

Lab 7

Topology

Learning Objectives:

- ✓ The construction of topologies, and
- ✓ Understanding and construction of the resultant schemas, tables, and
- ✓ Apply respective constraints.

The PostGIS topology types and functions are used to manage topological objects. Examples of topological objects are: faces, edges and nodes.

Pre-Requisite:

- ✓ Check that your PostGIS installation contains the topology plugin. Topology is part of PostGIS since version PostGIS20

The construction of topologies and the resultant schemas, tables, and constraints.

For this section we will assume pgAdmin is used. Connect to the Postgis20 database and explicitly set the search path, so we do not have to explicitly include schema names.

```
SET search_path TO public,topology;
```

Without the above line you will have to explicitly put TOPOLOGY. In front of every function or table that you are using.

Execute the following SQL

-- If tables or topology exist they can be deleted as follows.

```
-- SELECT topology.DropTopology('toposchema1');  
-- DROP TABLE public.topo1;
```

```
SELECT CreateTopology('toposchema1', 0, 1.0);  
CREATE TABLE public.topo1 (id SERIAL PRIMARY KEY);  
SELECT AddTopoGeometryColumn('toposchema1', 'public', 'topo1', 'topogeom',  
'LINESTRING');
```

```
INSERT INTO topo1 (topogeom) VALUES (toTopoGeom('LINESTRING(0 0 , 100  
0)::geometry, 'toposchema1', 1, 1));
```

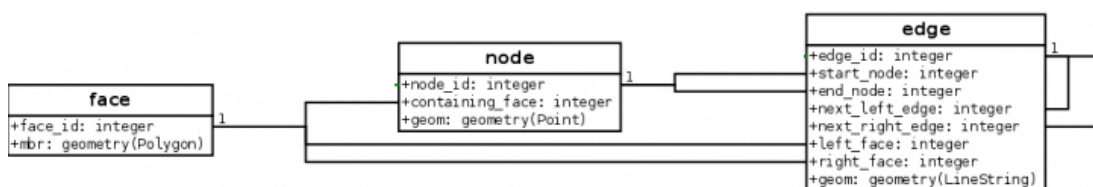
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INSERT INTO topo1 (topogeom) VALUES (toTopoGeom('LINESTRING(100 0 , 110  
50)::geometry, 'toposchema1', 1, 1));  
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100)::geometry, 'toposchema1', 1, 1));  
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```

The main table created by CreateTopology are:



Example one of the created tables called toposchema1.edge_data.

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```
SET search_path TO public,topology;
select * from toposchema1.edge_data
```

Output pane

Data Output Explain Messages History

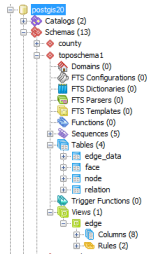
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2	6	6	7	7	7	-5	5	1	0	010200000002C
3	7	7	4	-3	3	-6	6	1	0	010200000002C
4	1	1	2	2	2	8	8	2	0	010200000002C
5	4	4	5	-8	8	-7	7	2	0	010200000002C
6	2	2	3	3	3	5	5	2	1	010200000002C
7	3	3	4	4	4	-2	2	2	1	010200000002C
8	8	1	5	-4	4	1	1	0	2	010200000002C

Note that 4 new tables and a view have been created in the toposchema1 Schema.

We will focus on edge_data table.

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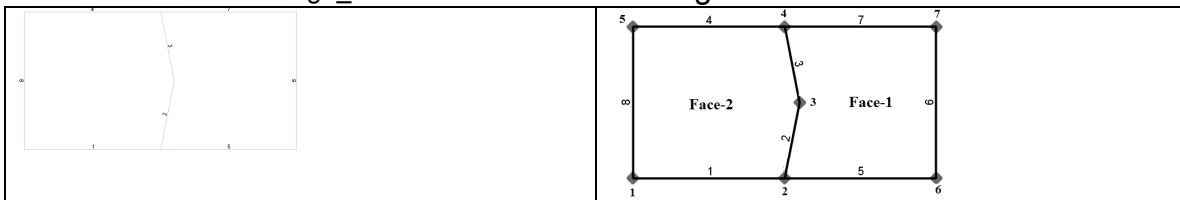


Look at all topology on the system

```
SELECT 1.layer_id, 1.schema_name, 1.table_name, 1.feature_column,
       1.feature_type, 1.level, 1.child_id
from topology.layer 1, topology.topology t where 1.topology_id = t.id
order by 1.layer_id;
```

View the newly created tables in QGIS, select the toposchema1.edge_data table for viewing.

Below left we use edge_id column to label the edges.



We will now run some queries on toposchema1.edge_data.

The topo1 table contains references to the topological geometry.

```
SELECT * FROM topo1;
```

We can access all the geometry of the topology from the table topo1 as follows:

```
SELECT st_asText(topology.Geometry(TopoGeom)) FROM topo1;
```

You can view this in QGIS too.

List all the topologies:

```
SELECT * FROM topology.topology;
```

Get the geometry for the start node of edge 6.

```
SELECT ST_astext(ST_StartPoint(e.geom)) FROM toposchema1.edge_data e WHERE
start_node=6;
```

What face contains the start node of edge 6.

```
SELECT topology.GetFaceByPoint('toposchema1', ST_StartPoint(e.geom), 1.0) FROM
topo1, toposchema1.edge_data e WHERE start_node=6;
```

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Note error if node is in more than one face.

```
SELECT * FROM topology.ValidateTopology('toposchema1');
SELECT * FROM toposchema1.relation;
SELECT ST_equals(f1.mbr,f2.mbr)FROM toposchema1.face f1, toposchema1.face f2;
SELECT ST_NumGeometries(f1.mbr), ST_NumGeometries(f2.mbr)FROM toposchema1.face
f1, toposchema1.face f2;
```

```
SELECT ST_NumGeometries(f1.geom), ST_NumGeometries(f2.geom)FROM
toposchema1.edge f1, toposchema1.edge f2;
```

```
SELECT ST_NumGeometries(f1.geom), ST_NumGeometries(f2.geom)FROM
toposchema1.node f1, toposchema1.node f2;
```

```
SELECT ST_GeometryType(geom)FROM toposchema1.edge_data;
SELECT ST_GeometryType(mbr)FROM toposchema1.face;
SELECT ST_GeometryType(geom)FROM toposchema1.node;
SELECT ST_GeometryType(geom)FROM toposchema1.edge_data;
SELECT ST_GeometryType(mbr)FROM toposchema1.face;
SELECT ST_GeometryType(geom)FROM toposchema1.node;
```

```
-- Accessing geometry is a little indirect.
SELECT topology.GetTopoGeomElements(topogeom) FROM topo1
```

```
SELECT COUNT(face_id) As num_faces,
max(ST_Area(ST_GetFaceGeometry('toposchema1',face_id))) As area
FROM (SELECT (GetTopoGeomElements(topogeom))[2] As face_id FROM topo1) AS x;
```

```
-- The topology can be exported as GML
SELECT topology.AsGML(topogeom)FROM topo1;
```