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GIS Analysis with Application of Python Programming of Small-Scale Channel Widening Experiment

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INTRODUCTION

In the National Sedimentation Laboratory, a group of scientists investigated the occurrence of small-scale channel widening in the presence of a less erodible base layer. To ensure the morphological change is through lateral expansion, the channel was constricted to a vertical position. The initial and final time for the experiment were, consecutively, 0 seconds and 2090 seconds, with images collected in 10-second intervals. The objective of this report is to analyze the given datasets with the application of ArcMAP and python programming and calculate the following deliverables: generate horizontal profiles, generate channel width for a selected time step, calculate descriptive statistics for a selected time step, and generate the average channel width for all time steps.

METHODS

Description of datasets

Geo-referenced images: T10geo.tif and T2100geo.tif

- What information is provided in the attribute table? No attribute table.
- What is the ArcGIS and Python data types for each field? No attribute table.
- What is the geometry type of this dataset? No geometry type.
- What are the boundary conditions of this problem (time and space)? X and Y values.

Polygon with channel edges: P2016-07-19.shp

- What information is provided in the attribute table? FID, Shape, Time.
- What is the ArcGIS and Python data types for each field?

	ArcGIS	Python
FID	Object ID	Integers
Shape	Geometry	Strings
Time	Long	Integers

- What is the geometry type of this dataset? Geometry Type Polygon.
- What are the boundary conditions of this problem? X and Y values.

List of geoprocessing tools to generate your final output

(Images of tools and its outputs are displayed within the code for a better understanding of the process of analysis)

- Create Feature Class
- Select Layer By Attribute
- Intersect Analysis

Pseudo code

GENERATING HORIZONTAL PROFILES

- 1. Create feature class with ArcMap tool
- 2. Establish x and y coordinates
- 3. Use for loop
 - a. Use insert cursor
 - b. Add equation to calculate channel width: A-J use 2 cm
 - c. Delete cursor

GENERATING CHANNEL WIDTH FOR A SELECTED TIME SETUP

- 1. Select layer with ArcMap tool
- 2. Intersect layers
- 3. Write csv file
 - a. Open and write file
 - b. Name file headers
 - c. Use search cursor
 - d. Use for loop
 - i. Create empty list for row 1 and row 2
 - ii. Convert list to strings
 - iii. Write
 - e. Close file
 - f. Delete cursor

CALCULATING DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS FOR A SELECTED TIME SETUP

- 1. Import libraries
- 2. Create open list
- 3. Load csv file created in previous section
- 4. Open new csv file
 - a. Open and write file
 - b. Name file headers
 - c. Use for loop
- 5. Write code for mean, max value, min value, mode, median, and standard deviation.
- 6. Write code to csv file
- 7. Close file

GENERATING AVERAGE CHANNEL WIDTH FOR ALL TIME SETUPS

- Import libraries
- Load new file
- · Create two empty lists
- Plot table
 - Determine x and y values
 - Label x axis
 - Label y axis
 - Set x and y axis limits
- Create regression model
 - Determine x and y and labels
 - Add legend and gridlines
- Create plot as figure
 - o Set figure size
 - o Name figure output
 - Close figure

Generating horizontal profiles

```
#create featureclass
import arcpy
arcpy.CreateFeatureclass_management("D:/Graduate/2020Fall_PythonProgramming/te
rmProject","Lines1.shp","POLYLINE")
cursor = arcpy.da.InsertCursor("Lines1",['SHAPE@'])
#generate information (X and Y coordinates)
Xright = 100.875
Xleft = 99.95
Ymin = 100.325
Ymax = 101.81
#generate horizontal profiles
for i in range(200):
  array = arcpy.Array([arcpy.Point(Xleft,Ymin),arcpy.Point(Xright,Ymin)])
  multiline = arcpy.Polyline(array)
  cursor.insertRow([multiline])
  Ymin = Ymin + 0.02
  if (Ymin > Ymax):
    break
del cursor
```

Figure 1. Screenshot of the ArcMap tool 'Create Feature Class' to begin the creation of horizontal profiles.

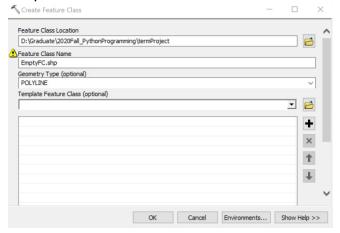
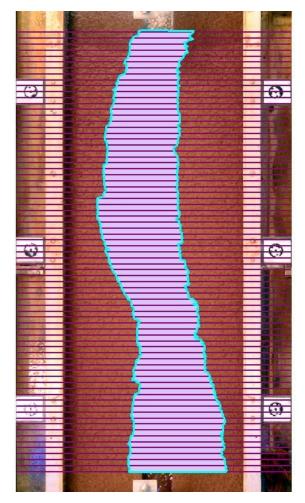


Figure 2. Output of the 'Create Feature Class' tool. File name: Lines1.



