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REPORT OF MINI PROJECT ON THE TOPIC  
**pgRouting**

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**Abstract:**

pgRouting is an extension of PostgreSQL and PostGIS that enables geospatial routing functionality, including shortest path search and driving distance calculations. It turns your database into a spatial database for geographic services, making it a valuable tool for developers working with location-based services and logistics. pgRouting provides various functions for routing and network analysis, such as Dijkstra's algorithm and driving distance calculations. To use these functions, you need to have a table in your database that represents a graph, with columns for id, source, target, and cost. pgRouting can be used in various time-series use cases, such as analyzing traffic data over time or optimizing delivery routes based on historical data. It is particularly useful for analyzing movement patterns and optimizing routes in logistics and transportation applications. It employs various algorithms such as All Pairs Short Path, Bidirectional Dijkstra and joining the geometries.

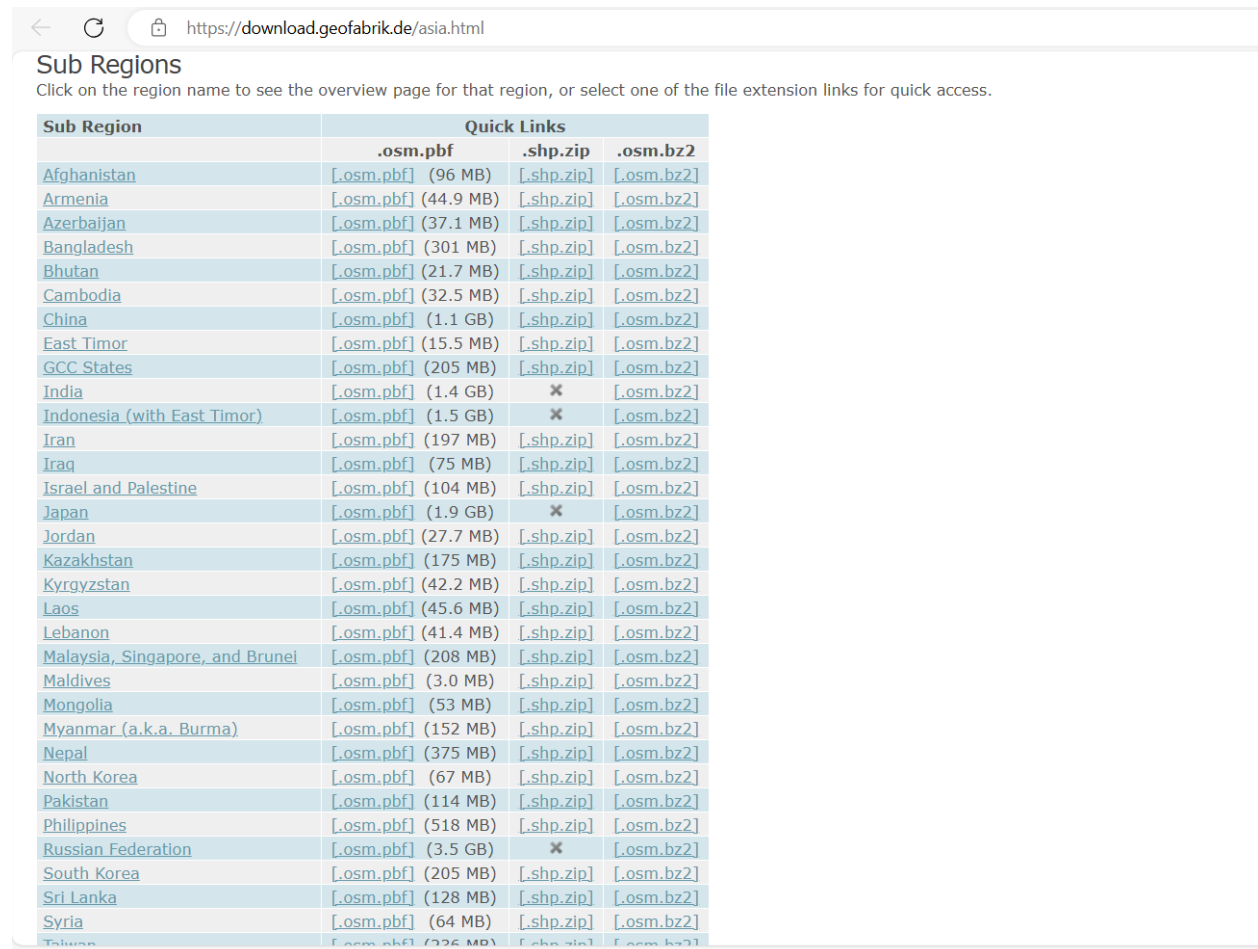
For this mini project pgRouting, we need to install & download the

- Postgres,
- postgis,
- extension pg routing,
- QGIS,
- Java,
- Osm2po.

After installing the required software, we need to open the downloaded

os2po file >> osm2po.config >> Edit Line 179: wtr.finalMask = car, foot, bike >> Edit Line 330: Remove # in the beginning >> Save the file.

After modifying the os2po.config, we have to download the osmdata in .pbf format.



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Figure 1: OSM Data

When required osmdata is downloaded, we have proceeded for preprocessing osmdata in osm2po.

