

Master of Data Science - University of British Columbia Okanagan

Minutes for June 8, 2020 - 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM PST via Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Agenda

Discussion Points

- 1 — *D3-projections* - choosing a fitting projection for our data.
- 2 — *D3-speed* - improving reactive time.
- 3 — *D3-LTC* - adding visualization points.
- 4 — *D3* - amenity score colour discretization to avoid outlier (Toronto) masking scale of other regions.
- 5 — *D3* - creating additional visualizations.

Meeting Notes

- **1** — Mercator is used most commonly used on the web and by Google. `azimuthalEqualArea` - better for Northern hemisphere, preserves area but not angles. Alternatively, you could use unprojected data but we are using `WS84`.
- **2** — simplify file to 3% using `mapshaper`.
- **3** — better to keep LTC data as separate data set (CSV). Will be easier to draw with D3. Just an X and Y column (longitude, latitude). Can add attributes to this CSV but do not add unnecessary decimal spaces in co-ordinates (6 or 7 digits is ideal) - too many will lag the responsiveness.
- **4** — use natural breaks or percentiles in the quantize function (use `d3.scale.quantile()`) to give map visual variety. Percentiles were used for proximity measures by Statistics Canada. Sort data by percentile then discretize and colour using CSS. D3 built-in colour scales and `interpolateOrRd()` to colour via D3.
- **5** — `bootstrap` is a library for building multiple containers and positioning them relatively such that view will fit regardless of device. Positioning done in CSS. For side-by-side containers, set width to 49% to account for border and padding. Can put border inside the element in the element-style code block. Should add margins and padding. `display: inline-block; width = 50%;`
- could use D3 version 5 and **debugger**; . To walk through each step click F10 or F11.
- **Cleaning code** — To reference in JS: **variable.function** and reference the script in HTML. Global functions are not assigned to variables/objects and are available wherever in the code. If we want duplicate functions (multiple on-clicks).
- Separate map and chart in JS files.

Action Items

- Shrink geojson.
- Clean code by putting functions into object variables.
- Separate map and chart in JS files.
- Add LTC points.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 9, at 11:00 AM PST with Bruno and Marian via Microsoft Teams Meeting