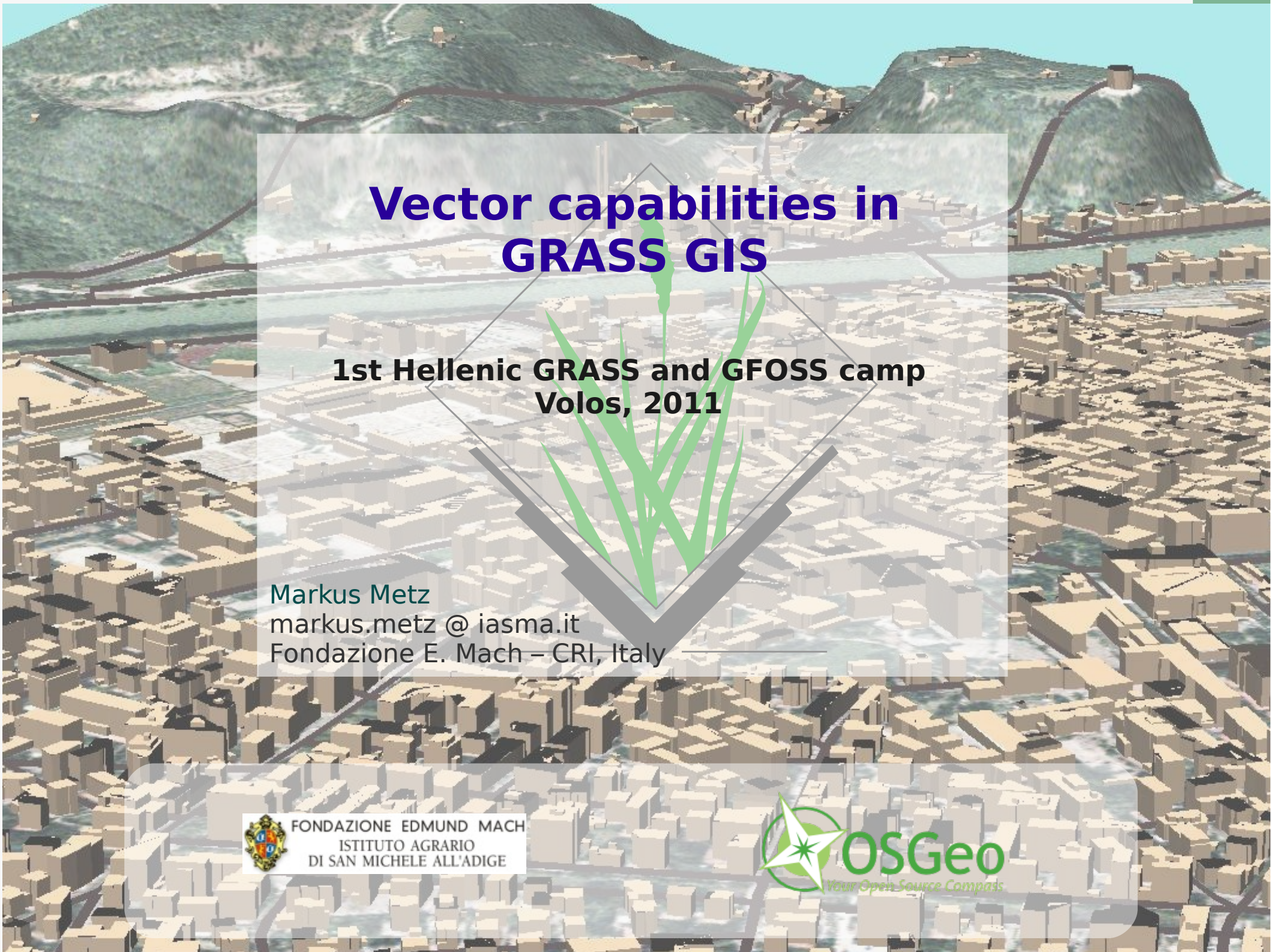

Vector capabilities in GRASS GIS

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Presentation outline

- An introduction to vector topology
- Vector features in GRASS GIS
- Vector boundary operations
- Vector network analysis

Vector Topology

Non-topological vectors

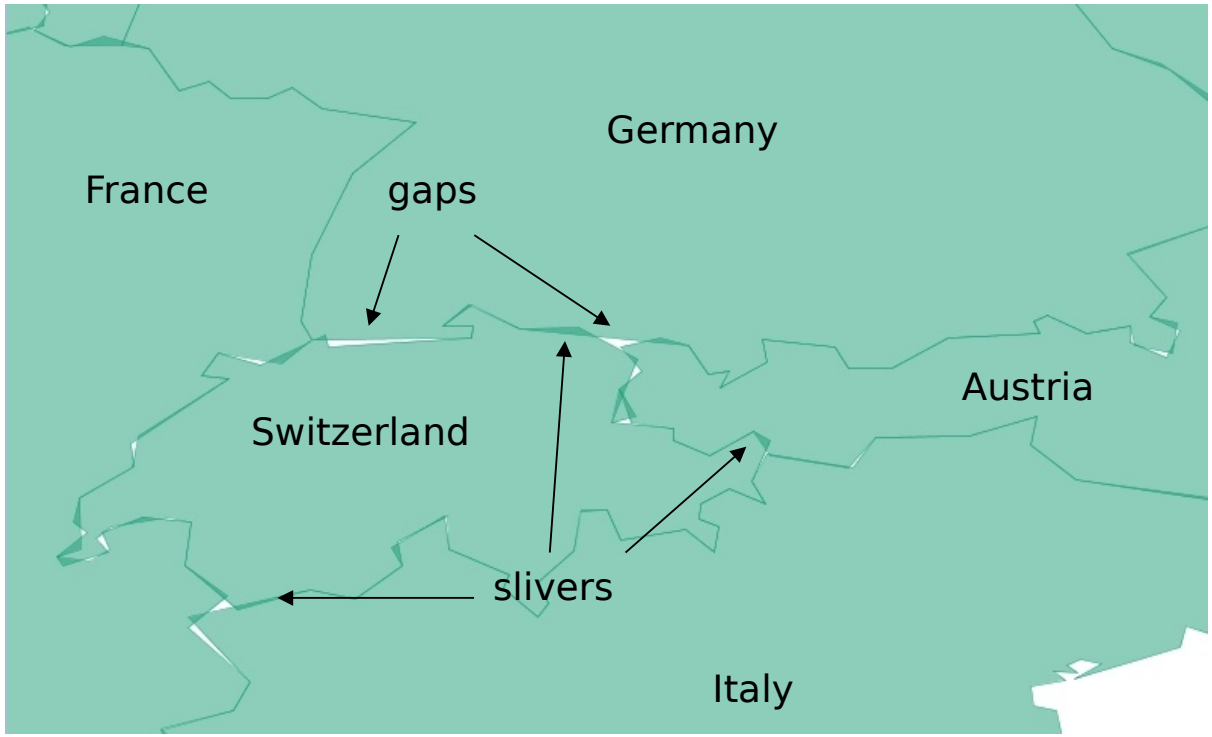
E.g. OGC Simple Features, ESRI shapefiles

