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Generating Maps with Python

Introduction

In this lab, we will learn how to create maps for different objectives. To do that, we will part ways with Matplotlib and work with another Python visualization library, namely **Folium**. What is nice about **Folium** is that it was developed for the sole purpose of visualizing geospatial data. While other libraries are available to visualize geospatial data, such as **plotly**, they might have a cap on how many API calls you can make within a defined time frame. **Folium**, on the other hand, is completely free.

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Exploring Datasets with *pandas* and Matplotlib

Toolkits: This lab heavily relies on *pandas* (http://pandas.pydata.org/) and **Numpy** (http://www.numpy.org/) for data wrangling, analysis, and visualization. The primary plotting library we will explore in this lab is **Folium** (https://github.com/python-visualization/folium/).

Datasets:

1. San Francisco Police Department Incidents for the year 2016 - Police Department Incidents (https://data.sfgov.org/Public-Safety/Police-Department-Incidents-Previous-Year-2016-/ritf-b9ki) from San Francisco public data portal. Incidents derived from San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) Crime Incident Reporting system. Updated daily, showing data for the entire year of 2016. Address and location has been anonymized by moving to mid-block or to an intersection.
2. Immigration to Canada from 1980 to 2013 - International migration flows to and from selected countries - The 2015 revision (http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/data/empirical2/migrationflows.shtml) from United Nation's website. The dataset contains annual data on the flows of international migrants as recorded by the countries of destination. The data presents both inflows and outflows according to the place of birth, citizenship or place of previous / next residence both for foreigners and nationals. For this lesson, we will focus on the Canadian Immigration data

Downloading and Prepping Data

Import Primary Modules:

In [1]:

Introduction to Folium

Folium is a powerful Python library that helps you create several types of Leaflet maps. The fact that the Folium results are interactive makes this library very useful for dashboard building.

From the official Folium documentation page:

> Folium builds on the data wrangling strengths of the Python ecosystem and the mapping strengths of the Leaflet.js library. Manipulate your data in Python, then visualize it in on a Leaflet map via Folium.
>
> Folium makes it easy to visualize data that's been manipulated in Python on an interactive Leaflet map. It enables both the binding of data to a map for choropleth visualizations as well as passing Vincent/Vega visualizations as markers on the map.
>
> The library has a number of built-in tilesets from OpenStreetMap, Mapbox, and Stamen, and supports custom tilesets with Mapbox or Cloudmade API keys. Folium supports both GeoJSON and TopoJSON overlays, as well as the binding of data to those overlays to create choropleth maps with color-brewer color schemes.

Let's install Folium

Folium is not available by default. So, we first need to install it before we are able to import it.

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Solving environment: failed with initial frozen solve. Retrying with flexible solve.
Collecting package metadata (repodata.json): done
Solving environment: done


==> WARNING: A newer version of conda exists. <==
  current version: 4.8.3
  latest version: 4.8.4

Please update conda by running

    $ conda update -n base -c defaults conda



## Package Plan ##

  environment location: /home/jupyterlab/conda/envs/python

  added / updated specs:
    - folium=0.5.0


The following packages will be downloaded:

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    branca-0.4.1               |             py_0          26 KB  conda-forge
    brotlipy-0.7.0             |py36h8c4c3a4_1000         346 KB  conda-forge
    chardet-3.0.4              |py36h9f0ad1d_1006         188 KB  conda-forge
    cryptography-3.1           |   py36h45558ae_0         615 KB  conda-forge
    folium-0.5.0               |             py_0          45 KB  conda-forge
    openssl-1.1.1g             |       h516909a_1         2.1 MB  conda-forge
    pandas-1.1.2               |   py36h831f99a_0        10.5 MB  conda-forge
    pyrsistent-0.17.3          |   py36h8c4c3a4_0          89 KB  conda-forge
    pysocks-1.7.1              |   py36h9f0ad1d_1          27 KB  conda-forge
    toolz-0.10.0               |             py_0          46 KB  conda-forge
    vincent-0.4.4              |             py_1          28 KB  conda-forge
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  branca             conda-forge/noarch::branca-0.4.1-py_0
  brotlipy           conda-forge/linux-64::brotlipy-0.7.0-py36h8c4c3a4_1000
  chardet            conda-forge/linux-64::chardet-3.0.4-py36h9f0ad1d_1006
  cryptography       conda-forge/linux-64::cryptography-3.1-py36h45558ae_0
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  idna               conda-forge/noarch::idna-2.10-pyh9f0ad1d_0
  importlib_metadata conda-forge/noarch::importlib_metadata-1.7.0-0
  jinja2             conda-forge/noarch::jinja2-2.11.2-pyh9f0ad1d_0
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  markupsafe         conda-forge/linux-64::markupsafe-1.1.1-py36h8c4c3a4_1
  pandas             conda-forge/linux-64::pandas-1.1.2-py36h831f99a_0
  pyopenssl          conda-forge/noarch::pyopenssl-19.1.0-py_1
  pyrsistent         conda-forge/linux-64::pyrsistent-0.17.3-py36h8c4c3a4_0
  pysocks            conda-forge/linux-64::pysocks-1.7.1-py36h9f0ad1d_1
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  requests           conda-forge/noarch::requests-2.24.0-pyh9f0ad1d_0
  toolz              conda-forge/noarch::toolz-0.10.0-py_0
  urllib3            conda-forge/noarch::urllib3-1.25.10-py_0
  vincent            conda-forge/noarch::vincent-0.4.4-py_1

The following packages will be UPDATED:

  openssl                                  1.1.1g-h516909a_0 --> 1.1.1g-h516909a_1



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Executing transaction: done
Folium installed and imported!
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Generating the world map is straigtforward in **Folium**. You simply create a **Folium** *Map* object and then you display it. What is attactive about **Folium** maps is that they are interactive, so you can zoom into any region of interest despite the initial zoom level.

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Out[3]:

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Go ahead. Try zooming in and out of the rendered map above.

You can customize this default definition of the world map by specifying the centre of your map and the intial zoom level.

All locations on a map are defined by their respective *Latitude* and *Longitude* values. So you can create a map and pass in a center of *Latitude* and *Longitude* values of **[0, 0]**.

For a defined center, you can also define the intial zoom level into that location when the map is rendered. **The higher the zoom level the more the map is zoomed into the center**.

Let's create a map centered around Canada and play with the zoom level to see how it affects the rendered map.

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Let's create the map again with a higher zoom level

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As you can see, the higher the zoom level the more the map is zoomed into the given center.

Question: Create a map of Mexico with a zoom level of 4.

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Out[8]:

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Double-click **here** for the solution.

Another cool feature of **Folium** is that you can generate different map styles.

A. Stamen Toner Maps

These are high-contrast B+W (black and white) maps. They are perfect for data mashups and exploring river meanders and coastal zones.

Let's create a Stamen Toner map of canada with a zoom level of 4.

In [9]:

Out[9]:

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Feel free to zoom in and out to see how this style compares to the default one.

B. Stamen Terrain Maps

These are maps that feature hill shading and natural vegetation colors. They showcase advanced labeling and linework generalization of dual-carriageway roads.

Let's create a Stamen Terrain map of Canada with zoom level 4.

In [10]:

Out[10]:

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Feel free to zoom in and out to see how this style compares to Stamen Toner and the default style.

C. Mapbox Bright Maps

These are maps that quite similar to the default style, except that the borders are not visible with a low zoom level. Furthermore, unlike the default style where country names are displayed in each country's native language, *Mapbox Bright* style displays all country names in English.

Let's create a world map with this style.

In [14]:

Out[14]:

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Zoom in and notice how the borders start showing as you zoom in, and the displayed country names are in English.

Question: Create a map of Mexico to visualize its hill shading and natural vegetation. Use a zoom level of 6.

In [15]:

Out[15]:

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Double-click **here** for the solution.

Maps with Markers

Let's download and import the data on police department incidents using *pandas* `read_csv()` method.

