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Abstract: Information and knowledge about a given forested landscape drives forest management decisions. Within forest management though, information that adequately describes various characteristics of the forested environment in the spatial detail desired to make fully informed management decisions is often limited. Key metrics such as species composition, tree basal area, and tree density are typically too expensive to collect using ground-based inventory methods alone across broad extents for forest level planning (thousands of ha) at fine spatial detail that permit use at tactical spatial scales (tens of ha). However, quantifying these metrics accurately, in spatial detail, across broad landscapes is important to inform the management process. While relating remotely sensed data to classical ground-based survey data through modeling has shown promise for describing landscapes at the spatial detail need to inform planning and tactical scale projects, questions remain related to integrating both sources of data, sample design, and linking plots to remotely sensed data. This dissertation addresses critical aspects of these questions by: quantifying and mitigating the impact of co-registration errors; comparing various sample designs and estimation techniques using simulated ground-based information, remotely sensed data, and a variety of modeling techniques; developing enhanced image normalization routines; and creating an ensemble approach to estimating various forest characteristics that describe species composition, basal area, and tree density. This dissertation address knowledge gaps in the fields of forestry, remote sensing, data science, and decision science that can be used to efficiently and effectively inform the natural resource management decision-making process at fine spatial resolutions across broad extents.

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Chapter 1

Estimates of forest characteristics derived from remotely sensed imagery and field samples: applicable scales, appropriate study design, and relevance to forest management

Abstract: Accurate information is critical for effective management. Within forestry, key information related to forest characteristics used to inform management include stand metrics such as species composition, tree basal area (m² per ha, BAH), and tree density (trees per ha, TPH). Quantifying those metrics accurately, in spatial detail, across broad landscapes is important to inform the management process. However, the acquisition of such information at fine spatial resolutions across large extents is cost prohibitive when only ground-based survey methods are utilized. In this dissertation, I describe and implement an alternative methodology to quantify forest metrics such as BAH and TPH at fine to medium spatial resolutions across large extents using remotely sensed data. From a theoretical perspective, I address issues of spatial scale, co-registration errors, ideal field sampling unit configurations, sample intensity and allocation, and use of derived BAH and TPH estimates. From an applied perspective, I focus on quantifying patterns of BAH and TPH across broad extents by relating field measurement to fine-grained remotely sensed data in the portion of northwest Florida, USA, known as the Florida Panhandle. The primary objectives of this dissertation are to address knowledge gaps in the fields of forestry, remote sensing, data science, and decision science which, once addressed, can be used efficiently and effectively to inform the natural resource management decision-making process at fine spatial resolutions across broad extents.

Keywords: basal area, trees density, co-registration, sample design, longleaf, forest characteristics

1. Introduction

Forest management is a complex integrated process that combines multiple objectives to accomplish a predefined set of goals as they relate to forested lands [1]. Since the United States National Forest Management Act of 1976, the federal definition of forest management has expanded well beyond timber management to include tenets of economic and social goals as components of management choices, the consideration of larger socially defined multiple use management problems, and the need to quantitatively justify forest management plans and decisions. This expansion in scope fundamentally changes not only what we manage for, but how we justify our forest management decisions; emphasizing the action and need for planning in a broad context in both spatial extent and contextual scope.

Across varying forests of differing ownership, complexity, size, and extent, forest plans guide management activities and steer silvicutural prescriptions to meet private, public, and more generally social objectives and goals. Effective planning and implementation of those plans requires knowledge of the biotic and abiotic condition of a forest as well as understanding of their interactions within the context of the objectives and goals defined for a given forest [2, 3]. To gain understanding of the existing structure and composition of forests, practitioners implement well established mensuration techniques [4]. Generally, these techniques can be described as aggregating a sample of field plots for a given geographic area to determine mean and variance estimates of forest characteristics within that geographic area. While these techniques are well described, they can be extremely expensive and problematic to implement at fine spatial resolutions across broad extents. Simultaneously, as the human population increases and more people rely on and move into forested areas, social questions related to the impacts of management activities on forest ecosystems, connectivity, sustainability,

water quality, esthetics, carbon, air quality, climate, and timber products markets become more important at finer spatial detail. Due to the cost associated with quantifying basic information used to describe many of these forest characteristics, often limited information is available to inform management decisions at the spatial scale of implementation.

For example, well-known inventory endeavors such as the Forest Inventory Analysis Program of the U.S. Forest Service [5] provide a wealth of data related to our nation's forests. However, the inferences that can be drawn using those data are applicable at regional spatial resolutions at best and provide little utility at the spatial resolution of a national or state forest. That is not to say these data are useless at these scales but instead to identify a mismatch between the intent and scope for which those data are collected and the needs of society to address spatially explicit questions pertaining to forest management. Owing to this discrepancy, forest managers must implement a more intensive sampling scheme for projects such as a timber cruise or sale. However, these endeavors tend to be inconsistent, vary in intensity and scope, and generally pertain to only small geographic areas (e.g., less than 1000 hectares), making the data collected incongruent with other inventory efforts and impractical to implement at broad extents.

To illustrate the financial limitations of intensive field plot inventories, it is helpful to look at the per plot costs of endeavors such as the FIA. The cost of collecting basic forest information using the FIA protocol has been estimated to be \$600 to \$1,240 per plot [6]. On the other end of the cost spectrum, timber cruises conducted primarily to estimate timber volume have plot costs as low as \$50 per plot [7]. Using this range of plot costs (\$50 to \$1,240), a 10% cruise for a forest of 100,000 hectares would require 100,000 plots, each with a radius of 11.3 m, costing between \$5 million (at \$60 / plot) and \$124 million (at \$1,240 / plot). Assuming a 10% cruise is sufficient to accurately represent the complexity of a given forest for planning and project implementation purposes, the cost for such an endeavor across 100,000 hectares is prohibitive. Due to this expense, forest practitioners often cannot describe the forest condition at fine spatial resolution across broad extents, but settle for coarse depictions that describe forest characteristics generally as totals or averages for defined areas. This decision further impacts the forest planning process by forcing managers to make general forest plans with high levels of uncertainty about the existing condition of the forest at fine spatial resolutions.

Forest traits such as species composition, spatial arrangement, basal area (m² ha¹, BAH), and tree densities (trees ha¹, TPH) as described within a classical inventory framework [4] are not by themselves expensive to collect at the spatial resolution of the plot. The expense associated with the classical inventory framework stems from the number of plots required to quantify stand characteristics based on the geographic boundary of a stand or strata. Specifically, the classical inventory approach splits a forest into many stands of similar composition, stocking, tree size, and age class, and then summarizes sample units (plots) within each stand to estimate a mean and variance of species BAH and TPH. BAH and TPH estimates are then used at the stand level to inform the forest planning process [1].

While this procedure can be applied in almost every situation, requires only plot data, and has been embraced within the forestry community, the method only produces estimates for the stand as a whole, typically requires a large sample size, and does not directly allow for additional sources of information. In instances where additional information is known about the forest, the classical approach has been expanded to include that information by grouping stands into like strata [4, 8]. Stratification aims to reduce sampling variation within like groups (i.e., the stratum), in turn reducing sampling intensity and cost to achieve a predefined level of accuracy. Within each stratum, plot data are summarized and mean and variance terms for a given variable are attributed to stands and pooled or combined in a weighted fashion to estimate an overall mean and variance for the forest as a whole.

In instances where supplementary information (e.g., remotely sensed data) about the population (e.g., BAH) is known and is correlated with the population variable of interest, regression can be employed to further increase the precision and efficiency of a given sample [4, 9]. Within this estimation framework [10], supplemental information can be categorical or continuous, tested for relevance with regard to minimizing variation, and used to estimate the strength of the relationship

between the response variable (e.g., BAH) and predictor variables (e.g. spectral values from imagery). While regression has been used by biometricians to develop many allometric equations [11], this technique has only recently been used on a limited basis to estimate key stand metrics such as species composition, BAH, and TPH for a forest. Historically, this may have been due to the availability, scale, and quality of supplemental information with regard to plots and stands within a forest. Today, however, there is a wealth of digital and remotely sensed data (e.g., [12-15]) that can be used to increase the precision of estimates of key stand metrics used to inform forest management, while simultaneously reducing sampling cost.

For many years, remotely sensed data have been used to explore our surroundings [16] and stratify the terrestrial environment in useful ways [17, 18]. With recent advancements in technology, mathematics, statistics, machine learning, and computer science, remotely sensed relationships between reflected portions of the electromagnetic spectrum and the earth's terrestrial surface have been documented and exploited to build a wide range of data products depicting terrestrial characteristics such as topography [19], land use and cover [20], vegetative indices [21], vegetation communities [22, 23], fire severity [24], land cover change [25], and temperature [26]. Spatially defining these terrestrial characteristics has elevated the importance of fields such as landscape ecology [27] in understanding the impacts of patterns within a forest as they relate to the landscape-scale functions and services they provide. Within the context of forest management, these concepts underlie the necessity of accurately quantifying not only general amounts or resources and the condition of the forest as a whole, but spatially depicting spatial variations in forest characteristics such as species BAH and TPH with a high degree of fidelity.

Given the benefits in sampling efficiency, precision of adopting regression techniques to estimate forest characteristics, and the wealth of supplemental remotely sensed data that are now available, it is surprising that regression has not been fundamentally adopted to quantify metrics such as BAH and TPH at the spatial scale of the plot, stand, and forest. Some reasons for this lack of adoption stem from practical limitations related to: 1) a lack of familiarity with remotely sensed data, 2) historically coarse spatial resolution of remotely sensed data, 3) technical challenges associated with modeling and processing data, 4) additional cost associated with the acquisition of remotely sensed data, and 5) lack of appropriate statistical techniques and associated strong statistical relationships among coarse remotely sensed data and traditional forestry metrics.

Despite some of these obstacles, field measured BAH and TPH have been successfully related to fine grained remotely sensed data, predictive models have been used to create surfaces that predict BAH and TPH continuously across forests at the spatial resolution of a plot, and those cell estimates have been successfully aggregated to stands and forests [28-35]. Moreover, using the spatially explicit outputs of this work, in collaboration with others, I have developed techniques to optimize a sustained yield across a 202,000 hectare forested landscape [36] and to estimate delivered costs and feedstock supply for more than 8 million hectares [37]. These examples demonstrate that the forest characteristics derived from linking field plots to remotely sensed data provide the baseline characterization of both stands and the forest needed to perform various fine resolution analyses in a spatially explicit manner.

2. Summary of the Chapter Contributions

While many of the practical issues associated with using remotely sensed data are currently being addressed through education and outreach (e.g., [38-40]), the development of new fine-grained sensors (e.g., Sentinel II), and new processing techniques and software (e.g., [31, 41, 42]), unanswered questions remain related to scale, sample design, modeling approaches, and the utility of derived outputs for forest planning and management. In this dissertation, I address aspects of these issues from theoretical and applied perspectives using tenets of data and decision science. From a theoretical perspective in chapters 2 and 3, I quantify the impact of co-registration errors and describe how to minimizing their impacts through spatial aggregation and outline the benefits of sample designs that spread and balance sample observations across predictor variable space for various estimation

techniques. From an applied perspective, I describe, develop, and quantify the improvements in forest composition, BAH, and TPH estimates given a new enhanced image normalization methodology, ensemble general additive modeling approach, and various sources of remotely sensed data across broad extents for a case study in an area of northwest Florida known as the Apalachicola Significant Geographic Area (Figure 1). This area is the focus of an intensive landscape scale, cross-ownership hydrologic assessment and watershed management plan that includes restoration of longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) forests.



Figure 1. Location of Apalachicola Significant Geographic Area (blue polygon).

One of the primary objectives of this endeavor is to efficiently and effectively inform the natural resource management decision-making process by providing fine-grained descriptions of BAH and TPH patterns at less expense than traditional inventory approaches. From a research perspective, this dissertation helps move the disciplines of remote sensing, geography, forestry, landscape ecology, and data science forward by addressing knowledge gaps and solving theoretical and applied problems associated with: 1) scale as it relates to grain size of remotely sensed data and the field plot, 2) co-registration errors between GPS field plot locations and remotely sensed data, 3) plot size, layout, sample intensity, and plot allocation across the landscape to meet a defined level of precision,

4) the importance of image normalization, and 5) how sources of modeling error can be expressed and integrated into spatially explicit outputs and used within the decision-making process.

This dissertation consists of five chapters: this introductory chapter, three chapters in journal article format that are the bulk of the technical work, and a concluding communications chapter that synthesizes my findings and expresses how these results can be applied within decision science and forest management. Chapters two through four address the following topics: Chapter 2) Mitigating the impact of field and image registration errors through spatial aggregation, Chapter 3) Improving estimates of natural resources using model-based estimators: impacts of sample design, estimation technique, and strengths of association, and Chapter 4) Estimating forest characteristics for longleaf pine restoration using normalized fine and medium resolution remotely sensed imagery in Florida USA. In addition, this work contributes significantly to coding libraries that improve data collection, spatial analysis, and image processing that can be used to collect and store field data and efficiently quantify meaningful patterns in remotely sensed data. These libraries are included in supplemental materials for each article and can be used by data scientists to improve natural resource estimates and process larger amounts of data quickly and efficiently, providing the detailed information need to inform natural resource decision making.

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Chapter 2

Mitigating the Impact of Field and Image Registration Errors through Spatial Aggregation

Abstract: Remotely sensed data are commonly used as predictor variables in spatially explicit models depicting landscape characteristics of interest (response) across broad extents, at relatively fine resolution. To create these models, variables are spatially registered to a known coordinate system and used to link responses with predictor variable values. Inherently, this linking process introduces measurement error into the response and predictors, which in the latter case causes attenuation bias. Through simulations, our findings indicate that the spatial correlation of response and predictor variables and their corresponding spatial registration (co-registration) errors can have a substantial impact on the bias and accuracy of linear models. Additionally, in this study we evaluate spatial aggregation as a mechanism to minimize the impact of co-registration errors, assess the impact of subsampling within the extent of sample units, and provide a technique that can be used to both determine the extent of an observational unit needed to minimize the impact of co-registration and quantify the amount of error potentially introduced into predictive models.

Keywords: attenuation; registration; aggregation; spatial correlation; co-registration

1. Introduction

Remotely sensed data play an ever-increasing role in characterizing and quantifying landscapes. These types of data have been used to study our surroundings [1], stratify the terrestrial environment [2, 3], and build a wide range of data products depicting terrestrial characteristics, such as topography [4], land use and cover [5], vegetative indices [6], vegetation communities [7, 8], fire severity [9], land cover change [10], and temperature [11]. Due to the success and relatively low cost of using remotely sensed data to depict landscape patterns and changes in those patterns, fields like landscape ecology [12] and concepts like spatial connectivity and the relationships between patterns and processes are now at the forefront of many land management and planning endeavors [13–16].

Ideas such as spatial contiguity, patch size, and patch juxtaposition, and their relationships to processes and concepts such as forest management, land use planning, and sustainable forestry have in part fueled the desire to precisely and accurately define existing patterns at fine spatial detail, across broad extents [17–19]. Coupled with the availability of fine-grained remotely sensed data (≤ 5 m) and advancements in computer hardware and software [20], a fine-scaled depiction of the landscape can now be produced across broad extents relatively quickly, at a low cost [21–23]. At the same time, the fine-grain nature of these types of data provide unique opportunities to relate characteristics of the landscapes measured for small spatial extents (response variables) to remotely sensed data (predictor variables) collected across vast areas.

Many have capitalized on this point to develop mathematical, statistical, and spatial models that can be used to create surfaces depicting landscape variables of interest using geo-rectified field and remotely sensed data [18, 22–24]. Generally, this process can be described as: (1) registering both field and remotely sensed data to a known coordinate system, (2) using the spatial coordinates of the field and remotely sensed data to link measured values in the field to remotely sensed data, (3) building a model for the linked variable as a function of variables derived from the remotely sensed data, and (4) applying the model to remotely sensed surfaces to create a continuous surface of estimated characteristics. While straightforward, the linking process is subject to error (co-registration error) owing to the imperfectly identified spatial coordinates of the response and predictors, and this can have a negative impact on the accuracy of the model estimates (i.e., increased bias and imprecision). With regression models, predictor variables (*Xi*) are assumed to be measured without error. Response variables (*Yi*) can be measured with error, and this is accounted for within the modeling process,

often by specifying an additive random discrepancy, typically denoted as ε_i [25]. Take for example a simple linear model equation:

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i, \tag{1}$$

where β_0 and β_1 correspond to the intercept and slope, and ε_i corresponds to model error which includes any potential error associated with measuring the response variable. When co-registration errors occur, this amounts to the introduction of error into the ability to measure X_i (e.g., spectral values) coincident with Y_i (e.g., basal area per hectare). Measurement error in X_i is not typically accounted for in regression models and will cause attenuation bias [25, 26], which manifests in estimates trending towards the global mean of the response variable.

To circumvent the impacts of co-registration errors, analysts have employed a wide variety of solutions, ranging from rectifying images in a relative manner [27] to ignoring these errors and assuming them to be of little importance in predictions [28]. Regardless of the precision of measuring the true or relative surface location, spatial error will always be part of the rectification process and will have an impact on the underlying predictive model.

Within remote sensing literature, the impact of co-registration error has been recognized, especially for Light Detection and Ranging (lidar) data [29–32], but typically is not directly quantified. Often studies cite co-registration as an additional source of error that should be minimized, but fall short in describing the effects of those errors or providing suggestions to minimize the influence of those errors on predicted values. In this study, we address this knowledge gap by developing techniques to quantify this source of error and mitigate co-registration errors in applied work. Through simulation using Landsat 8 and National Agriculture Imaging Program (NAIP) imagery and images created with specific spatial correlation, based on Landsat 8 and NAIP images, we investigate co-registration errors and their impacts on the modeling process, and test the hypothesis that co-registration errors can be mitigated through spatial aggregation. Additionally, given estimates of global spatial continuity and co-registration errors, we provide recommendations on the size and layout of field observations with respect to the grain size of remotely-sensed data that will help to minimize the impact of co-registration errors.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Theoretical Background

The impact of co-registration errors on predictive models should be related to four primary factors: (1) the horizontal misalignment between response and predictor variables, (2) the spatial extent of the sample unit, (3) the spatial correlation of predictor and response variables, and (4) the strength and form of the relationship between response and predictor variables. Prior to performing a study, researchers typically do not know the spatial correlation of response variables, nor the strength or form of the relationship between response and predictor variables. To address this lack of information in our study, remove issues of measurement error, and focus our study solely on the impacts of co-registration error, we constrain our predictor surfaces to have a one-to-one relationship with our response variables. In this scenario, the *Y* and *X* surfaces, in the absence of co-registration errors, should exhibit a perfect linear relationship (i.e., an intercept of 0, a slope of 1, and a coefficient of determination of 1). Also, where the relationship between *X* and *Y* is linear, aggregated values (i.e., averages over multiple adjacent pixels) will also exhibit the same one-to-one relationship can be solely attributed to co-registration errors.

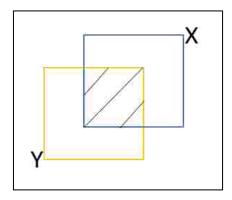


Figure 1. Graphical depiction of co-registration error. The location of a sample unit determined by a global positioning system (GPS) (*Y*) and its corresponding location found within an image (*X*) represent the same extents located on surface of the earth, but due to co-registration errors, *X* and *Y* only share a portion of the same area in projected space (diagonal black lines).

Additionally, assuming that co-registration errors manifest as random noise within the regression models, we anticipate that the proportion of variation in Y explained by X (R^2) should follow the squared geometric relationship between the sample unit size (A_s) and the area of overlap (A_o) between the X and Y units, when the X values are distributed independently at random over space (Figure 1, Appendix A). This can be expressed as follows:

$$R^2 = \left(\frac{A_o}{A_s}\right)^2 \tag{2}$$

In concept, each sample unit's Y values are related to a combination of the corresponding X values now attached to an area only partially overlapping with the sample unit (cross-hatched area in Figure 1), as well as to X values attached to distinct spatial areas that have been falsely aligned with the sample unit. The latter occurs only because co-registration errors incorrectly identify a spatial match. If the X values are distributed independently at random over space, then on average the proportion of information on Y that can be explained by X should correspond to the average amount of area shared between response and predictor sample units, given the registration errors. Given this assumption, deviation from this condition in our simulations can be attributed to the spatial correlation within a landscape, and provide a rationale for using measures like global Moran's index (GMI) [33] as predictors, to estimate the proportion of modeling error contributed by coregistration errors.

2.2. Overview

All analyses within this study were performed using R [34]. Images created with specified amounts of spatial correlation (virtual images) were built using the raster [35] and gstat [36, 37] packages. Our simulations use one Landsat 8 [38] and five NAIP [39] images as baseline datasets taken from varying landscapes (Figure 2, Table 1), to produce nine virtual Landsat images and ten virtual NAIP images, respectively. To determine the amount of spatial correlation associated with the Landsat and NAIP baseline images, a uniform random selection of 20 locations was used to extract raster cell values within a 200 by 200 cell window, and to calculate empirical omnidirectional covariogram statistics [40].

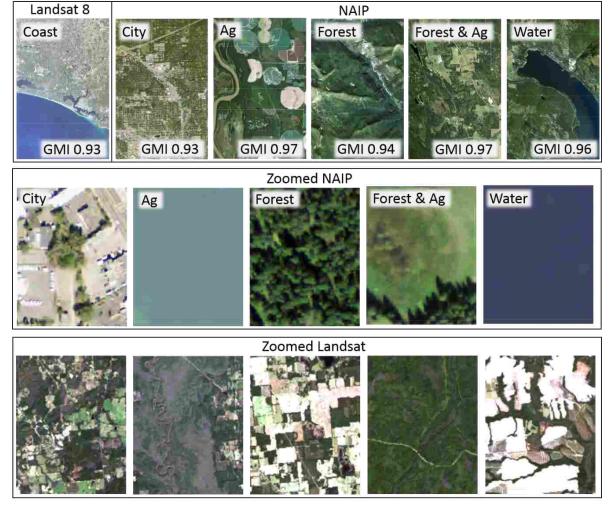


Figure 2. Base images used in simulations. Zoomed-in areas illustrate the extent for which images were subset and summarized to estimate mean digital number, sill, nugget, and range values.

Table 1. Average digital number (MDN), sill, nugget, and global Moran's index (GMI) and maximum range (in number of cells) values for Landsat and National Agriculture Imaging Program (NAIP) imagery. Averages and maximum values were based on all bands within an image.

Name	Label	MDN	Sill	Range	Nugget	GMI
Landsat 8 Coast	Coast	7,478.1	552,790.7	40.5	180,321.3	0.93
NAIP City	City	140.2	1,630.3	30.1	348.7	0.93
NAIP Agriculture	Ag	115.7	449.3	46.0	161.0	0.97
NAIP Forest	Forest	86.3	525.0	31.2	187.4	0.94
NAIP Forest & Agriculture	Forest & Ag	119.0	593.9	41.9	78.7	0.97
NAIP Forest & Water	Water	88.9	548.3	33.8	113.9	0.96

Cell values within each 200 by 200 cell window were summarized to estimate a mean digital number (DN) value, as well as sill, nugget, and range values for empirical omnidirectional covariograms. Mean DN, sill, and nugget statistics from each band were then averaged across image sources and used as inputs for creating Landsat- and NAIP-based virtual surfaces. To mimic different degrees of spatial correlation, range values were allowed to vary from 0.5 cells (completely random image) to the maximum range found among bands within each image source. Together, mean DN, sill, nugget, and ranges with a spherical spatial model were used to create virtual NAIP and Landsat surfaces (36, 37). A complete listing of the code used to estimate spectral and spatial statistics and create virtual Landsat and NAIP images can be found in Appendix B (general libraries).

After creating the single band virtual image, two simulated sampling experiments were conducted, using actual and virtual Landsat 8 and NAIP images to evaluate the impacts of coregistration errors, spatial aggregation, sampling intensity, and spatial correlation on model prediction. The first set of simulations (stage I) were used to quantify the impacts of spatial aggregation of individual cells into multi-cell sampling units with regards to model prediction given co-registration error and defined spatial correlations (Figure 3). To account for potential logistical constraints of sampling large areas in the field, a second simulation was performed (stage II) that explored the impacts of alternative subsampling configurations corresponding to varying levels of measurement intensity and sample unit extent.

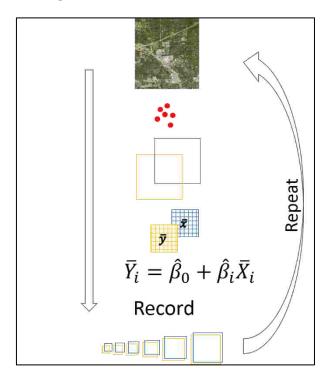


Figure 3. Visualization of Stage I simulations. A total of 200 sample locations (red points) were used to extract and calculate mean values from an image for different spatial extents around a point before and after a spatial shift was introduced (yellow and blue squares). Values were then regressed against one another to determine the impact of co-registration errors. This process was performed for each image used in the study.

Due to computational limitations associated with calculating range values for the extent of Landsat and NAIP imagery, we explored using GMI as a surrogate for range. GMI, while different than range, quantifies spatial correlation as an index value bounded between –1 (negative correlation) and 1 (positive correlation), with a value of zero corresponding to no spatial correlation (completely random image). For each band within each image of our simulations, GMI was calculated as follows:

$$GMI = \frac{N}{W} \frac{\sum_{i} \sum_{j} w_{ij} (x_i - \bar{x}) (x_j - \bar{x})}{\sum_{i} (x_i - \bar{x})^2} , \qquad (3)$$

with x equal to values within a raster surface indexed by i and j rows and columns, w_{ij} representing a weighted spatial matrix (rook's case), N being the number of cells, and W being the sum of all weights. The remainder of this section describes in detail the design and implementation of each simulation stage within our study and model fitting used to estimate the impact of co-registration errors.

2.3. Stage I Simulations

Co-registration errors were mimicked based on published NAIP (6 m) [39], Landsat 8 (37 m) [41], and global positioning system (GPS; 7 m) [42] horizontal errors. For each image, 200 sample locations (L₁) were selected spatially at random and used to extract DN values for sequentially increasing spatial extents, with side lengths ranging from 1–100 cells (response). Mean cell DN values were calculated and recorded for the extent of the sample unit size at each L₁ location. L₁ locations were then randomly shifted based on co-registration errors between GPS locations and imagery to produce L₂ locations. Random shifts were implemented to the nearest cell by adding random distances and azimuths to easting and northing coordinates, based on a normal distribution with mean 0 and standard deviation expressed as the root mean squared error (RMSE) for each source of spatial error. Because Landsat 8 absolute geodetic accuracy is reported at the 90% confidence level, while NAIP imagery is reported at the 95% confidence level, we adjusted Landsat 8 horizontal error to the 95% confidence level. For Landsat 8, this transition amounts to an absolute error of 48 m (1.6 cells). The source code used to perform spatial shifts (function shiftXY), image value extractions (function extractRC), and mean calculations (function getMeanBlockValue) can be found in Appendix B (general libraries).

 L_2 locations follow the same DN extraction and summarization process as L_1 locations (predictor). Using response and predictor variables for each image, band, and sample unit size, we performed a simple linear regression using ordinary least squares and recorded RMSE (measured in units of mean DN value), as well as intercept, slope, and coefficient of determination (R^2) fit statistics. To minimize the effects of sampling variation, this procedure was performed 10 times, and regression results were averaged across all iterations. Additionally, for each image and band GMI was calculated. Regression fit statistics and coefficients were then compared across sample unit sizes and spatial correlation to identify and quantify the impact of co-registration errors and determine an array of suitable field sampling extents, to evaluate measurement intensity for Stage II of the simulations.

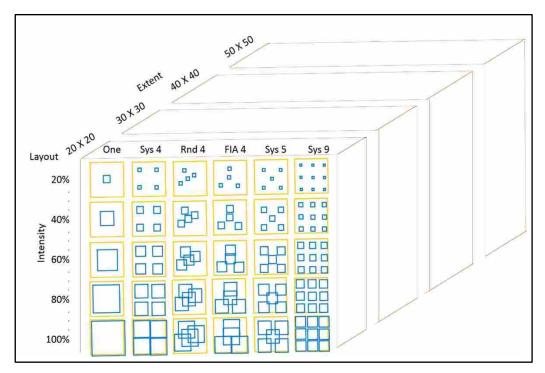


Figure 4. Subsampling layout and subsampling intensity for varying sample unit sizes. Yellow square boxes define the spatial extent sampled within an image, while the shifted blue boxes illustrate the impact of co-registration errors and define a subsampling layout and proportion of area measured within each yellow extent. Large brown cubes denote iterations for potential sample unit sizes.

2.4. Stage II Simulations

Preferably, when relating remotely sensed data to field samples, the entire area within a sample unit would be measured on the ground. However, due to practical limitations related to collecting field data for sample units with large spatial extents, this is often not economically feasible. This situation can lead to instances when the only practical way to estimate a mean for a spatial extent is to use subsampling. To quantify the impact of six common subsampling (subplots) layouts and various subsampling intensities (area measured) within a given sample unit size (plot), we investigated multiple plot/subplot layouts. A depiction of plot extents, subplot layouts, and subsampling intensities are illustrated in Figure 4.

Identical to Stage I simulations, Stage II simulations mimic registration errors for 200 observations and extract cell values surrounding each plot location for each sample unit size. For the response variable, the mean values for each sample unit size are calculated based on the spatial extent of one of six subplot layouts, and subsampling intensities ranging from 0.05 to 0.95 of the plot extent, by increments of 0.05. Subplot layouts include one subplot located in the center of the plot (One), four subplots located systematically in the corners of the plot (Sys 4), four randomly located subplots within the plot (Rnd4), four subplots oriented in a similar fashion as the U.S. Forest Service Forest Inventory Analysis (FIA) program plot protocol (FIA 4)[43], five subplots systematically placed within the plot extent (Sys 5), and nine plots systematically placed within the subplot (Sys 9). For predictor variables, mean values were calculated using all cell values within the extent of the plot (Pall), and for only the areas within the subplots (Psub). Regression fit statistics and coefficients were then compared with results from 100% of the sample unit size measured in stage I.

2.5. Modelling the Impacts of Co-Registration Error

After performing each simulation and recording error and fit statistics for each image, we developed a suite of models to relate those statistics to predictors measuring spatial correlation in the images (GMI) and the magnitude of spatial co-registration errors (expected proportion of area overlapped between field plots and corresponding image locations). While the overlap between two rectangles can be calculated if both the distance and direction of co-registration errors are known, the direction of co-registration errors is seldom calculated or reported. Therefore, within our iterations we estimated the expected proportion of overlap (PO) for each sample unit size, given the offsets used to simulate co-registration errors.

For virtual images with no spatial correlation, we hypothesized a one-to-one relationship between PO² and the proportion of variation explained (R^2). However, as spatial correlation increases within images, we anticipate that the ratio of R^2 to PO² will be greater than one and will interact with spatial correlation metrics. Additionally, we recognize that PO² would be difficult to calculate in practice given commonly reported horizontal rectifications. Therefore, when modeling the impact of co-registration errors on R² in the presence of spatial correlation, we used only sample unit size and GMI as predictors and beta regression with a logit link [44]. Similar in concept to logistic regression, beta regression was developed to work with observations between zero and one, and is typically used to characterize natural rates or proportions on a continuous scale. Using a logit link, our proposed model takes the following form:

$$ln\left(\frac{R^2}{1-R^2}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 f(|samlpe\ unit|) + B_2 g(GMI) + \beta_3 f(|sampleunit|) * g(GMI)$$
 (4)

where f() and g() are known transformations of the sample unit size and image GMI, respectively, and the β_k are parameters estimated from the data. Transformations of predictor variables were determined based on graphical analyses. While we anticipated needing sample unit size, GMI, and their interaction to estimate R^2 , we also evaluated nested models using only sample unit size and GMI. All beta regression models were compared using Akaike's information criterion (AIC)[45, 46].

3. Results

3.1. Datasets

Estimated mean DN, sill, and nugget and maximum range values varied by image (Table 1). While most of these characteristics varied substantially by data source due to pixel depth (Landsat 16-bit pixel depth versus NAIP 8-bit pixel depth), range values, measured in cells, were quite similar. Using the average DN, sill, and nugget and maximum range values of each data source, we created nine virtual Landsat images and ten virtual NAIP images of varying spatial correlation (Figure 5). It should be noted that virtual image GMI values were less than actual image GMI values, suggesting that there was less positive spatial correlation in the virtual images than in the actual images. However, the range of simulated autocorrelations produced virtual images with a variety of spatial structures and aggregated patterns that closely resembled patterns found within homogenous patches of actual images (Figure 2 zoomed-in examples and Figure 5). Generally, the boundaries between patches representing different DN values within the virtual images were not as sharp when compared to the base images. However, the patterns created in the virtual images provide an objective way to evaluate varying levels of spatial correlation.

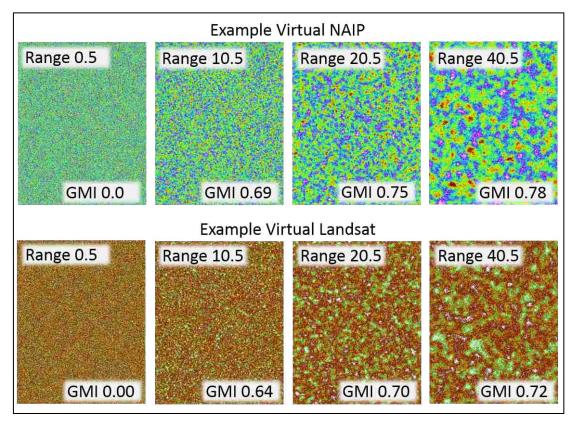


Figure 5. Subset of images created from average digital number (DN), sill, and nugget and maximum range values derived from NAIP and Landsat 8 imagery.

3.2. Stage I

Comparisons in stage I indicate that increasing the spatial footprint of a sample unit can mitigate the effects of co-registration errors on predictive models. On average, horizontal shifts between L_1 and L_2 locations were 1.6 and 7.8 cells for Landsat 8- and NAIP-based images, respectively. For all images and bands analyzed, the extent of the sample unit was strongly related to the magnitude of deviation from the anticipated one-to-one regression relationship (intercept, slope, and R^2 equal to 0, 1, and 1, respectively). Linear models derived from raster datasets with large spatial correlation, in terms of range or GMI, produced slope and intercept estimates closer to 1 and 0, respectively (less

attenuation), than raster datasets, with less spatial correlation for both Landsat- and NAIP-based datasets (Figure 6 and 7). While larger sample unit sizes reduced attenuation bias, for spatial correlation ranges above 30 cells, sample unit sizes greater than approximately 9 and 40 cells for Landsat- and NAIP-based images, respectively, appear to produce only marginal reductions in parameter bias or improvements in R^2 . For NAIP-based imagery, this suggests that a field plot with an extent as large as 40 m by 40 m might be required to mitigate the effects of co-registration errors between NAIP imagery and GPS locations. Similarly, for Landsat-based images a field plot with an extent as large as 270 m by 270 m may be required to mitigate model error introduced by co-registration error.

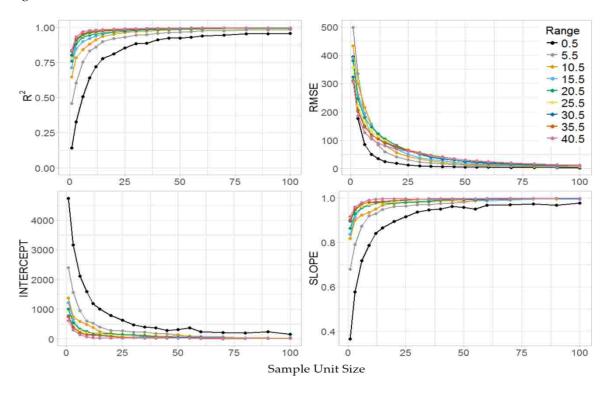


Figure 6. Stage I Virtual Landsat image regression statistics for varying sample unit sizes and spatial correlation (Range), given an average image registration error of 1.6 cells and an average GPS navigational unit error of 0.23 cells. Actual Landsat image regression statistics are shown in Appendix C (Figure A1).

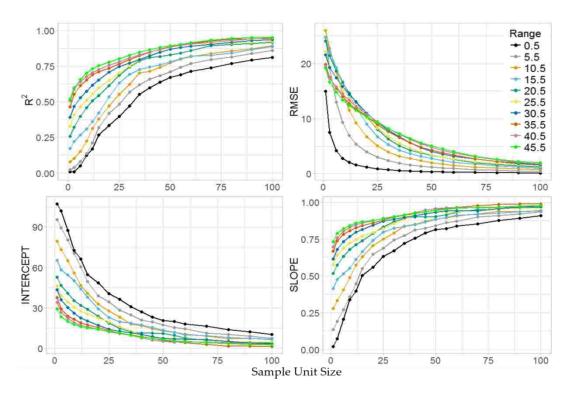


Figure 7. Stage I virtual NAIP image regression statistics for varying sample unit sizes and spatial correlation (Range), given average raster and GPS registration errors of 6 and 7 cells respectively. Actual NAIP image regression statistics are shown in Appendix C (Figure A2).

3.3. Stage II

Comparisons in stage II had similar trends as found in stage I, and verify that subsampling intensity and layout also impacted the amount of variation explained by models in the P_{all} subsampling scenario. For sample unit sizes between 20 and 50 cells and 5 and 20 cells for NAIP- and Landsat-based imagery, respectively, larger proportions of the area subsampled within a sample unit consistently explained more variation within the data, and produced smaller RMSE across all levels of spatial correlation and data sources. After the proportion of area subsampled reached approximately 80% of the plot extent (P_{sub}) , R^2 appeared to differ only marginally relative to the R^2 associated with P_{all} (Figure 8). This was also the case for RMSE. Across all subsampling intensities and sample unit sizes, the worst-performing subplot layouts were Rnd 4, FIA 4, and Sys 5. Subplot layouts One, Sys 4, and Sys 9 produced similar results, especially when the proportion of area measured within the plot extent was greater than 75%. As expected, P_{sub} generally produced better results than P_{all} , given that the response and predictor variables shared the same spatial configurations. However, there was little difference between P_{sub} and P_{all} subsampling techniques when greater than 80% of the plot extent was measured. As one might expect, smaller subsampling intensities (< 20% of the sample unit extent) substantially reduce R² in our linear models. In some cases, when subsampling intensity and spatial correlation was small, the reduction in R^2 , compared to measuring all the area within a plot extent, was greater than 60%. However, for actual Landsat 8 and NAIP images, which have relatively high levels of spatial correlation, the reduction in variation ranged from approximately 0.4% to 30%, depending on the data source, subsampling intensity, spatial correlation, and co-registration errors (Appendix C, Figures A3, A4). Similar to stage I simulations, increased amounts of spatial correlation generally dampened the negative effects of coregistration errors in stage II simulations. Additionally, this same dampening effect carried over to subsampling intensities when estimating means for all cells within a sample unit extent of a predictor variable.

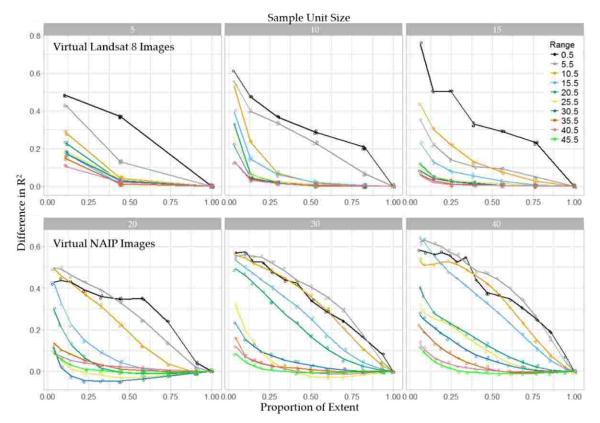


Figure 8. Reduction in the proportion of variation explained (R^2) for Landsat 8 and NAIP virtual images by subsample intensity (Proportion of Extent), sample unit size (in cells), and spatial correlation (Range) using SYS 4 and P_{all} subsampling layout. Figures A3 and A4 in Appendix C show actual Landsat 8 and NAIP image reductions.

Table 2. Linear regression statistics for 19 independently random images, given the average proportion of overlap (PO) determined by sample unit size and simulated co-registration errors.

Model	Equation	Slope	R^2	RSE	F-stat	P-value
Landsat 8	$R^2 = 0 + PO^2$	1.008	0.9984	0.03456	11440	< 0.001
NAIP	$R^2 = 0 + PO^2$	1.035^{*}	0.9983	0.02364	10330	< 0.001

^{*} Statistically different than one at α = 0.01.

3.4. Model Fitting

Regressed mean DN values for L₁ and L₂ locations in both simulations indicate that coregistration errors can have substantial impacts on model fit, and can bias DN estimates. Globally, across the extent of each image, estimates of mean DN were necessarily unbiased. However, local estimates tended to over- or under-estimate DN values that were respectively smaller or larger than the mean (attenuation). The degree of attenuation in our models, identified by deviations from theoretical intercept and slope, was strongly related to both the spatial extent of an observation (sample unit size) and the spatial correlation of predictor variables (Figure 6 and 7).

For completely independent virtual images, the amounts of variation explained in our linear models were closely related to PO^2 (Table 2, Figure 9). For both Landsat 8- and NAIP-based imagery with average co-registration errors of 1.6 and 7.8 cells, respectively, R^2 and PO^2 closely followed a one-to-one ratio. For images with spatial correlation, exploratory analysis revealed that sample unit size and GMI did not appear to be linearly related to the logit of R^2 . However, the natural log of sample unit size (LSS) and the exponentiation of GMI (EGMI) did appear to be linearly related to R^2 . Therefore, we included LSS and EGMI in our suite of models for comparison (Table 3). Our top fitting models were statistically significant (p-value < 0.001), and included LSS, GMI, and the interaction

between LSS and GMI for both Landsat 8- and NAIP-based images (Table 4). RMSE values for top-fitting Landsat 8 and NAIP models were 0.019 and 0.089, respectively (expressed on the scale of R^2). Regression diagnostics of our top-fitting models are shown in Appendix A, Figure A5. Untransformed, observed versus predicted R^2 followed a one-to-one relationship for both Landsat-and NAIP-based imagery (Figure 10), and the latter was constrained to fall between 0 and 1, with more variation occurring within the middle portion of the observed domain, as expected.

Table 3. Suite of potential models and their associated AIC and Δ AIC values. Interaction term denoted by * specifies a full interaction model.

Model	Rank	Source	Predictors	AIC	ΔΑΙC
1	6	Landsat 8	sample unit size	-1723.823	-651.018
2	4	Landsat 8	$sample\ unit\ size\ +\ GMI$	-1920.781	-454.06
3	3	Landsat 8	sample unit size * GMI	-1938.580	-436.261
4	5	Landsat 8	ln(sample unit size)	-1870.267	-504.574
5	2	Landsat 8	$ln(sample\ unit\ size) + e^{GMI}$	-2368.824	-6.017
6	1	Landsat 8	$ln(sample\ unit\ size)*e^{GMI}$	-2374.841	0
1	6	NAIP	sample unit size	-1086.606	-681.595
2	5	NAIP	$sample\ unit\ size+GMI$	-1469.469	-298.732
3	3	NAIP	sample unit size * GMI	-1494.508	-273.693
4	4	NAIP	ln(sample unit size)	-1193.989	-574.212
5	2	NAIP	$ln(sample\ unit\ size) + e^{GMI}$	-1728.674	-39.527
6	1	NAIP	$ln(sample\ unit\ size)*e^{GMI}$	-1768.201	0

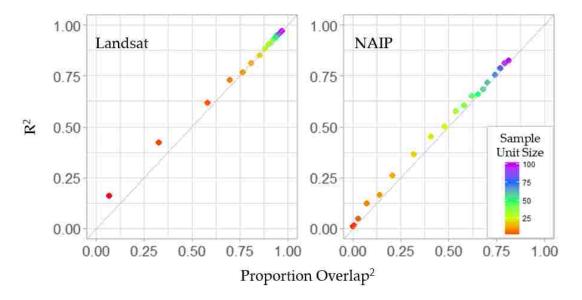


Figure 9. Scatter plot of proportion of variation explained (R^2) versus the squared proportion of overlap between L_1 and L_2 locations, given various sample unit sizes, independent random surfaces, and Landsat 8 and NAIP horizontal registration errors. The gray diagonal line is a one-to-one line, for the purpose of comparison.

Table 4. Beta regression coefficients and statistics for top fitting Landsat 8 and NAIP based images given natural log sample unit size (LSS), exponent of global Moran's index (EGMI), interaction between LSS and EGMI, and simulated average co-registration errors.

Model	N	Intercept+	LSS+	EGIM+	EGMI * LSS+	Pseudo DR ² [45]	P-value
Landsat 8	304	-3.743	1.089	2.423	-0.085	0.918	< 0.001
NAIP	570	-9.364	1.883	3.481	-0.419	0.8255	< 0.001

⁺ Statistically different from zero at α = 0.01.

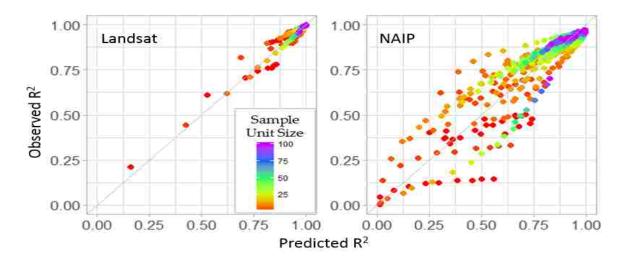


Figure 10. Observed versus predicted proportion of variance explained (R^2) for co-registration errors associated with Landsat 8 and NAIP imagery and virtual imagery, given various sample unit sizes, measures of spatial correlation, and top-fitting beta regression models. The gray diagonal line is a one-to-one reference line.

4. Discussion

Through our simulations, we have documented that spatial co-registration errors produce attenuation bias in linear models (Figures 6 and 7). For studies that relate field data located using GPS to geo- or ortho-rectified remotely sensed data, this bias will manifest in regression coefficients biased toward 0 and regression estimates trending towards the sampled mean value of the variable of interest (Appendix C, Table A1). While every attempt to minimize the amount of co-registration error should be taken, technical and financial limitations often make it impractical to completely remove this source of error. Due to these limitations, we explored the impacts of spatial aggregation of observational units on model performance when predictor variables have spatial co-registration errors.

Our findings demonstrate that increasing the spatial extent of sample units can help to reduce the impacts of imperfect co-registration. This result further verifies that larger field plots can mitigate the effects of co-registration error found by others [29, 30, 47, 48]. However, when choosing the extent of a field sample unit, one must take into consideration practical issues associated with the costs of implementation and measurement (i.e., large plots cost more to measure), as well as the fact that large field sampling units can have a smoothing effect on spatial variability [29]. Moreover, subsampling within the extent of a field plot, regardless of the subplot layout, introduces additional variability into the predictive models, and should be used sparingly when spatially relating field measurements to remotely sensed information.

Effectively linking remotely sensed data to field plot data is a powerful tool for landscape modeling and requires thoughtful design to minimize the negative impacts of co-registration errors. Given the sample unit sizes, co-registration errors, and spatial correlation we investigated, we recommend selecting a field plot extent large enough to substantially reduce bias in linear regression, while also keeping the extent of the field plot as small as possible to retain spatial detail. In the case of NAIP imagery, this recommendation would correspond to a field plot with an area between 400 m² and 1,600 m². For Landsat 8 imagery, this recommendation corresponds to a field plot with an area between 8,100 m² and 72,900 m². Fortunately, most NAIP and Landsat 8 images have a large degree of spatial correlation, suggesting that the lower end of these recommendations may suffice in mitigating the impacts of co-registration errors. For other sources of remotely sensed information that have different co-registration errors, simulations similar to those presented in this study should be completed to help determine suitable field plot extents and sampling intensities.

