

SGD LAB EXP – 7

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Aim:

Spatial Relationship Functions.

Theory:

1. ST_Contains()

- Checks if one geometry fully contains another geometry.
- Example: Imagine a park represented as a polygon and a bench within the park represented as a point. If you check whether the park polygon `ST_Contains()` the bench point, it would return `TRUE` because the point is entirely inside the park boundary.

2. ST_Within()

- The converse of `ST_Contains()`. It tests whether a geometry is fully within another geometry.
- Example: Consider a house (point) inside a city boundary (polygon). If you query whether the house `ST_Within()` the city, it would return `TRUE` since the house is entirely within the city's boundaries.

3. ST_Covers() and ST_CoveredBy()

- `ST_Covers()` checks if one geometry contains all points of another, including if they touch boundaries. `ST_CoveredBy()` checks if a geometry is covered by another.
- Example: If a walking trail (line) exactly aligns with a park boundary (polygon), `ST_Contains()` may return `FALSE` (because it touches but doesn't lie strictly inside). However, `ST_Covers()` would return `TRUE` since the park covers all points of the trail.

4. ST_Intersects()

- Tests if two geometries share any space, whether by overlapping, touching, or containment.
- Example: Two roads crossing at an intersection would return `TRUE` if tested with `ST_Intersects()` since they share common space where they cross.

5. ST_Disjoint()

- Returns `TRUE` if two geometries share no space.

- Example: If a lake (polygon) and a mountain (polygon) do not touch or overlap, they are ``ST_Disjoint()``, meaning they share no space and are separate.

6. ST_Overlaps()

- Determines if two geometries share some but not all points. They must have the same dimension and not be contained entirely within one another.
- Example: Two adjacent city districts with a common border but that do not fully contain each other would return ``TRUE`` for ``ST_Overlaps()``.

7. ST_Touches()

- Returns ``TRUE`` if the geometries have at least one point in common but their interiors do not overlap.
- Example: Two countries sharing a border would return ``TRUE`` with ``ST_Touches()``, as they meet along their boundary without sharing interior space.

8. ST_DWithin()

- Tests if two geometries are within a specified distance of one another.
- Example: Checking if a school (point) is within 500 meters of a park (polygon) would return ``TRUE`` if the distance is less than or equal to 500 meters.

9. ST_DFullyWithin()

- Similar to ``ST_DWithin()``, but every point of the first geometry must be within the distance of the second.
- Example: A river (line) must be entirely within 1 kilometer of a national park boundary (polygon) for ``ST_DFullyWithin()`` to return ``TRUE``. If any part of the river extends beyond this distance, it returns ``FALSE``.

Implementation:

1. ST_Contains:

Query

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SELECT

p.name

AS

polygon_name,

l.name

AS

line_name

FROM

polys

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lines

l

WHERE

ST_Contains

(p.geom,

l.geom);

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	<div>polygon_name</div> <div>character varying</div>	<div>line_name</div> <div>character varying</div>
1	Tsych Town	Hanoi Road
2	Strokeline	Lake Tahoe Exit
3	Seattle Rehab Location	Canyon Sweep

2. ST_Within():

Query

Query History

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SELECT

l.name

AS

line_name,

p.name

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polygon_name

FROM

lines

l,

polys

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WHERE

ST_Within

(l.geom,

p.geom);

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	<div>line_name</div> <div>character varying</div>	<div>polygon_name</div> <div>character varying</div>
1	Hanoi Road	Tsych Town
2	Lake Tahoe Exit	Strokeline
3	Canyon Sweep	Seattle Rehab Location

3. ST_Covers():

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SELECT

m.name

AS

mixed_geom_name,

l.name

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line_name

FROM

mixed

m,

lines

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WHERE

ST_Covers(m.geom,

l.geom);

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	<div>mixed_geom_name</div> <div>character varying</div>	<div>line_name</div> <div>character varying</div>
1	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Los Angeles to San Francisco
2	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica
3	New York City to Boston	New York City to Boston
4	Miami to Orlando	Miami to Orlando
5	Seattle to Portland	Seattle to Portland

4. ST_CoveredBy():

Query

Query History

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SELECT

l.name

AS

line_name,

p.name

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polygon_name

FROM

lines

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polys

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WHERE

ST_CoveredBy(l.geom,

p.geom);

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	<div>line_name</div> <div>character varying</div>	<div>polygon_name</div> <div>character varying</div>
1	Hanoi Road	Tsych Town
2	Lake Tahoe Exit	Strokeline
3	Canyon Sweep	Seattle Rehab Location

5. ST_Intersects():

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Query History

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SELECT

l.name AS line_name, p.name AS polygon_name

FROM lines l, polys p

WHERE ST_Intersects(l.geom, p.geom);

