

Lab 02-ArcGIS 1

Goals:

- **Downloads** .LAS files from MN DNR
- **Converts** the .LAS file into both a DEM and a TIN
- **Saves** the new DEM and TIN to disk
- **Exports** PDFs of the DEM and TIN with correct visualization

Download .las files from MN DNR

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In [1]: # importing useful packages
import requests #will use to web scrape
import json
import pprint
import zipfile
import arcpy #use to export, convert, or save ?

#Note-to-self delete unnessacry packages and BeautifulSoup isn't available in ArcPy

In [2]: # directing it to MN DNR website
base_url ="https://resources.gisdata.mn.gov/pub/data/elevation/lidar/examples/lidar_sample/las/"
filename = "4342-12-05.las"
page = requests.get(base_url + filename )

In [19]: #downloading .las file?
open("4342-12-05.las", 'wb').write(page.content)
print("extracting the content...")
#pretty sure this is not in my 'Lab02_DNR_lidar' gdb

extracting the content...

In [5]: #What is my current working directory
%pwd

Out[5]: 'D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar'
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Currently have the downloaded file, now need to convert the .las file to DEM and TIN

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In [17]: #setting the working directory to where my i want my data to go (.gdb folder)
arcpy.env.workspace = "D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\Lab02_DNR_lidar.gdb"

#naming the path location to my downloaded las file
las = r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\4342-12-05.las"

#create a las dataset instead of a feature class-need a las Dataset to make a DEM
arcpy.management.CreateLasDataset(las, r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\LasDataset.lasd", "NO_

0

Out[17]:
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Output

D:\Fall 2021\ArcGIS1\Labs\Lab02\Lab02_DNR_lidar\LasDataset.lasd

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converting .las to TIN

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In [15]: #had to 'thin' the points because there were too many (only retained 70%)
arcpy.ddd.LasDatasetToTin(las, r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\las_to_Tin", "RANDOM", "PERCENTAGE")

Out[15]:
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Output

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converting .las to DEM

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In [24]: # earlier I made lasDataset, which I need if I am to make a DEM, because the input must be a .lasd file
LasDataSet = r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\LasDataset.lasd"

arcpy.conversion.LasDatasetToRaster(LasDataSet, r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\las_to_DEM.tif", "NO_

Out[24]:
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Output

D:\Fall 2021\ArcGIS1\Labs\Lab02\Lab02_DNR_lidar\las_to_DEM.tif

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Save both TIN and DEM to disk

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In [25]: #exporting raster DEM to gdb
arcpy.conversion.RasterToGeodatabase(r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\las_to_DEM.tif", r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\Lab02_DNR_lidar.gdb", "NO_

Out[25]:
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Output

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Succeeded at Monday, October 11, 2021 7:13:29 PM (Elapsed Time: 5.36 seconds)

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In [26]: #making a copy of las_to_TIN (saving it it my folder's project)
arcpy.ddd.CopyTin("las_to_TIN", r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\C1_las_to_TIN", "CURRENT")

Out[26]:
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Output

D:\Fall 2021\ArcGIS1\Labs\Lab02\Lab02_DNR_lidar\C1_las_to_TIN

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export PDFs of TIN and DEM

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In [30]: #code from https://pro.arcgis.com/en/pro-app/latest/arcpy/mapping/introduction-to-arcpy-mp.htm

#locates my current project
apr = arcpy.mp.ArcGISProject(r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\Lab02_DNR_lidar.aprx")
#indentify the layout I have made within the project
DEM_pdf = apr.listLayouts("DEM")[0]
#export the layout
DEM_pdf.exportToPDF(r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\DEM.pdf", resolution = 300)

Out[30]: 'D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\DEM.pdf'
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issue with the TIN PDF (it never opens, or is a blank document).

--guessing the issue is due to extreme file size (the data is too big to export in the PDF format). Workaround, try making a TIN dataset that is smaller. -- ended up exporting the contour elevation of the lidar data instead of teh TIN as a subsitute

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In [36]: #replicate the process for the TIN
apr = arcpy.mp.ArcGISProject(r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\Lab02_DNR_lidar.aprx")
TIN_pdf = apr.listLayouts("TIN")[0]
#export the layout (decreased resolution becasse the TIN sucks a lot of memory)
TIN_pdf.exportToPDF(r"D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\TIN_50.pdf", resolution = 50)

Out[36]: 'D:\\Fall 2021\\ArcGIS1\\Labs\\Lab02\\Lab02_DNR_lidar\\TIN_50.pdf'
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In []: