Shapely geometries and spatial relationships

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Scalar geometry values

```
cities = geopandas.read_file("ne_110m_populated_places.shp")
cities.head()
```

```
name geometry

0 Vatican City POINT (12.45338654497177 41.90328217996012)

1 San Marino POINT (12.44177015780014 43.936095834768)

2 Vaduz POINT (9.516669472907267 47.13372377429357)

3 Lobamba POINT (31.19999710971274 -26.46666746135247)

4 Luxembourg POINT (6.130002806227083 49.61166037912108)
```

```
brussels = cities.loc[170, 'geometry']
print(brussels)
```

```
POINT (4.33137074969045 50.83526293533032)
```



Scalar geometry values

```
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print(brussels)
```

POINT (4.33137074969045 50.83526293533032)

type(brussels)

shapely.geometry.point.Point



The Shapely python package

type(brussels)

shapely.geometry.point.Point

Shapely

- Python Package for the manipulation and analysis of geometric objects
- Provides the Point , LineString and Polygon objects
- GeoSeries (GeoDataFrame 'geometry' column) consists of shapely objects

Geometry objects

Accessing from a GeoDataFrame:

```
brussels = cities.loc[170, 'geometry']
paris = cities.loc[235, 'geometry']
belgium = countries.loc[countries['name'] == 'Belgium', 'geometry'].squeeze()
france = countries.loc[countries['name'] == 'France', 'geometry'].squeeze()
uk = countries.loc[countries['name'] == 'United Kingdom', 'geometry'].squeeze()
```

Creating manually:

```
from shapely.geometry import Point
p = Point(1, 2)
print(p)
```

```
POINT (1 2)
```



Spatial methods

The area of a geometry:

belgium.area

3.8299974609075753

The **distance** between 2 geometries:

brussels.distance(paris)

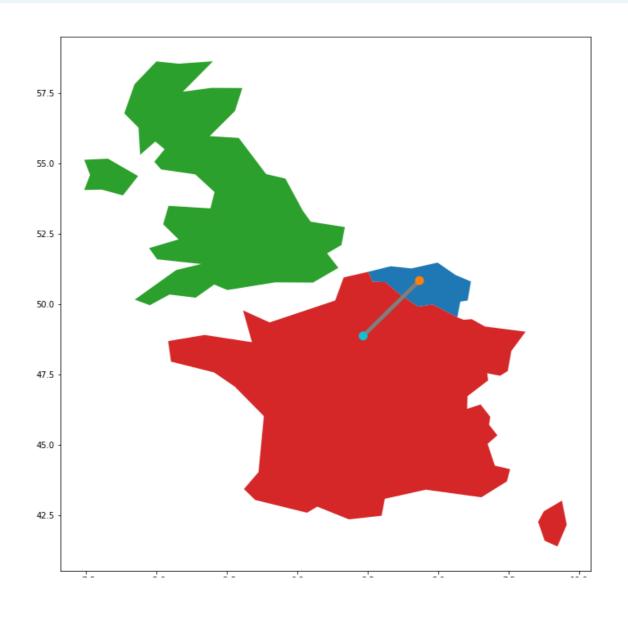
2.8049127723186214

And many more! (e.g. centroid, simplify,...)



Spatial relationships

geopandas.GeoSeries([belgium, france, uk, paris, brussels, line]).plot()



Spatial relationships

belgium.contains(brussels) belgium.touches(france) True True france.contains(brussels) line.intersects(france) False True brussels.within(belgium) line.intersects(uk) False True



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Spatial relationships with GeoPandas

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Element-wise spatial relationship methods

brussels.within(france)

False

paris.within(france)

True



Element-wise spatial relationship methods

```
brussels.within(france)
```

False

For full GeoDataFrame?

```
cities.head()
```

```
name geometry

0 Vatican City POINT (12.45338654497177 41.90328217996012)

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```



Element-wise spatial relationship methods

```
The within() operation for each geometry in
 cities:
                                                      False
 cities.within(france)
        False
        False
                                                      False
        False
 240
        False
        False
 241
        False
 242
                                                      False
 Length: 243, dtype: bool
```

```
cities['geometry'][0].within(france)
cities['geometry'][1].within(france)
cities['geometry'][2].within(france)
```

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Filtering by spatial relation

Filter cities depending on the within() operation:

cities[cities.within(france)]

```
name geometry

10 Monaco POINT (7.406913173465057 43.73964568785249)

13 Andorra POINT (1.51648596050552 42.5000014435459)

235 Paris POINT (2.33138946713035 48.86863878981461)
```



Filtering by spatial relation

Which countries does the Amazon flow through?

