

# Contour map: Popular Locations

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This contour library uses data given in geographic format, latitude (N°) and longitude (E°). A map is generated from openstreetmap [1] then plotted using matplotlib[2] and geotiler[3] libraries. Then a vector field is generated using gaussian kernel density estimation(KDE) from the scipy library [4] . The input for the KDE are the points provided to the library, which were assigned to a numpy array (*np.array()*). Then this vector field is applied to the *matplotlib.contourf()* function. Lastly the points are plotted with simple dots using the *matplotlib.scatter()* function. This can work on any city in the world, or any location.

## **Algorithm:**

1. Read points into numpy array (*np.array()*) from a file.
2. Find the rough center of points given using the mid point equation.
3. Retrieve map from openstreetmap using the center of the points as the center of the map.
4. Plot the map onto a matplotlib figure.
5. Using the array of points convert them to cartesian, for use in figure.
6. Apply this array to a gaussian kernel density estimate (*scipy.stats.gaussian\_kde()*).
7. Plot the output of the KDE to a contour map (*matplotlib.confourf*).
8. Layer the contour map over the map image. With a lower alpha to the contour to make it translucent.
9. Output figure to PNG file (or any other format supported by matplotlib).

## **Usage:**

Python 3 IDE

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>>>import contour
>>>contour.Contour('File with points')
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contour.Contour(filename, pix_size=2000, inch_size=10,dpi=200,zoom=14)
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**filename:** Filename containing points.

**zoom:** Zoom of openstreetmap.

**pix\_size:** Size of image downloaded from open-street map.

**inch\_size:** Size of *matplotlib* figure in inches.

**dpi:** Number of pixels per inch of *matplotlib* figure.

**File Format:**

The format for the file of points has to be in the format:  $[latitude, longitude]$ . Separated by a comma with no space, and each coordinate has to be on new line. The file should be plain text ASCII.

Latitude: Has to be in terms of  $N^\circ$ . (Incorrect:  $1^\circ S$  Correct:  $-1^\circ N$ )

Longitude: Has to be in terms of  $E^\circ$ . (Incorrect:  $1^\circ W$  Correct:  $-1^\circ E$ )

Sample data Random points in London:

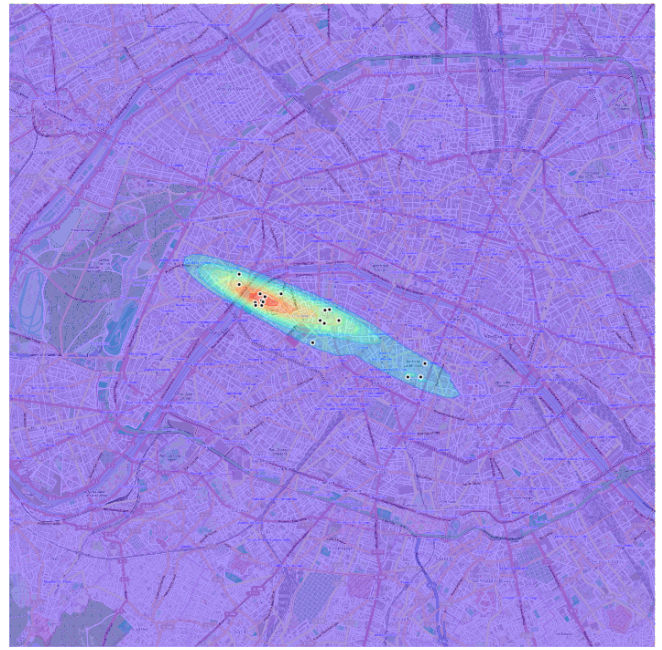
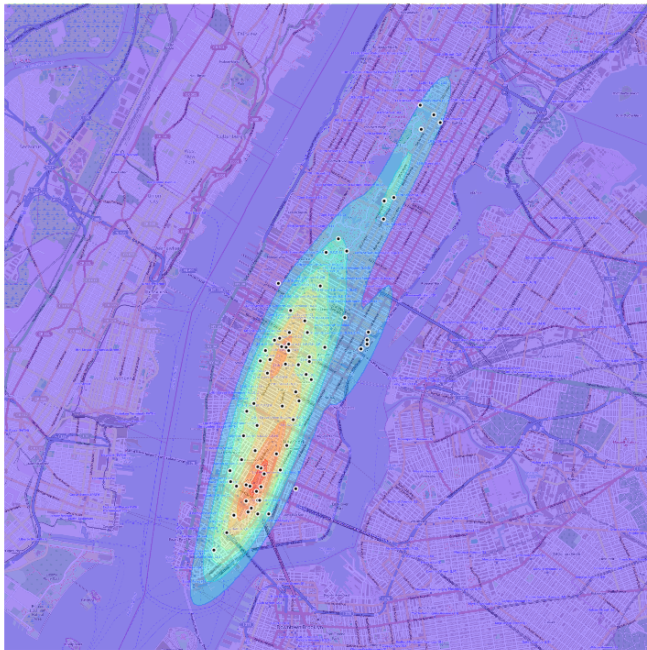
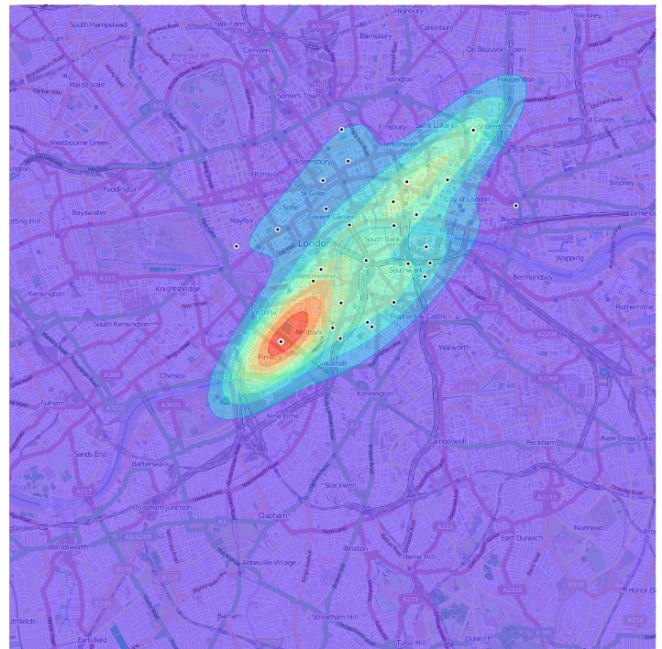
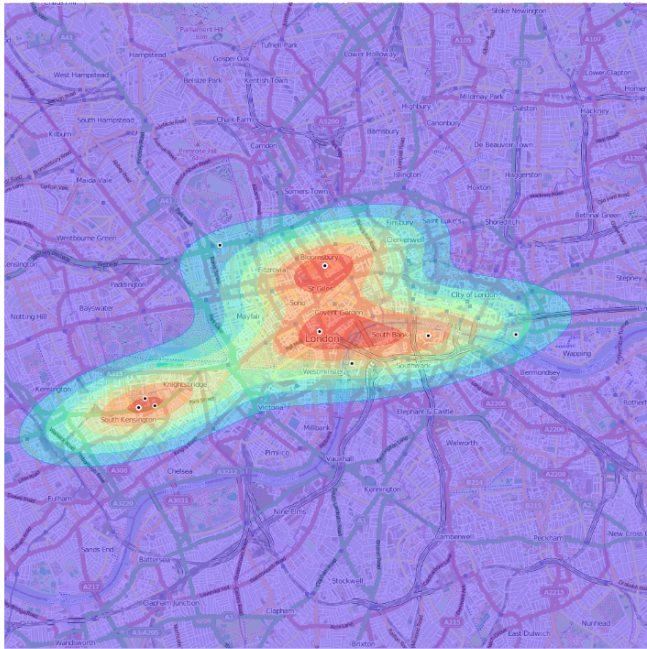
$[Latitude^\circ N, Longitude^\circ E]$

