



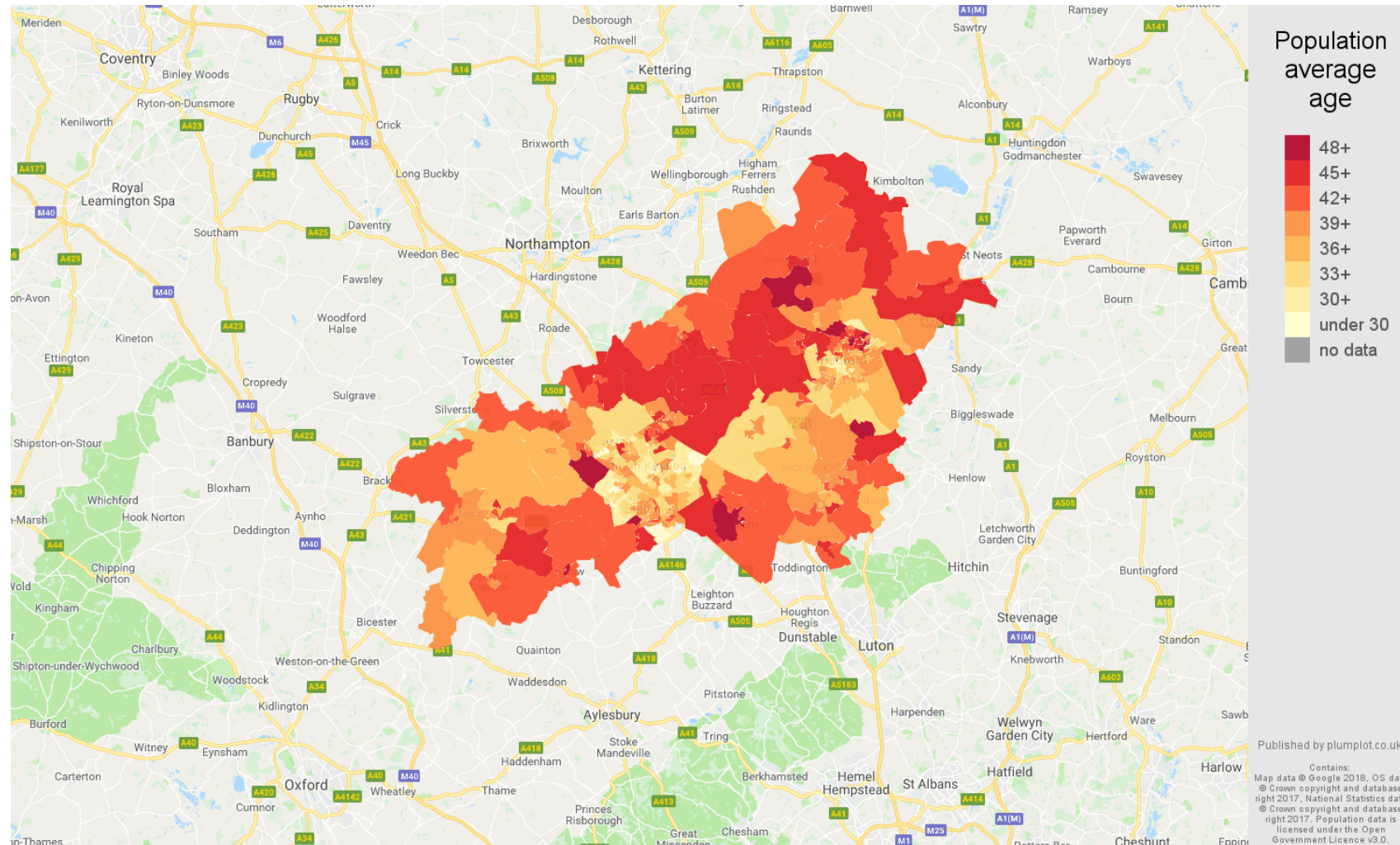
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