

Vector Processing with OGR

Python and vector data



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Information

- A longer version of this presentation, with more slides, will be available in PDF format
- You should carefully study the PDF file
- The datasets that were used in this presentation will be available
- You should implement all the code and run them on your computer to better understand the contents of this presentation

Introduction



Vector processing libraries

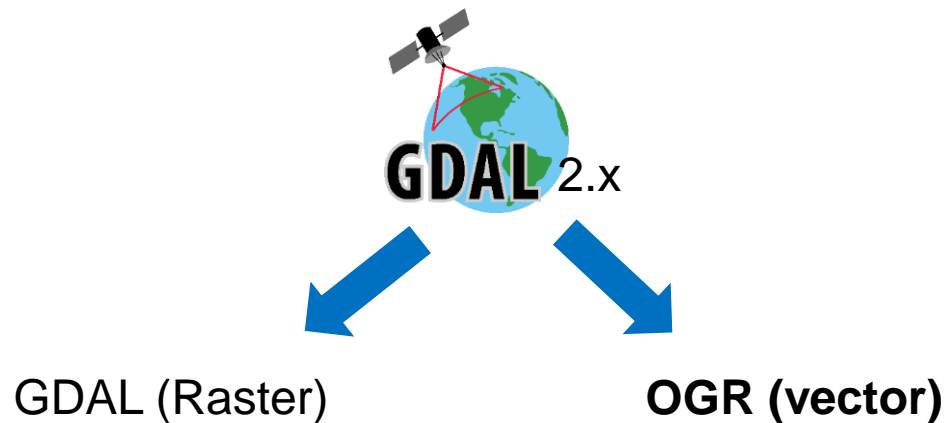
- Java Topology Suite (Java)
- .Net Topology Suite
- GeoTools (Java)
- GEOS (C++)
- Fiona (Python)
- Shapely (Python)
- **GDAL/OGR (C/C++/Python APIs)**
- ...





What is OGR?

- GDAL is a library for raster and vector geospatial data formats
- Promoted by Open-Source Geospatial Foundation (OSGeo)
- X/MIT style Open-Source [License](#)
- *Ogr* is part of *gdal*.



Typical functionalities required in vector data processing

Open a vector dataset

- Folder
- Database on a DBMS
- Web server, e.g., WFS

Access dataset properties

- Metadata
- Iterate over layers

Access layers

- Projection
- Extents
- Information about the attribute table: Number of fields, field names etc
- Apply filters

Access features

- Get fields data
- Get geometry

Process geometry/geometries

- Preprocessing: change proj, generalization, etc.
- Query: Spatial Query, Attribute Query
- Unary operations: Buffer,
- Binary operations: intersect, overlay, etc.
- Proximity analysis
- ...

