Python – Raster Analysis

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Technical Workshop

Outline

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

Typical problem just like yours: The Characteristics

- **Complex**
- **Multiple input types**
  - Need to work with rasters along with features and tables
- **Scenarios**
  - Repeat analysis by using different parameter values
- **Dynamic**
  - Time is explicit, need to run sections multiple times
- **Enhanced capabilities**
  - Need to take advantage of 3rd party Python packages
- **Reusable**
  - Repeat the workflow with the same or different set of data
- **Performance and optimization**

Ideal for Map Algebra and Python scripting

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Raster analysis – Preparing the data

- To prepare and manage raster data
  - Displaying
  - Adding, copying, deleting, etc.
  - Mosaic, Clip, etc.
  - Raster object
  - NumPy, ApplyEnvironment, etc.
- To perform analysis
  - 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
  - Tools
  - Output
  - Operators
  - Parameters

Input for analysis

- Rasters
- Features
- Numbers and text

```
outRas = Slope(inRaster)
```

- Objects
- Constants
- Variables

Tip: It is good practice to set the input to a variable and use the variable in the expression. Dataset names are quoted.

```
inRaster1 = "C:/Data/elevation“
outRas = Slope(inRaster1)
```

Map Algebra operators

- Symbols for mathematical operations
- Many operators in both Python and Spatial Analyst

```
outRas = inRaster1 + inRaster2
```

- Creating a raster object (Raster class constructor - casting) indicates operator should be applied to rasters

```
elevMeters = Raster("C:\data\elevation") * 0.3048
outSlope = Slope(elevMeters)
```

Map Algebra tools

- All Spatial Analyst tools are available (e.g., Sin, Slope, Reclassify, etc.)

```
outRas = Aspect(inRaster)
```

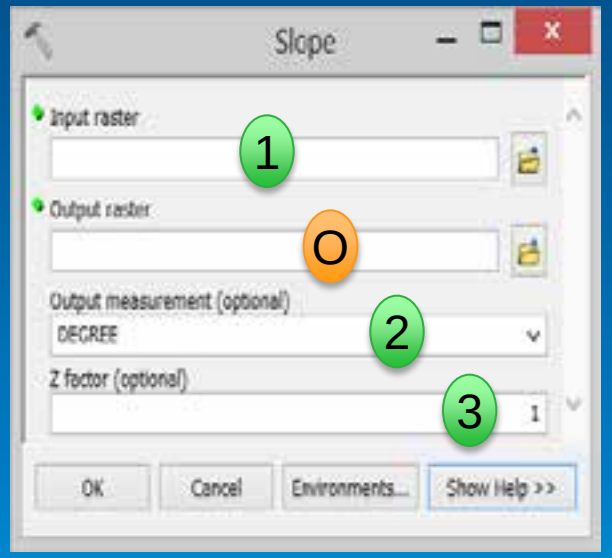
- Can use any Geoprocessing tools

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)

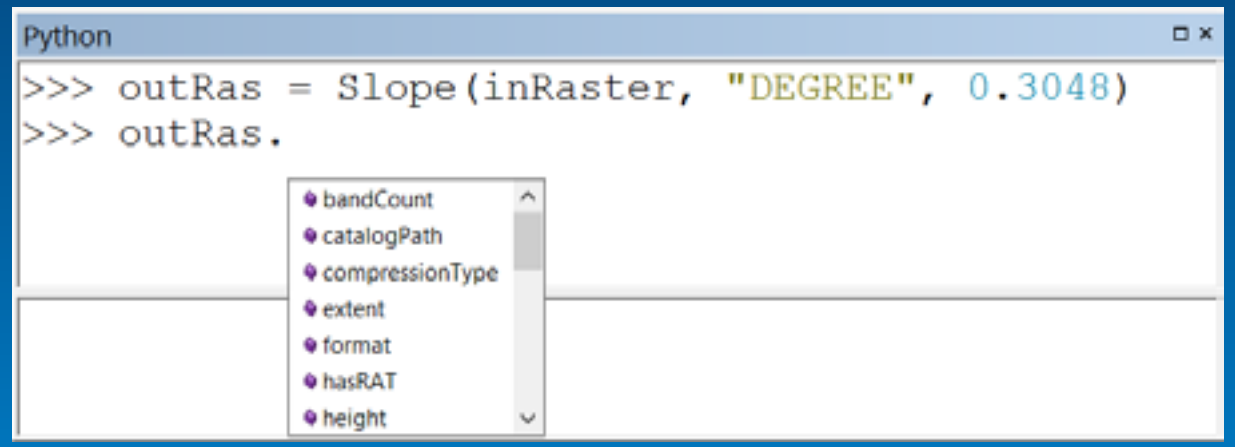
```
                1                2                3
Slope(in_raster, {output_measurement}, {z_factor})
O outRas = Slope(inRaster, "DEGREE", 0.3048)
outRas = Slope(inRaster, "", 0.3048)
outRas = Slope(inRaster)
```



