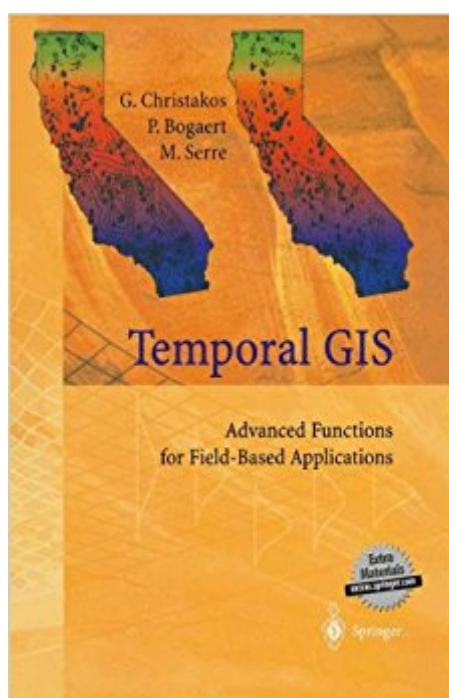


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# Temporal Geographical Information Systems: Advanced Functions For Field-Based Applications



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This is a classic! The book opens new avenues to gis research and development. Lots of fresh ideas. Enjoyed tremendously! Highly recommend it.

A lot of advanced and fresh ideas of spatiotemporal analysis in GIS are introduced along with many nice and clear examples and computer codes. A great reference for both practical and theoretical uses in studying space-time processes under the GIS framework

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