If subplots are used to estimate mean values within the extent of a sample unit, it is important that the subplot layout covers as much of the area within the extent of the sample unit as possible. For NAIP imagery, we recommend measuring 75% or more of the sample unit area to minimize the negative effects of subsampling. When it is too costly to measure 75% of the area within a sample unit, a tradeoff between cost and precision must be made. In this situation, collecting more sample units with less than 75% of the subsample area measured can help to offset the losses in precision associated with subsampling (Figure 9). Additionally, when subsampling is used, layouts should be chosen such that there is no overlap among subplots, such as layout Sys 4 from this study (e.g., Figure 11).

The actual extent of a sampling unit should depend on the amount of co-registration error, the spatial correlation within the imagery, and the amount of model error one is willing to accept, and the resources available for measuring plots in the field. For readily available Landsat and NAIP imagery, their reported horizontal accuracies, and their estimated spatial correlations, we can estimate the co-registration error-induced reduction in variation explained by linear regression for various sample unit sizes (Equation 4 and Table 4). From these estimates, one can select a sample unit extent that both reduces estimation bias and quantifies error in predictor variables due to co-registration. For example, if a project was to use NAIP imagery with a sample unit size of 20 cells (field plot extent of 400 m^2) and an estimated GMI of 0.92, then one would expect the logit of R^2 to be approximately 1.744, and the loss in predictive ability associated with co-registration errors to be $1-R^2 = 0.149$.

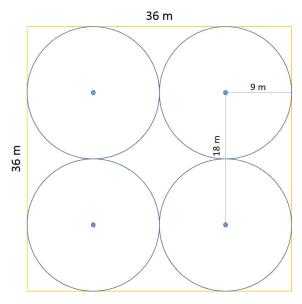


Figure 11. Example of a recommended field plot size and layout for NAIP imagery.

While Equation 4 and the coefficients from Table 4 can be used to help guide the size of a field plot needed to mitigate the negative impacts of co-registration (Appendix C, Table A2), they should be interpreted as a best-case scenario. Specifically, our simulations were developed under the premise that there was a perfect one-to-one relationship between response and predictor variables. In many applications this will not be the case, and co-registration errors will be coupled with model error. To decouple co-registration errors from model errors, model coefficients can be dis-attenuated [26, 49]. Within that context, simulations similar to the ones performed in our study, which use a random sample of the predictor variables and regress those values against shifted locations, can be used to estimate a ratio adjustment factor for model coefficients, as described by Forest and Thompson [49]. Appendix B (general libraries) provides examples of *R* coding that can be used to simulate co-registration errors and determine ratio adjustment factors.

Fortunately, most remotely-sensed images have relatively high levels of spatial correlation, which in turn dampens the impacts of co-registration errors. In our study, we evaluated the effects of co-registration on model error for levels of spatial correlation that spanned independent random landscapes, to those commonly found in terrestrial environments. For all actual landscapes used in our study, the minimum spatial correlation found had a GMI value of 0.93. Interestingly, virtual images with ranges comparable to actual image ranges had corresponding GMI values that were substantially less than those found in the actual images. This is likely due to the dramatic transitions found between land use and cover types that can occur within actual landscapes (e.g., a forest adjacent to agricultural lands). This further suggests that natural landscapes have more localized spatial correlation than our virtual landscapes, and that edges between land use and cover types constitute a substantial amount of the overall area within an image. Because these edge areas can make up a substantial component of the landscape, it is important that they are included in future investigations that use simulated landscapes, and more importantly, model training. Mapping endeavors that omit these transition areas from training sets do so at the cost of extrapolating model results to potentially large portions of an image.

5. Conclusions

In this study, we looked at the impacts of co-registration errors on model prediction. We found that increasing field plot size helps to mitigate the negative impacts of co-registration errors by reducing attenuation bias. Additionally, we identified that increased positive spatial correlation within imagery reduces the negative impacts of co-registration for a given sample unit size. Finally, we presented a simulation methodology that can be easily applied to remotely sensed data that both quantifies the impact of co-registration on model prediction and can be used to estimate measurement error in predictor variables. Using our plot size recommendation and components of the simulation techniques described, estimation bias can be mitigated, which in turn should help analysts and managers to precisely define the complex spatial relationships needed to promote more effective, spatially informed decision making.

Appendix A

The relationship between the proportion of overlapping area between two square sampling units offset by a specified direction and distance (PO) and Pearson's correlation.

Let X(p) be the DN value of pixel p in a random raster and $X(p) = \mu + e(p)$ where e(p) are offsets from the mean DN μ with expected value 0 and variance σ_e^2 . Then let X(b) be the mean DN value of a block b of pixels. Denote the size (in pixels) of b by |b|. Then

$$X(b) = |b|^{-1} \sum_{p \in b} X(p) = \mu + |b|^{-1} \sum_{p \in b} e(p)$$
 (5)

For blocks selected uniformly at random, the expected value of X(b) is μ and its variance is $|b|^{-1}$ σ_e^2 provided that e(p) are uncorrelated (but $\text{var}[X(b)] > |b|^{-1}$ σ_e^2 if there is positive spatial autocorrelation among the e(p)). The covariance between any X(b) and X(b') is

$$cov[X(b), X(b')] = E[e(b)e(b')]$$
(6)

$$= \frac{1}{|b|^2} E\left[\left(\sum_{p \in b} e(p) \right) \left(\sum_{p \in b'} e(p) \right) \right] \tag{7}$$

$$\geq \frac{1}{|b|^2} E\left[\left(\sum_{p \in (b \cap b')} e(p)^2\right)\right] = \frac{|b \cap b'|}{|b|^2} \sigma_e^2 \tag{8}$$

with equality holding only if the e(p) are spatially uncorrelated.

Co-registration error can be simulated by shifting the original raster X by some random amount, resulting in a shifted raster Y where Y(p) = X(p') and thus Y(b) = X(b'). If the e(p) are spatially uncorrelated, then

$$cov[X(b), X(b')] = cov[X(b'), X(b)] = \frac{|b \cap b'|}{|b|^2} \sigma_e^2.$$
 (9)

Furthermore,

$$corr[Y(b), X(b)] = \frac{cov[X(b'), X(b)]}{\sqrt{var[X(b')]var[X(b)]}} = \frac{|b \cap b'||b|^{-2}\sigma_e^2}{|b|^{-1}\sigma_e^2} = \frac{|b \cap b'|}{|b|}$$
(10)

Where the last quantity is the proportion of the original block b that is overlapped by the shifted block b'. As a result, the coefficient of determination (R^2) obtained by regressing Y(b) on X(b) will be directly related to the proportion of block overlap:

$$R^{2} = (corr[Y(b), X(b)])^{2} = \left(\frac{|b \cap b'|}{|b|}\right)^{2}$$
 (11)

Appendix B

See R Libraries coding section (pp. 76-144).

Appendix C

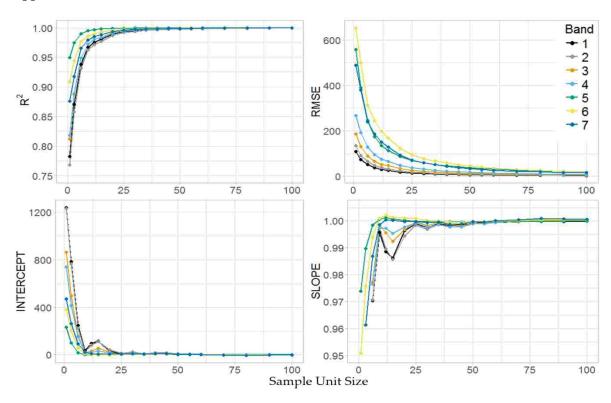


Figure A1. Stage I Landsat image regression statistics for varying bands and sample unit size lengths given an average image registration error of 1.6 cells and an average GPS navigational unit error of 0.23 cells.

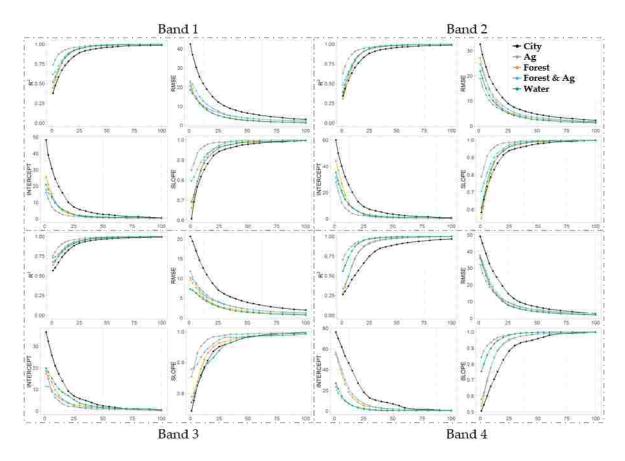


Figure A2. Stage I NAIP image regression statistics for varying sample unit sizes and spectral bands given average raster and GPS registration errors of 6 and 7 cells respectively.

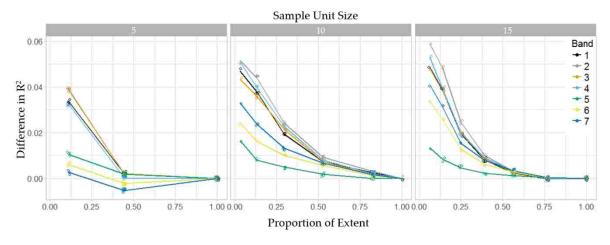


Figure A3. Reduction in the proportion of variation explained (R^2) for Landsat 8 image by subsample intensity (Proportion of Extent), sample unit size, and spectral band using SYS 4 and P_{all} subsampling layout.

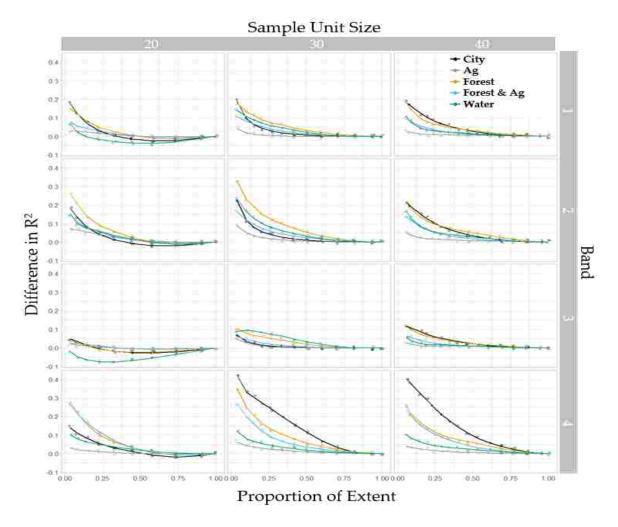


Figure A4. Reduction in the proportion of variation explained (R²) for NAIP images by subsample intensity (Proportion of Extent), sample unit size and spectral band using SYS 4 and P_{all} subsampling layout.

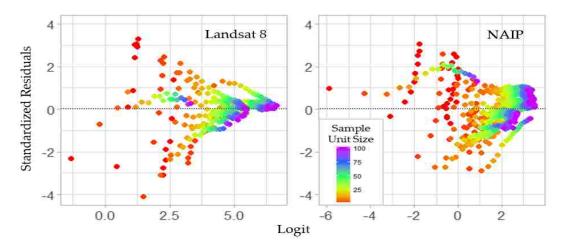


Figure A5. Scatter plot of standardized Residuals vs linear predictors (Logit) given block size for beta regression Landsat 8 and NAIP based models.

Table A1. Examples of remote sensing applications impacted by co-registration errors and the impact on model fit and estimates.

Application	Data Source	Impact on Model Fit and Estimates
	Landsat imagery	Attenuated estimates and reduction in model fit. The amount depends on the spatial correlation within the imagery, the co-registration error between imagery and field data, and the spatial extent of the field data observations (Table A2).
Mapping forest characteristics using models derived from field data and remotely sensed data.	NAIP imagery	Attenuated estimates and reduction in model fit. The amount depends on the spatial correlation within the imagery, the co-registration error between imagery and field data, and the spatial extent of the field data observations (Table A2).
	Other remotely sensed data.	Attenuated estimates and reduction in model fit. The amount depends on the spatial correlation within the imagery, the co-registration error between imagery and field data, and the spatial extent of the field data observations.
Change detection derived from multiple images of a given area.	Satellite and aerial based imagery	Attenuated estimates and reduction in model fit.
Image radiometric normalization	Satellite and aerial based imagery	Attenuated estimates and reduction in model fit.
Image segmentation	Attenuated outputs	Less variation in estimated values potentially reducing the accuracy of the segmentation process.
Practitioner use of attenuated spatial data products derived from field plots and remotely sensed imagery.	Attenuated outputs	Mean estimates derived from the entire surface will not be bias. Subsets of the derived surface will be biased and will either over estimate (values < mean) or under estimate (values > mean) the true values.

Table A2. Estimated reduction in R^2 (ΔR^2) for Landsat 8 and NAIP imagery given equation 4, sample unit size, GMI value, and published horizontal image and GPS errors.

Source	Sample Unit Size (Cells Wide)	GMI	ΔR^2
Landsat 8	3	0.8	0.067
Landsat 8	5	0.8	0.043
Landsat 8	9	0.8	0.026
Landsat 8	3	0.9	0.040
Landsat 8	5	0.9	0.026
Landsat 8	9	0.9	0.016
Landsat 8	3	0.95	0.030
Landsat 8	5	0.95	0.019
Landsat 8	9	0.95	0.012
NAIP	20	0.8	0.226
NAIP	30	0.8	0.166
NAIP	40	0.8	0.131
NAIP	20	0.9	0.148
NAIP	30	0.9	0.109
NAIP	40	0.9	0.088
NAIP	20	0.95	0.116
NAIP	30	0.95	0.087
NAIP	40	0.95	0.070

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Chapter 3

Improving estimates of natural resources using model-based estimators: impacts of sample design, estimation technique, and strengths of association

Abstract: Natural resource managers need accurate depictions of existing resources to make informed decisions. The classical approach to describing resources for a given area in a quantitative manner uses probabilistic sampling and design based-inference to estimate population parameters. While probabilistic designs are accepted as being necessary for design based-inference, many recent studies have adopted non-probabilistic designs that do not include elements of random selection or balance and have relied on models to justify inferences. While common, model-based inference alone assumes that a given model accurately depicts the relationship between response and predictors across all populations. Within complex systems, this assumption can be difficult to justify. Alternatively, models can be trained to a given population by adopting design-based principles such as balance and spread. Through simulation, we compare estimates of population totals and pixel-level values using linear and nonlinear model-based estimators for multiple sample designs that balance and spread sample units. Findings indicate that model-based estimators derived from samples spread and balanced across predictor variable space reduce the variability of population and unit-level estimators. Moreover, if samples achieve approximate balance over feature space, then model-based estimates of population totals approached simple expansion-based estimates of totals. Finally, in all comparisons made, improvements in estimation were achieved using model-based estimation over design-based estimation alone.

Keywords: sample design; model-based estimation; spread; balance

1. Introduction

Managers of natural resources need accurate information describing the resources they manage to make informed decisions. Owing to high acquisition costs, managers typically employ sampling and estimation techniques to describe various aspects of a given population. Additionally, to increase estimation accuracy, ancillary data, such as remotely sensed data, can be used to improve population estimates through specification and application of models that characterize how the resources of interest vary as a function of the ancillary data (e.g., [1-3]). Whether or not such models are employed or if simple expansion based techniques are used to estimate population parameters, sample design plays an important role in estimation accuracy [4, 5].

Within the context of estimating forest characteristics from remotely sensed data, less emphasis is generally placed on rigorous sample design to train models than when validating models [6]. In large part this discrepancy stems from the conditions required for design versus model-based inference [1, 2]. As Gregoire [5] describes, "in the design-based framework, the population is regarded as fixed whereas the sample is regarded as a realization of a stochastic process". Conversely the model-based framework assumes, "that the values yi, ..., yn are regarded as realizations of random variables Y₁,...,Y_n and hence the population is a realization of a random process". The primary difference being, "in the model-based approach [inference] stems from the model, not from the sampling design". While some rely on the availability of models as justification for deviating from probabilistic designs when drawing inferences, it is critical to remember that with natural systems we seldom understand or can collect all the information needed to build models that completely describe the complexities of those systems. This can lead to model misspecification, localized deviations in relationships, and more generally to models that do not describe a specific population well. Therefore, sample designs used to calibrate models that include randomness in the selection process are critical to developing models that can be used to estimate population and subpopulation parameters. Moreover, probabilistic samples that also capture characteristics such as balance and spread across feature space can reduce the variability of population estimates while more consistently including sample units across the entirety of feature space.

However, many mapping projects employ non-probabilistic sample designs when calibrating predictive models [6] or use designs that may not fully capture the spread of predictor variables and that may be unbalanced with regard to the population. Furthermore, some authors have argued that sample units should only contain pure homogenous examples of a given class [7-12] and have developed sampling protocols to ensure that outcome. Compared to probabilistic sampling designs, samples of homogeneous units can be expected to estimate lower error rates when calibrating and validating models. However, such metrics can only be attributed to the class of units targeted for sampling and typically cannot be generalized to the rest of the population [13, 14].

Stehman [13, 15, 16] describes multiple probabilistic sampling designs and outlines their associated strengths and weaknesses as they relate to map accuracy. Tille and Wilhelm [17], Grafstrom et al. [3], and Steven and Olsen [18] further describe the importance of probabilistic designs while highlighting concepts of balance and spread as they relate to the precision of estimators. Balance and spread in this case refers to characteristic of a sample with regard to auxiliary variables. Specifically, a balanced sample is defined as the condition when sample means or totals of auxiliary variables equal or approximately equal population means or totals [17]. Whereas a sample that is spread in auxiliary space refers to how well sample units are dispersed across the auxiliary values of that population [18]. For population estimates, balance of a sample draws on the strength of the relationship between response and auxiliary variables and recognizes that when a sample captures the true mean or total of an auxiliary variable, it will also capture the true mean or total of the response variable. Likewise, a sample that is well spread across auxiliary variables has the advantage of being balanced [19] while also capturing the variability in auxiliary variables. While often described for expansion-based estimators, these arguments are equally important as they relate to samples collected to develop models to support estimation [6, 17, 20-22]. Nevertheless, many researchers disregard these warnings and build models derived from unbalanced, non-probabilistic sampling schemes to estimate characteristics of a given population.

Reasons for deviating from a probabilistic study design typically stem from logistical constraints and cost of implementation. However, using predicted values derived from models developed from non-probabilistic designs to describe complex natural systems such as a forested landscape can be highly questionable. Questions pertaining to how sample units should be spread across multiple dimensions of feature and geographical space and subsequent impacts on estimator accuracy and inference are at the very forefront of understanding how resource assessments and maps can be used to inform decision making. In this study, we investigate these questions through a series of simulations that compare and contrast estimates of population totals and pixel values obtained under varying sampling designs. We also evaluate the relative impact of sampling design on estimators derived without use of ancillary data and from various linear, parametric, non-linear, and nonparametric models. Specifically, in this study we 1) evaluate the relative accuracy of alternative model-based estimators of unit values and population totals across populations where the form and/or strength of associations vary, 2) evaluate the impact of probabilistic designs that spread and balance samples over geographic or feature space on the accuracy of those estimators, 3) demonstrate the potential impact of using a probabilistic sampling design taken from a subset of geographic space on the performance of those estimators and 4) assess the impact of misspecified models on the accuracy of estimation.

2. Theoretical Background

In this study we assess expansion and model-based estimation procedures applied to populations constructed according to distinct functional relationships between response and predictor variables but tempered by normally distributed errors of varying magnitudes. While fundamentally different, expansion and model-based estimation techniques can be used to estimate population parameters [23]. For expansion-based methods, parameter estimators are derived from

elements of a probabilistic sample design. In this approach, the population is regarded as fixed and variations in parameter estimates are due to randomness within the sample design [4]. In contrast, model-based estimators of population parameters are derived from a model of how the response variables change across the population. In this approach, the emphasis is on estimating model parameters which can then be indirectly used to estimate either parameters of a given realization of the model, or the model-expectations thereof [23]. Contrary to the expansion-based methodology, the model-based approach is not necessarily tied to a specific population but instead assumes that a given population is a realization of some random process, meaning that the emphasis of the model-based approach is on the relationship between a variable of interest (response) and some other variable(s) (predictors). Given that relationship, model error, and the predictor variable values within a specific population, one can then estimate population parameters.

While models do not necessarily need to be tied to a given population, it is the case that within natural systems the underlying shapes and forms of the relationships between response and predictor variables vary and may be unknown and noisy. Therefore, model development is often based on a specific population (e.g., [24, 25]), making models uniquely calibrated to a given time and place. Though uniquely calibrated, different modeling techniques make different assumption with regard to the relationships between response and predictor variables. For many natural systems these assumption may be difficult to meet and can lead to a model that is misspecified. To assess the impact of potential model misspecification on estimating population and subpopulation parameters, we use simulated landscapes with known functional relationships and introduced error (Figure 1). The functional shape of relationships evaluated in our simulations include linear, quadratic, and nonlinear distributions with normally distributed errors and various amounts of introduced noise (section 3.1). Additionally, estimation techniques are evaluated under various sample designs to assess the impact of spread and balance on parameter estimation (section 3.2). Expansion and modelbased estimators were chosen based on their popularity, underlying assumptions, and flexibility in capturing various relationships among response and predictor variables. Modeling techniques evaluated include linear regression (LN), neural networks (NNs), support vector machines (SVMs), random forests (RF), and generalized additive models (GAMs).

In terms of complexity, expansion estimators are the simplest, followed by LN, NNs, SVMs, RF, and GAMs. Expansion estimators are limited to a single estimate such as mean or total for a population of interest [4]. Conversely, linear regression models can estimate the mean response value of a class of pixels for given values of predictor variables, but are obviously limited in their ability to describe nonlinear relationships and can produce estimates outside the range of values observed in a sample [26]. NNs, a machine learning technique, can represent nonlinear associations by introducing activation functions and weighting schemes of linear coefficients [27]. SVMs use kernel functions to identify subsets of the data within multidimensional feature space that describe the relationship between response and predictor variables [27]. RFs allow for discontinuities in the response function across feature space by implementing classification and regression trees (CART) and incorporating bagging and randomness into model training. RF ultimately rely on ensembles of CART models to capture relationships between response and predictors, and can yield only estimates limited to the range of observed response values [28]. GAMs are a flexible modeling technique that assumes additivity between response and predictor variables, and that response values change smoothly over feature space. GAMs allow for nonlinear, nonparametric relationships between response and predictor variables [29] and can explicitly account for non-Gaussian error distributions.

Of particular interest with regard to expansion and model-based estimators is that an expansion estimator can be thought of as a model-based estimator with only an intercept parameter if an equal probability design is used and if the presumed model incorporates an independently identically distributed error structure. That is, if the same sample is used by an expansion estimator to calibrate an intercept only model, the population estimates from the expansion and model-based estimators will be the same. Furthermore, when models are calibrated with predictors that are unrelated to a given response, expansion and model-based estimates will also be the same. Owing to this, within

our simulation we predict that as the amount of model error (noise) introduced into the relationship between response and predictors is increased, model and expansion-based estimates will converge. Conversely, as the amount of noise introduced between response and predictor decreases, the estimated values from the model-based estimators will be less variable than the expansion-based estimates. Similarly, within our simulations we anticipate that when underlying model relationships are misspecified or calibrated in the absence of important correlated data, model-based estimates will converge with expansion-based estimates. Moreover, we predict that samples drawn from probabilistic designs that are spread and balanced across predictor variable space produce better estimates of the population and subpopulations than samples drawn in a manner that may not be balanced or spread within feature space.

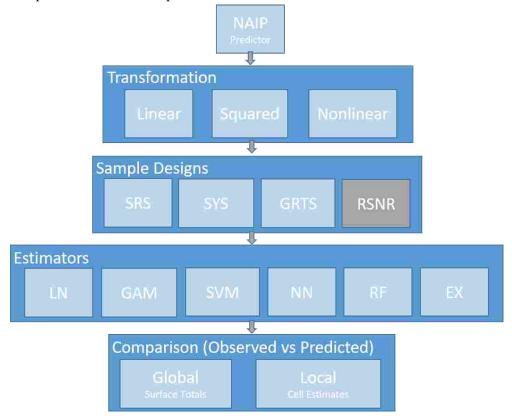


Figure 1. Diagram of simulations and workflow to determine the impact of sample designs on model and design-based estimates. The gray box in sample design denotes a probabilistic sample design for a subset of geographic space. NAIP = National Agriculture Imagery Program imagery; SRS = simple random sample, SYS = systematic random sample, GRTS = generalized random tessellation stratified, RSNR = simple random sample near roads, LN = linear model; GAM = generalized additive models, SVM = support vector machines, NN = neural networks, RF= random forests, EX = Horvitz Thompson expansion estimator.

3. Materials and Methods

3.1 Simulated raster surfaces

A spatial subset extracted from a National Agricultural Imaging Program (NAIP) [30] image located in the panhandle of Florida, USA serves as our base dataset for all derived raster surfaces used within our simulations. This subset covers approximately 6 km² of a mixed forested/urban landscape (Figure 2). The four spectral bands of the NAIP image (x_i ; i = 1, 2, 3, 4) were transformed to produce three distinct continuous surfaces (SC1, Figure 2). The first SC1 surface was obtained by averaging the band values for each pixel:

$$\mu_{1j} = 0.25 \sum_{i=1}^{4} x_{ij} \tag{1}$$

The second SC1 surface was obtained as the square of the first,

$$\mu_{2j} = \mu_{ij}^2 \tag{2}$$

and thus is a quadratic function of the individual band values and their cross-products. Finally, a discontinuous, nonlinear SC1 surface was created by adding an additional logical query on the NAIP band 4 cell values:

$$\mu_{3i} = \lambda_i \mu_{1i} \tag{3}$$

where λ_j is an indicator variable taking the value 1 if the value of band 4 for pixel j falls between 170 and 210, and is 0 otherwise.

For each SC1 surface (Linear, Quadratic, and Nonlinear), normally distributed errors were added to create response surfaces $y_{kj} = \mu_{3j} + \epsilon_j$ (Figure 2), where the ϵ_j are independent, identically distributed errors. Normally distributed errors were generated using a standard deviation proportional to the standard deviation of pixel values within a given SC1 and a mean of zero. The constants of proportionality modifying the normal standard deviation parameters were set to 20%, 40%, 60%, and 80% to provide an equal distant range of noise added to each relationship and to evaluate the impact of noise on model estimation. The realized errors produced a homoscedastic surface with error values centered at zero before being added to SC1 surfaces. In total, 12 unique continuous response surfaces were created, with various shapes and amounts of error (% noise).



Transformation (SC1)







Response Surfaces Statistics

% Noise	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Moran's	% Noise	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Moran's	% Noise	Mean	SD	Min	Max	Moran's
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20	139.6	40.0	19.2	275.1	0.9	20	21023.4	11228.9	-7261.4	69092.5	0.9	20	62.6	78.5	-85.2	285.2	0.7
40	139.6	42.2	-12.6	305.5	0.8	40	21026.6	11860.3	-16593.9	75489.2	0.8	40	62.6	82.9	-154.0	350.3	0.6
60	139.6	45.7	-41.2	332.3	0.7	60	21024.7	12837.7	-29005.1	84684.2	0.7	60	62.6	89.8	-242.0	426.9	0.5
80	139.6	50.2	-77.8	375.1	0.6	80	21025.2	14103.9	-34668.9	97319.5	0.6	80	62.6	98.6	-331.9	480.1	0.4

Figure 2. Depiction of the NAIP, Linear, Quadratic, and Nonlinear transformations (SC1). Normally distributed error terms are additive (% Noise) and based on SC1 surface standard deviation statistics. Mean, standard deviation, minimum, maximum, and global Moran's I [31] (rook neighborhood) statistics are presented for each response surface by transformation type and noise level.

3.2 Sample designs

To evaluate the impact of sample designs on estimation, we compared population and raster cell estimates for each of our response surfaces using four different sampling designs. Sample designs included simple random sampling (SRS), systematic random sampling (SYS), modified Generalized Random Tessellation Stratified sampling (GRTS; [18, 32]), and randomly selecting sample units next

to roads (RSNR). In our simulation, SRS selects locations across the spatial domain of the image, independently and uniformly at random. SYS spreads sample units evenly across the spatial domain of the image by distributing locations over a square grid of fixed orientation. The dimensions of each square grid cell was calculated as the square root of the total image area divided by a sample size of 50. A fixed sample size for SYS was achieved by selecting a random start within the bottom east square grid cell and systematically selecting locations based on the grid cell dimensions. Owing to the systematic nature of the design and the dimension of each grid cell, some SYS samples had fewer or more than 50 sample units. For SYS samples with more than 50 location selected, location were randomly removed until the sample size reached 50. For SYS samples with less than 50 locations selected, random locations across the spatial domain of the image were added to the sample until the sample size reached 50. GRTS spreads and balances samples in auxiliary space based on the NAIP spectral values (bands 1-4). To achieve this, we selected an initial SRS of 100,000 locations within the NAIP image, extracted cell values from each band at those locations, and performed a principal components analysis (PCA) using the bands' correlation matrix. Using the loadings of the first two components of the PCA, we then transformed the 100,000 sampled NAIP cell values to bivariate component scores. These were then input into the GRTS algorithm [32] to select a sample spread and balanced within a two-dimensional PCA score space. RSNR uses Tiger Road files [33] and a 50 m buffer around roads to subset the population and then randomly select sample unit locations within those subsets. Sample sizes for model calibration and parameter estimation were held constant at 50 for each comparison.

3.3 Model calibration and estimation

LN, GAM, SVM, NN, and RF models were trained separately for each sample drawn from the 12 response surfaces and 4 sample designs. For LN models, ordinary least squares regression was used to relate response and predictor variables [34]. For GAMs, the Gaussian family with an identity link and additive thin plate penalized regression splines were used to relate response and predictor variables [35]. SVM models used Epsilon Regression and a Radial Basis kernel (Gaussian) [36]. NNs fit a single layer hidden linear model (least squares) with a size parameter equal to half the sample size and a decay parameter equal to 1/10 the size parameter [37]. RF models averaged the results of 20 regression trees that each randomly selected one predictor variable at each training node, for 66% of the data [38]. All model calibrations assumed independent, homoscedastic errors.

Model predictor variables initially included all four NAIP band cell values. That is, all information used to generate the response surfaces were made available in the modeling process as predictor variables. Below, we refer to these as fully-specified models. A second class of models (partially specified models) utilized only the first three NAIP bands as predictors. This represents the common situation in which the available predictor variables do not fully describe the response function.

Once trained, model and NAIP cell values were used to create prediction surfaces of estimated raster cell values. Estimates of the population total $(\hat{\tau}_{\nu})$ were calculated by aggregation

$$\hat{\tau}_{v} = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \hat{y}_{i} \quad , \tag{4}$$

where \hat{y}_i is an estimated pixel value obtained from a calibrated model of one of the above types and N is the total number of pixels in the population.

Additionally, from the response values alone, each sample provided an expansion estimate of the population total obtained simply from the per-pixel sample mean expanded by the population size:

$$\hat{\tau}_{y} = \frac{N}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i} \tag{5}$$

where n is the sample size (50).

3.4 Evaluation

For each sample design (d) and response surface (k), 100 samples (iterations) were drawn and used to calibrate models and estimate surface characteristics. The spread of each sample (B) was measured using the approach described in [19, 39]. Briefly, Mahalanobis distance [40] was used to identify Voronoi polytopes (p_i) around each selected pixel of a particular sample in multidimensional predictor space or in geographic space. Inclusion probabilities (n/N) were then summed within each polytope and the variance of these sums were then calculated:

$$B = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i \in s} (v_i - 1)^2, \tag{6}$$

where v_i is the sum of inclusion probabilities in p_i .

For each response surface, sample design, and estimation technique, estimates were compared against the corresponding response surface total or against individual cell values. For a global perspective, estimates of the response surface totals were recorded and compared against actual totals. For a local perspective, estimated cell values were recorded and the RMSE was calculated across cells as follows:

$$RMSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2.$$
 (7)

RMSE was also calculated for the expansion estimator reflecting the fact that the expansion estimator (scaled by N) is the only available estimate of cell values as follows:

$$RMSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\bar{y} - y_i)^2,$$
 (8)

where \bar{y} is the simple sample mean. While similar to the variance of the expansion estimator, this *RMSE* expression is evaluated over the entire population and is a measure of within response-surface variability.

4. Results

4.1 Allocation of sample units

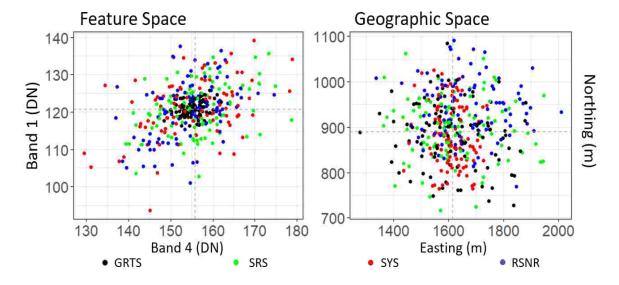


Figure 3. Distribution of sample mean digital number (DN) values of bands 1 and 4 (left panel; Feature Space) and sample mean northing and easting values (right panel; Geographic Space) for 100 samples obtained form generalized random tessellation stratified (GRTS, black), simple random sampling (SRS, green), systematic random sampling (SYS, red), and random sampling near roads (RSNR, blue) designs. Gray dashed lines identify population mean values. A sample size of 50 was used for each of the 100 samples.

Of all the sample designs considered, only GRTS utilized information from feature space. Although it used only the first two principal components of the 4 bands, these accounted for approximately 97% of the total variation in the NAIP image. Within feature space, GRTS sample means were approximately balanced, clustering near the population mean values for each band (Figure 3). By contrast, samples drawn by SRS, SYS and RSNR designs were unbalanced, with individual sample means varying substantially from band averages (Figure 3). In geographic space, GRTS, SRS, and RSNR had similarly dispersed distributions of sample means while the distribution of sample means for the SYS design was tighter (Figure 3). Imbalance of SYS samples in geographic space was higher than anticipated, possibly as a result of the sample adjustments made to ensure a constant sample size of 50 units.

While, the RSNR design only selected sample units within 50 m of roads inside the study area and appeared to under represent impervious surfaces such as industrial areas and buildings (Figure 4), mean values of NAIP bands and northing and easting closely matched population parameters (Figure 3). Moreover, even though no sample units were selected further than 50 m from a road in the RSNR design, sample unit locations appeared to be generally spread across the study area in both feature and geographic space (Figure 3). While the areas within 50 m of a road represent a subset of the geographic domain of the study area, the spatial extent of that subset still spanned a broad distribution of feature space (Figure 3).

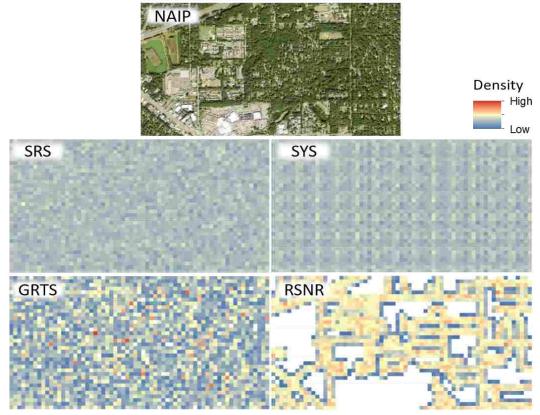


Figure 4. Illustration of spatial distribution (density) of sample unit locations for each sample design across the study area. The NAIP image is used for reference; the density raster surfaces depict the frequency of selected cell locations for samples using the SRS, SYS, GRTS, and RSNR designs. To enhance the display of density surfaces, each surface was created by drawing 2000 random samples (sample size 50) for each design and counting the number of sample units falling within each density raster cell (50 m grain size). White cells within the density raster surfaces identify cells where no sample units were selected. Note, the spatial clustering in sample density depicted by high density values (orange to red areas) for both GRTS and RSNR designs. SRS = simple random sample; SYS = systematic random sample; GRTS generalized random tessellation stratified; RSNR = random sample near roads.

4.2 Model calibration and functional relationships

While trends in population estimates were generally consistent across response surfaces, the most interesting results occurred when estimators were applied to the nonlinear SC1 response surfaces. For these surfaces, the RF estimator would presumably have an advantage over expansion, LN, SVM, NN, and GAM estimators given that the latter techniques presume smooth response functions over feature space and are limited in their ability to capture the discontinuities in these response surfaces. Figure 5 depicts the averaged fitted estimates over the 100 SRS iterations for a slice of feature space (40% introduced normally distributed errors). Relatively speaking, fully-specified GAM, RF, and SVM estimators were able to reproduce the rise and drop of the response surface cell values. While NN estimators partially capture the rise in values, they were not able to capture the subsequent fall in those values in nonlinear relationships (Figure 5). As expected, the linear estimators only allowed for constant rates of change. They could therefore describe patterns in the linear SC1 surfaces but failed utterly to describe characteristics of the nonlinear SC1 surfaces.

These aspects of model performance were consistent across sample designs and levels of introduced noise. As anticipated, when more error was introduced into the response surfaces, variability in estimates increased. When comparing estimation techniques across these slices of SC1 response surface values, fully-specified GAMs, RFs, and SVMs consistently outperformed other estimation approaches (Figure 5).

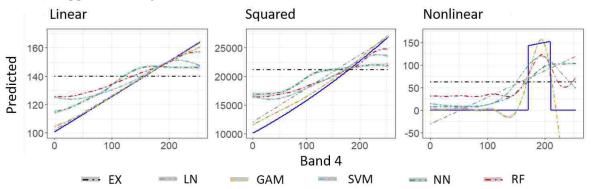


Figure 5. Depiction of functional relationships of fully-specified estimators and SC1 surface values (blue line and y-axis) for a slice of predictor variable space where NAIP cell values were held constant at the mean for bands 1-3 while band 4 cell values (x-axis) were allowed to vary. The amount of random noise introduced into the relationships between predictor and SC1 surfaces was 40% of the SC1 surface standard deviation. Sample design used to generate models was simple random sampling. The blue solid line corresponds to the actual SC1 values within this slice of predictor variable space while the dashed colored lines correspond to averaged expansion and model based estimates. The grey shaded regions around each estimation technique correspond to the 99% confidence interval given the 100 iterations performed. Sample size for expansion estimates and model calibration was 50. Ex = expansion; LN = linear; GAM = general additive model; SVM = support vector machine; NN = neural networks; RF = random forests.

4.3 Estimates using NAIP bands as predictors

As expected, sample design had an impact on the accuracy of estimated pixel values and population totals (Figures 6 and 7). While we anticipated that the RSNR design would produce biased estimates, bias was minor in estimated values (Figure 7). Moreover, across all response surfaces, similar patterns in RMSE and variability in the estimated population totals were observed. Generally, as the proportion of noise increased in the response surfaces, RMSE and the variability in population estimates increased (Figures 6 and 7). Because results and trends were similar for linear, squared, and nonlinear response surfaces, we primarily present results for the nonlinear (most complex) response surfaces within this section.

For the expansion estimators, RMSE varied little across iterations within nonlinear response surfaces but consistently exceeded the RMSEs of the fully specified model-based estimators (Figure 6). While there did appear to be minor improvements in RMSE for the GRTS design, it is difficult to clearly rank sample designs with regards to RMSE in these figures. Generally, though, GRTS and SYS designs had less variation in RMSE than the other designs (Table 1).

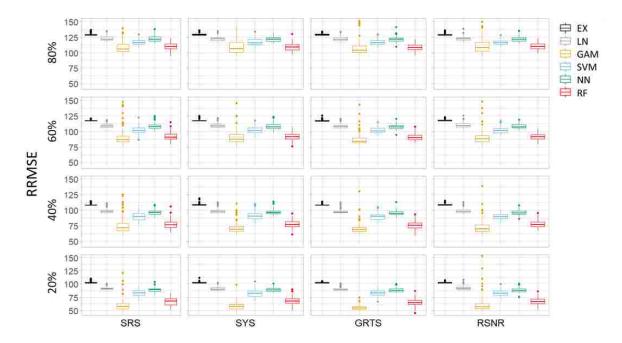


Figure 6. Matrix of RMSE divided by SC1 image pixel standard deviation (RRMSE) boxplots for expansion and fully-specified model-based estimates derived from 100 iterations of nonlinear trend response surfaces. Response surfaces incorporated random errors at 20%, 40%, 60%, and 80% of the total nonlinear SC1 image standard deviation. Column and row titles identify sample designs and proportion of SC1 standard deviation used in response surfaces. Ex = expansion; LN = linear; GAM = general additive model; SVM = support vector machine; NN = neural networks; RF = random forests; SRS = simple random sample; SYS = systematic random sample; GRTS generalized random tessellation stratified; and RSNR = random sample near roads.

From the perspective of population totals, it is clear that the GRTS designs had the largest positive impact on expansion-based estimators (Figure 7, reduction in variability of % bias). While the impact of sample designs were less apparent for model-based estimators, generally the GRTS design had the least variation in population estimates (Figure 7) while producing the smallest RMSEs (Table 1). Across all iteration the mean difference between observed and estimated total, measured as a percentage of the response surface total, was close to zero (Figure 7), suggesting that estimator bias, if present, was minor.

The best performing estimator for all sample designs, transformations, and introduced errors was the GAM estimator followed by RF, SVM, NN, LN, and expansion estimators (smallest RMSE). Comparing results across sample designs for the GAM estimators, GRTS and SYS typically had the smallest RMSE and least variation in population estimates. While we anticipated that expansion and model-based estimates would be slightly biased for the RSNR sample design, our results did not fully support that claim. This is likely due to the relatively large proportion of area within 50 m of a road in the NAIP image subset, the identical trend and error distributions applied across the study area, and the similar distribution of spectral values found within the road buffers and the image.

Table 1. Design with smallest average root mean squared error (RMSE) across iterations by response surface distribution (SC1), fully-specified modeling technique, and amount of introduced noise (% Noise).

SC1	% Noise	GAM	RF	SVM	NN	LN	EX
	20	SRS	GRTS***	GRTS***	GRTS*	SRS	GRTS***
Linear	40	GRTS	GRTS	GRTS***	SRS	GRTS	GRTS**
Linear	60	GRTS	GRTS*	GRTS***	GRTS*	RSNR	GRTS***
	80	SYS	SYS	GRTS**	GRTS	SYS	GRTS*
	20	GRTS*	GRTS***	GRTS***	GRTS	GRTS***	GRTS***
Carranad	40	SYS	GRTS***	GRTS**	GRTS	GRTS*	GRTS***
Squared	60	GRTS	GRTS*	GRTS*	SYS	GRTS	GRTS***
	80	SRS	GRTS	GRTS*	GRTS	GRTS	GRTS*
	20	GRTS*	GRTS*	SYS	RSNR*	GRTS	GRTS*
Nonlinear	40	GRTS**	GRTS	GRTS	GRTS	GRTS	GRTS
noninear	60	GRTS	GRTS	RSNR	GRTS	GRTS	GRTS
	80	GRTS	GRTS*	RSNR	GRTS	GRTS	GRTS

^{*} statistically different than SRS at α = 0.05; ** statistically different than SRS at α = 0.01; *** statistically different than SRS at α = 0.001; GAM = general additive model; RF = random forests; SVM = support vector machine; NN = neural network; LN = linear model; EX = expansion estimator; SRS = simple random sample; SYS = systematic random sample; GRTS generalized random tessellation stratified; RSNR = random sample near roads.

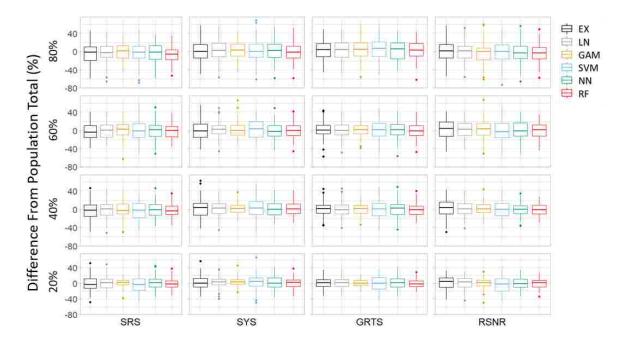


Figure 7. Boxplots of proportion bias matrix for differences from population totals. Difference values are expressed as a percentage of the population total for expansion and fully-specified model-based estimators derived from 100 iterations of nonlinear trend response surfaces with normally distributed errors based on 20%, 40%, 60%, and 80% of the total nonlinear SC1 image standard deviation. Column and row titles identify sample designs and proportion of SC1 standard deviation used in response surfaces. Ex = expansion; LN = linear; GAM = general additive model; SVM = support vector machine; NN = neural networks; RF = random forests; SRS = simple random sample; SYS = systematic random sample; GRTS generalized random tessellation stratified; and RSNR = random sample near roads.

As anticipated, when evaluating designs, percent error, and model estimation techniques for various ranges of response variable values using nonlinear response surface cell values, we saw similar trends as described in section 4.2 and as displayed in Figure 5. Figure 8 illustrates these

relationships by presenting predicted versus observed smoothed trends for the GRTS sample designs, expansion and model-based estimators, and 40% introduced noise into the relationship between response and predictors. Of particular note in Figure 8 is that all methods produced attenuated estimates and that the GAM, RF, and SVM procedures more closely match the one-to-one line depicted in Figure 8 within the most common areas in feature space (frequency graphs above graphics in Figure 8). These general trends also extended to partially-specified estimators in which only NAIP bands 1-3 were used as predictor variables.

Moreover, all models regardless of misspecification (model distribution or lack of predictors) tended to produced better estimates than expansion-based estimation alone. Similar to results in section 4.2, the GRTS sample design coupled with the GAM-based estimator produced the best results and more closely followed the one-to-one line when weighted by the frequency of sampled values (Figure 8). Finally, in all comparisons, as percent error increased departures from the one-to-one line also increased (not shown).

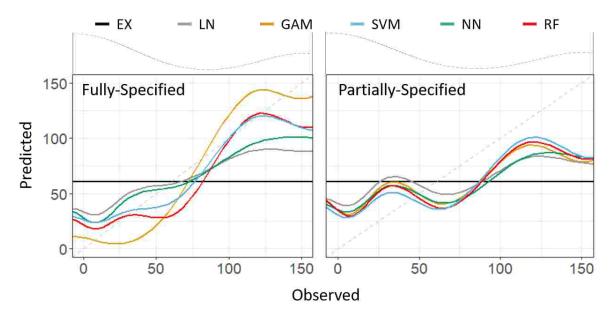


Figure 8. Smoothed trend of nonlinear response surface predicted values (y-axis) versus observed (x-axis) values for design and model based estimators calibrated using generalized random tessellation stratified designs (GRTS) and image bands 1-4 (Fully-Specified) and image bands 1-3 (Partially-Specified) as predictor variables. Introduced noise into the nonlinear response surface was held constant at 40% of the nonlinear SC1 surface standard deviation. Sample size was held constant at 50 for each of the 100 iterations used in the study. The gray dashed lines within Fully-Specified and Partially-Specified graphs serve as a one-to-one reference line while the gray dashed line above the graph depicts relative frequency of each observed value. Ex = expansion; LN = linear; GAM = general additive model; SVM = support vector machine; NN = neural networks; RF = random forests

4.4 Impact of spreading sample units in feature space

While estimation approach had a larger effect on our results, sample design also impacted parameter estimates. Across all response surfaces, iterations, and modeling techniques the GRTS sample design had the smallest or was not statistically different than the smallest averaged RMSE (Table 1). Additionally, the variability in estimated population totals tended to be smaller for the GRTS sample design (Figure 7). Moreover, for the top three estimation techniques (GAM, RF, and SVM) and the most complex response surfaces (nonlinear), spreading samples in feature space generally produced the smallest RMSE (Figure 9, Table 1). Interestingly, estimates derived from samples spread in geographic space (SYS) often preformed equally to samples spread in feature space (GRTS) even though response surfaces did not depend directly on geography (eq. 1-3). In large part

this can be attributed to spatial correlation in NAIP bands (Figure 2, Moran's I statistic). Nevertheless, across all estimation techniques, estimators derived from samples spread in feature space tended to have the smallest RMSE (Figure 9). Moreover, the sample design that typically had the smallest B statistic (well spread samples) was GRTS.

