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CS225: Spatial Computing

Introduction to Spatial Computing

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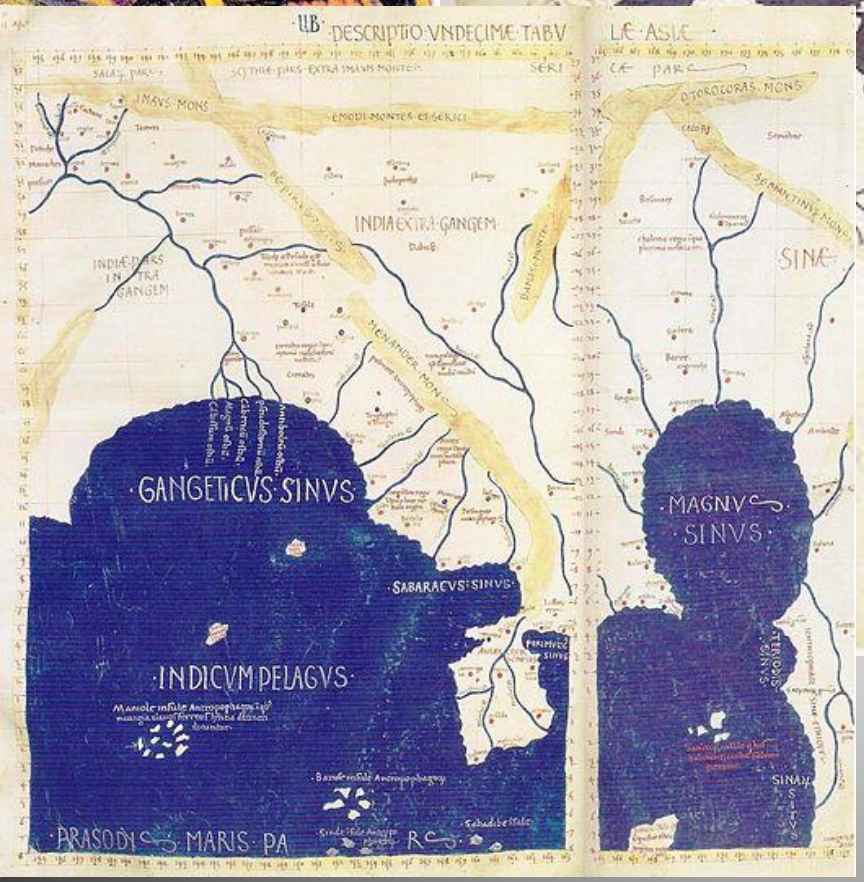

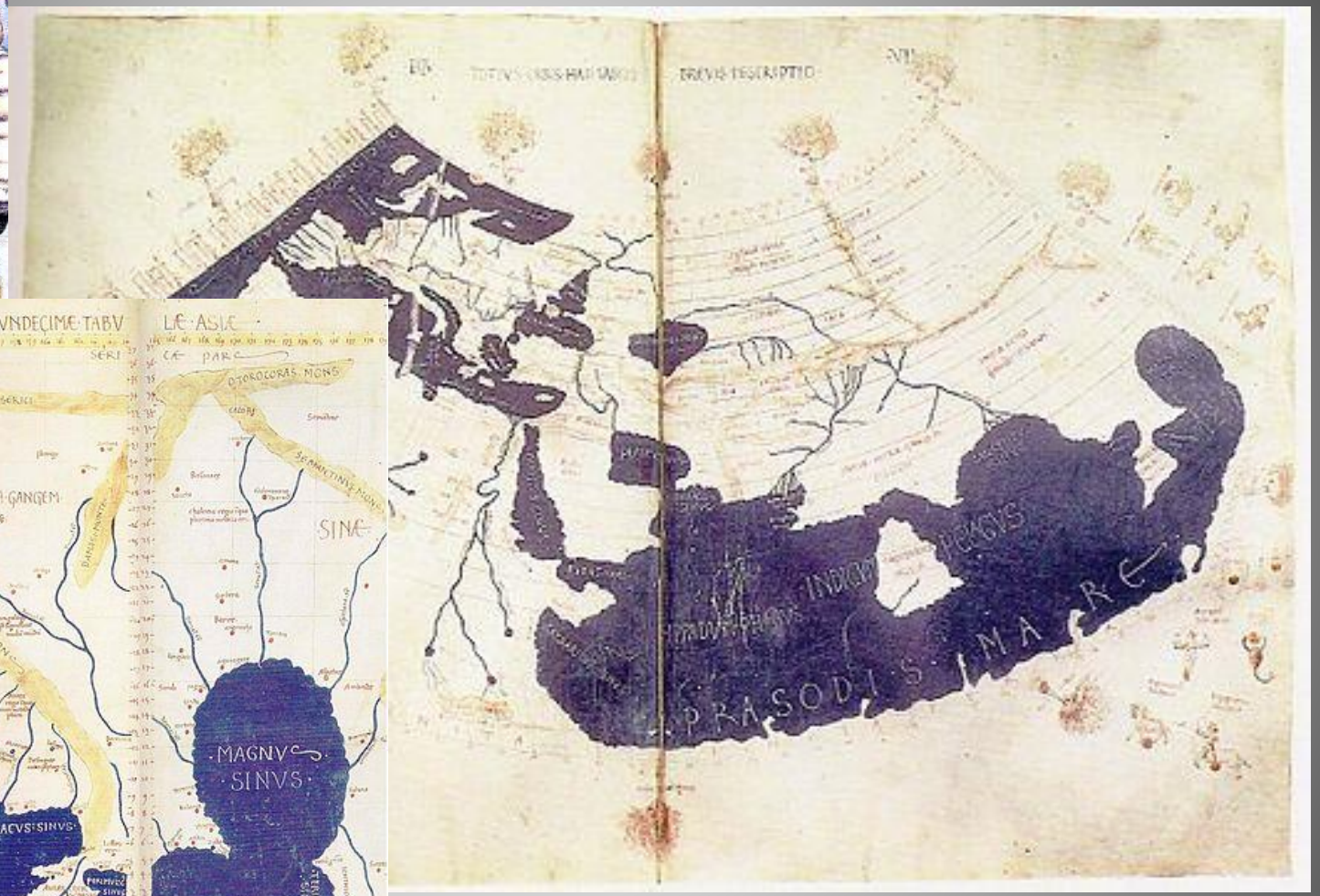

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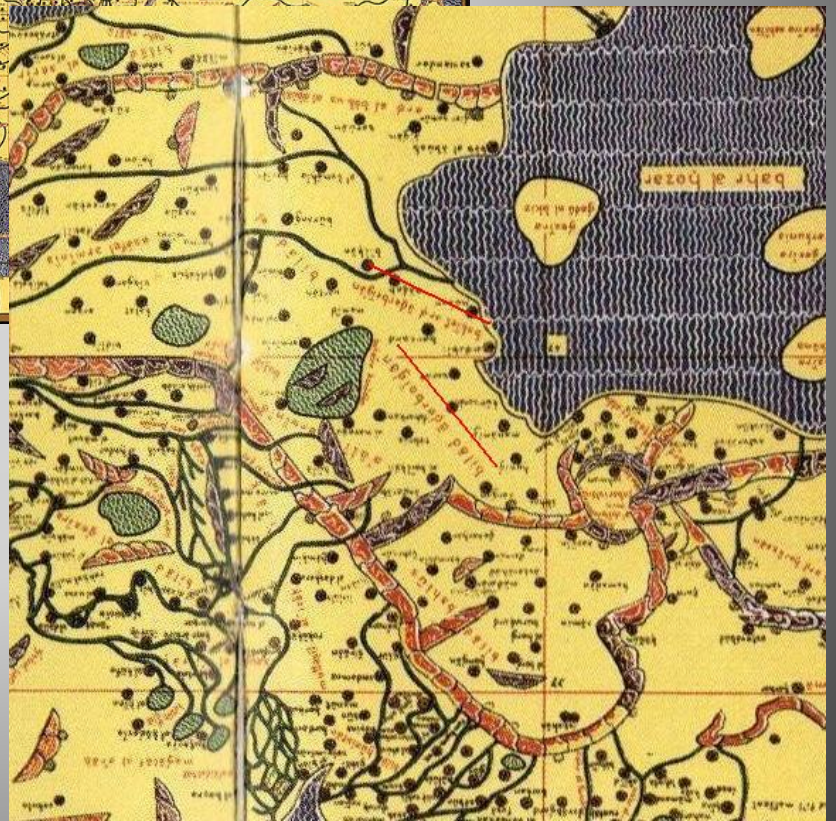

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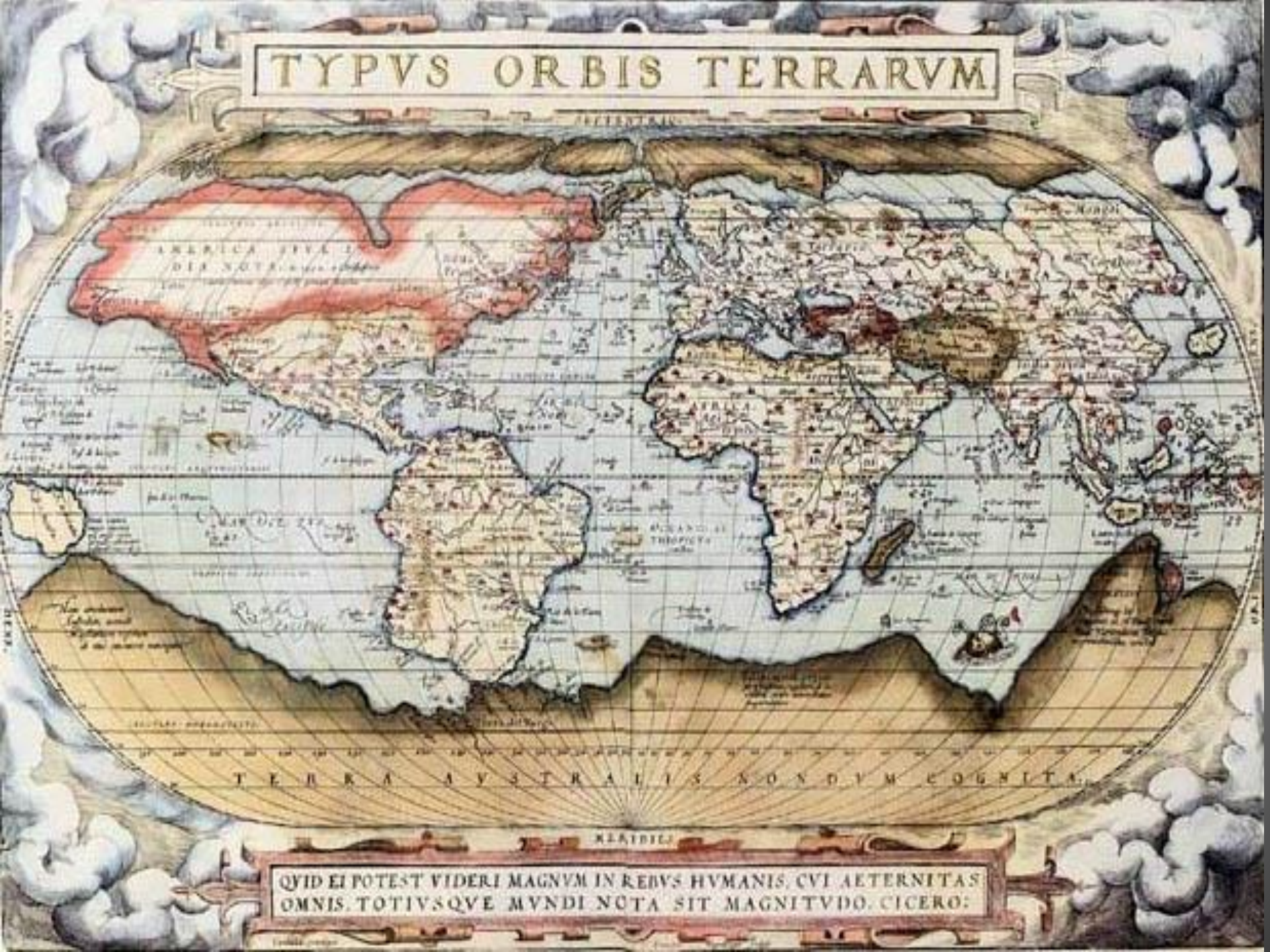
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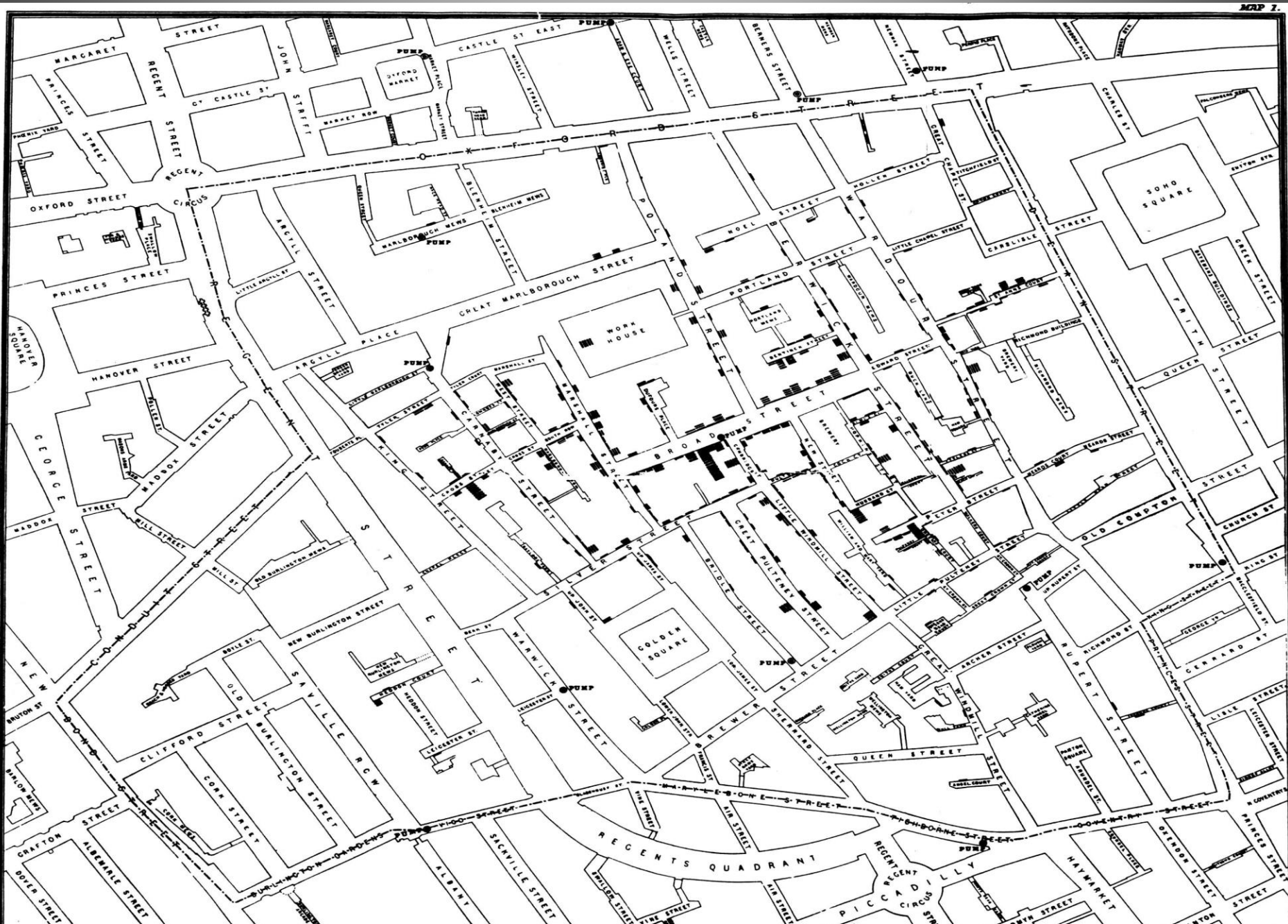
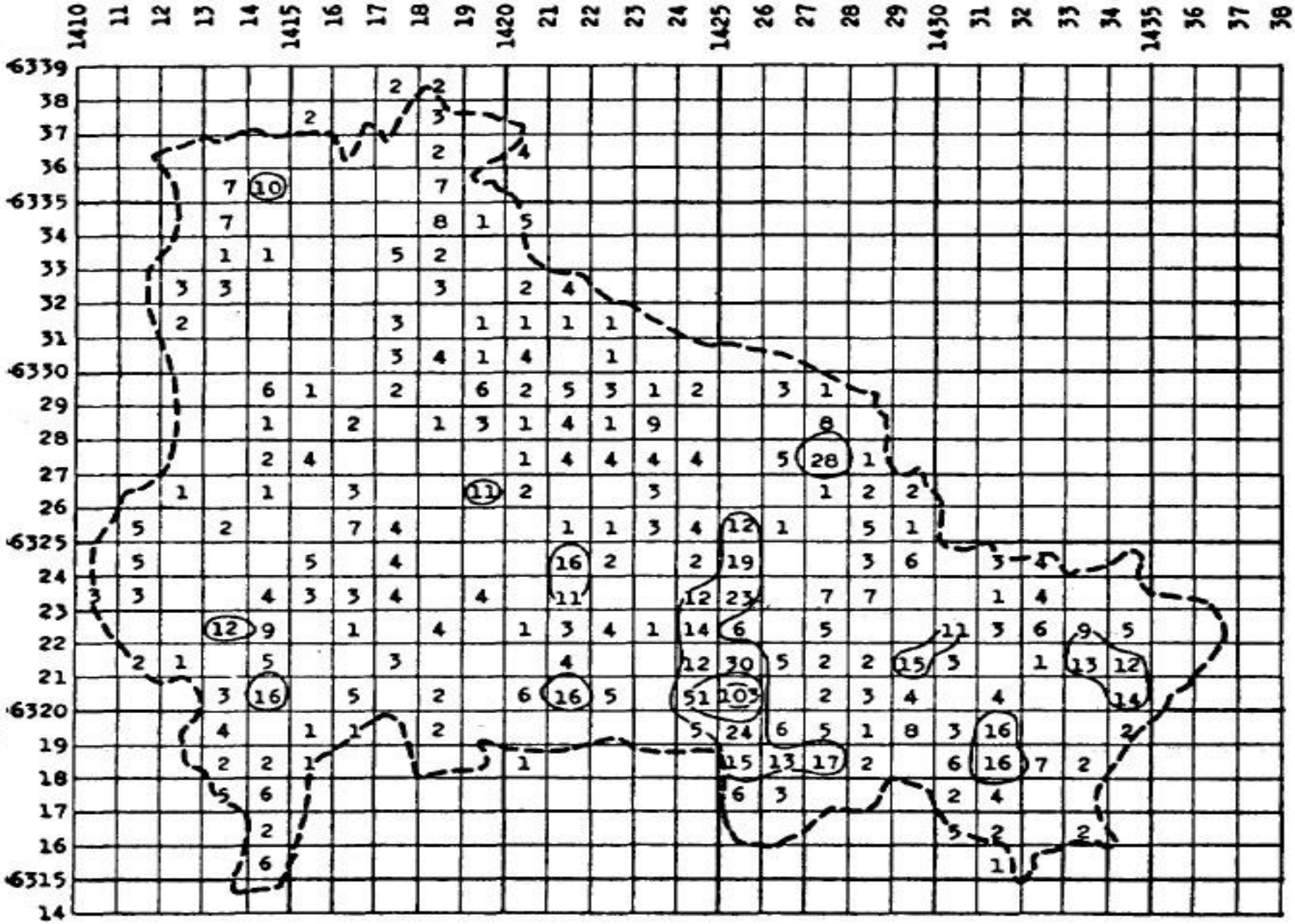
Cholera cases in the London epidemic of 1854