```
rivers = geopandas.read_file("ne_50m_rivers_lake_centerlines.shp")
rivers.head()
```

```
type name geometry

0 Lake Centerline Kama LINESTRING (51.94 55.70, 51.88 55.69...

1 River Kama LINESTRING (53.69 58.21, 53.68 58.27...

2 Lake Centerline Abay LINESTRING (37.11 11.85, 37.15 11.89...
```

```
amazon = rivers[rivers['name'] == 'Amazonas'].geometry.squeeze()
mask = countries.intersects(amazon)
```



Filtering by spatial relation

countries[mask]

```
name continent geometry

22 Brazil South America POLYGON ((-57.63 -30.22, -56.29 -28....

35 Colombia South America POLYGON ((-66.88 1.25, -67.07 1.13, ...

124 Peru South America POLYGON ((-69.53 -10.95, -68.67 -12....
```

- within
- contains
- intersects

More at https://shapely.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

Shapely objects

GeoPandas

paris.within(france)

cities.within(france)

True

9 False

False

2 False

. . .

france.intersects(amazon)

countries.intersects(amazon)

False

```
0 False
1 False
2 False
...
```

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The "spatial join" operation

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Spatial relationships I



Spatial relationships II

Which cities are located within Brazil?

```
brazil = countries.loc[22, 'geometry']
cities[cities.within(brazil)]
```

```
name geometry

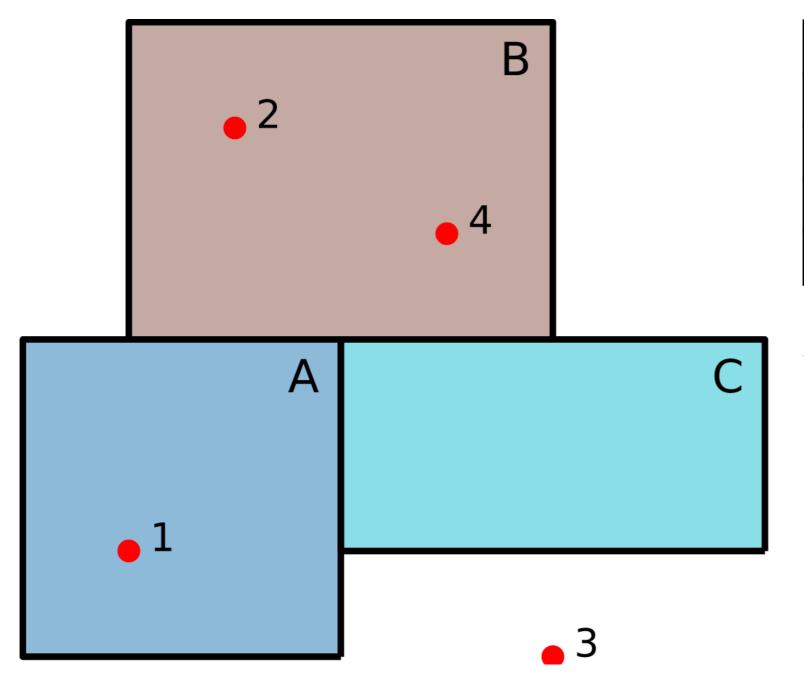
169 Brasília POINT (-47.91799814700306 -15.78139437287899)

238 Rio de Janeiro POINT (-43.22696665284366 -22.92307731561596)

239 São Paulo POINT (-46.62696583905523 -23.55673372837896)
```

But what if we want to know for each city in which country it is located?

The Spatial Join



| points | geometry | | polygon |
|--------|-------------|--|---------|
| 1 | POINT (2 2) | | А |
| 2 | POINT (3 6) | | В |
| 3 | POINT (6 1) | | nan |
| 4 | POINT (5 5) | | В |

SPATIAL JOIN = transferring attributes from one layer to another based on their spatial relationship

The spatial join with GeoPandas

