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# GEOS397\_HW4

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## Part 1: Make a basemap and determine a crude ocean volume

```
clear
close all
clc

global lat;
global lon;
global LAT;
global LON;
global topo;
global ax;
global oceanVollm;
global h;

% Step 1: Load the topo.mat data set

load( 'topo.mat' ); % loading the MATLAB global topography data into
memory

% Step 2: Plot a basemap

% setup the figure properties that we want
h = figure; % creating new figure for basemap

hold on;

h.InvertHardcopy = 'off'; % sets the colors of saved figure to be
those of display
h.Color = 'k'; % sets background of map figure to black
h.Position = [100 100 1000 500]; % sets position of figure window on
opening
h.PaperPositionMode = 'auto'; % sets size of saved figure to be same
as display

% setup the map axes
ax = axesm('Mollweid', 'Frame', 'on', 'Grid', 'on'); % setting
properties of map, display options
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setm(ax, 'MLabelLocation', 60); % setting interval for labelling
    longitudes
setm(ax, 'PLabelLocation', 30); % setting interval for labelling
    latitudes
mlabel('MLabelParallel', 0); % setting axis to label longitudes (i.e.
    0-degrees latitude)
plabel('PLabelMeridian', -25); % setting axis to label latitudes (i.e.
    -25-degrees longitude)
axis('off'); % sets background of axes to null (figure background
    shows instead)
setm(ax, 'FontColor', [0.9 0.9 0.9]); % sets font color to better color
    (white or close to)
setm(ax, 'GColor', [0.9 0.9 0.9]); % sets font color to better color
    (white or close to)

LAT = toplatlim(1):topolatlim(2); % setting values for latitude
LON = toponlim(1):toponlim(2); % setting values for longitude

idx180 = find(LON > 180, 1); % find first index of longitude array
    that is larger than 180 deg
LON(idx180:end) = LON(idx180:end) - 360; % subtract 360 degrees to
    make lon interval [-180 180] instead of [0 360]

[lon, lat] = meshgrid(LON, LAT); % compute the lat/lon of every grid
    point in topo
pcolorm(lat, lon, topo); % plot the matrix of elevations on the map
demcmap(topo); % give it a better colormap

c = colorbar; % creating colorbar and handle
c.Label.String = 'Elevation[m]'; % labeling colorbar
c.Color = [0.9 0.9 0.9]; % setting color of colorbar to match

% Part 3: Modify the topo matrix to represent ocean depth
topoOcean = topo; % creating new to preserve topo for Part 3
distdim(topoOcean, 'm', 'km'); % Converting units
topoOcean=ans; %applying this to topoOcean
topoOcean(topoOcean>0)=0; %Filtering out any values above sealevel and
    setting them equal to zero

% Answer: we could compute the volume of the ocean knowing the depth
    by
% multiplying the depth by the area covered by each pixel. Doing so
    above would calculate only the volume of negative height
% values (e.g. the oceans, Death Valley, inland bodies of water with
    depths
% below sea-level).

% Step 4: Compute the area of each pixel

EARTH_RADIUS_KM = 6371; % Earths Radius
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earthCircumfrence = 2*pi*EARTH_RADIUS_KM % Finding the earth's
    circumfrence
pixelWidth = earthCircumfrence/360 %Find the pixel width
pixelHeight = (earthCircumfrence/2)/180 %Find the pixel height
pixelArea = pixelWidth * pixelHeight %Find the pixela area by
    multiplying the width and height

topoOceanVolume = pixelArea * topoOcean; %Finding the volume for each
    cell
negativeTotalVolume = sum(sum(topoOceanVolume)); %The total sum of all
    the cells resulting in negative volume
oceanVolumeTotalPart1 = abs(negativeTotalVolume) %correcting for the
    negative volume.

% Answer: Using this area, the total volume of the oceans on Earth
    (really
% the volume below sealevel) is approximately 1.8226e+09 cubic
    kilometers.

earthCircumfrence =

    4.0030e+04

pixelWidth =

    111.1949

pixelHeight =

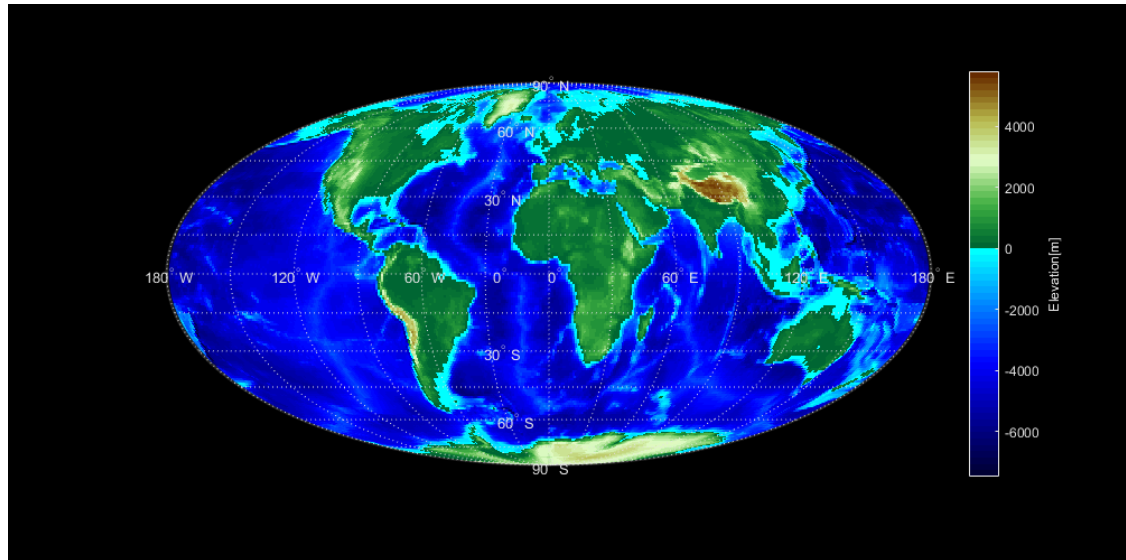
    111.1949

pixelArea =

    1.2364e+04

oceanVolumeTotalPart1 =

    1.8226e+09
```



