

# Maps

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# Outline

- Vision as Process
- Maps

# Vision as a Process

- Vision is modular
- Understanding representation and processes will help us to understand how our cognition react to stimuli

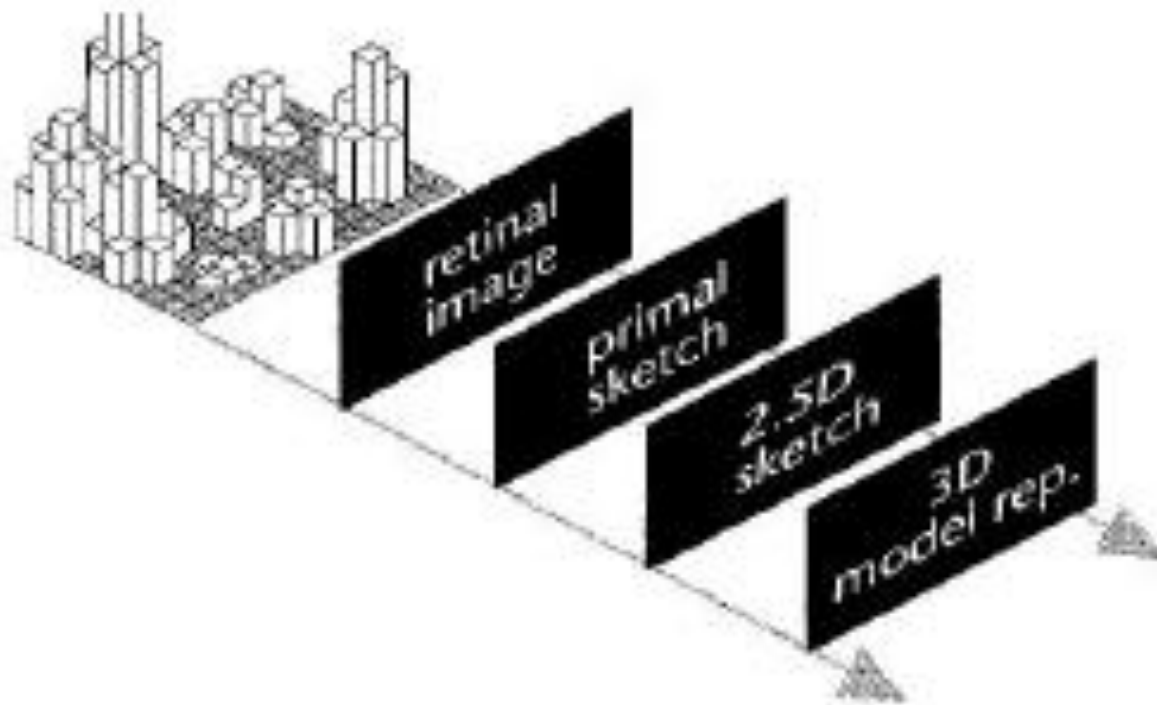
# MaRR's Approach

- Computational Theory
- Representation and Algorithms
- Hardware Implementation

# MaRR's Approach

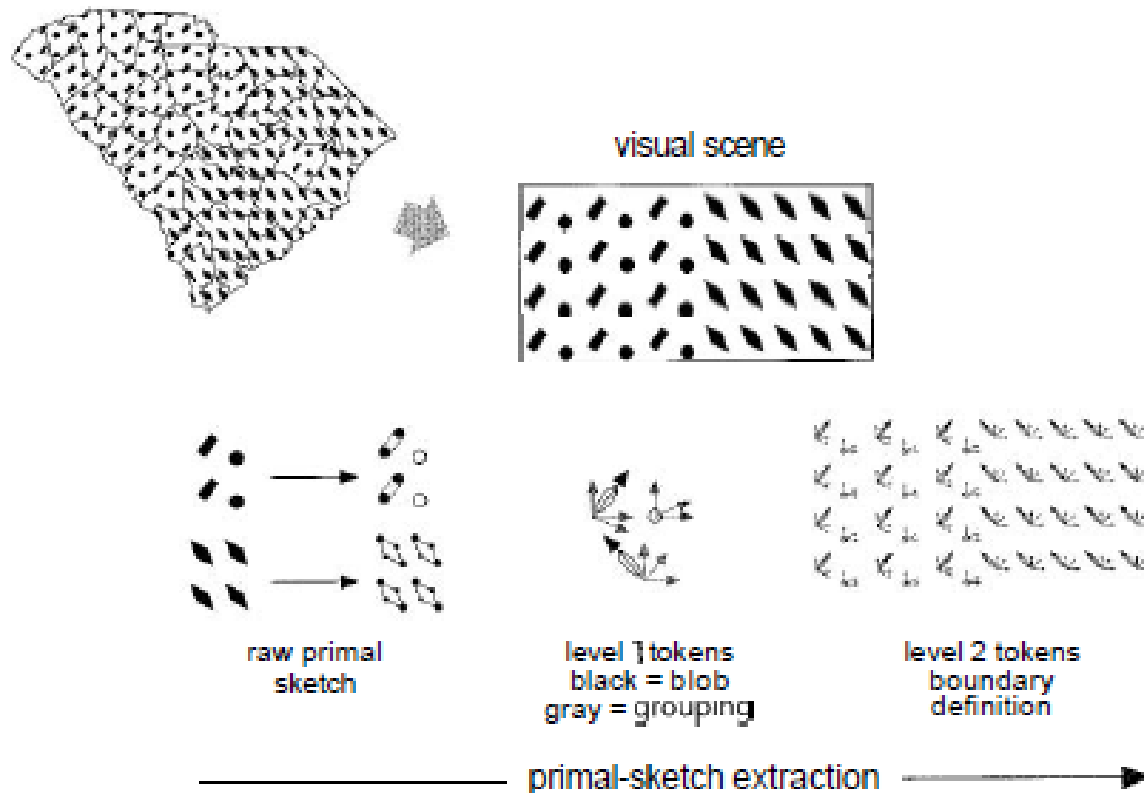
- Vision: “The process of discovering from images what is present in the world and where it is”

