

SOME EXPERIENCES IN ANALYTICAL RELIEF SHADING



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INTRODUCTION

- Croatia has a number of mountains
- Shaded reliefs in Croatia were done manually until recent days
- Today, cartography in Croatia is in expansion
 - new series of the official topographic maps
 - national strategy towards tourism has encouraged publishers to provide all kinds of map products
- Increasing need for relief shades

CROATIAN RELIEF (SRTM data)

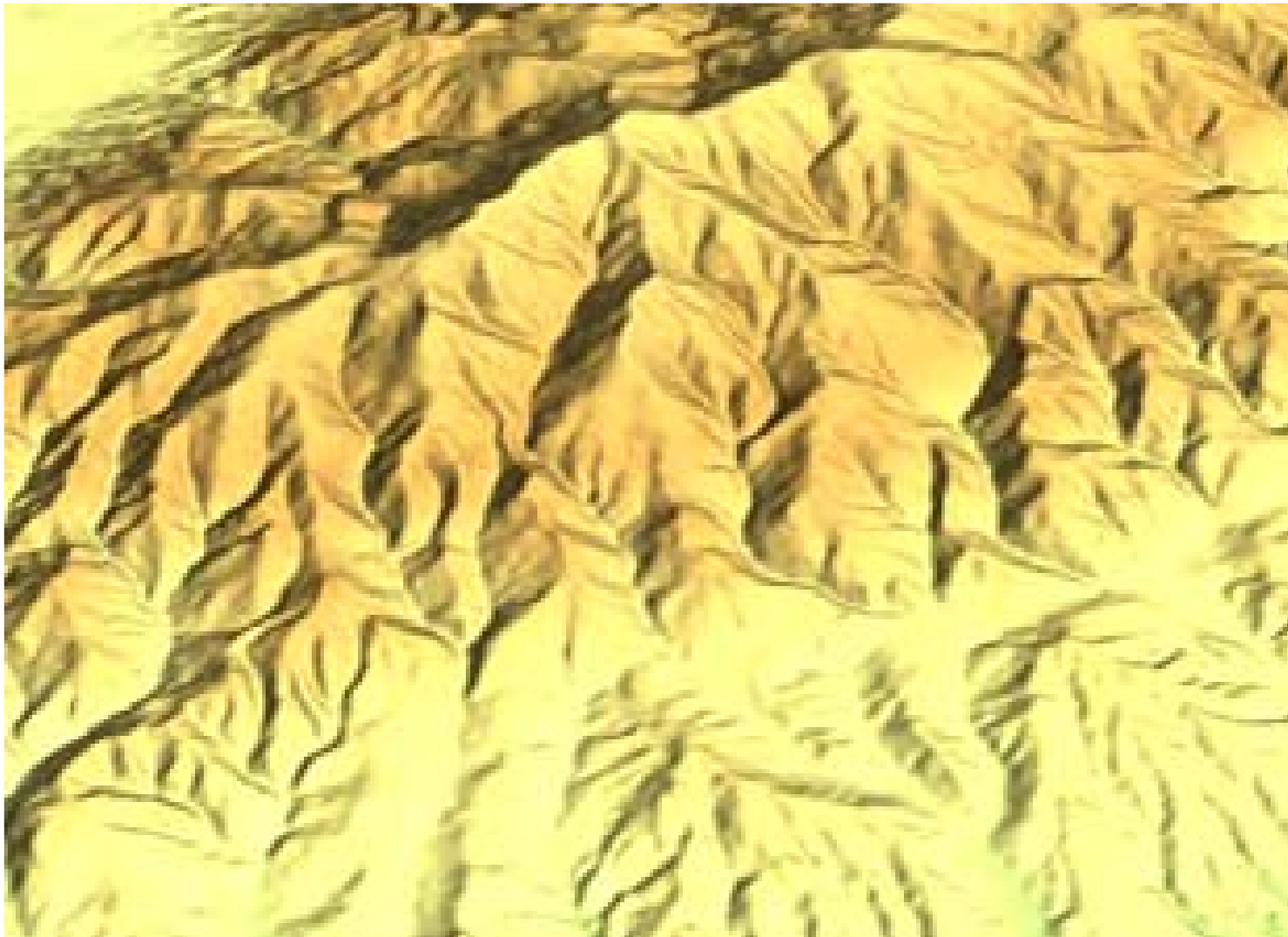


- Geomorphology of Croatian mountains:
 - 95 % sediment
 - 2-4 % metamorphic
 - 1 % volcanic
- Karst (krš) with it's irregular shape is difficult to present with shades

