Nontabular Data

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Why nontabular data?

So far we have primarily discussed tabular data (i.e., data that can be fit described by a table of values organized into rows and columns). However, this does not fit all data that you may encounter in data science.

When working with nontabular data, the data may be representable in a tabular format, but more easily stored in a nontabular format. In this case, you may often end up converting the data to a tabular format in order to work with it.

However, sometimes the data is inherently easier to work with in a nontabular format, and you will import and continue to work with the data in nontabular format for analysis as well.

Unstructured and semi-structured data

- ► Text data
 - Books
 - Emails
 - Tweets
 - Blogs
 - Facebook posts

Structured data

- ► Tabular data (.csv, tab-delimited, etc.)
- Relational data (databases)
 - Composed of multiple tables of tabular data
- Hierarchical data (XML)
- Network/graph data
- High-dimensional data
 - May be tabular, but often isn't
- Spatial data
 - May be tabular, but often isn't
- Multimedia (images, audio, movies)
- Binary data
 - May be any of the above

Unstructured data in R

A (very) brief introduction to working with text data in R

Unstructured text data must be transformed into some kind of structured data for analysis. A common way of doing this is mapping documents into a vector space that defines features on aspects of the document such as words, stems, n-grams etc. This results in a document-term matrix, with rows as individual documents and columns as the features (e.g., word and their counts).

There are a wide number of R packages for working with text and natural language data

(https://cran.r-project.org/web/views/NaturalLanguageProcessing.html), but we will focus on tidytext.

Rather than a document-term matrix, tidytext uses an approach that mirrors the tidyverse, and uses a "one-token-per-row" approach for tidying text data.

Text data in R using tidytext

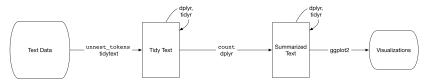


Figure 1: Text Mining with R by Julia Silge and David Robinson

Book freely available at http://tidytextmining.com.

```
library(tidytext)
text1 <- readLines("prideprejudice.txt")
head(text1, n=10)</pre>
```

[1] "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE"

[3] "By Jane Austen"

##

##

##

##

[2]

[4] ""

```
## [5] ""
## [6] ""
## [7] "Chapter 1"
## [8] ""
## [9] ""
## [10] "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single m
```

prideprejudice <- tibble(line=seq along(text1), text=text1)</pre>

```
prideprejudice %>%
  unnest_tokens(word, text)
```

```
## # A tibble: 122,204 x 2
##
      line
              word
##
     <int> <chr>
## 1
             pride
##
                 and
##
   3
         1 prejudice
##
   4
                  by
##
   5
                jane
##
   6
              austen
##
   7
         7
             chapter
##
   8
##
   9
        10
                  it
##
  10
     10
                  is
## # ... with 122,194 more rows
```

prideprejudice %>% unnest tokens(bigram, text, token = "ngrams", n = 2)

```
## # A tibble: 111,489 x 2
      line
##
                           bigram
##
                            <chr>>
   <int>
## 1
                        pride and
## 2
                     and prejudice
   3
         3
##
                          by jane
      3
##
                       jane austen
     7
## 5
                        chapter 1
     10
##
   6
                            it is
## 7 10
                             is a
##
   8 10
                          a truth
##
     10
                 truth universally
## 10
     10 universally acknowledged
## # ... with 111,479 more rows
```

stop_words

```
## # A tibble: 1,149 x 2
##
           word lexicon
##
           <chr> <chr>
##
               a
                  SMART
##
             a's SMART
   3
##
            able SMART
##
           about SMART
##
   5
           above SMART
       according SMART
##
   7 accordingly SMART
##
##
          across SMART
   8
        actually SMART
##
##
  10
           after SMART
## # ... with 1,139 more rows
```

```
prideprejudice1 <- prideprejudice %>%
  unnest_tokens(word, text) %>%
  anti_join(stop_words, by="word")
```

```
prideprejudice1 %>%
   count(word, sort=TRUE)
```

```
## # A tibble: 6,018 x 2
##
          word
                  n
##
         <chr> <int>
##
   1 elizabeth 597
##
         darcy 373
##
   3 bennet 294
##
          miss 283
##
   5
               264
          jane
##
   6
       bingley
               257
##
   7
          time 203
##
   8
          lady
               183
##
        sister 180
## 10
       wickham 162
## # ... with 6,008 more rows
```

Structured data in R

There are many types of structured data, and many R packages that exist to read them.

