

R for geographic map: Session 1

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Course outline

- 1. Working directory setting, data preparation and shapefile importation (5 mn)**
- 2. Rendering a basic map in R using ggplot2 (10 min)**
- 3. Rendering a choropleth map (20 min)**
- 4. Add a scale bar and North Arrow (5 min)**
- 5. Tips (5 min)**
- 6. Q & A (15 min)**

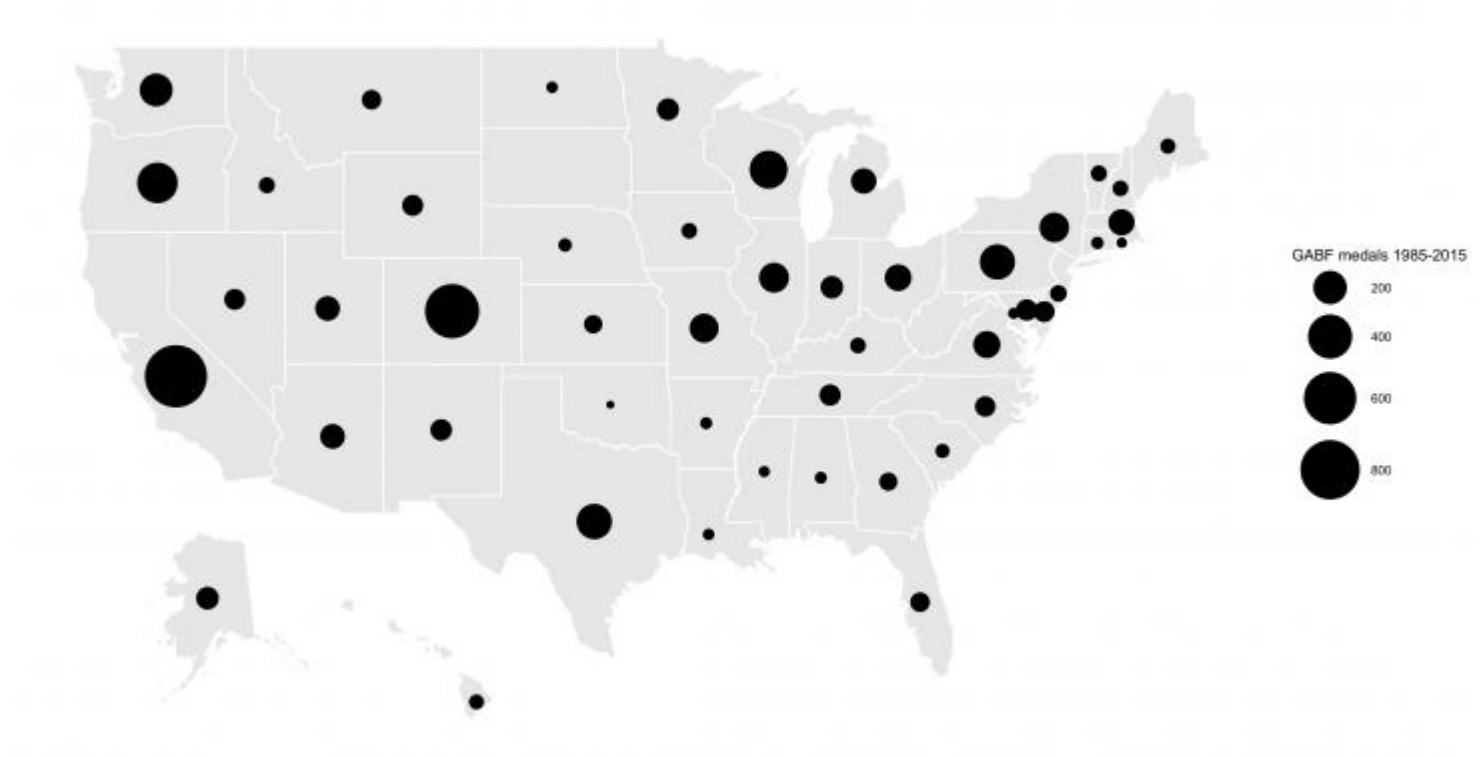


R is it appropriate as a geocomputational tool?

Which kind of map R can render?