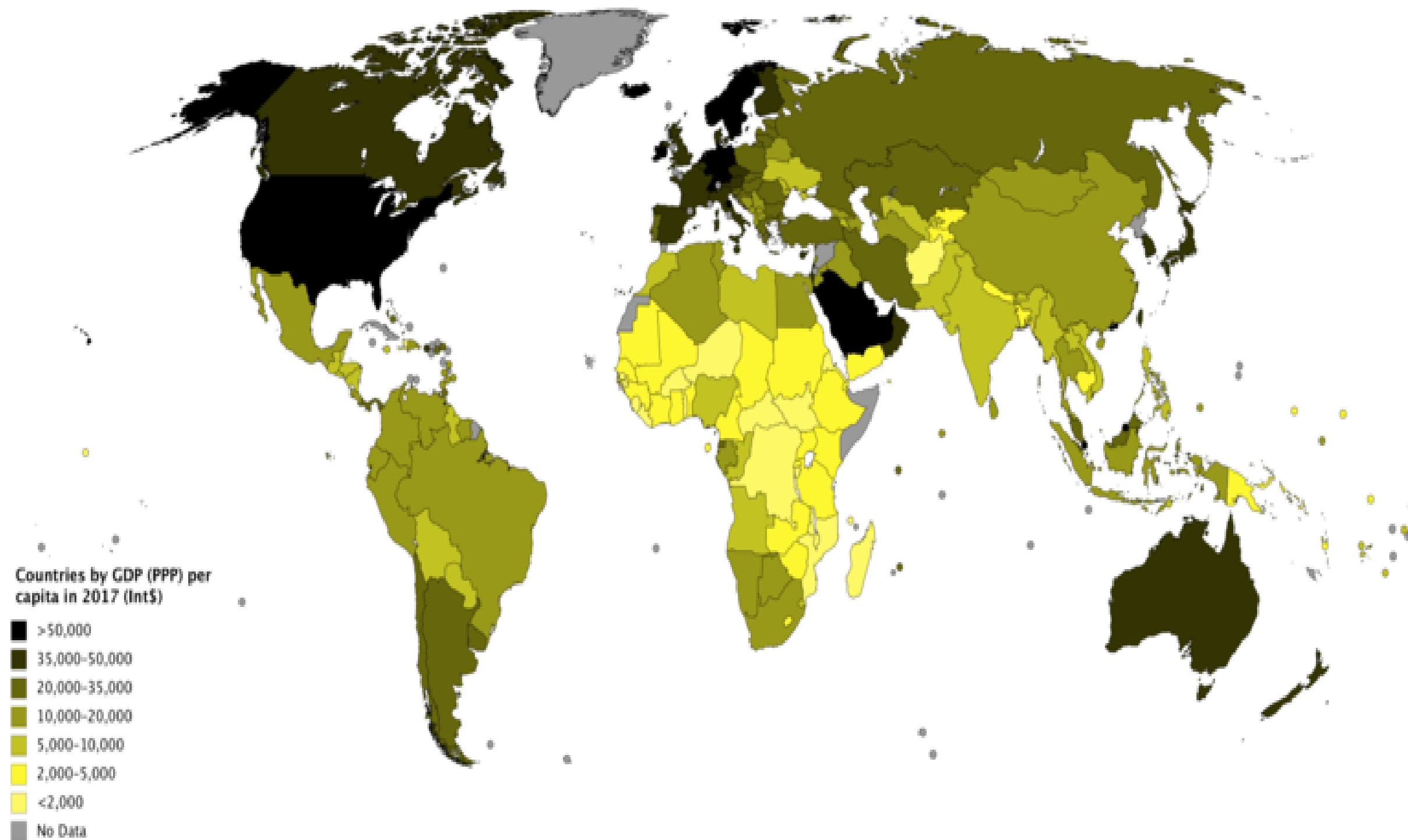
What is a choropleth?