Geometry types: points, lines, polygons

-> replicated boundaries for adjacent areas

Faster computations, but extra work for maintenance

Non-topological
polygons generalized



Vector Topology

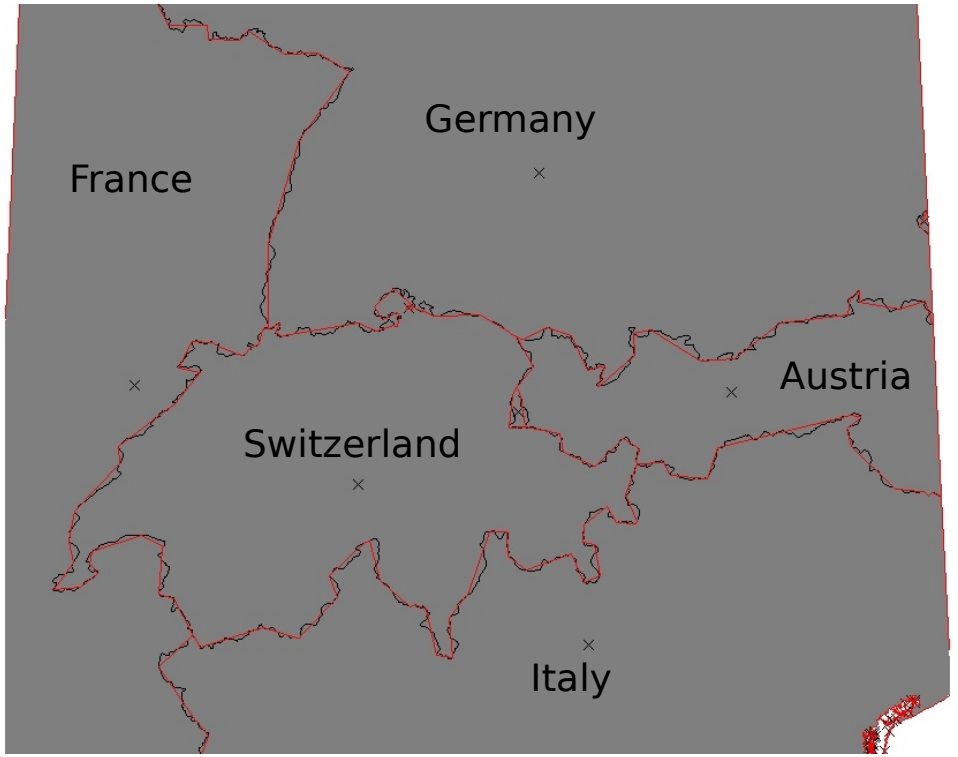
True vector Topology

Areas are constructed from boundaries

Boundaries are shared between adjacent areas

Slower computations, but less (nearly no manual) maintenance

Topological
boundaries generalized



Vector Topology

True vector Topology is implemented in e.g.

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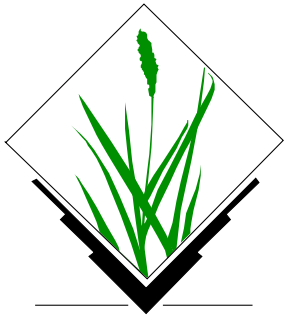


GRASS GIS

GRASS Vector model

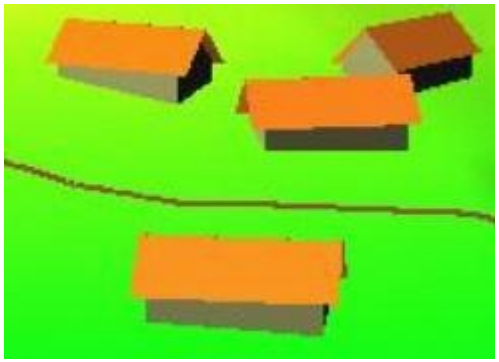
Vector geometry types

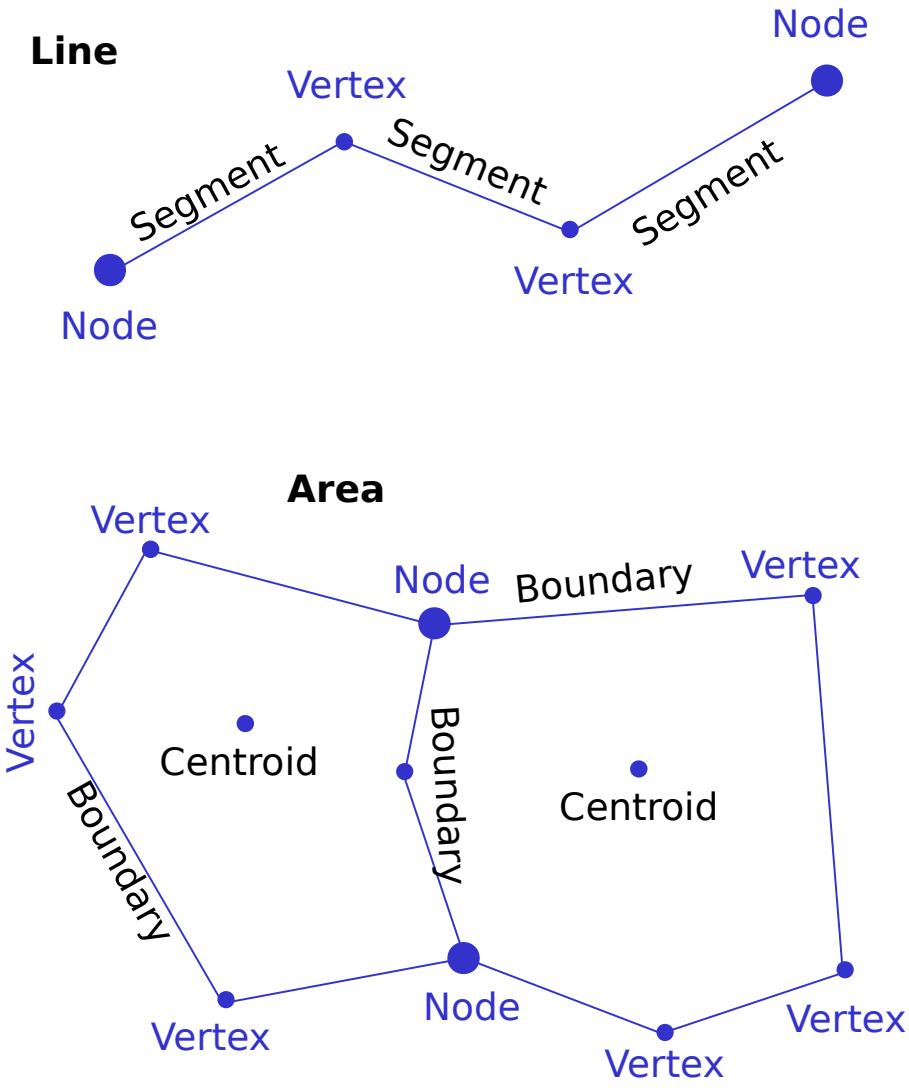
- Point
- Centroid
- Line
- Boundary
- Area (boundary + centroid)
- face (3D area)
- [kernel (3D centroid)]
- [volumes (faces + kernel)]

Geometry is **true** 3D when: x, y, z

not in all GIS!

