

# Rasterio Tutorial

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## Introduction

This tutorial will showcase tools from the Rasterio library for Python. To showcase the basic use cases of Rasterio we are doing a mock analysis for the City of Philadelphia Planning Department and Sustainability Office on heat island issues compared to current land cover & tree canopy rates across the city. Rasterio is a Python library designed for reading and writing geospatial raster data. It provides a high-level API to interact with raster datasets, particularly those stored in formats like GeoTIFF. Raster data typically represents satellite imagery, aerial photography, or any spatially continuous variable (e.g., elevation or temperature) as a grid of pixels or cells.

It also handles reading and writing new GeoTIFFs and associated geographic metadata. Rasterio integrates well with the Geospatial Data Abstraction Library (GDAL), allowing access to spatial reference systems, projections, and other geospatial metadata. It enables easy reading of specific windows or blocks of large raster datasets without loading the entire file into memory. The raster data can be loaded directly into NumPy arrays for efficient numerical operations. Rasterio allows reading and transforming coordinate systems, making it easy to project raster data into different spatial reference systems.

In this tutorial we will cover reprojection, masking by using polygons, reclassifying rasters, zonal statistics, color coding, and using matplotlib to prepare a final map for the output raster.

### 1.0 Rasterio Installation & Data Preparation

[1] `conda create -n gus5031 -c conda-forge pysal geopandas` #Installs Pysal which include Rasterio and Geopandas  
`conda activate gus5031` #The environment our class is using for tutorials

### 2.0 Rasterio Reprojection

exercises: easy advanced

### 3.0 Masking by Use of Polygons

exercises: easy advanced

### 4.0 Reclassifying Rasters

exercises: easy advanced

### 5. Zonal Statistics on Rasters Using NumPy

exercises: easy advanced

### 6. Color Coding and Output of Map

exercises: easy advanced

We recommend installing Rasterio using anaconda within the Pysal geospatial library. We recommend you you install , you might want to use the gus5031 env.) To install, open the Miniconda prompt, navigate to the proper environment, and use the following commands:

Key features of Rasterio include:

- **Reading and Writing GeoTIFFs:** It can handle a variety of raster data formats (GeoTIFF, JPEG2000, etc.) with geographic metadata.
- **Geospatial Metadata Handling:** Rasterio integrates well with the Geospatial Data Abstraction Library (GDAL), allowing access to spatial reference systems, projections, and other geospatial metadata.
- **Data Access:** It enables easy reading of specific windows or blocks of large raster datasets without loading the entire file into memory.

- NumPy Integration: The raster data can be loaded directly into NumPy arrays for efficient numerical operations.
- Coordinate Reference Systems: Rasterio allows reading and transforming coordinate systems, making it easy to project raster data into different spatial reference systems.

*majority be in rasterio for processing of data, then geopandas for doing final statistical analysis, and then matplotlib for output of map*

<https://rasterio.readthedocs.io/en/stable/topics/index.html>

<https://www.mrlc.gov/viewer/>

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## Topics

- Raster Reprojection
  - Looping
  - Vector Reprojection
  - Masking raster using shapefile
  - Reclassifying rasters
  - Zonal Statistics
  - Color Coding
  - Preparing the Final Map
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## Notable Information

### CRS Codes

2272 = NAD83 State Plain Pennsylvania South

5070 = Albers Conical

### Raster files used

NLCD\_TreeCoverCanopy\_PhiladelphiaRegion\_2021.tif

NLCD\_LandCover\_PhiladelphiaRegion\_2021.tif

Land\_Surface\_Temperature\_Lansat\_2021.tif

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### ORIGINAL PROJECTIONS:

Land\_Surface\_Temp = UTM Projection, WGS 84 Datum

Land\_Cover = PROJCS: Albers Conical Equal Area, WGS 84 Datum

Tree\_Cover = PROJCS: Albers Conical Equal Area, WGS 84 Datum

PHL\_Census\_Tracts = GEOGCSN: GCS\_North\_American\_1983

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*After masking to Philadelphia County we are then going to remove all data with zero values*

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Links:

Land Cover and Tree Canopy Cover: <https://www.mrlc.gov/viewer/> Downloaded using custom extent

Landsat Data: <https://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/> Downloaded Band 10 dataset and metadata file. Band 10 data came in as raw pixel data, which had to be converted to radiance, then to Kelvin, and then to Fahrenheit

Census Tracts: <https://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/geo/shapefiles/index.php?year=2021&layergroup=Census+Tracts>

Planning Districts: <https://opendataphilly.org/datasets/planning-districts/>

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RASTERIO EXERCISES Link for Exercise Data Download: <https://opendataphilly.org/datasets/digital-elevation-model-dem/>

Here are a few simple exercises to get familiar with using the rasterio library in Python for working with

### 1. Open and Inspect a Raster File

Objective: Learn how to open a raster file and inspect its properties.