MEDVEDNICA MOUNTAIN

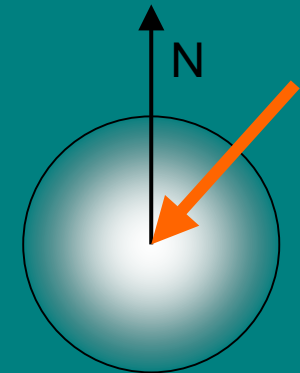
- Peak – 1035 m – 10 km from Zagreb's main square
- The most visited mountain in Croatia
- The largest number of cartographic representations among Croatian mountains
- DEM of Medvednica derived from contours from the topographic map at the scale of 1:25 000 will be used for examples

Perspective view of DEM



The main
ridgeline
is in SW-NE
direction with
spurs
perpendicular
to this
direction

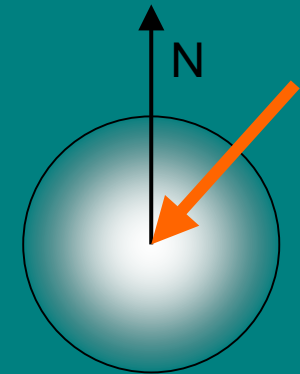
Top of Medvednica (Lovrić, 1993)



Average
direction of light

Shades are
drawn
manually.
Adaptive
direction
of light

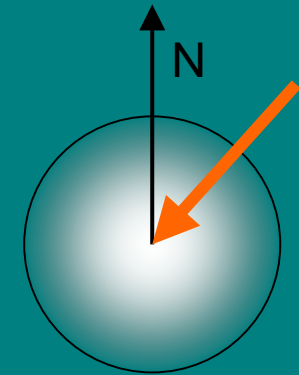
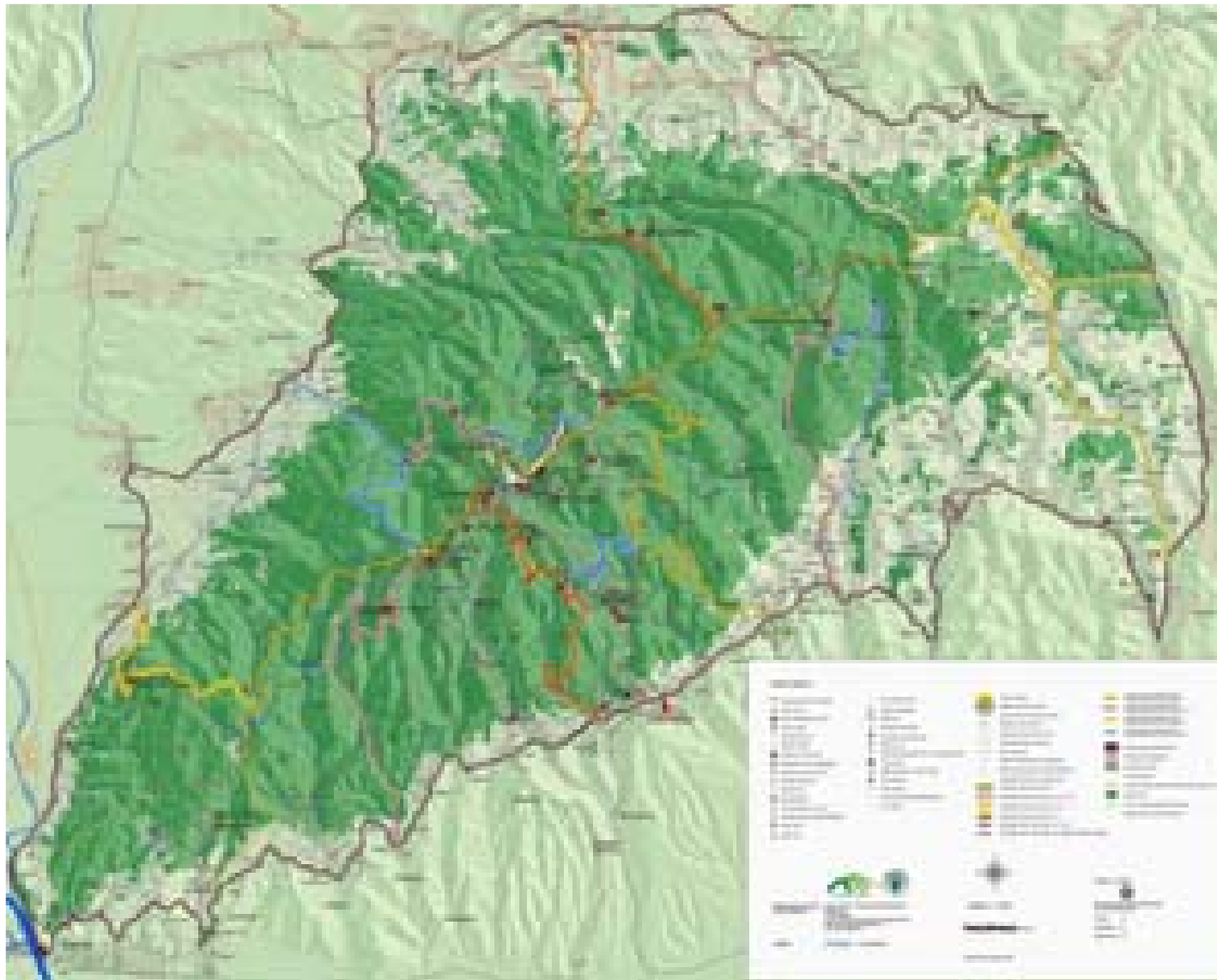
Panoramic view



