Basics of Map Projection

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Map projection is the method of transferring the graticule of latitude and longitude on a plane surface. It can also be defined as the transformation of spherical network of parallels and meridians on a plane surface.

The World Map





Developable Surface



Technique at a glance



Metric properties of maps

Many properties can be measured on the Earth's surface independently of its geography:

- * <u>Area</u>
- * <u>Shape</u>
- * Direction
- * Bearing
- * Distance

Design and construction

- Selection of a model for the shape of the Earth or planetary body (usually choosing between a sphere or ellipsoid). Because the Earth's actual shape is irregular, information is lost in this step.
- Transformation of geographic coordinates (longitude and latitude) to Cartesian (x,y) or polar (r, θ) plane coordinates. In large-scale maps, Cartesian coordinates normally have a simple relation to eastings and northings defined as a grid superimposed on the projection. In small-scale maps, eastings and northings are not meaningful, and grids are not superimposed.

Classification of Map Projection

Source: P. Roy (1988)

Criteria	Elements/Controls	Classes/Sub-classes
2	Datum Surface	 Direct Projection Double Projection Triple Projection
Exogenetic	Plane of Projection	1st Order2nd Order3rd Order1. Planara. Tangent(i) Normal2. Conicalb. Secant(ii) Transverse3. Cylin- dricalc. Poly- superficial(iii) Oblique
	Method of Projection	1. Perspective 2. Semi-perspective 3. Non-perspective 4. Conventional
	Properties	 Homolographic Orthomorphic Azimuthal Equidistant
Endogenetic	Appearance of the parallels and meridians	 Both parallels and meridians straight. Parallels straight and meridians curves. Parallels curves and meridians straight. Both parallels and meridians curves. Parallels concentric circles and meridians radiating straight lines. Parallels concentric circles and meridians curves. Parallels concentric circles and meridians curves. Parallels irregular curves and meridians radiating straight lines. Both parallels irregular curves. Both parallels and meridians curves.

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