

# Wild Fire Map by Sebastian Gmür

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## Description

This project makes use of the FIRMS project (Fire Information for Resource Management) of Nasa. They provide data of 5 Sensors with different API calls. The goal of this project was, to gather all usefull sensors and visualize them. To achieve this the following layers should be part of the map:

- An overall Heatmap, which takes all available sources into account.
- A Cluster Marker map, which combines all 3 satellites which have a VIIRS Sensor. When zooming in, the clusters split up into their original point markers.
  - Important to know: the single points are colored by their satellite. This infor couldn't be added to the map because folium doesn't support categorical colormaps.
- The MODIS data as single layer, especially to highlight the differences between VIIRS and MODIS

## About the code:

So, this coding project is probably way to overengineered. It basicaly consists of 3 classes (and a subclass):

- **API Class:** An object to store an api token, URL, the gathered Data and a Timestamp, when data was last accessed.
  - a private API token
  - API URL
  - a Method to get Data from URL & the raw data itself
  - a timestamp, when API was last accessed
- **A "Wildfire Layer" Class:** To store the API class, together with folium.layer functions
  - Data Methods:
    - a "gather\_data" method, which checks the API object's timestamp and either calls API again, or use allready stored API data. (If timestamp is older than 2 hours, call again)
    - a clean data method, which converts raw data into geodataframes
  - Layer Methods:
    - A method functioning like a switch, and depending on a keyword calls another create\_layer method.

- implemented layer methods are: HeatMap, CircleMarker ("Points") and MarkerCluster
- Some helper functions, mostly because color manipulation with folium is not very nice.
- **A "Overview Layer" Class:** A special case of Wildfire Layer Class, where you can add multiple API-objects, which will be rowbinded together
- **A "Wildfire Map" Class:**
  - creates a standardized map.
  - can be given an unspecified number of Wildfire Layer Objects (or folium layer objects), which are added to the map.

### Problems encountered:

- On my way to the final map, I encountered many different problems. I started with ipyleaflet instead of folium for the leaflet library. However, with ipyleaflet, there was no option to **not** show a layer, when loading a map (This is what the parameter "show" does in folium). So when I created the map with ipyleaflet, all available layers were shown on the map by default.
  - -> After some research and trying out different things, I decided to rewrite my code with folium, where this is possible
- After switching to folium, I tried to use the folium internal GeoJson format, which can easily handle geopandas geodataframes as input and create folium layers, such as CircleMarkers. However, I wanted to use MarkerClusters, which is a separate folium plugin. While MarkerCluster supports geojson in theory, so it should have worked. However, when creating the popups, I realized that only the geojson-markers are supported and not the geojson-popup class.
  - -> I deleted the create\_gejson function and instead created the create\_circle\_marker Function, and included the "popup\_fields" parameter.
- After implementing the create\_circle\_marker function, I wanted to dynamically change the coloring, depending on a column in the original data. This was more complicated than thought and a lot of the whole code is just to make this work.
  - Categorical or continuous data columns can be used to color. If categorical data is used however, no legend can be created, only colorbars.
  - colorbars are not natively connected to their layer, but to the map itself. When adding a lot of layers with colorbars, all e.g. 4 colorbars are shown all the time. This leads to confusion, so I researched and found the BindColormap function, which I copied.

## Imports

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In [ ]: import requests
import pandas as pd
import geopandas as gpd
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
from shapely.geometry import Point
import folium
from folium.plugins import MarkerCluster, HeatMap
import numpy as np
import branca.colormap as cm
import math
import matplotlib.colors as mcolors

In [ ]: ## This first block is only necessary, such that the colorbar in the map is

from branca.element import MacroElement

from jinja2 import Template

class BindColormap(MacroElement):
    """Binds a colormap to a given layer.
    This code was directly copied from:
    https://nbviewer.org/gist/BibMartin/f153aa957ddc5fadc64929abdee9ff2e
    and is mentioned in Github Forum: https://github.com/python-visualizatio

    """
    def __init__(self, layer, colormap):
        super(BindColormap, self).__init__()
        self.layer = layer
        self.colormap = colormap
        self._template = Template(u"""
{% macro script(this, kwargs) %}
    {{this.colormap.get_name()}}.svg[0][0].style.display = 'block';
    {{this._parent.get_name()}}.on('overlayadd', function (eventLayer
        if (eventLayer.layer == {{this.layer.get_name()}}) {
            {{this.colormap.get_name()}}.svg[0][0].style.display = '
        });
    {{this._parent.get_name()}}.on('overlayremove', function (eventL
        if (eventLayer.layer == {{this.layer.get_name()}}) {
            {{this.colormap.get_name()}}.svg[0][0].style.display = '
        });
    {% endmacro %}
""") # noqa

