

03_Generate_tessellation

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1 Generating morphological tessellation and measure morphometric characters

Computational notebook 03 for **Morphological tessellation as a way of partitioning space: Improving consistency in urban morphology at the plot scale.**

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Note: notebook has been cleaned and released retroactively. It is likely that different versions of packages were initially used, but we made sure that the results remained unaltered.

Data

The source of the data used within the research is the Amtliche Vermessung dataset accessible from the Zurich municipal GIS open data portal (<https://maps.zh.ch>). From it can be extracted the cadastral layer (**Liegenschaften_Liegenschaft_Area**) and the layer of buildings (all features named **Gebäude**). All data are licensed under CC-BY 4.0.

Source data: Vektor-Übersichtsplan des Kantons Zürich, 13.03.2018, Amt für Raumentwicklung Geoinformation / GIS-Produkte, Kanton Zürich, <https://opendata.swiss/de/dataset/vektor-ubersichtsplan1>

Note: *Reach* has been calculated using UNA Toolkit in ArcMap 10.6.

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[4]: import momepy as mm
import geopandas as gpd
import libpysal
import numpy as np
from tqdm import tqdm
import pandas as pd
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[5]: mm.__version__, gpd.__version__, libpysal.__version__, np.__version__, pd.
     ↪ __version__
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[5]: ('0.1.1', '0.7.0', '4.2.2', '1.18.1', '1.0.3')
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[ ]: buildings = gpd.read_file('data/zurich.gpkg', layer='buildings')

buildings = mm.preprocess(buildings, size=30, compactness=False, islands=True)

buildings['uID'] = range(len(buildings))

buildings['blg_area'] = buildings.area
buildings.to_file('data/zurich.gpkg', layer='buildings', driver='GPKG')

buildings['geometry'] = buildings.simplify(0.2)
print('simplified')

buffers = [300, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100, 150, 200]
for buf in buffers:
    print('Generating', buf)
    limit = mm.buffered_limit(buildings, buf)
    tessellation = mm.Tessellation(buildings, 'uID', limit).tessellation
    tessellation.to_file('data/tessellation/{0}_tessellation.shp'.format(buf))
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[ ]: def gini(vals):
    """Calculate the Gini coefficient of a numpy array."""
    # based on bottom eq:
    # http://www.statsdirect.com/help/generatedimages/equations/equation154.svg
    # from:
    # http://www.statsdirect.com/help/default.htm#nonparametric_methods/gini.htm
    # All values are treated equally, arrays must be 1d:
    vals = vals.flatten()
    if np.amin(vals) < 0:
        # Values cannot be negative:
        vals -= np.amin(vals)
    # Values cannot be 0:
    vals += 0.0000001
    # Values must be sorted:
    vals = np.sort(vals)
    # Index per array element:
    index = np.arange(1, vals.shape[0] + 1)
    # Number of array elements:
    n = vals.shape[0]
    # Gini coefficient:
    return ((np.sum((2 * index - n - 1) * vals)) / (n * np.sum(vals)))
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[ ]: def gini_fn(gdf, values, spatial_weights, unique_id):

    # define empty list for results
    results_list = []
    gdf = gdf.copy()
    print('Calculating gini...')
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for index, row in tqdm(gdf.iterrows(), total=gdf.shape[0]):
    neighbours = spatial_weights.neighbors[row[unique_id]]
    if neighbours:
        neighbours.append(row[unique_id])

        values_list = gdf.loc[gdf[unique_id].isin(neighbours)][values].
→values

        results_list.append(gini(values_list))
    else:
        results_list.append(0)
series = pd.Series(results_list, index=gdf.index)

print('Gini calculated.')
return series

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[ ]: for buf in buffers:
    tessellation = gpd.read_file('data/tessellation/{0}_tessellation.shp'.
→format(buf))
    tessellation['area'] = tessellation.area
    tessellation['lal'] = mm.LongestAxisLength(tessellation).series
    tessellation['circom'] = mm.CircularCompactness(tessellation).series
    tessellation['shapeix'] = mm.ShapeIndex(tessellation, 'lal', 'area').series
    tessellation['rectan'] = mm.Rectangularity(tessellation, 'area').series
    tessellation['fractal'] = mm.FractalDimension(tessellation, 'area').series
    tessellation['orient'] = mm.Orientation(tessellation).series
    distancesw = libpysal.weights.DistanceBand.from_dataframe(tessellation,
→400, ids='uID')
    tessellation['freq'] = mm.Neighbors(tessellation, distancesw, 'uID').series
    tessellation['car'] = mm.AreaRatio(tessellation, buildings, 'area', mm.
→Area(buildings).series)
    tessellation['gini_area'] = gini_fn(tessellation, 'area', distancesw, 'uID')
    tessellation['gini_car'] = gini_fn(tessellation, 'car', distancesw, 'uID')
    tessellation.to_file('data/tessellation/{0}_tessellation.shp'.format(buf))

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[ ]: cadastre = gpd.read_file('data/cadastre/Zurich_cadastre.shp')

cadastre['area'] = tessellation.area
cadastre['lal'] = mm.LongestAxisLength(cadastre).series
cadastre['circom'] = mm.CircularCompactness(cadastre).series
cadastre['shapeix'] = mm.ShapeIndex(cadastre, 'lal', 'area').series
cadastre['rectan'] = mm.Rectangularity(cadastre, 'area').series
cadastre['fractal'] = mm.FractalDimension(cadastre, 'area').series
cadastre['orient'] = mm.Orientation(cadastre).series
distancesw = libpysal.weights.DistanceBand.from_dataframe(cadastre, 400,
→ids='uID')

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cadastre['freq'] = mm.Neighbors(cadastre, distancesw, 'uID').series
cadastre['car'] = mm.AreaRatio(cadastre, buildings, 'area', mm.Area(buildings).
    ↪series)
cadastre['gini_area'] = gini_fn(cadastre, 'area', distancesw, 'uID')
cadastre['gini_car'] = gini_fn(cadastre, 'car', distancesw, 'uID')
cadastre.to_file('data/cadastre/cadastre.shp')
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