Today, we will focus on:

- ▶ JSON (javascript object notation) using the package jsonlite
- ► XML (eXstensible markup language) using the package xml2
- Binary data using the readBin function from base R

JSON data in R using jsonlite

The package jsonlite provides a mapping to and from JSON objects and R objects.

Notable functions include:

- ▶ toJSON and fromJSON for converting between JSON and R objects
- ▶ read_json and write_json for reading/writing JSON from/to files
- stream_in and stream_out for streaming ndjson (newline-delimited JSON)

Paper available at https://arxiv.org/abs/1403.2805.

```
library(jsonlite)
##
## Attaching package: 'jsonlite'
## The following object is masked from 'package:purrr':
##
##
       flatten
write json(mpg, "mpg.json", pretty=TRUE)
stream out(mpg, file("mpg nd.json"))
## opening file output connection.
##
Complete! Processed total of 234 rows.
## closing file output connection.
```

```
mpg2 <- read_json("mpg.json", simplifyDataFrame=TRUE)</pre>
head (mpg2)
```

```
##
    manufacturer model displ year cyl trans drv cty hwy fl
```

a4 1.8 1999 4 auto(15) f 18 ## 1 audi 29 p a4 1.8 1999 4 manual(m5) f 21 ## 2 audi 29

p

p

p

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3 a4 2.0 2008 4 manual(m6) f 20 audi 31

4 audi a4 2.0 2008 4 auto(av) f 21 30 ## 5 a4 2.8 1999 6 auto(15) f 16 26 audi

6 2.8 1999 6 manual(m5) 18 26 audi a4

```
mpg3 <- toJSON(mpg2[1,], pretty=TRUE)
mpg3</pre>
```

```
## Г
##
##
      "manufacturer": "audi",
##
      "model": "a4",
##
      "displ": 1.8,
##
      "year": 1999,
##
      "cyl": 4,
##
      "trans": "auto(15)",
##
      "drv": "f",
##
      "cty": 18,
##
      "hwy": 29,
      "fl": "p",
##
##
      "class": "compact"
##
## ]
```

```
mpg4 <- fromJSON(mpg3)</pre>
```

```
mpg4
```

##

1

manufacturer model displ year cyl trans drv cty hwy fl

audi a4 1.8 1999 4 auto(15) f 18 29 p c

```
con <- file("mpg_nd.json")
mpg5 <- stream_in(con)</pre>
```

opening file input connection.

```
##
Found 234 records...
```

Imported 234 records. Simplifying...

closing file input connection.

audi

a4

head(mpg5)

6

```
manufacturer model displ year cyl trans drv cty hwy fl
##
                 a4 1.8 1999 4 auto(15)
## 1
          audi
                                           f 18
                                                29
                                                   р
## 2
          audi
                 a4 1.8 1999 4 manual(m5)
                                           f 21
                                                29
                                                    р
## 3
                a4 2.0 2008 4 manual(m6)
                                           f 20
                                                31
          audi
                                                    р
## 4
          audi
                a4 2.0 2008
                              4 auto(av) f 21
                                                30
                                                    р
                 a4 2.8 1999 6 auto(15) f 16
                                                26
## 5
          audi
                                                    p
```

2.8 1999

f 18

6 manual(m5)

26

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XML data in R using xm12

The package xml2 is a non-default member of the tidyverse, and is designed for parsing XML data with the pipe %% operator.

Notable functions include:

- read_xml and write_xml for reading and writing XML
- xml_child, xml_children, xml_sibling,and xml_parent for navigating the hierarchical XML parse tree
- xml_attr, xml_attrs, and xml_text for extracting information from nodes

Note that many of the functions in xml2 are vectorized and work on both a single node and on sets of nodes.

```
library(xml2)
plant <- read xml("plant catalog.xml")</pre>
plant
## {xml document}
## <CATALOG>
                      <COMMON>Bloodroot</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Sang
    [1] <PLANT>\n
##
                      <COMMON>Columbine</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Aqui
    [2] <PLANT>\n
##
##
    [3] \langle PLANT \rangle \setminus n
                      <COMMON>Marsh Marigold</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL
                      <COMMON>Cowslip</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Caltha
##
    [4] \langle PLANT \rangle \setminus n
```

