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GDS4AE - Geographic Data Science for Applied Economists

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   year = 2021,
   annote = {\href{https://darribas.org/gds4ae}}}
}
```

Overview

This resource provides an introduction to Geographic Data Science for applied economists using Python. It has been designed to be delivered within 15 hours of teaching, split into ten sessions of 1.5h each.

How to follow along

GDS4AE is best followed if you can interactively tinker with its content. To do that, you will need two things:

1. A computer set up with the Jupyter Lab environment and all the required libraries (please see the Software stack part in the Infrastructure section for instructions)

2. A local copy of the materials that you can run on your own computer (see the <u>repository</u> section in the <u>Infrastructure</u> section for instructions)

Blocks have different components:

- \square Ahead of time...: materials to go on your own ahead of the live session
- [] Hands-on coding: content for the live session
- Next steps: a few pointers to continue your journey on the area the block covers

Content

The structure of content is divided in nine blocks:

- <u>Introduction</u>: get familiar with the computational envirionment of modern data science
- Spatial Data: what do spatial data look like in Python?
- Geovisualisation: make (good) data maps
- Spatial Feature Engineering (Part I and Part II): augment and massage your data using Geography before you feed them into your model
- Spatial Networks (Part I) and Part II): understand, acquire and work with spatial graphs
- <u>Transport Costs</u>: "getting there" doesn't always cost the same
- Visual challenges: all the details nobody told you (but should have) about visualising geographic data

Each block has its own section and is designed to be delivered in 1.5 hours approximately. The content of some of these blocks relies on external resources, all of them freely available. When that is the case, enough detail is provided in the to understand how additional material fits in.

Why Python?

There are several reasons why we have made this choice. Many of them are summarised nicely in this article by The Economist (paywalled).:w

I DUNNO ... DYNAMIC TYPING? I JUST TYPED import antigravity WHITESPACE? COME JOIN US! PROGRAMMING I ALSO SAMPLED I LEARNED IT LAST IS FUN AGAIN! NIGHT! EVERYTHING EVERYTHING IN THE IT'S A WHOLE MEDICINE CABINET IS SO SIMPLE! NEW WORLD FOR COMPARISON. HELLO WORLD IS JUST UP HERE! print "Hello, world!" BUT I THINK THIS BUT HOW ARE IS THE PYTHON. YOU FLYING?

Source: XKCD

Data

All the datasets used in this resource is freely available. Some of them have been developed in the context of the resource, others are borrowed from other resources. A full list of the datasets used, together with links to the original source, or to reproducible code to generate the data used is available in the <u>Datasets</u> page.

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Infrastructure

This page covers a few technical aspects on how the course is built, kept up to date, and how you can create a computational environment to run all the code it includes.

Software stack

This course is best followed if you can not only read its content but also interact with its code and even branch out to write your own code and play on your own. For that, you will need to have installed on your computer a series of interconnected software packages; this is what we call a *stack*.

Instructions on how to install a software stack that allows you to run the materials of this course depend on the operating system you are using. Detailed guides are available for the main systems on the following resource, provided by the <u>Geographic Data Science Lab</u>:

Github repository

All the materials for this course and this website are available on the following Github repository:

If you are interested, you can download a compressed .zip file with the most up-to-date version of all the materials, including the HTML for this website at:

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Containerised backend

The course is developed, built and tested using the <u>gds_env</u>, a containerised platform for Geographic Data Science. You can read more about the <u>gds_env</u> project at:

Binder

<u>Binder</u> is service that allows you to run scientific projects in the cloud for free. Binder can spin up "ephemeral" instances that allow you to run code on the browser without any local setup. It is possible to run the course on Binder by clicking on the button below:

launch binder



It is important to note Binder instances are *ephemeral* in the sense that the data and content created in a session is **NOT** saved anywhere and is deleted as soon as the browser tab is closed.

Binder is also the backend this website relies on when you click on the rocket icon (\P) on a page with code. Remember, you can play with the code interactively but, once you close the tab, all the changes are lost.

Introduction

Geographic Data Science



This section is adapted from **Block A** of the GDS Course [AB19].

Before we learn how to do Geographic Data Science or even why you would want to do it, let's start with what it is. We will rely on two resources:

First, in this video, Dani Arribas-Bel covers the building blocks at the First <u>Spatial Data Science</u>
 <u>Conference</u>, organised by <u>CARTO</u>



 Second, Geographic Data Science, by Alex Singleton and Dani Arribas-Bel [SAB19]



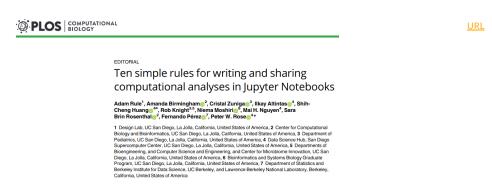
The computational stack

One of the core learning outcomes of this course is to get familiar with the modern computational environment that is used across industry and science to "do" Data Science. In this section, we will learn about ecosystem of concepts and tools that come together to provide the building blocks of much computational work in data science these days.

Source: The Atlantic

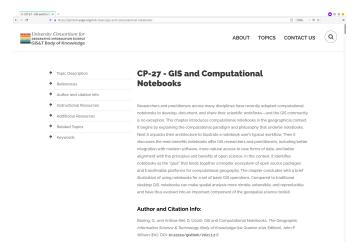


• Ten simple rules for writing and sharing computational analyses in Jupyter Notebooks, by Adam Rule et al. [RBZ+19]



URL

• GIS and Computational Notebooks, by Geoff Boeing and Dani Arribas-Bel [BAB20]



Now we are familiar with the conceptual pillars on top of which we will be working, let's switch gears into a more practical perspective. The following two clips cover the basics of Jupyter Lab, the frontend that glues all the pieces together, and Jupyter Notebooks, the file format, application, and protocol that allows us to record, store and share workflows.



The clips are sourced from Block A of the GDS Course [AB19]



Jupyter Notebooks



Spatial Data

☐ Ahead of time...

This block is all about understanding spatial data, both conceptually and practically. Before your fingers get on the keyboard, the following readings will help you get going and familiar with core ideas:

- <u>Chapter 2</u> of the GDS Book [<u>RABWng</u>], which provides a conceptual overview of representing Geography in data
- <u>Chapter 3</u> of the GDS Book [<u>RABWng</u>], a sister chapter with a more applied perspective on how concepts are implemented in computer data structures

Additionally, parts of this block are based and source from **Block C** in the GDS Course [AB19].

☐ Hands-on coding

(Geographic) tables