Plot your points

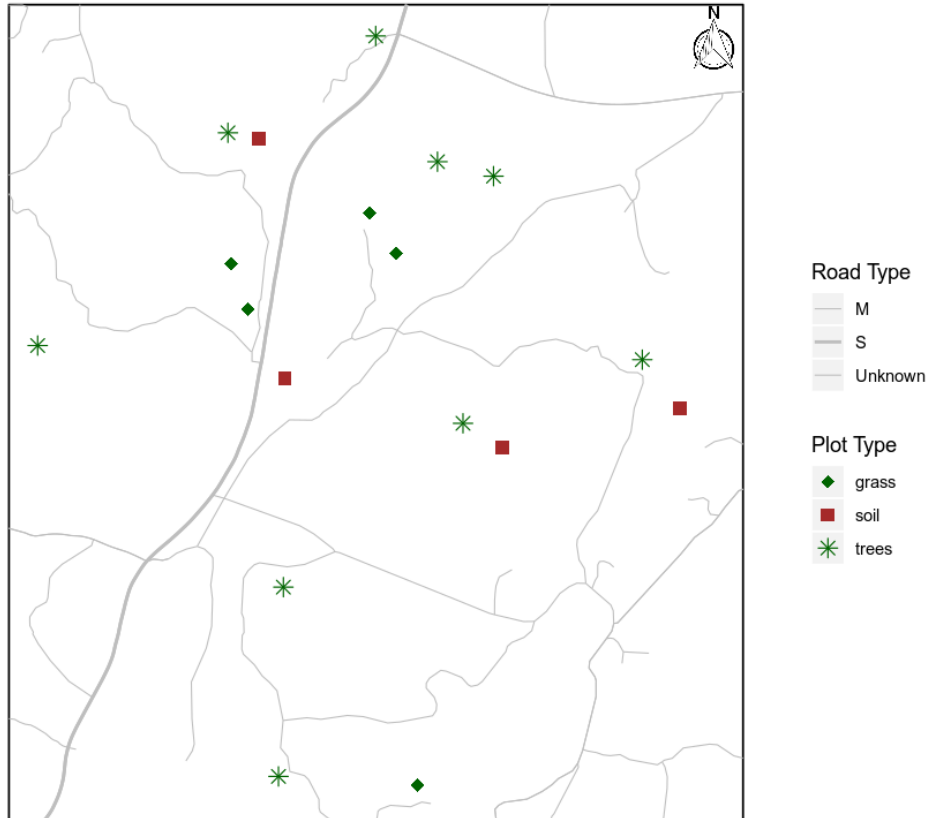


<https://www.storybench.org/plot-state-state-data-map-u-s-r/>



Roads Map

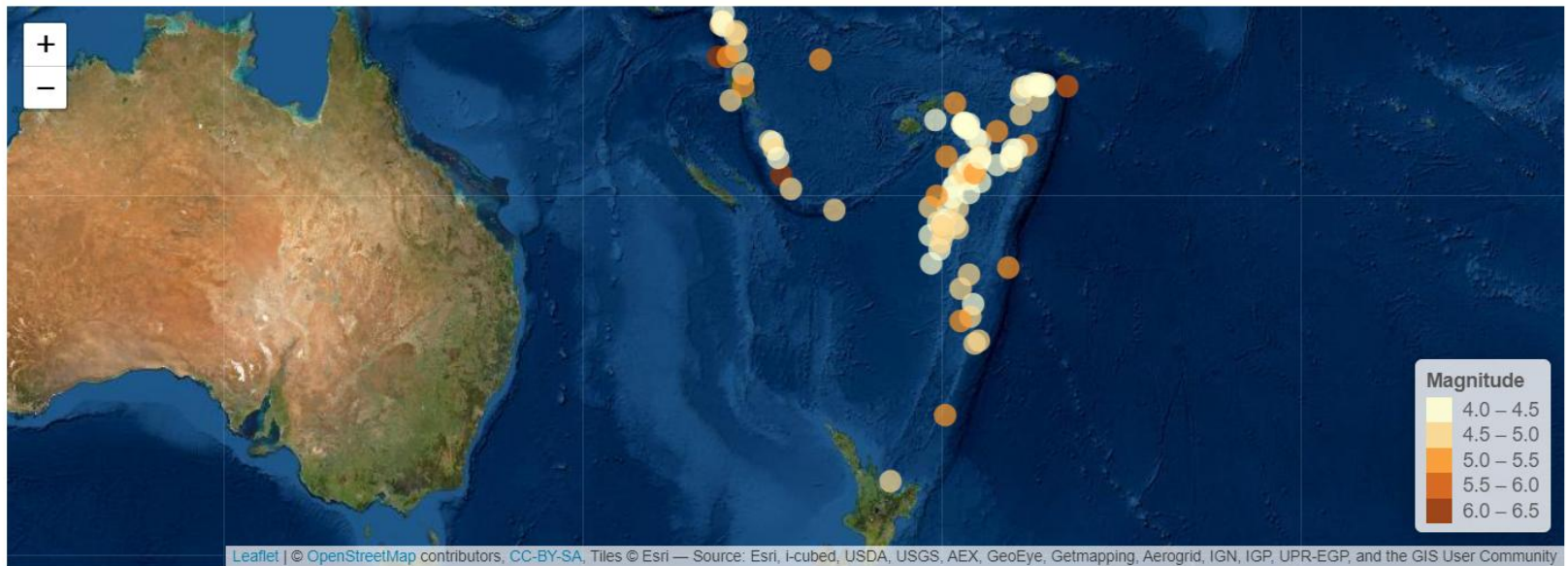
ggplot() map of roads, plots and study area
with north arrow and scale bar



<https://www.earthdatascience.org/courses/earth-analytics/spatial-data-r/make-maps-with-ggplot-in-R/>



