

PostGIS 2.1 on Caffeine: Raster, Topology, and pgRouting Regina Obe and Leo Hsu





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PStGIS

Agenda

Beyond geometry and geography

Raster

Pixelated view of the world

Topology

Relational view of the world

pgRouting

Costs along a network

Load OSM data

hstore needs to be installed before you can use --hstore-all or --hstore

Data from https://mapzen.com/metro-extracts (Chicago) chicago.osm.pbf

osm2pgsql -d presentation -H Y -U postgres -P 5438 -W \
 -S default.style --hstore-all chicago.osm.pbf

Raster

Rasters are matrixes that you can perform analysis on. They can also be rendered as pretty pictures. In PostGIS land, they live chopped into tiles in a table row in a column type called raster. They are often found dancing with geometries.

Let's see some rasters

We'll start with the serious (what real raster people work with) and move to the playful (what even your toddler can grasp).

Digital Elevation Model (DEM)





Temperature, water fall, climate change



Rasterization of a Geometry

Geometries can be rasterized



An aerial clip



Mona Lisa



Next we'll look at raster under a microscope

PostGIS raster under a microscope

- Tiles
- Pixels
- Bands
- Pixel Values

Rasters

Rasters are stored in table rows in a column of data type raster.



CREATE TABLE elevated(rid serial primary key, rast raster);

Tiles and Coverages

Rasters (especially those covering a large expanse of land) can be big so we chop them into smaller bits called tiles for easier analysis.

Tiles covering continguous non-overlapping areas of space with same kind of information we call:

A COVERAGE

Pixels as cells

Tiles are further broken down into pixels (or cells), organized into a matrix.

Columns X

1,1	2,1	3,1	4,1	5,1
1.2	2,2	3,2	4,2	5,2
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3	5,3
1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4	5,4

Rows Y

Numbering starts at the upper-left corner

Pixels: Geospatial Space

Example of pixel min spots in WGS Ion lat

Longitude

- 180,89	-179,89	-178,89	-177,89	-176,89
-180,88	-179,88	-178,88	-177,88	- 176,88
-180,87	-179,87	-178,87	-177,87	-176,87
-180,86	-179,86	-178,86	-177,86	-176,86

Note how Y coordinates are generally in reverse order of Pixel row numbering.

Latitude

Raster is broken into 1 or more bands

Think of each band as a separate matrix storing a particular theme of data and particular numeric range.

One band can store elevation

Another temperature

Another vegetation

Another number of pizza restaurants in each area

If you just care about pretty pictures you can have a 4-band raster representing RGBA channels (bands) in your picture

Pixel Band Types

Bands are classified by the range of numeric data they can store and each band in a given raster can store a different range type of data.

- 1BB: 1-bit boolean
- Bit Unsigned Integers (BUI): 2BUI, 4BUI, 8BUI, 16BUI, 32BUI
- Bit Signed Integers (SI): 8BSI, 16BSI, 32BSI
- Bit Floats (BF) 32BF, 64BF

Pixel Values

Each pixel has slots for number of bands

3-banded raster means 3 values per pixel

Get data

- Pictures from http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago
- Elevation data from http://www.webgis.com/terr_pages/IL/dem75/cook.html

Raster toolkit

GDAL: http://www.gdal.org

PostGIS raster is built on Gdal and wraps a lot of the functions of GDAL in an SQL wrapper

Commonly used command-line of GDAL

- gdalinfo: inspect a given raster
- gdal_translate: convert raster from one format to another
- gdalwarp: transform raster from one spatial projection to another and also changes format

Loading Data raster2pgsql

raster2pgsql is a command-line tool packaged with PostGIS 2+ that allows loading data from various raster formats into PostGIS raster format. It generates a sql load file or you can pipe directly to PostgreSQL with psql.

raster2pgsql options

RELEASE: 2.2.0dev GDAL_VERSION=111 (r12973)

USAGE: raster2pgsql [<options>] <raster>[<raster>[...]] [[<schema>.]]
Multiple rasters can also be specified using wildcards (*,?).

