DV0101EN-3-5-1-Generating-Maps-in-Python-py-v2.0

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Generating Maps with Python

0.1 Introduction

In this lab, we will learn how to create maps for different objectives. To do that, we will part ways with Matplotlib and work with another Python visualization library, namely **Folium**. What is nice about **Folium** is that it was developed for the sole purpose of visualizing geospatial data. While other libraries are available to visualize geospatial data, such as **plotly**, they might have a cap on how many API calls you can make within a defined time frame. **Folium**, on the other hand, is completely free.

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1 Exploring Datasets with *pandas* and Matplotlib

Toolkits: This lab heavily relies on *pandas* and **Numpy** for data wrangling, analysis, and visualization. The primary plotting library we will explore in this lab is **Folium**.

Datasets:

1. San Francisco Police Department Incidents for the year 2016 - Police Department Incidents from San Francisco public data portal. Incidents derived from San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) Crime Incident Reporting system. Updated daily, showing data for the entire year of 2016. Address and location has been anonymized by moving to mid-block or to an intersection.

2. Immigration to Canada from 1980 to 2013 - International migration flows to and from selected countries - The 2015 revision from United Nation's website. The dataset contains annual data on the flows of international migrants as recorded by the countries of destination. The data presents both inflows and outflows according to the place of birth, citizenship or place of previous / next residence both for foreigners and nationals. For this lesson, we will focus on the Canadian Immigration data

2 Downloading and Prepping Data

Import Primary Modules:

```
In [1]: import numpy as np  # useful for many scientific computing in Python
        import pandas as pd # primary data structure library
```

3 Introduction to Folium

Folium is a powerful Python library that helps you create several types of Leaflet maps. The fact that the Folium results are interactive makes this library very useful for dashboard building.

From the official Folium documentation page:

> Folium builds on the data wrangling strengths of the Python ecosystem and the mapping strengths of the Leaflet.js library. Manipulate your data in Python, then visualize it in on a Leaflet map via Folium.
>
> Folium makes it easy to visualize data that's been manipulated in Python on an interactive Leaflet map. It enables both the binding of data to a map for choropleth visualizations as well as passing Vincent/Vega visualizations as markers on the map.
>
> The library has a number of built-in tilesets from OpenStreetMap, Mapbox, and Stamen, and supports custom tilesets with Mapbox or Cloudmade API keys. Folium supports both GeoJSON and TopoJSON overlays, as well as the binding of data to those overlays to create choropleth maps with color-brewer color schemes.

Let's install Folium **Folium** is not available by default. So, we first need to install it before we are able to import it.

```
In [2]: !conda install -c conda-forge folium=0.5.0 --yes
        import folium

        print('Folium installed and imported!')
```

```
Collecting package metadata: done
Solving environment: done

## Package Plan ##

  environment location: /home/jupyterlab/conda

  added / updated specs:
    - folium=0.5.0


The following packages will be downloaded:

    package                    |            build
```

```
    --------------------------|-----------------
    ca-certificates-2019.3.9  |       hecc5488_0         146 KB  conda-forge
    certifi-2019.3.9          |           py36_0         149 KB  conda-forge
    conda-4.6.9               |           py36_0         896 KB  conda-forge
    openssl-1.1.1b            |       h14c3975_1         4.0 MB  conda-forge
    ------------------------------------------------------------
                                          Total:         5.1 MB

The following packages will be UPDATED:

  ca-certificates                    2018.11.29-ha4d7672_0 --> 2019.3.9-hecc5488_0
  certifi                            2018.11.29-py36_1000 --> 2019.3.9-py36_0
  conda                                 4.6.4-py36_0 --> 4.6.9-py36_0
  openssl                            1.1.1a-h14c3975_1000 --> 1.1.1b-h14c3975_1



Downloading and Extracting Packages
openssl-1.1.1b       | 4.0 MB    | ##################################### | 100%
conda-4.6.9          | 896 KB    | ##################################### | 100%
certifi-2019.3.9     | 149 KB    | ##################################### | 100%
ca-certificates-2019 | 146 KB    | ##################################### | 100%
Preparing transaction: done
Verifying transaction: done
Executing transaction: done
Folium installed and imported!
```

Generating the world map is straigtforward in **Folium**. You simply create a **Folium** *Map* object and then you display it. What is attactive about **Folium** maps is that they are interactive, so you can zoom into any region of interest despite the initial zoom level.

```
In [ ]: # define the world map
        world_map = folium.Map()

        # display world map
        world_map
```

Go ahead. Try zooming in and out of the rendered map above.

