



Teaching Spatial Data Science

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Data Science Major as the top-1 fast growing major



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- Perform innovative research in the fundamentals and applications of data science
- Advance scientific discovery in collaboration with researchers across campus and beyond

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Data Science Major and Spatial Data Science Curriculum

Foundational Data Science Courses

[STAT 240](#)  Introduction to Data Modeling I

[STAT 340](#) Introduction to Data Modeling II

[COMP SCI 220](#)  Data Science Programming I

or [COMP SCI 300](#)  Programming II

[COMP SCI 320](#) Data Science Programming II

[LIS 461](#) Data and Algorithms: Ethics and Policy

[GEOG 573](#) Advanced Geocomputing and Geospatial Big Data Analytics

[GEOG 574](#) Geospatial Database Design and Development

Statistical Modeling

Machine Learning

Complete one of the following:

[COMP SCI/
ECE/ME 532](#) Matrix Methods in Machine Learning ¹

[COMP SCI/
ECE/ME 539](#) Introduction to Artificial Neural Networks

[COMP SCI 540](#) Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

[MATH 535](#) Mathematical Methods in Data Science

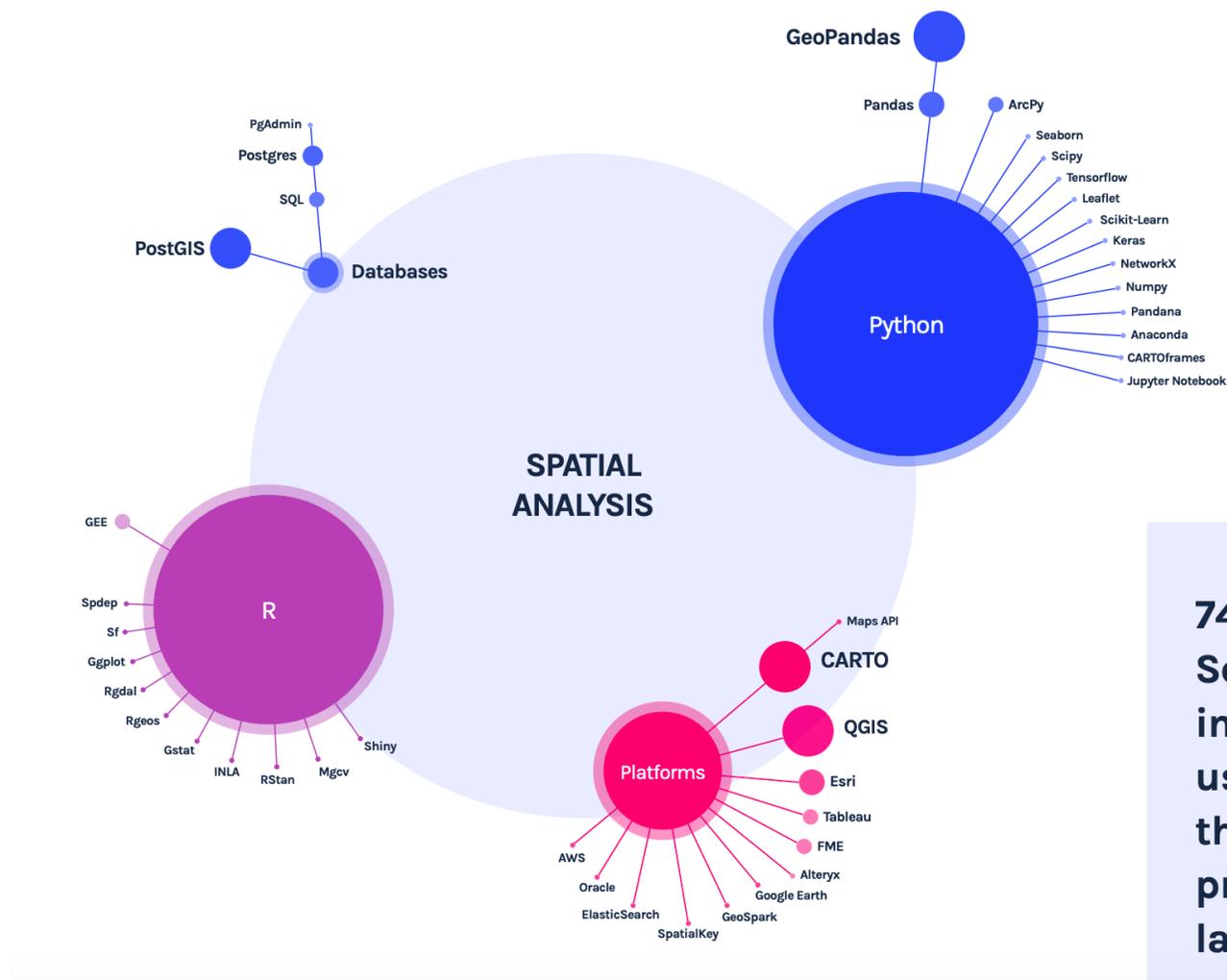
[STAT 451](#) Introduction to Machine Learning and Statistical Pattern Classification