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Definition of a choropleth







Density

```
schools_in_districts.head(2)
```

district	geometry	name	lat	lng
1	(POLYGON ((-86.77 36.38...	Nashville Prep	36.16	-86.85
1	(POLYGON ((-86.77 36.38...	Rocketship Prep	36.17	-86.79



Get counts

```
school_counts = schools_in_districts.groupby(['district']).size()  
print(school_counts)
```

```
district  
1      30  
2      11  
3      19  
4      18  
5      36  
6      21  
7      13  
8      10  
9      12  
dtype: int64
```



Add counts

```
school_counts_df = school_counts.to_frame()
school_counts_df.reset_index(inplace=True)
school_counts_df.columns = ['district', 'school_count']
```

```
districts_with_counts = pd.merge(school_districts, school_counts_df,
                                  on = 'district')
districts_with_counts.head(2)
```

```
district geometry          school_count
1      (POLYGON ((-86.77 36.38...    30
3      (POLYGON ((-86.75 36.40...    19
```



Divide counts by area

```
districts_with_counts['area'] = districts_with_counts.geometry.area
```

```
districts_with_counts['school_density'] = districts_with_counts.apply(  
    lambda row: row.school_count/row.area, axis = 1)
```

```
districts_with_counts.head(2)
```

district	geometry	school_count	area	school_density
1	(POLYGON ((-86.77 36.38...	30	0.036641	818.745403
3	(POLYGON ((-86.75 36.40...	19	0.014205	1337.594495



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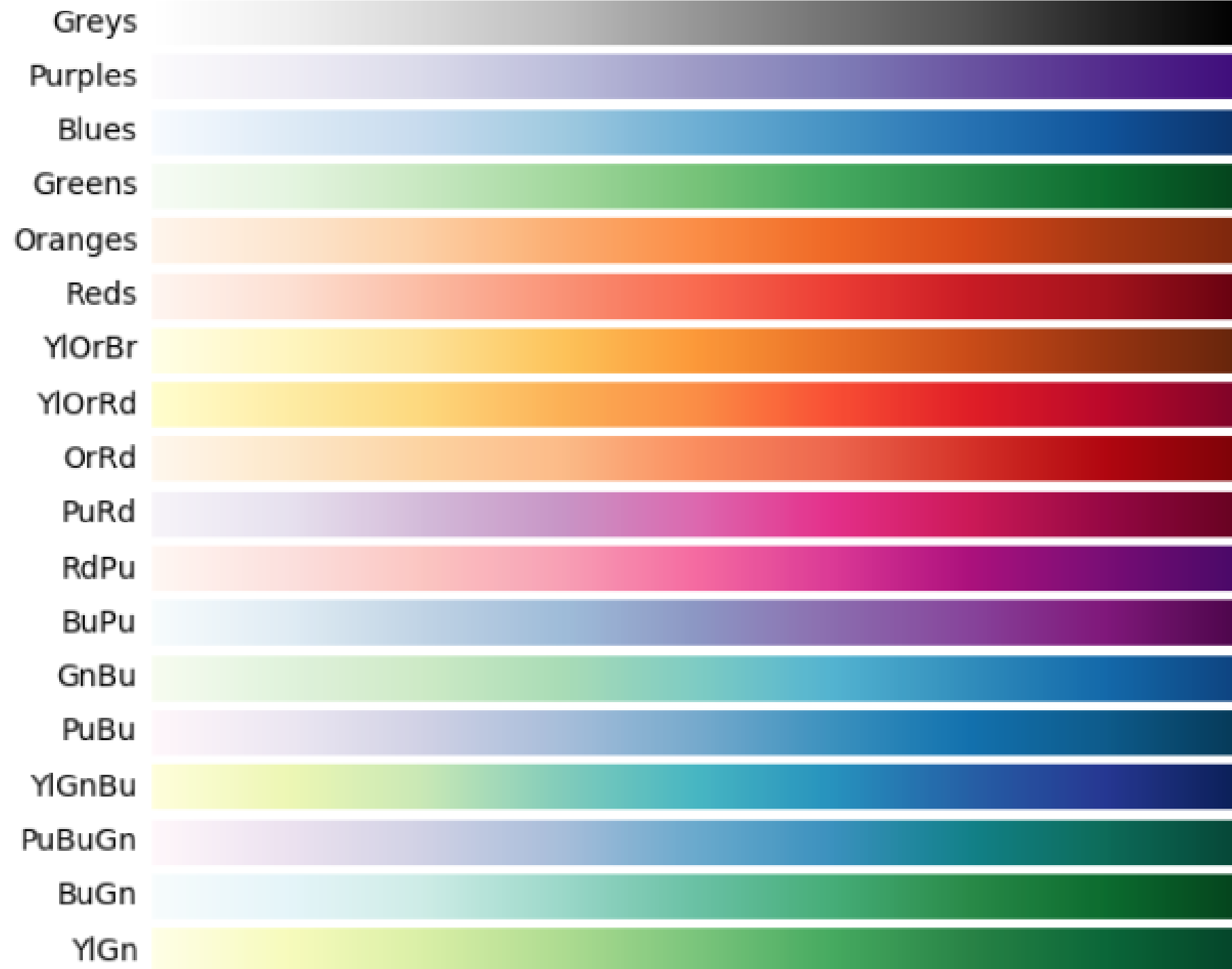
Choropleths with geopandas

