



Handling Spatial data

LECTURE 5th: Spatial data in Relational Databases

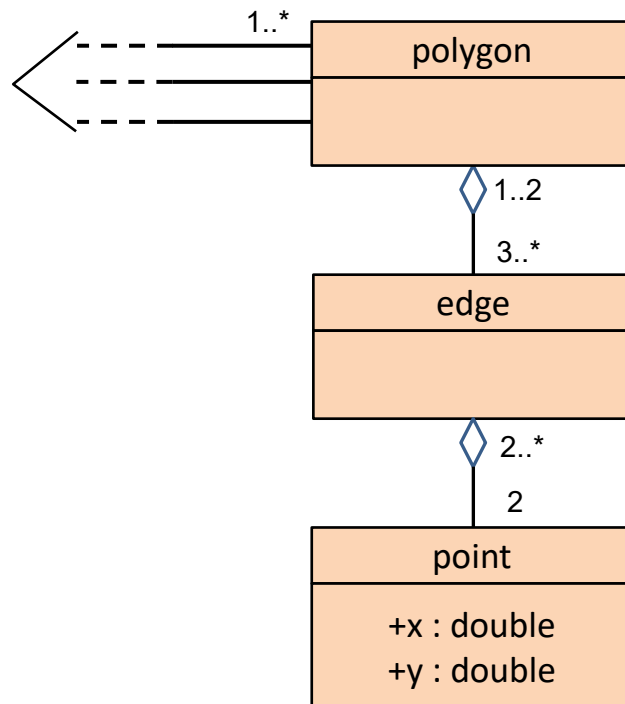
- Spatial Data Import and Management
 - Elementary Cadaster
 - The need to integrate spatial data management into the Database Systems
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Inserting and handling spatial data