Direction of light

Artistic hand
drawing

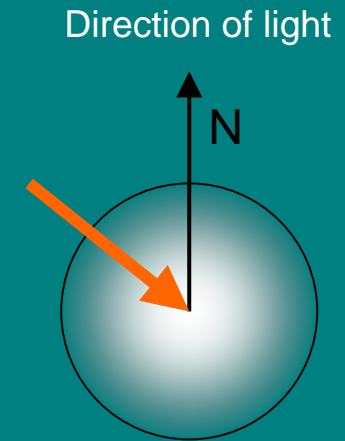
Bicycle map of Medvednica



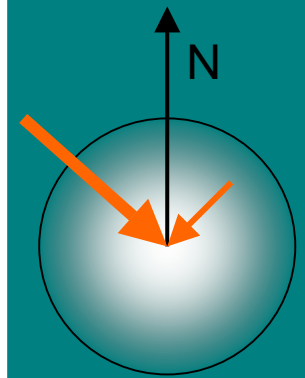
Direction of light

Analytical
shading of
digital
relief model.

Photograph of the relief model (source unknown)



Hand drawn shades, by Ante Čala



Direction of light

MOTIVATION

- Absence of people specialized for manual relief shading
- Shades prepared for one map usually cannot be reused for other maps
- Investigate analytical relief shading and modify it to better serve the purpose for topographic and thematic maps

METHODOLOGY

- Brassel's work "Ein Modell zur automatischen Schräglichtschattierung", 1974.
- Modification of the azimuth, height and length of the vector of light
- The goal: Weight of shades on the map: as small as possible while preserving the best perception of the relief

Weight of shades

R_{mn} - raster matrix of shaded relief with values [0,255]

$$W = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{R_{ij}}{255} \right)}{m \cdot n} \cdot 100 [\%]$$

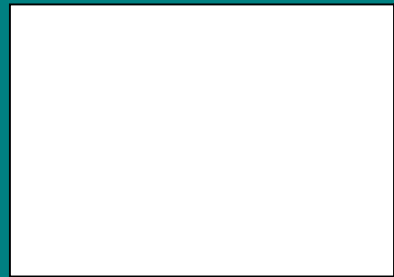
calculated weight by this equation have relative meaning and does not represent final weight on printed map.

Weight calculated by equation

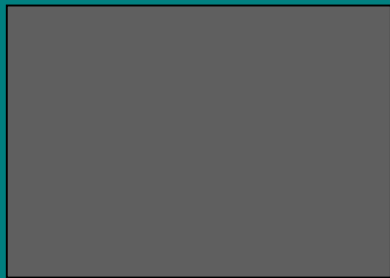
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100%



0%



50%

DIFFUSE SHADING

\vec{r}_{ij} - normal vector of relief surface

\vec{l}_{ij} - vector of light

Cosine of the angle between vectors \vec{r}_{ij} and \vec{l}_{ij} .

$$D_{ij} = \frac{\vec{l}_{ij} \cdot \vec{r}_{ij}}{|\vec{l}_{ij}| \cdot |\vec{r}_{ij}|} \quad i = 0, 1, \dots, m \quad j = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

Linear transformation from $[\min(D_{ij}), \max(D_{ij})]$ to $[0, 255]$

$$R_{ij} = \frac{255}{\max(D_{mn}) - \min(D_{mn})} (D_{ij} - \min(D_{mn}))$$

Vector of light

$$\vec{l}_{ij} = x_{ij}\vec{i} + y_{ij}\vec{j} + z_{ij}\vec{k} \quad \text{triple } x_{ij}, y_{ij}, z_{ij} \text{ defining the radius vector}$$

