Development of Seamless Digital Geological Map of Japan (1:200,000) Google Maps version -intuitive geological map-

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Seamless Digital Geological Map of Japan (http://riodb02.ibase.aist.go.jp/db084/index.html) is a digital geological map in scale of 1:200,000 published by Geological Survey of Japan (GSJ), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST). It has a structurally and stratigraphically smooth geological boundary, and is based on a nationally-standardized legend based on the geological map of Japan 1:1,000,000 3rd edition (GSJ. 1992). It was developed by (1) creating nationally-standardized legend, (2) digitizing existing paper-based geological maps in vector format, (3) replacing each geological attributes by the nationally-standardized legend, (4) smoothing geological boundary of adjacent maps on GIS (Geographic Information System). It’s been published on the Web since 2003, and users are able to select from among several user interfaces in accordance with the intended use and preference. Methods of data representation have been modified to suit the needs of the uses. Google Maps version is the latest and default user interface which uses Google Maps API (Application Programming Interface) and Google Earth API provided by Google, and it’s been repeatedly improved with the help of comments by users. The major characteristics of the Google Maps version are intelligible operability and fast imaging speed.

Fast operation of Google Maps version is provided by "Image Pyramid" and "AJAX (Asynchronous JavaScript and XML)". The image pyramid, also known as "tile matrix set" in WMTS (Web Map Tile Service) standard defined by OGC, consists of a base image tile and a series of consecutively smaller sub-image tiles in lower resolution. As users zoom in or out on the map, different resolution level of image is displayed, and the image pixels of geological map are only loaded when a tile section comes into view. AJAX is a group of interrelated web development technique used for creating interactive web applications on client-side. It allows web pages to retrieve small amounts of data from the server, and update parts of a web page without reloading the entire page.

Google Maps version was developed with a goal of making and releasing geological maps in foolproof way. It is designed especially for end-users; therefore, users are able to change opacity of the geological map, zoom in or out, and search a specific location intuitively. Google Maps version doesn’t require any plug-in unlike other user interface within our website, hence it is less reliance on user environment such as OS and browser. Development of Google Maps version serves as the foundations for future development of user-friendly digital geological map.

Keywords: GIS, Seamless, Geological Map, Google Maps API, AJAX, Image Pyramid
Open Cafe Systemによる低コストかつ使用が簡易な現地調査支援システム

Low-cost and User-friendly Field Survey Assisting System powered by Open Cafe System

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In traditional field survey in natural environment, the survey values are recorded in the paper such as field notes, and they are digitalized and analyzed indoors. The digitalization of this method is so complex that it is time-consuming. Then, the system into which digital data can be inputted directly in the field has developed recently. However, it is so expensive and the manner of operation is so complex that it doesn’t become popular. In this study, we tried to develop low-cost and user-friendly Field Survey Assisting System (FSAS) in natural environmental field with open source software.

In this study, the positional information was treated as the main survey item by FSAS. So we used Free and Open Source Software for Geospatial (FOSS4G). Then, to improve usability of FOSS4G, we developed a package called Open Cafe System (OCS) and FSAS was powered by OCS. OCS has two features to improve the usability for users of FSAS. They are Web-GIS architecture and wrapping of FOSS4G with content management system (CMS). Web-GIS stimulate users without technical knowledge to use the system because users can use Web-GIS with just web browsers which they are familiar with. CMS manages web contents integratedly. In general, CMS makes it easy for users without technical knowledge to use the system. In OCS, users work with interface made by CMS, without struggling with FOSS4G.

The architecture of OCS is shown in Figure. OSC is composed by two main components: OCS server and OCS client. In OCS server, FOSS4G applications and Drupal (CMS) work on Ubuntu OS. Spatial data is stored by PostGIS (spatial extension of PostgreSQL). GeoServer works as GIS server which supports WMS (Web Map Service) and WFS (Web Feature Service). SLD (Styled Layer Descriptor) describes the appearance of map layers. GeoWebCache accelerates the processing by caching request. Drupal works as user interface and manages FOSS4G applications integratedly. PHP scripts controls database queries. WMS and WFS works on web pages with OpenLayers. In OCS client, users access the server with web browsers or specific applications. Client devices are laptops, smartphones, PDAs, and so on. They can get web pages made by CMS with web browsers, or can use the functions of OCS server easily with optimized applications.

