

An intro to working with geospatial data in Python

Including `rasterio` and `geopandas`.

Based loosely on:

- [Capentries Incubator tutorial](#)
- [GeoPandas docs](#)
- [Rasterio docs](#)

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Overview

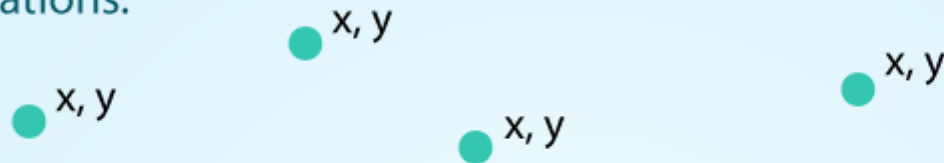
- What is a vector, raster and CRS?
- Using `geopandas` to work with vectors
- Using `rasterio` to work with rasters
- Linking `rasterio` to `xarray`
- Using `geopandas` and `rasterio` together

What are vectors?

Vectors are **discrete geometric locations (vertices)** that define the shape of a spatial **object** on the Earth's surface.

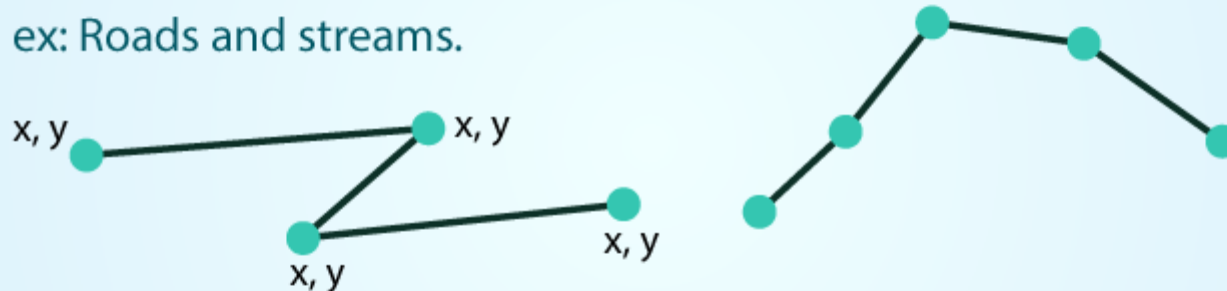
POINTS: Individual x, y locations.

ex: Center point of plot locations, tower locations, sampling locations.



LINES: Composed of many (at least 2) vertices, or points, that are connected.

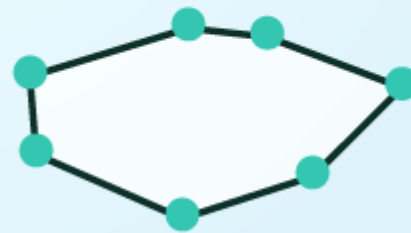
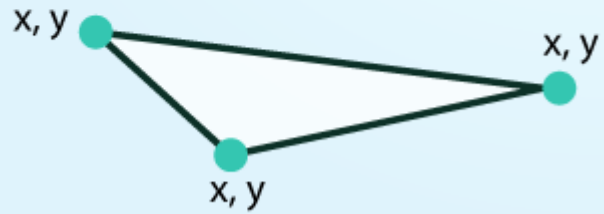
ex: Roads and streams.



POLYGONS: 3 or more vertices that are connected and closed

and closed.

ex: Building boundaries and lakes.



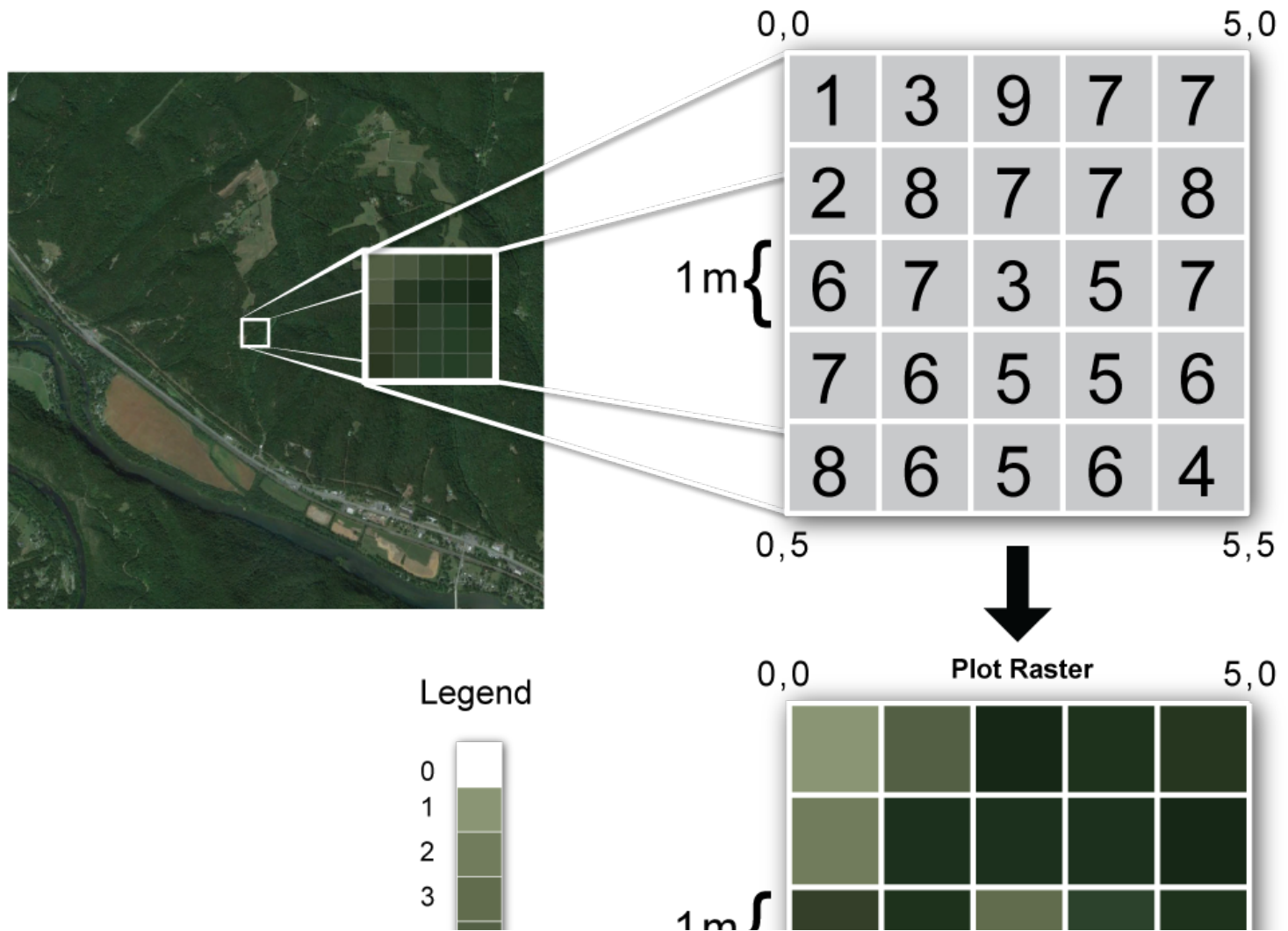
neon

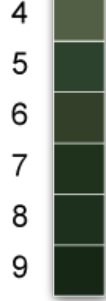
Vector data can be stored in lots of formats:

- Shapefiles: `.shp`
- GeoJSON: `.json`
- XYZ file: `.xyz`
- CSV file with lat/lon columns: `.csv`
- *etc...*

What a rasters?

