Lab 08: Advanced Raster Analysis Using Landsat 7-Band Data in PostGIS

You will deepen your understanding of raster operations in PostGIS using Landsat imagery from the below aspects:

1. Compute additional spectral indices
2. Apply reclassification and pixel counts

**Task 1:** You need to classify the **ch12.barren\_index** using the [ST\_Reclass](https://postgis.net/docs/RT_ST_Reclass.html) function in PostGIS. This is useful to group continuous BI values into meaningful land categories, such as **sparse**, **moderate**, or **dense** bare soil. (2 pts)

Hints:

1. ST\_Reclass reassigns raster values from a **range** into **class values**.
2. '-1.0-0.1:1, 0.1-0.3:2, 0.3-1.0:3' is a reclassification rule. For example, pixels with BI between 0.1 and 0.3 will be given the value 2.
3. '32BF' means the output raster will be in 32-bit float format.

**Task 2.** Water strongly absorbs in Near-Infrared (NIR) and reflects in the Green band. A common water index is the **Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI)**: **NDWI = (Green - NIR) / (Green + NIR)**. Use Band 3 (Green) and Band 5 (NIR). Please use these two bands to calculate the NDWI. (2 pts)

**Task 3.** After generating the NDWI raster, identify water pixels by thresholding NDWI (e.g., NDWI > 0). Higher NDWI values indicate a higher likelihood of water presence. Positive values are typically associated with water bodies, while negative or zero values are associated with soil and land-based vegetation. (When you load NDWI data into QGIS, it may take a while). (3 pts)

Hints:

1. '-1.0-0.0:1,0.0-1.0:2' is the reclassification rule.

**Task 4.** You have generated an NDWI raster and reclassified it into a binary raster (ch12.ndwi\_water\_mask), where:

1 represents water pixels; 0 represents non-water pixels (2 pts)

Your task is to calculate the total number of water pixels.

1. Use the ST\_ValueCount() function to summarize pixel values from the raster.
2. Focus on counting only those pixels where the value equals 1 (indicating water).
3. Wrap the summary in a subquery to filter and sum water pixels.