Interactive map with R and leaflet



<https://www.r-graph-gallery.com/19-map-leaflet.html>



Choropleth Map

Specify a region of interest

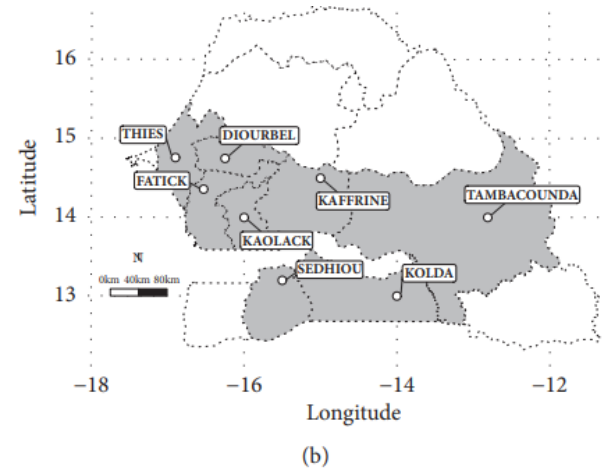
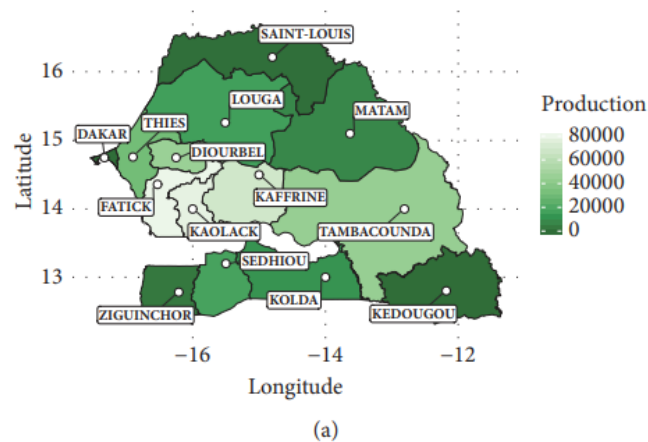


FIGURE 1: Map showing production (ton) of pearl millet in regions of Senegal during agricultural campaign 2014-2015: (a) gray-colored regions representing on-farm surveyed ones (production ≥ 15000 tons) during rainy season 2017 (b).

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6642752/pdf/TSVJ2019-1252653.pdf>



Georeferencing

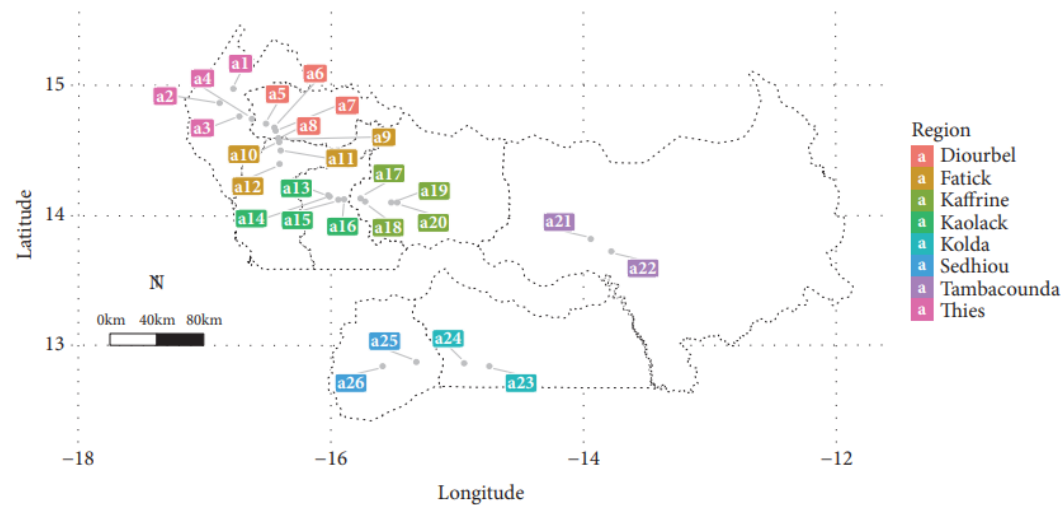


FIGURE 2: Map showing surveyed fields across the pearl millet productive regions of Senegal during rainy season 2017.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6642752/pdf/TSVJ2019-1252653.pdf>