## Part 2: A more accurate volume estimate

% Answer: This means that our previous estimate of ocean volume treats the  
 % area of a pixel (square degree) as a perfect square, and consequently,  
 % the volume beneath it as a perfect box when in reality the x\*y profile  
 % diminishes in size as the depth increases. This means that we would be  
 % overestimating ocean volume.

% Step 1: Compute the area between two lines of latitude

% Answer: The area represented by two lines of latitude one degree apart  
 % with this model would be 1/360 of the area of each ring(A(ring) equation).  
 % This gives an answer of approximately  $1.076 \times 10^4$  square km.  
 Calculation  
 % below.

```
areaRing =
  (2*pi*(EARTH_RADIUS_KM*EARTH_RADIUS_KM))*abs(sin((30*pi)/180) -
    sin((29*pi)/180)); % area of ring
pixelArea2 = areaRing/360; % area of one 'cell'
```

% Step 2: Compute the area of each pixel

```
% declaring variables and instantiating requisite formulas, etc.
latRad = (LAT*pi)/180; % converting Latitude degrees to radians
numPixelValRow = numel(LAT) - 1; % one row per horizontal area band
numPixelValCol = numel(LON) - 1; % one column per vertical area band
pixelValues = zeros(numPixelValRow , numPixelValCol); % empty table to
  store calculated pixel values
```

```

for jj=1:(numel(LAT)-1) % for each "ring"

    nLatRad1 = latRad(jj); % latitude value at index 1
    nLatRad2 = latRad(jj+1); % latitude value at index 2
    areaRing =
    (2*pi*(EARTH_RADIUS_KM*EARTH_RADIUS_KM))*abs(sin(nLatRad1) -
    sin(nLatRad2)); % area of first ring

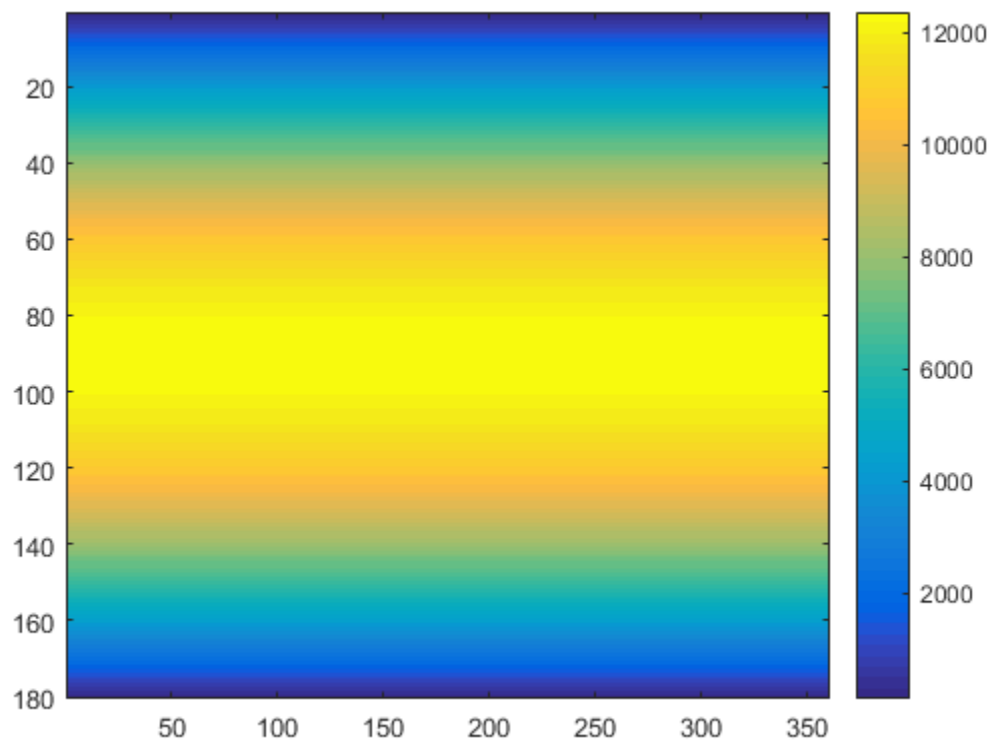
    pixelArea3 = areaRing/360; % area of each latitude band within
    ring (i.e. pixel) will have 1/360th of the area
    pixelValues(jj,:) = pixelArea3; % assigning this value to each
    cell in row

end

% Checking graphically that pixelArea3 worked, per instructions

p = figure; % new figure for plot
p = imagesc(pixelValues); % using imagesc since scaled values
colorbar % turning on colorbar for figure

