

Landscape connectivity and urbanization















Importance of connectivity

- Ecosystem processes at larger spatial scales
- Metapopulations
- Genetic interchange
- Climate change

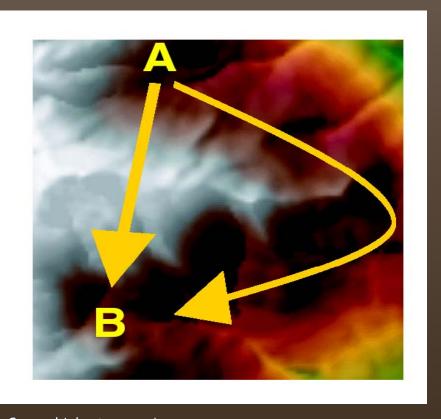
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- Functional connectivity
- Adjacency
- Corridors
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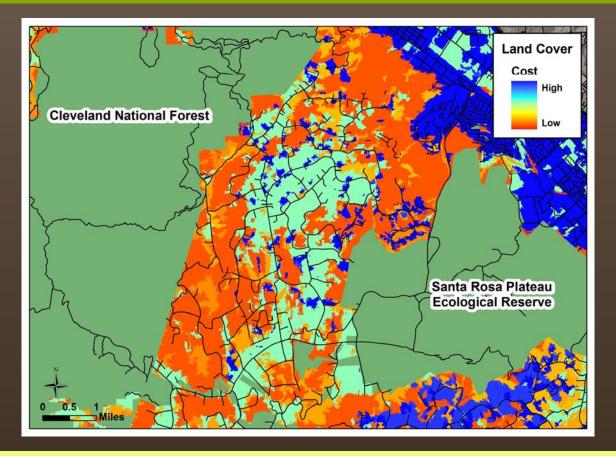
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- Adjacency
- Corridors (least cost)
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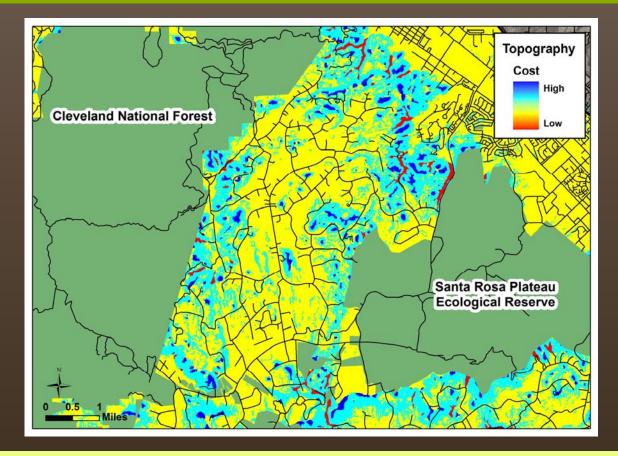
Cost weighted distance function

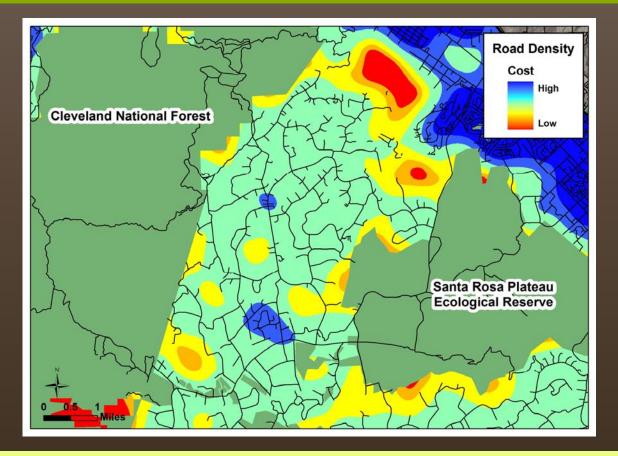


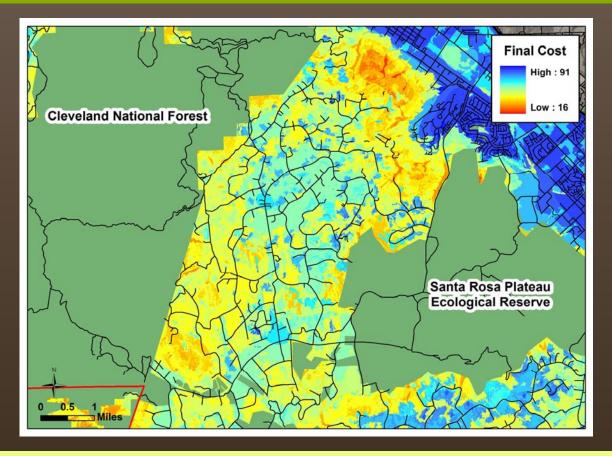
- Shortest distance is not necessarily a straight line
- "Cost" per step is included
- Cost distance

(McCoy and Johnston 2002)

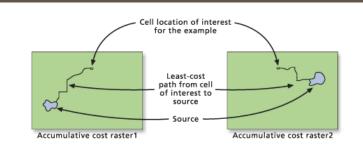




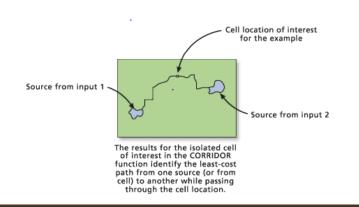




Calculating cost distance



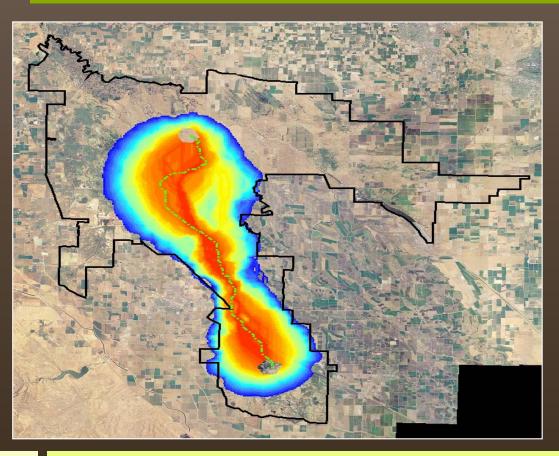
The Corridor function then adds the two accumulative cost surfaces together.