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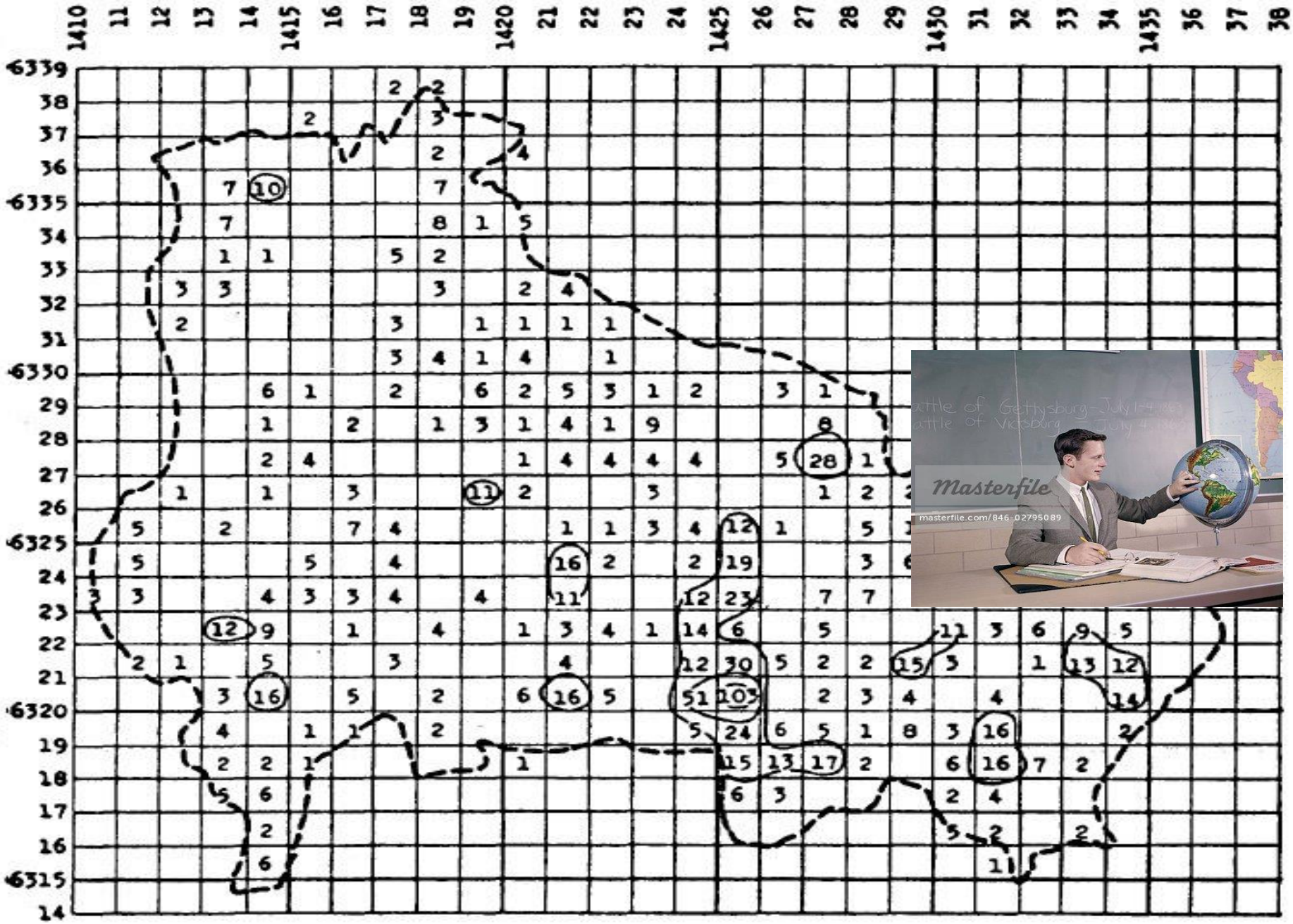

FIGURE 3—Children under 15 years of age in 1940.

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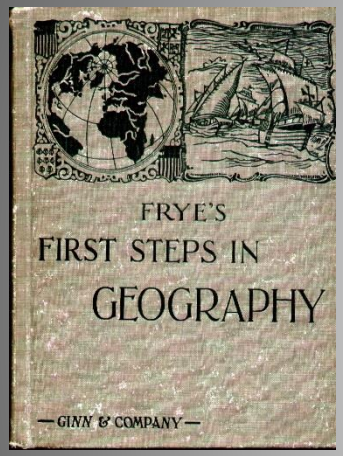
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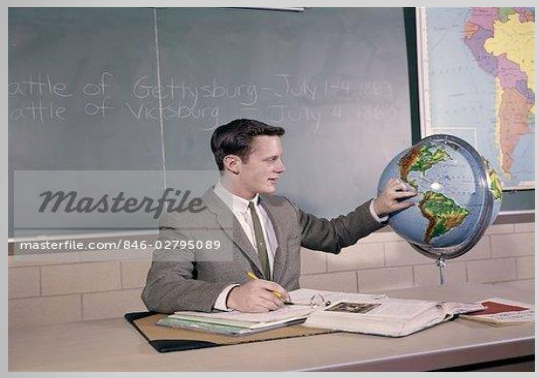
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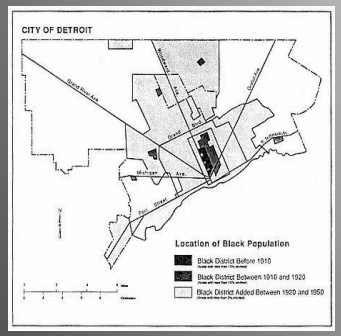
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Location of Black Population
Black District Before 1910
Black District Between 1910 and 1920
Black District Added Between 1920 and 1950

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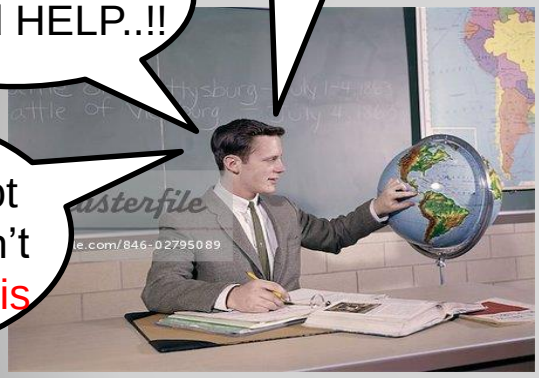

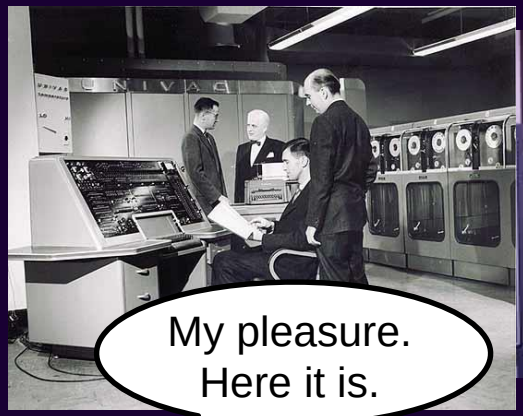

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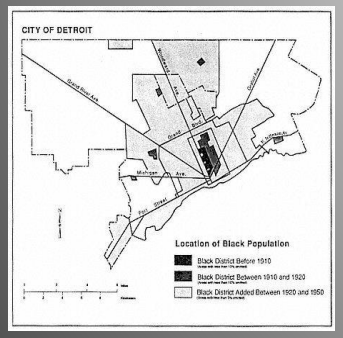

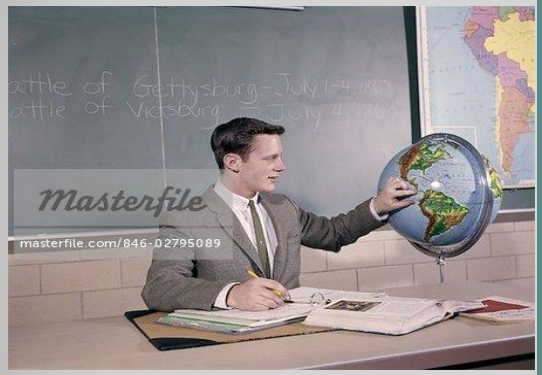
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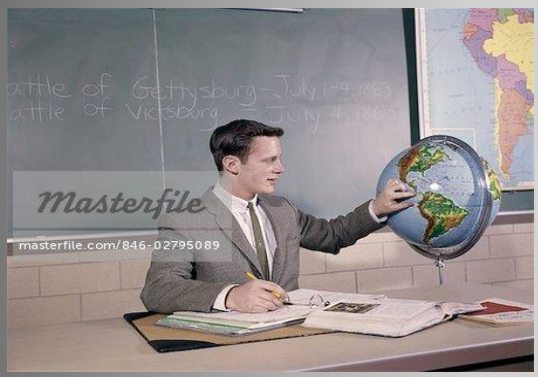

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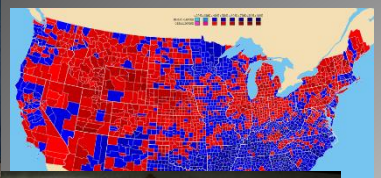

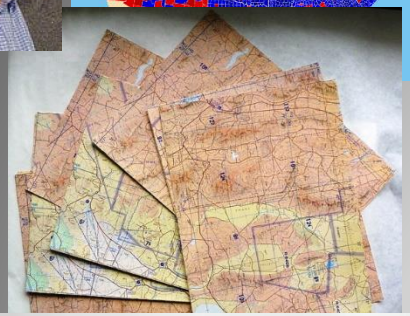

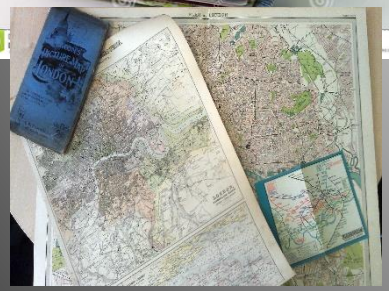

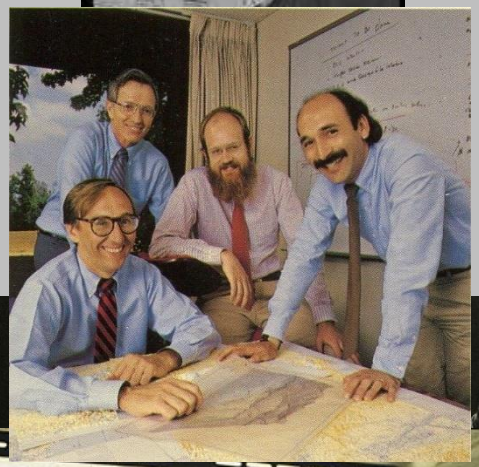

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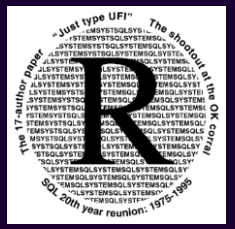
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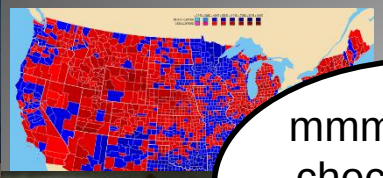