[STAT 453](#) Introduction to Deep Learning and Generative Models



Become a Spatial Data Scientist

Skills contributed to the collection, management, modeling, representation, retrieval, integration, visualization, and analysis of spatial data.



74% of Data Science teams interviewed use Python as their principal programming language



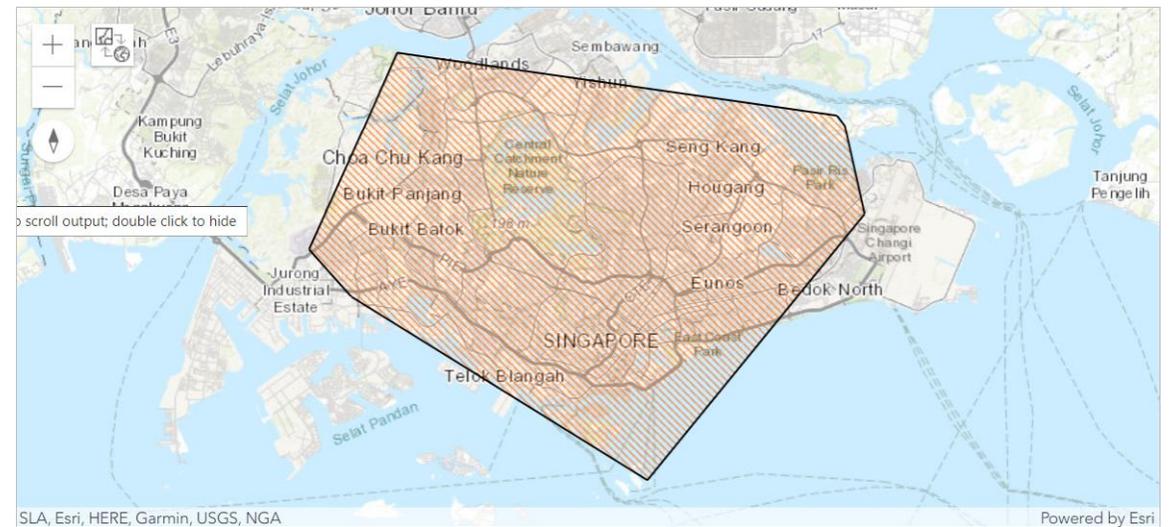
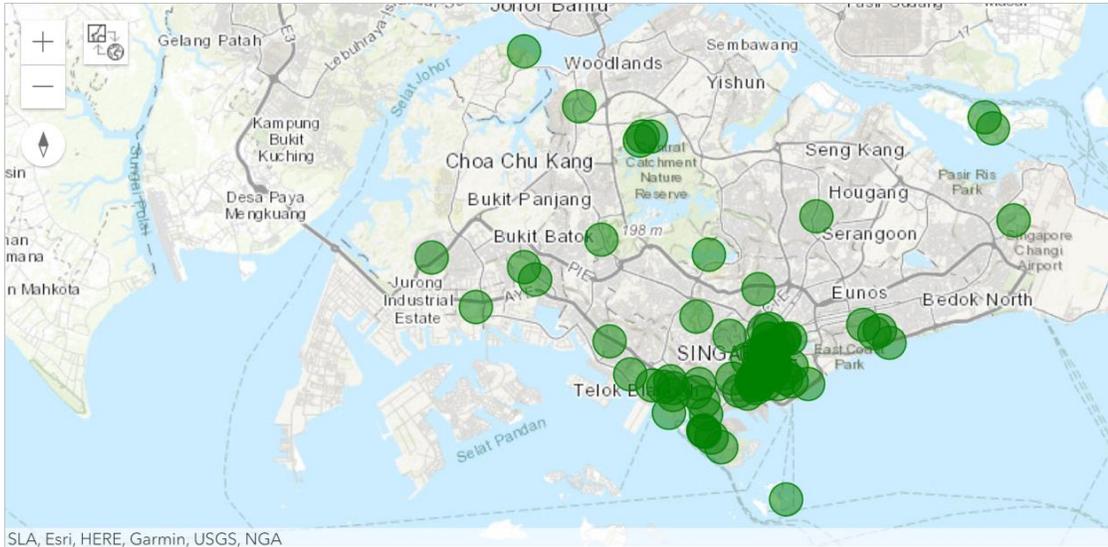
Course Topics

