

# Python Tutorial II – Objects and Classes

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# Overview

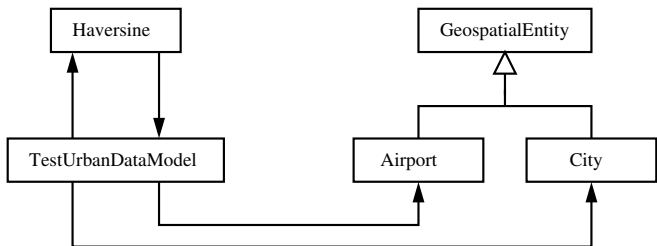
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# Case Study

(GeoModeling Spatial Entities)

# Case Study: GeoModeling Spatial Entities

**Geospatial Data Model:** Create city and airport models. Use Haversine formula to compute distances between entities.



**Geospatial Attributes:** latitude, longitude, elevation.

**City Attributes:** name, population, state, country.

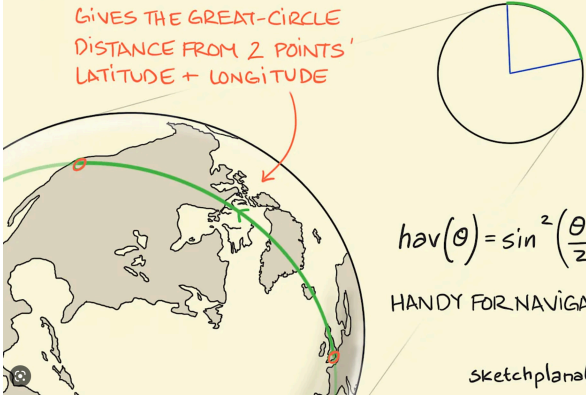
**Airport Attributes:** name, airport code.

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## Haversine Formula

FINDING THE SHORTEST DISTANCE BETWEEN 2 POINTS ON A SPHERE

GIVES THE GREAT-CIRCLE DISTANCE FROM 2 POINTS' LATITUDE + LONGITUDE



$$\text{hav}(\theta) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$$

HANDY FOR NAVIGATION

sketchplanations

The diagram shows a sphere representing Earth with a green great-circle path connecting two points marked with red dots. A red arrow points from the text 'GIVES THE GREAT-CIRCLE DISTANCE FROM 2 POINTS' LATITUDE + LONGITUDE' to the path. To the right, a circular diagram shows a central angle  $\theta$  between two radii, with a green arc representing the great-circle distance. Below this, the Haversine formula is written as  $\text{hav}(\theta) = \sin^2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ , followed by the text 'HANDY FOR NAVIGATION' and the signature 'sketchplanations'.

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## Haversine Formula: Source code ...

```
1 # =====
2 # Haversine.py. Small class that provides approximate distance (km) between
3 # two points using the Haversine formula.
4 #
5 # Call in a static context:
6 #
7 # Haversine.distance(47.6788206, -122.3271205,
8 #                    47.6788206, -122.5271205) --> 14.973190481586224 [km]
9 #
10 # earthRadius = 6372.8; # Earth radius in KM
11 # earthRadius = 3959.87433 # Earth radius in miles.
12 #
13 # Written by: Jason Winn (http://jasonwinn.org)
14 # Modified by: Mark Austin February 2023
15 # =====
16
17 from math import radians, cos, sin, asin, sqrt
18
19 class Haversine:
20
21     # =====
22     # Compute haversine distance ...
23     # =====
24
25     @staticmethod
26     def distance(lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2):
```

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## Haversine Formula: Source code ...

```
27     earthRadius = 3959.87433 # Earth radius in miles.
28     dLat = radians(lat2 - lat1)
29     dLon = radians(lon2 - lon1)
30     lat1 = radians(lat1)
31     lat2 = radians(lat2)
32
33     a = sin(dLat/2)**2 + cos(lat1)*cos(lat2)*sin(dLon/2)**2
34     c = 2*asin(sqrt(a))
35
36     return earthRadius * c
```

Source Code: See: [python-code.d/geospatial/](https://python-code.d/geospatial/)

