

NATIONAL HYDROLOGY PROJECT



Online Training on “Introduction to Projection, Datum, Contours, DEM and Creation of DEM”

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At
National Geo-Spatial Data Centre,
Dehradun, Survey of India
(DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY, GOVT OF INDIA)



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PREFACE

National Hydrology Project known as NHP-III is a World Bank assisted project and coordinated by Ministry of Jal Shakti. The aim of the project is to improve the planning, development and management of water resources as-well-as flood forecasting and reservoir observations in real-time.

Under NHP-III, SOI is providing updated digital topographical Geo-database and DEM of 3-5m accuracy of around 8,00,000 Sq. Km. area as-well-as DEM of 0.5m accuracy of approximately 58472 Sq. Km. area.

During various discussions at NPMU and with other State Implementing Agencies (IAs), it was felt that there is a need to create awareness among officers and staff of IAs, specifically regarding Projection System, Datum, Contours and creation of Digital Elevation Model(DEM) from various sources. Hence, an online training programme of 1 day was envisaged and conducted on 12th September, 2022 in which 50 participants participated from various IAs.

The response of online training on “Introduction to Projection, Datum, Contours and Creation of DEM” has been very encouraging and there is a demand for more training on the subject.

We expressed extreme gratitude to Surveyor General of India for his continuous support to NHP in general and conduct of training in particular. We are also thankful to Col S.K. Dwivedi, Director, NGDC & Nodal Officer NHP, for his support to conduct the training. Sincere thanks to Shri Ajay Kumar, OS, Shri Vivek Gupta, OS for delivering lectures. Thanks are also due to Shri Mahipal Singh, SS, other officers & staff of NGDC for organizing the online training as-a-whole.

At last but not the least we are extremely thankful to NPMU for their continuous guidance and state IAs for deputing various officers to participate in the training.

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Training Schedule

Online Training on

“Introduction to Projection, Datum, Contours and Creation of DEM”

Time	Topic	Lecture Taken By
12th September, 2022		
1030 – 1130 Hrs	Introduction to Datum, Projector, Heights & Contours	Shri Vivek Gupta OS, NGDC, Dehradun
1145- 1300 Hrs	Introduction to DEM & Creation of DEM	Shri Ajay Kumar OS, NGDC, Dehradun

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Presentations

PRESENTATION ON

INTRODUCTION TO

DATUM, PROJECTION,

HEIGHT & CONTOURS

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Introduction to Datum, Projection, Heights & Contours

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- PROJECTION
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- CONTOURS



INTRODUCTION - SURVEY OF INDIA

- Survey of India, the national survey and mapping agency of the country under the department of science & technology, is the oldest scientific department of the Govt. of India and was established in 1767.
- It is one of the Implementing Agencies among the Govt. Of India prestigious National Hydrology Project.



SOI - Mandate

- The Survey of India is the adviser to the Government of India on the all survey matters
- Deals with International Boundaries matters
- Geodetic Control (Horizontal and Vertical) & Geodetic surveys
- Tidal observation
- Topographical Control, Surveys and Mapping within India on 25K, 50K and 250K scales.
- Cantonments, Large Scale City Surveys, Guide Maps etc
- Surveys for Developmental Projects
- Mapping and Production of Geographical Maps and Aeronautical Charts.
- Survey and Mapping of special maps
- Toponymy
- Mapping in Antarctica



SOI- Services and Products

- Geodetic Survey
 - ◆ Satellite Geodesy - GPS Observations
 - ◆ Tidal Observations
 - ◆ High Precision Leveling
 - ◆ Geomagnetic Surveys
 - ◆ Gravity Surveys
 - ◆ CORS (Continuously Observed Referenced System)
- Topographic Survey
 - ◆ Topographical Survey on different scales
 - ◆ Large Scale Mapping
- Others
 - ◆ Project Surveys, expeditions etc
- Portal
 - ◆ SOI, G2G and India Map portal



Nation wide presence of
SoI offices



MAP VS SKETCH

Sketch-

- It is just an imaginary image of a specific place/ area.
- It is a drawing mainly based on memory and spot observation.
- It is not to scale.
- It is a rough drawing & require no specific instrument.

Map-

- A map is a visual representation of an area.
- A symbolic depiction highlighting inter relationships in terms of distances & direction between details of that area.
- It has scale & require specific instruments to know exact direction & distances.





SCALE OF A MAP

- Map scale refers to the relationship (or Ratio) between distances of objects on a map and the corresponding distances between same objects on the ground.
- For example, on a 1:1,00,000 scale map, 1cm on the map equals 1km on the ground.

Types of Map Scales

- Large Scale 1:25,000 or larger (For small Area)
- Medium Scale 1:10,00,000 to 1:25,000
- Small Scale 1:10,00,000 or smaller (Covers large area)

Topographical Maps are medium scale maps.



TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS

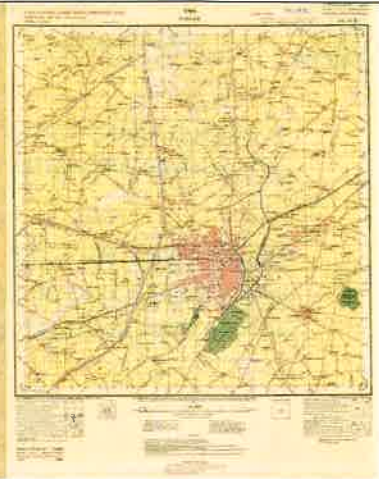


TOPOGRAPHICAL MAPS

- The maps on smaller than 1:1M scale are called Geo-graphical maps.
- Maps published on scale larger than 1:1M scale are called Topographical maps.
- SOI prepares topographical maps on 1:250K, 1:50K and 1:25K scales.



1:50,000 SCALE TOPO-MAP

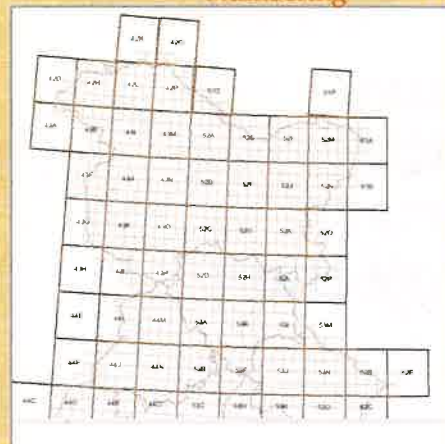


TOPOGRAPHICAL DATA - 1:250K

- Entire India is covered by 394 sheets on 1:250,000 scale
- One 1:250 Sheet covers appx 110 Km * 110 Km area.
- The contour Interval for 1:250K sheets is generally 100m.



1:250K Sheets - Numbering



Specimen of OSM



SOI- FEW LATEST WORK

- 3 D Mapping of entire Delhi on 1:1000 scale.. DSSDI (Delhi State Spatial Data Infrastructure)
- 152 Cities mapping on 1:2K and 1:10K scale. NUIS
- Mapping of all coal Mines of India on 1:4K Scale.. CMPDI (Central Mine Planning & Design Institute)
- Mapping of Coastal India with 0.5 contour Interval.. ICZM(Integrated coastal zone management)
- Redefinition of Indian Vertical Datum.. RIVD
- GPS data library, Tidal Observations, Gravity Obsn
- Open Series of Maps n Defence Series of Maps



SURVEYING

Some Basics



Surveying: Definition

- ❖ Surveying is the art and science of accurately determining 3-D position of points and the distances and angles between them.
- ❖ These points are usually on the surface of the Earth, and they are often used to prepare maps and boundaries for ownership or governmental purposes
- ❖ Points are (X,Y,Z) or (Long, Lat, Ht)



SURVEYING - Classification Of Surveying Based on Extent of Area

- **Plane Surveying (small area):** In this earth surface is assumed as a plane and curvature of the earth is ignored
- **Geodetic Surveying (large area):** In this curvature of the earth is taken into account and a higher degree of accuracy in linear as well as angular observation is achieved.



