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About Revolution Analytics

Revolution Analytics is a statistical software company focused on developing "open-core" versions of the free and open source software R for enterprise, academic and analytics customers.

Revolution Analytics was founded in 2007 as REvolution Computing providing support and services for R in a model similar to Red Hat's approach with Linux in the 1990s as well as bolt-on additions for parallel processing.

Their core product, Revolution R, would be offered free to academic users and their commercial software would focus on big data, large scale multiprocessor (or "high performance") computing, and multi-core functionality.

1 Contour Plots

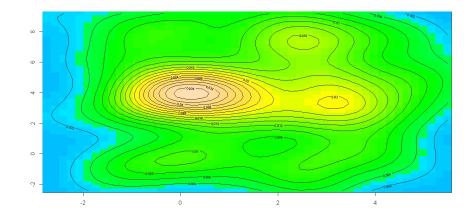


Figure 1:

2 Data Types

The different types of data models that we distinguish here include the following:

Point, a single point location, such as a GPS reading or a geocoded address

Line, a set of ordered points, connected by straight line segments

Polygon, an area, marked by one or more enclosing lines, possibly containing holes

Grid, a collection of points or rectangular cells, organised in a regular lattice

3 GIS and Spatial Data

The sp package provides classes and methods for points, lines, polygons, and grids.

Adopting a single set of classes for spatial data offers a number of important advantages:

- (i) It is much easier to move data across spatial statistics packages. The classes are either supported directly by the packages, reading and writing data in the new spatial classes, or indirectly, for example by supplying data conversion between the sp classes and the package?s classes in an interface package. This last option requires one-to-many links between the packages, which are easier to provide and maintain than many-to-many links.
- (ii) The new classes come with a well-tested set of methods (functions) for plotting, printing, subsetting, and summarising spatial objects, or combining (overlaying) spatial data types.
- (iii) Packages with interfaces to geographical information systems (GIS), for reading and writing GIS file formats, and for coordinate (re)projection code support the new classes.
- (iv) The new methods include Lattice plots, conditioning plots, plot methods that combine points, lines, polygons, and grids with map elements (reference grids, scale bars, north arrows), degree symbols (as in 52-N) in axis labels, etc.

4 Important Packages