Informative Circle Map

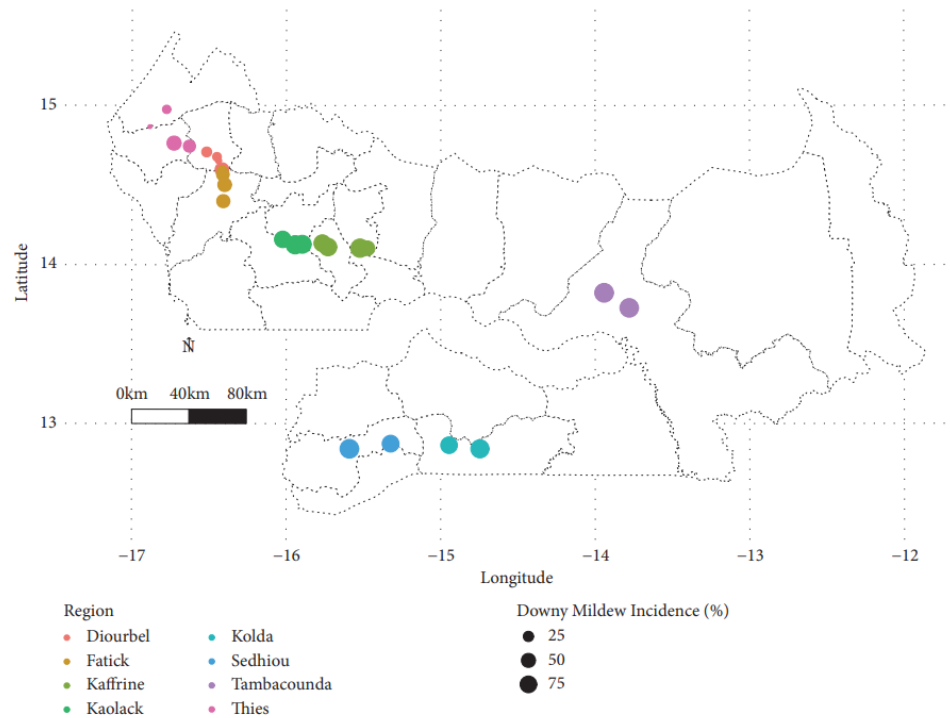


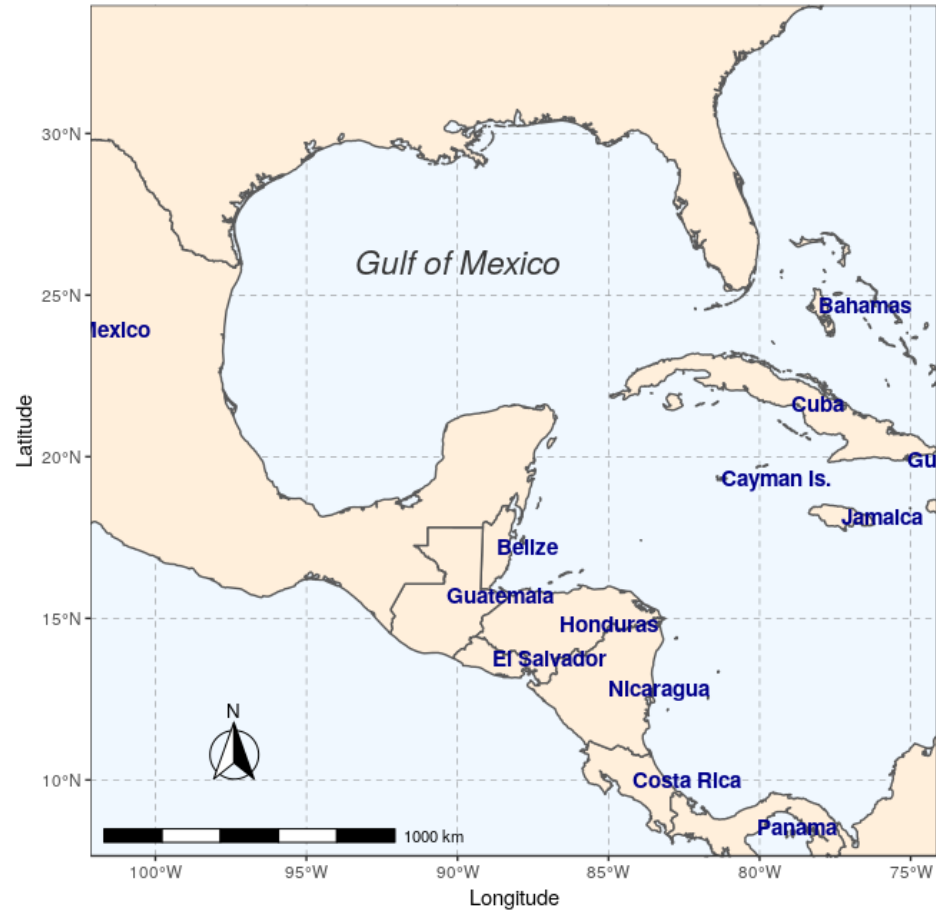
FIGURE 6: Map showing downy mildew incidence across surveyed field in Senegal during rainy season 2017.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6642752/pdf/TSWJ2019-1252653.pdf>