SURVEYING - Classification of Ground Control:

- **The Ground Control are classifies as**
 - Horizontal Control
 - Vertical Control
- **Horizontal Control:**
 - A point or monument on surface of earth whose latitude and longitude with respect to some reference surface are known.
 - The reference surface is known as horizontal datum and for horizontal control it an **ellipsoid** (Everest, WGS84)
- **Vertical Control**
 - A point or monument on surface of earth whose height with respect to some reference surface is known.
 - The reference surface for vertical control is **MSL or Geoid**



Introduction

- Datum
- Height
- Contour
- Projection



What is Datum?

- A datum is a reference surface with respect to which measurements are made.
- **Horizontal datums-**
 - for describing a point on the earth's surface in Geographic Coordinates (latitude and longitude) or another coordinate system (Easting-Northing).
 - base measurement for 2-D coordinates (X-Y)
- **Vertical datums**
 - measure elevations or depths.
 - base measurement for 3rd Dimension (Height-Z)



WHY DATUMS :?

To deal with surveying and mapping a datum and coordinate system is required.

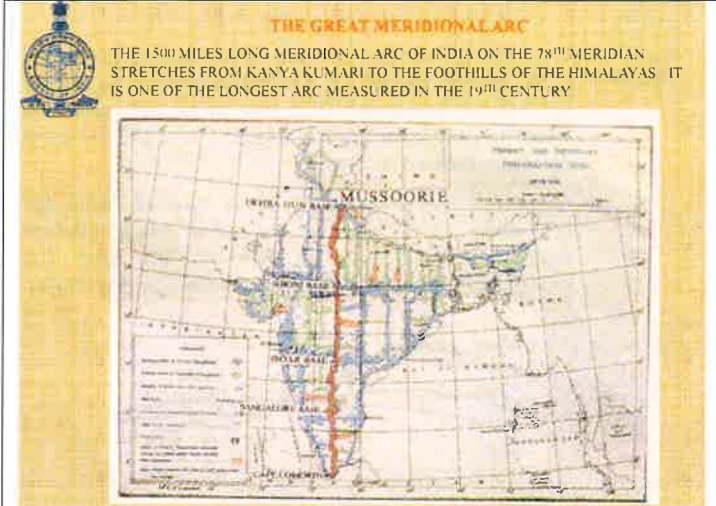
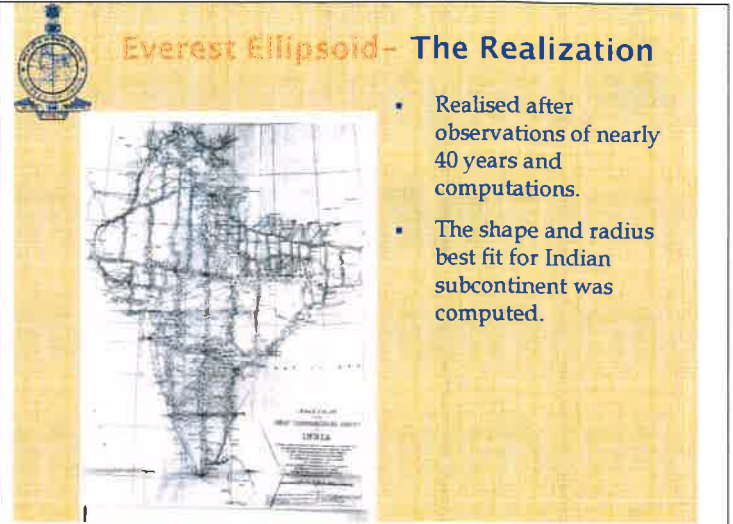
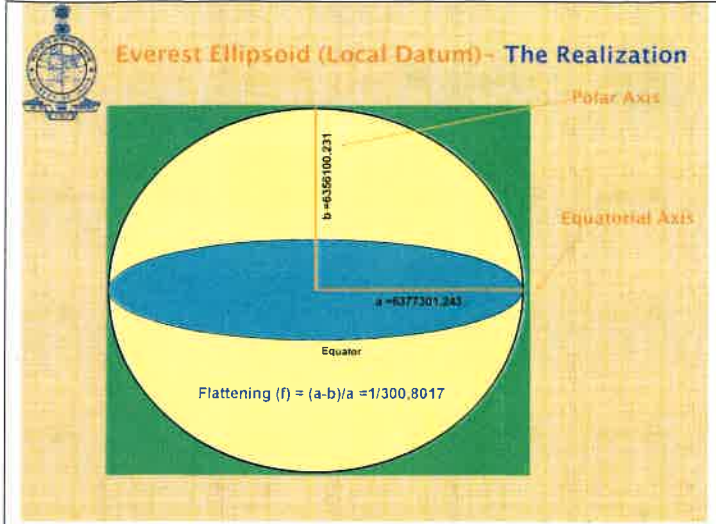
➤ DATUM USED IN SURVEYING:

- **Horizontal Datum- (Ellipsoid)**
 - The mathematical shape that best resembles with earth
- **Vertical datums – (Geoid/MSL)**
 - Actual shape of earth after removing topographical surface



Horizontal Datum - The Ellipsoid

- The ellipsoidal surface is smooth & mathematical surface. Computations can be made on this surface.
 - Its centre coincides with the **centre mass of the earth**.
 - Its minor axis is parallel to the axis of rotation of the earth.
- Ellipsoid is used as the reference surface (datum) for horizontal coordinates in geodetic network.
- Everest ellipsoid was used as a Horizontal datum till year 2000. It was a **local datum** used in India and adjacent countries
- Post year 2000, we have started to use WGS84 as horizontal datum. It is a **global datum**.

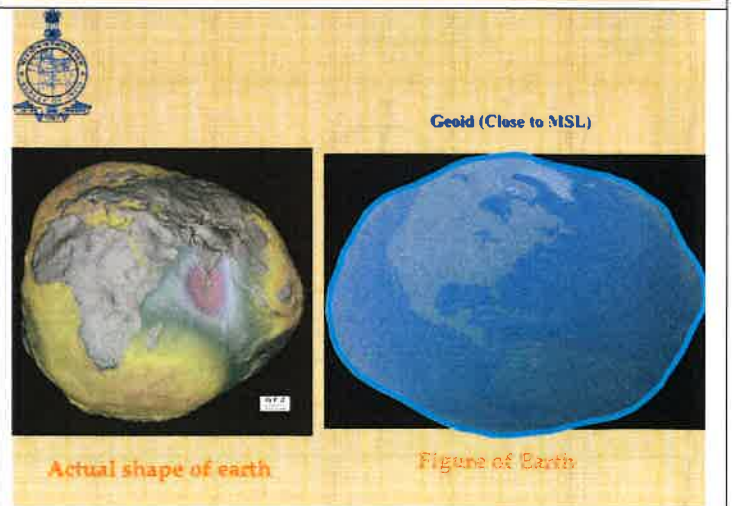
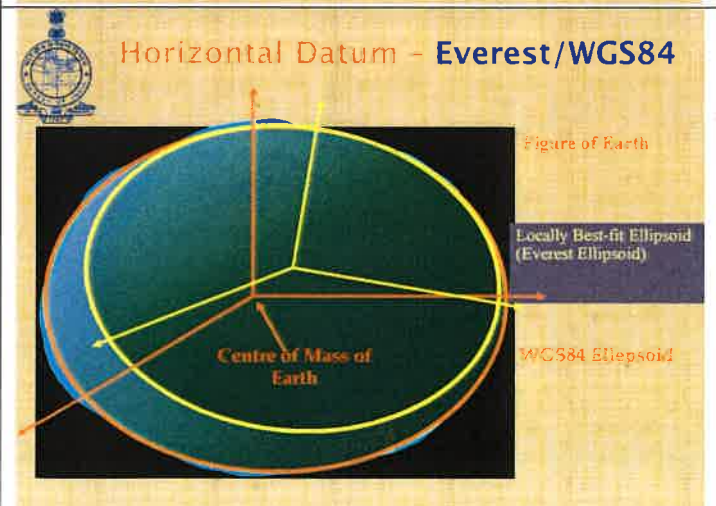
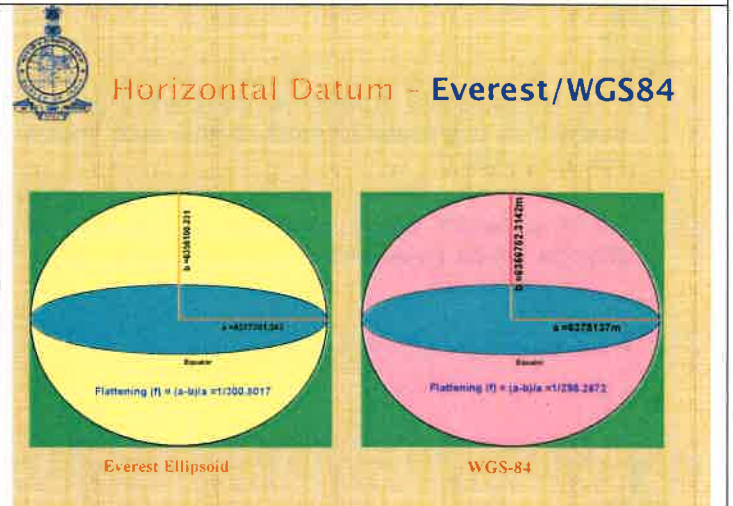