Instructions:

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import rasterio
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Q1. Open a raster file and print the CRS, Width, Height, Bounds and Number of bands in that file.

# Replace 'your\_raster\_file.tif' with the path to your raster file

with rasterio.open('your\_raster\_file.tif') as src:

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    print("CRS:", src.crs) # Coordinate Reference System
    print("Width:", src.width)
    print("Height:", src.height)
    print("Bounds:", src.bounds)
    print("Number of bands:", src.count)
```

### 2. Read and Display Raster Bands

Objective: Read a specific band and display it as an array.

Instructions:

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import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
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# Read and plot the first band

with rasterio.open('your\_raster\_file.tif') as src:

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    band1 = src.read(1) # Reading the first band
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plt.imshow(band1, cmap='gray')
plt.title("Band 1")
plt.colorbar()
plt.show()
```

### 3. Extract Raster Metadata

Objective: Extract and print metadata of the raster file.

Instructions:

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with rasterio.open('your_raster_file.tif') as src:
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    metadata = src.meta
print(metadata)
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#### 4. Crop a Raster File by Bounding Box

Objective: Use a bounding box to crop the raster data.

Instructions:

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from rasterio.windows import Window
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# Define a bounding box and crop
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with rasterio.open('your_raster_file.tif') as src:
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    # Define the window with start and end coordinates in pixels
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    window = Window(100, 100, 200, 200)
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    cropped_data = src.read(1, window=window)
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plt.imshow(cropped_data, cmap='gray')
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plt.title("Cropped Data")
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plt.colorbar()
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plt.show()
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#### 5. Calculate NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index)

Objective: If you have a multi-band raster (e.g., with Red and NIR bands), calculate NDVI.

Instructions:

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with rasterio.open('multiband_raster_file.tif') as src:
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    nir = src.read(4) # NIR band
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    red = src.read(3) # Red band
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# Calculate NDVI
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ndvi = (nir - red) / (nir + red)
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```
plt.imshow(ndvi, cmap='RdYlGn')
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plt.title("NDVI")
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plt.colorbar()
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plt.show()
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These exercises cover basic raster handling tasks with rasterio, giving you a hands-on way to understand

STEPS: Download data (3 datasets)

Reproject and make sure resolution correct

Mask looping

Reclassifying

Zonal Statistics

Color Coding

Analysis Result and Output Map

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current script

import pysal

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import os
import geopandas as gpd
import numpy as np
import rasterio
import fiona
import subprocess
import rasterio.mask
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from rasterio.warp import calculate_default_transform, reproject, Resampling
from rasterio.transform import from_origin

#ABOVE IS ALL IMPORTING

workspace = os.getcwd()
overwriteOutput = True

#planning_dist = "Planning_Districts.shp"
#census_tracts = "PHL_Census_Tracts_2021.shp"
#land_surf_temp = "Land_Surface_Temperature_Landsat_2021.tif"
#land_cover = "NLCD_LandCover_PhiladelphiaRegion_2021.tif"
#tree_cover = "NLCD_TreeCoverCanopy_PhiladelphiaRegion_2021.tif"
#landsat_reprojected = 'LST_2021.tif'
#landcover_reprojected = 'LC_2021.tif'
#treecover_reprojected = 'TCC_2021.tif'
#census_prj = 'census_nad_83.shp'
#planning_prj = 'planning_nad_83.shp'

#VARIABLE NAMING
dst_crs = 2272

#CODES FOR REPROJECTIONS ALL TO NAD1983 STATE PLANE US PA SOUTH EPSG CODE
#2272

#BELOW IS REPROJECTION OF CENSUS_TRACTS SHAPEFILE
gdf = gpd.read_file(census_tracts)

print("Original CRS:", gdf.crs)

gdf_reprojected = gdf.to_crs(dst_crs)

gdf_reprojected.to_file(census_reprojected, driver='ESRI Shapefile')

print("Reprojected CRS:", gdf_reprojected.crs)