Save a new dataset

- Save
- Save as ...
- Convert



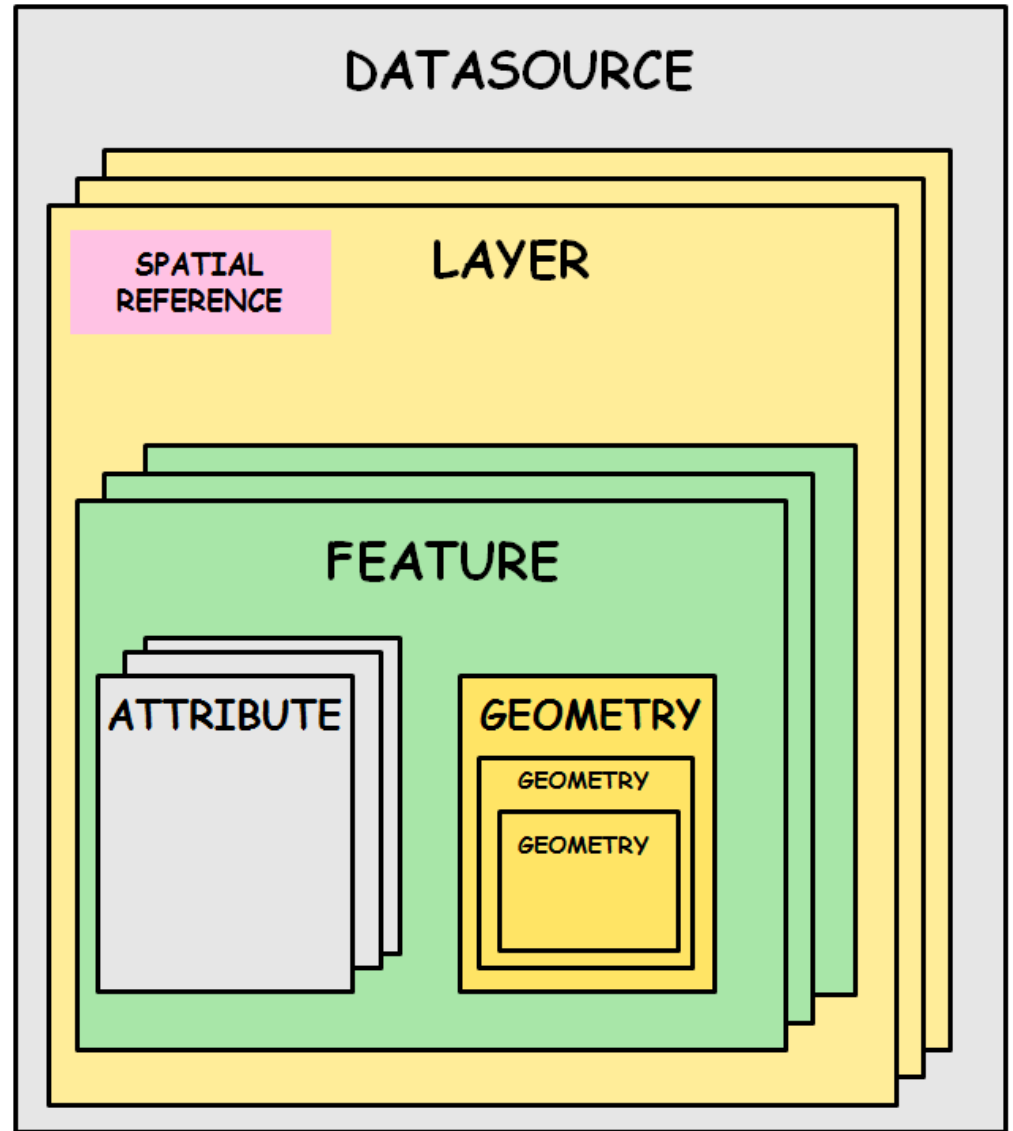
What file formats?

... and many many more!

- **Shapefile**
- **GeoPackage**
- **PostgreSQL/POSTGIS**
- Coverage
- Geodatabase
- MapInfo
- TIGER
- KML
- KMZ



Ogr data model





How to open a vector datasource

```
from osgeo import ogr
import os
```

```
dataDirectory=r'C:\Users\piscobexigacalistlf\Documents\programingSkills\ogr\data'
```

```
    # change to the data directory
os.chdir(dataDirectory)
```

```
    # open dataset
```

```
datasource = ogr.Open("NL_provinces.shp")
```

```
print("file opened!")
```

```
if datasource is not None:
```

```
    datasource = None
```

```
    print("file closed!")
```



Access to datasource properties

- Getting data source layer count

```
...  
layerCount =  
datasource.GetLayerCount()  
print("dataset layers:", layerCount)
```

dataset layers: 1

→ In a shapefile, the number of layers is always 1

- Obtaining the layer

```
...  
layer = datasource.GetLayer(0)
```

→ In a shapefile, the number of layers is always 1

Working with Layers

Attribute field names

Layer extent

Spatial Reference

Features?!?