- ### Horizontal Datum (Global) - GRS80/WGS84
- Adopted by IUGG Canberra in December 1979.
 - GRS 1967 was replaced by GRS 1980.
 - For all practical purposes, the GRS80 and WGS84 ellipsoids are identical.
 - WGS84 was designed to be a practical standard global, geocentric horizontal datum for:
 - Mapping
 - Charting
 - Geodesy and
 - Navigation

Horizontal Datum - Everest/WGS84

Everest Defining Parameters		
Parameter	Notation	Value
semi-major axis	a	6377301.243m
Reciprocal of flattening	1/f	300.8017

WGS84 Defining Parameters		
Parameter	Notation	Value
semi-major axis	a	6378137.0 m
Reciprocal of flattening	1/f	298.257223563





HEIGHT



Height

- Length on Vertical direction
- Water flow criterion
- Different type of Heights
- Issue of
 - Gravity
 - MSL
 - Geoid
 - Misc others



MSL (Mean Sea Level)

- Arithmetic Mean of all phase (high and low tides) of ocean tide (hourly heights) taken for 18.66 year (approx. 19yrs) at a place is called as **Mean Sea Level** of that place.
- MSL of nine tide gauge station namely Karachi, Bombay, Karwar, Beypore, Cochin, Nagapattinam, Madras, Vishakhapatnam, and False point with the assumption that the Mean Sea Level at all these stations represent the same level surface.
- The Indian vertical datum (IVD) was realized over a century ago in 1909 on the basis average MSL of nine tide gauge station with the assumption that Mean Sea Level measured at each of these nine observatories represents the same water level.



MSL (Mean Sea Level)

- The vertical datum for all surveying operation is taken as MSL which is natural surface. So all the heights are measured with respect to MSL which is taken as ZERO surface for height. The MSL is more precisely defined as Geoid.
- Mean Sea Level adopted by survey of India for reference, is located at Mumbai High (Before independence it was in Karachi but after the independence we have shifted it to the Bombay High).



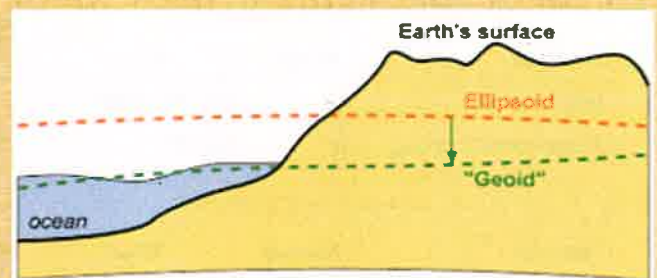
Geoid

- An equipotential surface of the Earth's gravity field which corresponds most closely with 'mean sea level (MSL)'
- it is a datum which conforms to the laws of physics which says water must flow from **higher potential to lower potential**.
- Points are (X,Y,Z) or (Long, Lat, Ht)

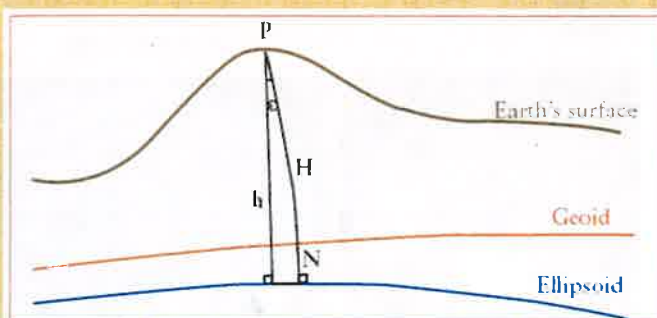


Vertical Datum - Height

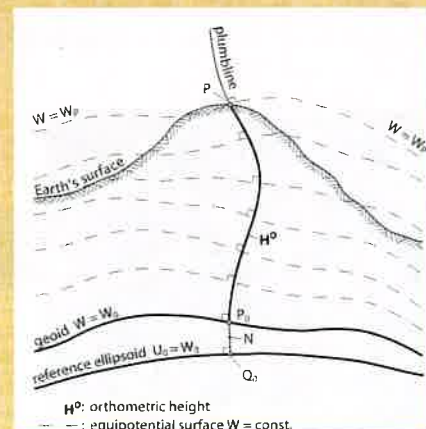
Geoid and Ellipsoid



Height



Direction of Vertical





Vertical Datum - Geoid



Figure of Earth

Geoid (Close to MSL)



INTRODUCTION TO CONTOURS

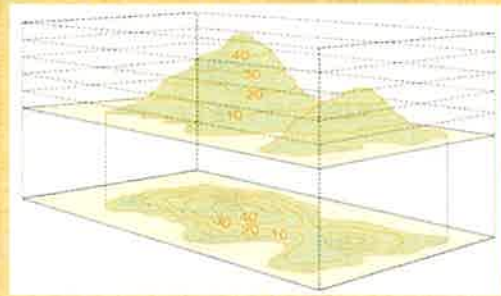


Contour Farming in Hilly Terrain



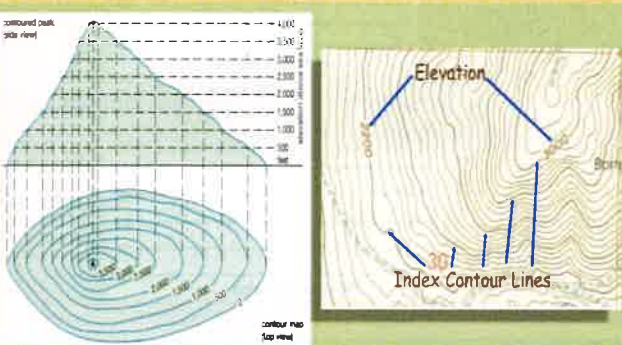
Contours -

A Contour is an imaginary line on the ground joining the points of equal elevation or reduced level.