New Reprojection Code

source_rasters = tree_cover, land_surf_temp
output_raster_paths = treecover_reprojected, landsat_reprojected
output_first_raster_path = landcover_reprojected

# Open the first raster and get its specifications
with rasterio.open(land_cover) as target_raster:
    target_shape = (target_raster.height, target_raster.width)
    target_data = target_raster.read(1)
    source_dtype = target_data.dtype

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# Create an empty array for the reprojected target raster data
destination_target = np.empty(target_shape, dtype=source_dtype)

# Reproject the target raster
with rasterio.open(land_cover_raster) as target_raster:
    target_data = target_raster.read(1)
    target_transform = target_raster.transform
    source_crs = target_raster.crs

# Define the target CRS and resolution
dst_transform, dst_width, dst_height = rasterio.warp.calculate_default_transform(
    source_crs, dst_crs, target_raster.width, target_raster.height, *target_raster.bounds)

# Create a destination array for the reprojected target
destination_target = np.empty((dst_height, dst_width), dtype=source_dtype)

# Perform the reprojection
reproject(
    source=target_data,
    destination=destination_target,
    src_transform=target_transform,
    src_crs=source_crs,
    dst_transform=dst_transform,
    dst_crs=dst_crs,
    resampling=Resampling.nearest
)

# Save the reprojected target raster
with rasterio.open(
    landcover_reprojected,
    'w',
    driver='GTiff',
    height=dst_height,
    width=dst_width,
    count=1,
    dtype=source_dtype,
    crs=dst_crs,
    transform=dst_transform
) as dst:
    dst.write(destination_target, 1)

print(f"Reprojected target raster saved as {landcover_reprojected}")

# Looping through the remaining rasters with land cover as the target raster
for source_raster_path, output_raster_path in zip(source_rasters, output_raster_paths):
    with rasterio.open(source_raster_path) as source_raster:
        source_data = source_raster.read(1)
        source_transform = source_raster.transform
        source_crs = source_raster.crs
        source_dtype = source_data.dtype

    # Create an empty array with the shape and dtype of the target resolution
    destination = np.empty((dst_height, dst_width), dtype=source_dtype)

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# Perform the reprojection
reproject(
    source=source_data,
    destination=destination,
    src_transform=source_transform,
    src_crs=source_crs,
    dst_transform=dst_transform,
    dst_crs=dst_crs,
    resampling=Resampling.nearest # You can use other methods like bilinear, cubic, etc.
)

# Save the reprojected raster to a new file
with rasterio.open(
    output_raster_path,
    'w',
    driver='GTiff',
    height=dst_height,
    width=dst_width,
    count=1,
    dtype=source_dtype,
    crs=dst_crs,
    transform=dst_transform
) as dst:
    dst.write(destination, 1)

print(f"Reprojected source raster saved as {output_raster_path}")

#NEW MASKED LOOPING

# File paths
input_files = [landcover_reprojected, treecover_reprojected, landsat_reprojected]
output_files = ["land_cover_mask.tif", "tree_cover_mask.tif", "land_surface_temp_mask.tif"]

# Read the geometry shapes from shapefile
with fiona.open(census_reprojected, "r") as shapefile:
    shapes = [feature["geometry"] for feature in shapefile]

# Loop through each raster, apply mask, and save the output
for input_path, output_path in zip(input_files, output_files):
    with rasterio.open(input_path) as src:
        # Mask the raster with the shapefile geometries
        out_image, out_transform = rasterio.mask.mask(src, shapes, crop=True)
        out_meta = src.meta

        # Update metadata
        out_meta.update({
            "driver": "GTiff",
            "height": out_image.shape[1],
            "width": out_image.shape[2],
            "transform": out_transform
        })

        # Save the masked raster to the output file
        with rasterio.open(output_path, "w", **out_meta) as dest:
            dest.write(out_image)

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    print(f'{input_path} has been masked and saved to {output_path}')
*****RECLASSIFYING LAND COVER*****

# Opening masked land cover raster
with rasterio.open("land_cover_mask.tif") as src:
    raster_data = src.read(1)
    profile = src.profile

# Create an empty array with the same shape as the raster data
reclassified_data = np.zeros_like(raster_data)

# Apply reclassification rules
reclassified_data[(raster_data > 24) | (raster_data < 21)] = 1
reclassified_data[(raster_data == 21)] = 2
reclassified_data[(raster_data == 22)] = 3
reclassified_data[(raster_data == 23)] = 4
reclassified_data[(raster_data == 24)] = 5

# Saving reclassified file
with rasterio.open('land_cover_mask_reclassified.tif', 'w', **profile) as dst:
    dst.write(reclassified_data, 1)

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Land Cover was reclassified this way because values 21 to 24 indicate developed land, varying in development intensity (21 is the lowest intensity, 24 is the highest). Values of 1 to 5 were added to reclassified raster, with a high value indicating higher density and higher risk to urban heat island effect.