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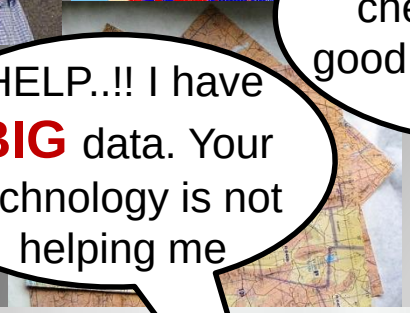

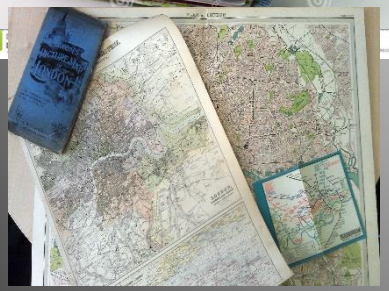

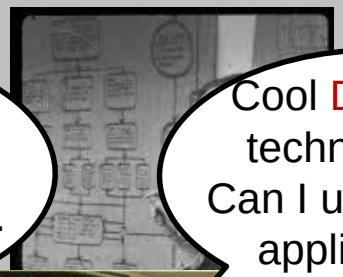

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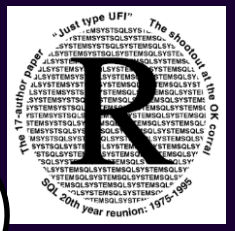

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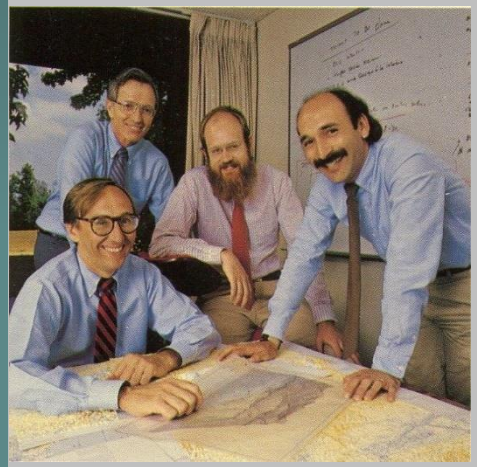

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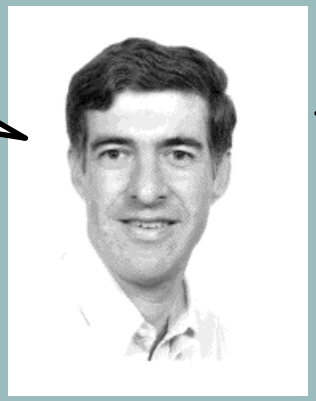

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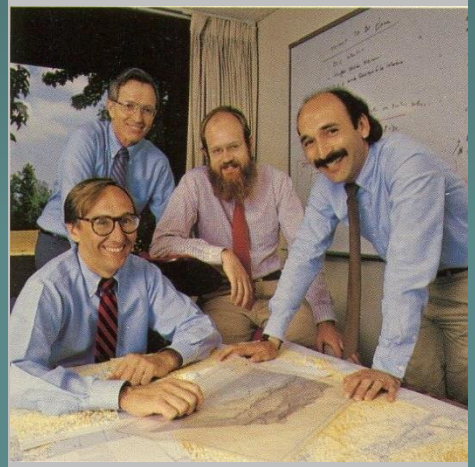

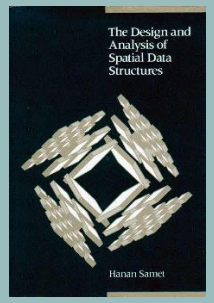

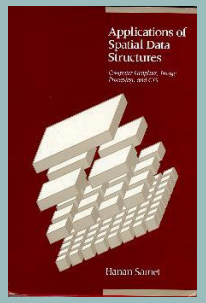

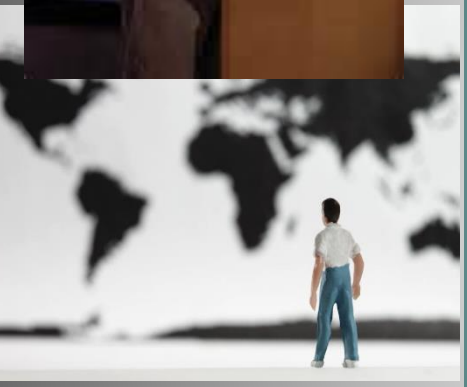

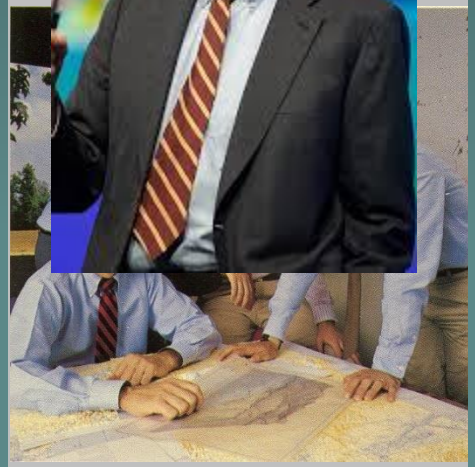

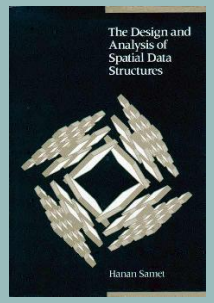
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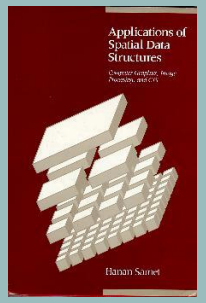
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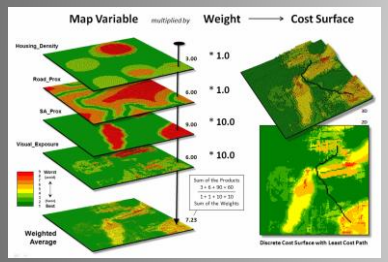
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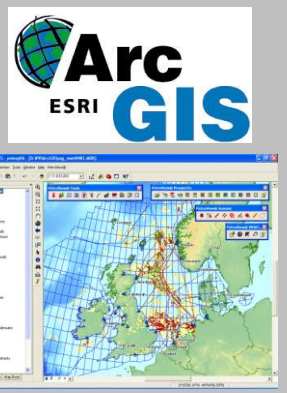

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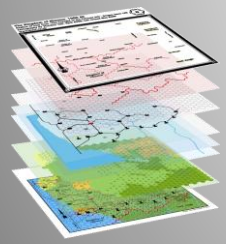

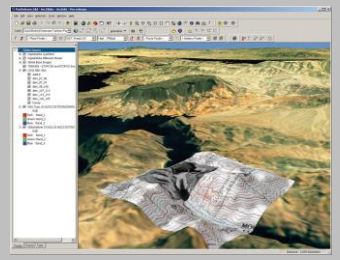

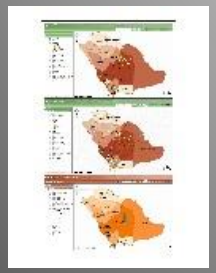

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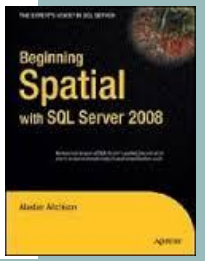
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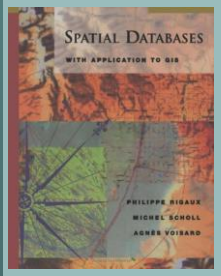
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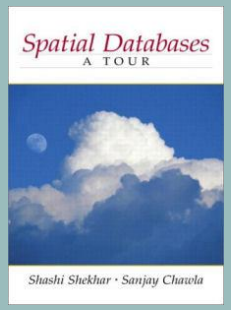
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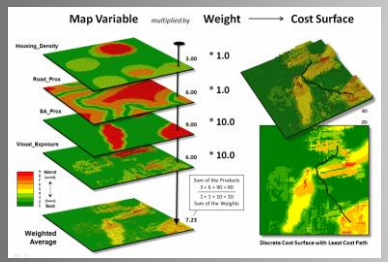
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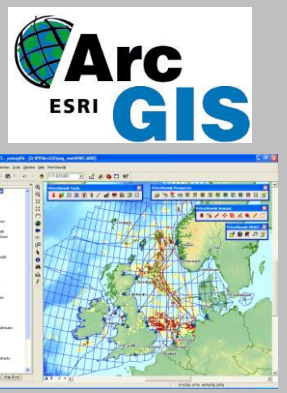

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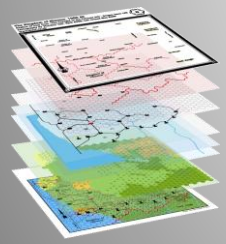

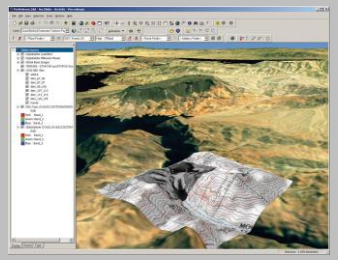

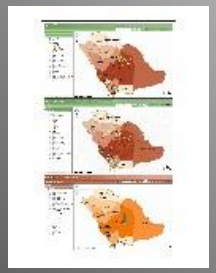

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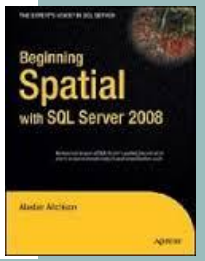
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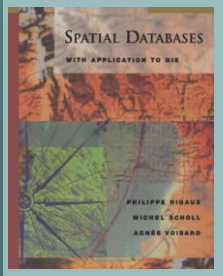
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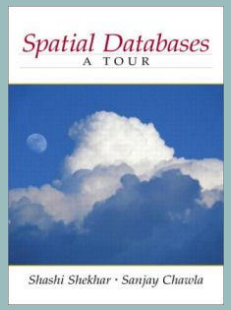
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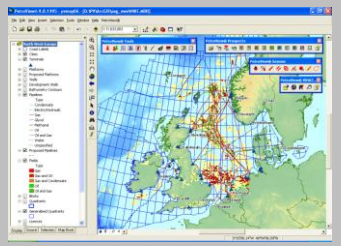

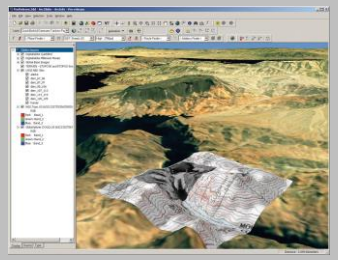

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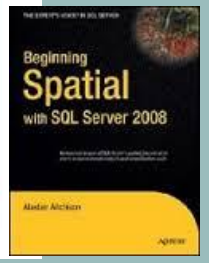

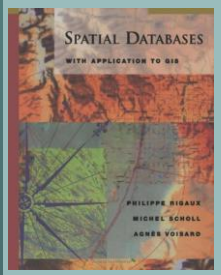

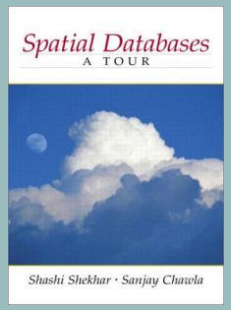

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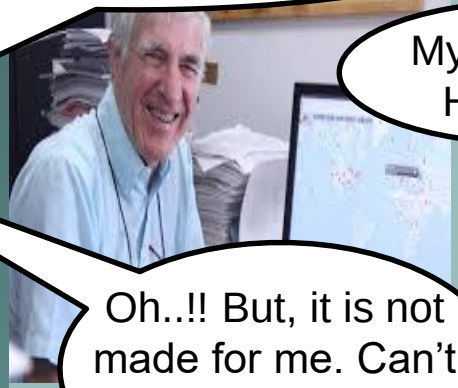
Cool Big Data technology..!! Can I use it in my application?

Sorry, seems like the DBMS technology cannot scale more



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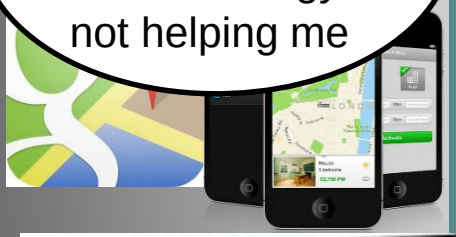

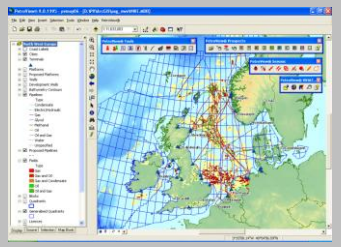

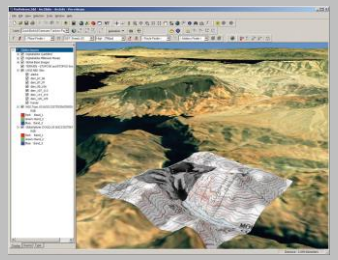

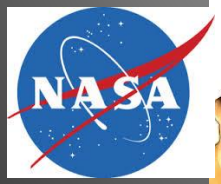

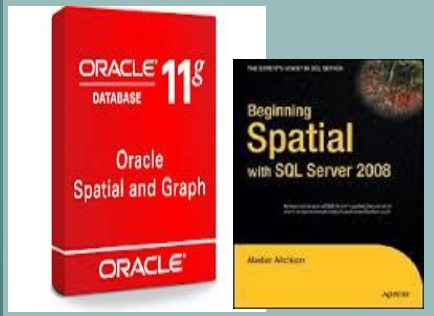

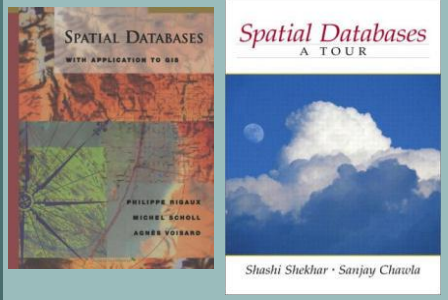

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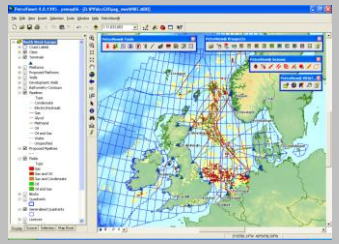

