

Using Big Data to Connect the Dots from One Place to Another

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Königsberg and Euler [1]

- Popular Sunday puzzle was to cross all bridges exactly once
- Mayor asks Leonard Euler to solve the puzzle
- Euler declines, thought the problem was trivial
- Euler changes mind.
- Euler publishes paper in 1736 detailing impossible solution, formulates general solution

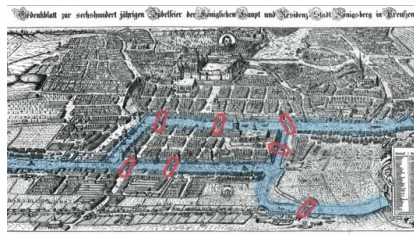
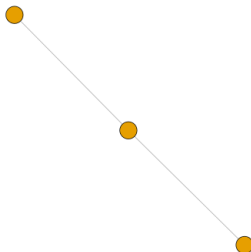


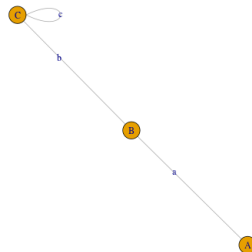
Image from [1].

Birth place of graph theory.

Types of graphs (1 of 2)

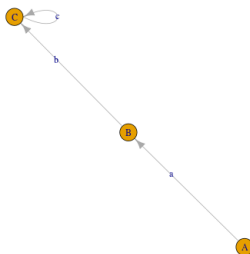


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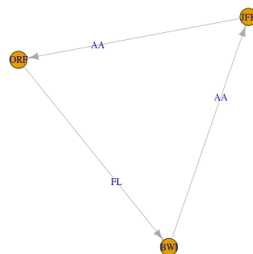


(b) Labeled

Types of graphs (2 of 2)

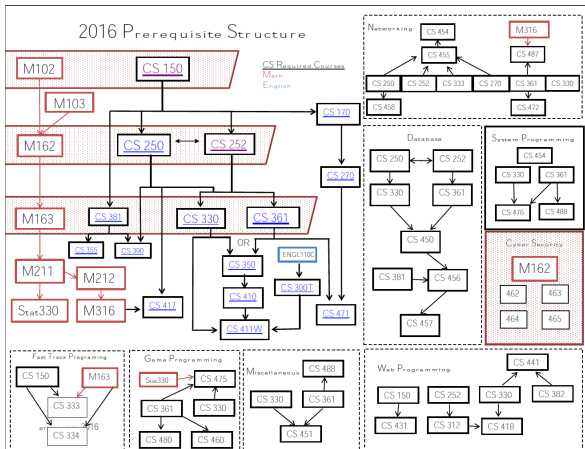


(c) Directed



(d) Useful

ODU Computer Science undergraduate prerequisites



Terms and definitions

- nodes \equiv vertices
- arcs \equiv edges
- arcs \equiv relationships

Terms used interchangeably.

Neo4j uses the terms nodes and relationships.

The basics.

Where to get it.

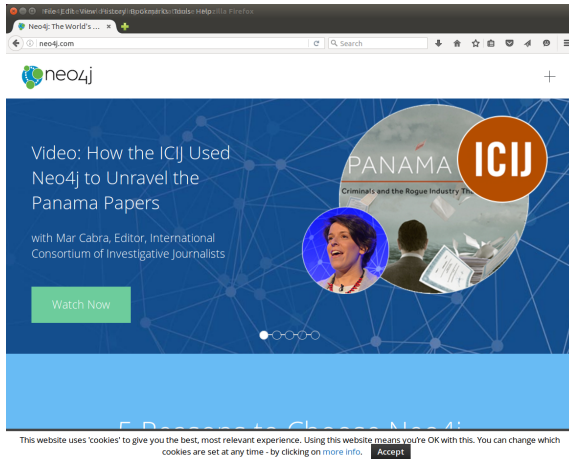
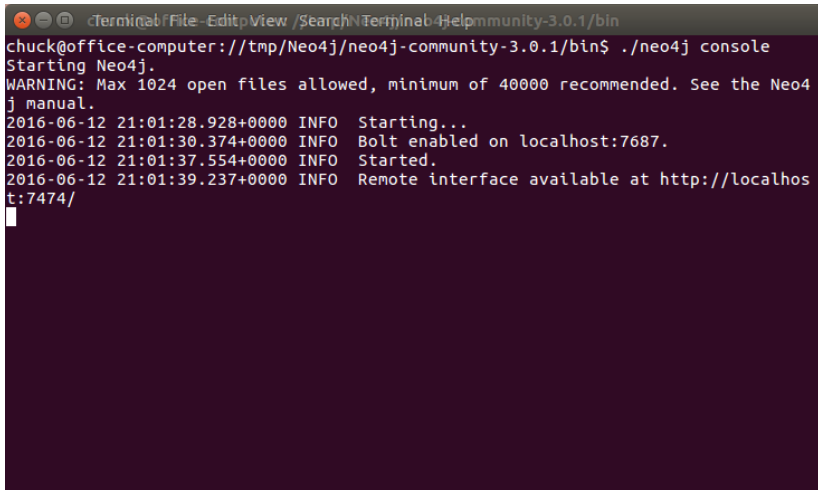


