advanced qgis

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geocoding: address→(lat,lon)

- say that we have some addresses and we want to geocode them
- `https://sites.google.com/site/adamokuliczkozaryn/gis_int/apartments-for-rent.xls`
- open, looks reasonably clean, save as csv

MMQGIS-Geocode

- MMQGIS-Geocode-Geocode CSV with Google/OpenStreetMap
- it works better if you specify more information
- make sure Address Field, City Field, State Field are right
- make sure notfound.csv is saved where you want
- pick OSM, let's hit ok, it takes like 50sec
- `https://mangomap.com/blog/how-to-make-a-web-map-from-a-list-of-addresses-in-a-spreadsheet/`
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- btw, if already got X/Y lat/lon: just add your csv with "Add Delimited Text Layer" tool

important to check!

- see notfound.csv: mostly those with a range of street numbers (if you geocode everything)
- need to fix them/adjust them:
  - to check can just google them and see if you get a clean hit
- check location on OpenLayers
  - does it make sense? houses in river or park?
  - zoom-in to street, click some points with "identify tool": pop-up address–does it match with the street?
  - usually some miscodings, say few percent
  - usually because the address is misspelled or incomplete

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SQL: Structured Query Language

- full blown (not in qgis) SQL is only little more complicated
  - very much English-like, just with some strict syntax rules
- also a job market skill: put 'basic SQL' on your linkedIN next to 'gis' skill
  - very easy to master in no time
- `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=afPL7-QfHr4`
- `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJeae7PJVv4`

advanced filter (expression): SQL

- nj_counties-Open Attribute Table
- bottom left box-"Advanced Filter (Expression)"
  - Fields and Values "REGION"
  - and on the right Load values: "all unique"
  - then we can type
- "REGION" = 'CENTRAL' and hit OK
  - now easy to modify at the bottom of table, say:
- "REGION" = 'CENTRAL' OR "REGION" = 'SOUTHERN'
- "REGION" = 'CENTRAL' AND "POP2010" > 598349

regular expressions

- can also match part of a string:
- regexp_match("COUNTY",'C.*N')
- regexp_match("COUNTY",'^C.*N') must start with 'C'
- regexp_match("COUNTY",'^C.*N$') and end with 'N'
- then can hit ctrl-a to select all data
  - right click layer, save as (check "selection")

saving selection often necessary

- keep in mind simplicity principle!
  - drop all unnecessary clutter
  - do not map things that you don't care about

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doing it commonsensically

- you can actually spatial join with regular join we've covered
- the idea is that you have non-matching geographical levels
- say hospitals in excel and zip-codes in shapefile,
- you want to map sum of patients in hospitals per zipcode
- you can do it in qgis (next slides)
- but you can do it by hand:
  - use stata, excel, sas, spss, etc
  - just add patients within each zipcode and
  - merge zipcode patient sums with gis file at zipcode level

a proper spatial merge

- as above: things do not fit geographically...
  - say zip codes in one data, and counties in another data
- can map both and merge based on location
- so called "spatial join"
  - have to pick: mean, sum, or first

join counties with universities

- nj_counties

  `https://docs.google.com/uc?id=1xJDhcRCkgv7k4tNCa72Oog5bohV6dTB2&export=download`

- and universities

  `https://sites.google.com/site/adamokuliczkozaryn/gis_int/hsip_colleges.zip?attredirects=0&d=1`

- and first make ENROLL numeric: text-to-float

thinking

- as always, think what your are doing and what does it mean
  - and double check
- here there are some institutions with 0 enrollment
  - they were missing (”””) before the text-to-float
  - ideally, you should find out what these enrollments are: eg call the institution

droping cases

- universities-Open Attribute Table
- bottom left box-“Advanced Filter (Expression)”
  - ”ENROLL” >0
- then in table without zeros, Ctrl-a to select all
- layer-Save as, (’Save only selected features’)

MMQGIS-Combine-Spatial Join

- Output: nj counties
- Spatial Operator: Contains
- Data (Join) Layer: universities
- Attribute Operation: Sum
- Fields: COUNTY AND ENROLL
- double check: say Atlantic has 2 and sum of 13,880
- use identify tool: 7035+6845=13,880
- click on ENROLL col header to sort and we see that
  - Essex County wins with COUNT of 9 and ENROLL of 65k
- now could do graduated map of ENROLL for counties

more about spatial join

- matching census tracts with towns http://trendct.org/2015/05/29/tutorial-how-to-merge-data-from-two-different-maps-using-qgis/

