
THIS SCRIPT TAKES IN A SHAPEFILE OF POLYGONS, COMPUTES A MEASURE OF ANNEXATION-PRIORITY FOR EACH NEIGHBOR PAIR OF POLYGONS, AND MERGES THE POLYGONS WITH THE LOWEST MEASURE VALUE. IT DOES THIS REPEATEDLY UNTIL A DESIRED NUMBER OF POLYGONS ARE PRESENT

To create an ArcToolbox tool with which to execute this script, do the following.

- 1 In ArcMap > Catalog > Toolboxes > My Toolboxes, either select an existing toolbox or right-click on My Toolboxes and use New > Toolbox to create (then rename) a new one.
- 2 Drag (or use ArcToolbox > Add Toolbox to add) this toolbox to ArcToolbox.
- 3 Right-click on the toolbox in ArcToolbox, and use Add > Script to open a dialog box.
- 4 In this Add Script dialog box, use Label to name the tool being created, and press Next.
- 5 In a new dialog box, browse to the .py file to be invoked by this tool, and press Next.
- 6 In the next dialog box, specify the following inputs (using dropdown menus wherever possible)

before pressing OK or Finish.

DISPLAY NAME	DATA TYPE	PROP	ERTY>DIRECTION>VALUE
Input Shapefile	Feature Layer	Input	
Desired Number of Features	Double)	Input
Input Area Field	Field	Input	("use 'area' as default)
Input Unique ID Field	Field	Input	("use 'ld' as default)
Input Value Field	Field	Input	("use 'gridcode' as default)
Output NNs dbf	Table	Output	

To later revise any of this, right-click to the tool's name and select Properties.

Import necessary modules

import sys, os, string, math, arcpy, traceback, numpy, random, cmath, decimal, operator

Check to see if Spatial Analyst license is available if arcpy.CheckExtension("spatial") == "Available":

Allow output file to overwrite any existing file of the same name arcpy.env.overwriteOutput = True

try:

nameOfInputFeatureLayer = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(0)
desiredNumberOfFeatures = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(1)

nameOfAreaField = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(2) #for now note that this field should be named area. note that this should not be the automatically generated "SHAPE_AREA" field -- add new field and calculate a duplicate so that ArcMap won't throw the obnoxious "can't change required field" error.

nameOfUniqueIDField = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(3)

nameOfValueField = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(4) #for now note that this

field should be named gridcode

nameOfOutputNNs = arcpy.GetParameterAsText(5)

Confirm import of raster file arcpy.AddMessage("Input shapefile is named " + (nameOfInputFeatureLayer)) arcpy.AddMessage("desired Number Of Features is " + (desiredNumberOfFeatures)) arcpy.AddMessage("Area field is named " + (nameOfAreaField)) arcpy.AddMessage("Field with Unique ID is " + str(nameOfUniqueIDField))

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- 1) for each polygon, compile list of polygon with which they are contiguous. Use the non-dissolved raster to polygon for this.
 - 2) for each pair of polygon and its contiguous neighbor: difference in value = absolute value of (subtract polygon's value from neighbor's value) difference in area = subtract neighbor's area (in cells) from polygon's area (in cells).

If neighbor's area in cells is greater than polygon's area,

- i.e. difference in area is negative, then assign value .000001 (or null) and skip measure = difference in value/difference in area
- 3) Pair with lowest measure should be combined, by assigning polygon's value to its neighbor.