Planar geometric or geographic elements

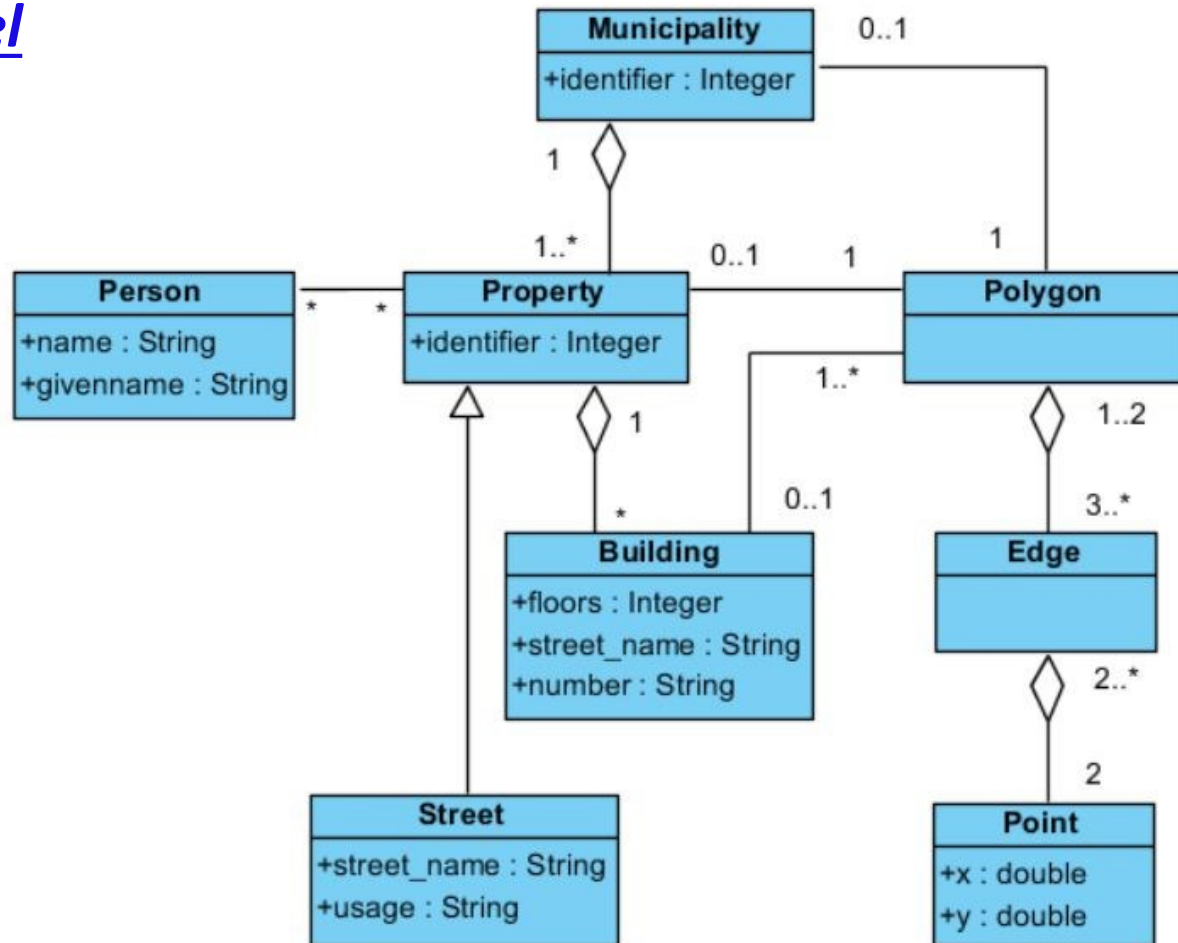


- Planar (2D) geometric or geographic objects related with one or more polygons
- Each polygon consists of a set of edges (three or more). Each edge participates in the perimeter of one or two polygons
- Each edge is defined by exactly two points. Each point participates in the definition of two or more edges.