Faces





Use of Spatial Index

GRASS Vector model

Vector geometry types

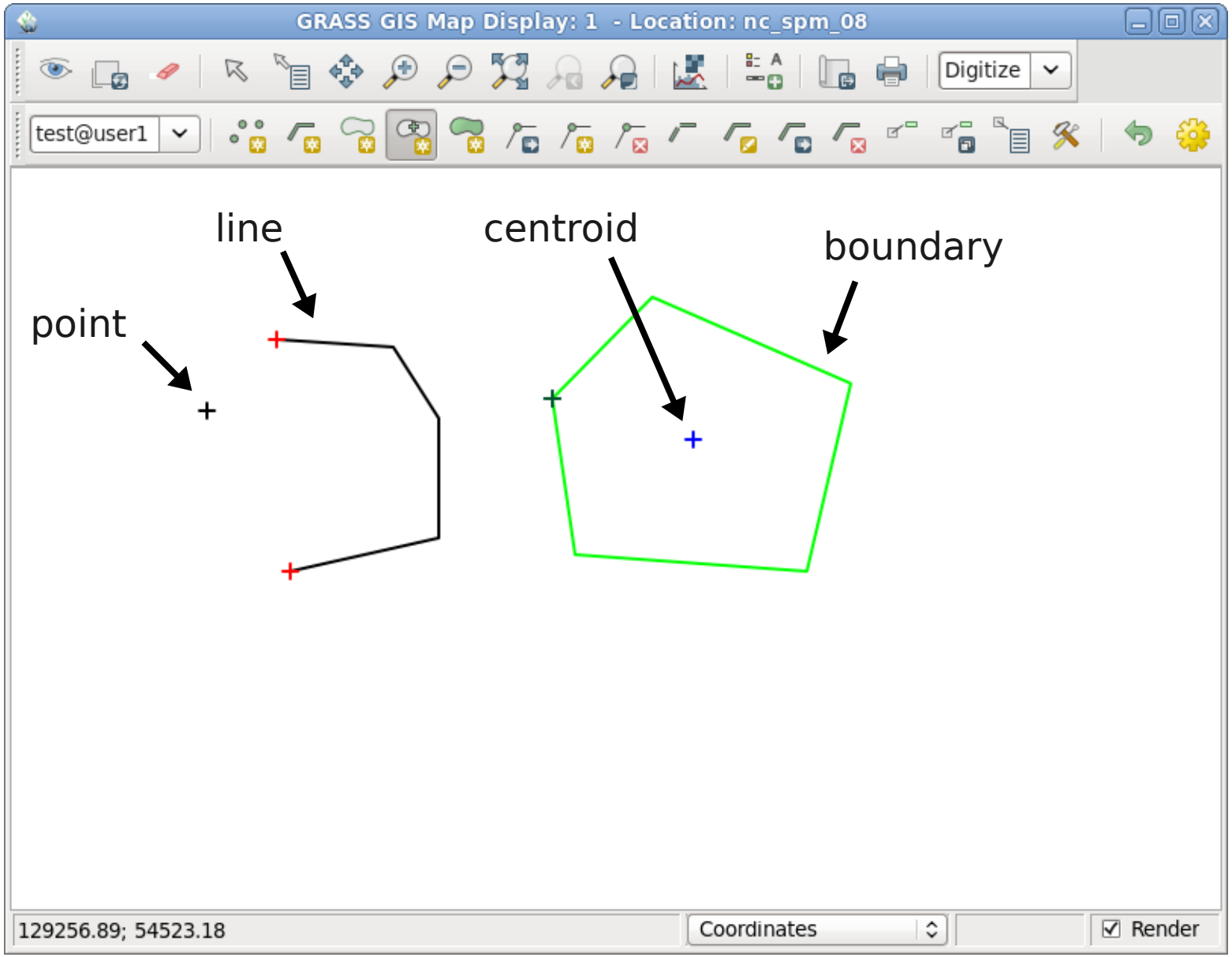
Basic geometry types, can be edited

- Point
- Centroid
- Line
- Boundary

A GRASS vector can contain a combination of several different types

GRASS Vector model

Vector geometry types



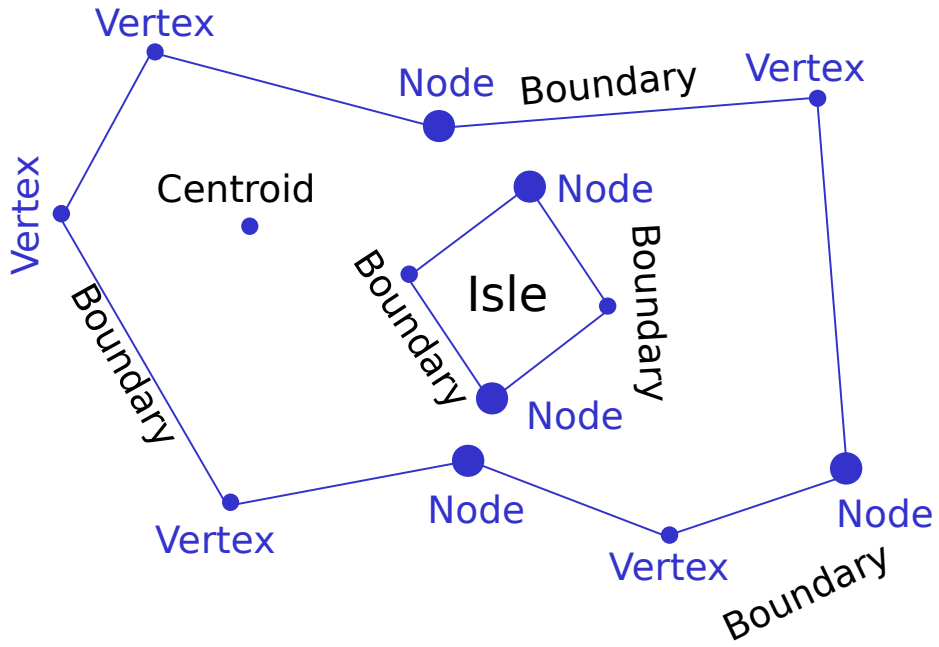
GRASS Vector model

Vector geometry types

Derived geometry types, constructed from basic types

- Area (closed ring of boundaries + centroid)
- Isle (closed ring of boundaries, no centroid)
- Node (at both ends of lines/boundaries; equal to points/centroids)