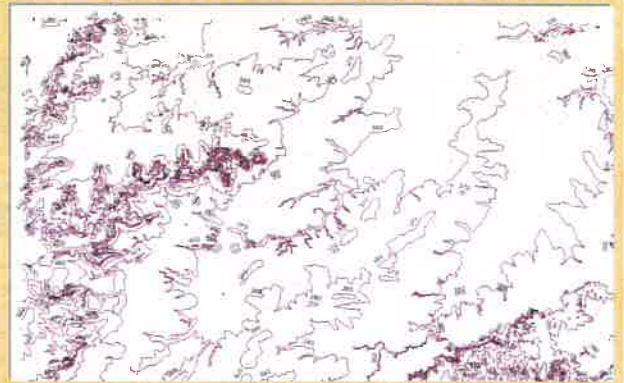


Contour line

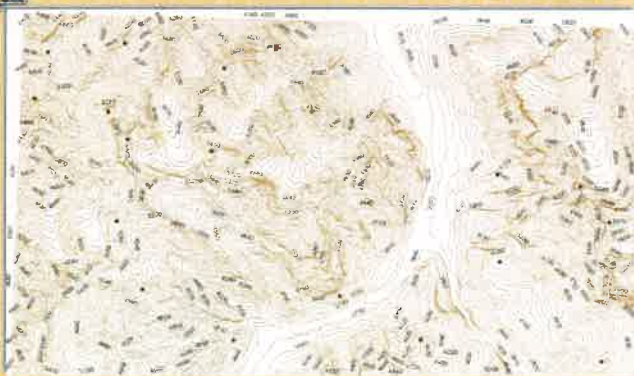
A Contour line is an imaginary outline of the terrain obtained by joining its points of equal elevation.



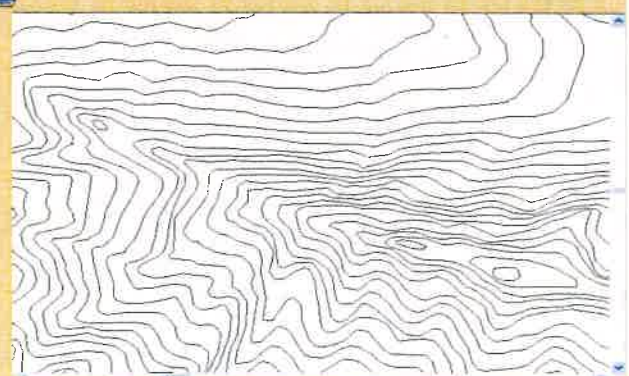
Normal Contour file looks like this



Heavy Contour (in High Hills) file looks like this



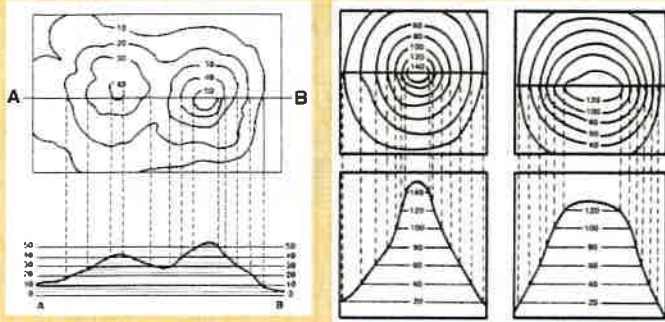
Zoom view





Contour interval

The vertical distance between two successive contours is known as 'Contour interval'. It remains constant for a given map.



Contour interval continued.....

- ✓ Contour Intervals for flat ground are generally small, e.g. 0.25m, 0.5m, 0.75m .
- ✓ The contour intervals for a steep slope in a hilly area is generally greater, e.g. 5m, 10m, 15m etc.
- ✓ Contour interval is kept large up to 2m for projects such as highways and railways, whereas it is kept as small as 0.5m for measurement of earthwork, building sites, dams etc.
- ✓ It is desirable to have a constant contour interval for a particular map.



Contour interval for topo maps of Sol

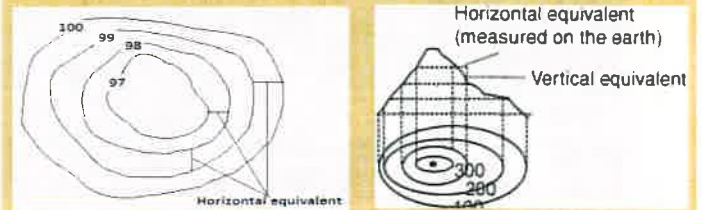
SCALE	POSITIONAL ACCURACY (1/4 of the scale)	CONTOUR INTERVAL		CONTOUR ACCURACY (1/2 of the contour interval)	
		for Plain	for Hills	for Plain	for Hills
1:50,000	12.5M	10/20M	40M	5/10M	20M
1:25,000	6.25M	5M	10M	2.5M	5M
1:10,000	2.5M	2M	4M	1M	2M
1:5,000	1.25M	1M	2M	0.5M	1M
1:1,000	0.25M	0.25/0.5M	0.5M		

(CI BELOW 0.5M IS RARELY USED)



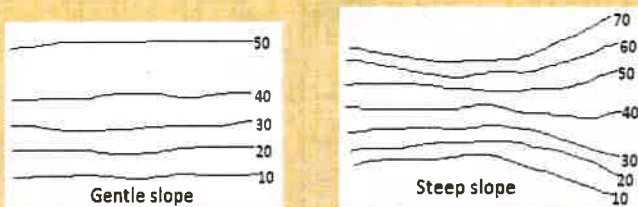
Horizontal equivalent

The horizontal distance between two successive contours is known as 'Horizontal equivalent'. It is not constant for a given map, it varies according to the steepness of the ground.



CHARACTERISTICS OF CONTOURS

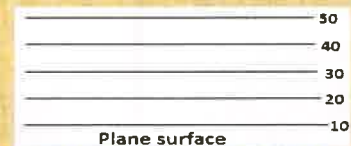
- All points in a contour line have the same elevation.
- Flat ground is indicated where the contours are widely separated and steep- slope where they run close together.



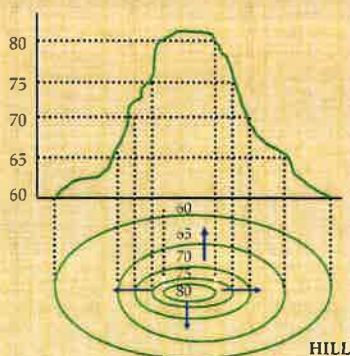
- A uniform slope is indicated when the contour lines are uniformly spaced and



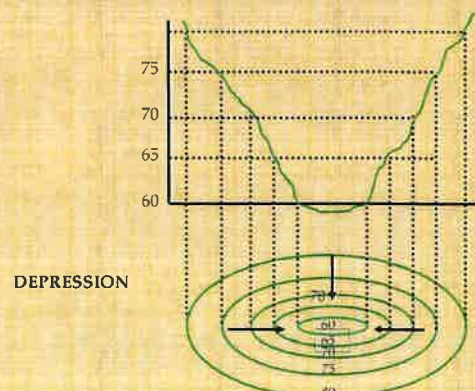
- A plane surface when they are straight, parallel and equally spaced.



