### **GIS Tools for Non-GIS Applications**

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- Illustrate use of commonly-used GIS tools for non-GIS applications
- Introduce tool  $\rightarrow$  GIS Application  $\rightarrow$  Non-GIS Application
- Tools considered
  - Supervised Classification
  - Unsupervised Classification
  - Georeferencing
  - Spatial Filtering
  - Lidar Point Cloud Processing
- "No math, just business"





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## Tools

### • Supervised Classification

- Unsupervised Classification
- Georeferencing

#### Spatial Filtering

- -Low Pass (smoothing, averaging)
- -High Pass (sharpening)
- -Edge Detection

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### **Supervised Classification**

#### Analyst assigns selected raster pixels into known feature class

- Selected pixels are representative samples of features to be rendered in classified raster
- Known feature classes referred to as training data or signature file
- Classification algorithm uses training data to classify all remaining pixels in image
  - Classification based spectral similarity between remaining pixels and known feature classes

#### GIS Tool

- ArcMap Create Signature File and Maximum Likelihood Classification
- ERDAS Image Signature Editor and Supervised Classification





# **Supervised Classification (GIS)**

#### **Original Image**



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#### **Classified Image**



- Identify/select small areas of interest (AOI) in image that represent distinct features found across entire image (e.g., LULC application)
- AOI used to create spectral signatures (i.e., signature file)



# **Supervised Classification (Non-GIS)**

#### **Sensor Image**



All target pixels selected



#### Some clutter pixels selected



- Create ground truth (i.e., signature) file from selected pixels to train genetic algorithm to distinguish targets from clutter
- Each record (row) in file represents a pixel
- First field provides truth (1 = target; 0 = clutter)
- Subsequent fields provide features computed for pixel and neighboring cells







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### **Unsupervised Classification**

- Sorts raster pixels into individual classes (or, clusters)
- Algorithm determines which pixels are grouped together in classes; no need for <u>a priori</u> ground truthing
- But, analyst must decide what features those classes represent
- GIS Tool
  - ArcMap Spatial Analyst ISO Cluster and Maximum Likelihood Classification
  - ERDAS Image Unsupervised Classification





## **Unsupervised Classification (GIS)**

- Perform unsupervised classification to segment water feature from land features
- Study Area: Newnans Lake, Alachua County, FL

#### Landsat 5 Thematic Mapper Image LT50170392011072GNC01



Image Chip



Classified Chip (8 Classes)







## **Unsupervised Classification (Non-GIS)**

- Perform k-means clustering to segment image pixels into 'k' clusters to distinguish tanks from background clutter
- Pixels assigned to cluster with nearest mean value









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## Georeferencing

- Aligns raster/vector datasets to common coordinate system
- Control points used to link known positions in respective datasets
- One dataset is translated, rotated, and scaled relative to second dataset to achieved georeferenced image
- First-order polynomial (i.e., affine transformation) commonly used
- GIS Tool
  - ArcGIS Georeferencing Toolbar
    - Add Control PointsView Link Table





## **Georeferencing (GIS)**

### Vector data (roads and building) not georeferenced to aerial image raster



#### **Georeferenced Image**





# **Georeferencing (Non-GIS)**



- Georeferencing often referred to as image registration
- Although synchronized in time, vehicles in color image are offset (specifically, left and below) from corresponding vehicles in IR image
- Must "register" images to a single coordinate frame



Facilitates and optimizes data fusion from the two sensors



# **Image Registration (via MATLAB)**



• Form following matrix equation, and solve for A (Affine Transformation matrix)

IR control points					Color control points			
	[293	175	240		[274	174	228]	
	185	235	355	= A	163	207	316	
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## **Image Registration (Cont.)**

$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 293 & 175 & 240 \\ 185 & 235 & 355 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 274 & 174 & 228 \\ 163 & 207 & 316 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.18 & 0.009 & -33.05 \\ -0.128 & 1.107 & 8.02 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Overlaid Registered Images** 





 Register color image to IR image by multiplying each color pixel (row, col, 1)<sup>T</sup> by transformation matrix, A



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# **Spatial Filtering**

- Spatial filter (aka, kernal or mask) is group of cells around target cell
- Filter sequentially shifted across each cell in raster data set to recalculate value of target cell that lies at its center

1

1

1

1

1

1

29

Filtered value

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- Spatial Analyst Filter-Low for image smoothing
- Spatial Analyst Filter-High for image sharpening







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## Low Pass Filter (GIS)

#### Original Image (ETM, Band 8)



- Filter smooths (averages) data
- Pixels blend better with neighboring pixels



Guayus River Quayaquil, Ecuador



**Filtered Image** 



## Low Pass Filter (Non-GIS)

#### **Original Image**



#### **Filtered Image**



#### Filter smooths noisy image data

However ...

#### Vehicle edges blurred and less distinct











# **High Pass Filter (Non-GIS)**

#### **Original Image**

#### **Filtered Image**



High-pass filter sharpens vehicle edges making them more distinct

However ...

Undesirable image noise also accentuated

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## **Edge Detection – Contour Tool (GIS)**

 Identify gradients such as discontinuities and abrupt changes in DEM rasters to compute contour lines



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# **Edge Detection (Non-GIS)**

- Filter used to identify distinct edges in raster image
- Result is reclassified two-code image -- value of 1 indicates a distinct edge, 0 otherwise
- "Sobel" filter uses a pair of 3 x 3 filters, one estimating the gradient in the x-direction (columns) and the other estimating the gradient in the y-direction (rows)

$$Gx = \begin{array}{c|cccc} -1 & 0 & 1 \\ \hline -2 & 0 & 2 \\ \hline -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \qquad Gy = \begin{array}{c|ccccc} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline -1 & -2 & -1 \end{array}$$





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# **Contour Tool Edge Detection (Non-GIS)**

• As an experiment, use Spatial Analyst Contour Tool to segment military vehicles based on abrupt changes in grayscale values







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# **Lidar Mass Point Processing**

- 3D lidar data allows mapping of earth's surface and nonsurface objects to render DTM and DSM
- Raw x, y, z data converted to LAS format to facilitate data exchange between users

GIS Tools

- ArcMap 3D Analyst LAS to Multipoint tool
- Quick Terrain Modeler for point cloud visualization





Text: Remote Sensing of the Environment







# Lidar Mass Point Processing (GIS)

 Access NWFWMD portal to retrieve Lidar data for selected area around Tallahassee, FL (www.nwfwmdlidar.com)



 Utilize Quick Terrain (QT) Modeler to visualize retrieved data



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# Ladar Point Cloud Processing (Non-GIS)

#### Exploit Ladar point cloud to develop automatic target recognition algorithms



Stabilized Airborne Electro-optical Instrumentation Platform



Co-located color, IR, and ladar sensors





Ladar: Laser detection and ranging

2D Ladar Intensity Image





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## Ladar Point Cloud (Cont.)

#### **2D Ladar Intensity Image**

















# **Questions?**





# **Supplemental Slides**





# Supervised Training Example (Non-GIS)

#### TRAINING DATA USED FOR TARGET DETECTION

	_	FEATURE VALUES				
	Truth	x[1]	x[2]	x[3]	x[4]	x[5]
(	1	11.44	0.8	5.44	0.56	3.65
	1	5.6	-0.29	3.53	-1.07	2.83
	1	22.29	0.48	21.1	-1.64	2.02
	1	23.72	0.33	26.75	6.35	8.46
Target	1	16.96	0.39	16.58	-2.48	1.64
larger	1	129.88	0.95	146.47	15.08	7.05
	1	12.27	0.46	6.4	3.06	4.97
	1	11.89	-0.15	7.46	8.4	2.34
	1	14.44	0.32	12.66	-1.32	-0.27
(	1	21.12	0.29	22.49	3.06	7.69
(	0	17.82	-0.2	12.58	-2.74	-2.94
	0	9.06	-0.87	3.84	-2.83	-1.88
	0	83.97	0.41	108.94	9.6	6.12
	0	138.36	0.6	108.94	6.43	1
Cluttor	0	3.37	-0.8	1.2	-3.91	-0.45
Clutter	0	49.98	0.35	108.94	5.83	7.72
	0	73.44	0.7	108.94	1.54	0.71
	0	7.13	-1.2	3.18	-4.75	-1.3
	0	16.29	-1.25	7.64	-1.1	-2.95
C	0	17.49	0.05	17.78	-4.67	-2.53

#### **RESULTING PSEUDO-CODE OUTPUT**

Name of training data file = radar.dat Hit miss info for best: hit/miss: (-)10/0 (+)10/0 [ 0] Registers initialized.				
[ 1] Accum = Accum + X[5];				
[ 2] Accum = Accum * X[1];				
[ 3] Accum = Accum / X[3];				
[ 4] Accum = Accum + X[5];				
[ 5] Accum = Accum * X[4];				
[ 6] Accum = Accum - X[3];				
[ 7] Accum = Accum * X[4];				
[ 8] if (Accum <= 0.0) Accum = 0.0; else Accum = 1.0;				

Accum = 
$$\left[ \left[ \frac{x[1] * x[5]}{x[3]} + x[5] \right] * x[4] - x[3] \right] * x[4]$$

#### If Accum <= 0.0, Clutter; otherwise Target





### **K-means clustering**

#### Pixels assigned to cluster with nearest mean value

Cluster Means = [3.4037 60.4177 102.7171 134.4866 142.8289 151.2892 175.4506 233.2953]



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## Ladar Point Cloud

#### **Synthetically – Generated T72**





• MATLAB application provides interactive 3D rotation of rendered point cloud scene

