

Visual Summaries of Geographic Databases

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Two Visions of France

Official map with administrative levels

A chorem map emphasizing the existing problems

Visual Summaries of Geographic Databases

- 1 – Importance and Use of Summaries
- 2 – What are Chorems?
- 3 – Manual Design of Chorems
- 4 – Spatial Data Mining
- 5 – Architecture of a Chorem-based System
- 6 – ChorML
- 7 – Final Remarks

1 – Importance and Use of Summaries

- Global view of a DB
- Structure or contents?
- Important items
 - How to define them?
 - How to extract them?
 - What number?
- Textual or visual layout?
- Decision-makers love having global view and important items

Summaries

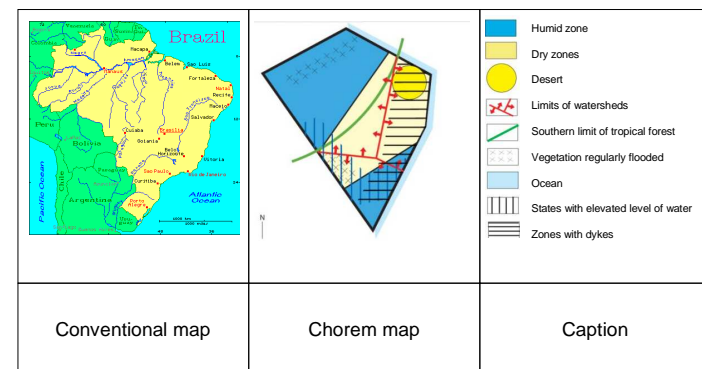
- Summaries for
 - Exploring
 - Understanding
 - Accessing
- For a GeoDB, why a textual summary?
- → Visual summaries

2 – What are Chorems?

- Invented by Pr. Roger BRUNET (University of Montpellier)
- Schematized representation of a territory

