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Study
This study demonstrates the use of a
Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

based Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis
(GIS-MCDA) approach to identify the
potential risk areas for Multiple Sclerosis
(MS) within the region of New England.
To measure the risk of Multiple Sclerosis,
various factors that are thought to
contribute to the disease risk such as
environmental, vulnerable population,

and access to healthcare will be used to quantify the potential risk for MS throughout New England. Specifically, the factors measured in this study are as follows: daily average sunlight, female population, Caucasian population, ages 0-17, and the uninsured population. The factors were weighted based on input from medical professionals in the field of Neurology and combined to create a risk assessment outputs. Two assessments were made based of off two population groups: total population and population ratios. The assessed risk results are validated in comparison to MS disease death records as well as cluster, regression, and correlation analyses on the output of the MCDA equations. The MCDA equations, and multiple types of analyses, returned varied results that

suggest some criteria are much more significant than others for mapping MS risk. The risk outputs generated and compared to the MS death rates via cluster analyses displayed the value of each risk output. One output can serve much better at targeting areas of large populations at risk while the other may shed light on risk associated simply on location. The further analyses concluded that the sunlight and the Caucasian population ratios were the most statistically significant for measuring the risk of MS. This study demonstrates that GIS and MCDA can be useful in assessing MS risk while some of the factors used to create the risk output may be more useful than others when producing an accurate calculation of MS risk. Spatial Information Science for Natural

Resource Management GIS and Multicriteria Decision Analysis Multi-criteria decision making techniques are often used in the field of water resources. Their function is to facilitate decision making for the purpose of selecting the best solution to a particular problem from a set of potential alternatives. In order to assist in the selection, multicriteria decision making techniques evaluate each of the potential alternatives. The evaluation is based on an assessment of how well each of the alternatives satisfies specified criteria. These criteria typically are the characteristics of the alternatives, or consequences which would occur due to implementation of the potential alternatives. Often the measures of the criteria, or criteria

values, associated with the alternatives have an uneven spatial distribution. For example, implementation of a particular alternative could produce favorable impacts in one location in a given region, while resulting in negative consequences for other areas. As a result, the best alternative for one area within the given region may not be the best solution for all locations in that region. In the evaluation of alternatives by conventional multi-criteria decision making techniques this spatial variability in the criteria values is often not taken into consideration. The criteria values used by conventional techniques typically represent the average characteristics of the alternatives, or total impacts produced by the alternatives for the entire region. Thus,

in evaluating potential alternatives, the localized characteristics and impacts associated with the alternatives are not taken into consideration. As a result, the alternative selected as best using the multi-criteria decision making techniques may have significant negative characteristics or impacts in specific areas within the region. This shortcoming in conventional multi-criteria decision making techniques is demonstrated in this study using a floodplain analysis of the Red River Valley near the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. In this study a set of potential flood protection alternatives are generated for a region within the Red River Valley. Each of the potential alternatives in the set are evaluated and ranked on the basis of multiple criteria.

The criteria used in this evaluation are impacts to the region produced by flooding which would occur with implementation of each of the various alternatives. The evaluation of the alternatives is conducted using two multi-criteria decision making techniques. First, the alternatives are evaluated and ranked using the Compromise Programming technique. In this evaluation the spatial variation in the criteria values associated with the alternatives is not considered. The second multi-criteria decision making technique used in this evaluation was the Spatial Compromise Programming technique. This new technique was developed as part of this research by combining GIS technology with the Compromise Programming technique.

Using the Spatial Compromise Programming technique it was possible to account for spatial variability in the criteria values used in the evaluation of the potential flood protection alternatives. By comparing the results of the two multi-criteria decision making techniques it is shown that the spatial variation in the criteria values must be taken into consideration in order to provide an accurate evaluation of the potential alternatives.

Wilderness Britain? Springer

In August 1989, a Summer Institute was held at the Academie van Bouwkunst, the seventeenth century home of Amsterdam's School of Architecture, Town Planning and Landscape. The meeting brought together experts in Geographical Information Systems from

throughout the world to address an international audience of planners. The contents of this book reflect many of the themes that were presented and discussed at the conference. The Summer Institute, let alone this volume, would not have been possible without the support of the International Association for the Development and Management of Existing and New Towns (INTNAIVN), the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP), The National Physical Planning Agency of the Netherlands (RPD) and the Berlage Studio. We wish to acknowledge the assistance provided by these organisations and by the various sponsors: The Ministry of Housing, Physical Planning and Environment, the Municipality of Amsterdam, Logisterion

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A geographic information system (GIS) and multi - criteria analysis for sustainable tourism planning Springer
New evidence this year corroborates the rise in world hunger observed in this report last year, sending a warning that more action is needed if we aspire to end world hunger and malnutrition in all its forms by 2030. Updated estimates show the number of people who suffer from hunger has been growing over the past three years, returning to prevailing levels from almost a decade ago.

Although progress continues to be made in reducing child stunting, over 22 percent of children under five years of age are still affected. Other forms of malnutrition are also growing: adult obesity continues to increase in countries irrespective of their income levels, and many countries are coping with multiple forms of malnutrition at the same time - overweight and obesity, as well as anaemia in women, and child stunting and wasting.

A Novel Approach for the Selection of Power-Generation Technology Using a Linguistic Neutrosophic CODAS Method: A Case Study in Libya IGI Global
First published in 1999, this volume consists of selected papers presented at the North American Meetings of the RSAI along with invited contributions from

scholars active in the field of spatial multicriteria decision making and analysis. It is meant to present diverse lines of research in spatial multicriteria decision making and analysis under the multidisciplinary umbrella of Geographic Information Science. The first part explores selected theoretical and conceptual aspects of spatial multicriteria decision making and analysis not confined to any specific application domain. Part 2 consists of six chapters focusing on various forms of location decision and analysis problems. Finally, part 3 contains five chapters on various spatial decision problems whose systemic scope sets them apart from locational decision problems.

Tree Planting Prioritisation Using Gis and Mca LAP Lambert Academic Publishing

Stress on natural resources has recently increased due to commercialization and the need to provide livelihoods for locals. Because they are such core parts of everyday life, ensuring sustainability in resource management is of paramount importance. Only by integrating the tools of spatial information science can an effective course for preserving and protecting natural resources be created. Spatial Information Science for Natural Resource Management is a pivotal reference source that explores coordinated approaches to sustainable development and management of natural resources to keep a balance of the environment, ecology, and human livelihood. Featuring coverage on a wide range of topics including crop yield estimation, ecosystem services, and land

information systems, this book covers interdisciplinary techniques in monitoring and managing natural resources. This publication is ideally designed for urban planners, environmentalists, policymakers, ecologists, researchers, academicians, students, and professionals in the fields of remote sensing, civil engineering, social science, computer science, and information technology.

The Application of GIS Based Multi-criteria Analysis for Selecting an Optimum Water Reservoir Site

Springer Science & Business Media
Multi-criteria decision analysis in a GIS is a method of solving spatial problems when given a set of conflicting alternatives. It includes the conflation of maps and criterion weights to get a final

value for each unit of scrutiny in the research area. Weighted linear combination (WLC) is a procedure often implemented in multi-criteria decision analysis that can be used to present the decision maker with a collection of ranked alternative locations. The conventional WLC method, often referred to as the global model, is based on an assumption of spatial homogeneity in that its parameters do not vary based on geographic location. Contrariwise, its local form assumes spatial heterogeneity in that its parameters do indeed vary based on geographic location employing the concept of a neighborhood. Theoretically, in doing so, the local model is seen to replicate the diverseness of the real-world more

truthfully. A case study assessing the ripeness of parcels for mixed-use development in the City of San Diego is presented. This research uses MCDA4ArcMap, an add-in for ArcGIS, by exploiting its global WLC and local WLC capabilities with its neighborhood definitions in a vector based setting. The results highlight the significant differences between the outputs of the global and local WLC methods.

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Springer Nature

Geographic information systems (GIS) can enhance historical research by providing tools to explore the spatial relationships of locations in historical sources. However, no widespread methods currently exist for translating

vaguely defined historical spatial information into GIS data formats and producing a location estimate. Other GIS techniques do exist that can model the necessary process. Multi-criteria decision analysis with fuzzy measures can be applied to vague historical records to approximate location. The Wieslander Vegetation Type Map dataset is used to demonstrate the model effectiveness. Results show that this technique successfully translated written descriptions of location into raster, or grid-based, surfaces within a GIS. Given the uncertainty of the qualitative descriptions, the technique resolved the text into a collection of locations instead of a single location, with a probability assigned to each location conveying the ambiguity associated with the results

and the probabilistic nature of its interpretation.

A Case Study in the City of San Diego Springer Science & Business Media

The idea of this book started at approximately 33.000 feet, somewhere above the Alps. On our way to a workshop in Venice we had the opportunity of appreciating the different types of landscapes and the complex patchwork of urban areas, agriculture, forests, rivers and lakes that can be seen from an aircraft. The complexity of this puzzle, and the complex task of managing its evolution, became the topic of conversation for the rest of the flight. It also became the topic of this book. Land-use management and multicriteria analysis offer countless

opportunities for mutual reinforcement. These two fields have developed largely independently, but a trend towards the exploration of their synergies is now emerging. This is clear from the recent literature on land-use management, spatial analysis and spatial planning, which increasingly includes references to multicriteria methodologies and decision analysis. At the same time, a growing share of multicriteria applications now focus on environmental and land-use issues. This book includes contributions from authors coming from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds. All together they highlight current issues in multicriteria analysis and land-use management from theoretical, methodological and practical perspectives.

A Case Study in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Decision analysis has become widely recognized as an important process for translating science into management actions. With climate change and other systemic threats as driving forces in creating environmental and engineering problems, there is a great need for understanding decision making frameworks through a case-study based approach. Management of environmental and engineering projects is often complicated and multidisciplinary in scope and nature, thus issues that arise can be difficult to solve analytically. *Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis: Case Studies in Engineering and the Environment* provides detailed description of MCDA methods and tools

and illustrates their applications through case studies focused on sustainability and system engineering applications. *New in the Second Edition: Addresses current and emerging environmental and engineering problems Includes seven new case studies to illustrate different management situations applicable at the international level Builds on real case studies from recent and relevant environmental and engineering management experience Describes advanced MCDA techniques and extensions used by practitioners Provides corresponding decision models implemented using the DECERNS software package Gives a more holistic approach to teaching MCDA methodology with a focus on sustainable solutions and adoption of new*

technologies, including nanotechnology and synthetic biology. Given the novelty and inherent applicability of this decision-making framework to the environmental and engineering fields, a greater number of teaching tools for this topic need to be made available. This book provides those teaching tools, covering the breadth of the applications of MCDA methodologies with clear explanations of the MCDA process. The case studies are implemented in the DECERNS software package, allowing readers to experiment and explore and to understand the full process by which environmental managers assess these problems. This book is a great resource for professionals and students seeking to learn decision analysis techniques and apply similar frameworks to

environmental and engineering projects. Applicability to Siting Problems LAP Lambert Academic Publishing. The Encyclopedia of GIS provides a comprehensive and authoritative guide, contributed by experts and peer-reviewed for accuracy, and alphabetically arranged for convenient access. The entries explain key software and processes used by geographers and computational scientists. Major overviews are provided for nearly 200 topics: Geoinformatics, Spatial Cognition, and Location-Based Services and more. Shorter entries define specific terms and concepts. The reference will be published as a print volume with abundant black and white art, and simultaneously as an XML online reference with hyperlinked citations,

cross-references, four-color art, links to web-based maps, and other interactive features.

A Geographic Information Sciences Approach IGI Global

From selecting sites for new hospitals, schools, and factories, to managing forests and rivers, to creating and maintaining highways and bridges, public and private organizations are often called on to make decisions on geographic questions that involve a multitude of alternatives and often conflicting evaluation criteria. This book presents a formal mechanism for dealing with these situations, capturing the information in a Geographic Information System and processing it to derive optimal recommendations for confronting these complex questions.

Managing Urban Growth by Using a GIS-Based Multi Criteria Analysis Springer Science & Business Media

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the First GIS LATAM Conference, GIS LATAM 2020, held in September 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the conference was held online. The 9 full papers and 2 short papers were thoroughly reviewed and selected from 29 submissions. The papers are focused on the GIS applications in data analytics in spheres of health, environment, government, public, and education.