Tip: Keywords are in quotes

Map Algebra output

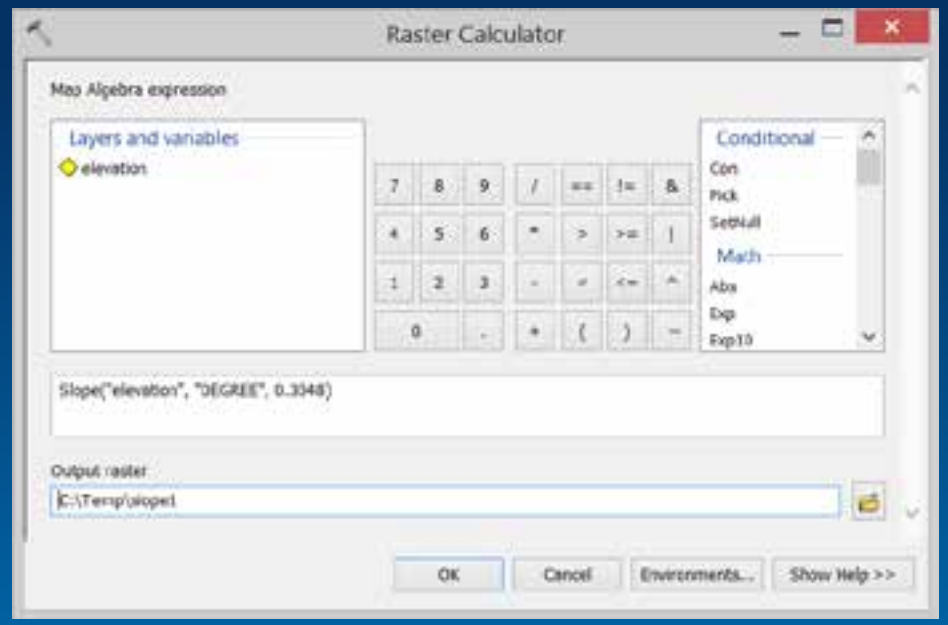
- Stores the results as a **Raster object**
- Object with methods and properties

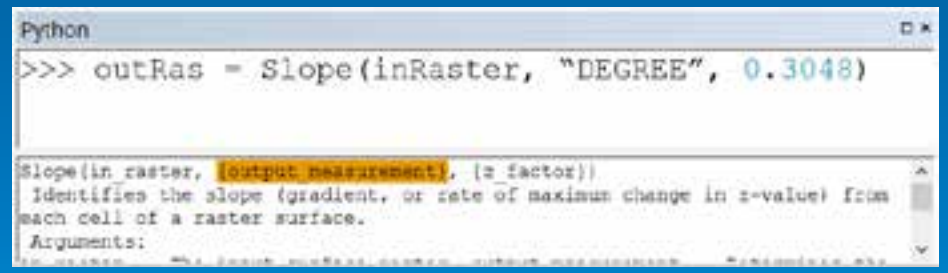


- In scripting the output is **temporary**
- Associated data will be deleted if not explicitly saved