OPTIONS:

- -s <srid> Set the SRID field. Defaults to 0. If SRID not provided or is 0, raster's metadata will be checked to determine an appropriate SRID.
- -b
band> Index (1-based) of band to extract from raster. For more than one band index, separate with comma (,). Ranges can be defined by separating with dash (-). If unspecified, all bands of raster will be extracted.
- -t <tile size> Cut raster into tiles to be inserted one per table row. <tile size> is expressed as WIDTHxHEIGHT. <tile size> can also be "auto" to allow the loader to compute an appropriate tile size using the first raster and applied to all rasters.
- -P Pad right-most and bottom-most tiles to guarantee that all tiles have the same width and height.
- -R Register the raster as an out-of-db (filesystem) raster. Provided raster should have absolute path to the file
- (-d|a|c|p) These are mutually exclusive options:
 - -d Drops the table, then recreates it and populates it with current raster data.
 - -a Appends raster into current table, must be exactly the same table schema.

Warm-up Exercise

What kind of rasters can we load?

raster2pgsql -G

Should give you something like

Supported GDAL raster formats: Virtual Raster GeoTIFF National Imagery Transmission Format Raster Product Format TOC format ECRG TOC format Erdas Imagine Images (.img) : Ground-based SAR Applications Testbed File Format (.gff ELAS Arc/Info Binary Grid Arc/Info ASCII Grid GRASS ASCII Grid SDTS Raster DTED Elevation Raster Portable Network Graphics JPEG JFIF In Memory Raster : Graphics Interchange Format (.gif) Envisat Image Format Maptech BSB Nautical Charts X11 PixMap Format MS Windows Device Independent Bitmap SPOT DIMAP AirSAR Polarimetric Image RadarSat 2 XML Product

Inspect metadata

Yes pictures have meta data, but don't care much about it as far as loading

goes

gdalinfo Chicago_sunrise_1.jpg

Size is 7550, 2400 Coordinate System is `' Image Structure Metadata: COMPRESSION=JPEG INTERLEAVE=PIXEL SOURCE COLOR SPACE=YCbCr Corner Coordinates: Upper Left (0.0, 0.0) Lower Left (0.0, 2400.0)Upper Right (7550.0, 0.0)Lower Right (7550.0, 2400.0) (3775.0, 1200.0) Center Band 1 Block=7550x1 Type=Byte, ColorInterp=Red Overviews: 3775x1200, 1888x600, 944x300 Image Structure Metadata: COMPRESSION=JPEG Band 2 Block=7550x1 Type=Byte, ColorInterp=Green Overviews: 3775x1200, 1888x600, 944x300 Image Structure Metadata: COMPRESSION=JPEG Band 3 Block=7550x1 Type=Byte, ColorInterp=Blue Overviews: 3775x1200, 1888x600, 944x300 Image Structure Metadata: COMPRESSION=JPEG

Exercise: Load a folder of Pictures In db

Don't waste your time with indexes and constraints. Don't bother tiling either

raster2pgsql -e -F -Y pics/*.jpg po.chicago_pics | psql -U postgres -d presentation

Exercise: Load a folder of Pictures Keep out of database

For database snobs who feel rasters and gasp! pictures have no place in a database. Use the -R switch

Warning: path you register must be accessible by postgres daemon and for PostGIS 2.1.3+, 2.0.6+ need to set POSTGIS_ENABLE_OUTDB_RASTERS environment variable. For 2.2+ have option of GUCs.

raster2pgsql -R -e -F -Y /fullpath/pics/*.jpg po.chicago_pics \
 psql -U postgres -d presentation

Gdallnfo: Inspect metadata before load

gdalinfo chicago-w.DEM

```
Size is 1201, 1201
Coordinate System is:
GEOGCS["NAD27",
DATUM["North American Datum 1927",
       SPHEROID["Clarke 1866",6378206.4,294.978698213898
       AUTHORITY["EPSG", "7008"]],
       AUTHORITY["EPSG","6267"]],
PRIMEM["Greenwich",0,
       AUTHORITY["EPSG", "8901"]],
UNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433,
       AUTHORITY["EPSG", "9108"]],
AUTHORITY["EPSG","4267"]]
Pixel Size = (0.00083333333333, -0.0008333333333)
Metadata:
AREA OR POINT=Point
Corner Coordinates:
Upper Left ( -88.0004167, 42.0004167)
Lower Left (-88.0004167, 40.9995833)
Upper Right ( -86.9995833, 42.0004167)
Lower Right (-86.9995833, 40.9995833)
           (-87.500000, 41.500000)
Center
Band 1 Block=1201x1201 Type=Int16, ColorInterp=Undefined
NoData Value=-32767
Unit Type: m
```