Example: Elementary Cadaster

UML model



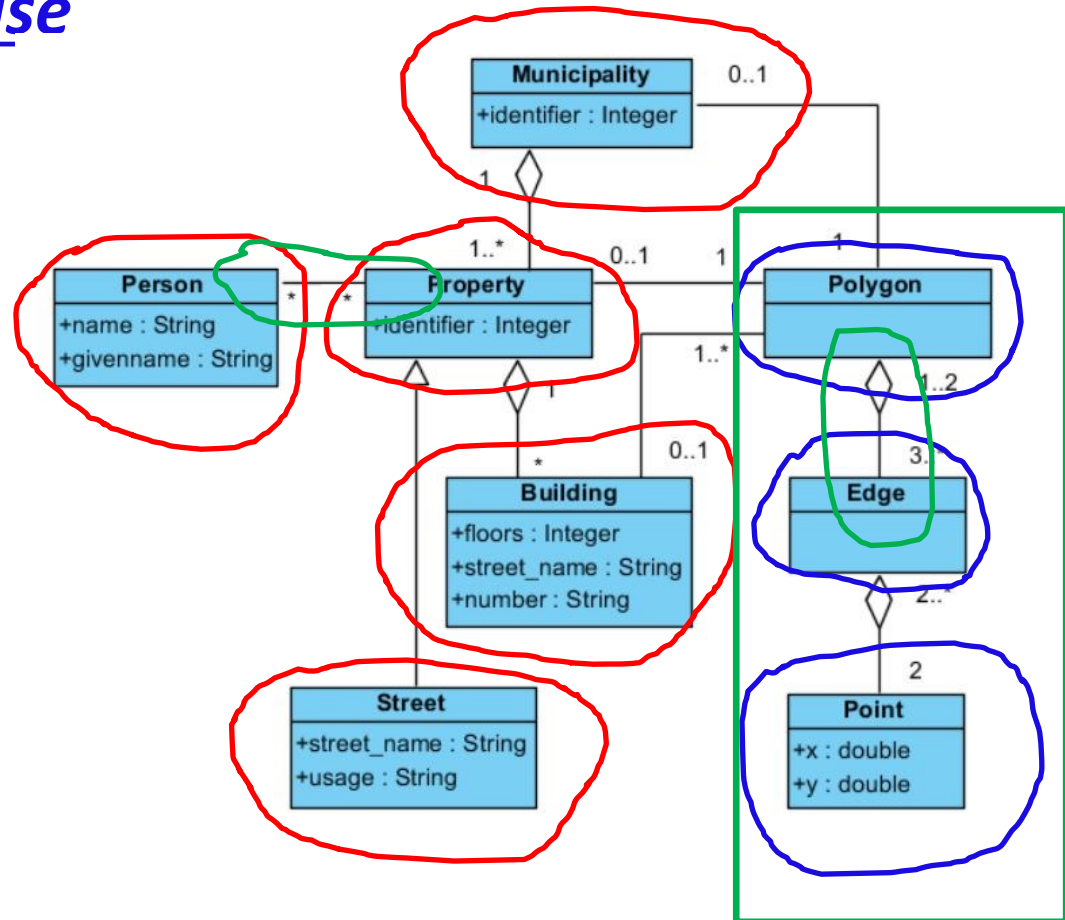


Elementary Cadaster (cont.)

Map to a Database

Creation of 10 tables