# MaRR's Approach



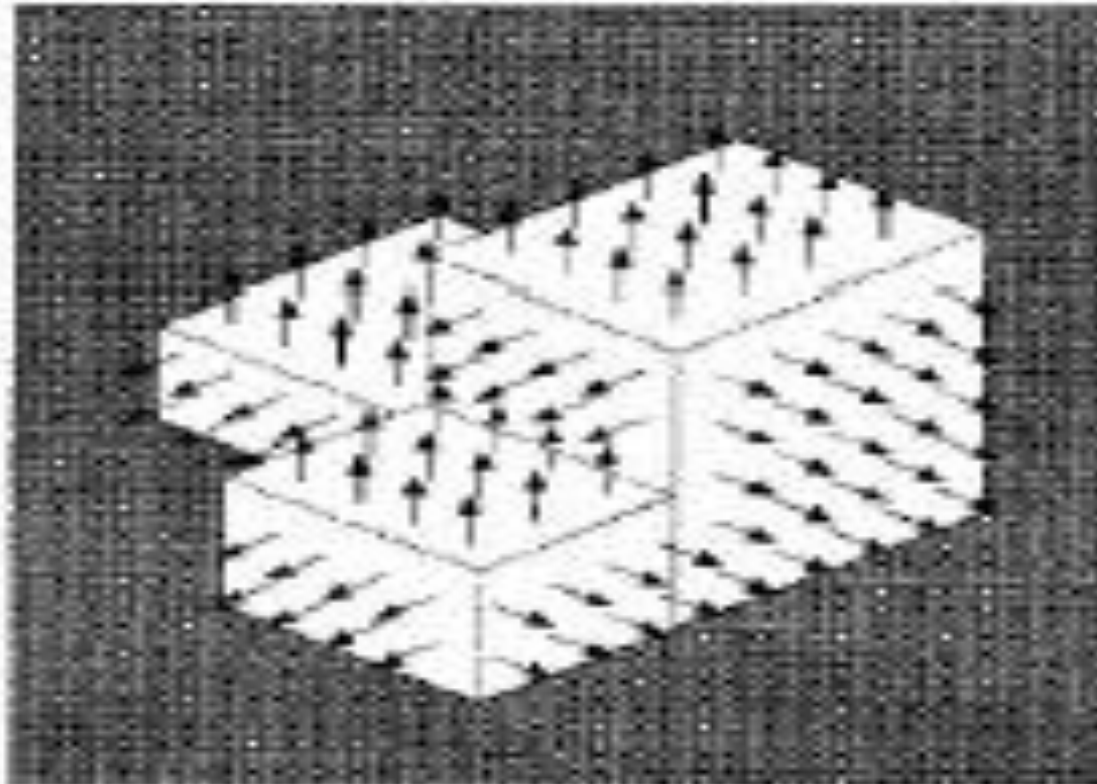
# MaRR's Approach

- Primal sketch



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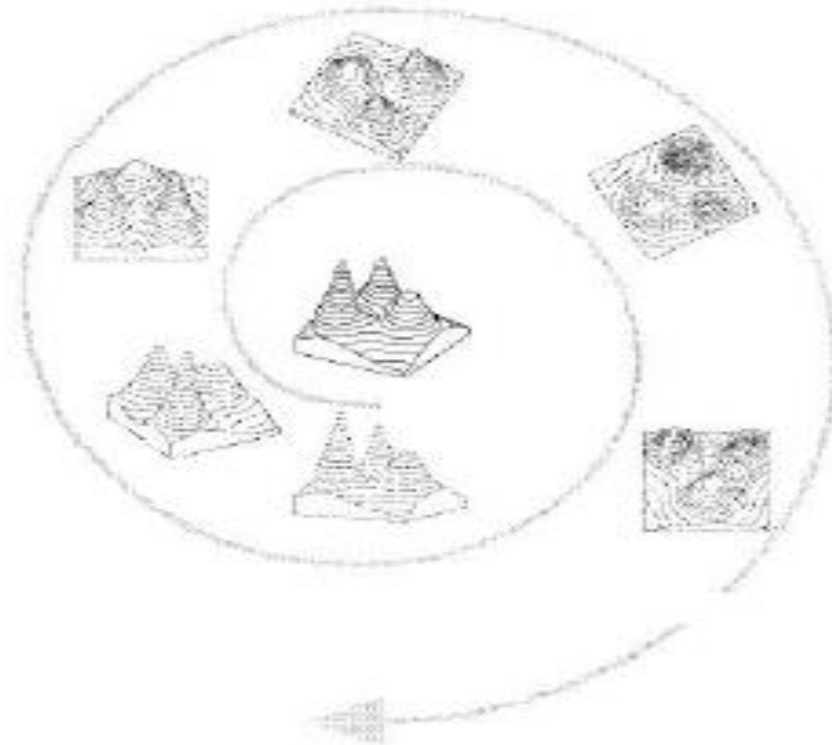
- $2\frac{1}{2}$  D sketch





# MaRR's Approach

- 3D model representation



# Visual Cognition

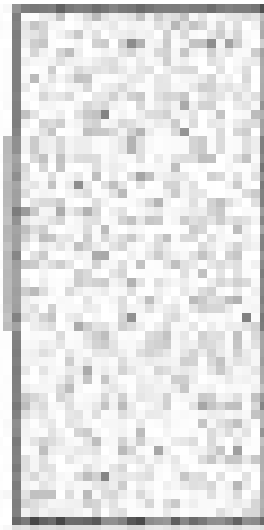
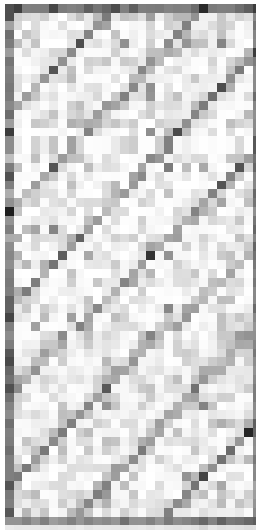
- Pinker's theory:
  - Bertin's task:
    - Identify conceptual or real world referenced
    - Identify the relevant dimensions of variations
    - Use level of each visual dimension to draw conclusion

# Visual Description

- Visual description
  - Indispensable attributes (time, space)
  - How atomic perceptual units will be integrated into coherent percept (Gestalt laws)
  - Mental representation of magnitude
  - Coordinate system used

# Visual Description

- Indispensable attributes



# Visual Description

- The Gestalt Principles
  - Similarity
  - Continuation
  - Closure
  - Proximity