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#create reference objects for the fields of the NNs table
newSourceIDField = str("src_" + nameOfUniqueIDField)
newSourceValueField = str("src_" + nameOfValueField)
newSourceAreaField = str("src_" + nameOfAreaField)
newNeighborIDField = str("nbr_" + nameOfUniqueIDField)
newNeighborValueField = str("nbr_" + nameOfValueField)
newNeighborAreaField = str("nbr_" + nameOfAreaField)
arcpy.AddMessage("new source ID field is " + str(newSourceIDField))
arcpy.AddMessage("new source Value field is " + str(newSourceValueField))
arcpy.AddMessage("new neighbor ID field is " + str(newNeighborIDField))
arcpy.AddMessage("new neighbor Value field is " + str(newNeighborValueField))
arcpy.AddMessage("new neighbor Value field is " + str(newNeighborValueField))
toJoinFieldList = [nameOfValueField,nameOfAreaField]
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#Define several feature layers to use
       intermediateFeatureLayer = nameOfInputFeatureLayer
       arcpy.AddMessage("intermediateFeatureLayer is " + str(intermediateFeatureLayer))
       count of features not a number =
arcpy.GetCount_management(nameOfInputFeatureLayer)
       count_of_features = int(count_of_features_not_a_number.getOutput(0))
       arcpy.AddMessage("initial count of features is " + str(count of features))
       arcpy.AddMessage("describe initial count of features " + str(type(count_of_features)))
       desired feature count = int(desiredNumberOfFeatures)
       arcpy.AddMessage("desired count of features is " + str(desired_feature_count))
       arcpy.AddMessage("describe desired count of features " +
str(type(desired_feature_count)))
       while count_of_features > desired_feature_count:
       arcpy.AddMessage("start count of features is " + str(count_of_features))
       #create list of nearest neighbors
       outputNNsTable = arcpy.PolygonNeighbors_analysis(intermediateFeatureLayer,
                     nameOfOutputNNs,nameOfUniqueIDField)
       #delete those pairs which are not gueen contiguous with each other
       where_condition_queen = """LENGTH" = 0""
       arcpy.AddMessage("where_condition_queen is " + str(where_condition_queen))
       queen_cursor = arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(outputNNsTable,"*",where_condition_queen)
       with gueen cursor as cursor:
             for row in cursor:
              cursor.deleteRow()
       #Join in source cells' and neighbor cells' value and area
       arcpy.JoinField management(outputNNsTable, newSourceIDField,
intermediateFeatureLayer, nameOfUniqueIDField, toJoinFieldList)
       arcpy.AlterField_management(outputNNsTable, nameOfValueField,
newSourceValueField)
       arcpy.AlterField_management(outputNNsTable, nameOfAreaField,
newSourceAreaField)
       arcpy.JoinField_management(outputNNsTable, newNeighborlDField,
intermediateFeatureLayer, nameOfUniqueIDField, toJoinFieldList)
       arcpy.AlterField_management(outputNNsTable, nameOfValueField,
newNeighborValueField)
       arcpy.AlterField management(outputNNsTable, nameOfAreaField,
newNeighborAreaField)
       #generate parameters to calculate the differences and measures
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arcpy.AddField_management(outputNNsTable, "VAL_DIF", "DOUBLE")
       arcpy.AddField_management(outputNNsTable, "AREA_DIF", "DOUBLE")
