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# Spatial analysis in archaeology

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Nearest neighbour distances and quadrat counts



Christaller models, buffers and Thiessen polygons



# How raster DEM actually looks

# How do we think it look





# DMR

















# Thiessnovi poligoni





# Site catchement/ najdiščno zajetje







Greek sites





26 Gražižže catchment and soil twee





#### Legend Slope 15 - 20 - 40 - 45 - 65 - 70Degree Value 20 - 25 - 45 - 50 - 70 - 75 0 - 5 - 25 - 30 - 50 - 55 - 75 - 80 5 - 10 - 30 - 35 - 55 - 60 - 80 - 85 10 - 15 - 35 - 40 - 60 - 65 - 85 - 90**Figure 3**

Cost Distance Breakdown





# Najdiščno zajetje





It appears to say " End of 5km catchment. Hunter-gatherers only beyond this point".

### Site catchment



**Figure 2:** Left: Layers used in the modeling of agricultural potential, from the top: rooting depth, drainage, natural fertility, rainfall, gradient; Right: Spatial distribution of the agricultural potential and the archaeological sites included into the preliminary SCA. For the site affiliations, see legend in Figure 1 (map: O. Seitsonen).



**Figure 3:** Circular catchments (radius = 8 km) showing the agricultural potential around the LSA sites (map: O. Seitsonen).



### Lokacijske analize





Priloga 11: Kolmogorov-Smirnov test distribucije evidentnih kal telirjev glede na evklidsko oddaljenost od kartiranih vodnih virov znotraj obmo" ja analize.



Fig. 4 – Proximity measurements of archaeological sites from possible ancient road networks.



Figure 5. Iron Age I sites in the central West Bank and four possible first-order covariates: (a) elevation (light to dark ranges from 135-1010m ASL), (b) average annual rainfall (dark to light ranges from c.335-720mm), (c) ridge landforms (darker is more likely to be geomphorphometrically classified as a ridge), (d) topographic wetness index summed over a local neighbourhood (darker is wetter), and (e) a prediction surface based on the three significant covariates (darker is higher point intensity).





# Modeliranje gibanja



Fig. 6.4 The friction surface used in this experiment depicting relative cost units in terms of energy expended.





Fig. 6.5 Cost (in relative units) expended to get to node no. 9 from any point of our study area.



"...current GIS can only make local decisions as to which neighbouring cell has the highest or lowest value – they incorporate no global knowledge of the landscape at all." (van Leusen 1999, p.218).



Fig. 6.25 Cost surface of node 199. Cost of walking in Joules / (Kg m).

### Isokrone


















#### Karta vidnosti (viewshed)

## **LUC**



#### Binarna karta vidnosti



#### Kumulativne karte vidnosti



**Figure 3** - Example viewshed map generated from one long barrow of the Salisbury Plain group (shown as a black dot).

**Figure 4** - Cumulative viewshed maps overlain on elevation to show the relationship. Top: Avebury area, Bottom: Salisbury Plain. Both diagrams show the entire 20km square area which was studied (see figure 3).

Legend



#### Medsebojna vidnost



#### http://digitalhumanities.soton.ac.uk/blog/1276

## **Calculating a Cumulative Viewshed**



#### Higuchijevi indeksi



Fig. 5.20 Ranges established in the Higuchi viewshed. At short range, individual trees and details are recognizable, at middle range the forest is distinguished as a mass, and at long-distance range the forest becomes part of the background losing any distinctive identity. Photo by Chuck Szmurlo.



Fig. 6.42 Procedure to generate Higuchi viewshed. a) Binary viewshed; b) Calculation of Euclidean Distance; c) Reclassification to index established and d) Combination of both.





#### Usmerjena karta vidnosti





Fig. 6.41 a) Simple binary viewshed; b) Calculation of Euclidean Direction; c) Reclassification of Euclidean Direction; d) Overlap of viewshed and Direction; e) Graphic showing the predominant direction of the viewshed.

#### Mehka vidnost/fuzzy viewshed



Temperature



FIG. 2. (A) The DEM within 1 km from Point 1 (elevation increases with darkness), and (B) the Boolean viewshed from Point 1.



Fig. 8. Fuzzy viewsheds from Point 1 with variable SA, (A) I = 0, (B) I = 0.7, and (C) I = 0.9. Note that Figure 8a is the same as Figure 4b. Darker areas have higher fuzzy memberships.

FIG. 6. Fuzzy viewsheds from Point 2 with (A) RMSE = 2, (B) RMSE = 7, and (C) RMSE = 10. Note that Figure 6b is the same as Figure 10a. Darker areas have higher fuzzy memberships.

#### Karta totalne vidnosti (total viewshed)



**Figure 3.** Total viewshed for the same region as in figure 2. Here, values represent the area from which a monument would be visible if built at each location. Lower values are in darker blue, with the highest values in red.

























## Total viewshed, foreground



100

0

200

More visible

## Total viewshed, midground



100

0

200

More visible

# Groups [ & 2

## Total viewshed, foreground

Groups I & 2

More visible

## Total viewshed, midground

Groups I & 2

More visible





## Trail I





## Trail 2





### Trail 3


# Monuments are purposefully positioned in specific parts of the landscape. Barrows seem to deliberately change the visual

configuration of landscape.

### Conclusions

00 metres

They all expressed the basic idea of belonging to the Poštela community.

Conclusions

100 metres

North

## Conclusions

00 metres

Poštela landscape was polygon for expressing new ideas and messages. Respecting, relating to or changing the existing spatial order reproduced or subverted the existing political configurations.

# Zvočne krajine





#### Prediktivni modeli

#### Mn/Model: Minnesota's Statewide Archaeological Predictive Model

Mn/DOT uses Mn/Model to design archaeological surveys and to avoid impacts on archaeological sites. Statewide, 85.47% of known sites fall into high and medium probability areas, which constitute 20.62% of the land area.

> Site potential is based on statistical relationships between known sites and envrionmental factors.



Areas that have not been well surveyed and have low site potential are categorized as "unknown." Until further surveys are conducted, we cannot be certain that site potentials are actually low.



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