

2a. Initialize reference data

This notebook:

- Loads the polygon defining the study area and then creates a grid overlay for the study area.
- Loads the reference data.
- Processes the reference data to create the network structure and attributes needed in the analysis.

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Load data for study area and create analysis grid

This step:

- Loads settings for the analysis from the configuration file `config.yml`.
- Reads data for the study area.
- Creates a grid overlay of the study area, with grid cell size defined in `config.yml`.

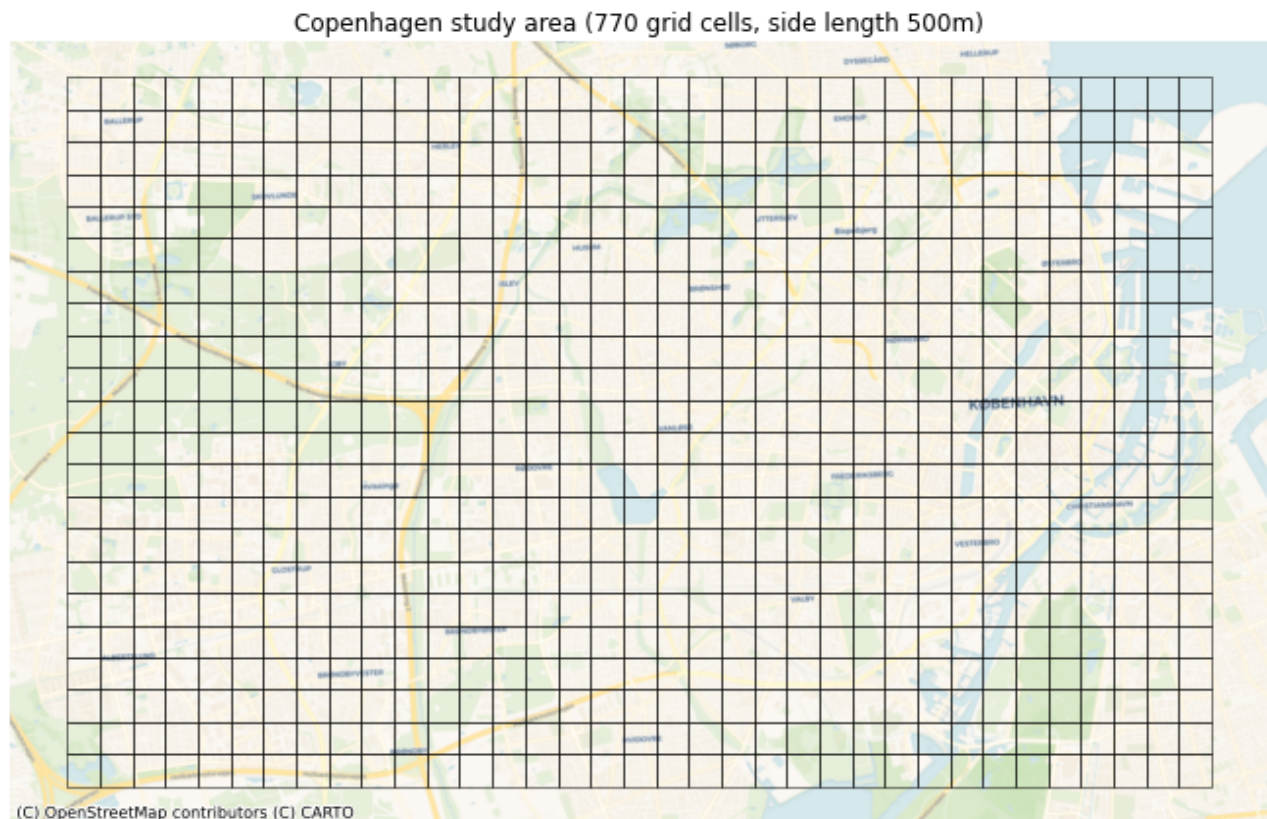
Load data for study area

The study area is defined by the user-provided polygon. It will be used for the computation of **global** results, i.e. for the entire study area.

The size of the study area is 181.38 km².

Create analysis grid

The grid contains 770 square cells with a side length of 500 m and an area of 0.25 km². This grid will be used for local (grid cell level) analysis:



Load and preprocess reference data

This step:

- Creates a network from the reference data.
- Projects it to the chosen CRS.
- Clips the data to the polygon defining the study area.
- Measures the infrastructure length of the edges based on the geometry type and whether they allow for bidirectional travel or not.
- Simplifies the network.
- Creates copies of all edge and node data sets indexed by their intersecting grid cell.

The GeoDanmark data covers an area of 169.76 km².

Edges where the protection level is 'protected': 46097 out of 53580 (86.03%)

Edges where the protection level is 'unprotected': 7483 out of 53580 (13.97%)

Using global settings for cycling direction.

Using global settings for geometry type.

The length of the GeoDanmark network is 626.48 km.