Isles and Nodes are not visible to users



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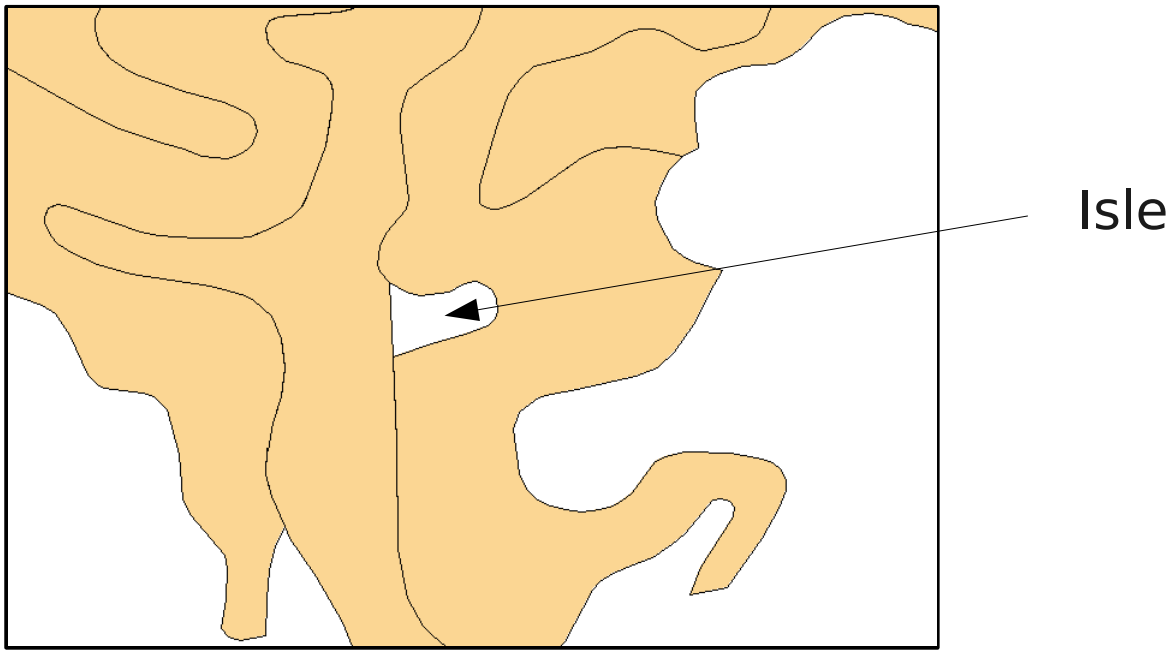


North Carolina, soils_wake@PERMANENT

GRASS Vector model: Categories

Basic geometry types can have categories

Unique categories: unique id

Shared categories equivalent to e.g. Multipolygon

GRASS Vector model: Categories

Reclassification

Converting unique categories to shared categories

```
v.reclass in=world_boundaries out=world_boundaries_country \
column=country

# unique categories
v.db.select map=world_boundaries columns=cat where="country = 'Greece'"
cat
1327
... [48 more category values]
1431

# grouped by country
v.db.select map=world_boundaries_country columns=cat \
where="country = 'Greece'"
cat
77
```

GRASS Vector model: Layers

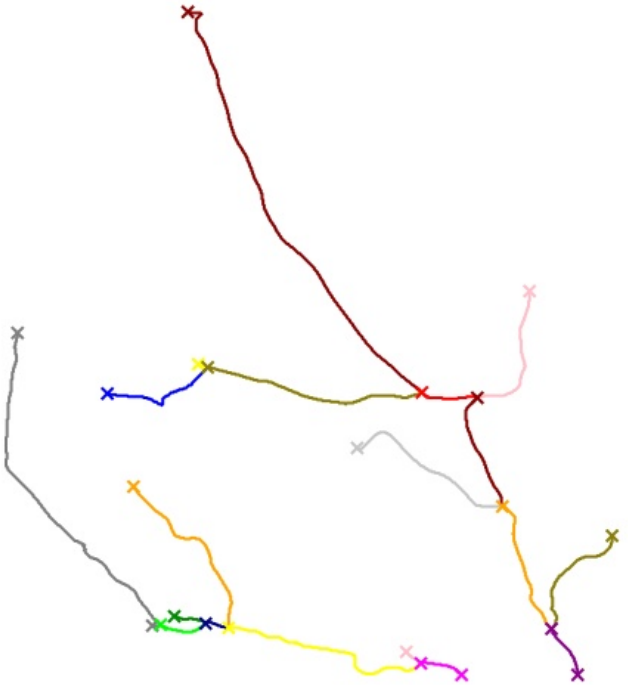
Layers ~ thematic groups

Each layer can have its own attribute table

Example: river networks

Layer 1: unique stream ID

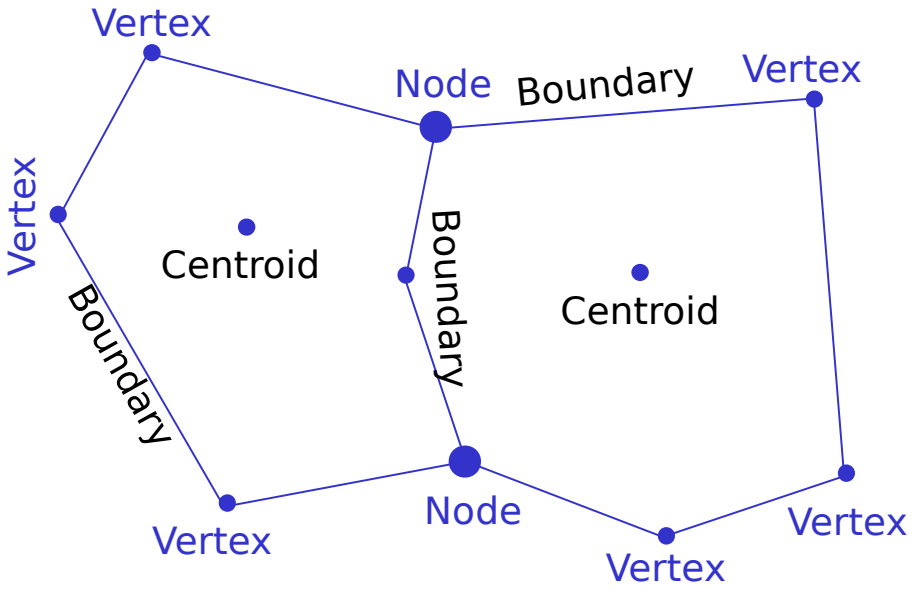
Layer 2: categories for stream head, intermediate stream, outlet