The workflow of a field survey with FSAS consists of three steps. First, users make a format before the survey. The format has information of the survey such as title, date, item, note, area of the survey and base maps. Because users can freely customize survey items, FSAS can be used in various fields such as forests and rivers. Second, users input data on the survey. They just input the location on the GUI map and value of items into the format, because the format has information of the survey. All data is stored into the same table on the database. Each data has fields of belonging format, location, and value of items. Third, users export data after the survey. They can choose the export file type from CSV and KML. In this way, they can manage and use data for each survey in the unified way.

To examine the utility of FSAS in various fields, we did field surveys on water quality and tree position as an application study of FSAS. The study area is spring water in Hadano (Kanagawa, Japan) and street tree of Itabashi (Tokyo, Japan). Citizens in those places survey water quality or tree position with FSAS. They inputted the obtained data into FSAS with Android smartphones and iPhones. Participants could browse the results of the survey on site with the client devices.

We had a questionnaire after the survey to get the users’ impression of FSAS. From the results of questionnaire, we thought that FSAS was easy for participants to use, nevertheless they did not have technical knowledge. The function of inputting data and browsing the result on site assisted them. It is suggested that FSAS has high usability in various natural environmental fields.
Keywords: field survey, digital data, GIS, FOSS4G, content management system, open cafe system
地理情報システムを用いた重力データからのカルデラ構造の輪郭抽出

Extraction of caldera rims from gravity data using GIS

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岩手・宮城内陸地震では、栗駒火山周辺において大規模な地すべりと中小規模の斜面変動が発生した。これらの発生要因の一つとして、当該地域において多数分布するカルデラ（布原ら, 2010）の存在があげられる。Prima and Yoshida (2010) は東北地方に分布する多くのカルデラが負の重力異常を示すという特徴を持っているとし、この特徴を利用して重力異常の空間分布に対して数値解析を適用し、カルデラ構造の輪郭抽出を試みた。しかしながら、古いカルデラの輪郭が必ずしも明確ではなく、また重力データが持つ固有のノイズによって、一部で、抽出されたカルデラ輪郭とこれまでに推定されてきた輪郭との間に、不一致が認められた。野崎 (1997) によれば、重力異常の振幅スペクトル分布は、浅部の大規模構造を表すトレンド成分、深部の地下構造を表しているシグナル成分、そしてデータ生成時に発生した誤差によるノイズ成分に大別できる。本研究では、バンドパスフィルタを用いて重力異常値のノイズ成分を取り除き、抽出されるカルデラ輪郭の改善を試みたものである。ここでは、重力異常値のデータとして、地質調査総合センターが発行したもの（地質調査所, 2000）を使用した。当該重力異常値の仮定密度は 2.0, 2.3, 2.67 g/cm³ で提供されているが、東北地方の基盤構造を反映している仮定密度 2.67 g/cm³ を用いた。本研究では、ノイズ成分遮断フィルタの波長を 1-10 km に設定し、カルデラ構造の輪郭抽出を行なった。ノイズ成分遮断フィルタの波長が短ければ、抽出したカルデラ構造の輪郭が細かいものとなり、遮断フィルタの波長が長ければ、大まかなカルデラ構造の輪郭が抽出される。東北地方で報告されている多くのカルデラ構造について、輪郭を抽出した結果、カルデラ構造の輪郭を最もよく抽出できる遮断フィルタの波長が約 4 km を確認できた。なお、バンドパスおよびカルデラ構造の輪郭抽出の一連の作業は GMT と ArcGIS で自動化しており、遮断フィルタの波長の変更によるカルデラ構造の輪郭形状の変化を即時に確認できる。

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Keywords: Caldera rim, GIS, gravity anomaly, band pass filter
Flood Disaster Risk Management in Ratnapura, Sri Lanka based on GIS and Remote Sensing Techniques

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Introduction
Sri Lanka is prone to natural disasters commonly caused by floods, cyclones, landslides, droughts and coastal erosion for generations with increasing losses to life and property in the past few decades. Floods are more of a common occurrence in Sri Lanka than the other natural disasters. Flood has been one of the most costly disasters in terms of both property damage and human casualties in Sri Lanka.

