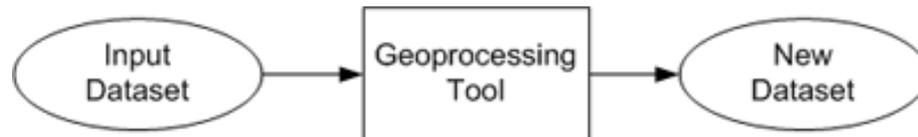


GEOPROCESSING & ENVIRONMENTS

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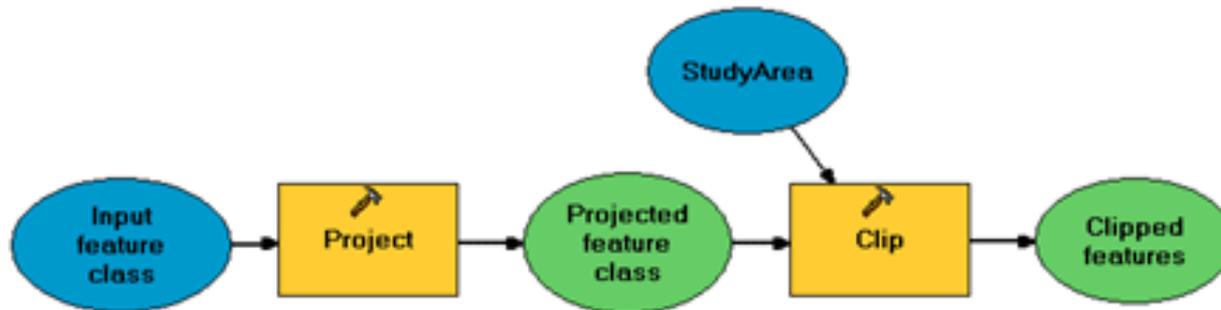
What is Geoprocessing?

- Process of applying an operation (with a *tool*) to manipulate an *input* GIS dataset
- Many geoprocessing tools are found in ArcToolbox
- Results in an *output* GIS dataset (often new, but not always)



Why Geoprocess?

- Task automation and modeling
- Common types of Geoprocessing
 - ▣ Data management
 - ▣ Spatial Analysis



What is Spatial Analysis?

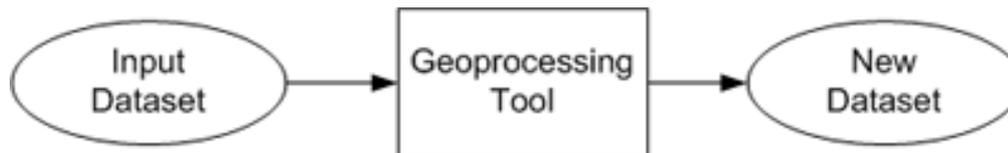
- Operations performed on spatial data that add value
- Can reveal things that might otherwise be invisible -
-- it can make what is implicit, explicit
- Effective spatial analysis requires an intelligent user
(not just a powerful computer)