Exercise: Load Elevation data

Indexes are important, spatial ref is important, constraints are important too And you want to tile cause it's gonna be a coverage where fast analysis of small areas is important.

raster2pgsql -I -C -e -F -Y -t auto -s 4267 dems/*.DEM po.chicago_dem \
 psql -U postgres -d presentation

Viewing and outputting rasters

Lots of options, but first a warning.

PostGIS 2.1.3+ and 2.0.6+, security locked down, so you'll need to set: POSTGIS GDAL ENABLED DRIVERS to use built-in ST AsPNG etc functions.

PostGIS 2.2+ allow to set using GUCS

Output with psql

Wrap your query in ST_AsPNG or ST_AsGDALRaster etc.

Output with PHP or ASP.NET

We have a minimalist viewer proof of concept https://github.com/robe2/postgis_webviewer to view most of these

We use it a lot to quickly view adhoc queries that return one raster image and to generate pics in PostGIS docs.

Output with NodeJS

We have a minimalist all encompassing Node.JS web server https://github.com/robe2/node_postgis_express

This we'll use cause its pretty easy to setup and can do all.

Use GDAL tools

gdal_translate and gdalwarp are most popular.

gdal_translate example

gdal_translate -of PNG -outsize 10% 10% \
"PG:host=localhost port=5432 dbname='presentation'
 user='postgres' password='whatever'
 schema=po table=chicago_pics mode=2
 where='filename=\'Chicago_sunrise_1.jpg\'" test.png

gdalwarp example
Use PL languages such as PL/Python

Any language that can run queries, output binaries and dump to file system will do.

Just enough PL/Python to be dangerous

The file system output function

CREATE OR REPLACE FUNCTION write_file (param_bytes bytea, param_filepath text) RETURNS text AS \$\$ f = open(param_filepath, 'wb+') f.write(param_bytes) return param_filepath \$\$ LANGUAGE plpython3u;

Let's output 120px wide thumbnails into a server folder

```
SELECT write_file(ST_AsPNG(ST_Resize(rast,
  (least(ST_Width(rast), 120))::int,
  (least(ST_Width(rast), 120.0) /
  ST_Width(rast)*ST_Height(rast))::int )
  ),
  'C:/pics/thumb_' || filename
  )
  FROM po.chicago pics ;
```

Exercises: PostGIS Raster Spatial SQL

Raster being served with a mix of geometry

Exercise: Extracting Select Band and convert to image type

AKA: How to make your new pictures look really old

SELECT ST_AsPNG(ST_Band(rast,1)) As rast
FROM po.chicago_pics
WHERE filename='Full_chicago_skyline.jpg';





Before

After

Reclassification

SELECT ST_AsPNG(
 ST_Reclass(ST_Band(rast,1),1,'0-70:255, 71-189:100, 190-255:200', '8BUI',255)
)
FROM po.chicago_pics
WHERE filename = 'Full_chicago_skyline.jpg';



Before

After

Exercise: Resorting bands

There are good uses for this, but this is questionably not one of them.

SELECT ST_AsPNG(ST_Band(rast,'{3,2,1}'::integer[])) As png
FROM po.chicago_pics
WHERE filename='Full_chicago_skyline.jpg';



Before



After

Roughness

You would do this with terrain data, but you could do it with pictures and create a charcoal drawing. Gives you relative measure of difference between max and min. Bears a striking resemblance to what you get when applying the ST_Range4MA mapalgebra callback function.

```
SELECT ST_AsPNG( ST_Roughness(rast,1, NULL::raster, '8BUI'::text) )
FROM chicago_pics
WHERE filename ILIKE 'Mona%';
```



Before

After

Hillshade

Designed for elevation data (gives hypothetical illumination), but go ahead and apply to your pictures and create a stone impression.