<COMMON>Dutchman's-Breeches</COMMON>\n <BOTA
<COMMON>Ginger, Wild</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>A

<COMMON>Hepatica</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Hepat

<COMMON>Liverleaf</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Hepa

<COMMON>Jack-In-The-Pulpit</COMMON>\n <BOTAN

<COMMON>Mayapple</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Podop

<COMMON>Phlox, Woodland</COMMON>\n <BOTANICA

<COMMON>Phlox, Blue</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Ph

<COMMON>Spring-Beauty</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>

<COMMON>Trillium</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Trill

<COMMON>Wake Robin</COMMON>\n <BOTANICAL>Tri

<COMMON>Violet, Dog-Tooth</COMMON>\n <BOTANI

##

##

##

##

##

##

[5] $\langle PLANT \rangle \setminus n$

[6] $\langle PLANT \rangle \backslash n$

[7] $\langle PLANT \rangle \setminus n$

[8] <PLANT>\n

 $[9] < PLANT > \ n$

[11] <PLANT>\n

[10] <PLANT>\n

[12] <PLANT>\n ## [13] <PLANT>\n

[14] <PLANT>\n

[15] <PLANT>\n

[16] <PLANT>\n

```
plant %>%
   xml_child()

## {xml_node}
## <PLANT>
## [1] <COMMON>Bloodroot</COMMON>
## [2] <BOTANICAL>Sanguinaria canadensis</BOTANICAL>
## [3] <ZONE>4</ZONE>
```

[4] <LIGHT>Mostly Shady</LIGHT>

[6] <AVAILABILITY>031599</AVAILABILITY>

[5] <PRICE>\$2.44</PRICE>

```
plant %>%
   xml_child(2)

## {xml_node}
## <PLANT>
```

[2] <BOTANICAL>Aquilegia canadensis</BOTANICAL>

[1] <COMMON>Columbine</COMMON>

[4] <LIGHT>Mostly Shady</LIGHT>

[6] <AVAILABILITY>030699</AVAILABILITY>

[3] <ZONE>3</ZONE>

[5] <PRICE>\$9.37</PRICE>

```
plant %>%
  xml_child() %>%
  xml child("COMMON") %>%
  xml text()
## [1] "Bloodroot"
plant %>%
  xml_child() %>%
  xml_child("BOTANICAL") %>%
  xml_text()
```

[1] "Sanguinaria canadensis"

```
plant %>%
  xml_child() %>%
  xml_children()

## {xml_nodeset (6)}
## [1] <COMMON>Bloodroot</COMMON>
```

[2] <BOTANICAL>Sanguinaria canadensis</BOTANICAL>

[3] <ZONE>4</ZONE>

[5] <PRICE>\$2.44</PRICE>

[4] <LIGHT>Mostly Shady</LIGHT>

[6] <AVAILABILITY>031599</AVAILABILITY>

```
plant %>%
  xml_child() %>%
  xml_children() %>%
  xml_text()

## [1] "Bloodroot" "Sanguinaria canadensis"
```

"Mostly Shady"

"031599"

[3] "4"

[5] "\$2.44"

```
plant %>%
  xml_child() %>%
  xml_children() %>%
  xml_name()
```

```
## [1] "COMMON" "BOTANICAL" "ZONE" "LIGHT" ## [5] "PRICE" "AVAILABILITY"
```

```
to_row <- function(nodeset) {
  row <- as.list(xml_text(nodeset))
  names(row) <- xml_name(nodeset)
  as_tibble(row)
}

plant %>%
  xml_child() %>%
  xml_children() %>%
  to row()
```

```
plant %>%
  xml_children() %>%
  map_dfr(~ xml_children(.) %>% to_row())
```

```
## # A tibble: 36 x 6
##
                   COMMON
                                        BOTANICAL
                                                   ZONE
                                                                LI
##
                    <chr>>
                                            <chr> <chr>
                                                                <c
                Bloodroot Sanguinaria canadensis
##
    1
                                                      4 Mostly Sh
##
                Columbine
                            Aquilegia canadensis
                                                      3 Mostly Sh
   3
##
           Marsh Marigold
                                Caltha palustris
                                                      4 Mostly Su
##
    4
                  Cowslip
                                 Caltha palustris
                                                      4 Mostly Sh
    5 Dutchman's-Breeches
                             Dicentra cucullaria
##
                                                      3 Mostly Sh
             Ginger, Wild
                                 Asarum canadense
##
   6
                                                      3 Mostly Sh
##
   7
                 Hepatica
                              Hepatica americana
                                                      4 Mostly Sh
##
                Liverleaf
                                                      4 Mostly Sh
   8
                              Hepatica americana
       Jack-In-The-Pulpit
##
    9
                             Arisaema triphyllum
                                                      4 Mostly Sh
```