- A series of closed contour lines on the map represents a hill , if the higher values are inside

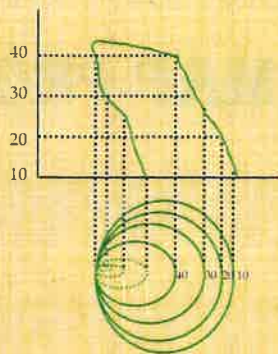


- A series of closed contour lines on the map indicates a depression if the higher values are outside





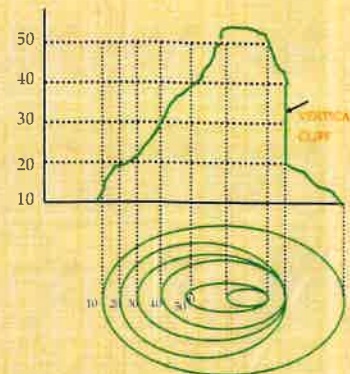
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OVERHANGING CLIFF



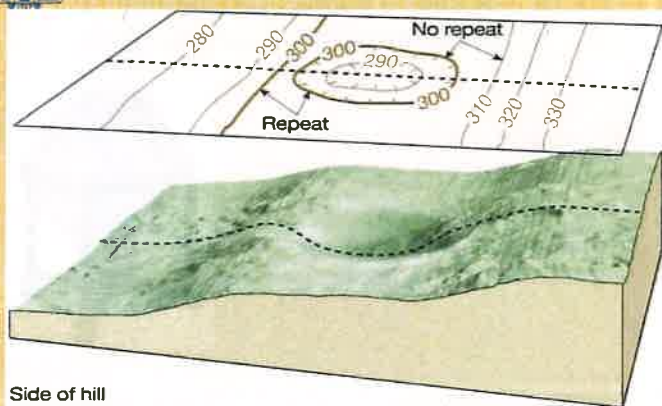
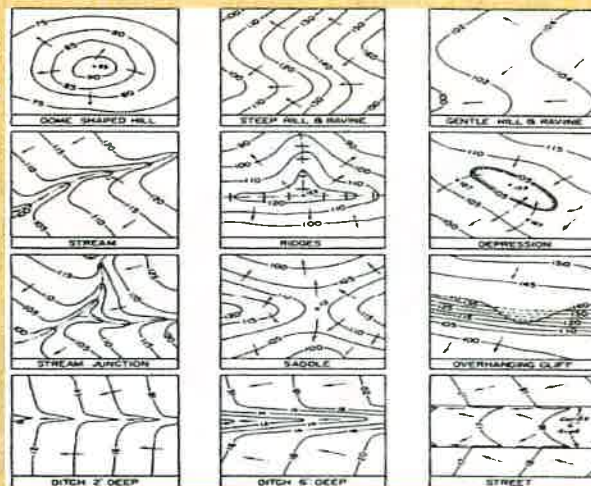
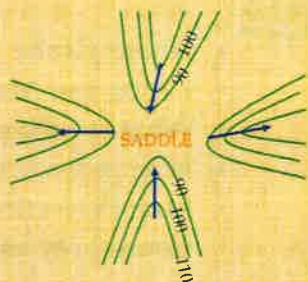
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OVERHANGING CLIFF



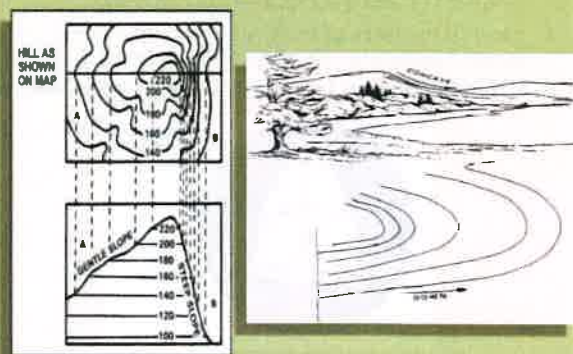
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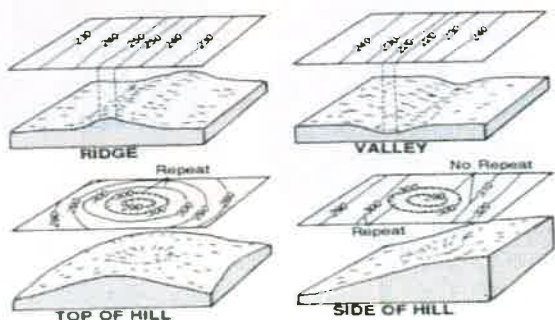
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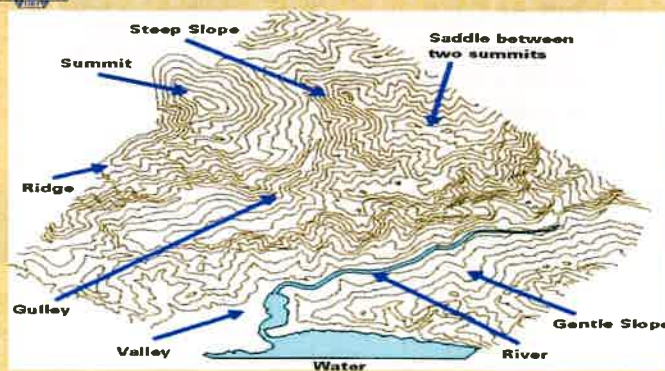
Characteristics of Contours



Typical Land Features and their contour forms

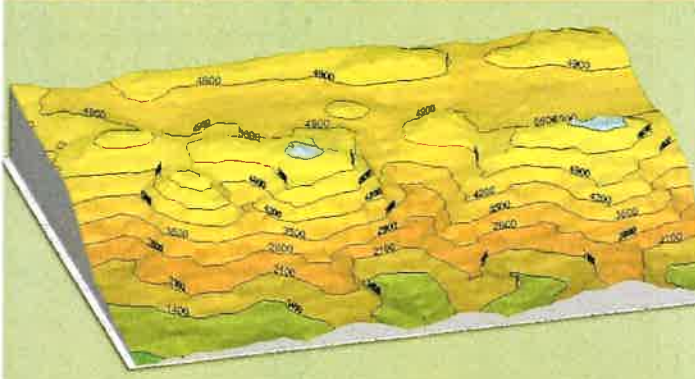


Typical Land Features and their contour forms





CONTOURS with TERRAIN



MAP PROJECTION



Map Projections



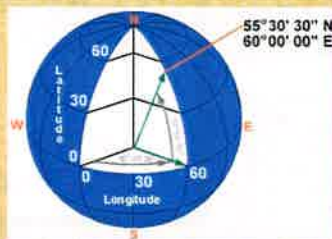
Contents

- About Globe
- Globe and Map
- What is a Map Projection?
- Map projection - Distortion
- Map Projection Classes
- Commonly used Map Projections



About Globe

- ▣ Spherical Earth's surface -radius 6371 km
- ▣ Meridians (lines of longitude) - Prime Meridian or 0° longitude passing through Greenwich, England.
- ▣ Parallels (lines of latitude) - using equator as 0° latitude



Globe and Map

- ▣ The earth is a spheroid/Ellipsoid
- ▣ The best model of the earth is a globe

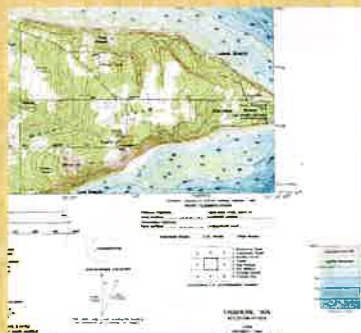
Drawbacks of Globe:

- not easy to carry
- not good for making planimetric measurement (distance, area, angle)

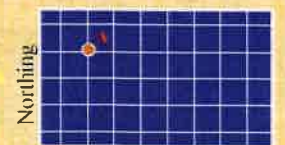


Globe and MapContd.

- ▣ Maps are flat
 - easy to carry
 - good for measurement
 - scaleable
- ▣ Map projections are used to "project" data from a sphere onto a planar surface



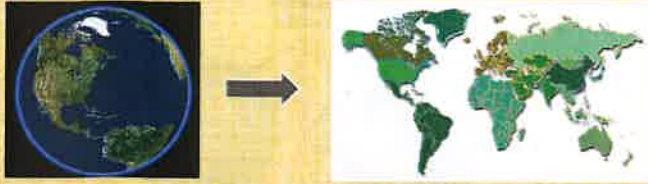
Globe and Map



(N,E) = F (Lat, Lon)
→distortions



What is a Map Projection?



