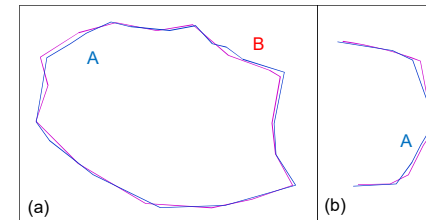
## Specific Characteristics

- Space 2D, 3D, 3D+T → coordinates
- Computational geometry, topology
- Cartography and geovisualization
- Spatial analysis
- Features and geographic objects
  - Measurement accuracy
  - Multiple representations
  - Acquisition devices

## Example of a Street



## Geometric Homology



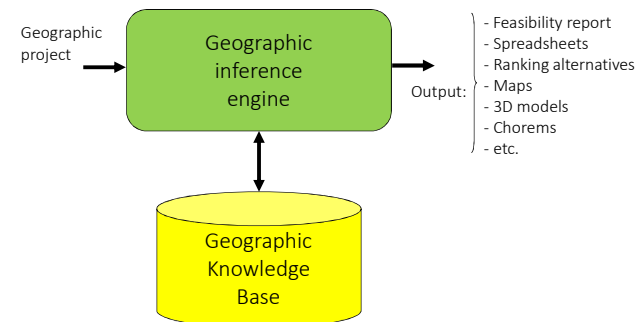
$$Geom(A) \approx Geom(B)$$

Reflexive, associative  
But non-transitive

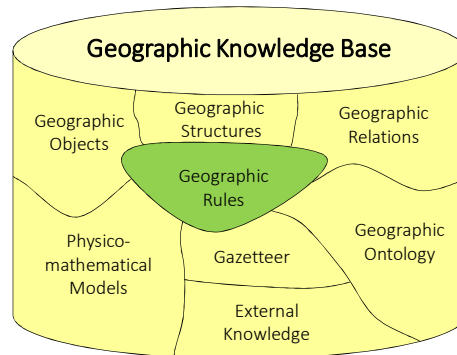
## Geographic Projects

- Where to put a new airport, a new hospital, a new stadium, etc.?
- Is this new construction project compliant with planning rules?
- What is the best mode or the best way to get from A to B?
- How to organize a plan for green spaces in a city?
- How to reorganize common transportation?
- etc.

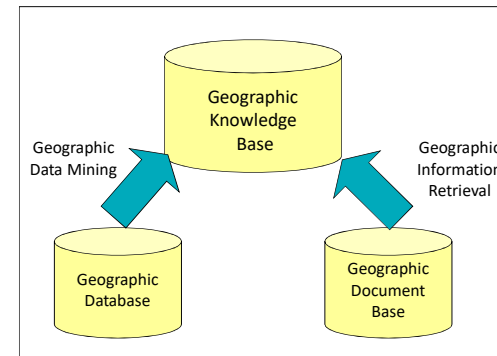
## Usage



## 2 – GKB Components



## Origin of Geographic Knowledge

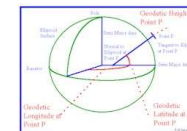


### 2.1 – Geographic Objects

- Geodetic objects
- Administrative objects
- Manmade objects (crisp boundaries)
- Natural objects
- With fuzzy boundaries
- Continuous fields

### Geodetic Objects

- Theoretical objects on the globe
  - Equator
  - North and south poles
  - Meridians
  - Parallels
- Modeled with points, lines and circles
- Basis for definition of coordinates
- Cannot disappear



## Administrative Objects

- Without considering disputes at borders
- Non-connected polygons
- Often organized in hierarchical tessellations
  - Countries, regions, provinces, municipalities
  - Parks
- Total coverage of the Earth
- At some scales, they can disappear

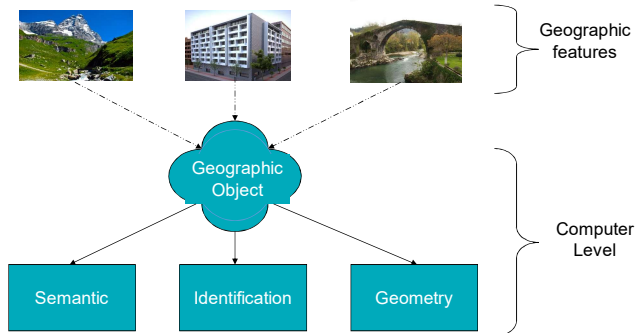
## Manmade Objects

- Manmade
  - Buildings, bridges, streets, etc.
- Usually Euclidean objects
- Modeled as non-connected polygons
- At some scales
  - Roads can become linear
  - They can disappear

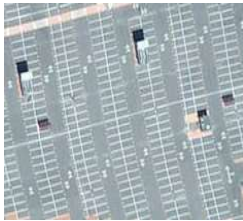
## Natural Objects

- Shape can evolve
  - River, minor and major bed
- Boundary not easy to define
- Fractal geometry can be useful
  - Multi-scale
- Fuzzy sets
  - Egg-yolk

## Characteristics of Geo Objects



## What is it?



(a) A car park? No, the roof of a small used as a car park.