Download the dataset and read it into a *pandas* dataframe:

In [18]:

```
Dataset downloaded and read into a pandas dataframe!
```

So each row consists of 13 features:

> 1. **IncidntNum**: Incident Number
> 2. **Category**: Category of crime or incident
> 3. **Descript**: Description of the crime or incident
> 4. **DayOfWeek**: The day of week on which the incident occurred
> 5. **Date**: The Date on which the incident occurred
> 6. **Time**: The time of day on which the incident occurred
> 7. **PdDistrict**: The police department district
> 8. **Resolution**: The resolution of the crime in terms whether the perpetrator was arrested or not
> 9. **Address**: The closest address to where the incident took place
> 10. **X**: The longitude value of the crime location
> 11. **Y**: The latitude value of the crime location
> 12. **Location**: A tuple of the latitude and the longitude values
> 13. **PdId**: The police department ID

Let's find out how many entries there are in our dataset.

In [20]:

Out[20]:

```
(150500, 13)
```

So the dataframe consists of 150,500 crimes, which took place in the year 2016. In order to reduce computational cost, let's just work with the first 100 incidents in this dataset.

In [23]:

Let's confirm that our dataframe now consists only of 100 crimes.

In [24]:

Out[24]:

```
(100, 13)
```

Now that we reduced the data a little bit, let's visualize where these crimes took place in the city of San Francisco. We will use the default style and we will initialize the zoom level to 12.

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Now let's superimpose the locations of the crimes onto the map. The way to do that in **Folium** is to create a *feature group* with its own features and style and then add it to the sanfran_map.

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You can also add some pop-up text that would get displayed when you hover over a marker. Let's make each marker display the category of the crime when hovered over.

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Isn't this really cool? Now you are able to know what crime category occurred at each marker.

If you find the map to be so congested will all these markers, there are two remedies to this problem. The simpler solution is to remove these location markers and just add the text to the circle markers themselves as follows:

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Out[31]:

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The other proper remedy is to group the markers into different clusters. Each cluster is then represented by the number of crimes in each neighborhood. These clusters can be thought of as pockets of San Francisco which you can then analyze separately.

To implement this, we start off by instantiating a *MarkerCluster* object and adding all the data points in the dataframe to this object.

In [32]:

Out[32]:

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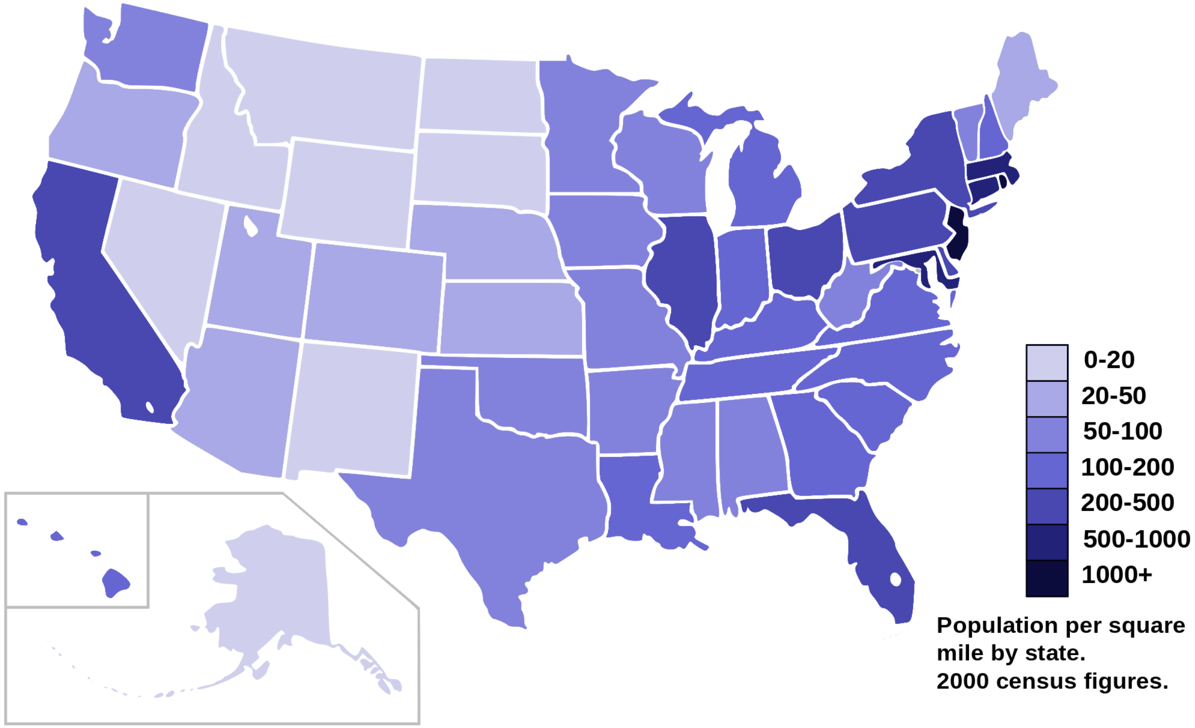
Notice how when you zoom out all the way, all markers are grouped into one cluster, *the global cluster*, of 100 markers or crimes, which is the total number of crimes in our dataframe. Once you start zooming in, the *global cluster* will start breaking up into smaller clusters. Zooming in all the way will result in individual markers.