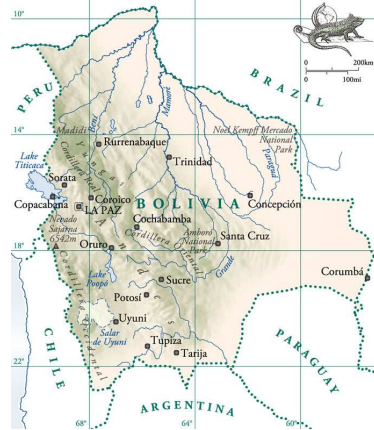


Water problem in Brazil

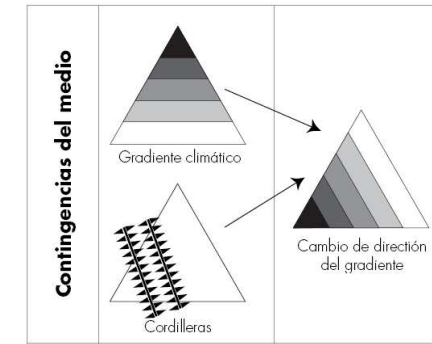


3 – Manual Construction

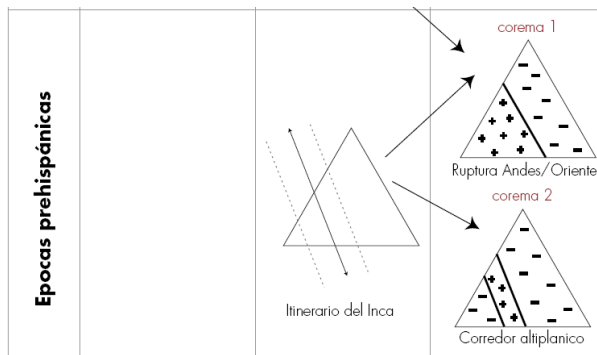
- Example Bolivia



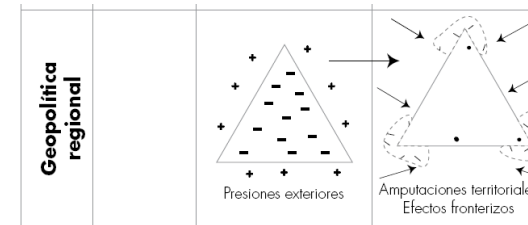
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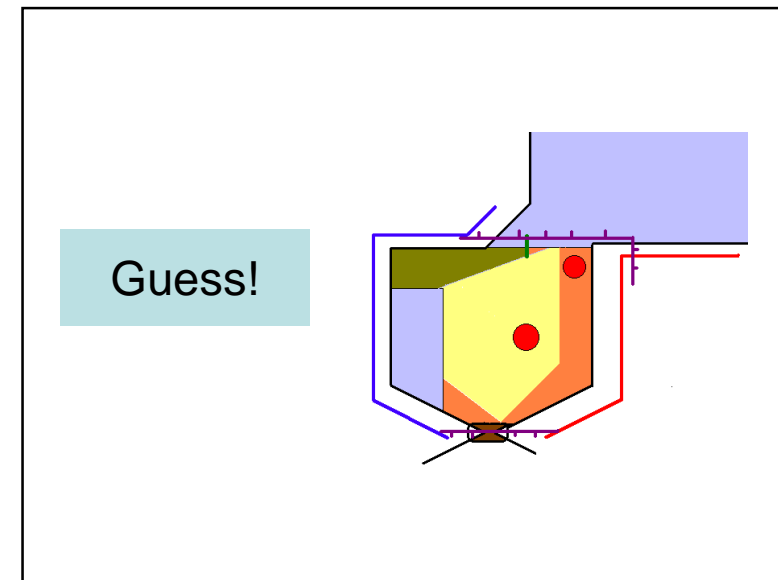
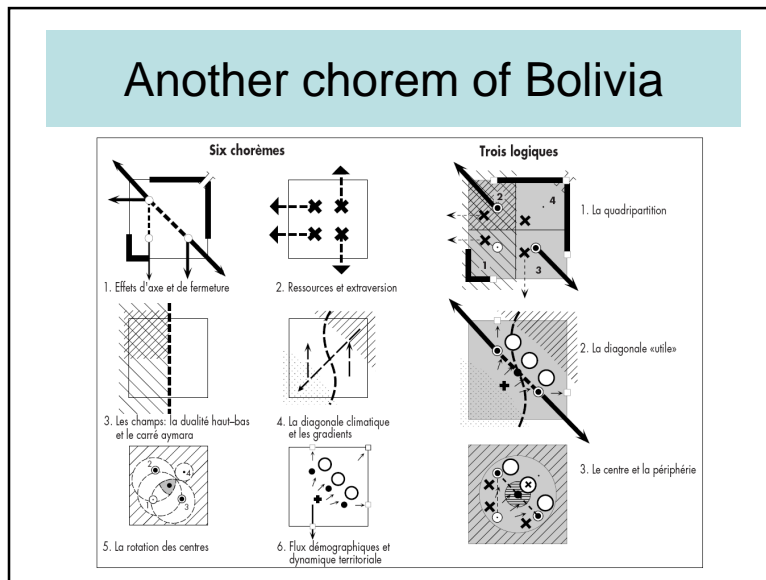
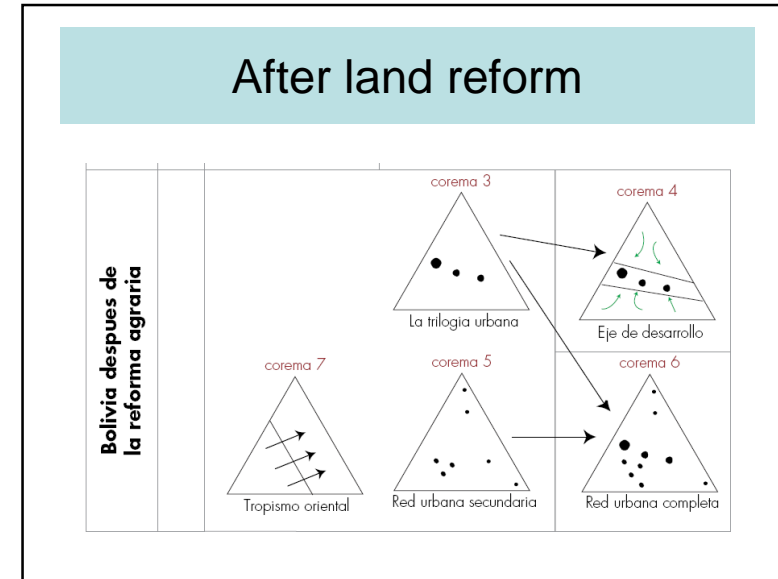
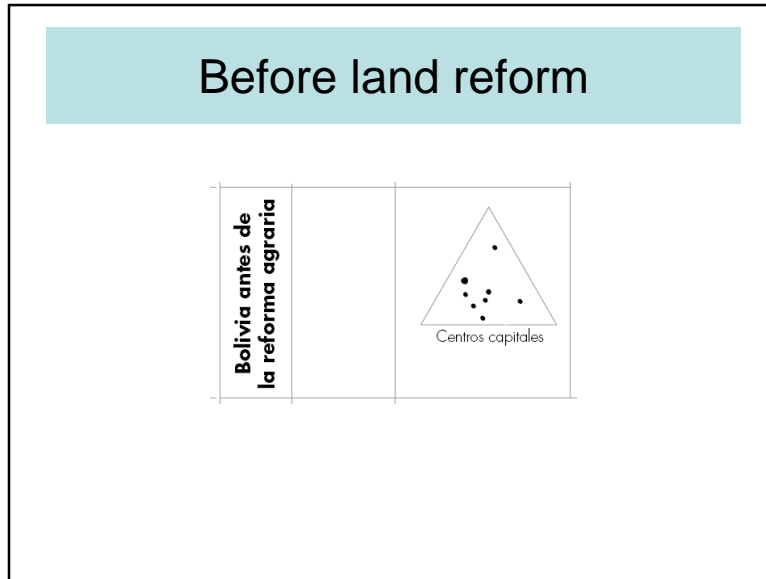


Prehispanic structure

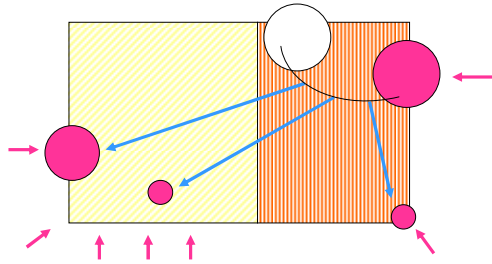


Regional geopolitics





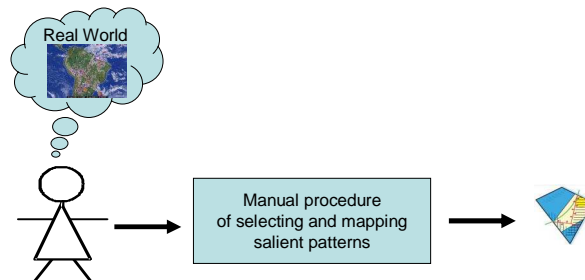
Guess!