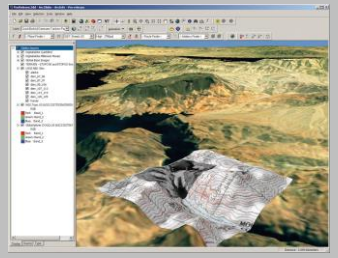

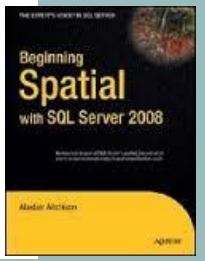

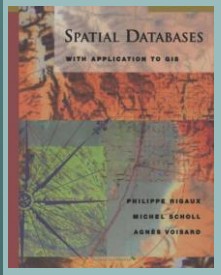

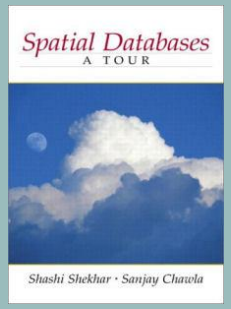

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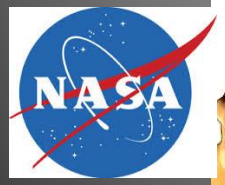

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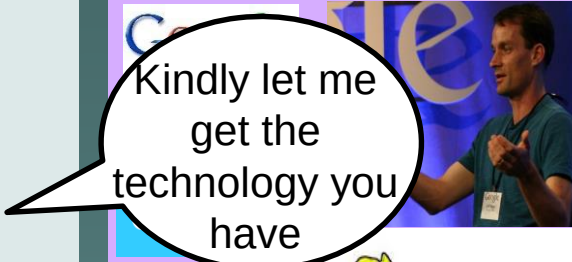
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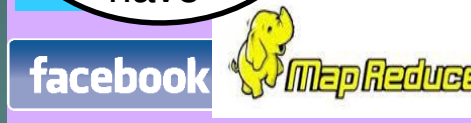
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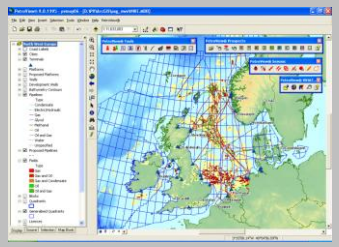

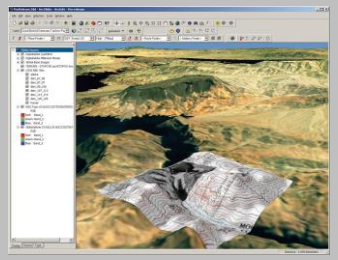

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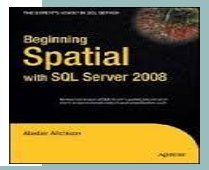
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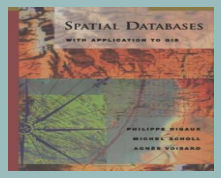
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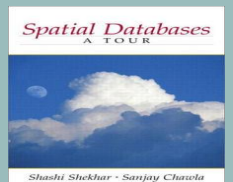
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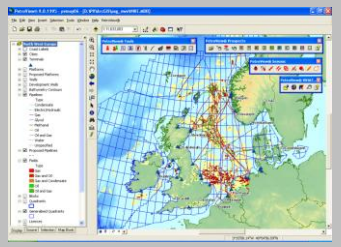

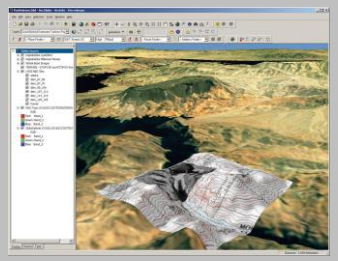

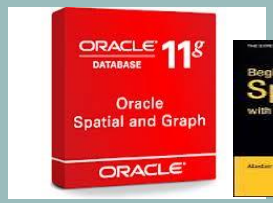

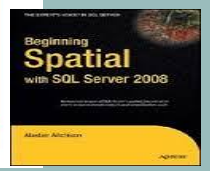

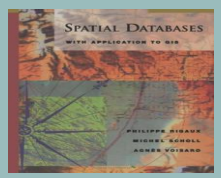

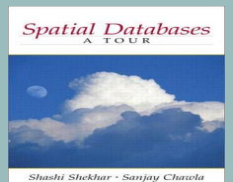

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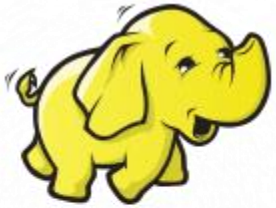

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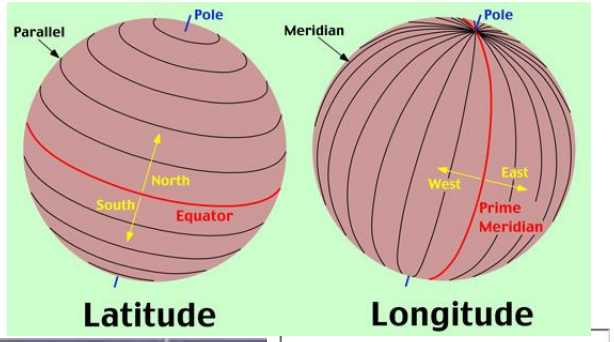

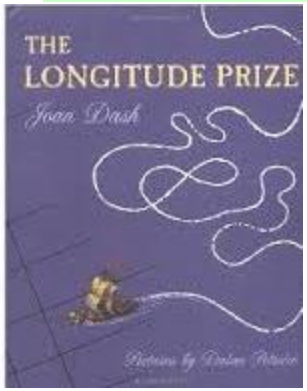

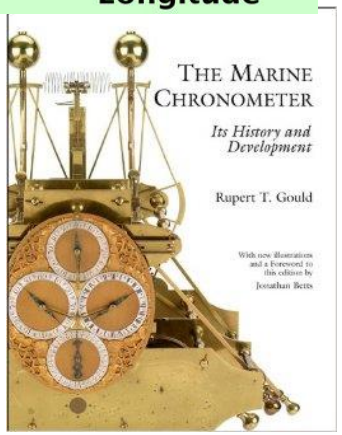

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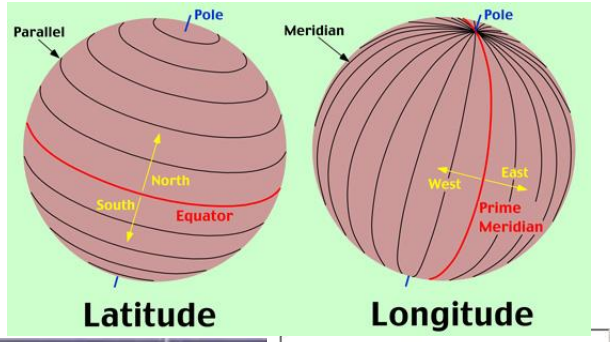

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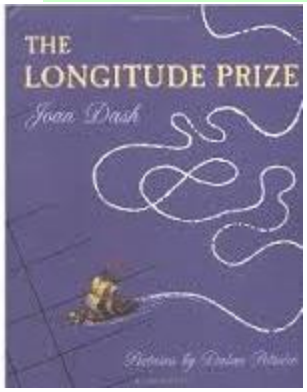

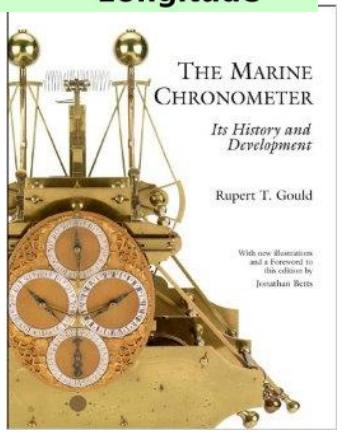

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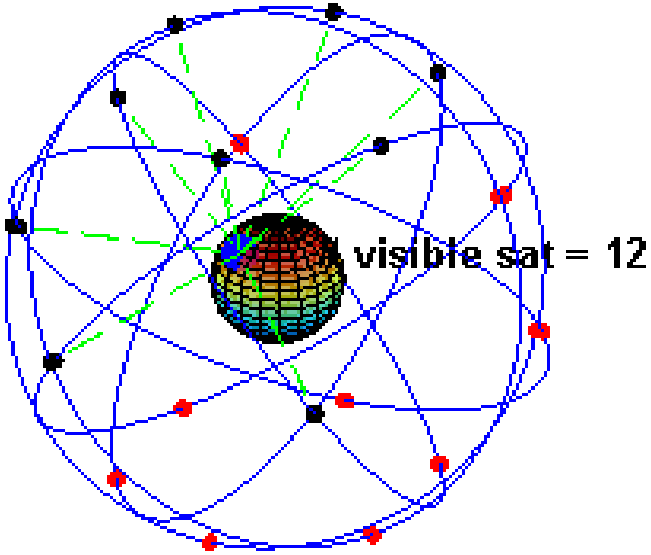

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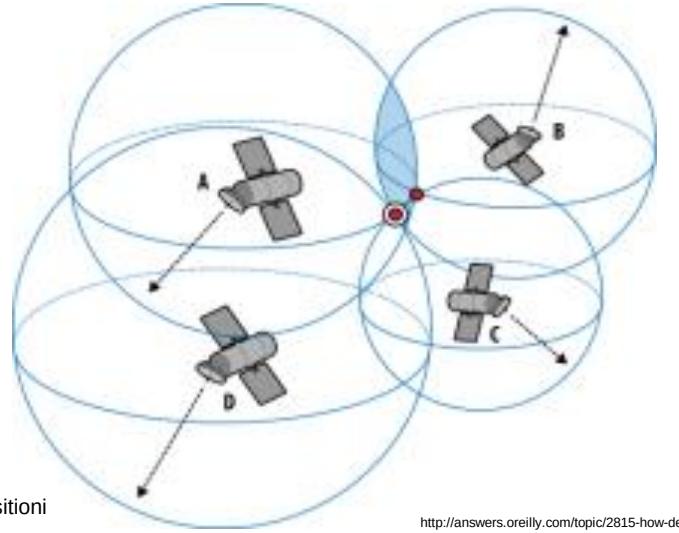

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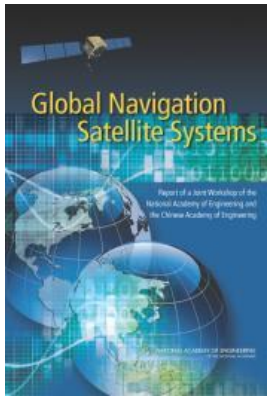

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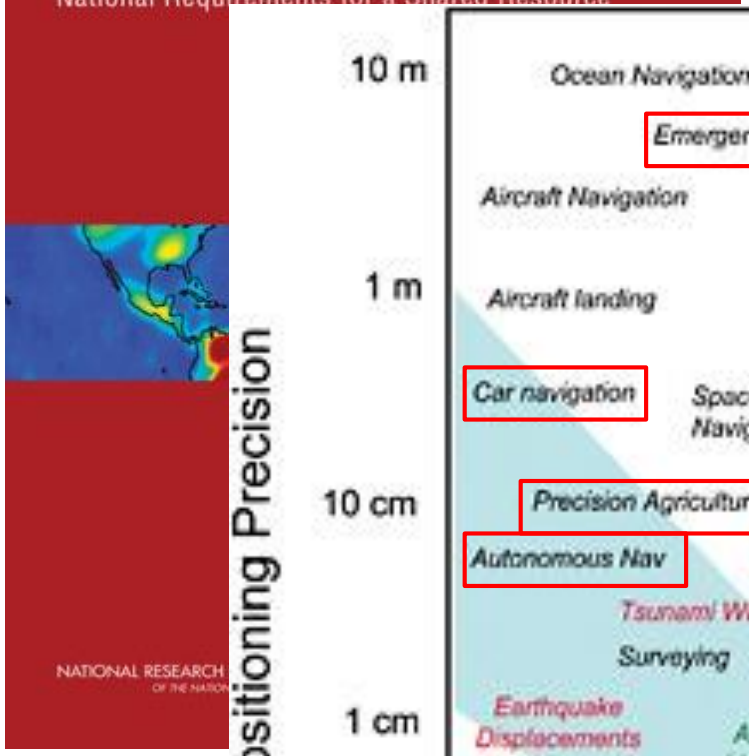