- **Geospatial Big Data Storage** (e.g., compression)
- **Vector Data Algorithms** (e.g., geometry computation, spatial data clustering)
- **Raster Data Algorithms** (e.g., classification, change detection);
- **Network Data Algorithms** (e.g., shortest path, centrality)
- **Geospatial Big Data Visualization**
- **Spatial Statistics** (e.g. spatial autocorrelation, regression, spatiotemporal analytics)
- **Special Topics:** GPS Trajectory data analytics and Remote Sensing imagery analytics, etc.

Use ArcGIS Notebooks



- **Minimum Bounding Geometry Computation with ArcPy**

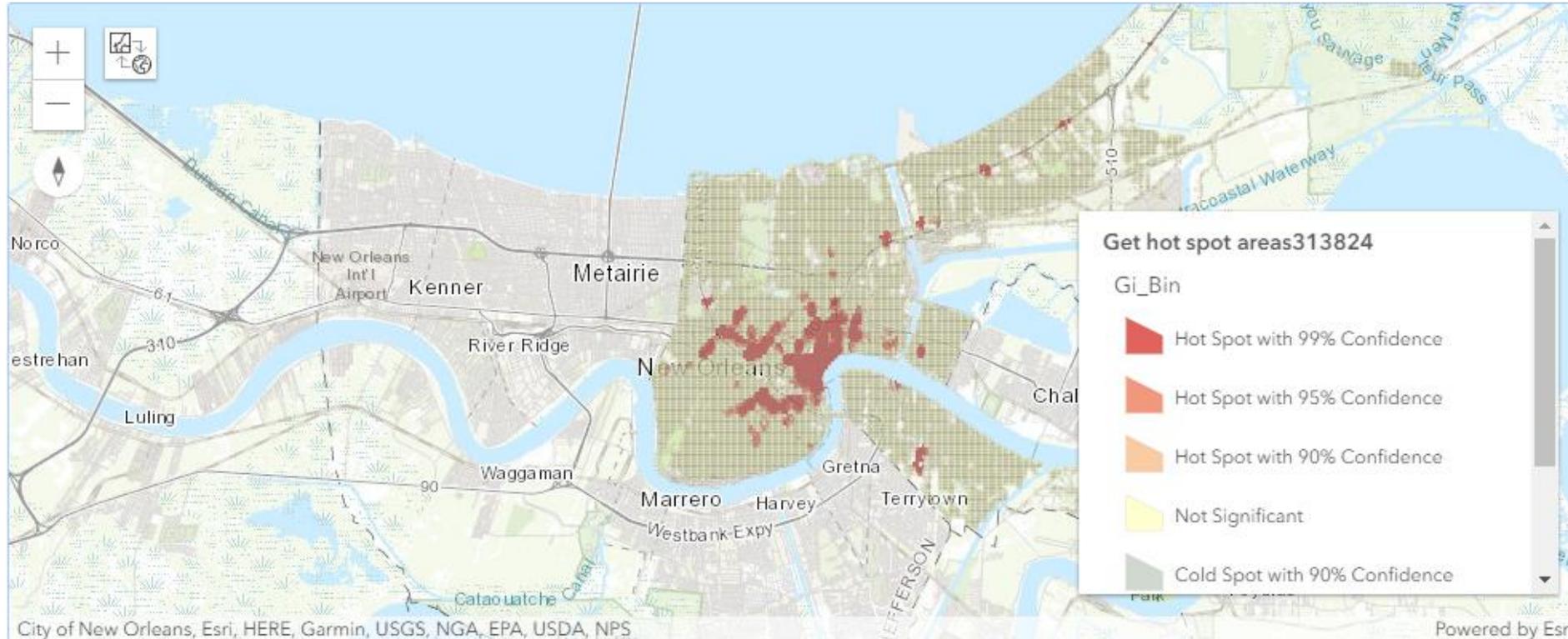


```
arcpy.management.MinimumBoundingGeometry("Tourist_Attractions_Join",  
"Tourist_Attractions_Boundary_YOURINITIALS",  
"CONVEX_HULL")
```


