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Objectives:

- Utilize **Matplotlib**, **NumPy**, and **pandas** in the context of geological data analysis.
- Load, clean, and manipulate geospatial and geological data.
- Perform basic statistical analysis using **NumPy**.
- Create various visualizations to interpret geological patterns and trends.
- Combine multiple visualizations to offer a comprehensive view of geological data.

Dataset:

The dataset includes geospatial and geological data collected from different regions. The dataset contains the following columns:

- **Region**: The name or identifier of the geographical region.
- **Latitude**: Latitude coordinate of the data point.
- **Longitude**: Longitude coordinate of the data point.
- **Elevation (m)**: Elevation of the region in meters.
- **Rock Type**: Dominant rock type in the region (e.g., sedimentary, igneous, metamorphic).
- **Soil Composition**: Percentage composition of different soil types (e.g., clay, sand, silt).
- **Earthquake Frequency**: Number of earthquakes recorded in the region over a specified period.
- **Average Temperature (°C)**: Average annual temperature of the region.

Project Tasks:

1. **Installation and Setup**:
    - Install the required libraries.
2. **Importing Libraries**:
    - Import Matplotlib, NumPy, and pandas.
3. **Loading and Exploring Data**:
    - Load the geological data and examine its structure.
4. **Data Cleaning and Manipulation**:

    - Handle missing values, categorize data, and calculate additional metrics (e.g., soil type classifications).
5. **Visualizing Earthquake Patterns**:
    - Plot the geographical distribution of earthquake frequencies using scatter plots and geospatial maps.
6. **Rock Type Distribution Analysis**:
    - Create pie charts to visualize the distribution of different rock types across various regions.
7. **Elevation and Temperature Relationship**:
    - Generate scatter plots to analyze the relationship between elevation and average temperature.
8. **Soil Composition Analysis**:
    - Use bar charts to compare soil composition percentages across different regions.
9. **Subplots for Geological Overview**:
    - Create a figure with multiple subplots to provide an overview of key geological indicators, such as elevation, rock types, and earthquake frequencies.
10. **Conclusion**:
    - Summarize key findings and discuss potential implications for geological research and environmental planning.

Deliverables:

- Python code script (`geological_data_analysis.py`) with all steps and visualizations.
- A brief report or presentation summarizing the analysis and insights.

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