Layer 1: unique id

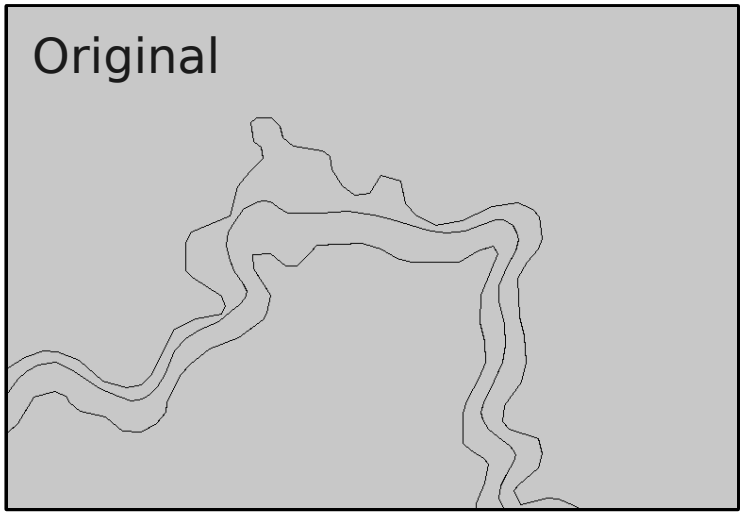
Layer 2: stream type

Vector boundary operations in GRASS GIS



Vector boundaries: smoothing

North Carolina: boundary_county




```
v.clean in=boundary_county \
out=boundary_county_smooth_10 \
tool=prune thres=10.00
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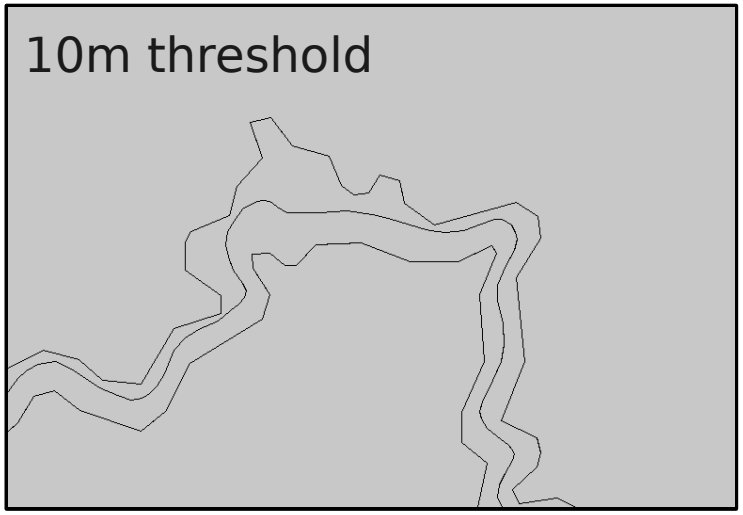
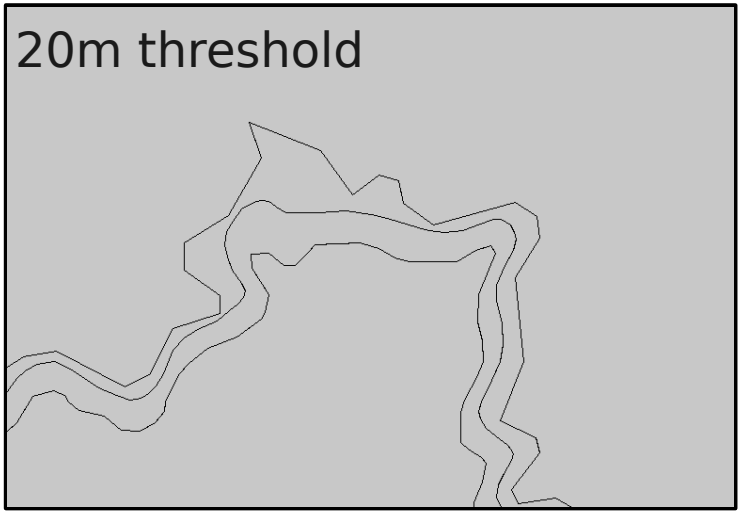
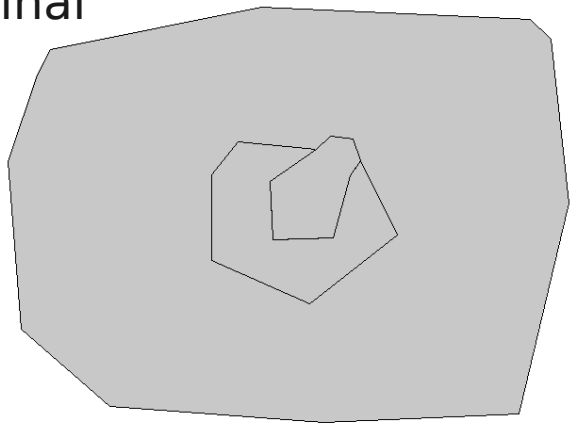




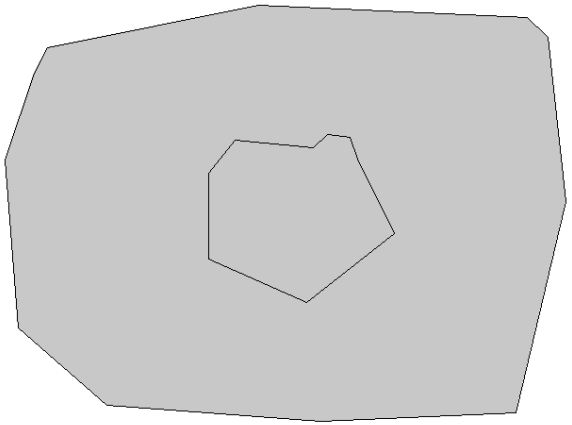
Vector boundaries: removing small areas

Original

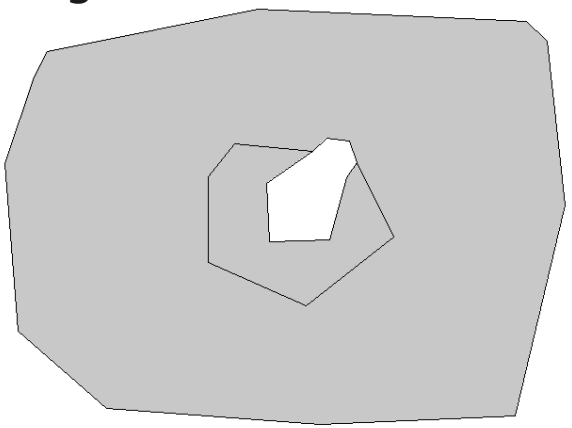


Removing the smallest area in the center