```



## Part 3 Sea-level rise due to Antarctica

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% Step 1: Compute the volume of the water contained on Antarctica

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% Answer: The total volume of mass on Antarctica, assuming all
% land below 60S latitude is Antarctica, and all topographic values
% above 0
% are ice, is 9.5883e+06 km^2. See below for calculation.

% instantiating variables, etc.
topoLand = topo; % creating new to preserve topo
antarcticIceTotal = 0;

% removing all negative values from topo
for kk=1:numel(topoLand) % runs through each value in topoLand

    if topoLand(kk) < 0 % conditional for topo change per
    specifications
        topoLand(kk)= 0; % reassign negative elevations to 0
    end

end

% setting topo values to 0 for everywhere North of 60S (assuming
% Antarctica is all land below 60S latitude)
topoAntarctica = topoLand; % new table for Antarctica
for ll=1:149 % removing all values N of 60S

    topoAntarctica(ll,:) = 0;

end

topoAntarctica = topoAntarctica./1000; % converting altitudes from m
to km
antarcticIce = topoAntarctica .* pixelValues; % multiplying area by
height for each cell using pixelArea3 approach (best estimate)

% summing values in antarcticIce, but there must be a better way than a
loop
for mm=1:numel(antarcticIce);

    antarcticIceTotal = antarcticIceTotal + antarcticIce(mm);

end

% Answer: The total volume of water held in ice on Antarctica, assuming
% all
% land below 60S latitude is Antarctica, and all topographic values
% above 0
% are ice, is 8.6295e+06 km^2. See below for calculation.
antarcticWater = antarcticIceTotal * 0.9;

% Step 2: Compute the change in total ocean volume for incremental
changes
% in sea-level height

% calculating starting ocean volume using new area metric
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```
oceanVolValues2 = topoOcean .* pixelValues; % volume of ocean at each
square degree
oceanVolPart3 = 0; % initializing total vol

for yy=1:numel(oceanVolValues2)

    oceanVolPart3 = oceanVolPart3 + abs(oceanVolValues2(yy));
end

topoOceanRise = topo; % new topo to preserve data (in km)
topoOceanRise1m = topoOceanRise; % for initial 1m rise, per
instructions
meltwaterVector = zeros(1,100); % per instructions

% calculating ocean rise for 1m of meltwater added (by subtracting 1m
from
% all land topo, per instructions)
for zz=1:numel(topoOceanRise1m)

    if topoOceanRise1m(zz)>0 % if it is land
        topoOceanRise1m(zz) = topo(zz) - 1; % subtract 1m

        if topoOceanRise1m(zz) > 0 % if still above 0m high
            topoOceanRise1m(zz) = 0; % reset to 0
        end
    end
end
if topoOceanRise1m(zz) < 0 % if below sea-level
    topoOceanRise1m(zz) = 1/1000; % add 1m
end

end

oceanVol1m = (topoOceanRise1m .* pixelValues); % depth times area =
volume
oceanVol1mTotal = 0; % initializing total

% calculating total for ocean volume plus 1m
for oo=1:numel(oceanVol1m)
    oceanVol1mTotal = oceanVol1mTotal + abs(oceanVol1m(oo));
end

oceanVolAntarcticEquiv = zeros(180, 360);

% calculating volumes from 1m to 100m added sea-level
volTot = 0; % temporary variable for volume
for pp=1:100 % for 100 one-meter decreases in land height

    for qq=1:numel(topoOceanRise) % for each value in topoOceanRise
        if topoOceanRise(qq)>0 % if it is land
            topoOceanRise(qq) = topoOceanRise(qq) - pp; % subtract in
1m increments
```