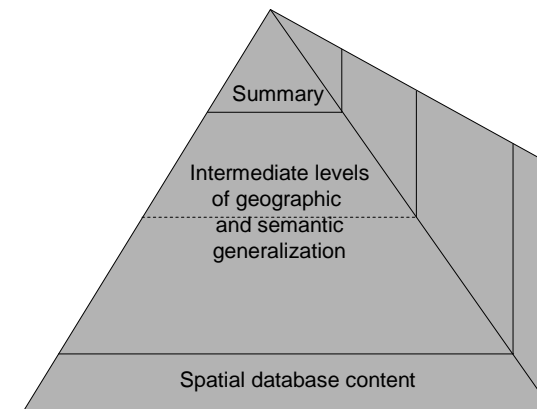
Criticisms

- Original Brunet's chorem list no in use
- Authors create their own chorems
- Geometry
 - Too much simplification perhaps
- Semantics
 - Points of view
 - What is important?
 - Legend

Conventional Manual Procedure



Database summaries



4 – Spatial Data Mining

- Differences between
 - Spatial data mining
 - Patterns which are “true” everywhere
 - *If lake + road to the lake → restaurant*
 - Geographic data mining
 - Positioned patterns (spatial patterns with toponyms)
 - *Eastern coast of Spain is touristically saturated*
- In our case: Geographic Data Mining

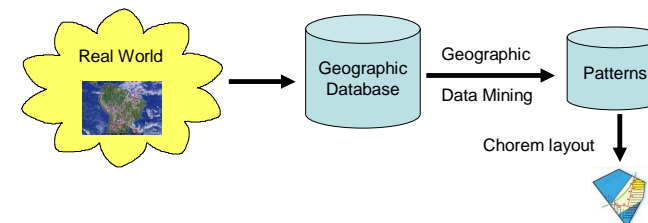
Geographic Data Mining (1/2)

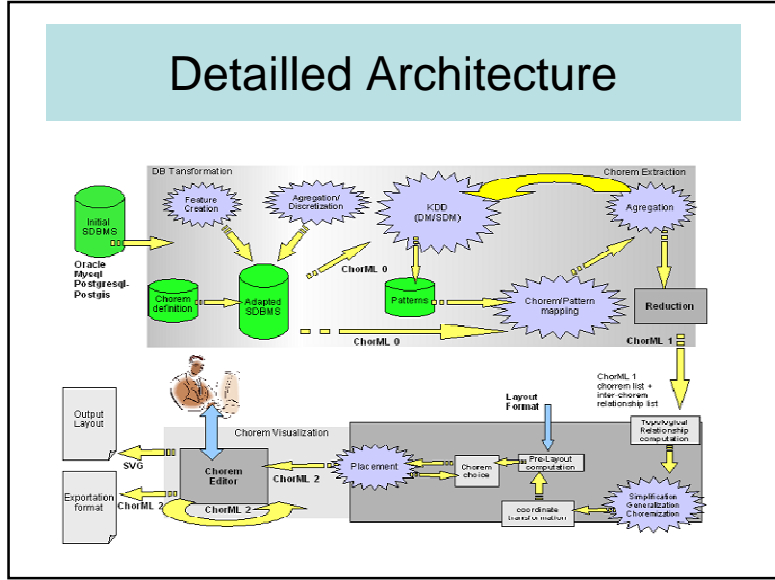
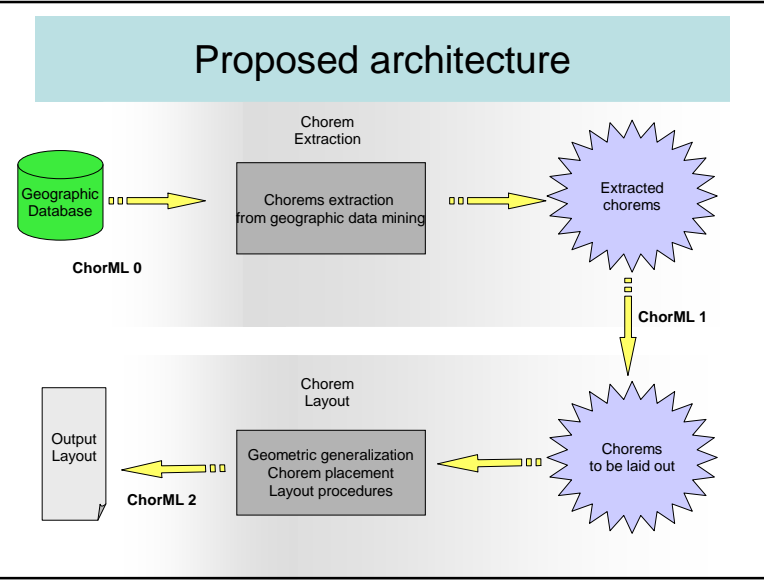
- Lots of techniques have been developed
- Find a combination of techniques suited for geographic pattern discovery
- Pattern types
 - Important locations (located facts)
 - Flows
 - Cluster
 - Co-location relations