```
joined.head()
```

```
name_left geometry name_right

0 Vatican City POINT (12.45338654497177 41.90328217996012) Italy

1 San Marino POINT (12.44177015780014 43.936095834768) Italy

226 Rome POINT (12.481312562874 41.89790148509894) Italy

2 Vaduz POINT (9.516669472907267 47.13372377429357) Austria
```



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Choropleths: Mapping data over space

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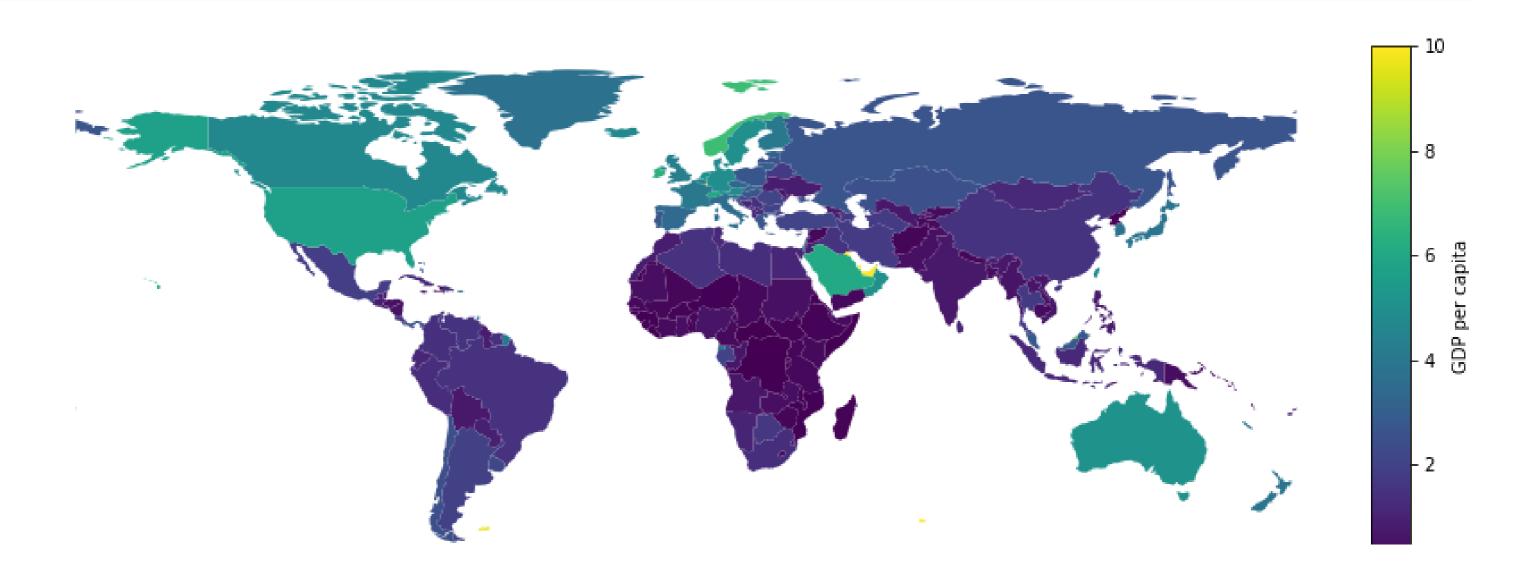
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Choropleths

countries.plot(column='gdp_per_cap', legend=True)



Choropleths

Specifying a column:

```
locations.plot(column='variable')
```

Choropleth with classification scheme:

```
locations.plot(column='variable', scheme='quantiles', k=7, cmap='viridis')
```

Key choices:

- Number of classes (k)
- Classification algorithm (scheme)
- Color palette (cmap)



Number of classes ("k")

```
locations.plot(column='variable', scheme='Quantiles', k=7, cmap='viridis')
```

Choropleths necessarily imply information loss (but that's OK)

Tension between:

- Maintaining detail and granularity from original values (higher k)
- Abstracting information so it is easier to process and interpret (lower k)

Rule of thumb: 3 to 12 classes or "bins"

Classiffication algorithms ("scheme")