Access to layer properties

- Obtaining attribute field names

```
...  
layerDefinition = layer.GetLayerDefn()           # get layer definition  
fieldCount=layerDefinition.GetFieldCount()       # get number of fields  
print('Number of fields: '+str(fieldCount))  
for i in range(fieldCount):  
    print('Attribute field: '+layerDefinition.GetFieldDefn(i).GetName())  
                                                # get field definition and then its name
```

```
Number of field: 4  
Attribute field: OBJECTID  
Attribute field: NAME_1  
Attribute field: HASC_1  
Attribute field: ENGTYPE_1
```

- Getting **layer** extents (note: not feature extents)

```
...  
layerExtents=layer.GetExtent()  
print("x_min = %.2f x_max = %.2f y_min = %.2f y_max = %.2f" % (layerExtents[0],  
layerExtents[1], layerExtents[2], layerExtents[3]))
```

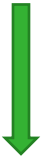
```
x_min = 13895.64 x_max = 277998.54 y_min = 303925.34 y_max = 619270.21
```



Access to layer properties

- Obtaining the spatial reference system

```
layerSRS=layer.GetSpatialRef()  
print ('Spatial Reference System (srs):  
' + str(layerSRS))
```



Conversion to string

```
PROJCS["Amersfoort_RD_New",  
  GEOGCS["GCS_Amersfoort",  
    DATUM["Amersfoort",  
      SPHEROID["Bessel_1841",6377397.155,299.1528128]],  
    PRIMEM["Greenwich",0],  
    UNIT["Degree",0.017453292519943295]],  
  PROJECTION["Oblique_Stereographic",  
    PARAMETER["latitude_of_origin",52.15616055555555],  
    PARAMETER["central_meridian",5.387638888888889],  
    PARAMETER["scale_factor",0.9999079],  
    PARAMETER["false_easting",155000],  
    PARAMETER["false_northing",463000],  
    UNIT["Meter",1]]
```



Access to layer properties

- Obtaining number of features

```
layerFeatureNum=layer.GetFeatureCount() # get number of features  
print ('Number of features: '+str(layerFeatureNum))
```

Number of features: 12

Working with Features

Iterate over features

Access a particular
feature

Query by attribute

Geometry?!?



Iterate over features

- Extraction of feature attribute values

```
...  
for feature in layer : # iterate over the features  
    nameFeature=feature.GetFieldAsString('NAME_1')  
    print('feature NAME_1: '+nameFeature)
```



If you do not want to iterate over *all* features,
an alternative approach would be:

```
feature.GetFieldAsString('FIELDNAME')  
# extract the field value as a string.
```

```
feature.GetFieldAsInteger('FIELDNAME')  
# extract the field value as a integer.
```

```
feature.GetField(0)  
# We can use the name or the index number.  
# GetField() will return a data type according  
# to the attribute table:  
# Double → Double, String → String
```

layer.GetFeature(index) → This obtains one
feature from the layer

```
feature NAME_1: Utrecht  
feature NAME_1: Zeeland  
feature NAME_1: Zuid-Holland  
feature NAME_1: Drenthe  
feature NAME_1: Flevoland  
feature NAME_1: Friesland  
feature NAME_1: Gelderland  
feature NAME_1: Groningen  
feature NAME_1: Limburg  
feature NAME_1: Noord-Brabant  
feature NAME_1: Noord-Holland  
feature NAME_1: Overijssel
```



Access to a single feature

- How to extract one feature's attribute value

```
...  
feature = layer.GetFeature(0) # extract feature 0  
print('Feature NAME_1: '+feature.GetFieldAsString('NAME_1'))
```

Feature Name_1: Utrecht

- Query by attribute or set an attribute filter

```
layer.SetAttributeFilter("NAME_1 = 'Overijssel'")  
for feature in layer:  
    OverijsselFeature=feature # extract into a variable  
    name = OverijsselFeature.GetField('NAME_1')  
    print('Name_1 for selected feature: '+name)
```

Name_1 for selected feature: Overijssel

If we use GetField() the output type will be that of the attribute table.

Working with Geometries

Access to feature's
geometry

Envelope (bounding box)

Area

Access to the feature geometry and envelope

- Extraction of a **feature geometry**

```
OverijsselGeometry = OverijsselFeature.GetGeometryRef()    # extract the geometry

print('Type of Geometry: '+OverijsselGeometry.GetGeometryName()
                                           # geometry type

print('Geometry WKT : '+OverijsselGeometry.ExportToWkt()    # geometry as text
print('Geometry Json : '+OverijsselGeometry.ExportToJson()  # geometry as json
```

Type of Geometry: POLYGON

Geometry WKT : POLYGON ((205590.73116149 61528.1916 19527.68362 ...