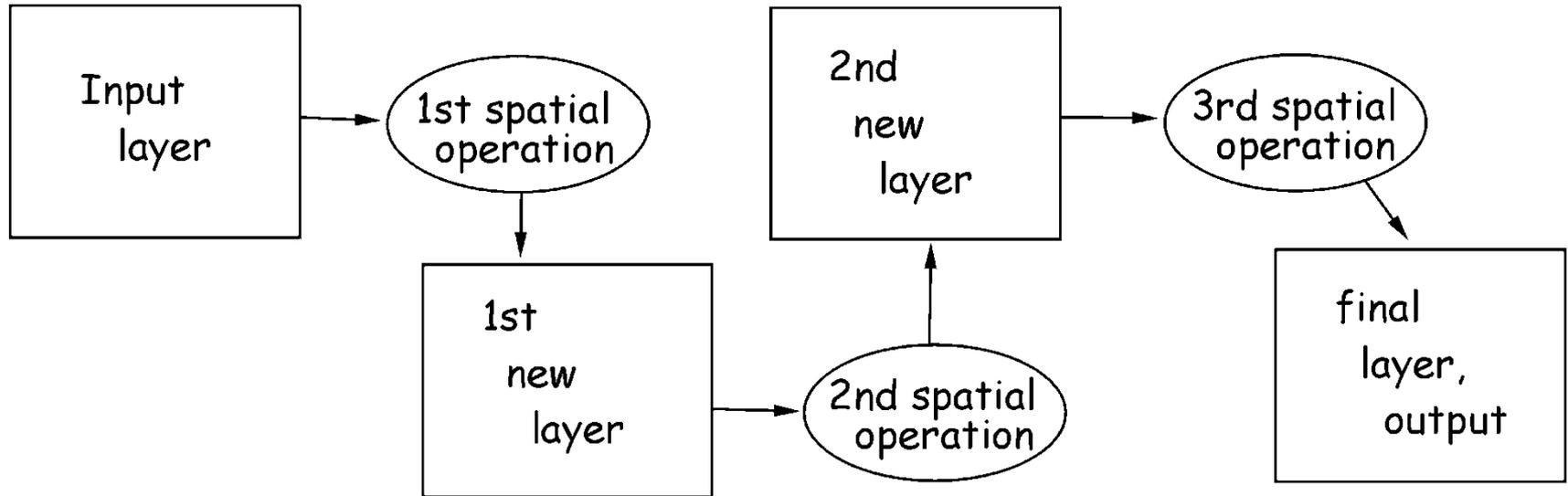
Geoprocessing Workflows

Workflow Diagram Components

- **ArcGIS Modelbuilder notation** for workflow diagrams:
 - ▣ Input datasets (Ovals)
 - ▣ Output/New datasets (Ovals)
 - ▣ Geoprocessing tools (Rectangles)
 - ▣ Parameters used for each tool (Notation next to tool)



