

Creating a kml file for the Chile 2010 Tsunami propagation example ¶

This notebook uses the same data as in [Chile2010_tsunami.ipynb](#) ([Chile2010_tsunami.ipynb](#)), and illustrates how to turn a plot of the tsunami elevation into a kml file that can be viewed interactively, e.g. with Google Earth or Cesium.

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In [1]: %matplotlib inline
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In [2]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from numpy import ma # masked arrays
from __future__ import print_function
from data_tools import read_asc_file

topo_file = '../geoclaw_output/chile2010/topo.asc'
topo_data_dict = read_asc_file(topo_file, verbose = False)

X = topo_data_dict['X']
Y = topo_data_dict['Y']
topo = topo_data_dict['values']
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In [3]: frame_times = np.linspace(0,5.5,12)
print("The data is at the following times (in hours after the earthquake):\n  ",
      "\n  ",
      "\n  ",
      "\n  ",
      "\n  ",
      "\n  ",
      "\n  ",
      "\n  ",
      "\n  ",
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      "\n  ",
      "\n  ")

The data is at the following times (in hours after the earthquake):
[ 0.  0.5  1.  1.5  2.  2.5  3.  3.5  4.  4.5  5.  5.5]
```

First experiment with one time frame:

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In [4]: frameno = 9
filename = 'eta_%s.asc' % str(frameno).zfill(4) # pads with zeros to fill 4 char
eta_file = '../geoclaw_output/chile2010/%s' % filename
print('Reading file %s\nTsunami simulation at time %4.1f hours after quake\n' \
      % (eta_file, frame_times[frameno]))
eta_data_dict = read_asc_file(eta_file, verbose=False)
Eta = eta_data_dict['values']
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Reading file ../geoclaw_output/chile2010/eta_0009.asc
Tsunami simulation at time 4.5 hours after quake
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Mask Eta on shore to only show ocean surface:

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In [5]: Eta_offshore = ma.masked_where(topo>0, Eta)
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We can choose a colormap and breakpoints.

Note that we set the colors to also contain a transparency alpha, so the elements of the list have the form [R,G,B,alpha]. We set alpha = 0 for the range between -0.05 and 0.05 so that the flat surface does not get colored at all, and to the value alpha_wave where the tsunami height is larger.

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In [6]: alpha_wave = 0.5
eta_colors_alpha = [[0,0,1,alpha_wave], [.5,.5,1,alpha_wave], \
                    [0,1,1,0], [1,.5,.5,alpha_wave], [1,0,0,alpha_wave]]
eta_levels = [-0.5,-0.1,-0.05,0.05,0.1,0.5]
```