Map projection is the process to represent a three dimensional Earth on a flat piece of paper

However...

The process of transferring information from the Earth to a map causes distortion either in shape, area, distance, or direction.



Map Projections - Distortions

- ▣ An orange's peel provides a classic demonstration of distortion in map projection
- ▣ It cannot be completely flattened unless compressed, stretched or torn apart.



Map Projection



Curved Earth
Geographic coordinates: ϕ, λ
(Latitude & Longitude)



Flat Map
Cartesian coordinates: x, y
(Easting & Northing)



Map Projections: Definition

- ▣ A map projection is a mathematical model for conversion of locations from a three-dimensional earth surface to a two-dimensional map representation.
- ▣ This conversion necessarily distorts some aspect of the earth's surface, such as area, shape, distance, or direction.



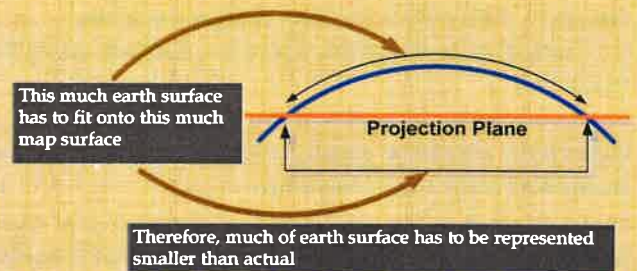
Map Projections (Contd.)

- ▣ Every projection has its own set of advantages and disadvantages.
- ▣ There is no "best" projection for every area
- ▣ Some distortions of conformality (shape), scale, distance, direction, and area always results from this processes.
- ▣ Some projections minimize distortions in some of these properties at the expense of maximizing errors in others.



Distortion.

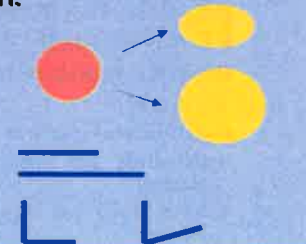
Fitting sphere to plane causes stretching or shrinking of features



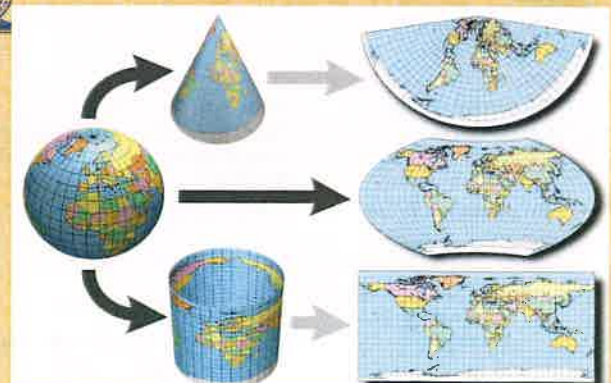
Map Projections-Distortions

Projecting Earth's surface always involves distortion:

- shape
- area
- distance
- direction

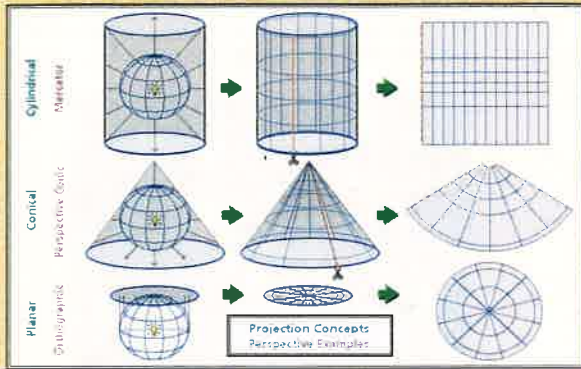


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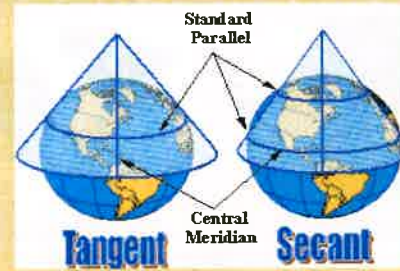




Types of Projections



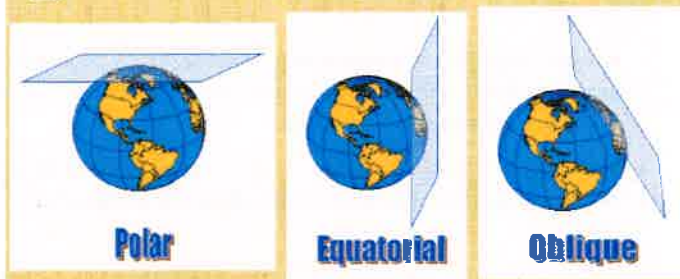
Conic Projections (Albers, Lambert)



The lines where the cone is tangent or secant are the places with the least distortion.

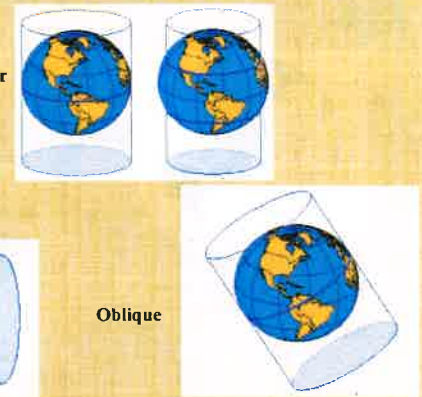


Planar or Azimuthal (Lambert)



Cylindrical Projections (Mercator)

The lines where the cylinder is tangent or secant are the places with the least distortion.



Types of Projections

Equal Area: maintains accurate relative sizes. Used for maps that show distributions or other phenomena where showing area accurately is important. Examples: Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area

Conformal: maintains angular relationships and accurate shapes over small areas. Used where angular relationships are important, such as for navigational or meteorological charts. Examples: Mercator (Cylindrical), Lambert Conformal Conic.



Types of Projections

Equidistant: maintains accurate distances from the center of the projection or along given lines. Used for radio and seismic mapping, and for navigation. Examples: Equidistant Conic

Azimuthal or Zenithal: maintains accurate directions (and therefore angular relationships) from a given central point. Used for aeronautical charts and other maps where directional relationships are important. Examples: Gnomonic projection, Lambert Azimuthal Equal-Area.

Azimuthal projection produces a circular map with a chosen point



Commonly Used Projection

Lambert Conformal Conic Projection (LCC)

- * Projection surface - Cone
- * Coincidence - Tangent for one standard parallel
- Secant for two standard parallel
- * Position - Normal
- * Properties of Projection - Conformal as the name suggests

UTM projection (Universal Transverse Mercator)

- * Projection surface - cylinder
- * Coincidence - Tangent
- * Position - Transverse (cylinder touch the datum at poles)
- * Properties of Projection- Conformal



LAMBERT CONFORMAL PROJECTIONS

- J. H. Lambert developed the mathematics for conformal conic projection with standard parallels, and presented in 1772.
- Later it was fully described by Gauss
- Its main features are:
 - Conical
 - Conformal (preserves local angles and shape)
 - Parallels are unequally spaced arcs of concentric circles,
 - Meridians are equally spaced radii of the same circles, thereby cutting parallels at right angles
 - Scale is true along two standard parallels.

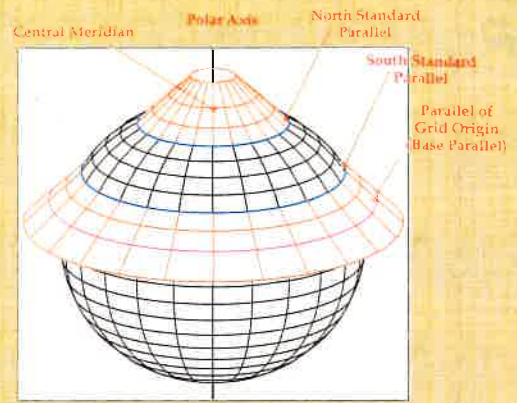


LAMBERT CONFORMAL PROJECTIONS (Contd.)