For Preprocessing of osmdata, we have to enter the command in command prompt as in below figure:

```
C:\Users\legion>java -jar C:\Users\legion\Desktop\Mini_Project\osm2po-core-5.5.11-signed.jar cmd=c prefix=nep C:\Users\legion\Desktop\Mini_Project\Osmdata\nepal-latest.osm.pbf

OSM2PO v.5.5.11

OpenStreetMap-Data to Topology Converter with integrated RoutingEngine.
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INFO Reading Configuration from file:/C:/Users/legion/Desktop/Mini_Project/osm2po.config
INFO Plugin /C:/Users/legion/Desktop/Mini_Project/osm2po-plugins/osm2po-plugins-5.5.11.jar loaded
INFO Running osm2po 5.5.11 with cmd=tjsp - 245M
INFO Java 1.8.0_411 (Oracle Corporation)
INFO Starting Tiler at Wed Jun 12 00:20:56 NPT 2024
INFO Reading from file:/C:/Users/legion/Desktop/Mini_Project/Osmdata/nepal-latest.osm.pbf
INFO File last modified at Tue Jun 11 23:56:02 NPT 2024
INFO Using parser de.cm.osm2po.plugins.parser.OsmPbfParser
INFO 67,243,570 of 67,243,570 nodes extracted - 235Mter is ON
INFO 209,554 of 9,150,354 ways extracted - 160M
INFO 89 of 18,856 relations extracted - 179M
INFO Building set of referenced NodeIds
INFO Postprocessing 6,203,481 referenced nodes
INFO 6,203,481 nodes tiled.
INFO Tiler finished at Wed Jun 12 00:22:11 NPT 2024
INFO Starting Joiner at Wed Jun 12 00:22:11 NPT 2024
INFO Caching relations from tr_raw.2po - 241M
INFO 89 of 89 relations cached - 237M
INFO 6,203,481 of 6,203,481 nodes cached (N020E080) - 137M
INFO 404,520 of 404,520 nodes cached (N030E080) - 130M
INFO 209,554 of 209,554 ways read, 209,554 written

INFO Starting Tiler at Wed Jun 12 00:20:56 NPT 2024
INFO Reading from file:/C:/Users/legion/Desktop/Mini_Project/Osmdata/nepal-latest.osm.pbf
INFO File last modified at Tue Jun 11 23:56:02 NPT 2024
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INFO Caching relations from tr_raw.2po - 241M
INFO 89 of 89 relations cached - 237M
INFO 6,203,481 of 6,203,481 nodes cached (N020E080) - 137M
INFO 404,520 of 404,520 nodes cached (N030E080) - 130M
INFO 209,554 of 209,554 ways read, 209,554 written
INFO Total 209,550 tiled, 4 shared
INFO 209,554 of 209,554 ways resolved.
INFO Joiner finished at Wed Jun 12 00:22:17 NPT 2024
INFO Starting Segmenter at Wed Jun 12 00:22:17 NPT 2024
INFO 571 of 571 WayNodes cached (SHARED) - 237M
INFO 6,187,391 of 6,463,155 WayNodes cached (N020E080) - 79M
INFO 209,360 ways analyzed, 397,231 segments created (N020E080) - 40M
INFO 330,827 vertices of 6,187,391 nodes written - 24M
INFO 15,517 of 15,717 WayNodes cached (N030E080) - 230M
INFO 190 ways analyzed, 241 segments created (N030E080) - 229M
INFO 231 vertices of 15,517 nodes written - 229M
INFO 4 ways analyzed, 4 segments created (SHARED) - 229M
INFO 8 vertices of 571 nodes written - 229M
INFO Segmenter finished at Wed Jun 12 00:22:22 NPT 2024
INFO Starting PostProcessor[0] at Wed Jun 12 00:22:22 NPT 2024
INFO de.cm.osm2po.plugins.postp.PgRoutingWriter
INFO Creating sql file nep\nep_2po_4pgr.sql
INFO 397,476 Segments written.
INFO commandline template:
INFO psql -U [username] -d [dbname] -q -f "C:\Users\legion\nep\nep_2po_4pgr.sql"
INFO PostProcessor finished at Wed Jun 12 00:22:31 NPT 2024
INFO Config closed at 240612-00:22.31127
```

Figure 2: Pre-processing of osmdata in osm2po

After Pre-Processing of data, we obtain the location of converted data.