You can customize this default definition of the world map by specifying the centre of your map and the intial zoom level.

All locations on a map are defined by their respective *Latitude* and *Longitude* values. So you can create a map and pass in a center of *Latitude* and *Longitude* values of **[0, 0]**.

For a defined center, you can also define the intial zoom level into that location when the map is rendered. **The higher the zoom level the more the map is zoomed into the center**.

Let's create a map centered around Canada and play with the zoom level to see how it affects the rendered map.

```
In [ ]: # define the world map centered around Canada with a low zoom level
        world_map = folium.Map(location=[56.130, -106.35], zoom_start=4)

        # display world map
        world_map
```

Let's create the map again with a higher zoom level

```
In [ ]: # define the world map centered around Canada with a higher zoom level
        world_map = folium.Map(location=[56.130, -106.35], zoom_start=8)

        # display world map
        world_map
```

As you can see, the higher the zoom level the more the map is zoomed into the given center.
Question: Create a map of Mexico with a zoom level of 4.

```
In [3]: ### type your answer here
        mexico_map = folium.Map(location=[23.6345 ,-102.5528], zoom_start=4)

        mexico_map
```

```
Out[3]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f810442b748>
```

Double-click **here** for the solution.
Another cool feature of **Folium** is that you can generate different map styles.

3.0.1 A. Stamen Toner Maps

These are high-contrast B+W (black and white) maps. They are perfect for data mashups and exploring river meanders and coastal zones.

Let's create a Stamen Toner map of canada with a zoom level of 4.

```
In [4]: # create a Stamen Toner map of the world centered around Canada
        world_map = folium.Map(location=[56.130, -106.35], zoom_start=4, tiles='Stamen Toner')

        # display map
        world_map
```

```
Out[4]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f81043ad6d8>
```

Feel free to zoom in and out to see how this style compares to the default one.

3.0.2 B. Stamen Terrain Maps

These are maps that feature hill shading and natural vegetation colors. They showcase advanced labeling and linework generalization of dual-carriageway roads.

Let's create a Stamen Terrain map of Canada with zoom level 4.

```
In [5]: # create a Stamen Toner map of the world centered around Canada
        world_map = folium.Map(location=[56.130, -106.35], zoom_start=4, tiles='Stamen Terrain')

        # display map
        world_map
```

```
Out[5]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f81043fb860>
```

Feel free to zoom in and out to see how this style compares to Stamen Toner and the default style.

3.0.3 C. Mapbox Bright Maps

These are maps that quite similar to the default style, except that the borders are not visible with a low zoom level. Furthermore, unlike the default style where country names are displayed in each country's native language, *Mapbox Bright* style displays all country names in English.

Let's create a world map with this style.

```
In [6]: # create a world map with a Mapbox Bright style.
        world_map = folium.Map(tiles='Mapbox Bright')

        # display the map
        world_map
```

```
Out[6]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f8105bcb1d0>
```

Zoom in and notice how the borders start showing as you zoom in, and the displayed country names are in English.

Question: Create a map of Mexico to visualize its hill shading and natural vegetation. Use a zoom level of 6.

```
In [8]: ### type your answer here

        mexico=folium.Map(location=[23.6345,-102.5528], zoom_start=6 ,tiles='stamen terrain')
        mexico
```

```
Out[8]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f8104411ba8>
```

Double-click **here** for the solution.

4 Maps with Markers

Let's download and import the data on police department incidents using *pandas* `read_csv()` method.