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## Class & Methods Definition:

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In [ ]: ## I chose to create an API object, to include the different sensor systems
class Firms_source_object:
    ''' FIRMS API Objects
    FIRMS (Fire Information for Resource Management System) is NASAs open da
    They provide several sensors with various days.
    Source: https://firms.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/
    '''
    def __init__(
        self, api_token: str, sensor_source: str,

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        day_range = 1, base_url = "https://firms.modaps.eosdis.nasa.gov/api/
        valid_for_x_minutes = 120
    ):
        self.base_url = base_url
        self.__api_token = api_token
        self.sensor_source = sensor_source
        self.day_range = day_range
        self.valid_for_x_minutes = valid_for_x_minutes
        self.__api = f'{self.base_url}/{self.__api_token}/{self.sensor_source}

    def get_data(self):
        '''The API returns a csv file, which can directly be opened with pandas
        self.data = pd.read_csv(self.__api) ## Makes API call
        self.api_timestamp = datetime.now() ## Time when API call was made
        return self.data

    def is_uptodate(self):
        '''Checks if API has been called yet and returns True, if call is not
        if hasattr(self, "api_timestamp"):
            time_delta = datetime.now() - self.api_timestamp
            if time_delta < timedelta(minutes = self.valid_for_x_minutes):
                return True
        return False

class Wildfire_layer:
    """
    A Layer-Class, specified for the Firms Wildfire API
    This class provides many different methods to use while creating folium
    The idea of this class was, to hardcode / Specify default values for all

    Parameters for Init:
        firms_source: A Firms_source_object
        layertype: A String defining what layertype should be created. ("Map")
    """

    def __init__(self, firms_source: Firms_source_object, layertype, **kwargs):
        self.firms_source = firms_source
        self.kwargs = kwargs
        self.data = self.retrieve_data(self.firms_source)
        self.layertype = layertype
        self.layer = self.create_layer(layertype)

    ## Data Prep: -----
    def retrieve_data(self, firms_object): ##This function checks when API was
        if firms_object.is_uptodate():
            if hasattr(self, "data_clean"):
                return self.data_clean
            else: # API Data is Up-to-date, but data_clean is missing -> download
                self.data_clean = self.clean_data(firms_object.data)
                return self.data_clean
        # If API Data is not Up-to-date: api.get_data()
        data_raw = firms_object.get_data()
        self.data_clean = self.clean_data(data_raw)

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        return self.data_clean

def clean_data(self, data_raw):
    data_clean = data_raw
    data_clean["geometry"] = [Point(xy) for xy in zip(data_clean['longit
    data_clean = data_clean.drop(["latitude", "longitude"], axis = 1)
    self.data_clean = gpd.GeoDataFrame(data_clean, crs="EPSG:4326")
    return self.data_clean

## Create folium Layers: -----
def create_layer(self, layer_type):
    if layer_type == "MarkerCluster":
        group = self.create_circlemarker(self.data)
        layer = self.create_marker_cluster(group)
    if layer_type == "Marker":
        layer = self.create_circlemarker(self.data)
    if layer_type == "HeatMap":
        layer = self.create_heatmap(self.data)
    return layer

def create_heatmap(self, data):
    radius = self.kwargs.get("radius", 15)
    name = self.kwargs.get("name", self.firms_source.sensor_source + " H
    points = [[point.xy[1][0], point.xy[0][0]] for point in data["geomet
    return HeatMap(points, radius=radius, name = name)

def create_circlemarker(self, data):
    ##Kwargs:
    name = self.kwargs.get("name", self.firms_source.sensor_source) ## Ei
    stroke = self.kwargs.get("stroke", False)
    show = self.kwargs.get("show", True)
    popup_fields = self.kwargs.get("popup_fields", ["scan", "track", "ac
    #Color parameter:
    color_col_name = self.kwargs.get("color_col_name", "bright_t14")
    colormap = self.kwargs.get("colormap", cm.linear.Spectral_07)
    color_caption = self.kwargs.get("color_caption", color_col_name)
    data["color"] = self.add_color_column(data, color_col_name, caption