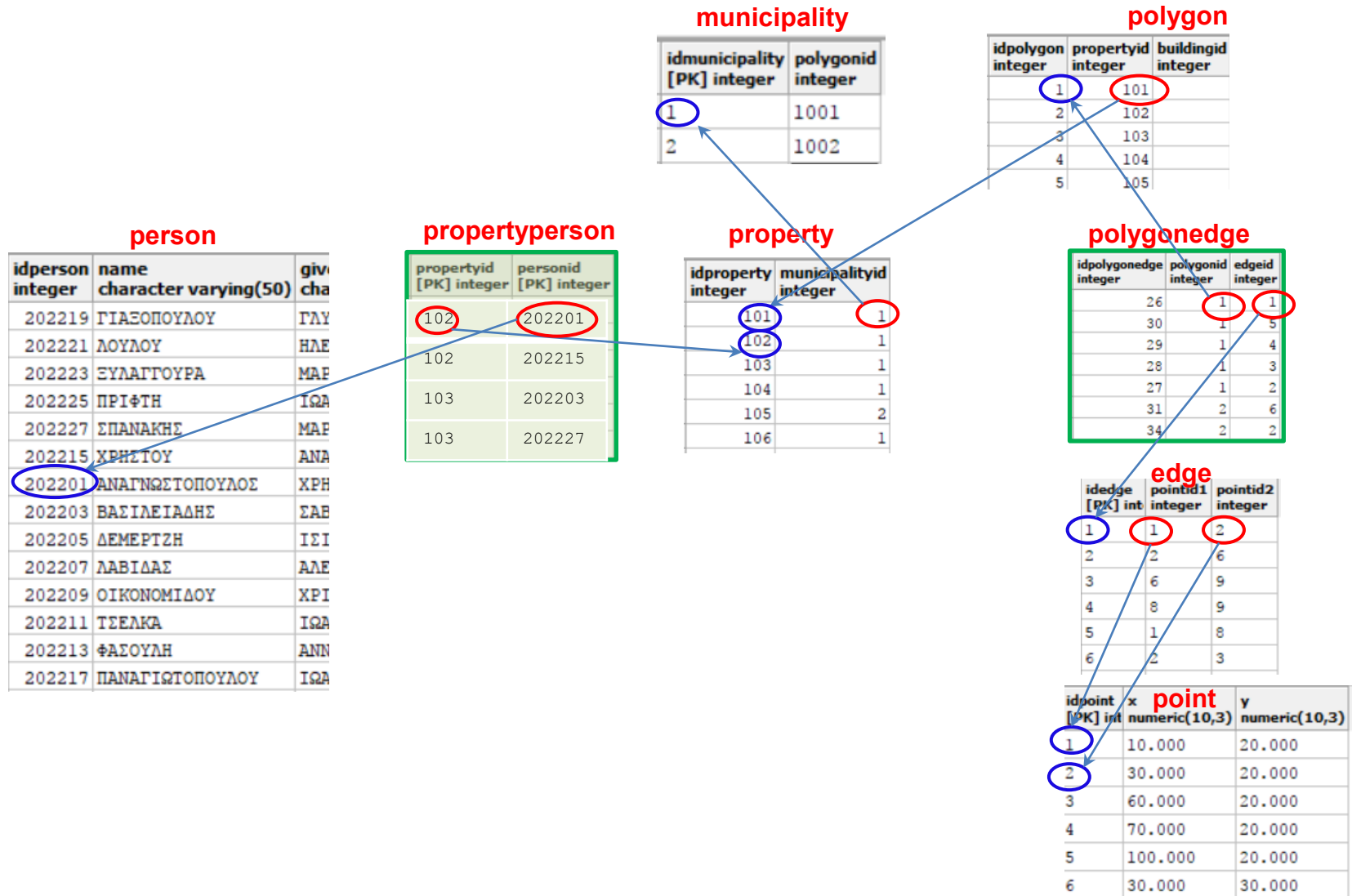
- ✓ Municipality
- ✓ property
- ✓ Person
- ✓ Building
- ✓ Street
- ✓ Polygon
- ✓ Edge
- ✓ Point
- ✓ Polygedge
- ✓ Propertyperson



