AniMove Cheat Sheet
for spatial data handling, remote sensing, spatial statistics and animal movement analysis

Packages

raster	for raster data manipulation
sp	for vector data manipulation
rgdal	data import and export, projections
rgeos	geometry commands
spdep	spatial dependence
dismo	species distribution modelling
move	access and analyse movement data
bcpa	analyse movement tracks
ctmm	calculate continuous time movement models
adehabitatHR	home range calculations including clasical methods

further relevant packages:

spatstat	spatial statistics
gstat	geostatistics
geoR	geostatistical analysis
gdistance	distances on geographical grids
spsurvey	sampling functionality
trip	sp class extension for track analysis
randomForest	random Forest implementation
mgcv	GAM implementation
lme4	mixed-effects model
landsat	Landsat specific analysis
spgrass6	interaction with GRASS

visualisation packages:

maptools	handling spatial objects
maps	map display
mapproj	map projections
mapdata	supplements to maps
rasterVis	enhanced raster visualisation
ggplot2	for more fancy plots
ggmap	map backgrounds for ggplot2
reshape2	flexibly reshape data

More spatial R packages are listed here:
cran.r-project.org/web/views/Spatial.html

Relevant commands are listed below, actual syntax needs to be checked within the manual pages of each command.

Raster

Raster data manipulation is similar to a spreadsheet or matrix manipulation but with coordinates and projections, hence various also not explictly spatial commands can be applied. Here we mainly list commands designed for spatial data handling.

Import and export

raster::raster()	import (or generate) one raster layer
raster::brick()	import raster with multiple layers
raster::writeRaster()	export raster data to file
raster::writeFormats()	list of supported raster file types
raster::getData()	retrieves DEM and climate data directly from the web

Information

print()	prints raster metadata
click()	interactively query raster plot
hist()	histogram of raster values per layer
raster::cellStats()	summary statistics of single layers
summary()	summary statistics
raster::extent()	extent of raster data set
raster::ncell()	number of cells (of one layer)
raster::nlayers()	number of bands
names()	prints layer names
str()	print the data structure
raster::NAvalue()	get or set background values

Visualisation

plot(), plotRGB()	raster plot and RGB plot. Usefull arguments: y=bandnumber, add=TRUE (overlay multiple plots)
image(), spplot()	alternative plotting commands
levelplot()	fancy way to plot raster data information
densityplot()	raster value density plot
bwplot()	violin plot of raster data values
hovmoller()	spatio-temporal plotting options
streamplot()	plotting of streamlines

Projections

projection()	query or set projection (does NOT reproject)
raster::projectRaster()	reprojects raster to new coordinate system

Data manipulation

Most raster commands will output a file to a chosen location, if filename= is specified. Otherwise it will use temp files.

raster::stack()	stack different raster layers together
raster::addLayer(); raster::dropLayer()	add/drop a raster layer
raster::crop()	crop raster set to smaller extent
raster::drawExtent()	draw extent on a plot for e.g. inclusion in crop(raster,extent)
raster::mask()	masking of background values
raster::merge(); mosaic()	combine raster tiles to a raster with larger extent
raster::extract()	extract values from Raster objects, using points or polygons
raster*2/raster2	any basic operation, more efficient:
raster::calc()	apply a function to raster data and
raster::overlay()	apply a function which uses multiple bands, e.g. to calculate NDVI
raster::focal()	moving window operations
raster::distance()	calculate distance to closest feature, e.g. distance to water
raster::terrain()	calculate terrain attributes from DEM, e.g. slope
raster::zonal()	zonal statistics, for classified raster
raster::reclassify()	reclassify raster values
raster::subs()	substitutes values
raster::resample()	resampling of raster to raster
raster::aggregate()	aggregation of cells
raster::disaggregate()	disaggregation of cells
raster::rasterToPoints()	converts a raster to vector points
raster::rasterToPolygons()	converts a raster to polygons
raster::rasterToContour()	converts raster values to contour
[[ ]]	address specific raster layer, e.g. myRaster[[1]] for first layer of myRaster
x <- raster > 50	boolean operation, output is binary
raster[raster <= 50] <- 0	replace all values smaller then 50 with 0
r1[r1==50] <- r2[r1==50]	values in r1 whose values are equal 50 are replaced by the corresponding values of r2
raster::sampleRandom()	random sample from cell values
raster::sampleRegular()	regular sample from cell values
raster::sampleStratified()	stratified sample from cell values

Vector

Vector data often come in shp format including a variety of auxiliary files. All of them are relevant and are needed for further analysis. Note that readShapePoly() etc. from package maptools do NOT automatically read projection information from shapefiles. It is reccomended to use readOGR() instead.