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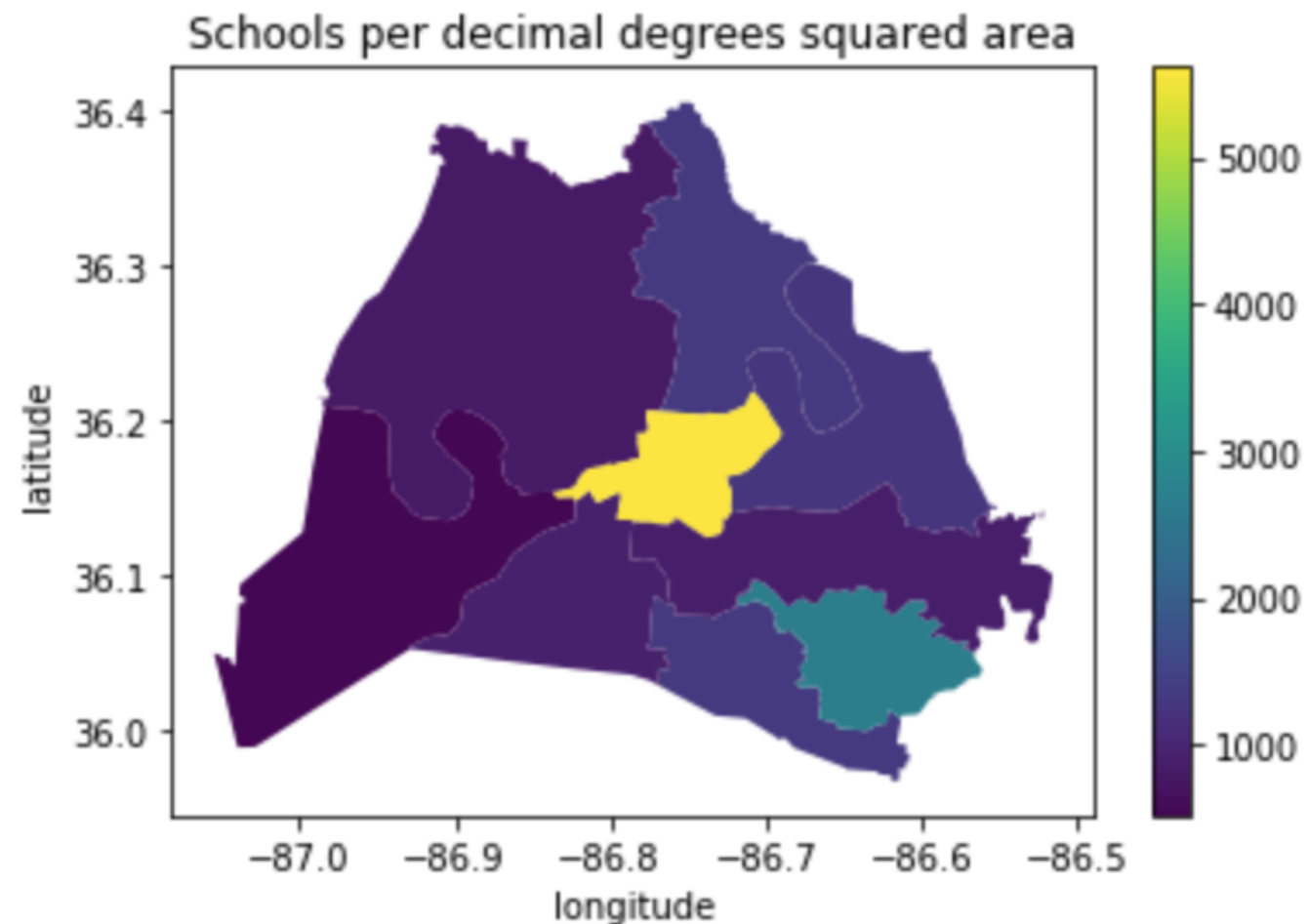
Sequential colormaps





