Instruction of reproducing the results of paper "Finding Optimal Sequences for Area Aggregation— A^* vs. Integer Linear Programming".

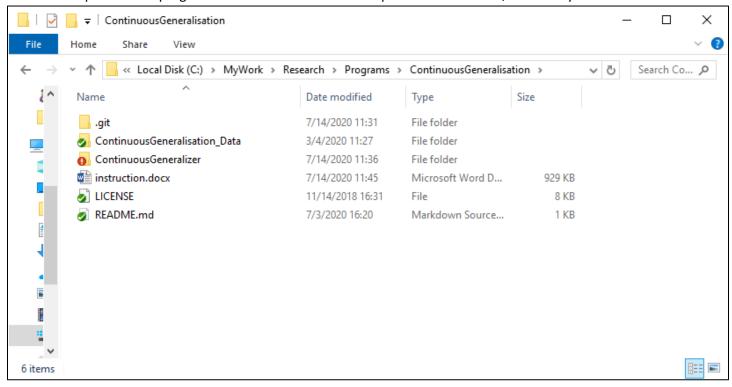
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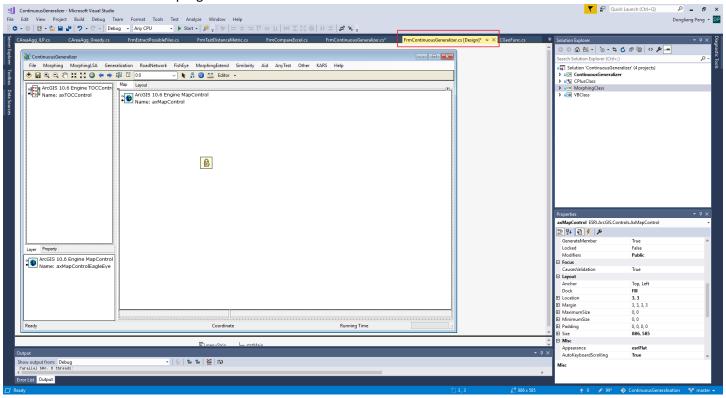
This instruction illustrates how to prepare the environment in Windows 10 to generate aggregation sequences by "ContinuousGeneralizer". The repository for this prototype is at https://github.com/IGNF/ContinuousGeneralisation.

To reproduce the results on your own computer, please go through the following steps.

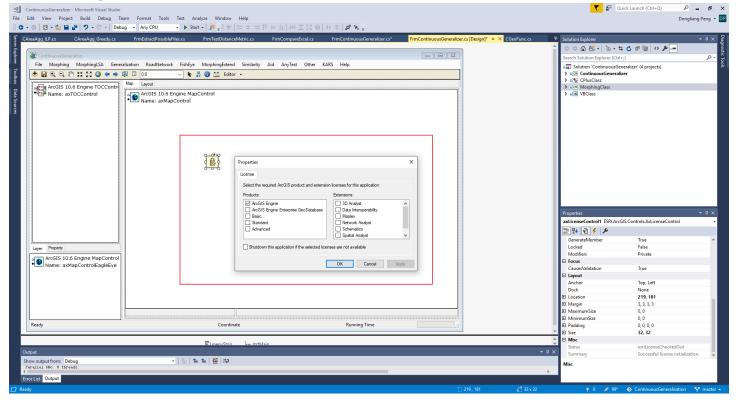
- 1. Please install Microsoft Visual Studio 2017, ArcObjects SDK 10.6, IBM ILOG CPLEX Optimization Studio 12.6.3.0 (32 bits), and Microsoft Office 2016. Please use default paths when installing.
- 2. Please put the program, ContinuousGeneralizer, under path "C:\MyWork\Research\Programs\ContinuousGeneralisation". We suggest using the path because we may use some absolute paths in the program. If ContinuousGeneralizer is put somewhere else, errors may occur.