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





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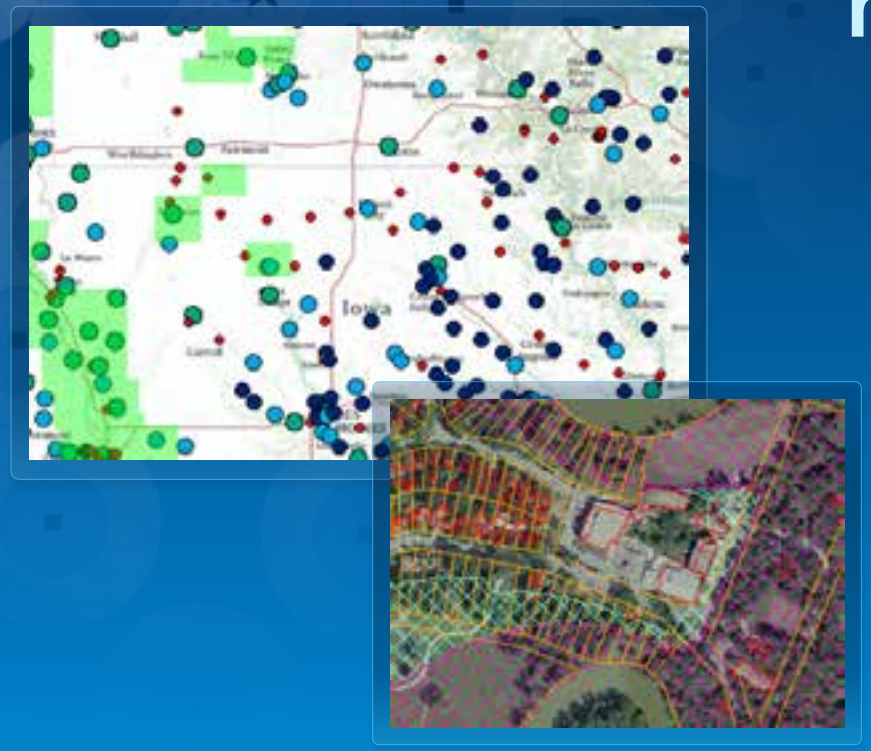

Demo 1: Data management and accessing the capability

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 input to a subsequent expression

```
inRaster = ExtractByAttributes(inElevation, "Value > 1000")
out = Con(IsNull(inRaster), 0, inRaster)
```

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** (from Map Algebra expression) - has a save method

```
outRas = Slope(inRaster)
outRas.save("sloperaster")
```

- 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, CellStatistics, etc.) and operators can be optimized
- When entered into a single expression each tool and operator is processed on a per cell basis

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Movement by hitchhiking

- Hitchhike on cars and logging trucks
- Most likely spread around
  - Roads
  - Populated areas (towns and camp areas)
  - Commercial area (mills)
- Have a susceptible surface
  - Vegetation types and density of ash
  - Nonlinear decay
- Random points and check susceptibility

Demo 2: Movement by hitchhiking

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

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Classes

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

Syntax

NbrRectangle ({width}, {height}, {units})

Parameter	Explanation	Data Type
width	The width of the rectangle neighborhood. If only the width is specified, the resulting neighborhood is a square. (The default value is 3)	Double
height	The height of the rectangle neighborhood. If only the height is specified, the resulting neighborhood is a square. (The default value is 3)	Double
units	Defines the units of the neighborhood. • CELL —The unit of measurement is in cells. • MAP —The units are in map coordinates. (The default value is CELL)	String

Properties

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Classes - Categories

- General
  - Fuzzy
  - Horizontal Factor
  - KrigingModel
  - Neighborhood
  - Time
  - Vertical Factor
  - Radius
  - Transformation functions
- Composed of lists
  - Reclass
  - Topo
  - Weighted reclass tables