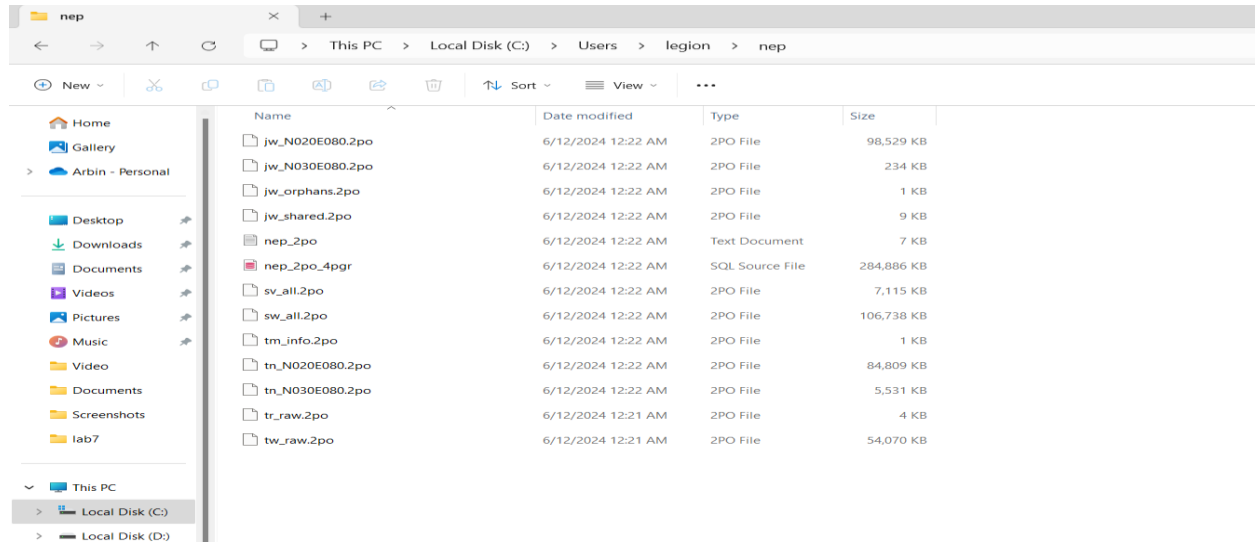


Figure 3:location of converted data

## pgAdmin:

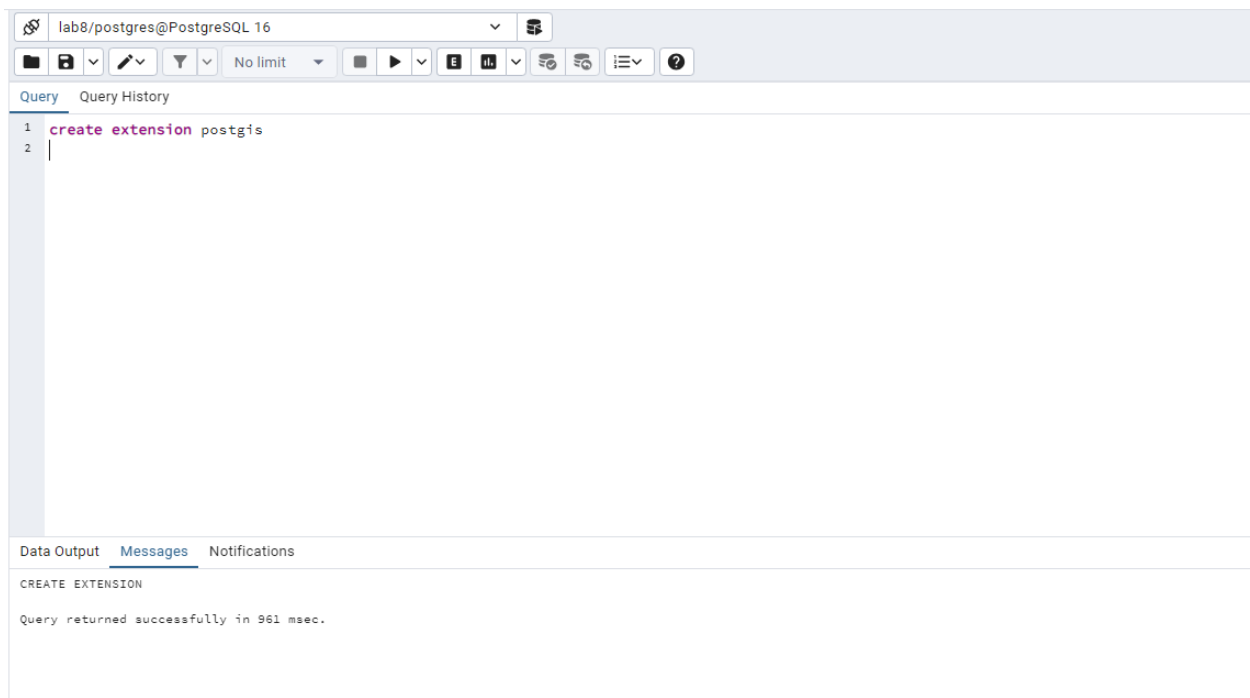
*Creating the extension postgis and pgRouting:*

## Query:

Create extension postgis

## Explanation:

This command installs the PostGIS extension, which adds support for geographic objects to the PostgreSQL database. PostGIS is an open-source spatial database extender for PostgreSQL, allowing storage and query of information about location and mapping. After running this command, you will be able to use the spatial functions and data types provided by PostGIS in your database.



*Figure 4: creating the extension postgis*

## Query:

Create extension pgrouting

## Explanation:

This command installs the pgrouting extension, which extends the functionality of PostGIS by providing various functions for solving network problems such as finding the shortest path and the traveling salesperson problem.

