

The provided Python code implements a spatial subdivision algorithm, likely for geographic data, using the geopandas and shapely libraries. It generates random geographic points with associated temperatures, recursively subdivides a larger region based on the density of these points, and then calculates the average temperature and point count within each resulting subregion. Finally, it visualizes the subdivisions.

Let's break down each part of the code:

### **1. Imports:**

- geopandas as gpd: A library extending pandas to allow spatial operations on geometric types. Essential for handling geographic data.
- pandas as pd: A fundamental data manipulation library.
- from shapely.geometry import Point, Polygon: shapely is used for geometric objects like points and polygons.
- import math, random, numpy as np: Standard libraries for mathematical operations, generating random numbers, and numerical operations, respectively.
- import matplotlib.pyplot as plt, matplotlib.patches as mpatches: Used for creating plots and custom graphical elements.

### **2. `plot_final_subregions_with_random_colors(subregion_gdf, gdf=None, title='Final Subdivisions with Random Colors')` Function:**

- **Purpose:** This function visualizes the final subdivided regions.
- **Parameters:**
  - subregion\_gdf: A GeoDataFrame where each row represents a final subregion (a Polygon geometry).
  - gdf (optional): A GeoDataFrame of original sample points (Point geometries). If provided, these points will be overlaid on the plot.
  - title: The title for the generated plot.
- **Functionality:**
  - Checks if subregion\_gdf is empty; if so, it prints a message and returns.
  - Generates a unique random hexadecimal color for each subregion polygon.
  - Creates a Matplotlib figure and an axes object for plotting.

- If gdf (sample points) is provided and not empty, it plots these points in blue.
- Plots each subregion polygon from subregion\_gdf using the generated random colors for filling, with black edges.
- Sets the plot title, X and Y labels (Longitude, Latitude), adds a legend, and sets the aspect ratio to equal for proper geographic representation.
- Displays the plot using plt.show().

### **3. generate\_random\_points(center\_lat, center\_lon, radius\_miles, num\_points)**

#### **Function:**

- **Purpose:** Generates a specified number of random geographic points within a given radius around a central point, assigning a random "temperature" to each.
- **Parameters:**
  - center\_lat, center\_lon: Latitude and longitude of the central point.
  - radius\_miles: The radius in miles around the center within which points should be generated.
  - num\_points: The number of points to generate.
- **Functionality:**
  - Initializes an empty list points.
  - Converts radius\_miles to kilometers, and then approximates this radius in degrees (using 111.32 km/degree, a common approximation for latitude).
  - For each point to be generated:
    - Uses a common method to generate random points within a circle: generates random u and v values, then calculates polar coordinates (w as distance from center, t as angle).
    - Converts polar coordinates to Cartesian x and y offsets in degrees.
    - **Crucially:**  $\text{new\_x} = \text{x} / \text{math.cos}(\text{math.radians}(\text{center\_lat}))$  adjusts the longitude offset. This is important because the distance corresponding to a degree of longitude decreases as you move away from the equator (due to the Earth's curvature). This correction ensures points are more evenly distributed in a circular area on the map, rather than an ellipse.

- Calculates the found\_lat and found\_lon for the new point.
- Generates a random temperature between 50.0 and 70.0 (inclusive).
- Appends (found\_lat, found\_lon, temperature) to the points list.
- Prints the generated point's coordinates and temperature.
- Returns the list of generated points.

#### **4. subdivision\_stages Global List:**

- This global variable is intended to capture the intermediate stages of the subdivision process. Each time the recursive\_subdivision\_geopandas function performs a subdivision, it appends the four new subrectangles to this list. This could be useful for visualizing the step-by-step subdivision process (though not explicitly plotted in the main execution block).

#### **5. recursive\_subdivision\_geopandas(gdf, min\_samples=2, region\_polygon=None, level=0) Function:**

- **Purpose:** This is the core recursive function for subdividing a region based on the density of points within it. It aims to create subregions where each sub-sub-region (if further subdivided) still meets a minimum sample count.
- **Parameters:**
  - gdf: The GeoDataFrame of points currently being considered for subdivision.
  - min\_samples: The minimum number of points required in each of the four potential sub-quadrants for a region to be further subdivided.
  - region\_polygon (optional): The Polygon representing the current region being processed. In the initial call, this is None, and the bounding box of gdf is used.
  - level: Current recursion depth (for tracking, not directly used in logic beyond saving stages).
- **Functionality:**
  - **Initial Region Definition:** If region\_polygon is None (first call), it calculates the overall bounding box of all points in gdf and creates an initial rectangular Polygon covering that area.

