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Python - Raster Analysis

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The problem that is being addressed

- **You have a complex modeling problem**
- **You are mainly working with rasters**
- **Some of the spatial manipulations that you trying to implement are difficult or not possible using standard ArcGIS tools**
- **Due to the complexity of the modeling problem, processing speed is a concern**

Outline

- **Managing rasters with management tools and performing analysis with Map Algebra**
- **How to access the analysis capability - Demonstration**
- **Complex expressions and optimization - Demonstration**
- **Additional modeling capability: classes - Demonstration**
- **Full modeling control: NumPy arrays - Demonstration**
- **Pre-10 Map Algebra**

The complex model

Emerald Ash Borer

Originated in Michigan

Infest ash trees

100% kill

Coming to Vermont



The ash borer model

- **Movement by flight**
 - 20 km per year
 - Vegetation type and ash density (suitability surface)
- **Movement by hitchhiking**
 - Roads
 - Camp sites
 - Mills
 - Population
 - Current location of the borer (suitability surface)
- **Random movement**

Raster analysis

- To prepare and manage raster data
 - Displaying
 - Adding, copying, deleting, etc.
 - Mosaic, Clip, etc.
 - **Raster object**
 - NumPy, ApplyEnvironment, etc.
- To perform the analysis use raster analysis/modeling
 - Spatial Analyst
 - **Map Algebra**

What is Map Algebra

- Simple and **powerful algebra** to execute Spatial Analyst tools, operators, and functions to perform geographic analysis
- The strength is in creating **complex expressions**
- Available through Spatial Analyst module
- Integrated in Python (all modules available)

Importing Spatial Analyst

- Module of ArcPy site package
- Like all modules must be imported
- To access the operators and tools in an algebraic format the imports are important

```
import arcpy
```

```
from arcpy import env # Analysis environment
```

```
from arcpy.sa import *
```


General syntax

- Map Algebra available through an **algebraic format**
- Simplest form: output raster is specified to the left of an equal sign and the tool and its parameters on the right

```
from arcpy.sa import *  
outRas = Slope("indem")
```

- Comprised of:
 - Input data
 - Operators
 - Tools
 - Parameters
 - Output

Input data

- **Input elements**

- **Rasters**
- **Features**
- **Numbers**
- **Constants**
- **Objects**
- **Variables**

outRas = Slope("inraster")

Tip: Names are quoted – if in workspace no path is necessary (or if using Python window and the layer is in the TOC)

Map Algebra operators

- Symbols for **mathematical operations**
- Many operators in both Python and Spatial Analyst
- Cast the raster (**Raster class constructor**) indicates operator should be applied to rasters

```
outRas = Raster("inraster1") + Raster("inraster2")
```

```
outRas2 = Raster("inraster") + 8
```

Map Algebra tools

- All the tools that output a raster are available (e.g., Sin, Slope, Reclassify, etc.)

outRas = Aspect("inraster")

- Can use any Geoprocessing tools

Tip: Tool names are case sensitive

Tool parameters

- Defines how the tool is to be executed
- Each tool has its own unique set of parameters
- Some are **required**, others are **optional**
- Numbers, strings, and objects (classes)

outRas = Slope("inraster", "PERCENT_RISE")

Tip: Keywords are in quotes and it is recommended they are capitalized

Map Algebra output

- Stores the results as a **Raster object**
- Object with methods and properties
- Generally, in Python window and scripting the output is **temporary**

```
outRas = Hillshade("inraster")
```

Access to Map Algebra

- **Raster Calculator**
 - Spatial Analyst tool
 - Easy to use calculator interface
 - Stand alone or in ModelBuilder
- **Python window**
 - Single expression or simple exploratory models
- **Scripting**
 - Complex models
 - Line completion and colors

Demo 1: Data management

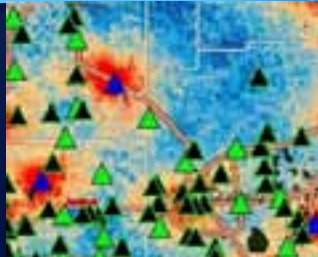
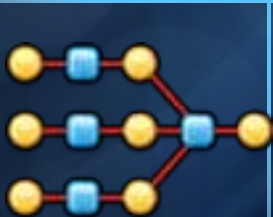
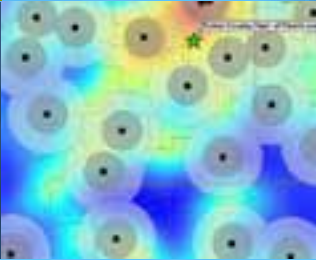
Raster management tools

Raster Calculator

Python window

ModelBuilder

Simple expressions



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Complex expressions

- Multiple operators and tools can be implemented in a single expression
- Output from one expression can be the input to a subsequent expression

Tip: It is a good practice to set the input to a variable and use the variable in the expression

More on the raster object

- A **variable** with a pointer to a dataset
- Output from a Map Algebra expression or from an existing dataset
- The associated dataset is **temporary** (when created from Map Algebra) but has a save method
- A series of properties describing the associated dataset
 - Description of raster (e.g., number of rows)
 - Description of the values (e.g., mean)

Optimization

- A series of local tools (Abs, Sin, Cell Statistics, etc.) and operators can be optimized
- Work on a per-cell basis
- When entered into a single expression each tool and operator is processed on a per cell basis

The iterative aspects of the ash borer model

- **Movement by flight**
 - Depends on the year how far it can move in a time step
 - “Is there a borer in my neighborhood”
 - “Will I accept it” – suitability surface
- **Movement by hitchhiking**
 - Based on highly susceptible areas
 - Nonlinear decay
 - Random points and check susceptibility
- **Random movement**
 - Nonlinear decay from known locations (NumPy array)