As other less developed countries, Sri Lanka is in the initial stage of the adoption of geo-information for in disaster management although new world trends to Web GIS, real time warning system, satellite earth observation for rapid damage assessment, data standard and highly advanced Technologies that could be used for disaster management activities.

Motivation
For a number of reasons the most frequent choice should be protection from the flooding by means of physical control of the river, but there is also a need for a broader and comprehensive program for managing flood hazard in the study area. Flood protection has been helpful and must be continued. Side by side other preventive tools like effective planning for the growth of the city, creation of a computerized GIS database for the flood prone areas and a detail flood risk assessment mapping and zonation are required to minimize the harmful effects of flood hazard. Therefore, an attempt has been made to apply modern techniques like Geographical Information System and Remote Sensing for the assessment of flood hazard. The presence of risk assessment mapping will help the concerned authorities to formulate their development strategies according to the available risk to the area. Of course, the GIS and Remote sensing techniques can contribute to evaluate the environment and to minimize the risk of disaster.

Methodology
1. Evaluate the physical environment using remote sensing and GIS techniques (Terrain analysis, hydrological drainage analysis and other analysis).
2. Evaluate the social environment through the field work (interview the people, to know how they use their land, to know the governmental treatment like land use regulation or master plan).
3. Overlay the physical evaluation and social evaluation.
4. Design the optimal land use plan based on the both environmental analysis.
5. Share the optimal land use plan with people.

Keywords: Geographical Information System, Remote Sensing, Flood risk assessment, Vulnerability, Hazard mapping
Hydrologic Response to Land use Change and its Impact on Coastal Ecosystem of Fiji

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Healthy coral reefs are a vital part of the coastal ecosystem and support a huge amount of sea life and fulfill a variety of human needs, like subsistence, fisheries, tourism and shoreline protection. These fragile coral reef ecosystems are rapidly deteriorating with intense anthropogenic perturbations in the river basins of northwest Viti Levu, Fiji, due to large terrigenous material run-off loads from the steeply-sloping watersheds. The cropland expansion has vastly altered the structure of natural watersheds and their ecosystems through accelerated conversion of forest land and marginal land to agriculture or urban area. Therefore, it is crucial to ascertain the temporal and spatial change pattern of coral cover and assess the environment factors, which directly/indirectly influence the reef ecosystem. This study focuses to find out intense and sustained environment pressures generated by anthropogenic activities and land use change on the coastal ecosystem using remote sensing and GIS. In this research benthic cover is analyzed temporally (1992-2007) and spatially to find out the impacts of terrestrial runoff from 14 adjoining agriculture dominated watersheds in the coastal area. To accomplish this task, an integrated modeling framework with land use change has been constructed to simulate the transport of runoff, sediment yield and nutrient pollution using ArcView interface based SWAT (Soil and Water Assessment Tool) model. The benthic cover change analysis using Landsat TM/ETM+ shows that coral cover reduced by 33.5\% from 1992 to 2007 while the algae and seagrass cover increased by 139.3\% and 70.6\% respectively due to the fine sediments and nutrients carried by eroding sediments from the sugarcane fields. The land use change analysis indicates that maximum agriculture expansion is in small watersheds of the study area. Results reveals that during 1992-2007, forest land (27.04\%) and shrubland/grassland (20.96\%) was replaced by agriculture (46\%) and barren land (2\%) in small watershed (area 12.10 km\textsuperscript{2}). Therefore, the hydrological response impact from these watersheds cannot be ignored as soil loss and nutrient loss are high, especially during the heavy rainfall event. In addition, Landsat data interpretations (1992-2007) for coral reef ecosystem also infer that there is an enormous increase in the degraded reef areas (59.39\%) around these coastal watersheds.

