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INTRODUCTION

- 'Region' is a widely used word in modern Social science, mainly in Geography.
- The dictionary meaning of the term 'region' is a tract of country or an area characterized in some way (Chamber's Twentieth Century Dictionary) thereby implying that region is a spatial entity.
- Region is a dynamic concept which has been defined differently by different geographers.
- In the concluding part of the 19th century, the French geographers like Vidal de la Blache called the areas of similar physical and cultural characteristics as pays.

DEFINITION

- “A ‘region’ is an area throughout within a particular set of physical conditions will lead to a particular type of economic life.”

“R. E. Dickinson”

- “A ‘region’ is a domain where many dissimilar beings artificially brought together, have subsequently adapted themselves to a common existence.”

“Vidal de la Blache”

- “A ‘region’ is an area delineated on the basis of general homogeneity of land character and occupancy.”

“R. S. Platt”

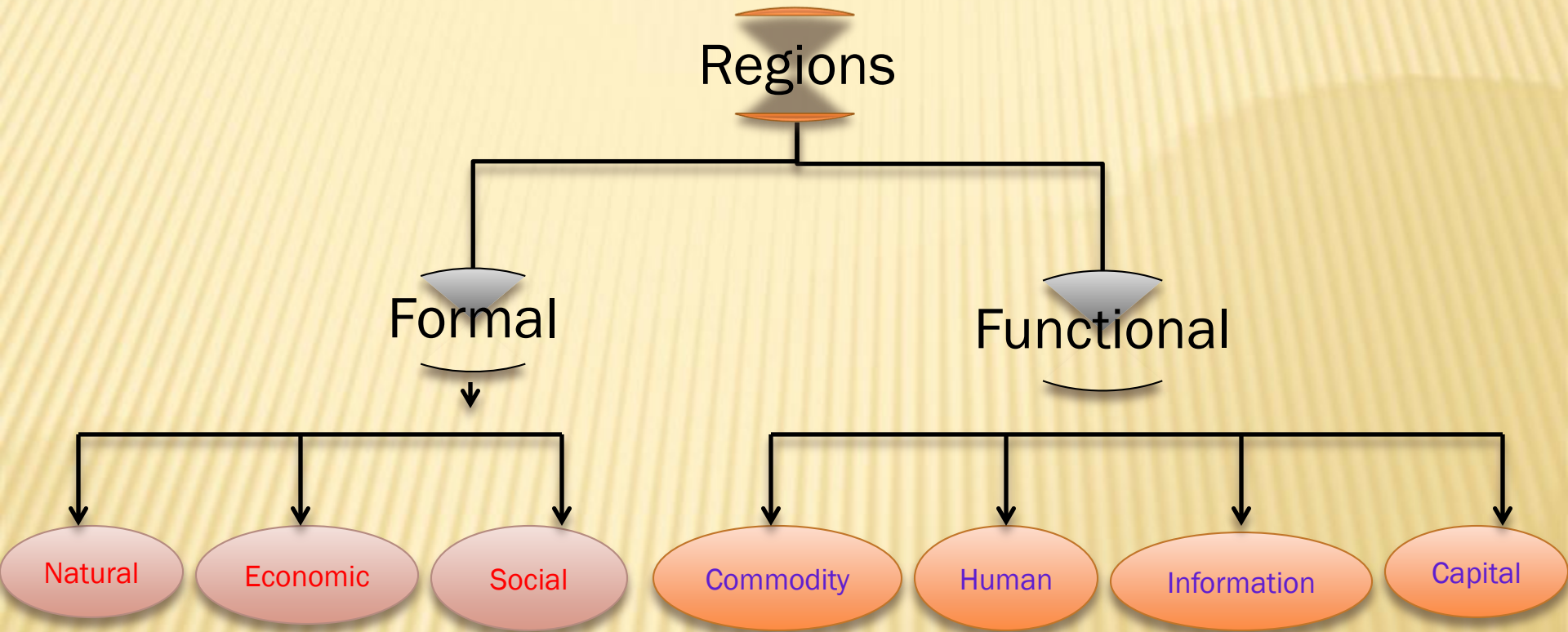
- “A ‘region’ is a complex of land, water, air, plant, animal and man regarded in their spatial relationship as together constituting a definite characteristic portion of the earth’s surface.”