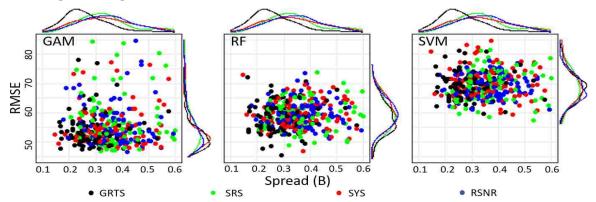


Figure 9. Root mean squared error (RMSE) versus spread values (B, eq. 6) for the top three estimation techniques given nonlinear response surface sample design, 40% introduced noise into the relationship between response and predictors, a sample size of 50, and 100 iterations. Density of RMSE and B values are presented to the right and above each graph. GAM = general additive model; RF = random forests; SVM = support vector machine; SRS = simple random sample; SYS = systematic random sample; GRTS generalized random tessellation stratified; and RSNR = random sample near roads.

5. Discussion

While sample design affected the performance of all estimators, the estimation approach had a larger impact on cell and population estimates. As expected, in all instances evaluated, regardless of the underlying relationship between response and predictor variables, model-based estimators produced better pixel-level estimates than expansion estimators (Figure 6, Table 1). Additionally, when sample units were spread and balanced in feature space model-based estimators of population totals were typically less variable than expansion estimators and had relatively low bias. This finding suggests that models derived from samples balanced and spread in feature space produce low-bias estimates with less variability than RSNR, SRS, and SYS designs.

Likewise, expansion estimators derived from samples spread and balanced across feature space (GRTS), produced similar estimates as model-based estimates of population totals with less variability than SYS, SRS, and RSNR expansion estimators; supporting the idea that spreading and balancing sample observations in feature space can substantially improve population estimates [3, 17, 39]. Within our simulations, the variability in estimated totals was on average always less for model-based estimators and expansion estimators derived from samples spread and balanced in feature space. In all instances the increased precision (reduction in RMSE) of using a model-based estimator over expansion-based estimators alone outweighed the impacts of the bias introduced by model-based estimators, even when models were misspecified.

Within our simulations, GAM and RF were the two best modeling techniques when all NAIP bands were used to calibrate models. Once calibrated, these estimators were able to better identify and track the underlying transformations of NAIP cell values better than other evaluated estimators. Additionally, when models were misspecified (e.g., a linear model applied to a nonlinear response), raster cell values approached expansion-based estimates. Furthermore, when only the first three NAIP bands were used to calibrate models, model-based cell estimates also approached expansion-based estimates. These findings suggest that using probability sampling, ancillary data, and models calibrated from probability samples improves pixel-level value estimates, even if the model is misspecified and especially if sample units are spread across the values of the ancillary data (feature space). This finding is especially relevant today with the availability of remotely sensed imagery and

the correlations between land cover (e.g., forest ecosystems) and spectral and textural image metrics (e.g., [24, 25]). While it is tempting to view our results as confirmation of the robustness of GAM and RF modeling techniques, it is important to recognize that within our simulation, randomness played a critical role in all sample designs [17] and that error and SC1 transformations were consistent across the spatial domain. Other relationships and error structures may favor different modeling techniques [8]. However, on average when samples were spread and balanced in feature space, pixel-level and population totals estimates derived from expansion and model-based procedures were as good as or better than samples that were not spread or balanced in feature space. Relatively speaking, this result is most likely because spreading and balancing sample units across feature space will more consistently find changes in complex relationship between response and predictors than samples that are not spread and balanced.

While we did not directly evaluate sample size in our comparisons, we assume that the strength of the relationship between response and predictor variables, represented in our study as added random noise, would have impacts on estimation similar to sample size. Specifically, we would expect that an increase in sample size would have a similar impact to estimated values as a decrease in noise introduced into the response surfaces. This would suggest that as sample size increases, estimates should became more precise and measures of spread, such as the B statistic [19, 39] will become smaller. Future investigations should look at quantifying tradeoffs in sample size, spread, and the strength of the relationship between response and predictor variables on estimation for modeling techniques such as LN, GAM, RF, SVM, and NN.

These simulated findings have practical relevance for natural resource managers who are interested in inventory, monitoring, and managing natural resources. Specifically, improvements in estimating characteristics of a natural resource for a given population (e.g. basal area in a forest) can be gained by incorporating models into the estimation process [1, 24, 25]. Moreover, indirect estimates of population subdomains (e.g., stands) can be made from model-based estimates [23]. In the case where observational units (e.g., pixels) cover a smaller spatial domain than the subdomain of interest (e.g., stands), those pixel estimates can be aggregated to the spatial extent of the stand. Conversely, when pixels have an extent larger than the stand of interest, model estimates can be attributed to the entire stand. In instances where pixel estimates partially cover the extent of the stand, estimates can be weighted and attributed to the stand based on the amount of overlapping area between pixels and the stand. However, models have estimation error, which should be incorporated into the standard errors of the estimates of the domain and subdomain characteristics [23, 41, 42].

In our simulation, we used iteration and sampling to quantify estimation error. Our top performing estimator (GAM) on average had the least amount of bias and the smallest RMSE across iterations. However, there were instances (iterations) within our simulations when the GAM model had, relatively speaking, large RMSE. These instances within our iterations identify the case in which a sample drawn from the population were not well balanced or spread. While the GRTS sample design minimized the occurrence of samples that were not well balanced or spread, it did not eliminate those types of samples. This means that while rare, some samples may have a disproportionately large number of extreme occurrences within feature space which could adversely affect the calibration of a given model and model estimates. In this situation bagging or boosting could be used to iteratively draw random subsets from a given sample, calibrate multiple models, average model estimates, and empirically estimate standard error to reduce the impact of extreme observations [43, 44]. Applying methods such as this should have a similar impact to the variation in RMSE values as what is displayed in Figure 9 for the RF modeling techniques, which uses bagging and model averaging [28].

For forest managers, this suggests that estimates of forest characteristics such as species composition, basal area, and tree counts can be improved for a given area by relating field measurements to remotely sensed imagery such as NAIP (e.g., [1, 24]). Moreover, with the relative abundance of free remotely sensed data and newer software designed to facilitate these types of

analyses (e.g., [45]), managers can estimate characteristics of the forests they manage with a greater level of detail and accuracy than was previously possible.

6. Conclusion

In this study we compared multiple estimators for a variety of response and predictor variable relationships, error distributions, amounts of noise, and sample designs. Our findings indicated that balance and spread are important aspects of a sample, estimates of pixel-level and population totals can be improved by incorporating models, and spreading samples within feature space can improve estimates. Likewise, for those same samples, when the relationship between response and predictor variables is misspecified, missing key information, or is extremely noisy, expansion and model-based estimates of the population converge, suggesting that with regards to estimation, nothing is lost by using ancillary data. Moreover, for mapping endeavors attempting to spatially depict various characteristics of a landscape, samples used to calibrate predictive models should aim to spread and balance observational units across feature space.

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Chapter 4

Estimating forest characteristics for longleaf pine restoration using normalized remotely sensed imagery in Florida USA

Abstract: Effective forest management is predicated on accurate information pertaining to the characteristics and condition of forests. Unfortunately, the cost of acquiring detailed, accurate information that adequately described the complex spatial and contextual nature of forests, across broad landscapes, can be cost prohibitive to collect. While significant advancements in using remotely sensed data to derive fine scale information about our forests have been made, those advancements often fall short of providing the spatial detail desired for making well-informed management decisions. In large part, this disparity between what information is desired to make well-informed decisions and what information has been extracted from remotely sensed data stems from interacting challenges in big data and data science, and technical gaps between what is easily identified within remotely sensed imagery and what characteristics of the forest are used when planning and managing forests. In this case study we addressed big data challenges and bridged technical gaps related to describing forest characteristics by incorporating field plot layouts specifically designed to be used with remotely sensed data when calibrating predictive models, describing a new image normalization procedure that brings images of varying spatial resolutions to a common radiometric scale, and implementing an ensemble generalized additive modeling technique to accurately estimate the spatial distribution of key forest characteristics for longleaf pine (Pinus palustris) restoration efforts in the panhandle of Florida, USA. This work overcomes several of the major barriers associated with linking remotely sensed imagery with plot data over large

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1. Introduction

Longleaf ecosystems are some of the most endangered forest ecosystems in the world [1]. Historically, these ecosystems covered approximately 37 million ha in the southeast United States of America (USA) and provided habitat for a wide range of plants and animals due to their unique structure and adaptation to fire. The species composition and structure of these ecosystems is maintained by frequent fire, which preserves a diverse early successional understory and relatively open longleaf pine (*Pinus palustris*) dominated overstory [2]. Due to many anthropogenic factors such as land use change, the suppression of fire on the landscape, over harvesting of timber, and the replacement of longleaf pine with faster growing loblolly (*Pinus taeda*) and slash (*Pinus elliottii*) pines, less than 1.5 million ha of longleaf pine remain [2]. Because of this dramatic loss of habitat there has been a recent resurgence in longleaf ecosystem restoration and conservation that calls for more than doubling the existing area covered by longleaf ecosystems by 2024 [3].

Transforming such a large amount of the existing landscape back to a healthy longleaf ecosystem condition within today's social framework will require well planned forest and natural resource management and education targeted towards public, private, and nonprofit agencies, organizations, and landowners that are receptive to achieving restoration goals. Moreover, the identification of restoration opportunities will require detailed, spatially explicit information about not only existing longleaf ecosystems but also the condition of other forested and nonforested landscapes. While detailed information is necessary to compare and evaluate restoration projects and make informed decisions, such information currently does not exist and is cost prohibitive to acquire across broad extents using ground-based inventory methodologies (e.g. [4]). Because of this limitation and the lack

of quality information, optimal restoration opportunities can be difficult to identify and fully justify, leaving managers to rely on opinion and intuition when making important and potentially costly restoration decisions.

Alternatively, relating remotely sensed data to field measurements of existing forest characteristics to generate fine to medium grained spatially explicit information at a much lower cost than traditional inventory methodologies has shown great promise [5, 6]. However, in practice the implementation of these techniques and the use of modeled outputs has seen mixed success. In large part this discrepancy between promise and success stems from challenges and problems related to handling big data and the data science techniques used to transform these data into actionable information. Additionally, the lack of analysts and managers within natural resources with a requisite background in data science [7] and a legacy of the types of outputs historically created from remotely sensed imagery (e.g. [8, 9]) contribute to this inconsistency. While the scarcity of trained individuals in the field of data science is now being addressed at many universities [10], the broader issues related to handling big data, the techniques used to transform remotely sensed data streams into information to guide resource management, and the types of products created for informing restoration are active, ever evolving areas of research [11].

Within this framework, we present a case study that: 1) used field plots and multiple sources of remotely sensed data to convert spectral data into products to inform silviculture and forest management, 2) developed and applied new techniques for normalizing multi-spectral imagery obtained at various spatial resolutions and extents, 3) evaluated the impact of image normalization on mapping key forest characteristics, and 4) implemented an ensemble modeling approach to estimate key forest metrics and measures of estimation error. These techniques and evaluations are applied across the Apalachicola Significant Geographic Area (ASGA) in the panhandle of northwestern Florida, USA, and are used to derive estimates of tree density and basal area by species groups for longleaf pine restoration purposes.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1 Study Area

The ASGA is a large geographic area in the panhandle of Florida, USA, that consists of approximately 2 million ha of public and private land holdings (Figure 1). With regard to longleaf restoration, ASGA provides a unique combination of large intact remnant longleaf ecosystems clustered and intermixed with converted forest types, agricultural lands, and urban landscapes [12]. Longleaf ecosystems present within the boundary of the ASGA include sandhill, flatwoods, and upland pine communities that represent a national biodiversity "hot spot", which provides habitat for various rare and threatened species such as the red-cockaded woodpecker (*Leuconotopicus borealis*), Bachman's sparrow (*Peucaea aestivalis*), frosted flatwoods salamander (*Ambystoma cingulatum*), gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) and indigo snake (*Drymarchon spp.*) [12]. Equally distinctive within ASGA are the partnerships and coalitions dedicated to the restoration of longleaf pine, making this region an ideal location to quantify various aspects of the existing forest condition for the purposes of management and restoration.

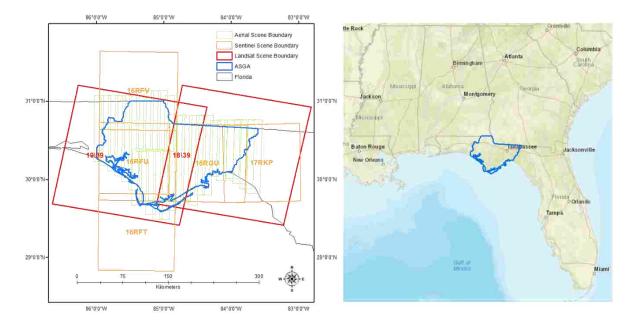


Figure 1. Apalachicola Significant Geographic Area (ASGA) location map (right) and image acquisition dates and scene boundaries (left) used to bring images to a common relative radiometric scale. Landsat 8 and Sentinel II images were acquired for three seasons, representing a leaf on growing season (LGS), leaf on dormant season (LDS), and a leaf off winter season (LWS). Aerial imagery was only acquired for LDS. Image acquisition dates can be found in Table A1.

2.2 Data

Primary datasets used in this study consist of field inventory (plots), aerial based digital imagery [13], multi-temporal Sentinel II satellite imagery [14], and multi-temporal Landsat 8 satellite imagery with level 1 terrain precision (L1TP) correction [15, 16] for the extent of ASGA. Field plot measurements were collected by trained technicians [17] between the months of September 2017 and February 2018. Aerial imagery was flown by Quantum Spatial [13] at a nominal spatial resolution of 0.6 m for blue, green, red, and near infrared portion of the electromagnetic spectrum between October 26th and November 18th, 2017 (Figure 2). Multi-temporal Sentinel II images were manually selected for cloud free tiles and were downloaded from the European Space Agency (ESA) website Sentinel Online [18] for a leaf on growing season (LGS), leaf on dormant season (LDS) and a leaf off winter season (LWS) between the years of 2017 and 2018 (Figure 2). Sentinel II bands 2, 3, 4, and 8 at a nominal spatial resolution of 10 m were used for study comparisons. Landsat 8 L1TP images were also manually selected for cloud-free scenes and were downloaded from United States Geological Survey (USGS) website Earth Explorer [19] for similar LGS, LDS, and LWS periods between the years 2015 and 2018 (Figure 2). Landsat 8 bands 2 - 7 were used for study comparisons (Table 1).

To reduce the negative impacts of co-registration [20] we used a field plot layout consisting of four adjacent circular subplots, each with a radius of 9 m. In total, 244 field plots were installed and used to measure tree species counts and diameters at breast height (dbh; 1.37 m) (Figure 3). For the extent of each field plot (36 m by 36 m, containing 4 subplots each with 9.0 m radius), spectral and textural metrics derived from source and normalized Landsat 8, Sentinel II, and aerial imagery (section 2.4) were extracted and used to calibrate models that estimate the dominant forest type (DFT), longleaf pine presence (LPP), and basal area per ha (BAH) and trees per ha (TPH) of pine and other tree species groups (section 2.5).

 Table 1. Sources, spatial resolution, and labeling of imagery used in comparisons.

Source	Code	Resolution	Bands	Texture Metric	Season	ID
					LDS	1-6
Landsat 8				Mean (cell)	LGS	7-12
	т	20 2.7			LWS	13-18
	L	L 30 m 2-7	2-7		LDS	19-24
			Standard deviation (3 by 3 cells)	LGS	25-30	
					LWS	31-36
Carria al III			2, 3, 4, and 8		LDS	1-4
	S	10 m		Mean (3 by 3 cells)	LGS	5-8
					LWS	9-12
Sentinel II		10 m			LDS	13-16
		St	Standard deviation (5 by 5 cells)	LGS	17-20	
					LWS	21-24
Quantum	Δ	0.6	1 /	Mean (61 by 61 cells)	LDS	1-4
Spatial	A	0.6 m	1-4	Standard deviation (61 by 61 cells)	LDS	5-8



Figure 2. Landsat 8, Sentinel II, and Quantum Spatial (Aerial) imagery true color displays for leaf on fall dormant (LDS), leaf on spring growing (LGS), and leaf off winter (LWS) season mosaics used in the study. The AGSA is outlined in orange.

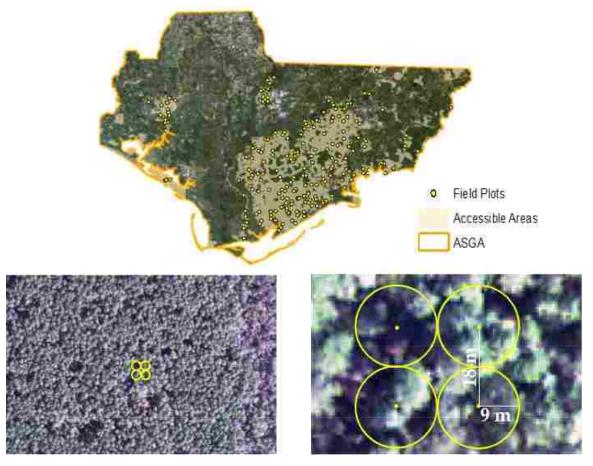


Figure 3. Spatial allocation (Top), contextual scale (bottom left), and layout (bottom right) of field plots (yellow points) overlaid on aerial imagery used in the study. Target population (tan colored region) accounted for approximately 23% of the total area within the ASGA.

2.3 Sample design

A significant portion of ASGA is made up of private land holdings. Owing to access constraints, forests in these holdings could not be sampled. The remaining area, consisting primarily of public lands, constituted our target population (Figure 3). Plot locations within the target population were allocated spatially at random within 804 m of a road. In total a sample of 244 locations was drawn from the target population. This restriction on sampling necessitates the following assumptions: 1) the target population encompasses the spectral domain of the full ASGA and 2) the relationships between variables observed in the field and those derived from the imagery are the same across the target population and the full ASGA including all lands. Only the first of these can be empirically evaluated.

To evaluate the first assumption, we partitioned the multivariate distribution of the normalized spectral and textural metrics (section 2.4) over the ASGA into 100 classes using an unsupervised k-means classification [21, 22]. A simple random sample of 10,000 locations drawn from across the ASGA was used for this purpose. We then compared the class proportions for the full ASGA to the proportions across the 244 sample locations.

2.4 Field data

Plot data consisted of global position system (GPS) locations and tree measurements within the boundaries of subplots (Figure 3) at those locations. Basal area (BAH; m² ha⁻¹) and tree density (TPH; trees ha⁻¹) were summarized for trees greater than 5 cm in dbh by species group. Additionally, each plot was assigned a dominant forest type (DFT) label of Nonforest, Pine, or Other using the rules

defined in Table 2. Finally, longleaf pine presence or absence (trees above 5 cm dbh) was described at the plot level (Table 2).

Table 2. Definitions and queries used to label Pine, Other, and Nonforest dominant forest cover types and the presence of longleaf pine along with proportion of sampled observations meeting those criteria.

Classification	Label	Definition/Query	Proportion
	Pine (2)	$(P_BAH \ge O_BAH)$ and not Nonforest	0.480
DFT	Other (1)	(O_BAH > P_BAH) and not Nonforest	0.340
	Nonforest (0)	$P_BAH + O_BAH < 2 \text{ m}^2 \text{ ha}^{-1}$	0.180
LPP	Present	LP BAH > 0 m ² ha ⁻¹ and not Nonforest	0.168

^{*}P_BAH = pine, O_BAH = other, and LP_BAH = longleaf pine basal area per ha measure in m².

Field plots were located using a Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) enabled global position system (GPS) embedded within a Trimble Recon© data recorder. Plot GPS and tree data were collected using Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)'s ArcPad© version 10.0 and a suite of mobile data collection applets developed specifically for this project (ArcPad Libraries; Field Plot Protocol). While every attempt was made to navigate to the exact field plot location, real time navigation can introduce geographic error. To minimize this error when relating field plot summaries to remotely sensed data, 20 GPS positions were collected and averaged to estimate the exact center of the southeastern subplot within each 36 m by 36 m field plot. From the southeastern plot location remaining subplots centers were located based on ground distance and compass bearings. On average the standard deviation of GPS positions for each plot, across all plots was less than 1 m with a maximum standard deviation in northing of 2.8 m and easting of 5.1 meters occurring at one plot location (average horizontal dilution of precision of 0.93).

2.5 Image normalization

Remotely sensed data were re-scaled to a common radiometric scale using an enhanced aggregate no-change regression (EANR) methodology. While similar to aggregate no-change regression (ANR) [6, 23], this procedure seeks to leverage strong linear relationships among Landsat, Sentinel II, and aerial image bands to bring finer spatial resolution imagery to the same relative radiometric scale as coarser imagery. The main differences between EANR and ANR are: 1) an added aggregation step to bring finer resolution imagery to the same spatial scale as the reference imagery, 2) a normalization of raw digital number (DN) values, 3) a trimming procedure to mitigate confounding effects of land use/cover changes for images acquired at different dates, and 4) a sampling scheme to extract spectral aggregates within overlapping image boundaries.

Like ANR, EANR extends the concepts of automatic scattergram-controlled regression [24] by applying an area slicing algorithm to identify no-change pixels and then spatially aggregating pixel values around selected locations to minimize the effect of co-registration errors [20, 23]. Aggregated values at selected locations of the subject image are then regressed against the corresponding values for a reference image using ordinary least squares regression (OLS) on a band-by-band basis. Regression coefficients are then applied to the subject image to bring it to the same radiometric scale as the reference image and to other fine-scaled images that overlap the same reference image.

Critical to this process is the elimination of areas and pixels within the region of image overlap that have been affected by land use or land cover change. This was accomplished in two steps. The first step required visually estimating the proportion (p_{Δ}) of area within the overlapping regions of the images that were impacted by changes due to phenomena such as clouds, land use change, or land cover change. For our study we used an estimate of p_{Δ} = 20 percent to mask Landsat 8 and Sentinel II pixels. For aerial imagery we used a p_{Δ} ranging between 20 and 30 percent. Specifically, DN values were separately normalized (\widehat{DN}) to the unit scale for each of the subject (S) and

reference (R) images and bands (k). Differences in the normalized \widehat{DN} values between subject and reference images were then obtained for each band:

$$\Delta \widehat{DN}_k = \widehat{DN}_{R_k} - \widehat{DN}_{S_k} \tag{1}$$

After ordering the $\Delta \widehat{DN}_k$ values from smallest to largest, the pixels in the lower 10% (i.e., $0.5p_{\Delta}$) and upper 10% were identified as "change" pixels in the spatial aggregation process.

The spatial aggregation process minimizes the effect of co-registration errors [20] by extracting and calculating the mean values of unchanged pixels within the overlap of each image at a coarser grain size. In this procedure an aggregation block window size of nine by nine pixels was chosen based on simulated results found for Landsat 8 co-registration errors reported in Hogland and Affleck [20]. Aggregated blocks with more than 30 percent of the pixels identified as no-change were used for regression analyses of subject image blocks on reference image blocks for individual bands. The resulting regression coefficients for each band were then applied back to the non-aggregated pixel values of the subject image.

For Landsat 8 and Sentinel II images we used EANR with 1,000 randomly chosen locations within regions of overlap to bring images within a given season to a common relative radiometric scale. For normalization of Landsat 8 imagery, path/row 18/39 data were used as the reference images for each season. Reference images for normalization of Sentinel II imagery are specified in Table A1. For aerial imagery, normalized Landsat 8 imagery was used as reference. In instances when substantial land use or land cover change had occurred due to differences in image acquisition dates (e.g., changes in agricultural fields), manually defined spatial masks were used to remove additional pixels prior to implementation of the EANR procedure (Figure 4).

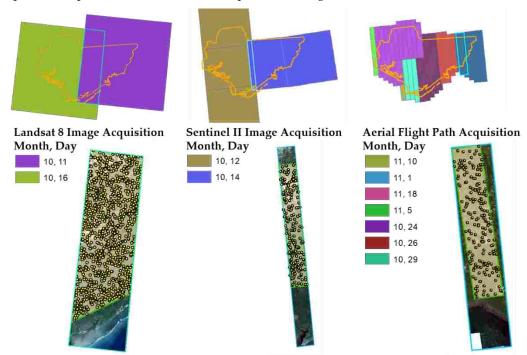


Figure 4. Example of spatial masks (semitransparent beige colored polygon with green boarder) and random locations (yellow points) used in the enhanced aggregate no-change regression procedure (EANR) for leaf on fall dormant Landsat 8, Sentinel II, and aerial imagery. Light blue polygons highlight the overlapping area between images acquired at different dates while masked areas highlight a subset of that area composed primarily of forest vegetation.

Once normalized, focal mean and standard deviation analyses [5, 6] were performed to quantify texture and mimic field plot extents for each band, season, and source of remotely sensed imagery (Table 1). For Landsat 8 imagery, mean band DN values were extracted based on the location of a given field plot and the nearest pixel (30m by 30m spatial resolution). Additionally at those locations,

Landsat 8 band standard deviations for a three by three moving window (90m by 90m) were calculated for each pixel and extracted. For Sentinel II imagery a three by three moving window (30m by 30m) was used to calculate mean values and a five by five window (50m by 50m) was used to calculate standard deviation. For aerial imagery a 61 by 61 window (grain size of 0.6 m, ~37m by 37m) was used to calculate image mean and standard deviation at each location. In total 68 different metrics were created and extracted from the normalized remotely sensed imagery using the averaged GPS location of each field plot and the nearest image pixel. As shown in Table 1, these metrics include 36 band values extracted from Landsat 8 based imagery (2 metrics for 6 bands and 3 seasons), 24 band values extracted from Sentinel II based imagery (2 metrics for 4 bands and 3 seasons), and 8 band values extracted from the aerial imagery (2 metrics for 4 bands and 1 season). To evaluate the impact of EANR on estimating DFT, LLP, BAH and TPH, this metric creation and extraction process was repeated for non-normalized imagery and the values were used to build and compare models.

2.6 Model Development, Comparisons, and Raster Surface Creation

For each response variable (DFT and LLP labels, and pine and other tree species BAH and TPH) we used the variable selection routine described in [5, 6], to select EANR normalized and nonnormalized remotely sensed metrics that significantly ($\alpha = 0.05$) improved model fit of generalized additive models (GAMs), as defined by increased percent deviance explained. GAMs are a flexible modeling technique that can accommodate nonlinear relationships between response and predictor variables using penalized regression splines [25] and can be applied to non-Gaussian response data such as the DFT and LLP. While useful in identifying nonlinear, nonparametric relationships, GAMs can overfit sample data making estimates less generalizable to a given population [26]. To address the issue of overfitting, we employed a Monte Carlo re-sampling scheme to build a suite of 50 GAMs constructed from random subsets of our data. For each of the 50 GAMs, 75 percent of the observations within our sample were used to develop relationships between a given response and our previously selected predictor variables. The remaining 25 percent of the observations that were not used to build the GAM constituted an out of bag (OOB) subset of the data and were used to independently assess the accuracy of GAM estimates (\hat{P}) . Statistics calculated for assessment were root mean squared error (RMSE) for continuous response variables (BAH and TPH) and classification accuracy (calculated from a most likely class rule) for the binomial (LPP) and multinomial (DFT) categorical response variables. Once calibrated, we applied the ensemble of 50 GAMs (EGAM) to estimate each response variable (\hat{E}) and corresponding standard error (\widehat{SE}) at the pixel level as follows:

$$\widehat{E} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \widehat{P}_{i} \quad and \quad \widehat{SE} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\widehat{P}_{i} - \widehat{E})^{2}}.$$
 (2)

EGAMs based on EANR normalized imagery were compared against EGAMs based on non-normalized imagery using trained and OOB, RMSE and classification accuracy statistics, and trained Akaike information criterion (AIC) [27, 28]. Our best fitting EGAMs (normalized versus raw image based predictors) for DFT, LLP and pine and other tree species BAH and TPH were used with the corresponding image metrics to produce raster surfaces depicting the condition of forests in the ASGA. Additionally, estimation errors from field samples were evaluated for spatial correlation using a global Moran's I test [29].

3. Results

3.1 Field data and Image Normalization

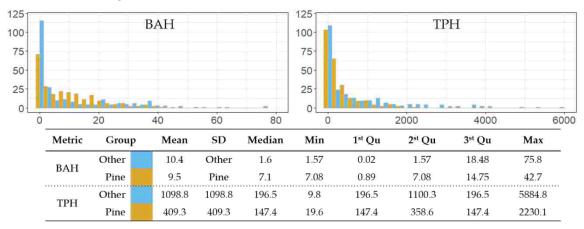


Figure 5. Histograms and summary statistics of field plot basal area ha⁻¹ (BAH) and trees ha⁻¹ (BAH) for pine and other tree species groups.

Plot data summaries are displayed in Figure 5 and Table 2. Almost half the plots were in the pine condition, but only 16.8% contained longleaf pine trees above 5 cm (and a total BAH above 2 m² ha¹). Mean BAH was only slightly higher in the DFT Other class than in the DFT Pine class, but BAH was more variable in the former. Mean TPH and variability in TPH was substantially lower in the Pine class relative to the Other forested condition. Taken together this indicates that tree diameter (dbh) tended to be larger in the Pine condition.

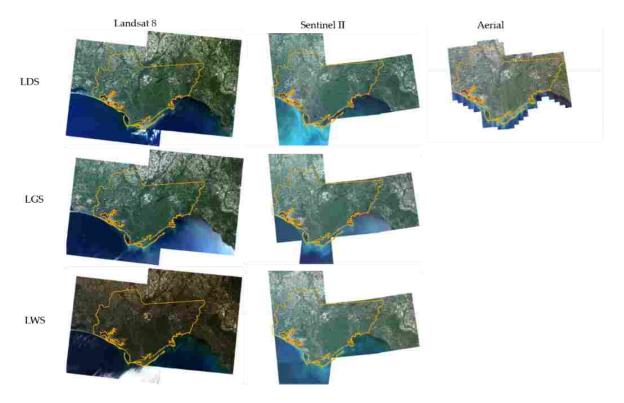


Figure 6. Landsat 8, Sentinel II, and Aerial true color displays for leaf on fall dormant (LDS), leaf on spring growing (LGS), and leaf off winter (LWS) season mosaics used in the study. Image mosaics depict imagery after performing the enhanced aggregation no-change regression procedure. The AGSA boundary is outlined in orange.

The EANR procedure brought Landsat 8, Sentinel II, and the aerial imagery to common radiometric scales (Figure 6). The R² statistics for LDS, LGS, and LWS Landsat 8 normalization regressions were generally large (greater than 0.9; Figure 7) across all bands, with the lowest R² coinciding with LWS analyses. Similarly, for Sentinel II imagery, the R² statistics of the image-to-image overlap regressions were large (greater than 0.9) with the lowest occurring in LWS. The strength of these associations resulted in the improved radiometric consistency across Landsat 8 and Sentinel II images that is visually evident in Figure 6. In contrast, regressions of overlapping aerial and Landsat 8 Imagery were weak for several flight paths (Figure 7). The acquisition dates for these paths tended to be later (Figure 4) and potentially coincided with dramatic changes in plant phenology. As a result aerial scene boundaries were still apparent in normalized mosaics (Figure 6).



Figure 7. Box plots of enhanced aggregate no-change normalization (EANR) coefficient of determination (R²) results for each source of imagery and season across all image bands. Leaf on dormant (LDS), leaf on growing (LGS), and leaf off winter (LWS) season box plots are displayed from left to right. Aerial imagery was only acquired during LDS and is absent from LGS and LWS.

3.2 Sample distribution

Strong correlations existed among the 68 spectral and textural metrics derived from the imagery, with the first 10 principal components accounting for 86.6 percent of the variation within the 10,000 locations spread at random across the ASGA (Figure 8). Clusters derived from those metrics using the k-means unsupervised clustering algorithm divided the feature space into 100 classes of varying size (Figure 9). The distribution of the field plot locations across those same 100 classes shows that the field plots spanned a wide range of the feature space, but did not capture all the spectral classes. Many of the classes not represented at the field plot locations corresponded to urban and agricultural cover types.

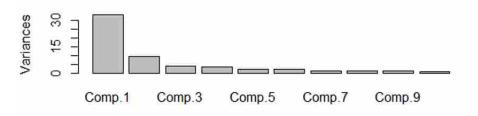


Figure 8. Proportion of variance explained within the first 10 principal components.

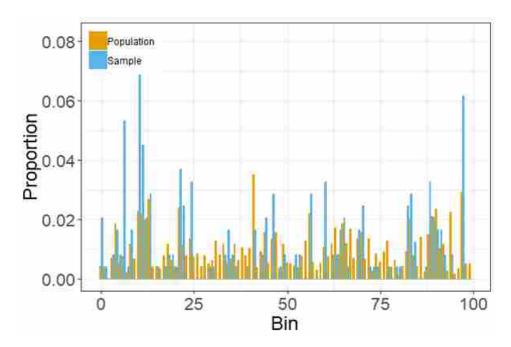


Figure 9. Proportion of counts falling within each of 100 classes (Bins) derived from a k-means unsupervised classification of predictor variable value component scores from normalized Landsat 8, Sentinel II, and aerial imagery and a selection of 10,000 random locations representing the population (orange) compared to the counts of those same classes falling within a random sample of 244 accessible locations (blue).

3.3 Model Development, Comparisons, and Raster Surface Creation

Spectral and textural metrics selected for each EGAM varied by response variable and whether images were normalized to a common radiometric scale (Table 3). Using the variable selection procedure described by Hogland et al. [6], EGAMs selected between four and twelve metrics out of the potential 68 at a significance threshold of α = 0.05. In all instances metrics were selected from each image source and from multiple seasons (Tables 1 and 3). Compared with EGAMs built using nonnormalized texture metrics, EANR based EGAMs generally improved model fit as measured by classification error, RMSE, and AIC (Table 3). EGAMs based on non-normalized imagery generally selected fewer metrics and tended to utilize metrics derived from Landsat 8 and Sentinel II data sources.

Overall classification accuracies for DFT and LPP EGAMs were greater than 88 percent with the most common classification errors being the mapping of the Other forested condition as pine, and longleaf presence being mapped as absence (Figure 10). Training and OOB errors for DFT, LPP, BAH and TPH EGAMs are reported in Table 3 and suggest strong relationships among response and normalized predictor variables, particularly in Pine conditions. Estimated BAH and TPH values were also strongly correlated with observed values, though in densely stocked conditions (TPH above 1000 stems ha-1, BAH above 20-30 m² ha-1) EGAMs tended to underestimate BAH and TPH (Figure 11). Estimation errors for some EGAMs were positively spatially correlated, suggesting spatial patterns or trends in model errors (Table 4). Though tempting to address the spatial variability in estimation error using kriging [30], our sample design does not lend itself to accounting for spatial trends in the residuals across the largely privately-owned tracts of the AGSA that were outside the target population.

Table 3. Selected predictor variables and error statistics for normalized (EANR) and non-normalized (RAW) based Ensemble Generalized Additive Models (EGAMs). Deviance denotes the average overall deviance of the sample (null model). Error statistics for DFT and LPP are in terms of 1 - accuracy of the classification while BAH and TPH errors are measured in terms of root mean squared error (RMSE) on the square root scale. Train and out of bag (OOB) errors denote whether error statics were calculated from observations used to train a given model or withheld from training, respectively. Mean Akaike information criterion (AIC) was calculated from EGAMs and used to compare models built from EANR and RAW based predictors.

Response	Normalization	Predictors*	Deviance	Train	OOB	AIC
DET	EANR	L3, L16, L17, S2, S5, S7, S21, A1	376.085	0.068	0.235	86.217
DFT	RAW	L8, L9,L16, L18, S11, S5	375.140	0.103	0.263	110.023
I DD	EANR	L2, L17, S3, S4, A2, A5	166.455	0.056	0.129	94.683
LPP	RAW	L2, L13, S9, A6	166.094	0.095	0.148	113.617
√Pine BAH	EANR	L2, L8, L10, L11, L16, L17, L18, L22, A2, A8	581.427	0.909	1.168	548.664
	RAW	L2, L5, L6, L8, L10, L11, L17, L22, S9, S10, S11, s12, A4	582.620	0.900	1.267	547.441
√0ther BAH	EANR	L3, L5, L11, S7, S9, S21, S23, A2, A5	989.519	1.108	1.365	600.177
	RAW	L3, L5, L11, L13, L16, S12, A5, A7	992.229	1.188	1.541	637.448
$\sqrt{\text{Pine TPH}}$	EANR	L3, L5, L8, L10, L11, L17, L28, S4, S11, A2, A5	21,686.265	5.755	9.197	1,243.537
	RAW	L1, L4, L5, l6, L13, L22, L31, S11, S20	21,497.754	6.709	10.866	1,277.418
1 Oth or TDII	EANR	L9, L13, S2, S6, S7, S20 A1	66,299.997	11.787	14.977	1,471.036
√Other TPH	RAW	L3, L5, L11, L13, S12, S20, A5	66,161.379	12.492	14.682	1,486.281

^{*}Predictor variable naming convention is based on the concatenation of Table 1 code and Id columns

Table 4. Global Moran's I (GMI) statistics and p-values for ensemble generalized additive model residuals (EGAMS).

EGAM*	GMI	p-value
DFT (Nonforest)	0.364	<0.001
DFT (Other)	0.067	0.190
DFT (Pine)	0.093	0.153
LPP (Present)	0.223	0.002
LPP (Absent)	0.223	0.002
Pine BAH	0.184	0.011
Pine TPH	0.068	0.188
Other BAH	0.087	0.131
Other TPH	0.140	0.037

^{*} DFT = Dominant Forest Type, LPP = Longleaf Pine Presence, BAH = basal area per ha (m²), TPH = trees per ha

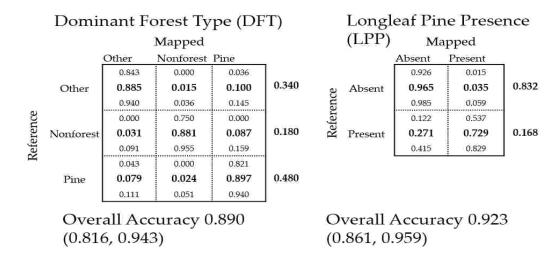


Figure 10. Accuracy assessment for dominant forest type (DFT) and presence of longleaf pine (LPP) using all 244 field plots and the corresponding ensemble generalized additive model (EGAM). Exact 95 percent lower and upper confidence limits for each class are reported above and below bold numbers within the error matrix and within parentheses of overall accuracy.

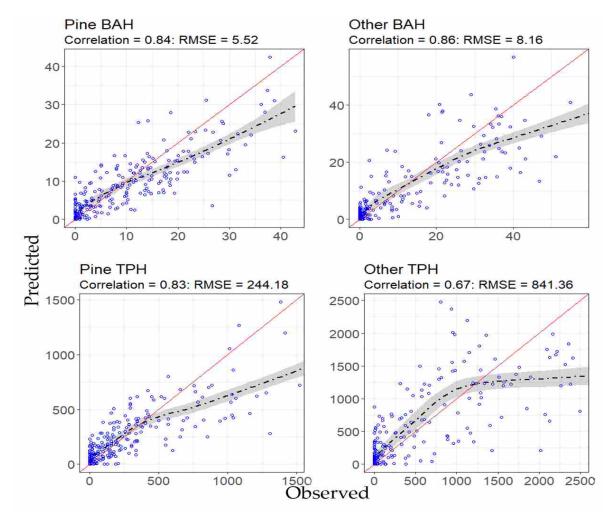


Figure 11. Predicted versus observed values (blue circles) of basal area per ha (BAH) and trees per ha (TPH) for pine and other tree species groups. The black dashed line shows the general trend based on a loess smooth estimator with grey shaded 95 percent confidence bands. The red line denotes a one to one line and provides reference for comparison between predicted and observed values.

EGAM raster surfaces were created at a spatial resolution of 30 m across the ASGA for all response variables. For DFT and LPP, EGAMs estimates include class probabilities and empirically derived standard errors for each cell within the study area. For pine and other \sqrt{BAH} and \sqrt{TPH} , estimates and standard errors were calculated using squared transformations of EGAM estimates.

DFT and LPP raster surfaces are presented in Figure 12 while BAH and TPH surfaces are presented in Figure 13. Additionally, Figures 12 and 13 display the spatial distribution of EGAM-specific feature space k-means classes that were not represented within the sample. Some banding of estimates and standard errors is evident in Figures 12 and 13 for the models using the A2 and A5 metrics (e.g., for LLP, Pine TPH, Other BAH) in the eastern portion of the ASGA. Those bands tend to appear in the corresponding sample representation maps, suggesting that certain flight paths in the aerial imagery could not be fully normalized and were not able to be adequately sampled in the field.

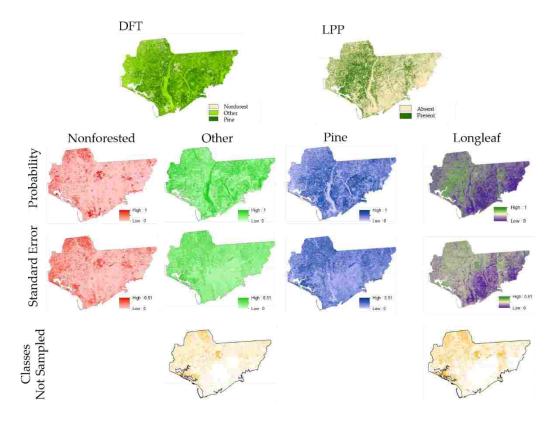


Figure 12. The spatial distribution of the dominant forest type most likely class (DFT), class probabilities, and class probability standard errors for Nonforested (red), Other (green), and Pine (blue) cover types (Table 2). Additionally, presence and absence of longleaf pine within a plot based on a most likely class rule (LPP), presence probabilities, and presence probability standard errors (purple to green color gradient) for LPP EGAM predictions. Finally, the spatial location of K-mean classes not represented in the sample used to train EGAM's are displayed as orange areas in the bottom row of graphics.

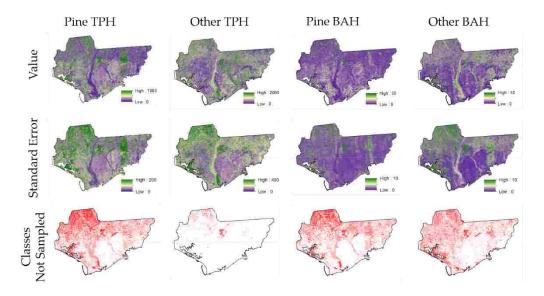


Figure 13. Display of BAH and TPH raster surfaces created from ensemble generalized additive models (EGAMs) for pine and other tree species groups. EGAM raster cell estimated values (top row of graphics) and standard errors (middle row of graphics) increase as colors transition from purple to green. The spatial location K-mean classes not represented in the sample used to train EGAM's are displayed as red areas in the bottom row of graphics.

4. Discussion

We have mapped key forest characteristics across ASGA that can be used to inform spatially explicit longleaf restoration decision making. These surfaces transform data that are relatively easy to collect into pertinent information for longleaf pine restoration, providing the fine level of spatial detail and accuracy needed to make well-informed restoration decisions. We have also described how to and demonstrated the importance of bring images to a common radiometric scale across sources, years, and spatial resolutions (Figure 6). Models built with EANR-normalized spectral and textural metrics utilized distinct sources and bands, and had less error than models built using the raw imagery (Table 3). Additionally, our study highlights how multiple image resolutions (temporal, spectral, and spatial) can improve model fit and estimation, especially after images have been brought to a common radiometric scale using a technique like EANR. Finally, we presented and implemented an ensemble generalized additive modeling (EGAM) approach to estimate DFT, LPP, and BAH and TPH for pine and other tree species groups that accommodates nonlinear relationships while mitigating the potential for overfitting. Combined, EANR and EGAM produce better estimates of key forest characteristics than previous longleaf pine mapping efforts [5, 6] (reductions in classification error and RMSE). Moreover, the EGAM procedure provided spatial depictions of empirically derived estimation error (standard error surfaces) that can be used by resource managers when making management decision.

Sample design in our study played an important role in inference. Because some areas were inaccessible, field sampling was limited to a subset of the total ASGA (Figure 3). This limitation means that inferences across ASGA must rely on the assumptions that the sample adequately characterizes the feature space and that the predictor-response relationships do not vary among different ownership types across the ASGA. Fortunately, our EGAMs could rely on relatively strong relationships among response and predictor variables and the sampled locations captured an appreciable extent of the feature space (Figure 8). For these reasons we feel relatively confident that model estimates provide an accurate depiction of forested conditions across the ASGA. However, our assessment did identify portions of feature space that were unsampled, and others that were overrepresented and underrepresented. From a model calibration perspective overrepresentation can be thought of as wasted effort when variability in the predictor-response relationship is relatively

minor. In those instances, observations from overrepresented regions of feature space could potentially be allocated to unsampled or underrepresented areas. Additionally, our assessment detected some geographic areas where the imagery could not be adequately normalized and thus may relate differently to the vegetation conditions. Future designs should attempt to spread sample locations across predictor variable space, while balancing the sample to mimic the distributional characteristics of the population [30]. Toward this end, the raster surfaces created from this study could be used to spread and balance sampling locations for future studies [31], thereby providing additional means to minimize error and reduce sample cost.

Quantitatively, DFT and LPP EGAM fit statistics suggest that our models accurately depicted forest cover types and the presence of longleaf pine. Similarly BAH and TPH EGAM estimates were strongly correlated with observed plot BAH and TPH over the lower ranges of these variables. Moreover, EANR based EGAMs outperformed EGAMs based on spectral and textural metrics from raw imagery that was not normalized using EANR. Qualitatively, our raster surfaces display more detail and are less impacted by variation in image acquisition dates when compared to previous mapping efforts [5]. However, there were instances when our EGAMs appeared to underestimate TPH (Figure 11) and to omit instances when longleaf pine was present (Figure 10). For example, when TPH was greater than 1,000 ha⁻¹ (e.g., as would be the case in young or overstocked stands) EGAMs underestimated TPH. Additionally, some areas dominated by cities, agricultural fields, water, and aquatic vegetation were underrepresented or not represented (Figures 12 and 13) in our sample and led to imprecise estimates (Figure 14). However, DFT, LPP, BAH and TPH models generally produced reliable, spatially explicit estimates.

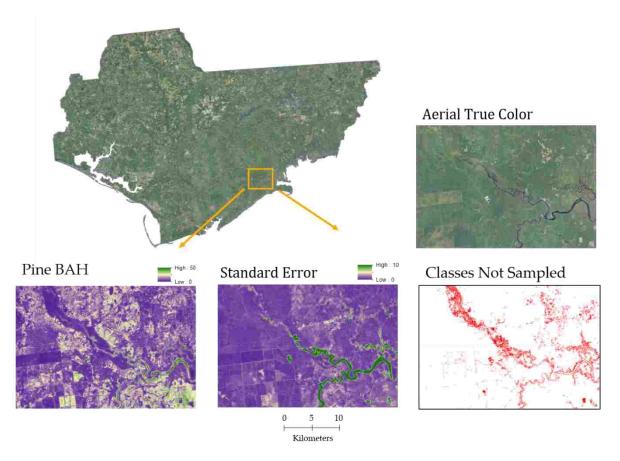


Figure 14. A close up example of locations with large standard errors in estimated Pine BAH due to under or no representation of feature space classes within the sample used to train the Pine BAH ensemble generalized additive model.