Map

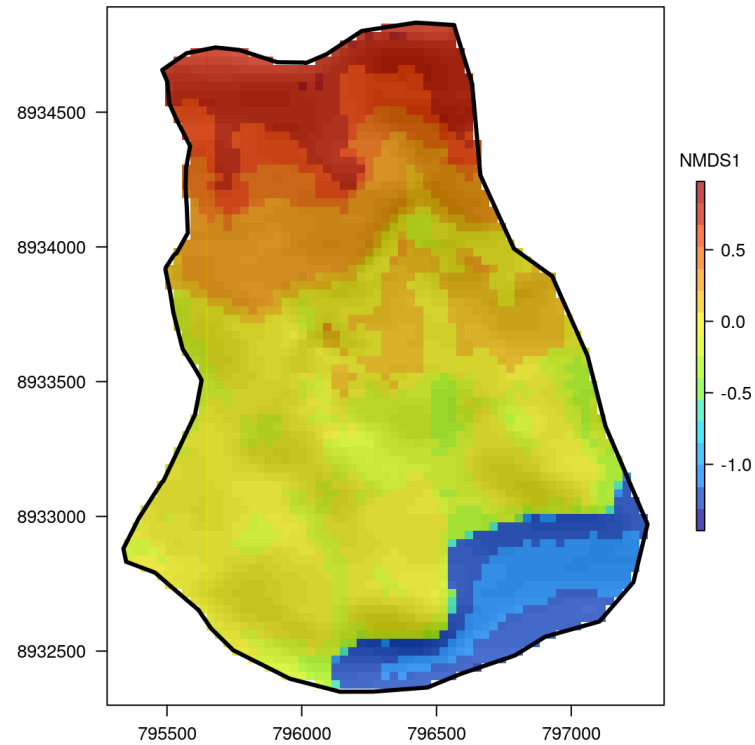
Map of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea



<https://www.r-spatial.org/r/2018/10/25/ggplot2-sf.html>



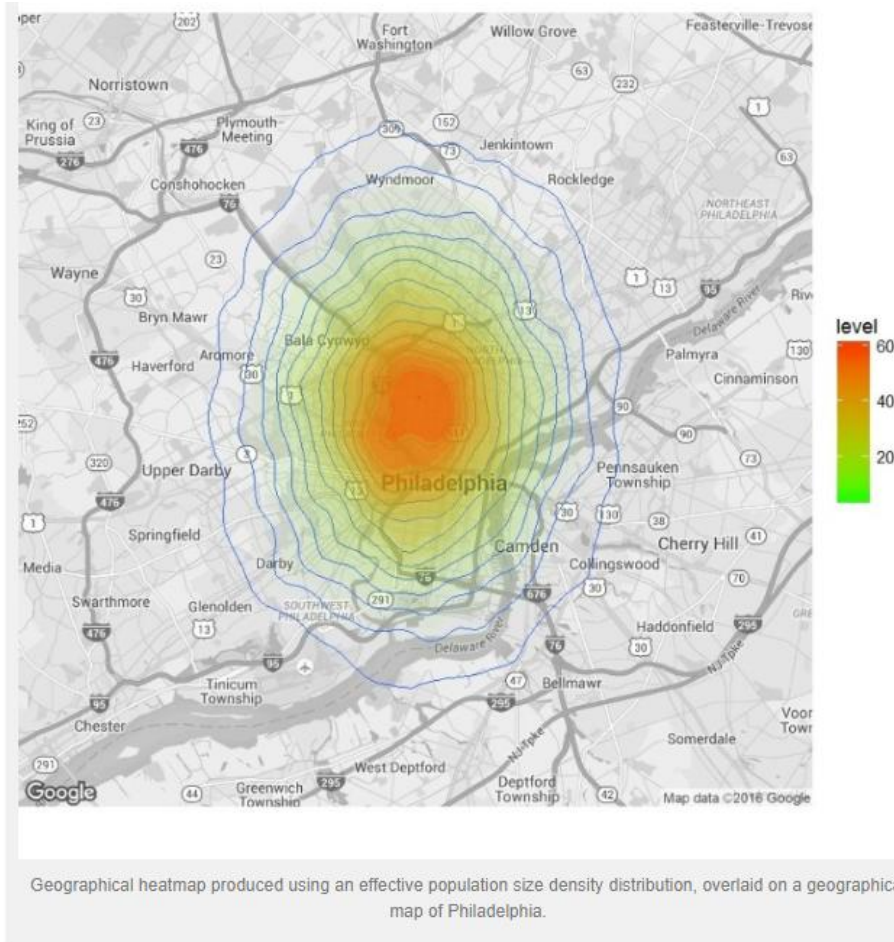
Predictive mapping of the floristic gradient clearly revealing distinct vegetation belts



<https://bookdown.org/robinlovelace/geocompr/eco.html#modeling-the-floristic-gradient>



Heat Map



<https://www.molecular ecologist.com/2016/03/geographical-heat-maps-in-r/>



ETC...