Geographic Data Mining (2/2)

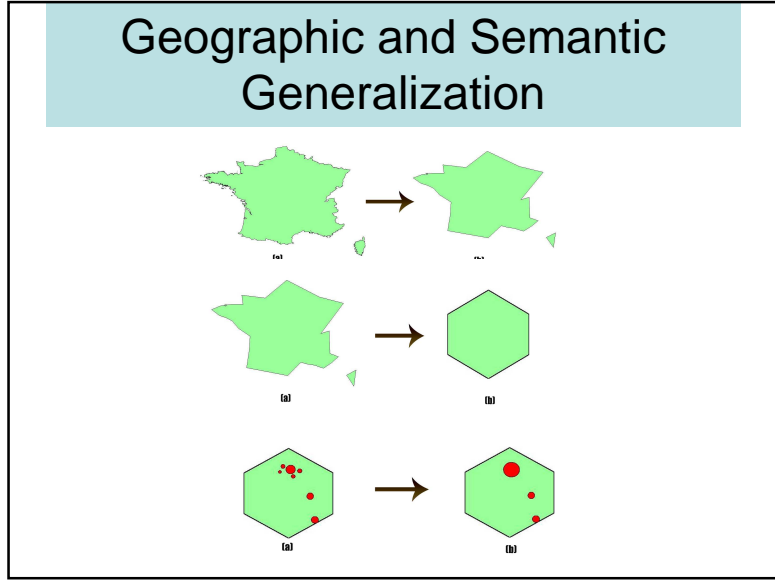
- Starting from a geographic database
- Limited list of geographic patterns
 - Maybe 7 ± 2
- How to define the more important patterns?
 - Suppose you've found 10 000 geographic patterns: how to select 7 ± 2
- Encoding geographic patterns
 - XML, GML, KML, etc..

5 – Architecture





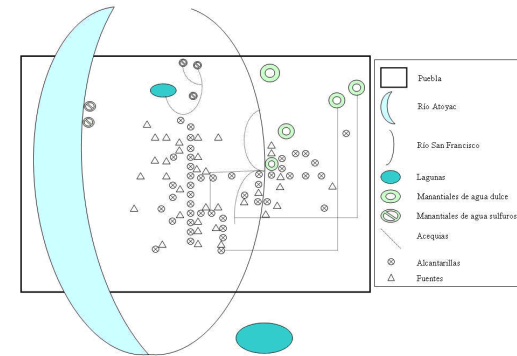
- ### Chorem Layout
- Defining a library of elementary patterns (vector format)
 - Defining rules for pattern placement
 - similarities with name placement
 - similarities with geographic generalization



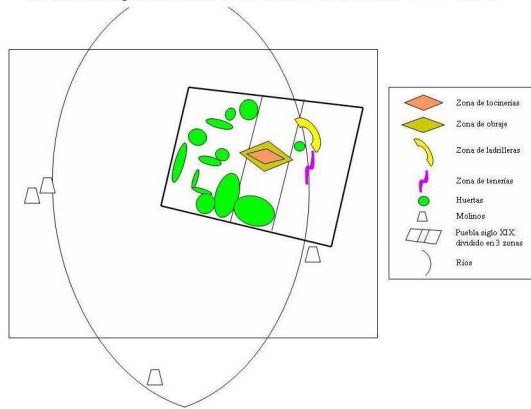
Example: Puebla XVIIth century



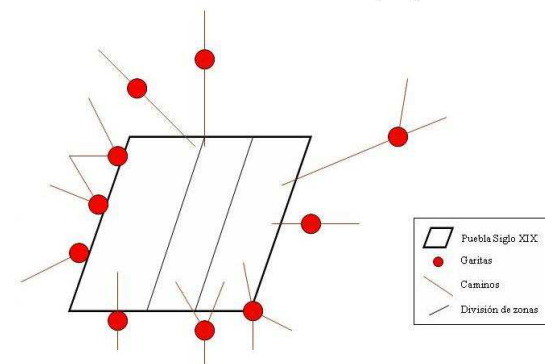
Chorem for water supply



Mapa coremático representativo de las principales actividades productivas de la ciudad de Puebla, 1540 - 1835



Mapa coremático representativo de garitas y caminos de entrada a la ciudad, Siglo XVIII.



6 – ChorML

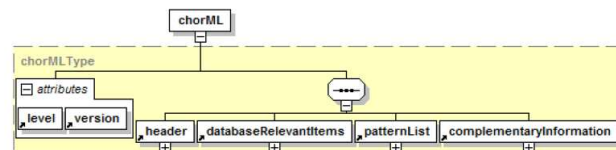
- An XML-based language dedicated to chorems
- Levels
 - level 0 corresponds to the initial database in GML (Geographic Markup Language) (See <http://www.opengis.net/gml/> for details),
 - level 1 corresponds to the list of extracted patterns
 - level 2 is a subset of SVG [<http://www.w3.org/Graphics/SVG/>].