キーワード: Coral reefs, runoff, sediments, nutrients, remote sensing, SWAT
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Site Suitability Evaluation for Ecotourism using GIS & AHP: A Case Study of Surat Thani Province, Thailand

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The present study aims to identify and prioritize the potential ecotourism sites using Geographic Information System (GIS) and Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) in Surat Thani Province, Thailand as a case study. The method used is the AHP which is integrated in ArcGIS. This study identifies the following criteria as indicators suitability within land ecosystem: landscape/naturalness, wildlife, topography, accessibility and community. The evaluating process for ecotourism site was conducted based on 9 chosen factors which are visibility, land cover/use, reservation/protection, species diversity, elevation, slope, proximity to cultural sites, distance from roads and settlement size. These factors were selected according to the professional opinions given. AHP was effectively used in order to calculate the detail of the factor and class weights. The methodology proposed was useful to identify ecotourism sites by linking criteria deemed important with actual resources of Surat Thani Province.

Keywords: Site Suitability Evaluation, AHP, GIS, Ecotourism, MCDM
In industrialised countries, population decline will occur in next decades. Japanese population is estimated to decline by 20% in next 30 years. Population decline tends to expand the inefficiency of infrastructure. Infrastructure plannings need to consider population distribution of the region.

Fiber to the home (FTTH) has been widely deployed for providing broadband access services in recent years. In Japan, FTTH occupies over 50% of broadband access service markets now. FTTH is expected to be deployed in rural areas with low subscriber density.

Access network planning has focused on urban areas. In urban areas, subscriber density is high because there are large population. In such areas, subscribers’ lines are aggregated efficiently.

On the other hand, in rural areas, small population causes the inefficiency of aggregation. The same problem occurs when subscriber density declines along population decline in the decades to come. The inefficiency of aggregation increases deploying cost.

It is important to establish a planning method based on population distribution. Subscribers’ lines need to be aggregated efficiently anywhere. Especially, minimizing the deploying cost of the aggregation is important issue.

This study proposes the planning method which can minimize the aggregation cost by applying three types of aggregation depending on the subscriber density. The types of aggregation are as follows. They are shown in the figure.

(a) single aggregation
Single aggregation is existing aggregation type. Subscribers’ lines are aggregated by large switches on every node. Each switch is connected to edge routers individually. This type is optimized for the areas with high subscriber density.

(b) cascade aggregation
Cascade aggregation is a proposed aggregation type. Subscribers’ lines are aggregated by small switches on every node. Switches are mutually connected and compose ring networks. Each ring is connected to edge routers. This type is expected to improve the equipment efficiency in areas with low subscriber density.

(c) node-integration
Node-integration is the other proposed aggregation type. Subscribers’ lines are not aggregated on nodes with insufficient number of lines. They are connected to another node and aggregated by any switch. Switches are connected to edge routers by single or cascade aggregation.

The planning method is based on a location-allocation model which is used to find mathematically the optimal location. It uses distribution of population and nodes and existing links as input layers. The number of subscribers’ lines of each node is computed. Whether the node should be integrated and which size of switch should be applied are decided depending on the number of subscribers’ lines. After that, it finds all combinations of the connections between small switches. For each combination, the optimal connections between switches and edge routers are found considering the existing links. Finally, it finds the optimal aggregation.

The proposed method was implemented into Quantum GIS (QGIS). QGIS is free and open source software for geospatial (FOSS4G). The method was implemented as the plugin of QGIS. It was written in Python. Shape files are read as input layers and the calculation procedure is performed with QGIS API. Optimal solution is exported as shape files.

I did computer simulations in multiple scenarios. The scenarios have different population distributions. The simulation result shows that the proposed method can derive the optimal aggregation which can minimize the aggregation cost. It was suggested that the optimal aggregation differs from the population distribution. In urban areas whose population are large, the optimal aggregation is (a). On the other hand, the optimal aggregation is (c) in rural areas. Application of (b) and (c) in areas with low subscriber density reduces the deploying cost. (c) has more effect on cost reduction than (b). They are not suitable for urban areas.
because of inefficiency.