Download the dataset and read it into a *pandas* dataframe:

```
In [9]: df_incidents = pd.read_csv('https://ibm.box.com/shared/static/nmcltjmocdi8sd5tk93uembzde

        print('Dataset downloaded and read into a pandas dataframe!')
```

```
Dataset downloaded and read into a pandas dataframe!
```

Let's take a look at the first five items in our dataset.

```
In [10]: df_incidents.head()
```

```
Out[10]:    IncidntNum     Category                                      Descript  \
         0   120058272   WEAPON LAWS                        POSS OF PROHIBITED WEAPON
         1   120058272   WEAPON LAWS  FIREARM, LOADED, IN VEHICLE, POSSESSION OR USE
         2   141059263      WARRANTS                                WARRANT ARREST
         3   160013662  NON-CRIMINAL                                 LOST PROPERTY
         4   160002740  NON-CRIMINAL                                 LOST PROPERTY

           DayOfWeek                 Date   Time  PdDistrict      Resolution  \
         0    Friday  01/29/2016 12:00:00 AM  11:00    SOUTHERN  ARREST, BOOKED
         1    Friday  01/29/2016 12:00:00 AM  11:00    SOUTHERN  ARREST, BOOKED
         2    Monday  04/25/2016 12:00:00 AM  14:59     BAYVIEW  ARREST, BOOKED
         3   Tuesday  01/05/2016 12:00:00 AM  23:50  TENDERLOIN            NONE
         4    Friday  01/01/2016 12:00:00 AM  00:30     MISSION            NONE

                          Address           X          Y  \
         0  800 Block of BRYANT ST -122.403405  37.775421
         1  800 Block of BRYANT ST -122.403405  37.775421
         2   KEITH ST / SHAFTER AV -122.388856  37.729981
         3  JONES ST / OFARRELL ST -122.412971  37.785788
         4    16TH ST / MISSION ST -122.419672  37.765050

                                        Location            PdId
         0   (37.775420706711, -122.403404791479)  12005827212120
         1   (37.775420706711, -122.403404791479)  12005827212168
         2  (37.7299809672996, -122.388856204292)  14105926363010
         3  (37.7857883766888, -122.412970537591)  16001366271000
         4  (37.7650501214668, -122.419671780296)  16000274071000
```

So each row consists of 13 features: > 1. **IncidntNum**: Incident Number > 2. **Category**: Category of crime or incident > 3. **Descript**: Description of the crime or incident > 4. **DayOfWeek**: The day of week on which the incident occurred > 5. **Date**: The Date on which the incident occurred > 6. **Time**: The time of day on which the incident occurred > 7. **PdDistrict**: The police department district > 8. **Resolution**: The resolution of the crime in terms whether the perpetrator was arrested or not > 9. **Address**: The closest address to where the incident took place > 10. **X**: The longitude value of the crime location > 11. **Y**: The latitude value of the crime location > 12. **Location**: A tuple of the latitude and the longitude values > 13. **PdId**: The police department ID

Let's find out how many entries there are in our dataset.

```
In [11]: df_incidents.shape
```

```
Out[11]: (150500, 13)
```

So the dataframe consists of 150,500 crimes, which took place in the year 2016. In order to reduce computational cost, let's just work with the first 100 incidents in this dataset.

```
In [12]: # get the first 100 crimes in the df_incidents dataframe
         limit = 100
         df_incidents = df_incidents.iloc[0:limit, :]
```

Let's confirm that our dataframe now consists only of 100 crimes.

```
In [13]: df_incidents.shape
```

```
Out[13]: (100, 13)
```

Now that we reduced the data a little bit, let's visualize where these crimes took place in the city of San Francisco. We will use the default style and we will initialize the zoom level to 12.

```
In [14]: # San Francisco latitude and longitude values
         latitude = 37.77
         longitude = -122.42
```

```
In [15]: # create map and display it
         sanfran_map = folium.Map(location=[latitude, longitude], zoom_start=12)

         # display the map of San Francisco
         sanfran_map
```

```
Out[15]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80ffdb7080>
```