SELECT ST_AsPNG(ST_HillShade(rast,1, NULL::raster, '8BUI'::text, 90))
FROM chicago_pics WHERE filename ILIKE 'Mona%';

SELECT ST_AsPNG(ST_HillShade(rast,1, NULL::raster, '8BUI'::text, 315,30,150))
FROM chicago_pics WHERE filename ILIKE 'Mona%';





Aspect

Againt designed for elevation data, Returns the aspect (in degrees by default) of an elevation raster band.

```
SELECT ST_AsPNG( ST_Aspect(rast,1, NULL::raster, '8BUI'::text) )
FROM chicago_pics
WHERE filename ILIKE 'Mona%';
```



Map Algebra with ST_MapAlgebra

Operations done on a set of pixels (a neighborhood) where the value returned by the operation becomes the new value for the center pixel. The simplest operation works on a single cell (a 0-neighborhood).

In PostGIS the operation is expressed either as a PostgreSQL algebraic expression, or a Postgres callback function that takes an n-dimensional matrix of pixel values.

PostGIS has several built-in mapalgebra call-backs, but you can build your own. PostGIS packaged ones all have 4MA in them: 4MA means for Map Algebra

(ST_Min4MA, ST_Max4MA, ST_Mean4MA, ST_Range4MA (very similar to ST_Roughness), ST_InvDistWeight4MA, ST_Sum4MA)).

Default neighborhood is 0 distance from pixel in x direction, and 0 distance in y direction.

Map Algebra: Single-band

SELECT ST_AsPNG(ST_MapAlgebra(ARRAY[ROW(rast, 1)]::rastbandarg[], 'ST_Min4MA(double precision[], int[], text[])'::regprocedure, '8BUI'::text, 'INTERSECTION'::text, NULL::raster, 1,1)) FROM chicago_pics WHERE filename ILIKE 'Mona%';



Min

Mean

Max

ST_AddBand, MapAlgebra - apply to all bands

```
SELECT ST_AsPNG(ST_AddBand(NULL::raster,
    array_agg(ST_MapAlgebra(
        ARRAY[ROW(rast, i)]::rastbandarg[],
        'ST_Min4MA(double precision[], int[], text[])'::regprocedure,
        '8BUI'::text, 'INTERSECTION'::text,
        NULL::raster, 1,1
        ))))
FROM chicago_pics CROSS JOIN generate_series(1,3) As i
WHERE filename ILIKE 'Mona%';
```



Before



Max

Exercise: Clipping

SELECT ST_Clip(rast, ST_Buffer(ST_Centroid(rast::geometry),100))
FROM chicago_pics
WHERE filename='Full_chicago_skyline.jpg';



Setting band nodata values

```
SELECT ST_SetBandNoDataValue(
    ST_SetBandNoDataValue(
        ST_SetBandNoDataValue(
            ST_Clip(rast,
                ST_Buffer(ST_Centroid(rast::geometry),200) ),
                1,0),2,0),3,0)
FROM chicago_pics
WHERE filename='Full_chicago_skyline.jpg';
```



Resize, Shift, Union with SQL

SELECT ST_Union(
 ST_SetUpperLeft(
 ST_Resize(rast,i*0.3,i*0.3),i*150,i
)
 FROM chicago_pics CROSS JOIN generate_series(1,3) As i
 WHERE filename='Full_chicago_skyline.jpg';



Now for something totally serious People! Power of SQL is not for doodling

SQL should be used for REAL analysis and not to entertain your kids.

Exercise: Elevation at a point

181

Let's compare with Wikipedia's answer http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago

594 ft (181 m)
672 ft (205 m)
578 ft (176 m)

Exercise: Histogram of an area

Clip first to isolate region of interest

```
SELECT (h.hist).*
FROM ST_Transform(
    ST_Buffer(
        ST_Point(-87.627,41.8819)::geography,
        5000)::geometry,4267
        As loc,
LATERAL
    (SELECT ST_Histogram(ST_Union(ST_Clip(rast,loc)),1,5) As hist
FROM po.chicago_dem As d
    WHERE ST_Intersects(d.rast, loc) ) As h;
```

min	max	count	percent			
166	171	5	0.00040983606557377			
171	176	8	0.000655737704918033			
176	181	7307	0.598934426229508			
181	186	4414	0.361803278688525			
186	191	466	0.0381967213114754			
(5 rows)						