While estimation error could be reduced for almost every EGAM by including additional EANR normalized spectral and texture predictive variables (i.e., setting an α = 0.1), the added complexity and processing associated with including more variables outweighed the marginal gains in accuracy and precision. Similarly, many of the predictor variables used in our EGAMs were highly correlated, suggesting marginal utility of additional metrics. Additionally, areas within feature space that were underrepresented or not represented generally produced extremely variable estimates, which should be viewed with skepticism. Moreover, EGAMs that were more complex (i.e., more predictor variables) tended to have larger proportions of the expanded feature space underrepresented. This suggests that for limited sample sizes, simpler models (i.e., fewer predictors) may be preferred for wall to wall mapping endeavors along with masking land cover types that are not forested. Finally, for some of our EGAMs, estimation errors exhibited minor positive spatial correlation. While tempting to use kriging methods [32] to remove global spatial trends in estimation error, our design did not adequately sample geographic space across ASGA, limiting the utility of kriging methods to contiguous accessible areas sampled within our study.

Though additional improvements can be made to our estimates of forest characteristics, tradeoffs between processing, model development, and sampling costs related to improvements in accuracy should be weighed to evaluate the level of precision needed to inform decision making [33]. Given the amount of model error potentially introduced by co-registration errors [20], our EGAMs explain the majority of the variation that can be accounted for within the field data and provide a substantial improvement over previous efforts [5, 6]. Additionally, by implementing an ensemble approach to generalized additive models, we were able to capture nonparametric trends in the data while mitigating overfitting and providing a technique to empirically estimate standard errors. The resultant estimates and standard errors provide the type of information needed to make both fine and coarse grained restoration decisions across the ASGA.

5. Conclusions

Adept forest management requires accurate information concerning the status and distribution of forest resources. To create accurate information pertinent to longleaf pine restoration, we developed procedures to bring multi-temporal images to a common radiometric scale, model nonparametric relationships between remotely sensed and field measured data, and produce spatial depictions of forest cover types, longleaf pine presence, and BAH and TPH by forest cover class. These procedures and sources of data were combined to produce the types of information needed to inform longleaf restoration planning and implementation at planning and tactical spatial scales across a relatively large area in northwestern Florida.

Appendix A

Table A1. Landsat 8, Sentinel II, and Aerial image acquisition dates by season and path, row, or tile.

Source	Season	Path\Row\Tile	Acquisition Date
Landsat 8	LDS	18\39+	10/11/2016
Landsat 8	LDS	19\39	10/16/2015
Landsat 8	LGS	18\39+	5/7/2017
Landsat 8	LGS	19\39	4/9/2016
Landsat 8	LWS	18\39+	1/18/2018
Landsat 8	LWS	19\39	12/21/2016
Sentinel II	LDS	16RFV ⁺	10/12/2018
Sentinel II	LDS	16RFU+	10/12/2018
Sentinel II	LDS	16RFT+	10/12/2018

Sentinel II	LDS	17RGU	10/14/2018
Sentinel II	LDS	17RKP	10/14/2018
Sentinel II	LGS	16RFV	3/16/2017
Sentinel II	LGS	16RFU	3/16/2017
Sentinel II	LGS	16RFT+	5/2/2017
Sentinel II	LGS	17RGU+	5/2/2017
Sentinel II	LGS	17RKP+	5/2/2017
Sentinel II	LWS	16RFV+	1/30/2018
Sentinel II	LWS	16RFU+	1/30/2018
Sentinel II	LWS	16RFT	2/24/2017
Sentinel II	LWS	17RGU	1/12/2017
Sentinel II	LWS	17RKP	1/12/2017
Aerial Imagery	LDS	7001	10/26/2017
Aerial Imagery	LDS	7002	10/26/2017
Aerial Imagery	LDS	7003	10/26/2017
Aerial Imagery	LDS	7004	10/26/2017
Aerial Imagery	LDS	8001	11/10/2017
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⁺ Denotes reference image used to normalize a given image source. Aerial imagery was normalized to normalized Landsat 8 imagery.

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Chapter 5

Transforming data into information for natural resource decision making: Improving the utility of remote sensing products at tactical and planning scales

Abstract: Big data and the information and knowledge we glean from it are fundamentally changing the way in which resource management decisions are being made. The use of remotely sensed data, ever expanding computer technology, and various processing techniques are helping to provide natural resource managers with depictions of various aspects of ecosystems at unprecedented spatial and temporal resolutions. While the technologies used to gather data about natural resources have arguably outpaced our abilities to efficiently produce and utilize the many types of information that can now be generated, fundamentally there are still important questions related to scale, relevance, and understanding of the information within various data streams that must be addressed before empirically-driven decision making will reach its full potential within the natural resource community. In this communications, we identify some of the obstacles to adopting data driven decision-making within the natural resource community and highlight recent studies and solutions that advance our ability to transform data into useful information to facilitate informed natural resource decisions.

Keywords: Big data; decision science; data science; estimation; remote sensing; sub domain; natural resources; spatial modeling

1. Introduction

Our terrestrial environment is constantly being monitored. Today with satellite and airborne sensors such as MODIS [1], Landsat [2], Sentinel [3], and NAIP [4] we are able to acquire data about our environment at spatial, spectral, and temporal resolutions that were recently hard to imagine. Similarly, with advancements in drone technology and sensor hardware, the amount of remotely sensed data that can and is being acquired on a planned and ad hoc basis and used to quantify aspects of natural resources is staggering. In other fields such as finance and medicine, the recognition that large volumes of data are not being fully leveraged to inform the decision making process has led to an increased awareness of the fields of data science and the potential of what has become known as "big data" [5]. While still relatively new in concept and application, the tenets of data science and decision science with regards to big data streams appears to be lagging behind within the natural resources management community [6]. Though the products of many sensors can be manually interpreted by analysts to help visualize our environment, today the volume, velocity, and variety of data being collected requires an automated approach to interpretation [7]. Moreover, with advancements in image processing, many of the complex relationships that are difficult for a human analyst to visually identify can be made apparent through data mining, image processing, and statistical and machine learning techniques [8].

However, there are many obstacles that prevent the common use of data science principles within the natural resources community. Commonly recognized impediments include the lack of education and skills associated with integrating the various mathematical, statistical, machine learning techniques, computer programming languages, data formats, and the size of the data [6]. Less understood issues revolve around how data transformed into information (e.g., modeled outputs) can be leveraged to inform efficient decisions, the impact of using models calibrated for large spatial domains to produce estimates for subdomains, the propagation of errors, and the impact of model misspecification. Within this context, many of the big data and processing challenges that

plague other fields apply to natural resources. However, issues of scale, domain, error, and relevance can have additional meanings within a natural resource setting that are tightly coupled with inherent complexities associated with dynamic natural systems. Because of these complexities and lack of personnel trained in advanced data analytics, studies and methodologies that convert data into pertinent forest related information such as described in Chapter 4 are seldom used to their potential to identify and justify planning and management decisions. Moreover, it is often the case that resource managers ignore these sources of information when making decisions, instead valuing expert opinion over data-driven information. Worse yet, because resource managers are often unfamiliar with many of the modeling techniques and the strengths and weaknesses associated with various estimates, modeled outputs can be easily misused to erroneously justify or negate management action. In other words, it is often difficult for practitioners to identify misspecified or misused models and outputs.

In large part, the choice between expert opinion and data driven decision making is not binary. Instead, natural resource planning and management is better framed within the context of being justifiable, repeatable, and accurate [9], which requires expert interpretation and opinion regarding what can be measured, monitored, and documented. Within this context, appreciation for and understanding of what data science, remote sensing, and big data can provide for natural resource managers is paramount to meeting most resource based objectives. To highlight the possibilities provided by a data science approach to generating information for natural resource decision making, I synthesize the findings of this dissertation and discuss how data and decision science need to be integrated within the field of natural resources, and offer a path forward for such integration.

2. Synthesis

An important aspect of converting data into useful information is fundamentally understanding how the two are distinct from but related to one another. Here I make a distinction between data and useful information in that data represent numbers or values while useful information applies meaning to those numbers or values that bridges the gap between information and knowledge. For example, a tree diameter can be measured and recorded as a datum. However, when that datum is supplemented with the context that it defines the girth at breast height of a given tree, then it also has inherent meaning and contains information to a forester who can use their knowledge about tree growth to infer the size, age, and value of that tree from that measurement. Similarly, spectral reflectance can be recorded by a satellite and stored as data. In this setting the data values may have little meaning to a forester but when rendered spatially, patterns emerge based on electromagnetic reflectance across locations, generating useful information that conveys meaning related to trees and forests. Inherently, patterns are connected to the spatial scale of one's vantage point. To convert patterns into useful information pertinent to a natural resource manager, measurements pertaining to trees and forests should be collected at similar spatial scales as the emergent patterns. While intuitive and straight forward, the implementation of a study design that directly relates what is found on the ground to the same location within an image is confounded by the difficulty of geographically registering the two sources of data, which leads to co-registration errors. In Chapter 2, I explored the impact of co-registration error on converting image-based data into useful information. My findings indicated that substantial variation can be attributed to co-registration error and that spatial aggregation can help to reduce this source of error. Additionally, I identified that this source of error is dependent on the degree of spatial correlation within images, which in turn can be used to estimate the reduction in potential model explanatory power due to co-registration errors. Moreover, I quantified the impact of subsampling within a defined extent on model error and used those results to define a field plot layout for Chapter 4 that minimized the impact of co-registration errors, while at the same time being practical to implement when using satellite and aerial imagery to model forest cover types, basal areas, and tree density and generate accurate estimates of these metrics.

Another vital facet to converting data into useful information when modeling is sample design. In Chapter 3 I explored the impact to estimation when samples are spread and balanced in predictor variable space for multiple sample designs, amounts of modeling error, functional relationships, and modeling techniques. My findings suggested that as error is introduced into the relationship between variables, model and expansion-based estimates converge for probability based sampling. This further indicates that including ancillary variables in the estimation process can only improves parameter estimation when using samples based on a probabilistic design. While sample design had less of an impact on model based estimates, substantial reductions in estimation error could also be attributed to spreading samples within feature space for both expansion and model-based estimates. Moreover, when functional relationships matched theoretical model based assumptions, those models tended to outperform, or perform equally to, data centric machine learning techniques. However, machine learning techniques across all functional relationships tended to perform better when the underlying relationships between variables were unknown. Finally, for the majority of comparisons within Chapter 3, the generalized additive modeling approach (GAMs) produced the least amount of estimation error, suggesting that this technique can be used to successfully "mine" complex patterns in multidimensional data.

Using the findings from Chapters 2 and 3, I conducted a case study in the panhandle of Florida (Chapter 4) that converted multi-temporal satellite imagery into useful information relevant to forest management and longleaf pine conservation. Information produced in this study included estimates of dominant forest cover types, the presence of longleaf pine, and pine and other tree species basal area (m² ha-¹, BAH) and tree density (trees ha-¹, TPH). Additionally, in this study I developed and presented a new procedure to bring images to a common radiometric scale (enhanced aggregate nochange regression, EARN) and implemented an ensemble GAM (EGAM) modeling technique. My estimates and associated standard errors of forest cover, longleaf presence, BAH, and TPH provide detailed spatial depictions of key forest information needed to inform planning and management. Moreover, in this chapter I highlight the negative impact of complex models and demonstrate that as the number of predictor variables increase, the proportion of feature space underrepresented or not represented within a sample increases, leading to reduced precision.

3. Discussion and Future Research

The intensity with which we can acquire data about our environment is constantly increasing, with expanding volume, variety, and velocity. Transforming those data streams into useful information relevant to natural resources requires skillsets that expand what is currently taught within the fields of natural resources to include what is commonly taught in computer science, information systems, mathematics, statistics, and machine learning. Emphasizing these skillsets within natural resources recognizes the potential of big data and how the tenets of data science can be used to inform better decisions. In this dissertation, I addressed knowledge gaps in relating field data to remotely sensed imagery, sample design, image normalization, and converting data into useful information. However, to convert the types of information described in Chapter 4 into decisions that can be implemented on the ground will require translating findings into knowledge and communicating their importance to managers and practitioners [7]. While I acknowledge that in the short run specialists will need to help translate information, perform many of the analyses, provide results to decision makers, and even market the need and potential of these technologies, I argue that decision makers will eventually need to be educated in the tenets of data and decision science to fully take advantage of the volume, velocity, and variety of the ever expanding nexus of available data streams.

To this end future research should be equally focused on translating big data into useful information and building new technologies to address big data challenges, as using the types of information created in Chapter 4 in the decision making process to improve organizational operations and outcomes. While the former topic tends to dominate the scientific literature, the operational and translational piece [10, 11] continues to lag far behind [6]. This is not to suggest that

the applied or practitioner role should become the focus of scientists and researchers, but instead highlights that further manipulation of useful information such as described in Chapter 4 is often needed to incorporate complex and often competing objectives within natural resource management.

For the scientist, researcher, and developer this type of research requires a larger upfront investment and appreciation for the existing organizational structure, workflows, goals, and objectives of a given organization (e.g., agency, non-governmental organization, business, or company) followed by a larger role in implementing recommendations and change. For managers, professionals, technicians, and practitioners this big data transition requires a deeper appreciation for the potential utility of technological advances and research findings and an ongoing desire to learn and continually adapted to new concepts and ideas that are proven to help reach, improve upon, and promote organizational goals and objectives. Of special interest here is communication and the flows of knowledge back and forth from the managers, practitioner, technicians, analysts, researchers, scientists, and developers.

Specifically, within a data centric construct, it is false to assume that the organizational structure is independent from the operations occurring within the organization. In reality, both are tightly coupled and data, information, knowledge, and action are shared commodities flowing through a digital information system designed to digitally represent an organization and its workflows. This means that data are part of and at the forefront of transactions and interactions occurring within the entity and that digital systems must be designed such to store and access those transactions and interactions, not simply for reporting or retrieval but for the purpose of informed decision making, learning, and continual improvement in the organization.

For example, Chapter 4 could be published in the scientific literature and the raster surfaces created in Chapter 4 could be stored on a file server for download by the Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) analysts in Florida. On one level this provide managers, professionals, technicians, and practitioners access to concepts and ideas used to create the datasets and the surfaces themselves. However, because the techniques and datasets are not directly integrated into the digital representation of ANF (the organization), it is unlikely that they will be directly used by employees to actively meet forest objectives. Alternatively, if the techniques and datasets described within Chapter 4 were packaged as part of the ANF digital framework and were integrated into ANF workflows as functions, tools, user forms, and datasets, it is much more likely that those data and techniques will inform forest management decisions (Figure 1-3). Similarly, knowing the objectives, workflows, and goals of ANF, and tailoring research questions in part to address those goals and objectives makes scientific discoveries and inventions relevant to a large user base. Equally important though, adopting such an integrated approach has the potential to streamline the scientific method while simultaneously moving scientific discovery and development forward at a faster pace.

Calculating Pine BAH Confidence Intervals

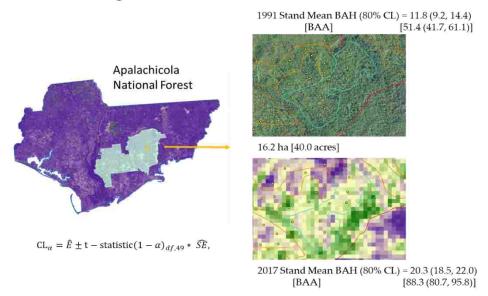


Figure 1. An example of informing decision making. If the raster surfaces from chapter 4 were directly integrated into Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) digital enterprise with corresponding summary tools, stand estimates of pine basal area m², ha⁻¹ (BAH) or ft², ac [BAA] could be compared against previous estimates to assess if management objectives are being met. In this example a 16.2 ha ANF stand measured in 1991 had a pine BAH of 11.8 m² ha¹. Using an integrated approach analysts could summarize raster surface cell values presented in chapter 4 for the area within a given stand (blue outline) to determine that in 2017 pine BAH has increased to 20.3 m² ha⁻¹.

Spreading & Using Ancillary Data

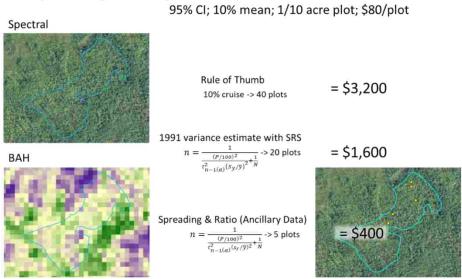


Figure 2. A second example of informing decision making. If the raster surfaces from chapter 4 were directly integrated into Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) digital enterprise and a plot allocation tools was developed based on findings from chapter 3, ANF employees could substantial reduce stand inventory costs. In this example if a forester wanted to be 95% sure their stand estimate of pine basal area (m² ha-¹) was within 10% of the true mean (blue outlined polygon), they could spread their samples using the raster surface values from chapter 4 and further use a ratio estimator [12] to spatially allocate plots (yellow points within the blue polygon in southeastern graphic) and reduce inventory cost from \$3,200 to \$400, assuming each tenth acre plot cost \$80 to collect.

Pine BAH to Maximum Liters of Water/Day

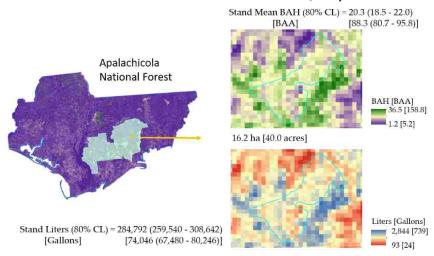


Figure 3. A third example of informing decision making. If the raster surfaces from chapter 4 were directly integrated into Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) digital enterprise and tools were developed to transform estimates of basal area (m² ha¹¹) to maximum liters of water day¹¹ transpired by pine trees (based on [13]), hydrologists could quantify at fine spatial detail where and how much water is released into the atmosphere by pine trees and make informed recommendations related to tradeoffs in management and water quantity. In this example the 16.2 ha stand outlined in light blue transpires a maximum of 284,792 liters of water day¹¹ with 80% confidence limits reported in parentheses.

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Simulations & Statistical Analyses Libraries (R)

General Functions

```
#R library developed and used in Coregistration Simulations
#John Hogland 12/3/2018
library(raster)
library(gstat)
library(RStoolbox)
library(spsurvey)
library(rgdal)
library(rgeos)
rasterOptions(maxmemory = 1e+09)
rasterOptions(tmpdir = paste(getwd(), "tmp", sep = "/"))
tmpDir(create = TRUE)
###creates spatially correlated raster image.
#rws = number of rows
#clms = number of colunms
#r = range
#mdl = model-> Sph, Exp, Gau, Mat
#mn = mean values
#vr = variance
#maxDist = maximum distance of spatial correlation (number of cells)
#sim = number of simulations'
getSpCorrImages <- function(rws, clms, r, mdl = "Sph", mn = 0, vr = 1, maxDist = 30,</pre>
ng = 0, sim = 1) {
    xy <- expand.grid(1:rws, 1:clms)</pre>
    names(xy) <- c("x", "y")
    g.dummy <- gstat(formula = z \sim 1, locations = \sim x + y, dummy = T, beta = c(mn),
model = vgm(psill = vr, model = mdl, range = r, nugget = ng), nmax = maxDist)
    yy <- predict(g.dummy, newdata = xy, nsim = sim)</pre>
    outSt <- stack()</pre>
    for (k in seq(sim)) {
        yys <- subset(yy, select = c("x", "y", paste("sim", k, sep = "")))</pre>
        gridded(yys) = \sim x + y
        rs <- raster(yys)
        outSt <- addLayer(outSt, rs)</pre>
    }
    return(outSt)
}
#sample a raster and return a spatial points layer
#rs = raster
```

```
#sampleSize = number of samples
#type = srs, sys, grts, grts_b, stratified, mask'
#stRS = stratum raster only for stratified
#prs= predictor raster only for grts_b
sampRaster <- function(rs, sampleSize, type = "srs", sp = TRUE, stRS = NULL, prs =</pre>
NULL, mask = NULL, buffDist=50) {
    outvl <- NULL
    if (tolower(type) == "srs") {
         outvl <- sampleRandom(rs, sampleSize, sp = sp)</pre>
    }
    if (tolower(type) == "sys") {
        outvl <- sampleRegular2(rs, sampleSize)</pre>
    }
    if (tolower(type) == "stratified") {
        outvl <- stratifiedSample(rs, sampleSize, stRs)</pre>
    }
    if (tolower(type) == "grts") {
        outvl <- grtsSample(rs, sampleSize)</pre>
    if (tolower(type) == "grts_b") {
        outvl <- grtsSampleB(rs, sampleSize, prs)</pre>
    }
    if (tolower(type) == "mask") {
         outvl <- maskSample(rs, sampleSize, mask,buffDist)</pre>
    }
    return(outvl)
}
maskSample <- function(rs, sampleSize, mask, buffDist=50) {</pre>
    flNm <- strsplit(basename(mask),".shp")[[1]]</pre>
    dirPath <- dirname(mask)</pre>
    roadLayer <- readOGR(dsn = dirPath, layer=flNm)</pre>
    rdBuff <- gBuffer(roadLayer, width = buffDist)</pre>
    rsm <- mask(rs, rdBuff)</pre>
    srs <- sampRaster(rsm, sampleSize, 'srs')</pre>
    return(srs)
}
stratifiedSample <- function(rs, sampleSize, stRs) {</pre>
    return(outvl)
grtsSample <- function(rs, sampleSize) {</pre>
    ext <- extent(rs)</pre>
    poly <- as(ext, 'SpatialPolygons')</pre>
    crs(poly) <- crs(rs)</pre>
```

```
Equaldsgn <- list(None = list(panel = c(PanelOne = sampleSize), seltype =</pre>
"Equal"))
    df <- data.frame(st = 1)</pre>
    spdf <- SpatialPolygonsDataFrame(poly, df)</pre>
    outvl <- grts(design = Equaldsgn, DesignID = 'st', type.frame = "area",</pre>
src.frame = "sp.object", sp.object = spdf, shapefile = F)
    tb <- as.data.frame(extract(rs, outvl@coords))</pre>
    spdf <- SpatialPointsDataFrame(outvl@coords, tb)</pre>
    return(spdf)
}
grtsSampleB <- function(rs, sampleSize, prs) {</pre>
    srs <- sampRaster(prs, 10000, "srs", sp = T)</pre>
    pca <- princomp(srs@data, cor = TRUE)</pre>
    srs@data$uid <- 1:nrow(srs@data)</pre>
    sc <- pca$scores
    df \leftarrow data.frame(uid = 1:nrow(sc), Comp.1 = sc[, 1], Comp.2 = sc[, 2])
    Equaldsgn <- list(None = list(panel = c(PanelOne = sampleSize), seltype =</pre>
"Equal"))
    outvl <- grts(design = Equaldsgn, type.frame = "finite", src.frame =</pre>
'att.frame', att.frame = df, xcoord = "Comp.1", ycoord = "Comp.2", shapefile = F)
    outdf <- merge(outvl@data, df, by = c('Comp.1', 'Comp.2'))</pre>
    coords <- as.data.frame(srs@coords)</pre>
    coords$uid <- (1:nrow(sc))</pre>
    scoords <- subset(coords, coords$uid %in% outdf$uid.x)</pre>
    coordinates(scoords) = c("x", "y")
    tb <- as.data.frame(extract(rs, scoords@coords))</pre>
    scoords@data = tb
    return(scoords)
}
#adjustment to regular sample routine to implement random start
sampleRegular2 <- function(rs3, sampSize) {</pre>
    xl <- xmin(rs3)</pre>
    xr \leftarrow xmax(rs3)
    yb <- ymin(rs3)</pre>
    yt <- ymax(rs3)</pre>
    a \leftarrow (xr - xl) * (yt - yb)
    skip <- sqrt(a / sampSize)</pre>
    r_rc <- runif(2, 1, (skip / 2))
    iterx <- seq(xl + r_rc[1], xr, skip)
    itery <- seq(yb + r rc[2], yt, skip)
    x <- vector(mode = 'double', length(iterx) * length(itery))</pre>
    y <- vector(mode = 'double', length(x))</pre>
    cnt <- 1
```

```
for (i in iterx) {
        for (j in itery) {
             x[cnt] <- i
            y[cnt] <- j
             cnt <- cnt + 1
        }
    }
    coords <- cbind(x, y)</pre>
    tb <- as.data.frame(extract(rs3, coords))</pre>
    spdf <- SpatialPointsDataFrame(coords, tb, proj4string = crs(rs3))</pre>
    return(spdf)
}
#shift an existing set of locations to simulate co-registration errors and returns
the shifted locations as a dataframe
#pts = Spatial points dataset
#gpsError = RMSE in gps expressed as cells
#imgError = RMSE in image rectification expressed as cells'
shiftXY <- function(pts, d1, d2) {</pre>
    x <- pts$X
    y <- pts$Y
    cnt <- length(x)</pre>
    #d1 <- rnorm(cnt, mean = 0, sd = gpsError)</pre>
    #d2 <- rnorm(cnt, mean = 0, sd = imgError)</pre>
    b1 <- runif(cnt, min = 0, (2 * pi))
    b2 <- runif(cnt, min = 0, (2 * pi))
    xp1 <- sin(b1) * d1
    yp1 < - cos(b1) * d1
    xp2 < - sin(b2) * d2
    yp2 < - cos(b2) * d2
    xpd \leftarrow xp1 + xp2
    ypd \leftarrow yp1 + yp2
    df \leftarrow data.frame(X = round(xpd + x), Y = round(ypd + y), D = round(sqrt(xpd ** 2))
+ ypd ** 2)))
    return(df)
}
#get full image matrix
getImgMatrix <- function(rs) {</pre>
    return(getValuesBlock(rs, row = 1, nrows = nrow(rs), col = 1, ncols = ncol(rs),
format = "matrix", byrow = TRUE))
}
#extract list of point block size matrix
```

```
#rcDF = locations
#rs = raster
extractRcLst <- function(rcDf, rsMatrix, blcSize) {</pre>
    outLst <- vector(mode = "list", length = nrow(rcDf))</pre>
    xc <- rcDf$X
    yc <- rcDf$Y
    for (r in 1:length(outLst)) {
        x \leftarrow xc[r]
        y \leftarrow yc[r]
        outLst[[r]] <- rsMatrix[y:(y + blcSize), x:(x + blcSize)]</pre>
#getValuesBlock(rs, row = y, nrows = blcSize, col = x, ncols = blcSize, format =
'matrix')
    }
    return(outLst)
}
#gets multiple values and returns value 1st
getMeanBlockValues <- function(lstBlc, lyt, prop) {</pre>
    rws <- length(lstBlc)</pre>
    mt <- matrix(ncol = 2, nrow = rws)</pre>
    for (r in 1:rws) {
        vl <- getMeanBlockValue(lstBlc[[r]], lyt, prop)</pre>
        mt[r,] <- vl
    }
    return(mt)
}
#extract values from raster: return dataframe
#rcDf = locations
#rs = raster'
extractRC <- function(rcDf, rs, blcSize, pltLayout = 1, pltProp = 1) {</pre>
    rws <- nrow(rcDf)</pre>
    mt <- matrix(ncol = 2, nrow = rws)</pre>
    xc <- rcDf$X
    yc <- rcDf$Y
    for (r in 1:rws) {
        x \leftarrow xc[r]
        y \leftarrow yc[r]
        v1 <- getMeanBlockValue(getValuesBlock(rs, row = y, nrows = blcSize, col =</pre>
x, ncols = blcSize, format = 'matrix'), pltLayout, pltProp)
        mt[r,] <- vl
    return(mt)
}
#summarizes values within a block given a specified layout
```

```
#blc=matrix of cell values
#lyt = plot layout [1,2,3,4,5,6] 1=center, 2=4 corners, 3=4 random, 4=FIA,
5=9equal,6=corners & center
#prop = proportion of area sampled within the plot extent
getMeanBlockValue <- function(blc, lyt, prop) {</pre>
    outVl <- 0
    outProp <- 0
    rws <- nrow(blc)
    clm <- ncol(blc)</pre>
    tCells <- sum(!is.na(blc))
    #print(paste("total cells:",tCells,sep=" "))
    if (prop == 1) {
        outVl <- mean(blc, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
        outProp <- 1
    }
    else {
        if (lyt == 1) {
             bSize <- round(sqrt(tCells * prop))</pre>
             #print(paste("blockSize:", bSize, sep = " "))
             bSize2 <- bSize - 1
             hb <- round(bSize / 2)</pre>
             brw <- round(rws / 2) - hb
             bclm <- round(clm / 2) - hb
             outV1 <- mean(blc[brw:(brw + bSize2), bclm:(bclm + bSize2)], na.rm =
TRUE)
             ccnt <- sum(!is.na(blc[brw:(brw + bSize2), bclm:(bclm + bSize2)]))</pre>
             #print(paste("ccnt:", ccnt, sep = " "))
             outProp <- ccnt / tCells
        }
        else if (lyt == 2) {
             bSize <- round(sqrt((tCells * prop) / 4))
             bSize2 <- bSize - 1
             ccnt <- 0 #bSize**2*4
             #print(paste("BSize2 =",bSize2,sep=" "))
             ms <- blc[1:bSize, 1:bSize]</pre>
             m1 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)
             ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
             ms <- blc[(rws - bSize2):rws, (clm - bSize2):clm]</pre>
             m2 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
             ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
             ms <- blc[(rws - bSize2):rws, 1:bSize]</pre>
             m3 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)
             ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
```

```
ms <- blc[1:bSize, (clm - bSize2):clm]</pre>
    m4 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)
    ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
    outV1 < - (m1 + m2 + m3 + m4) / ccnt
    outProp <- ccnt / tCells</pre>
}
else if (lyt == 3) {
    bSize <- round(sqrt((tCells * prop) / 4))</pre>
    bSize2 <- bSize - 1
    ccnt <- 0 #bSize**2*4
    rClm <- as.integer(runif(4, 1, clm - bSize2))</pre>
    rRw <- as.integer(runif(4, 1, rws - bSize2))</pre>
    sTot <- 0
    for (i in 1:4) {
         r \leftarrow rRw[i]
         c <- rClm[i]</pre>
         ms <- blc[r:(r + bSize2), c:(c + bSize2)]</pre>
         sTot <- sTot + sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
         ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
         #print(paste("rc:", r, c, sep = " "))
         #print(paste("tot:", sTot, sep = " "))
    }
    outVl <- sTot / ccnt
    outProp <- ccnt / tCells
}
else if (lyt == 4) {
    bSize <- round(sqrt((tCells * prop) / 4))</pre>
    bSize2 <- bSize - 1
    ccnt <- 0 #bSize**2*4
    hbSize <- round(bSize / 2)</pre>
    hc <- round(clm / 2) - hbSize</pre>
    hr <- round(rws / 2) - hbSize</pre>
    ms <- blc[hr:(hr + bSize2), hc:(hc + bSize2)]</pre>
    m1 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
    ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
    ms <- blc[(rws - bSize2):rws, (clm - bSize2):clm]</pre>
    m2 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
    ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
    ms <- blc[(rws - bSize2):rws, 1:bSize]</pre>
    m3 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)
    ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
    ms <- blc[1:bSize, hc:(hc + bSize2)]</pre>
    m4 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
    sTot < - m1 + m2 + m3 + m4
    #print(paste("tot:", sTot, sep = " "))
    outVl <- sTot / ccnt
    outProp <- ccnt / tCells</pre>
}
else if (lyt == 5) {
    bSize <- round(sqrt((tCells * prop) / 9))</pre>
    bSize2 <- bSize - 1
    ccnt <- 0 #bSize**2*9</pre>
    hbSize <- round(bSize / 2)</pre>
    hc <- round(rws / 2) - hbSize
    hr <- round(clm / 2) - hbSize</pre>
    rClm <- c(1, hc, (clm - bSize))
    rRw <- c(1, hr, (rws - bSize))
    sTot <- 0
    for (i in 1:3) {
         for (j in 1:3) {
             r \leftarrow rRw[i]
             c <- rClm[j]</pre>
             ms <- blc[r:(r + bSize2), c:(c + bSize2)]</pre>
             sTot <- sTot + sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
             ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
             #print(sTot)
         }
    }
    outVl <- sTot / ccnt
    outProp <- ccnt / tCells
}
else if (lyt == 6) {
    bSize <- round(sqrt((tCells * prop) / 5))</pre>
    bSize2 <- bSize - 1
    ccnt <- 0 #bSize**2*5
    hbSize <- round(bSize / 2)</pre>
    hc <- round(clm / 2) - hbSize
    hr <- round(rws / 2) - hbSize</pre>
    ms <- blc[hr:(hr + bSize2), hc:(hc + bSize2)]</pre>
    m1 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
    ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
    ms <- blc[1:bSize, 1:bSize]</pre>
    m2 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
    ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
    ms <- blc[(rws - bSize2):rws, (clm - bSize2):clm]</pre>
```

```
m3 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)
             ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
             ms <- blc[(rws - bSize2):rws, 1:bSize]</pre>
             m4 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
             ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
             ms <- blc[1:bSize, (clm - bSize2):clm]</pre>
             m5 <- sum(ms, na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
             ccnt <- ccnt + sum(!is.na(ms))</pre>
             sTot \leftarrow m1 + m2 + m3 + m4 + m5
             #print(sTot)
             outVl <- sTot / ccnt
             outProp <- ccnt / tCells
        }
        else {
             outVl <- 0
             outProp <- 0
        }
    }
    return(c(outVl, outProp))
#get vector of images
#dir = search directory
#ext=extension of images'
getImgPath <- function(imgDir, ext = ".tif") {</pre>
    outVec = c()
    imgNames <- list.files(path = imgDir, pattern = ext)</pre>
    for (i in imgNames) {
        ext2 <- extension(i)</pre>
         if (tolower(ext2) == ext) {
             outPath <- paste(imgDir, i, sep = "\\")</pre>
             outVec = c(outVec, outPath)
        }
    }
    return(outVec)
}
#returns max sill (nugget + psill), max (range) in cells
getSampledMaxSillRange <- function(rsPath, sSize = 20, blSize = 200) {</pre>
    r <- raster(rsPath)</pre>
    outDf <- data.frame(nm = character(), bnd = double(), mn = double(), sill =</pre>
double(), rng = double(), nug = double(), cnt = integer())
    rndX <- as.integer(runif(sSize, blSize, nrow(r) - blSize))</pre>
    rndY <- as.integer(runif(sSize, blSize, ncol(r) - blSize))</pre>
    for (b in 1:nbands(r)) {
```

```
print(paste("Working on band", b, sep = " "))
        mVar <- 0
        mRange <- 0
        mMean <- 0
        mNugget <- 0
        rs <- raster(rsPath, b)</pre>
        dn <- 0
        for (bl in 1:sSize) {
             mtVl <- getValuesBlock(rs, row = rndX[bl], nrows = blSize, col =</pre>
rndY[bl], ncols = blSize, format = 'matrix', byrow = T)
             rs2 <- raster(mtVl)
             mMean <- mMean + cellStats(rs2, mean)</pre>
             cellSize <- res(rs2)[1]</pre>
             frm <- formula(paste(names(rs2), "1", sep = "~"))</pre>
             v <- variogram(frm, as(rs2, "SpatialPixelsDataFrame"))</pre>
             f <- tryCatch(fit.variogram(v, vgm("Sph")), warning = function(w)</pre>
return(NA), error = function(e) return(NA))
             if (is.na(f)) {
                 print(paste("Error with", names(r), b, bl, sep = " "))
             }
             else {
                 mVar <- mVar + f$psill[2]</pre>
                 mNugget <- mNugget + f$psill[1]</pre>
                 mRange <- mRange + (f$range[2] / cellSize)</pre>
                 dn \leftarrow dn + 1
             }
        }
        outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(Name = names(r), Band = b, Mean = mMean /</pre>
dn, Sill = mVar / dn, Rng = mRange / dn, Nugget = mNugget / dn, cnt = dn))
    names(outDf) <- c("Name", "Band", "Mean", "Sill", "Rng", "Nugget", "Count")</pre>
    return(outDf)
}
#creates a random set of cells, returns data frame of row and column
getRandomCells <- function(rs, numCells, insideBuffer, moff) {</pre>
    w <- ncol(rs)</pre>
    h <- nrow(rs)</pre>
    rx <- as.integer(runif(numCells, moff, w - (insideBuffer + moff)))</pre>
    ry <- as.integer(runif(numCells, moff, h - (insideBuffer + moff)))</pre>
    return(data.frame(X = rx, Y = ry))
#perform simulations
```

```
SimSampling <- function(ImgPaths, sampSize, blockWidth, shiftGps, shiftImg, prop =</pre>
1) {
    outDf <- data.frame(NAME = character(), BAND = double(), BLOCKSIZE = double(),</pre>
LAYOUT = integer(), EPROP = double(), TPROP = double(), TYPE = integer(), RMSE =
double(), MAE = double(), INTERCEPT = double(), SLOPE = double(), R2 = double(), N =
integer(), MORI = double(), OVERLAP = double())
    for (i in seq(length(ImgPaths))) {
        pt <- ImgPaths[i]</pre>
        print(paste("Working on ", pt, sep = ""))
        rs <- raster(pt)</pre>
        nm <- names(rs)</pre>
        bndCnt <- nbands(rs)</pre>
        d1 <- rnorm(sampSize, mean = 0, sd = shiftGps)</pre>
        d2 <- rnorm(sampSize, mean = 0, sd = shiftImg)</pre>
        d3 \leftarrow max(d1) + max(d2) + 1
        pnts <- getRandomCells(rs, sampSize, max(blockWidth), d3)</pre>
        spnts <- shiftXY(pnts, d1, d2)</pre>
        for (b in 1:bndCnt) {
             print(paste(" Band ", b, sep = ""))
             rsb <- convertRasterBandToFloat(raster(pt, b))</pre>
             mori <- Moran(rsb, matrix(c(0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0), nrow = 3))
#rooks case
             rsM <- getImgMatrix(rsb)</pre>
             for (bl in blockWidth) {
                 print(paste("
                                   Block ", bl, sep = ""))
                 shiftMt <- extractRcLst(spnts, rsM, bl)</pre>
                 #shiftVls <- extractRC(spnts, rsb, bl, 1, 1)</pre>
                 shiftVls <- getMeanBlockValues(shiftMt, 1, 1)</pre>
                 vlsMt <- extractRcLst(pnts, rsM, bl)</pre>
                 chv <- prop[1]
                 ovlp = 0
                 if (chv == 1 || is.null(chv)) {
                      #vls <- extractRC(pnts, rsb, bl, 1, 1)</pre>
                      ovlp <- getOverLap(pnts, spnts, bl)</pre>
                      vls <- getMeanBlockValues(vlsMt, 1, 1)</pre>
                      tDf <- getLmDf(vls, shiftVls)</pre>
                      outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(NAME = nm, BAND = b, BLOCKSIZE</pre>
= bl, LAYOUT = 0, EPROP = 1, TPROP = 1, TYPE = 0, RMSE = tDf$RMSE, MAE = tDf$MAE,
INTERCEPT = tDf$INTERCEPT, SLOPE = tDf$SLOPE, R2 = tDf$R2, N = tDf$N, MORI = mori,
OVERLAP = ovlp))
                 }
                 else {
                      for (j in seq(1, 6, 1)) {
```

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print(paste("
                                             Layout ", j, sep = ""))
                         for (p in prop) {
                             print(paste("
                                                   Proportion ", p, sep = ""))
                             vls <- getMeanBlockValues(vlsMt, j, p)</pre>
                             mprop <- mean(vls[, 2])</pre>
                             shiftVls2 <- getMeanBlockValues(shiftMt, j, p)</pre>
                             tDf <- getLmDf(vls, shiftVls)</pre>
                             outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(NAME = nm, BAND = b,
BLOCKSIZE = b1, LAYOUT = j, EPROP = p, TPROP = mprop, TYPE = 1, RMSE = tDf$RMSE, MAE
= tDf$MAE, INTERCEPT = tDf$INTERCEPT, SLOPE = tDf$SLOPE, R2 = tDf$R2, N = tDf$N,
MORI = mori, OVERLAP = ovlp))
                             tDf <- getLmDf(vls, shiftVls2)</pre>
                             outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(NAME = nm, BAND = b,</pre>
BLOCKSIZE = b1, LAYOUT = j, EPROP = p, TPROP = mprop, TYPE = 2, RMSE = tDf$RMSE, MAE
= tDf$MAE, INTERCEPT = tDf$INTERCEPT, SLOPE = tDf$SLOPE, R2 = tDf$R2, N = tDf$N,
MORI = mori, OVERLAP = ovlp))
                         }
                     }
                 }
            }
        }
    }
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(outDf)
}
#Calculates mean overlap between shifted points given a block size
getOverLap <- function(pnts, spnts, bl) {</pre>
    s <- 0
    ta <- bl ^ 2
    for (i in 1:nrow(pnts)) {
        11 <- pnts[i, 1]
        r1 < -11 + b1
        b1 <- pnts[i, 2]
        t1 <- b1 + bl
        12 <- spnts[i, 1]
        r2 < -12 + b1
        b2 <- spnts[i, 2]
        t2 < -b2 + b1
        ext1 <- extent(l1, r1, b1, t1)
        ext2 <- extent(12, r2, b2, t2)
        int2 <- intersect(ext1, ext2)</pre>
        if (!is.null(int2)) {
            x <- xmax(int2) - xmin(int2)</pre>
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y <- ymax(int2) - ymin(int2)</pre>
             s \leftarrow s + x * y
         }
    }
    return(s / (nrow(pnts) * ta))
}
#performs linear model
getLmDf <- function(vls, shiftVls) {</pre>
    md <- lm(vls[, 1] ~ shiftVls[, 1])</pre>
    mae <- mean(residuals(md))</pre>
    rmse <- mean(residuals(md) ** 2) ** 0.5</pre>
    coef <- md$coefficients</pre>
    int <- coef[1]</pre>
    slp <- coef[2]</pre>
    r2 <- (summary(md))$r.squared</pre>
    n <- nrow(vls)</pre>
    return(data.frame(RMSE = rmse, MAE = mae, INTERCEPT = int, SLOPE = slp, R2 = r2,
N = n)
#printMoransI
printMoransI <- function(imgPaths, m = matrix(c(0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0), nrow =
3)) {
    for (i in imgPaths) {
         rs <- raster(i)
         bndCnt <- nbands(rs)</pre>
         for (j in 1:bndCnt) {
             rsb <- convertRasterBandToFloat(raster(i, j))</pre>
             mori <- Moran(rsb)</pre>
             print(paste(i, j, mori, sep = " "))
         }
    }
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
}
#setFloat
convertRasterBandToFloat <- function(rsb) {</pre>
    dt <- dataType(rsb)</pre>
    outRs <- rsb
    if (dt == "FLT4S" || dt == "FLT8S") {
    }
    else {
        outRs <- rsb * 1.0
    }
    return(outRs)
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}
#compare to a set number and return a vector of numbers
compareValues <- function(df, fldIndex = 13, stepValue = 40) {</pre>
    if (is.character(fldIndex)) {
        fldIndex <- match(fldIndex, names(df))</pre>
    }
    rIndx <- 0
    dr2v <- vector(mode = "numeric", length = nrow(df))</pre>
    for (r in 1:nrow(df)) {
        r2 <- df[r, fldIndex]</pre>
        chx <- r %% stepValue
        if (chx == 1) {
             rIndx <- rIndx + stepValue
        }
        r2c <- df[rIndx, fldIndex]</pre>
        dr2v[r] \leftarrow r2c - r2
    }
    return(dr2v)
#estimate spatial offsets
estOffset <- function(gpsError = 6, imageError = 7, iterations = 1000, sampSize =</pre>
200, domainSize = 1000) {
    ss <- 0
    for (i in seq(iterations)) {
        xyDf <- data.frame(X = runif(sampSize, 0, domainSize), Y = runif(sampSize,</pre>
0, domainSize))
        sDf <- shiftXY(xyDf, rnorm(sampSize, 0, imageError), rnorm(sampSize, 0,</pre>
gpsError))
        ss \leftarrow ss + sum(sDf$D)
    return(ss / (sampSize * iterations))
}
#transform raster
transformRaster <- function(rs, outName, type = "linear") {</pre>
    #rs = input raster
    #type = string [linear, exp, nonlinear]
    bndCnt <- nbands(rs)</pre>
    outRs <- convertRasterBandToFloat(subset(rs, 1))</pre>
    for (b in 2:bndCnt) {
        outRs <- outRs + subset(rs, b)</pre>
    outRs <- outRs / bndCnt
    if (type == "squared") {
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outRs <- outRs ^ 2
    }
    if (type == "nonlinear") {
        tRs <- subset(rs, 4)
        tRs <- (tRs < 210 & tRs > 170)
        outRs <- outRs * tRs
    }
    outRs <- writeRaster(outRs, paste(outName, ".tif", sep = ""), format = "GTiff",
overwrite = TRUE)
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(outRs)
}
#create a clustered image and kmeans model
KmeansClassificationRs <- function(rs, outName, k = 10, ss = 10000) {</pre>
    #rs = raster Brick
    #outName = string
    #k = number of clusters
    #returns raster and model list(rs,model)
    km <- unsuperClass(rs, nClasses = k, nSamples = ss)</pre>
    km model <- km$model
    outRs <- writeRaster(km$map, paste(outName, ".tif", sep = ""), format = "GTiff",
overwrite = TRUE)
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(list(outRs, km model))
}
#create a principal component analysis from a sample of points in a raster
pcaTrans <- function(rs, outName, ss = 10000) {</pre>
    #rs=raster Brick
    #outName = string
    #ss=sample size
    #returns a raster and PCS model; list(rs,PCA)
    bndCnt <- nbands(rs)</pre>
    samp <- sampRaster(rs, ss)</pre>
    pca <- princomp(samp@data, cor = TRUE)</pre>
    outRs <- predict(rs, pca, index = 1:bndCnt, paste(outName, ".tif", sep = ""),</pre>
format = "GTiff", overwrite = TRUE)
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(list(outRs, pca))
}
#create continuous error for image
ErrorRs <- function(rs, outName, type = 'norm', p_error = 0.2) {</pre>
    #rs=raster surface
    #type = type of error (norm, poisson, gamma)
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#p error = percent of standard deviation
    #returns a raster
    mu <- cellStats(rs, mean)</pre>
    std <- cellStats(rs, sd)</pre>
    adj <- std * p_error
    cellCnt <- ncell(rs)</pre>
    outRs <- raster(rs)</pre>
    if (type == 'poisson') {
        outRs <- setValues(outRs, (rpois(cellCnt, mu) - mu)) + rs</pre>
    }
    if (type == 'gamma') {
        outRs <- setValues(outRs, (rgamma(cellCnt, 5, 5) * adj) - adj) + rs
    }
    if (type == 'norm') {
        outRs <- setValues(outRs, rnorm(cellCnt, mean = 0, sd = adj)) + rs
    }
    outRs <- writeRaster(outRs, paste(outName, ".tif", sep = ""), format = "GTiff",</pre>
overwrite = TRUE)
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(outRs)
}
#creates classification errors
ErrorRsClass <- function(rs, outName, p error = 0.3, k = 10) {</pre>
    #rs = raster type
    #p_error = percent cells with error
    #returns a raster
    cellCnt <- ncell(rs)</pre>
    r1 <- raster(rs)
    r1 <- setValues(r1, as.integer(runif(cellCnt) > p_error))
    r4 <- raster(rs)
    r4 <- setValues(r4, as.integer(runif(cellCnt, 1, k)))
    outRs \leftarrow (rs * r1) + (r4 * (1 - r1))
    outRs <- writeRaster(outRs, paste(outName, ".tif", sep = ""), format = "GTiff",</pre>
datatype = 'INT1U', overwrite = TRUE)
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(outRs)
}
#KS test for two populations
#pop = data frame of columns, all columns will be used
#samp = data frame of columns with same names as pop
ksPcaTest <- function(pop, samp) {</pre>
    pca <- princomp(pop, cor = T)</pre>
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ws<-pca$sdev^2/sum(pca$sdev^2)
    pValLst <- vector(mode = "double", length = ncol(pop))</pre>
    ksValLst <- vector(mode = "double", length = ncol(pop))</pre>
    for (i in 1:length(ksValLst)) {
        ks <- ksValLst[i] <- ks.test(pop[[i]], samp[[i]],)</pre>
        ksValLst[i] <- ks$statistic * ws[i]
        pValLst[i]<-ks$p.value * ws[i]</pre>
        return(c(sum(pValLst),sum(ksValLst)))
    }
}
#' Get best GAM
#'
#' @param indata = input data frame
#' @param resp = response field name
#' @param pred = vector of potential predictor variables
#' @param alpha = significance level used to select variables (0.05)
#' @param fam = family distribution (gaussian())
#' @param improveby = the amount needed to improve % deviance explained to include a
predictor variable (0)
#'
#' @return = list of significant variable vector and GAM
#' @export
#'
#' @examples
getGamSigFldNames<-function(indata, resp, pred, alpha = 0.05, fam = gaussian(),</pre>
improveby = 0) {
    nlp = 1
    if (fam$family == "multinom") {
        nlp = fam nlp
    }
    sigVar <- c()
    pdiv <- 0
    pr2 <- 0
    for (i in seq(length(pred))) {
        vars <- c(sigVar, pred[i])</pre>
        fm <- getFormula(resp,vars,nlp)</pre>
        md <- gam(fm, data = indata, family = fam)</pre>
        smry <- summary(md)</pre>
        div <- smry$dev.expl</pre>
        if (div > (pdiv + improveby)) {
            print(paste("Adding variable", pred[i], collapse = " "))
            pvalues <- c(smry$s.pv)</pre>
```

