

1 – Importance of knowledge

- Knowledge society
- Business intelligence/Territorial intelligence/smart cities
- Importance of rules
- Examples of rules
- Knowledge encoding
- Big data



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"Knowledge is now the infrastructure"











Definition of Geographic Knowledge

- Geographic knowledge corresponds to information potentially useful to
 - explain,
 - manage,
 - monitor,
 - plan a territory,
 - and to innovate possibly from another territory

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Knowledge Representation

- Several representation models
 - Based on logic
 - Based on graph/network
 - Based on a computer language
 - Example KRL (Bobrow and Winograd) Airport
 - (Knowledge Representation Language)
 - OWL Web Ontology Language
- Difficulty or impossibility to integrate geographic semantics and geometric issues (topology, computational geometry, etc.)













Mathematical language

- Analysis of geographic semantics
- Language based on set theory
- Integrating topology and computational geometry
- Preliminary step for a dedicated computer language
- First version
- Present limitations
 - Only 2D
 - not yet included
 - Graph theory
 - Continuous fields

- Located rule: "IF in a place B, THEN apply RuleB";
- **Bi-location rule:** "*IF something holds in place P, then something else in place Q*"

• In their study in the city of Antwerp, Belgium, Zhou et al. have a lot of colocation association rules within 600 m buffers.

 $\exists C \in City, \forall K \in Kindergarten, \exists P \in Playground, \\ Topo (C) \equiv "Antwerp" \\ \vdots \\ Contains (Geom (C), Geom (K)), \\ Contains (Geom (C), Geom (P)) \\ \Rightarrow [\alpha, \beta] \\ \models Contains (Geom (Centroid (Geom(K), 600), Geom (Centroid (P)) \blacksquare$

• When studying road incidents in the city of Helsinki, Finland, Karasova et al. have shown by spatial data mining that many incidents occur near bars and restaurants. More exactly, around each incident they have designed a 50 m buffer and see whether there were incidents in those zones (Support 1.7% and confidence 40.0%).

| TABLE I. | PLANNING ZO | ONES AND THEIR PA | RAMETERS |
|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Zone ID | Max Height (in m) | Max Floorspace ratio | Max Footprint |
| Downtown | 12 | 3 | 80 % |
| Suburban area | 15 | 4 | 70 % |
| Rural area | 12 | 0.5 | 30 % |
| Near airport (Bowtie) | 8 | 2 | 50 % |
| Airstrip | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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5 - Conclusions

- Several ways of storing geographic knowledge
- Networks, ontologies, formal languages, etc.
- Mathematical language for geographic static rules
- Other types of knowledge categories
- In total 500+ geographic rules encoded

- Integration of 3D, especially for terrain modeling and engineering networks;
- Integration of temporal issues; this will lead to dynamic geospatial rules;
- Integration of rules deriving from continuous fields, especially for dealing with meteorology, pollution, etc. and other aspects in physical geography;
- Integration of additional clauses to extend its expressive power, overall to deal with networks whatsoever, electricity, sewerage, bus lines, etc.;

Perspectives (2/2)

- Looking for more issues in order to enrich semantics, especially for the automatic adaptation to special contexts; for instance, how to adapt a rule such as "when planning a metro, move underground engineering networks" to various street configurations;
- Transformation of this mathematical language into a computer language;
- Study of metadata relative to geographic rules (origin, etc.);
- Design of an inference engine to reason with those rules;
- Defining the organization of rules together for their access mechanisms taking temporal and spatial superseding mechanisms.