Create image suitable for displaying in kml file

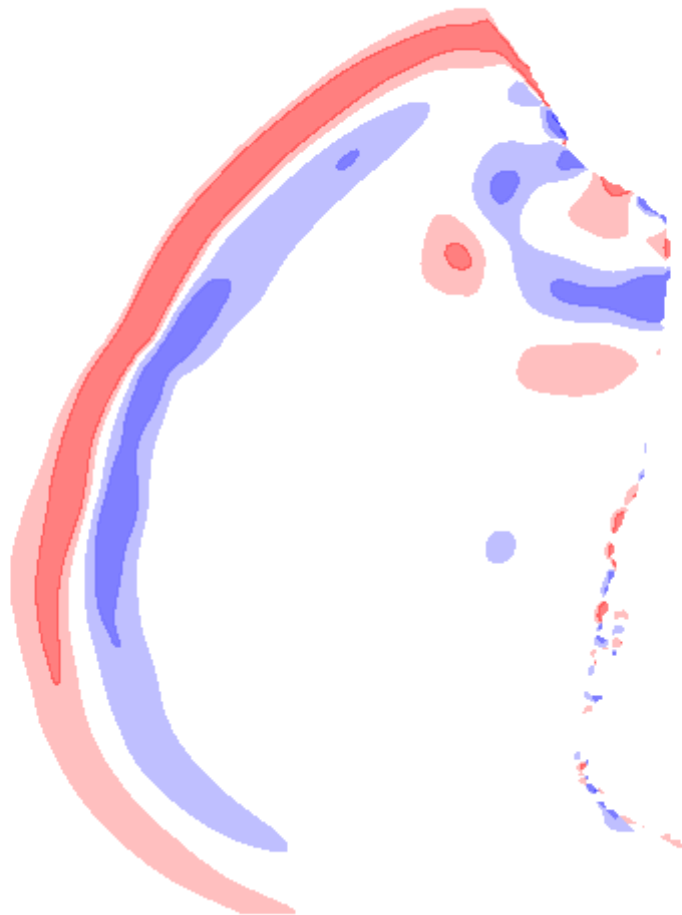
```
In [7]: fig = plt.figure(figsize=(5,5))    # Figure is square

fname = 'chile'

plt.contourf(X,Y,Eta_offshore, eta_levels, colors=eta_colors_alpha, \
             extend='both')

fig.patch.set_alpha(0)
a = fig.gca()
a.set_position([0.,0.,1.0,1.0])
a.set_frame_on(False)
a.set_xticks([])
a.set_yticks([])
plt.axis('off')

kml_dpi = None
plt.savefig(fname + '.png', transparent=True, bbox_inches='tight', \
          pad_inches=0,dpi=kml_dpi)
```



Create kml file showing this image

```
In [8]: from lxml import etree
from pykml.factory import KML_ElementMaker as KML

# Latlong box
x1 = -120 # east
x2 = -60  # west
y1 = -60  # south
y2 = 0.0  # north

# Create KML file using pyKML
doc = KML.kml(KML.Document())
doc.Document.append(KML.Folder(
    KML.GroundOverlay(KML.Icon(
        KML.href(fname + '.png')),
        KML.LatLonBox(
            KML.north(y2),
            KML.south(y1),
            KML.east(x2),
            KML.west(x1))))))

# doc.Document.Folder.append(go)
docfilename = "%s.kml" % fname
docfile = open(docfilename, 'w')
docfile.write('<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>\n')
kml_text = etree.tostring(etree.ElementTree(doc), pretty_print=True).decode('utf8')
docfile.write(kml_text)
docfile.close()

print("Created %s containing....\n" % docfilename)
print(kml_text)
```

Created chile.kml containing....

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<kml xmlns:atom="http://www.w3.org/2005/Atom" xmlns:gx="http://www.google.com/k
ml/ext/2.2" xmlns="http://www.opengis.net/kml/2.2">
  <Document>
    <Folder>
      <GroundOverlay>
        <Icon>
          <href>chile.png</href>
        </Icon>
        <LatLonBox>
          <north>0.0</north>
          <south>-60</south>
          <east>-60</east>
          <west>-120</west>
        </LatLonBox>
      </GroundOverlay>
    </Folder>
  </Document>
</kml>
```

This kml file can be opened in Google Earth or other tools that support kml files.

Cesium

Here we open it using [cesiumpy](https://pypi.python.org/pypi/cesiumpy) (<https://pypi.python.org/pypi/cesiumpy>), a Python wrapper for [cesium.js](http://cesiumjs.org/) (<http://cesiumjs.org/>).

```
In [9]: import cesiumpy
ds = cesiumpy.KmlDataSource('chile.kml')
v = cesiumpy.Viewer()
v.dataSources.add(ds)
v
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/opt/conda/lib/python2.7/site-packages/cesiumpy/util/html.py:14: UserWarning: Unable to read specified path, be sure to the output HTML can read the path:
  warnings.warn(msg.format(sourceUri))
```

Out[9]:

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Javascript error adding output!
TypeError: Cesium.Viewer is not a constructor
See your browser Javascript console for more details.
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