Exercise: Quantiles of an area

Same exercise as histogram, but with Quants

```
SELECT (h.quant).*
 FROM ST Transform(
    ST Buffer(
       ST Point(-87.627,41.8819)::geography,
        5000)::geometry,4267
         ) As loc.
  LATERAĹ
      (SELECT
         ST_Quantile(ST_Union(ST_Clip(rast,loc)),1,
         [{0.1,0.5,0.75}'::float[]) As quant
FROM po.chicago_dem As d
    WHERE ST Intersects(d.rast, loc) ) As h;
quantile | value
   ----+-----
     0.1
          176
     0.5
            178
    0.75
            181
(3 rows)
```

Transformation

Just like geometries we can transform raster data from one projection to another. Let's transform to web mercator to match our OSM chicago data

```
CREATE TABLE po.chicago_dem_wmerc AS
SELECT rid, ST_Transform(rast, 900913) As rast
FROM po.chicago_dem;
SELECT AddRasterConstraints('po'::name,
'chicago_dem_wmerc'::name, 'rast'::name);
```

Let's check meta data

After plain vanilla transformation

```
SELECT r_table_name, srid, scale_x::numeric(10,5),
scale_y::numeric(10,5), blocksize_x As bx, blocksize_y As by,
same_alignment As sa
FROM raster_columns
WHERE r_table_name LIKE 'chicago_dem%';
r_table_name | srid | scale_x | scale_y | bx | by | sa
chicago_dem_wmerc | 900913 | | 85 | 113 | f
chicago_dem | 4267 | 0.00083 | -0.00083 | 100 | 100 | t
```

oh oh, new tiles have inconsistent alignment and scale

raster ST_Transform has many forms

In order to union and so forth, we need our tiles aligned

WITH ref As (SELECT ST_Transform(rast,900913) As rast FROM po.chicago_dem LIMIT 1) SELECT d.rid, ST_Transform(d.rast, ref.rast, 'Lanczos') As rast INTO po.chicago_dem_wmerc from ref CROSS JOIN po.chicago_dem As d;

We arbitrarily picked first transformed raster to align with

New raster meta data using aligned transform

After we repeat AddRasterConstraints and rerun our raster_columns query

r_table_name	srid	scale_x	scale_y	bx	by	sa
chicago_dem_wmerc	900913	109.92805	-109.92805	85	114	t
chicago_dem	4267	0.00083	-0.00083	100	100	t

Index your rasters

CREATE INDEX idx_chicago_dem_wmerc_rast_gist
 ON po.chicago_dem_wmerc
 USING gist
 (st_convexhull(rast));

Colorize your dems with ST_ColorMap

DEMS are often not convertable to standard viewing formats like PNG, JPG, or GIF because their band types are often 16BUI, BSI and so forth rather than 8BUI.

With the beauty that is ST_ColorMap, you can change that.

INTERPOLATE, NEAREST, EXACT.

Named color map

There are: grayscale, pseudocolor, fire, bluered predefined in PostGIS. bluered goes from low of blue to pale white to red.

SELECT ST_ColorMap(ST_Union(rast,1),'bluered') As rast_4b
FROM po.chicago_dem_wmerc
WHERE ST_DWithin(
 ST_Transform(ST_SetSRID(ST_Point(-87.627,41.8819),4326),900913),
 rast::geometry,5000);



Custom color map

You can define mappings yourself

```
SELECT ST_ColorMap(ST_Union(rast,1),'100% 255 0 0
75% 200 0 0
50% 100 0 0
25% 50 0 0
10% 10 0 0
nv 0 0 0', 'INTERPOLATE') As rast_4b
FROM po.chicago_dem_wmerc
WHERE ST_DWithin(
    ST_Transform(ST_SetSRID(ST_Point(-87.627,41.8819),4326),900913),
        rast::geometry,5000);
```