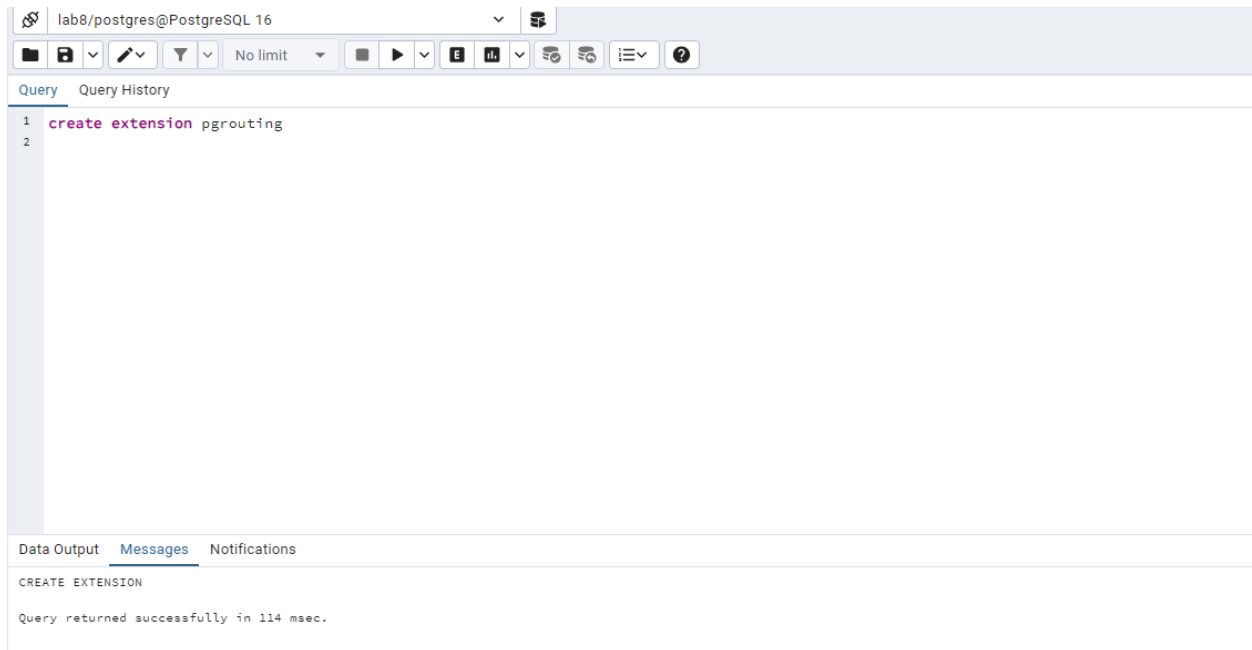


Figure 5: creating of extension

Opening the converted file i.e. "C:\Users\legion\nep\nep\_2po\_4pgr.sql" using pgAdmin 4 and we execute the query.

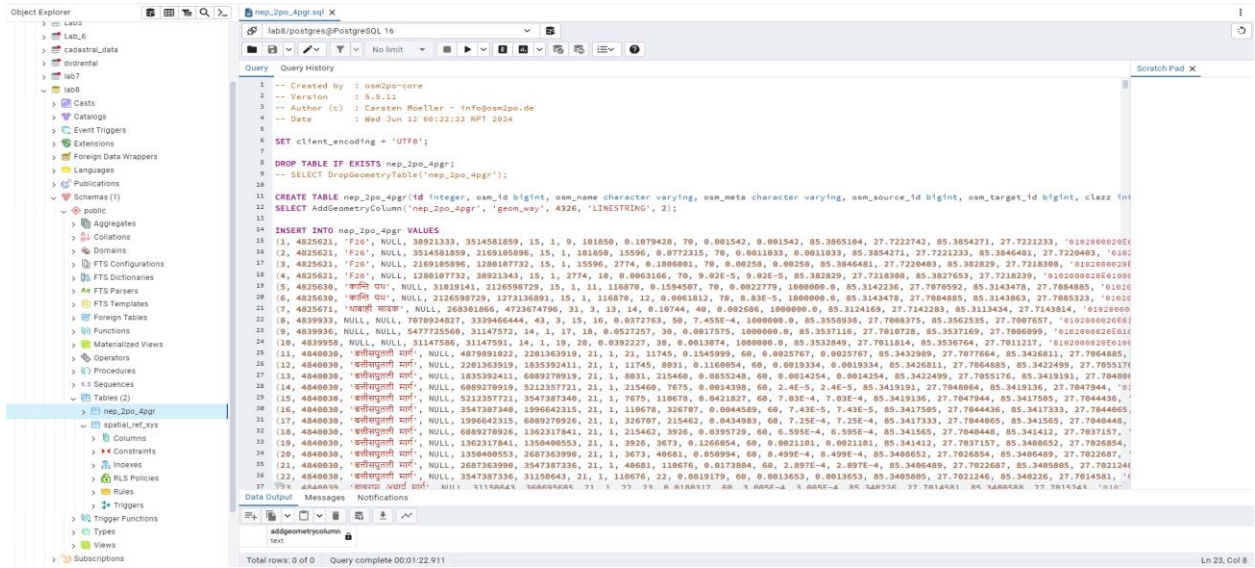


Figure 6: Execution of the Query stored in the converted file

After Executing the Query, we get the table nep\_2po\_4pgr;

nep_2po_4pgr														
lab8/postgres@PostgreSQL 16														
Query														
1 SELECT * FROM public.nep_2po_4pgr														
2 ORDER BY id ASC														
3														
Data Output														
Messages														
Notifications														
Total rows: 1000 of 397476														
Query complete 00:00:02.134														
Ln 2, Col 16														