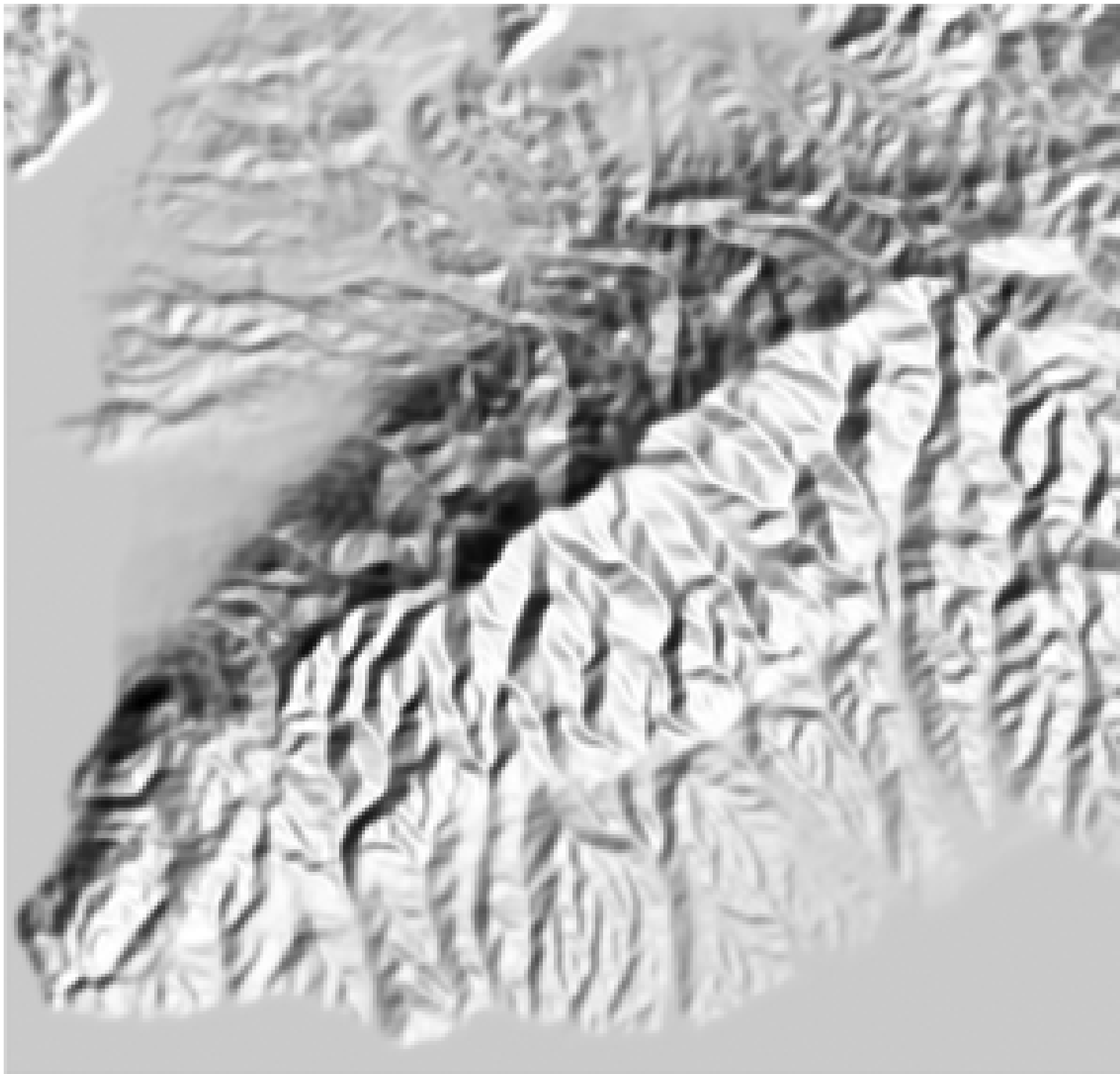
$$H_{ij} = \arctan\left(\frac{z_{ij}}{\sqrt{x_{ij}^2 + y_{ij}^2}}\right) \quad \text{height above horizon}$$

$$A_{ij} = \arctan\left(\frac{y_{ij}}{x_{ij}}\right) \quad \text{azimuth}$$

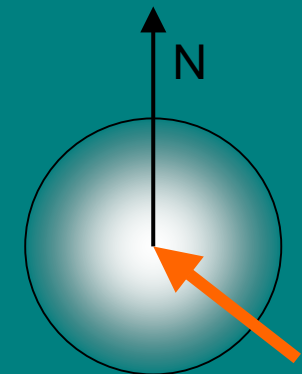
$$I_{ij} = \sqrt{x_{ij}^2 + y_{ij}^2 + z_{ij}^2} \quad \text{length}$$