Example

Point representation through levels of ChorML.

Level	Representation
Level 0	Point with longitude/latitude - represents a city and its population.
Level 1	Points with longitude/latitude and its importance. If within a pattern.
Level 2	Point with pixel coordinates, represented by a circle with radius and color.

ChorML Grammar



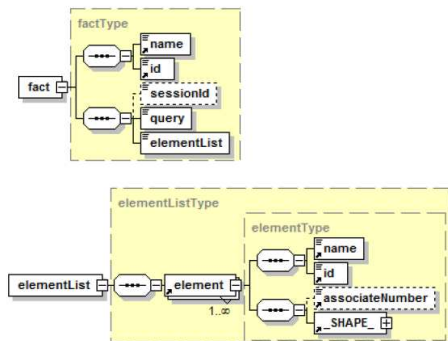
Only spatial constructs will be developed,
not the whole grammar!

Spatial knowledge

- Spatial patterns
 - Facts
 - Cluster
 - Flows
 - Co-location patterns
- Spatial constraints
- Outer boundary

Facts

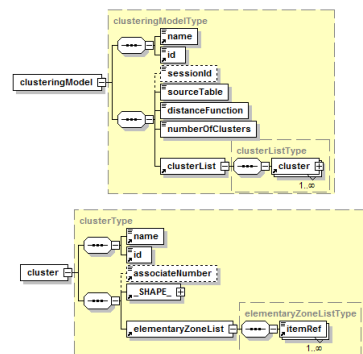
- Can be retrieved thru SQL queries



Cluster

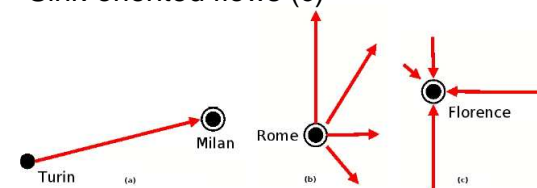
- Can be identified thru data mining
- Small number

Cluster grammar

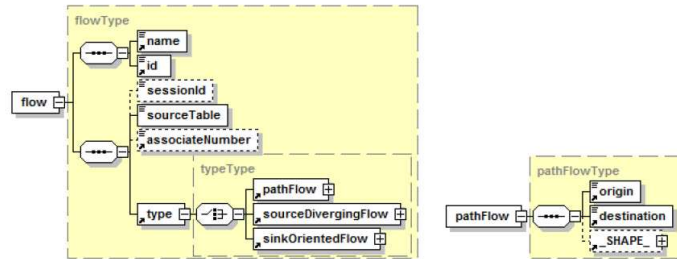


Flows

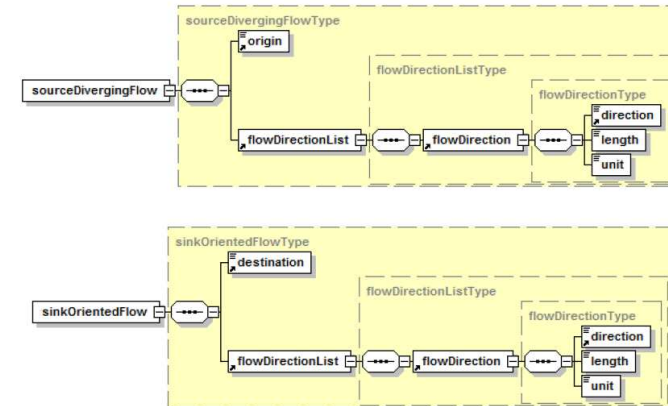
- Can be identified thru spatial data mining
- Various kinds of flows
 - Path flow (a)
 - Source-diverging flow (b)
 - Sink-oriented flows (c)



Flow grammar (1/2)



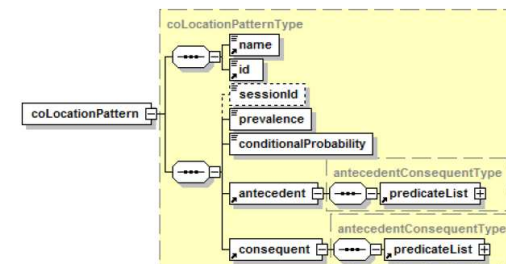
Flow grammar (2/2)



Co-location patterns

- Spatial **co-location patterns** represent the subsets of features whose instances are frequently located together in geographic space
- Examples:
 - “If there is a square in the city center there is a church nearby”
 - “Most big cities in Canada are close to the Canada-U.S. border”
- Must be retrieved thru powerful SDM procedures