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- Find Statistically Significant Hotspots/Coldspots



`arcgis.geoanalytics.analyze_patterns.find_hot_spots()`

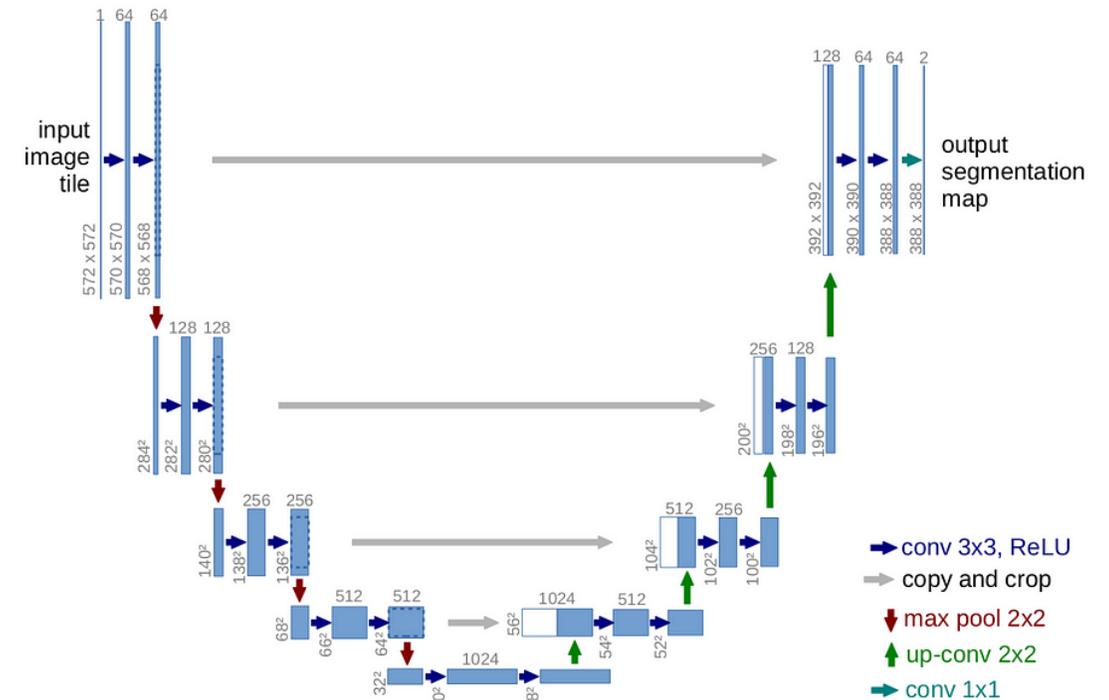
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- Deep Learning for semantic segmentation

```
1 def build_model(input_layer, start_neurons):
2     conv1 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 1, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(input_layer)
3     conv1 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 1, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(conv1)
4     pool1 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv1)
5     pool1 = Dropout(0.25)(pool1)
6
7     conv2 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 2, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(pool1)
8     conv2 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 2, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(conv2)
9     pool2 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv2)
10    pool2 = Dropout(0.5)(pool2)
11
12    conv3 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 4, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(pool2)
13    conv3 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 4, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(conv3)
14    pool3 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv3)
15    pool3 = Dropout(0.5)(pool3)
16
17    conv4 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 8, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(pool3)
18    conv4 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 8, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(conv4)
19    pool4 = MaxPooling2D((2, 2))(conv4)
20    pool4 = Dropout(0.5)(pool4)
21
22    # Middle
23    conv5 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 16, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(pool4)
24    conv5 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 16, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(conv5)
25
26    deconv4 = Conv2DTranspose(start_neurons * 8, (3, 3), strides=(2, 2), padding="same")(conv5)
27    uconv4 = concatenate([deconv4, conv4])
28    uconv4 = Dropout(0.5)(uconv4)
29    uconv4 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 8, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(uconv4)
30    uconv4 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 8, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(uconv4)
31
32    deconv3 = Conv2DTranspose(start_neurons * 4, (3, 3), strides=(2, 2), padding="same")(uconv4)
33    uconv3 = concatenate([deconv3, conv3])
34    uconv3 = Dropout(0.5)(uconv3)
35    uconv3 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 4, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(uconv3)
36    uconv3 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 4, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(uconv3)
37
38    deconv2 = Conv2DTranspose(start_neurons * 2, (3, 3), strides=(2, 2), padding="same")(uconv3)
39    uconv2 = concatenate([deconv2, conv2])
40    uconv2 = Dropout(0.5)(uconv2)
41    uconv2 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 2, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(uconv2)
42    uconv2 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 2, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(uconv2)
43
44    deconv1 = Conv2DTranspose(start_neurons * 1, (3, 3), strides=(2, 2), padding="same")(uconv2)
45    uconv1 = concatenate([deconv1, conv1])
46    uconv1 = Dropout(0.5)(uconv1)
47    uconv1 = Conv2D(start_neurons * 1, (3, 3), activation="relu", padding="same")(uconv1)
```