Geometry Json : { "type": "Polygon", "coordinates": [[[205590.731890661001671,

...

- Extraction of **feature envelope** (aka, extent/bounding box)

```
env = OverijsselGeometry.GetEnvelope()    # get the envelope (bbox)
print("Feature extent: x_min = %.2f x_max = %.2f y_min = %.2f y_max = %.2f"
      % (env[0], env[1], env[2], env[3]))
```

Feature extent: x_min = 181922.20 x_max = 269798.68 y_min = 459839.00 y_max = 540983.45



Access to the feature's area size and length

- The area of a polygon

```
area = OverijsselGeometry.Area()  
print('Area is: '+str(area))
```

get the area in projection units

Area is: 3372864374.62524

- The length of a geometry (must be a curve or linestring)

```
length = OverijsselGeometry.Length()  
print('Length is: '+str(length))
```

get the length in projection units

Warning 1: OGR_G_Length() called against a non-curve geometry type.



Length is for lines, polygons do not have a length.

Spatial Operators

Predicates

Geometry
derivation

Spatial analysis



Spatial test and predicate methods with ogr

These predicates return a boolean value

- *.IsValid()*

geometry.IsValid()

- *.Intersects()*

geometry.Intersects (other geometry)

- *.Touches()*

geometry.Touches(other geometry)

- *.Crosses()*

geometry.Crosses(other geometry)

- *.Within()*

geometry.Within(other geometry)

- *.Contains()*

geometry.Contains(other geometry)

- *.Overlaps()*

geometry.Overlaps (other geometry)

For other predicates, check
the API

Overlaps is not *Intersects*!



Geometry derivation methods with ogr

These methods use one or two geometries and return another geometry.

- *.Buffer()*

```
geometry.Buffer(distance)
```

- *.Intersection()*

```
geometry.Intersection(other geometry)
```

- *.Union()*

```
geometry.Union(other geometry)
```

- *.Difference()*

```
geometry.Difference(other geometry)
```

- *.Centroid()*

```
geometry.Centroid()
```

- For other derivation methods, check the API



Spatial analysis methods with ogr

Methods that return a characteristic numeric value of the geometry/-tries

- *.Distance()*

geometry.Distance(other geometry)

- *.Area()*

geometry.Area()

- *.Length()*

geometry.Length()

- For other methods, check the API



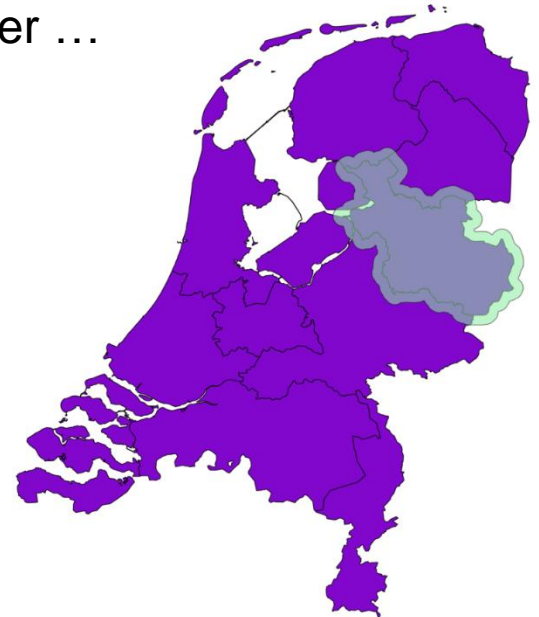
Spatial analysis methods with ogr

- Creating a buffer of 5000 metters around Overijssel province

```
bufferDistance = 5000  
buffer = OverijsselGeometry.Buffer(bufferDistance)  
print ('Buffer geometry WKT: ' + str(buffer.ExportToWkt()))
```

Buffer geometry WKT: POLYGON ((180018.95175 ...

- Your geometry must be represented in a **metric SRS**. If geographic instead, you would obtain a 5,000 degrees buffer ...