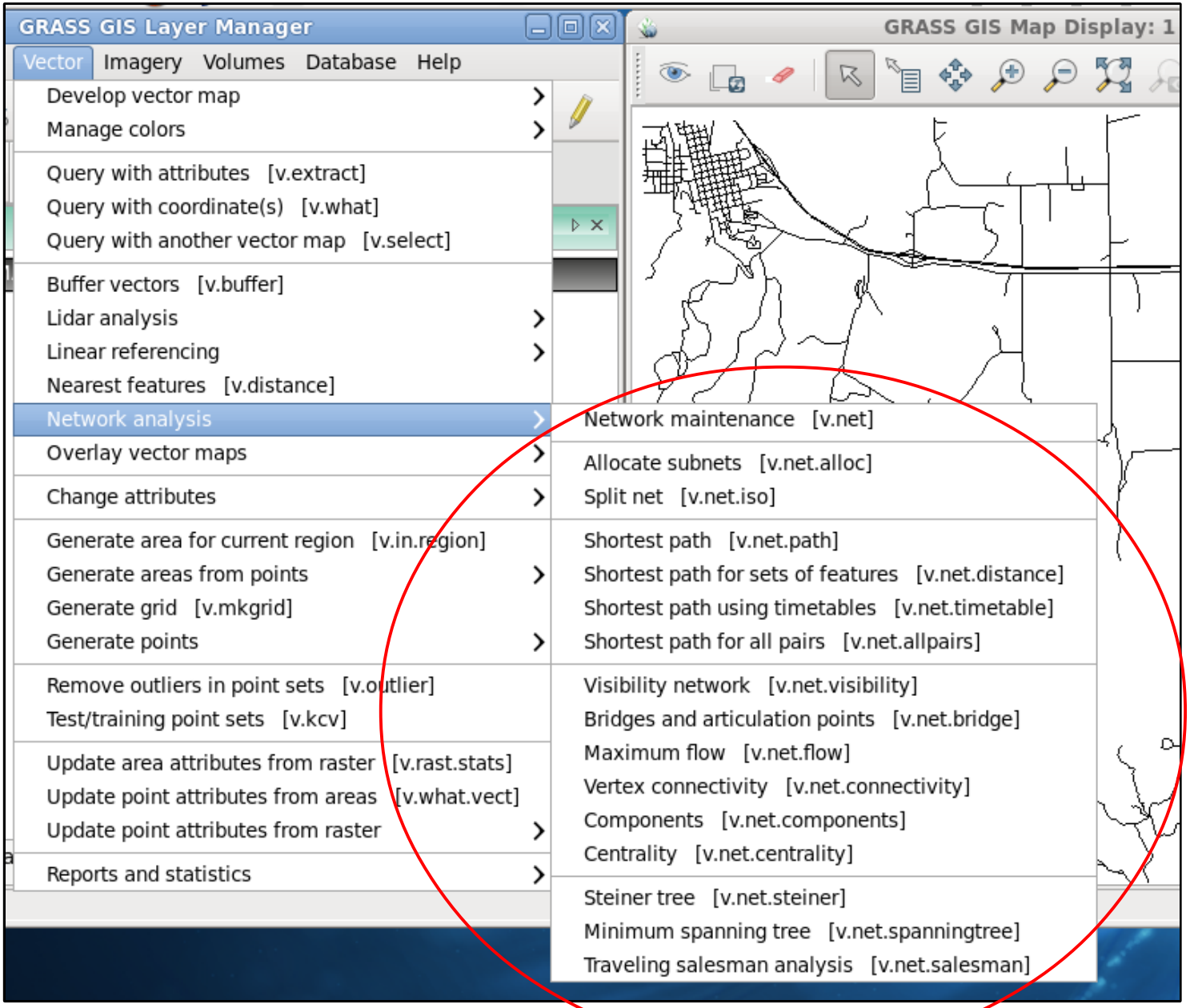
topological



non-topological



Vector network analysis in GRASS GIS



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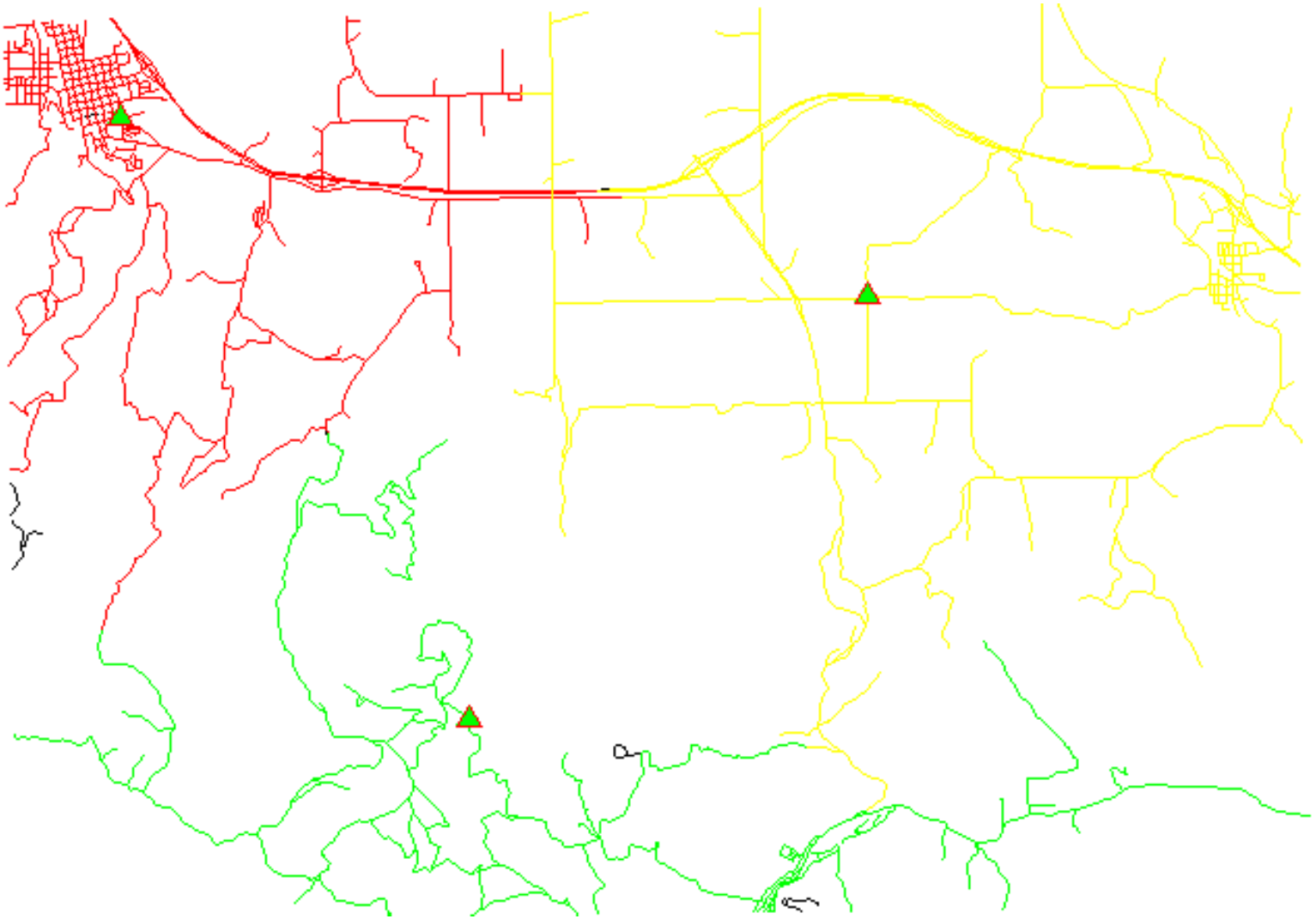


Network analysis

General concept of a network graph

- Arcs connected by nodes
- Forward/backward costs assigned to each arc
  (oneway road)
- Starting point(s)
- Ending point(s)

Cost definition examples

- Distance → shortest path
- Travelling time → fastest path
- Travelling costs (fuel, train ticket, etc) → cheapest path

Network analysis: traveling salesman

Distances as costs

Spearfish example