```
import pandas
import geopandas
import xarray, rioxarray
import contextily
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Points

Local files

Online read

Data

If you want to read more about the data sources behind this dataset, head to the Datasets section

```
pts = geopandas.read_file("../data/madrid_abb.gpkg")
```

1 Point geometries from columns

```
pts.info()
```

```
<class 'geopandas.geodataframe.GeoDataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 18399 entries, 0 to 18398
Data columns (total 16 columns):
# Column
                     Non-Null Count Dtype
0
                     18399 non-null object
    price
    price_usd
                     18399 non-null
1
                                     float64
    log1p_price_usd 18399 non-null
2
                                     float64
    accommodates
                     18399 non-null
                                     int64
                     18399 non-null
    bathrooms
                                    object
                     18399 non-null
5
    bedrooms
                                     float64
6
    beds
                     18399 non-null
                                     float64
    neighbourhood
                     18399 non-null
                                     object
8
                     18399 non-null
    room_type
                                     object
                     18399 non-null
9
    property_type
                                     object
10
                     18399 non-null
   WiFi
                                     object
11
    Coffee
                     18399 non-null
                                     object
12
    Gym
                     18399 non-null
                                     object
13
    Parking
                     18399 non-null
                                     obiect
                     18399 non-null
14 km_to_retiro
                                    float64
                     18399 non-null geometry
15 geometry
dtypes: float64(5), geometry(1), int64(1), object(9)
memory usage: 2.2+ MB
```

pts.head()

	price	price_usd	log1p_price_usd	accommodates	bathrooms	bedrooms
0	\$60.00	60.0	4.110874	2	1 shared bath	1.0
1	\$31.00	31.0	3.465736	1	1 bath	1.0
2	\$60.00	60.0	4.110874	6	2 baths	3.0
3	\$115.00	115.0	4.753590	4	1.5 baths	2.0
4	\$26.00	26.0	3.295837	1	1 private bath	1.0

Lines

Local files Online read

Assuming you have the file locally on the path ... /data/:

```
pts = geopandas.read_file("../data/arturo_streets.gpkg")
```

```
lines.info()
```

```
<class 'geopandas.geodataframe.GeoDataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 66499 entries, 0 to 66498 Data columns (total 7 columns):
 # Column
                 Non-Null Count Dtype
                 66499 non-null object
 0
    OGC_FID
                 66499 non-null object
    dm_id
 1
 2
     dist_barri
                 66483 non-null
                                  object
 3
                  66499 non-null float64
                 66499 non-null float64
                 5465 non-null
 5
    value
                                  float64
    geometry
                 66499 non-null geometry
dtypes: float64(3), geometry(1), object(3)
memory usage: 3.6+ MB
```

```
lines.loc[0, "geometry"]
```

_build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/02-Spatial_data_16_0.svg

Polygons

```
<IPython.display.GeoJSON object>
```

Local files

Online read

Assuming you have the file locally on the path . . /data/:

```
polys = geopandas.read_file("../data/neighbourhoods.geojson")
```

```
polys.head()
```

	neighbourhood	neighbourhood_group	geometry
0	Palacio	Centro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.70584 40.42030, -3.70625 40
1	Embajadores	Centro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.70384 40.41432, -3.70277 40
2	Cortes	Centro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.69796 40.41929, -3.69645 40
3	Justicia	Centro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.69546 40.41898, -3.69645 40
4	Universidad	Centro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.70107 40.42134, -3.70155 40

```
polys.query("neighbourhood_group == 'Retiro'")
```

	neighbourhood	neighbourhood_group	geometry
13	Pacífico	Retiro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.67015 40.40654, -3.67017 40
14	Adelfas	Retiro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.67283 40.39468, -3.6734340
15	Estrella	Retiro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.66506 40.40647, -3.66512 40
16	Ibiza	Retiro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.66916 40.41796, -3.66927 40
17	Jerónimos	Retiro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.67874 40.40751, -3.67992 40
18	Niño Jesús	Retiro	MULTIPOLYGON (((-3.66994 40.40850, -3.67012 40

```
polys.neighbourhood_group.unique()
```

```
'Barajas'], dtype=object)
```

Surfaces

Local files

Online read

Assuming you have the file locally on the path ... /data/:

```
sat = xarray.open_rasterio("../data/madrid_scene_s2_10_tc.tif")
```

sat

xarray.DataArray (band: 3, y: 3681, x: 3129)



[34553547 values with dtype=uint8]

▼ Coordinates:

band	(band)	int64	123	
У	(y)	float64	4.499e+06 4.499e+06 4.463e+06	
Х	(x)	float64	4.248e+05 4.248e+05 4.56e+05	

▼ Attributes:

(10.0, 0.0, 424760.0, 0.0, -10.0, 4499370.0)transform:

crs: +init=epsg:32630 (10.0, 10.0) res:

is_tiled:

nodatavals: (nan, nan, nan) (1.0, 1.0, 1.0)scales: offsets: (0.0, 0.0, 0.0)

AREA_OR_P... Area

```
sat.sel(band=1)
xarray.DataArray (y: 3681, x: 3129)
[11517849 values with dtype=uint8]
▼ Coordinates:
                        int64 1
   band
                                                                                (y) float64 4.499e+064.499e+06...4.463e+06
                  (x) float64 4.248e+05 4.248e+05 ... 4.56e+05
                                                                                ▼ Attributes:
   transform:
                  (10.0, 0.0, 424760.0, 0.0, -10.0, 4499370.0)
   crs:
                   +init=epsg:32630
   res:
                   (10.0, 10.0)
   is_tiled:
   nodatavals:
                  (nan, nan, nan)
   scales:
                   (1.0, 1.0, 1.0)
   offsets:
                  (0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
   AREA_OR_P... Area
sat.sel(
   x=slice(430000, 440000), # x is ascending
   y=slice(4480000, 4470000) # y is descending
xarray.DataArray (band: 3, y: 1000, x: 1000)
[3000000 values with dtype=uint8]
 ▼ Coordinates:
   band
                   (band) int64 123
                                                                                (y)
                          float64 4.48e+06 4.48e+06 ... 4.47e+06
                   (x)
                          float64 4.3e+05 4.3e+05 ... 4.4e+05 4.4e+05
   Х
                                                                                ▼ Attributes:
                  (10.0, 0.0, 424760.0, 0.0, -10.0, 4499370.0)
   transform:
   crs:
                   +init=epsg:32630
                  (10.0, 10.0)
   res:
   is_tiled:
   nodatavals:
                  (nan, nan, nan)
   scales:
                   (1.0, 1.0, 1.0)
   offsets:
                   (0.0, 0.0, 0.0)
   AREA_OR_P... Area
```

Visualisation

```
polys.plot()
  <AxesSubplot:>
__build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/02-Spatial_data_31_1.png
ax = lines.plot(linewidth=0.1, color="black")
contextily.add_basemap(ax, crs=lines.crs)
```

```
build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/02-Spatial_data_32_0.png
```

```
ax = pts.plot(color="red", figsize=(12, 12), markersize=0.1)
contextily.add_basemap(
    ax,
    crs = pts.crs,
    source = contextily.providers.CartoDB.DarkMatter
);
```

__build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/02-Spatial_data_34_0.png

```
sat.plot.imshow(figsize=(12, 12))
```

```
<matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x7fb126f3fa10>
_build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/02-Spatial_data_35_1.png
```

```
f, ax = plt.subplots(1, figsize=(12, 12))
sat.plot.imshow(ax=ax)
contextily.add_basemap(
    ax,
    crs=sat.rio.crs,
    source=contextily.providers.Stamen.TonerLabels,
    zoom=11
);
```

/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/pyproj/crs/crs.py:280: FutureWarning: '+init=
<authority>:<code>' syntax is deprecated. '<authority>:<code>' is the preferred
initialization method. When making the change, be mindful of axis order changes:
https://pyproj4.github.io/pyproj/stable/gotchas.html#axis-order-changes-in-proj-6
 projstring = _prepare_from_string(projparams)

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Spatial operations

(Re-)Projections

```
pts.crs
```

```
<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
```

sat.rio.crs

```
CRS.from_epsg(32630)
```

```
pts.to_crs(sat.rio.crs).crs
```

See more basemap options here.

IMPORTANT

You will need version 1.1.0 of contextily to use label layers. Install it with:

```
pip install \
   -U --no-deps \
   contextily
```

```
<Projected CRS: EPSG:32630>
Name: WGS 84 / UTM zone 30N
Axis Info [cartesian]:
    [east]: Easting (metre)
    [north]: Northing (metre)
Area of Use:
    undefined
Coordinate Operation:
    name: UTM zone 30N
    method: Transverse Mercator
Datum: World Geodetic System 1984
    Ellipsoid: WGS 84
    Prime Meridian: Greenwich
```

```
sat.rio.reproject(pts.crs).rio.crs
```

```
CRS.from_epsg(4326)
```

```
# All into Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)
f, ax = plt.subplots(1, figsize=(12, 12))
## Satellite image
sat.rio.reproject(
    "EPSG:3857
).plot.imshow(
    ax=ax
## Neighbourhoods
polys.to_crs(epsg=3857).plot(
    linewidth=2,
    edgecolor="xkcd:lime",
    facecolor="none",
    ax=ax
## Labels
contextily.add_basemap( # No need to reproject
    source=contextily.providers.Stamen.TonerLabels,
);
```

__build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/02-Spatial_data_44_0.png

Centroids

```
polys.centroid
```

/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:1: UserWarning: Geometry is in a geographic CRS. Results from 'centroid' are likely incorrect. Use 'GeoSeries.to_crs()' to re-project geometries to a projected CRS before this operation.