Using GIS and Multi-criteria Evaluation Techniques to Map the Wilderness Continuum Springer

The field of multiple criteria decision analysis (MCDA), also termed multiple

criteria decision aid, or multiple criteria decision making (MCDM), has developed rapidly over the past quarter century and in the process a number of divergent schools of thought have emerged. This can make it difficult for a new entrant into the field to develop a comprehensive appreciation of the range of tools and approaches which are available to assist decision makers in dealing with the ever-present difficulties of seeking compromise or consensus between conflicting interests and goals, i.e. the "multiple criteria". The diversity of philosophies and models makes it equally difficult for potential users of MCDA, i.e. management scientists and/or decision makers facing problems involving conflicting goals, to gain a clear understanding of which

methodologies are appropriate to their particular context. Our intention in writing this book has been to provide a comprehensive yet widely accessible overview of the main streams of thought within MCDA. We aim to provide readers with sufficient awareness of the underlying philosophies and theories, understanding of the practical details of the methods, and insight into practice to enable them to implement any of the approaches in an informed manner. As the title of the book indicates, our emphasis is on developing an integrated view of MCDA, which we perceive to incorporate both integration of different schools of thought within MCDA, and integration of MCDA with broader management theory, science and practice.

Interdisciplinary Approaches to Spatial Optimization Issues

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Malaysia is well endowed with abundance of natural water resources, which has significantly contributed to the socio-economic development of the country. However, the situation has somewhat changed over the last decade. The water demand was 174.22 M/l/d in year 2010 and it is projected to be 270.77 M/l/d in 2050. In such scenario, a reliable and safe supply of water for future generations, more and more reservoirs will be required. The aim of this study is to apply GIS in identifying the most suitable location for water reservoir for area of Batu Pahat, Johor, West Malaysia. Methodology is designed in such a way to achieve the objectives

of this study as to identify the important criteria for locating water reservoir, to model the location of reservoir using Analytical Hierarchy Process (AHP) and to analyze and evaluate the most potential sites for water reservoir using ArcGIS 10.1 software. Based on the criteria chosen, the data are processed and analyzed the existing 52 reservoir locations and their capacities. Based on the projected number of population for the year 2050, as a result, 5 new reservoir locations have been identified to fulfill the future demands of water for the study area. Thus, it can be concluded that the weights derived from AHP integrated in ArcGIS can be a useful tool in GIS analysis for the determination of suitable locations for water reservoir in the study area.

A Case Study from Ramallah-Al Bireh Governorate, Palestine Guilford Press

This unique text shows students and professionals how geographic information systems (GIS) can guide decision making about complex community and environmental problems. The authors' step-by-step introduction to GIS-based decision analysis methods and techniques covers important urban and regional issues (land, transportation, and water resource management) and decision processes (planning, improvement programming, and implementation). Real-world case studies demonstrate how GIS-based decision support works in a variety of contexts, with a special focus on community and regional sustainability management. Ideal for course use, the

book reinforces key concepts with end-of-chapter review questions; illustrations include 18 color plates.

Allocation of military training areas

Taylor & Francis

Over 65% of Palestinians are living in urban areas which are much higher than the international percentage which are 50 %. Ramallah-Al Bireh Governorate is the most rapid growing governorate and this is accompanied by a significant pressure on services, employment opportunities, and the need to provide appropriate accommodation for all people coming in from all over the West Bank governorates, cities, villages and camps. This book represent the study that aims to find suitable areas for absorbing urban growth in the Ramallah and Al Bireh governorate in order to

alleviate the pressure on the city center as well as to find accommodations for all young families who looking for the better living conditions and a better environment. The study conducted through two major phases: Geographic Information System (GIS) was the major tool for the site selection in Phase One, while in Phase Two; Multi Criteria Analysis (MCA) was applied to compare these sites together considering a set of criteria and different perspectives.

Building climate resilience for food security and nutrition Anthem Press
"This book examines interdisciplinary approaches to GIS and spatial optimization in private and public organizations"--

[The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2018](#) Springer

Public health has become an essential area of focus in terms of the way it operates, the services offered, policies, and more. Maintaining an effective public health system and infrastructure, updated and useful policies, and health literacy are primary concerns. A critical analysis of public healthcare policy and services is critical to accommodate the changing health demands of the global population. Through a deeper understanding of the way public health services are offered, a look into policymaking and current policies in healthcare, and the way health literacy and health education are promoted, the current state and future of public health are acknowledged. The Research Anthology on Public Health Services, Policies, and Education presents a view

of public health through an analysis of healthcare services and delivery; policies in terms of policymaking, ethics, and governance; as well as the way society is educated on public health affairs. The chapters will cover a wide range of issues such as healthcare policy, health literacy, healthcare reform, accessibility, public welfare, and more. This book is essential for public health officials, government officials, policymakers, teachers, medical professionals, health

agencies and organizations, professionals, researchers, academics, practitioners, and students interested in the current state of public health and the improvement of public health services and policies for the future.

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