```
sigVar <- c()</pre>
             nonSigVar <- c()</pre>
             for (j in seq(length(vars))) {
                  pv <- getSmallestPvalue(j,pvalues,nlp)</pre>
                 if (pv <= alpha) {</pre>
                      sigVar <- c(sigVar, vars[j])</pre>
                 }
                 else {
                      nonSigVar <- c(nonSigVar, vars[j])</pre>
                  }
             }
             if (length(nonSigVar) > 0) {
                 for (k in nonSigVar) {
                      print(paste(cat("\t"), "Rechecking non significant variables",
k, collapse = " "))
                      vars2 <- c(sigVar, k)</pre>
                      cfm <- getFormula(resp,vars2,nlp)</pre>
                      nmd <- gam(cfm, data = indata, family = fam)</pre>
                      nsmry <- summary(nmd)</pre>
                      ndiv <- nsmry$dev.expl
                      pvalues <- c(nsmry$s.pv)</pre>
                      cpvalue <- getSmallestPvalue(length(vars2),pvalues,nlp)</pre>
                      if (cpvalue <= alpha) {</pre>
                           sigVar <- c(sigVar, k)</pre>
                           print(paste(cat("\t"), "adding", k, "back to the model",
collapse = " "))
                      }
                  }
                 ndiv <- pdiv
                 if (length(sigVar) > 0) {
                      cfm <- getFormula(resp,sigVar,nlp) #as.formula(paste(resp, " ~</pre>
", paste("s(", sigVar, ")", collapse = " + ")))
                      nmd <- gam(cfm, data = indata, family = fam)</pre>
                      nsmry <- summary(nmd)</pre>
                      ndiv <- nsmry$dev.expl
                 }
                 if (ndiv < (pdiv + improveby)) {</pre>
                      print(paste(cat("\t"), "No improvement. Changing sig variables
back to what they previously were"))
                      sigVar <- vars[1:length(vars) - 1]</pre>
                 }
                 else {
                      pdiv <- ndiv
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}
            }
            else {
                 pdiv <- div
            }
            print(paste(cat("\t"), "sig var for iter ", i, "(%Div = ",pdiv, "):",
paste(sigVar, collapse = " ")))
        }
    }
    print(paste(cat("\t"), "Removing variables that do not meet significance
level", sep = ""))
    fmd <- removeLeastSignificantVar(resp, indata, sigVar, fam, alpha, nlp)</pre>
    while (!is.null(fmd[[1]])) {
        sigVar = fmd[[1]]
        fmd = removeLeastSignificantVar(resp, indata, sigVar, fam, alpha, nlp)
    }
    return(list(sigVar,fmd[[2]]))
}
removeLeastSignificantVar <- function(resp, indata, sigVar, fam, alpha, nlp) {</pre>
    cfm <- getFormula(resp, sigVar, nlp)</pre>
    nmd <- gam(cfm, data = indata, family = fam)</pre>
    nsmry <- summary(nmd)</pre>
    pvalues <- c(nsmry$s.pv)</pre>
    fVar <- c()
    malpha = NULL
    nSigVar = NULL
    for (i in 1:length(sigVar)) {
        tpv <- getSmallestPvalue(i, pvalues, nlp)</pre>
        fVar <- c(fVar,tpv)</pre>
    fVarT = fVar > alpha
    if (sum(fVarT) > 0) {
        malpha = max(fVar)
    }
    if (!is.null(malpha)) {
        mVarIndex = which(fVar == malpha)
        nSigVar = sigVar[-mVarIndex]
    }
    return(list(nSigVar,nmd))
getSmallestPvalue <- function(vlIndex, pvalues, nlp) {</pre>
    mVl = pvalues[vlIndex]
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if (nlp > 1) {
        cVec <- vector(mode = "numeric", length = nlp)</pre>
        cnt = 1
        for (i in seq(vlIndex, length(pvalues), length(pvalues)/nlp)) {
            pvl = pvalues[[i]]
            cVec[cnt] = pvl
            cnt = cnt + 1
        mVl = min(cVec)
    }
    return(mV1)
}
getFormula <- function(rVar, pVars, numlp) {</pre>
    fm=as.formula(paste(rVar, " ~ ", paste("s(", pVars, ")", collapse = " + ")))
    if (numlp > 1) {
        fml = list(length = numlp)
        fml[[1]] = fm
        for (f in 2:numlp) {
            fml[[f]] = as.formula(paste("~", paste("s(", pVars, ")", collapse = " + ")")
")))
        }
        fm <- fml
    }
    return(fm)
}
```

Chapter 2

```
#Emperically determines the plot size and layout for relating plots to in-situ data
#John Hogland 12/3/2018
#setup directories
baseDir <-
"C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Papers\\Dis
sertation\\chapter1\\data"
LandsatImgDir <- paste(baseDir, "Landsat", sep = "\\")</pre>
NaipImgDir <- paste(baseDir,"NAIP",sep = "\\")</pre>
setwd(baseDir)
source("C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Pape
rs\\Dissertation\\Rscripts\\Dissertation\\Dissertation\\jhLib.R")
#get genearal numbers for max continuity
#df.gNumbers<-
data.frame(img=character(),band=integer(),mean=double(),sill=double(),range=double()
#for(p in imgPaths)
#{
# print(tDf<-getSampledMaxSillRange(p))</pre>
# df.gNumbers<-rbind(df.gNumbers,tDf)</pre>
#}
#create rasters
#for (i in seq(0.5,30,5))
#{
# rs<-getSpCorrImages(1000,1000,i,mn=2080,vr=245416,maxDist=60,ng=?)</pre>
# writeRaster(rs,paste("Range",i,".tif",sep=""),format="GTiff",overwrite=TRUE)
#}
LandsatImgPaths<-getImgPath(LandsatImgDir)</pre>
NaipImgPaths <- getImgPath(NaipImgDir)</pre>
#setup simulations
sampSize <- 200
blockWidth <- c(1, seq(3, 15, 3), seq(20, 55, 5), seq(60, 100, 10))
#Landsat 8 and GPS errors in pixels
shiftImg<-48/30#*rmseImage #95% of the data (pixels) Landsat 37m 90% CI = 47.48m @
95%
shiftGps<-7/30#*rmseGps #95% of the data (pixels)</pre>
```

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#using all the data within a plot boundary (blockSize) to determine size of the plot
for Landsat
dfRegL <- SimSampling(LandsatImgPaths, sampSize, blockWidth, shiftGps, shiftImg)</pre>
for (i in 1:9) {
    dfRegL <- rbind(dfRegL,SimSampling(LandsatImgPaths, sampSize, blockWidth,
shiftGps, shiftImg))
write.csv(dfRegL, "LandsatBlockSizeReg10.csv")
#NAIP and GPS errors in pixels
shiftImg <- 6 #*rmseImage #95% of the data (pixels) NAIP
shiftGps <- 7 #*rmseGps #95% of the data (pixels)</pre>
#using all the data within a plot boundary (blockSize) to determine size of the plot
for NAIP
dfRegN <- SimSampling(NaipImgPaths, sampSize, blockWidth, shiftGps, shiftImg)</pre>
for (i in 1:9) {
    dfRegN <- rbind(dfRegN, SimSampling(NaipImgPaths, sampSize, blockWidth,</pre>
shiftGps, shiftImg))
write.csv(dfRegN, "NaipBlockSizeReg10.csv")
#Using BlockSizes between 20 and 50 cells with varying layouts and proportions of
area sampled (0.5-0.95 by 0.5) NAIP
blockWidth <- seq(20, 50, 5)
dfRegLayN <- SimSampling(NaipImgPaths, sampSize, blockWidth, shiftGps, shiftImg,</pre>
seq(0.05, 1, 0.05))
write.csv(dfRegLayN, "NaipBlockSizeRegLayout.csv")
#Landsat
#Changing shift back to Landsat
blockWidth <- seq(5, 35, 5)
shiftImg <- 48/30 #*rmseImage #95% of the data (pixels) Landsat</pre>
shiftGps <- 7/30 #*rmseGps #95% of the data (pixels)</pre>
dfRegLayL <- SimSampling(LandsatImgPaths, sampSize, blockWidth, shiftGps, shiftImg,</pre>
seq(0.05, 1, 0.05))
write.csv(dfRegLayL, "LandsatBlockSizeRegLayout.csv")
#diff between total R2
lsLayout <- read.csv("LandsatBlockSizeRegLayout.csv")</pre>
lsLayout$DR2 <- compareValues(lsLayout, "R2", 40)</pre>
lsLayout$DRMSE <- compareValues(lsLayout, "RMSE", 40)</pre>
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write.csv(lsLayout, "LandsatBlockSizeRegLayout.csv")
naipLayout <- read.csv("NaipBlockSizeRegLayout.csv")
naipLayout$DR2 <- compareValues(naipLayout, "R2", 40)
naipLayout$DRMSE <- compareValues(naipLayout, "RMSE",40)
write.csv(naipLayout, "NaipBlockSizeRegLayout.csv")</pre>
```

Chapter 3

```
#Impact of sample design and modeling technique
#John Hogland 12/3/2018
library(raster)
library(parallel)
library(mgcv)
library(randomForest)
library(nnet)
library(kernlab)
library(ggplot2)
library(grid)
library(gridExtra)
sampGam <- function(rlst, naipC, ss, iter = 10, stype = 'srs', mask = NULL) {</pre>
    rs <- stack(rlst)</pre>
    crs(rs) <- crs(naipC)</pre>
    rsStack <- stack(rs, naipC)</pre>
    outDf <- data.frame(ids = integer(), dtrel = character(), design = character(),</pre>
mdl = character(), stat = double(), value = double(), samplesize = integer())
    itCnt <- 1
    for (j in 1:iter) {
        print(paste("iteration", itCnt))
        srs <- sampRaster(rsStack, ss, stype, prs = naipC, mask = mask)</pre>
        ndf <- na.omit(srs@data)</pre>
        fldNm <- names(ndf)</pre>
        nmSplit <- length(fldNm) - 3</pre>
        respNm <- fldNm[1:nmSplit]</pre>
        predNm <- fldNm[(nmSplit + 1):length(fldNm)]</pre>
        predStr <- paste(predNm, collapse = " + ")</pre>
        for (i in 1:length(respNm)) {
             ors <- subset(rs, i)</pre>
             tt <- cellStats(ors, sum) #true total
             #modeled estimates (t_dif, rmse)
             frm2 <- formula(paste(respNm[i], '~', paste('s(', predNm, ')', collapse</pre>
= "+"), sep = ""))
             g_vls <- getGam(frm2, ndf, naipC, tt, ors) #general additive model</pre>
             outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'gam', stat = 'total', value = g vls[1], samplesize = ss))
             outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'gam', stat = 'rmse', value = g_vls[2], samplesize = ss))
        }
```

```
itCnt <- itCnt + 1</pre>
    }
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(outDf)
}
sampSim <- function(rlst, naip, smp) {</pre>
    #rlst = rlstNm
    #naip = rsB
    #smp =sampleLst
    rs <- stack(rlst)
    crs(rs) <- crs(naip)</pre>
    rsStack <- stack(rs, naip)</pre>
    outDf <- data.frame(ids = integer(), dtrel = character(), design = character(),</pre>
mdl = character(), stat = double(), value = double(), samplesize = integer())
    itCnt <- 1
    scnt = 1
    for (j in 1:length(smp)) {
         print(paste("iteration", itCnt))
         stype = "srs"
         ss = nrow(smp[[j]])
        if (scnt == 2) stype = "sys"
         if (scnt == 3) stype = "grts"
         if (scnt == 4) stype = "rsnr"
         scnt = scnt + 1
         if(scnt>4) scnt = 1
         srs <- cbind(as.data.frame(extract(rs, smp[[j]])), smp[[j]]@data)</pre>
         ndf <- na.omit(srs)</pre>
        fldNm <- names(ndf)</pre>
         nmSplit <- length(fldNm) - 4
         respNm <- fldNm[1:nmSplit]</pre>
         predNm <- fldNm[(nmSplit + 1):length(fldNm)]</pre>
         predStr <- paste(predNm, collapse = " + ")</pre>
         for (i in 1:length(respNm)) {
             ors <- subset(rs, i)</pre>
             tt <- cellStats(ors, sum) #true total
             d_m <- mean(ndf[[i]]) #design mean</pre>
             d_t <- d_m * ncell(ors) #design total</pre>
             d dif <- tt - d t #design total difference
             d_rmse <- sqrt(cellStats(((ors - d_m) ^ 2), mean)) #design rmse</pre>
difference
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outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design
= stype, mdl = 'design', stat = 'total', value = d_dif, samplesize = ss))
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design
= stype, mdl = 'design', stat = 'rmse', value = d_rmse, samplesize = ss))
            #modeled estimates (t_dif, rmse)
            frm <- formula(paste(respNm[i], '~', predStr, sep = ""))</pre>
            l_vls <- getLinear(frm, ndf, naip, tt, ors) #linear</pre>
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design
= stype, mdl = 'linear', stat = 'total', value = l_vls[1], samplesize = ss))
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'linear', stat = 'rmse', value = l_vls[2], samplesize = ss))
            frm2 <- formula(paste(respNm[i], '~', paste('s(', predNm, ')', collapse</pre>
= "+"), sep = ""))
            g_vls <- getGam(frm2, ndf, naip, tt, ors) #general additive model</pre>
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'gam', stat = 'total', value = g_vls[1], samplesize = ss))
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'gam', stat = 'rmse', value = g_vls[2], samplesize = ss))
            s_vls <- getSvm(frm, ndf, naip, tt, ors) #support vector machine</pre>
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'svm', stat = 'total', value = s_vls[1], samplesize = ss))
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'svm', stat = 'rmse', value = s_vls[2], samplesize = ss))
            n vls <- getNn(frm, ndf, naip, tt, ors) #nueral networks
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design
= stype, mdl = 'nn', stat = 'total', value = n_vls[1], samplesize = ss))
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'nn', stat = 'rmse', value = n_vls[2], samplesize = ss))
            r_vls <- getRf(frm, ndf, naip, tt, ors) #random forest</pre>
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'rf', stat = 'total', value = r_vls[1], samplesize = ss))
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, data.frame(ids = itCnt, dtrel = respNm[i], design</pre>
= stype, mdl = 'rf', stat = 'rmse', value = r_vls[2], samplesize = ss))
        itCnt <- itCnt + 1
    }
    removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
    return(outDf)
getLinear <- function(frm, df, naip, total, ors) {</pre>
    t_mdl <- lm(frm, data = df) #linear model
    prs <- predict(naip, t_mdl) #predicted raster surface</pre>
    m_t <- cellStats(prs, sum) #modeled total</pre>
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```
t_dif <- total - m_t #modeled total difference
    m_rmse <- sqrt(cellStats(((ors - prs) ^ 2), mean)) #residuals</pre>
    return(c(t_dif, m_rmse))
getGam <- function(frm, df, naip, total, ors) {</pre>
    t_mdl <- gam(frm, data = df) #gam
    prs <- predict(naip, t_mdl) #predicted raster surface</pre>
    m t <- cellStats(prs, sum) #modeled total</pre>
    t_dif <- total - m_t #modeled total difference
    m_rmse <- sqrt(cellStats(((ors - prs) ^ 2), mean)) #residuals</pre>
    return(c(t_dif, m_rmse))
}
getSvm <- function(frm, df, naip, total, ors) {</pre>
    t_mdl <- ksvm(frm, data = df, kernel = 'rbfdot') #svm model
    prs <- predict(naip, t_mdl) #predicted raster surface</pre>
    m_t <- cellStats(prs, sum) #modeled total</pre>
    t_dif <- total - m_t #modeled total difference
    m_rmse <- sqrt(cellStats(((ors - prs) ^ 2), mean)) #residuals</pre>
    return(c(t_dif, m_rmse))
}
getNn <- function(frm, df, naip, total, ors) {</pre>
    s \leftarrow nrow(df) / 2
    d < -s * 0.1
    t mdl <- nnet(frm, data = df, size = s, decay = d, linout = T) #nnet model
    prs <- predict(naip, t_mdl) #predicted raster surface</pre>
    m_t <- cellStats(prs, sum) #modeled total</pre>
    t_dif <- total - m_t #modeled total difference
    m_rmse <- sqrt(cellStats(((ors - prs) ^ 2), mean)) #residuals</pre>
    return(c(t dif, m rmse))
getRf <- function(frm, df, naip, total, ors) {</pre>
    t_mdl <- randomForest(frm, data = df, ntree = 20, mtry = 1) #random forest
    prs <- predict(naip, t_mdl) #predicted raster surface</pre>
    m t <- cellStats(prs, sum) #modeled total</pre>
    t_dif <- total - m_t #modeled total difference
    m_rmse <- sqrt(cellStats(((ors - prs) ^ 2), mean)) #residuals</pre>
    return(c(t_dif, m_rmse))
}
predict.getClosestPoint <- function(centers, newdata, iCvar, maxn=10000) {</pre>
    #newdata = rsDf
    #cvar = cvar
    #centers = centers
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n = nrow(newdata)
    nc = nrow(centers)
    if (n > maxn) {
        n2 = nc * 1000
        if (n2 > maxn) {
            n2 = maxn
        }
        newdata[sample(n, n2),]
        n=n2
    }
    lblv = vector(mode = "integer", length = n)
    d2v = vector(mode = "numeric",length = n)
    for (i in 1:n) {
        #i=1
        x = as.matrix(newdata[i,])
        if (sum(is.na(x)) > 0) next
        lbl = -1
        sdist = .Machine$double.xmax
        for (j in 1:nc) {
            #j=1
            c = as.matrix(centers[j,])
            if(sum(is.na(c)) > 0) next
            xdif = x - c
            d2 = (xdif%*%iCvar%*%t(xdif))[1]
            #d2 = mahalanobis(x,c, cvar)
            if (d2 < sdist) {</pre>
                lbl = j
                sdist = d2
            }
        }
        lblv[i] = lbl
        d2v[i] = sdist
    }
    return(cbind(lblv,d2v))
createClosestPointRaster <- function(Pred, centers, cvar) {</pre>
    beginCluster(detectCores()-1)
    closestRs = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(centers = centers, cvar = cvar,
fun = predict.getClosestPoint, index = 1:2), progress = 'text')
    endCluster()
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#maxn = 10000

}

```
return(closestRs)
}
getBstat = function(lbls,sampleSize) {
    tb = as.data.frame(table(lbls))[, 2]
    totaln = sum(tb)
    equalSize = totaln/sampleSize
    tbCnt = length(tb)
    vi = tb/equalSize
    dif = sampleSize - tbCnt
    b = (sum((vi-1)^2) + dif*1) / sampleSize
    return(b)
}
grtsSampleDataFrame<- function(df, sampleSize) {</pre>
    tdf = df
    pca <- princomp(tdf, cor = TRUE)</pre>
    tdf$uid <- 1:nrow(tdf)
    sc <- pca$scores</pre>
    tdf$Comp.1 = sc[, 1]
    tdf$Comp.2 = sc[,2]
    Equaldsgn <- list(None = list(panel = c(PanelOne = sampleSize), seltype =</pre>
    outvl <- grts(design = Equaldsgn, type.frame = "finite", src.frame =</pre>
'att.frame', att.frame = tdf, xcoord = "Comp.1", ycoord = "Comp.2", shapefile = F)
    outdf <- outvl@data #merge(outvl@data, , by = c('Comp.1', 'Comp.2'))</pre>
    return(outdf)
}
wsPath <-
"C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Papers\\Dis
sertation\\chapter2\\data"
setwd(wsPath)
source("C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Pape
rs\\Dissertation\\Rscripts\\Dissertation\\Dissertation\\jhLib.R")
rasterOptions(tmpdir = paste(getwd(), "tmp", sep = "/"))
tmpDir(create = TRUE)
roadsPath = roadsPath <-</pre>
"C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Classes\\SamplingMet
hods\\FinalProject\\roads.shp"
#raster
rsB <- brick("test.tif")</pre>
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#roads
flNm <- strsplit(basename(roadsPath), ".shp")[[1]]</pre>
dirPath <- dirname(roadsPath)</pre>
roadLayer <- readOGR(dsn = dirPath, layer = flNm)</pre>
crs(rsB)=crs(roadLayer)
rdBuff <- gBuffer(roadLayer, width = 50)</pre>
rsm <- mask(rsB, rdBuff)</pre>
covValue = layerStats(rsB, 'cov', na.rm = TRUE)
cvar = covValue$covariance
iCvar = solve(cvar)
ss = 50
#test B stat
sys = sampleRegular(rsB, 50, sp = T) #sampRaster(rsB, 45, 'sys')
ndf = data.frame(x = runif(10000, xmin(rsB), xmax(rsB)), y = runif(10000, ymin(rsB), xmax(rsB))
ymax(rsB)))
lbl = predict.getClosestPoint(as.data.frame(sys@coords), ndf, matrix(c(1, 0, 0, 1),
nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
Btest = getBstat(lbl[, 1], nrow(sys))
#get sample locations, B, and D2 statistics
niter = 100
valueMatrix = matrix(nrow = niter * 4, ncol = 3) #sType, B, D2
sampleLst = list(length=niter*4)
rCnt = 1
for (i in 1:niter) {
    print(paste("Getting sample ",as.character(i),sep = ""))
    srs = sampRaster(rsB, ss, 'srs') #rsDf[sample(1:nrow(rsDf), ss),]
    sampleLst[rCnt]=srs
    sys = sampRaster(rsB, ss, 'sys')
    sampleLst[rCnt+1] = sys
    gs = sampRaster(rsB, ss, 'grts_b', prs = rsB) #grtsSampleDataFrame(rsDf,ss)
    sampleLst[rCnt+2] = gs
    nr = sampRaster(rsm, ss, 'srs')
    sampleLst[rCnt+3] = nr
    rsSubset = sampRaster(rsB, 10000)
    rsDf = rsSubset@data
    for (j in 1:4) {
        cnt = srs@data
        if (j == 2) cnt = sys@data
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if (j == 3) cnt = gs@data
        if (j== 4) cnt = nr@data
        lbls = predict.getClosestPoint(centers = cnt, newdata = rsDf, iCvar = iCvar,
maxn = 10000)
        valueMatrix[rCnt,] = c(j,getBstat(lbls[, 1], ss), mean(lbls[, 2]))
        rCnt = rCnt + 1
    }
}
saveRDS(valueMatrix, "BS_D2_stats_100.vls")
saveRDS(sampleLst, "samples_50.smp")
#histograms
valueMatrix = readRDS("BS_D2_stats_50.vls")
par(mfrow = c(4, 2))
df = as.data.frame(valueMatrix)
names(df)=c("stype","BS","D2") #srs, sys, gs, nr
for (i in 1:4) {
    tdf = df[which(df$stype == i),]
    print(summary(tdf))
    print(paste(sd(tdf$BS), " --- ",sd(tdf$D2),sep = ""))
    hist(tdf$BS)
    hist(tdf$D2)
}
#sample size for spread statistic
cnt = 10000
mv1 = 99.48
pmvl = 0.001
sdvl = 1.30
ss = 10
alpha = 0.05
(tse = sqrt(((cnt - ss) / cnt) * sdvl ^ 2 / ss))
(n = qt((1 - (alpha / 2)), ss) * tse ^ 2 / (pmvl * mvl))
#simulations
sampleLst = readRDS("samples_50_100000.smp")
rlstNm <- c('linearL0.tif', 'linearL1.tif', 'linearL2.tif', 'linearL3.tif',</pre>
'squaredL0.tif', 'squaredL1.tif', 'squaredL2.tif', 'squaredL3.tif',
'nonlinearL0.tif', 'nonlinearL1.tif', 'nonlinearL2.tif', 'nonlinearL3.tif')
outDf = sampSim(rlstNm, rsB, sampleLst)
saveRDS(outDf, "outDf.sim")
```

```
outDf = readRDS("outDf_100000.sim")
rmseDesign = subset(outDf, stat == "total")
sumTblM = aggregate(rmseDesign, by = list(rmseDesign$dtrel, rmseDesign$design,
rmseDesign$mdl), FUN = "mean")
sumTblS = aggregate(rmseDesign, by = list(rmseDesign$dtrel, rmseDesign$design,
rmseDesign$mdl), FUN = "sd")
#Figures
buildDf <- function(smpLst, rspNmVec, ndf=NULL, subsetPred=F) {</pre>
    outDf <- data.frame()</pre>
    useInput = F
    if (is.null(ndf)) {
        useInput = T
    }
    for (smp in smpLst) {
        #smp = smpLst[[1]]
        smpdf = smp@data
        for (rsp in rspNmVec) {
            #rsp = rspNmVec[1]
            rspRs = raster(rsp)
            rsNm = names(rspRs)
            crs(rspRs) = crs(smp)
            train <- cbind(smpdf, resp = extract(rspRs, smp@coords))</pre>
            train.df <- na.omit(train)</pre>
            if (useInput) {
                ndf = train.df
            n = nrow(ndf)
            fldNm <- names(train.df)</pre>
            resp <- fldNm[length(fldNm)]</pre>
            pred <- fldNm[1:(length(fldNm) - 1)]</pre>
            if (subsetPred) pred = fldNm[1:(length(fldNm) - 2)]
            (frm <- formula(paste(resp, "~", paste(pred, collapse = "+"), sep =</pre>
"")))
            meanVl <- mean(train.df[match(resp, fldNm)][[1]])</pre>
            tdf <- ndf
            tdf$sc1 = rsNm
            tdf$pred = rep(meanVl, n)
            tdf$mdl = rep("design", n) #data.frame(value = tvl, pred = rep(meanVl,
n), test.4 = train.df$test.4, test.3=train.df$test.3, mdl = rep("design", n))
```

```
outDf <- rbind(outDf, tdf)</pre>
             #gam
             frm2 <- formula(paste(resp, '~', paste('s(', pred, ')', collapse = "+"),</pre>
sep = ""))
             md1 <- gam(frm2, data = train.df)</pre>
             prd1 <- predict(md1, newdata = ndf)</pre>
             tdf <- ndf
             tdf$sc1 = rsNm
             tdf$pred = prd1
             tdf$mdl = rep("gam", n) # data.frame(value = tvl, pred = prd1, test.4 =
b4, test.3 = b3, mdl = rep("gam", length(prd1)))
             outDf <- rbind(outDf, tdf)</pre>
             #linear
             md1 <- lm(frm, data = train.df)</pre>
             prd1 <- predict(md1, newdata = ndf)</pre>
             tdf <- ndf
             tdf$sc1 = rsNm
             tdf$pred = prd1
             tdf$mdl = rep("linear", n) #data.frame(value = tvl, pred = prd1, test.4
= b4, test.3 = b3, mdl = rep("linear", length(prd1)))
             outDf <- rbind(outDf, tdf)</pre>
             #n-net
             s <- nrow(train.df) / 2
             d < -s * 0.1
             md1 <- nnet(frm, data = train.df, size = s, decay = d, linout = T)</pre>
             prd1 <- predict(md1, newdata = ndf)</pre>
             tdf <- ndf
             tdf$sc1 = rsNm
             tdf$pred = prd1
             tdf$mdl = rep("nn", n) # data.frame(value = tvl, pred = prd1, test.4 =
b4, test.3 = b3, mdl = rep("nn", length(prd1)))
             outDf <- rbind(outDf, tdf)</pre>
             #rf
             md1 <- randomForest(frm, data = train.df, ntree = 20, mtry = 1)</pre>
             prd1 <- predict(md1, newdata = ndf)</pre>
             tdf <- ndf
             tdf$sc1 = rsNm
             tdf$pred = prd1
             tdf$mdl = rep("rf", n) # data.frame(value = tvl, pred = prd1, test.4 =
b4, test.3 = b3, mdl = rep("rf", length(prd1)))
             outDf <- rbind(outDf, tdf)</pre>
             #svm
             md1 <- ksvm(frm, data = train.df, kernel = 'rbfdot')</pre>
```

```
prd1 <- predict(md1, newdata = ndf)</pre>
            tdf <- ndf
            tdf$sc1 = rsNm
            tdf$pred = prd1
            tdf$mdl = rep("svm", n) # data.frame(value = tvl, pred = prd1, test.4 =
b4, test.3 = b3, mdl = rep("svm", length(prd1)))
            outDf <- rbind(outDf, tdf)</pre>
        }
    }
    return(outDf)
}
library(raster)
library(mgcv)
library(randomForest)
library(nnet)
library(kernlab)
library(ggplot2)
library(grid)
library(gridExtra)
library(ggExtra)
wsPath <-
"C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Papers\\Dis
sertation\\chapter2\\data"
setwd(wsPath)
rasterOptions(tmpdir = paste(getwd(), "tmp", sep = "/"))
tmpDir(create = TRUE)
valueMatrix = readRDS("BS_D2_stats_50_100000.vls")
sampleLst = readRDS("samples_50_100000.smp")
outDf = readRDS("outDf 100000.sim")
#Figure 5
#Balance in feature and geographic space
cbPalette <- c("black", "blue", "green", "red")</pre>
rsB <- brick("test.tif")</pre>
rsStats = cellStats(rsB, mean)
ext = extent(rsB)
xc = (xmax(ext) - xmin(ext))/2
yc = (ymax(ext) - ymin(ext))/2
ftrDf = data.frame()
cnt = 1
```

```
for (s in sampleLst) {
    tdf = s@data
    crd = s@coords
    tdf$x = (crd[, 1]-xmin(ext))
    tdf$y = (crd[, 2]-ymin(ext))
    vls = as.data.frame(t(apply(tdf, 2, mean)))
    txt = "SRS"
    if (cnt == 2) txt = "SYS"
    if (cnt == 3) txt = "GRTS"
    if (cnt == 4) txt = "RSNR"
    vls$lbl = txt
    ftrDf = rbind(ftrDf, vls)
    cnt = cnt + 1
    if(cnt>4) cnt = 1
png("fig_Bias_50_naip.png", width = 800, height = 300, res = 100)
p1 = ggplot(data = ftrDf, aes(x = test.4, y = test.1, col = lbl)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_hline(yintercept = rsStats[1], col = "darkgrey", linetype = "dashed") +
    geom_vline(xintercept = rsStats[4], col = "darkgrey", linetype = "dashed") +
    theme_bw() +
    theme(legend.position = "none", axis.title.y = element_blank(), axis.title.x =
element_blank(), axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.title = element_text(size
= 20)) +
    scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette)
p2 = ggplot(data = ftrDf, aes(x = x, y = y, col = lbl)) +
    geom_point() +
    geom_hline(yintercept = yc, col = "darkgrey", linetype = "dashed") +
    geom_vline(xintercept = xc, col = "darkgrey", linetype = "dashed") +
    theme_bw() +
    theme(legend.position = "none",axis.title.y = element_blank(), axis.title.x =
element_blank(), axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.title = element_text(size
= 20)) +
    scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette)
grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow = 1)
dev.off()
plot.new()
#Figure 6
#Average model trend for linear, quadratic, and nonlinear SC1 surface from 100
iterations (SRS; n=50; error = 40%)
```

```
rsB <- brick("test.tif")</pre>
rsStats = cellStats(rsB, mean)
rsB4Min = minValue(rsB)[4]
rsB4Max = maxValue(rsB)[4]
rsB4 = seq(rsB4Min, rsB4Max, 1)
ndf = data.frame(test.1=rsStats[1],test.2=rsStats[2],test.3=rsStats[3],test.4=rsB4)
rspNms <- c("linearL1.tif", "squaredL1.tif", "nonLinearL1.tif")</pre>
#SRS
sdf <- buildDf(sampleLst[seq(1, length(sampleLst), 4)], rspNms, ndf)</pre>
cbPalette <- c("#000000", "#E69F00", "#999999", "#009E73", "red", "#56B4E9")
#image
png("fig_Average_50_model_normal.png", width = 1200, height = 300, res = 100)
#nonlinear
sdfSub = subset(sdf,sc1=="nonLinearL1")
tvl = apply(sdfSub[,1:4],1,sum) / 4
tvl2 = sdfSub$test.4 > 170 & sdfSub$test.4 < 210
tvl = tvl * tvl2
sdfSub$value = tvl
p3 <- ggplot(sdfSub, aes(x = test.4, y = pred, col = mdl)) +
    theme bw() +
    geom line(aes(x = test.4, y = value), col = "blue", size = 0.75) +
    geom_smooth(aes(x = test.4, y = pred), level = 0.99, size = 1, linetype =
"dotdash") +
    theme( legend.position="none",legend.title = element_text(size = 17),
axis.title.y = element blank(), axis.title.x = element blank(), axis.text =
element text(size = 15), axis.title = element text(size = 20)) +
    labs(title = "Nonlinear", cex.main = 2.2) +
    scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
    coord cartesian(ylim = c(-50, 170))
#linear
sdfSub = subset(sdf, sc1 == "linearL1")
tvl = apply(sdfSub[, 1:4], 1, sum) / 4
sdfSub$value = tvl
p1 <- ggplot(sdfSub, aes(x = test.4, y = pred, col = mdl)) +
    theme bw() +
    geom_line(aes(x = test.4, y = value), col = "blue", size = 0.75) +
    geom smooth(aes(x = test.4, y = pred), level = 0.99, size = 1, linetype =
"dotdash") +
```

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theme(legend.position = "none", legend.title = element_text(size = 17),
axis.title.y = element_blank(), axis.title.x = element_blank(), axis.text =
element_text(size = 15), axis.title = element_text(size = 20)) +
    labs(title = "Linear", cex.main = 2.2) +
    scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
    coord_cartesian(ylim = c(100, 170))
#squared
sdfSub = subset(sdf, sc1 == "squaredL1")
tvl = apply(sdfSub[, 1:4], 1, sum) / 4
sdfSub$value = tv1^2
p2 <- ggplot(sdfSub, aes(x = test.4, y = pred, col = mdl)) +
    theme bw() +
    geom_line(aes(x = test.4, y = value), col = "blue", size = 0.75) +
    geom_smooth(aes(x = test.4, y = pred), level = 0.99, size = 1, linetype =
"dotdash") +
    theme(legend.position = "none", legend.title = element_text(size = 17),
axis.title.y = element_blank(), axis.title.x = element_blank(), axis.text =
element_text(size = 15), axis.title = element_text(size = 20)) +
    labs(title = "Squared", cex.main = 2.2) +
    scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette)
grid.arrange(p1,p2,p3,nrow=1)
dev.off()
plot.new()
#Figure 7 & 8
pc <- c("20%", "40%", "60%", "80%")
rnm <- c("linear", "nonlinear", "squared")</pre>
totalVls <- c()
sdVls <- c()
for (nm in rnm) {
    rs <- raster(paste(nm, ".tif", sep = ""))</pre>
    tv <- cellStats(rs, stat = 'sum')</pre>
    totalVls <- c(totalVls, tv)
    sv <- cellStats(rs, stat = 'sd')</pre>
    sdVls <- c(sdVls, sv)</pre>
}
n = 50
dfcmb <- outDf
t <- dfcmb$dtrel
tlen <- nchar(as.character(t))</pre>
t1 <- substr(t, 1, tlen - 2)
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t2 <- substr(t, tlen, tlen)
dfcmb$error <- t2
dfcmb$dtrel <- t1
dtypes <- as.factor(unique(dfcmb$design))</pre>
rtypes <- as.factor(unique(dfcmb$dtrel))</pre>
stypes <- as.factor(unique(dfcmb$stat))</pre>
etypes <- as.factor(unique(dfcmb$error))</pre>
cbPalette <- c("#000000", "#999999", "#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73", "red")
for (s in levels(stypes)) {
    for (r in levels(rtypes)) {
        #make picture
        png(paste("fig_100_", as.character(n), "_", s, "_", r, ".png", sep = ""),
width = 1200, height = 1200, res = 100)
        gv <- vector("list", 16)</pre>
        gCnt <- 1
        tvl <- subset(dfcmb, stat == s & dtrel == r)$value
        mavl = sdVls[match(r, rnm)]
        if (s == "total") mavl = totalVls[match(r, rnm)]
        lvl <- min(tvl) / mavl * 100</pre>
        uvl <- max(tvl) / mavl * 100
        if (s == "rmse") uvl = 150
        e = "L"
        eNm = "NORMAL"
        for (p in rev(1:length(pc))) {
            for (d in levels(dtypes)) {
                dNm <- toupper(d)</pre>
                tdf <- subset(dfcmb, stat == s & dtrel == r & design == d & error ==
as.character(p-1))
                tdf$vl2 <- tdf$value / mavl * 100
                if (gCnt == 1 | gCnt == 5 | gCnt == 9) {
                     pl \leftarrow ggplot(tdf, aes(x = mdl, y = vl2, col = mdl)) +
geom_boxplot() + theme_light() + theme(axis.title.x = element_blank(), axis.title =
element_text(size = 17), axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.text.x =
element blank(), axis.ticks.x = element blank(), axis.title.y = element blank()) +
scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) + coord_cartesian(ylim = c(lvl, uvl))
                if (gCnt == 13) {
                     pl \leftarrow ggplot(tdf, aes(x = mdl, y = vl2, col = mdl)) +
geom_boxplot() + theme_light() + theme(legend.position = "none", axis.title =
element_text(size = 17), axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.text.x =
element_blank(), axis.ticks.x = element_blank(), axis.title.y = element_blank()) +
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xlab(dNm) + scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) + coord_cartesian(ylim = c(lvl,
uvl))
                }
                if (gCnt == 14 | gCnt == 15 | gCnt == 16) {
                    pl \leftarrow ggplot(tdf, aes(x = mdl, y = vl2, col = mdl)) +
geom_boxplot() + theme_light() + theme(legend.position = "none", axis.title =
element_text(size = 17), axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.text.x =
element blank(), axis.text.y = element blank(), axis.ticks.x = element blank(),
axis.title.y = element_blank()) + xlab(dNm) + scale_colour_manual(values =
cbPalette) + coord_cartesian(ylim = c(lvl, uvl))
                }
                if (gCnt != 1 & gCnt != 5 & gCnt != 9 & gCnt != 13 & gCnt != 14 &
gCnt != 15 & gCnt != 16) {
                    pl \leftarrow ggplot(tdf, aes(x = mdl, y = vl2, col = mdl)) +
geom_boxplot() + theme_light() + theme(legend.position = "none", axis.title.x =
element_blank(), axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.text.x = element_blank(),
axis.text.y = element_blank(), axis.ticks.x = element_blank(), axis.title.y =
element_blank()) + scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) + coord_cartesian(ylim =
c(lvl, uvl))
                }
                gv[[gCnt]] <- pl</pre>
                gCnt <- gCnt + 1
            }
        }
        grid.arrange(gv[[1]], gv[[2]], gv[[3]], gv[[4]], gv[[5]], gv[[6]], gv[[7]],
gv[[8]], gv[[9]], gv[[10]], gv[[11]], gv[[12]], gv[[13]], gv[[14]], gv[[15]],
gv[[16]], nrow = 4, ncol = 4, top = textGrob(paste(toupper(s), " - ", toupper(r), "
box plots for 100 iterations (n = ", as.character(n), ")", sep = ""), gp =
gpar(fontsize = 20, font = 3)))
        dev.off()
        plot.new()
    }
}
#Figure 9 observed vs predicted for 40%, nonlinear, GRTS, 3 and 4 band predictions
for each of the models
rspNms = c("NonlinearL1.tif")
resRs = raster(rspNms)
crs(resRs) = crs(smpLst[[1]])
newDf = data.frame()
smpLst = sampleLst[seq(4, length(sampleLst), 4)]
for (smp in smpLst) {
    pnts = smp[sample(1:(length(smp)), 1),]
```

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respVls = extract(resRs, pnts)
    vls = pnts@data
    vls$resp = respVls
    newDf = rbind(newDf,vls)
}
cbPalette <- c("#000000", "#E69F00", "#999999", "#009E73", "red", "#56B4E9")
newDf = na.omit(newDf)
sdf = buildDf(sampleLst[seq(4, length(sampleLst), 4)], rspNms,ndf=newDf)
sdf2 = buildDf(sampleLst[seq(4, length(sampleLst), 4)], rspNms,ndf = newDf,
subsetPred = T)
p1 <- ggplot(sdf, aes(x = resp, y = pred, col = mdl)) +
            theme bw() +
            geom smooth(size = 1, linetype = "solid", se = F) +
            geom_abline(slope = 1, intercept = 0, color = "gray", size = 0.5,
linetype="dashed") +
            theme( legend.position="none", legend.title = element_blank(), axis.text
= element_text(size = 15), axis.title = element_text(size = 17), axis.title.x =
element_blank(), axis.title.y=element_blank()) +
            scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
            coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 150), xlim = c(0, 150))
p2 \leftarrow ggplot(sdf2, aes(x = resp, y = pred, col = mdl)) +
            theme_bw() +
            geom smooth(size = 1, linetype = "solid", se = F) +
            geom_abline(slope = 1, intercept = 0, color = "gray", size = 0.5,
linetype = "dashed") +
            theme(legend.position = "none", legend.title = element_blank(),
axis.text.y = element blank(), axis.ticks.y = element blank(), axis.text =
element_text(size = 15), axis.title = element_text(size = 17), axis.title.x =
element_blank(), axis.title.y = element_blank()) +
            scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
            coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 150), xlim = c(0, 150))
p3 <- ggplot(newDf, aes(x = resp, stat(density))) +
            theme_bw() +
            geom_density(col = "black",linetype="dashed")+
            theme(axis.ticks.x = element_blank(), axis.ticks.y = element_blank(),
panel.border = element_blank(), panel.grid.major = element_blank(),panel.grid.minor
element blank(),axis.text.x=element blank(),axis.text.y=element blank(),axis.title.x
= element_blank(),axis.title.y = element_blank())
png("predictedV_Observed_100_GRTS.png", width = 800, height = 300, res = 100)
```

```
grid.arrange(p1, p2, nrow = 1)
dev.off()
plot.new()
#Figure 10 Spread vs RMSE by Estimator
rspNms = c("NonlinearL1.tif")
mdls = c("gam", "rf", "svm")
gv <- vector("list", 3)</pre>
gCnt=1
for (m in mdls) {
    outDfsub = subset(outDf, dtrel == "nonlinearL1" & stat == "rmse" & mdl == m )
    outDfsub$B = valueMatrix[,2]
    outDfsub$D2 = valueMatrix[, 3]
    tmd = lm(value ~ design, data = outDfsub)
    summary(tmd)
    outDfsub2 = subset(outDfsub, value>=45 & value<=85 & B> 0.1 & B < 0.6)
    cbPalette <- c("green", "red", "black", "blue")</pre>
    p = ggplot(outDfsub2, aes(x = B, y = value, col = design)) +
        geom_point() +
        theme_bw() +
        theme(legend.position = "none", legend.title = element blank(), axis.text =
element_text(size = 15), axis.text.x = element_blank(),axis.ticks.x =
element_blank(),axis.title = element_text(size = 17),
axis.text.y=element_blank(),axis.ticks.y=element_blank(),axis.title.x =
element_blank(), axis.title.y = element_blank()) +
        scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
        coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0.1, 0.6), ylim=c(45,85))
    p1 = ggMarginal(p, outDfsub2, x = B, y = value, type = c("density"), groupColour
= T)
    gv[[gCnt]] = p1
    gCnt=gCnt+1
}
png("fig_spread_vs_rmse.png", width = 600, height = 200, res = 100)
grid.arrange(gv[[1]], gv[[2]], gv[[3]],nrow=1,ncol=3)
dev.off()
plot.new()
#Table top fitting design
mdls = c("gam", "rf", "svm", "nn", "linear", "design")
```

```
for (m in mdls) {
    outDfsub = subset(outDf, dtrel == "linearL2" & stat == "rmse" & mdl == m)
    outDfsub$B = valueMatrix[, 2]
    outDfsub$D2 = valueMatrix[, 3]
    tmd = lm(value ~ design, data = outDfsub)
    print(paste("Model = ",m,sep=""))
    print(summary(tmd))
}
#Table Moran's I
sc1 = c("linearL", "squaredL", "nonlinearL")
pc = c("0.tif", "1.tif", "2.tif", "3.tif")
for (sc in sc1) {
    for (p in pc) {
        nm = paste(sc, p, sep = "")
       rs = raster(nm)
        mi = Moran(rs, matrix(c(0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0), 3, 3))
        print(paste(nm, " = ", as.character(mi), sep = ""))
    }
}
```

Chapter 4

```
#BAH and TPH estimation for ANF
#John Hogland 9/10/2019
library(mgcv)
library(ggplot2)
library(rgdal)
library(sp)
library(spdep)
baseDir <-
"C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Papers\\Dis
sertation\\chapter3\\data"
setwd(baseDir)
source("C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Pape
rs\\Dissertation\\Rscripts\\Dissertation\\JhLib.R")
#' Title createEnsembledGam
#'
#' @param frm = formula
#' @param df = data frame
#' @param fam = family default = gaussian()
#' @param nmdl = number of models default = 50
#' @param ptrain = percent of data used to train the model default = 0.75
#' @param kfact = keep factor for models: used to select models that have a similar
RMSE training and testing datasets (default 1.25 * training RMSE)
#' @return vector of gam models and oob and training rmse
#' @export
#'
#' @examples
createEnsembleGam <- function(frm, df, fam = gaussian(), nmdl = 50, ptrain = 0.75,</pre>
kfact = 20) {
    mdlV = list(length = nmdl)
    rmseV = vector(mode = "double", length = nmdl)
    rmseT = vector(mode = "double", length = nmdl)
    n = round(ptrain * nrow(df))
    mdlCnt = 0
    while (mdlCnt < nmdl) {</pre>
        sIndex = sample(nrow(df), n)
        tdf = df[sIndex,]
        vdf = df[-sIndex,]
        try({
            mdl = gam(frm, family = fam, data = tdf)
```