Rasters are **pixelated/gridded** data where each pixel is associated with a specific geographic location.





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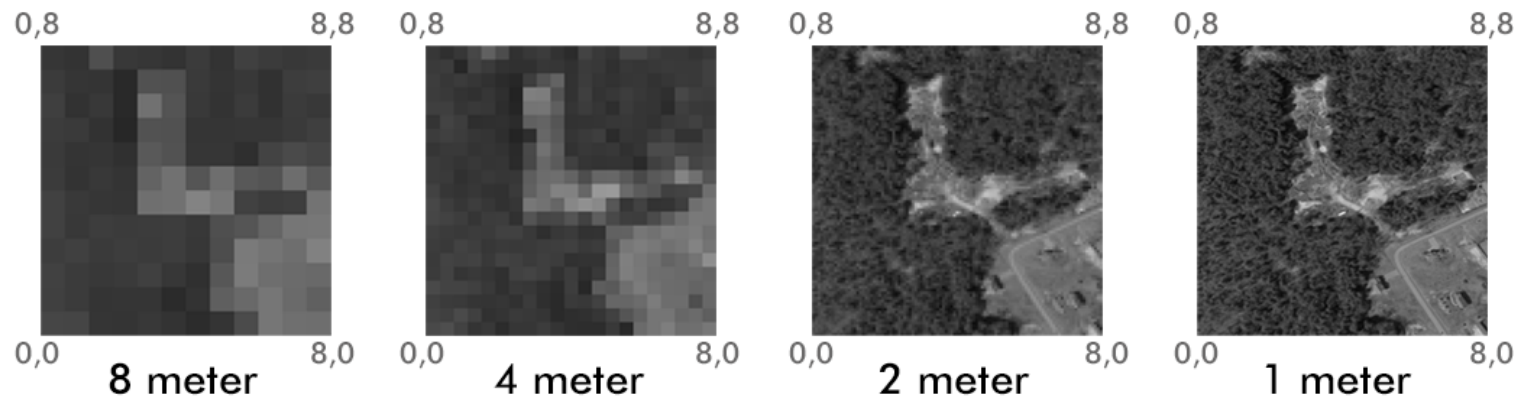
0,5

5,5

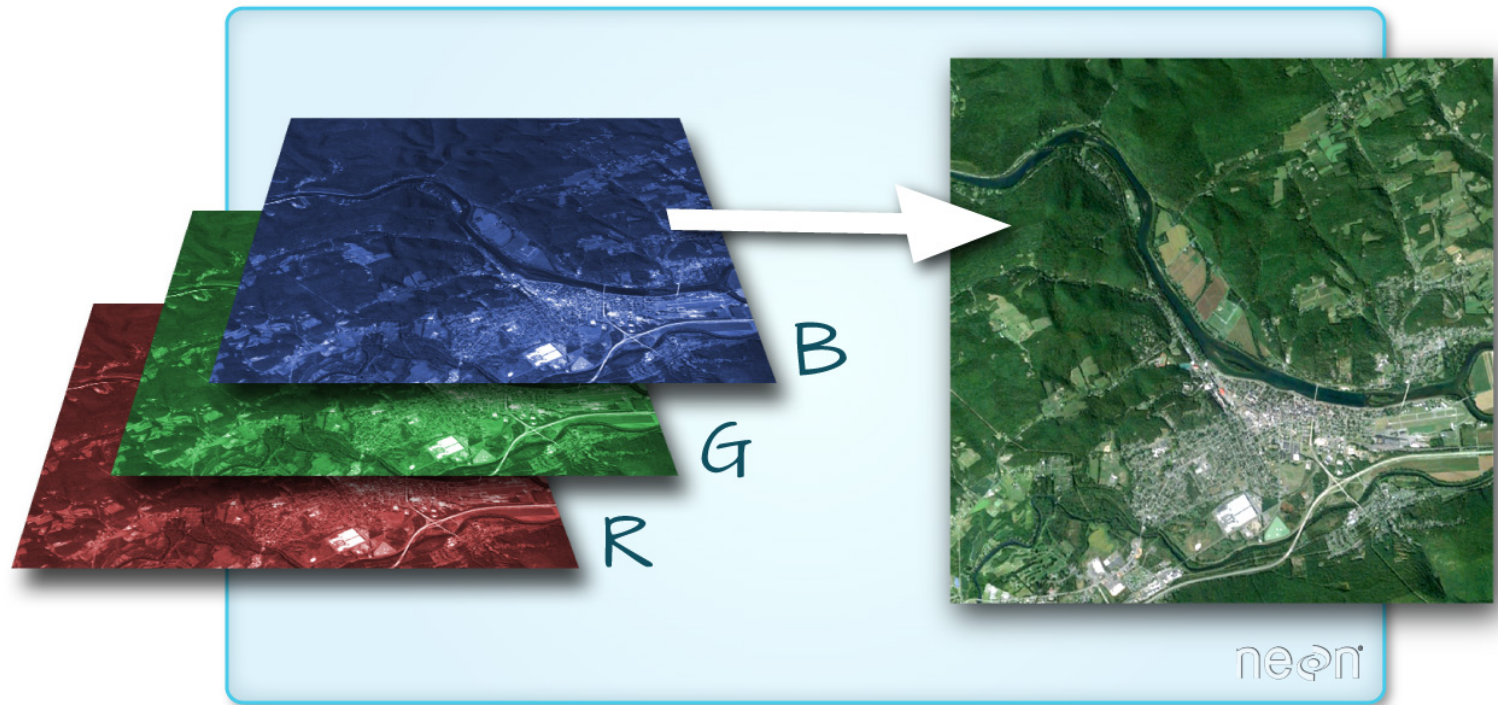
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Rasters can have different resolutions, from metres to >kilometres:

Raster over the same extent, at 4 different resolutions



Rasters can have one or more bands. Bands could represent colours in a colour image, or other dimensions of interest (e.g. time).



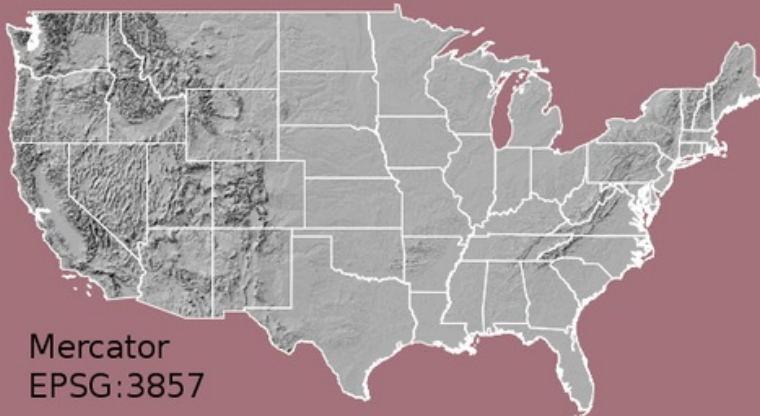
Rasters can be stored in lots of formats:

- GeoTIFF: `.tiff`
- ASCII/Esri grid: `.grd`
- NetCDF following CF Conventions: `.nc`
- JPEG2000: `.jpeg`

What is a CRS?