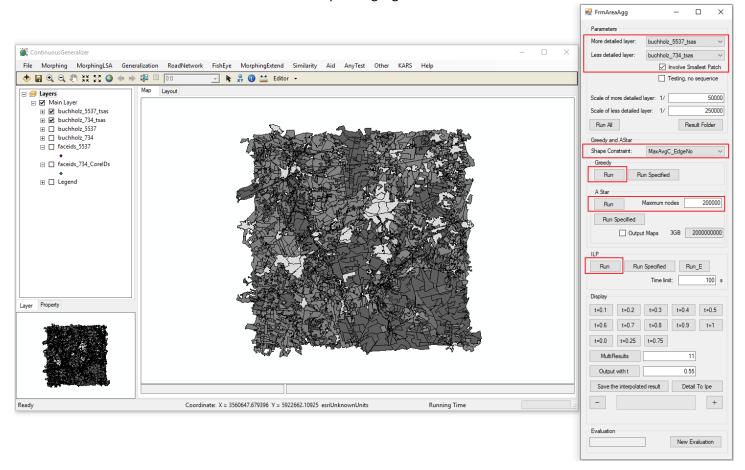
3. The main window of our program is "FrmContinuousGeneralizer"

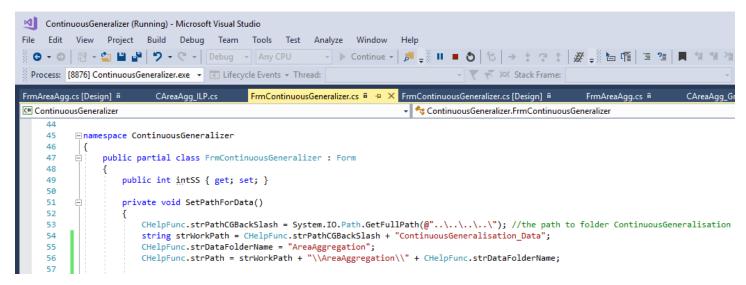


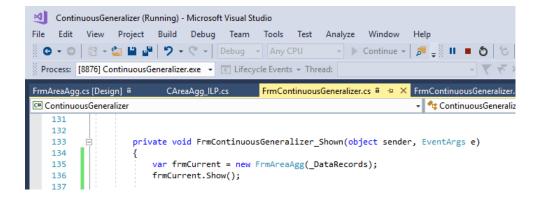
4. You may need to set the licenses. Right click the icon of 'the lock and key', go to properties, then check the licenses as following.



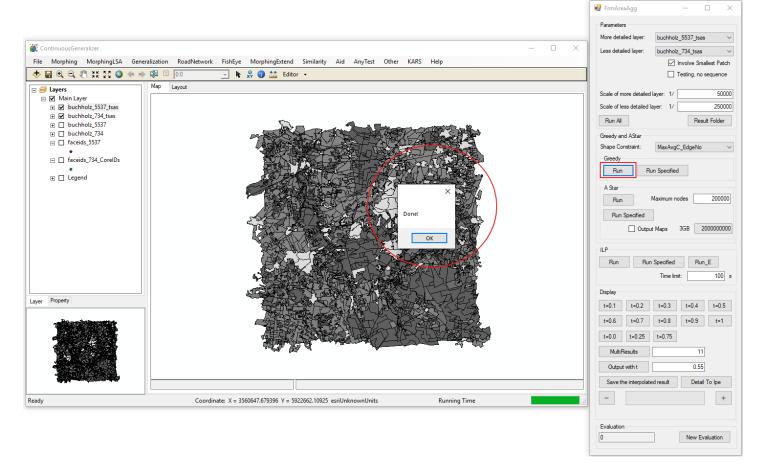
5. Please run the program. The data will be automatically loaded and panel "FrmAreaAgg" to specify a method will be automatically opened. This is because the settings in file FrmContinuousGeneralizer.cs (see the screenshots below). You can click the "Run" buttons to run the corresponding algorithms.