Pre-requisites

- Install [R](#) and [RStudio](#) on Windows 7, 8 or 10. A tutorial for a beginner is [here](#).
- Install the following packages before the course: `rgdal`, `mapdata`, `mapproj`, `maps`, `ggplot2`, `ggrepel`, `legendMap`, `dplyr`, `scales`, and `ggmap`. A tutorial for package installation in RStudio is [here](#).
- Download the data for exercise [here](#)

Pre-requisites

It is more easier to install CRAN packages at once by typing

```
install.packages(c("rgdal", "mapdata", "mapproj", "maps",  
"ggplot2", "ggrepel", "dplyr", "scales", "ggmap"))
```

For installation of the [legendMap](#) package, you need to install the [devtools](#) package first.

```
install.packages("devtools")
```

Then install [legendMap](#)

```
devtools::install_github("3wen/legendMap")
```

1. Working directory setting, data preparation and shapefile importation

1.1. Set the working directory

The working directory is the folder named R MAP. Please put all the shapefiles and data in your working directory. To set your working directory, type:

```
Setwd("C:/Users/ANGE/Documents/R MAP")
```


1.2. Clean the R environment workspace

```
rm(list = ls())
```

1.3. Set shapefile path

```
mySHP = ("C:/Users/ANGE/Documents/R MAP")
```

1.4. Import the shapefile

```
myFile = readOGR(mySHP, layer = "SEN_adm1",  
stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
```

1.5. Check the class of the shapefile

```
class (myFile)
```

1.6. Check the variables names

```
names (myFile)
```

1.7. Check the regions names

```
print (myFile$NAME_1)
```

1.5. Loading multiple packages at once

```
Packages = "rgdal", "mapdata", "mapproj" , "maps"  
,"ggplot2",  
  "ggrepel", "legendMap", "dplyr", "scales",  
  "ggmap", "gpclib", "rgeos")  
lapply(Packages, library, character.only = TRUE)
```

2. Rendering a basic map in R using ggplot2

2.1. Change in dataframe format for ggplot2

```
myDF = fortify(myFile, region = "NAME_1")
```

2.2. Overview of the data myDF

```
Type: head (myDF, 4)
```

long	lat	order	hole	piece	id	group
-17.16056	14.89375	1	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.16004	14.89333	2	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.16000	14.89335	3	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.15683	14.89042	4	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1

2.3. Change long to Longitude and lat to Latitude

```
myDF = rename(myDF, Longitude = long, Latitude = lat)
```

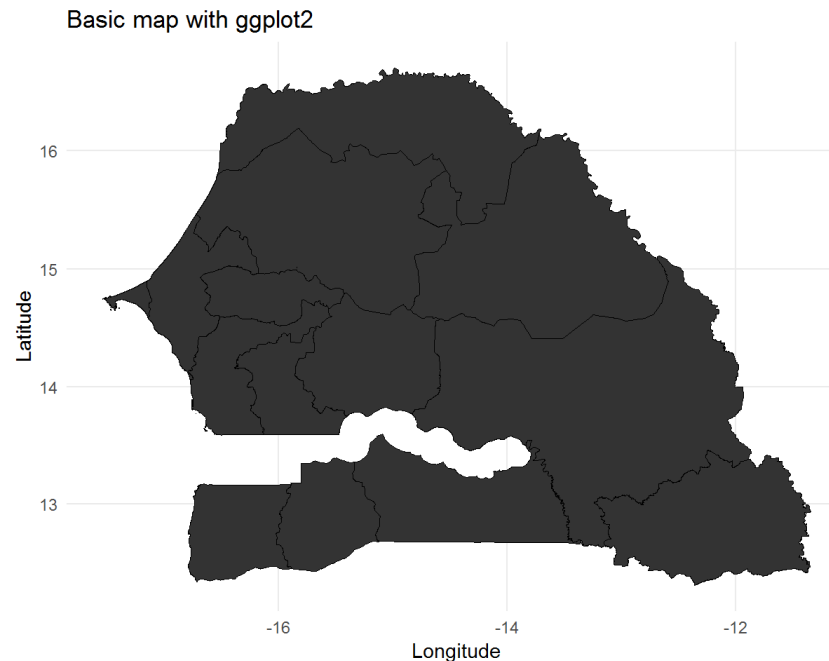
2.4. Overview of the myDF

```
Type: head(myDF, 4)
```

Longitude	Latitude	order	hole	piece	id	group
-17.16056	14.89375	1	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.16004	14.89333	2	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.16000	14.89335	3	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.15683	14.89042	4	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1

2.5. Make the basic plot

```
p <- ggplot() + geom_polygon(data = myDF, aes(x =  
Longitude, y = Latitude, group = group), color = "black",  
size = 0.25) + coord_map() + theme_minimal() +  
ggtitle("Basic map with ggplot2")
```



3. Rendering a choropleth map

3.1. Import the data we want to plot on the map. Here that is the production of pearl millet per region

```
mydata = read.csv("production_data.csv", header = TRUE, sep = ";")
```

3.2. Import the the regions names for annotation step

```
mydata1 = read.csv("region_names.csv", header = TRUE, sep = ";")
```

3.3. Overview of the data mydata

Type: `head(mydata, 4)`

long	lat	id	Production
-17.33	14.75	Dakar	0
-16.25	14.75	Diourbel	46231
-16.53	14.36	Fatick	80000
-12.18	12.80	KÃ©dougou	152