... with 26 more rows, and 1 more variables: AVAILABILITY <

Podophyllum peltatum

3 Mostly Sh

Mayapple

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Binary data in R using readBin

Base R provides the readBin function for reading binary data in R.

It is helpful to remember how basic data types and bytes work when using it.

bytes	C type	R type
1	char	raw
4	int	integer
8	double	numeric

It is sometimes necessary to read integral and floating point types that don't map directly to base R types.

```
f <- file("test.bin", "w+b")
writeBin(c(1L,2L,3L), f)
writeBin(c(4.44), f)
writeBin(c("hello", "world"), f)
close(f)</pre>
```

```
f <- file("test.bin", "r+b")</pre>
readBin(f, "integer", n=3)
## [1] 1 2 3
seek(f) # 0 + 3 ints x 4 bytes = 12 bytes
## [1] 12
readBin(f, "double", n=1)
## [1] 4.44
seek(f) # 12 + 1 double x 8 bytes = 20 bytes
## [1] 20
```

```
readBin(f, "character", n=2)
## [1] "hello" "world"
seek(f) # why 32 and not 30 (20 + 5 char x 1 byte)?
## [1] 32
close(f)
```

```
f <- file("test.bin", "r+b")
seek(f, 12) # 0 + 3 ints x bytes 4 = 12 bytes

## [1] 0

readBin(f, "double", n=1)

## [1] 4.44</pre>
```

close(f)

```
f <- file("test.bin", "r+b")</pre>
seek(f, 26) # 0 + 3 x 4 + 8 + 6 = 26 bytes
## [1] 0
readBin(f, "character", n=1)
## [1] "world"
```

close(f)

Real-life example: MS Imaging Data

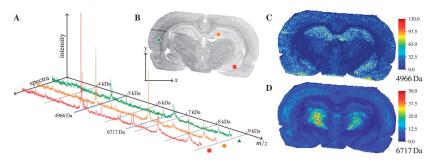


Figure 2: Alexandrov and Kobarg, 2011

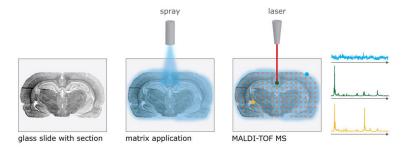


Figure 3: Alexandrov, 2012

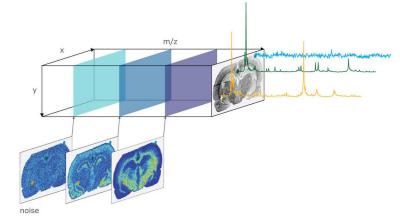


Figure 4: Alexandrov, 2012

imzML data structure

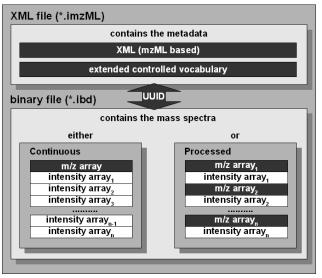


Figure 5: https://imzml.org

```
library(xml2)
imzml <- read_xml("../../Homework/HW3/Example_Continuous.imzML")
imzml</pre>
```

```
## {xml_document}
## <mzML schemaLocation="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml http://pside</pre>
```

[1] <cvList count="3">\n <cv id="MS" fullName="Proteomics St
[2] <fileDescription>\n <fileContent>\n <cvParam cvRef="M</pre>

[3] <referenceableParamGroupList count="4">\n <referenceable
[4] <sampleList count="1">\n <sample id="sample1" name="Samp

