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**Geographic information — Spatial  
referencing by coordinates —**

**Part 2:  
Extension for parametric values**

*Information géographique — Système de références spatiales par  
coordonnées —*

*Partie 2: Supplément pour valeurs paramétriques*



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## Foreword

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The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

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ISO 19111-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 211, *Geographic information/Geomatics*.

ISO 19111 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geographic information — Spatial referencing by coordinates*:

- *Geographic information — Spatial referencing by coordinates*
- *Part 2: Extension for parametric values*

## Introduction

ISO 19111 describes the elements necessary to fully define various types of reference systems used for spatial referencing by coordinates. In ISO 19111, a coordinate is one of  $n$  scalar values that define the position of a point. ISO 19111 allows for coordinates which are angular, such as latitude and longitude, or linear, such as easting and northing. It also describes the concept of a compound coordinate reference system, which uses at least two independent coordinate reference systems to describe a three-dimensional spatial position.

Scientific communities, especially those concerned with the environmental sciences, frequently express spatial position partially in terms of a parameter or function. Within these communities, this parameter or function is treated as a coordinate. Its relationship with a spatial dimension will usually be non-linear. Examples are widespread, but latitude, longitude and pressure is a commonly encountered example.

This part of ISO 19111 defines a parametric coordinate reference system using the concepts of ISO 19111. The provisions of ISO 19111 are then used to include a parametric coordinate reference system as part of a compound coordinate reference system. Optionally, time can also be included as an additional axis or as axes.

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# Geographic information — Spatial referencing by coordinates —

## Part 2: Extension for parametric values

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 19111 specifies the conceptual schema for the description of spatial referencing using parametric values or functions. It applies the schema of ISO 19111 to combine a position referenced by coordinates with a parametric value to form a spatio-parametric coordinate reference system (CRS). The spatio-parametric CRS can optionally be extended to include time.

The intended users of this part of ISO 19111 are producers and users of environmental information.

Parameters which are attributes of spatial locations or features, but which are not involved in their spatial referencing, are not addressed by this part of ISO 19111.

### 2 Conformance requirements

Any CRS for which conformance to this part of ISO 19111 is claimed shall be in accordance with Annex A.

### 3 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the cited edition applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 19111:2007, *Geographic information — Spatial referencing by coordinates*

### 4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document the terms and definitions of ISO 19111 and the following apply.

#### 4.1

##### **parametric coordinate system**

one-dimensional coordinate system where the axis units are parameter values which are not inherently spatial

#### 4.2

##### **parametric coordinate reference system**

coordinate reference system based on a parametric datum