

This is a processing script to aggregate [MIT's Election Data](#) for United States presidential election at the state and county levels. I use this data for teaching an Analysis in GIS course at Virginia Tech.

Modifications:

- The original file was edited to include data for Keya Paha, Nebraska: 460 votes Trump, 40 votes Clinton, 19 votes other, 519 total

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
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## County Election Data

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In [2]: mit_data = pd.read_csv('original_data/countypres_2000-2016.csv',dtype={'FIPS':str})
mit_data = mit_data[~mit_data['FIPS'].isnull()]
mit_data['FIPS'] = mit_data.FIPS.str.zfill(5)
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**Data Repair: Not all counties have vote totals, so calculate new vote totals based on candidatevotes**

2000: North Carolina, Oklahoma; 2004: Oklahoma

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In [3]: grp = mit_data.groupby(by=['year','FIPS']).sum().reset_index()
grp = grp.drop(labels=['totalvotes','version'],axis=1)
grp = grp.rename(columns={'candidatevotes':'totalvotes2'})
mit_data = mit_data.merge(grp,on=['year','FIPS'])

mit_data['totalvotes'] = mit_data['totalvotes2']
mit_data = mit_data.drop(labels=['totalvotes2'],axis=1)
print(mit_data.head())
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	year	state	state_po	county	FIPS	office	candidate	\
0	2000	Alabama	AL	Autauga	01001	President	Al Gore	
1	2000	Alabama	AL	Autauga	01001	President	George W. Bush	
2	2000	Alabama	AL	Autauga	01001	President	Ralph Nader	
3	2000	Alabama	AL	Autauga	01001	President	Other	
4	2000	Alabama	AL	Baldwin	01003	President	Al Gore	

	party	candidatevotes	totalvotes	version
0	democrat	4942.0	17208.0	20181011
1	republican	11993.0	17208.0	20181011
2	green	160.0	17208.0	20181011
3	NaN	113.0	17208.0	20181011
4	democrat	13997.0	56480.0	20181011

**Data Repair: Reclassify Shannon County FIPS as Oglala Lakota County FIPS**

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In [4]: mit_data.loc[mit_data['FIPS']=='46113','FIPS'] = '46102'
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**Continue with data processing**

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In [5]: presidential_candidates = {2000: {'gop': 'George W. Bush', 'dem': 'Al Gore'},
                                     2004: {'gop': 'George W. Bush', 'dem': 'John Kerry'},
                                     2008: {'gop': 'John McCain', 'dem': 'Barack Obama'},
                                     2012: {'gop': 'Mitt Romney', 'dem': 'Barack Obama'},
                                     2016: {'gop': 'Donald Trump', 'dem': 'Hillary Clinton'}}
}
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In [6]: output_df = pd.DataFrame()
output_df['FIPS'] = mit_data['FIPS'].unique()

years = np.sort(list(presidential_candidates.keys()))

for year in years:
    # Pull this year as a dataframe, pull this year's candidates, and
    # convert year to a string, since it will now be used to name fields
    df=mit_data[mit_data['year']==year]
    candidates = presidential_candidates[year]
    year = str(year)

    # Get candidate info for this year, rename
    gop = df.candidate == candidates['gop']
    gop = df.loc[gop,['FIPS','candidatevotes']]
    gop = gop.rename(columns={'candidatevotes':'gop' + '_' + year + '_votes'})
    dem = df.candidate == candidates['dem']
    dem = df.loc[dem,['FIPS','candidatevotes','totalvotes']]
    dem = dem.rename(columns={'candidatevotes':'dem' + '_' + year + '_votes'})
    dem = dem.rename(columns={'totalvotes':'totalvotes' + '_' + year})

    # Write this information to the output dataframe and calculate some fields
    output_df = output_df.merge(gop,on='FIPS',how='left')
    output_df = output_df.merge(dem,on='FIPS',how='left')
    output_df['gop_' + year + '_prc'] = np.round(100 * output_df['gop_' + year + '_votes'] / output_df[
'totalvotes_' + year],decimals=2)
    output_df['dem_' + year + '_prc'] = np.round(100 * output_df['dem_' + year + '_votes'] / output_df[
'totalvotes_' + year],decimals=2)
    output_df['gop_minus_dem_prc_' + year] = output_df['gop_' + year + '_prc'] - output_df['dem_' + year + '_prc']

output_df.to_csv('county_election_data_2000-2016.csv',index=False,float_format='%.2f')
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## State Election Data

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In [7]: mit_data = pd.read_csv('original_data/1976-2016-president.csv',dtype={'state_fips':str})
mit_data = mit_data[~mit_data['state_fips'].isnull()]
mit_data['state_fips'] = mit_data.state_fips.str.zfill(2)
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In [8]: presidential_candidates = {1976: {'gop': 'Ford, Gerald', 'dem': 'Carter, Jimmy'},
                                     1980: {'gop': 'Reagan, Ronald', 'dem': 'Carter, Jimmy'},
                                     1984: {'gop': 'Reagan, Ronald', 'dem': 'Mondale, Walter'},
                                     1988: {'gop': 'Bush, George H.W.', 'dem': 'Dukakis, Michael'},
                                     1992: {'gop': 'Bush, George H.W.', 'dem': 'Clinton, Bill'},
                                     1996: {'gop': 'Dole, Robert', 'dem': 'Clinton, Bill'},
                                     2000: {'gop': 'Bush, George W.', 'dem': 'Gore, Al'},
                                     2004: {'gop': 'Bush, George W.', 'dem': 'Kerry, John'},
                                     2008: {'gop': 'McCain, John', 'dem': 'Obama, Barack H.'},
                                     2012: {'gop': 'Romney, Mitt', 'dem': 'Obama, Barack H.'},
                                     2016: {'gop': 'Trump, Donald J.', 'dem': 'Clinton, Hillary'}}
}
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In [9]: output_df = mit_data.loc[:,['state','state_po','state_fips']]
output_df = output_df.drop_duplicates()

years = np.sort(list(presidential_candidates.keys()))

for year in years:
    # Pull this year as a dataframe, pull this year's candidates, and
    # convert year to a string, since it will now be used to name fields
    df=mit_data[mit_data['year']==year]
    candidates = presidential_candidates[year]
    year = str(year)

    # Get candidate info for this year, rename
    gop = df.candidate == candidates['gop']
    gop = df.loc[gop,['state_po','candidatevotes']]
    gop = gop.groupby('state_po').sum()
    gop = gop.rename(columns={'candidatevotes':'gop' + '_' + year + '_votes'})
    dem = df.candidate == candidates['dem']
    dem = df.loc[dem,['state_po','candidatevotes','totalvotes']]
    dem = dem.groupby('state_po').sum()
    dem = dem.rename(columns={'candidatevotes':'dem' + '_' + year + '_votes'})
    dem = dem.rename(columns={'totalvotes':'totalvotes' + '_' + year})

    # Write this information to the output dataframe and calculate some fields
    output_df = output_df.merge(gop,on='state_po',how='left')
    output_df = output_df.merge(dem,on='state_po',how='left')
    output_df['gop_' + year + '_prc'] = np.round(100 * output_df['gop_' + year + '_votes'] / output_df[
'totalvotes_' + year],decimals=2)
    output_df['dem_' + year + '_prc'] = np.round(100 * output_df['dem_' + year + '_votes'] / output_df[
'totalvotes_' + year],decimals=2)
    output_df['gop_minus_dem_prc_' + year] = output_df['gop_' + year + '_prc'] - output_df['dem_' + year + '_prc']
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In [10]: output_df.to_csv('state_election_data_1976-2016.csv',index=False,float_format='%.2f')
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