Now let's superimpose the locations of the crimes onto the map. The way to do that in **Folium** is to create a *feature group* with its own features and style and then add it to the sanfran_map.

```
In [17]: # instantiate a feature group for the incidents in the dataframe
         incidents = folium.map.FeatureGroup()

         # loop through the 100 crimes and add each to the incidents feature group
         for lat, lng, in zip(df_incidents.Y, df_incidents.X):
             incidents.add_child(
                 folium.features.CircleMarker(
                     [lat, lng],
                     radius=5, # define how big you want the circle markers to be
                     color='yellow',
                     fill=True,
                     fill_color='blue',
                     fill_opacity=0.6
                 )
             )

         # add incidents to map
         sanfran_map.add_child(incidents)
```

```
Out[17]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80ffdb7080>
```

You can also add some pop-up text that would get displayed when you hover over a marker. Let's make each marker display the category of the crime when hovered over.

```
In [18]: # instantiate a feature group for the incidents in the dataframe
         incidents = folium.map.FeatureGroup()

         # loop through the 100 crimes and add each to the incidents feature group
         for lat, lng, in zip(df_incidents.Y, df_incidents.X):
             incidents.add_child(
                 folium.features.CircleMarker(
                     [lat, lng],
                     radius=5, # define how big you want the circle markers to be
                     color='yellow',
                     fill=True,
                     fill_color='blue',
                     fill_opacity=0.6
                 )
             )

         # add pop-up text to each marker on the map
         latitudes = list(df_incidents.Y)
         longitudes = list(df_incidents.X)
         labels = list(df_incidents.Category)

         for lat, lng, label in zip(latitudes, longitudes, labels):
             folium.Marker([lat, lng], popup=label).add_to(sanfran_map)

         # add incidents to map
         sanfran_map.add_child(incidents)
```

```
Out[18]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80ffdb7080>
```

Isn't this really cool? Now you are able to know what crime category occurred at each marker.

If you find the map to be so congested will all these markers, there are two remedies to this problem. The simpler solution is to remove these location markers and just add the text to the circle markers themselves as follows:

```
In [19]: # create map and display it
         sanfran_map = folium.Map(location=[latitude, longitude], zoom_start=12)

         # loop through the 100 crimes and add each to the map
         for lat, lng, label in zip(df_incidents.Y, df_incidents.X, df_incidents.Category):
             folium.features.CircleMarker(
                 [lat, lng],
                 radius=5, # define how big you want the circle markers to be
                 color='yellow',
                 fill=True,
```

```
            popup=label,
            fill_color='blue',
            fill_opacity=0.6
        ).add_to(sanfran_map)

    # show map
    sanfran_map
```

```
Out[19]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80fe3e12b0>
```

The other proper remedy is to group the markers into different clusters. Each cluster is then represented by the number of crimes in each neighborhood. These clusters can be thought of as pockets of San Francisco which you can then analyze separately.

To implement this, we start off by instantiating a *MarkerCluster* object and adding all the data points in the dataframe to this object.

```
In [20]: from folium import plugins

    # let's start again with a clean copy of the map of San Francisco
    sanfran_map = folium.Map(location = [latitude, longitude], zoom_start = 12)

    # instantiate a mark cluster object for the incidents in the dataframe
    incidents = plugins.MarkerCluster().add_to(sanfran_map)

    # loop through the dataframe and add each data point to the mark cluster
    for lat, lng, label, in zip(df_incidents.Y, df_incidents.X, df_incidents.Category):
        folium.Marker(
            location=[lat, lng],
            icon=None,
            popup=label,
        ).add_to(incidents)

    # display map
    sanfran_map
```

```
Out[20]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80fdf18a20>
```

Notice how when you zoom out all the way, all markers are grouped into one cluster, *the global cluster*, of 100 markers or crimes, which is the total number of crimes in our dataframe. Once you start zooming in, the *global cluster* will start breaking up into smaller clusters. Zooming in all the way will result in individual markers.

5 Choropleth Maps

A `Choropleth` map is a thematic map in which areas are shaded or patterned in proportion to the measurement of the statistical variable being displayed on the map, such as population density or per-capita income. The choropleth map provides an easy way to visualize how a measurement varies across a geographic area or it shows the level of variability within a region. Below is a `Choropleth` map of the US depicting the population by square mile per state.