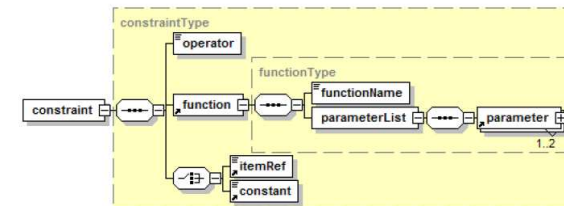
Co-location pattern grammar



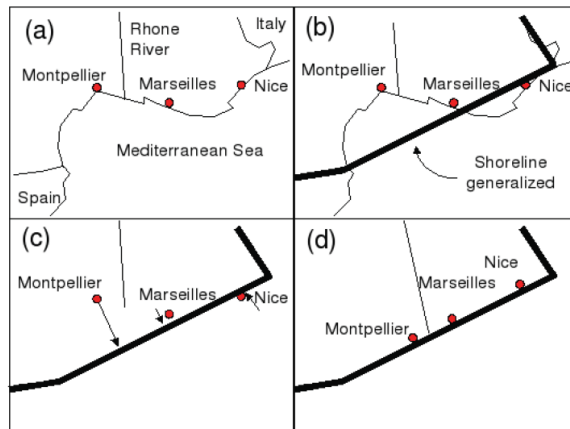
Spatial constraints

- Topological constraints that must be followed especially after generalization or important feature displacement
- Examples
 - Harbors must be always on “land”
 - Outer boundary cities must remain outside
 - River must go to sea
 - Etc.
- Egenhofer relations

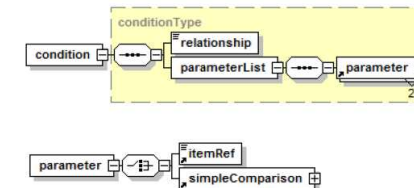
Spatial Constraint Grammar



Spatial constraints



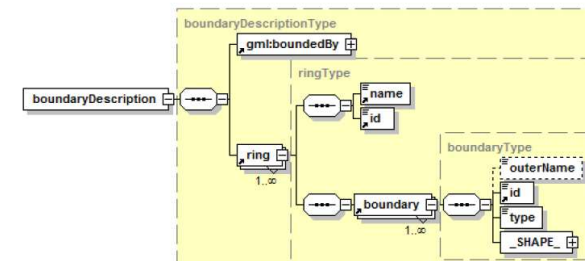
Spatial Constraint grammar



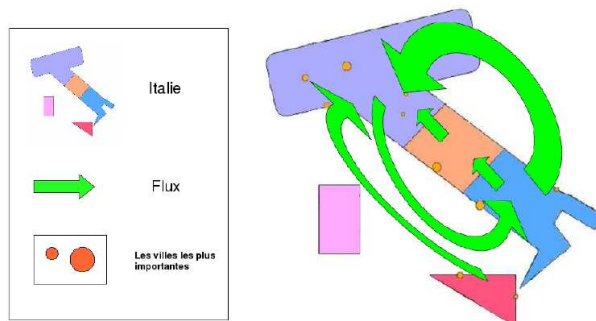
Boundary

- Usually, a Geo-DB includes features inside a territory, but rarely information outside
- Examples
 - Names of seas, Names of neighboring countries, cities, etc.
- Notion of rings
 - Italy rings: mainland, Sicily, Sardinia, etc.

Boundary Grammar

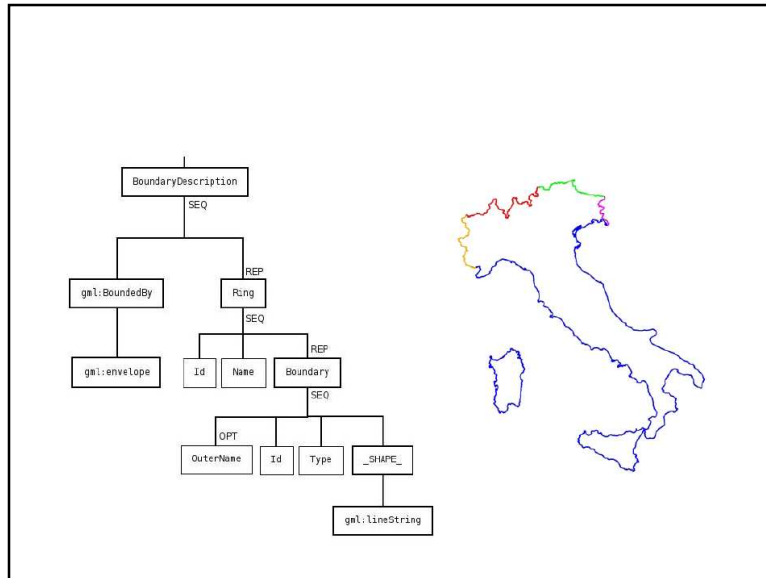


Example: Italy



Example of the Header of the Chorem of Italy

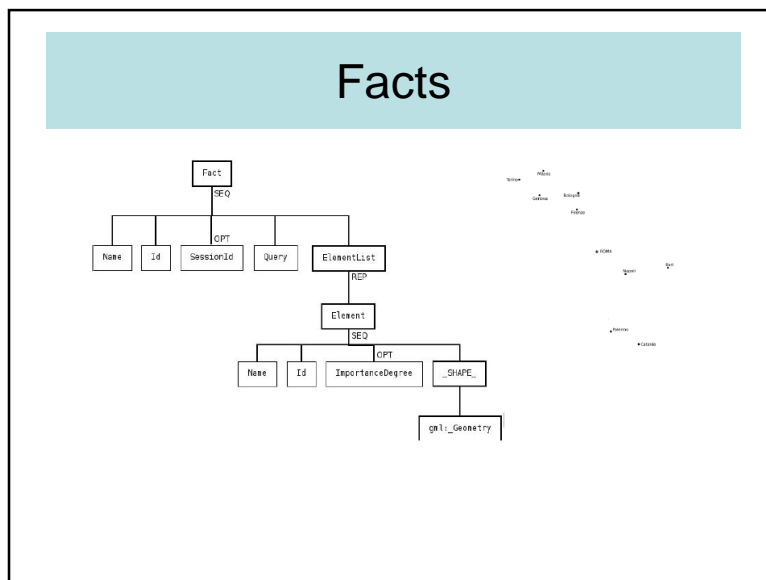
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Example of the Boundary Description of the Chorem of Italy

