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Motivation:

For some years, City and County of San Francisco has made available a set of features under the moniker "Building Footprints" that were in fact building masses, sometimes aggregating entire blocks of adjacent residential structures into a single complex structure. These features were somewhat adequate for cartography, but not suitable for any sort analysis at the level of individual structures.

To respond to State of California requirements for monitoring the energy efficiency of certain commercial structures (over 925 square meters), funding was obtained to have these building masses split into individual structures based on building vertices with parcel boundaries as guidance.

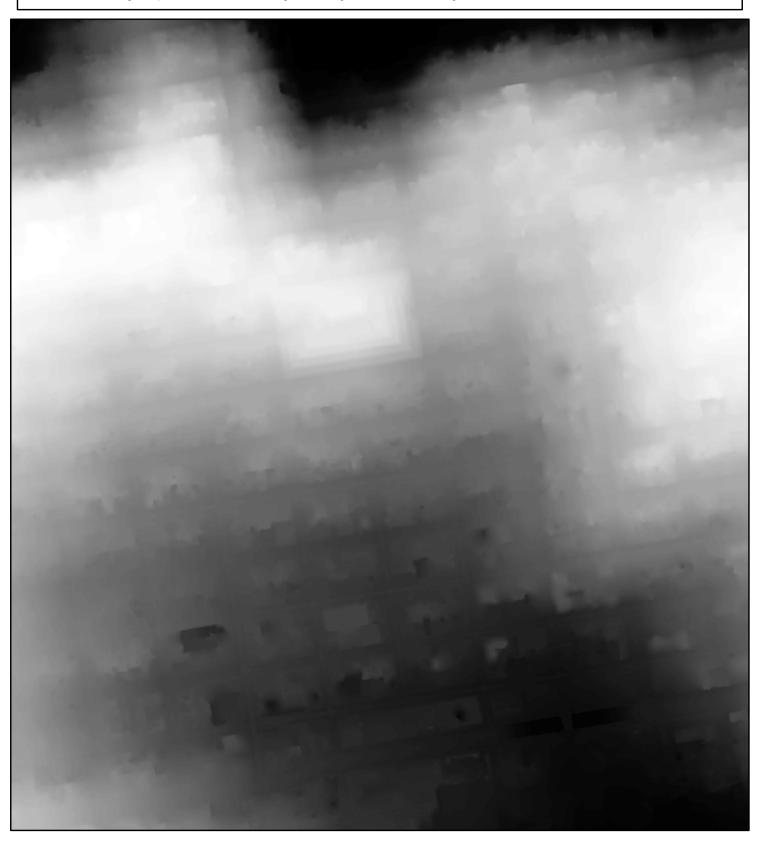
Once individual structure footprints were available, three LiDAR-derived grid surfaces (gridded at 50cm) were used to compile zonal statistics within each building footprint (as gridded at 25cm interval.) These statistics were calculated from an integer representation of bare-earth, first-return, and a grid difference of the two---denominated in centimeters. Evaluating by integers made possible the summary of median values over the full building footprint.

The three LiDAR-derived grids are described in the following three pages.

Bare Earth Surface [gnd]

This is a 50cm gridded bare earth model, derived from 2 ppsm airborne LiDAR from Pictometry of 2010. Only ground-classified returns were compiled, and a natural neighbor (involving tesselation) algorithm was applied to interpolate across the gaps for every building and beneath the densest tree canopy. The grid was compiled and prepared in NAD 1983 (2011) San Francisco Coordinate System of 2013, denominated in meters (WKID=7131).