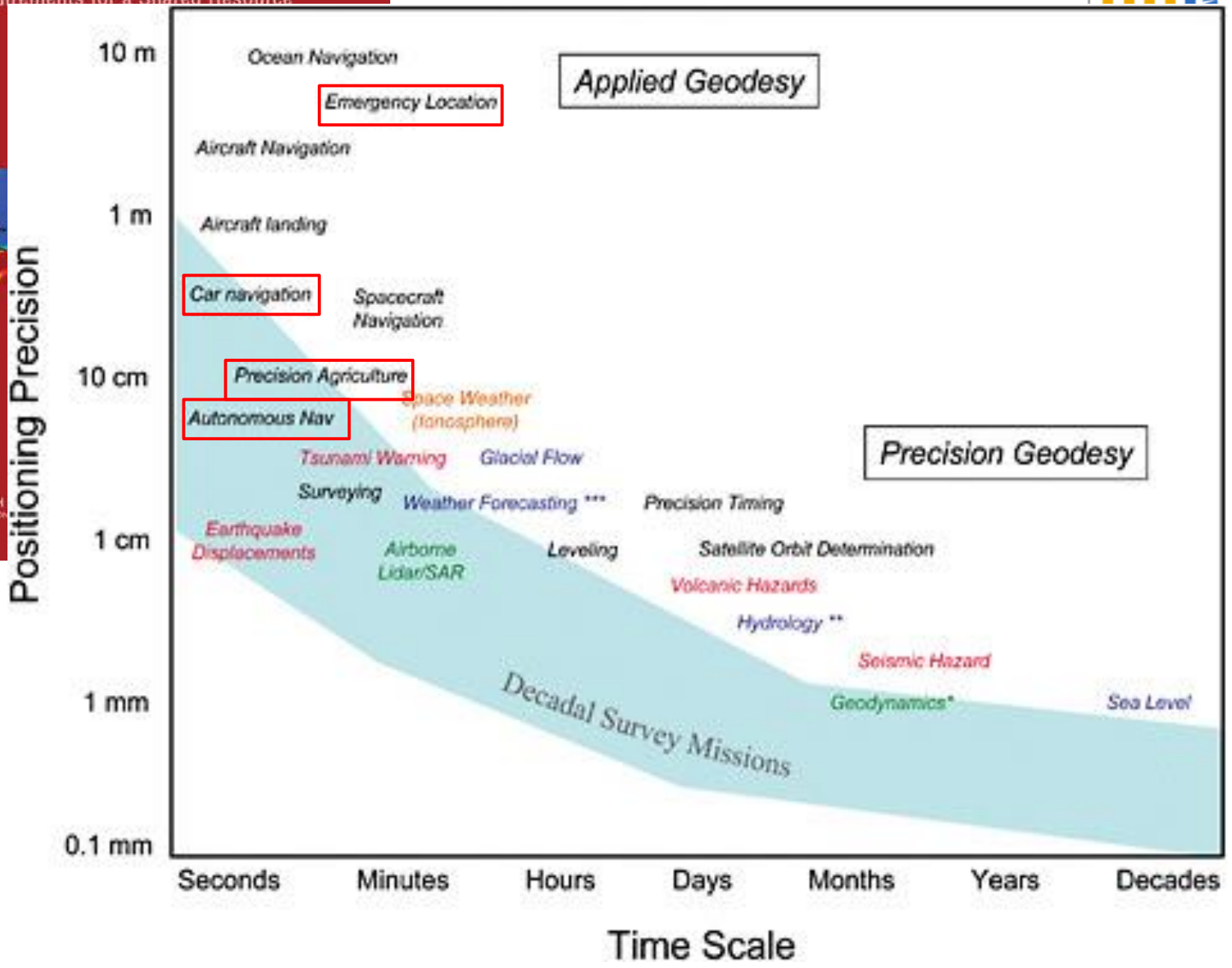

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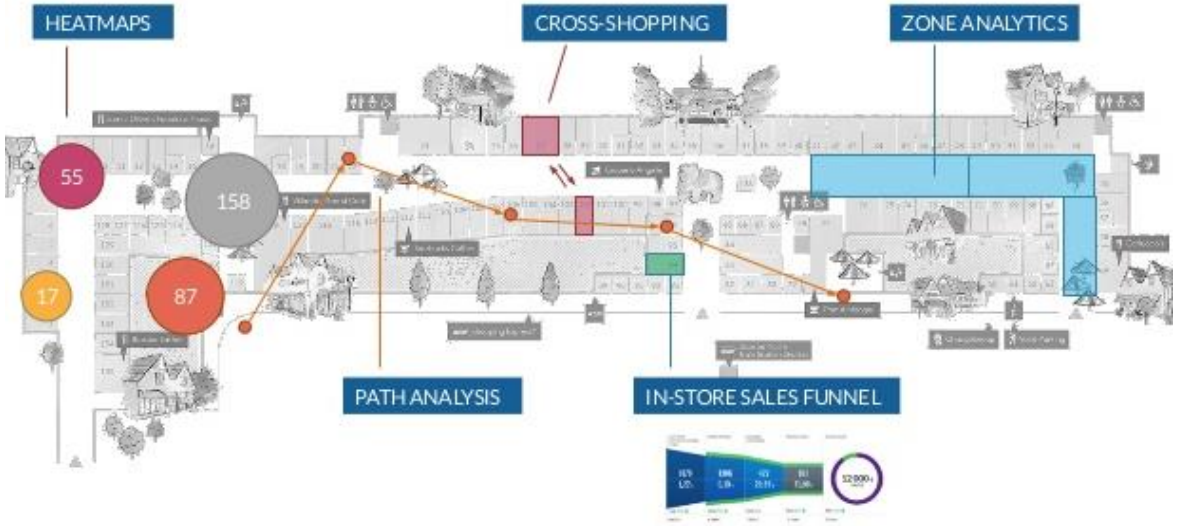

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- How to model indoors for navigation, tracking, hotspots, …?
  - What are nodes and edges ?

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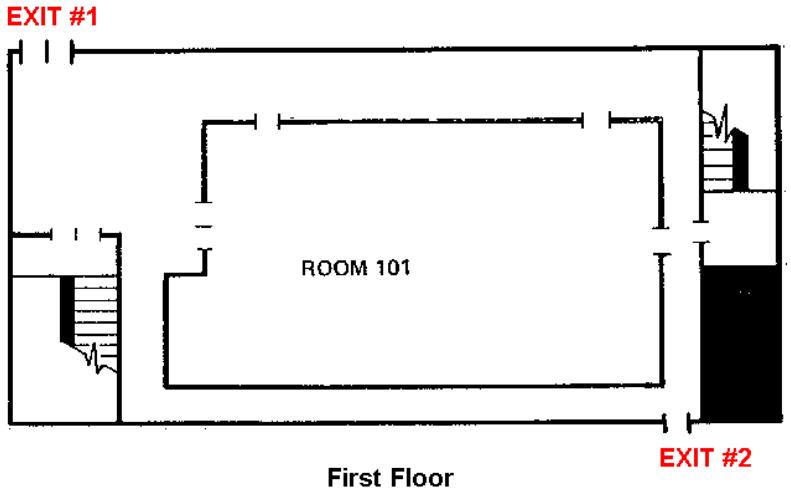

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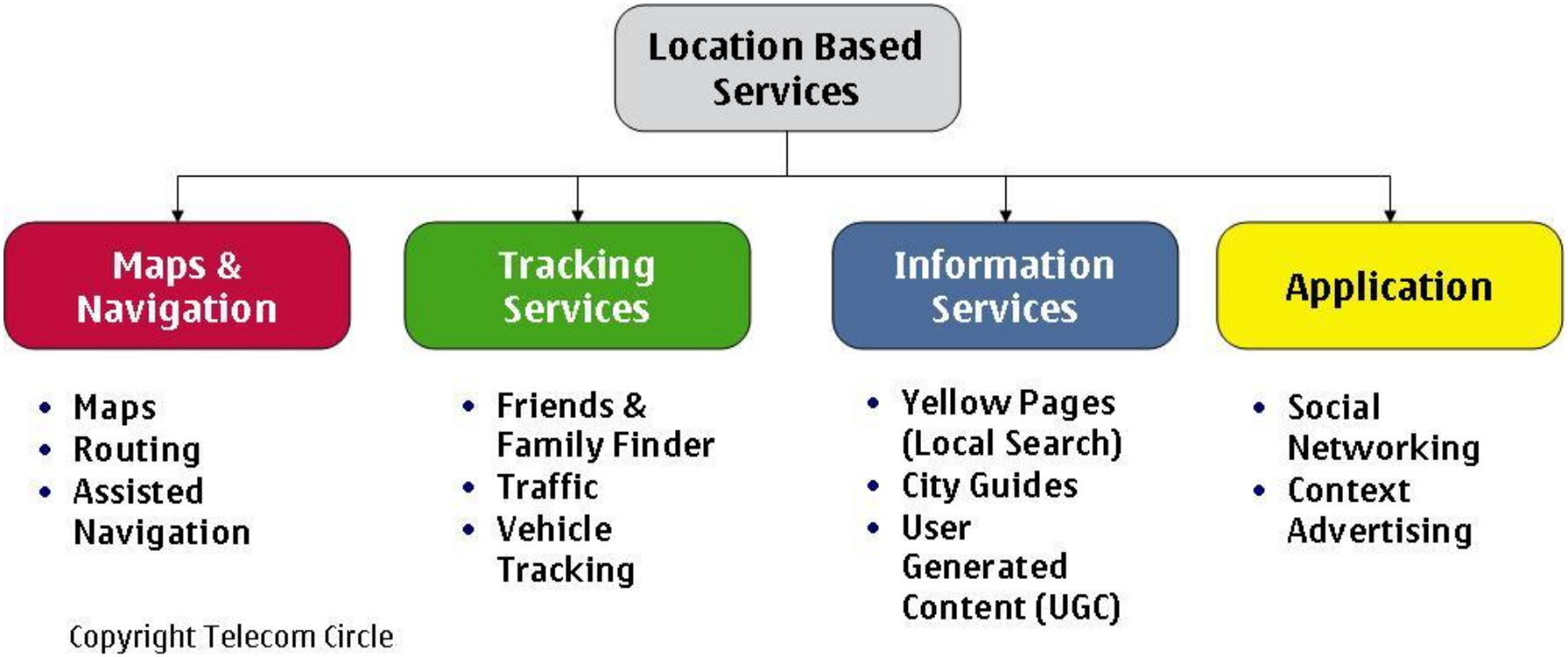
  - Location Sharing: Where am I? (street address, <latitude, longitude>)
  - Directory: Where is the nearest gas station?
  - Routes: What is the shortest path to reach there?



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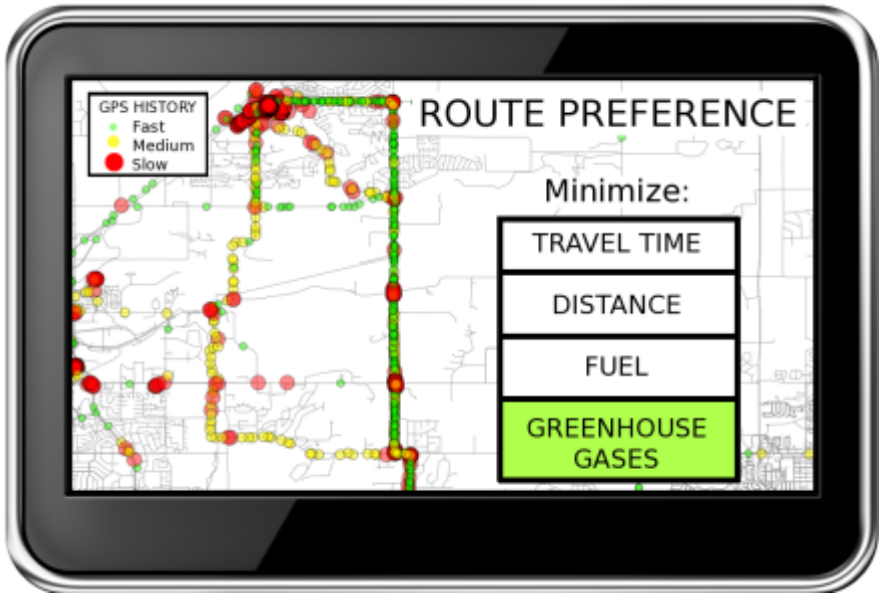

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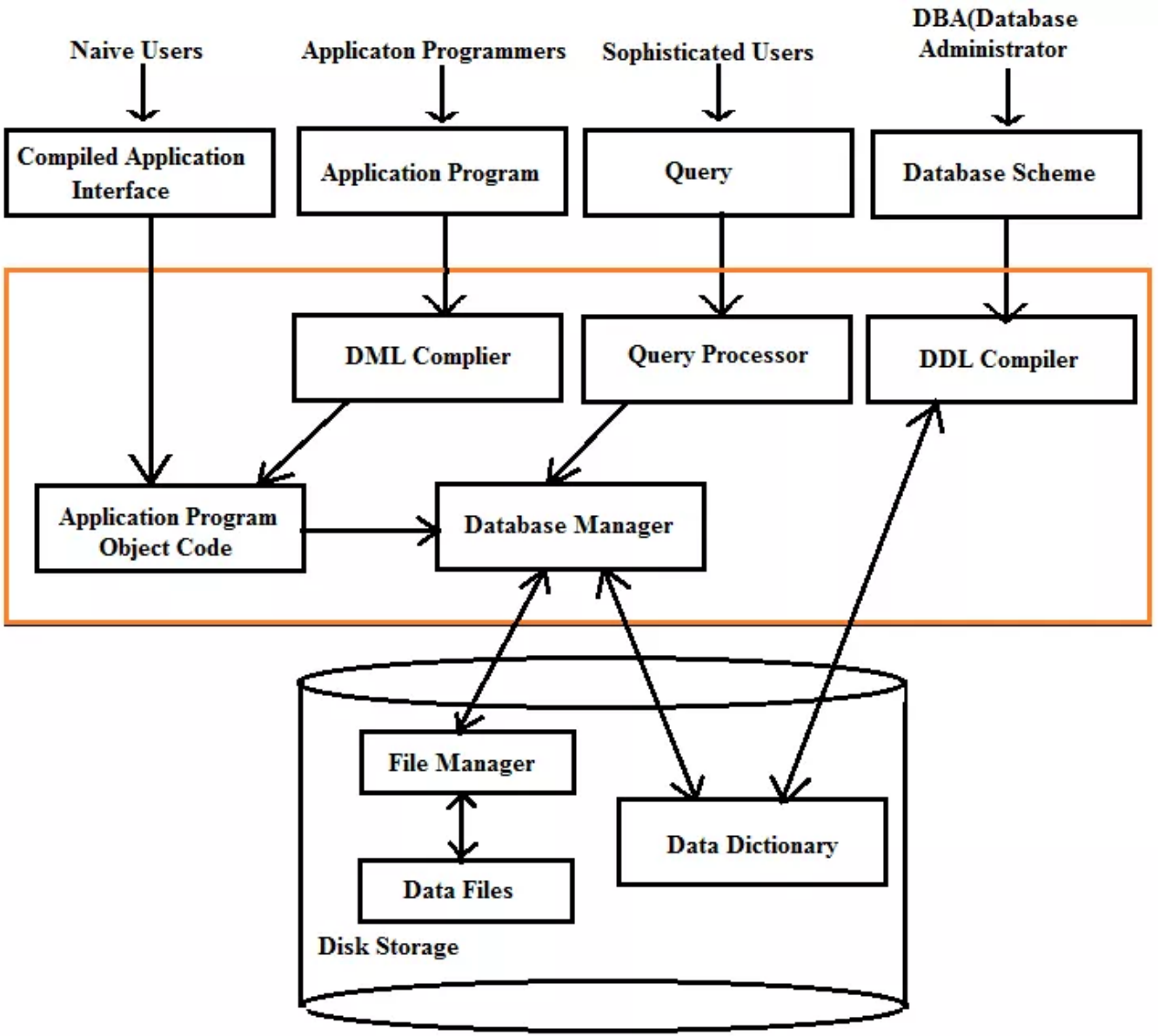

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SDBMS: Spatial Data Examples

- Examples of non-spatial data
  - Names, phone numbers, email addresses of people

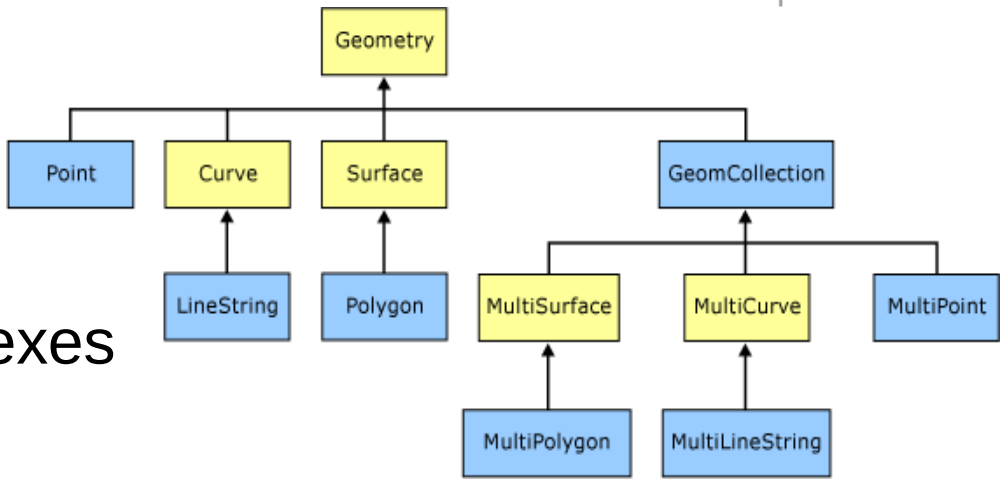
- Examples of spatial data
  - Census Data
  - NASA satellites imagery - terabytes of data per day
  - Weather and climate data
  - Rivers, farms, ecological impact
  - Medical imaging

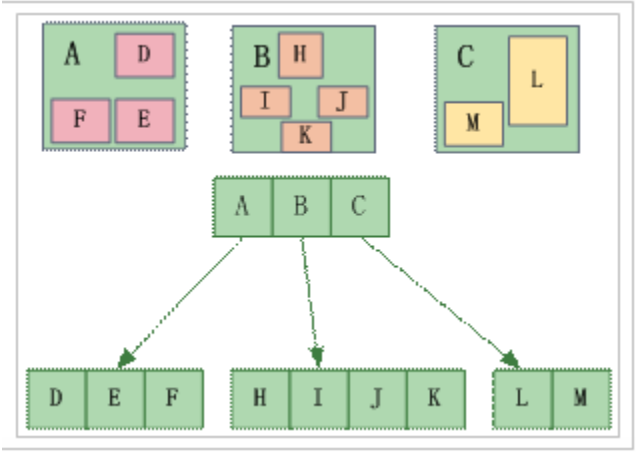
SDBMS: Non-Spatial vs. Spatial Queries

- Non-spatial queries
  - List the names of all bookstore with more than ten thousand titles
  - List the names of ten customers, in terms of sales, in the year 2001
- Spatial Queries
  - List the names of all bookstores with ten miles of Minneapolis
  - List all customers who live in Tennessee and its adjoining states

Components of an SDBMS

- Spatial data model
- Query language
- Query processing
- File organization and indexes
- Query optimization, etc.