    # Iteratively create Markers for every row in dataframe
    self.group = folium.FeatureGroup(name, show = show)
    for idx, row in data.iterrows():
        lat, lon = row.geometry.y, row.geometry.x
        circle_marker = folium.CircleMarker(location=[lat, lon],
                                           fill=True, radius = 4, strok
                                           fill_color=row.color, fill_c

        popup_content = ""
        for col_name in popup_fields:
            popup_content += f"<b>{col_name.capitalize()}:</b> {row[col_

        circle_marker.add_child(folium.Popup(popup_content))
        circle_marker.add_to(self.group)
    return self.group

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def create_marker_cluster(self, markers_layer_group):
    ##Options:
    name = self.kwargs.get("name",
                           self.firms_source.sensor_source + " Cluster")
    show = self.kwargs.get("show", True)
    disableClusteringAtZoom = self.kwargs.get("disableClusteringAtZoom",

    marker_cluster = MarkerCluster(name = name, show = show, options= {"
    markers_group = markers_layer_group
    for marker in list(markers_group._children.values()):
        marker.add_to(marker_cluster)
    return marker_cluster
    return marker_cluster

## Helper Functions: -----

def add_color_column(self, df, column_name, caption, colormap= cm.linear

    if df[column_name].dtype == "object": ## The indented part was more
        unique_values = df[column_name].unique()
        color_dict = dict(zip(unique_values, colormap.colors[:len(unique
        color = df[column_name].map(color_dict)
        color = self.convert_column_to_hex(color)
        self.colorbar = colormap
        self.colorbar.caption = caption
    else:
        if reverse:
            colormap = self.reversed_colormap(colormap)
            self.colorbar = colormap.scale(df[column_name].min(), df[column_
            self.colorbar.caption = caption
            color = df[column_name].apply(self.colorbar)
        return color

def rgb_to_hex(self, rgb): ## Chat-GPT, converts rgb as tuples to string
    r = int(rgb[0] * 255)
    g = int(rgb[1] * 255)
    b = int(rgb[2] * 255)
    return "#{:02x}{:02x}{:02x}".format(r, g, b)

def convert_column_to_hex(self, column): ## Chat-GPT
    hex_column = [self.rgb_to_hex(rgb) for rgb in column]
    return hex_column

def reversed_colormap(self, existing): ## Source: https://stackoverflow.
    return cm.LinearColormap(
        colors=list(reversed(existing.colors)),
        vmin=existing.vmin, vmax=existing.vmax
    )

## Subtype of Wildfire Layer: Overview_Layer.
## Basically can just handle multiple Firms_source_objects and row_binds the
class Overview_Layer(Wildfire_layer):

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def __init__(self, shared_column_names, layertype, *args, **kwargs):
    self.shared_column_names = shared_column_names
    self.layertype = layertype
    self.args = args
    self.kwargs = kwargs
    self.firms_source = Firms_source_object("default_Source", sensor_source)
    merged_data = []
    for arg in args:
        data = self.retrieve_data(arg)
        data["Sensor_Source"] = arg.sensor_source
        data = data[shared_column_names + ["Sensor_Source"]]
        merged_data.append(data)
    self.data = pd.concat(merged_data, ignore_index=True)
    self.layer = self.create_layer(layertype)

class Wildfire_map:
    def __init__(self, *args):
        self.m = folium.Map(location=(46.78513, 9.07178), zoom_start = 6, tiles=
    for arg in args:
        self.add_to_map(arg)
        folium.LayerControl().add_to(self.m)

    def add_to_map(self, l):
        if hasattr(l, "add_to"):
            l.add_to(self.m)
        elif hasattr(l, "layer"):
            l.layer.add_to(self.m)

    def __call__(self):
        return self.m

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## Creating API Objects:

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In [ ]: token = "36ece617d2f514d4e90f01418d1b9e28" ##This is my private token
        ## Create various FIRMS API Objects, with different sensors:
        snpp = Firms_source_object(api_token = token, sensor_source= "VIIRS_SNPP_NRT")
        modis = Firms_source_object(token, "MODIS_NRT")
        noaa20 = Firms_source_object(token, "VIIRS_NOAA20_NRT")
        noaa21 = Firms_source_object(token, "VIIRS_NOAA21_NRT")

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## Creating Map Layers

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In [ ]: ## Create Heatmap Layer:

        columns = ["acq_date", "acq_time", "instrument", "satellite", "confidence", "day"]
        overview = Overview_Layer(
            columns, "HeatMap",                                # shared_column_names, and layert
            modis, snpp, noaa20, noaa21)                       ## The different API objects (as *

        ## Create Marker_Cluster specifcly for all VIIRS Sensor Layers:
        columns = ["bright_ti4", "scan", "track", "acq_date", "acq_time", "satellite", "in
        viirs_cluster = Overview_Layer(