Keywords: access network, aggregation, location-allocation model, population decline
MMS データを用いた三次元建物モデルの生成手法
Generating Method for Three-Dimensional Building Model with Mobile Mapping Sys-
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 hikeskのシミュレーションの分野では、効率的かつ宜々性高いディジタルシティの構築方法が模索されている。一般に、周
辺環境に存在する建物の表現には、基盤地図情報の建築物の外周線に対して、建物階数や LIDAR データで得られた高さ
情報を付与して上空に押し出す多角柱モデルが主に用いられている。この多角柱モデルは生成が簡単であるものの、テ
クスチャ処理ではファサードの表現ができないモデルである。そこで本研究では、高精度 GPS 移動体測定装置である
MMS（mobile mapping system）で取得された点群データ（以下、MMS データと呼ぶ）を用い、ファサードの形状を有
す三次元建物モデルの生成を試みた。MMS はすでに道路レーザ更新のための地形測量などに用いられ始めているが、その
データの特徴として 1）地物の遮蔽効果がなくパース表示にした場合に奥が透けて見える、2）観測点から距離が離れる
ほど点間隔が広くなり精度も粗くなる、3）データを三次元上に展開した場合において観測点以外の位置からはイメージ
の把握が困難である、などが挙げられる。基本的に地表部やトンネル部など、観測距離が短い場所にある表面の把握に適
したデータである。これらの特性から、MMS データは本質的に image-based なデータであるといえる。そこで、景観デ
ザインのためにデータの操作が困難な image-based な状況から、操作可能な model-based への展開を図るために、点群デ
ータから三次元建物モデルの生成を試みることにした。なお、先行研究でキューブモデルによる建物モデルの構築を試み
たが、視覚的なアリティが欠けたものとなった。そこで、サーフェイスクモデルによる建物モデルの構築を試みた。

本研究で使用する主なデータは MMS データ、MMS 車両軌跡、建築物の外周線（基盤地図情報）である。MMS デー
タはポイントデータであり、x, y, z 座標(m)と観測時の GPS 時刻（小数以下 4 桁、秒）を有す。MMS 軌跡はライ
ンデータであり、属性は車両位置座標 (x, y, z) と GPS 時刻（小数以下 1 桁、秒）である。以下、提案する三次元建物
モデルの生成フローを示す。

（1）回帰式の作成
オジェクトの MMS データ（以下、PMMS と呼ぶ）を軸として、観測距離（z）とデータ間隔（y）を最自乗法により回
帰式として当てはめることで、観測ごとののしきい値を求める。今回は平坦な 3 箇所の交差点の平均値から y<0.1e-0.165x（式
1）を得た。

（2）観測距離の付与
各PMMS が観測されたときの MMS 車両位置を GPS 時刻の内挿により推定し、各PMMS の観測距離を求める。

（3）ラインの作成
同じ時刻の PMMS を組合わせて、ラインに変換する。

（4）長い線分の除去
ラインを構成する線分の内、観測距離に対して長くして式 1 を満たさないものは除去する。

（5）地物の線を構成するポイントの抽出
残ったラインから長分間の交角が約 90 度である部分を地物の線を構成するポイントとして抽出する。ラインの端部も
同様にポイントとして抽出する。以下、抽出したポイントを PEDGE と示す。

（6）外周線の入力
PEDGE と建物の外周線を目的に、ユーザにより外周線の位置を入力させる。入力されたラインを基に、建築物の外
周線を再定義する。また、入力されたライン周辺の PEDGE の最高高さを建物高さと暫定する。

（7）手すり線の入力
PEDGE と建物の外周線を目的に、ユーザにより手すりの位置を入力させる。入力されたライン端部周辺に存在する
PEDGE を改めて抽出する（以下、PF と呼ぶ）。