Custom color map

Fixed set of colors snap to nearest percentile

```
SELECT ST_ColorMap(ST_Union(rast,1),'100% 255 0 0
75% 200 0 0
50% 100 0 0
25% 50 0 0
10% 10 0 0
nv 0 0 0', 'NEAREST') As rast_4b
FROM po.chicago_dem_wmerc
WHERE ST_DWithin(
    ST_Transform(ST_SetSRID(ST_Point(-87.627,41.8819),4326),900913),
        rast::geometry,5000);
```



Make 3D linestrings

```
WITH ref_D AS (SELECT name, way,
  ST Transform(ST SetSRID(ST Point(-87.627,41.8819),4326),900913) As loc
   FROM po.planet osm roads
   ORDER BY ST Transform(
    ST SetSRID(
        ST_Point(-87.627,41.8819),4326),900913) <-> way LIMIT 5 ),
     ref AS (SELECT name, way FROM ref d
       ORDER BY ST Distance(way,loc) )
    SELECT ref.name,
        ST AsText(
            ST_LineMerge(
                    ST Collect(
                        ST Translate(ST_Force3D((r.gv).geom), 0,0, (r.gv).val)
                  )
                )
            ) As wktgeom
        FROM
           ref , LATERAL (SELECT ST_Intersection(rast,way) As gv
              FROM po.chicago_dem_wmerc As d
                 WHERE ST_Intersects(d.rast, ref.way) ) As r
        GROUP BY ref.name;
```

3D linestring output

name

wktgeom

North State Street | LINESTRING Z (-9754688.09 5143501.29 179,-9754687.4267 9796 5143457.79342028 179,-9754686.69 5143409.47 180,-9754684.13704138 5143347.8 6536781 180,-9754683.17 5143324.53 181) ...

East Madison Street | LINESTRING Z (-9754312.92 5143334.38 181,-9754328.32 5 143334.22 181,-9754407.28 5143333.33 181,-9754501.17 5143330.48 181,-9754587.69 5143329.8 181,-9754652.86 5143328.67 181,-9754666.75 5143327.67 181,-9754683.17 5143324.53 181)...

State Street Subway | MULTILINESTRING Z ((-9754692.86 5143480.52 179,-975469 2.09079665 5143457.79342028 179,-9754688.37017403 5143347.86536781 180,-9754680. 91 5143127.45 181),(-9754671.2 5143129.08 181,-9754677.91235681 5143347.86536781 180,-9754681.28496038 5143457.79342028 179,-9754681.95 5143479.47 179)) .. East Washington Street | LINESTRING Z (-9754688.09 5143501.29 179,-9754591.31 5 143501.57 179,-9754538.75 5143500.92 179,-9754504.9 5143501.11 179,-9754410.36 5 143501.83 179,-9754316.66 5143502.34 179,-9754301.88 5143502.49 179,-9754289.33 5143502.58 179,-9754283.02 5143502.6 179) ...

(4 rows)

Exercise: Rasterizing a geometry

Basic ST_AsRaster



Exercise: Overlaying geometries on a grid + color mapping

ST_AsRaster variant 2

```
WITH cte AS (SELECT row_number() OVER() As rn, way As geom,
ST_XMax(way) - ST_XMin(way) As width, ST_YMax(way) - ST_YMin(way) As height,
ST_Extent(way) OVER() As full_ext
FROM po.planet_osm_polygon
WHERE admin_level='8' ),
ref AS (SELECT ST_AsRaster(ST_SetSRID(full_ext, ST_SRID(geom)),
 ((ST_XMax(full_ext) - ST_XMin(full_ext))/
 (ST_YMax(full_ext) - ST_YMin(full_ext))*600)::integer,
    600,ARRAY['8BUI'],
    ARRAY[255], ARRAY[255]) AS rast FROM cte WHERE rn = 1 )
SELECT ST_AsPNG(ST_ColorMap(ST_Union(ST_AsRaster(geom, ref.rast,
    ARRAY['8BUI'],
    ARRAY['8BUI'],
    ARRAY['8BUI'],
    ARRAY[rn*2], ARRAY[255]) ), 'pseudocolor') )
FROM cte CROSS JOIN ref;
```