(b) A meadow? No, a water catchment area

## Geometric Types

- Math tradition

- Points
- Lines
- Areas

For mathematical modeling

- Proposition

- Ribbons
- Areas

For geographic modeling

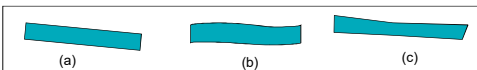
## From Lines to Ribbons

- Ribbon = line with a width

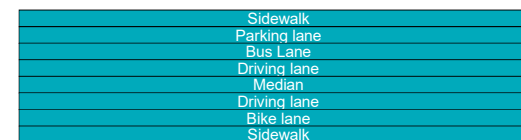
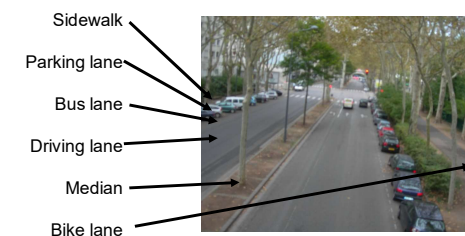
- Rectangular Ribbons

- Loose Ribbons





- Fuzzy Ribbons



## Modeling a Street with Ribbons



## General Process

Some scale	 Area	 Ribbon
Smaller scale	 Point	 Line
Smaller and smaller scale	Void	Void

## Disappearance of a Geographic Object

- Geographic object ( $O$ ) at scale  $\sigma$  noted  $O^\sigma$

$$\forall O \in GO, \forall \sigma \in Scale, G-Type(O) = Area, O^\sigma \equiv 2Dmap(O, \sigma):$$

$$Area(O^\sigma) < (\epsilon_p)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$O^\sigma = \emptyset.$$

Rule 4.1

## Transformation of an Area into a Point

$$\forall O \in GO, \forall \sigma \in Scale, G-Type(O) = Area, O^\sigma \equiv 2Dmap(O, \sigma):$$

$$(\epsilon_i)^2 < Area(O^\sigma) < (\epsilon_p)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow$$

$$\{G-Type(O^\sigma) = Point; O^\sigma = Centroid(O)\}$$

Rule 4.2

## Final Remarks Concerning Geographic Objects

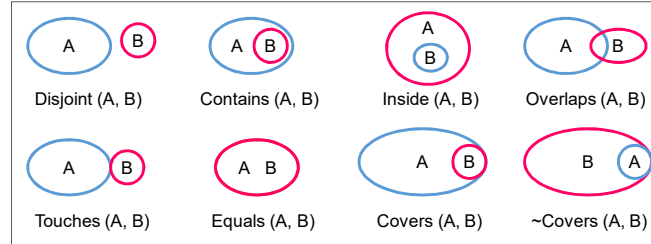
- $GO \equiv \{O_1, O_2, \dots, O_n; n \in N\}$ .
- $O_i \equiv (GeoID_i, G-Type_i, Topo_i, Geom_i, \Omega-Type, (Attribute, Value)^*)$
- $G-Type \in \{Point, Line, Area, Ribbon, Void, Null\}$ .
- Modifiers
  - Crisp* and *Fuzzy* for points, lines, ribbons and areas
  - Oriented* or *Not\_Oriented* for lines and ribbons.



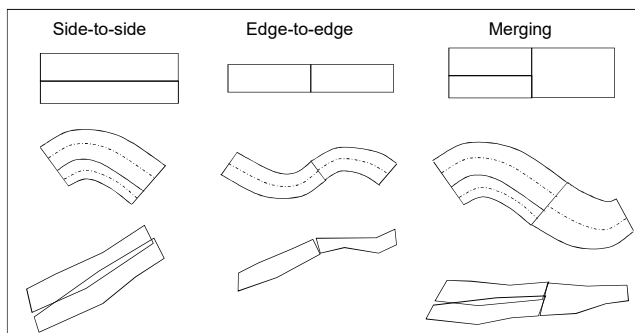
## 2.2 – Geographic Relations

- Not only spatial relations (Egenhofer)
- Geographic relations can vary according to scale
- Ribbon relations