"""Entry point for launching an IPython kernel.

```
POINT (-3.71398 40.41543)
0
1
       POINT (-3.70237 40.40925)
2
       POINT (-3.69674 40.41485)
3
       POINT (-3.69657 40.42367)
4
       POINT (-3.70698 40.42568)
      POINT (-3.59135 40.45656)
123
124
       POINT (-3.59723 40.48441)
       POINT (-3.55847 40.47613)
125
      POINT (-3.57889 40.47471)
126
127
      POINT (-3.60718 40.46415)
Length: 128, dtype: geometry
```

```
lines.centroid
```

Note the warning that geometric operations with non-project CRS object result in biases.

```
0
         POINT (444133.737 4482808.936)
         POINT (444192.064 4482878.034)
1
2
         POINT (444134.563 4482885.414)
3
         POINT (445612.661 4479335.686)
         POINT (445606.311 4479354.437)
         POINT (451980.378 4478407.920)
66494
66495
         POINT (436975.438 4473143.749)
66496
         POINT (442218.600 4478415.561)
66497
         POINT (442213.869 4478346.700)
66498
         POINT (442233.760 4478278.748)
Length: 66499, dtype: geometry
```

```
ax = polys.plot(color="purple")
polys.centroid.plot(
    ax=ax, color="lime", markersize=1
)
```

```
/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/ipykernel_launcher.py:2: UserWarning: Geometry is in a geographic CRS. Results from 'centroid' are likely incorrect. Use 'GeoSeries.to_crs()' to re-project geometries to a projected CRS before this operation.
```

```
<AxesSubplot:>
```

__build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/02-Spatial_data_49_2.png

Spatial joins

```
sj = geopandas.sjoin(
    lines,
    polys.to_crs(lines.crs)
)
```

More information about spatial joins in geopandas is available on its documentation page

```
sj.info()
```

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```
<class 'geopandas.geodataframe.GeoDataFrame'>
Int64Index: 69420 entries, 0 to 66438
Data columns (total 10 columns):
# Column
                         Non-Null Count Dtype
0
    OGC_FID
                         69420 non-null object
                         69420 non-null
    dm_id
1
                                        obiect
2
    dist_barri
                         69414 non-null
                                        object
3
    Χ
                         69420 non-null float64
                         69420 non-null float64
5
    value
                         5769 non-null float64
                         69420 non-null geometry
6
    geometry
                         69420 non-null
    index_right
                                        int64
    neighbourhood
                         69420 non-null object
    neighbourhood_group 69420 non-null object
dtypes: float64(3), geometry(1), int64(1), object(5)
memory usage: 5.8+ MB
```

Areas

```
0 1.471037
1 1.033253
2 0.592049
3 0.742031
4 0.947616
dtype: float64
```

Distances

```
cemfi = geopandas.tools.geocode(
    "Calle Casado del Alisal, 5, Madrid"
).to_crs(epsg=25830)
cemfi
```

geometry address

0

POINT (441473.624 4473943.520) Calle de Casado del Alisal 5, 28014 Madrid, Sp...

```
polys.to_crs(
    cemfi.crs
).distance(
    cemfi.geometry
)
```

```
/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/geopandas/base.py:39: UserWarning: The
indices of the two GeoSeries are different.
warn("The indices of the two GeoSeries are different.")
```

```
0
       1487.894214
1
               NaN
2
               NaN
3
               NaN
               NaN
123
               NaN
124
               NaN
125
               NaN
126
               NaN
127
               NaN
Length: 128, dtype: float64
```

```
d2cemfi = polys.to_crs(
    cemfi.crs
).distance(
    cemfi.geometry[0] # NO index
)
d2cemfi.head()
```

```
0 1487.894214
1 567.196279
2 275.166923
3 645.807884
4 1191.537001
dtype: float64
```

□ Next steps

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If you are interested in following up on some of the topics explored in this block, the following pointers might be useful:

- Although we have seen here geopandas only, all non-geographic operations on geo-tables are really thanks to pandas, the workhorse for tabular data in Python. Their <u>official documentation</u> is an excellent first stop. If you prefer a book, McKinney (2012) [McK12] is a great one.
- For more detail on geographic operations on geo-tables, the <u>Geopandas official documentation</u> is a great place to continue the journey.
- Surfaces, as covered here, are really an example of multi-dimensional labelled arrays. The library
 we use, xarray represents the cutting edge for working with these data structures in Python, and
 their documentation is a great place to wrap your head around how data of this type can be
 manipulated. For geographic extensions (CRS handling, reprojections, etc.), we have used
 rioxarray under the hood, and its documentation is also well worth checking.

☐ Ahead of time...

This block is all about visualising statistical data on top of a geography. Although this task looks simple, there are a few technical and conceptual building blocks that it helps to understand before we try to make our own maps. Aim to complete the following readings by the time we get our hands on the keyboard:

- <u>Block D</u> of the GDS course [<u>AB19</u>], which provides an introduction to choropleths (statistical maps)
- Chapter 5 of the GDS Book [RABWng], discussing choropleths in more detail

☐ Hands-on coding

```
import geopandas
import xarray, rioxarray
import contextily
import seaborn as sns
from pysal.viz import mapclassify as mc
from legendgram import legendgram
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import palettable.matplotlib as palmpl
```

Local files

Online read

memory usage: 9.4+ KB

Assuming you have the file locally on the path . . /data/:

db = geopandas.read_file("../data/cambodia_regional.gpkg")

```
Data
```

If you want to read more about the data sources behind this dataset, head to the Datasets section

```
db.info()
                                                                                 __build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/03-
                                                                                Geovisualisation_7_0.png
 <class 'geopandas.geodataframe.GeoDataFrame'>
 RangeIndex: 198 entries, 0 to 197
 Data columns (total 6 columns):
  # Column
                  Non-Null Count
                                  Dtype
  0
     adm2 name 198 non-null
                                  obiect
  1
      adm2_altnm 122 non-null
                                   object
      motor_mean 198 non-null
                                   float64
      walk_mean
                  198 non-null
                                   float64
                  198 non-null
                                   float64
      no2 mean
      geometrv
                  198 non-null
                                   geometry
 dtypes: float64(3), geometry(1), object(2)
```

We will use the average measurement of <u>nitrogen dioxide</u> (no2 mean) by region throughout the block.

To make visualisation a bit easier below, we create an additional column with values rescaled:

```
db["no2_viz"] = db["no2_mean"] * 1e5
```

This way, numbers are larger and will fit more easily on legends:

```
db[["no2_mean", "no2_viz"]].describe()
```

	no2_mean	no2_viz
count	198.000000	198.000000
mean	0.000032	3.236567
std	0.000017	1.743538
min	0.000014	1.377641
25%	0.000024	2.427438
50%	0.000029	2.922031
75%	0.000034	3.390426
max	0.000123	12.323324

Choropleths

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A classiffication problem

```
db["no2_viz"].unique().shape

(198,)

sns.displot(
    db, x="no2_viz", kde=True, aspect=2
);
```

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• Attention

To build an intuition behind each classification algorithm more easily, we create a helper method $(plot_classi)$ that generates a visualisation of a given classification.

Toggle the cell below if you are interested in the code behind it.

• Equal intervals

```
classi = mc.EqualInterval(db["no2_viz"], k=7)
classi
```

```
Interval Count

[ 1.38, 2.94] | 103 (2.94, 4.50] | 80 (4.50, 6.07] | 6 (6.07, 7.63] | 1 (7.63, 9.20] | 3 (9.20, 10.76] | 0 (10.76, 12.32] | 5
```

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• Quantiles

```
classi = mc.Quantiles(db["no2_viz"], k=7)
classi
```

```
Quantiles

Interval Count

[ 1.38, 2.24] | 29
( 2.24, 2.50] | 28
( 2.50, 2.76] | 28
( 2.76, 3.02] | 28
( 3.02, 3.35] | 28
( 3.35, 3.76] | 28
( 3.76, 12.32] | 29
```

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• Fisher-Jenks

```
classi = mc.FisherJenks(db["no2_viz"], k=7)
classi
```

```
Interval Count

[ 1.38, 2.06] | 20
( 2.06, 2.69] | 58
( 2.69, 3.30] | 62
( 3.30, 4.19] | 42
( 4.19, 5.64] | 7
( 5.64, 9.19] | 4
( 9.19, 12.32] | 5
```

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• Fisher-Jenks

```
classi = mc.FisherJenks(db["no2_viz"], k=7)
classi
```

FisherJe	enks	
Inter	rval	Count
[1.38,	2.06]	20
(2.06,	2.69]	58
(2.69,	3.30]	62
(3.30,	4.19]	42
(4.19,	5.64]	7
(5.64,	9.19]	4
(9.19,	12.32]	5

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Now let's dig into the internals of classi:

```
classi
```

```
Interval Count

[ 1.38, 2.06] | 20
( 2.06, 2.69] | 58
( 2.69, 3.30] | 62
( 3.30, 4.19] | 42
( 4.19, 5.64] | 7
( 5.64, 9.19] | 4
( 9.19, 12.32] | 5
```

```
classi.k
```

7

```
classi.bins
```

```
array([ 2.05617382, 2.6925931 , 3.30281182, 4.19124954, 5.63804861, 9.19190206, 12.32332434])
```

```
classi.yb
```

```
array([2, 3, 3, 1, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 3, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 3, 1, 1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 4, 2, 1, 3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 2, 6, 5, 4, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 2, 1, 2, 3, 2, 3, 1, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 3, 1, 3, 3, 1, 0, 1, 1, 3, 2, 0, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 1, 3, 3, 3, 2, 3, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 1, 3, 2, 3, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 0, 3, 1, 0, 1, 2, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 6, 5, 6, 2, 2, 3, 6, 3, 4, 3, 4, 2, 3, 0, 2, 5, 6, 4, 5, 2, 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 2, 1, 1, 3, 4, 2, 1, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4, 0, 1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 2, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 1, 3, 1])
```

How many colors?



The code used to generate this figure uses more advanced features than planned for this course. If you want to inspect it, toggle the cell below.

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Using the right color

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Categories, non-ordered

Graduated, sequential

Graduated, divergent

For a safe choice, make sure to visit ColorBrewer

See <u>this tutorial</u> for more details on fine tuning choropleths manually

Choropleths on Geo-Tables

How can we create classifications from data on geo-tables? Two ways:

• Directly within plot (only for some algorithms)

```
db.plot(
    "no2_viz", scheme="quantiles", k=7, legend=True
);
```

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• Manually attaching the data (for any algorithm)

```
classi = mc.Quantiles(db["no2_viz"], k=7)
db.assign(
    classes=classi.yb
).plot("classes");
```

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Legendgrams:

```
f, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(9, 9))
classi = mc.Quantiles(db["no2_viz"], k=7)
db.assign(
    classes=classi.yb
).plot("classes", ax=ax)
legendgram(
                         # Figure object
                        # Axis object of the map
    ax.
                      # Values for the histogram
# Bin boundaries
    db["no2_viz"],
    classi.bins,
    pal=palmpl.Viridis_7,# color palette (as palettable object)
    legend_size=(.5,.2), # legend size in fractions of the axis
    loc = 'lower right', # matplotlib-style legend locations
    clip = (2,10)
                         # clip the displayed range of the histogram
ax.set_axis_off();
```

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Surface visualisation

Local files

Online read

Data

If you want to read more about the data sources behind this dataset, head to the <u>Datasets</u> section

```
grid = xarray.open_rasterio(
   "../data/cambodia_s5_no2.tif"
).sel(band=1)
```

• (Implicit) continuous equal interval

```
grid.where(
    grid != grid.rio.nodata
).plot(cmap="viridis");
```

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```
grid.where(
    grid != grid.rio.nodata
).plot(cmap="viridis", robust=True);
```