$$\vec{l}_{ij} = \{H_{ij}, A_{ij}, I_{ij}\}$$

$$\vec{l}_{ij} = f(\vec{r}_{ij}) \neq \overrightarrow{\text{const.}}$$



Diffuse
shading
 $A=135^\circ$
 $H=45^\circ$
 $I=1$



Direction of light

Weight: 27%

Modification of azimuth

Calculate the aspect a_{ij}

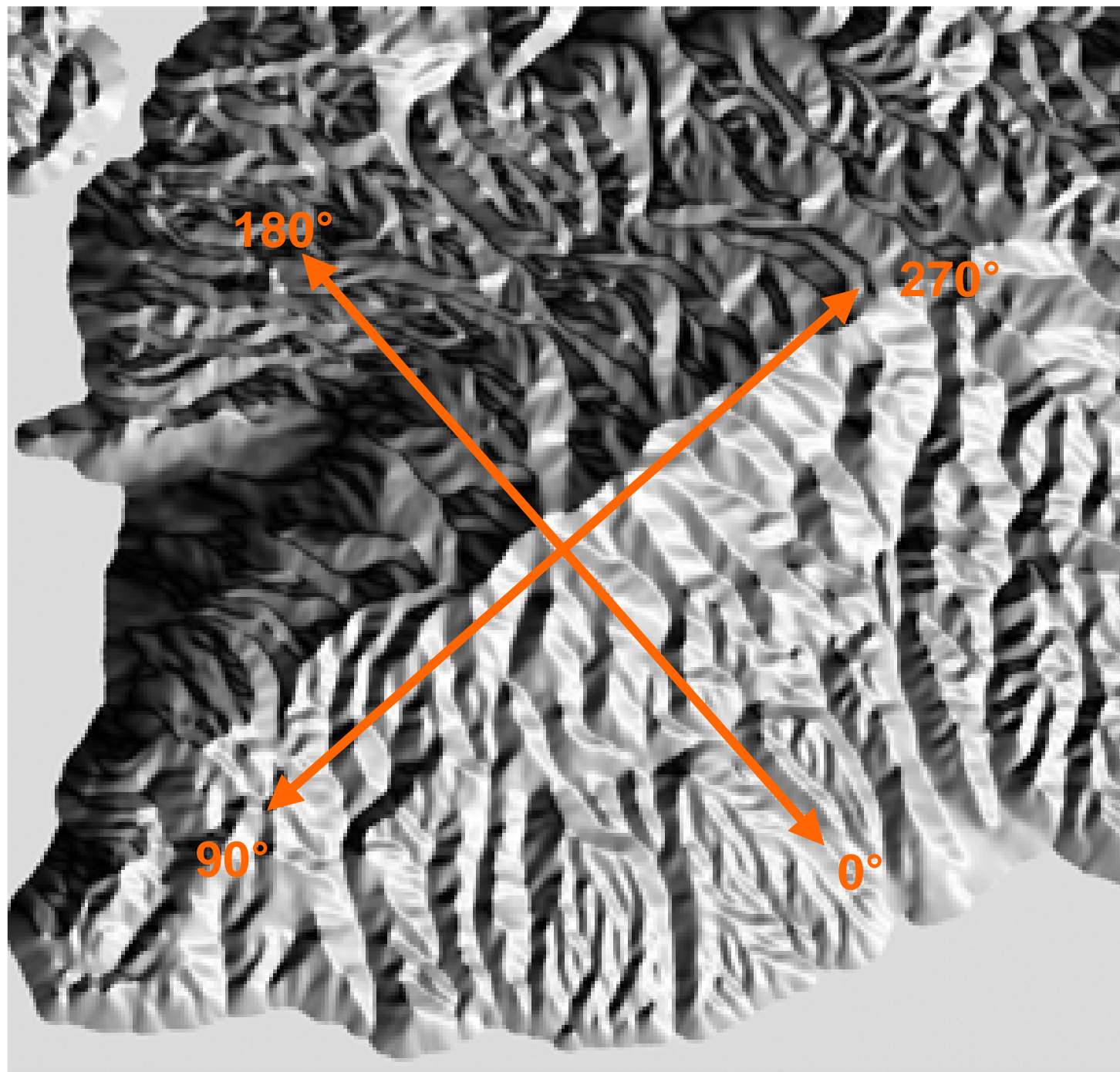
with starting direction $A_{ij} = A_{const.} \quad (135^\circ)$

Transformation to the first quadrant:

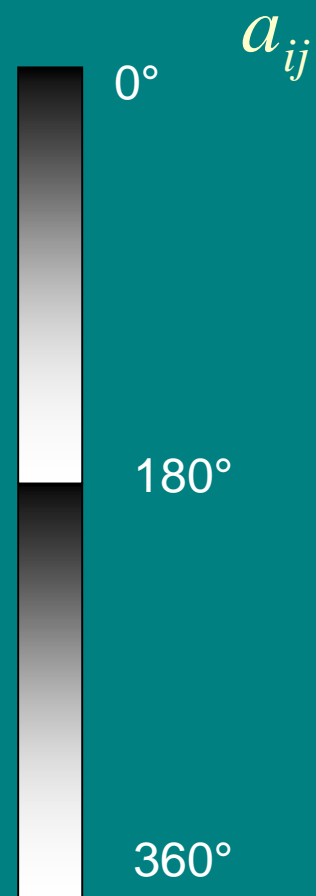
$$a_{ij} = \arcsin \left(\left| \sin(a_{ij}) \right| \right)$$