Figure 7: Table nep\_2po\_4pgr



## Geometry of the Data:

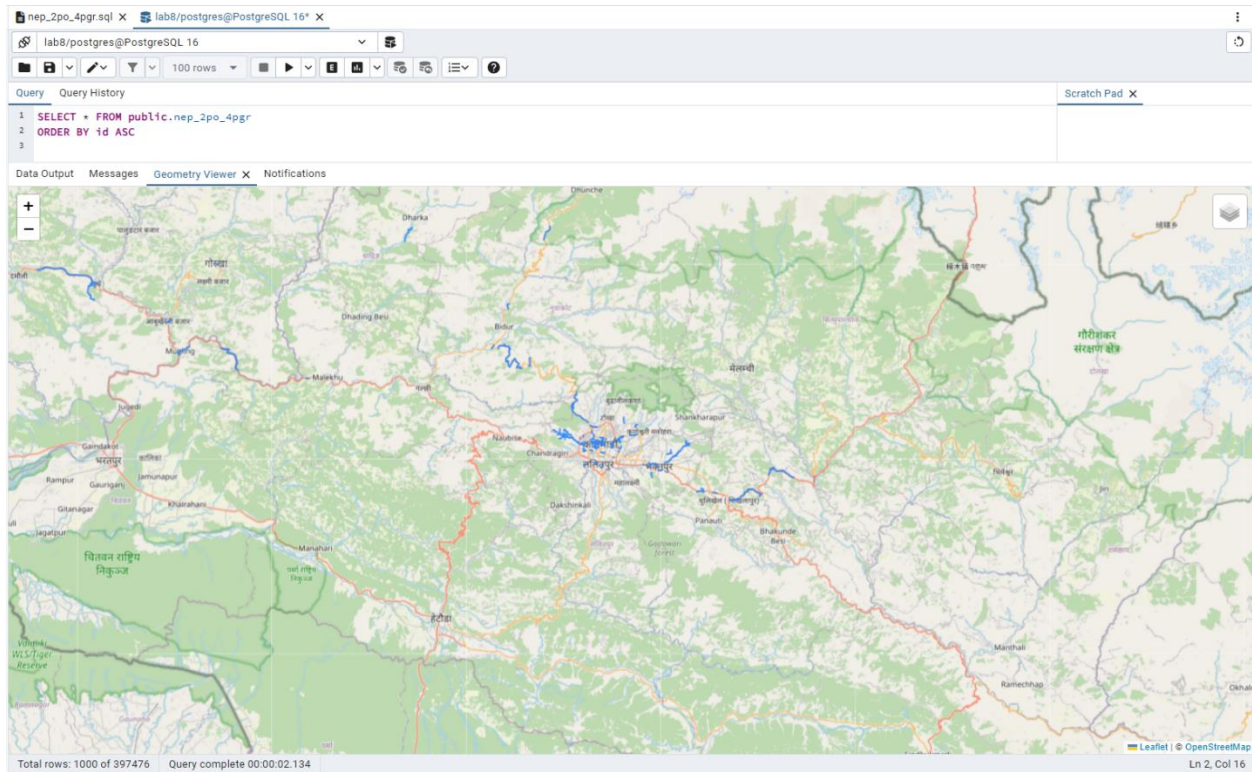


Figure 8: Geometry of the nep\_2po\_4pgr

Now, we are using QGIS for further process:

Making connection to QGIS with database in pgAdmin:

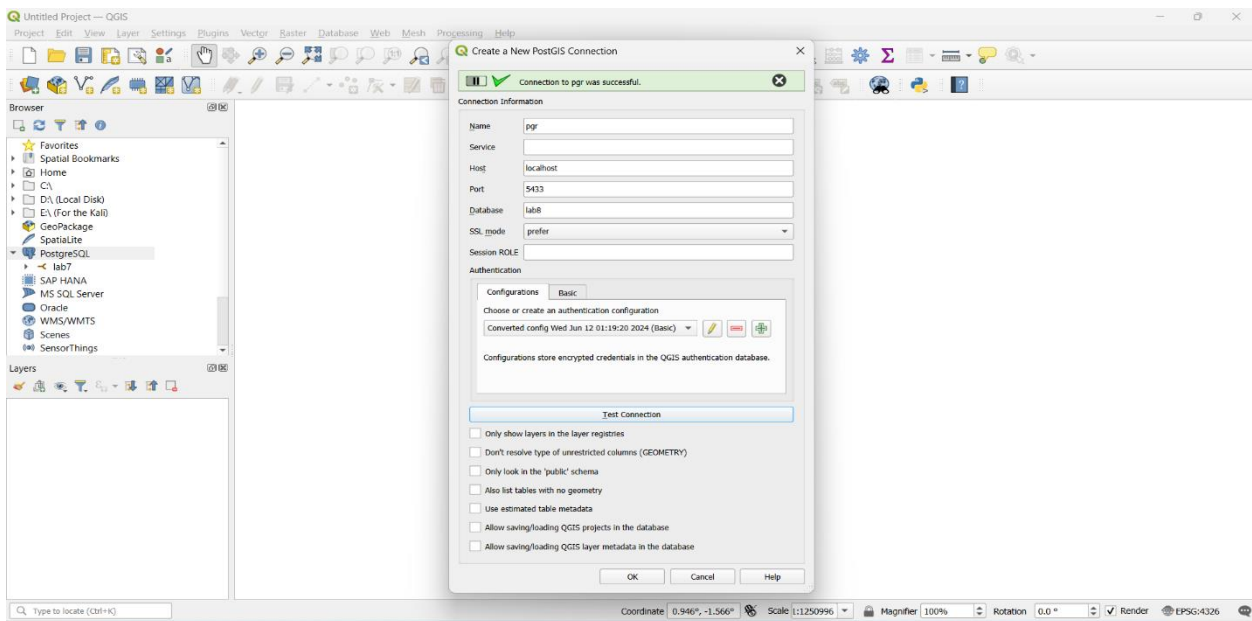


Figure 9: Connection with database

### Setting the Origin/Start point/node:

Here, I take the Jorpati, Kathmandu location as Origin having coordinates:

- Latitude 27.72144°
- Longitude 85.37343°

The screenshot shows a SQL query interface with a query editor, execution controls, and a results table.

**Query:**

```
1 --find the nearest vertex to start longitude/latitude
2
3 with start as (
4
5 select geom_way,topo.source
6
7 from nep_2po_4pgr as topo
8
9 order by topo.geom_way <-> st_setsrid(
10
11 st_geomfromtext('point(85.3811333 27.7216958)'),4326')
12
13 limit 1
14
15 )
```

**Execution:** 1 rows, 0.180 seconds

geom_way	source
0102000020E61...	15830

**Load as new layer:**

- ☐ Column(s) with unique values: geom\_way
- ☒ Geometry column: geom\_way
- Layer name (prefix): Start\_Point(Jorpati\_Kathmandu)
- ☐ Avoid selecting by feature id

Buttons: Retrieve columns, Set filter, Load

### **Query:**

```
--find the nearest vertex to start longitude/latitude
with, start as (
select geom_way,topo.source
from nep_2po_4pgr as topo
order by topo.geom_way <-> st_setsrid(
st_geomfromtext('point(85.3811333 27.7216958)'),4326')
limit 1
)
```

### **Explanation:**

This SQL query finds the 'geom\_way' and 'topo.source' that is closest to a specific point (85.3811333, 27.7216958) in the 'nep\_2po\_4pgr' table and saved as layer named start point.