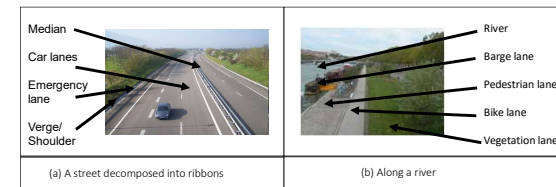
## Egenhofer Relations



## Ribbon Relations



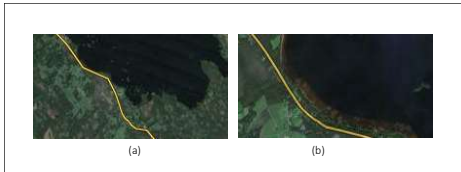
## Examples



*SIDE\_BY\_SIDE (Platform, railways)*  
*SIDE\_BY\_SIDE (Bus\_stop, Bus\_lane)*  
*SIDE\_BY\_SIDE (Levee, River)*  
*SIDE\_BY\_SIDE (Towpath, River).*

## Scales

- According to scale, relations vary



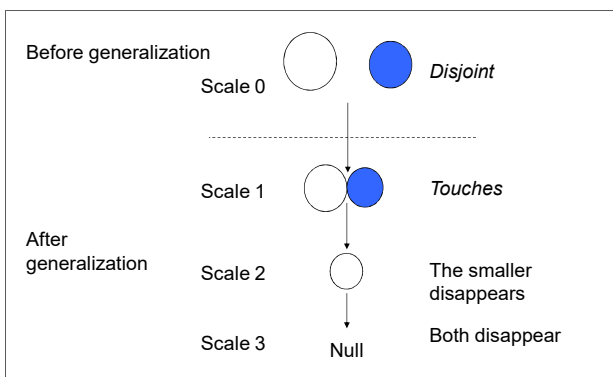
- Touches or Disjoint?



## Mutation of Topological Relations

- Example of Topological Mutation due to Granularity of Interest
- Mutation Table of Egenhofer Relations
- Mutation of Ribbon Relations




## Example of Mutation

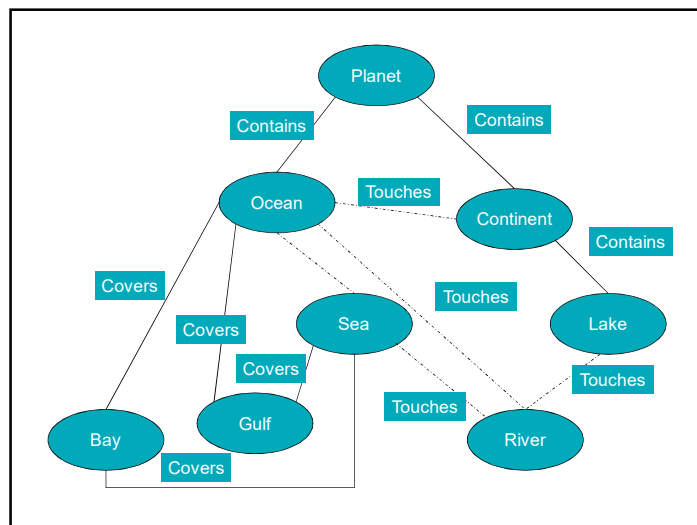
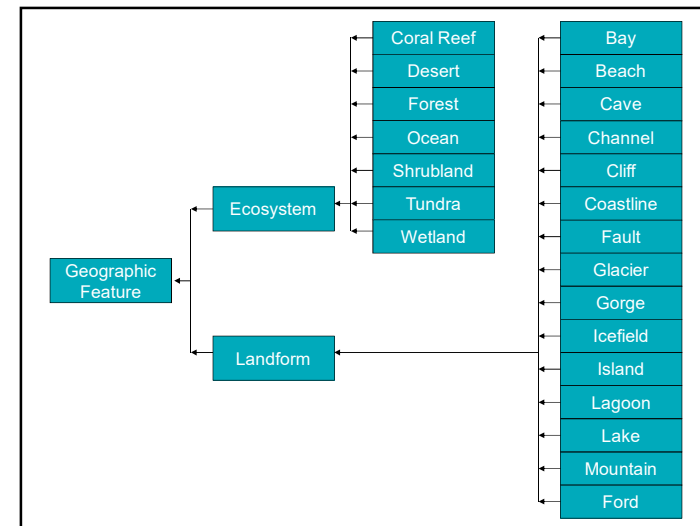


## 2.3 – Geographic Ontologies

- Organizations of geo features
- In addition to relations *“is\_a”*, *“has\_a”*, *“whole\_part”*
  - Necessity of spatial relations

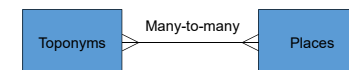
### Example of Ambiguities

French	Picture	English	Spanish	Italian
Quai		Wharf	Muelle	Molo
		Riverside	Avenida a lo largo de un río	Lungofiume
		Platform	Andén	Binario



## 2.4 – Gazetteers

- Placenames / toponyms
- Can change over time
- Multiple translations
- Different places can have same name



- Not only cities, but also streets and landmarks

## Some Problems Regarding Toponyms

- “Mississippi” can be the name of a river or of a state.
- The city, “Venice”, Italy, is also known as “Venezia”, “Venise”, “Venedig”, respectively, in Italian, French and German.
- The local name of the Greek city of “Athens” is “Αθήνα”; read [a’θina].
- “Istanbul” was known as “Byzantium” and “Constantinople” in the past.
- The modern city of Rome is much bigger than in Romulus’s time.