# The Gestalt Principles

- Proximity



# Visual Description: The Gestalt Principles

- Closure



# Visual Description: The Gestalt Principles

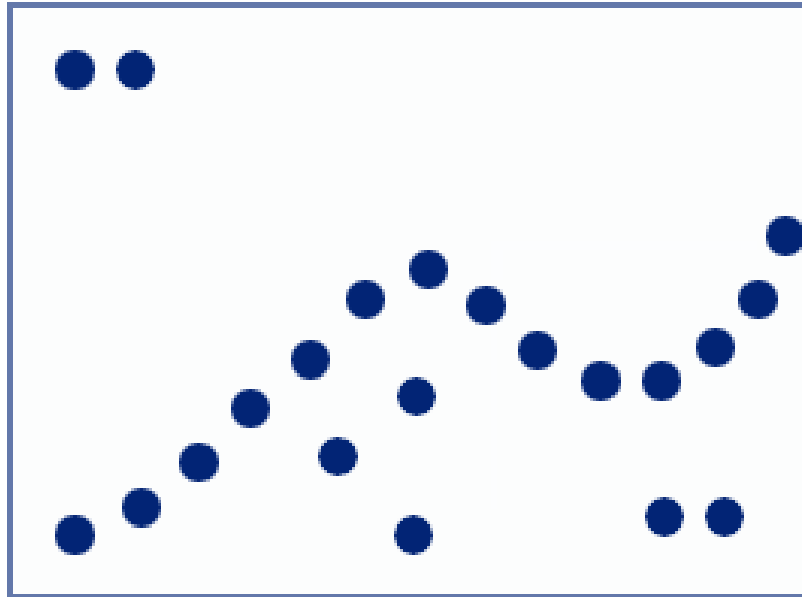
- Similarity





# Visual Description: The Gestalt Principles

- Continuation



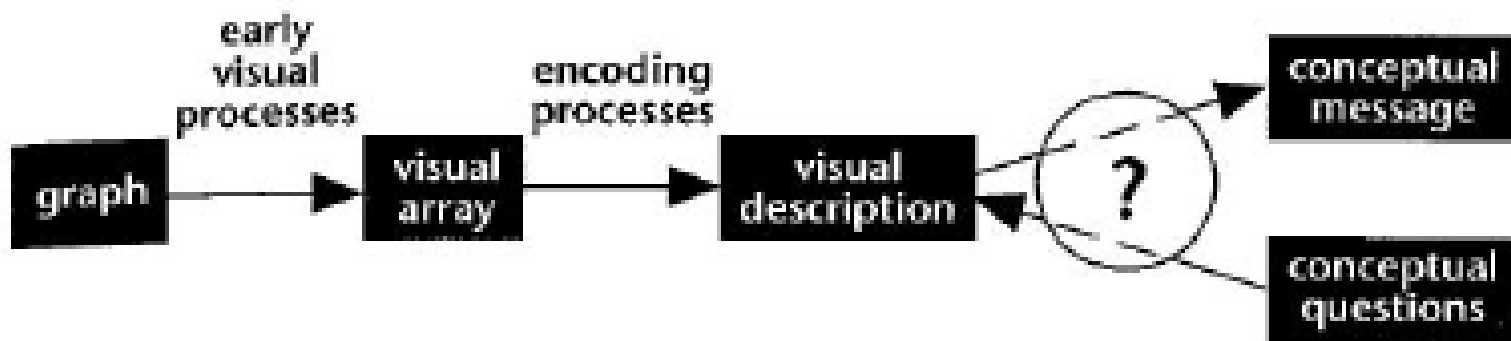
# Visual Description

- Default: constructed exclusively from bottom up process
- Elaborate: starts from default visual description use top down process

# Graph schemata

- Specify translation between visual description and conceptual messages
- Query interpretation

# Vision Process



# Outline

- Vision as Process
- **Elements of Maps**

# Element of Maps

- Scale
- Projection
- Symbols

# Scale

- Ratio
- Short Sentence
- Graph

## Ratio Scales

1:9,600

1:24,000

1:50,000

1:250,000

1:2,000,000

## Verbal Scales

One inch represents 800 feet.

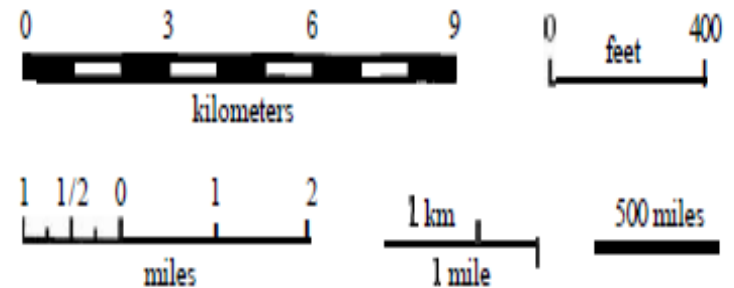
One inch represents 2,000 feet.

One centimeter represents 500 meters.

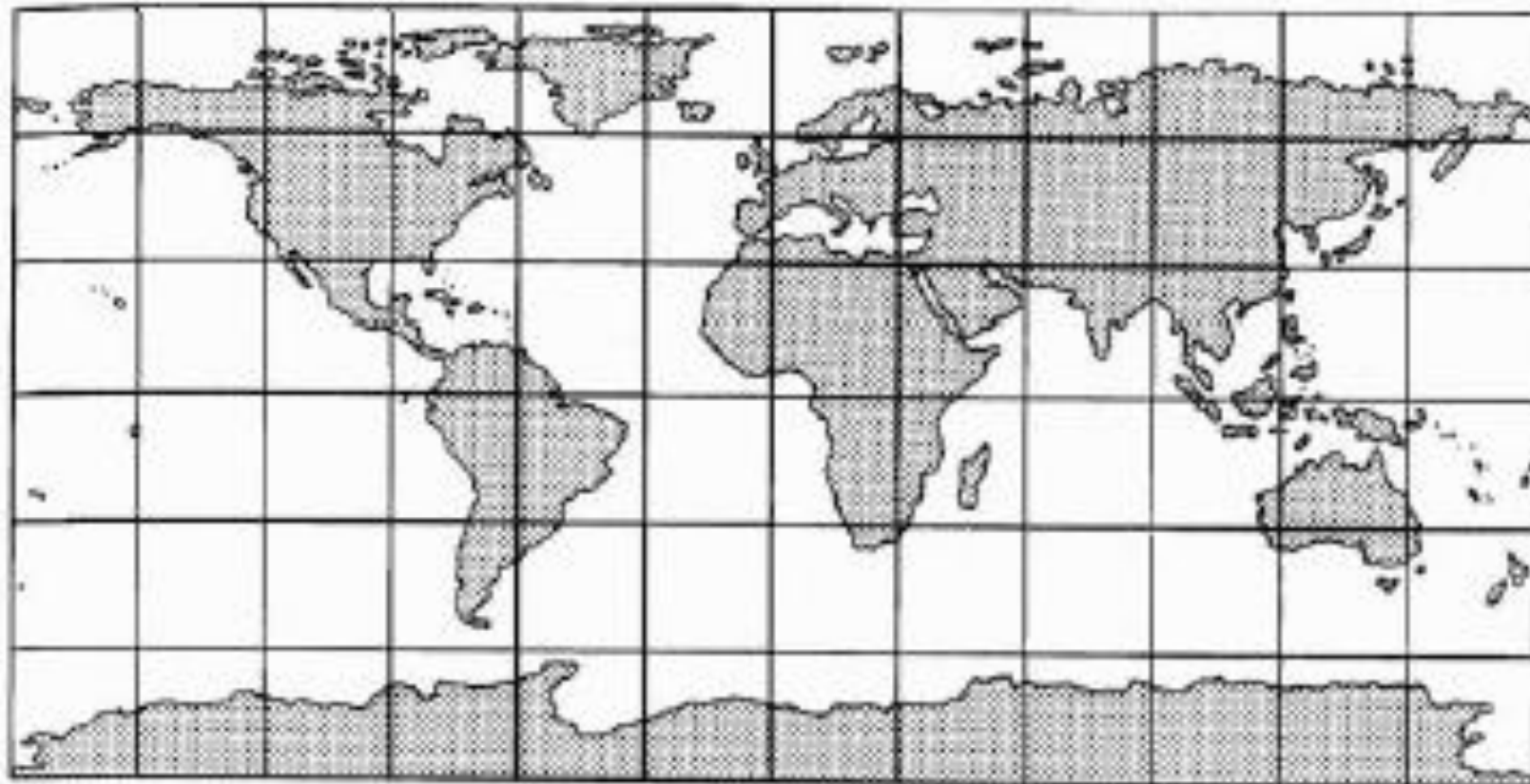
One inch represents (approximately) 4 miles.

One inch represents (approximately) 32 miles,  
one centimeter represents 20 kilometers.