       arcpy.AddField_management(outputNNsTable, "MEASURE", "DOUBLE")
      valDifExpression = "abs(!src_gridcode! - !nbr_gridcode!) + 1"
      areaDifExpression = "areaDif(!src area!, !nbr area!)" #"areaDif(!src area!, !nbr area!)"
"!src_area! - !nbr_area!"
       areaDifCodeblock = """def areaDif(areaValSrc, areaValNbr):
             if (areaValSrc - areaValNbr) < 0:
             return .000001
             return (1 + areaValSrc - areaValNbr)"""
       measureExpression = "(!VAL_DIF!*!VAL_DIF!)/!AREA DIF!"
      #calculate the differences and measures
      #need to iron out this measure -- also need to revisit polygon neighbors and see if
there's a way to confine only queen contiguous pairs to the list.
       arcpy.CalculateField_management(outputNNsTable,
"VAL_DIF", valDifExpression, "PYTHON")
      arcpy.AddMessage("VAL_DIF calculated")
       arcpy.CalculateField management(outputNNsTable,
"AREA_DIF", areaDifExpression, "PYTHON", areaDifCodeblock) #, areaDifCodeblock
       arcpy.AddMessage("AREA_DIF calculated")
      #delete those where src's area is smaller than neighbor's area
      where_condition_area = """src_area" < "nbr_area"""
      arcpy.AddMessage("where_condition_area is " + str(where_condition_area))
       area_cursor = arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(outputNNsTable,"*",where_condition_area)
      with area cursor as cursor:
             for row in cursor:
             arcpy.AddMessage(u'{0}, {1}, {2}'.format(row[0], row[1], row[2]))
             cursor.deleteRow()
       arcpy.CalculateField_management(outputNNsTable,
"MEASURE",measureExpression,"PYTHON")
       arcpy.AddMessage("MEASURE calculated")
      #find lowest value
       min measure value = arcpy.da.SearchCursor(outputNNsTable,
["MEASURE", "src_Id", "nbr_Id"], "MEASURE IS NOT NULL", sql_clause = (None, "ORDER BY
MEASURE ASC")).next()[0]
       min_measure_src_id = arcpy.da.SearchCursor(outputNNsTable,
["MEASURE", "src_Id", "nbr_Id"], "MEASURE IS NOT NULL", sql_clause = (None, "ORDER BY
MEASURE ASC")).next()[1]
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min measure src area = arcpy.da.SearchCursor(outputNNsTable,
["MEASURE", "src_area", "nbr_area"], "MEASURE IS NOT NULL", sql_clause = (None, "ORDER
BY MEASURE ASC")).next()[1]
      min_measure_nbr_id = arcpy.da.SearchCursor(outputNNsTable,
["MEASURE", "src Id", "nbr Id"], "MEASURE IS NOT NULL", sql clause = (None, "ORDER BY
MEASURE ASC")).next()[2]
      min measure_nbr_area = arcpy.da.SearchCursor(outputNNsTable,
["MEASURE", "src_area", "nbr_area"], "MEASURE IS NOT NULL", sql_clause = (None, "ORDER
BY MEASURE ASC")).next()[2]
      max_measure_value = arcpy.da.SearchCursor(outputNNsTable, "MEASURE",
"MEASURE IS NOT NULL", sql_clause = (None, "ORDER BY MEASURE DESC")).next()[0]
      arcpy.AddMessage("min_measure_value is " + str(min_measure_value))
      arcpy.AddMessage("min_measure_src_id is " + str(min_measure_src_id))
      arcpy.AddMessage("min_measure_src_area is " + str(min_measure_src_area))
      arcpy.AddMessage("min_measure_nbr_id is " + str(min_measure_nbr_id))
      arcpy.AddMessage("min measure nbr area is " + str(min measure nbr area))
      arcpy.AddMessage("max_measure_value is " + str(max_measure_value))
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merge the source feature and neighbor feature with lowest measure score, giving them all attributes of source feature