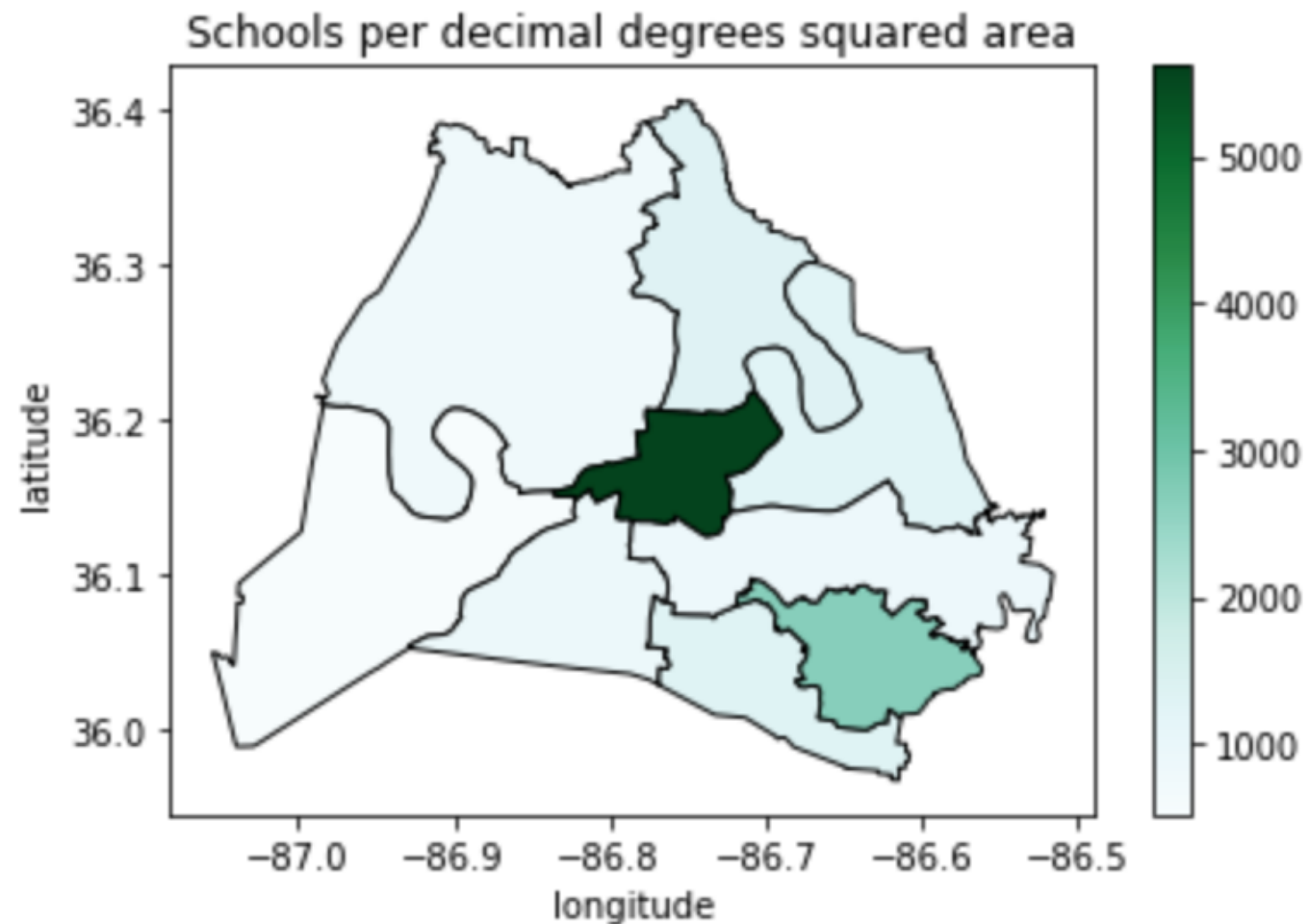
Choropleth with GeoDataFrame.plot()

```
districts_with_counts.plot(column = 'school_density', legend = True)
plt.title('Schools per decimal degrees squared area')
plt.xlabel('longitude')
plt.ylabel('latitude');
```