[5] <softwareList count="2">\n <software id="Xcalibur" versi
[6] <scanSettingsList count="1">\n <scanSettings id="scanset</pre>

[8] <dataProcessingList count="2">\n <dataProcessing id="Xca
[9] <run defaultInstrumentConfigurationRef="LTQFTUltra0" defa</pre>

```
imzml %>%
  xml_child("d1:run") %>%
  xml_child("d1:spectrumList")
```

```
xml_child("d1:spectrumList")

## {xml_node}

## <spectrumList count="9" defaultDataProcessingRef="XcaliburPro
## [1] <spectrum id="Scan=1" defaultArrayLength="0" index="0">\n
## [2] <spectrum id="Scan=2" defaultArrayLength="0" index="1">\n
```

- ## [3] <spectrum id="Scan=3" defaultArrayLength="0" index="2">\n
 ## [4] <spectrum id="Scan=4" defaultArrayLength="0" index="3">\n
- ## [5] <spectrum id="Scan=5" defaultArrayLength="0" index="4">\n
 ## [6] <spectrum id="Scan=6" defaultArrayLength="0" index="5">\n
- ## [7] <spectrum id="Scan=7" defaultArrayLength="0" index="6">\n
 ## [8] <spectrum id="Scan=8" defaultArrayLength="0" index="7">\n
 ## [9] <spectrum id="Scan=9" defaultArrayLength="0" index="8">\n

```
imzm1 %>%
  xml child("d1:referenceableParamGroupList")
```

```
## {xml node}
```

- ## <referenceableParamGroupList count="4">
- ## [1] <referenceableParamGroup id="mzArray">\n <cvParam cvRef=
- ## [2] <referenceableParamGroup id="intensityArray">\n <cvParam ## [3] <referenceableParamGroup id="scan1">\n <cvParam cvRef="M
- ## [4] <referenceableParamGroup id="spectrum1">\n <cvParam cvRe

```
insert_ref_groups <- function(x) {</pre>
  ref groups <- xml root(x) %>%
    xml child("d1:referenceableParamGroupList") %>%
    xml children()
  ref <- xml child(x, "d1:referenceableParamGroupRef")</pre>
  name <- xml attr(ref, "ref")</pre>
  ref groups exist <- xml attr(ref groups, "id") %in% name
  if ( any(ref groups exist) )
    group <- ref_groups[[which(ref_groups_exist)]]</pre>
  for ( g in xml_children(group) )
    xml add child(x, g)
  xml remove(ref)
 х
```

```
xml_find_by_attribute <- function(x, attr, value) {</pre>
  match <- xml_attr(x, attr) == value</pre>
  if ( isTRUE(any(match)) ) {
    x[[which(match)]]
  } else {
    NULL
```

```
spectrum <- x %>%
  xml_child("d1:run") %>%
  xml child("d1:spectrumList") %>%
  xml_child(i)
spectrum <- insert_ref_groups(spectrum)</pre>
scan <- spectrum %>%
  xml_child("d1:scanList") %>%
 xml_child("d1:scan")
scan <- insert_ref_groups(scan)</pre>
data <- spectrum %>%
  xml child("d1:binaryDataArrayList") %>%
  xml_children()
for ( d in data ) insert_ref_groups(d)
data <- lapply(data, xml_children)</pre>
for ( i in seq_along(data) ) {
  if (!is.null(xml_find_by_attribute(data[[i]], "name", "m/z array")
    names(data)[i] <- "mz"</pre>
  if (!is.null(xml_find_by_attribute(data[[i]], "name", "intensity a
    names(data)[i] <- "intensity"</pre>
data$coord <- xml_children(scan)</pre>
data[c("mz", "intensity", "coord")]
```

get_spectrum_data <- function(x, i) {</pre>

```
get spectra n <- function(x) {</pre>
  x %>%
    xml child("d1:run") %>%
    xml_child("d1:spectrumList") %>%
    xml_attr("count") %>%
    as.numeric()
get_spectra <- function(x) {</pre>
  n <- get_spectra_n(x)</pre>
  lapply(1:n, function(i) get_spectrum_data(x, i))
```

```
x \leftarrow imzml
get_spectra_n(x)
## [1] 9
spectra_info <- get_spectra(x)</pre>
```

```
spectra info[[1]]
## $mz
## {xml nodeset (8)}
## [1] <cvParam cvRef="IMS" accession="IMS:1000103" name="extern
```

```
## [2] <cvParam cvRef="IMS" accession="IMS:1000102" name="extern
```

