

Lecture 17

Introduction to Raster and Visualizing Spatial Data

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Quiz 6

Generate a data frame (50 rows and 4 columns) with random samples from the normal distribution (mean = 0, sd = 1). Please write the steps to calculate the mean of each row in the data frame using parallel computing with 4 cores.

The R file needs to be named:
LastName_FirstName_Quiz6.R

Please submit the quiz R file on Compass by the end of this Friday (March 27).

Data Models

In GIS, we generally deal with four types of data models:

- 1) Points: a single location, given by a 2- or 3-d coordinate.
- 2) Lines: a set of ordered points connected by straight line segments.
- 3) Polygons: an area, comprised of a set of enclosing lines
- 4) **Rasters (aka "grids" aka "images")**: a set of **regularly spaced rectangles, arranged in a lattice.**

Raster

Rasters (or "grids" or "images") represent a set of regularly spaced areas ("cells" or "pixels") on the earth's surface.

What differentiates them from vectors is that the coordinates of each cell are not stored explicitly.

A raster file has two parts: the data, and the header information.

Raster

The data: in R terms, the data is a vector of data, one value per grid cell.

The header: this carries the information needed to define, minimally, a 2- or 3-d image, e.g. the number of columns, rows, and bands.

To put the grid into geographic space, the CRS is defined, the (typically) coordinate of the upper left cell, and the resolution of the grid must be known.

Raster Package

The 'raster' package: 'raster' is the defacto standard for raster processing in R.

1) Chunking/memory management: You don't need to worry about running out of memory when working with even with extremely large rasters.

2) RGDAL support: you don't need to worry about the format of a file you are working with -- all commands will work with essentially all raster formats.

Raster Classes

Raster class slots:

- The number of columns and rows in the raster;
- The CRS info;
- The spatial extent (similar to the bbox object in Spatial);
- Whether the raster is rotated and what the angle is;
- The information on the z- values, e.g. do they represent wavelengths, times, etc?

Raster Classes

Raster class is inherited by the following classes:

- **RasterLayer:** a single layer (band) raster
- **RasterBrick:** a multiband raster originating from a SINGLE file.
- **RasterStack:** a multiband raster comprised of MULTIPLE files.

RasterLayer

RasterLayer: inherits Raster; but adds a file slot (if the data is stored on disk); data slot (the data itself); legend and history.

A RasterLayer can be created using:

`x <- raster()` # Default makes a 1 degree raster of the planet.

```
class      : RasterLayer
dimensions : 180, 360, 64800  (nrow, ncol, ncell)
resolution : 1, 1  (x, y)
extent     : -180, 180, -90, 90  (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
coord. ref.: +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
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```
x <- raster(ncol=36, nrow=18, xmn=-1000, xmx=1000, ymn=-100, ymx=900)
```

To set the projection of a raster, use the PROJ4 string and projection():

```
projection(x) <- "+proj=utm +zone=48 +datum=WGS84"
```

```
class      : RasterLayer
dimensions : 18, 36, 648  (nrow, ncol, ncell)
resolution : 55.55556, 55.55556  (x, y)
extent     : -1000, 1000, -100, 900  (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
coord. ref.: +proj=utm +zone=48 +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
```

RasterLayer

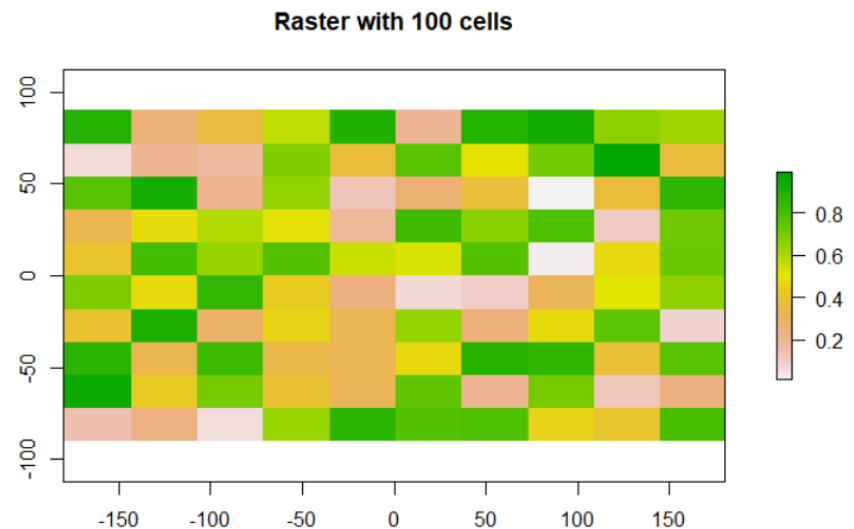
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To assign the values to the raster:

```
values(x) <- runif(ncell(x))
```