Figure: Available with different licenses from <http://neo4j.com/>

The basics.

How to start it.

A terminal window titled 'Terminal' with a menu bar (File, Edit, View, Search, Help) and a title bar (Terminalab4). The terminal shows the command './neo4j console' being executed. The output includes a warning about open files, followed by INFO logs for 'Starting...', 'Bolt enabled on localhost:7687.', 'Started.', and 'Remote interface available at http://localhost:7474/'.

```
Terminalab4 Help community-3.0.1/bin
chuck@office-computer: //tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin$ ./neo4j console
Starting Neo4j.
WARNING: Max 1024 open files allowed, minimum of 40000 recommended. See the Neo4j manual.
2016-06-12 21:01:28.928+0000 INFO Starting...
2016-06-12 21:01:30.374+0000 INFO Bolt enabled on localhost:7687.
2016-06-12 21:01:37.554+0000 INFO Started.
2016-06-12 21:01:39.237+0000 INFO Remote interface available at http://localhost:7474/
```

Figure: Starting neo4j manually.

The basics.

How to interact with it (1 of 4).

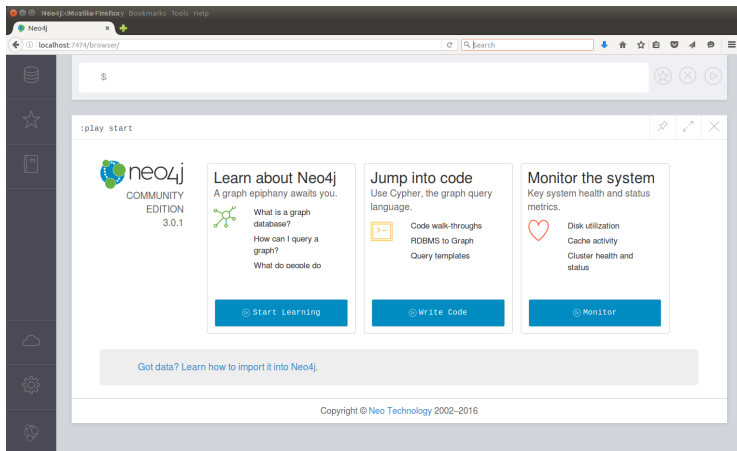


Figure: Via a browser. Note the URL.

The basics.

How to interact with it (2 of 4).

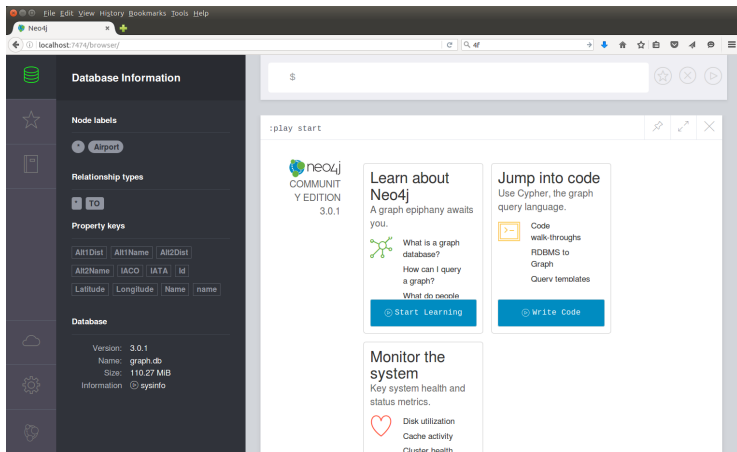


Figure: Information about the database.

The basics.

How to interact with it (3 of 4).