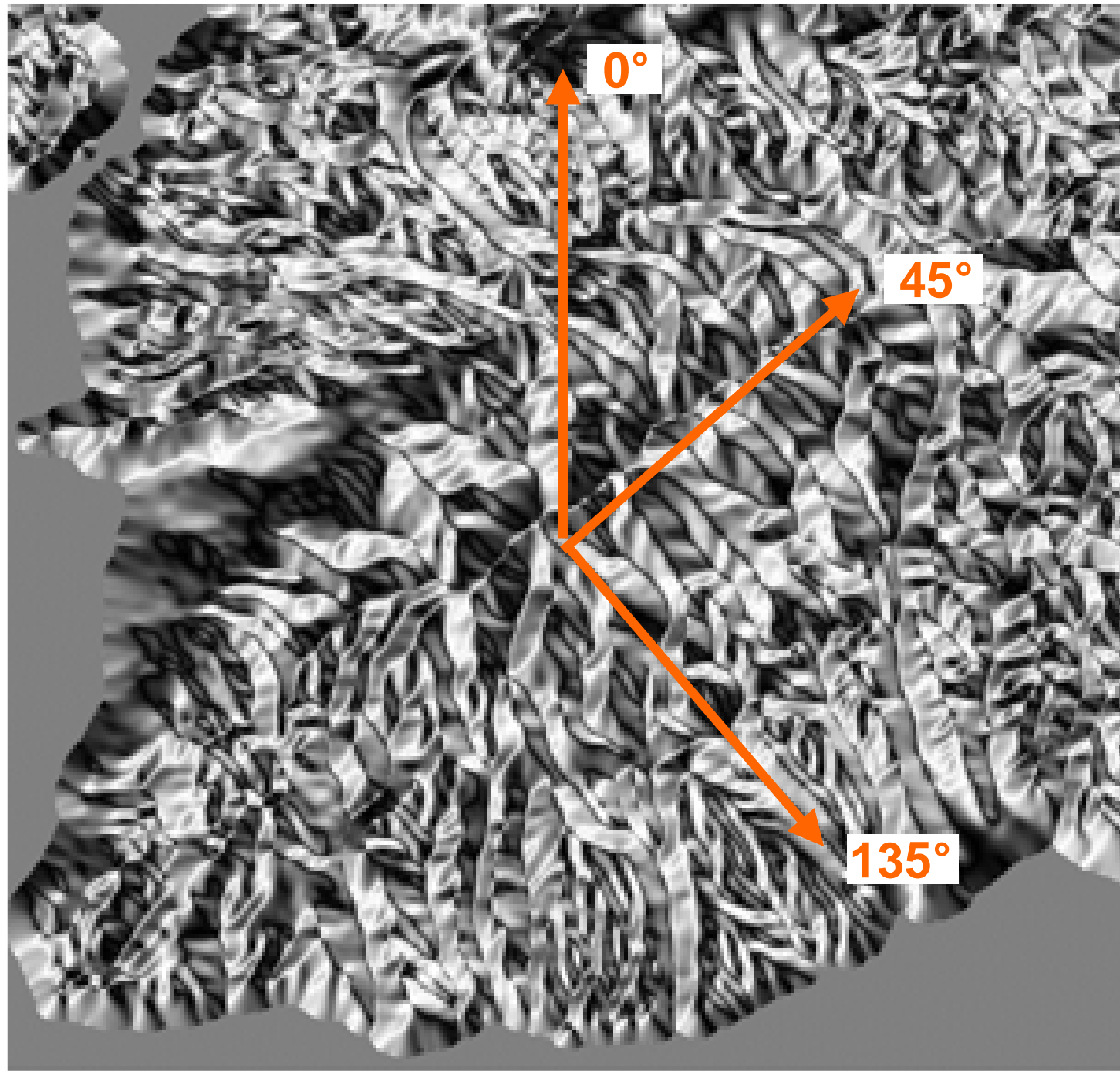
Final azimuth of the light:

$$A_{ij} = A_{const.} \pm a_{ij}$$



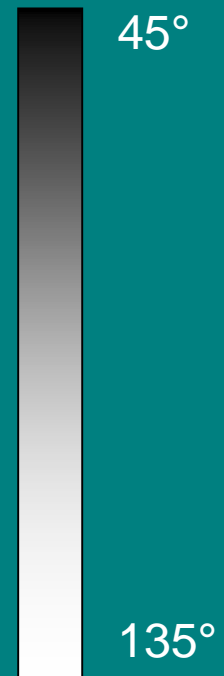
First step:
aspect map
with 135°
as starting
direction