```
pvlV = getPredictedValues(mdl, vdf) #predict(mdl, newdata = vdf)#add
multinom estimates
            ovlV = getResponseValues(vdf, mdl) #vdf[all.vars(frm)[1]][[1]]#adjust
for multinom estimates
            t_rmseV = getErrorEstimate(pvlV, ovlV, mdl) #sqrt(mean((pvlV - ovlV) ^
2))
            pvlT = getPredictedValues(mdl, tdf) #predict(mdl, newdata = tdf)
            ovlT = getResponseValues(tdf, mdl) #tdf[all.vars(frm)[1]][[1]]
            t_rmseT = getErrorEstimate(pvlT, ovlT, mdl) #sqrt(mean((pvlT - ovlT) ^
2))
                if (t_rmseV <= (t_rmseT * kfact)) {</pre>
                     mdlCnt = mdlCnt + 1
                     mdlV[[mdlCnt]] = mdl
                    rmseV[mdlCnt] = t_rmseV
                     rmseT[mdlCnt] = t_rmseT
                     print(paste("Found model ", mdlCnt, sep = ""))
            }
        }, silent = TRUE)
    }
    return(list(mdlV,rmseV,rmseT))
getTrainOBBAIC <- function(EGAM) {</pre>
    n = length(EGAM[[1]])
    sv1 = 0
    sv12 = 0
    for (m in 1:n) {
        mdl = EGAM[[1]][[m]]
        svl = svl + mdl aic
        svl2 = svl2+ mdl$null.deviance
    return(c(mean(EGAM[[3]]), mean(EGAM[[2]]), svl / n, svl2/n))
getPredictedValues <- function(md, df, t = "response") {</pre>
    pVls = predict(md, newdata = df, type = t)
    fm = md$family
    if (fm$family == "multinom") {
        pVls \leftarrow apply(pVls, 1, function(x) which(max(x) == x)[1]) - 1
    }
    if (fm$family == "binomial") {
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pVls <- as.integer(pVls>0.5)
    }
    return (pVls)
}
getResponseValues <- function(df, md) {</pre>
    fm = md$family
    f = md$formula
    if (fm$family == "multinom") {
        f = f[[1]]
    }
    return(df[all.vars(f)[1]][[1]])
}
getErrorEstimate <- function(p, o, md) {</pre>
    fm = md$family
    outV1 = NULL
    if (fm$family == "multinom" | fm$family == "binomial") {
        outVl = 1-sum(p==o)/length(p)
    }
    else {
        outVl = sqrt(mean((p - o) ^ 2))
    return(outV1)
}
#' Transform data
#'Transforms data using pca cor
#' @param df = data frame
#' @param response = response variable
#' @param pred = vector of predictor variables
#' @return list (data frame, pca
#' @export
#'
#' @examples
transformData <- function(df, response, pred) {</pre>
    frm = formula(paste("~", paste(pred, collapse = "+"), sep = ""))
    pca = princomp(frm,data=df,cor=TRUE)
    return(list(data.frame(resp=df[response][[1]],pca$scores),pca))
}
#' Predict Bagged Gam model values
#'
#' @param bGamMdl = list of models
#' @param df = new data data frame
#'
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#' @return = data frame of mean predictions and standard errors
#' @export
#'
#' @examples
predictEnsembleGam <- function(bGamMdl, df, trunc = 0) {</pre>
    fm = bGamMdl[[1]]$family
    m = NULL
    s = NULL
    mdls = length(bGamMdl)
    n = nrow(df)
    if (fm$family == "multinom") {
        nlp = fm$nlp
        sm = matrix(rep(0,n*(nlp+1)),nrow = n, ncol = nlp +1)
        s2m = sm
        for (i in seq(mdls)) {
            mdl = bGamMdl[[i]]
            p = predict(mdl, df, type = "response")
            sm = sm + p
            s2m = s2m + p ^ 2
        }
        m = sm / mdls
        s = sqrt((s2m - ((sm ^ 2) / mdls)) / (mdls - 1))
        return(list(m, s))
    }
    else {
        sV = vector(mode = "double", length = n)
        s2V = vector(mode = "double", length = n)
        for (i in seq(mdls)) {
            mdl = bGamMdl[[i]]
            p = predict(mdl, df, type = "response")
            if (fm$family != "binomial") {
                p = p ^ 2
            sV = sV + p
            s2V = s2V + p ^ 2
        }
        m = sV / mdls
        s = sqrt((s2V - ((sV ^ 2) / mdls)) / (mdls - 1))
        return(list(m,s))
    }
}
```

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runSim <- function(resp, pred, df, nmdl = 10, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 10, fam =</pre>
gaussian(), outMdl = "") {
    respVl = df[resp][[1]]
    nlp = 1
    if (fam$family == "multinom") {
        nlp = fam nlp
    }
    fm <- getFormula(resp, pred, nlp) #as.formula(paste(resp, " ~ ", paste("s(",</pre>
pred, ")", collapse = " + ")))
    mdls = createEnsembleGam(fm, df, nmdl = nmdl, ptrain = ptrain, kfact = kfact,
fam = fam)
    if (outMdl != "") {
        saveRDS(mdls, outMdl)
    }
    p = predictEnsembleGam(mdls[[1]], df)
    est = p[[1]]
    lest = (est - p[[2]] * 1.96)
    uest = (est + p[[2]] * 1.96)
    if (fam$family == "multinom" | fam$family == "binomial") {
        pca = princomp(formula(paste("~", paste(pred, collapse = "+"), sep = "")),
data = df, cor = TRUE)
        p1 = pca$scores[,1]
        if (fam$family == "multinom") {
            for (i in 1:ncol(est)) {
                fts = createGraph(p1, est[,i], resp, categorical = TRUE, pcol =
respVl + 3)
            }
        }
        else {
            fts = createGraph(p1, est, resp, categorical = TRUE, pcol = respV1+3)
        }
    }
    else {
        fts = createGraph(respVl, est, resp)
    }
    #(rmse = sqrt(mean(res ^ 2)))
    \#(r2 = 1 - ((mean(res ^ 2)) / var(respVl)))
```

```
return(list(mdls[[1]], data.frame(TotRMSE = fts[2], TotR2 = fts[1] ^ 2, oobError
= mean(mdls[[2]]), trainError = mean(mdls[[3]]))))
}
createGraph <- function(obs, est, graphName, axisTitleBlank = TRUE,</pre>
categorical=FALSE,pcol="blue") {
    xTitle = "Observed"
    if (categorical==TRUE) {
        xTitle = "Comp_1"
    }
    yTitle = "Predicted"
    if (axisTitleBlank == FALSE) {
        xTitle = ""
        yTitle = ""
    }
    cr = cor(est, obs)
    rmse = sqrt(mean((obs - est) ^ 2))
    sbt = paste("Correlation = ",round(cr,digits=2),": RMSE = ",
round(rmse,digits=2),sep = "")
    p4 = ggplot(data.frame(Observed = obs, Predicted = est), aes(x = Observed, y =
Predicted)) +
        theme_bw() +
        geom smooth(size = 1, linetype = "dotdash", col = "black") +
        geom_point(col = pcol, pch = 1) +
        geom_abline(slope = 1, intercept = 0, col = "red", size = 0.5) +
        theme(legend.position = "none", plot.subtitle = element_text(size = 15),
plot.title = element_text(size = 18), axis.text = element_text(size = 15),
axis.title = element text(size = 17)) +
        \#coord\_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 45), xlim = c(0, 45)) +
        xlab(xTitle) +
        ylab(yTitle) +
    labs(title = graphName, subtitle = sbt)
    print(p4)
    return(c(cr,rmse))
}
#get dataset and predictor names
plts = readOGR("PlotsShifted244.shp")
AnfDf = plts@data
knn = knearneigh(plts@coords, k = 1)
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nb = knn2nb(knn)
AnfDf$DFT = 2
AnfDf[(AnfDf$Pine1BAH + AnfDf$Other1BAH) < 2, "DFT"] = 0</pre>
AnfDf[AnfDf$Other1BAH > AnfDf$Pine1BAH & AnfDf$DFT != 0, "DFT"] = 1
AnfDf$LPP = 0
AnfDf[AnfDf$LP1BAH >= 2, "LPP"] = 1
crd = plts@coords
AnfDf$X = crd[,1]
AnfDf$Y = crd[, 2]
AnfDf$XY = AnfDf$X * AnfDf$Y
(predLs <- names(AnfDf)[17:52])</pre>
(predSn <- names(AnfDf)[55:78])</pre>
(predNp <- names(AnfDf)[79:86])</pre>
(predXY <- names(AnfDf)[92:94])</pre>
(allPred <- c(predLs, predSn, predNp, predXY))</pre>
(allImagePred <- c(predLs, predSn, predNp))</pre>
tdf = transformData(AnfDf, "Pine1BAH", allImagePred)
pcaImage = tdf[[2]]
pcaDf = tdf[[1]]
(pcaPred = names(pcaDf)[2:length(names(pcaDf))])
#get dataset and predictor names for raw
AnfDfRaw = read.csv("ANFplotsRaw3.csv")
AnfDfRaw = subset(AnfDfRaw, !(OBJECTID == 189 | OBJECTID == 197 | OBJECTID == 204 |
OBJECTID == 207))
#AnfVRaw = subset(AnfDfAllRaw, sample == 0)
AnfDfRaw$DFT = AnfDf$DFT
AnfDfRaw$LPP = AnfDf$LPP
AnfDfRaw$X = AnfDf$X
AnfDfRaw$Y = AnfDf$Y
AnfDfRaw$XY = AnfDf$XY
(predLsRaw <- names(AnfDfRaw)[22:57])</pre>
(predSnRaw <- names(AnfDfRaw)[58:81])</pre>
(predNpRaw <- names(AnfDfRaw)[82:89])</pre>
(predXYRaw <- names(AnfDfRaw)[92:94])</pre>
(allPredRaw <- c(predLsRaw, predSnRaw, predNpRaw, predXYRaw))</pre>
(allImagePredRaw <- c(predLsRaw, predSnRaw, predNpRaw))</pre>
tdfRaw = transformData(AnfDfRaw, "Pine1BAH", allImagePredRaw)
pcaImageRaw = tdfRaw[[2]]
pcaDfRaw = tdfRaw[[1]]
(pcaPredRaw = names(pcaDfRaw)[2:length(names(pcaDfRaw))])
```

#getDFTModels

```
(resp = "DFT")
bmdl = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDf, resp, allImagePred, 0.05, fam = multinom(K = 2))
(pred = bmdl[[1]])
summary(bmdl[[2]])
DftStats = runSim(resp, pred, AnfDf, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact =
100, fam=multinom(K=2), outMdl = "Dft244.egm")
DftStats[[2]]
DftStats = readRDS("Dft244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(DftStats)
pDFT = predictEnsembleGam(DftStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_pDFT0 = as.integer(AnfDf$DFT == 0) - pDFT[[1]][, 1]
AnfDf$r pDFT1 = as.integer(AnfDf$DFT == 1) - pDFT[[1]][, 2]
AnfDf$r_pDFT2 = as.integer(AnfDf$DFT == 2) - pDFT[[1]][, 3]
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pDFT0, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pDFT1, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pDFT2, nb2listw(nb)))
(resp = "DFT")
bmdlRaw = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDfRaw, resp, allImagePredRaw, 0.05, fam = multinom(K
= 2))
(predRaw = bmdlRaw[[1]])
summary(bmdlRaw[[2]])
DftStatsRaw = runSim(resp, predRaw, AnfDfRaw, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 100,
fam=multinom(K=2),outMdl = "DftRaw244.egm")
DftStatsRaw[[2]]
DftStatsRaw = readRDS("DftRaw244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(DftStatsRaw)
pDFTRaw = predictEnsembleGam(DftStatsRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw)
AnfDf$r_pDFT0 = as.integer(AnfDfRaw$DFT == 0) - pDFTRaw[[1]][, 1]
AnfDf$r_pDFT1 = as.integer(AnfDfRaw$DFT == 1) - pDFTRaw[[1]][, 2]
AnfDf$r_pDFT2 = as.integer(AnfDfRaw$DFT == 2) - pDFTRaw[[1]][, 3]
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r pDFT0, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r_pDFT1, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r pDFT2, nb2listw(nb)))
#getLPPModels
(resp = "LPP")
bmdl = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDf, resp, allImagePred, 0.05, fam = binomial())
(pred = bmdl[[1]])
summary(bmdl[[2]])
LppStats = runSim(resp, pred, AnfDf, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 100, fam =
binomial(), outMdl = "LPP244.egm")
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```
LppStats = readRDS("LPP244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(LppStats)
pLPP = predictEnsembleGam(LppStats[[1]], AnfDf)[[1]]
AnfDf$r_pLPP0 = as.vector((1 - pLPP) - as.integer(AnfDf$LPP == 0))
AnfDf$r_pLPP1 = as.vector(pLPP - as.integer(AnfDf$LPP == 1))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pLPP0, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pLPP1, nb2listw(nb)))
(resp = "LPP")
bmdl = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDfRaw, resp, allImagePredRaw, 0.05, fam = binomial())
(predRaw = bmdl[[1]])
summary(bmdl[[2]])
LppStatsRaw = runSim(resp, predRaw, AnfDfRaw, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 10,
fam=binomial(), outMdl = "LppRaw244.egm")
LppStatsRaw = readRDS("LppRaw244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(LppStatsRaw)
pLPPRaw = predictEnsembleGam(LppStatsRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw)[[1]]
AnfDfRaw$r_pLPP0 = as.vector((1 - pLPPRaw) - as.integer(AnfDfRaw$LPP == 0))
AnfDfRaw$r_pLPP1 = as.vector(pLPPRaw - as.integer(AnfDfRaw$LPP == 1))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r pLPP0, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r_pLPP1, nb2listw(nb)))
#getPineModels
#PineBAH
AnfDf$sqrt_Pine1BAH = sqrt(AnfDf$Pine1BAH)
(resp = "sqrt_Pine1BAH")
bmdl = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDf, resp, allImagePred, 0.05, fam = gaussian())
(pred = bmdl[[1]])
summary(bmdl[[2]])
PineBahStats = runSim(resp,pred,AnfDf,50,ptrain = 0.75,kfact = 10,outMdl =
"PineBah244 n.egm")
PineBahStats = readRDS("PineBah244_n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineBahStats)
pBAH = predictEnsembleGam(PineBahStats[[1]],AnfDf)
AnfDf$r pBAH = as.vector(pBAH[[1]]^2 - AnfDf$Pine1BAH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pBAH, nb2listw(nb)))
AnfDfRaw$sqrt_Pine1BAH = sqrt(AnfDfRaw$Pine1BAH)
(resp = "sqrt Pine1BAH")
predRaw = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDfRaw, resp, allImagePredRaw, 0.05, fam = gaussian())
PineBahStatsRaw = runSim(resp, predRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact =
10, outMdl = "PineBah244Raw_n.egm")
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PineBahStatsRaw = readRDS("PineBah244Raw n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineBahStatsRaw)
pBAHRaw = predictEnsembleGam(PineBahStatsRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw)
AnfDfRaw$r_pBAH = as.vector(pBAHRaw[[1]] ^ 2 - AnfDfRaw$Pine1BAH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r_pBAH, nb2listw(nb)))
#PineTPH
AnfDf$sqrt Pine1TPH = sqrt(AnfDf$Pine1TPH)
(resp = "sqrt_Pine1TPH")
predTph = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDf, resp, allImagePred, 0.05, fam = gaussian())
PineTphStats = runSim(resp, predTph[[1]], AnfDf, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 10,
outMdl = "PineTph244_n.egm")
PineTphStats = readRDS("PineTPH244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineTphStats)
pTPH = predictEnsembleGam(PineTphStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_pTPH = as.vector(pTPH[[1]] ^ 2 - AnfDf$Pine1TPH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pTPH, nb2listw(nb)))
AnfDfRaw$sqrt_Pine1TPH = sqrt(AnfDfRaw$Pine1TPH)
(resp = "sqrt Pine1TPH")
predRaw = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDfRaw, resp, allImagePredRaw, 0.05, fam = gaussian())
PineTphStatsRaw = runSim(resp, predRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact =
10, outMdl = "PineTph244Raw_n.egm")
PineTphStatsRaw = readRDS("PineTPH244Raw n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineTphStatsRaw)
pTPHRaw = predictEnsembleGam(PineTphStatsRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw)
AnfDfRaw$r_pTPH = as.vector(pTPHRaw[[1]] ^ 2 - AnfDfRaw$Pine1TPH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r pTPH, nb2listw(nb)))
#getOtherModels
#OthereBAH
AnfDf$sqrt_Other1BAH = sqrt(AnfDf$Other1BAH)
(resp = "sqrt Other1BAH")
pred = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDf, resp, allImagePred, 0.05, fam = gaussian())
OtherBahStats = runSim(resp, pred[[1]], AnfDf, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 10, outMdl
= "OtherBah244_n.egm")
OtherBahStats = readRDS("OtherBah244_n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherBahStats)
oBAH = predictEnsembleGam(OtherBahStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_oBAH = as.vector(oBAH[[1]] ^ 2 - AnfDf$Other1BAH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_oBAH, nb2listw(nb)))
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AnfDfRaw$sqrt_Other1BAH = sqrt(AnfDfRaw$Other1BAH)
(resp = "sqrt_Other1BAH")
predRaw = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDfRaw, resp, allImagePredRaw, 0.05, fam =
gaussian())[[1]]
OtherBahStatsRaw = runSim(resp, predRaw, AnfDfRaw, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 10,
outMdl = "OtherBahRaw244_n.egm")
OtherBahStatsRaw = readRDS("OtherBahRaw244 n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherBahStatsRaw)
oBAHRaw = predictEnsembleGam(OtherBahStatsRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw)
AnfDfRaw$r_oBAH = as.vector(oBAHRaw[[1]] ^ 2 - AnfDfRaw$Other1BAH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r oBAH, nb2listw(nb)))
#OtherTPH
AnfDf$sqrt_Other1TPH = sqrt(AnfDf$Other1TPH)
(resp = "sqrt Other1TPH")
pred = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDf, resp, allImagePred, 0.05, fam = gaussian())[[1]]
OtherTphStats = runSim(resp, pred, AnfDf, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 10, outMdl =
"OtherTph244_n.egm")
OtherTphStats = readRDS("OtherTph244 n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherTphStats)
oTPH = predictEnsembleGam(OtherTphStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_oTPH = as.vector(oTPH[[1]] ^ 2 - AnfDf$Other1TPH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r oTPH, nb2listw(nb)))
AnfDfRaw$sqrt_Other1TPH = sqrt(AnfDfRaw$Other1TPH)
(resp = "sqrt_Other1TPH")
predRaw = getGamSigFldNames(AnfDfRaw, resp, allImagePredRaw, 0.05, fam =
gaussian())[[1]]
OtherTphStatsRaw = runSim(resp, predRaw, AnfDfRaw, 50, ptrain = 0.75, kfact = 10,
outMdl = "OtherTphRaw244_n.egm")
OtherTphStatsRaw = readRDS("OtherTphRaw244 n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherTphStatsRaw)
oTPHRaw = predictEnsembleGam(OtherTphStatsRaw[[1]], AnfDfRaw)
AnfDfRaw$r_oTPH = as.vector(oTPHRaw[[1]] ^ 2 - AnfDfRaw$0ther1TPH)
(mt = moran.test(AnfDfRaw$r_oTPH, nb2listw(nb)))
library(rgdal)
library(raster)
library(mgcv)
createDomain <- function(Pred, rndDf, plotDf, outName, k = 100) {</pre>
    rndLocSub = subset(rndDf, select = names(Pred))
    AnfDfSub = subset(plotDf, select = names(Pred))
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km = kmeans(rndLocSub, k)
    ucls = unique(km$cluster)
    vl = predict(km, AnfDfSub)
    uvl = unique(vl)
    msvl = ucls[!(ucls %in% uvl)]
    msdf = data.frame(id = msvl, v = rep(1, length(msvl)))
    beginCluster(8)
    krs = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(model = km, fun = predict.kmeans),
progress = 'text')
    drs = clusterR(krs, subs, args = list(msdf), filename = outName, format =
"GTiff", datatype = "INT1U", NAFlag = 255, progress = 'text', overwrite = TRUE)
    endCluster()
    return(drs)
}
predict.kmeans <- function(x, newdata) {</pre>
    return(apply(newdata, 1, function(r) which.min(colSums((t(x$centers) - r) ^
2))))
}
predictEnsembleGam <- function(bGamMdl, data, trunc = 0) {</pre>
    fm = bGamMdl[[1]]$family
    m = NULL
    s = NULL
    mdls = length(bGamMdl)
    n = nrow(data)
    if (fm$family == "multinom") {
        nlp = fm$nlp
        sm = matrix(rep(0, n * (nlp + 1)), nrow = n, ncol = nlp + 1)
        s2m = sm
        for (i in seq(mdls)) {
            mdl = bGamMdl[[i]]
            p = predict(mdl, data, type = "response")
            sm = sm + p
            s2m = s2m + p ^ 2
        }
        m = sm / mdls
        s = sqrt((s2m - ((sm ^ 2) / mdls)) / (mdls - 1))
        return(cbind(m,s))
    }
    else {
        sV = vector(mode = "double", length = n)
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s2V = vector(mode = "double", length = n)
        for (i in seq(mdls)) {
            mdl = bGamMdl[[i]]
            p = (predict(mdl, data, type = "response"))
            if (fm$family != "binomial") {
                p = p ^ 2
            p[p < trunc] = trunc</pre>
            sV = sV + p
            s2V = s2V + p ^ 2
        }
        m = sV / mdls
        s = sqrt((s2V - ((sV ^ 2) / mdls)) / (mdls - 1))
        return(cbind(m,s))
    }
}
baseDir <- "C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\RESTORE\\Outputs3"</pre>
setwd(baseDir)
rasterOptions(tmpdir = paste(getwd(), "tmp", sep = "/"))
tmpDir(create = TRUE)
# read rasters
rndLoc = readOGR("RndLoc10000.shp", "RndLoc10000")
rndDf = rndLoc@data
plotLoc = readOGR("PlotsShifted244.shp", "PlotsShifted_244")
AnfDf = plotLoc@data
AOI = shapefile("AOI.shp")
ext = extent(AOI)
LSP =
brick("C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\RESTORE\\Predictors\\LS.tif"
)
xmin = 882300
xmax = xmin + 30 * ncol(LSP)
ymin = 731820
ymax = ymin + 30 * nrow(LSP)
newExt = extent(c(xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax))
LSP2 = crop(setExtent(LSP, newExt), ext)
SNP =
crop(brick("C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\RESTORE\\Predictors\\SN
.tif"),ext)
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ARP =
crop(brick("C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\RESTORE\\Predictors\\Ae
rial.tif"),ext)
#subset and combine layers
#DFT
#beginCluster(8)
#DftStats = readRDS("Dft244.egm")
P1 = LSP2[[c(9)]]
P2 = SNP[[c(1, 4, 6, 10)]]
P3 = LSP2[[c(2, 10)]]
P4 = ARP[[c(1)]]
Pred = stack(P1,P2,P3,P4)
names(Pred) <- c("LS_Band16", "SN_Band2", "SN_Band5", "SN_Band7", "SN_Band21",</pre>
"LS_Band3", "LS_Band17", "NP_Band1")
#Dft = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(model = DftStats[[1]], fun =
predictEnsembleGam, index = 1:6), filename = "DFT.tif", format = "GTiff", verbose =
TRUE, datatype = "FLT4S", NAFlag=-9999, progress='text')
#endCluster()
DFT_D = createDomain(Pred,rndDf = rndDf,plotDf=AnfDf,"DFT_D.tif")
#LPP
#beginCluster(8)
#LppStats = readRDS("LPP244.egm")
P1 = LSP2[[c(1)]]
P2 = SNP[[c(2,3)]]
P3 = LSP2[[c(10)]]
P4 = ARP[[c(2,3)]]
Pred = stack(P1, P2, P3,P4)
names(Pred) <- c("LS_Band2", "SN_Band3", "SN_Band4", "LS_Band17", "NP_Band2",</pre>
"NP_Band5")
#LPP = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(model = LppStats[[1]], fun =
predictEnsembleGam, index = 1:2), filename = "LPP.tif", format = "GTiff", verbose =
TRUE, datatype = "FLT4S", NAFlag = -9999, progress = 'text')
#endCluster()
LPP_D = createDomain(Pred, rndDf = rndDf, plotDf = AnfDf, "LPP_D.tif")
#baseDir <- "E:\\Projects\\RESTORE\\Outputs2"</pre>
#setwd(baseDir)
#rasterOptions(tmpdir = paste(getwd(), "tmp", sep = "/"))
#tmpDir(create = TRUE)
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#PBAH
#beginCluster(8)
(P1 = LSP2[[c(1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12)]])
(P2 = ARP[[c(2, 4)]])
(Pred = stack(P1, P2))
names(Pred)=c("LS_Band2","LS_Band48","LS_Band10","LS_Band11","LS_Band16","LS_Band17",
"LS Band18", "LS Band22", "NP Band2", "NP Band8")
#PineBahStats = readRDS("PineBah244_n.egm")
#PBAH = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(model = PineBahStats[[1]], fun =
predictEnsembleGam, index = 1:2),filename =
"pBAH.tif",format="GTiff",verbose=TRUE,datatype="FLT4S", NAFlag = -9999, progress =
'text')
#endCluster()
PBAH_D = createDomain(Pred, rndDf = rndDf, plotDf = AnfDf, "PBAH_D.tif")
#PTPH
#beginCluster(8)
#PineTphStats = readRDS("PineTph244.egm")
(P1 = LSP2[[c(2,3,4,6,7,10,13)]])
(P2 = SNP[[c(3, 8)]])
(P3 = ARP[[c(2,3)]])
(Pred = stack(P1, P2, P3))
names(Pred) = c("LS Band3", "LS Band5", "LS Band4", "LS Band10", "LS Band11",
"LS_Band17", "LS_Band28", "SN_Band4", "SN_Band11", "NP_Band2", "NP_Band5")
#PTPH = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(model = PineTphStats[[1]], fun =
predictEnsembleGam, index = 1:2), filename = "pTPH.tif", format = "GTiff", verbose =
TRUE, datatype = "FLT4S", NAFlag = -9999, progress = 'text')
#endCluster()
PTPH_D = createDomain(Pred, rndDf = rndDf, plotDf = AnfDf, "PTPH D.tif")
#OBAH
#beginCluster(8)
#OtherBahStats = readRDS("OtherBah244_n.egm")
(P1 = LSP2[[c(2, 3, 7)]])
(P2 = SNP[[c(6,7,10,11)]])
(P3 = ARP[[c(2, 3)]])
(Pred = stack(P1, P2, P3))
names(Pred) = c("LS Band3", "LS Band5", "LS Band11", "SN Band7", "SN Band9",
"SN_Band21", "SN_Band23", "NP_Band2", "NP_Band5")
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#OBAH = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(model = OtherBahStats[[1]], fun =
predictEnsembleGam, index = 1:2), filename = "oBAH.tif", format = "GTiff", verbose =
TRUE, datatype = "FLT4S", NAFlag = -9999, progress = 'text')
#endCluster()
OBAH_D=createDomain(Pred, rndDf = rndDf, plotDf = AnfDf, "OBAH_D.tif")
#OTPH
#beginCluster(8)
#OtherTphStats = readRDS("OtherTph244_n.egm")
(P1 = LSP2[[c(5,8)]])
(P2 = SNP[[c(1,5,6,9)]])
(P3 = ARP[[c(1)]])
(Pred = stack(P1, P2, P3))
names(Pred) = c("LS_Band9", "LS_Band13", "SN_Band2", "SN_Band6", "SN_Band7",
"SN_Band20", "NP_Band1")
#OTPH = clusterR(Pred, predict, args = list(model = OtherTphStats[[1]], fun =
predictEnsembleGam, index = 1:2), filename = "oTPH.tif", format = "GTiff", verbose =
TRUE, datatype = "FLT4S", NAFlag = -9999, progress = 'text')
#endCluster()
OTPH_D=createDomain(Pred, rndDf = rndDf, plotDf = AnfDf, "OTPH_D.tif")
#Create feature domain mask
removeTmpFiles(h = 0)
library(ggplot2)
library(grid)
library(gridExtra)
library(mgcv)
MeanSeAA <- function(df,resp, egam) {</pre>
    #df = df244
    \#resp = "LPP"
    #egam = LppStats[[1]]
    dfb = df
    unqClss = unique(dfb[resp][[1]])
    clsCnt = length(unqClss)
    fm = egam[[1]]$family$family
    mldCnt = length(egam)
    porMat = matrix(ncol = clsCnt ^ 2, nrow = mldCnt)
    for (m in 1:mldCnt) {
        mdl = egam[[m]]
        tp = predict(mdl, df, type="response")
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if (fm == "multinom") {
            dfb$pred = apply(tp, 1, function(x) which(max(x) == x)) - 1
        }
        else {
            dfb$pred = as.integer(tp > 0.5)
        }
        rvect = vector(mode = "numeric", length = clsCnt ^ 2)
        cCnt = 1
        for (l in unqClss) {
            clTot = sum(as.character(dfb[resp][[1]]) == 1)
            for (12 in unqClss) {
                rvect[cCnt] = sum(as.character(dfb[resp][[1]]) == 1 &
as.character(dfb$pred) == 12)/clTot
                cCnt = cCnt + 1
            }
        }
        porMat[m,] <- rvect</pre>
    }
    return(porMat)
}
getBootMeanCL <- function(x, alpha = 0.05) {</pre>
    k = length(x)
    vs = sort(x)
    a = alpha / 2
    ab = round(a * k)
    ae = round((1 - a) * k)
    return(c(mean(vs), vs[ab], vs[ae]))
}
predictEnsembleGam <- function(bGamMdl, df, trunc = 0) {</pre>
    fm = bGamMdl[[1]]$family
    m = NULL
    s = NULL
    mdls = length(bGamMdl)
    n = nrow(df)
    if (fm$family == "multinom") {
        nlp = fm$nlp
        sm = matrix(rep(0, n * (nlp + 1)), nrow = n, ncol = nlp + 1)
        s2m = sm
        for (i in seq(mdls)) {
            mdl = bGamMdl[[i]]
            p = predict(mdl, df, type = "response")
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sm = sm + p
            s2m = s2m + p ^ 2
        }
        m = sm / mdls
        s = sqrt((s2m - ((sm ^ 2) / mdls)) / (mdls - 1))
        return(list(m, s))
    }
    else {
        sV = vector(mode = "double", length = n)
        s2V = vector(mode = "double", length = n)
        for (i in seq(mdls)) {
            mdl = bGamMdl[[i]]
            p = predict(mdl, df, type = "response")
            p[p < trunc] = trunc
            sV = sV + p
            s2V = s2V + p ^ 2
        }
        m = sV / mdls
        s = sqrt((s2V - ((sV ^ 2) / mdls)) / (mdls - 1))
        return(list(m, s))
    }
}
createGraph <- function(obs, est, graphName, axisTitleBlank = TRUE, categorical =</pre>
FALSE, pcol = "blue") {
    xTitle = "Observed"
    if (categorical == TRUE) {
        xTitle = "Comp_1"
    yTitle = "Predicted"
    if (axisTitleBlank == TRUE) {
        xTitle = ""
        yTitle = ""
    }
    uVal = max(est)
    cr = cor(est, obs)
    rmse = sqrt(mean((obs - est) ^ 2))
    sbt = paste("Correlation = ", round(cr, digits = 2), ": RMSE = ", round(rmse,
digits = 2), sep = "")
    p4 = ggplot(data.frame(Observed = obs, Predicted = est), aes(x = Observed, y =
Predicted)) +
        theme_bw() +
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geom_smooth(size = 1, linetype = "dotdash", col = "black") +
        geom point(col = pcol, pch = 1) +
        geom_abline(slope = 1, intercept = 0, col = "red", size = 0.5) +
        theme(legend.position = "none", plot.subtitle = element_text(size = 15),
plot.title = element_text(size = 18), axis.text = element_text(size = 15),
axis.title = element_text(size = 17)) +
        coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, uVal), xlim = c(0, uVal)) +
        xlab(xTitle) +
        ylab(yTitle) +
        labs(title = graphName, subtitle = sbt)
    return(p4)
}
getTrainOBBAIC <- function(EGAM) {</pre>
    n = length(EGAM[[1]])
    sv1 = 0
    sv12 = 0
    for (m in 1:n) {
        mdl = EGAM[[1]][[m]]
        svl = svl + mdl$aic
        svl2 = svl2 + mdl$null.deviance
    }
    return(c(mean(EGAM[[3]]), mean(EGAM[[2]]), svl / n, svl2 / n))
}
#KS test results
baseDir <-
"C:\\Users\\jshogland\\Documents\\John\\projects\\UMGradSchool\\Project\\Papers\\Dis
sertation\\chapter3\\data"
setwd(baseDir)
#Figure 6
createTable <- function(df) {</pre>
    mAg <- aggregate(df[, 2:3], list(df$GRP), mean)</pre>
    sAg <- aggregate(df[, 2:3], list(df$GRP), sd)</pre>
    minAg <- aggregate(df[, 2:3], list(df$GRP), min)</pre>
    maxAg <- aggregate(df[, 2:3], list(df$GRP), max)</pre>
    outTbl <- merge(mAg, sAg, by = "Group.1")</pre>
    outTbl <- merge(outTbl, minAg, by = "Group.1")</pre>
    outTbl <- merge(outTbl, maxAg, by = "Group.1")</pre>
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names(outTbl) <- c("Group", "Mean BAH", "Mean TPH", "SD BAH", "SD TPH", "Min</pre>
BAH", "Min TPH", "Max BAH", "Max TPH")
    return(outTbl)
}
df244 = read.csv("ANFplots244.csv")
dfVis <- data.frame(GRP = rep("Pine", nrow(df244)), BAH = df244$Pine1BAH, TPH =
df244$Pine1TPH)
dfVis <- rbind(dfVis, data.frame(GRP = rep("Other", nrow(df244)), BAH =</pre>
df244$0ther1BAH, TPH = df244$0ther1TPH))
cbPalette <- c("#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73", "#F0E442")
tbl <- createTable(dfVis)</pre>
p1 <- ggplot(data = dfVis, aes(x = BAH, fill = GRP)) +
    geom_histogram(aes(), color = "gray", position = "dodge", alpha = 0.90) +
    theme bw() +
    theme(legend.position = "none", axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.title
= element_text(size = 17), axis.title.y = element_blank()) +
    coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 120), xlim = c(0, 80)) +
    xlab("BAH") +
    ylab("Frequency") +
    annotation_custom(tableGrob(format(subset(tbl, select = c(1, 2, 4, 6, 8)),
digits = 2, nsmall = 1), rows = NULL), xmin = 10, ymin = 10) +
    scale fill manual(values = cbPalette)
p2 <- ggplot(data = dfVis, aes(x = TPH, fill = GRP)) +
    geom_histogram(aes(), color = "gray", position = "dodge", alpha = 0.90) +
    theme bw() +
    theme(legend.position = "none", axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.title
= element_text(size = 17), axis.title.y = element_blank()) +
    coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 120), xlim = c(0, 6000)) +
    xlab("TPH") +
    ylab("Frequency") +
    annotation_custom(tableGrob(format(subset(tbl, select = c(1, 3, 5, 7, 9)),
digits = 2, nsmall = 1), rows = NULL), xmin = 750, ymin = 10) +
    scale_fill_manual(values = cbPalette)
png("fig plotDistBAH TPH.png", width = 1200, height = 250, res = 100)
grid.arrange(p1, p2,ncol=2,nrow=1)
dev.off()
plot.new()
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df244$DFT = 2
df244[(df244\$Pine1BAH + df244\$Other1BAH) < 2,"DFT"] = 0
df244[df244$Other1BAH > df244$Pine1BAH & df244$DFT != 0, "DFT"] = 1
df244$LPP = 0
df244[df244$LP1BAH >= 2,"LPP"] = 1
sum(df244\$DFT == 0) / nrow(df244)
sum(df244\$DFT == 1) / nrow(df244)
sum(df244\$DFT == 2) / nrow(df244)
sum(df244\$LPP) / nrow(df244)
#Figure 7
eanr = read.csv("EANR_summary.csv")
cbPalette <- c("#56B4E9", "#009E73", "#E69F00")
pl <- ggplot(eanr, aes(x = Source, y = R2, col = as.factor(Source))) +</pre>
geom_boxplot() +
theme_light() +
theme(legend.position = "bottom", legend.text = element_text(size = 17, margin =
margin(0, 5, 0, 5)), legend.title = element_blank(), axis.title.x = element_blank(),
axis.title.y = element_blank(), axis.title = element_text(size = 17), axis.text =
element_text(size = 15), axis.text.x = element_blank(), axis.ticks.x =
element_blank()) +
scale colour manual(values = cbPalette) +
facet_grid(cols = vars(Season))
png("fig_EANR_boxplot.png", width = 600, height = 250, res = 100)
plot(pl)
dev.off()
plot.new()
#Figure 8
rnd10000 = read.csv("RndLoc10000.csv")
allPred = names(rnd10000)[3:70]
frm = formula(paste("~", paste(allPred, collapse = "+"), sep = ""))
pca = princomp(frm, data = rnd10000, cor = TRUE)
png("fig_pca.png", width = 600, height = 250, res = 100)
plot(pca)
dev.off()
plot.new()
#Figure 9
ksRnd244 = read.csv("KSfplot_244_10000_2.csv")
cbPalette <- c("#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73", "#F0E442")
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png("fig_KS_244.png", width = 600, height = 400, res = 100)
(p1 = ggplot(subset(ksRnd244, Series == "Sample" | Series == "Population"), aes(x =
XValues, y = YValues, fill = Series, col = Series)) +
    geom_col(position = position_dodge2(preserve = "total")) +
    theme_bw() +
    theme(legend.position = c(0.1, 0.9), legend.title = element_blank(),
plot.subtitle = element_text(size = 15), plot.title = element_text(size = 18),
axis.text = element_text(size = 15), axis.title = element_text(size = 17)) +
    scale_colour_manual(values = cbPalette) +
    scale_fill_manual(values = alpha(cbPalette, 1)) +
    xlab("Bin") +
    ylab("Proportion")
dev.off()
plot.new()
#Table 3
DftStats = readRDS("Dft244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(DftStats)
LppStats = readRDS("LPP244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(LppStats)
PineBahStats = readRDS("PineBah244_n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineBahStats)
PineTphStats = readRDS("PineTph244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineTphStats)
OtherBahStats = readRDS("OtherBah244_n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherBahStats)
OtherTphStats = readRDS("OtherTph244 n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherTphStats)
DftStatsRaw = readRDS("DftRaw244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(DftStatsRaw)
LppStatsRaw = readRDS("LPPRaw244.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(LppStatsRaw)
PineBahStatsRaw = readRDS("PineBah244raw_n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineBahStatsRaw)
PineTphStatsRaw = readRDS("PineTph244raw.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(PineTphStatsRaw)
OtherBahStatsRaw = readRDS("OtherBahRaw244 n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherBahStatsRaw)
OtherTphStatsRaw = readRDS("OtherTphRaw244_n.egm")
getTrainOBBAIC(OtherTphStatsRaw)
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#Figure 10
df244 = read.csv("ANFplots244.csv")
df244$DFT = 2
df244[(df244\$Pine1BAH + df244\$Other1BAH) < 2, "DFT"] = 0
df244[df244$Other1BAH > df244$Pine1BAH & df244$DFT != 0, "DFT"] = 1
df244$LPP = 0
df244[df244$LP1BAH >= 2, "LPP"] = 1
DftStats = readRDS("Dft244.egm")
dftBootVls = MeanSeAA(df244, "DFT", DftStats[[1]])
(aa = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 1], 0.05)) #11
(ab = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 2], 0.05)) #10
(ac = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 3], 0.05)) #12
(ba = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 4], 0.05)) #01
(bb = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 5], 0.05)) #00
(bc = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 6], 0.05)) #02
(ca = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 7], 0.05)) #21
(cb = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 8], 0.05)) #20
(cc = getBootMeanCL(dftBootVls[, 9], 0.05)) #22
sum(df244\$DFT == 1)
LppStats = readRDS("LPP244.egm")
lppBootVls = MeanSeAA(df244, "LPP", LppStats[[1]])
(aa = getBootMeanCL(lppBootVls[, 1], 0.05)) #00
(ab = getBootMeanCL(lppBootVls[, 2], 0.05)) #01
(ba = getBootMeanCL(lppBootVls[, 3], 0.05)) #11
(bb = getBootMeanCL(lppBootVls[, 4], 0.05)) #10
sum(df244$LPP)
#Figure 11
AnfDf = read.csv("ANFplots244.csv")
PineBahStats = readRDS("PineBah244_n.egm")
pineBAH = predictEnsembleGam(PineBahStats[[1]], AnfDf)
p1 = createGraph(AnfDf$Pine1BAH, pineBAH[[1]] ^ 2, "Pine BAH")
PineTphStats = readRDS("PineTph244.egm")
pineTPH = predictEnsembleGam(PineTphStats[[1]], AnfDf)
p3=createGraph(AnfDf$Pine1TPH, pineTPH[[1]] ^ 2, "Pine TPH")
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otherBahStats = readRDS("OtherBah244_n.egm")
otherBAH = predictEnsembleGam(otherBahStats[[1]], AnfDf)
p2=createGraph(AnfDf$Other1BAH, otherBAH[[1]] ^ 2, "Other BAH")
otherTphStats = readRDS("OtherTph244_n.egm")
otherTPH = predictEnsembleGam(otherTphStats[[1]], AnfDf)
p4 = createGraph(AnfDf$Other1TPH, otherTPH[[1]] ^ 2, "Other TPH")
png("fig_PredvsObs.png", width = 900, height = 900, res = 100)
grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, p4, nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
dev.off()
plot.new()
pTph1000 = data.frame(obsTPH = AnfDf$Pine1TPH, obsBAH = AnfDf$Pine1BAH, predTPH =
pineTPH[[1]] ^ 2, predBAH = pineBAH[[1]])
pTph1000sub = subset(pTph1000, obsTPH < 1000)</pre>
(p5 = createGraph(pTph1000sub$obsTPH, pTph1000sub$predTPH, "Pine TPH (TPH < 1000)"))</pre>
(p6 = createGraph(pTph1000sub$obsBAH, pTph1000sub$predBAH, "Pine BAH (TPH < 1000)"))
oTph1000 = data.frame(obsTPH = AnfDf$Other1TPH, obsBAH = AnfDf$Other1BAH, predTPH =
otherTPH[[1]] ^ 2, predBAH = otherBAH[[1]]^2)
oTph1000sub = subset(oTph1000, obsTPH < 1000)
(o5 = createGraph(oTph1000sub$obsTPH, oTph1000sub$predTPH, "Other TPH (TPH <</pre>
1000)"))
(o6 = createGraph(oTph1000sub$obsBAH, oTph1000sub$predBAH, "Other BAH (TPH < 1000"))
#Table 4
library(rgdal)
library(sp)
library(spdep)
plts = readOGR("PlotsShifted244.shp")
knn = knearneigh(plts@coords, k = 1)
nb = knn2nb(knn)
AnfDf = plts@data
AnfDf$DFT = 2
AnfDf[(AnfDf$Pine1BAH + AnfDf$Other1BAH) < 2, "DFT"] = 0</pre>
AnfDf[AnfDf$Other1BAH > AnfDf$Pine1BAH & AnfDf$DFT != 0, "DFT"] = 1
AnfDf$LPP = 0
AnfDf[AnfDf$LP1BAH >= 2, "LPP"] = 1
crd = plts@coords
AnfDf$X = crd[, 1]
AnfDf$Y = crd[, 2]
DftStats = readRDS("Dft244.egm")
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pDFT = predictEnsembleGam(DftStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r pDFT0 = as.integer(AnfDf$DFT == 0) - pDFT[[1]][, 1]
AnfDf$r_pDFT1 = as.integer(AnfDf$DFT == 1) - pDFT[[1]][, 2]
AnfDf$r_pDFT2 = as.integer(AnfDf$DFT == 2) - pDFT[[1]][, 3]
plts@data = AnfDf
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pDFT0, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pDFT1, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r pDFT2, nb2listw(nb)))
LppStats = readRDS("LPP244.egm")
pLPP = predictEnsembleGam(LppStats[[1]], AnfDf)[[1]]
AnfDf$r_pLPP0 = as.vector((1 - pLPP) - as.integer(AnfDf$LPP == 0))
AnfDf$r_pLPP1 = as.vector(pLPP - as.integer(AnfDf$LPP == 1))
plts@data = AnfDf
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pLPP0, nb2listw(nb)))
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pLPP1, nb2listw(nb)))
PineBahStats = readRDS("PineBah244_n.egm")
pBAH = predictEnsembleGam(PineBahStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_pBAH = as.vector(pBAH[[1]]^2 - AnfDf$Pine1BAH)
plts@data = AnfDf
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pBAH, nb2listw(nb)))
PineTphStats = readRDS("PineTph244.egm")
pTPH = predictEnsembleGam(PineTphStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_pTPH = as.vector(pTPH[[1]]^2 - AnfDf$Pine1TPH)
plts@data = AnfDf
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_pTPH, nb2listw(nb)))
OtherBahStats = readRDS("OtherBah244_n.egm")
oBAH = predictEnsembleGam(OtherBahStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_oBAH = as.vector(oBAH[[1]]^2 - AnfDf$Other1BAH)
plts@data = AnfDf
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_oBAH, nb2listw(nb)))
OtherTphStats = readRDS("OtherTph244_n.egm")
oTPH = predictEnsembleGam(OtherTphStats[[1]], AnfDf)
AnfDf$r_oTPH = as.vector(oTPH[[1]]^2-AnfDf$Other1TPH)
plts@data = AnfDf
(mt = moran.test(AnfDf$r_oTPH, nb2listw(nb)))
writeOGR(plts, "testing", layer="testing", driver = "ESRI Shapefile")
```

Centering Plot Locations (Python)

```
import os, requests, urlparse
def downloadFile(url,outPath):
    success = True
    uName = 'jshogalnd'
    pWord = 'Sentinelhoggs1!'
    r = requests.get(url,auth=(uName,pWord))
    if (r.status code == 200):
        try:
            with open(outPath,'wb') as out:
                for bits in r.iter_content():
                    out.write(bits)
        except exc:
            print(str(exc))
            success = False
    return success
fl = open(mPath,'r')
lns = fl.readlines();
urlDic = {}
for 1 in lns:
    larr = l.split('<')</pre>
    for p in larr:
        parr = p.split('/>')
        nm = ''
        url = ''
        eInd = 0
        for e in parr:
            if e == "name": nm = parr[eInd + 1]
            if e == "url" : uls = parr[eInd + 1]
            eInd = eInd+1
        urlDic[nm]=url
import arcpy, os, math
wksPath=r'C:\Users\jshogland\Documents\John\projects\UMGradSchool\Project\Papers\Dis
sertation\chapter4\data'
rsDbPath=r'C:\Users\jshogland\Documents\John\projects\RESTORE\RESTORE.gdb'
pltPath = rsDbPath+"\\Plots"
gpsPath = rsDbPath+"\\GPS"
subPath = rsDbPath+"\\Subplots"
treesPath= rsDbPath+"\\Trees"
grpPath=wksPath+"\\spGrpPath.grp"
arcpy.env.workspace = wksPath
```

```
arcpy.env.scratchWorkspace = wksPath + "\\tmp"
arcpy.env.overwriteOutput = True
###functions
def getSpeciesGroup(path="all"):
    outDic = {}
    if(path.lower()!="all"):
        fl = open(path,'r')
        lns = fl.readlines()
        for 1 in lns:
            llst=l.split(":")
            12lst=llst[1].split(",")
            for 12 in 121st:
                outDic[12] = 11st[0]
    return outDic
###update GPS coordinates
pltShift = arcpy.CopyFeatures_management(pltPath, "PlotsShift")
gpsDic={}
with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(gpsPath,["plotUid","x","y"]) as scur:
    for rw in scur:
        id = rw[0]
        x = rw[1]
        y = rw[2]
        if(gpsDic.has_key(id)):
            lsVl=gpsDic[id]
            x= x+1sV1[0]
            y=y+lsVl[1]
            cnt = 1+lsVl[2]
        else:
            cnt = 1
        gpsDic[id]=[x,y,cnt]
with arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(pltShift,["SHAPE@","UID"]) as ucur:
    for rw in ucur:
        geo = rw[0]
        id = rw[1]
        for pnt in geo:
            if(gpsDic.has_key(id)):
                gpsVlLst = gpsDic[id]
```

```
pnt.X=gpsVlLst[0]/gpsVlLst[2]-9
                pnt.Y=9+gpsVlLst[1]/gpsVlLst[2]
            else:
                pnt.X = pnt.X - 9
                pnt.Y = pnt.Y + 9
            rw[0]=pnt
        ucur.updateRow(rw)
###create group field and populate
gpDic = getSpeciesGroup()
arcpy.AddField_management(treesPath,"grp","TEXT")
arcpy.AddField management(treesPath, "sDBH", "FLOAT")
arcpy.AddField_management(treesPath, "sBA", "FLOAT")
weStart = True
ed=arcpy.da.Editor(rsDbPath)
if(not ed.isEditing):
    ed.startEditing(False, False)
    weStart=False
ed.startOperation()
with arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(treesPath,["uid","sp","cnt","dbh","grp","sDBH","sBA"]) as
scur:
    for rw in scur:
        id = rw[0]
        sp = rw[1]
        grp = "all"
        if(gpDic.has_key(sp)):
            grp = gpDic[sp]
        cnt = rw[2]
        dbh = rw[3]
        dbhm = dbh*0.0254 #inches to meters
        bam = (dbhm/2)**2 * math.pi #ba in meters
        rw[4] = grp
        rw[5] = dbhm*cnt
        rw[6] = bam*cnt
        scur.updateRow(rw)
ed.stopOperation()
if(weStart):
    ed.stopEditing(True)
```