Why not edgepoint ???

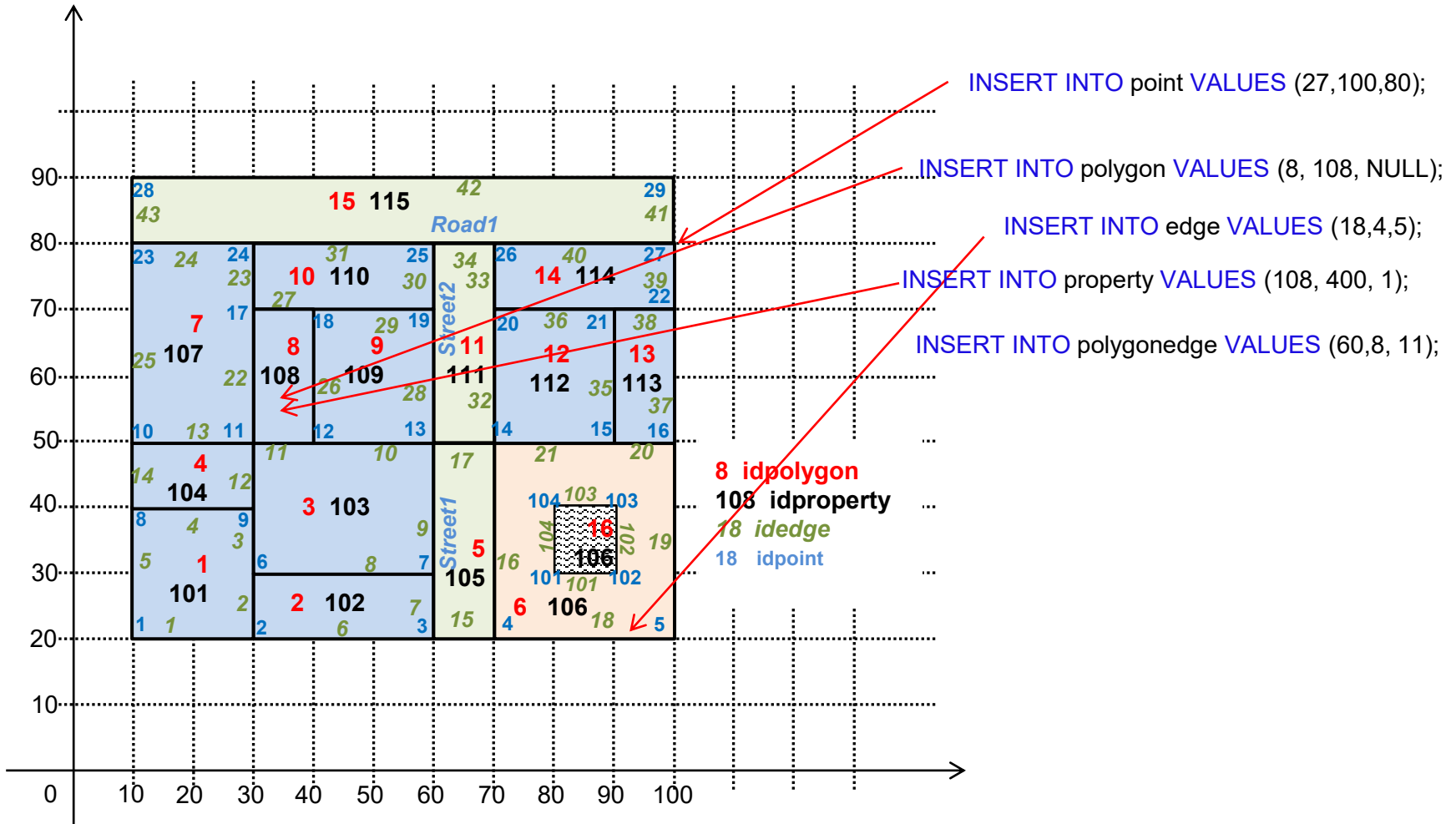


Elementary Cadaster (cont.)





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Queries about spatial data

Calculation of edge length

```
SELECT e.iedge,  
       ROUND(SQRT( POWER((p1.x - p2.x),2) +  
                  POWER((p1.y - p2.y),2) ) ,2)  
       AS length  
FROM exercisel.edge e, exercisel.point p1,  
     exercisel.point p2  
WHERE e.pointID1 = p1.IDpoint  
AND    e.pointID2 = p2.IDpoint  
ORDER BY length, e.IDedge
```



| iedge integer | length numeric |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 33 | 10.00 |
| 34 | 10.00 |
| 38 | 10.00 |
| 39 | 10.00 |
| 41 | 10.00 |
| 43 | 10.00 |
| 101 | 10.00 |
| 102 | 10.00 |
| 103 | 10.00 |
| 104 | 10.00 |
| 1 | 20.00 |
| 4 | 20.00 |
| 5 | 20.00 |
| 9 | 20.00 |
| 10 | 20.00 |
| 13 | 20.00 |



Queries about spatial data (cont.)

Find edges per property (*polygonedge*)

```
SELECT propertyid, edgeid
FROM exercise1.polygon, exercise1.polygonedge
WHERE
    polygon.idpolygon=polygonedge.polygonid
AND polygon.propertyid > 0
```



| propertyid integer | edgeid integer |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 101 | 1 |
| 101 | 2 |
| 101 | 3 |
| 101 | 4 |
| 101 | 5 |
| 102 | 6 |
| 102 | 7 |
| 102 | 8 |
| 102 | 2 |
| 103 | 8 |
| 103 | 9 |
| 103 | 10 |
| 103 | 11 |
| 103 | 12 |
| 103 | 3 |
| 104 | 4 |



Queries about spatial data (cont.)

Calculation of property circumference: as an SQL query


```
SELECT C1.propertyid, C1.circumference FROM  
(SELECT propertyedge.propertyid,  
    ROUND(SUM(A1.length),2) AS circumference  
FROM
```

```
(SELECT propertyid, edgeid  
FROM exercisel.polygon, exercisel.polygonedge  
WHERE  
    polygon.idpolygon=polygonedge.polygonid  
AND polygon.propertyid > 0) propertyedge,
```

```
(SELECT e.idedge, SQRT( POWER((p1.x - p2.x), 2)  
    + POWER ((p1.y - p2.y), 2)) AS length  
FROM exercisel.edge e, exercisel.point p1,  
    exercisel.point p2  
WHERE
```

```
    e.pointID1 = p1.IDpoint AND  
    e.pointID2 = p2.IDpoint ) A1
```

```
WHERE propertyedge.edgeid = A1.idedge  
GROUP BY propertyedge.propertyid) C1  
ORDER BY C1.circumference, C1.propertyid;
```



| propertyid integer | circumference numeric |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 104 | 60.00 |
| 108 | 60.00 |
| 113 | 60.00 |
| 101 | 80.00 |
| 102 | 80.00 |
| 105 | 80.00 |
| 109 | 80.00 |
| 110 | 80.00 |
| 111 | 80.00 |
| 112 | 80.00 |
| 114 | 80.00 |
| 103 | 100.00 |
| 107 | 100.00 |
| 106 | 160.00 |
| 115 | 200.00 |



Queries about spatial data (cont.)