Spatial analysis with OGR

- Let us obtain Drenthe and Noord-Holland provinces

```
layer.SetAttributeFilter("NAME_1 = 'Drenthe'")      # effectively filters out all but one  
for feature in layer:  
    DrentheFeature=feature                          # define variable  
  
DrentheGeometry = DrentheFeature.GetGeometryRef()
```



Spatial analysis with OGR

- Does the Overijssel buffer intersect Drenthe?

```
intersectsOD = buffer.Intersects(DrentheGeometry)  
print('Buffer intersects Drenthe : '+str(intersectsOD))
```

Buffer intersects Drenthe: True

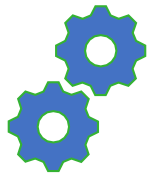
- Intersection between Overijssel buffer and Drenthe

```
if buffer.Intersects(DrentheGeometry):  
    intersection = buffer.Intersection(DrentheGeometry)  
    print('Intersection between buffer and Drenthe: '  
          '+intersection.ExportToWkt())
```

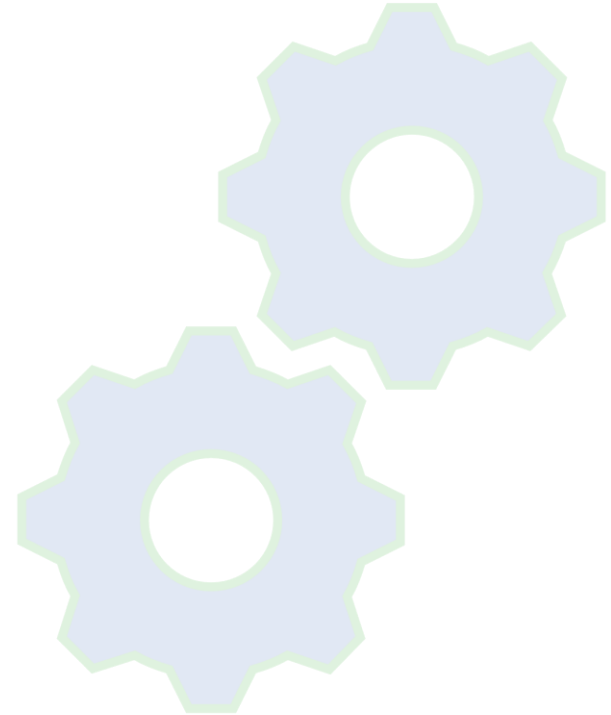
*Intersection between buffer and Drenthe: POLYGON
((205183.649433854 541293.85 ...*

Compute the intersection
only if the geometries
intersect!





**Saving the
outputs!**





Save data as a new file (shapefile)

```
from osgeo import ogr
# set up the shapefile driver
driver = ogr.GetDriverByName("ESRI Shapefile")
# create the data source
data_source = driver.CreateDataSource("province_buffer.shp")
# create the spatial reference, EPSG 28992
srs = osr.SpatialReference()
srs.ImportFromEPSG(28992)
# create the layer
layer = data_source.CreateLayer("province_buffer", srs, ogr.wkbPolygon)
# add the fields we're interested in
# let us add one field called Name
field_name = ogr.FieldDefn("Name", ogr.OFTString)
field_name.SetWidth(24)
layer.CreateField(field_name)
# let us add one more field called Area with type real
field_area = ogr.FieldDefn("Area", ogr.OFTReal)
field_area.SetWidth(32)
field_area.SetPrecision(2) # added line to set precision
layer.CreateField(field_area)
feature = ogr.Feature(layer.GetLayerDefn())
feature.SetField("Name", 'name1')
feature.SetField("Area", areaBuffer)
feature.SetGeometry(buffer)
layer.CreateFeature(feature)
feature = None # dereference the feature
data_source = None # save and close the data source
```

We will need OSR library later.

To save as a different file format, we can select a different driver.

Shapefiles have only one layer

Defining the field

Creating the field in the layer

Precision of the field type real

Defining the first feature. We can add more features.

Add the geometry into the feature

Finally assign the feature to the layer.

Why ogr?



Allows to work with geospatial vector data



Works with most current data formats



It is open-source

Large user community

Used by many GIS software packages



For processing large quantities of data in a row.



Allows compatibility between different Python packages

Vector: *numpy + ogr + gdal*



We will work on rasterizing vector data in one of the future sessions and we will see how we can combine raster and vector data sources



Thanks for your attention