

Nowadays, ecologists worldwide recognize the use of spatial analysis as essential. However, because of the fast-growing range of methods available, even an expert might occasionally find it challenging to choose the most appropriate one. Providing the ecological and statistical foundations needed to make the right decision, this second edition builds and expands upon the previous one by:

- encompassing the basic methods for spatial analysis, for both complete census and sample data
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Written for graduate students, researchers, and professionals, this book will be a valuable source of reference for years to come.

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