Now, let's create our own `Choropleth` map of the world depicting immigration from various countries to Canada.

Let's first download and import our primary Canadian immigration dataset using *pandas* `read_excel()` method. Normally, before we can do that, we would need to download a module which *pandas* requires to read in excel files. This module is **xlrd**. For your convenience, we have pre-installed this module, so you would not have to worry about that. Otherwise, you would need to run the following line of code to install the **xlrd** module:

```
!conda install -c anaconda xlrd --yes
```

Download the dataset and read it into a *pandas* dataframe:

```
In [21]: df_can = pd.read_excel('https://ibm.box.com/shared/static/lw190pt9zpy5bd1ptyg2aw15awomz
                                sheet_name='Canada by Citizenship',
                                skiprows=range(20),
                                skipfooter=2)

         print('Data downloaded and read into a dataframe!')

Data downloaded and read into a dataframe!
```

Let's take a look at the first five items in our dataset.

```
In [22]: df_can.head()

Out[22]:          Type    Coverage          OdName  AREA AreaName   REG  \
         0  Immigrants  Foreigners     Afghanistan   935     Asia  5501
         1  Immigrants  Foreigners         Albania   908   Europe   925
         2  Immigrants  Foreigners         Algeria   903   Africa   912
         3  Immigrants  Foreigners  American Samoa   909  Oceania   957
         4  Immigrants  Foreigners         Andorra   908   Europe   925

                RegName  DEV             DevName  1980  ...  2004  2005  2006  \
         0    Southern Asia  902  Developing regions    16  ...  2978  3436  3009
         1  Southern Europe  901   Developed regions     1  ...  1450  1223   856
         2  Northern Africa  902  Developing regions    80  ...  3616  3626  4807
         3        Polynesia  902  Developing regions     0  ...     0     0     1
         4  Southern Europe  901   Developed regions     0  ...     0     0     1

            2007  2008  2009  2010  2011  2012  2013
         0  2652  2111  1746  1758  2203  2635  2004
         1   702   560   716   561   539   620   603
         2  3623  4005  5393  4752  4325  3774  4331
         3     0     0     0     0     0     0     0
         4     1     0     0     0     0     1     1

         [5 rows x 43 columns]
```

Let's find out how many entries there are in our dataset.

```
In [23]: # print the dimensions of the dataframe
         print(df_can.shape)
```

```
(195, 43)
```

Clean up data. We will make some modifications to the original dataset to make it easier to create our visualizations. Refer to *Introduction to Matplotlib and Line Plots* and *Area Plots, Histograms, and Bar Plots* notebooks for a detailed description of this preprocessing.

```
In [24]: # clean up the dataset to remove unnecessary columns (eg. REG)
         df_can.drop(['AREA','REG','DEV','Type','Coverage'], axis=1, inplace=True)

         # let's rename the columns so that they make sense
         df_can.rename(columns={'OdName':'Country', 'AreaName':'Continent','RegName':'Region'},

         # for sake of consistency, let's also make all column labels of type string
         df_can.columns = list(map(str, df_can.columns))

         # add total column
         df_can['Total'] = df_can.sum(axis=1)

         # years that we will be using in this lesson - useful for plotting later on
         years = list(map(str, range(1980, 2014)))
         print ('data dimensions:', df_can.shape)
```

```
data dimensions: (195, 39)
```

Let's take a look at the first five items of our cleaned dataframe.

```
In [25]: df_can.head()
```

Out[25]:

	Country	Continent	Region	DevName	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	...	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Total
0	Afghanistan	Asia	Southern Asia	Developing regions	16	39	39	47	71	340	...	3436	3009	2652	2111	1746	1758	2203	2635	2004	58639
1	Albania	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	1	0	0	0	0	0	...	1223	856	702	560	716	561	539	620	603	15699
2	Algeria	Africa	Northern Africa	Developing regions	80	67	71	69	63	44	...	3626	4807	3623	4005	5393	4752	4325	3774	4331	69439
3	American Samoa	Oceania	Polynesia	Developing regions	0	1	0	0	0	0	...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
4	Andorra	Europe	Southern Europe	Developed regions	0	0	0	0	0	0	...	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15

```
1   620   603  15699
2  3774  4331  69439
3     0     0      6
4     1     1     15

[5 rows x 39 columns]
```