A terminal window with a dark background and light text. The title bar shows 'chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin'. The prompt is 'chuck@office-computer:/tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin\$'. The user has entered './neo4j-shell'. The output is 'Welcome to the Neo4j Shell! Enter 'help' for a list of commands' and 'NOTE: Remote Neo4j graph database service 'shell' at port 1337'. The prompt has changed to 'neo4j-sh (?)\$' with a cursor.

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chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin
chuck@office-computer:/tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin$ ./neo4j-shell
Welcome to the Neo4j Shell! Enter 'help' for a list of commands
NOTE: Remote Neo4j graph database service 'shell' at port 1337

neo4j-sh (?)$
```

Figure: A command line interface.

The basics.

How to interact with it (4 of 4).

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chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin
chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin$ ./neo4j-shell -help
- host      Domain name or IP of host to connect to (default: localhost)
- port      Port of host to connect to (default: 1337)
- name       RMI name, i.e. rmi://<host>:<port>/<name> (default: shell)
- pid       Process ID to connect to
- c         Command line to execute. After executing it the shell exits
- file      File containing commands to execute, or '-' to read from stdin. After
executing it the shell exits
- readonly  Connect in readonly mode (only for connecting with -path)
- path      Points to a neo4j db path so that a local server can be started there
- config    Points to a config file when starting a local server

Example arguments for remote:
- port 1337
- host 192.168.1.234 -port 1337 -name shell
- host localhost -readonly
...or no arguments for default values

Example arguments for local:
- path /path/to/db
- path /path/to/db -config /path/to/neo4j.config
- path /path/to/db -readonly
chuck@office-computer: /tmp/Neo4j/neo4j-community-3.0.1/bin$

```

Figure: Help on the CLI.

Neo4j is idempotent

Neo4j nodes can be thought of as a set where each set member is unique/citemathDictionary.

- The time to insert an unconstrained node can be: $O(n^2)$.
- The time to insert a constrained node can be: $O(n)$.
- The time to execute a query can be: $O(x)$
- The time to re-execute a previous query can be: $O(c)$ (for a small c)

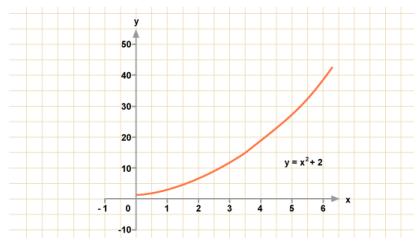


Image from [2].

Take away: constrain your nodes.

IMDb (1 of 2)

Table: Time spent loading the IMDb via the neo4j-shell. The time to load the entire IMDb database was too long to be practical.

Size	% IMDb	R-seconds	Neo4j seconds	Nodes loaded
8,000	-	14.070	2.6	2,300
80,000	-	57.462	8.820	26,041
800,000	4	609.890	49.250	198,998
8,000,000	45	1,245.048	556.452	649,309
80,000,000	100	43,600,386.000	1,840,666	1,466,720

