

Preparing for the workshop

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Software setup

You will need a working R environment, either R version 3.4.4 or 3.5.

On MAC you will also need to install XQuartz, which you can find at <https://www.xquartz.org/>.

NB: R version < 3.4.4 might not work, and R version < 3.4 will definitely not work!

Having installed R, please install all the relevant packages before the course. You can do it by running the following code in R:

```
install.packages(c("devtools", "mgcViz"))
library(devtools)
install_github("mfasiolo/mgcFam")
install.packages(c("languageR", "gamair", "e1071"))
```

To test whether all is ok with your installation, run the following code in R. The call to `plotRGL` should open an interactive x11 window (On Mac it is important that you check that this works (let me know if it doesn't)). The call to `plot()` should instead produce the image below.

```
library(mgcViz)
set.seed(2) ## simulate some data...
dat <- gamSim(2,n=500,dist="normal",scale=0.25)$data

b <- qgamV(y ~ s(x, z), data = dat, qu = 0.5)

plotRGL(sm(b, 1), residuals = TRUE)

## Warning in par3d(userMatrix = structure(c(1, 0, 0, 0, 0,
## 0.342020143325668, : font family "sans" not found, using "bitmap"

# Fit GAM and get gamViz object
b <- mqgamV(y~s(x) + s(z) + I(x*z), data = dat, qu = c(0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8),
           aQgam = list(argGam = list(select = TRUE)), aViz = list("nsim" = 0))

# Either way, we all effects by doing
print(plot(b, allTerms = TRUE), pages = 1)
```