Generating channel width for a selected time step

```
#select by attribute
# Replace a layer/table view name with a path to a dataset (which can be a layer file) or
create the layer/table view within the script
# The following inputs are layers or table views: "P2016JUL19"
arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute management("P2016JUL19",
"NEW_SELECTION",'"TIME" =1500')
#intersect analysis
arcpy.Intersect_analysis(["P2016JUL19,Lines1"],
"D:/Graduate/2020Fall_PythonProgramming/termProject/time_1500.shp","ALL","-1
Unknown","LINE")
#writing to csv file
f = open(r'D:\Graduate\2020Fall_PythonProgramming\termProject\time_1500.csv','w')
f.write("CHANNEL WIDTH, ELAPSED TIME\n")
cursor = arcpy.da.SearchCursor("time_1500",["SHAPE@LENGTH","TIME"])
for row in cursor:
  x = row[0]
  y = row[1]
  s = str(x)+','+str(y)+'\n'
  f.write(s)
f.close()
del cursor
```

Figure 3. Screenshot of 'Select by Attribute' ArcMap tool to initiate step to generate channel width for a selected time step.

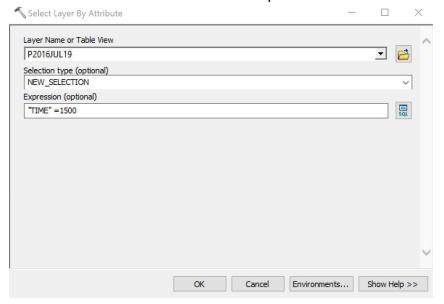


Figure 4. Screenshot of 'Intersect Analysis' Arcmap tool.

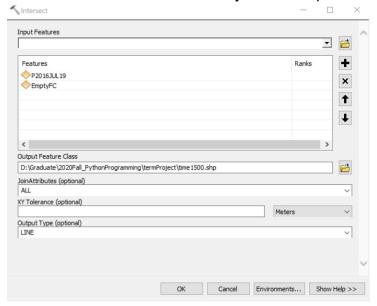


Figure 5. Output of Intersect Analysis tool. Output name: time_1500.

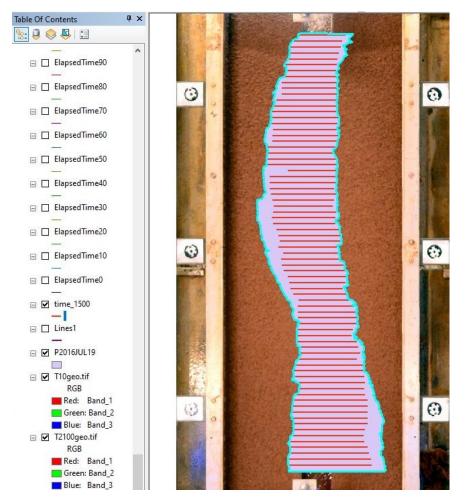
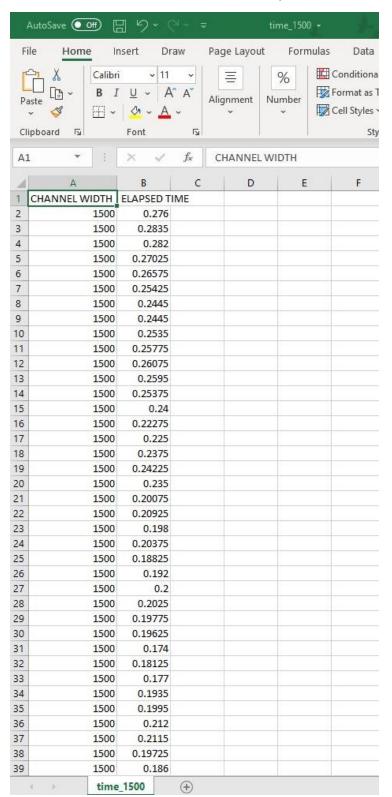


Figure 6. Screenshot of CSV file, result from python script code to generate channel width over time for a selected time step = 1500.



Calculating descriptive statistics for a selected time step

```
import numpy as np
import csv
from scipy import stats
J = []
f1 = open(r'D:\Graduate\2020Fall_PythonProgramming\termProject\time_1500.csv', 'r')
c = 0
for j in f1:
  if (c>0):
    jStr = j.strip()
    jLst = jStr.split(',')
     J.append(float(jLst[1]))
  c = c + 1
Mean = np.mean(J)
Maximum = max(J)
Minimum = min(J)
Mode = stats.mode(J)
StandardDeviation = np.std(J)
J.insert(0, 'DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS\n')
J.append("Mean = " + str(Mean))
J.append("Minimum value = " + str(Minimum))
J.append("Maximum value = " + str(Maximum))
J.append("Mode = " + str(Mode))
J.append("Standard Deviation = " + str(StandardDeviation))
File =
open(r'D:\Graduate\2020Fall_PythonProgramming\termProject\desc_stats_new.csv','w')
read = csv.writer(File, delimiter = '\n')
read.writerow(J)
f1.close()
```

Figure 7. Screenshot csv created with descriptive statistics information for a selected time step. Result from python script code to calculate statistics with mean, mode, minimum value, maximum value, and standard deviation.