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	line_name character varying	polygon_name character varying
1	New York City to Boston	New York Community Park
2	Miami to Orlando	Miami-Orlando Line
3	Hanoi Road	Central Park
4	Hanoi Road	Tsych Town
5	Lake Tahoe Exit	Lake Tahoe
6	Lake Tahoe Exit	Strokeline
7	Canyon Sweep	Seattle Rehab Location

6. ST_Disjoint():

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SELECT

pt.name AS point_name

FROM pts pt

WHERE NOT EXISTS (

SELECT 1

FROM lines l

WHERE ST_Disjoint(pt.geom, l.geom) = FALSE

);

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	point_name character varying
1	Central Perk
2	Grand Canyon Entry
3	Houston
4	Lake Canoe

7. ST_Overlaps():

QueryQuery History

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SELECT p.name AS polygon_name, m.name AS mixed_geom_name

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FROM polys p, mixed m

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WHERE ST_Overlaps(p.geom, m.geom);

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1	Lake Tahoe	Lake Tahoe
2	Tsych Town	Central Park

8. ST_Touches():

QueryQuery History

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SELECT l.name AS line_name, p.name AS polygon_name

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FROM lines l, polys p

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WHERE ST_Touches(l.geom, p.geom);

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9. ST_Dwithin():

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1 SELECT pt.name AS point_name, l.name AS line_name
2 FROM pts pt, lines l
3 WHERE ST_DWithin(pt.geom, l.geom, 100);
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	point_name character varying	line_name character varying
1	New York	Los Angeles to San Francisco
2	New York	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica
3	New York	New York City to Boston
4	New York	Miami to Orlando
5	New York	Seattle to Portland
6	New York	Hanoi Road
7	New York	Hardstone Highway
8	New York	Lake Tahoe Exit
9	New York	Macadamia
10	New York	Canyon Sweep
11	New York	Salem Park
12	Los Angeles	Los Angeles to San Francisco
13	Los Angeles	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica
14	Los Angeles	New York City to Boston
15	Los Angeles	Miami to Orlando
	point_name character varying	line_name character varying
16	Los Angeles	Seattle to Portland
17	Los Angeles	Hanoi Road
18	Los Angeles	Hardstone Highway
19	Los Angeles	Lake Tahoe Exit
20	Los Angeles	Macadamia
21	Los Angeles	Canyon Sweep
22	Los Angeles	Salem Park
23	Chicago	Los Angeles to San Francisco
24	Chicago	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica
25	Chicago	New York City to Boston
26	Chicago	Miami to Orlando
27	Chicago	Seattle to Portland
28	Chicago	Hanoi Road
29	Chicago	Hardstone Highway
30	Chicago	Lake Tahoe Exit
31	Chicago	Macadamia
32	Chicago	Canyon Sweep
33	Chicago	Salem Park
34	Central Perk	Los Angeles to San Francisco
35	Central Perk	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica
36	Central Perk	New York City to Boston

10. *ST_DFullyWithin()*:

Query

Query History

```

1 SELECT l.name AS line_name, p.name AS polygon_name
2 FROM lines l, polys p
3 WHERE ST_DFullyWithin(l.geom, p.geom, 200);
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SQL

	line_name character varying	polygon_name character varying
1	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Central Park
2	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Lake Tahoe
3	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Yellowstone National Park
4	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Grand Canyon National Park
5	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Acadia National Park
6	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Tsych Town
7	Los Angeles to San Francisco	New York Community Park
8	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Seattle-Portland Dockyard
9	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Strokeline
10	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Seattle Rehab Location
11	Los Angeles to San Francisco	Miami-Orlando Line
12	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica	Central Park
13	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica	Lake Tahoe
14	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica	Yellowstone National Park
15	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica	Grand Canyon National Park
16	Route 66 Chicago to Santa Monica	Acadia National Park

Total rows: 121 of 121

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Putting all 121 results is out of the scope of this pdf.

Conclusion:

In summary, using PostGIS spatial relationship functions allowed me to analyze and understand how different geographic features relate to one another.

By using functions like `ST_Contains()` and `ST_Within()`, I can determine whether a specific geometry lies entirely within another.

With functions like `ST_Intersects()` or `ST_Overlaps()`, I can identify shared spaces or overlapping areas.

These tools helped me explore boundaries, distances, adjacency, and coverage between geographic entities.

Whether I need to check if a point is inside a polygon, find features within a specific distance, or identify touching boundaries, these functions provide me with powerful ways to analyze and interact with spatial data for insightful results and meaningful spatial relationships.