- Used for maps of countries and regions with east-west extent
- Used in India extensively for Geographical maps, grid in respect of topographical maps, and by coalfield companies

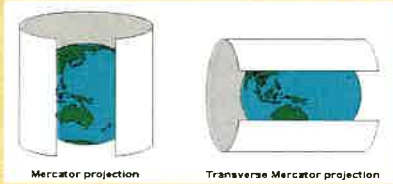


Lambert's Conformal Conic Projection



TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

- Mathematician and cartographer Johann Heinrich Lambert invented the widely used conformal projection in 1772.
- Carl F. Gauss analyzed the projection in 1882.
- L Kruger completed the development of the projection by developing the formulae further in order to make it suitable for numerical calculations in 1912.



Main Features of TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

- Cylindrical (Transverse)
- Conformal
- Meridian convergence increases with longitude away from central meridian.
- Meridian and parallel intersect at right angle.
- The origin of the ordinate y is at equator.
- The origin of abscissa x at central meridian.



UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR PROJECTION

- The Universal Transverse Mercator Projection is a particular case of Transverse Mercator Projection
- This is a world wide coordinate system brought up by the military during World War II
- This was adopted by US Army in 1947 for designating rectangular coordinates on large scale military maps of the entire world.

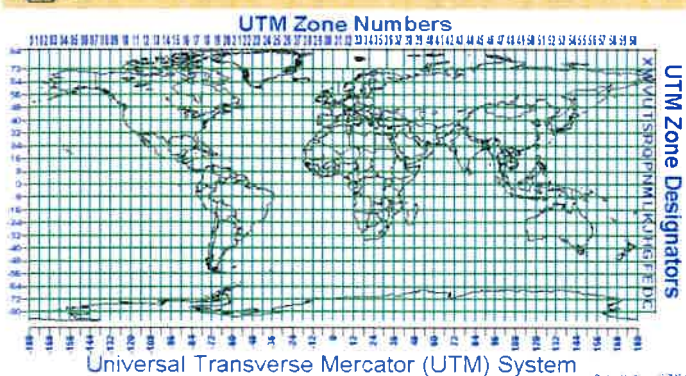


Specifications of UTM

- The world (Universe of UTM) is divided into 6° E-W equal parts from 180° W through 0° to 180° E and each UTM grid zone is numbered from 1 to 60.
- Zone number 1 starts from 180° W to 174° W, zone 2 from 174° W to 160°W and so on. Zone 30 from 6° W to Greenwich zone 60 from 174° E to 180° E.
- The N-S subdivision is from 80° S to 84° N and 8° apart except the last one, which is 72° N to 84° N.
- The geographical location in UTM projection is given x and y coordinates but in meters not feet.
- Scale factor at central meridian of UTM grid zone is 0.9996.



UTM Zone Numbers



UTM ZONE:





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PRESENTATION ON

INTRODUCTION TO DEM
& CREATION OF DEM
FROM VARIOUS
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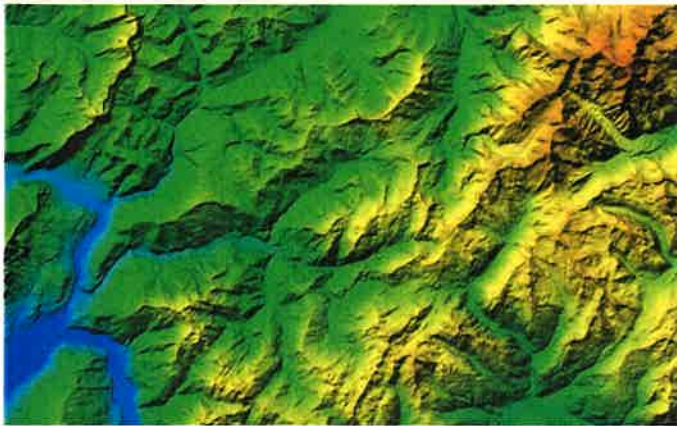
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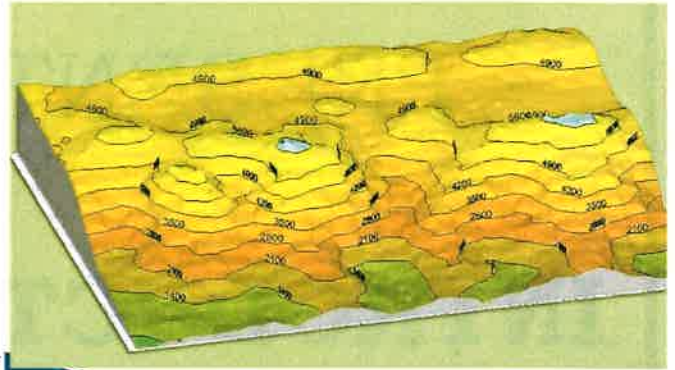
Digital Elevation Model



Digital Elevation Model looks like this

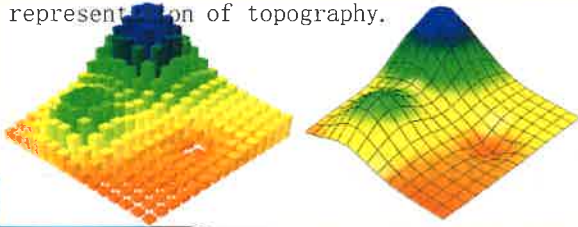


CONTOURS with TERRAIN



Introduction - Digital Elevation Model (DEM)

- Digital Elevation Model (DEM) is the digital representation of the land surface elevation with respect to any reference datum.
- DEM is the simplest form of digital representation of topography.



Uses of DEM

Uses of DEM-

- ✓ DEMs are used to determine terrain attributes such as elevation at any point, slope and aspect.
- ✓ Terrain features like drainage basins and channel networks can also be identified from the DEMs.
- ✓ DEMs are widely used in hydrologic and geologic analyses, hazard monitoring, natural resources exploration, agricultural management

Uses of DEM-

- Hydrologic applications of the DEM include -
- ✓ Groundwater modeling
 - ✓ Estimation of the volume of existing/proposed reservoirs
 - ✓ Determining landslide probability
 - ✓ Flood prone area mapping etc

DEM STRUCTURES

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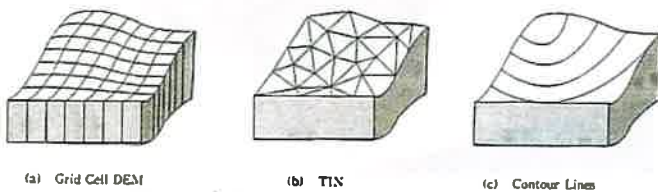
A DEM can be represented as

- ❑ A raster (a grid of squares, also known as a height map when representing elevation)
- or
- ❑ A vector-based **Triangulated Irregular Network (TIN)**.

The TIN DEM dataset is also referred to as a **Primary (measured) DEM**, whereas the Raster DEM is referred to as a **Secondary (computed) DEM**.

Three main type of DEM structures used are the following.