Import and export

rgdal::readOGR()	import vector file
rgdal::writeOGR()	export vector file
rgdal::ogrDrivers()	list supported file formats

Information

plot()	vector plot. add=TRUE overlays multiple plots, e.g. combine with raster data
summary()	metadata and data summary
raster::extent()	extent/bounding box of vector data
sp::coordinates()	sets spatial coordinates to create spatial data, or retrieves spatial coordinates

Projections

projection()	query or set projection (does NOT reproject)
spTransform()	reproject vector data to new coordinate system

Data manipulation

Check out the functions in the rgeos package, which provides most of the classical vector GIS operations such as buffers etc.

subset()	subset spatial data, based on a condition, e.g. keep only certain points
merge()	Merge a Spatial object having a data.frame (i.e. merging of non-spatial attributes)
sp::over()	spatial overlay for points, grids and polygons
raster::rasterize()	Rasterize points, lines, or polygons
raster:: distanceFromPoints()	computes the distance to points, output is a raster
raster::extract()	extracts raster values behind points, lines or polygons
rgeos::gIntersection()	intersection of vector data sets
rgeos::gBuffer()	Buffer Geometry
maptools::elide()	Rotate, scale or shift spatial objects

Spatial Modeling

dismo::kfold()	partitioning of data set for training/validation purpose
evaluate()	cross-validation of models with presence/absence data
randomForest:: randomForest()	fits a randomForest model
maxent()	executes Maxent from R
mgcv::gam()	fits a GAM
pls()	fits a partial least squares model
predict()	predicts statistical model into space (raster)

Movement Analysis

For most of the following commands the data sets need to be converted to a specific format. The formats for the `move` packages are based on the `raster` and `sp` and can thus be manipulated using the same functions.

move::move()	import of movement data sets from movebank.org csv's or from loaded data
move::n.locs()	return the number of locations
move::timestamps()	extract timestamps from move objects
move::unUsedRecords()	return the un used records (outliers usw)
move::burst()	assign categories to segments for segmented analysis
move::moveStack()	stacks multiple animal tracks
move::UDStack()	stack a list of UDs, convert a RasterStack to UDStack or convert a BurstStack to a UDStack by standardizing.
move::split()	splits stack into single move objects, or split a UDStack
move::movebankLogin()	stores movebank.org credentials
move:: searchMovebankStudies()	reports the studies in movebank.org matching search criteria
move::getMovebankData()	import tracks directly from movebank.org
as()	coerce movement between object types, for example to data frame or ltraj
move::angle()	calculate bearings from a move object
move::turnAngleGc()	calculate turning angles
move::speed()	extracts speed from a move object
move::distance()	extracts distance between locations from a move object
move::timeLag()	extracts time lag between locations from a move object
move::spTransform()	changes the projection of a move object to a default of Azimuthal Equi-distance
move::emd()	calculate differences between UDs or UDStacks
move::raster2contour()	calculate UD contour lines
move::getVolumeUD()	convert UD to UD quantiles
move::interpolateTime()	linearly interpolate locations to specific times to for example regularize a track
adehabitatHR::mcp()	calculates minimum convex polygons for SpPdf
adehabitatHR::kernelUD()	calculates a kernel density surface for SpPdf
move:: brownian.bridge.dyn()	calculates dynamic Brownian bridges
adehabitatHR::LoCoH.k()	calculates local convex hulls using k neighbours
adehabitatHR::LoCoH.r()	calculates local convex hulls using a radius of r
adehabitatHR::LoCoH.a()	calculates local convex hulls using an adpative radius

Miscellaneous

Some useful commands which are related to spatial data analysis.

gmap()	get google maps for your plot
geocode()	geocoding in R
ggplot2::ggplot()	lots of very fancy plotting options
ppp()	creates a point pattern
complete.cases()	returns only cases with no missing values
gridSample()	sample point from a grid e.g. just one point per pixel
function(...){..}	generates a defined functions
return(...)	returns the output of a function
if (...) {...} else{...}	if else statement
for (...) {...}	for loop
while (...) { ...}	while statement