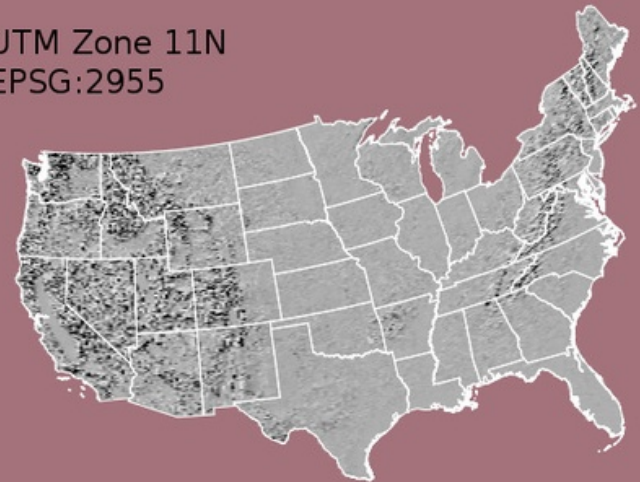
Coordinate Reference System

Data are only geospatial if they have a CRS. The CRS connects the data to the Earth's surface and detail how the 3D globe should be flatten onto a 2D image.



Mercator
EPSG:3857

UTM Zone 11N
EPSG:2955



U.S. National Atlas
Equal Area
EPSG:2163



WGS 84
EPSG:4326

CRSs can be *geopgrahic* or *projected*.

- *Geographic* CRSs use units of latitude and longitude (and sometimes height). Popular example: WGS 84. Geographic coordinate systems are generally best for working on large (global) scales.
- *Projected* CRSs project lat/lon values to a 2D plane (eastings and northings). Popular example: EPSG:3857, a spherical projection using by e.g. Google.

CRSs can be uniquely described by:

- EPSG codes: a database of CRS information maintained by the International Association of Oil and Gas Producers.
- Well-Known Text (WKT): Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) standard. Nested listed of parameters describing CRS. Difficult to read, but can represent more complex geographic information.
- PROJ string: Simpler than WKT, but now deprecated in favour of WKT.

British National Grid, EPSG:27700 : <https://epsg.io/27700>.

Using `geopandas` to work with vectors

GeoPandas combines Pandas and Shapely to be able to manage vector data in a Pandas DataFrame.

See <https://geopandas.org/>. Recommended installation is via Conda: `conda install -c conda-forge geopandas`.

In [35]:

```
import geopandas as gpd

# This could be a path to e.g. a Shapefile, GeoJSON file etc.
# Here we're using a dataset provided with GeoPandas
file_path = gpd.datasets.get_path("naturalearth_lowres")
gdf = gpd.read_file(file_path)
gdf
```

Out[35]:

| | pop_est | continent | name | iso_a3 | gdp_md_est | geometry |
|-----|-----------|---------------|--------------------------|--------|------------|---|
| 0 | 920938 | Oceania | Fiji | FJI | 8374.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((180.00000 -16.06713, 180.00000... |
| 1 | 53950935 | Africa | Tanzania | TZA | 150600.0 | POLYGON ((33.90371 -0.95000, 34.07262 -1.05982... |
| 2 | 603253 | Africa | W. Sahara | ESH | 906.5 | POLYGON ((-8.66559 27.65643, -8.66512 27.58948... |
| 3 | 35623680 | North America | Canada | CAN | 1674000.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((-122.84000 49.00000, -122.9742... |
| 4 | 326625791 | North America | United States of America | USA | 18560000.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((-122.84000 49.00000, -120.0000... |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 172 | 7111024 | Europe | Serbia | SRB | 101800.0 | POLYGON ((18.82982 45.90887, 18.82984 45.90888... |
| 173 | 642550 | Europe | Montenegro | MNE | 10610.0 | POLYGON ((20.07070 42.58863, 19.80161 42.50009... |
| 174 | 1895250 | Europe | Kosovo | -99 | 18490.0 | POLYGON ((20.59025 41.85541, 20.52295 42.21787... |
| 175 | 1218208 | North America | Trinidad and Tobago | TTO | 43570.0 | POLYGON ((-61.68000 10.76000, -61.10500 10.890... |
| 176 | 13026129 | Africa | S. Sudan | SSD | 20880.0 | POLYGON ((30.83385 3.50917, 29.95350 4.17370, ... |

177 rows × 6 columns

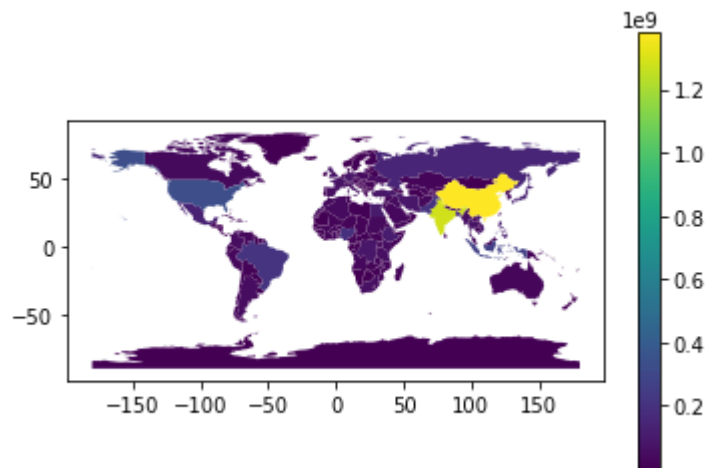
In [36]: `gdf.crs`

Out[36]: <Geographic 2D CRS: EPSG:4326>
Name: WGS 84
Axis Info [ellipsoidal]:
- Lat[north]: Geodetic latitude (degree)
- Lon[east]: Geodetic longitude (degree)
Area of Use:
- name: World.
- bounds: (-180.0, -90.0, 180.0, 90.0)
Datum: World Geodetic System 1984
- Ellipsoid: WGS 84
- Prime Meridian: Greenwich

Plotting

```
In [37]: gdf.plot("pop_est", legend=True)
```

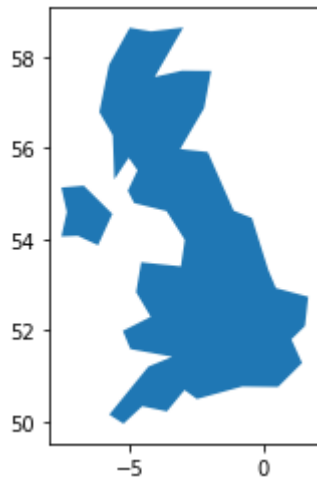
```
Out[37]: <AxesSubplot:>
```



Pandas filtering

```
In [38]: # Filter the dataset where column iso_a3 equals GBR and then plot  
gdf[gdf['iso_a3'] == 'GBR'].plot()
```