Keras implementation



unet = UnetClassifier(data, backbone='resnet34')

Credit: towardsdatascience

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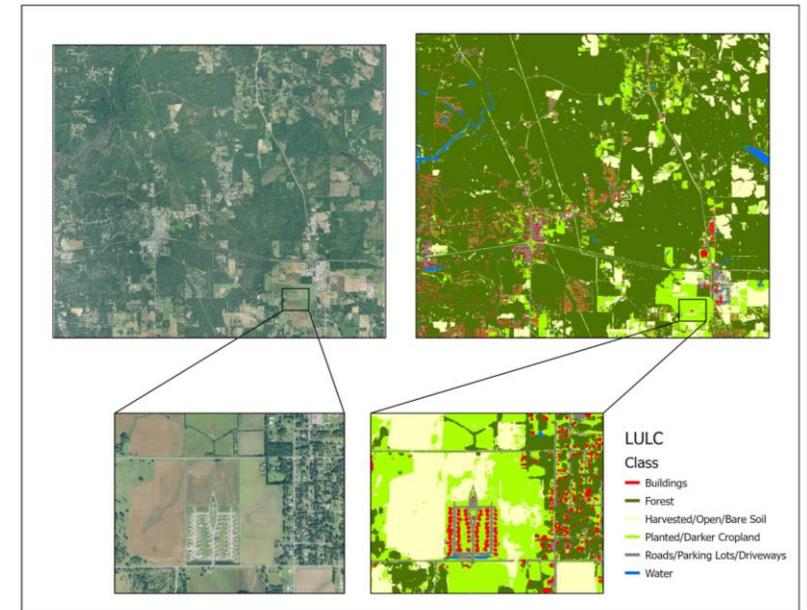
- Land Use and Land Cover Classification with Deep Learning

