

Assignment 2

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Please send me before next class (Feb 9) 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. In 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 `fromJSON` from the `jsonlite` package as follow: `slocum10 <- fromJSON(txt="m10_telemetry.json")`.
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.