Enhanced Aggregate No-Change Regression Library (C#)

```
using System;
using System.Collections.Generic;
using System.Linq;
using System.Text;
using ESRI.ArcGIS.esriSystem;
using ESRI.ArcGIS.DataSourcesRaster;
using ESRI.ArcGIS.Geodatabase;
using ESRI.ArcGIS.Geometry;
using esriUtil;
using Accord.Statistics.Analysis;
namespace esriUtil
    public class sampleANR
        public sampleANR(IFunctionRasterDataset referenceRs, IFunctionRasterDataset
transformRs, string mdlPath=null, int percentChange=20, IFeatureClass mask=null,int
sampleSize= 1000, int blockSize = 50, rasterUtil rasterUtility = null, string
storeXY=null)
        {
            refRs = referenceRs;
            transRs = transformRs;
            pct = percentChange/200d;
            mskFtrCls = mask;
            rsUtil = rasterUtility;
            n = sampleSize;
            rndPnts = new IPoint[sampleSize];
            refArray = new double[refRs.RasterInfo.BandCount][][];
            tranArray = new double[transRs.RasterInfo.BandCount][][];
            useArray = new bool[transRs.RasterInfo.BandCount][][];
            minArrayRef = new double[tranArray.Length];
            maxArrayRef = new double[tranArray.Length];
            minArrayTran = new double[tranArray.Length];
            maxArrayTran = new double[tranArray.Length];
            setArrayValues();
            outPth = mdlPath;
            bSize = blockSize;
            stXY = storeXY;
        }
```

```
private void setArrayValues()
{
    for (int i = 0; i < minArrayRef.Length; i++)</pre>
    {
        minArrayRef[i] = double.MaxValue;
        minArrayTran[i] = double.MaxValue;
        maxArrayRef[i] = double.MinValue;
        maxArrayTran[i] = double.MinValue;
    }
}
private rasterUtil rsUtil = null;
private IFunctionRasterDataset refRs = null;
private IFunctionRasterDataset transRs = null;
private double pct = 0.1;
private IFeatureClass mskFtrCls = null;
private IGeometry geo = null;
private int n = 1000;
private IPoint[] rndPnts = null;
private double[] minArrayRef = null;
private double[] maxArrayRef = null;
private double[] minArrayTran = null;
private double[] maxArrayTran = null;
private double[][] coef = null;
private string outPth = null;
private string stXY = null;
public IFunctionRasterDataset normalize()
{
    //Console.WriteLine("creating points");
    checkSR();
    if(stXY!=null)
        writeXY();
    }
    //Console.WriteLine("extracting array values");
    getValues();
    //Console.WriteLine("scaling and getting unchanged pixels");
    getUnchangedCells();
    //Console.WriteLine("getting coefficients");
    coef = getCoef();//intercept, slope, sse, r2 by band
    if (outPth != null)
```

```
{
                writeCoef();
            }
            //Console.WriteLine("transforming values");
            IFunctionRasterDataset outRs = transform();
            return outRs;
        }
        private void writeXY()
            IRaster2 rs2 = (IRaster2)rsUtil.createRaster(transRs);
            double conv = (refRs.RasterInfo.CellSize.X /
transRs.RasterInfo.CellSize.X);
            int offSetCells = System.Convert.ToInt32(conv * bSize / 2);
            using (System.IO.StreamWriter sw = new System.IO.StreamWriter(stXY))
            {
                sw.WriteLine("X,Y");
                foreach (IPoint p in rndPnts)
                    sw.WriteLine(p.X.ToString() + "," + p.Y.ToString());
                    int c, r;
                    rs2.MapToPixel(p.X, p.Y, out c, out r);
                    double nx, ny;
                    IPnt tl = new PntClass();
                    t1.X = c - offSetCells;
                    tl.Y = r - offSetCells;
                    rs2.PixelToMap(System.Convert.ToInt32(tl.X),
System.Convert.ToInt32(t1.Y), out nx, out ny);
                    sw.WriteLine(nx.ToString() + "," + ny.ToString());
                    IPnt br = new PntClass();
                    br.X = c + offSetCells;
                    br.Y = r + offSetCells;
                    rs2.PixelToMap(System.Convert.ToInt32(br.X),
System.Convert.ToInt32(br.Y), out nx, out ny);
                    sw.WriteLine(nx.ToString() + "," + ny.ToString());
                    IPnt tr = new PntClass();
                    tr.X = c - offSetCells;
                    tr.Y = r + offSetCells;
                    rs2.PixelToMap(System.Convert.ToInt32(tr.X),
System.Convert.ToInt32(tr.Y), out nx, out ny);
                    sw.WriteLine(nx.ToString() + "," + ny.ToString());
                    IPnt bl = new PntClass();
```

```
bl.X = c + offSetCells;
                    bl.Y = r - offSetCells;
                    rs2.PixelToMap(System.Convert.ToInt32(bl.X),
System.Convert.ToInt32(bl.Y), out nx, out ny);
                    sw.WriteLine(nx.ToString() + "," + ny.ToString());
                }
                sw.Close();
            }
        }
        private void writeCoef()
            using (System.IO.StreamWriter sw = new System.IO.StreamWriter(outPth))
            {
                sw.WriteLine("Normalize");
                sw.WriteLine(pct.ToString());
                sw.WriteLine(refRs.RasterInfo.PixelType.ToString());
                sw.WriteLine(coef.Length.ToString());
                for (int i = 0; i < coef.Length; i++)</pre>
                    sw.WriteLine(String.Join(",", (from double d in coef[i] select
d.ToString()).ToArray()));
                }
                sw.Close();
            }
        }
        public IFunctionRasterDataset normalize(string mdlPath)
        {
            readCoef(mdlPath);
            IFunctionRasterDataset outRs = transform();
            return outRs;
        }
        private void readCoef(string mdlPath)
        {
            using (System.IO.StreamReader sr = new System.IO.StreamReader(outPth))
                sr.ReadLine();
                double pct = System.Convert.ToSingle(sr.ReadLine());
                sr.ReadLine();
                int bnds = System.Convert.ToInt32(sr.ReadLine());
                coef = new double[bnds][];
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < coef.Length; i++)</pre>
                {
                    string[] cArr = sr.ReadLine().Split(new char[',']);
                    coef[i] = (from string s in cArr select
System.Convert.ToDouble(s)).ToArray();
                }
                sr.Close();
            }
        }
        private IFunctionRasterDataset transform()
            IFunctionRasterDataset outRs = null;
            IRasterBandCollection rsBc = new RasterClass();
            for (int i = 0; i < coef.Length; i++)</pre>
                double[] c = coef[i];
                double intercept = c[0];
                double slope = c[1];
                IFunctionRasterDataset tRs = rsUtil.getBand(transRs, i);
                IFunctionRasterDataset pRs = rsUtil.calcArithmaticFunction(tRs,
slope, esriRasterArithmeticOperation.esriRasterMultiply);
                IFunctionRasterDataset fRs = rsUtil.calcArithmaticFunction(pRs,
intercept, esriRasterArithmeticOperation.esriRasterPlus);
                IFunctionRasterDataset bRs = rsUtil.convertToDifFormatFunction(fRs,
refRs.RasterInfo.PixelType);
                rsBc.AppendBand(((IRasterBandCollection)bRs).Item(0));
            }
            outRs = rsUtil.compositeBandFunction(rsBc);
            return outRs;
        }
        private double[][] getCoef()
            double[][] outCoef = new double[useArray.Length][];
            int cellCntCheck = bSize * bSize / 4;
            for (int b = 0; b < useArray.Length; b++)</pre>
            {
                double[] xVls = new double[rndPnts.Length];
                double[] yVls = new double[rndPnts.Length];
                int[] cntVls = new int[rndPnts.Length];
                for (int r = 0; r < useArray[b].Length; r++)</pre>
```

```
for (int c = 0; c < useArray[b][r].Length; c++)</pre>
                    {
                        if (useArray[b][r][c])
                        {
                            xVls[r] = xVls[r] + tranArray[b][r][c];
                            yVls[r] = yVls[r] + refArray[b][r][c];
                            cntVls[r] = cntVls[r] + 1;
                        }
                    }
                }
                List<double> xVlsLst = new List<double>();
                List<double> yVlsLst = new List<double>();
                List<int> cntVlsLst = new List<int>();
                for (int v = 0; v < xVls.Length; v++)</pre>
                    //Console.WriteLine(cntVls[v].ToString());
                    //Console.WriteLine(xVls[v].ToString());
                    //Console.WriteLine(yVls[v].ToString());
                    int cnt = cntVls[v];
                    if (cnt > cellCntCheck)
                    {
                        xVlsLst.Add(xVls[v] / cnt);
                        yVlsLst.Add(yVls[v] / cnt);
                        cntVlsLst.Add(cnt);
                    }
                }
                xVls = xVlsLst.ToArray();
                yVls = yVlsLst.ToArray();
                cntVls = cntVlsLst.ToArray();
                Accord.Statistics.Models.Regression.Linear.SimpleLinearRegression
slr = new Accord.Statistics.Models.Regression.Linear.SimpleLinearRegression();
                double sse = slr.Regress(xVls, yVls);
                double r2 = slr.CoefficientOfDetermination(xVls, yVls);
                outCoef[b] = new double[4]{ slr.Intercept, slr.Slope, sse,r2};
                if (stXY != null)
                {
                    string pCoef = stXY.Replace(".csv", "_" + b.ToString() +
".txt");
                    using (System.IO.StreamWriter sw = new
System.IO.StreamWriter(pCoef))
```

{

```
{
                         sw.WriteLine("X,Y,CNT");
                        for (int v = 0; v < xVls.Length; v++)</pre>
                             sw.WriteLine(xVls[v].ToString() + "," +
yVls[v].ToString() + "," + cntVls[v].ToString());
                         sw.Close();
                    }
                }
            }
            return (outCoef);
        }
        private void getUnchangedCells()
            Random rnd = new Random();
            double[][][] difArr = new double[refArray.Length][][];
            for (int b = 0; b < refArray.Length; b++)</pre>
                List<double> difLst = new List<double>();
                difArr[b] = new double[refArray[b].Length][];
                double minVal = minArrayRef[b];
                double maxVal = maxArrayRef[b];
                double dif = maxVal - minVal;
                double tMinVal = minArrayTran[b];
                double tMaxVal = maxArrayTran[b];
                double tdif = tMaxVal - tMinVal;
                for (int r = 0; r < refArray[b].Length; r++)</pre>
                {
                    difArr[b][r] = new double[refArray[b][r].Length];
                    for (int c = 0; c < refArray[b][r].Length; c++)</pre>
                    {
                         double ref0ldVl = refArray[b][r][c];
                         double tranOldVl = tranArray[b][r][c];
                         if (!(ref0ldVl == -9999 || tran0ldVl == -9999))
                             double refNewVl = (refOldVl - minVal) / dif;
                             double tranNewVl = (tranOldVl - minVal) / tdif;
                             double sdif = refNewVl - tranNewVl;
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difArr[b][r][c] = sdif;
                     if (rnd.NextDouble() <= 0.1)</pre>
                     {
                         difLst.Add(sdif);
                     }
                }
                else
                {
                     difArr[b][r][c] = -9999;
                 }
            }
        }
        difLst.Sort();
        int vlIndex = System.Convert.ToInt32(difLst.Count*pct);
        double smallValue = difLst[vlIndex];
        double largeValue = difLst[difLst.Count-vlIndex];
        for (int r = 0; r < difArr[b].Length; r++)</pre>
        {
            for (int c = 0; c < difArr[b][r].Length; c++)</pre>
            {
                double vl = difArr[b][r][c];
                if(vl<largeValue&&vl>smallValue)
                     useArray[b][r][c] = true;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
private int bSize = 50;
private double[][][] refArray = null;
private double[][][] tranArray = null;
private bool[][][] useArray = null;
private void getValues()
{
    int bSizeCnt = bSize * bSize;
    for (int i = 0; i < refArray.Length; i++)</pre>
    {
        refArray[i] = new double[n][];
        tranArray[i] = new double[n][];
        useArray[i] = new bool[n][];
```

```
for (int j = 0; j < n; j++)
                {
                    refArray[i][j] = new double[bSizeCnt];
                    tranArray[i][j] = new double[bSizeCnt];
                    useArray[i][j] = new bool[bSizeCnt];
                }
            }
            int offSetCells = bSize / 2;
            IRaster2 rs2 = (IRaster2)rsUtil.createRaster(refRs);
            IRaster rs = (IRaster)rs2;
            int nIndex = 0;
            foreach(IPoint pnt in rndPnts)
            {
                fillTransValues(pnt,nIndex);
                IPnt tlPnt = new PntClass();
                IPnt pbSize = new PntClass();
                pbSize.X = bSize;
                pbSize.Y = bSize;
                int c, r;
                rs2.MapToPixel(pnt.X, pnt.Y, out c, out r);
                c = c - offSetCells;
                r = r - offSetCells;
                tlPnt.X = c;
                tlPnt.Y = r;
                IPixelBlock pb = rs.CreatePixelBlock(pbSize);
                rs.Read(tlPnt, pb);
                for (int b = 0; b < pb.Planes; b++)</pre>
                {
                    System.Array vlArr =
(System.Array)((IPixelBlock3)pb).get_PixelData(b);
                    int vIndex = 0;
                    for (int rw = 0; rw < pb.Height; rw++)</pre>
                    {
                        for (int cl = 0; cl < pb.Width; cl++)</pre>
                        {
                             object vlObj = vlArr.GetValue(rw, cl);
                             double vlf = -9999;
                             if(vl0bj!=null)
                             {
                                 vlf = System.Convert.ToDouble(vl0bj);
                                 if (vlf < minArrayRef[b]) minArrayRef[b] = vlf;</pre>
                                 if (vlf > maxArrayRef[b]) maxArrayRef[b] = vlf;
                             }
```

```
refArray[b][nIndex][vIndex] = vlf;
                             vIndex = vIndex + 1;
                         }
                    }
                }
                nIndex = nIndex + 1;
            }
        }
        private void fillTransValues(IPoint pnt, int nIndex)
            IRaster rs = rsUtil.createRaster(transRs);
            IRaster2 rs2 = (IRaster2)rs;
            double conv = (refRs.RasterInfo.CellSize.X /
transRs.RasterInfo.CellSize.X);
            int offSetCells = System.Convert.ToInt32(conv*bSize/2);
            IPnt tlPnt = new PntClass();
            IPnt pbSize = new PntClass();
            pbSize.X = System.Convert.ToInt32(bSize*conv);
            pbSize.Y = System.Convert.ToInt32(bSize*conv);
            int c, r;
            rs2.MapToPixel(pnt.X, pnt.Y, out c, out r);
            c = c - offSetCells;
            r = r - offSetCells;
            tlPnt.X = c;
            tlPnt.Y = r;
            IPixelBlock pb = rs.CreatePixelBlock(pbSize);
            rs.Read(tlPnt, pb);
            for (int b = 0; b < pb.Planes; b++)</pre>
                System.Array vlArr =
(System.Array)((IPixelBlock3)pb).get_PixelData(b);
                int vIndex = 0;
                double[] cellCnt = new double[bSize*bSize];
                for (int rw = 0; rw < pb.Height; rw++)</pre>
                {
                    for (int cl = 0; cl < pb.Width; cl++)</pre>
                         object vlObj = vlArr.GetValue(rw, cl);
                        if (vlObj != null)
                             int bIndex = (int)(rw/conv) * bSize + (int)(cl / conv);
                             double vlf = System.Convert.ToSingle(vl0bj);
```

```
tranArray[b][nIndex][bIndex] = vlf +
tranArray[b][nIndex][bIndex];
                             cellCnt[bIndex] = cellCnt[bIndex] + 1;
                        }
                        vIndex = vIndex + 1;
                    }
                }
                for(int i=0; i < cellCnt.Length;i++)</pre>
                    double cellCntVl = cellCnt[i];
                    if (cellCntVl > 0)
                    {
                        double meanValue = tranArray[b][nIndex][i] / cellCnt[i];
                        tranArray[b][nIndex][i] = meanValue;
                        if (meanValue < minArrayTran[b]) minArrayTran[b] =</pre>
meanValue;
                        if (meanValue > maxArrayTran[b]) maxArrayTran[b] =
meanValue;
                    }
                    else
                    {
                        tranArray[b][nIndex][i] = -9999;
                    }
                }
            }
        }
        private void checkSR()
        {
            ISpatialReference srRef = refRs.RasterInfo.SpatialReference;
            ISpatialReference srTrans = transRs.RasterInfo.SpatialReference;
            ISpatialReference srFtrCls = null;
            ITopologicalOperator tp;
            if (mskFtrCls != null)
            {
                srFtrCls = ((IGeoDataset)mskFtrCls).SpatialReference;
                IGeometryCollection geoColl = new PolygonClass();
                object obj = Type.Missing;
                IFeatureCursor ftrCur = mskFtrCls.Search(null, true);
                IFeature ftr = ftrCur.NextFeature();
                geo = ftr.ShapeCopy;
```

```
tp = (ITopologicalOperator)geo;
                ftr = ftrCur.NextFeature();
                while (ftr != null)
                {
                    IGeometry geo2 = ftr.ShapeCopy;
                    geo = tp.Union(geo2);
                    tp = (ITopologicalOperator)geo;
                    ftr = ftrCur.NextFeature();
                }
                System.Runtime.InteropServices.Marshal.ReleaseComObject(ftrCur);
                if(srRef.FactoryCode != srFtrCls.FactoryCode)
                    geo.Project(srRef);
                }
                tp = (ITopologicalOperator)geo;
                geo = tp.Intersect((IGeometry)refRs.RasterInfo.Extent,
esriGeometryDimension.esriGeometry2Dimension);
            }
            else
            {
                IEnvelope env = refRs.RasterInfo.Extent;
                IGeometryBridge2 geoBr = new GeometryEnvironmentClass();
                IPointCollection4 pntCol = new PolygonClass();
                ((IGeometry)pntCol).SpatialReference =
refRs.RasterInfo.SpatialReference;
                object mis = Type.Missing;
                pntCol.AddPoint(env.UpperLeft);
                pntCol.AddPoint(env.UpperRight);
                pntCol.AddPoint(env.LowerRight);
                pntCol.AddPoint(env.LowerLeft);
                ((IPolygon)pntCol).Close();
                geo = (IGeometry)pntCol;
                //Console.WriteLine("Area = " + ((IArea)geo).Area.ToString());
            }
            if(srRef.FactoryCode!=srTrans.FactoryCode)
            {
                transRs = rsUtil.reprojectRasterFunction(transRs, srRef);
            }
            //intersect with boundary of Trans Raster
            tp = (ITopologicalOperator)geo;
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```
geo = tp.Intersect((IGeometry)transRs.RasterInfo.Extent,
esriGeometryDimension.esriGeometry2Dimension);
            //buffer inside raster half block size
            tp = (ITopologicalOperator)geo;
            geo = tp.Buffer(-1 * bSize * refRs.RasterInfo.CellSize.X / 2);
            IRaster2 rs2 = (IRaster2)rsUtil.createRaster(refRs);
            IPoint ulPnt = geo.Envelope.UpperLeft;
            IPoint lrPnt = geo.Envelope.LowerRight;
            int rStartClm, rStartRw;
            rs2.MapToPixel(ulPnt.X, ulPnt.Y, out rStartClm, out rStartRw);
            int endClm, endRw;
            rs2.MapToPixel(lrPnt.X, lrPnt.Y, out endClm, out endRw);
            int tCells = (endClm - rStartClm) * (endRw - rStartRw);
            double px, py;
            if(n>=(tCells*0.5)) //get all cells from ref Raster
                int iCnt = 0;
                rndPnts = new IPoint[tCells];
                for (int c = rStartClm; c <= endClm; c++)</pre>
                    for (int r = rStartRw; r <= endRw ; r++)</pre>
                    {
                        rs2.PixelToMap(c, r, out px, out py);
                        IPoint pnt = new PointClass();
                        pnt.PutCoords(px, py);
                        rndPnts[iCnt] = pnt;
                    }
                    iCnt = iCnt + 1;
                }
            }
            else //randomly chose cells from ref Raster up to n
            {
                Random rnd = new Random();
                HashSet<string> sCheck = new HashSet<string>();
                int iCnt = 0;
                rndPnts = new IPoint[n];
                while (sCheck.Count < n)</pre>
                    int clm = rnd.Next(rStartClm, endClm);
                    int rw = rnd.Next(rStartRw, endRw);
                    string rwclm = rw.ToString() + "_" + clm.ToString();
                    if (!sCheck.Contains(rwclm))
                    {
```

```
rs2.PixelToMap(clm, rw, out px, out py);
                        IPoint pnt = new PointClass();
                        pnt.PutCoords(px, py);
                        IRelationalOperator ro = (IRelationalOperator)pnt;
                        if (ro.Within(geo))
                        {
                            rndPnts[iCnt] = pnt;
                            iCnt = iCnt + 1;
                            sCheck.Add(rwclm);
                        }
                    }
                }
            }
           n = rndPnts.Length;
        }
   }
}
```

ArcPad Library (Mobile Data Collection)

DataTable Library (VB Script)

```
Option Explicit
Class Table
       dim rows(), columns(), rwsCnt, clmCnt, columnTypes()
       Public Property Get RowCount()
              RowCount = rwsCnt + 1
       End Property
       Public Property Get ColumnCount()
              ColumnCount = clmCnt + 1
       End Property
       Public Sub createTable(rws,clms)
              Dim rw, i
              rwsCnt = rws - 1
              clmCnt = clms - 1
              redim rows(rwsCnt)
              redim columns(clmCnt)
              For i = 0 To (rwsCnt)
                     Set rw = New Row
                     rw.createRow(clms)
                     Set rows(i) = rw
              Next
       End Sub
       Public Sub addRows(numRows)
              Dim rw, i
              rwsCnt = rwsCnt + numRows
              ReDim Preserve rows(rwsCnt)
              For i = (RowCount-numRows) To rwsCnt
                     Set rw = New Row
                     rw.createRow ColumnCount
                     Set rows(i) = rw
              Next
       End Sub
       Public Sub subtractRow(rwInd)
              Dim trows(), tcnt, i
              If rwInd>rwsCnt Then
                     MsgBox "rw Index must be between 0 and " & CStr(rwsCnt)
                     Exit Sub
              End If
              If rwInd<0 Then</pre>
                     MsgBox "rw Index must be between 0 and " & CStr(rwsCnt)
                     Exit Sub
              End If
```

```
ReDim trows(rwsCnt-1)
       tcnt=0
       For i = 0 To rwsCnt
              If i <> rwInd Then
                     Set trows(tcnt) = rows(i)
                     tcnt = tcnt+1
              End if
       Next
       ReDim rows(tcnt-1)
       rwsCnt = tcnt-1
       For i = 0 To rwsCnt
              Set rows(i) = trows(i)
       Next
       Erase trows
End Sub
Public Function getRow(index)
       Set getRow = rows(index)
End Function
Public Property Get Records()
       Records = rows
End Property
Public Property Get FieldTypes()
       FieldTypes = columnTypes
End Property
Public Property Let FieldTypes(valueArr)
       Dim i
       ReDim columnTypes(UBound(valueArr))
       For i=0 To UBound(valueArr)
              columnTypes(i) = valueArr(i)
       Next
End Property
Public Property Get Fields()
       Fields = columns
End Property
Public Property Let Fields(valueArr)
       Dim i
       ReDim columns(UBound(valueArr))
       For i=0 To UBound(valueArr)
              columns(i) = valueArr(i)
       Next
End Property
Public Function findField(fldName)
       Dim outVl, tvl1, tvl2, i
```

```
outVl = -1
       tvl1 = LCase(CStr(fldName))
       For i = 0 To clmCnt
             tvl2 = LCase(CStr(columns(i)))
              If tvl1 = tvl2 Then
                     outVl = i
                     Exit For
              End If
       Next
       findField = outVl
End Function
Public Sub setCellValue(rw,clm,value)
       Dim ind,r,c
       If(Not IsNumeric(clm)) Then
              ind = findField(clm)
       Else
              ind = clm
       End If
       If ind=-1 Then
              MsgBox "Field " & clm & " does not exist"
              Exit Sub
       End if
       value = getCorrectValue(ind,value)
       Set r = getRow(rw)
       r.setCellValue ind, value
       Set r = nothing
End Sub
Public Function getCorrectValue(clm,value)
       Dim outvl,clmTyp
       outvl = value
       If(Not IsEmpty(columnTypes)) Then
              clmTyp = CInt(columnTypes(clm))
              Select Case clmTyp
                     Case 129
                            outvl = CStr(value)
                     Case 5
                            If IsNumeric(value) then
                                   outvl = CDbl(value)
                            Else
                                   outvl = 0
                            End if
                     Case 7
                            If IsDate(value) Then
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outvl = CDate(value)
                            Else
                                   outvl = Now
                            End if
                     Case 11
                            outvl = CBool(value)
              End select
       End if
       getCorrectValue = outvl
End Function
Public Function getCellValue(rw,clm)
       Dim ind,r,outvl
       If(Not IsNumeric(clm)) Then
              ind = findField(clm)
       Else
              ind = clm
       End If
       Set r = getRow(rw)
       outvl = r.getCellValue(ind)
       getCellValue = outvl
       Set r = Nothing
End Function
Public Function createGuid
       dim TypeLib, guid
       Set TypeLib = CreateObject("Scriptlet.TypeLib")
       guid = TypeLib.Guid
       guid = Left(guid, Len(guid)-2)
       createGuid = guid
       Set TypeLib = Nothing
End Function
Public Function findRowIndex(uidName,uidValue)
       Dim r, ind, outvl, vl2
       outvl = -1
       ind = findField(uidName)
       For r=0 to rwsCnt
              vl2 = getCellValue(r,ind)
              If v12 = uidValue Then
                     outvl = r
                     Exit For
              End If
       Next
       findRowIndex = outvl
End Function
```

```
Public Sub moveRecord(fromRow, toRow)
              Dim cnt, r, cr, nr
              cnt = 0
              ReDim tArr(rwsCnt)
              Set cr = rows(r)
              For r=0 To rwsCnt
                     If(r=toRow) Then
                            Set rows(cnt) = rows(fromRow)
                            cnt = cnt + 1
                     End If
                     If(r=fromRow) Then
                     Else
                            Set nr = rows(cnt)
                            Set rows(cnt) = cr
                            Set cr = nr
                            cnt = cnt + 1
                     End if
              Next
              Set nr = Nothing
              Set cr = Nothing
       End Sub
       Private Sub Class_Terminate()
              Erase rows
              Erase columns
       End Sub
End Class
Class Dictionary
       Dim k(),v(), rc, ri
       Public Property Get Count()
              Count = rc
       End Property
       Public Property Get Keys()
              Keys = k
       End Property
       Public Property Get Values()
              Values = v
       End Property
       Public sub Add(key,value)
              rc = rc + 1
              ReDim Preserve k(rc-1)
              ReDim Preserve v(rc-1)
              k(rc-1) = key
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v(rc-1) = value
End sub
Public sub Remove(key)
       Dim ind, tk(), tv(), i, tcnt
       If(IsNumeric(key)) Then
              ind = CInt(key)
       Else
              ind = FindIndex(key)
       End If
       If ind = -1 Or ind > rc-1 Or rc = 0 Then
       Else
              ReDim tk(rc-2)
              ReDim tv(rc-2)
              tcnt = 0
              For i=0 To rc-1
                     If(i=ind) then
                     Else
                            tk(tcnt) = k(i)
                            tv(tcnt) = v(i)
                            tcnt = tcnt+1
                     End if
              Next
              ReDim k(tcnt-1)
              ReDim v(tcnt-1)
              rc = tcnt
              For i=0 To rc-1
                     k(i)=tk(i)
                     v(i)=tv(i)
              Next
              Erase tk
              Erase tv
       End if
Public Function FindValueIndex(value)
       Dim i, outVl
       outVl = -1
       For i=0 To rc-1
              If(v(i)=value)Then
                     outVl = i
                     Exit For
              End if
       Next
       FindValueIndex = outVl
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End Function
       Public Function FindIndex(key)
              Dim i, outVl
              outVl = -1
              key = LCase(key)
              For i=0 To rc-1
                     If(LCase(k(i))=key)Then
                            outVl = i
                            Exit For
                     End if
              Next
              FindIndex = outVl
       End Function
       Public Function GetValue(key)
              Dim ind,outVl
              outVl = -1
              ind = FindIndex(key)
              If(ind>-1)Then
                     outVl = v(ind)
              End if
              GetValue = outVl
       End Function
       Public Function GetKey(value)
              Dim ind,outVl
              outVl = -1
              ind = FindValueIndex(value)
              If(ind>-1)Then
                     outVl = k(ind)
              End if
              GetKey = outVl
       End Function
       Private Sub Class_Terminate()
              Erase k
              Erase v
      End Sub
End Class
Class Row
       Dim rw(),clms()
       Public Property Get Cells()
             Cells = rw
       End Property
       Public Property Get Fields()
```

```
End Property
      Public Property Let Fields(valueArr)
              ReDim clms(UBound(valueArr))
             For i=0 To UBound(valueArr)
                     clms(i) = valueArr(i)
             Next
       End Property
      Public Sub createRow(numCells)
             Dim r
             ReDim rw(numCells-1)
             For r=0 To (numCells-1)
                     Set rw(r) = New Cell
             Next
      End Sub
      Public Function getCellValue(index)
              getCellValue = rw(index).Value
      End Function
      Public Sub setCellValue(index,value)
              rw(index).Value = value
      End Sub
      Public Sub addCells(numCells)
             Dim r
             ReDim Preserve rw(UBound(rw)+numCells)
             For r=(UBound(rw)- numCells) To UBound(rw)
                     Set rw(r)= New Cell
             Next
       End Sub
      Public Sub Class_Terminate()
             Erase rw
             Erase clms
      End Sub
End Class
Class Cell
      Public Value
End Class
Plots Library
(XML forms)
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
```

Fields = clms

```
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Set dtTree = fillDataTable("frmtrees")
Call updateFormValues("frmtrees", dtTree)">
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alignment="center"/>
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fontsize="9" fontstyle="bolditalic" alignment="center"/>
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CommonDialog.ShowSIP(False)" caption="-" tooltip="" tabstop="true" border="false"
fontsize="9" fontstyle="bolditalic" alignment="center"/>
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tabstop="true" border="false" alignment="center"/>
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Layer.Forms("frmSubplot").Show" caption="Subplot 3" tooltip=""
tabstop="true" border="false" alignment="center"/>
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height="32" onclick="Call setSubPlotUid(4)
Layer.Forms("frmSubplot").Show" caption="Subplot 4" tooltip=""
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border="false" alignment="center"/>
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height="15" onclick="Call takePicture" caption="Picture" tooltip="" tabstop="true"
border="false" alignment="center"/>
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height="10" defaultvalue="" tooltip="" tabstop="false" border="false" sip="false"
field="UTYPE"/>
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field="VISITED"/>
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Call setCruiseCombobox
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Call SetSubplotComboboxes
Call updateFormValues("frmSubplot", dtSubplot)" onok="Call
updateDbfValues("frmSubplot", dtSubplot)">
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sort="false"/>
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fillDictionary(species,"SPCD","COMMON_NAM")">
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border="false"/>
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Layer.Forms("frmSpecies").Show" name="btnAdd" x="101" width="12"
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alignment="center"/>
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height="12" onclick="Call removeAddTree" caption="-" tooltip="" tabstop="true"
border="false" alignment="center"/>
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                     </FORM>
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height="130" onok="Call updateDbfValues("frmSpecies",dtSpecies)"
onunload="Call fillListViewAddTree">
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Call updateFormValues("frmSpecies",dtSpecies)">
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sip="true"/>
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sip="true"/>
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" onaveragestop="collectData=False" onaveragestart="Call updateGpsTable"/>
              </SYSTEMOBJECTS>
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                             <QUERYFRAGMENT field="OBJECTID" operator="=" value="249"
fragmentoperator="AND"/>
                     </OUERYBUILDER>
              </FIND>
       </LAYER>
</ArcPad>
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(VB Script)

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option explicit
'Global Variables
Dim subPlotUid, plotUid, setupUid, projectUid, treeUid, spUid 'values used to link
plots with subplots, and trees tables
Dim subplots, trees, setup, species, gps 'path to setup, subplot, and tree
relational dbf tables
Dim dtProject, dtSetup, dtPlot, dtSubplot, dtTree, dtSpecies, dtGPS, dtGPSsetup
'data tables used to update values
Dim luSpcd, luStcd, luCtype, luBrcd, luPct 'lookup dictionary used for comboboxes
Dim check, rcd, cruiseType, cruiseValue, plt, subplt, collectData, gpsPositionNumber
Sub Include(sInstFile)
    Dim s, oFSO
    Set oFSO = Application.CreateAppObject("file")
    On Error Resume Next
    If oFSO.Exists(sInstFile) Then
              'Application.MessageBox "file DataTable exists"
        oFSO.Open(sInstFile)
              do while not oFSO.EOF
                     s = s & oFSO.ReadLine & vbCrLf
              loop
              oFSO.Close
        ExecuteGlobal s
    End If
    On Error Goto 0
    Set oFSO = Nothing
End Sub
function fillDictionary(path,cd,txt)
       Dim rcds, outDic, trcd, sql
       set outDic = new Dictionary
       set rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("RecordSet")
       sql = "[use] = 1 and [utype] < 3"
       rcds.Open path, 1
       trcd = rcds.Find(sql)
       do while trcd > 0
              outDic.Add rcds.Fields(cd).Value, rcds.Fields(txt).Value
              trcd = rcds.Find(sql,,trcd)
       loop
       rcds.Close
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set fillDictionary = outDic
       set rcds = nothing
       set outDic = nothing
End function
Function createGuid()
       createGuid = System.CreateGuid
End Function
'Application.MessageBox Application.Path & "\Applets\DataTable.vbs"
Include(Application.Path & "\Applets\DataTable.vbs")
'Application.MessageBox "Included DataTable"
set luSpcd = fillDictionary(Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\spcd.dbf", "SPCD", "COMMON_NAM")
'Application.MessageBox "filled Dictionary Spcd"
set luStcd = fillDictionary(Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\stcd.dbf", "CODE", "TEXT")
'Application.MessageBox "filled Dictionary Stcd"
set luCtype = fillDictionary(Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\crcd.dbf","CODE","TEXT")
'Application.MessageBox "filled Dictionary crcd"
set luBrcd = fillDictionary(Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\brcd.dbf", "CODE", "TEXT")
'Application.MessageBox "filled Dictionary Spcd"
set luPct = fillDictionary(Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\pctcd.dbf", "CODE", "TEXT")
collectData=false
gpsPositionNumber = 0
Sub LoadFormStartup
'Called when edit form is openned 'If there are no shapefile layers in the map, then
exit
       call check_plot_layers 'sets the plotuid, setupuid, and projectuid
       if check = 3 then
              call setup_exists
              if check = 1 or plotUid = "" then
                     if plotUid="" then
                            Layer.Forms("EDITFORM").Close False
                     end if
              else
                     Layer.Forms("frmSetup").Show
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end if
       else
       end if
End Sub
Function fillDataTable(frmName)
'Fills the data table based on uids. New values are created in the dbf file and
values are set in the data table
       Dim rcds, path, sql, outTbl, fcnt, fldArr, rcnt, fldName, fld, fldTypeArr,
guid
       sql = "[uid] = "
       set rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("recordset")
       Select Case frmName
              Case "frmSetup"
                     path = setup
                     rcds.Open path, 1
                     sql = sql & """" & CStr(setupUid) & """"
              Case "frmSubplot"
                     path = subplots
                     rcds.Open path, 1
                     sql = "[uid] = """ & subPlotUid & """"
              Case "frmtrees"
                     path = trees
                     rcds.Open path, 1
                     sql = "[subplotUid] = """ & subPlotUid & """ AND [utype] < 3"</pre>
              Case "frmGPS"
                     path = gps
                     rcds.Open path, 1
                     sql = "[plotUid] = """ & CStr(plotUid) & """ AND [utype] < 3"</pre>
              Case "frmSpecies"
                     path = species
                     rcds.Open path, 1
                     sql = sql & """" & CStr(spUid) & """"
              Case else
       End Select
       set outTbl = new Table
       fcnt = rcds.Fields.Count
       outTbl.createTable 1, fcnt
       redim fldArr(fcnt-1)
       redim fldTypeArr(fcnt-1)
       fcnt = 0
       for each fld in rcds.Fields
              fldName = fld.Name
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fldTypeArr(fcnt) = fld.Type
             fcnt = fcnt + 1
      Next
      outTbl.Fields = fldArr
      outTbl.FieldTypes = fldTypeArr
      rcd = rcds.Find(sql)
      if rcd = 0 then
             guid = createGuid()
             'rcds.AddNew
             outTbl.setCellValue 0, "uid", guid
             outTbl.setCellValue 0, "utype",1
             select case frmName
                    Case "frmSubplot"
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"plotUid",plotUid
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"subplot",subplt
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0, "pctpine", 0
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0, "pctbare", 0
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0, "burn",6
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"pctherb",0
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"pctbroad",0
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"pctsaw",0
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"pctcwd",0
                           subPlotUid = guid
                    Case "frmtrees"
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"subplotUid",subPlotUid
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"status",1
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0, "sp", 0
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"cnt",1
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"dbh",0
                           treeUid = guid
                    Case "frmSetup"
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"projectUid",projectUid
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0, "uid", setupUid
                           'setupUid = guid
                    Case "frmSpecies"
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0,"use",1
                           " & guid
                           spUid = guid
                    Case "frmGPS"
                           outTbl.setCellValue 0, "plotUid", plotUid
                    Case else
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fldArr(fcnt) = fldName

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end select
       else
              guid = rcds.Fields("uid").Value
              select case frmName
                     Case "frmSubplot"
                            subPlotUid = guid
                     Case "frmtrees"
                            treeUid = guid
                     Case "frmSetup"
                            setupUid = guid
                            sql = sql & """" & CStr(setupUid) & """ AND [utype] < 3"</pre>
                     Case "frmSpecies"
                            spUid = guid
              end select
       end if
       rcnt = 0
       Do while rcd <> 0
              if rcnt = 0 then
              else
                     'Application.MessageBox "adding Row rcd = " & Cstr(rcd) & ":" &
sql
                     outTbl.addRows 1
              end if
              for each fld in rcds.Fields
                     outTbl.setCellValue rcnt,fld.Name,fld.Value
              Next
              rcd = rcds.Find(sql, ,rcd)
              rcnt = rcnt + 1
       Loop
       set fillDataTable = outTbl
       rcds.Close
       set rcds = Nothing
End Function
sub setSubPlotUid(subPlotNumber)
       subplt = subPlotNumber
       subPlotUid = getUid(subplots,"[plotUid] = """ & plotUid & """ and [subplot] =
" & CStr(subplt), "uid")
end sub
sub createFile(flpath)
       dim myfile
       set myfile = Application.CreateAppObject("File")
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if myfile.Exists(flpath) then
       else
              myfile.Copy Application.Path & "\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\" &
right(flpath,len(flpath)-InStrRev(flpath,"_")+1), flpath
       end if
       set myfile = nothing
end sub
Function getUid(path2, sql, fldName)
       Dim rcds2, outvl, weOpen
       set rcds2 = Application.CreateAppObject("recordset")
       weOpen = True
       createFile(setup)
       if (LCase(path2) = LCase(Layer.FilePath)) then
              weOpen = False
              set rcds2 = Layer.Records
       else
              rcds2.Open path2, 1
       end if
       outvl = rcds2.Find(sql)
       if outvl > 0 then
              outvl = rcds2.Fields(fldName).Value
       else
              outvl = -1
       end if
       if weOpen then
              rcds2.Close
       end if
       set rcds2 = nothing
       getUid = outvl
End Function
sub updateDbfValues(frmName,tbl)
'call this on ok button push
       Dim rcds, path, sql, uidIndex, uidValue, r, weOpen, fld
       call updateCurrentTableRecord(frmName,tbl)
       set rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("recordset")
       weOpen = true
       Select Case frmName
             Case "frmSetup"
                     path = setup
              Case "frmSubplot"
                     path = subplots
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Case "frmtrees"
                     path = trees
              Case "frmGPS"
                     path = gps
                     'Application.MessageBox "updated Current Record " & path
              Case "frmSpecies"
                     path = species
              Case else
                     exit sub
       End Select
       rcds.Open path, 2
       uidIndex = tbl.findField("uid")
       for r=0 to tbl.RowCount-1
              uidValue = tbl.getCellValue(r,uidIndex)
              sql = "[uid] = """ & uidValue & """"
              rcd = rcds.Find(sql)
              'Application.MessageBox Cstr(rcd)
              if rcd = 0 then
                     'Application.MessageBox "adding record"
                     rcds.AddNew
              end if
              for each fld in rcds.Fields
                     'Application.MessageBox fld.Name & ": " &
CStr(tbl.getCellValue(r,fld.Name))
                     fld.Value = tbl.getCellValue(r,fld.Name)
              Next
              rcds.Update
       Next
       if(weOpen) then
              rcds.Close
       end if
       set rcds = Nothing
end sub
sub updateCurrentTableRecord(frmName,tbl)
       Dim path, sql, uidValue, c, theControls, pg, cntName, cntType, cntValue,
rwIndex
       Select Case frmName
              Case "frmSetup"
                     pg = "pgSetup"
                     uidValue = setupUid
              Case "frmSubplot"
                     pg = "pgSubplot"
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uidValue = subPlotUid
              Case "frmtrees"
                     pg = "pgtrees"
                     uidValue = treeUid
              Case "frmSpecies"
                     pg = "pgSpecies"
                     uidValue = spUid
              Case else
                     'Application.MessageBox "Exit Current Record"
                     exit sub
       End Select
       rwIndex = tbl.findRowIndex("uid",uidValue)
       set theControls = Layer.Forms(frmName).Pages(pg).Controls
       for each c in theControls
              cntName = lCase(Right(c.Name, len(c.Name)-3))
              cntType = LCase(c.Type)
              cntValue = c.Value
              if cntType = "edit" then
                     cntValue = c.Value
                     tbl.setCellValue rwIndex, cntName, cntValue
              elseif cntType = "combobox" then
                     select case cntName
                            Case "sp"
                                   cntValue = luSpcd.GetKey(c.Value)
                                   'Application.MessageBox "updating rowIndex (" &
Cstr(rwIndex) & ") sp = " & Cstr(cntValue)
                            Case "status"
                                   cntValue = luStcd.GetKey(c.Value)
                            Case "ctype"
                                   cntValue = luCtype.GetKey(c.Value)
                            case "burn"
                                   cntValue = luBrcd.GetKey(c.Value)
                            case else
                                   cntValue = luPct.GetKey(c.Value)
                     end select
                     tbl.setCellValue rwIndex, cntName, cntValue
              end if
       Next
       if(frmName = "frmSpecies") then
              Dim lblValue
              lblValue = formatStrValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwIndex, "use"),4) & "|" &
formatStrValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwIndex, "SPCD"),4) & "|" &
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path = subplots

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formatStrValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwIndex, "COMMON_NAM"),25) & "|" &
tbl.getCellValue(rwIndex,"uid")
              tbl.setCellValue rwIndex, "lbl", lblValue
       elseif(frmName = "EDITFORM") then
              tbl.setCellValue rwIndex, "visited", 1
              'Application.MessageBox Cstr(plotUid) & "visited = 1"
       end if
       call updateRow(tbl,rwIndex)
       set theControls = Nothing
end sub
sub update labels(form)
       'Called on load event for forms or activate event on pages. Fills controls
with data table values
       dim objTheForm, objTheControls, pg
       if(form = "EDITFORM") then
              pg = "pg" & form
       elseif (form = "pgtreesview") then
              pg = form
              form = "frmtrees"
       else
              pg = "pg" & right(form,len(form)-3)
       end if
       Set objTheForm = Layer.Forms(form)
       Set objTheControls = objTheForm.Pages(pg).Controls
       select case pg
              case "pgtrees"
                     objTheControls("lblsubplot").Value = "Plot " & CStr(plt) & "
Subplot " & CStr(subplt)
                     objTheControls("lblcount").Value = " of " &
CStr(dtTree.RowCount)
              case "pgtreesview"
                     objTheControls("lblsubplot").Value = "Plot " & CStr(plt) & "
Subplot " & CStr(subplt)
              case "pgSubplot"
                     objTheControls("lblsubplot").Value = "Plot " & CStr(plt) & "
Subplot " & CStr(subplt)
              case "pgEDITFORM"
                     objTheForm.Pages(pg).Caption = "Plot " & CStr(plt)
              case "pgSetup"
                     objTheControls("lblplot").Value = "Plot " & CStr(plt)
       end select
       set objTheForm = nothing
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set objTheControls = nothing
end sub
sub check_plot_layers
'Check to see if a record within a point layer is selected and if the point layer
has plotUid and setupUid. If so then gets the values associated with the selected
point
       trees = ""
       dim 1, path, visited
       check = 0
       visited = 0
       dim lyr, rcds, flds, srcd
       set lyr = Map.SelectionLayer
       path = lyr.FilePath
       trees = left(path,len(path)-4) & "_trees.dbf"
       subplots = left(path,len(path)-4) & "_subplots.dbf"
       setup = left(path,len(path)-4) & "_setup.dbf"
       species = Application.Path & "\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\spcd.dbf"
       gps = left(path,len(path)-4) & "_gps.dbf"
       set rcds = lyr.Records
       srcd = Map.SelectionBookmark
       rcds.Bookmark = srcd
       set flds = rcds.Fields
       for each 1 in flds
              if Ucase(1.Name) = "UID" or Ucase(1.Name) = "SETUPUID" or
Ucase(1.Name) = "OBJECTID" then
                     check = check + 1
              elseif Ucase(1.Name) = "VISITED" then
                     visited = 1
              else
              end if
       next
       if check = 3 then
              plotUid = flds.Item("uid").Value
              setupUid = flds.Item("setupUid").Value
              plt = flds.Item("OBJECTID").Value
              projectUid = getUid(setup, "[uid] = """ & setupUid & """",
"projectUid")
       else
              Application. MessageBox "Improperly Formated plot file. Please reload a
properly desinged plot file!", vbExclamation, "Improperly formated"
       end if
       set flds = nothing
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set rcds = nothing
       set lyr = nothing
end sub
sub setup_exists
'checks to see if the related table setup exists. If so get the projectUid, cruise
type (BAF or Fixed) and cruise value (BAF value or fixed radius)
       dim myfile, myarray, i, setup_rcds, srcd, sql
       set myfile = Application.CreateAppObject("file")
       redim myarray(3)
       myarray(0) = trees
       myarray(1) = subplots
       myarray(2) = setup
       myarray(3) = gps
       for each i in myarray
              if myfile.Exists(i) then
              else
                     myfile.Copy Application.Path & "\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\"
& right(i,len(i)-InStrRev(i,"_")+1), i
              end if
       next
       set setup_rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("recordset")
       setup_rcds.Open setup, 1
       sql = "[uid]=""" & CStr(setupUid) & """"
       srcd = setup_rcds.Find(sql)
       if srcd > 0 then
              check = 1
              cruiseType = setup_rcds.Fields("ctype").Value
              cruiseValue = setup rcds.Fields("Value").Value
              projectUid = setup_rcds.Fields("projectUid").Value
       else
              check = 0
              cruiseType = "FIXED"
              cruiseValue = 4
       end if
       setup rcds.Close
       set setup_rcds = nothing
       set myfile = nothing
       erase myarray
End sub
Sub setTreeCombobox
       dim controls,i, vl, tx
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set controls = Layer.Forms("frmtrees").Pages("pgtrees").Controls
       controls("cmbsp").Clear
       controls("cmbsp").AddItemsFromTable species, "COMMON_NAM", "COMMON_NAM", "[use]
= 1 and [utype] < 3"
       controls("cmbstatus").Clear
       controls("cmbstatus").AddItemsFromTable Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\stcd.dbf","TEXT","TEXT", "[use] = 1 and [utype] < 3"'
order [sort]"
       set controls = nothing
End Sub
Sub setCruiseCombobox
       dim cnt
       set cnt = Layer.Forms("frmSetup").Pages("pgSetup").Controls("cmbctype")
       cnt.Clear
       cnt.AddItemsFromTable Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\crcd.dbf","TEXT","TEXT", "[use] = 1 and [utype] < 3"
       set cnt = nothing
End Sub
Sub setSubplotComboboxes
       dim cntrs, cnt
       set cntrs = Layer.Forms("frmSubplot").Pages("pgSubplot").Controls
       for each cnt in cntrs
              if LCase(cnt.Type) = "combobox" then
                     cnt.Clear
                     'Application.Messagebox cnt.Name
                     select case cnt.Name
                            Case "cmbburn"
                                   cnt.AddItemsFromTable Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\brcd.dbf","TEXT","TEXT", "[use] = 1 and [utype] < 3"
                            case else
                                   cnt.AddItemsFromTable Application.Path &
"\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\pctcd.dbf","TEXT","TEXT", "[use] = 1 and [utype] < 3"
                     end select
              end if
       next
       set cnt = nothing
       set cntrs = nothing
End Sub
Sub updateFormValues(form, tbl)
'updates the form values based on field names and control names
       dim theControls, rwInd, c, uIndex
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form2 = LCase(right(form,len(form)-3))
       if form = "editform" then
              form2 = form
       end if
       set theControls =Layer.Forms("frm" & form2).Pages("pg" & form2).Controls
       Select Case form2
              case "trees"
                     uIndex = treeUid
              case "setup"
                     uIndex = setupUid
              case "subplot"
                     uIndex = subPlotUid
              case "project"
                     uIndex = projectUid
              case "species"
                     uindex = spUid
              case else
                     exit sub
       end select
       rwInd = tbl.findRowIndex("uid",uIndex)
       'Application.MessageBox Cstr(rwInd)
       if rwInd < 0 then</pre>
              Application.MessageBox "Can't find related records. Setting to first
record."
              rwInd = 0
       end if
       for each c in theControls
              cntName = c.Name
              cntName = LCase(Right(cntName,len(cntName)-3))
              fldInd = tbl.findField(cntName)
              cntType = LCase(c.Type)
              if fldInd >-1 then
                     if cntType = "edit" then
                            c.Value = tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd)
                     elseif cntType = "combobox" then
                            select case cntName
                                   Case "sp"
                                           'Application.MessageBox "table value = " &
Cstr(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                          nvl =
luSpcd.GetValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                          c.Value = nvl
```