Training data can be exported as a **GIS data layer** by using ArcGIS tools



#Call the **Built-in U-Net Deep Learning Model**

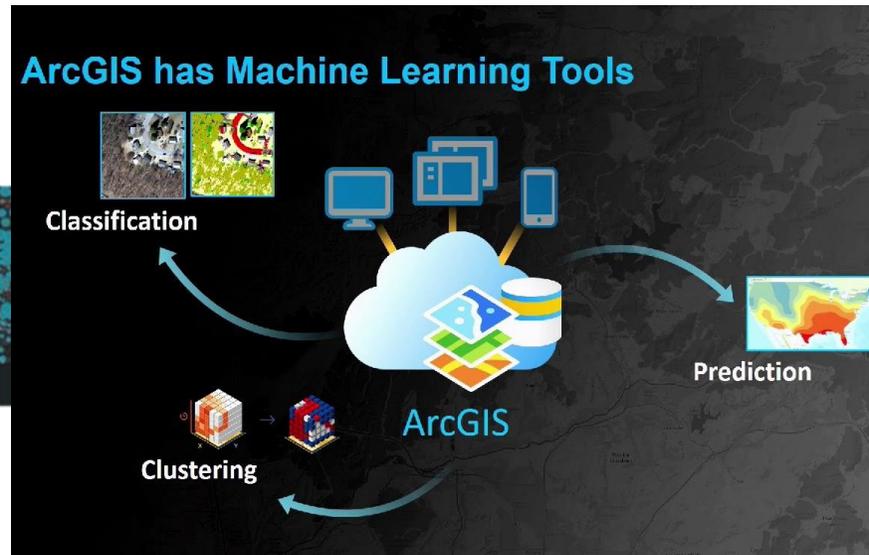
```
unet = UnetClassifier(data, backbone='resnet34',  
ignore_classes=[0])  
unet.fit ()
```



Use ArcGIS Notebooks



- Access to large-scale GIS data resources hosted on ArcGIS Online
- Integrate powerful spatial analytics tools and workflow in ArcGIS
- Utilize pretrained GeoAI models on GPU-enabled Online Notebook



Types of models

Pretrained deep learning models perform tasks, such as feature extraction, classification, redaction, detection, and tracking, to derive meaningful insights from large amounts of imagery. Solve problems for infrastructure planning and a variety of other applications.

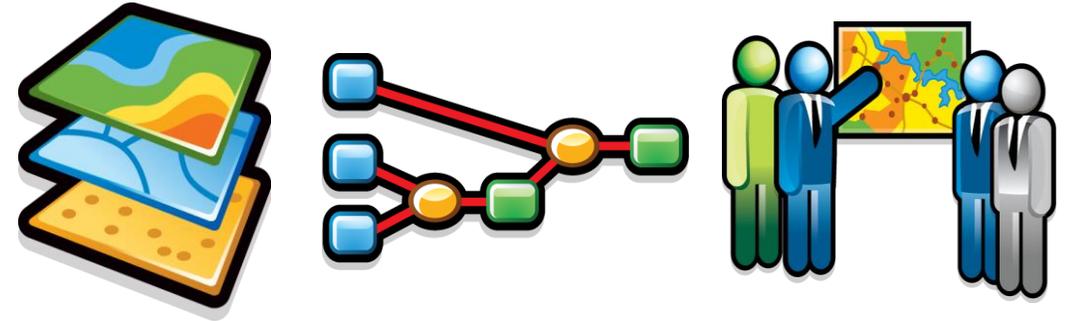
 Image feature extraction and detection	 Pixel classification
 Point cloud classification	 Image redaction
 Object tracking	