Azimuth of
the light

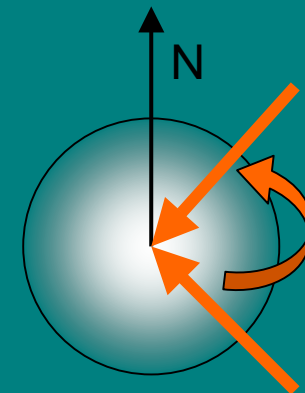
$$A_{ij} = A_{const.} - a_{ij}$$





Modification
of azimuth

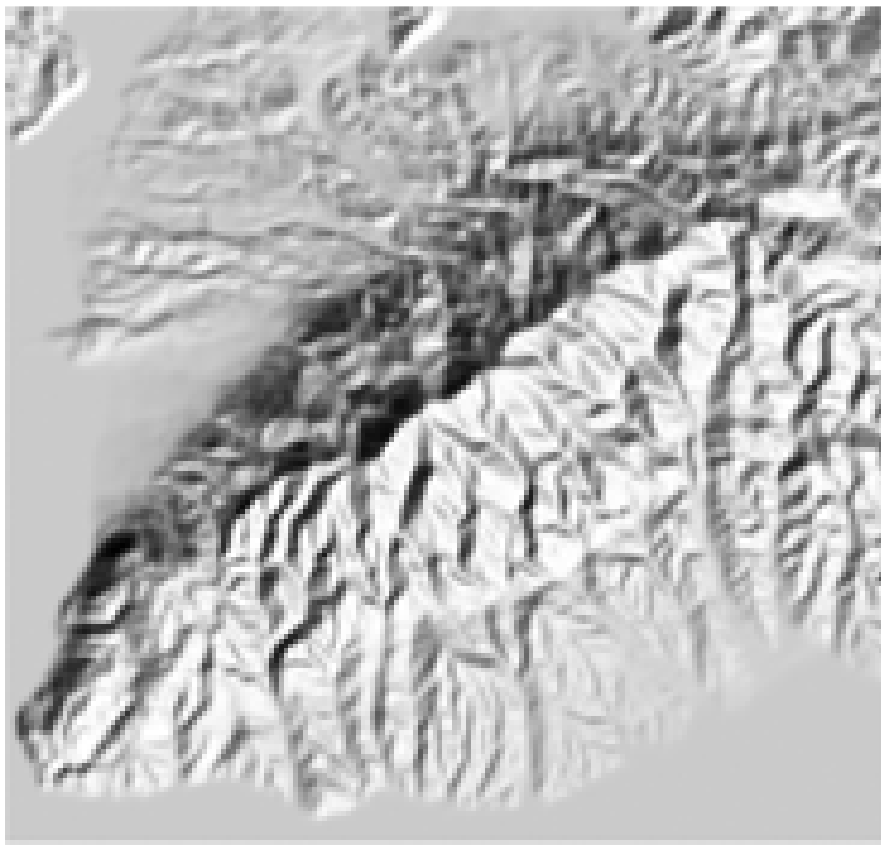
$$A_{ij} = A_{const.} - a_{ij}$$



Direction of light

Weight: 28%

Comparison

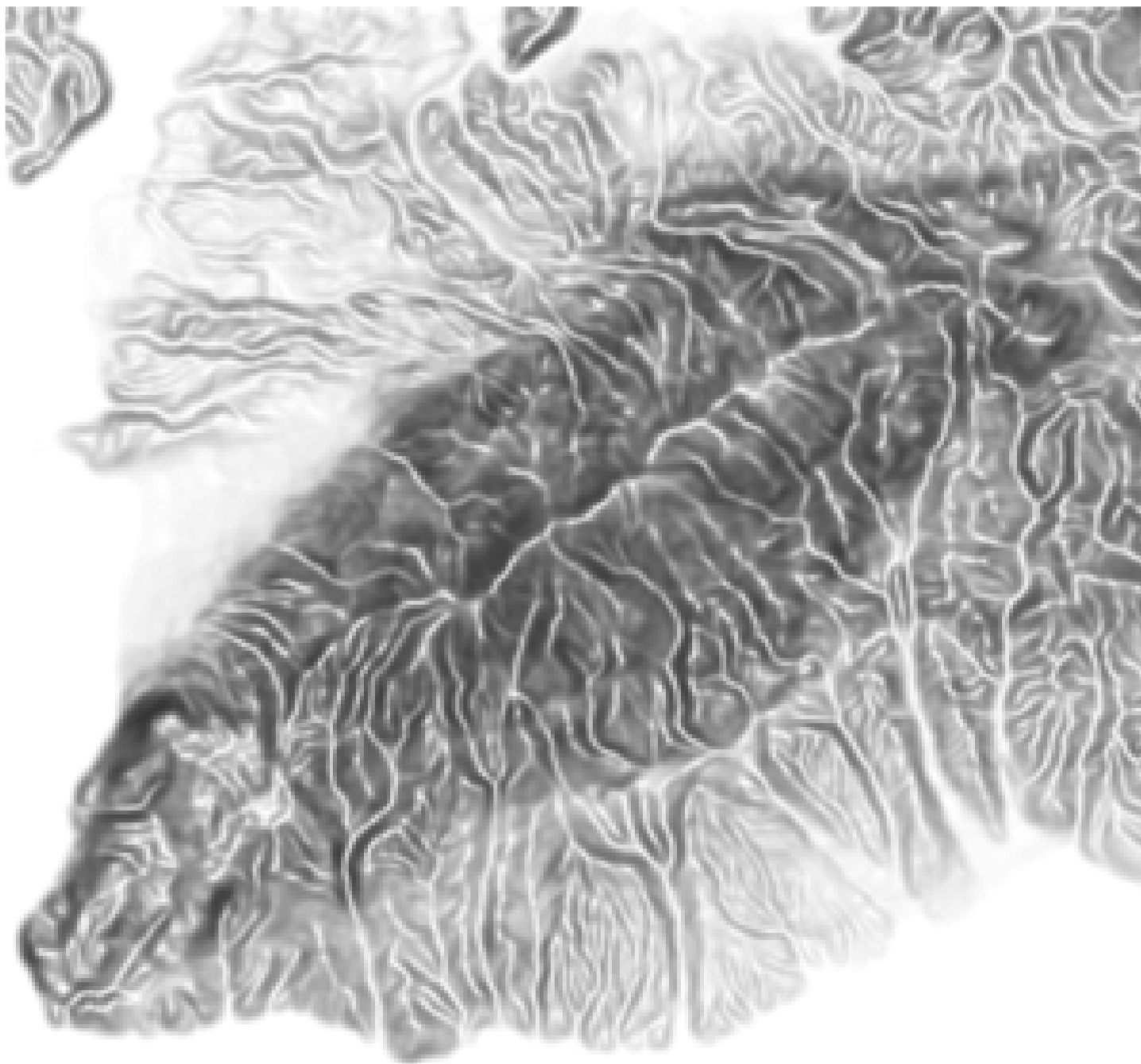


Modification of height

Calculate the slope of relief S_{ij}

Let the height be perpendicular to the slope:

$$H_{ij} = 90^\circ - S_{ij}$$



0°

Slope

90°

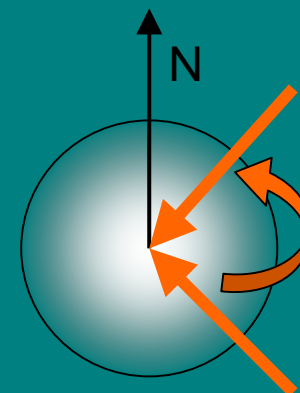
0°

Height

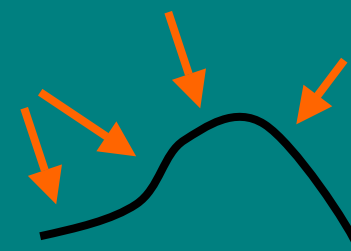
90°



Modification of
azimuth and
height



Direction of light



Height of light

Weight: 14%

Modification of the length of vector

$I(\min(R_{mn})) = 1$ - length of the light vector for minimum elevation

$I(\max(R_{mn})) = k$ - length of the light vector for maximum elevation

Linear relationship between the length and elevation

