

Affine Transformation

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Compromises in Spatial Adjustments

What Adjusts What Changes

Affine	Rotate Scale Skew Translate	Parallelism maintained	
Similarity	Rotate Scale Translate	Shape maintained	
Projective		Used with aerial photography (warping)	

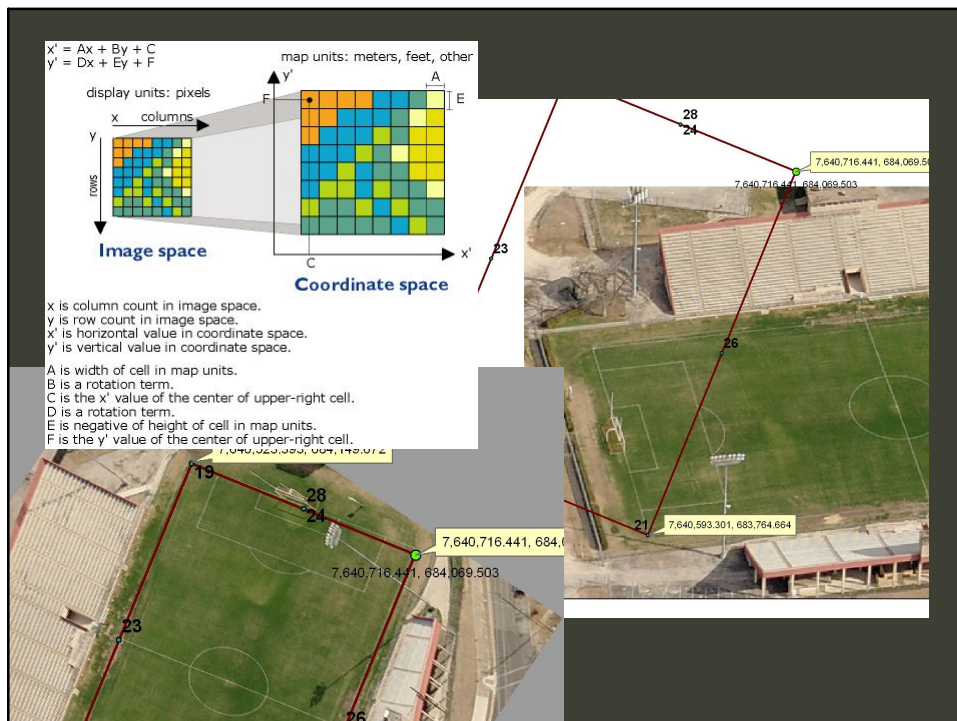
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Spatial Adjustment Problem

- Setup a mathematical model that will calculate a new location for each cell or coordinate.
- Keep edges parallel. Allow objects to rescale, translate, and rotate.
- The model exists and requires 6 coefficients.
- Discover the coefficients from a link table of pairs of control points.



Georeferencing

Georeferencing Layer: las_vegas1.img

Update Georeferencing Rotate Right

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Link	X Source	Y Source	X Map	Y Map
1	103.084906	-291.867925	7640591.566442	683764.850439
2	509.500000	-83.566038	7640523.055487	684148.491010
3	59.902619	-137.580671	7640398.475360	683844.031114
4	573.741952	-237.658476	7640715.403882	684069.676016

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$X = Ax + By + C \quad Y = Dx + Ey + F$

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X and Y Scale, Rotation, Skew and Translation

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Link Table

Link	X Source	Y Source	X Map	Y Map	Residual
1	102.510204	-292.119898	7640592.056951	683764.344349	
2	57.051020	-135.538265	7640397.758650	683844.199934	

Auto Adjust Transformation: 1st Order Polynomial (A1) Total RMS Error:

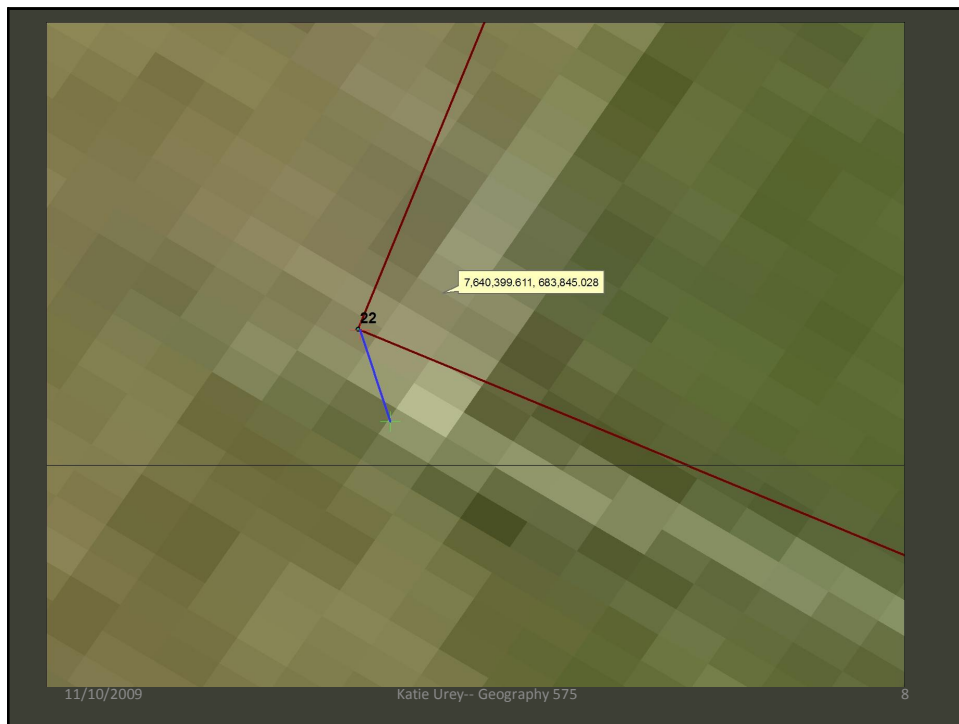
Load... Save... Restore From Dataset OK

Link Table

Link	X Source	Y Source	X Map	Y Map	Residual
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2	57.051020	-135.538265	7640397.758650	683844.199934	2.16848
3	570.104203	-238.228373	7640717.788416	684069.595201	1.09135
4	292.752500	-108.057168	7640462.502000	683993.119777	2.16426

Auto Adjust Transformation: 1st Order Polynomial (A1) Total RMS Error: 1.71593

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Root Mean Square – Is the estimated location good enough.

Chang's recommendations

- The producers sets the RMS tolerance.
- Scale and Accuracy of input are factors
- Less than 6 meters for a 1:24,000 map
- Less than 1 pixel for a 30 meter raster

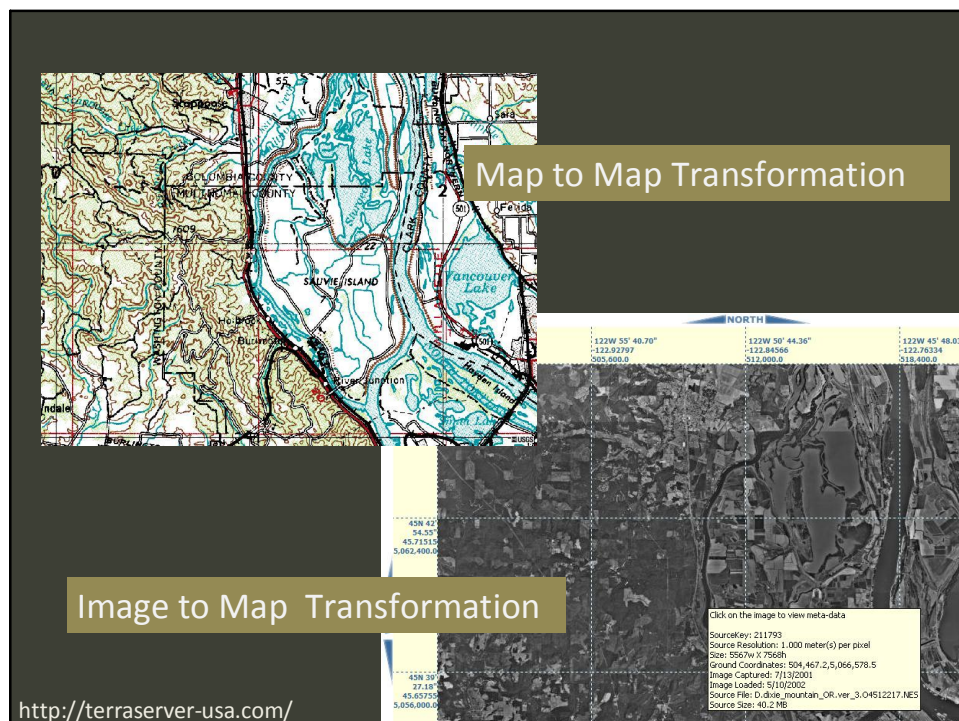
Root Mean Square Error

- RMS Error needs to stay within expected tolerance.
- Errors in longitude and latitude on source maps may propagate through to errors in new maps.
- Tic marks may be inaccurate.
- Low RMS errors do not guarantee a good transform.

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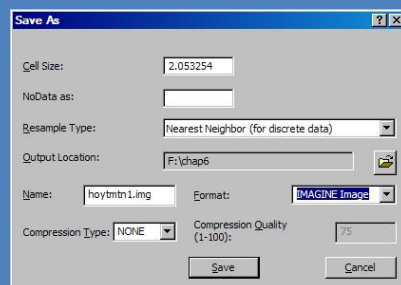
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	Map to Map	Image to Map
x and y	Vector coordinates	Raster rows and columns
Y equation	$Y = Dx + Ey + F$	$Y = Dx - Ey + F$
Selection of Control Points/ Ground Control Points	Use known values. Or project lat long to	Landmarks, best if captured by a single pixel, or adjusted to known coordinates from GPS/Maps
Number of Control Points/ Ground Control Pts	3 to find Coefficients 4 or more additional to manage RMS error.	More than 4. Chang suggests ~20 for some images.
Additional Steps	None	Resample

There are two choices to save the transform.
Either a new data set, or a world file with the transform coefficients.

Rectify (resample)



Save Transform in external "WORLD" files.

Value	Coefficient
20	A
50	B
0	C
0	D
-15	E
30	F

References

ArcGIS Desktop Help 9.3, An overview of spatial adjustment

FAQ: What unit is RMS reported in ArcMap georeferencing tools?

TerraServer-USA <http://terraserver-usa.com/>

Introduction to Geographic Information Systems,
Kang-tsung Chang