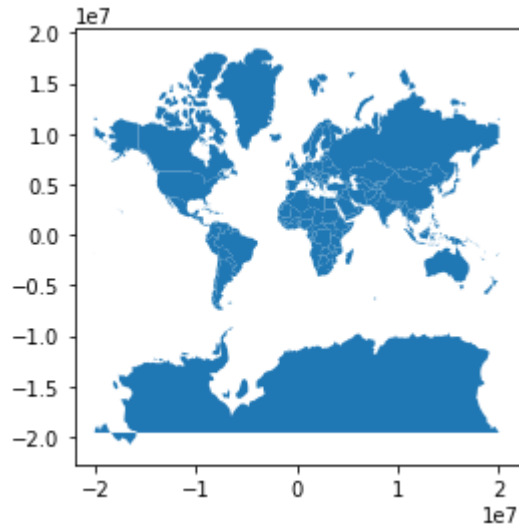
Out[38]: <AxesSubplot:>



Changing the projection

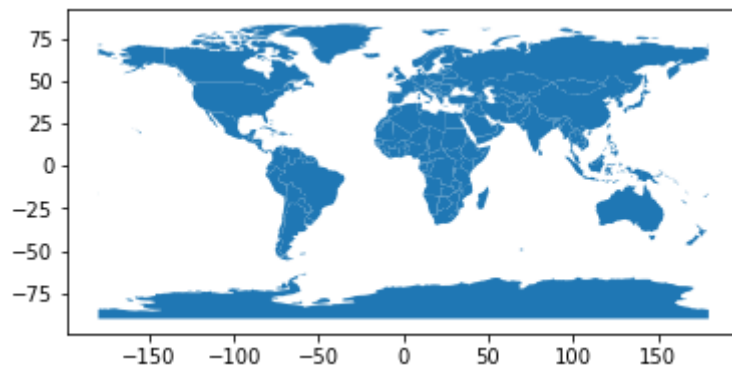
```
In [39]: gdf_wm = gdf.to_crs('EPSG:3857')  
gdf_wm.plot()
```

Out[39]: <AxesSubplot:>



In [40]: `gdf.plot()`

Out[40]: `<AxesSubplot:>`



Areas, centroids and distances

We can easily measure the area of polygons:

```
In [41]: # Create a new column 'area' that is the area of each geometry (country)
gdf_wm['area'] = gdf_wm.area
gdf_wm.sort_values('area', ascending=False)
```

Out[41]:

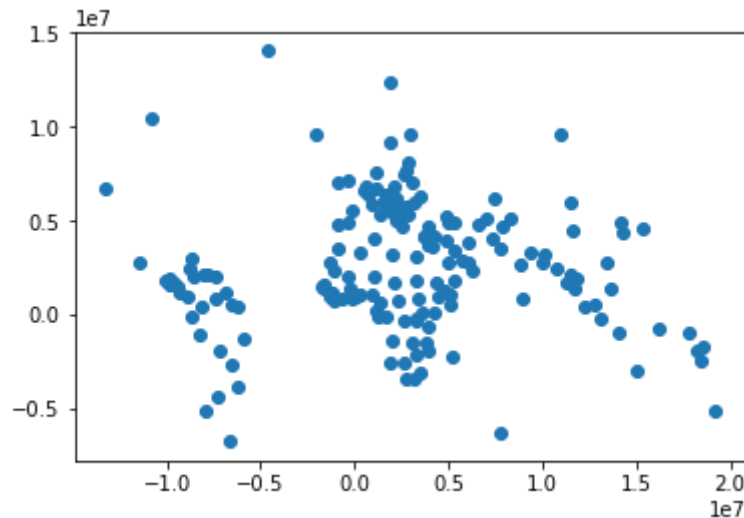
| | pop_est | continent | name | iso_a3 | gdp_md_est | geometry | area |
|-----|------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------|-------------|---|--------------|
| 18 | 142257519 | Europe | Russia | RUS | 3745000.00 | MULTIPOLYGON (((19895609.388 11436139.118, 200... | 8.304514e+13 |
| 3 | 35623680 | North America | Canada | CAN | 1674000.00 | MULTIPOLYGON (((-13674486.249 6274861.394, -13... | 5.216648e+13 |
| 22 | 57713 | North America | Greenland | GRL | 2173.00 | POLYGON ((-5205721.290 17490757.185, -4831982.... | 3.628550e+13 |
| 4 | 326625791 | North America | United States of America | USA | 18560000.00 | MULTIPOLYGON (((-13674486.249 6274861.394, -13... | 2.186228e+13 |
| 139 | 1379302771 | Asia | China | CHN | 21140000.00 | MULTIPOLYGON (((12186724.586 2060702.116, 1209... | 1.497731e+13 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 175 | 1218208 | North America | Trinidad and Tobago | TTO | 43570.00 | POLYGON ((-6866186.192 1204901.071, -6802177.4... | 8.051555e+09 |
| 79 | 4543126 | Asia | Palestine | PSE | 21220.77 | POLYGON ((3940438.428 3696430.498, 3888101.327... | 7.015327e+09 |
| 128 | 594130 | Europe | Luxembourg | LUX | 58740.00 | POLYGON ((672711.849 6468481.737, 694939.873 6... | 5.785823e+09 |
| 160 | 265100 | Asia | N. Cyprus | -99 | 3600.00 | POLYGON ((3643685.108 4182926.430, 3651554.656... | 5.686154e+09 |
| 159 | 4050 | Antarctica | Antarctica | ATA | 810.00 | MULTIPOLYGON (((-5416874.996 -14393907.644, -5... | NaN |

177 rows × 7 columns

We can get the centre of the polygons:

```
In [42]: # Create a new column that is the centroid of each geometry (country)  
gdf_wm['centroid'] = gdf_wm.centroid  
gdf_wm['centroid'].plot()
```

Out[42]: <AxesSubplot:>



We can calculate distances between these centroids. E.g. say we want to calculate the distance from the UK:

In [43]:

```
# Get the row that is for the UK
uk_centroid = gdf_wm[gdf_wm['name'] == 'United Kingdom']['centroid'].iloc[0]
# Create a new column and use the distance() method to calculate the distance to the UK centroid
gdf_wm['distance_to_uk'] = gdf_wm['centroid'].distance(uk_centroid)
gdf_wm.sort_values('distance_to_uk', ascending=False)
```

Out[43]:

| | pop_est | continent | name | iso_a3 | gdp_md_est | geometry | area | centroid | distance_to_uk |
|------------|----------|-----------|----------------|--------|------------|--|--------------|---|----------------|
| 136 | 4510327 | Oceania | New Zealand | NZL | 174800.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((19690839.812 -4875534.642, 196... | 5.005072e+11 | POINT (19211133.527 -5143927.928) | 2.310196e+07 |
| 134 | 279070 | Oceania | New Caledonia | NCL | 10770.0 | POLYGON ((18454544.055 -2401420.887, 18545826.... | 2.686859e+10 | POINT (18427504.310 -2423487.891) | 2.107120e+07 |
| 89 | 282814 | Oceania | Vanuatu | VUT | 723.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((18614489.182 -1792201.332, 186... | 8.119409e+09 | POINT (18598636.273 -1752068.573) | 2.092808e+07 |
| 0 | 920938 | Oceania | Fiji | FJI | 8374.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((20037508.343 -1812498.413, 200... | 2.128334e+10 | POINT (18248781.791 -1958098.338) | 2.070252e+07 |
| 135 | 647581 | Oceania | Solomon Is. | SLB | 1198.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((18047007.277 -1173496.191, 180... | 2.549835e+10 | POINT (17807849.653 -989994.877) | 1.989061e+07 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 129 | 11491346 | Europe | Belgium | BEL | 508600.0 | POLYGON ((685356.051 6586647.408, 672711.849 6... | 7.485603e+10 | POINT (509597.156 6561035.236) | 1.043256e+06 |
| 130 | 17084719 | Europe | Netherlands | NLD | 870800.0 | POLYGON ((768676.624 7072687.677, 789483.757 7... | 1.067734e+11 | POINT (614065.187 6856791.175) | 9.944941e+05 |
| 133 | 5011102 | Europe | Ireland | IRL | 322000.0 | POLYGON ((-689945.390 7145114.483, -671588.863... | 1.626143e+11 | POINT (-891472.831 7020537.812) | 5.929234e+05 |
| 143 | 64769452 | Europe | United Kingdom | GBR | 2788000.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((-689945.390 7145114.483, -7740... | 7.223808e+11 | POINT (-323128.917 7189485.698) | 0.000000e+00 |