Choropleth with GeoDataFrame.plot()

```
districts_with_counts.plot(column = 'school_density', cmap = 'BuGn',  
                           edgecolor = 'black', legend = True)  
plt.title('Schools per decimal degrees squared area')  
plt.xlabel('longitude')  
plt.ylabel('latitude');
```





Area in Kilometers Squared

```
# starting CRS  
print(school_districts.crs)
```

```
{'init': 'epsg:4326'}
```

```
# convert to EPSG 3857  
school_districts = school_districts.to_crs(epsg = 3857)  
print(school_districts.crs)
```

```
{'init': 'epsg:3857', 'no_defs': True}
```



Area in Kilometers Squared

```
# define a variable for m^2 to km^2
sqm_to_sqkm = 10**6

school_districts['area'] = school_districts.geometry.area / sqm_to_sqkm
school_districts.head(2)
```

district	geometry	area
1	(POLYGON ((-965.055 4353528.766...	563.134380
3	(POLYGON ((-965.823 4356392.677...	218.369949

Latitude and longitude in decimal degrees

```
# change crs back to 4326
school_districts = school_districts.to_crs(epsg = 4326)
print(school_districts.crs)
```

```
{'init': 'epsg:4326', 'no defs': True}
```

```
print(school_districts.head(2))
```

```
district      geometry      area
1 (POLYGON ((-86.771 36.383... 563.134380
3 (POLYGON ((-86.753 36.404... 218.369949
```

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Counting schools in each district

```
# aggregate to get counts
school_counts = schools_in_districts.groupby(['district']).size()
```

```
# convert school_counts to a df
school_counts_df = school_counts.to_frame()
school_counts_df.reset_index(level=0, inplace=True)
school_counts_df.columns = ['district', 'school_count']
```

```
# merge
districts_with_counts = pd.merge(school_districts,
                                  school_counts_df, on = 'district')
```