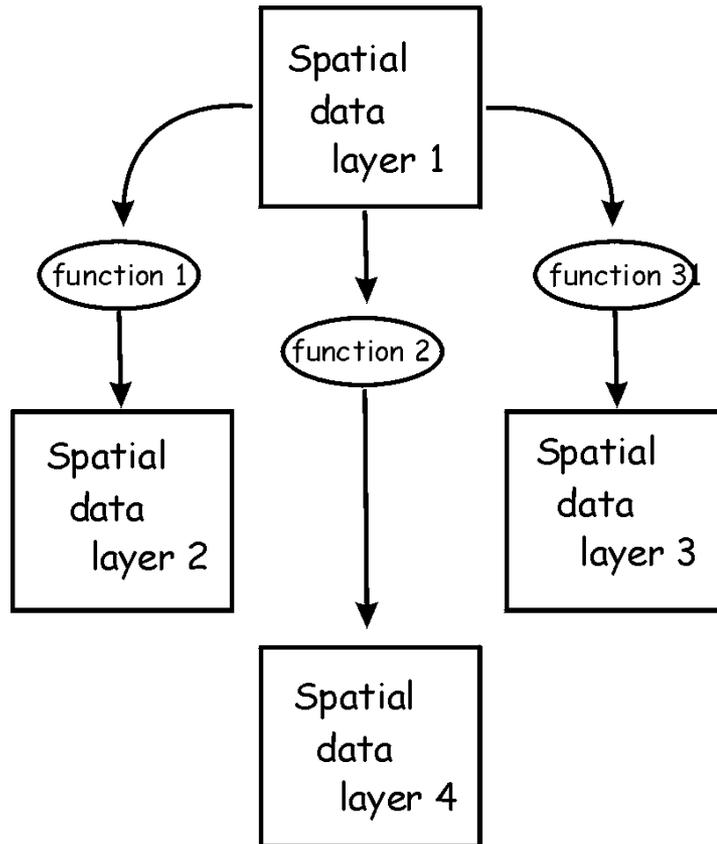
Workflow - Linear Sequence*



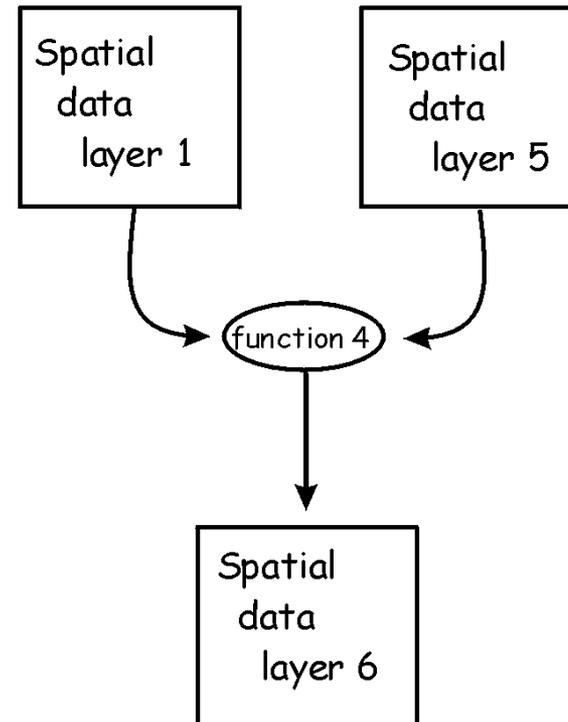
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Workflow - Multiple Layers*

One Input - Many Outputs



Many Inputs - One Output



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Setting Environments

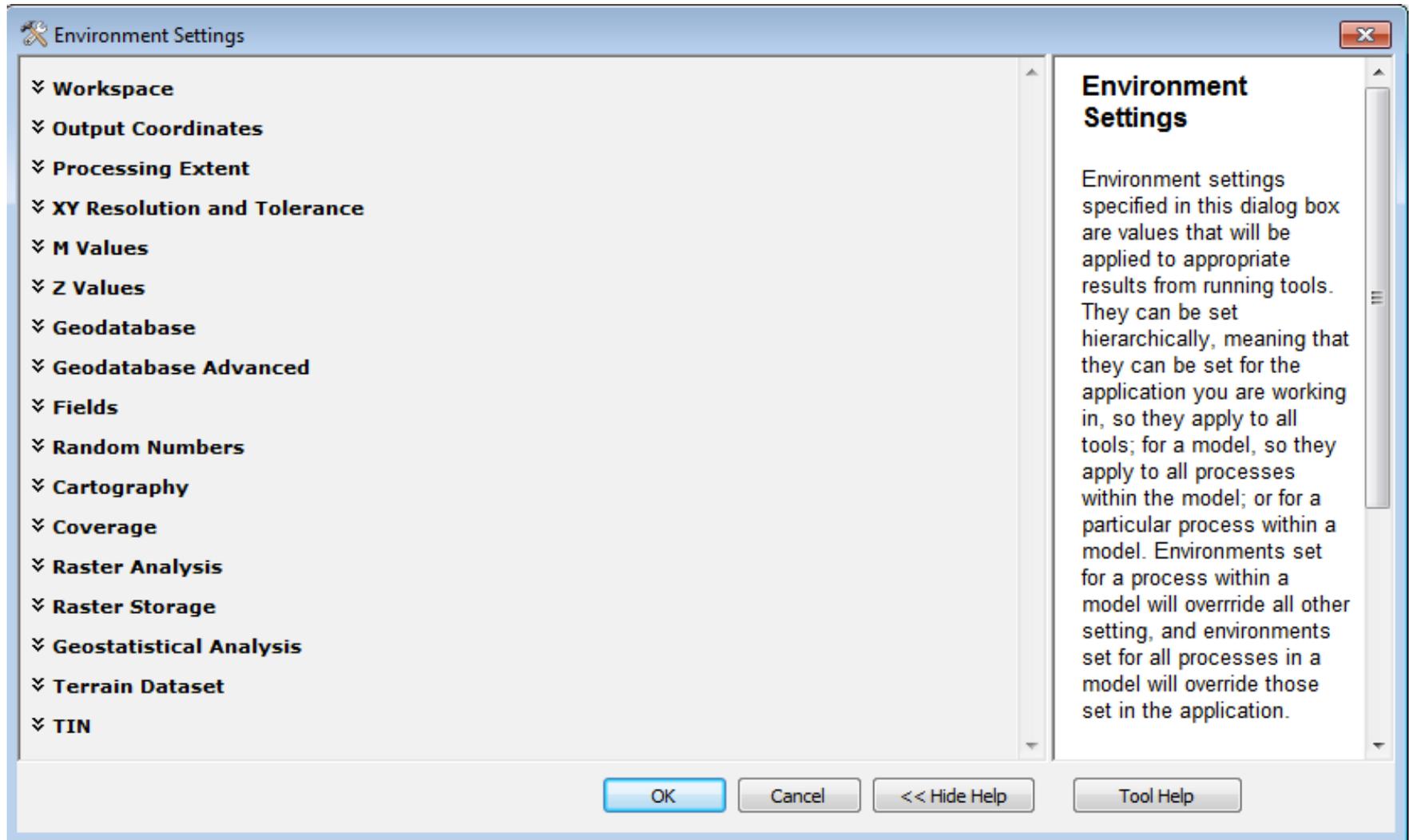
Geoprocessing Tool Environments

- Geoprocessing > Environments
- Allows you to set additional parameters that affect a tool's results
- They are values you set once and are interrogated and used by all tools when run