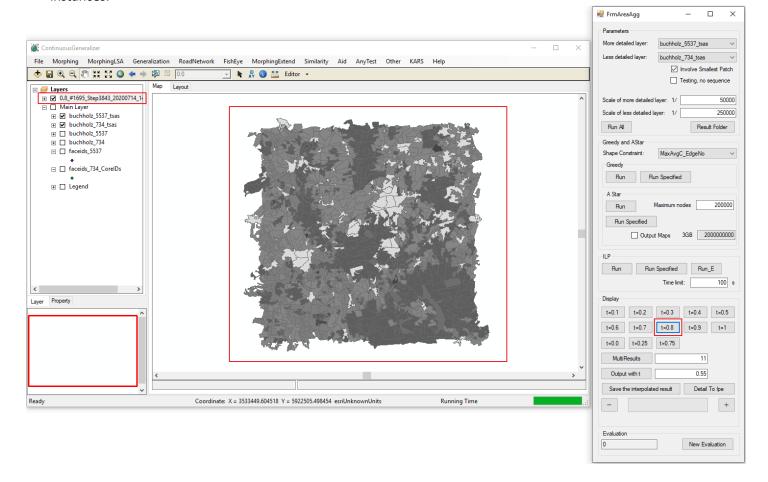




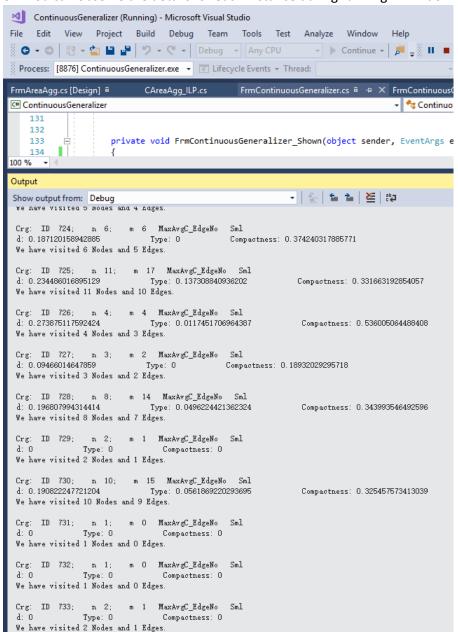
6. If you click the "Run" button of the greedy algorithm, then the program will finish the computation in about 1 minute and the window with message "Done!" will show up.



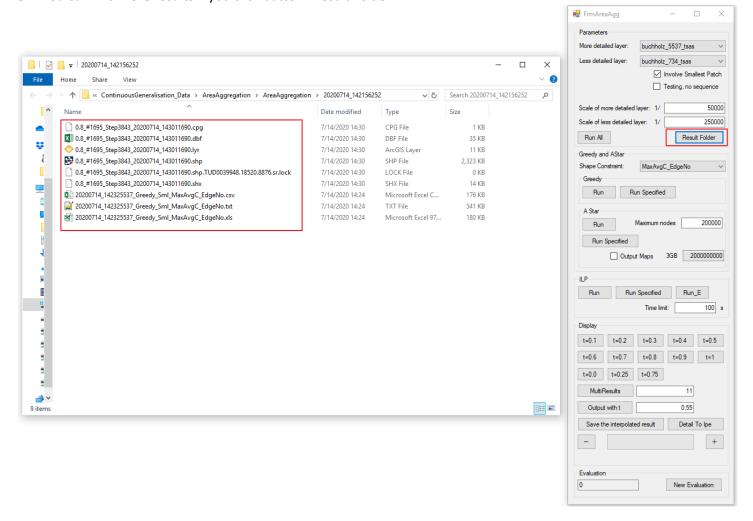
7. If you click button, for example, "t=0.8", then a map at the corresponding time will be generated and presented. This button is not valid for the results of integer linear program (ILP) because ILP cannot find feasible solutions for some instances.



8. You can observe the details for each instance during running in window "Output" of Microsoft Visual Studio.



9. You can find more results if you click button "Result Folder".



10. If you experience the following errors, then please unblock the zip file before unzipping it (also see https://stackoverflow.com/questions/51348919/couldnt-process-file-resx-due-to-its-being-in-the-internet-or-restricted-zone-o).