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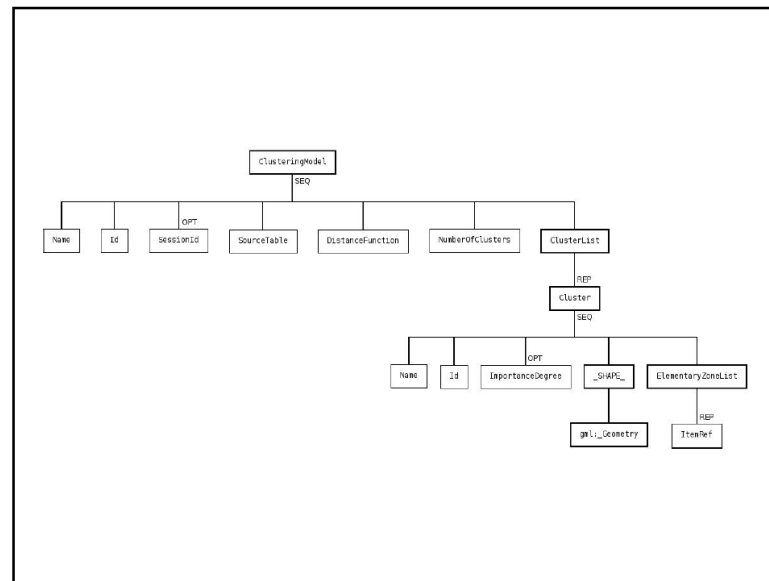
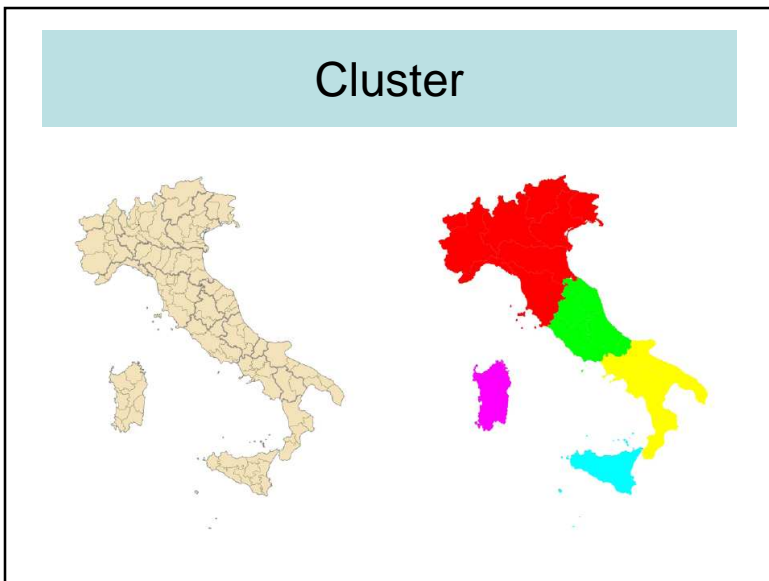
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Example of important cities in the chorem of Italy

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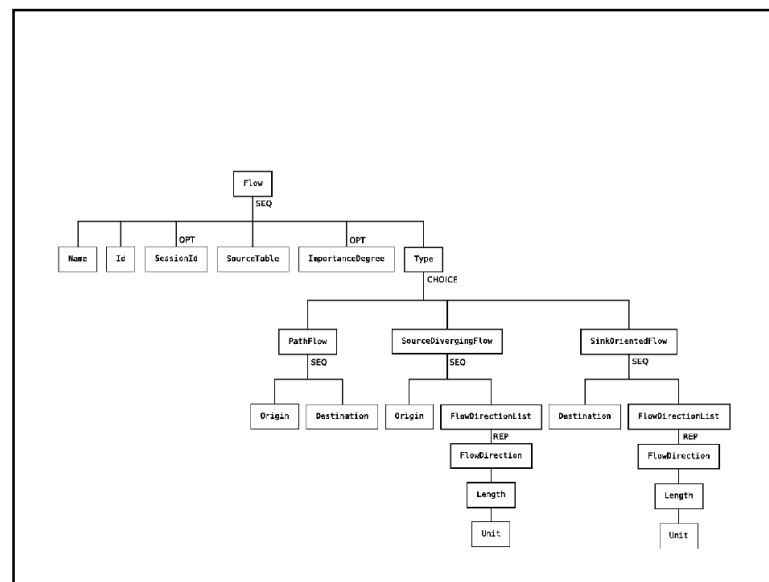
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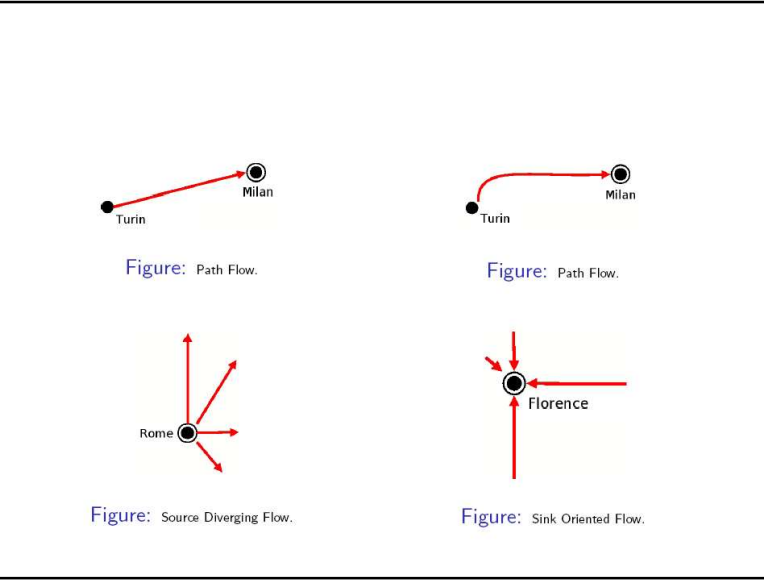


