

MATLAB for Geoscientists 2 - University of Maryland

Historical Earthquake Data

These earthquakes are rated using the [Richter magnitude scale](#) () which is determined from the logarithm of the amplitude of waves recorded by seismographs.

Earthquake Magnitude Scale



The formula is: $M_L = \log_{10}A - \log_{10}A_0(\delta) = \log_{10}[A/A_0(\delta)]$. [Earthquake Data Credit](#): U.S. Geological Survey; Department of the Interior/USGS

```
load EarthquakesFebruary2018 quakes
```

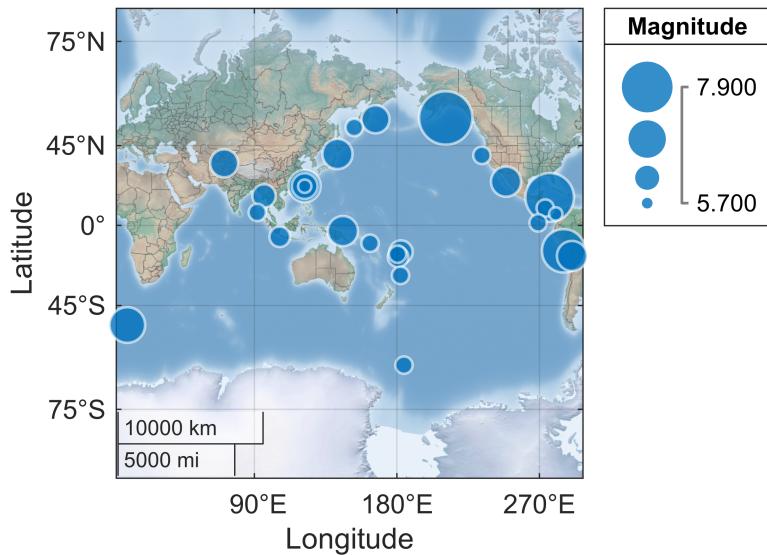
Earthquakes around the world

Let's take a look at where earthquakes occur and how strong they are. Filter out the smallest earthquakes.

```
% minmagnitude = 3.0;
minmagnitude =5.6;

theseQuakes = quakes(quakes.Magnitude > minmagnitude,:);

figure
geobubble(theseQuakes,"Latitude","Longitude","SizeVariable","Magnitude',...
    "Basemap","colorterrain");
```



Displaying Fault Lines on a Geographic Globe using Mapping Toolbox

```

folder = "Qfaults_GIS/SHP";
shapefile = "Qfaults_US_Database.shp";

filename = fullfile(folder, shapefile);
faults = shaperead(filename, "UseGeoCoords", true); % load shape as a structure
faults2 = geoshape(faults); % We can convert this shape from the structure it
% loaded as into a geoshape shape. Geoshapes require latitude and longitude vectors
% and can also incorporate "Geometry" and "Metadata"

```

Filtering data based on fault length

```

numberOfFaults = length(faults)

numberOfFaults = 112809

firstElement2 = faults(1);
cutoffLength = 15000;
data = faults(faults2.Shape_Leng > cutoffLength);

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fault_table = struct2table(data)
numLocations = unique(fault_table.Location)

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numLocations = 17×1 cell
'Alaska'
'Arizona'
'California'
'Colorado'
'Hawaii'
'Idaho'

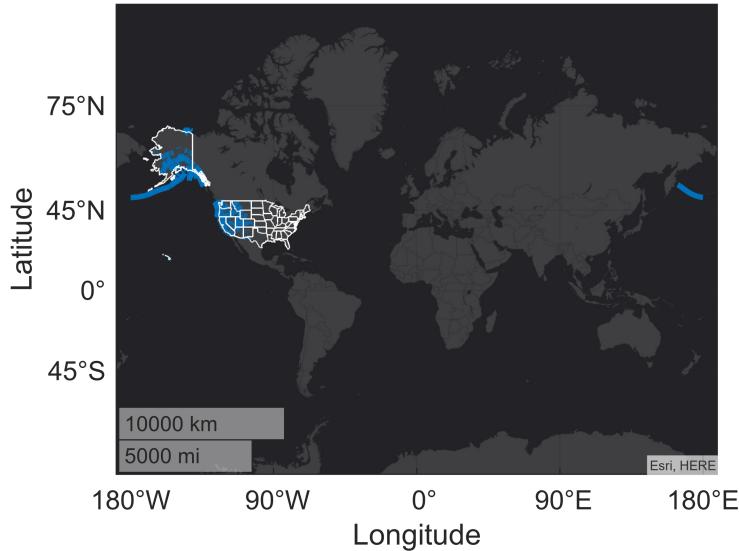
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'Kansas'  
'Montana'  
'Nevada'  
'New Mexico'  
:  
:
```