Calculation of polygon circumference II – as a function

```
DROP FUNCTION IF EXISTS exercisel.circumference(integer) CASCADE;
CREATE FUNCTION exercisel.circumference(polygID integer)
    RETURNS NUMERIC AS $$
    DECLARE circ NUMERIC :=0;
    p1ID exercisel.point.IDpoint%TYPE;
    p2ID exercisel.point.IDpoint%TYPE;
    p1x exercisel.point.x%TYPE;
    p1y exercisel.point.y%TYPE;
    p2x exercisel.point.x%TYPE;
    p2y exercisel.point.y%TYPE;
    BEGIN
    FOR p1ID, p2ID IN (SELECT edge.pointID1, edge.pointID2
        FROM exercisel.edge, exercisel.polygonedge
        WHERE edge.IDedge=polygonedge.edgeID
        AND polygonedge.polygonid=polygID)
    LOOP
    p1x = (SELECT x FROM exercisel.point WHERE point.IDpoint=p1ID);
    p1y = (SELECT y FROM exercisel.point WHERE point.IDpoint=p1ID);
    p2x = (SELECT x FROM exercisel.point WHERE point.IDpoint=p2ID);
    p2y = (SELECT y FROM exercisel.point WHERE point.IDpoint=p2ID);
    circ = circ + SQRT( POWER((p1x - p2x), 2) +
        POWER ((p1y - p2y), 2));
    END LOOP;
    RETURN ROUND(circ,2);
    END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```



Queries about spatial data (cont.)

Calculation of polygon circumference II – (cont)

```
CREATE VIEW exercise1.circumferences AS
  SELECT IDpolygon AS ΠΟΛΥΓΩΝΟ,
         exercise1.circumference(IDpolygon) AS ΠΕΡΙΜΕΤΡΟΣ
  FROM exercise1.polygon pol
  WHERE pol.propertyID>0
  ORDER BY ΠΕΡΙΜΕΤΡΟΣ, ΠΟΛΥΓΩΝΟ;
```

```
SELECT * FROM exercise1.circumferences;
```



| ΠΟΛΥΓΩΝΟ integer | ΠΕΡΙΜΕΤΡΟΣ numeric |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 16 | 40.00 |
| 4 | 60.00 |
| 8 | 60.00 |
| 13 | 60.00 |
| 1 | 80.00 |
| 2 | 80.00 |
| 5 | 80.00 |
| 9 | 80.00 |
| 10 | 80.00 |
| 11 | 80.00 |
| 12 | 80.00 |
| 14 | 80.00 |
| 3 | 100.00 |
| 7 | 100.00 |
| 6 | 120.00 |
| 15 | 200.00 |

Exercise:

How should we call **circumference** for property circumference calculation, in the case they consist of multiple polygons;

Check it, after setting, e.g.:

```
UPDATE exercise1.polygon SET propertyID=1
WHERE IDpolygon=6;
```



PL/PgSQL (cont)

Return non-simple types (e.g. records)

- **RETURN NEXT** expression;

```
CREATE TYPE exercisel.neighbours
AS (pers INT, nam VARCHAR, prop INT, border INT);

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION exercisel.find_neighbours(text)
RETURNS SETOF exercisel.neighbours AS $$
DECLARE
    name ALIAS FOR $1;
    ...
    neighbs exercisel.neighbours;
BEGIN
    ...
    FOR neighbs IN (SELECT ... )
    LOOP
        RETURN NEXT neighbs
    END LOOP;
    RETURN;
END;
$$ LANGUAGE plpgsql;
```



PL/PgSQL (συνέχεια)

Return non-simple types (e.g. records) (cont.)

- **RETURN QUERY** query;