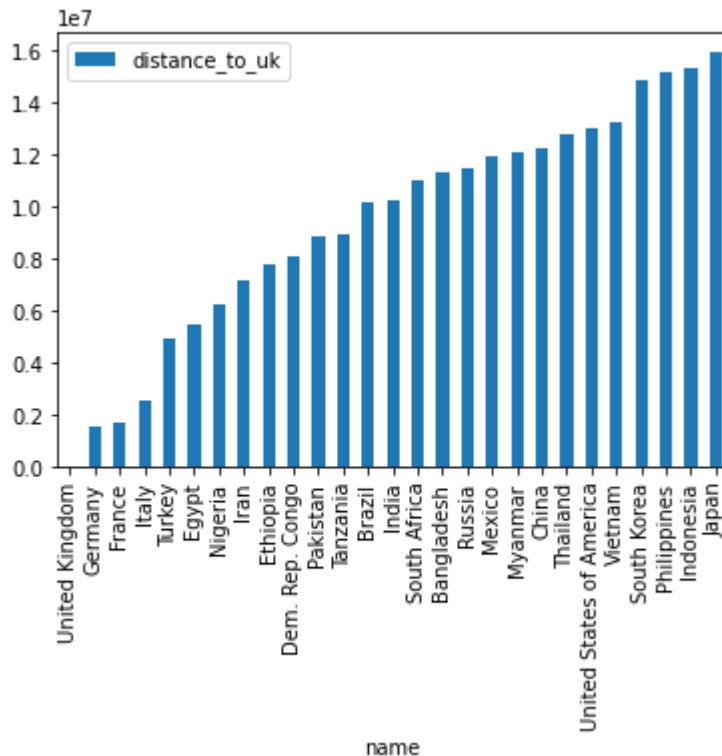
| | pop_est | continent | name | iso_a3 | gdp_md_est | geometry | area | centroid | distance_to_uk |
|-----|---------|------------|------------|--------|------------|---|------|-------------|----------------|
| 159 | 4050 | Antarctica | Antarctica | ATA | 810.0 | MULTIPOLYGON (((−5416874.996 −14393907.644, −5... | NaN | POINT EMPTY | NaN |

177 rows × 9 columns

Remember this is just a Pandas DataFrame, so we can do all the usual Pandas stuff with the data.

```
In [44]: # Get only countries with populations of >50 million and plot on a bar chart  
gdf_big = gdf_wm[gdf_wm['pop_est'] > 50000000]  
gdf_big = gdf_big.sort_values('distance_to_uk')  
gdf_big.plot.bar(x='name', y='distance_to_uk')
```

Out[44]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='name'>



Writing to file

In [45]:

[illegible]

```
{
  "type": "FeatureCollection",
  "crs": {
    "type": "name",
    "properties": {
      "name": "urn:ogc:def:crs:EPSG::3857"
    }
  },
  "features": [
    {
      "type": "Feature",
      "properties": {
        "name": "United Kingdom",
        "distance_to_uk": 0.0
      },
      "geometry": {
        "type": "MultiPolygon",
        "coordinates": [ ]
      }
    },
    {
      "type": "Feature",
      "properties": {
        "name": "Germany",
        "distance_to_uk": 1560271.9499936707
      },
      "geometry": {
        "type": "MultiPolygon",
        "coordinates": [ ]
      }
    }
  ]
}
```

Using rasterio to work with rasters

Rasterio is library that wraps around the ubiquitous GDAL library to give a user-friendly interface for dealing with raster data.

See <https://rasterio.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>. Recommended installation is via Conda:
`conda install -c conda-forge rasterio.`

```
In [46]: import rasterio as rio

rs = rio.open('./data/rainfall_5km_2017.tif')
rs.crs
```

```
Out[46]: CRS.from_wkt('PROJCS["unnamed",GEOGCS["OSGB 1936",DATUM["OSGB_1936",SPHEROID["Airy 1830",6377563.396,299.324964600004,AUTHORITY["EPSG","7001"]],AUTHORITY["EPSG","6277"]],PRIMEM["Greenwich",0],UNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433,AUTHORITY["EPSG","9122"]],AUTHORITY["EPSG","4277"]],PROJECTION["Transverse_Mercator"],PARAMETER["latitude_of_origin",49],PARAMETER["central_meridian",-2],PARAMETER["scale_factor",0.9996012717],PARAMETER["false_easting",400000],PARAMETER["false_northing",-100000],UNIT["metre",1,AUTHORITY["EPSG","9001"]],AXIS["Easting",EAST],AXIS["Northing",NORTH]]')
```

```
In [47]: rs.res
```

```
Out[47]: (5000.0, 5000.0)
```

```
In [48]: rs.bounds
```

```
Out[48]: BoundingBox(left=0.0, bottom=0.0, right=700000.0, top=1250000.0)
```

```
In [49]: rs.shape
```

```
Out[49]: (250, 140)
```

```
In [50]: rs.count
```

```
Out[50]: 366
```

Rasterio is really just adding some metadata to NumPy arrays:

```
In [51]: arr = rs.read(300, masked=True)
arr
```

```
Out[51]: masked_array(
  data=[[--, --, --, ..., --, --, --],
        [--, --, --, ..., --, --, --],
        [--, --, --, ..., --, --, --],
        ...,
        [--, --, --, ..., --, --, --],
        [--, --, --, ..., --, --, --],
        [--, --, --, ..., --, --, --]],
  mask=[[ True,  True,  True, ...,  True,  True,  True],
        [ True,  True,  True, ...,  True,  True,  True],
        [ True,  True,  True, ...,  True,  True,  True],
        ...,
        [ True,  True,  True, ...,  True,  True,  True],
        [ True,  True,  True, ...,  True,  True,  True],
        [ True,  True,  True, ...,  True,  True,  True]],
  fill_value=-3.4e+38,
  dtype=float32)
```

In [52]:

```
print(rs.nodata)
arr = rs.read(300)
arr
```

-3.4e+38

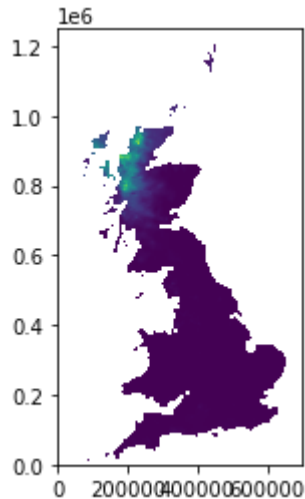
Out[52]:

```
array([[ -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38, ...,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38],
       [ -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38, ...,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38],
       [ -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38, ...,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38],
       ...,
       [ -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38, ...,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38],
       [ -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38, ...,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38],
       [ -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38, ...,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38,  -3.4e+38]],
      dtype=float32)
```