[3] <cvParam cvRef="IMS" accession="IMS:1000104" name="extern ## [4] <binary/>

[5] <cvParam xmlns="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml" cvRef="MS" a ## [6] <cvParam xmlns="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml" cvRef="MS" a

[7] <cvParam xmlns="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml" cvRef="IMS" ## [8] <cvParam xmlns="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml" cvRef="MS" a ## ## \$intensity

{xml nodeset (8)} ## [1] <cvParam cvRef="IMS" accession="IMS:1000103" name="extern ## [2] <cvParam cvRef="IMS" accession="IMS:1000102" name="extern

[3] <cvParam cvRef="IMS" accession="IMS:1000104" name="extern ## [4] <binary/> ## [5] <cvParam xmlns="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml" cvRef="MS" a ## [6] <cvParam xmlns="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml" cvRef="MS" a

[7] <cvParam xmlns="http://psi.hupo.org/ms/mzml" cvRef="IMS"

[1] 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3

coord_x

coord_y

[1] 1 1 1 2 2 2 3 3 3

```
mz_length <- spectra_info[[1]]$mz %>%
  xml_find_by_attribute("name", "external array length") %>%
  xml_attr("value") %>%
  as.numeric()
mz_offset <- spectra_info[[1]]$mz %>%
  xml_find_by_attribute("name", "external offset") %>%
  xml_attr("value") %>%
  as.numeric()
mz_length
```

```
mz_offset
```

[1] 8399

[1] 16

```
intensity_length <- spectra_info %>%
  map_dbl(~ xml_find_by_attribute(.$intensity,
                                  "name".
                                  "external array length") %>%
  xml attr("value") %>%
  as.numeric())
intensity_offset <- spectra_info %>%
 map_dbl(~ xml_find_by_attribute(.$intensity,
                                  "name".
                                  "external offset") %>%
  xml attr("value") %>%
  as.numeric())
intensity_length
```

```
intensity_offset
```

[1] 33612 67208 100804 134400 167996 201592 235188 268784 302380

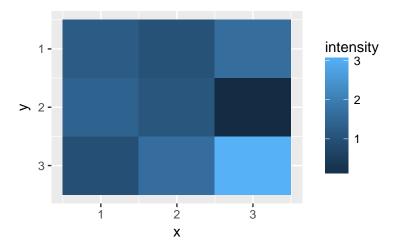
```
filename <- "../../Homework/HW3/Example_Continuous.ibd"
intensity <- map2(intensity_offset, intensity_length,</pre>
                    function(offset, length) {
                      f <- file(filename, "rb")</pre>
                      seek(f, offset)
                      iout <- readBin(f, "double", n=length, size=4)</pre>
                      close(f)
                      i out.
                   })
f <- file(filename, "rb")</pre>
seek(f, mz_offset)
```

mz <- readBin(f, "double", n=mz_length, size=4)</pre>

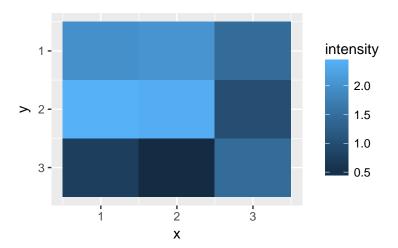
[1] O

close(f)

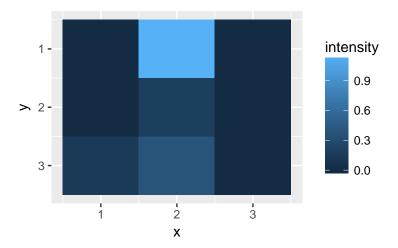
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plot.msi <- function(x, mz) {</pre>
  idx <- which.min(abs(mz - x$mz))
  idf <- x$coord
  idf$intensity <- x$intensity[idx,]</pre>
  ggplot(idf) +
    geom_tile(aes(x=x, y=y, fill=intensity)) +
    scale y reverse()
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