```
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CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION exercisel.find_neighbours(text)
RETURNS SETOF exercisel.neighbours AS $$
DECLARE
    name ALIAS FOR $1;
    ...
BEGIN
    ...
    RETURN QUERY SELECT personID, name, propertyID, edge
                  FROM ...
END;
```

Instead, special "geometry" columns are inserted into descriptive data tables of geom



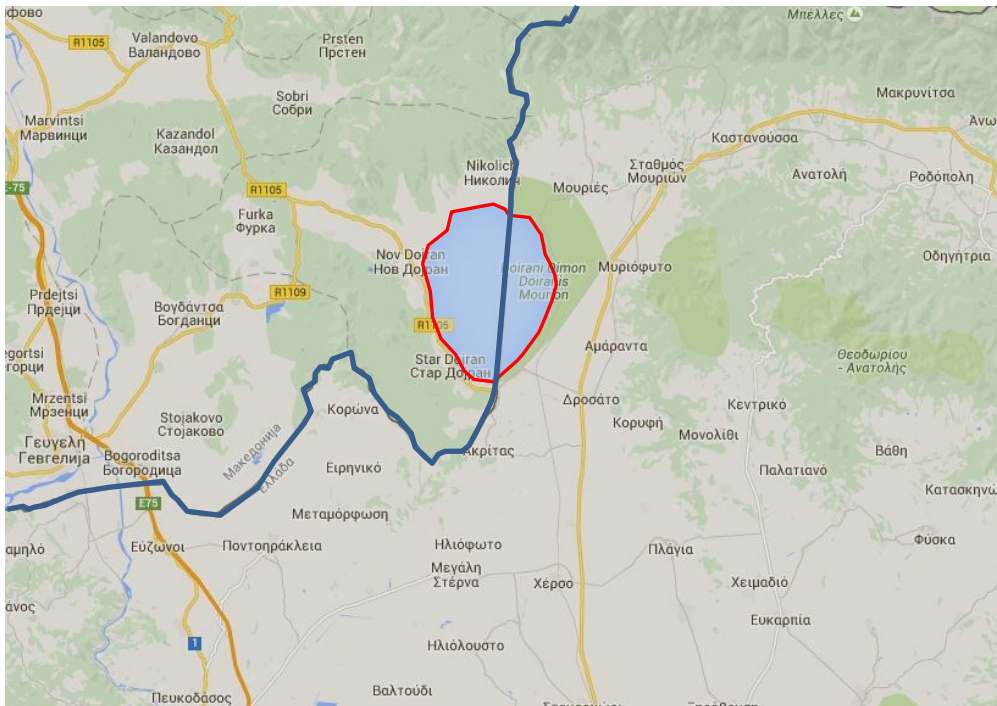
Integrated spatial data management

- Managing spatial data in DBMS, as conventional arrays of the <polygon><edge><point> hierarchy, as in the previous examples, is complex and error-prone:
 - Update and search queries are complex
 - All calculations must be done in the application program (outside management system)
 - Any reconstruction of the data results in changes to the application programs
- Instead, special "geometry" columns are inserted into descriptive data tables of geometric or geographic entities (**abstract data types**)
- A rich repertoire of functions is available for the most common operations and necessary calculations within the management system.
- Well-known database management systems (DBMS) offer extensions with such functionality



Integrated spatial data management (cont)

Example of abstract data types



```
CREATE TABLE lakes (
```

```
  IDlake VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY,  
  name VARCHAR(50));
```

```
SELECT AddGeometryColumn('lakes',  
  'lake_geom', 4326, 'POLYGON', 2);
```

| IDlake | name | lake_geom |
|---------|---------|-----------|
| GR_L021 | Δοϊράνη | |