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*****RECLASSIFYING TREE COVER*****

# Opening masked tree cover raster
with rasterio.open("tree_cover_mask.tif") as src:
    raster_data = src.read(1)
    profile = src.profile

# Create an empty array with the same shape as the raster data
reclassified_data = np.zeros_like(raster_data)

# Apply reclassification rules
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 0) & (raster_data <= 20)] = 5
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 21) & (raster_data <= 40)] = 4
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 41) & (raster_data <= 60)] = 3
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 61) & (raster_data <= 80)] = 2
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 81) & (raster_data <= 100)] = 1

# Saving reclassified file
with rasterio.open('tree_cover_mask_reclassified.tif', 'w', **profile) as dst:
    dst.write(reclassified_data, 1)

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Tree cover raster was split using the 5-class Jenks (Natural Breaks) method. Since lower tree cover increases risk to urban heat island effect, values were reclassified from 5 to 1.

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*****RECLASSIFYING LAND SURFACE TEMPERATURE*****

# Opening masked landsat data raster
with rasterio.open("land_surf_temp_mask.tif") as src:
    raster_data = src.read(1)
    profile = src.profile

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# Create an empty array with the same shape as the raster data
reclassified_data = np.zeros_like(raster_data)
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# Applying reclassification rules
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 50)] = 0
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 51) & (raster_data <= 60)] = 1
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 61) & (raster_data <= 70)] = 2
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 71) & (raster_data <= 80)] = 3
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 81) & (raster_data <= 90)] = 4
reclassified_data[(raster_data >= 91)] = 5
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# Saving reclassified file
with rasterio.open('landsat_mask_reclassified.tif', 'w', **profile) as dst:
    dst.write(reclassified_data, 1)
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Landsat data was reclassified into a 6-class method, where the highest and lowest class contain the outlier data while the interior 4 classes are split by 10 degrees. Higher temperature was given a higher reclassified value.

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*****ZONAL STATISTICS*****
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# Defining input paths
raster_paths = ['land_cover_mask_reclassified.tif', 'tree_cover_mask_reclassified.tif', 'landsat_mask_r
# Creating output file
output_path_zonal = 'heat_island_effect.tif'
```

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# Opening input rasters
with rasterio.open(raster_paths[0]) as src:
    meta = src.meta # Getting metadata from first raster
    # Reading and stacking all rasters
    stacked_data = np.stack([rasterio.open(path).read(1) for path in raster_paths])
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# Calculating the average
average_data = np.nanmean(stacked_data, axis=0)
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# Updating metadata
meta.update(dtype=rasterio.float32, count=1, nodata=np.nan)
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with rasterio.open(output_path_zonal, 'w', **meta) as dst:
    dst.write(average_data, indexes=1)
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print(f"Averaged raster saved as {output_path_zonal}")
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*****COLOR CODING & MATPLOTLIB MAP OUTPUT*****
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# Define output path
output_path = 'heat_island_color.tif'
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# Open input file
with rasterio.open(output_path_zonal) as src:
    data = src.read(1)
    meta = src.meta
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# Define maximum value for scaling
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max_value = 5.0

# Scale and clip data
clipped_data = np.clip(data, 0, max_value)
scaled_data = (clipped_data / max_value * 5).astype(np.uint8)

# Update metadata without nodata value
meta.update(dtype=rasterio.uint8)
if 'nodata' in meta:
    del meta['nodata'] # Remove nodata setting from metadata

# Save output file
with rasterio.open(output_path, 'w', **meta) as dst:
    dst.write(scaled_data, indexes=1)

plt.imshow(scaled_data, cmap='coolwarm')
plt.axis('off')
cbar = plt.colorbar()
cbar.set_label('Heat Island Risk', labelpad=20)
plt.show()

*****NOT IN REGULAR CODE, FOR ANALYSIS CAN ALSO CREATE HISTOGRAM*****

plt.hist(scaled_data, bins=10, edgecolor='blue') plt.xlabel('Num_Of_Instances') plt.ylabel('Heat_Index')
plt.title('Heat_Index_Philly') plt.show()

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