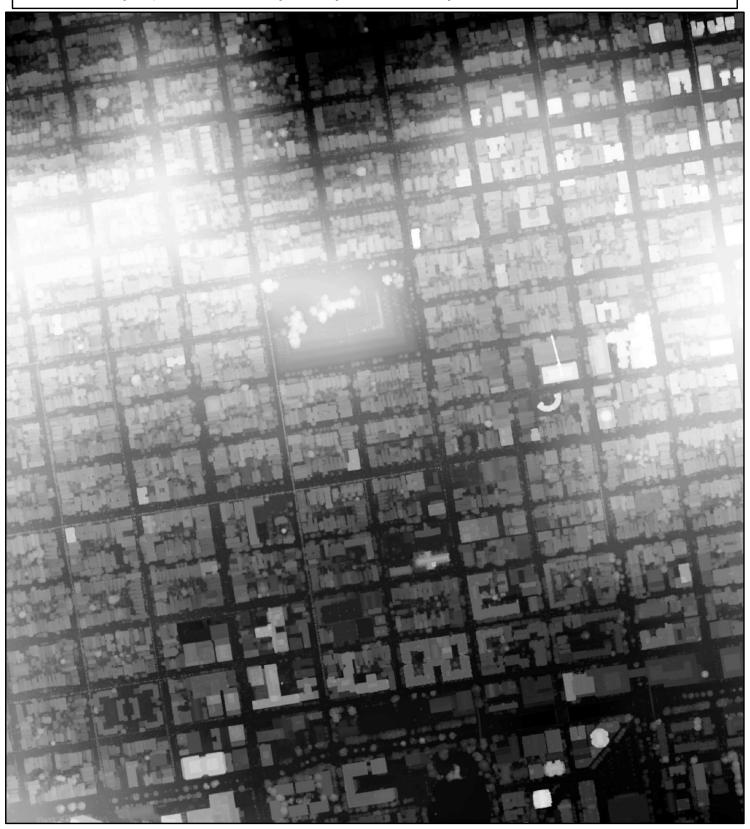
Zonal statistics were compiled for each building footprint based on a 25cm-gridded representation of the vector polygon, discrete for every structure. The 25cm grid representation of the building was co-registered with the 50cm gnd surface.



First Return Surface [1st]

This is a 50cm gridded first return model, derived from 2 ppsm airborne LiDAR from Pictometry of 2010. This surface shows the highest elevation infrared reflection from terrain, street, roof, and tree canopy. Only first returns were compiled, and a natural neighbor (involving tesselation) algorithm was applied to interpolate in areas of missing data. Morphological processing (grayscale dilation) was applied to the grid to mitigate scan artifacts and create more coherent roof surfaces. The grid was compiled and prepared in NAD 1983 (2011) San Francisco Coordinate System of 2013, denominated in meters (WKID=7131).

Zonal statistics were compiled for each building footprint based on a 25cm-gridded representation of the vector polygon, discrete for every structure. The 25cm grid representation of the building was co-registered with the 50cm gnd surface.



Feature Height Surface [hgt]

This is a 50cm gridded difference model, pixelwise-subtracting [First Return Surface -- Bare Earth Surface]. This surface shows the height above ground for structure roof and tree canopy. Effectively, the terrain has been removed and set to near zero. This grid combines the interpolation used in bare earth with the grayscale dilation used in the first return surface to provide an optimized estimate of LiDAR-derived structure height. The grid was compiled and prepared in NAD 1983 (2011) San Francisco Coordinate System of 2013, denominated in meters (WKID=7131).

Zonal statistics were compiled for each building footprint based on a 25cm-gridded representation of the vector polygon, discrete for every structure. The 25cm grid representation of the building was co-registered with the 50cm gnd surface.