（8）手すり位置の推定
PF を集約して昇順ソートした後、式 1 を用いてグループ化する。設定したグループは、その最高値が手すりの上端、
最低値が手すりの下端と対応する。

（9）サーフェイスの生成
これらの情報を基に、最終的にサーフェイスを生成する。

この一連の手続きを GIS 上でシステム化し、ほぼ自動的に三次元建物モデルを生成するシステムを開発した。

本研究で提案した手法により、建築物ファサードのおおまかな形状を半自動的に再現することができた。しかしながら、今回のモデルは屋根部分については再現できておらず、景観シミュレーションでよく使用されるフライスルーなどに利用できない。今後は屋根部分の再現方法を実装しなければならない。また、より自動化を進めるに当たって、樹木や電柱などで位置データが取得できていない部分の推定方法を検討しなければならないと考えている。

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Considering spatial dependence in areal interpolation method based on eigenvector spatial filtering

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Spatial data are often aggregated into spatial units. Because there exist many types of spatial units such as census units and grids, the difference in the spatial units among the spatial data often complicates the analyses. Transferring spatial data from one zonal system to another is useful for solving this problem. This process is called areal interpolation (e.g., Sadahiro 1999). We assume that areal interpolation is the conversion of spatial data from source units into target units.

Spatial dependence is a general property of spatial data, and it implies that data at nearby locations are similar whereas those separated widely are less similar. Thus, for accurate areal interpolation, it is quite natural to consider spatial dependence. However, there are no significant studies that have considered spatial dependence with respect to areal interpolation, except for Kyriakidis (2007), Gotway and Young (2007), and Mugglin et al. (1999). In addition, from the viewpoint of practical use, the methods proposed by these researchers are inferior to the conventional methods mentioned above. First, they are complex and difficult to implement. Second, their computational burden is large.

In this study, we propose a new areal interpolation method that is an extension of the regression-based method suggested by Flowerdew and Green (1992) in order to consider spatial dependence. A distinct advantage of our method is that it can be implemented by using ordinary least squares (OLS), which is most frequently used as a parameter estimation technique for the regression model, and can be easily handled with light computational burden. However, it is well known that OLS by itself is not suitable when the residuals of the regression model are spatially dependent. Therefore, we employ the eigenvector spatial filtering technique (Tiefelsdorf and Griffith, 2007). More precisely, we incorporate the technique into the areal interpolation method by adding the eigenvector of the geographic connectivity matrix as an explanatory variable to the basic model of regression-based areal interpolation. Because the constructed model itself is essentially identical to the traditional linear regression model, no specific procedures are required to obtain OLS estimators. Thus, as compared to other areal interpolation methods that consider spatial dependence, the proposed method has the advantages that it can be easily implemented and is computationally efficient.

Finally, in order to examine the effectiveness of the proposed model, we apply it to the aging ratio data of 2007 North Kanto area, Japan. In this study, the conventional regression-based method and the proposed method are compared, where the former does not consider spatial dependence but the latter does. The methods are applied to the areal interpolation of the aging ratio whose source units are the municipalities in 2007, and the target units are the municipalities in 1995. The predictive error of the proposed method is 7.63 percentage points less than those of the regression-based method in terms of the average differential between the observed and predicted values. This indicates that it is important to consider spatial dependence in areal interpolation.

Keywords: areal interpolation, spatial dependence, eigenvector spatial filtering

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Visualizing income disparity in Japan with spatial statistic method

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With the collapse of the bubble economy in the early 1990s, economic disparities have arisen both among the people and among the different regions in Japan. Well known tools for analyzing income disparity are the coefficient of variation and the Gini coefficient, which are widely used such as in the reports of the government or standard economic textbooks, but they can only grasp the overall degree of income disparity. Advancements in spatial analysis have led to the development of strong tools to explicitly consider spatial dependence and heterogeneity; however, no significant research has been carried out using such tools for analyzing the economic disparity at the municipal level in Japan. The objective of this study is to visualize the dynamic change of the regional income disparities in Japan during the period known as the "lost decade." The data used in the study are annual data collected at the municipality level during 1998-2007. Exploratory spatial data analysis (ESDA) and local indicators of spatial association (LISA) have been used to classify municipalities into categories and to identify local spatial clustering and spatial outliers composing the income disparity in Japan, respectively.