dim cntName, fldInd, cntType, form2, nvl

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'Application.MessageBox Cstr("List count =
" & c.ListCount)
                                          c.ListIndex =
luSpcd.findIndex(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                          'Application.MessageBox "lookup value = " &
CStr(luSpcd.Count) & " " & CStr(nvl) & " " & CStr(c.ListIndex)
                                   Case "status"
                                          nv1 =
luStcd.GetValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                          c.Value = nvl
                                          c.ListIndex =
luStcd.findIndex(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                   Case "ctype"
                                          nvl =
luCtype.GetValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                          c.Value = nvl
                                          c.ListIndex =
luCtype.findIndex(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                   Case "burn"
                                          nvl =
luBrcd.GetValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                          c.Value = nvl
                                          c.ListIndex =
luBrcd.findIndex(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                   Case else
                                          nvl =
luPct.GetValue(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                                          c.Value = nvl
                                          c.ListIndex =
luPct.findIndex(tbl.getCellValue(rwInd,fldInd))
                            end select
                     end if
              end if
       Next
       set theControls = nothing
       call update_labels(form)
End Sub
Sub addTreeRow
       dim outRwInd, guid, theControl,i
       set theControl = ThisEvent.Object
       call updateCurrentTableRecord("frmtrees",dtTree)
       dtTree.AddRows(1)
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guid = createGuid()
       outRwInd = dtTree.RowCount - 1
       dtTree.setCellValue outRwInd, "uid", guid
       dtTree.setCellValue outRwInd, "utype", 1
       dtTree.setCellValue outRwInd, "cnt", 1
       dtTree.setCellValue outRwInd, "subplotUid",subPlotUid
       dtTree.setCellValue outRwInd, "status", 1
       dtTree.setCellValue outRwInd, "sp", 0
       treeUid = guid
       call updateFormValues("frmtrees",dtTree)
       theControl.Parent.Controls("lbltree").Value = CStr(dtTree.RowCount)
       theControl.Parent.Controls("lblcount").Value = " of " & CStr(dtTree.RowCount)
       set theControl = nothing
end Sub
Sub subtractTreeRow
       dim rcds, trcd, theControl, rwIndex
       set theControl = ThisEvent.Object
       rwIndex = dtTree.findRowIndex("uid",treeUid)
       if rwIndex = 0 then
             Application.MessageBox "Can't delete last record. If you want no tally
set tree count = 0"
              Exit Sub
       end if
       set rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("recordset")
       rcds.Open trees, 2
      trcd = rcds.Find("[uid] = """ & treeUid & """")
       if trcd>0 then
              rcds.Fields("utype").Value = 3
              rcds.Update
       end if
       dtTree.subtractRow(rwIndex)
       rcds.Close
       set rcds = Nothing
       treeUid = dtTree.getCellValue((rwIndex-1), "uid")
       call updateFormValues("frmtrees",dtTree)
       theControl.Parent.Controls("lbltree").Value = CStr(rwIndex)
       theControl.Parent.Controls("lblcount").Value = " of " & CStr(dtTree.RowCount)
       set theControl = Nothing
End Sub
Sub updateRow(tbl,rwIndex)
       dim cvalue
```

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cvalue = tbl.getCellValue(rwIndex,"utype")
       if (cvalue > 0) and (cvalue < 4) then</pre>
       else
              tbl.setCellValue rwIndex, "utype", 2
       end if
end Sub
sub move record(spaces)
       dim theControl
       dim treenumber, maxrecords, rwIndex
       call updateCurrentTableRecord("frmtrees",dtTree)
       rwIndex = dtTree.findRowIndex("uid",treeUid)
       treenumber = rwIndex + spaces + 1
       maxrecords = dtTree.RowCount
       if treenumber > maxrecords then
              Application.MessageBox "You have reached the last record!" & vbnewline
& "If you want to add a new record press the '+' button"
              Exit Sub
       elseif treenumber < 1 then</pre>
              Application.MessageBox "You have reached the first record!" &
vbnewline & "If you want to delete a record press the '-' button"
              Exit Sub
       else
              treeUid = dtTree.getCellValue(rwIndex+spaces, "uid")
       end if
       Layer.Forms("frmtrees").Pages("pgtrees").Controls("lbltree").Value =
CStr(treenumber)
       call updateFormValues("frmtrees",dtTree)
end sub
sub view_select
       dim theViewControl
       dim form,treenumber
       set theViewControl = ThisEvent.Object
       if theViewControl.ListIndex > 0 then
              treenumber = theViewControl.ListIndex
              treeUid = dtTree.getCellValue(treenumber-1, "uid")
              theViewControl.Parent.Parent.Pages("pgtrees").Activate
       theViewControl.Parent.Parent.Pages("pgtrees").Controls("lbltree").Value =
treenumber
              call updateFormValues("frmtrees", dtTree)
              set theViewControl = nothing
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else
              set theViewControl = nothing
              Exit sub
       end if
end sub
sub update_list_view
       dim count, i, a, m, index_header, index_value
       dim theViewControls, myarray
       set theViewControls = Layer.Forms("frmtrees").Pages("pgtreesview").Controls
       call updateCurrentTableRecord("frmtrees",dtTree)
       index header = "# | SP| DBH| STA| CNT|UTYP| UID
| SUBPLOTUID
       theViewControls ("lsttreesview").Clear
       theViewControls ("lsttreesview").AddItem index_header,index_header
       for i=0 to dtTree.RowCount-1
              redim myarray(5)
              myarray(0) = CStr(i + 1)
              myarray(1) = CStr(dtTree.getCellValue(i, "sp"))
              myarray(2) = CStr(dtTree.getCellValue(i,"dbh"))
              myarray(3) = CStr(dtTree.getCellValue(i, "status"))
              myarray(4) = CStr(dtTree.getCellValue(i,"cnt"))
              myarray(5) = CStr(dtTree.getCellValue(i, "utype"))
              count = 0
              for each m in myarray
                     if len(m) < 4 then
                            for a = 1 to (4-len(m))
                                   m = m \& " "
                            next
                     end if
                     myarray(count) = m
                     count = count + 1
              next
              index_value = join(myarray,"|") & "|" & dtTree.getCellValue(i,"uid") &
"|" & dtTree.getCellValue(i, "subplotUid")
              theViewControls("lsttreesview").AddItem index_value, index_value
       next
       Erase myarray
       set theViewcontrols = nothing
end sub
function formatStrValue(value,lng)
       Dim outvl, clng
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lng = lng + 1
       clng = len(Cstr(value))
       outvl = CStr(value)
       if clng < lng then</pre>
              outvl = outvl & space(lng-clng)
       elseif clng > lng then
              outvl = left(outvl,lng)
       end if
       formatStrValue = outvl
end function
sub fillListViewAddTree
       dim control,i, vl, tx
       set control =
Layer.Forms("frmAddTree").Pages("pgAddTree").Controls("lstTree")
       control.Clear
       control.AddItemsFromTable species,"lbl","lbl", "[utype] < 3"</pre>
       set control = nothing
end sub
sub selectAddTree
       dim rcds, theControl, ind, use, ln, ovl, ary, svl, code, common, ut
       set theControl = ThisEvent.Object.Parent("lstTree")
       ind = theControl.ListIndex
       ln = theControl.Value
       ary = split(ln,"|")
       spUid = ary(ubound(ary))
       use = CInt(ary(0))
       code = CInt(ary(1))
       common = Trim(ary(2))
       if(use=1) then
              ov1=0
       else
              ovl = 1
       end if
       svl = formatStrValue(ovl,len(ary(0))-1)
       ary(0) = svl
       ln = join(ary,"|")
       set rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("recordset")
       rcds.Open species, 2
       rcds.Find "[uid] = """ & spUid & """"
       rcds.Fields("use").Value = ovl
       rcds.Fields("lbl").Value = ln
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ut = Cint(rcds.Fields("utype").Value)
       if(ut = 1 \text{ or } ut = 3) \text{ then}
       else
              rcds.Fields("utype").Value = 2
       end if
       rcds.Update
       rcds.Close
       fillListViewAddTree
       theControl.ListIndex = ind
       set rcds = nothing
       set theControl = nothing
       Erase ary
end sub
sub removeAddTree
       dim theControl, rcds, sql, uid, ind, ary
       set theControl = ThisEvent.Object.Parent("lstTree")
       set rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("recordset")
       ind = theControl.ListIndex
       if ind >= (theControl.ListCount - 1) then
              ind = ind-1
       elseif ind = 0 then
              ind = -1
       end if
       ary = split(theControl.Value,"|")
       uid = ary(3)
       sql = "[uid] = """ & uid & """"
       rcds.Open species, 2
       rcds.Find sql
       rcds.Fields("utype").Value = 3
       rcds.Fields("use").Value = 0
       rcds.Update
       rcds.Close
       fillListViewAddTree
       theControl.ListIndex = ind
       set rcds = nothing
       set theControl = nothing
       Erase ary
end sub
sub takePicture
       dim path, fl, rslt
       path = replace(Layer.FilePath,Layer.Name&".shp","") & "PlotPics"
       set fl = Application.CreateAppObject("file")
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if(not fl.Exists(path)) then
              'Application.MessageBox "creating directory" & path
              fl.CreateDirectory(path)
       end if
       path = path & "\" & plotUid & ".jpg"
       if(fl.Exists(path)) then
              rslt = Application.MessageBox("File exist! Do you want to replace?",
4, "File Exists")
              if( rslt = 6) then
                     'Application.MessageBox "taking picture"
                     MultiMedia.CaptureStill(path)
              else
                     'show image
              end if
       else
              MultiMedia.CaptureStill(path)
       end if
       set fl = nothing
end sub
sub collectGPS
       Dim mpos, i, rCnt, dif, rIndex, weOpen, ln, optArr
       dim view
       gpsPositionNumber = 0
       optArr = getAveragingOptions
       set dtGPS = fillDataTable("frmGPS")
       mpos = optArr(0)
       if(optArr(2)=False or mpos < 6) then</pre>
              Application.MessageBox "You must enable averaging and have more than 5
positions!", vbInformation, "GPS setup"
              Application.ExecuteCommand("gpsoptions")
              exit sub
       end if
       rCnt = dtGPS.RowCount
       'Application.MessageBox "Row count = " & Cstr(rCnt)
       dif = mpos-rCnt
       'Application.MessageBox "Diff = " & Cstr(dif)
       if dif > 0 then
              call dtGPS.AddRows(dif)
              'Application.MessageBox "Added " & Cstr(dif) & " new row count = " &
Cstr(dtGPS.RowCount)
              for i = rCnt to mpos-1
                     rIndex = i
```

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dtGPS.setCellValue rIndex, "uid", createGuid()
                     dtGPS.setCellValue rIndex, "plotUid", plotUid
                     dtGPS.setCellValue rIndex, "utype", 1
                     dtGPS.setCellValue rIndex, "position", i
                     'Application.MessageBox "set value for rindex " & cStr(rIndex)
              next
              view = false
       elseif dif < 0 then
              if Application.MessageBox("Positions exist. Do you want to
replace?",4,"Replace") = 6 then
                     view = false
              else
                     view = true
              end if
              for i = mpos to rCnt-1
                     rIndex = i
                     'Application.MessageBox "Setting rowindex " & Cstr(rIndex) & "
to 3"
                     dtGPS.setCellValue rIndex, "utype", 3
              next
       else
              if Application.MessageBox("Positions exist. Do you want to
replace?",4,"Replace") = 6 then
                     view = false
              else
                     view = true
              end if
       end if
       if(view) then
       else
              weOpen = false
              if(Application.GPS.IsOpen) then
              else
                     weOpen = True
                     Application.GPS.Open
                     Application.MessageBox "Activated GPS",vbInformation,
"Activate"
              end if
              collectData = True
              Application.ExecuteCommand("movepointtogps")
              collectData = False
              if(weOpen) then
```

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if Application.MessageBox("Do you want to deactivate the GPS?",
vbYesNo, "Deactivate") = 6 then
                            Application.GPS.Close
                     end if
              end if
       end if
       call removeGpsZeros
       call updateDbfValues("frmGPS",dtGPS)
end sub
sub removeGpsZeros
       Dim r, xvalue, sdel, xindex
       xindex = dtGPS.findField("x")
       sdel = -1
       for r=0 to dtGPS.RowCount-1
              xvalue = dtGPS.getCellValue(r,xindex)
              if xvalue=0 then
                     sdel = r
                     exit for
              end if
       next
       if sdel>-1 then
              for r=dtGPS.RowCount-1 to sdel Step -1
                     dtGPS.SubtractRow(r)
              next
       end if
end sub
sub setupGpsForm
       Dim theControl, theLabel, i, rCnt, ln, xp, yp, h, s, sh
       set theControl = Layer.Forms("frmGPS").Pages("pgGPS").Controls("lstgps")
       set theLabel = Layer.Forms("frmGPS").Pages("pgGPS").Controls("lblgps")
       rCnt = dtGPS.RowCount
       theControl.Clear
       'Application.MessageBox "Row count = " & Cstr(rCnt)
       for i = 1 to dtGPS.RowCount
              sh = CInt(dtGPS.getCellValue(i-1, "utype"))
              if sh < 3 then
                     xp = dtGPS.getCellValue(i-1,"x")
                     yp = dtGPS.getCellValue(i-1, "y")
                     h = dtGPS.getCellValue(i-1, "hdop")
                     s = dtGPS.getCellValue(i-1, "sat")
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ln = formatStrValue(i,3) & "|" & formatStrValue(xp,10) & "|" &
formatStrValue(yp,10) & "|" & formatStrValue(h,5) & "|" & formatStrValue(s,3)
                     theControl.AddItem ln, ln
              end if
       next
       theLabel.Value = "Viewing Data"
       set theControl = nothing
       set theLabel = nothing
end sub
function getGpsValues
       dim myArray
       redim myArray(3)
       myArray(0) = CDbl(Application.GPS.Properties("HDOP"))
       myArray(1) = CInt(Application.GPS.Satellites.Count)
       myArray(2) = CDbl(Application.GPS.X)
       myArray(3) = CDbl(Application.GPS.Y)
       getGpsValues = myArray
end function
sub updateGpsTable
       dim gpsArray, p
       if(collectData) then
              if gpsPositionNumber > dtGPS.RowCount-1 then
                     gpsPositionNumber = 0
              end if
              gpsArray = getGpsValues
              p = gpsPositionNumber + 1
              dtGPS.setCellValue gpsPositionNumber, "x", gpsArray(2)
              dtGPS.setCellValue gpsPositionNumber, "y", gpsArray(3)
              dtGPS.setCellValue gpsPositionNumber, "position", p
              dtGPS.setCellValue gpsPositionNumber, "UTC",
Application.GPS.Properties("UTC")
              dtGPS.setCellValue gpsPositionNumber, "hdop", gpsArray(0)
              dtGPS.setCellValue gpsPositionNumber, "sat", gpsArray(1)
              gpsPositionNumber = p
       end if
end sub
function getAveragingOptions 'returns (points, verticies, enabled)
       dim fl, ln, pt, mArr, outArr, ar
       Redim outArr(2)
       outArr(0) = 0
```

```
outArr(1) = 0
       outArr(2) = false
       pt = Application.System.Properties("PersonalFolder") & "\My
ArcPad\ArcPadPrefs.apx"
       'Application.MessageBox pt
       Set fl = Application.CreateAppObject("file")
       if fl.Exists(pt) then
              fl.Open pt, apFileRead
              Do while not fl.EOF
                     ln = Trim(fl.ReadLine)
                     'Application.MessageBox ln
                     if(InStr(1,ln,"<AVERAGING")>0) then
                            '<AVERAGING point="30" vertex="5" enabled="true"/>
                            mArr = Split(ln," ")
                            if ubound(mArr) > 0 then
                                   for each ar in mArr
                                          ar = Replace(ar,"/>","")
                                          if InStr(1,ar,"point") > 0 then
                                                 outArr(0) =
Cint(Replace(Split(ar, "=")(1), """", ""))
                                          elseif InStr(1,ar,"vertex") > 0 then
                                                 outArr(1) =
Cint(Replace(Split(ar, "=")(1), """", ""))
                                          elseif InStr(1,ar,"enabled") > 0 then
                                                 outArr(2) =
Cbool(Mid(Split(ar, "=")(1),2,4))
                                          end if
                                   next
                            end if
                            erase mArr
                            exit do
                     end if
              loop
              fl.Close
       else
              Application.MessageBox "Can't find file"
       end if
       getAveragingOptions = outArr
       set fl = nothing
end function
sub setVisitedZero
       Dim rcds
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set rcds = Layer.Records
       rcds.Bookmark = Map.SelectionBookmark
       rcds.Fields("visited").Value = 0
       rcds.Fields("utype").Value = 0
       rcds.Update
       set rcds = nothing
end sub
sub plotCheck
       Dim rcds, rcds2, sql, trcd, cnt, suid, sql2, slst, path, fl, xvalue
       set rcds = Application.CreateAppObject("RecordSet")
       set rcds2 = Application.CreateAppObject("RecordSet")
       sql = "[plotUid] = """ & plotUid & """ and [utype] < 3"</pre>
       cnt = 0
       rcds.Open gps, 1
       trcd = rcds.Find(sql)
       do while trcd>0
              xvalue = rcds.Fields("x").Value
              if xvalue <> 0 then
                     cnt = cnt+1
              end if
              trcd = rcds.Find(sql,,trcd)
              if(cnt>5)then
                     exit do
              end if
       loop
       rcds.Close
       if(cnt < 5)then</pre>
              Application.MessageBox "At least 5 GPS positions have not been
collected! Setting visited to zero!", vbInformation
              call setVisitedZero
              exit sub
       end if
       cnt = 0
       redim slst(3)
       rcds.Open subplots, 1
       trcd = rcds.Find(sql)
       do while trcd>0
              suid = rcds.Fields("uid").Value
              sql2 = "[subplotUid] = """ & suid & """ and [utype] < 3"
              rcds2.Open trees, 1
              if rcds2.Find(sql2) = 0 then
```

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Application.MessageBox "Subplot = " &
Cstr(rcds.Fields("subplot")) & " trees have not been collected! Setting visited to
zero!", vbInformation
                     rcds.Close
                     rcds2.Close
                     call setVisitedZero
                     exit sub
              end if
              slst(cnt) = rcds.Fields("subplot").Value
              cnt = cnt+1
              trcd = rcds.Find(sql,,trcd)
              if(cnt>=4)then
                     exit do
              end if
       loop
       rcds.Close
       if(cnt < 4)then</pre>
              Application.MessageBox "Subplot" & getSubPlotValue(slst) & " has not
been collected! Setting visited to zero!", vbInformation
              call setVisitedZero
              exit sub
       path = replace(Layer.FilePath,Layer.Name&".shp","") & "PlotPics\" & plotUid &
".jpg"
       set fl = Application.CreateAppObject("file")
       if(not fl.Exists(path)) then
              Application.MessageBox "Picture has not been collected! Setting
visited to zero!", vbinformation
              call setVisitedZero
              exit sub
       end if
       set rcds = nothing
       set rcds2 = nothing
end sub
function getSubPlotValue(mArr)
       dim outStr, i
       outStr = "1234"
       for each i in mArr
              outStr = Replace(outStr, Cstr(i),"")
       Next
       outStr = left(outStr,1)
       getSubPlotValue = outStr
```

end function

Field Plot Protocol

Project summary and permission statement

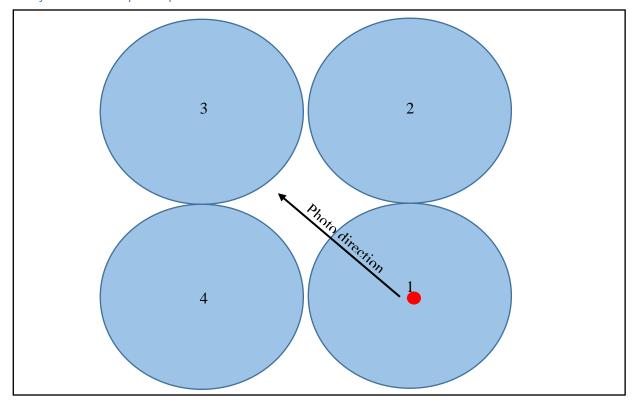


Figure 1. Plot/subplot configuration

This project is trying to estimate forest structure and conditions throughout most of the eastern panhandle of Florida using field plots that represent the entire range of forested and nonforested conditions. FNAI is working with the US Forest Service to collect the field data needed to calibrate mathematical models that will be used for estimations.

We would like to visit location(s) on your property to record vegetation cover, tree species, and diameters within a small area (120 feet x 120 feet). This will probably take less than an hour and we will only collect observation data on forest structure. No markings (flags, etc.) will be left in the forest.

Field data to collect

Each plot is made up of 4 subplots (Figure 1). Plots should be collected in a counter clockwise manner starting at subplot 1. At subplot 1, GPS position and a plot photo will be taken as described below. Subplot percent cover will be estimated from an aerial perspective above the canopy as if the field technician was looking down from an airplane. All tree data should be measured and input into the tree data collection forms.

Plots that fall in nonforested areas and are obviously no tally plots such as a soccer field, baseball diamond, and water can be filled in using remotely sensed data such as the NAIP aerial photography. These plots do not need updated GPS locations, and should be collected as no tally subplots. Note, due to not collecting a GPS location or picture, the plot will not change to a red color on data recorders.

Tree combo box lists within the Tree data component can be updated within the application. However, this can be cumbersome and time consuming. Sorting and updating can be done more

efficiently using ArcDesktop and its sorting capabilities on the spcd.dbf table (see data forms section for more information).

Data managed will be an important component to collecting the field data. There are multiple ways to manage the data and they can vary depending on the number of technicians collecting data. One effective approach is to have each group using a data recording device to work in separate geographic areas and down load their work from the data recorder to a directory named for that day on a laptop computer each day after returning to the field. In this case the entire project directory on the mobile device is copied to the laptop and the mobile device can be used the next day without any changes. If the mobile device starts to become slow due to the amount of data collected, field crews can remove the plot_trees.dbf table and the plot_gps.dbf table from the mobile device after they have moved those files to the laptop. This will effectively remove all the records from those two tables and will reduce the number of records that the mobile device needs to sort through. Note all previous records need to be kept on the laptop to be merged at a later date.

Below is a hierarchical outline of what needs to be collected at each plot.

- Plot (collect all percent cover and tree data for each subplot)
 - o At subplot 1
 - Collect GPS positons
 - Ideally 20 positions (Averaging)
 - Hdop < 5
 - 3D mode
 - DGPS if possible
 - Take a Picture facing NW across the subplots
 - Subplot measurements
 - Percent cover is estimated from an aerial perspective above the tree canopy
 - Last Burn: (years since last burn, >6)
 - % CWD: (% duff {dead broad leaf and pine needles} and coarse woody debris cover in subplot; 0-100)
 - % Herb: (% herbaceous cover in subplot; 0-100)
 - % Saw: (% palmetto cover in subplot; 0-100)
 - % Broad: (% broad leaf cover in subplot; 0-100)
 - % Bare: (% mineral soil cover in subplot; 0-100)
 - % Pine: (% pine needle cover in subplot; 0-100)
 - Tree measurements >= 2" at dbh
 - o SP: (Species; drop down)
 - o DBH: (DBH in inches; 2-100)
 - o Status: (Status; drop down)
 - Count: (Number of trees that meet the above condition; 1-100)
 - Tree measurements < 2"
 - o SP: (Species; drop down)

- o DBH: (DBH in inches; 2-100)
- o Status: (Status; drop down)
- Count: (Number of trees that meet the above condition; 1-100)
- Subplot no tally
 - o One tree, unknown species, DHB=0, Count=0
 - Status: (Status value=No Tally)

Plot layout (Figure 1)

- Extent = 36m by 36m
- 4 subplots
 - o Subplot radius = 9m

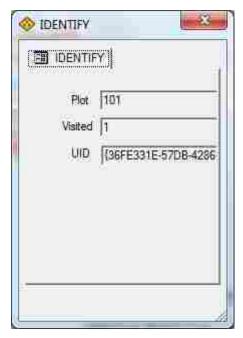
Plot locations

- Based on Hogland plot allocation technique described in chapter 4 of this dissertation
- Navigate to each plot coordinate
- Each plot's coordinate represent center of subplot 1

Data entry forms

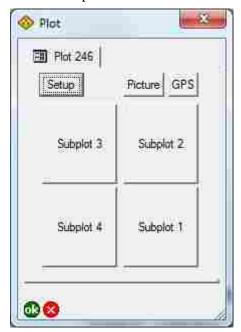
All coding and tools work within ArcPad. Changes made to GPS and camera preferences impact how GPS data and images are collected within the forms. Related tables and images are stored in the same directory as the plot layer. Form designs (.apl) and vbscript files (.vbs) are stored in the same directory as the plot layer. Within the plot's .apl file there are 7 different forms and 3 built in dialogs (picture, move point, and GPS preferences). All forms allow users to change data without instantly updating records in a given table. Tapping the green OK button will make changes to the underlying data tables. Tapping the red cancel button or an exit button (X) allows a user to back out of a given form without changing the underlying data. Below is a short description of each form.

• Identify: used to identify plot information



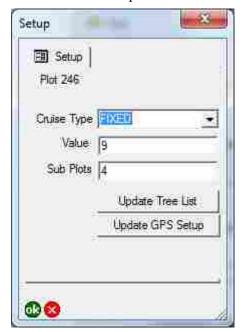
The Identify form can be accessed using ArcPad's Identify button and used to display the Plot's ObjectID, whether the plot has been visited (1=yes, 0=no), and the unique identifier (UID)

• Plot: used to collect plot information



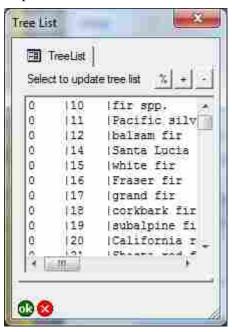
The plot form is accessed by clicking the Edit Feature Properties button within ArcPad (note you must be editing and have a plot selected to use this button in ArcPad). This form is used to access the project setup, collect and update GPS position, capture a picture of the vegetative condition, and navigate between subplots. GPS positions and pictures should only be collected when standing at the center of Subplot 1 (existing plot locations identify the center of each plot's subplot 1). To access the project Setup form tap the Setup button. To capture a picture of the vegetative condition tap the Picture button. To collect GPS position tap the GPS button. To open a given Subplot form tap the appropriate subplot button. Tapping the green OK button will trigger checks to see if all the data have been collected. If criteria are met, the visited field within the plots layer will change from 0 to 1 and the plot display will change from yellow to red. If criteria are not met or the cancel button is tapped the plot visited value and display will not be changed.

• Setup: used to define cruise parameters



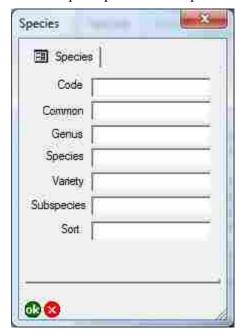
The Setup form is accessed through the Plot form by tapping on the Setup button in the Plot form. This form is used to define the project type and project specifications. In addition, users can update which trees are available in the species drop down of the Tree form (Update Tree List) and set GPS preferences (Update GPS Setup). To store changes to the project setup, a user must tap the green OK button. To undo changes made in the form, users can tap the red X button.

 Update Tree List: used to add, subtract, and select which trees are visible in the Trees species dropdown



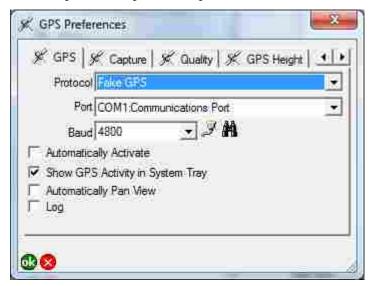
The Update Tree List form is accessed through the Setup form by tapping the Update Tree List button and is use to add, subtract, and select which tree species are available in the Trees Species (SP) combo box. Tree species available were extracted from the USFS FIA database. There are many tree species to choose from and selecting common species will make finding the correct species within the Trees SP combo box easier and quicker. Currently the species selected (value of 1 in the first column) were identified based on the species found within the FIA plots located within the Florida SGAs. When the form opens all available tree species, species codes, common names, unique identifiers, and whether the species is currently available in the Trees SP combo box (first column value of 1 or 0: yes or no) are shown in the form. To toggle on or off a tree species in the Trees SP combo box select a given species and tap the % button. This will change the first column of data from 0 to 1 or vice versa. Species that have a value of 1 are available in the Trees SP combo box. If a new species needs to be added to the potential species, users can click the + button which will open the Species form. If a species needs to be removed from the potential list, users can select that species and click the button. To store changes to the potential tree species a user must tap the green OK button. To undo changes made in the form, users can tap the red X button. Note, to change the sort order of the Trees SP combo box users can use the sort field within the ~Applets\Tree_Data_Collection\spcd.dbf file and ArcMap's sort function to replace the existing spcd.dbf file. The order of the data within the spcd.dbf file (determined by the row) determines the order in of the Trees SP combo box.

• Species: used to update potential tree species in the tree species list



The Species form is accessed through the Tree List form by tapping on the + button. This form is used to add a new species to the potential species list. All species must have a Code (numeric value; 0-9999) and Common name specified (text). Ideally all fields would be given valid values but Code and Common name are the only two required fields. Be sure to use a unique code for each new tree species. To store changes to the potential tree species a user must tap the green OK button. To undo changes made in the form, users can tap the red X button.

• Update GPS Setup: used to update GPS preferences



The GPS Preferences dialog is accessed through ArcPad's GPS Preferences button or the Update GPS Setup button in the Setup form. This dialog can be used to modify GPS preferences as described in ArcPad's documentation. Make sure Enable Averaging is checked and that the number of positions to average is set to

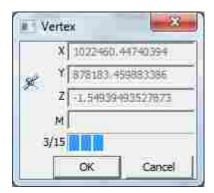
20 on the Capture tab of the dialog (number of positions must be greater than 5 to collect GPS data). In the Quality tab of the dialog box make sure maximum HDOP is set to 5 and 3D Mode Only is checked (note you may want to turn off Alerts). To store changes to GPS Preferences a user must tap the green OK button. To undo changes made in the form, users can tap the red X button. Note, Arcpad and other software can have conflicts between one another based on comport settings. Similarly, external devices such as GPS receivers should be configured to always stay on and should be connected to Arcpad as described in Arcpad's documentation.

• Picture: used to capture a picture of the vegetative condition of the plot



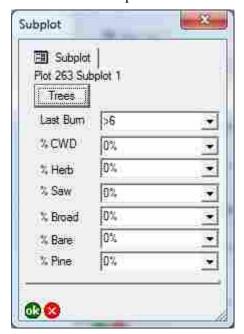
The Capture Picture dialog is accessed through the Plot form by tapping the Picture button. This dialog can be used to capture a picture as described in ArcPad's documentation. All pictures will be stored in a subdirectory located within the same directory as the plots layer named PlotPics. Each image recorded will be named after the plot's unique identifier (GUID).

• GPS: used to collect and store plot GPS positions



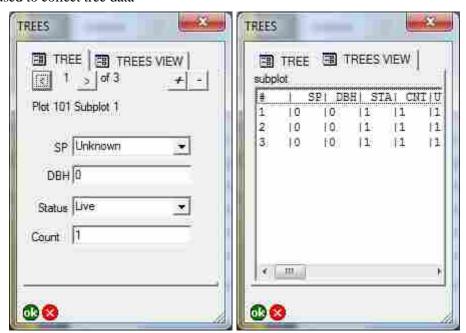
Upon tapping the GPS button a check will be performed to see if GPS positions already exist for the selected plot. If postions exist you will be prompted as to whether you want to replace existing positions or not. If you want to replace existing position or position have not been collected for that plot a check will be performed to see it the GPS is active. If the GPS is not active, it will be activated and a message box will appear letting you know that it has been activated. At this point the Move Point dialog (Vertex) will appear and begin collecting GPS positions based on the speciefied GPS Preferences. After collecting GPS positions the dialog will close. If you activated the GPS through the form, you will be prompted if you want to keep the GPS active.

• Subplot: used to collect subplot data



The Subplot form can be accessed through the Plot form by tapping on of the Subplot buttons. Tapping one of the buttons will open the Subplot form. Within the form users can select the number of years since last burn, % CWD cover, % Herbaceous cover, % Palmetto cover, % Broadleaf shrub cover, % Pine shrub cover. To store subplot data a user must tap the green OK button. To undo changes made in the form, users can tap the red X button. Note, tapping the red x button before a record has been saved will result in loosing related tree values (it is safer to tap the green ok button and then reopen the subplot and change the values then to click the red x button before the green ok button has ever been tapped).

• Tree: used to collect tree data



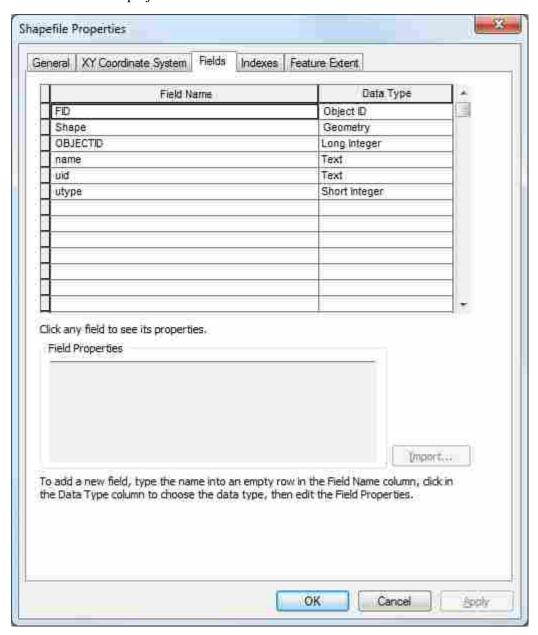
The Trees form can be accessed through the subplot form by tapping on the Trees button. Tapping the Tress button will open the Trees form which has two tabs; 1) Tree and 2) Trees View. The Tree tab allow the user to add, subtract, and navigate through the subplot's tree list. Required values for a given tree are species (SP), DBH for trees greater than 2" in diameter (less than 2" does not need a DBH measured), Status, and Number of trees (count). To denote a no tally subplot, species must be set to Unknown, DBH must be 0, Status must be No Tally, and count must be set to 0. Values in the SP combo box can be modified using the Update Tree List form. The Trees View can be used to view all trees list data for a subplot. Click on a given record within the tree list will navigate the user to that given tree. To add a tree to a subplot's tree list use the + button. To remove a tree from the tree list use the – button. To move to the next tree in the tree list use the > button. To move to the previous tree in the tree list use the < button. To store tree data a user must tap the green OK button. To undo changes made in the form, users can tap the red X button.

Database Schema

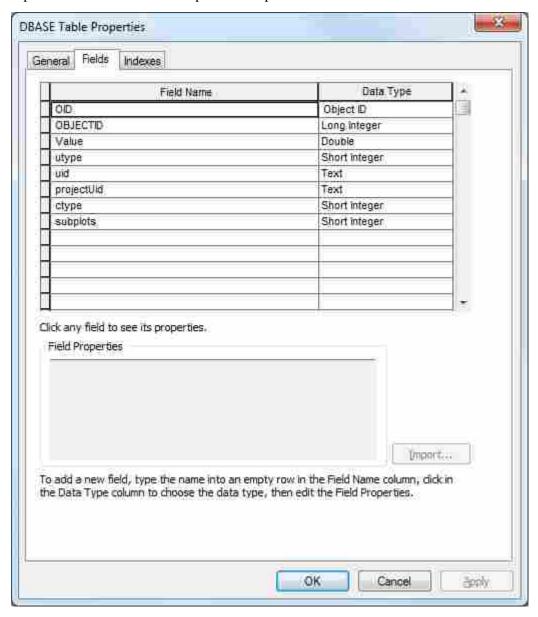
The data tables in the plots tool consist of: project.dbf, plots_gps.dbf, plots_gps.dbf, plots_setup.dbf, plots_subplots.dbf, and plot_trees.dbf. Supporting data tables located in ~\Applets\Tree_Data_Collection are: _gps.dbf, _setup.dbf, _subplot.dbf, _trees.dbf, crcd.dbf, spcd.dbf, and stcd.dbf. All dbf tables have a unique identifier field (UID:string), an update type field (utype:integer;1=insert,2=update,3=delete). All children dbf tables have a link field to their parent named after the parent layer (e.g., subplotUID:string). UIDs are globally unique and are stored as strings. The hierarchical relationship between tables is described below

- o project.dbf UID
 - plots_setup.db -> projectUID
 - plots.dbf -> setupUID

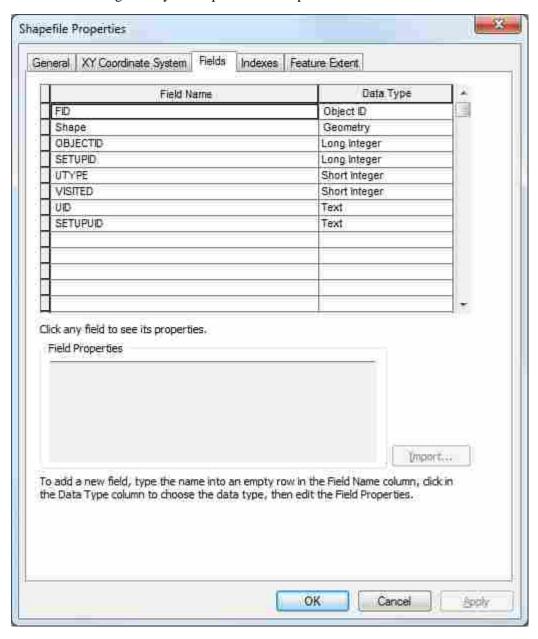
- o plots_subplots.dbf -> plotUID
 - plots_trees.dbf -> subplotUID
- o plots_gps.dbf -> plotUID
- Project Table: used to store project boundaries and names



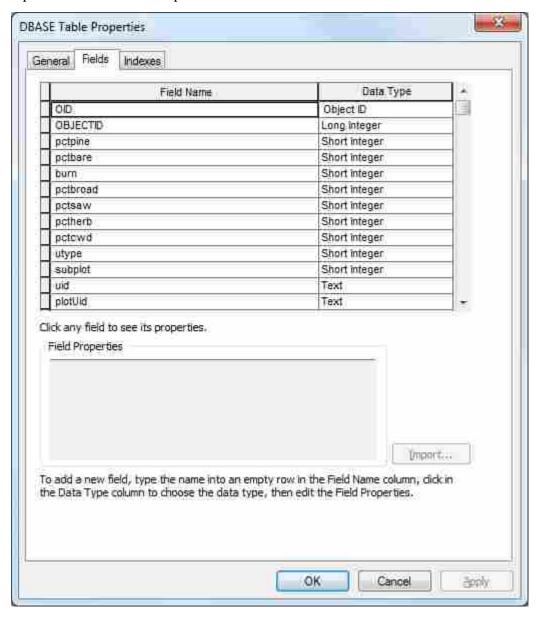
• Plots_setup Table: used to describe the plot collect protocol



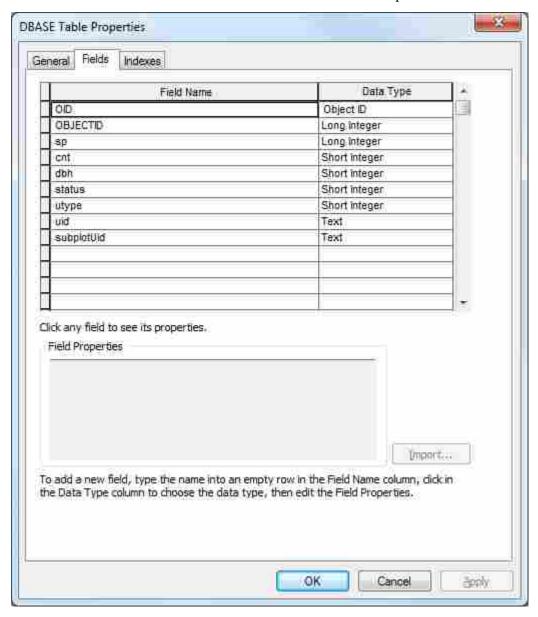
• Plots Table: used to store geometry of the plot and if the plot has been visited.



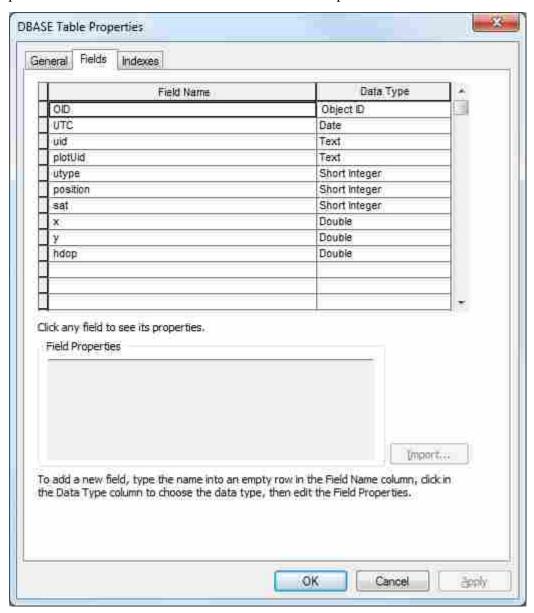
• Plots_Subplots Table: used to store percent cover estimates



• Plots_Trees Table: Used to store information about each tree within a subplot



Plots_Gps Table: used to store GPS information related to each plot



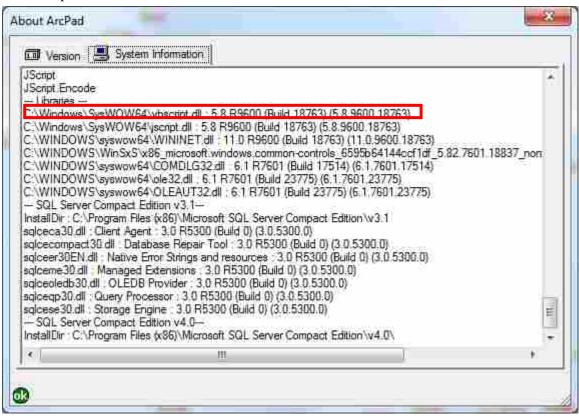
• PlotPics Directory: located within the same directory as the plot and used to store picture taken in the field (picture name after plot UID).

Coding library

The coding library consists of three primary files: plots.vbs, DataTable.vbs, and plots.apl. The plots.apl file contains the design content of the plot forms (ArcPad's xml). The plots.vbs contains most of the functionality within the forms (vbscript). These two files must be located in the same directory as the plots shape file. The DataTable.vbs file is a class library that contains the logic used to temporarily store table values. This file must be placed in ArcPad's Applets directory along with the supporting dbf tables located in the Tree_Data_Collection directory.

Application Installation

To install the plots data collection application, copy the project directory that contains the plots files to your mobile device. In addition, copy the Tree_DataCollection folder and the DataTable.vbs file to the Applets directory within ArcPad. On your mobile device this is typically located at \Program File\ArcPad 10.2\Applets. On your desktop this is typically located at C:\Program Files (x86)\ArcPad10.2\Applets. Note, this application requires vbscript runtime library 5.8 or greater. If you are currently running an older version of the runtime library the application will not work. To determine which version of the vbscript runtime library is installed tap on About ArcPad>System Information and scroll down until you find the lilbraries section. Look at the vbscript runtime version.



If your version is less than 5.8, you need to update the vbscript runtime library version 5.8 R9600.