Raster output of overlay



Vectorizing portions of a raster

Most popular is ST_DumpAsPolygons which returns a set of geomval (composite consisting of a geometry named geom and a pixel value called val).

```
SELECT (g).val, ST_Union((g).geom) As geom
FROM
(SELECT ST_DumpAsPolygons(ST_Clip(rast,loc) ) As g
FROM po.chicago_dem As d
INNER JOIN
ST_Transform(
    ST_Buffer(
        ST_SetSRID( ST_Point(-87.627,41.8819),4326)::geography,
        500 )::geometry,
        4267) As loc
ON ST_Intersects(d.rast, loc) ) AS f
GROUP BY (g).val;
```

Topology: Geometries in seat-belts

Geometries are stand-alone selfish creatures.

They only look out for number one.

A plot of land overlaps another.

Does geometry care?

No. C'est la vie

People care. We've got boundaries. My land is not your land. Stay off my lawn.

Who can bring order to our world?

Topology can.
What is a topology? Specifically: Network topology

Topology primitives: edges, nodes, and faces

Topology views the world as a neatly ordered network of faces, edges, and nodes. Via relationships of these primitive elements, we form recognizable things like parcels, roads, and political boundaries.

What is an edge?

An edge is a linestring that does not overlap other edges. It can only touch other edges at the end points.

What is a node?

Nodes are start and end points of edges or are isolated points that are not part of any edge.

What is a face?

A face is a polygon that gets generated when a set of edges form a closed ring.

In standard PostGIS topology, the polygon is never actually stored, but computed. Only the minimum bounding rectangle is stored.

Diagram of simple topology



Edges are the numbered linestrings, nodes are the numbered round balls, and faces are the areas with *. The four faces together can be used to construct a topogeometry we can call **colorado**.

How does topology help us?

- Ensure correct boundaries
- When geometries are simplified shared edges still remain shared
- Editing

What is a topogeometry?

A topogeometry is like a geometry, except it has respect for its foundations. It understands it is not sitting by itself in outerspace. It understands it is made up of other elements which may be shared by other geometries. It understands its very definition is the cumulative definition of others.

It's nice to be a regular old geometry sometimes, and topogeometry has got a cast to make it so. topo::geometry or geometry(topo).

topogeometry is a set of relations

A topogeometry is composed of pointers to topology primitives or other topogeometries. It is defined via the relations

Let's build a topology of Chicago

With our OSM data

If you haven't already

CREATE EXTENSION postgis_topology;

Create the topology

SELECT CreateTopology('topo_chicago',900913);

You should now have a database schema called *topo_chicago* with several tables.

Tables in a topology

topo_chicago has a set of tables you'll find in all topology generated schemas

- edge_data and companion edge view: Holds all the line work that defines the topological network.
- node defines all the points that connect the edges (only connecting points are considered) as well as isolated points (isonode) that stand alone.
- **face** lists polygons formed by closed line work of edges. The polygon is not stored, only the minimum bounding box
- **relation** lists the set of relationships to edges, nodes, faces, and other layers that define a topogoemetry.

Let's create a political boundaries table from scratch

CREATE TABLE
 po.chicago_boundaries(id serial primary key, name text);
SELECT AddTopoGeometryColumn('topo_chicago', 'po',
 'chicago_boundaries', 'topo', 'POLYGON') As layer_id;

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Let's populate our boundaries

INSERT INTO po.chicago_boundaries(name, topo)
WITH ref AS (SELECT way As ref
 FROM po.planet_osm_polygon
 WHERE admin_level = '8' AND name = 'Chicago')
SELECT name, toTopoGeom(ST_Union(way), 'topo_chicago', 1)
 FROM (SELECT name, way FROM po.planet_osm_polygon
 WHERE admin_level = '8') AS b
 INNER JOIN ref
ON (ST_Intersects(b.way,ref.ref))
GROUP BY name;

Output topogeometry as geometry

SELECT name, topo::geometry As geom
FROM po.chicago_boundaries;



Simplify topo boundaries compared to simplify geometry boundaries

Topos are aware of their shared existence. Edges remain shared. Geometries are self-centered. They don't care about their neighbors.

Chicago Geometry simplified

They overlap and are not respectful of each other.