Failure

IMDB (2 of 2)

```
top - 10:51:07 up 1 day, 23:00, 1 user, load average: 3.58, 2.65, 2.04
Tasks: 226 total, 5 running, 221 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 3.7 us, 1.3 sy, 8.2 ni, 13.1 id, 73.1 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.5 si, 0.0 st
KiB Mem : 8174776 total, 56580 free, 7956628 used, 161568 buff/cache
KiB Swap: 16758780 total, 8438208 free, 8320572 used, 137064 avail Mem

  PID USER      PR  NI  VIRT  RES  SHR  S  %CPU  %MEM    TIME+  COMMAND
16448 chuck    30   10 696664 7584 3944  S   17.6   0.1   54:06.56 update-manager
912  root       20   0 437356 40344 5500  R    7.0   0.5   46:09.26 Xorg
1765 chuck    20   0 1833892 103756 34080  R   3.3   1.3   57:06.14 compiz
1757 chuck    20   0 519468 9928 6324  R   0.3   0.1   0:48.44 banfdaemon
2266 chuck    20   0 512992 22404 9104  S   0.3   0.3   1:39.60 gnome-terminal-
24687 chuck    20   0 12,401g 7.173g 0  S   0.3  92.0   54:51.61 java
31237 chuck    20   0 41932 3764 3628  R   0.3   0.0   0:00.02 top
1  root       20   0 119800 2468 1368  S   0.0   0.0   0:02.39 systemd
2  root       20   0 0 0 0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.02 kthreadd
3  root       20   0 0 0 0  S   0.0   0.0   0:09.39 ksoftirqd/0
5  root       0 -20 0 0 0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.00 kworker/0:0H

top - 10:54:02 up 1 day, 23:02, 1 user, load average: 2.51, 2.69, 2.16
Tasks: 223 total, 4 running, 219 sleeping, 0 stopped, 0 zombie
%Cpu(s): 4.5 us, 1.5 sy, 11.2 ni, 82.3 id, 0.3 wa, 0.0 hi, 0.2 si, 0.0 st
KiB Mem : 8174776 total, 7608272 free, 402596 used, 163908 buff/cache
KiB Swap: 16758780 total, 15352108 free, 1406672 used, 7691136 avail Mem

  PID USER      PR  NI  VIRT  RES  SHR  S  %CPU  %MEM    TIME+  COMMAND
16448 chuck    30   10 696664 9228 5540  R   22.3   0.1   54:39.09 update-manager
912  root       20   0 437356 41260 5836  S    7.6   0.5   46:21.92 Xorg
1765 chuck    20   0 1833892 105716 34448  S   4.0   1.3   57:12.08 compiz
1757 chuck    20   0 519468 10032 6340  S   0.3   0.1   0:48.74 banfdaemon
2266 chuck    20   0 512992 23804 10364  S   0.3   0.3   1:39.99 gnome-terminal-
2322 chuck    20   0 41800 652 168  S   0.3   0.0   6:18.47 top
31254 chuck    20   0 41908 3668 2952  R   0.3   0.0   0:00.01 top
1  root       20   0 119800 2468 1368  S   0.0   0.0   0:02.39 systemd
2  root       20   0 0 0 0  S   0.0   0.0   0:00.02 kthreadd
3  root       20   0 0 0 0  S   0.0   0.0   0:09.41 ksoftirqd/0
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Figure: JVM needs swap space.

OpenFlight.org

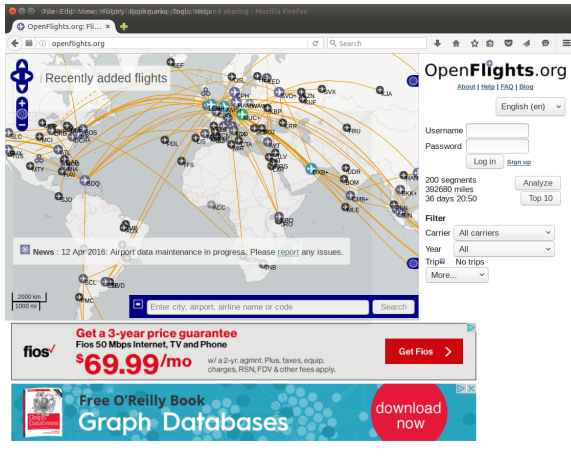


Figure: OpenFlight.org homepage. <http://openflights.org/>

OpenFlight.org database.