3.4 Overview of the data mydata1

Type: `head(mydata1, 4)`

Region	long	lat
DAKAR	-17.33	14.75
DIOURBEL	-16.25	14.75
FATICK	-16.53	14.36
KAOLACK	-16.00	14.00

3.4. Join the data and the shapefile

```
plotData <- left_join(myDF, mydata)
```

3.5. Overview of plotData

Type: `head(plotData)`

Key point: Note that **myDF** and **mydata** has **id** as a common variable

myDF

Longitude	Latitude	order	hole	piece	id	group
-17.16	14.89	1	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.16	14.89	2	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.16	14.89	3	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1
-17.15	14.89	4	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1

mydata

long	lat	id	Production
-17.33	14.75	Dakar	0
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plotData

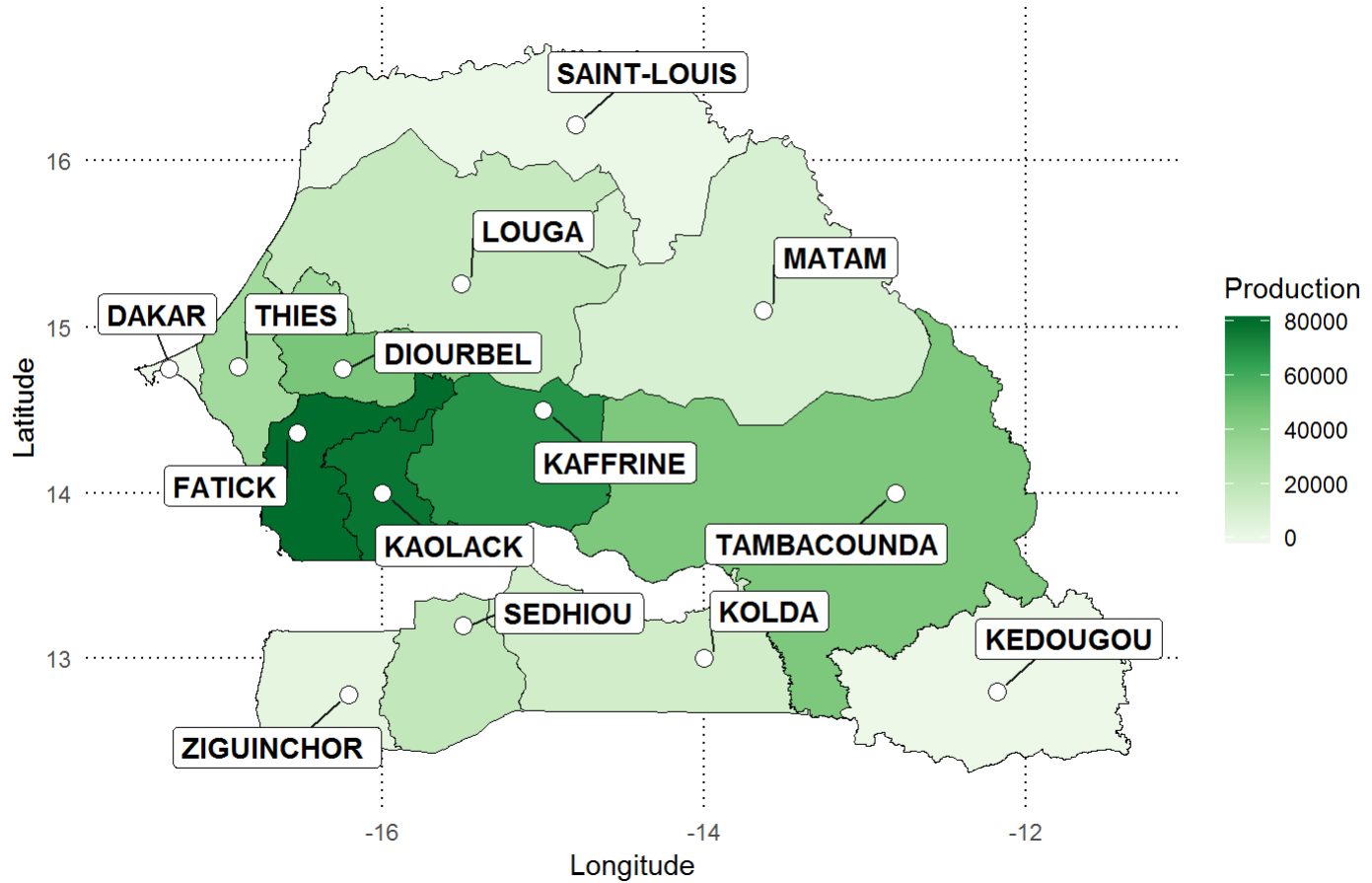
Longitude	Latitude	order	hole	piece	id	group	long	lat	Production
-17.16	14.89	1	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1	-17.33	14.75	0
-17.16	14.89	2	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1	-17.33	14.75	0
-17.16	14.89	3	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1	-17.33	14.75	0
-17.15	14.89	4	FALSE	1	Dakar	Dakar.1	-17.33	14.75	0

