Data, Metadata and APIs

Part 5: The Google Maps API and Open Data

Now that you've extracted GPS coordinates from JPEG metadata and mapped it using the Google Maps API, you might be wondering what else you can do with the Google Maps API. The short answer is... a lot.

In this notebook, you'll see how to combine your knowledge of the Google Maps API with your knowledge of data analysis with Pandas.

Find an Open Data Set that contains Location Data

Here's a data set that tracks the location of all potholes filled by the City of Chicago for the past 7 days. Chicago is known for its potholes (https://www.wbez.org/shows/curious-city/city-of-big-potholes-is-asphalt-the-best-choice-for-chicagos-streets/8bbd9e7a-b27e-4e00-a868-aa0b826b53b2), so this should be good.

We will load this .csv file in from a URL so that it is guaranteed to be the most up-to-date as possible:

```
In [1]: # Note: the spike in traffic from Fremd may get us IP-banned by Chicago's Open
Data portal.
# If this happens, your teacher will share a static copy of Potholes_Pat
ched.csv,
# and you'll need to run the code "potholes_DF = pd.read_csv('Potholes_P
atched.csv')"

import pandas as pd

potholes_DF = pd.read_csv("Potholes_Patched.csv")

# display the 3 most recent potholes that were filled
potholes_DF[-3:]
```

Out[1]:

| LOCA. | LONGITUDE | LATITUDE | NUMBER OF POTHOLES FILLED ON BLOCK | COMPLETION DATE | REQUEST DATE | ADDRESS | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|
| P((-87.64029114 41.787194823 | -87.640291 | 41.787195 | 23 | 4/4/2022 13:52 | 4/4/2022 13:51 | 600 W 59TH ST | 106304 |
| P((-87.64995714 41.787044902 | -87.649957 | 41.787045 | 10 | 4/4/2022 13:57 | 4/4/2022 13:56 | 1000 W 59TH ST | 106305 |
| P((-87.71742410 41.996205985 | -87.717424 | 41.996206 | 1 | 4/4/2022 12:14 | 3/31/2022 17:21 | 6328 N LINCOLN AVE | 106306 |

Check how many potholes were filled in the last week since the spreadsheet was generated:

That's a lot of potholes. Now extract the location data, clean out the "nan" values, and store it as a list of tuples:

Let's compare the length of potholes_DF to tuple_list to see how many "nan" values we cleaned out:

Depending on the week, there may be a handful of "nan" values to clean out. If you were lucky, there were none.

Now let's look at a few of the tuples in the list:

Google Maps API with Markers

Let's put a marker every place we found a pothole.

WARNING: Adding more than 500 marker points could potentially crash your kernel! To combat this, we are creating a list of 500 random entries from the original tuple list.

```
In [6]:
        import numpy as np
        tuple list 500 = []
        indicies used = []
        for i in range(500):
                                                             # Loop 500 times
            random = np.random.randint(0,500)
                                                             # Generate random index nu
        mber
            if random not in indicies used:
                                                             # Check if number has alre
        ady been generated
                 indicies used.append(random)
                                                             # Add new number to list o
        f used numbers
                tuple list 500.append(tuple list[random])
                                                           # Add the tuple from that
         index to the new list of 500
        print(indicies used[:50])
        #indicies used = [random for np.random.randint(0,500) in range(500) if random
         not in indicies used]
        print(tuple list 500[:10])
        [170, 370, 229, 394, 248, 241, 367, 247, 475, 99, 477, 377, 290, 160, 495, 46
        4, 345, 194, 168, 459, 135, 246, 306, 266, 398, 383, 64, 260, 359, 342, 81, 6
        1, 29, 280, 255, 179, 299, 401, 55, 336, 444, 304, 23, 313, 105, 276, 36, 29
        2, 166, 461]
        [(41.83689406, -87.64893936), (41.97174516, -87.75038074), (41.90953839999999
        5, -87.75349723), (42.00091753, -87.69481883), (42.00186853, -87.67016764),
        (41.92156264, -87.66863099), (41.912562, -87.791459), (41.73480702, -87.59914
        147), (41.71587378, -87.64927423), (41.9012417, -87.63442009999999)]
In [7]:
        # Import the gmaps python module and load in your API Key:
        import gmaps
        gmaps.configure(api key="AIzaSyCLla607krE9xNg6SnNMoGNIziCLddE9EU")
```

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In [8]:
        from ipywidgets.embed import embed minimal html # Allows us to create a separt
        e file for the Google Maps
        markers = gmaps.marker layer(tuple list 500)
                                                        # Create markers for each tupl
        e/coordinate
        markermap = gmaps.Map()
                                                        # Create a GMap variable
        markermap.add layer(markers)
                                                         # Add the layer of markers to
         GMap
        embed minimal html('output/MarkerMap1.html', views=[markermap])
        print("*** If no map appears, uncomment the line above, re-run this cell, and
         check your 'Metadata Part 5' folder to find the new HTML file name \"MarkerMa
        p1.html\". ***")
        markermap
```

*** If no map appears, uncomment the line above, re-run this cell, and check your 'Metadata Part 5' folder to find the new HTML file name "MarkerMap1.htm 1". ***

Question 1: Look at the marker map at various zoom levels. What do you notice above the graph? Comment on anything interesting you see and try to summarize "the good" and "the bad" in this visualization.

Your Answer: Most of the potholes are all in chicago and there aren't much outside chicago.

Google Maps API to Create a Heatmap

Instead of markers, let's make a heat map:

WARNING: Adding more than 500 marker points could potentially crash your kernel! To combat this, we are again using the list of 500 random entries from the original tuple_list.