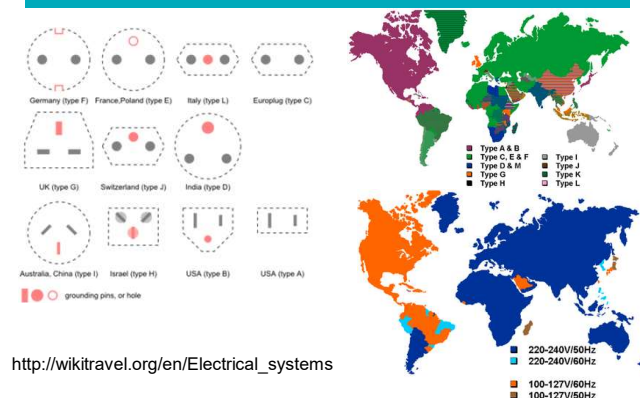
## 2.6 – Geographic Rules

- in the United Kingdom, we drive on the left;
- in Canada, the majority of the population lives along the border with the United States;
- each capital city has an international airport nearby;
- between the two capital cities, in general, there are direct flights;
- in the Northern Hemisphere, the more you are going to the north, the colder (but locally this is not always true).

## Examples of Geographic Rules

- the more you climb a mountain, the colder;
- heavy rain upstream, downstream flooding.
- mosques are oriented towards Mecca;
- if a zone is a swamp, it is necessary to prohibit construction;
- if there is unemployment, the creation of companies or industrial areas must be encouraged;

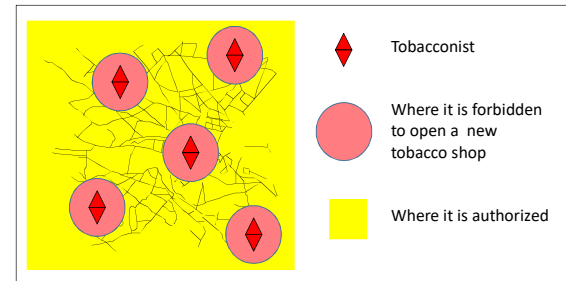
## Decision Trees, Tables and Maps



## Different Types of Geographic Rules

- Applicative rules
  - Urban and Environmental Planning
  - Transportation
  - Tourism, etc
- Generic rules (to ensure reasoning robustness)
  - Quality control
  - Independence from data acquisition devices
  - Taking human languages and reasoning into account
  - Variation according scales (mutation of shapes, relations, etc.)

## Tobacco Shop Rule in France



## Zone Determination

$  \begin{aligned}  &\forall F_i \in GO, \exists Z \in Terr, \\  &G\text{-Type}(F_i) = \text{Point}, G\text{-Type}(Z) = \text{Area}, \\  &\Omega\text{-Type}(F_i) = \text{"Tobacconist"}, \\  &Geom(F_i) \in Terr \\  &\Rightarrow \\  &Geom(Z) = Terr - Union(Buffer(F_i, 500))  \end{aligned}  $	Rule 10.8
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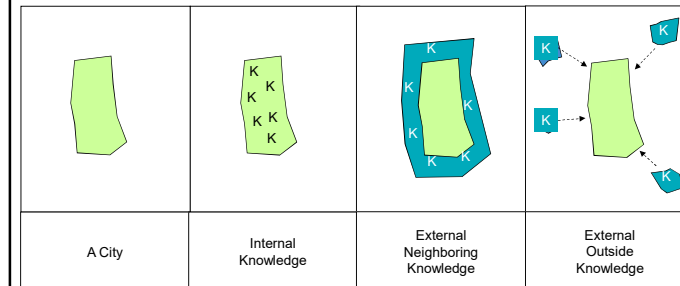
## Urban Planning Rules

- Rule 1: If a zone is a marsh or floodplain then prohibit construction.
- Rule 2: If there is unemployment then support the creation of businesses and/or create industrial zones.
- Rule 3: If a plot is adjacent to an airport then limit the height of the building.

## 2.7 – External Knowledge

- In GIS, usually coverage = spatial extension of the jurisdiction of the owning entity
- Importance of the vicinity
- Two kinds of external knowledge
  - At the vicinity of the jurisdiction
  - Technology watching
- “intra muros” and “extra muros” knowledge

## External Knowledge



## 4 – Conclusions

- 80 % of data in the world have some geographic basis
- Only a rapid presentation of geographic knowledge in urban planning
- Territorial intelligence more complex than business intelligence
- Many additional aspects must be developed
  - 3D, time
  - Computer language
  - Geographic inference engine

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