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#create where conditions for cursor functions, field object for nonspatial variables of
interest, and cursors
       where_condition_src = str("" + str(nameOfUniqueIDField) + "" = ' +
str(min measure src id))
       where_condition_nbr = str("" + str(nameOfUniqueIDField) + "" = ' +
str(min measure nbr id))
       where_condition_both = str("" + str(nameOfUniqueIDField) + "" = ' +
str(min_measure_src_id) + " or " + "" + str(nameOfUniqueIDField) + "" = ' +
str(min measure nbr id))
       arcpy.AddMessage("where_condition_src is " + where_condition_src)
       arcpy.AddMessage("where_condition_both is " + where_condition_both)
       fields =
[str(nameOfUniqueIDField),str(nameOfValueField),str(nameOfAreaField),str('SHAPE@')]
       arcpy.AddMessage("fields is " + str(fields))
       src cursor =
arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(intermediateFeatureLayer,fields,where condition src)
       nbr cursor =
arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(intermediateFeatureLayer,fields,where_condition_nbr)
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both cursor =
arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(intermediateFeatureLayer,fields,where_condition_both)
       arcpy.AddMessage("src_cursor is " + str(src_cursor))
       #for each cursor, iterate over its rows to accumulate its spatial and nonspatial data to
two list objects
       src_nonspatial_fields = []
       src spatial fields = []
       nbr nonspatial fields = []
       nbr_spatial_fields = []
       with src_cursor as cursor:
              for row in cursor:
              arcpy.AddMessage(u'{0}, {1}, {2}, {3}'.format(row[0], row[1], row[2], row[3]))
              src_nonspatial_fields.append(row[0])
              src_nonspatial_fields.append(row[1])
              src_nonspatial_fields.append(row[2])
              src spatial fields.append(row[3])
              row[1] = row[1]
              #cursor.updateRow(row)
       with nbr cursor as cursor:
              for row in cursor:
              arcpy.AddMessage(u'{0}, {1}, {2}'.format(row[0], row[1], row[2]))
              nbr_nonspatial_fields.append(row[0])
              nbr nonspatial fields.append(row[1])
              nbr_nonspatial_fields.append(row[2])
              nbr_spatial_fields.append(row[3])
              row[1] = row[1]
              #cursor.updateRow(row)
       #get both features' spatial field value and combine them into one new geometry
       arcpy.AddMessage("count of features started with: " + str(arcpy.GetCount_management
(intermediateFeatureLayer)))
       poly geom = src_spatial_fields[0].union(nbr_spatial_fields[0])
       arcpy.AddMessage("poly_geom is " + str(poly_geom))
       src cursor =
arcpy.da.UpdateCursor(intermediateFeatureLayer,fields,where_condition_src)
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#update the geometry on the source row and delete the neighboring row
       src nonspatial fields = []
       nbr nonspatial fields = []
       arcpy.AddMessage("count of features started with: " +
str(arcpy.GetCount_management(intermediateFeatureLayer)))
       with src cursor as cursor:
              for row in cursor:
              arcpy.AddMessage(u'{0}, {1}, {2}, {3}'.format(row[0], row[1], row[2], row[3]))
              row[3] = poly_geom
              row[2] = min_measure_src_area + min_measure_nbr_area
              arcpy.AddMessage(u'{0}, {1}, {2}, {3}'.format(row[0], row[1], row[2], row[3]))
              cursor.updateRow(row)
       with nbr_cursor as cursor:
              for row in cursor:
              arcpy.AddMessage(u'{0}, {1}, {2}'.format(row[0], row[1], row[2]))
              cursor.deleteRow()
       count_of_features_not_a_number =
arcpy.GetCount management(intermediateFeatureLayer)
       count of features = int(count of features not a number.getOutput(0))
       arcpy.AddMessage("count of features returned: " + str(count_of_features))
       nameOfOutputShapefile = intermediateFeatureLayer
       arcpy.AddMessage("end count of features is " + str(count_of_features))
       if count of features <= desired feature count:
              arcpy.AddMessage("ending because count of features is " +
str(count of features) + "which is equal to desired feature count of " +
str(desired feature count))
              break
       else:
              arcpy.AddMessage("continuing because count of features is " +
str(count of features) + "which is greater than desired feature count of " +
str(desired_feature_count))
              continue
       except Exception as e:
       # If unsuccessful, end gracefully by indicating why
       arcpy.AddError('\n' + "Script failed because: \t\t" + e.message )
       # ... and where
       exceptionreport = sys.exc info()[2]
       fullermessage = traceback.format_tb(exceptionreport)[0]
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arcpy.AddError("at this location: \n\n" + fullermessage + "\n")

else:

Report error message if Spatial Analyst license is unavailable arcpy.AddMessage ("Spatial Analyst license is unavailable")