## Graphic Scales

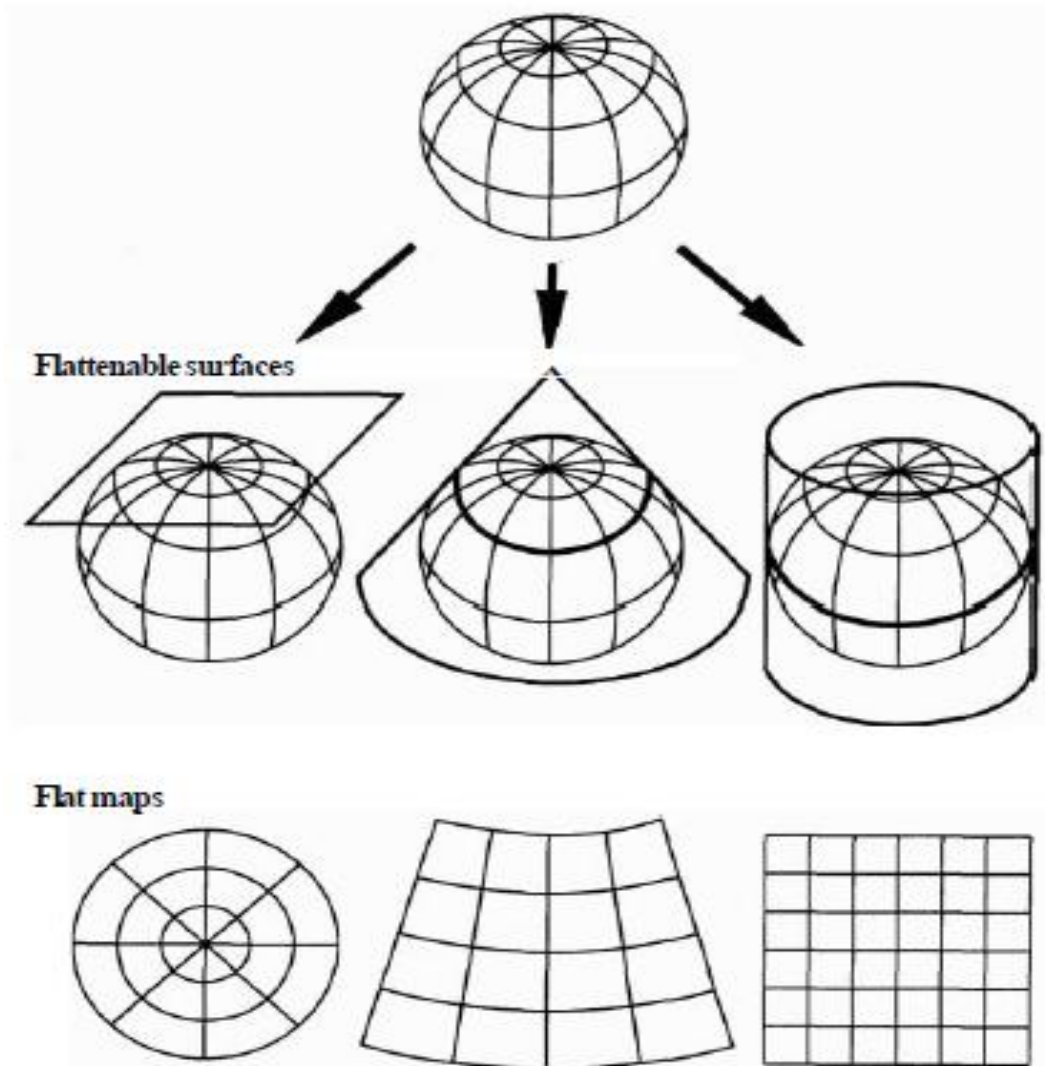


# Projection





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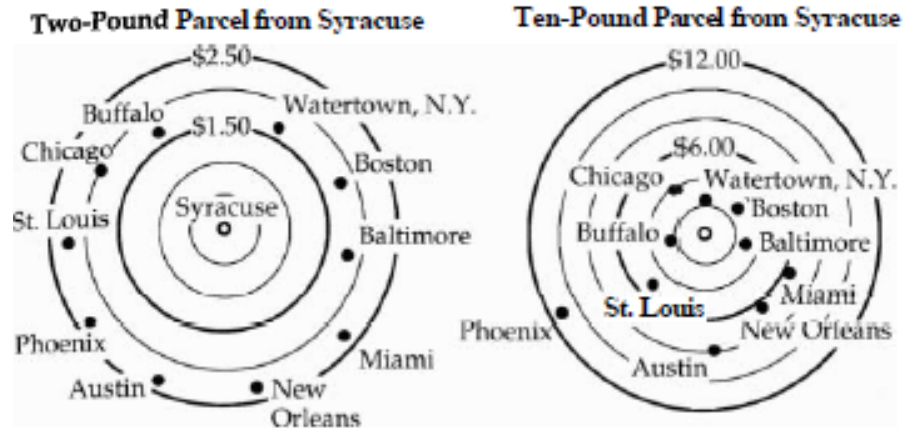
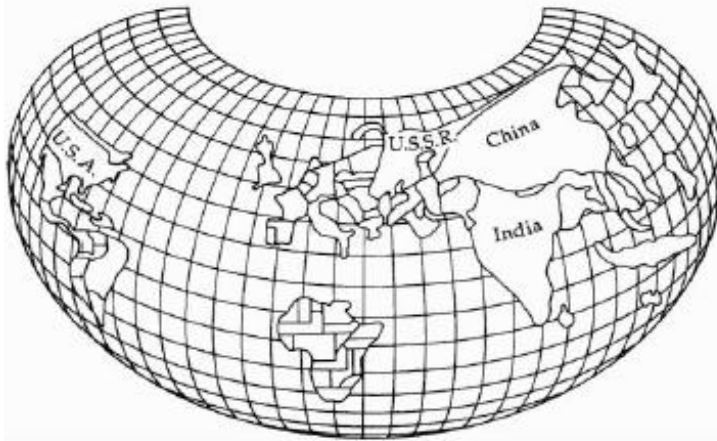


# Projection

- Equivalent (preserves area ratios)
- Conformal (preserves local angles)

# Projection

- Cartograms:

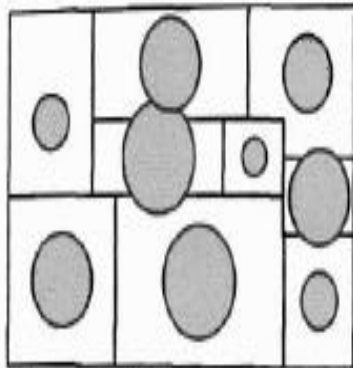


# Symbols

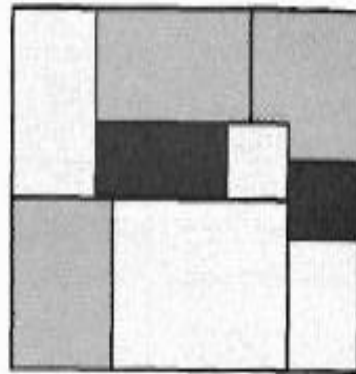
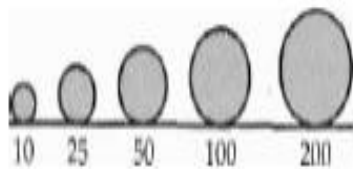
<i>Visual Variable:</i>	Point Symbols	Line Symbols	Area Symbols
<i>Size</i>			
<i>Shape</i>			
<i>Graytone Value</i>			
<i>Texture</i>			
<i>Orientation</i>			
<i>Hue</i>			orange