### Setting the Destination point/node:

For the destination, we take the Kathmandu University having coordinates

- Latitude 27.6187°
- Longitude 85.53735°

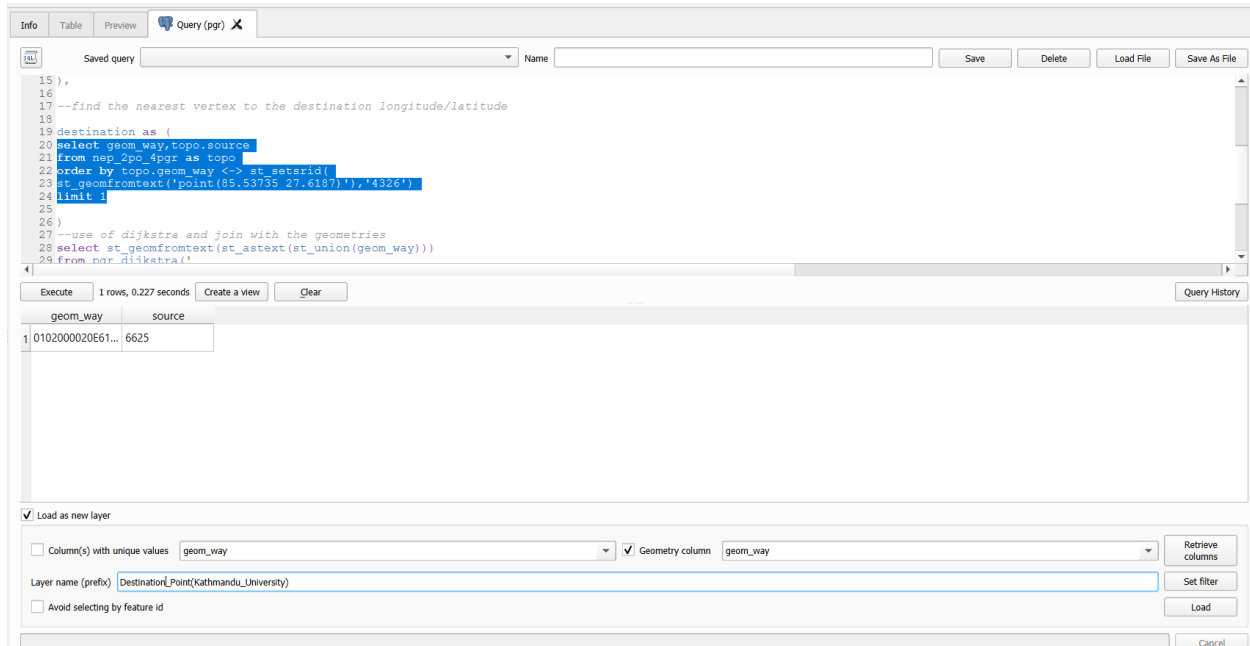


Figure 10: Creating extension pgrouting

### Query:

--find the nearest vertex to the destination longitude/latitude

destination as (

select geom\_way,topo.source

from nep\_2po\_4pgr as topo

order by topo.geom\_way <-> st\_setsrid(

st\_geomfromtext('point(85.53735 27.6187)'),'4326')

limit 1

),

### Explanation:

This SQL query finds the 'geom\_way' and 'topo.source' that is closest to a specific point (85.53735, 27.6187) in the 'nep\_2po\_4pgr' table and saved a layer named destination point.

After executing above query in QGIS, we save that result as a layer naming start and destination. Here, the **start point** is shown with **green dot** and **destination point** with **black dot** in the map and is shown below.

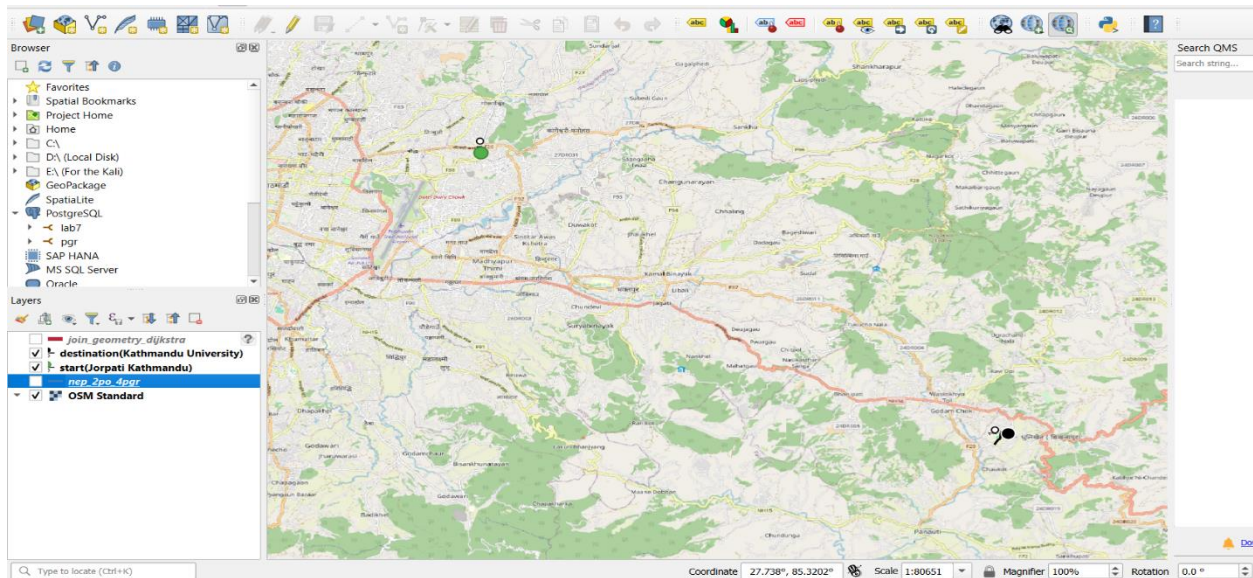


Figure 11: Starting & Destination Point

Finally, we apply the Dijkstra concept for shortest route and joins for joining the geometry. Here we run the combined queries i.e. Start node, Destination node, Dijkstra and join with geometry to get the shortest route and joining the geometry.