- **Base Case for Recursion:** If the number of points in the current gdf (`len(gdf)`) is less than `min_samples`, it means this region cannot be subdivided further according to the rule, so it returns the `region_polygon` as a final subregion.
- **Midpoint Calculation:** Calculates the `mid_x` and `mid_y` for the current `region_polygon`.
- **Define 4 Subrectangles:** Creates four new `Polygon` objects representing the four quadrants (top-left, top-right, bottom-left, bottom-right) of the current `region_polygon`.
- **Check Sample Counts in Sub-quadrants:**
  - It iterates through these four subrects.
  - For each subrect, it filters `gdf` to get `sub_gdf`, containing only points that intersect with that subrect.
  - It checks if `len(sub_gdf)` is less than `min_samples`. If even one of the four sub-quadrants has fewer than `min_samples` points, `all_subregions_ok` is set to `False`, and the loop breaks. This implements the "subdivides only if all 4 subregions have at least `min_samples` points" rule.
- **Save Subdivision Stage:** The `subdivision_stages.append(subrects)` line records the four subrectangles *before* the recursive call. This means it saves the *potential* subdivisions at each level, regardless of whether they are ultimately chosen as final regions.
- **Recursive Call or Finalization:**
  - If `all_subregions_ok` is `True` (meaning all four sub-quadrants meet the `min_samples` requirement), it recursively calls `recursive_subdivision_geopandas` for each of the four `sub_gdfs` and their corresponding subrects. The results (final subregions from deeper levels) are extended into subregions.
  - If `all_subregions_ok` is `False` (meaning at least one sub-quadrant doesn't meet the `min_samples` rule), then the current `region_polygon` itself is considered a final, undivided subregion, and it's appended to `subregions`.
- Returns the list of final `Polygon` geometries.

## **6. `compute_average_temperature(subregion_gdf, sample_points_gdf)` Function:**

- **Purpose:** Calculates the average temperature and the count of sample points within each final subregion.
- **Parameters:**
  - `subregion_gdf`: GeoDataFrame of the final subregions (polygons).
  - `sample_points_gdf`: GeoDataFrame of the original sample points with a 'temperature' column.
- **Functionality:**
  - Ensures both GeoDataFrames have the same Coordinate Reference System (CRS). If not, `sample_points_gdf` is converted.
  - Performs a `gpd.sjoin` (spatial join) to link each `sample_points_gdf` point to the `subregion_gdf` it falls within (`within`). `how='inner'` keeps only points that are inside a subregion, and `predicate='within'` specifies the spatial relationship.
  - Groups the joined data by `index_right` (which corresponds to the index of the subregion in `subregion_gdf`) and calculates the mean temperature and count of points for each subregion.
  - Maps these calculated `avg_temperature` and `sample_count` values back to new columns in a copy of the original `subregion_gdf`.
  - Returns the updated `subregion_gdf`.

## **7. `print_centroid_coordinates_avg_temp_and_sample_count(subregion_gdf)` Function:**

- **Purpose:** Nicely prints the centroid coordinates, average temperature, and sample count for each subregion.
- **Parameters:**
  - `subregion_gdf`: The GeoDataFrame of subregions, expected to have 'centroid', 'avg\_temperature', and 'sample\_count' columns.
- **Functionality:**
  - Iterates through each row of `subregion_gdf`.
  - Retrieves the 'centroid', 'avg\_temperature', and 'sample\_count' for the current subregion.

- Checks if the centroid exists and is not empty. If valid, it extracts the longitude (x) and latitude (y) and prints the formatted information.
- If the centroid is invalid or empty, it prints a corresponding message.

## 8. Main Execution Block:

- **Define Center Coordinates:** Sets center\_lat and center\_lon for Livermore, CA.
- **Generate Random Points:** Calls generate\_random\_points to create 1000 sample points within a 2-mile radius of Livermore, each with a random temperature. The generated points and their temperatures are printed during this step.
- **Create Pandas DataFrame:** Converts the list of random\_points into a standard pandas.DataFrame.
- **Create GeoDataFrame (gdf):**
  - Creates shapely.Point objects from the longitude and latitude of each random point.
  - Creates a geopandas.GeoDataFrame named gdf with these Point geometries and the temperature data. The CRS (Coordinate Reference System) is set to "EPSG:4326", which is the standard geographic WGS84 system (latitude/longitude).
- **Recursive Subdivision:**
  - Calls recursive\_subdivision\_geopandas with gdf.copy() (important to pass a copy to avoid unintended modifications in the recursive function) and min\_samples=2. This initiates the spatial subdivision process. The result is a list of Polygon geometries.
- **Create Final Subregion GeoDataFrame (subregion\_gdf):**
  - Creates a new geopandas.GeoDataFrame from the final\_subregions list, also setting its CRS to "EPSG:4326".
  - Filters subregion\_gdf to remove any invalid or empty geometries, ensuring robust plotting and calculations.
- **Add Centroids:** Calculates the centroid for each Polygon in subregion\_gdf and stores it in a new 'centroid' column. This is useful for printing the central coordinates of each subregion.

- **Compute Average Temperature:** Calls `compute_average_temperature` to add '`avg_temperature`' and '`sample_count`' columns to `subregion_gdf`.
- **Print Subregion Details:** Calls `print_centroid_coordinates_avg_temp_and_sample_count` to display the calculated information for each subregion.
- **Plot Final Subdivisions:** Calls `plot_final_subregions_with_random_colors` to visualize the final subregions with random colors. Note that `gdf=None` is passed here, so the original sample points will *not* be overlaid on this final plot. If you wanted them overlaid, you would pass `gdf` instead of `None`.

In summary, this code provides a complete workflow for generating spatial data, intelligently subdividing a geographic area based on point density using a recursive quadtree-like approach, and then analyzing and visualizing the characteristics (average temperature, point count) of these resulting subdivisions. The `min_samples` parameter allows control over how granular the subdivisions become.