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SELECT name, ST_Simplify(topo::geometry,1000) As geom
FROM po.chicago_boundaries;
```



Chicago TopoGeometry simplified

Edges that were shared are still shared

SELECT name, ST_Simplify(topo,1000) As geom
 FROM po.chicago_boundaries;



pgRouting: Navigating from one place to another

pgRouting is primarily used for building routing applications. E.g road directions, biking trail guide etc.

Install binaries

Refer to our quick start guide listed on this page: http://www.postgis.us/pgopen2014

Enable in your database and verify

CREATE EXTENSION pgrouting; SELECT * FROM pgr_version();

version | tag | build | hash | branch | boost 2.0.0 | v2.0.0 | 3 | fbbaa2a | master | 1.54.0

Popular tools for making OSM data routable

- osm2pgrouting osm2pgrouting not tested on windows.
- osm2po http://osm2po.de works on any OS with a java VM. Other neat feature is it comes with its own mini-webserver that reads the .pbf file directly.

pgRouting OSM data with osm2po,

We'll demonstrate osm2po since it's more cross-platform

Prepping data for routing with osm2po

- Extract osm2po in a folder: we used the 4.8.8 version
- Make a copy of the demo.bat or demo.sh and replace with your own path to pbf
- If java is not in your path, you may need to define a path variable at top

Generating sql script for routing chicago

Your shell-script line should look something like

java -Xmx512m -jar osm2po-core-4.8.8-signed.jar prefix=hh tileSize=x chicago_illinois.osm.pbf

You should now have a folder called **hh** in your osm2po folder, and should have an sql file **hh_2po_4pgr.sql**

Load this up into your database with psql. Note that osm2po loads data in wgs 84 long lat geometry (4326) so tolerance units for all pgrouting will be in degrees.

Recreate vertices from source and target

Osm2Po doesn't create a vertices table, but we can create one from the table it creates. This table is needed by some pgrouting functions

Total query runtime: 42975 ms.

Analyzing your routes

pgr_analyzeGraph looks for dead ends and other anomalies and populates fields in hh_2po_4pgr_vertices_pgr. Tolerance are in units of your spatial ref sys. Takes a while

SELECT pgr_analyzeGraph('hh_2po_4pgr', 0.000001,'geom_way', 'id', 'source', 'target','true');

ОК

120,322ms

Using osm2po routing table

Create view with key columns we need

pgRouting is about going from one node to another along a path not really about location

So we really can't go from arbitrary point to point, have to go from node to node. So we found a node using osm2po mini webservice: http://localhost:8888/Osm2poService

pgr_astar

Shortest Path A-Star function that takes as input:

- SQL statement that defines your network or portion of network you want to inspect
- node id of start
- node id of end
- directed: defaults to true (if your graph has direction)
- has_rcost: If your edges have costs in different direction. reverse_cost must be provided if this is true

Directed route with astar

Output is order of travel: seq, id1: node id, id2 edge id

SELECT *

FROM pgr_astar('SELECT id, source, target, cost, x1,y1,x2,y2, reverse_cost FROM vw_routing', 159944, 142934, true, true) As r;

seq	id1	id2	cost
0	159944	236443	0.0020273041
1	334003	482441	0.0027647596
2	334007	482442	0.0010009945
3	334006	155460	0.0025687038
4	142934	-1	0

Directed route with astar joined with road

One-ways are considered

seq	node	edge	osm_name	cost	km	kmh
0	159944	236443	West 36th Street	0.0020273041	0.10136521	 50
1	334003	482441	South 58th Court	0.0027647596	0.13823798	50
2	334007	482442	South 58th Court	0.0010009945	0.050049722	50
3	334006	155460	West 35th Street	0.0025687038	0.102748156	40

Undirected route with astar joined with road

One-ways are ignored

seq	node	edge	osm_name	cost	km	kmh
0	159944	236443	West 36th Street	0.0020273041	0.10136521	50
1	334003	236444	West 36th Street	0.0020233293	0.101166464	50
2	333993	482429	South 59th Avenue	0.0027747066	0.13873532	50
3	333996	482428	South 59th Avenue	0.0010170189	0.050850946	50

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