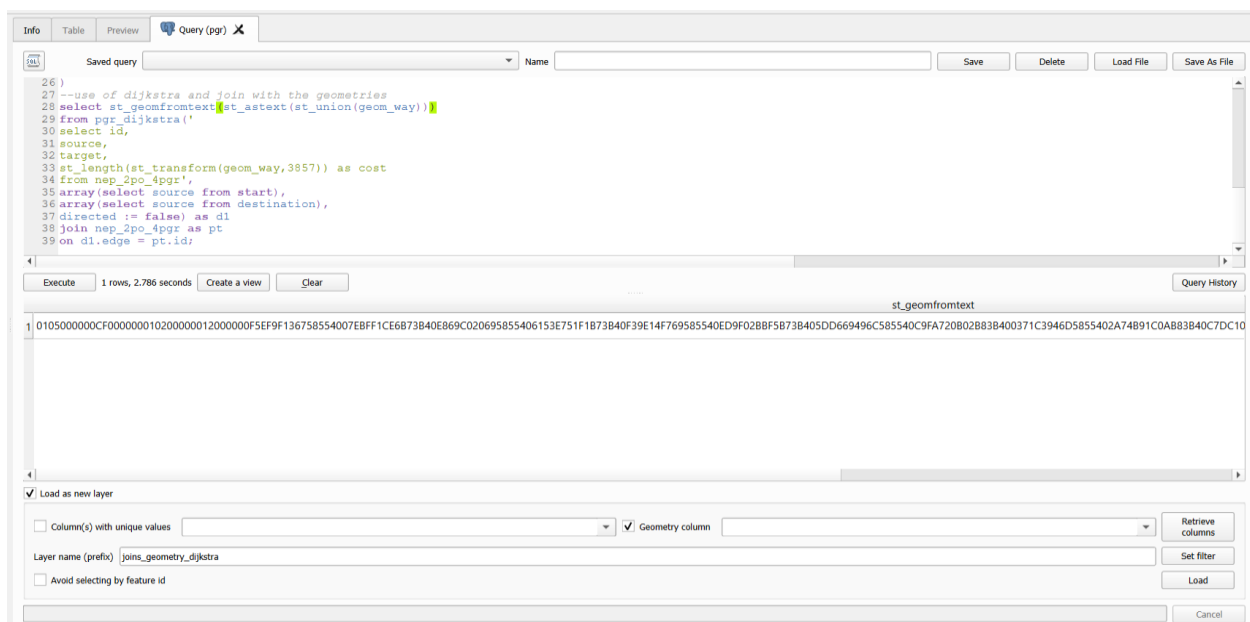


Figure 12: Finding the shortest route using Dijkstra and joins with geometry

### Query executed for the shortest route using dijkstra:

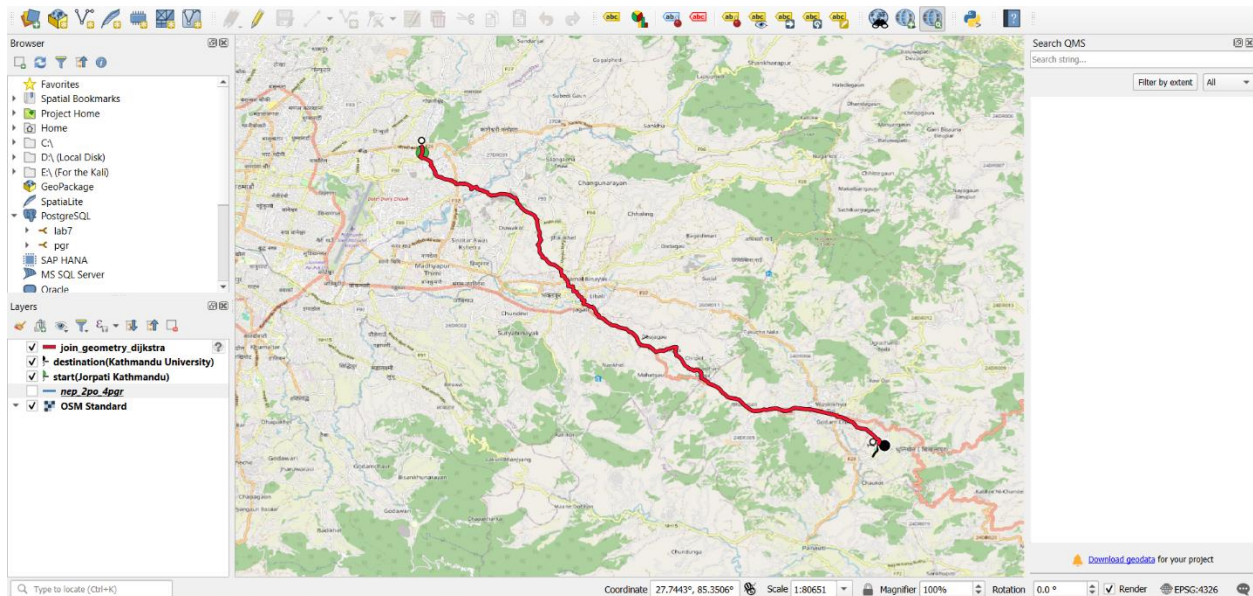
```
--find the nearest vertex to start longitude/latitude
with, start as (
select geom_way,topo.source
from nep_2po_4pgr as topo
order by topo.geom_way <-> st_setsrid(
st_geomfromtext('point(85.3811333 27.7216958)'),'4326')
limit 1
),
--find the nearest vertex to the destination longitude/latitude
destination as (
select geom_way,topo.source
from nep_2po_4pgr as topo
order by topo.geom_way <-> st_setsrid(
st_geomfromtext('point(85.53735 27.6187)'),'4326')
limit 1
),
--use of dijkstra and join with the geometries
select st_geomfromtext(st_astext(st_union(geom_way)))
from pgr_dijkstra(
select id,
source,
target,
st_length(st_transform(geom_way,3857)) as cost
from nep_2po_4pgr',
array(select source from start),
array(select source from destination),
directed := false) as d1
join nep_2po_4pgr as pt
on d1.edge = pt.id;
```