Choropleth Maps

A `Choropleth` map is a thematic map in which areas are shaded or patterned in proportion to the measurement of the statistical variable being displayed on the map, such as population density or per-capita income. The choropleth map provides an easy way to visualize how a measurement varies across a geographic area or it shows the level of variability within a region. Below is a `Choropleth` map of the US depicting the population by square mile per state.



Now, let's create our own `Choropleth` map of the world depicting immigration from various countries to Canada.

Let's first download and import our primary Canadian immigration dataset using *pandas* `read_excel()` method. Normally, before we can do that, we would need to download a module which *pandas* requires to read in excel files. This module is **xlrd**. For your convenience, we have pre-installed this module, so you would not have to worry about that. Otherwise, you would need to run the following line of code to install the **xlrd** module:

```
!conda install -c anaconda xlrd --yes
```

Download the dataset and read it into a *pandas* dataframe:

In [33]:

```
Data downloaded and read into a dataframe!
```

Let's take a look at the first five items in our dataset.

Let's find out how many entries there are in our dataset.

In [35]:

```
(195, 43)
```

Clean up data. We will make some modifications to the original dataset to make it easier to create our visualizations. Refer to *Introduction to Matplotlib and Line Plots* and *Area Plots, Histograms, and Bar Plots* notebooks for a detailed description of this preprocessing.

In [36]:

```
data dimensions: (195, 39)
```

Let's take a look at the first five items of our cleaned dataframe.

In order to create a `Choropleth` map, we need a GeoJSON file that defines the areas/boundaries of the state, county, or country that we are interested in. In our case, since we are endeavoring to create a world map, we want a GeoJSON that defines the boundaries of all world countries. For your convenience, we will be providing you with this file, so let's go ahead and download it. Let's name it **world_countries.json**.

In [38]:

```
GeoJSON file downloaded!
```

Now that we have the GeoJSON file, let's create a world map, centered around **[0, 0]** *latitude* and *longitude* values, with an intial zoom level of 2, and using *Mapbox Bright* style.

In [39]:

And now to create a `Choropleth` map, we will use the *choropleth* method with the following main parameters:

1. geo_data, which is the GeoJSON file.
2. data, which is the dataframe containing the data.
3. columns, which represents the columns in the dataframe that will be used to create the `Choropleth` map.
4. key_on, which is the key or variable in the GeoJSON file that contains the name of the variable of interest. To determine that, you will need to open the GeoJSON file using any text editor and note the name of the key or variable that contains the name of the countries, since the countries are our variable of interest. In this case, **name** is the key in the GeoJSON file that contains the name of the countries. Note that this key is case_sensitive, so you need to pass exactly as it exists in the GeoJSON file.

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Out[40]:

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As per our `Choropleth` map legend, the darker the color of a country and the closer the color to red, the higher the number of immigrants from that country. Accordingly, the highest immigration over the course of 33 years (from 1980 to 2013) was from China, India, and the Philippines, followed by Poland, Pakistan, and interestingly, the US.

Notice how the legend is displaying a negative boundary or threshold. Let's fix that by defining our own thresholds and starting with 0 instead of -6,918!

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Out[41]:

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Much better now! Feel free to play around with the data and perhaps create `Choropleth` maps for individuals years, or perhaps decades, and see how they compare with the entire period from 1980 to 2013.

Thank you for completing this lab!

This notebook was created by [Alex Aklson (https://www.linkedin.com/in/aklson/)](https://www.linkedin.com/in/aklson/). I hope you found this lab interesting and educational. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions!

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