Plotting

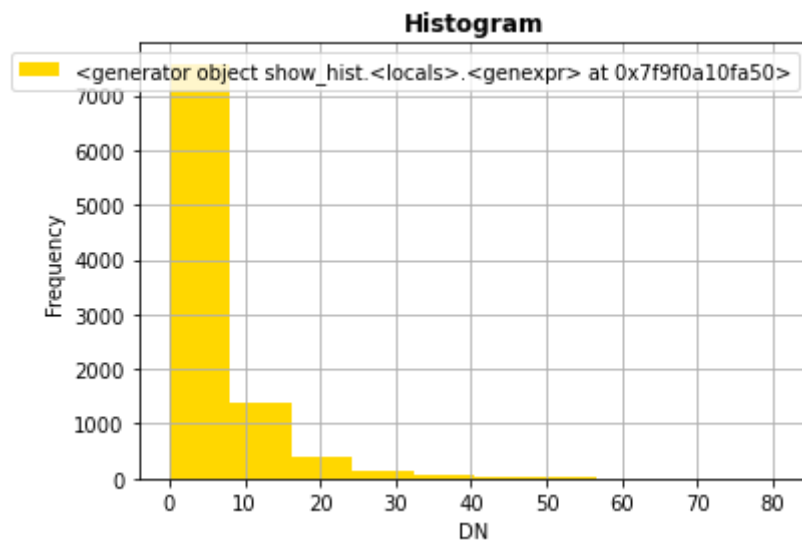
Rasterio has a convert `rasterio.plot.show()` function, which wraps around Matplotlib:

```
In [53]: from rasterio.plot import show, show_hist  
  
show(rs)
```



```
Out[53]: <AxesSubplot:>
```

```
In [54]: show_hist(rs.read(300, masked=True))
```



Commond line interface

Rasterio has a fairly extensive CLI capable of performing common useful tasks:

```
$ rio --help
```

```
Usage: rio [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

Rasterio command line interface.

Options:

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| -v, --verbose | Increase verbosity. |
| -q, --quiet | Decrease verbosity. |
| --aws-profile TEXT | Select a profile from the AWS credentials file |
| --aws-no-sign-requests | Make requests anonymously |
| --aws-requester-pays | Requester pays data transfer costs |
| --version | Show the version and exit. |
| --gdal-version | |
| --help | Show this message and exit. |

Commands:

| | |
|-----------|---|
| blocks | Write dataset blocks as GeoJSON features. |
| bounds | Write bounding boxes to stdout as GeoJSON. |
| calc | Raster data calculator. |
| clip | Clip a raster to given bounds. |
| convert | Copy and convert raster dataset. |
| edit-info | Edit dataset metadata. |
| env | Print information about the Rasterio environment. |
| gcps | Print ground control points as GeoJSON. |
| info | Print information about a data file. |
| insp | Open a data file and start an interpreter. |
| mask | Mask in raster using features. |
| merge | Merge a stack of raster datasets. |
| overview | Construct overviews in an existing dataset. |
| rasterize | Rasterize features. |
| rm | Delete a dataset. |
| sample | Sample a dataset. |
| shapes | Write shapes extracted from bands or masks. |
| stack | Stack a number of bands into a multiband dataset. |
| transform | Transform coordinates. |
| warp | Warp a raster dataset. |

`rio insp` and `rio info` are particularly useful for having a quick look at files. For example, to quickly get metadata about a file:

```
$ rio info rainfall_5km_2015-300.tif --verbose

{"bounds": [0.0, 0.0, 700000.0, 1250000.0], "checksum": [8245], "colorinterp":
["gray"], "compress": "lzw", "count": 1, "crs": "PROJCS[\"unnamed\",GEOGCS[\"Airy
1830\",DATUM[\"unknown\",SPHEROID[\"airy\",6377563.396,299.3249753150345],TOWGS84[4,
  \"descriptions\": [null], \"driver\": \"GTiff\", \"dtype\": \"float32\", \"height\": 250,
\"indexes\": [1], \"interleave\": \"band\", \"lnglat\": [-2.7933739244523172,
55.516181609501864], \"mask_flags\": [\"nodata\"], \"nodata\": -3.4e+38, \"res\":
[5000.0, 5000.0], \"shape\": [250, 140], \"stats\": [{\"max\": 20.69357681274414, \"mean\":
3.7167322386771935, \"min\": 0.0}], \"tiled\": false, \"transform\": [5000.0, 0.0, 0.0,
0.0, -5000.0, 1250000.0, 0.0, 0.0, 1.0], \"units\": [null], \"width\": 140}
```

Quickly plotting a file:

```
$ rio insp rainfall_5km_2015-300.tif
Rasterio 1.0.25 Interactive Inspector (Python 3.7.3)
Type "src.meta", "src.read(1)", or "help(src)" for more information.
>>> rasterio.plot.show(src)
```

Quickly reprojecting (changing coordinate system) and resampling (changing resolution) is very easy with `rio warp`:

Change CRS to British National Grid:

```
$ rio warp input.tif output.tif --dst-crs EPSG:27700
```

Resample to 1x1 km grid using cubic interpolation:

```
$ rio warp input.tif output.tif --res 1000 --resampling cubic
```

Based on another raster:

```
$ rio warp input.tif output.tif --like template.tif
```

Linking rasterio with xarray

A neat little package called `rioxarray` lets you combine `rasterio`'s functionality into `xarray`, as well as adding an easier-to-use interface to some function (e.g. reprojection, clipping).

`xarray`: Multidimensional labelled arrays. Introduces labels in the form of dimensions, coordinates and attributes on top of raw NumPy-like multidimensional arrays.



In [55]:

```
import xarray
import rioxarray
import pandas as pd

xds = rioxarray.open_rasterio('./data/rainfall_5km_2017.tif', masked=True)
xds
```


Out[55]:

```
<xarray.DataArray (band: 366, y: 250, x: 140)>
[12810000 values with dtype=float64]
Coordinates:
  * band      (band) int64 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 ... 360 361 362 363 364 365 366
  * y         (y) float64 1.248e+06 1.242e+06 1.238e+06 ... 7.5e+03 2.5e+03
  * x         (x) float64 2.5e+03 7.5e+03 1.25e+04 ... 6.925e+05 6.975e+05
    spatial_ref  int64 0
Attributes:
    scale_factor:    1.0
    add_offset:      0.0
    grid_mapping:    spatial_ref
```

xarray.DataArray (band: 366, y: 250, x: 140)

 [12810000 values with dtype=float64]

▼Coordinates:

band
(band)
int64
1 2 3 4 5 6 ... 362 363 364 365 366

y
(y)

(y)

float64

1.248e+06 1.242e+06 ... 2.5e+03



x

(x)

float64

2.5e+03 7.5e+03 ... 6.975e+05



spatial_ref

()

int64

0



▼ Attributes:

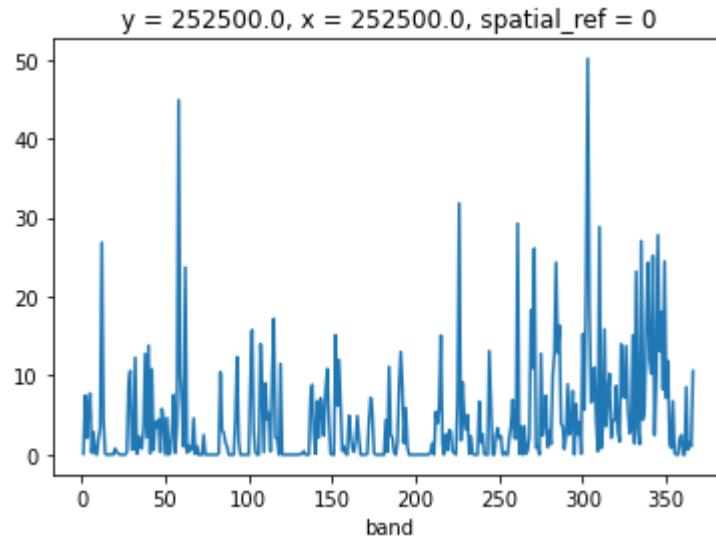
scale_factor : 1.0

add_offset : 0.0

grid_mappi... spatial_ref

In [56]: `xds.sel(x=250000, y=250000, method='nearest').plot()`

Out[56]: [`<matplotlib.lines.Line2D at 0x7f9f0a029490>`]

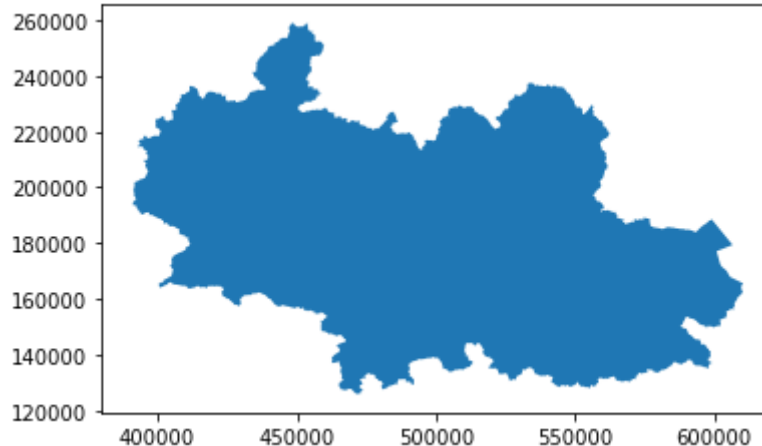


Clipping a raster with a vector

Say we want to clip data for the Thames catchment, for which we have a Shapefile (vector):

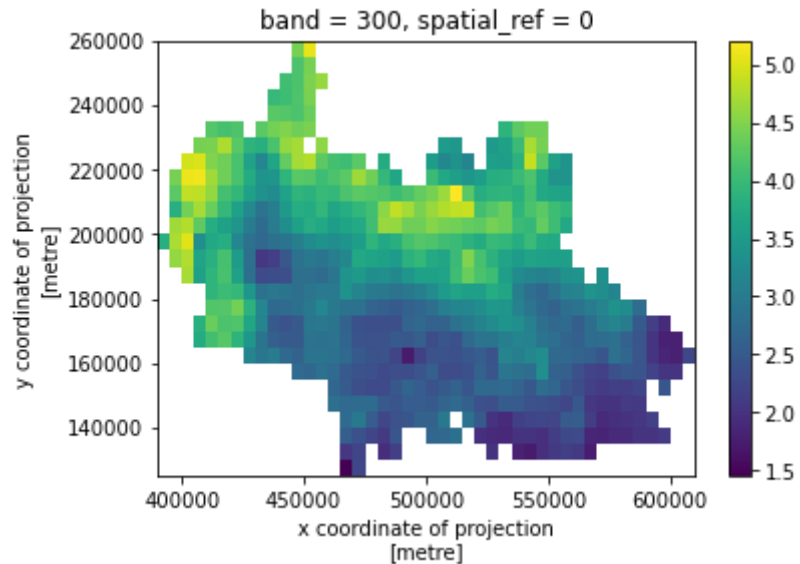
```
In [57]: gdf_thames = gpd.read_file('./data/thames_catchment_osgb/thames_catchment_osgb.shp')  
gdf_thames.plot()
```

Out[57]: <AxesSubplot:>



```
In [58]: clipped = xds.rio.clip(gdf_thames.geometry, gdf_thames.crs)
         clipped.sel(band=300).plot()
         # Could also do: clipped[299,:,:].plot()
```

```
Out[58]: <matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh at 0x7f9f09ff60d0>
```



```
In [59]: clipped.rio.to_raster('./data/thames.tif')
```

Reprojecting and resampling a raster

Reprojecting a raster to a different CRS is simple with rioxarray. Say we want to reproject the previous raster to EPSG:3857 (used by e.g. Google Maps), and at the same time resample it from 5x5 km to 1x1 km using bilinear interpolation.

```
In [60]: # Rasterio resampling methods available: nearest, bilinear, cubic,  
# cubic_spline, lanczos, average, mode, max, min, med, q1, q3  
from rasterio.warp import Resampling  
  
clipped_wm = clipped.rio.reproject('EPSG:3857',  
                                   resolution=(1000,1000),  
                                   resampling=Resampling.bilinear)  
  
clipped_wm.rio.crs
```

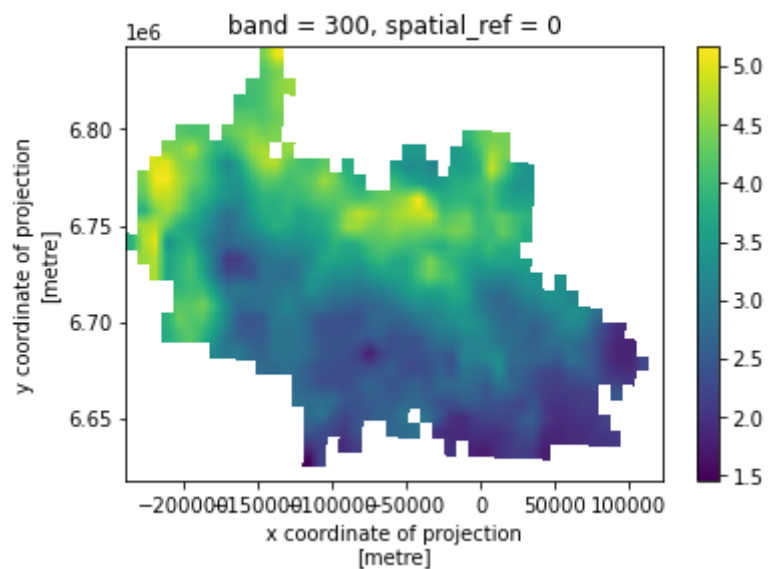
```
Out[60]: CRS.from_epsg(3857)
```

```
In [61]: clipped_wm.rio.resolution()
```

```
Out[61]: (1000.0, -1000.0)
```

```
In [62]: clipped_wm.sel(band=300).plot()
```

```
Out[62]: <matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh at 0x7f9efba5c2e0>
```



Note the x-coordinate origin is now at the Prime Meridian in Greenwich.

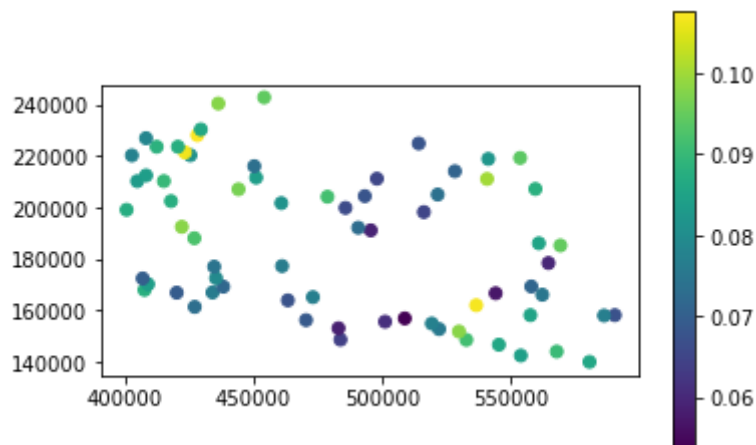
Bringing it all together: Interpolating point data

Say we have some sampling data at various points around the country, and we want turn this into a raster by interpolating between the points. We can use `geopandas`, `rasterio` and `rioxarray` to do this.

Here I'm using some soil chemistry data from the Thames catchment. Our data looks like this:

```
In [63]: gdf = gpd.read_file('./data/thames_k_att_shp/thames_k_att_osgb.shp')
gdf.plot('k_att', legend=True)
```

Out[63]: <AxesSubplot:>



Burn the shapefile into a raster

In [64]:

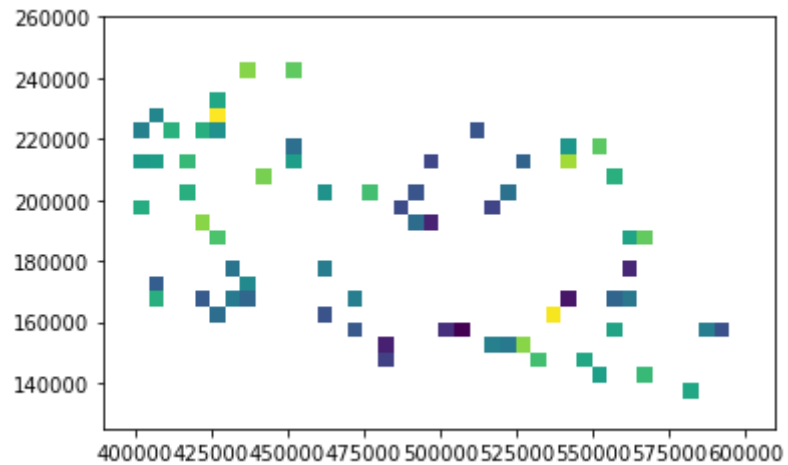
```
from rasterio import features

# Base our raster on a template raster (the Thames catchment in this case)
rs_thames = rio.open('./data/template.tif')
meta = rs_thames.meta.copy()

# Open a new file to write the burnt raster to
with rio.open('./data/rasterized.tif', 'w+', **meta) as out:
    out_arr = out.read(1)
    # Turn the Shapefile into geom, value tuples to pass to the rasterize function
    shapes = ((geom, value) for geom, value in zip(gdf.geometry, gdf.k_att))
    # Perform the burning using rasterio's rasterize
    rasterized = features.rasterize(shapes, out=out_arr, transform=out.transform)
    # Write the burnt raster to file
    out.write(rasterized, 1)
```

Having a look at our burnt raster:

```
In [65]: with rio.open('./data/rasterized.tif') as src:  
          show(src)
```



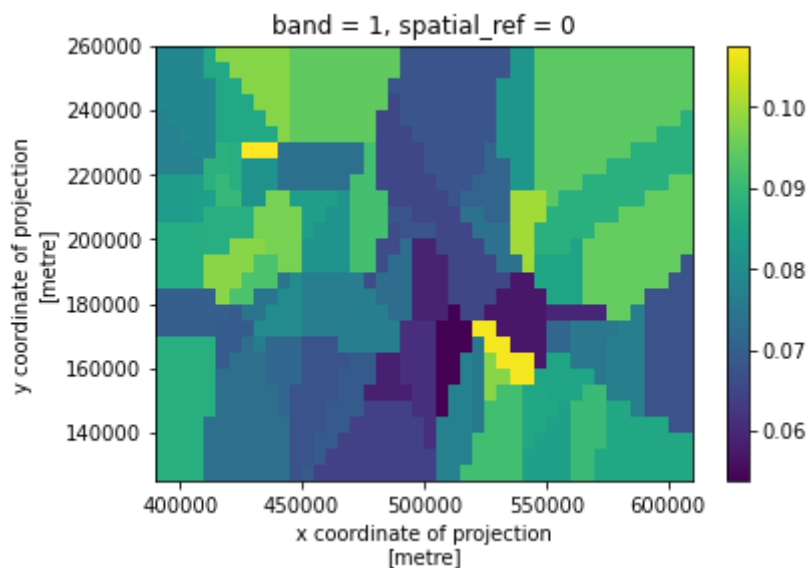
Using `interpolate_na` from `rioxarray`

This method uses `scipy.interpolate.griddata` to interpolate missing data by nearest neighbour, linearly or cubically. See

<https://docs.scipy.org/doc/scipy/reference/generated/scipy.interpolate.griddata.html>.

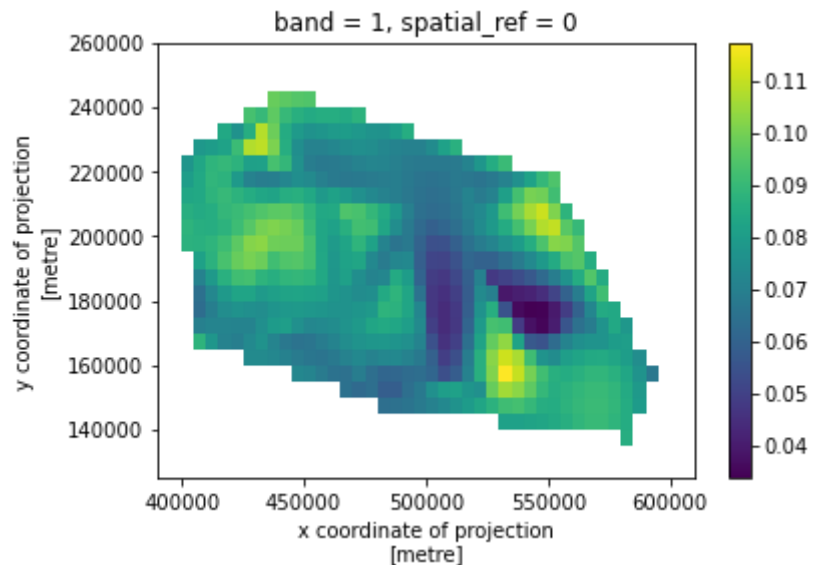

```
In [66]: xds_int = rioarray.open_rasterio('./data/rasterized.tif')
         filled = xds_int.sel(band=1).rio.interpolate_na('nearest')
         filled.plot()
```

Out[66]: <matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh at 0x7f9efb8a76a0>



```
In [67]: filled = xds_int.sel(band=1).rio.interpolate_na('cubic')
# Set nodata to NaN
filled = filled.where(filled != filled.rio.nodata)
filled.plot()
```

Out[67]: <matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh at 0x7f9efb7db130>



Further info:

- Very extensive course, mainly focussed on vector data (but with a bit of raster): <https://automating-gis-processes.github.io/site/index.html>
- Great intro to both raster and vector processing in Python: <https://carpentries-incubator.github.io/geospatial-python/aio/index.html>
- GeoPandas, Rasterio and rioxarray docs

Next talk: Any volunteers? Ideas for topics?

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