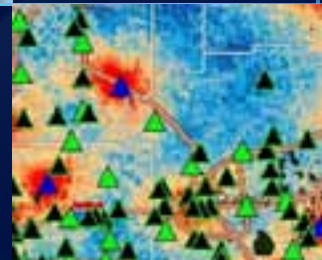
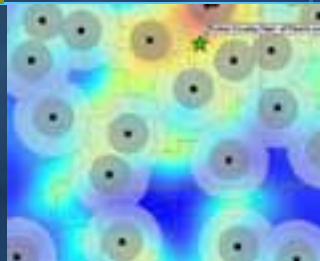
Demo 2: Movement by hitchhiking

Roads, Campsites, Mills, Population,
and current location (suitability)

Complex expressions

Raster object

Optimization



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Classes

- **Objects that are used as parameters to tools**
 - Varying number of arguments depending on the selected parameter choice (neighborhood type)
 - The number of entries into the parameters can vary depending on the specific situation (a remap table)
- **More flexible**
- **Query the individual arguments**

Classes - Categories

- **General**
 - Fuzzy classes
 - Hf classes
 - KrigingModel classes
 - Nbr classes
 - Time classes
 - VF classes
 - Radius classes
- **Composed of lists**
 - Topo classes
- **Composed of lists within lists**
 - Reclass
 - Weighted reclass tables
 - Topo classes (a subset)

Classes - Categories

- Creating

neigh = NbrCircle(4, "MAP")

- Querying

radius = neigh.radius

- Changing arguments

neigh.radius = 6

Vector integration

- **Feature data is required for some Spatial Analyst Map Algebra**
 - IDW, Kriging, etc.
- **Geoprocessing tools that operate on feature data can be used in an expression**
 - Buffer, Select, etc.

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Demo 3: Movement by flight

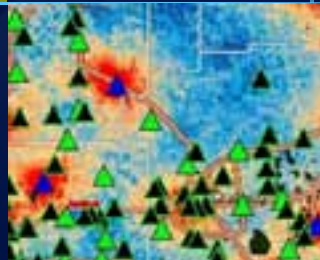
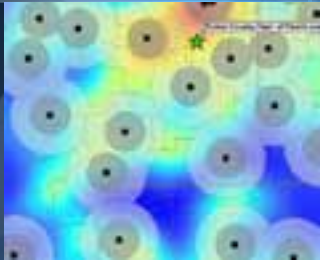
20 km per year

Vegetation type/ash density (suitability)

Classes

Using variables

Vector integration



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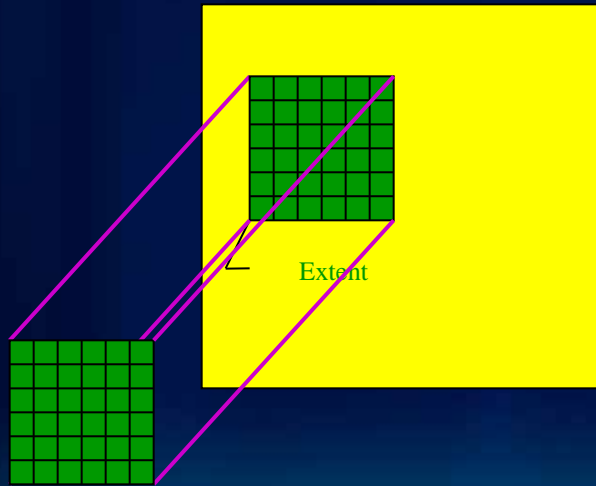
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NumPy Arrays

- **A generic Python storage mechanism**
- **Create custom tool**
- **Access the wealth of free tools built by the scientific community**
 - **Clustering**
 - **Filtering**
 - **Linear algebra**
 - **Optimization**
 - **Fourier transformation**
 - **Morphology**

NumPy Arrays

- Two tools
 - RasterToNumPyArray
 - NumPyArrayToRaster



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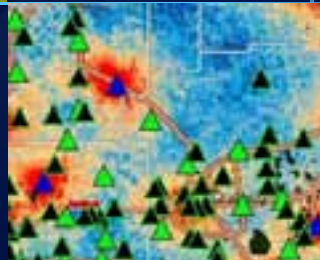
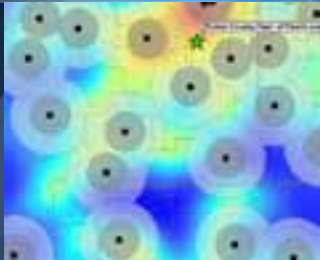
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Demo 4: The random movement

Random movement based on nonlinear
decay from existing locations

Custom function

NumPy array



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Pre-10.0 Map Algebra

- **Similar to Map Algebra 10.0**
- **Faster, more powerful, and easy to use (line completion, colors)**
- **Any changes are to take advantage of the Python integration**
- **Raster Calculator at 10.0 replaces the Raster Calculator from the tool bar, SOMA, and MOMA**
- **SOMA in existing models will still work**

Summary

- When the problem become more complex you may need additional capability provided by Map Algebra
- **Map Algebra** powerful, flexible, easy to use, and integrated into Python
- Accessed through: Raster Calculator, Python window, ModelBuilder (through Raster Calculator), and scripting
- Raster object and classes
- Create models that can better **capture interaction** of phenomena

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- **An Introduction - Rm 1 A/B**

Tuesday, July 12, 8:30AM – 9:45AM

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- **Suitability Modeling - Rm 1 A/B**

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- **Dynamic Simulation Modeling – Rm 5 A/B**

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- **Raster Analysis with Python – Rm 6C**

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- **Creating Surfaces – Rm 5 A/B**

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- **Agent-Based Modeling**

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