We first classify each municipality into four clusters according to the Moran scatterplot: high per capita income municipalities with high per capita income neighbors (hot spot), high per capita income municipalities with low per capita income neighbors, low per capita income municipalities with high per capita income neighbors, and low per capita income municipalities with low per capita income neighbors (cool spot). The hot spots are concentrated along the center of Japan, also known as the Pacific Belt Zone, and the cool spots are located in the north and south west of Japan. The regional distribution of the clusters seems to be stable during the decade; however, unstableness of the clusters in Hokkaido prefecture are indicated. We also calculated the Euclidean distances between the Moran scatterplot for each region to extract municipalities with peculiar movement in the Moran scatterplot through the decade, and succeeded in detecting not only regions with dramatic cluster transition but also regions with peculiar behavior staying in the same cluster.

To identify influential observations and spatial outliers, analysis based on LISA has been carried out. Local Moran’s I is efficient for identifying regions with similar and dissimilar values, thus it is a good indicator to spot strong spatial clusters, and local Geary’s c is efficient for the quantification of income inequality between each region, thus can be used to indicate the degree of (dis)similarity. During the decade, the distribution of the municipalities’ local Moran’ I value had become simple except the regions in Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka still have high values. This means that the strong spatial clusters only exist in the main metropolitan areas. A similar result is confirmed in the distribution of local Geary’s c values, meaning that almost all municipalities do not differ compared to their neighbors, and the regions in Tokyo are identified to be strongly dissimilar to neighborhood regions.
Evaluation of pan-sharpened image for human settlements mapping: A Case of South East Asia Cities

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Mapping the human settlements is essential for urban planning, disaster management and emergency preparedness and other humanitarian assistances. Effective disaster preparedness requires quantitative spatial distribution patterns of population in order to position emergency response centers and prepare food and shelter in the event of disaster. Mapping the human settlements from remote sensing data is cost effective and timely manners which is suitable for disaster management. This study reports the evaluation of human settlements mapping result using pan-sharpened image in order to improve the spatial and spectral properties of original low resolution remote sensing data.

Keywords: Pan-sharpened image, human settlements, South East Asia cities
Sustainability of Agriculture Land Use in Eastern Bhutan

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Abstract

In Bhutan about 70% of the population live in rural areas based on agriculture farming and related activities. The eastern region occupies a major agriculture share. However, in recent years, the sector has been facing challenges in the form of land degradation, instability in productivity, crop damage, and issues of fallow land, leading to decline in agricultural land use. These challenges were implicated as a result of climate variability, especially fluctuations in temperature and erratic precipitation patterns although no detailed study exists. Against this backdrop this research measures the influence of climate variability on agricultural land use by analyzing land use change (LUC) in eastern Bhutan from 1994 to 2005 in relation to biophysical and socio-economic factors [LUC = f (biophysical and socio-economic factors)], using GIS and the SPSS programs.

Given the importance of agricultural sectors, the sustainable utilization of limited arable land will play a critical role in sustaining rural livelihood and food security. The sustainability of agriculture is viewed mainly in terms of the capacity of an agricultural system to adapt and deal with stresses and to carry itself on. This study gives insights into the importance of addressing agricultural sustainability issues in a holistic manner, and finally provides some inputs towards developing strategies to deal environmental impact and changes.

