Assignment 2

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Please send me before next class an e-mail with all the answers for this assignment. All R code should be in one script. Please indicate which lines are associated with each exercise by including comments in your code. I addition, send me a copy of the figures in your e-mail. You can save the figures in .pdf or .jpeg format.

Exercise 1

Create one SpatialLines object from three different files.

- 1. Import the m10_telemetry.json, m11_telemetry.json, and m12_telemetry.json files from the Ocean Tracking Network (OTN) Ocean Glider and Marine Observation project found at http://gliders.oceantrack.org/ajax. These are datasets associated with Slocum glider missions, more information on Slocum glider page: http://gliders.oceantrack.org/slocum.php. The Slocum datasets are in json files. There are many R packages that can import json data. For example, you can use the function from JSON from the jsonlite package as follow: slocum10 <- from JSON(txt="m10_telemetry.json").</p>
- 2. Use this data to create a single SpatialPointsDataFrame. The coordinates are found in the columns lon and lat, and the time associated with those locations are found in the column gpstime. This SpatialPointsDataFrame should have a column in the attributes that keeps track of the file from which the coordinates comes from (i.e. a column with m10 for each row associated with the m10_telemetry.json file and m11 for m11_telemetry.json, etc). Tips: You can create the column with the json file ID in each data.frame first (e.g., slocum10\$m <- "m10"). You can then create one data.frame from multiple data.frames by using rbind(slocum10, slocum11, slocum12).
- 3. Create a SpatialLines object for which each json file has its own Lines object and the ID of each of these Lines object should be the file identifier (e.g., m10).
- 4. Plot these SpatialLines. Each Lines object should be in a different colour.

Exercise 2

Create a SpatialLinesDataFrame with the SpatialLines object created in the previous exercise.

- 1. Make a SpatialLinesDataFrame from the SpatialLines object we've created in the previous examples. For the attributes, use the mean column values from each json file (e.g. mean(slocum10\$amphr)). In particular, use the columns amphr and vacuum.
- 2. Plot the SpatialLinesDataFrame object and use the column amphr to display different colours.
- 3. Overlay on this plot, a plot of the SpatialPointsDataFrame that use a different colour for each json file.