The screenshot shows the OpenFlights.org website in a browser. The page title is "Airport, airline and route data". The navigation bar includes links for "Airport", "Airline", "Route", "Schedule", "Other", and "License". The "Airport database" section features a world map with red dots representing airports. Below the map, a table lists airport details: Airport ID, Name, City, Country, IATA/FAA, ICAO, Latitude, and Longitude. A sidebar on the right promotes a "Free O'Reilly Book Graph Databases" with a "Download Now" button.

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As of January 2012, the OpenFlights Airports Database contains **6977** airports spanning the globe, as shown in the map above. Each entry contains the following information:

Airport ID	Unique OpenFlights identifier for this airport.
Name	Name of airport. May or may not contain the City name.
City	Main city served by airport. May be spelled differently from Name .
Country	Country or territory where airport is located.
IATA/FAA	3-letter FAA code, for airports located in Country "United States of America". 3-letter IATA code, for all other airports. Blank if not assigned.
ICAO	4-letter ICAO code. Blank if not assigned.
Latitude	Decimal degrees, usually to six significant digits. Negative is South, positive is North.
Longitude	Decimal degrees, usually to six significant digits. Negative is West, positive is East.

openflights.org/demo/openflights-apdb-2048.png

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Figure: Interested in airport locations, and service between airports.

<http://openflights.org/data.html>

Success

Sample airport data.

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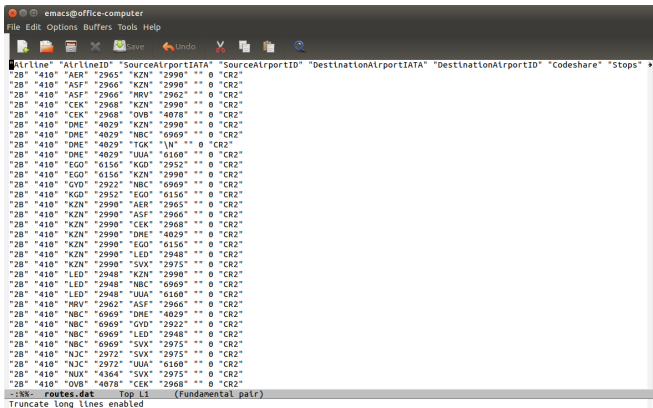
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2 "Nadang" "Nadang" "Papua New Guinea" "NAG" "AYND" -5.207083 145.7887 20 10 "U" "Pacific/Port_Moresby"
3 "Mount Hagen" "Mount Hagen" "Papua New Guinea" "HGU" "AYMH" -5.826789 144.295861 5388 10 "U" "Pacific/Port_Moresby"
4 "Nadzab" "Nadzab" "Papua New Guinea" "LAE" "AYNZ" -6.569828 146.726242 239 10 "U" "Pacific/Port_Moresby"
5 "Port Moresby Jacksons Intl" "Port Moresby" "Papua New Guinea" "POM" "AYPY" -9.443383 147.22005 146 10 "U" "Pacific/Port_Moresby"
6 "Mewak Intl" "Mewak" "Papua New Guinea" "MWK" "AYWK" -3.583828 143.669186 19 10 "U" "Pacific/Port_Moresby"
7 "Narsarsuaq" "Narsarsuaq" "Greenland" "UAK" "BGBW" 61.160517 -45.425978 112 -3 "E" "America/Godthab"
8 "Nuuk" "Godthab" "Greenland" "GHI" "BGGH" 64.190922 -51.678064 283 -3 "E" "America/Godthab"
9 "Sondre Stronfjord" "Sondrestrom" "Greenland" "SFJ" "BGSF" 67.016969 -50.689325 165 -3 "E" "America/Godthab"
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Figure: Sample data. There are 8,109 airports identified.

Success

Sample route data.



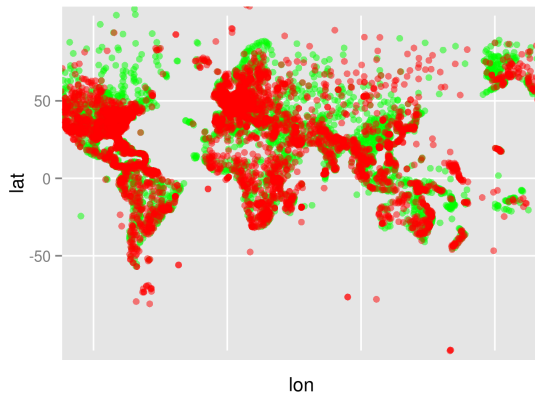
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33% routes.dat Top Li (Fundamental pair)
Truncate long lines enabled
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Figure: Sample route data. There are 67,665 route records. Not all airports have service.

Airports around the world.