- Cost to each source raster is calculated for each raster cell
- Cost path rasters summed

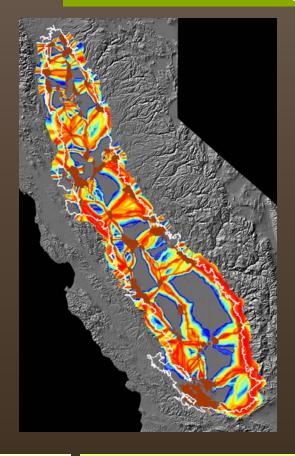
(ESRI website help)

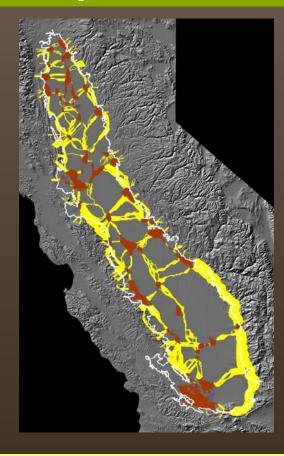
Least cost path/corridor



- LCP is single lowest cost path
- LCC gives a cost distance score to each raster cell
- LCP is good for measuring cost between termini, LCC for identifying potential corridors/linkages

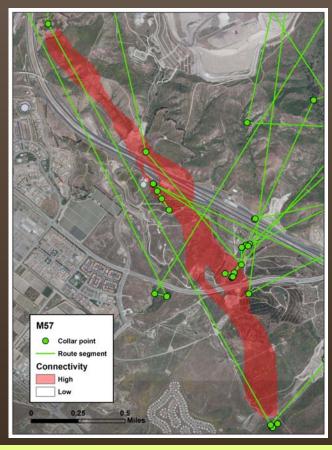
Connectivity analysis – example





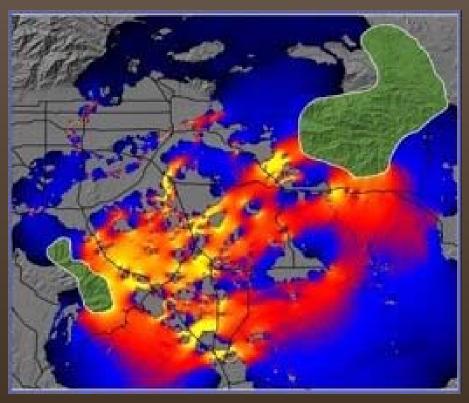
- Potential Central Valley conservation network (Huber et al. 2010)
- Multi-species
- Cores and corridors

Connectivity analysis – example



- Predicting movement
- Connectivity between mtn lion GPS collar points
- Probably most effective at shorter distances

Circuitscape



- Focus on chokepoints
- Connects all termini

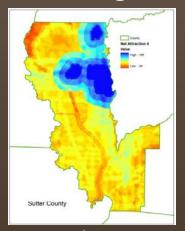
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Connectivity – threats

- Urbanization
- Edge effects
- Climate change

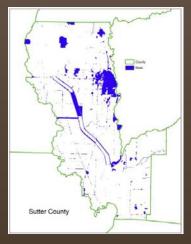
UPlan model – GIS inputs

Attractors/ Discouragements



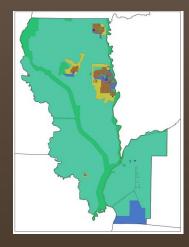
- Roads (+)
- Existing Infrastructure (+)
- Wetlands (-)
- Floodplains (-)

Masks

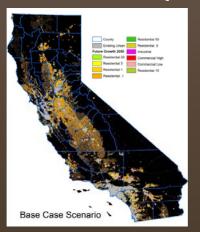


- Public lands
- Lakes
- Existing Urban

General Plan

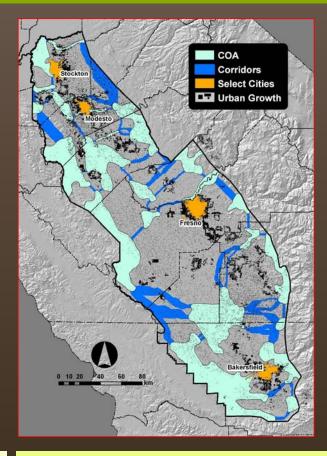


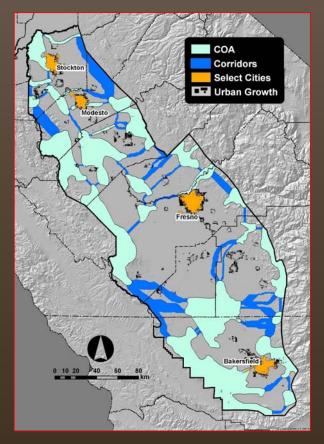
Statewide Output



UPlan – San Joaquin Valley example

Status Quo





Compact Growth

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