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• Discrete equal interval

```
grid.where(
    grid != grid.rio.nodata
).plot(cmap="viridis", levels=7)
```

/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/xarray/plot/plot.py:970:
MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax simultaneously
is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases later. Please
pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
primitive = ax.pcolormesh(x, y, z, **kwargs)

```
<matplotlib.collections.QuadMesh at 0x7f2eb886d450>
```

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• Combining with mapclassify

```
grid_nona = grid.where(
    grid != grid.rio.nodata
)

classi = mc.Quantiles(
    grid_nona.to_series().dropna(), k=7
)

grid_nona.plot(
    cmap="viridis", levels=classi.bins
)
plt.title(classi.name);
```

/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/xarray/plot/plot.py:970:
MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax simultaneously
is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases later. Please
pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
primitive = ax.pcolormesh(x, y, z, **kwargs)

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/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/xarray/plot/plot.py:970:
MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax simultaneously
is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases later. Please
pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
primitive = ax.pcolormesh(x, y, z, **kwargs)

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/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/xarray/plot/plot.py:970:
MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax simultaneously
is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases later. Please
pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
 primitive = ax.pcolormesh(x, y, z, **kwargs)

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/opt/conda/lib/python3.7/site-packages/xarray/plot/plot.py:970:
MatplotlibDeprecationWarning: Passing parameters norm and vmin/vmax simultaneously
is deprecated since 3.3 and will become an error two minor releases later. Please
pass vmin/vmax directly to the norm when creating it.
primitive = ax.pcolormesh(x, y, z, **kwargs)

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☐ Next steps

If you are interested in statistical maps based on classification, here are two recommendations to check out next:

- On the technical side, the <u>documentation for mapclassify</u> (including its <u>tutorials</u>) provides more detail and illustrates more classification algorithms than those reviewed in this block
- On a more conceptual note, Cynthia Brewer's "Designing better maps" [Bre15] is an excellent blueprint for good map making.

Spatial Feature Engineering (I)

Map Matching

☐ Ahead of time...

Feature Engineering is a common term in machine learning that refers to the processes and transformations involved in turning data from the state in which the modeller access them into what is then fed to a model. This can take several forms, from standardisation of the input data, to the derivation of numeric scores that better describe aspects (features) of the data we are using.

Spatial Feature Engineering refers to operations we can use to derive "views" or summaries of our data that we can use in models, using space as the key medium to create them.

There is only one reading to complete for this block, <u>Chapter 12</u> of the GDS Book [<u>RABWng</u>]. The first block of Spatial Feature Engineering in this course loosely follows the first part of the chapter (<u>Map Matching</u>), so focus on this first sections for the block.

☐ Hands-on coding

```
import pandas
import geopandas
import xarray, rioxarray
import contextily
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
```

Local files

Online read

Data

Check both geo-tables and the surface are in the same CRS:

```
regions.crs.to_epsg() == \
cities.crs.to_epsg() == \
pollution.rio.crs.to_epsg()
True
```

Polygons to points

In which region is a city?

```
sj = geopandas.sjoin(
    cities,
    regions
)
```

```
# City name | Region name
sj[["UC_NM_MN", "adm2_name"]]
```

	UC_NM_MN	adm2_name
0	Sampov Lun	Sampov Lun
1	Khum Pech Chenda	Phnum Proek
2	Poipet	Paoy Paet
3	Sisophon	Serei Saophoan
4	Battambang	Battambang
5	Siem Reap	Siem Reap
6	Sihanoukville	Preah Sihanouk
7	N/A	Trapeang Prasat
8	Kampong Chhnang	Kampong Chhnang
9	Phnom Penh	Tuol Kouk
10	Kampong Cham	Kampong Cham

Points to polygons

If we were after the number of cities per region, it is a similar approach, with a (groupby) twist at the end:

```
regions.set_index(
    "adm2_name"
).assign(
    city_count=sj.groupby("adm2_name").size()
).info()
```

```
<class 'geopandas.geodataframe.GeoDataFrame'>
Index: 198 entries, Mongkol Borei to Administrative unit not available
Data columns (total 6 columns):
               Non-Null Count Dtype
# Column
0 adm2_altnm 122 non-null
                               obiect
1
    motor_mean 198 non-null
                               float64
2 walk_mean 198 non-null
                               float64
    no2_mean
               198 non-null
                               float64
               198 non-null
    geometry
                               geometry
   city_count 11 non-null
5
                               float64
dtypes: float64(4), geometry(1), object(1)
memory usage: 10.8+ KB
```

Note

- We set_index to align both tables
- 2. We assign to create a new column

If you want no missing values, you can fillna(0) since you know missing data are zeros

Surface to points

Consider attaching to each city in cities the pollution level, as expressed in pollution.

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```
from rasterstats import point_query

city_pollution = point_query(
    cities,
    pollution.values,
    affine=pollution.rio.transform(),
    nodata=pollution.rio.nodata
)
city_pollution
```

```
[3.9397064813333136e-05,
3.4949825609644426e-05,
3.825255125820345e-05,
4.103826573585785e-05,
3.067677208474005e-05,
5.108273256655399e-05,
2.2592785882580366e-05,
4.050414400882722e-05,
2.4383652926989897e-05,
0.0001285838935209779,
3.258245740282522e-05]
```

And we can map these on the city locations:

```
ax = cities.assign(
    pollution=city_pollution
).plot(
    "pollution",
    cmap="YlOrRd",
    legend=True
)

contextily.add_basemap(
    ax=ax, crs=cities.crs,
);
```

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Surface to polygons

Instead of transferring to points, we want to aggregate all the information in a surface that falls within a polygon.

For this case, we will use the motorised friction surface. The question we are asking thus is: what is the average degree of friction of each region? Or, in other words: what regions are harder to get through with motorised transport?

The code for generating this figure is a bit more advanced as it fiddles with text, but if you want to explore it you can toggle it on

```
_build/jupyter_execute/content/pages/04-Spatial_feature_eng_i_25_0.png
```

Again, we can rely on rasterstats:

```
from rasterstats import zonal_stats

regional_pollution = pandas.DataFrame(
    zonal_stats(
        regions,
        pollution.values,
        affine=pollution.rio.transform(),
        nodata=pollution.rio.nodata
    ),
    index=regions.index
)
regional_pollution.head()
```

The output is returned from zonal_stats as a list of dicts. To make it more manageable, we convert it into a pandas.DataFrame.