The values are stored as a vector
and can be indexed as such:

```
values(x)[1:10]
```



RasterStack

RasterStack: Multi-layered Raster from multiple sources

```
r1 <- r2 <- r3 <- raster(nrow=10,ncol=10)
```

```
values(r1) <- runif(ncell(r1))
```

```
values(r2) <- runif(ncell(r2))
```

```
values(r3) <- runif(ncell(r3))
```

Combine multiple RasterLayer objects:

```
s <- stack(r1,r2,r3)
```

class	: RasterStack
dimensions	: 10, 10, 100, 3 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
resolution	: 36, 18 (x, y)
extent	: -180, 180, -90, 90 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
coord. ref.	: +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
names	: layer.1, layer.2, layer.3
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RasterBrick

RasterBrick: Multi-layered Raster from a single source

If the layers are in memory, there is no real difference between a RasterBrick and RasterStack:

```
b1 <- brick(r1,r2,r3)
```

```
class       : RasterBrick
dimensions  : 10, 10, 100, 3  (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
resolution  : 36, 18  (x, y)
extent      : -180, 180, -90, 90  (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
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Convert from a RasterStack to a RasterBrick:

```
b2 <- brick(s)
```

Visualize Spatial Data

We can use `plot()` for some basic Spatial objects plotting, and the 'lattice' package for some more complex plotting

#The Traditional Plot System.

```
library(sp)
```

```
data(meuse) # A data frame with x and y coordinates:
```

```
# Let's make a SpatialPointsDataFrame:
```

```
coordinates(meuse) <- c("x","y")
```

```
plot(meuse)
```

points from meuse



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#Now a SpatialLines object

```
cc <- coordinates(meuse)
```

```
meuse.SpatialLines <- SpatialLines(list(Lines(list(Line(cc)),ID="oneLine")))
```

```
plot(meuse.SpatialLines)
```

lines from meuse



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#Now a SpatialPolygons object

```
data(meuse.riv)
```

```
meuse.List <- list(Polygons(list(Polygon(meuse.riv)),ID="meuse.riv"))
```

```
meuse.SpatialPolygons <- SpatialPolygons(meuse.List) polygons from meuse.riv
```

```
plot(meuse.SpatialPolygons,col="yellow")
```



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#Now a raster:

convert from a set of x,y coordinates to a raster:

```
data(meuse.riv)
```

```
xyz <- data.frame(meuse.grid$x,meuse.grid$y)
```

```
xyz$z <- vector(length=length(meuse.grid$z))
```

```
meuse.raster <- rasterFromXYZ(xyz)
```

	x	y	part.a	part.b	dist	soil	ffreq
1	181180	333740	1	0	0.0000000	1	1
2	181140	333700	1	0	0.0000000	1	1
3	181180	333700	1	0	0.0122243	1	1
4	181220	333700	1	0	0.0434678	1	1
5	181100	333660	1	0	0.0000000	1	1
6	181140	333660	1	0	0.0122243	1	1

Visualize Spatial Data

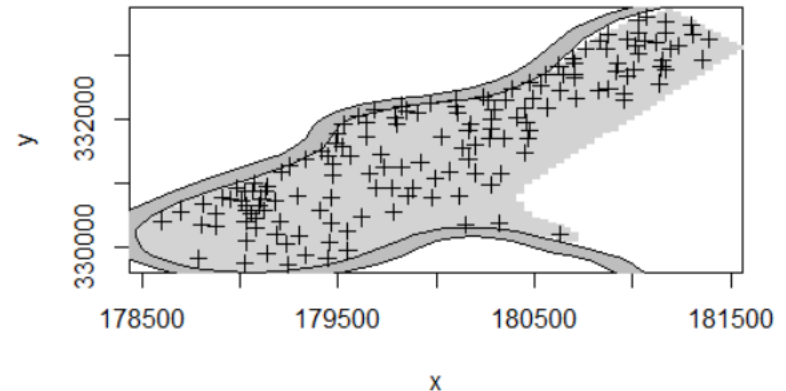
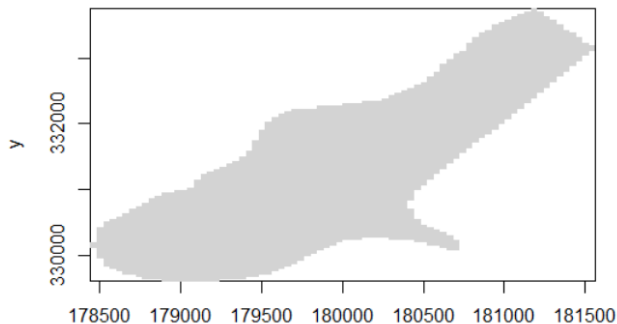
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Use the `add=TRUE` to add multiple layers to the plot:

```
image(meuse.raster,col="lightgrey")
```

```
plot(meuse.SpatialPolygons,col="grey",add=TRUE)
```

```
plot(meuse,add=TRUE))
```



Visualize Spatial Data

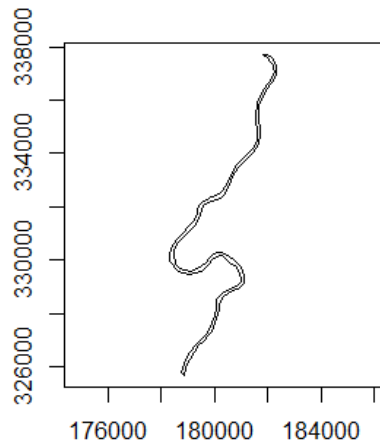
Axes and Layout Elements

Layout() allows us to plot two maps arranged in columns:

```
layout(mat=matrix(c(1,2),nrow=1,ncol=2))
```

```
plot(meuse.SpatialPolygons,axes=TRUE) # Goes to the first column
```

```
plot(meuse.SpatialPolygons,axes=FALSE) # Goes to the second column
```



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Axes and Layout Elements

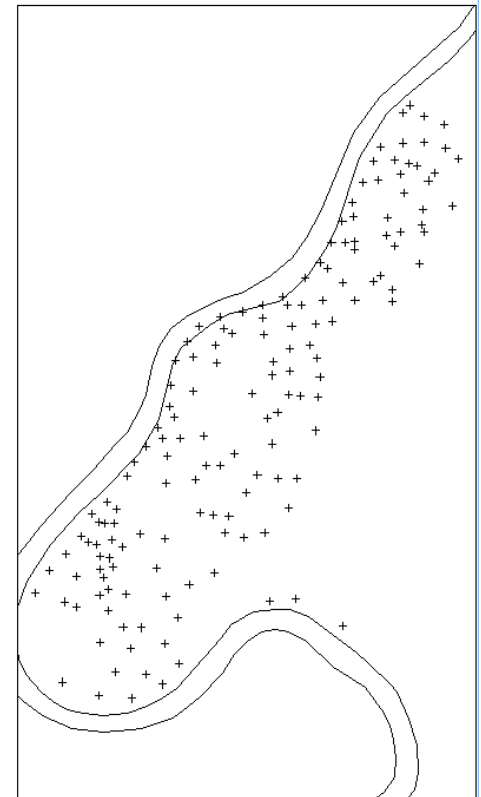
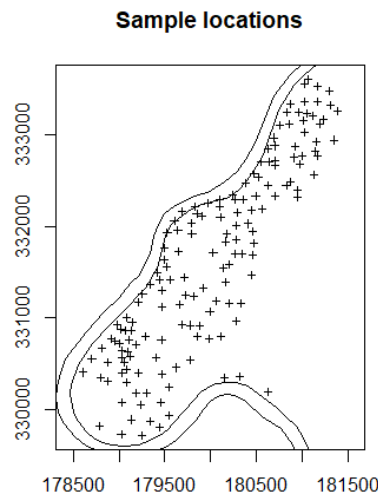
Modify the plotting margins in units of lines of text

```
par(mar=c(0,0,0,0)+0.1)
```

```
plot(meuse,axes=FALSE,cex=0.6)
```

```
plot(meuse.SpatialPolygons,add=TRUE)
```

```
box()
```



Visualize Spatial Data

Axes and Layout Elements

Degrees in Axes Labels and Reference Grid

define the gridline

```
wrld_grd <- gridlines(wrld_sp,easts=c(-179,seq(-150,150,50),179.5),  
                      norths=seq(-75,75,15),ndiscr=100)
```

grid labels

```
at_sp <- gridat(wrld_sp,easts=0,norths=seq(-75,75,15),offset=0.3)
```