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columns, "MarkerCluster",                                # shared_column_names, and
snpp, noaa20, noaa21,                                    ## The different API's (as *args)
name = "VIIRS Sensors Fire Cluster", show = False, disableClusteringAtZoom = 1000,
color_caption = "Color of Points depend on the respective satellite",
color_col_name = "Sensor_Source",
colormap = cm.linear.Set2_03.to_step(3), ## discrete colormap with only 3 colors
popup_fields = columns + ["Sensor_Source"]

## MODIS as separate Points:
modis_points = Wildfire_layer(
    modis, "Marker",
    color_col_name = "brightness",
    color_caption = "Channel 21/22 brightness temperature of the fire pixel",
    show = False,
    name = "MODIS Fire Detection"
)

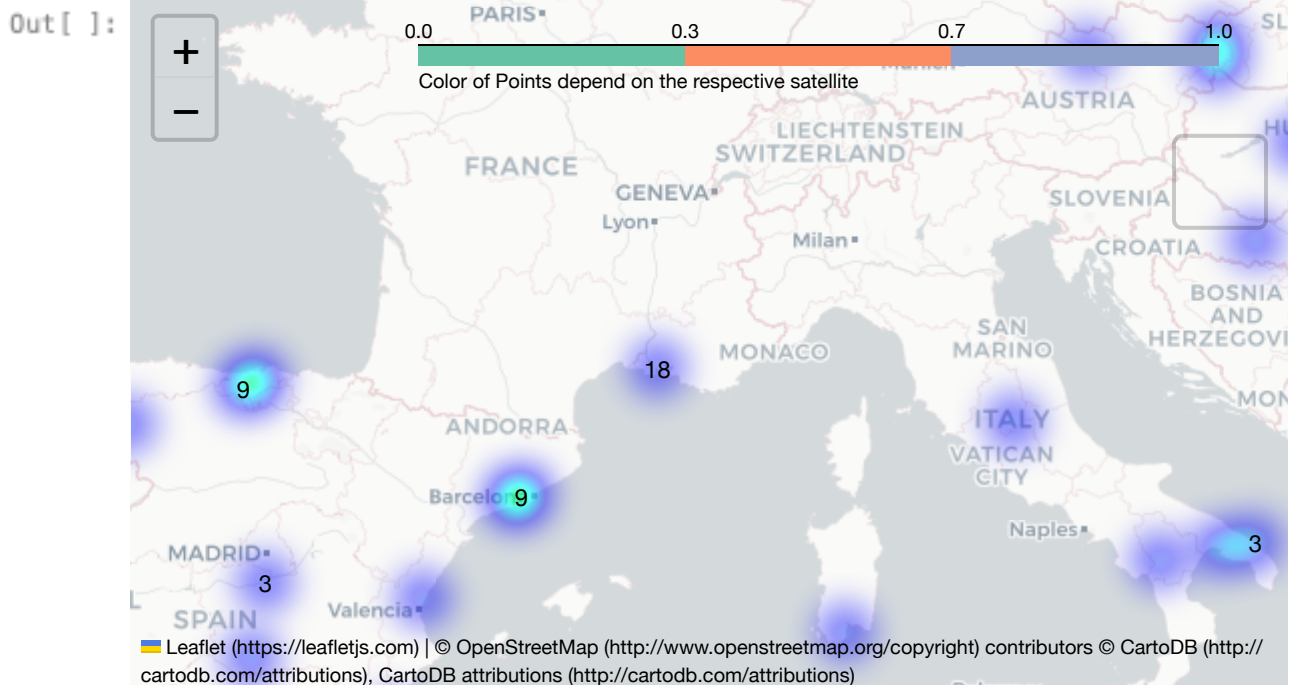
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## Creating main map:

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In [ ]: map = Wildfire_map(
    viirs_cluster,
    viirs_cluster.colorbar,
    BindColormap(viirs_cluster.layer, viirs_cluster.colorbar),
    overview,
    modis_points,
    modis_points.colorbar,
    BindColormap(modis_points.layer, modis_points.colorbar)
)
map()

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In [ ]: map.m.save("Wildfire_Map.html")

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## Second map:

I only create a second map here to show, how flexible the code is. The main map had a lot of individualisation, but a basic map can be created instantly:

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In [ ]: map2 = Wildfire_map(  
    Wildfire_layer(modis, "Marker", color_col_name = "brightness"),  
    Wildfire_layer(noaa20, "Marker"),  
    Wildfire_layer(noaa20, "Marker").colorbar  
)  
map2()
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