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51.50308,-0.125999
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51.50308,-0.125999
51.513123,-0.124626
51.509704,-0.137501
51.497523,-0.120678
51.504041,-0.102825
51.517609,-0.103168
51.517823,-0.125484
51.526261,-0.120506
51.51793,-0.092354
51.504148,-0.096989
51.494317,-0.11364
51.49111,-0.136642
51.506926,-0.148487
51.521028,-0.11879
51.513657,-0.074158
51.501904,-0.098362
51.493568,-0.112438
51.504575,-0.113983
51.49763,-0.106602
51.510345,-0.106602
```

**Examples:**

**Top left: London (Popular Places) Top Right: London (Random Points)**

**Bottom Left: New York City (Popular places) Bottom Right: Paris (Popular Places)**



## ***Reference:***

- [1]: <http://openstreetmap.org/>
- [2]: <http://matplotlib.org/>
- [3]: <http://wrobell.it-zone.org/geotiler/>
- [4]: <http://www.scipy.org/>
- [5]: <http://www.numpy.org/>

## ***Source code:***

### ***#start of code***

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#!/usr/bin/python

import matplotlib
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
import geotiler
from scipy.stats import gaussian_kde

class Contour():

    def __init__(self, in_f, pix_size=2000, inch_size=10, dpi=200, zoom=14):

        #init variables
        self.in_f = in_f
        self.np = np
        self.plt = plt
        self.zoom = zoom
        self.pix_size = pix_size
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self.inch_size = inch_size
self.dpi = dpi

#start fig
self.fig = self.plt.figure(figsize=(self.inch_size, self.inch_size), dpi=self.dpi)
self.ax = self.plt.subplot(111)

#init func.
self.cor_array()

def bounds(self):

    #min/max
    xmin = self.a[:,0].min()
    xmax = self.a[:,0].max()
    ymin = self.a[:,1].min()
    ymax = self.a[:,1].max()

    #center
    midx = (xmax + xmin)/2
    midy = (ymax + ymin)/2
    self.center = (float(midx), float(midy))

    self.map_l()

def map_l(self):

    #download map and plot map
    self.mm = geotiler.Map(center=self.center, zoom=self.zoom, size =(self.pix_size,self.pix_size))
    self.img = geotiler.render_map(self.mm)
    self.ax.imshow(self.img)
    self.contour_l()

def cor_array(self):

    #open file
    f = open(self.in_f,"r")
    #init array
    initline = f.readline()
    initline = initline.rstrip('\n')
    initline = tuple(float(x) for x in initline.split(","))
    self.a = np.array((initline[1],initline[0]))
    #put rest of data into array
    for line in f:
        if line == '\n':
            break
        line = line.rstrip('\n')
        line = tuple(float(x) for x in line.split(","))
        b = np.array((line[1],line[0]))
        self.a = np.vstack((self.a,b))

    self.bounds()

def contour_l(self):

    #lat, long to x,y
    x, y = zip(*(self.mm.rev_geocode(p) for p in self.a))

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self.a = np.array([x,y])

#data shaping
X, Y = np.mgrid[0:self.pix_size:100j, 0:self.pix_size:100j]
positions = np.vstack([X.ravel(),Y.ravel()])
kernel = gaussian_kde(self.a)
Z = np.reshape(kernel(positions).T, X.shape)

#plot
self.ax.contourf(X,Y,Z,cmap='rainbow',alpha=.5,linewidth=.4)
self.ax.scatter(x, y, c='black', edgecolor='white', s=10, alpha=0.9)

self.layer_out()

def layer_out(self):

    #remove tics
    self.plt.gca().xaxis.set_major_locator(plt.NullLocator())
    self.plt.gca().yaxis.set_major_locator(plt.NullLocator())

    #output png
    self.plt.savefig('test.png', bbox_inches='tight')
    self.plt.close()

Contour('pnts_ny.txt')
#end of code

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Points list created using, [Click Latitude, Longitude.](#)

***pnts\_ny.txt:***

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"40.7189,-73.996181\n40.71877,-73.999271\n40.7189,-73.995667\n40.721632,-73.995323\n40.721762,-74.001846\n40.716558,-73.998756\n40.721762,-73.998241\n40.727096,-74.000473\n40.712394,-74.004421\n40.769102,-73.972492\n40.768842,-73.977985\n40.771572,-73.974724\n40.75506,-73.98365\n40.743225,-73.981934\n40.749858,-73.98983\n40.75714,-73.987427\n40.762081,-73.97953\n40.762601,-73.990688\n40.749728,-73.988628\n40.738933,-73.985195\n40.748948,-73.987942\n40.749728,-73.978329\n40.751158,-73.991718\n40.744526,-73.993607\n40.746867,-73.982449\n40.751548,-73.990345\n40.746997,-73.995495\n40.747777,-73.982449\n40.752719,-73.98777\n40.749078,-73.994122\n40.744266,-73.983307\n40.746347,-73.9888\n40.749078,-73.987942\n40.752719,-73.982964\n40.75571,-73.973007\n40.747257,-73.99292\n40.738413,-73.997211\n40.716168,-73.996181\n40.715777,-74.002361\n40.722673,-74.003391\n40.725405,-73.995323\n40.717339,-73.997898\n40.708881,-74.007854\n40.725665,-73.996181\n40.737893,-73.989658\n40.733991,-73.996353\n40.736852,-73.9991\n40.728917,-73.996868\n40.715908,-74.002533\n40.724234,-73.994465\n40.731909,-73.999958\n40.725015,-73.990173\n40.729958,-73.988457\n40.735161,-73.98674\n40.740754,-73.986053\n40.746217,-73.985367\n40.750378,-73.987942\n40.728267,-73.991203\n40.716168,-73.993263\n40.721242,-73.986053\n40.724885,-74.003563\n40.720721,-73.996525\n40.722022,-73.999271\n40.750378,-73.967085\n40.749403,-73.968716\n40.751223,-73.967085\n40.752784,-73.966742\n40.779307,-73.96245\n40.775537,-73.962708\n40.779177,-73.962536\n40.779892,-73.959961\n40.798477,-73.952923\n40.796528,-73.949318\n40.794968,-73.947601\n40.793604,-73.952665\n"
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