Geoprocessing Tool Environments

- A prerequisite to performing geoprocessing tasks
 - ▣ Current and Scratch workspace allow you to set workspaces for inputs and outputs.
 - ▣ Extent environment setting allows your analysis to be limited to a specific geographic area
 - ▣ Output Coordinate System environment setting defines the coordinate system for new data.

Geoprocessing Tool Environments





General Tips for Spatial Analysis

Documenting Spatial Analysis

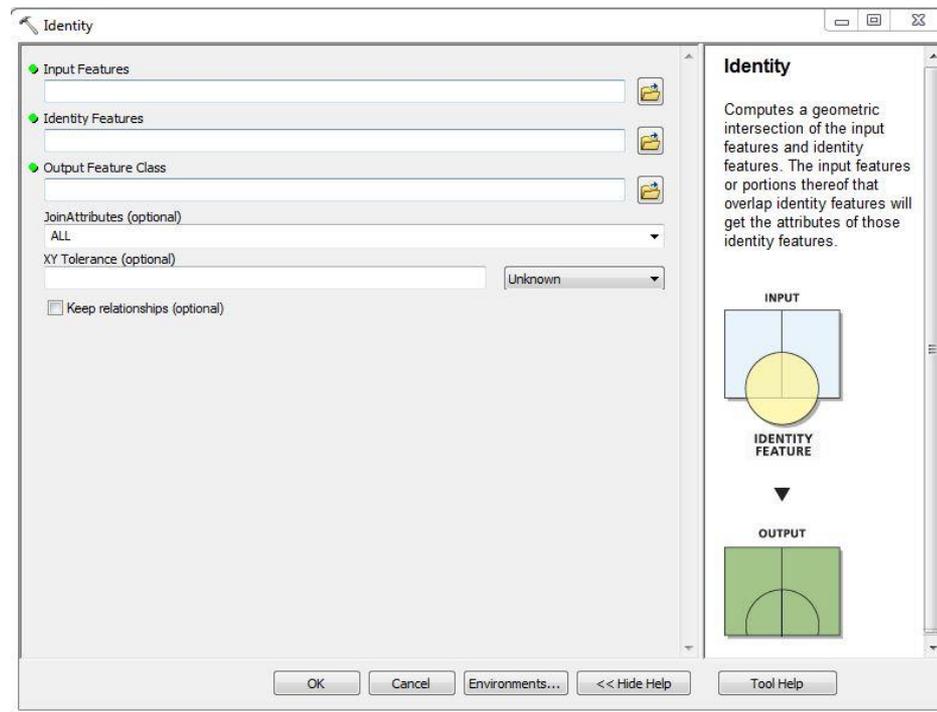
- In ArcMap, check Geoprocessing ***“Results” window***
- Create ***Metadata***
 - ▣ Go to “Description” tab, “Edit” tool
 - ▣ Change Metadata display style using Customize > ArcCatalog Options > Metadata
 - ▣ FDGC is a common display style
- Create a **workflow diagram**

Where are my ArcToolbox Tools?

- **Geoprocessing** menu
- **Search for Tools**
- ArcCatalog window > Toolboxes > **My Toolboxes**
 - ▣ Create new toolsets
 - ▣ Copy/paste tools into toolsets

Use ESRI Resources for help

- <http://desktop.arcgis.com/en/desktop/>
- Tool help within ArcMap



ArcGIS Desktop License Levels

- **ArcReader** (Lightweight map viewer, free download)
- ArcGIS for Desktop Basic
- ArcGIS for Desktop Standard
- ArcGIS for Desktop Advanced

Functionality matrix available online at:

www.esri.com/library/brochures/pdfs/arcgis10-desktop-functionality-matrix.pdf