```
        min
        max
        mean
        count

        0
        0.000016
        0.000045
        0.000029
        50

        1
        0.000019
        0.000052
        0.000034
        72

        2
        0.000022
        0.000049
        0.000037
        19

        3
        0.000017
        0.000037
        0.000026
        41

        4
        0.000018
        0.000033
        0.000025
        3
```

This can then also be mapped onto the polygon geography:

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Surface to surface

If we want to align the pollution surface with that of friction, we need to resample them to make them "fit on the same frame".

```
pollution.shape

(138, 152)

friction.shape

(574, 636)
```

This involves either moving one surface to the frame of the other one, or both into an entirely new one. For the sake of the illustration, we will do the latter and select a frame that is 300 by 400 pixels. Note this involves stretching (upsampling) pollution, while compressing (downsampling) friction. For this, we use datashader.

```
import datashader as ds

canvas = ds.Canvas(plot_height=400, plot_width=300)

tgt_pollution = canvas.raster(pollution)

tgt_friction = canvas.raster(friction)

tgt_pollution.shape
```

```
tgt_pollution.shape == tgt_friction.shape
True
```

• Attention

The following methods involve modelling and are thus more sophisticated. Take these as a conceptual introduction with an empirical illustration, but keep in mind there are extense literatures on each of them and these cover some of the simplest cases.

Points to points

For this exampe, we will assume that, instead of a surface with pollution values, we only have available a sample of points and we would like to obtain estimates for other locations.

See this section of Chapter 12 of the GDS Book [RABWng] for more details on the technique

For that we will first generate 100 random points within the extent of pollution which we will take as the location of our measurement stations:

```
rs = np.random.RandomState(
    np.random.MT19937(np.random.SeedSequence(123456789))
)

bb = pollution.rio.bounds()
station_xs = np.random.uniform(bb[0], bb[2], 100)
station_ys = np.random.uniform(bb[1], bb[3], 100)
stations = geopandas.GeoSeries(
    geopandas.points_from_xy(station_xs, station_ys),
    crs=pollution.rio.crs
)
```

Note

The code in this cell contains bits that are a bit more advanced, do not despair if not everything makes sense!

Our station values come from the pollution surface, but we assume we do not have access to the latter, and we would like to obtain estimates for the location of the cities:

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We will need the location and the pollution measurements for every station as separate arrays. Before we do that, since we will be calculating distances, we convert our coordinates to <u>a system</u> expressed in metres.

```
stations_mt = stations.to_crs(epsg=5726)
station_xys = np.array(
    [stations_mt.geometry.x, stations_mt.geometry.y]
).T
```

We also need to extract the pollution measurements for each station location:

```
station_measurements = np.array(
    point_query(
        stations,
        pollution.values,
        affine=pollution.rio.transform(),
        nodata=pollution.rio.nodata
    )
)
```

And finally, we will also need the locations of each city expressed in the same coordination system:

```
cities_mt = cities.to_crs(epsg=5726)
city_xys = np.array(
    [cities_mt.geometry.x, cities_mt.geometry.y]
).T
```

For this illustration, we will use a k-nearest neighbors regression that estimates the value for each target point (cities in our case) as the average weighted by distance of its k nearest neighbors. In this illustration we will use k=10.

```
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsRegressor

model = KNeighborsRegressor(
    n_neighbors=10, weights="distance"
).fit(station_xys, station_measurements)
```

Note how sklearn relies only on array data structures, so we first had to express all the required information in that format

Once we have trained the model, we can use it to obtain predictions for each city location:

```
predictions = model.predict(city_xys)
```

Points to surface

Imagine we do not have a surface like pollution but we needed it. In this context, if you have measurements from some locations, such as in stations, we can use the approach reviewed above to generate a surface. The trick to do this is to realise that we can generate a *uniform* grid of target locations that we can then express as a surface.

We will set as out target locations those of the pixels in the target surface we have seen above:

```
tgt_friction_mt = tgt_friction.rio.set_crs(
    "EPSG:4326"
).rio.reproject("EPSG:5726")

xys = tgt_friction_mt.coords.to_index()
```

To obtain pollution estimates at each location, we can predict with model:

```
predictions_grid = model.predict(
    np.array(xys.to_list())
)
```

And with these at hand, we can convert them into a surface:

```
predictions_series = pandas.Series(
    predictions_grid,
    index=xys
)
predictions_surface = xarray.DataArray().from_series(
    predictions_series
)
```

```
f, axs = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 6))

tgt_pollution.where(tgt_pollution>0).plot(ax=axs[0])
predictions_surface.plot(ax=axs[1])

plt.show()
```

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Polygons to polygons

```
        □ Next steps
```

🥊 Tip

If performance is a concern, you can build the array of XY coordinates directly from the original object:

```
predictions_grid =
model.predict(
    np.array([

    tgt_friction.coords[
    "x"].values,

    tgt_friction.coords[
    "y"].values,
    ])
)
```

If you are interested in learning more about spatial feature engineering through map matching, the following pointers might be useful to delve deeper into specific types of "data transfer":

- The datashader library is a great option to transfer geo-tables into surfaces, providing tooling to perform these operations in a highly efficient and performant way.
- When aggregating surfaces into geo-tables, the library rasterstats contains most if not all of the machinery you will need.
- For transfers from polygon to polygon geographies, <u>tobler</u> is your friend. Its official documentation contains examples for different use cases.

Spatial Feature Engineering (II)
Map Synthesis
☐ Ahead of time
In this second part of Spatial Feature Engineering, we turn to Map Synthesis. There is only one reading to complete for this block, <u>Chapter 12</u> of the GDS Book [<u>RABWng</u>]. This block of Spatial Feature Engineering in this course loosely follows the second part of the chapter (<u>Map Synthesis</u>).
☐ Hands-on coding
"Dataset enhancement through space":
 [] Distance buffer counts (within and between datasets) [] Ring buffers (within and between datasets) [] Clustering as map synthesis (example with DBSCAN and LISAs)
□ Next steps
Spatial Networks (I)
Spatial Networks (II)

Transport costs

Visual challenges and opportunities

Datasets

This section covers the datasets required to run the course interactively. For archival reasons, all of those listed here have been mirrored in the repository for this course so, if you have <u>downloaded the</u> course, you already have a local copy of them.

Madrid

Airbnb properties

Source

This dataset has been sourced from the course <u>"Spatial Modelling for Data Scientists"</u>. The file imported here corresponds to the $\underline{v0.1.0}$ version.

This dataset contains a pre-processed set of properties advertised on the AirBnb website within the region of Madrid (Spain), together with house characteristics.

- Data file madrid_abb.gpkg
- Code used to generate the file [URL]
- **i** Furhter information [URL]



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Airbnb neighbourhoods



This dataset has been directly sourced from the website <u>Inside Airbnb</u>. The file was imported on February 10th 2021.

This dataset contains neighbourhood boundaries for the city of Madrid, as provided by Inside Airbnb.

- Datafile neighbourhoods.geojson
- i Furhter information [URL]



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Arturo

This dataset contains the street layout of Madrid as well as scores of habitability, where available, associated with street segments. The data originate from the <u>Arturo Project</u>, by <u>300,000Km/s</u>, and the available file here is a slimmed down version of their official <u>street layout</u> distributed by the project.

- Datafile arturo streets.gpkg
- Code used to generate the file [Page]
- **i** Furhter information [URL]



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Sentinel 2 - 120m mosaic

This dataset contains four scenes for the region of Madrid (Spain) extracted from the <u>Digital Twin</u>
<u>Sandbox Sentinel-2 collection</u>, by the SentinelHub. Each scene corresponds to the following dates in 2019:

- January 1st
- April 1st
- July 10th
- November 17th

Each scene includes red, green, blue and near-infrared bands.

- Data files (Jan 1st, Apr 1st, Jul 10th, Nov 27th)
- Code used to generate the file [Page]
- i Furhter information [URL]



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Sentinel 2 - 10m GHS composite

This dataset contains a scene for the region of Madrid (Spain) extracted from the <u>GHS Composite S2</u>, by the European Commission.

- Datafile madrid scene s2 10 tc.tif
- Code used to generate the file <a>[Page]
- i Furhter information [URL]



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Cambodia

Pollution

Surface with NO_2 measurements (tropospheric column) information attached from Sentinel 5.

- Datafile cambodia s5 no2.tif
- Code used to generate the file [Page]
- i Furhter information [URL]

Friction surfaces

This dataset is an extraction of the following two data products by Weiss et al. (2020) [WNVR+20] and distributed through the Malaria Atlas Project:

- Global friction surface enumerating land-based travel walking-only speed without access to motorized transport for a nominal year 2019 (Minutes required to travel one metre)
- Global friction surface enumerating land-based travel speed with access to motorized transport for a nominal year 2019 (Minutes required to travel one metre)

Each is provided on a separate file.

- Datafiles (Motorized and Walking)
- Code used to generate the file [Page]
- i Furhter information [URL]

Regional aggregates



This dataset relies on boundaries from the <u>Humanitarian Data Exchange</u>. <u>The file</u> is provided by the World Food Programme through the Humanitarian Data Exchange and was accessed on February 15th 2021.

Pollution and friction aggregated at Level 2 (municipality) administrative boundaries for Cambodia.

- Data file cambodia_regional.gpkg
- [Code used to generate the file [Page]



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Cambodian cities

Extract from the Urban Centre Database (UCDB), version 1.2, of the centroid for Cambodian cities.

- Datafile <ambodian_cities.geojson
- Code used to generate the file [Page]
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Further Resources

If this course is successful, it will leave you wanting to learn more about using Python for (Geographic) Data Science. See below a few resources that are good "next steps".

Courses

• The "Automating GIS processes", by Vuokko Heikinheimo and Henrikki Tenkanen is a great overview of GIS with a modern Python stack:

https://autogis-site.readthedocs.io/

 The "GDS Course" by Dani Arribas-Bel [AB19] is an introductory level overview of Geographic Data Science, including notebooks, slides and video clips.

https://darribas.org/gds_course

Books

 "Python for Geographic Data Analysis", by Henrikki Tenkanen, Vuokko Heikinheimo and David Whipp:

https://pythongis.org/

• "Geographic Data Science in Python", by Sergio J. Rey, Dani Arribas-Bel and Levi J. Wolf:

https://geographicdata.science

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