```
%
    if topoOceanRise(qq) > 0 % if still above 0m high
        topoOceanRise(qq) = 0; % set to zero
    end
end

    if topoOceanRise(qq) < 0
        topoOceanRise(qq) = pp;
        volAtPixel = topoOceanRise(qq) .* pixelValues(qq); %
calculating volume at pixel
        volTot = volTot + abs(volAtPixel); %
        if pp==7
            oceanVolAntarcticEquiv(qq) = abs(topoOceanRise(qq) +
oceanVolValues2(qq));
        end
    end

end
meltwaterVector(pp) = volTot/1000 ;

end

% Step 3: Match the change in volume with the volume held on
Antarctica

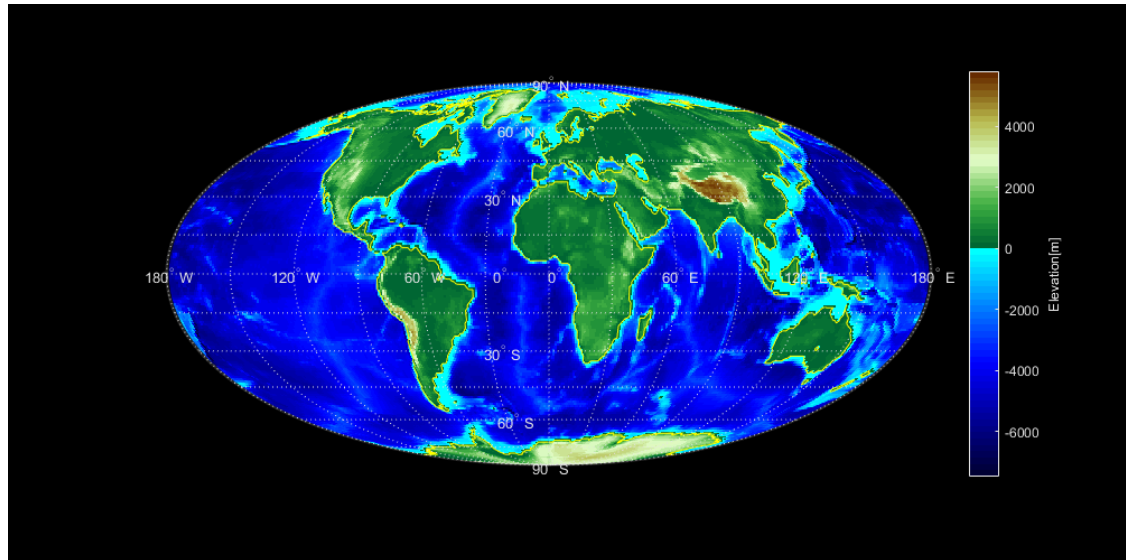
% A sea-level rise of 7m to 8m is approximately equal to the sea-level
rise
% expected if all of the ice on Antarctica melted, according to my
% calculations. For the purposes of a single answer, I would say 7m.

% Step 4: Plot the new coastline

figure(h)
LATnew = LAT(1:180);
LONnew = LON(1:360);
V = [7 7];
contourm(LATnew,LONnew,oceanVolAntarcticEquiv, V, 'y')

% Answer: Parts of Florida, Cape Cod
%
% Answer: This modelling approach could be improved if we chose to use
a
% finer spatial resolution (instead of square degrees)
% We made the assumption that everything over sea level is ice. This is
not
% true!
% We did not account for the fact that the earth isn't a perfect
sphere.
```





## Part 4

Answer: We would add in the total water volume of Greenland's ice into line 241. This would add together the antarctic water volume and the greenland water volume before we started the loop for sea level rise.

```
pixelValuesGreenland=pixelValues(:,110:160); %Selecting the columns
for Greenland.
pixelValuesGreenland=pixelValuesGreenland(6:30,:); %Selecting the rows
for Greenland.
```

```
gtopo = topo(:,110:160); %Selecting the columns for Greenland so that
it matches pixelValues.
gtopo2 = gtopo(6:30,:); %Selecting rows for Greenland
gtopo2(gtopo2<0)=0; %Filtering out any data points below sea level.
```

```
greenlandIceVolume = (gtopo2/1000).*pixelValuesGreenland; %Calculating
the volume for Greenland's Ice in each cell
greenlandWaterVolume = greenlandIceVolume * 0.9; %Turing that volume
to water
```

```
totalGreenlandWaterVolume = sum(sum(greenlandWaterVolume)) %Summing
all of the cells to get the total volume.
```

```
% The total volume of water contained in greenland's ice would be
% 5.6121e+06 cubic kilometers.
```

```
totalGreenlandWaterVolume =
```

```
5.6121e+06
```

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