“Herbertson”.

ATTRIBUTES OF REGION

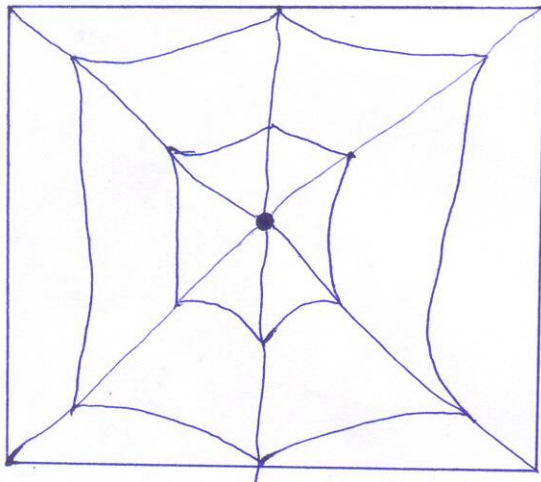
- × Regions have location
- × Regions have spatial extent
- × Regions have boundaries
- × Regions may be either Formal or Functional
- × Regions are hierarchically arranged
- × Regions have transitional boundaries

TYPES OF REGION

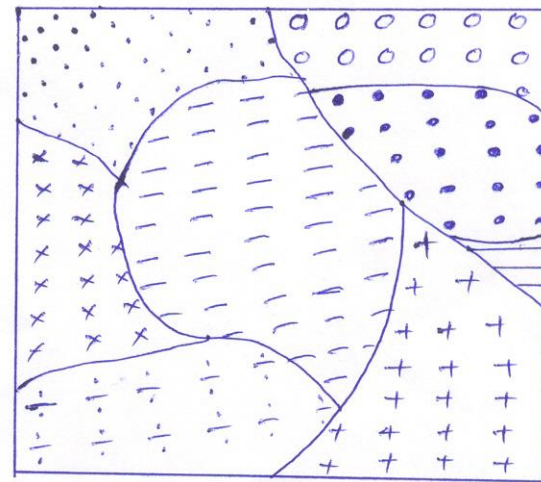


FORMAL & FUNCTIONAL REGIONS

FORMAL REGION

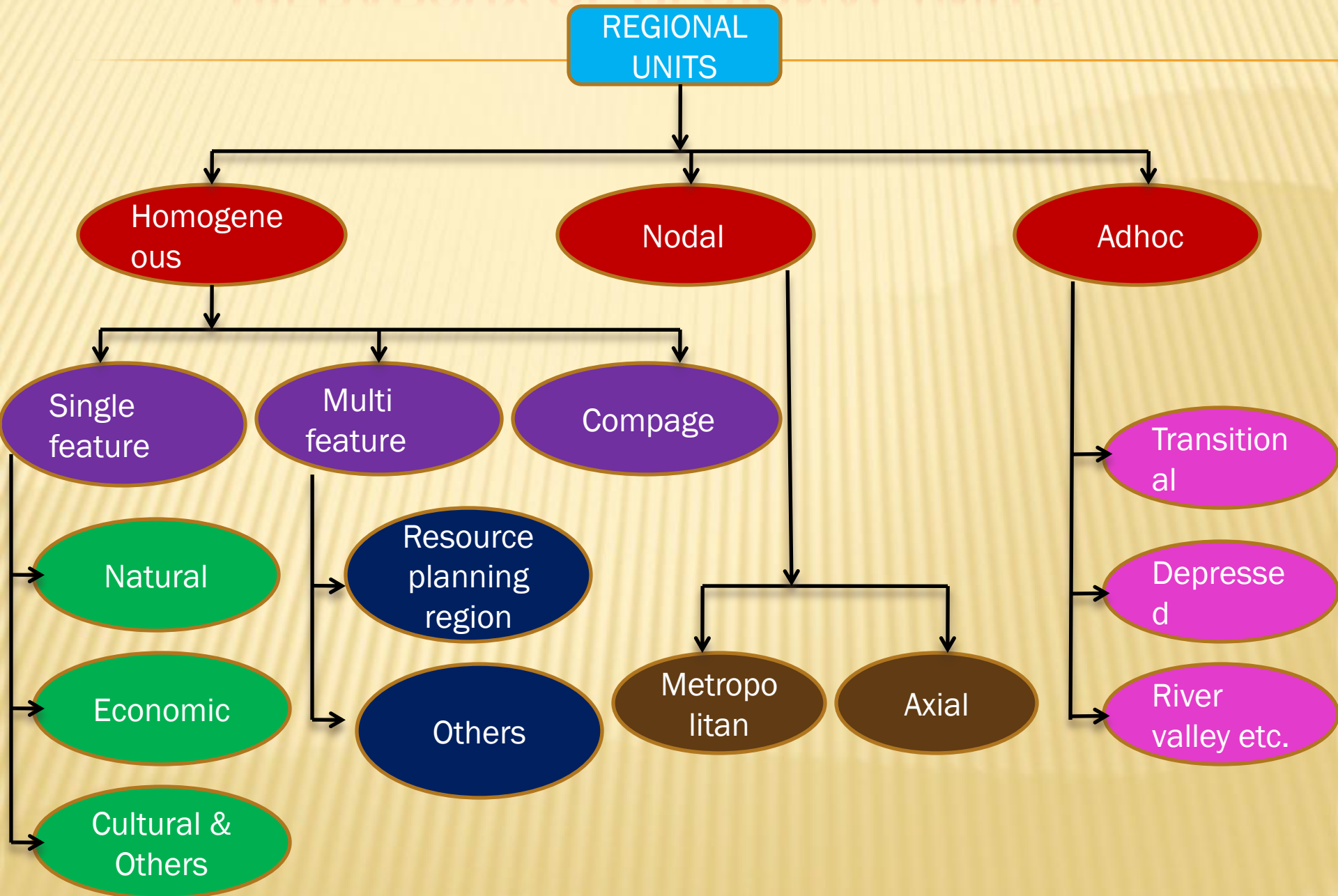


FUNCTIONAL REGION



Source: Tuttle & Gothers, 1973

HIERARCHY OF REGIONAL UNITS



CLASSIFICATION OF REGIONS

REGIONS BASED ON

Physical characteristic

Air masses

Arctic

Polar-
continental

Polar-
maritime

Tropical-
continental

Tropical-
maritime

Equatorial

Monsoon

Landform

Climatic

Population

Linguistic

Religious

Agricultural

Industrial

Transport
& Trade

Amalgamation of Physical & Cultural variables

Political

Economic

Natural
Resource

Urban

Mental Map

SCALES AND LEVELS OF REGIONS

Micro Region



Meso Region



Macro Region



Local Region

DELIMITATION METHODS OF THE REGIONS

- A. **Delimitation of formal regions**
 - i. The fixed index method
 - ii. The variable index method, and
 - iii. The cluster method
- B. **Delimitation of functional regions**
 - i. The flow analysis and
 - ii. The gravitational analysis

DELIMITATION OF REGIONS BY DIFFERENT GEOGRAPHERS, CLIMATOLOGIST ETC.

‘P. Sengupta’ - (Population resource region)

Indicators --

1. Population density & growth
2. Resource potentiality
3. Socio-Economic development

Regions

- A. Dynamic regions:- Delta in W.B. , Lava in Gujarat.
- B. Perspective regions :- Climatic region (Kopen).
- C. Problem regions :- E. Ganga, Andaman & Nicobar island.

‘Edward Accarman’ :- Divide into 5 region in the World (characteristics of the population).

- A. USA type.
- B. European type.
- C. Brazilian type.
- D. China & Egypt type.
- E. Artic & Desert type.

V.Nath divided the region on the basis of economic characteristic in to the 15th regions(in India).

Climatic classification by Thronwate (1933).

On the basis of development, regions are of three types (World level).

1. Developed region.
2. Developing region and
3. Under developed region.

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