3.6 Make the plot

```
p <- ggplot() +  
  geom_polygon(data = plotData,  
    aes(x = Longitude, y = Latitude,  
        group = group, fill = Production),  
    color = "black", size = 0.25) +  
  
  coord_map() +  
  scale_fill_distiller(palette = "Greens", direction = 1) +  
  geom_point(data = mydata1,  
    aes(x = long, y = lat), shape = 21, fill = "white", size = 3, color = "black") +  
  geom_label_repel(data = mydata1,  
    aes(x = long, y = lat, label = Region),  
    fontface = "bold", color = "black", box.padding = 0.35, point.padding = 0.5,  
    segment.color = "grey10") + theme_minimal() +  
  theme(panel.grid.major = element_line(colour = "black", size = 0.5, linetype =  
    "dotted")) +  
  theme(plot.background = element_rect(colour = "white", size = 1)) +  
  ggtitle("Map of Pearl Millet Production in Senegal (Rainy season 2017)")
```

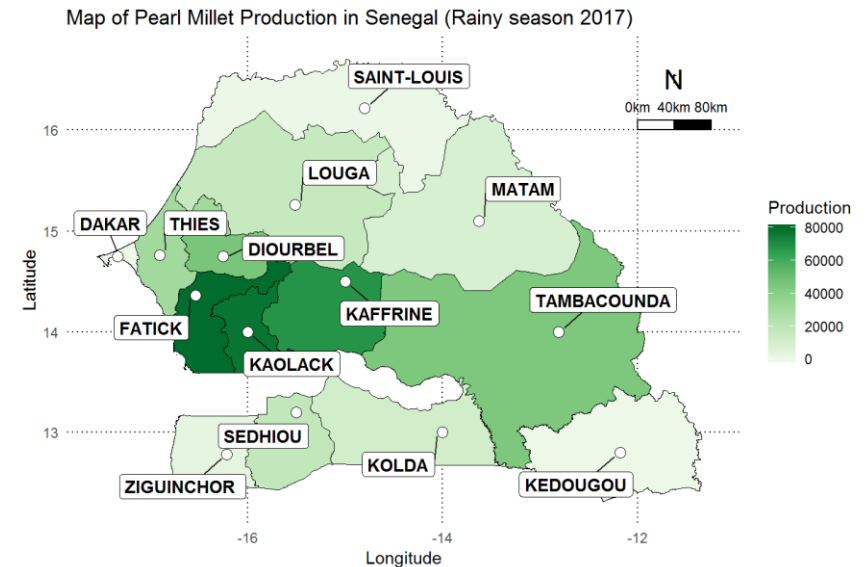
Map rendering

Map of Pearl Millet Production in Senegal (Rainy season 2017)



4. Add scale bar and north arrow

```
scale_bar(  
    lon = -12,  
    lat = 16,  
    distance_lon = 40,  
    distance_lat = 10,  
    distance_legend = 25,  
    dist_unit = "km",  
    arrow_length = 10,  
    arrow_distance = 50,  
    arrow_north_size = 6)
```





Export a high quality map

PDF format

```
ggsave(p,  
  
  file = "carte.pdf",  
  
  limitsize = FALSE,  
  
  width = 12,  
  
  height = 10.5,  
  
  dpi=500 )
```

Export a high quality map

PNG Cairo Format

```
ggsave(p,  
  
  file = "carte.png",  
  
  limitsize = FALSE,  
  
  width = 10,  
  
  height = 6.5,  
  
  type = "cairo-png",  
  
  dpi=500)
```

5. Tips

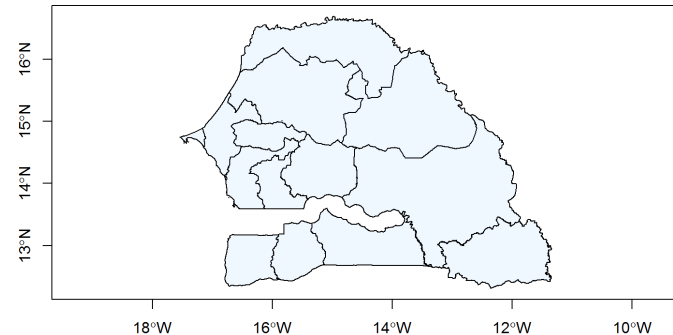
To find out a desirable position for scale bar or any adjustment, it is possible

to plot the map with the basic R by typing:

```
plot(myFile, axes = T, col = "aliceblue")
```

and then typing:

```
locator(n=2)
```



2 is just an example. You can define many number as much as possible

and using your mouse, click on the position you want. You will get the

coordinates.



References


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- Wickham H (2016). ggplot2: Elegant Graphics for Data Analysis. Springer-Verlag New York. ISBN 978-3-319-24277-4, <https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org>.



Q & A



**THANK YOU VERY
MUCH**



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[https://github.com/Yedomon/R-for-
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