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this is a whole bag of tools

- we switch gears a little and discuss
  - more advanced topics beyond mapping
  - more like typical GIS/IT stuff
- we will just cover few tools
- there are dozens of them
- you may present some of those for extra credit
  - let me know– some may not be useful for this class
- those that i think are especially useful are covered below
- most are under 'Vector', and also 'Plugins'

dissolve

- nj_counties
  `https://docs.google.com/uc?id=1xJDhcRCkgv7k4tNCa72Oog5bohV6dTB2&export=download`
- dissolve into a larger area
  - (get rid of inside boundaries)
- Vector-Geopocessing Tools-Dissolve
  - nj_counties
- uncheck "Dissolve all"
  - otherwhise it will dissolve all
- "dissolve field:" REGION

dissolve your way

- can dissolve into your own categories/definitions
- let's take regions and dissolve into south and north jersey
- Open attribute table-toggle editing-New column-integer: 'southNorth'
  - sort on REGION and mark southern regions with 1, and the rest with 0
  - may also highlight the row to see which county is where
- Vector-Geopocessing tools-Dissolve
- "Dissolve field:" southNorth
- often you will have to do something like this
- no way to find a shapefile for South Jersey online!

simplify polygons

- remember from principles: simplify as much as possible
- simplifying polygons means dropping vertexes, so that polygons are defined by fewer coordinates draw
- it reduces size of a file
- Vector-Geometry tools-Simplify geometries
  - Input: 'nj_counties'
- play with "tolerance" to achieve desired simplicity
  - try 1000–turn off/on to compare to orginal: see the difference?
  - can also simplify lines (fewer nodes)
- and i guess you can also simplify points (fewer dec points)
  - reference `http://gis.stackexchange.com/questions/25914/how-to-smooth-generalize-a-polygon-in-qgis`

centroids

- calculate a center of a polygon or turn polygon into a point
  - useful when merging non-overlapping polygons–say congressional districts and counties
  - then you can calculate centroid of one of those and merge with polygons of the other layer if a centroid is in that polygon using spatial merge
- draw a picture
- Vector-Geometry tools-Polygon centroids
  - Input: nj counties

centroids

- note: the new shapefile will have the same data
- can now map another variable and overlay on another variable
- can map both points and polygons with some symbology
- let's map population for polygons
  - and population density for points
  - note: make points bigger to see symbology well
- this solves the problem of showing 2 vars in one map

buffering

- kind of opposite of centroids:
- buffer (circle) around a point or poly or line; eg:
  - 'dry zone' around schools
  - waste processing plants and houses
  - 2-mile heavy pollution around hwy
  - walkability to healthy stores, etc
- load nj universities
  - `https://sites.google.com/site/adamokuliczkozaryn/gis_int/hsip_colleges.zip`
- Vector-Geoprocessing Tools-Fixed Distance Buffer
- use 20,000 feet (buffer size is in map units)
- Properties-Metadata or even -General: unit is US ft
- note: buffer is a new layer and then can spatially merge it with another layer

example: environmental problems around univ

- download and add to qgis
  - `https://docs.google.com/uc?id=1T_n1y_Mj5yQiWpZwrbuuFFwmIVJ2QWFZ&export=download`
- make smaller, say size of .4 so can better see

MMQGIS-Combine-Spatial Join

- Output: Buffer
- Spatial Operator: Contains
- Data (Join) Layer: NJ contaminated sites
- Attribute Operation: Sum
- Fields: NAME

investigate

- open attr table of merged shapefile
- go to last column 'COUNT' and click 2x to sort descending
- under 'NAME' we find that 'NEW JERSEY MEDICAL SCHOOL'
  - has biggest problem! over thousand contaminated sites
- select say 3 rows at top
- click at the top 'zoom map to selected features'
  - a lot of overlap there
- but from the table can select schools with greatest problems
  - and take some measures to help with the situation

related: select by location (say id problematic ones)

- say select polluted sites within 1000 ft from a school
- Vector-Geoprocessing Tools-Fixed Distance Buffer
- Vector-Research Tools-Select by location
- Layer to select from: NJ Contaminated Sites
- Additional layer (intersection layer): Buffer
- Gemetric predicate: within
- and then: NJ contaminated sites-Save As
  - check 'Save only selected features'
  - and save as csv
  - got 80 places we can call and ask to clean up