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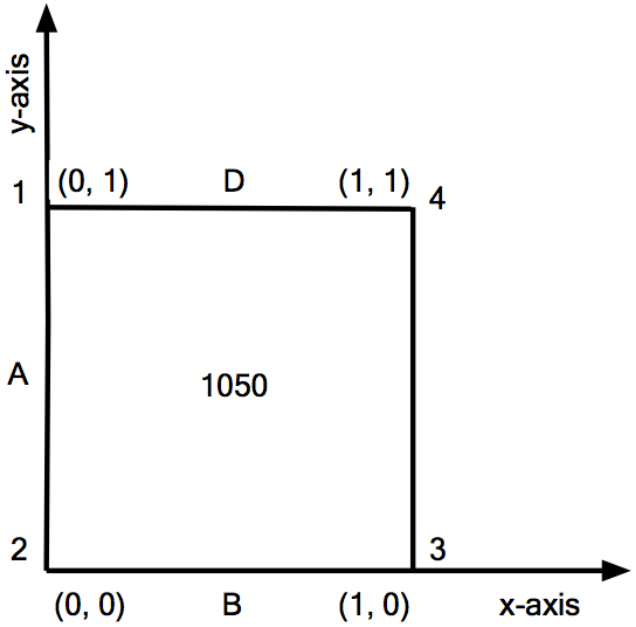

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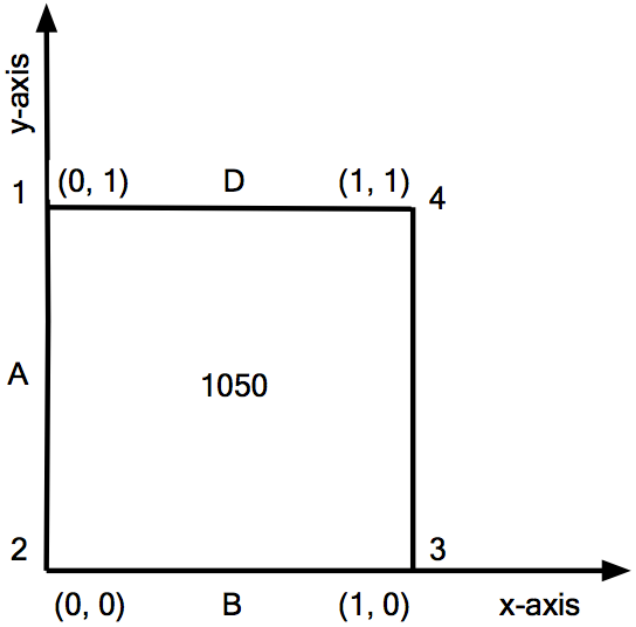

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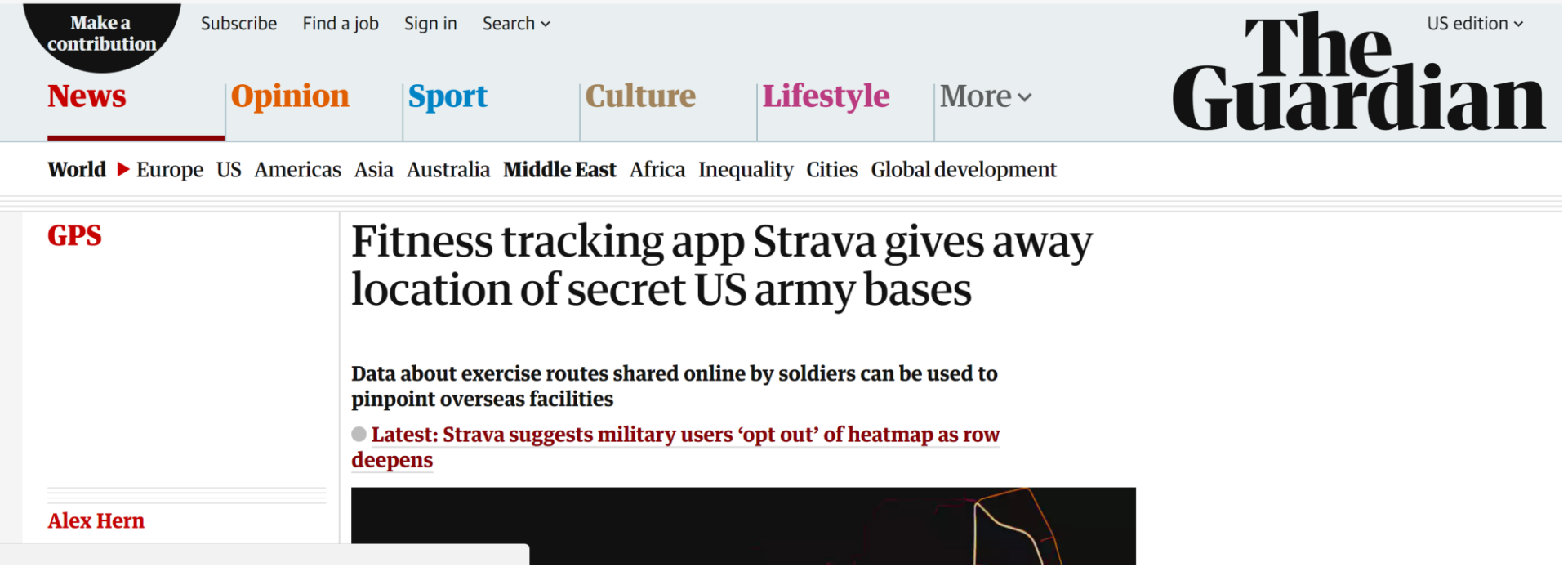

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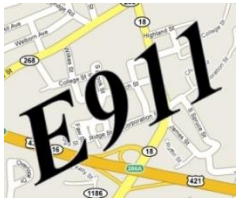

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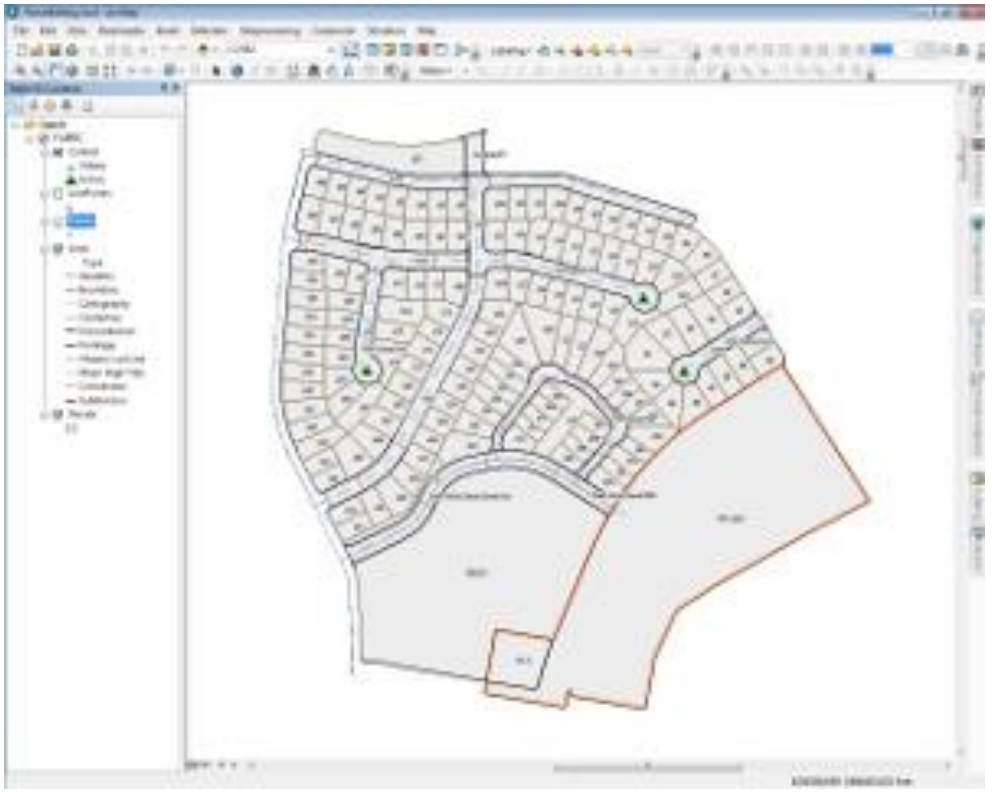

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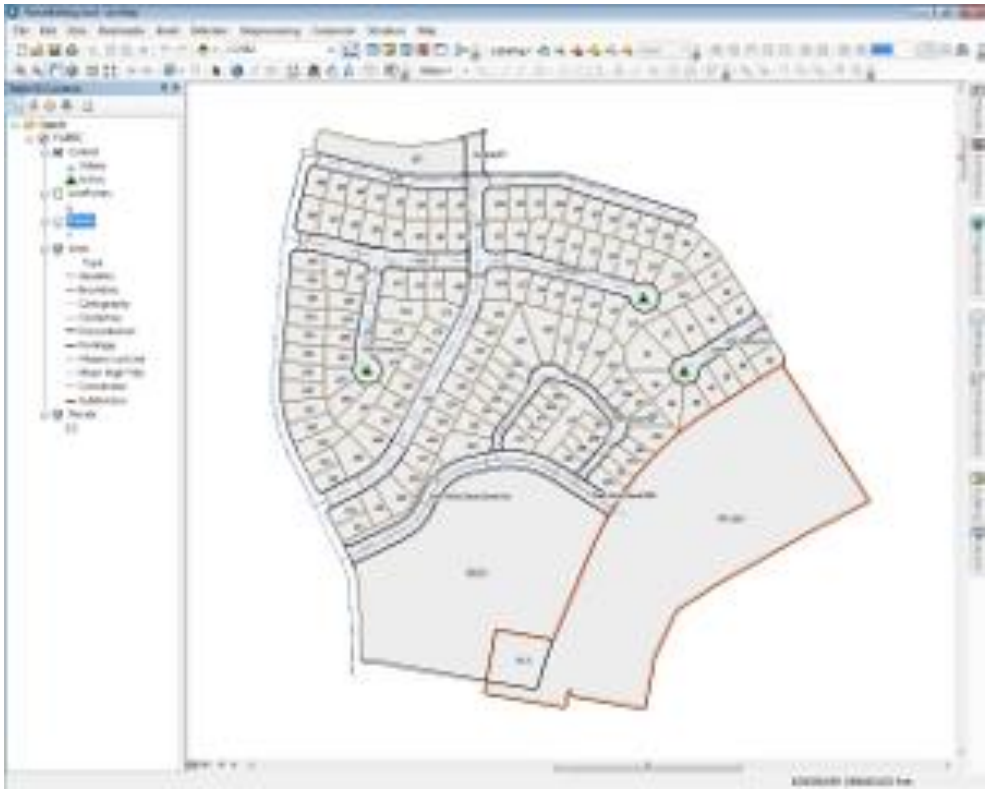

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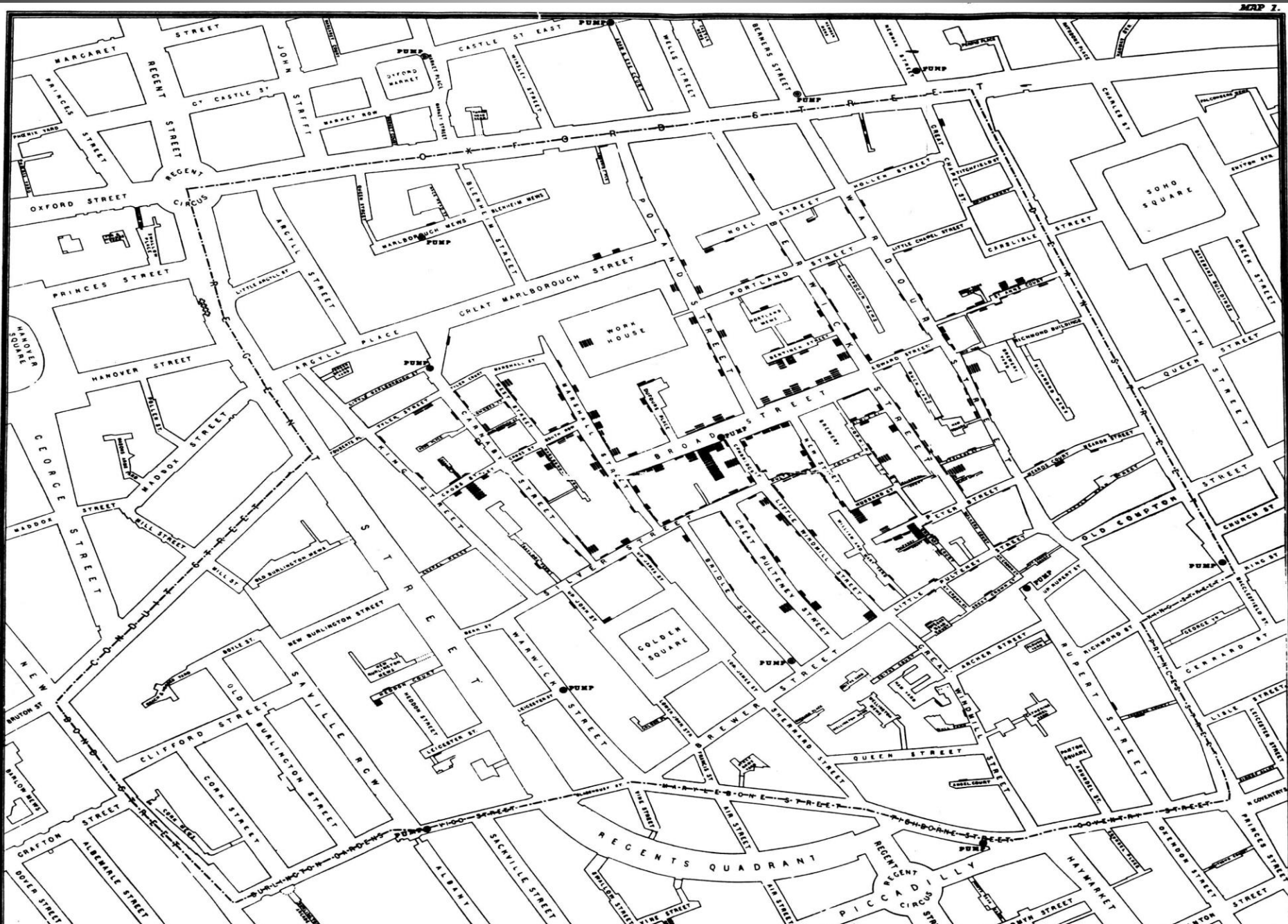

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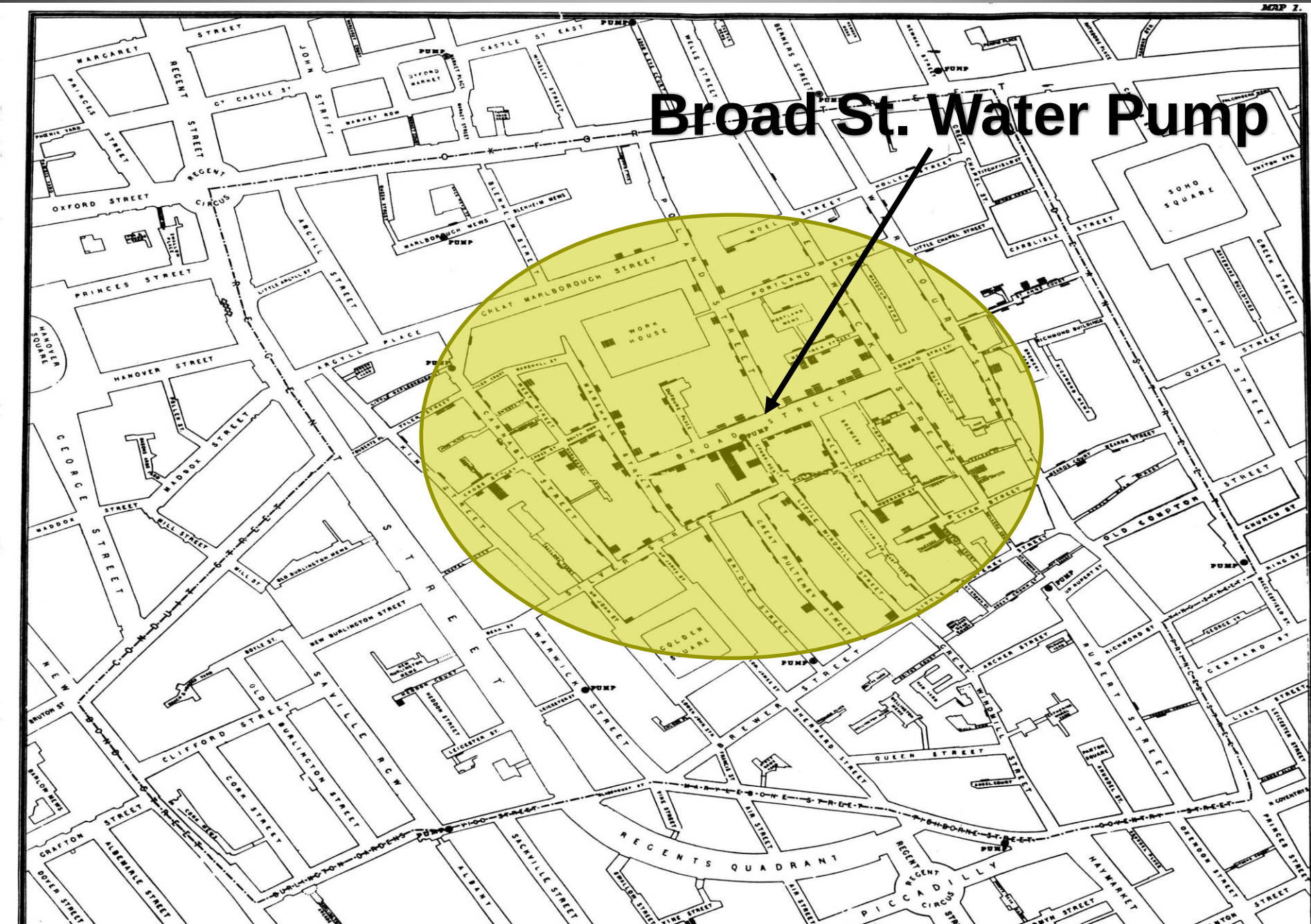

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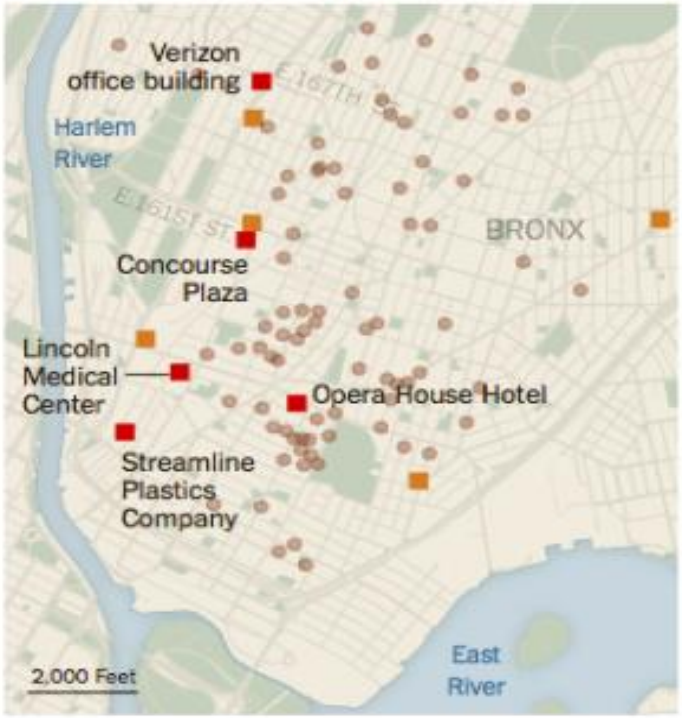

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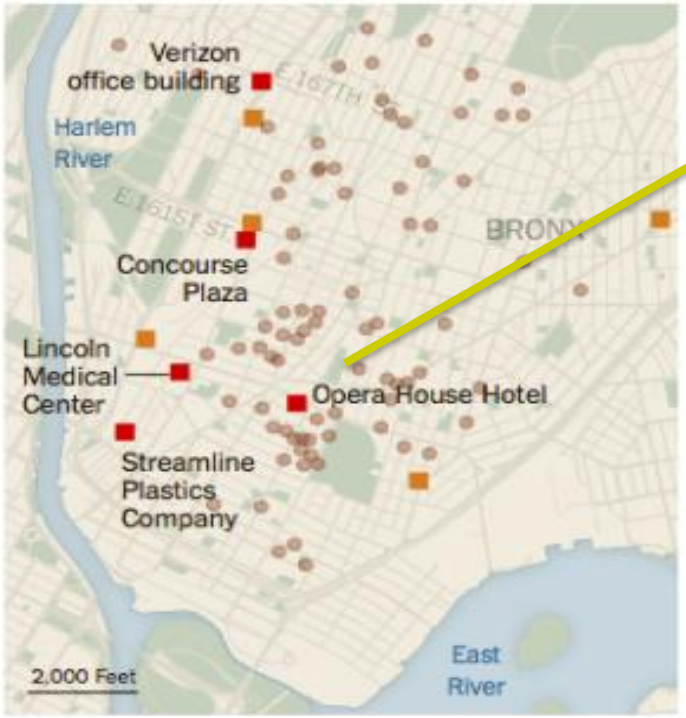

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Spatial Statistics

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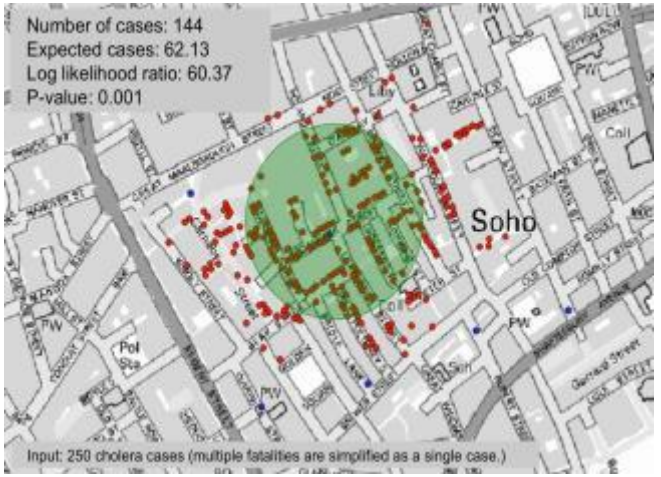

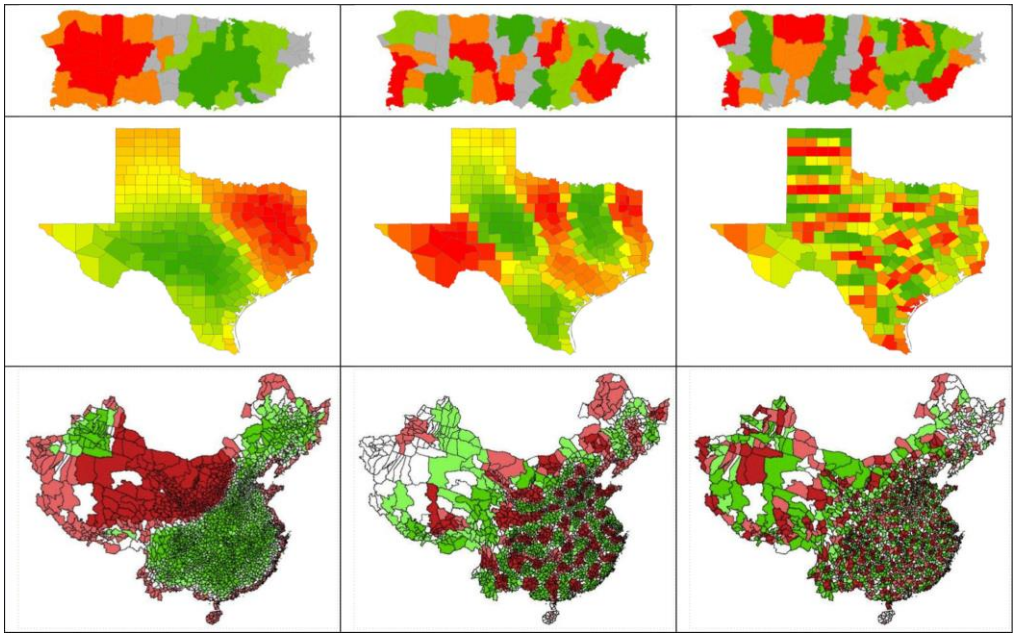

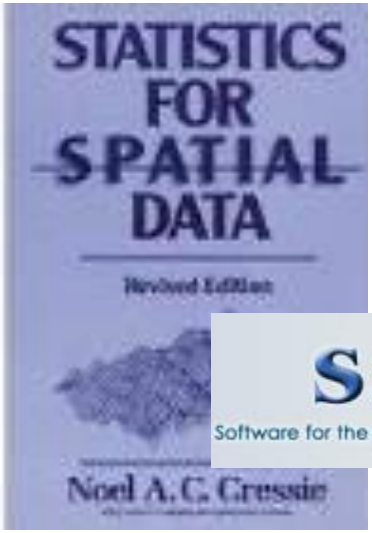

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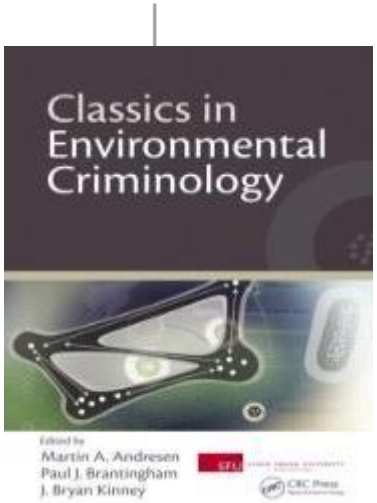

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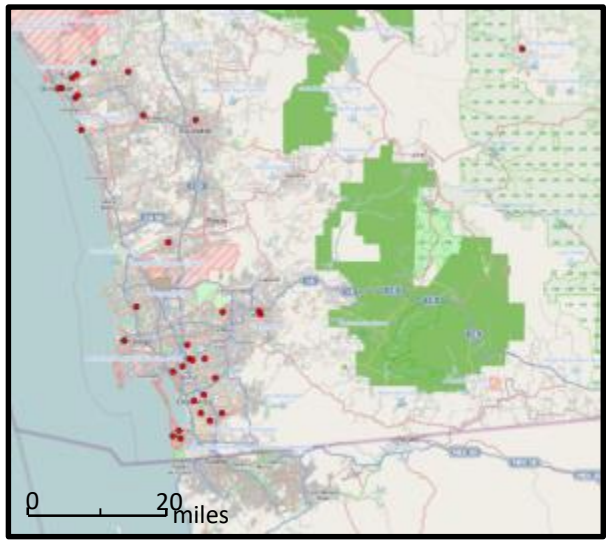

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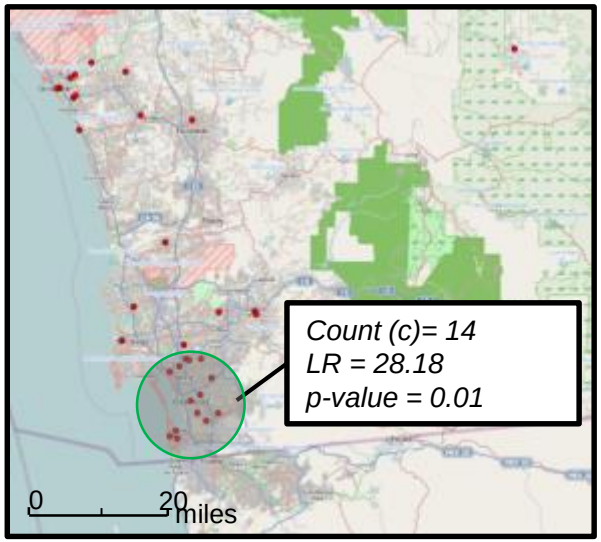

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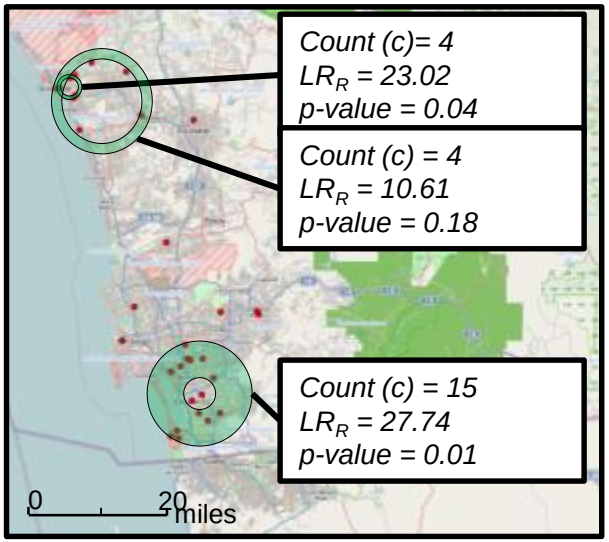

Green: Rings with LR >10 & p-value < 0.20

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Location Prediction: nesting sites

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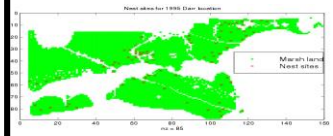

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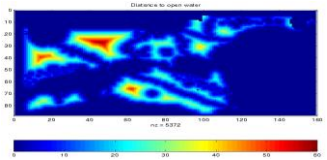

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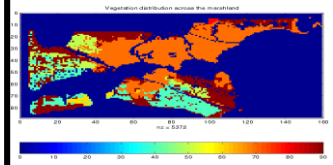

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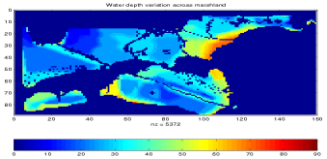

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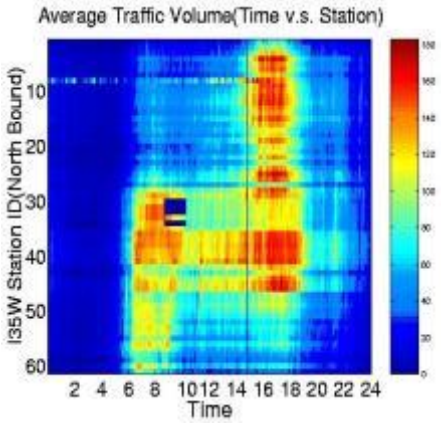

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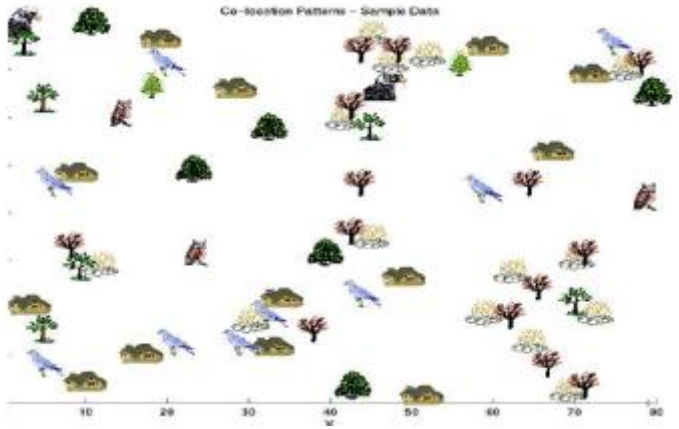

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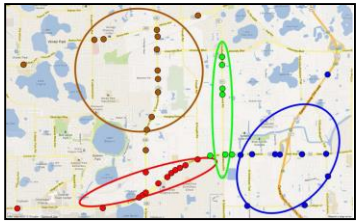

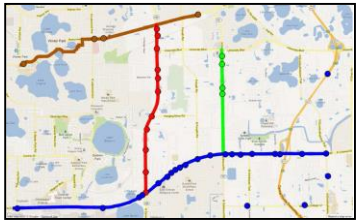

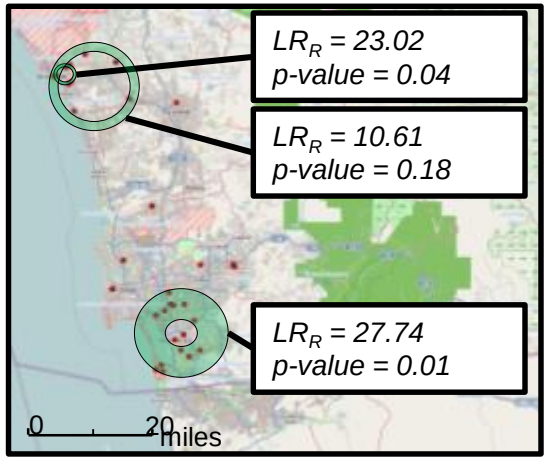

Major technologies and areas (past, present, & future)

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- Geographic Information Systems
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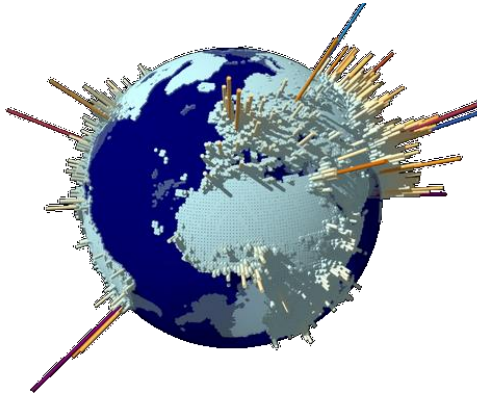

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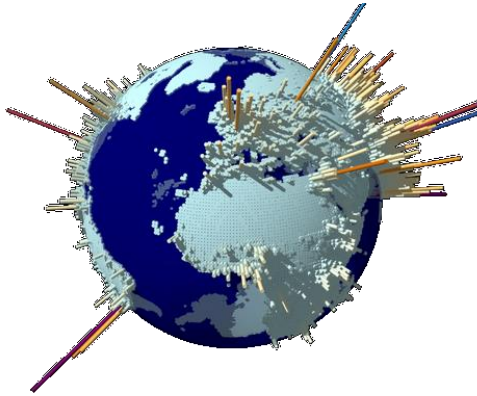

Virtual Globes in GIS Education

- Coursera MOOC: From GPS and Google Earth to Spatial Computing
  - 21,844 students from 182 countries (Fall 2014)
  - 8 modules, 60 short videos, in-video quizzes, interactive examinations, …
  - 3 Tracks: curious, concepts, technical

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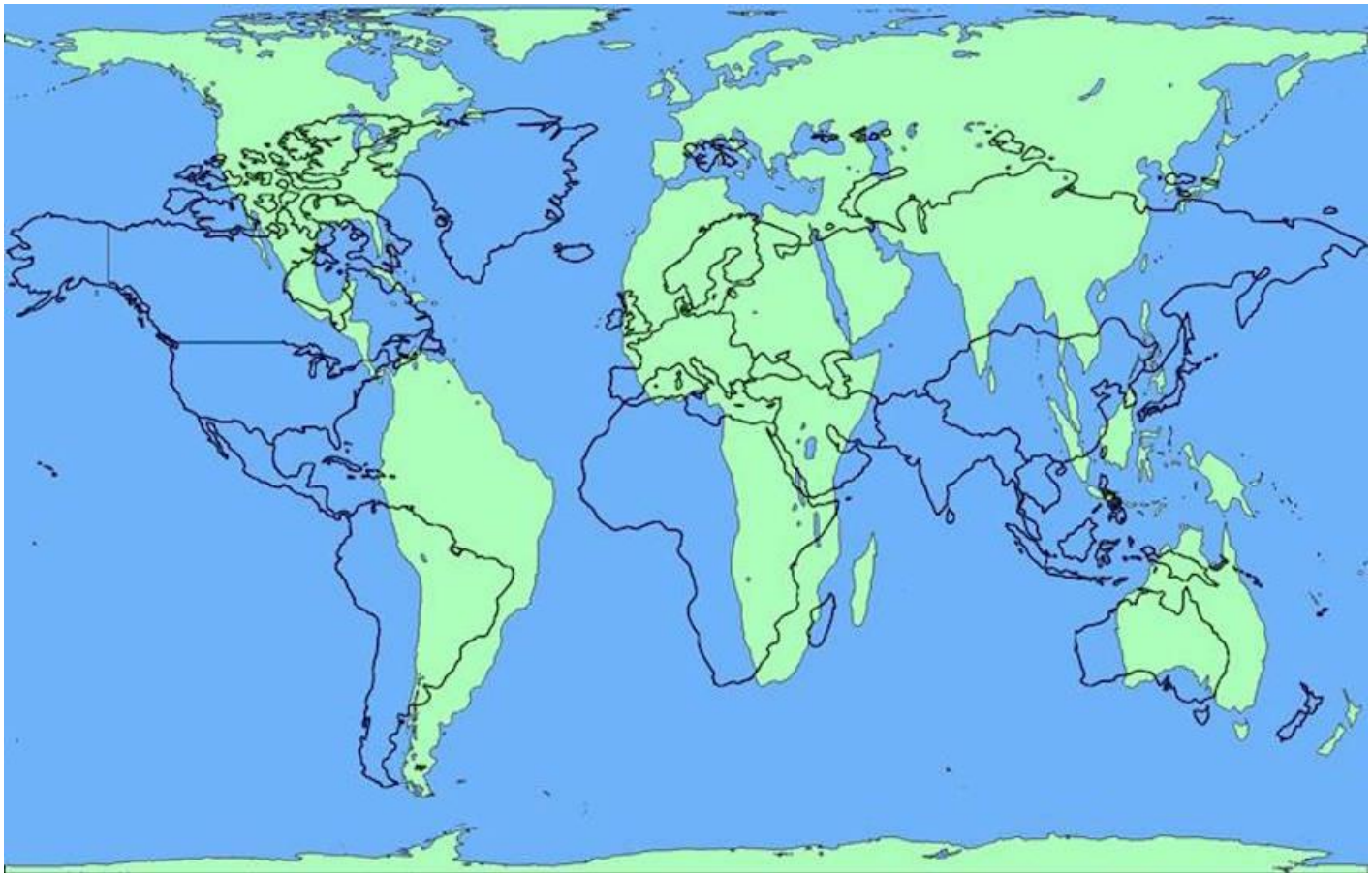

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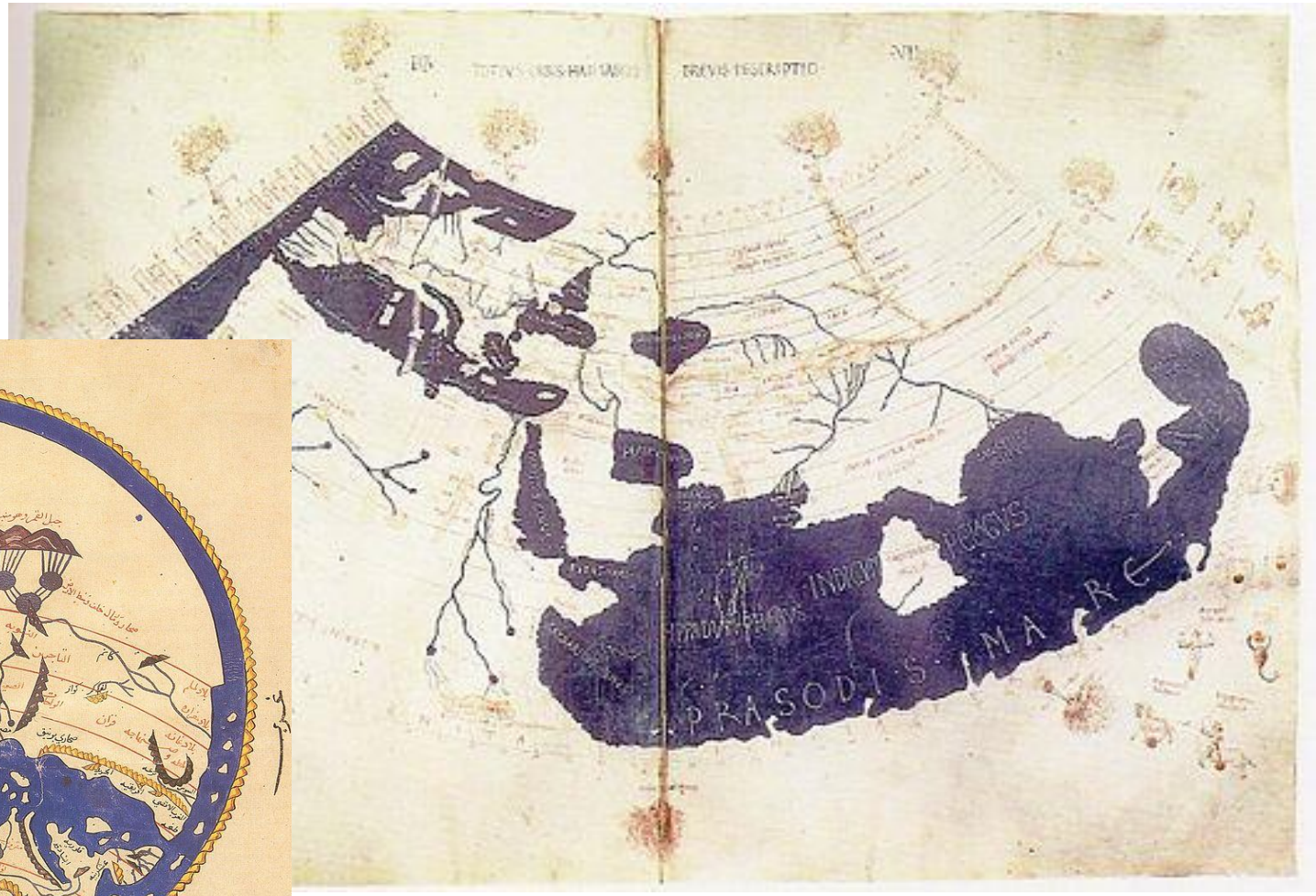

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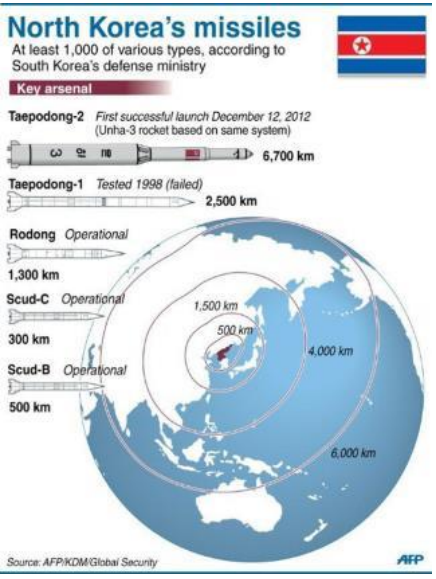

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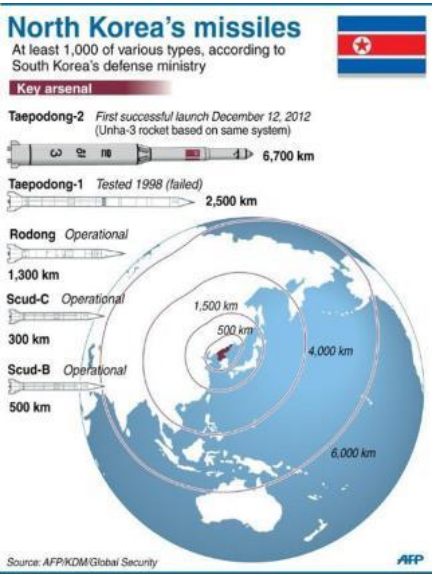

Correction

Readings and Credits

- Readings
  - CACM Article: https://cacm.acm.org/magazines/2016/1/195727-spatial-computing/fulltext
  - CCC Workshop Report: https://cra.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2015/05/Spatial_Computing_Report-2013.pdf
  - Supp. book, Ch. 1
  - Spatial Computing Lectures: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ftwWfB7JWaQ&list=PLq_27Uv53bDm3hyXd5QWG-N8L4Vgvcy9J&index=1
- Credits:
  - Prof. Ahmed Eldawy and Prof. Mohamed Mokbel tutorial
    - http://www.vldb.org/pvldb/vol10/p1992-eldawy.pdf
  - Prof. Shashi Shekhar book slides
    - http://www.spatial.cs.umn.edu/Book/slides/
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