## Explanation:

This SQL query finds the nearest vertices to specific points in the `nep\_2po\_4pgr` table. It uses the `st\_setsrid` function to convert the points to the WGS 84 spatial reference system and then calculates the distance between each vertex and the points using the ` $\rightarrow$ ` operator. The results are ordered by distance and limited to the first row, which corresponds to the closest vertex. The query is executed twice, once for the start point and once for the destination point, and the results are stored in the `start` and `destination` tables, respectively.

Here, we saved the layer each of the start node, destination node and Dijkstra & join with geometry query in QGIS. To find the shortest route, we need to combine the layers, the combined layer as a map is shown below:



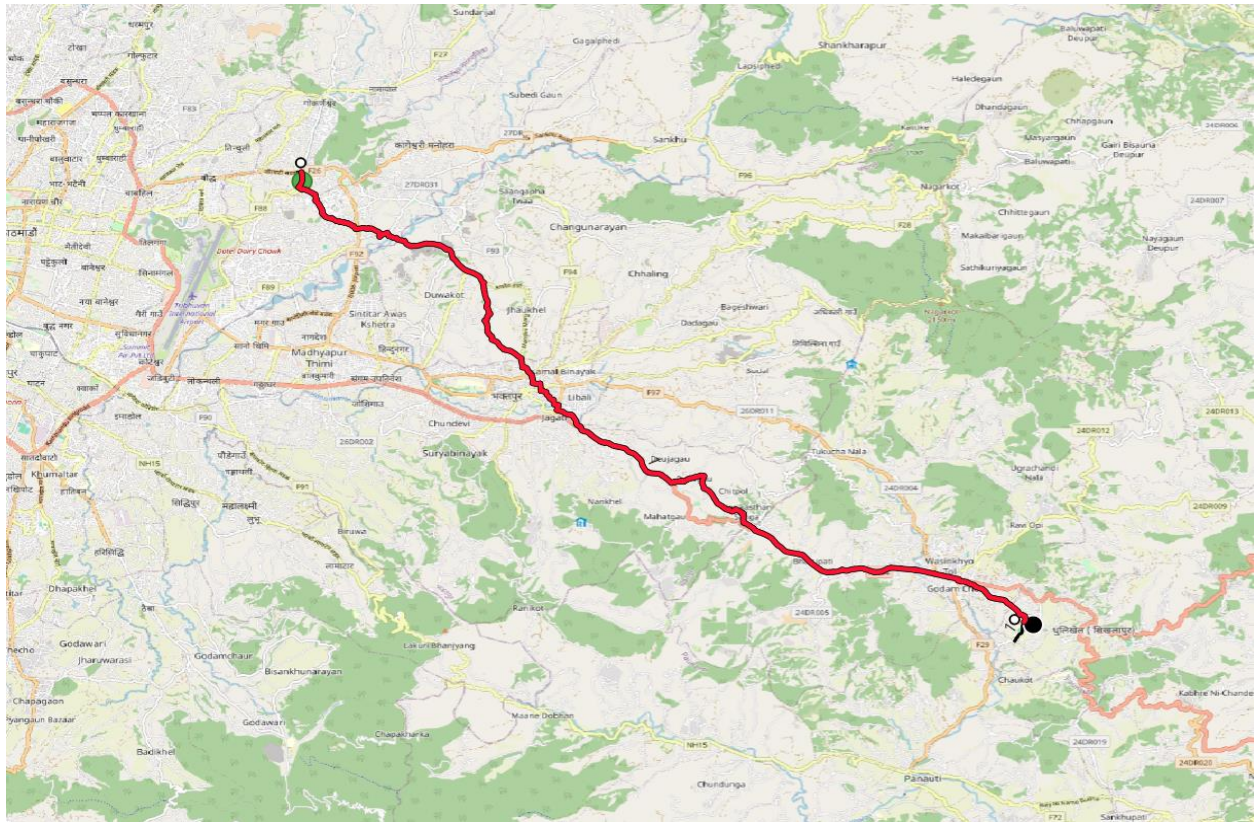


Figure 13:Shorest Route from start node to destination node

In the map above,

- **black dot shows destination point/node** i.e. Kathmandu University, Dhulikhel-Kavre.
- **green dot shows start point/node** i.e. Jorpati, Kathmandu.

As a whole, this concludes this one simple demonstration of **determining the shortest route** using **pgRouting**.