Keywords: Agriculture land use, Climate variability, Eastern Bhutan, GIS, Sustainability
DEM-based morphometric analysis of drainage basins in Mt. Danxia, Guangdong Province, China

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Mt. Danxia is where the special term "Danxia landform" was coined. The landform is characterized by red-colored sandstones and steep cliffs, often providing a beautiful scenery. In recent years, the landform has been receiving international attention, and some of them were designated as the UNESCO World Natural Heritage. However, morphometric studies of Danxia landforms have been limited. Geomorphological characteristics of drainage basins in the Mt. Danxia area provide a key to understand the evolution of the unique landscape. Morphometric properties related to basin geometry (area, relief, relief ratio, slope, and hypsometry) of subwatersheds in the study area were quantitatively examined using the ASTER GDEM. We found high spatial variations in their morphometric properties throughout the whole basin. Some possible effects of tectonics and lithology on the basin geometry are inferred. Basin geometry of the subwatersheds can also be related to their relative position within the whole basin, i.e., upstream or downstream along the main stream, perhaps reflecting the geomorphological evolution of the whole basin. The hypsometric curves of the subwatersheds with concave and convex shapes may indicate the differing stages of the subwatersheds, some of which seem to have already reached the equilibrium (mature) stage.

Keywords: Danxia landforms, Morphometry, Hypsometry, DEM
Geospatial analysis on topography and archaeological sites in Kayseri, Turkey: A preliminary result

Landform is a fundamental factor that affects cultural activities of human beings, and such effects on the artificial remains such as road position and settlement distribution can more strongly be reflected in ancient periods than in the modern periods. Here we investigate the spatial relationships between archaeological settlements (B.C. 3000-1000) and landforms in Kayseri region in central Anatolia Highland, Turkey. The data of landforms were acquired by both the field measurement and remote sensing techniques: The field topographic measurement comprise the use of LRF (Laser Range Finder) and DGPS (Differential Global Positioning System), which enables on-site quick (10^1-10^2 minutes for a 10^4-10^6 m^2 area) acquisition of detailed topographic data with a submeter-order accuracy. Some of these detailed topographic data suggest the existence of buried buildings and walls, which had never been identifiable by existing low-resolution topographic datasets. Satellite imagery data are also used to obtain the broad-scale topographic data in the area. A DEM produced from ALOS PRISM imagery data is used to identify characteristic landforms around the archaeological sites. Using these materials we discuss the historical, temporal changes in the archaeological site locations in relation to the landforms.

Keywords: LRF, DGPS, DEM, ALOS PRISM, geoarchaeology
Establishment of interoperability Web-GIS in water environments by Mobile-phone-based Database for Water Quality

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1. Background and study objective

Long Term Ecological Research Network (LTER) is widely watched as a view of environmental monitoring in global scale. In particular, LTER is able to capture a slow change in environmental issues as a precondition to make continued monitoring in Long term. On the other hand, they need to be huge costs so that we try to observe, analysis and transmission of information in many observation site. The key point of continued monitoring in Long term is how to assume including cost between citizens, ministry, industrials and academy. It is desirable that citizens investigates familiar water environments, organize results obtained, sort out the problems involved and makes it to practice activity. One of the trials is Nationwide simultaneous survey of faunal data by preparation Contents map table in WV and Greenery Research Association.

2. Methods

We adopted Open cafe system which is FOSS4G package and can use XML in data passing in internet. Target WG are WV covers Tama-river basin and Yamanashi-water-net(YAN) covers all area in Yamanashi prefecture. We adopted iPhone-OS and web browser which are Internet Explorer, Fire Fox and Google chrome for client applications.

3. Results and discussion

The system architecture can be developing interoperability in different WG in the figure. All user have to do is access WV server by client application with location information and to be automatically selected registration destination and reference destination, we call Contents and to be confirmed current basin by polygon data of basin. This system can be interoperate between WV to YAN can define the attribute for the consistency different WG’s items of data by preparation Contents map table in WV server and equip the PHP function which are can be permitted registration to database and reference database from outside server request in YAN server. Using Web Process Service, it can be used for various analyses by make data which are Web Coverage Service distribution in Vector Ring, aggregate input data which are based on interpretation of Contents Map in Contents Ring and define region by polygon data which are Web Feature Service distribution in Vector Ring.

Our conclusions are following.
1. It can be shared new function to be equipped in different WG and cut cost down.
2. It can be used for various analyses from shared databases.
3. It can be registration and reference data under field survey not required expert knowledge to user.

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