General classes – Capability

- Creating

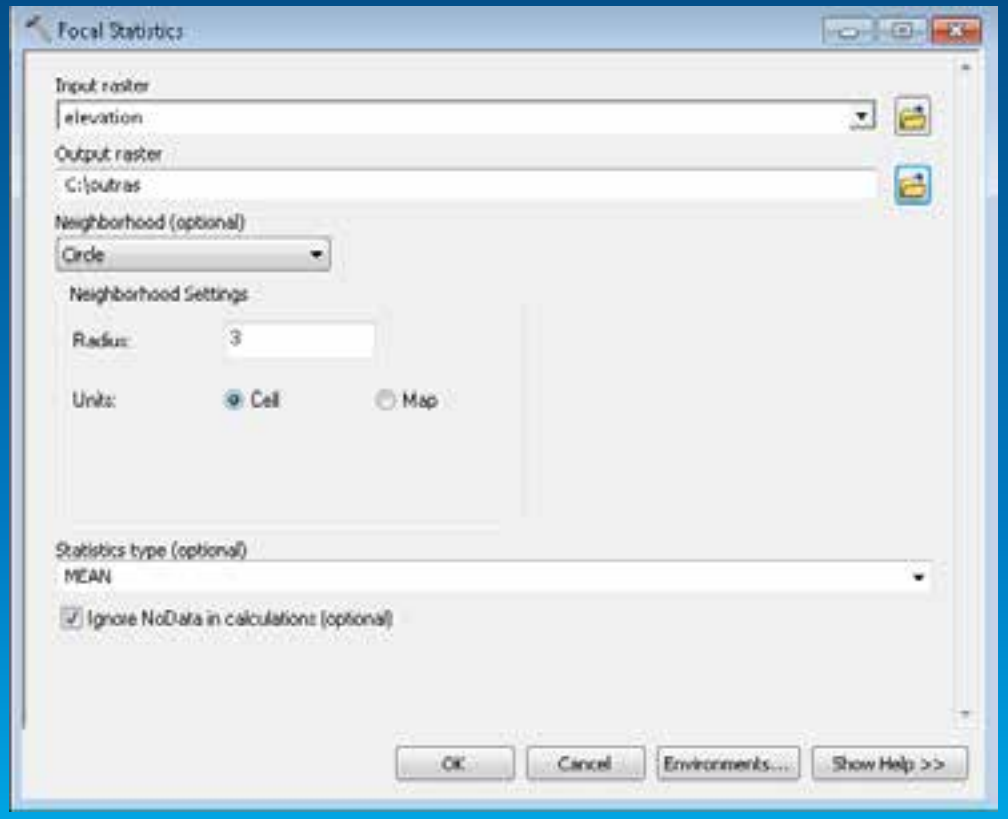
```
neigh = NbrCircle(4, "MAP")
```

- Querying

```
radius = neigh.radius
```

- Changing arguments

```
neigh.radius = 6
```



Classes composed of lists

- **Topo**

```
inContours = TopoContour([['contours.shp', 'spot_meter']])
```

- **Reclassify**

```
remap = RemapValue([["Brush/transitional", 0],
    ["Water", 1],["Barren land", 2]])
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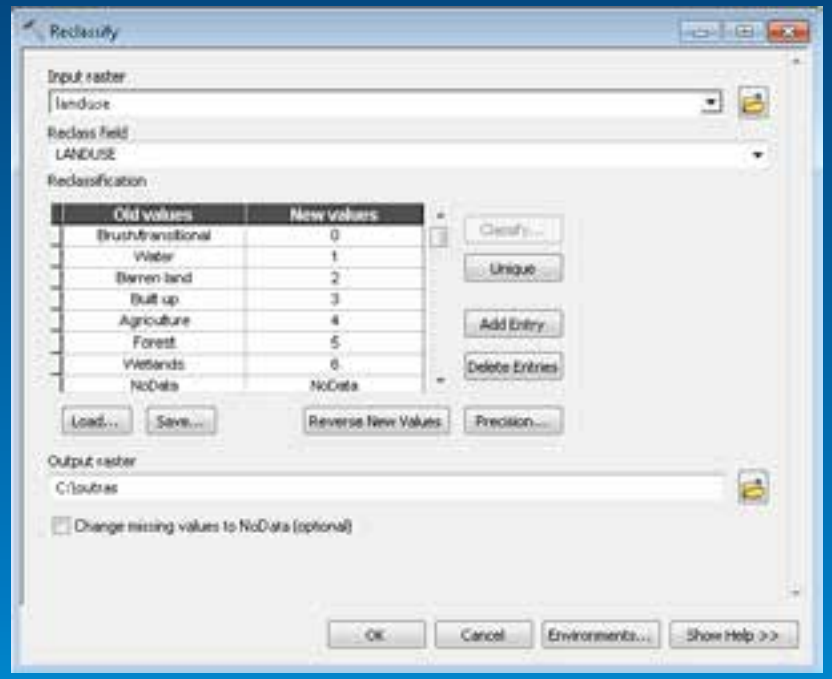

- **Weighted Overlay**

```
myWOTable = WOTable([[inRaster1, 50, "VALUE", remapsnow],
    [inRaster2, 20, "VALUE", remapland],
    [inRaster3, 30, "VALUE", remapsoil] ], [1, 9, 1])
```

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.

