## Visualization of spatial data



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#### Two types of variables (spatially)

- Just related to some space
  - GDP by country it is not equally produced on whole teritory
  - It is just related to teritory
  - Choropleth maps
- Truly spatial
  - The data are describing some exact location
  - Dot maps
  - The difference between categorical and cardinal variables are also important

#### Rules of using colors

- Different categories (e.g. Winnig party)
  - Different colors (e.g. blue, red, green, etc.)
- Different quantity (e.g. Electoral turnout)
  - Different shades of the same color (e.g from light blue to dark blue)
  - The higher intensity of variable, the darker the color is



#### Rules of creating intervals

- Equal interval (eg. 0-10,10-20, 20-30,...)
- Quantile in all intervals, number of cases is the same
- Natural breaks unclear meaning

## It is possible to combine cartographic visualization with piechart or barchart



#### What is needed

- Data related to some spatial structure
  - Level of democracy in countries
  - Unemployment in municipalities
  - Number of parking places in streets
- Or to places itselfs

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- Location of candidates homes
- Location of armed clashes during conflict
- Location of powerplants
- How tall trees growing on their exact places are?

#### An empty map

- The cartographic fature representig given spatial structure
- Shapefiles
- Contain information about coordinates
- Contain information related to coordinates
- Contain information about how the map should look
- Practically: it consists of about 6 different files, all of them must remain in the same folder

#### Where to find empty maps?

- https://www.diva-gis.org/Data
- <u>https://geodata.lib.utexas.edu/</u>
- <u>https://datacatalog.worldbank.org/search/dataset/0039368</u>
- Open street map

#### Important things about empty maps

- Geographic projection
- The same country looks very diferently in different projections
- The proper projection has to be selected
- It is possible to set it in software

#### A key between map and data

- Something which tells us that the data belongs to units drawn in map
- It has to be exactly the same in map and in data
- Full names are not best options (e.g. United Kingdom x Great Britain, Czech Republic x Czechia)
- Standardized Ids
- Usually available for any level of administrative units
- Municipalities, counties, regions, states
- Often available in official statistics

#### Spatial key

- The data can be connected by the location
- The coordinates of data has to be available
  - Or it must be data already in form of shapefile
- How many candidates live in certain area
- The map of mentions of places within book (check dubliners by james joyce)

## Example of pledges from local electoral manifesto

- Parties in local elections often promise the change of ceratain locations
- repair of streets or pawments
- Building of playgrounds
- Reconstructions of public buildings
- These locations can be drawn in map

#### software

- ArcMap
- QGis

#### What to do in software – add empty map





- The same procedure to add excel table with data
- (Layer > Add layer -> Add vector layer

in row "Source" click on three dots at the end of row and find the table in computer)

#### The qgis environment with added layers



### Join data from table to map



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- You can check the join by checking attribute table
- New columns are at the end of table
- Their names contains name of table (in this case *freedomhouse\_to\_map – sheet1* and original names of columns
- There is no new layer, everything is in current map





#### Almost final map



#### Add map elements (legend, scale, title, etc)

- it is done in New Print Layout
- -after the clic it asks for name, it can be anything





# This is the final map, now it is possible to export it into pdf or image (PNG as best option)



#### Another example

- Make a map from coordinates
- Coordinates have to be stored in csv table
  - You can make it in excel from any table by "Save as"
- It is good to add coordinates after adding map with already defined projection system





#### The layer is only temporary file, to make it fully editable, it has to be exported into computer





- Now the temporary layer can be removed
- Be cautius and do not remove the new one
- In new table, all numbers except coordinates are classified as text and it is good to make them numbers again, the procedure is on next slide





## Spatial join – seves to add information from one layer to another layers



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