Choosing a source and terminating airport.

Available airport data:

- AirportID: Unique OpenFlights identifier for this airport.
- Name: Name of airport. May or may not contain the City name.
- City: Main city served by airport. May be spelled differently from Name.
- Country: Country or territory where airport is located.
- IATA: 3-letter FAA code, for airports located in Country "United States of America". 3-letter IATA code, for all other airports. Blank if not assigned.
- ICAO: 4-letter ICAO code. Blank if not assigned.
- Latitude: Decimal degrees
- Longitude: Decimal degrees
- Altitude: In feet.
- Timezone: Hours offset from UTC
- DST: Daylight savings time
- Timezone: Timezone name

Choosing a source and terminating IATA airport.

Steps to identify the International Air Transport Association (IATA) code for exploration:

- ❶ Search the airport location database for airports of interest.
- ❷ Extract the IATA codes for those airports.
- ❸ Give those codes to the `airlinePaths.R` program.
- ❹ Evaluate results. Results include:
 - 4.a All airports from the source to the terminating airport.
 - 4.b The path from source to terminating on four different scaled maps.
 - 4.c Automatic inclusion of results into the next printing of the final report.

ICAO stands for International Civil Aviation Organization, a UN organization.[3]

Available data

Sample tabular data from EYW-YXY (Key West Intl to Whitehorse Intl).

EYW-YXY (Key West Intl to Whitehorse Intl) airports along the flight path.

Name	IATA	IACO	Lat.	Lon.
Key West Intl	EYW	KEYW	24.556	-81.760
Orlando Intl	MCO	KMCO	28.429	-81.309
Mc Carran Intl	LAS	KLAS	36.080	-115.152
Vancouver Intl	YVR	CYVR	49.194	-123.184
Whitehorse Intl	YXY	CYXY	60.710	-135.067

Figure: Tabular data from EYW-YXY (Key West Intl to Whitehorse Intl).

Sample map data from EYW-YXY (1 of 2).

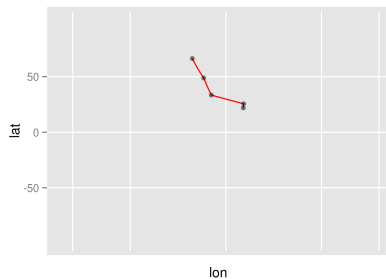


Figure: World view.

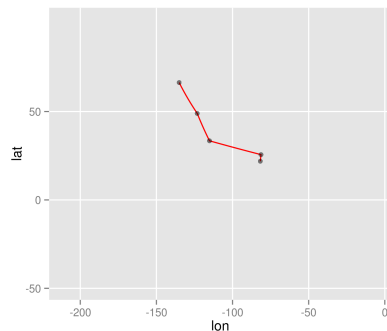


Figure: Hemisphere view.

Available data

Sample data from EYW-YXY (2 of 2).



Figure: Continental view

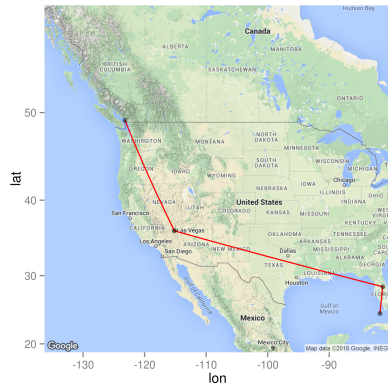
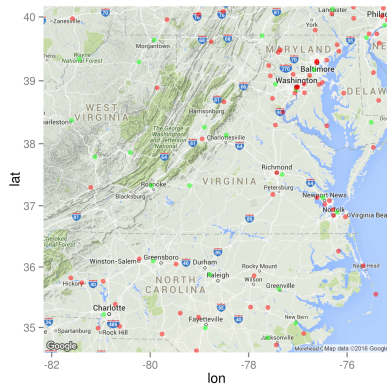
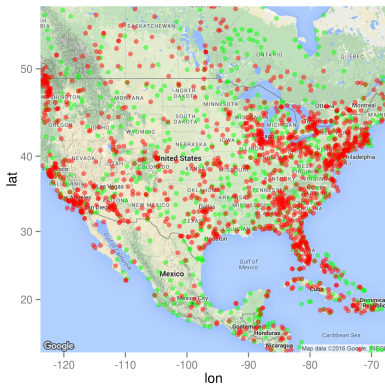


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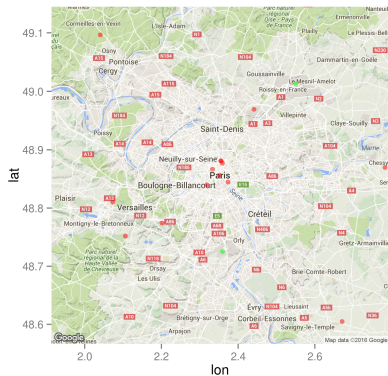
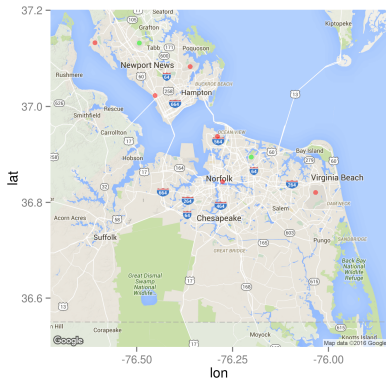
Misc. maps.

Places that were fun to think about. (1 of 2)



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What have we covered?

- Neo4j is a graph database management system optimized to answer questions that can be framed as a graph.
- Neo4j is Java based, with all the strengths and limitations inherent with a Java Virtual Machine.
- The neo4j community edition has practical limitations on the size of the databases it can support.
- Neo4j is very fast and efficient at answering specific types of questions.



Next time: who knows? Columnar databases?

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