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## Compute Distance between Washington DC and NYC

```
1 # =====
2 # TestHaversine.py: Small test program for haversine formula.
3 # =====
4
5 from Haversine import Haversine
6 from City import City
7 from Airport import Airport
8
9 # main method ...
10
11 def main():
12     print("--- Enter TestHaversine.main()      ... ");
13     print("--- ===== ... ");
14
15     print("--- Part 1: Create sample cities and airports ... ");
16
17     city01 = City( "Washington DC", 38.907192, -77.036871, 410.0, 5 )
18     city02 = City(      "Baltimore", 39.290385, -76.612189, 480.0, 10 )
19     city03 = City(      "New York", 40.712784, -74.005941, 265.0, 10 )
20
21     airport01 = Airport( "Baltimore-Washington", "BWI", 39.177404, -76.668392, 148.0 );
22     airport02 = Airport( "Washington Dulles",      "IAD", 38.952934, -77.447741, 313.0 );
23
24     print("--- Part 2: Print details of cities and airports ... ");
25
26     print(city01);    print(city02); print(city03)
```

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## Compute Distance between Washington DC and NYC

```
27     print(airport01); print(airport02)
28
29     print("--- Part 3: Compute distances between locations ... ");
30
31     # Compute distance between Washington DC and Baltimore ...
32
33     lat1 = city01.getLatitude(); lon1 = city01.getLongitude()
34     lat2 = city02.getLatitude(); lon2 = city02.getLongitude()
35     d1 = Haversine.distance(lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2)
36
37     print("--- Distance: Washington DC to Baltimore --> {:f} miles ..".format(d1))
38
39     # Compute distance between Washington DC and New York ...
40
41     lat1 = city01.getLatitude(); lon1 = city01.getLongitude()
42     lat2 = city03.getLatitude(); lon2 = city03.getLongitude()
43
44     d1 = Haversine.distance(lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2)
45
46     print("--- Distance: Washington DC to New York --> {:f} miles ..".format(d1))
47
48     # Compute distance between IAD and BWI ...
49
50     lat01 = airport01.getLatitude(); lon01 = airport01.getLongitude()
51     lat02 = airport02.getLatitude(); lon02 = airport02.getLongitude()
52
53     d1 = Haversine.distance( lat01, lon01, lat02, lon02)
```

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## Compute Distance between Washington DC and NYC

```
55
56     code01 = airport01.getAirportCode()
57     code02 = airport02.getAirportCode()
58     print("--- Distance: {:s} to {:s} --> {:f} miles ..".format( code01, code02, d1))
59
60     print("--- ===== ... ");
61     print("--- Leave TestHaversine.main()      ... ");
62
63     # call the main method ...
64
65     main()
```

**Source Code:** See: [python-code.d/geospatial/](http://python-code.d/geospatial/)

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## Abbreviated Output:

```
--- Enter TestHaversine.main()      ...
--- =====                        ...
--- Part 1: Create sample cities and airports ...
--- Part 2: Print details of cities and airports ...

--- City: Washington DC ...
-----
--- Latitude   =   38.907192 ...
--- Longitude  =  -77.036871 ...
--- Elevation (highest) = 410.00 ft ...
--- Population =   5.00 ...
-----

--- City: Baltimore ...
-----
--- Latitude   =   39.290385 ...
--- Longitude  =  -76.612189 ...
--- Elevation (highest) = 480.00 ft ...
--- Population =  10.00 ...
-----

--- City: New York ...
-----
--- Latitude   =   40.712784 ...
--- Longitude  =  -74.005941 ...
--- Elevation (highest) = 265.00 ft ...
--- Population =  10.00 ...
-----
```

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## Abbreviated Output: (Continued) ...

```
--- Airport: Baltimore-Washington (BWI) ...
-----
--- Latitude   =   39.177404 ...
--- Longitude  =  -76.668392 ...
--- Elevation (highest) = 148.00 ft ...
-----

--- Airport: Washington Dulles (IAD) ...
-----
--- Latitude   =   38.952934 ...
--- Longitude  =  -77.447741 ...
--- Elevation (highest) = 313.00 ft ...
-----

--- Part 3: Compute distances between locations ...

--- Distance: Washington DC to Baltimore --> 34.931571 miles ..
--- Distance: Washington DC to New York --> 203.608912 miles ..
--- Distance: BWI to IAD --> 44.605415 miles ..

--- ===== ...
--- Leave TestHaversine.main()      ...
```