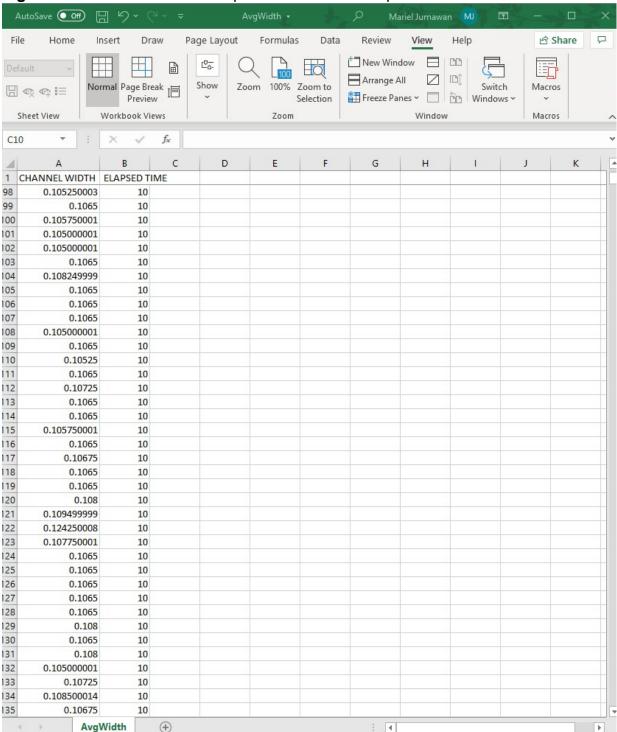


Generating average channel width for all time steps

```
import numpy as np
M = open(
r'D:\Graduate\2020Fall_PythonProgramming\termProject\New_CH\Mean_CWD.csv','w')
M.write("Elapsed Time, Mean\n")
L = np.loadtxt('AvgWidth.csv', delimiter = ',', skiprows = 1)
ELT = L[:,1]
CWD = L[:,0]
for row in range(0,2110,10):
  N = []
  for i in range(len(CWD)):
     if ELT[i] == row:
       N.append(CWD[i])
  mean = np.mean(N)
  n = str(row) + ',' + str(mean) + '\n'
  M.write(n)
M.close()
# plotting the graph
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
F=
np.loadtxt(r'D:\Graduate\2020Fall PythonProgramming\termProject\New CH\Mean C
WD.csv', delimiter = ',', skiprows = 1)
X = F[:,0]
Y = F[:,1]
plt.plot(X, Y, 'b', label = "2016-07-19 Data")
plt.xlabel("Elapsed Time, in seconds", fontsize = 14)
plt.ylabel("Average Channel Width, in meters", fontsize = 14)
plt.axis([0,2000, 0.0, 0.5])
##plt.show()
Xestimate = np.asarray(range(0,5000,10), dtype = np.float)
model = np.polyfit(X, Y, 2)
Yestimate = np.polyval(model,Xestimate)
plt.plot(Xestimate, Yestimate, 'g--', label = "Regression Line = 1")
# adding legend and gridlines
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend(loc= 'upper right', fontsize = 12)
##plt.show()
```

fig = plt.figure(1, figsize=(10,5), dpi = 250) fig.savefig("Mariel_plot3.png") plt.close(fig)

Figure 8. Screenshot of one shapefile out of 2110 shapefiles.



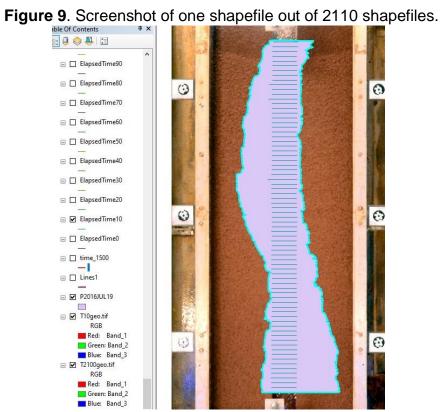
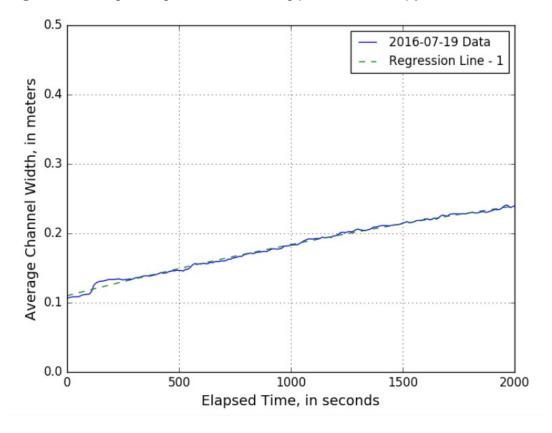


Figure 10. Image of figure created using plot feature on python.



CONCLUSION

The final figure created in this report shows a strong positive linear relationship in the 2016-07-19 data between the average channel width and the elapsed time. This shows that as time increases so does the average channel width. Furthermore, this report really allows the statistician to fully immerse themselves in the application of GIS and python programming in scientific literature.