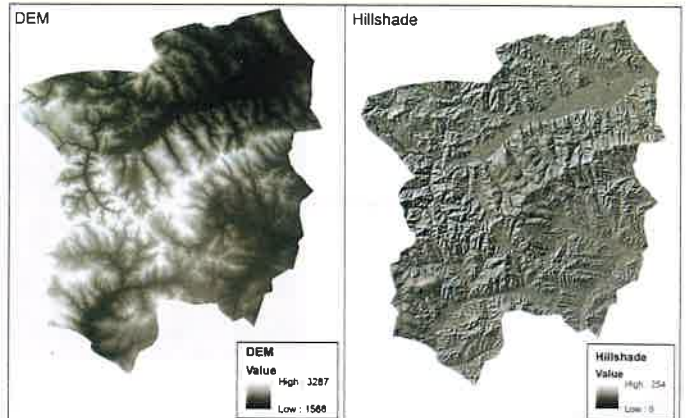
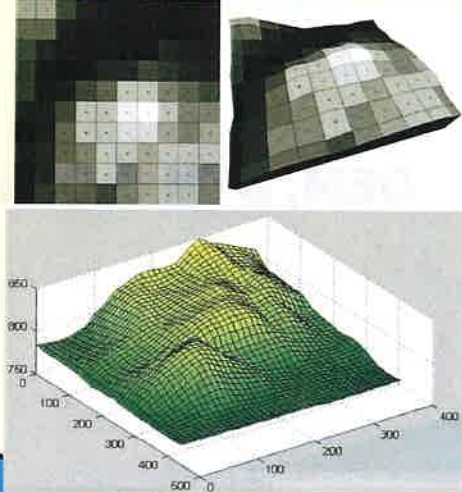
- a) Regular Square Grids (Gridded structure)
- b) Triangulated Irregular Networks (TIN structure)
- c) Contour based structure



a) Regular Square Grid (Gridded structure DEM) :

- Gridded DEM (GDEM) consists of regularly placed, uniform grids with the elevation information of each grid.
- The GDEM thus gives a readily usable dataset that represents the elevation of surface as a function of geographic location at regularly spaced horizontal (square) grids.

Gridded structure DEM looks like this



Measure of quality:

- The quality of a DEM depends on its horizontal and vertical accuracy.
- Accuracy of the GDEM and the size of the data depend on the grid size.

b) TIN structure :

TIN structure looks like this



Zoom view of TIN structure



b) TIN structure :

- TIN is a more robust way of storing the spatially varying information.
- It uses irregular sampling points connected through non-overlapping triangles.
- The vertices of the triangles match with the surface elevation of the sampling point and the triangles (facets) represent the planes connecting the points.

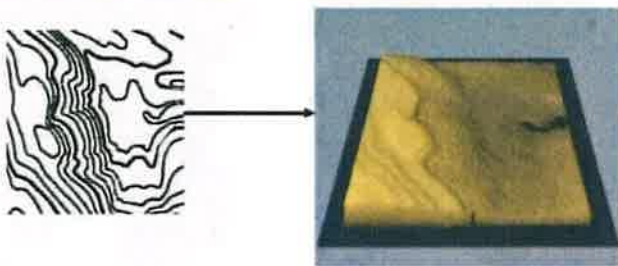
c) Contour-based structure :

- Contours represent points having equal heights/ elevations with respect to a particular datum such as Mean Sea Level (MSL).
- In the contour-based structure, the contour lines are traced from the topographic maps and are stored with their location (x, y) and elevation (z) information.
- These digital contours are used to generate polygons, and each polygon is tagged with the elevation information from the bounding contour.

Contour-based structure DEM :



Contour-based structure DEM :



DEM, DTM & DSM

There are three similar names as DEM, DTM & DSM-

➤ Digital Elevation Model (DEM)

A DEM is a representation of the elevation of the Earth's surface above a certain datum (e.g. mean sea level) in digital form. This is achieved taking elevation measurements at regular or irregular spaced points over the Earth's surface.

There are various acronyms used to describe digital elevation models. Two very popular ones are Digital Terrain Model (DTM) and Digital Surface Model (DSM).



➤ Digital Terrain Model (DTM)

A DTM is a DEM that represents the elevation of the **bare earth** without taking into account any overground features (e.g. trees, buildings).

➤ Digital Surface Model (DSM)

A DSM is a DEM that represents the elevation of the surface to which a remote sensing system will first meet (i.e. when aerial photography is undertaken the top of a building, forest, etc.). Thus, the resulting DSM includes the elevation of the bare earth terrain plus the natural (e.g. trees, shrubs) and man-made features (e.g. buildings).

DSM & DTM



Digital Surface Model



Digital Terrain Model

Creation of DEM

Creation of DEM-

Several methods are available to create DEM.

a) Conversion of printed contour lines

- ✓ The first method is conversion of printed contour lines and use it in raster or vector form.
- ✓ The elevation contours are "tagged" with elevations.
- ✓ Any other additional elevation data are created from the hydrography layer.
- ✓ Finally, an algorithm is used to interpolate elevations at every grid point from the contour data.

b) Photogrammetry

This can be done manually or automatically:

- Manually, an operator looks at a pair of stereophotos through a stereoplotter and must move two dots together until they appear to be one lying just at the surface of the ground.
- Automatically, an instrument calculates the parallax displacement of a large number of points.



Production:

Mappers may prepare digital elevation models in a number of ways, but they frequently use remote sensing rather than direct survey data.

DEMs are commonly built using data collected using remote sensing techniques, but they may also be built from land surveying.

Various methods for obtaining elevation data used to create DEMs:

- LiDAR-Light Detection And Ranging (sometimes Light Imaging, Detection, And Ranging)
- Stereo Photogrammetry from aerial surveys
- Multi-view stereo applied to aerial photography
- Interferometry from RADAR data
- Real Time Kinematic GPS
- Topographic maps
- Theodolite or total station
- Doppler RADAR
- Surveying and mapping Drones range imaging
- Other open source DEM -SRTM, ASTER etc.

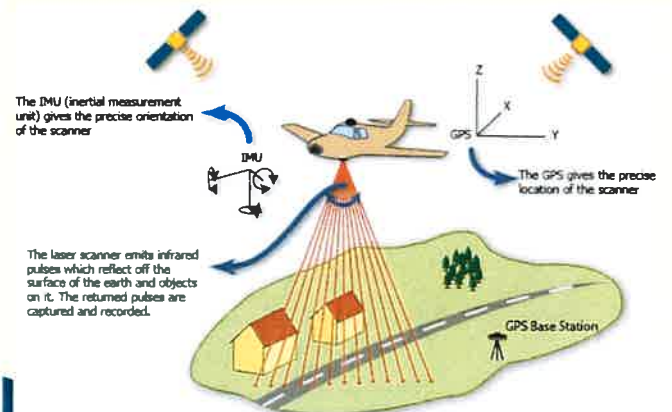
LiDAR and DEM:

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➤Pulses are sent from a LASER onboard on aircraft and the scattered pulses are recorded.

➤The time lapse for the returning pulses is used to determine the two-way distance to the object.

LiDAR Scanning -



LIDAR Aircraft, UAV / Drone -



- ✓ The advantages of LIDAR DEM-
 - LiDAR uses a sharp beam with high energy and hence high resolution can be achieved.
 - It also enables DEM generation of a large area within a short period of time with minimum human dependence.
- ✓ The disadvantage of procuring high resolution LIDAR data is the expense involved in data collection.

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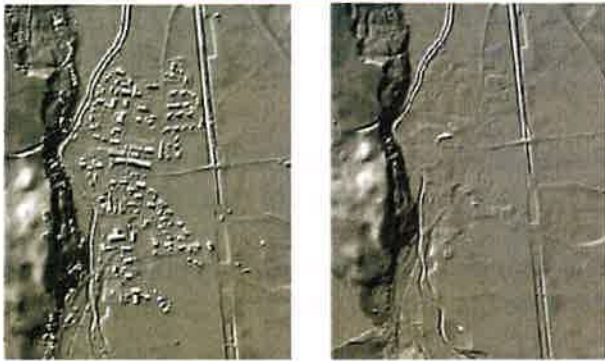
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