```
# we want to vist 6 locations on our trip

echo "1|601653.5|4922869.2|a
2|608284|4923776.6|b
3|601845|4914981.9|c
4|596270|4917456.3|d
5|593330.8|4924096.6|e
6|598005.5|4921439.2|f" | v.in.ascii cat=1 x=2 y=3 out=centers \
col="cat integer, east double precision, \
north double precision, label varchar(43)"

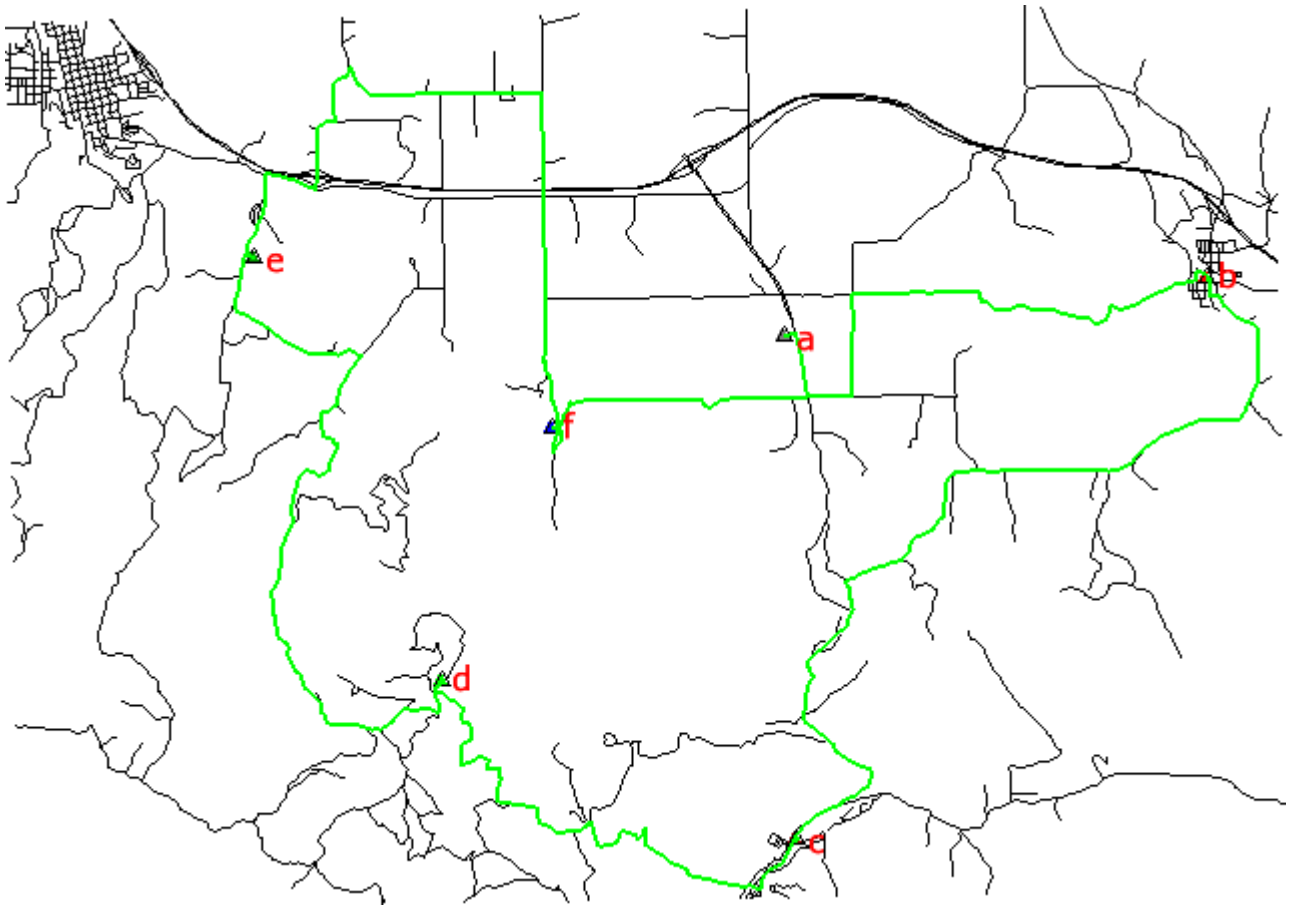
# prepare network
g.copy vect=roads,myroads
v.net myroads points=centers out=myroads_net op=connect \
thresh=500

v.net.salesman myroads_net ccats=1-6 out=mysalesman_length
```

Network analysis: traveling salesman

Distances as costs

Result



Network analysis: traveling salesman

Traveling time as costs

```
# create unique categories for each line in layer 2
v.category in=myroads_tmp out=myroads opt=add cat=1 layer=2

# add new table for layer 2
v.db.addtable myroads layer=2 col="cat integer, label
varchar(43),length double precision,speed double precision,cost
double precision"

# copy road type to layer 2
v.to.db myroads layer=2 qlayer=1 opt=query qcolumn=label
columns=label

# create lines map connecting points to network (take care of
layers)
v.net myroads points=centers out=myroads_net op=connect
thresh=500 alayer=2 nlayer=1
```

Network analysis: traveling salesman

Traveling time as costs

Road type	Speed limit
Interstate	75 mph
Primary highway, hard surface	75 mph
Scondary highway, hard surface	50 mph
Light-duty road, improved surface	25 mph
Unimproved road	5 mph

Network analysis: traveling salesman

Traveling time as costs

```
# define traveling costs as length in miles divided by speed
limit in miles per hour:

v.to.db map=myroads_net layer=2 type=line option=length
col=length unit=miles

# set speed limits in miles / hour
v.db.update myroads_net layer=2 col=speed val="5.0"
v.db.update myroads_net layer=2 col=speed val="75.0"
where="label='interstate'"
v.db.update myroads_net layer=2 col=speed val="75.0"
where="label='primary highway, hard surface'"
v.db.update myroads_net layer=2 col=speed val="50.0"
where="label='secondary highway, hard surface'"
v.db.update myroads_net layer=2 col=speed val="25.0"
where="label='light-duty road, improved surface'"
v.db.update myroads_net layer=2 col=speed val="5.0"
where="label='unimproved road'"
```

Network analysis: traveling salesman

Traveling time as costs

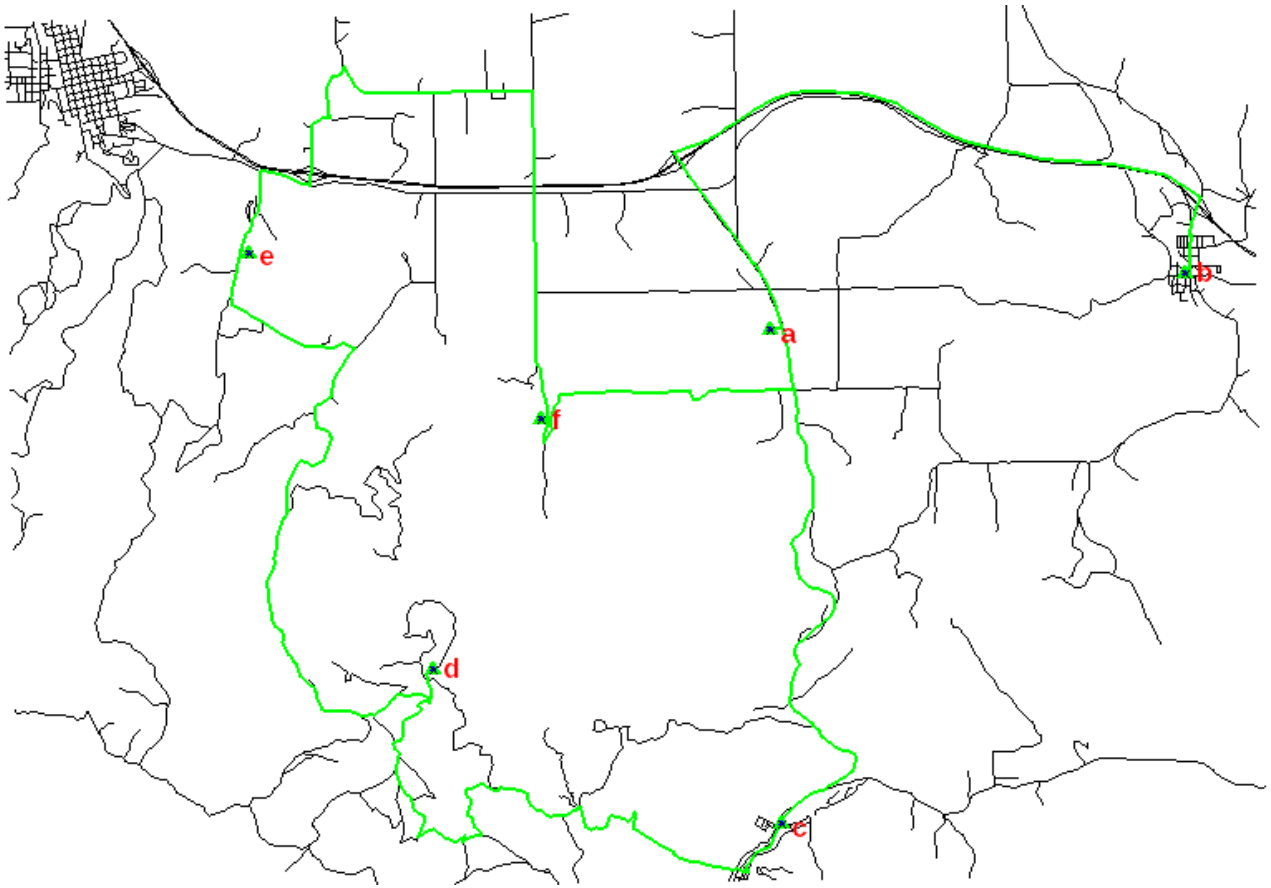
```
# set costs as traveling time in hours
v.db.update myroads_net layer=2 col=cost val="length / speed"

