
Subject: Re: difference between DEM and DSM
Posted by [Mort Canty](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:43:47 GMT
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Am 30.07.2010 16:52, schrieb skymaxwell@gmail.com:
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Subject: Re: difference between DEM and DSM
Posted by [Ben Kamphaus](#) on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 17:52:30 GMT
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Yeah, the DSM is the easy one if you're working with a LiDAR point cloud, for example. To create the DSM you'll just interpolate the elevation values at each point to a grid. The DEM/DTM extraction (also called bare earth extraction) requires some sort of morphological filtering process to be applied to either the DSM or the point cloud. If the filter operates on the DSM, it removes outlier / feature values and replaces them with interpolated values to preserve the morphology of the ground values. If the filter operates on the point cloud, it will sort the points into ground and non-ground then a separate interpolated grid will be calculated from only the ground

points.

On Jul 30, 11:43 am, Mort Canty <m.ca...@fz-juelich.de> wrote:

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Posted by skymaxwell@gmail.com on Fri, 30 Jul 2010 20:46:17 GMT

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Subject: Re: difference between DEM and DSM
Posted by [Klemen](#) on Sun, 01 Aug 2010 09:00:47 GMT
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Hi, perhaps this is not the right forum to ask such a question. This is not an IDL issue at all.

However, to generate a DSM, you need data with surface elevation. A source might be even panchromatic satellite images but then would be better to use a photogrametric software to generate a DSM. The size of grid depends on the resolution of your data - use simply the same as input.

You probably won't find many details on DSM creation, because most are interested into DEM creation.

Cheers, Klemen