```
locations.plot(column='variable', scheme='quantiles', k=7, cmap='viridis')
```

How do we allocate every value in our variable into one of the k groups?

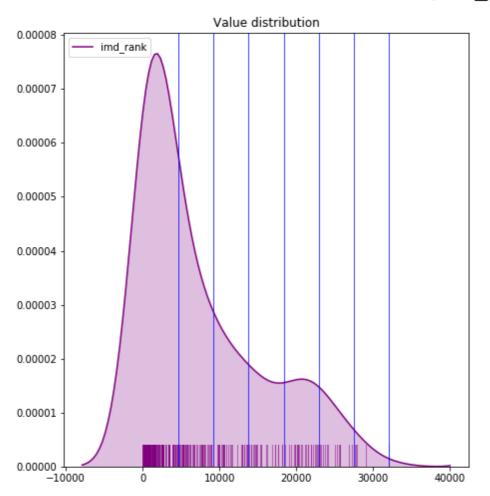
Two (common) approaches for continuous variables:

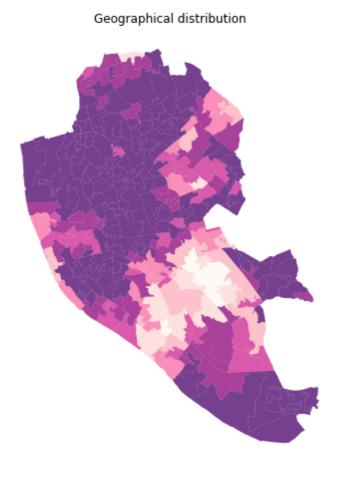
- Equal Intervals ('equal_interval')
- Quantiles ('quantiles')

Equal Intervals

locations.plot(column='variable', scheme='equal_interval', k=7, cmap='Purples')

equal_interval

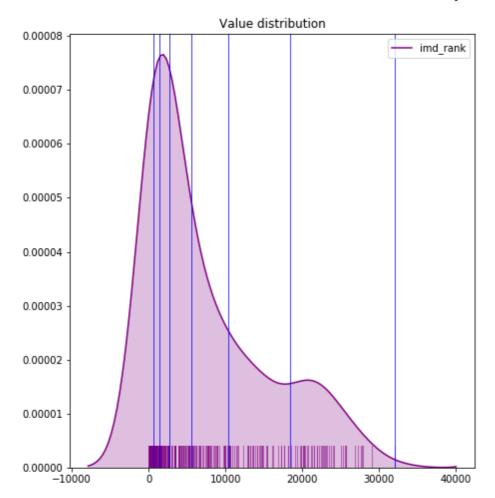


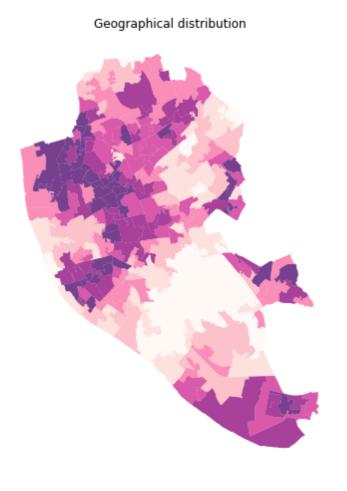


Quantiles

locations.plot(column='variable', scheme='quantiles', k=7, cmap='Purples')

quantiles



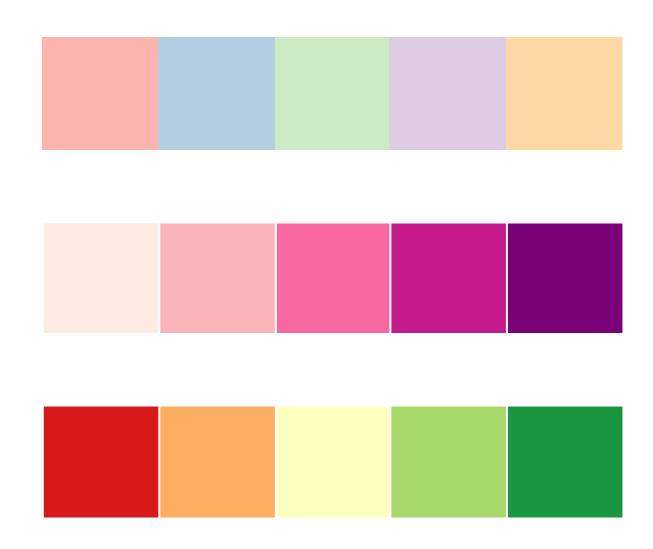


Color

Categories, non-ordered

Graduated, sequential

Graduated, divergent



IMPORTANT: Align with your purpose

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