# Symbols

## Correct usage



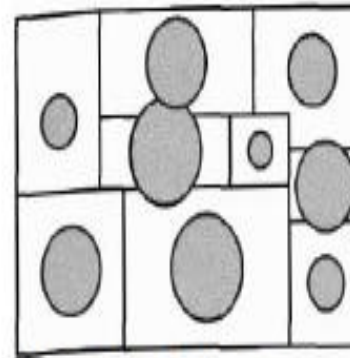
Thousands of Inhabitants



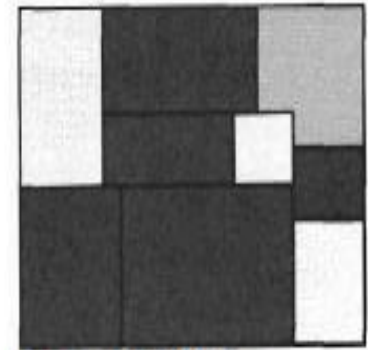
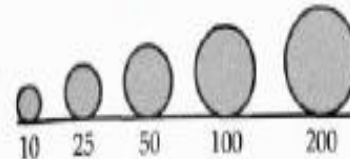
Persons per Square Kilometer



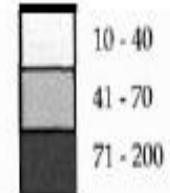
## Misuse



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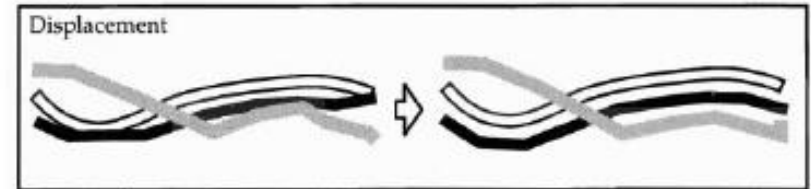
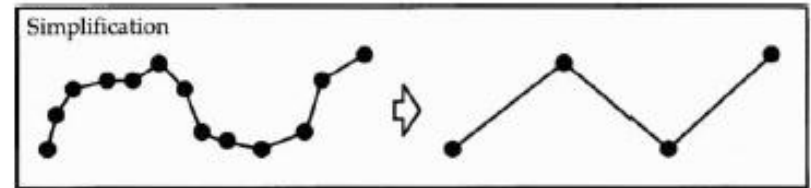


# Generalization

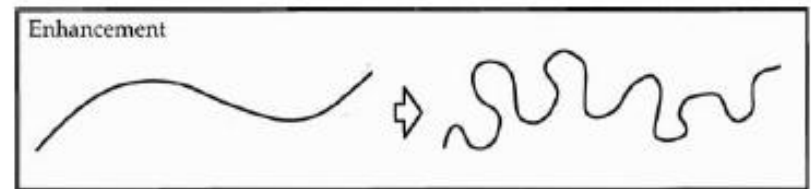
- White lies
- Point, line and area require different generalization