```
In [9]: from ipywidgets.embed import embed_minimal_html # Allows us to create a separt
e file for the Google Maps

heatm = gmaps.Map()
heatm.add_layer(gmaps.heatmap_layer(tuple_list_500))

embed_minimal_html('output/HeatMap1.html', views=[markermap])
print("*** If no map appears, uncomment the line above, re-run this cell, and
check your 'Metadata Part 5' folder to find the new HTML file name \"HeatMap
1.html\". ***")
heatm
```

*** If no map appears, uncomment the line above, re-run this cell, and check your 'Metadata Part 5' folder to find the new HTML file name "HeatMap1.html".

Question 2: Look at the heatmap at various zoom levels. What do you notice above the graph? Comment on anything interesting you see and try to summarize "the good" and "the bad" in this visualization.

Your Answer: The most red parts are right in chicago.

Task 1: Find your own dataset!

You are going to create a marker map **and** a heatmap from a dataset you have found. For Task 1, find a dataset with location data (GPS coordinates!). Fill in the following:

Name: Charan Chandran

Date: 5/18/22

Source for Data Set: Kaggle

URL for Data Set: https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/andrewmvd/us-schools-dataset/download
(https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/andrewmvd/us-schools-dataset/download

Description of Data Set: Data on 130k+ schools in the US with georeferences.

File Format for Data Set: csv

Age of Data Set: November 29, 2021

Task 2: Show some entries fom your dataset

Import your data set as a Pandas Data Frame, then show the last 10 entries:

In [10]: import pandas as pd #import io, requests #import json #url_to_file = requests.get('https://data.montgomerycountymd.gov/api/views/772 q-4wm8/rows.csv?accessType=DOWNLOAD').content #public_schools = pd.read_csv(io.StringIO(url_to_file.decode('utf-8'))) public_schools = pd.read_csv('./data/public_schools.csv')

Out[10]:

| | ADDRESS | NAME | NCESID | OBJECTID | Υ | x | |
|---|-------------------------------|---|--------------|----------|--------------|---------------|--------|
| | 625 SCIO ST | SCHOOL 16- JOHN WALTON SPENCER | 362475003390 | 102325 | 5.333242e+06 | -8.643788e+06 | 102324 |
| | 1100 W. GRAND | REX ELEM | 200705000366 | 102326 | 4.518220e+06 | -1.083862e+07 | 102325 |
| F | 4900 40TH | SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL | 261884005566 | 102327 | 5.291177e+06 | -9.558473e+06 | 102326 |
| | 280 SCENIC ROAD | POINT PLEASANT JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL | 540078000625 | 102328 | 4.704477e+06 | -9.141667e+06 | 102327 |
| | 901 CREPE MYRTLE STREET | RAPIDES TRAINING ACADEMY | 220129000115 | 102329 | 3.673479e+06 | -1.028888e+07 | 102328 |
| | 80391 COUNTY RD 60 | LISMORE COLONY SCHOOL | 270015003019 | 102330 | 5.688108e+06 | -1.075152e+07 | 102329 |
| | 1241 NICHOLS ROAD | OSAGE BEACH ELEM. | 290699000174 | 102331 | 4.598066e+06 | -1.031719e+07 | 102330 |
| | 813 DILIGENCE DR. | POINT OPTION ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL | 510264001238 | 102332 | 4.450964e+06 | -8.512030e+06 | 102331 |
| F | 5094 GATEWOOD ROAD | GATEWOOD ELEMENTARY | 540030000182 | 102333 | 4.580376e+06 | -9.024169e+06 | 102332 |
| | 1446 E. MAIN ST. | PLUMAS COUNTY OPPORTUNITY | 69110211706 | 102334 | 4.856354e+06 | -1.345981e+07 | 102333 |
| | | | | | | | |

10 rows × 33 columns

Task 3: Create a list of tuples

Use your dataset to create a list of tuples (a list of DD coordinates) representing the locations in your dataset:

WARNING: Adding more than 500 marker points could potentially crash your kernel! To combat this, create a list of 500 random entries from the original list of tuples.