Example of a Clustering Model of the Chorem of Italy

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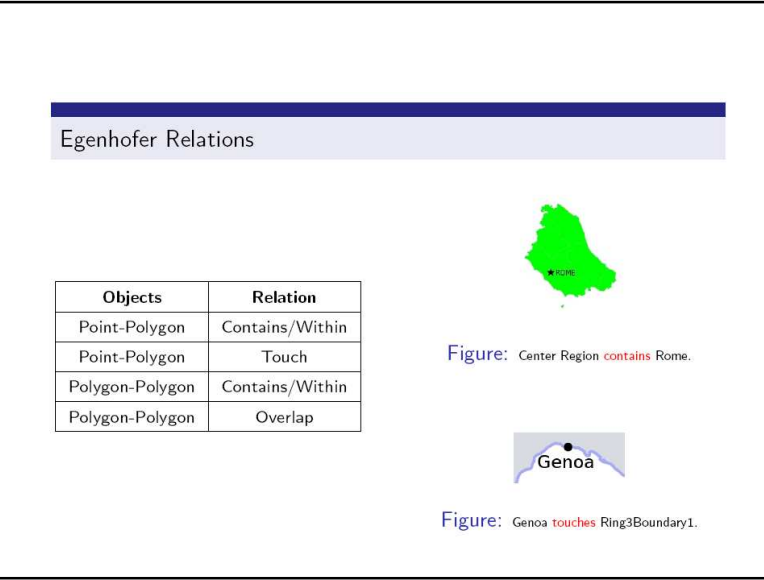




Example of Flows of the Chorem of Italy

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Example of Conditions of the Chorem of Italy

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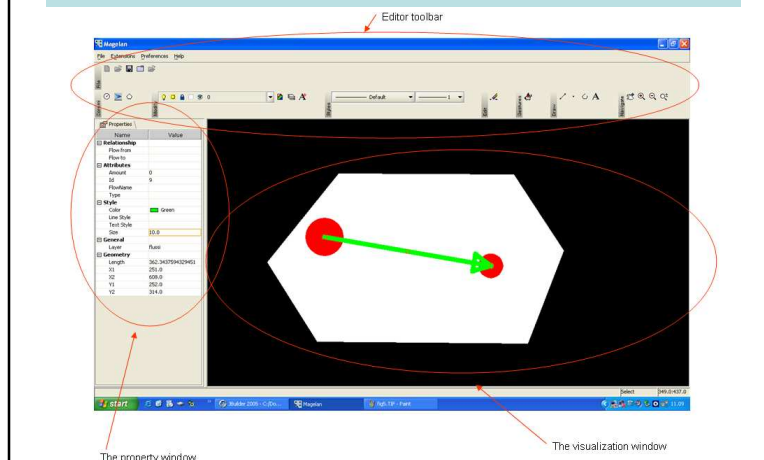
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(GML) Geographic Markup Language	Describe, model and store geographical information.
(PMML) Predictive Model Markup Language	Encode datamining models.
(SPMML) Spatial Predictive Model Markup Language	Extension of PMML to support spatial data mining
(MathML) Mathematical Markup Language	Describe mathematics.
(SVG) Scalar Vector Graphics	Two-dimensional and graphical applications.

Spatial Database Summaries

- Geographic generalization applied to geometric shapes
- Semantic generalization applied to non-spatial contents

Chorem editor



7 – Final Remarks (1/3)

- Chorems:
 - Visual representation of geographic knowledge
 - Visual summaries for decision-making
 - Gradual access to geographic databases

Final Remarks (2/3)

- Prototype based on ORACLE 10g
- Using ORACLE data mining procedures
- Several results
 - Database on Italy
 - Database on the city of Puebla, Mexico

Final Remarks (3/3)

- Future works
 - Finalizing ChorML
 - Finalizing process of pattern discovery
 - Cognitive studies