Display Fault Lines using Geographic Axes

Display the fault lines on a 2-D map. Construct a geographic axes using geoaxes and plot the data using geoplot. The geographic axes supports eleven different basemaps. The use of "darkmode" is popular in many applications. For visual contrast, select the "darkmode" (streets-dark) basemap. For a contrasting visual effect, display state boundaries in white. Read the state boundaries using shaperead.

```
data_geo = geoshape(data);  
lat = data_geo.Latitude;  
lon = data_geo.Longitude;  
  
states = shaperead("usastatelo.shp", "UseGeo", true);  
states = geoshape(states);  
basemap = "streets-dark";  
  
figure  
gx = geoaxes("Basemap", basemap, "NextPlot", "add");  
geoplot(gx, lat, lon, "LineWidth", 2)  
geoplot(gx, states.Latitude, states.Longitude, "w")
```



Display Fault Lines using Geographic Globe

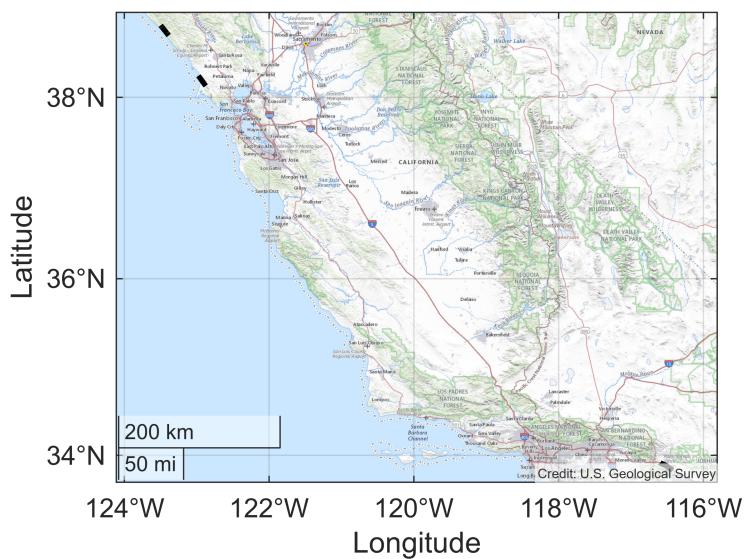
Display the fault lines on 3-D globe. 3-D visualizations with terrain provide more context for fault lines. The 2-D map is in a Web Mercator coordinate projection system which causes a scale distortion. Construct a


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basemap = "usgstopo";
baseURL = "https://basemap.nationalmap.gov/ArcGIS/rest/services";
url = baseURL + "/USGSTopo/MapServer/tile/${z}/${y}/${x}";
attribution = "Credit: U.S. Geological Survey";
displayName = "USGS Shaded Topographic Map" ;
maxZoomLevel = 16;
addCustomBasemap(basemap,url,"Attribution",attribution, ...
    "DisplayName",displayName,"MaxZoomLevel",maxZoomLevel)

figure
gx = geoaxes("Basemap",basemap,"NextPlot","add");
geoplot(gx,lat,lon,"LineWidth",2,"Color","k")

```



Loma Prieta Earthquake Analysis Example

This example shows how to analyze and visualize earthquake data.

```
%openExample('matlab/quake')
```