# fastest path: traveling costs = length / speed
v.net.salesman myroads_net alayer=2 nlayer=1 acol=cost ccats=1-6
out=mysalesman_fastest
```

Network analysis: traveling salesman

Traveling time as costs

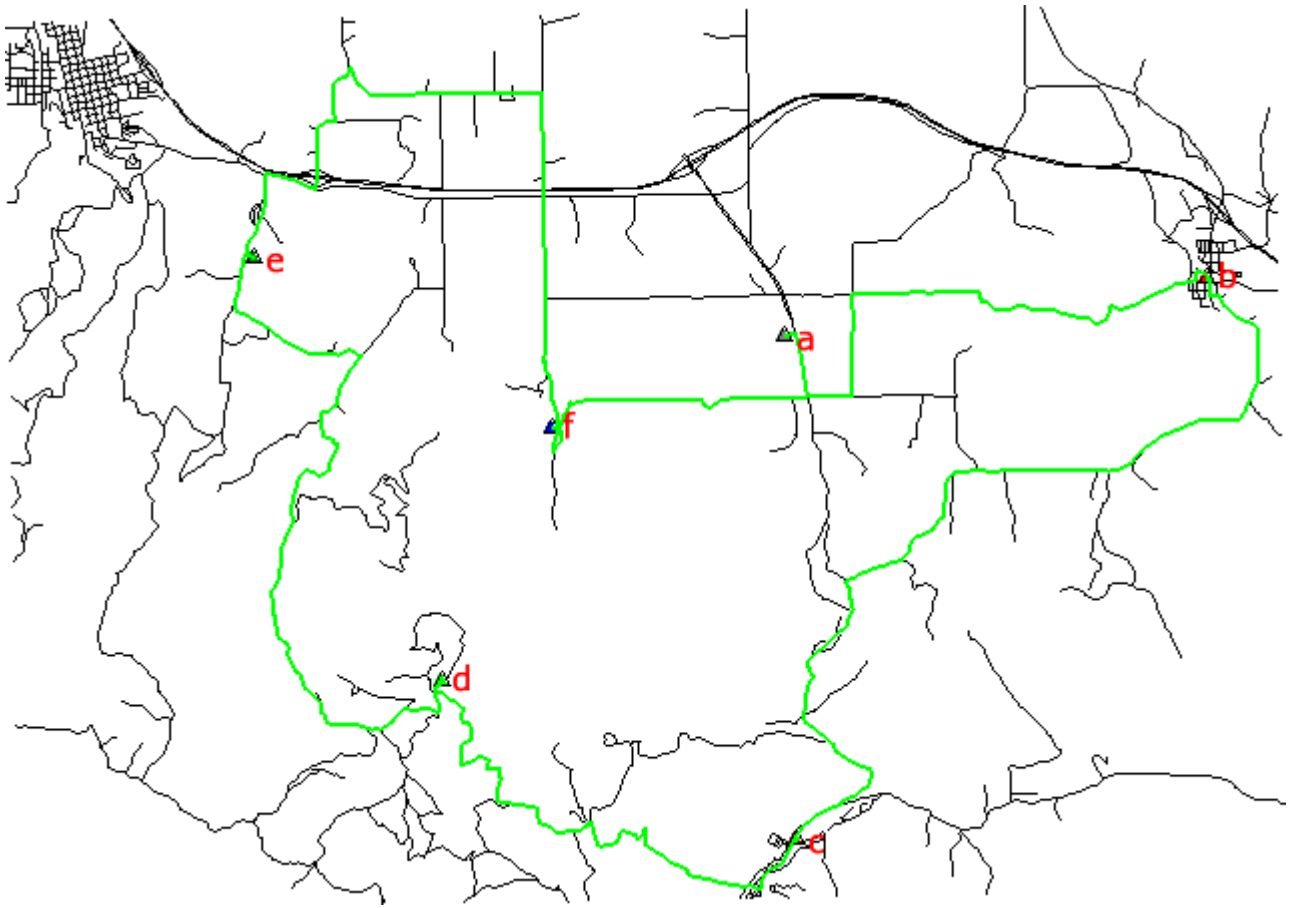
Result



Network analysis: traveling salesman

Distances as costs

Result



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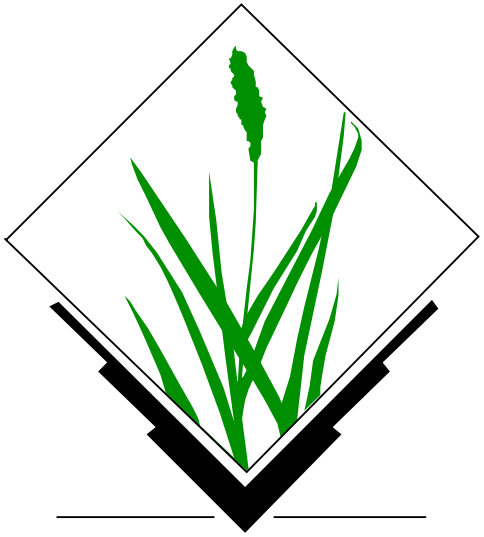

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