```
dist = EucDistance(arcpy.Select_analysis("schools", "#", "Pop>2000"))
```

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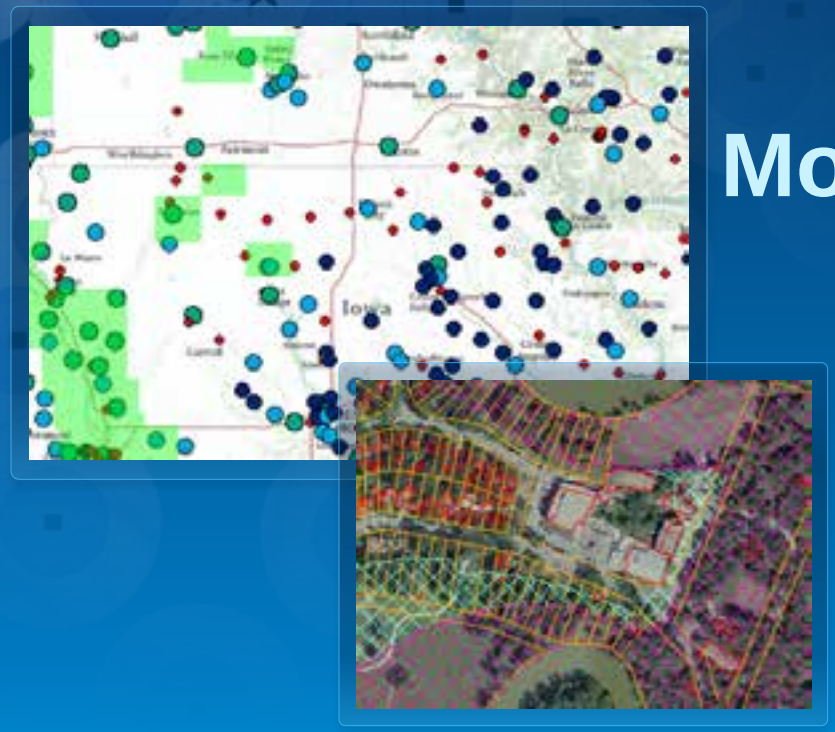
Movement by flight

- Fly from existing locations - 20 km per year
- Based on iterative time steps
  - Spring, summer, fall, and winter
- Time of year determines how far it can move in a time step
- Suitability surface based on vegetation type and ash density
- Iterative movement logic
  - “Is there a borer in my neighborhood”
  - “Will I accept it” – suitability surface



Demo 3: Movement by flight

20 km per year

Vegetation type/ash density (suitability)

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Using variables

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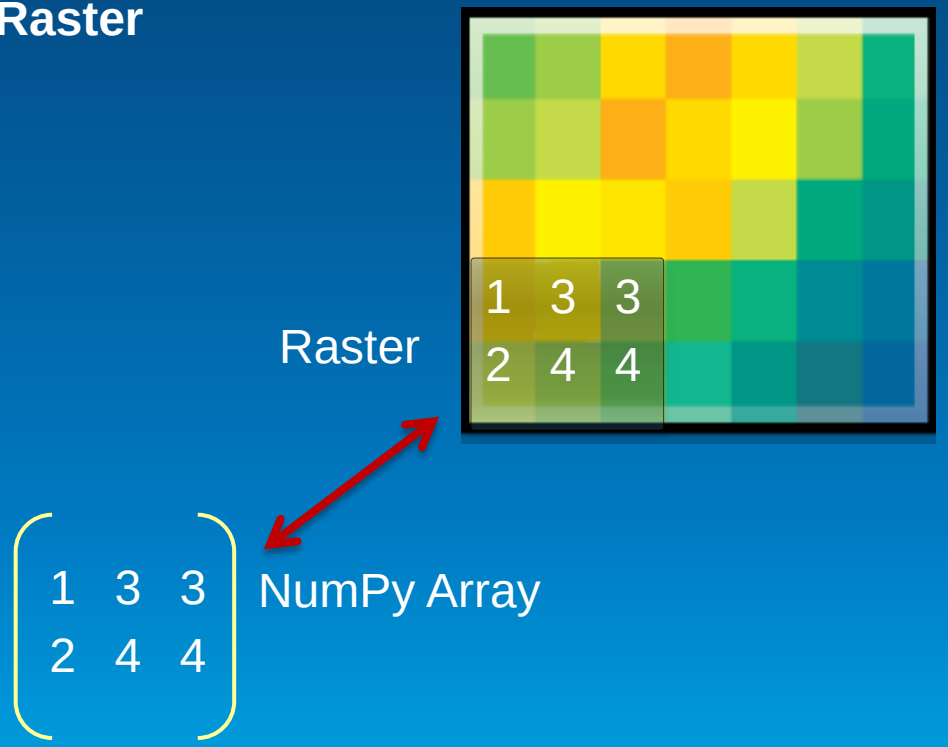
NumPy Arrays

- 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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Random movement

- Some of the movement cannot be described deterministically
- Nonlinear decay from known locations
- Specific decay function not available in ArcGIS
- NumPy array
  - Export raster
  - Apply function
  - Import NumPy array back into a raster
- Return to ash borer model and integrate three movement sub models

Demo 4: The random movement

Random movement based on nonlinear decay from existing locations

Custom function

NumPy array

Summary

- When the problem becomes 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

- Demos are available online at https://github.com/ryandebruyn/Working_with_raster_data_using_arcpy.git

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