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<i>Geographic Information Analysis </i>provides up-to-date coverage of the foundations of spatial data analysis through visualization and maps. This book covers key spatial concepts, including point pattern, line objects and networks, area objects, and continuous fields, as well as such new subjects as local statistics. With crucial methods for analyzing geographical information, this is an essential reference for professionals as well as a useful text for the classroom.

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