$$I_{ij} = \frac{k - 1}{\max(R_{mn}) - \min(R_{mn})} (R_{ij} - \min(R_{mn})) + 1$$

Transformation to the grayscale

$$R_{ij} = \frac{255}{D_{flat} - \min(D_{mn})} (D_{ij} - \min(D_{mn}))$$

If

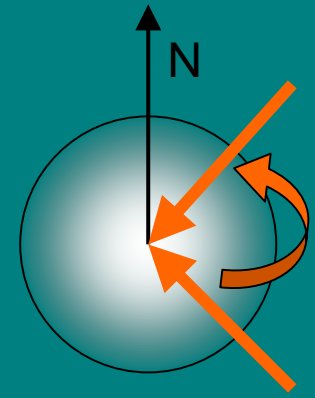
$$R_{ij} > 255$$

then

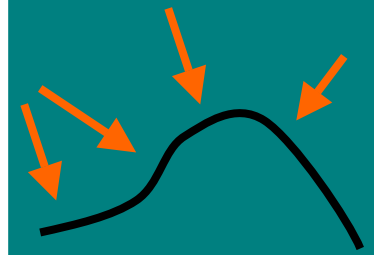
$$R_{ij} = 255$$



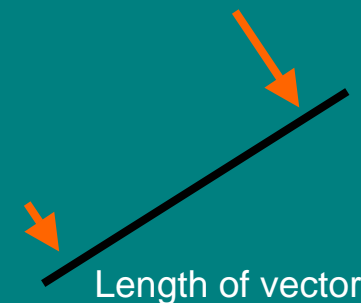
All three
modifications



Direction of light



Height of light



Length of vector

Weight: 9%

CONCLUSION

- Light vector as function of relief model can give different results
- Presented modifications are simple and easy to interpret, and applicable to any relief model
- Modified results can be used for easier creation of final shades

Overlay of the shades on the map



Standard diffuse shading



Modification of the azimuth and height of the light (our approach)

Thank you!