Based on review of Feature Class "sf13m_BldgFoot_withZ_20161005i_pgz"

Field	Name	Alias	Туре	comment
1	OBJECTID	OBJECTID	ObjectID	auto-generated unique ID key
2	Shape	Shape	Geometry	Polygon-Z type
	sf16 BldqID	sf16 BldgID	char-14	San Francisco Building ID using criteria of 2016-09, 6-char epoch,, 7-char zero-padded AreaID or new ID in editing epochs after initial '201006.'
4	Area ID	Area ID	Long	Epoch 2010.06 Shape Area sort of 177,023 building polygons with area > ~1 sq m
5	sf MBLR	sf MBLR	char-20	San Francisco property key: Assessor's Map-Block-Lot of land parcel, plus Right-of-way area identifier derived from street Centerline Node Network (CNN)
6	P2010mass ZminN88ft	P2010mass ZminN88ft	Double	Input building mass (of 2010,) minimum Z vertex elevation, NAVD 1988 ft
7	P2010mass ZmaxN88ft	P2010mass ZmaxN88ft	Double	Input building mass (of 2010,) maximum Z vertex elevation, NAVD 1988 ft
8	gnd cells50cm	gnd cells50cm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, population of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
9	gnd_MINcm	gnd_MINcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, minimum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
10	gnd_MAXcm	gnd_MAXcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, maximum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
11	gnd RANGEcm	gnd RANGEcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, maximum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
12	gnd MEANcm	gnd MEANcm	Double	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, mean value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, from integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	gnd_STDcm	gnd_STDcm	Double	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, 1 standard deviation of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, centimeters
	gnd_VARIETYcm	gnd_VARIETYcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, count of unique values of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
15	gnd MAJORITYcm	gnd MAJORITYcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, most frequently occuring value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centir
16	gnd MINORITYcm	gnd MINORITYcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, least frequently occurring value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centing
17	gnd MEDIANcm	gnd_MEDIANcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived ground surface grid, median value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	cells50cm 1st	cells50cm 1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, population of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	MINcm 1st	MINcm 1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, minimum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	MAXcm 1st	MAXcm 1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, maximum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	RANGEcm 1st	RANGEcm 1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, maximum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	MEANcm 1st	MEANcm 1st	Double	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, mean value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, from integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	STDcm 1st	STDcm 1st	Double	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, 1 standard deviation of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, centimeters
	VARIETYcm 1st	VARIETYcm 1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, count of unique values of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeter
	MAJORITYcm 1st	MAJORITYcm 1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, most frequently occuring value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 ce
	MINORITYcm 1st	MINORITYcm 1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, least frequently occuring value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 ce
	MEDIANcm 1st	MEDIANcm_1st	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived first return surface grid, median value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer NAVD 1988 centimeters
	hgt cells50cm	hgt cells50cm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, population of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	hgt_MINcm	hgt MINcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, minimum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	hgt_MAXcm	hgt_MAXcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, maximum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	hgt RANGEcm	hgt RANGEcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, maximum value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	hgt_MEANcm	hgt MEANcm	Double	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, mean value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, from integer centimeters
	hgt STDcm	hgt STDcm	Double	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, 1 standard deviation of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, centimeters
	hgt_VARIETYcm	hgt VARIETYcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, count of unique values of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	hgt MAJORITYcm	hgt MAJORITYcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, most frequently occurring value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	hgt MINORITYcm	hgt MINORITYcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, least frequently occurring value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	hgt MEDIANcm	hgt MEDIANcm	Long	zonal statistic: LiDAR-derived height surface grid, median value of 50cm square cells sampled in this building's zone, integer centimeters
	gnd Min m	gnd Min m	Double	summary statistic: zonal minimum ground surface height, NAVD 1988 meters
	Median 1st m	Median 1st m	Double	summary statistic: zonal median first return surface height, NAVD 1988 meters
	hgt_Median_m	hgt Median m	Double	summary statistic: zonal median height surface value, meters
	gnd1st delta	gnd1st delta	Double	summary statistic: discrete difference of (median first return surface minimum bare earth surface) for the building's zone, meters
	peak 1st m	peak 1st m	Double	summary statistic: highest cell value of first return surface in the building's zone, NAVD 1988 meters
	Shape Length	Shape Length	Double	GIS shape statistic: perimeter of the building polygon, meters
	Shape Area	Shape Area	Double	GIS shape statistic: area of the building polygon, square meters