# Line Generalization

- Selection
- Simplification
- Displacement
- Smoothing
- Enhancement

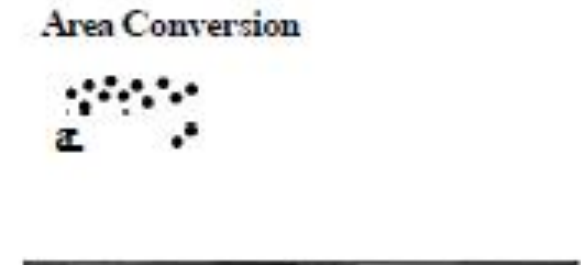
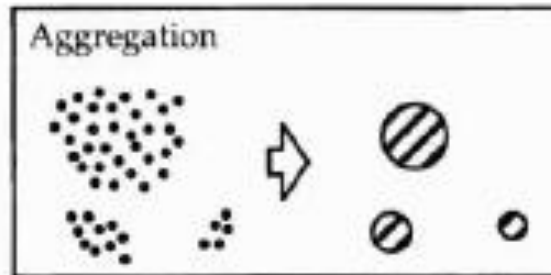
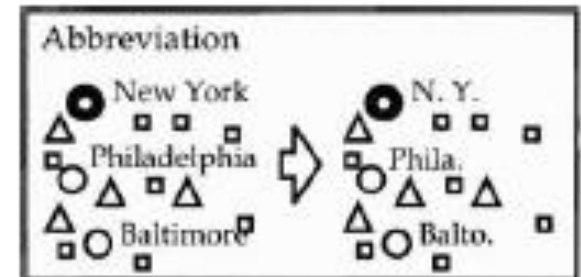
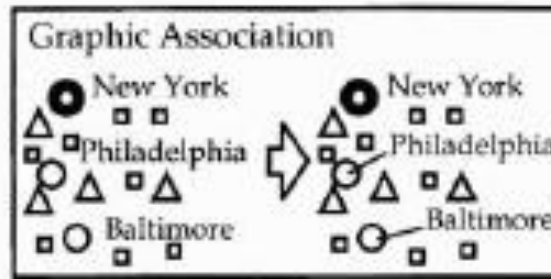
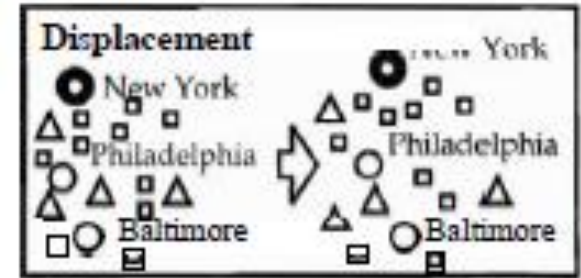
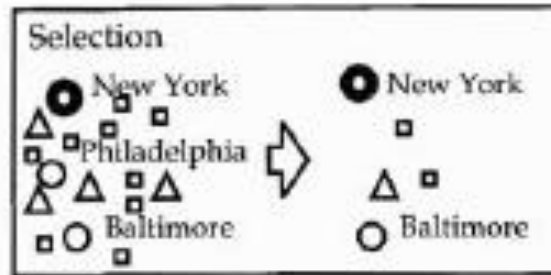


Smoothing



# Point Generalization

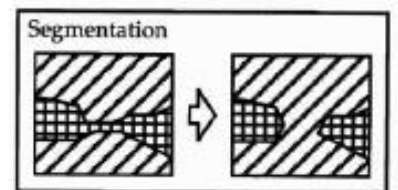
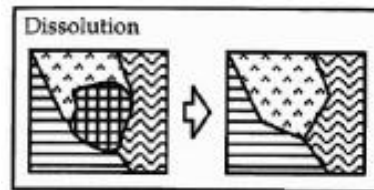
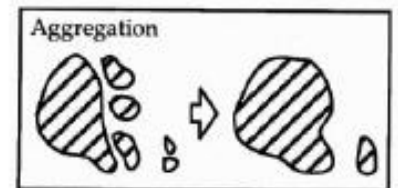
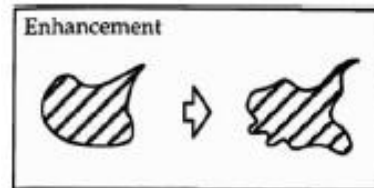
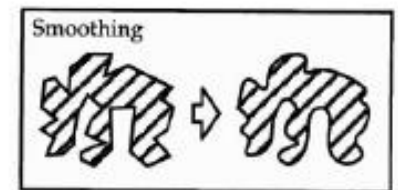
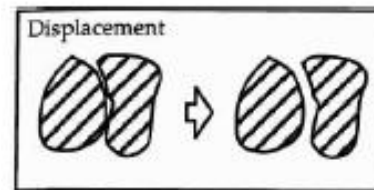
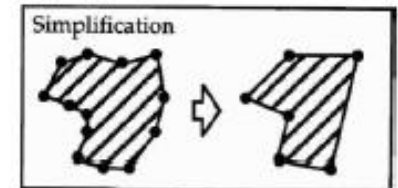
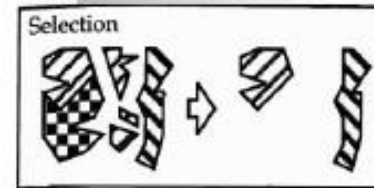
- Selection
- Displacement
- Abbreviation
- Aggregation
- Area conversion
- Graphic association



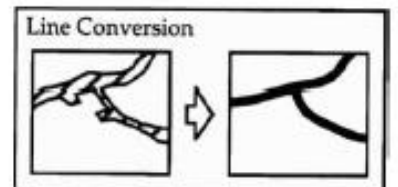


# Area Generalization

- Selection
- Simplification
- Displacement
- Smoothing
- Enhancement
- Aggregation
- Dissolution
- Segmentation
- Point conversion
- Line conversion



Point Conversion



# Content Generalization

- Selection
- Classification

# Summary

- Vision is a hierarchical process
- It is affected by both bottom up and top down processes
- Maps have limited space
- Different maps serve different purposes

**Thank You!**