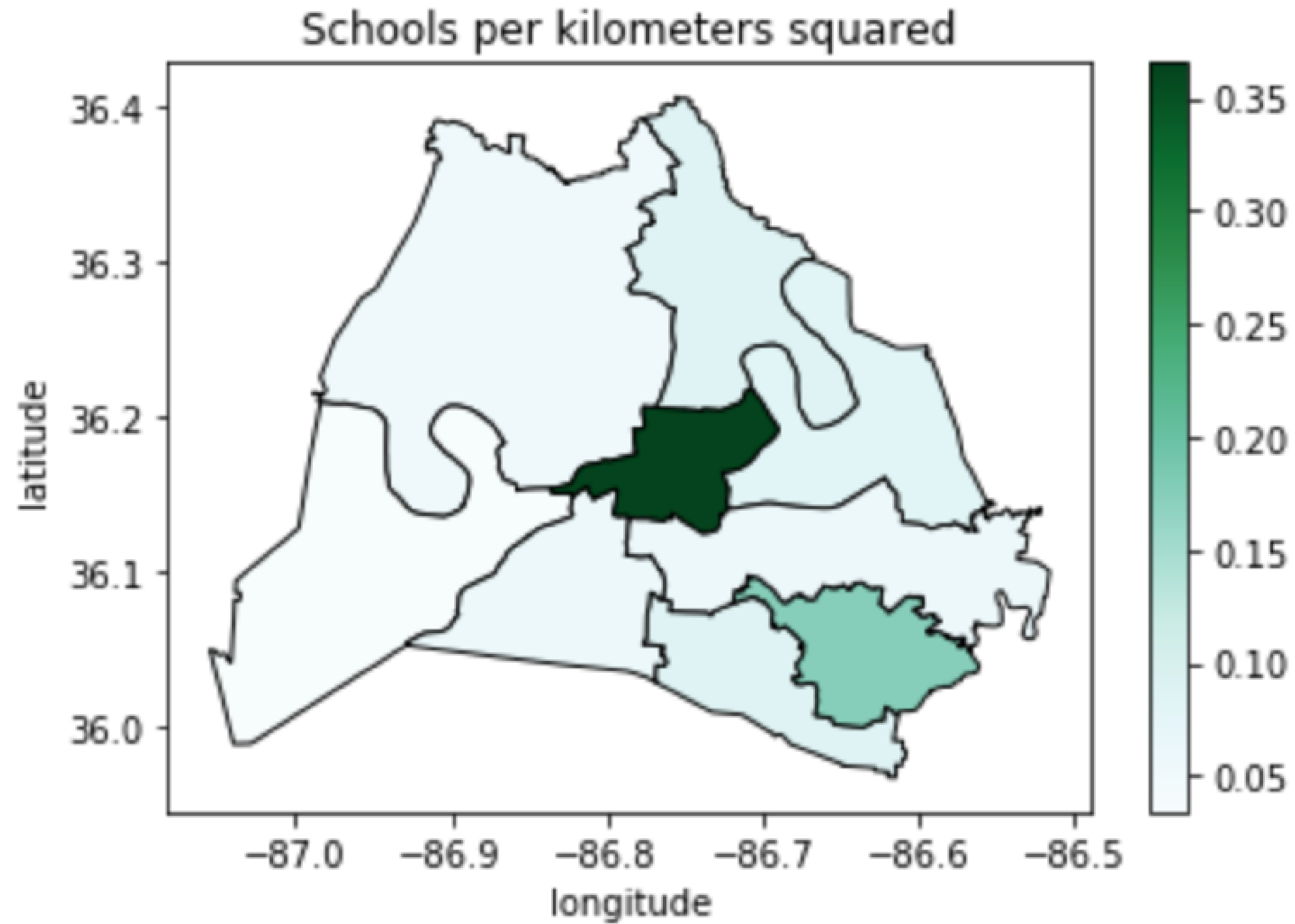
```
districts_with_counts.head(2)
```

district	geometry	area	school_count
1	(POLYGON ((-86.771 36.383..	563.134380	30
3	(POLYGON ((-86.753 36.404...	218.369949	19

Calculating school density

```
# create school_density
districts_with_counts['school_density'] = districts_with_counts.apply(
    lambda row: row.school_count/row.area, axis = 1)
```

```
# plot it
districts_with_counts.plot(column = 'school_density', cmap = 'BuGn',
                           edgecolor = 'black', legend = True)
plt.title('Schools per kilometers squared')
plt.xlabel('longitude')
plt.ylabel('latitude');
```





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Choropleths with folium

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folium.Map choropleth

```
# Construct a map object for Nashville
nashville = [36.1636, -86.7823]
m = folium.Map(location=nashville, zoom_start=10)

# Create a choropleth
m.choropleth(...)
```



Arguments of the folium choropleth

- `geo_data` - the source data for the polygons (geojson file or a `GeoDataFrame`)
- `name` - the name of the geometry column (or geojson property) for the polygons
- `data`- the source `DataFrame` or `Series` for the normalized data
- `columns`- a list of columns: one that corresponds to the polygons and one that has the value to plot