```
CREATE TABLE borders (
```

```
  IDborders VARCHAR(20) PRIMARY KEY);
```

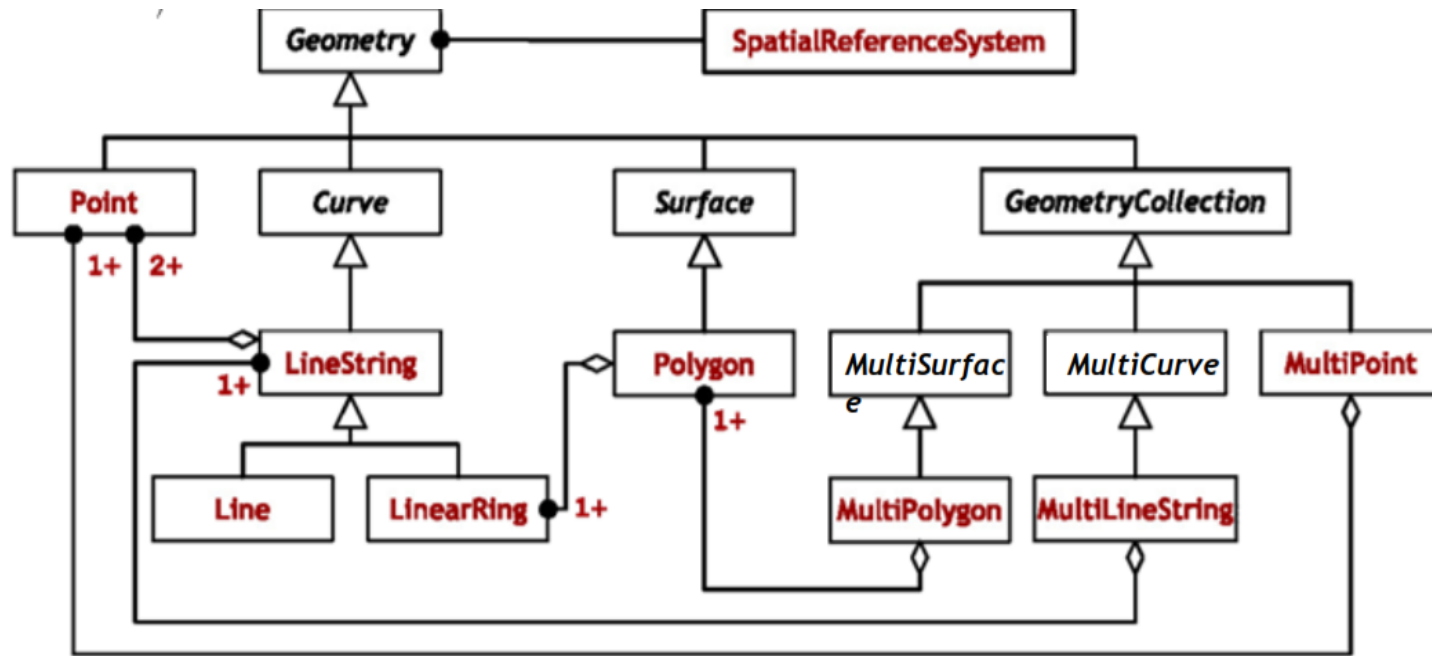
```
SELECT AddGeometryColumn('borders',  
  'geometry', 4326, 'LINESTRING', 2);
```

| IDborders | geometry |
|-----------|----------|
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OGC simple features

Simple (geometrical) features hierarchy, according to OGC





Queries for spatial data

Example of getting a geometry

Query

```
SELECT name, ST_astext(lake_geom) FROM lakes;  
WHERE name = 'Δοϊράνη';
```

Result

| name | lake_geom |
|---------|--|
| Δοϊράνη | POLYGON ((22.7209 41.2390, 22.7109 41.2324, 22.7082 41.2273, 22.7209 41.2390)); |

Example of a topological relationship

```
SELECT lakes.name  
FROM lakes, borders  
WHERE CROSSES (lakes.lake_geom, borders.geometry)=1;
```