```
In [11]:
          import numpy as np
          x = list(public schools["X"])
          y = list(public_schools["X"])
          tuple\_list = [(x[i],y[i]) for i in range(len(x))]
          tuple list = [x \text{ for } x \text{ in tuple list if not np.isnan}(x[1])]
          tuple_list[:10]
Out[11]:
In [12]:
          import pyproj
          # Spatial Reference System
          proj = pyproj.Transformer.from_crs(3857, 4326, always_xy = True)
          tuple list lat lon = []
          for i in range(len(tuple list)):
              tuple = (proj.transform(tuple_list[i][0],tuple_list[i][1]))
              tuple = (tuple[1],tuple[0])
              tuple_list_lat_lon.append(tuple)
          tuple list lat lon[:10]
Out[12]:
```

```
In [13]: import numpy as np
         lat = list(public schools["LATITUDE"])
         lon = list(public schools["LONGITUDE"])
         tuple list = [(lat[i],lon[i]) for i in range(len(lat))]
         tuple list = [x \text{ for } x \text{ in tuple list if not np.isnan}(x[1])]
         tuple list[:10]
Out[13]: [(42.465566095, -88.431010375),
          (35.23190937, -80.911501287),
          (39.489752551, -86.0624298709999),
          (33.242888236999995, -111.687306008),
          (33.222170136, -111.68376840299999),
          (33.2558117040001, -111.706043188),
          (33.4095317000001, -112.45141325899999),
          (36.9125226350001, -111.45826466),
          (33.3237236090001, -111.59965325799999),
          (38.609867949, -121.37027199299999)]
In [14]:
         tuple list 500 = []
         indicies used = []
         for i in range(3000):
                                                                # Loop 500 times
             random = np.random.randint(0, len(tuple list))
                                                                            # Generate ra
         ndom index number
             if random not in indicies used:
                                                              # Check if number has alre
         ady been generated
                  indicies used.append(random)
                                                              # Add new number to list o
          f used numbers
                 tuple list 500.append(tuple list[random]) # Add the tuple from that
          index to the new list of 500
          print(indicies used[:50])
         #indicies used = [random for np.random.randint(0,500) in range(500) if random
          not in indicies used]
          print(tuple_list_500[:10])
         [36699, 12532, 13708, 97243, 64707, 44644, 84452, 68356, 52328, 32107, 72258,
         49982, 24226, 33592, 54063, 99408, 85372, 64355, 17008, 56897, 8822, 376, 101
         232, 22599, 75704, 75811, 80870, 12577, 39991, 47879, 38219, 95171, 6457, 918
         80, 2495, 10450, 80583, 39710, 62045, 87098, 68082, 5507, 14400, 72640, 6669
         4, 68112, 98745, 26691, 97987, 13541]
         [(41.4136421110001, -80.5794275059999), (36.918328532, -76.252983774), (39.27)
         8585053, -81.5448999659999), (43.7873175060001, -88.46549747700001), (42.9433
         147660001, -88.858172065), (32.915874186000096, -97.119681326), (38.77757744
         4, -121.371971484), (41.690334703000104, -93.82218771), (42.322266771, -83.16
         9139569), (40.6865595250001, -95.856042365)]
```

Task 4: Create a marker map from your data

Use the Google Maps API to create a marker map using your list of tuples from above.

```
# Import the gmaps python module and load in your API Key:
In [15]:
         import gmaps
         gmaps.configure(api key="AlzaSyCLla6Q7krE9xNg6SnNMoGNIzjCLddE9EU")
In [16]: from ipywidgets.embed import embed minimal html # Allows us to create a separt
         e file for the Google Maps
         markers = gmaps.marker layer(tuple list 500)
                                                         # Create markers for each tupl
         e/coordinate
         markermap = gmaps.Map()
                                                         # Create a GMap variable
         markermap.add layer(markers)
                                                         # Add the layer of markers to
          GMap
         embed minimal html('output/MarkerMap2.html', views=[markermap])
         print("*** If no map appears, uncomment the line above, re-run this cell, and
          check your 'Metadata Part 5' folder to find the new HTML file name \"MarkerMa
         p1.html\". ***")
         markermap
         *** If no map appears, uncomment the line above, re-run this cell, and check
         your 'Metadata Part 5' folder to find the new HTML file name "MarkerMap1.htm
         1". ***
```

Task 5: Create a heatmap from your data

Use the Google Maps API to create a **heatmap** using your list of tuples from above.

Note: The Google Maps API can struggle with heatmaps that have more than 1000 datapoints. If your map is not working, try reducing your list to fewer tuples (try creating a list with just the most recent 100 entries in the dataset). Once this works, you can always add in a few more tuples!

*** If no map appears, uncomment the line above, re-run this cell, and check your 'Metadata Part 5' folder to find the new HTML file name "HeatMap1.html".

Task 6: Comment on what you see

Look at your marker map and your heatmap at various zoom levels. Comment on anything interesting or notable that you see.

Your Answer: From the data I can conclude that many of the school in the US are in the east.

Task 7: Brainstorm further study

If you had more time and resources, what else would you like to explore using the GPS data in this dataset?

Your Answer: I would try to see which states have the most schools and interesting data such as the average population in schools. Also check what percent of schools have their own website.