Additional arguments of the folium choropleth

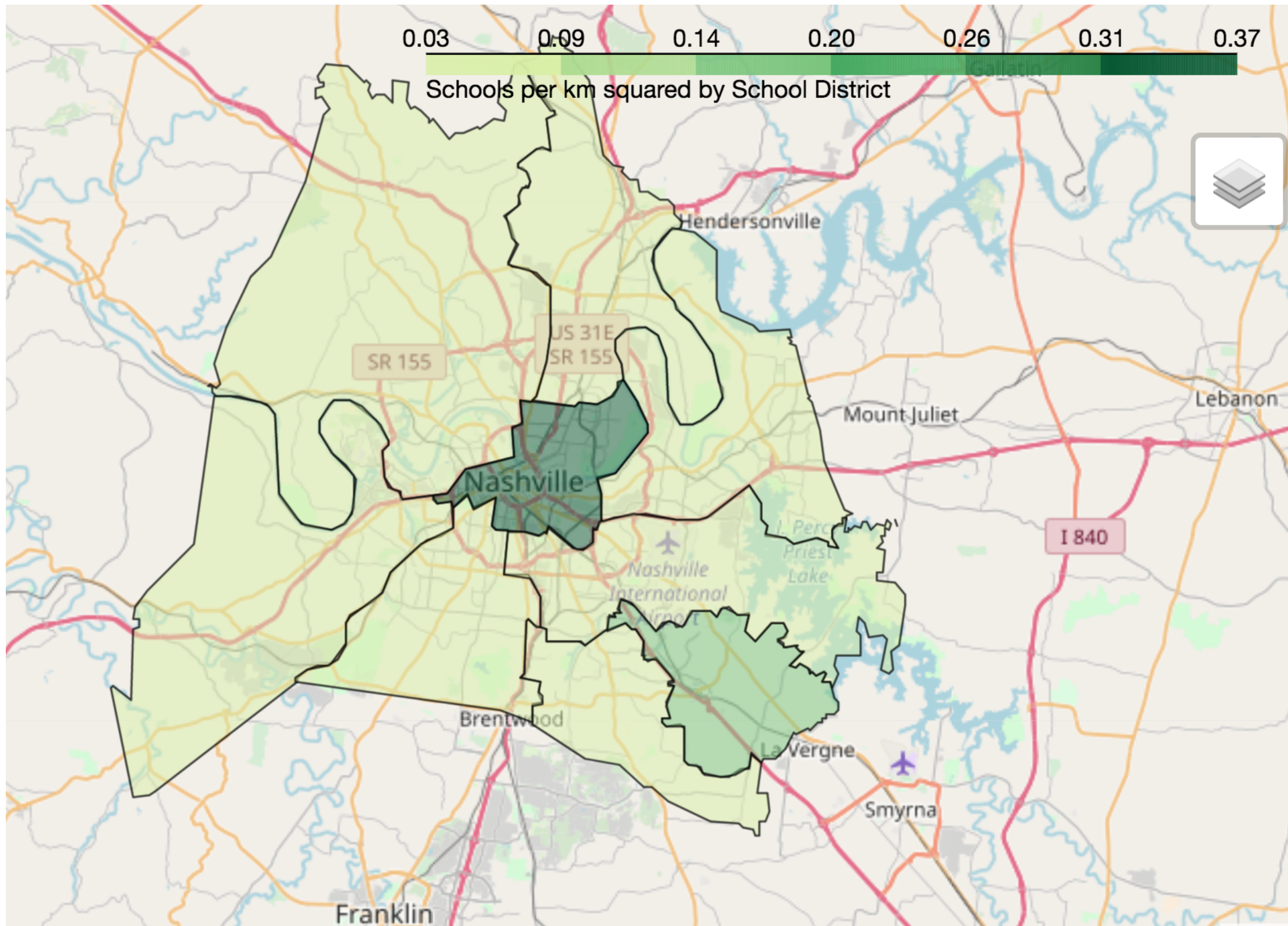
- `key_on` - a GeoJSON variable to bind the data to (always starts with `feature`)
- `fill_color` - polygon fill color (defaults to blue)
- `fill_opacity` - range between 0 (transparent) and 1 (completely opaque)
- `line_color` - color of polygon border lines (defaults to black)
- `line_opacity` - range between 0 (transparent) and 1 (completely opaque)
- `legend_name` - creates a title for the legend

Folium choropleth of school density

```
# Center point and map for Nashville
nashville = [36.1636, -86.7823]
m = folium.Map(location=nashville, zoom_start=10)
```

```
# Define a choropleth layer for the map
m.choropleth(
    geo_data=districts_with_counts,
    name='geometry',
    data=districts_with_counts,
    columns=['district', 'school_density'],
    key_on='feature.properties.district',
    fill_color='YlGn',
    fill_opacity=0.75,
    line_opacity=0.5,
    legend_name='Schools per km squared by School District'
)
```

```
# Add layer control and display
folium.LayerControl().add_to(m)
display(m)
```



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Congratulations!

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Skills list

- how to work with shapefiles and GeoJSON
- how to work with geometries
- how to use geopandas, shapely, and folium to extract meaning from geospatial data
- how to create beautiful and informative geospatial visualizations





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Goodbye