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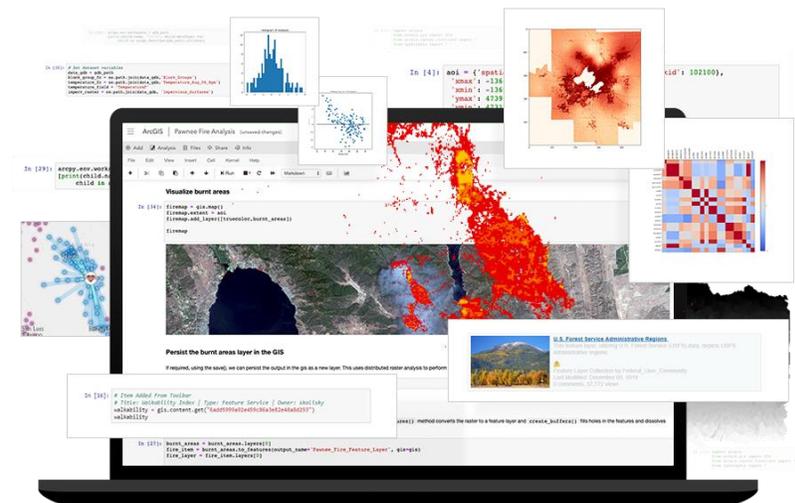
- Acknowledge differences in thinking, knowledge, and skills

- Geoprocessing is awesome

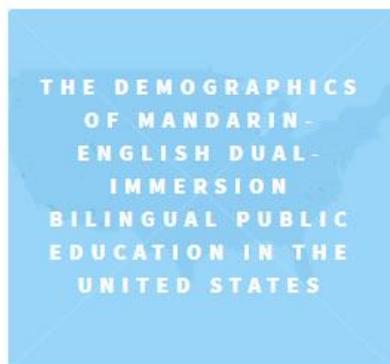
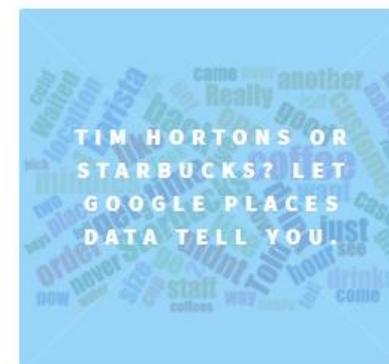
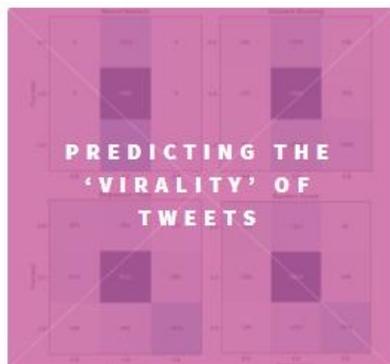
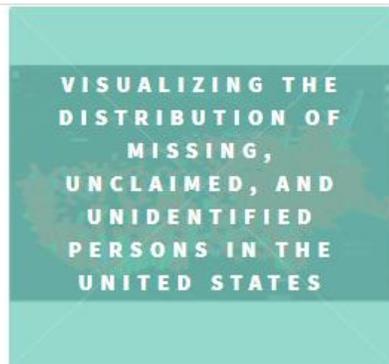


- Engage with real-world problems/applications

- Students love notebook code examples



Final Projects



Higher Ed Guide to Esri E-Learning for Spatial Data Science



Overview

Spatial data science allows analysts to extract deeper insight from data using a comprehensive set of analytical methods and spatial algorithms, including machine learning and deep learning techniques. Spatial data science topics may be included in a range of courses, including data science, business, and GIS.

This guide is an aid for instructors who want to use authoritative Esri web-based learning resources as part of college or university courses. This list is not a comprehensive curriculum, nor is it a course outline. It is intended to help instructors quickly identify and select those resources that best support their goals and students. Listed items are available as of September 2021 and are expected to be available through at least December 2021. **New listings are in orange.**

Full descriptions can be found at the links provided. All items listed are web courses unless otherwise noted. The complete Esri catalog can be found at esri.com/training/catalog. The information provided in this guide is subject to change without notice. Please email GIstraining@esri.com or call (800) 447-9778, ext. 5757 with questions about courses.

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This guide is organized into three main sections:

- **Learning Plans:** Esri-curated sets of e-Learning offerings with a suggested order.
- **Technology:** Individual e-Learning offerings that provide foundational concepts and skills to support spatial data science workflows.
- **Capabilities:** Individual offerings about specific spatial data science analysis techniques.

Thank you!



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