In order to create a Choropleth map, we need a GeoJSON file that defines the areas/boundaries of the state, county, or country that we are interested in. In our case, since we are endeavoring to create a world map, we want a GeoJSON that defines the boundaries of all world countries. For your convenience, we will be providing you with this file, so let's go ahead and download it. Let's name it **world_countries.json**.

```
In [26]: # download countries geojson file
         !wget --quiet https://ibm.box.com/shared/static/cto2qv7nx6yq19logfcissyy4euo8lho.json -

         print('GeoJSON file downloaded!')
```

```
GeoJSON file downloaded!
```

Now that we have the GeoJSON file, let's create a world map, centered around **[0, 0]** *latitude* and *longitude* values, with an intial zoom level of 2, and using *Mapbox Bright* style.

```
In [30]: world_geo = r'world_countries.json' # geojson file

         # create a plain world map
         world_map = folium.Map(location=[0, 0], zoom_start=2, tiles='Mapbox Bright')
         world_map
```

```
Out[30]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80fe450128>
```

And now to create a Choropleth map, we will use the *choropleth* method with the following main parameters:

1. geo_data, which is the GeoJSON file.
2. data, which is the dataframe containing the data.
3. columns, which represents the columns in the dataframe that will be used to create the Choropleth map.
4. key_on, which is the key or variable in the GeoJSON file that contains the name of the variable of interest. To determine that, you will need to open the GeoJSON file using any text editor and note the name of the key or variable that contains the name of the countries, since the countries are our variable of interest. In this case, **name** is the key in the GeoJSON file that contains the name of the countries. Note that this key is case_sensitive, so you need to pass exactly as it exists in the GeoJSON file.

```
In [31]: # generate choropleth map using the total immigration of each country to Canada from 19
         world_map.choropleth(
             geo_data=world_geo,
```

```
    data=df_can,
    columns=['Country', 'Total'],
    key_on='feature.properties.name',
    fill_color='YlOrRd',
    fill_opacity=0.7,
    line_opacity=0.2,
    legend_name='Immigration to Canada'
)

# display map
world_map
```

Out[31]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80fe450128>

As per our Choropleth map legend, the darker the color of a country and the closer the color to red, the higher the number of immigrants from that country. Accordingly, the highest immigration over the course of 33 years (from 1980 to 2013) was from China, India, and the Philippines, followed by Poland, Pakistan, and interestingly, the US.

Notice how the legend is displaying a negative boundary or threshold. Let's fix that by defining our own thresholds and starting with 0 instead of -6,918!

In [32]:
```
world_geo = r'world_countries.json'

# create a numpy array of length 6 and has linear spacing from the minium total immigra
threshold_scale = np.linspace(df_can['Total'].min(),
                              df_can['Total'].max(),
                              6, dtype=int)
threshold_scale = threshold_scale.tolist() # change the numpy array to a list
threshold_scale[-1] = threshold_scale[-1] + 1 # make sure that the last value of the li

# let Folium determine the scale.
world_map = folium.Map(location=[0, 0], zoom_start=2, tiles='Mapbox Bright')
world_map.choropleth(
    geo_data=world_geo,
    data=df_can,
    columns=['Country', 'Total'],
    key_on='feature.properties.name',
    threshold_scale=threshold_scale,
    fill_color='YlOrRd',
    fill_opacity=0.7,
    line_opacity=0.2,
    legend_name='Immigration to Canada',
    reset=True
)
world_map
```

Out[32]: <folium.folium.Map at 0x7f80fc5e0400>

Much better now! Feel free to play around with the data and perhaps create `Choropleth` maps for individuals years, or perhaps decades, and see how they compare with the entire period from 1980 to 2013.

5.0.4 Thank you for completing this lab!

This notebook was created by Alex Aklson. I hope you found this lab interesting and educational. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

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