Plot grid of plots in R.

Learning Objectives

After completing this tutorial, you will be able to:

• Add a variable to the markdown chunk in your .Rmd report.

What you need

You will need a computer with internet access to complete this lesson and the data for week 6/7 of the course.

Download Week 6/7 Data (~500 MB){:data-proofer-ignore=".btn }

Creating a grid of plots

You can plot several plots together in the same window using baseplot. To do this, we use the parameter value mfrow=c(x,y) where x is the number of rows that you wish to have in your plot and y is the number of columns. When you plot, R will place each plot, in order by row within the grid that you define using mfrow.

Below, we have created a 2 by 2 grid of plots using mfrow=c(2,2) within the par() function. In this example we have 2 rows and 2 columns.

```
# adjust the parameters so the axes colors are white. Also turn off tick marks.
par(mfrow=c(2,2), col.axis="white", col.lab="white", tck=0)
# plot 1
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
        r=4,b=3,g=2,
        stretch="hist",
       main="Plot 1 - RGB",
        axes=T)
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
# plot 2
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
        r=5,b=3,g=2,
        stretch="hist",
        main="Plot 2 - CIR",
        axes=T)
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
```

Plot 1 - RGB



Plot 2 - CIR



Plot 3 - Shortwave infrared



Plot 4 - Land / Water



Figure 1: Create 2 x 2 grid of plots.

```
# plot 3
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
        r=7,b=5,g=4,
        stretch="hist",
       main="Plot 3 - Shortwave infrared",
        axes=T)
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
# plot 4
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
       r=5,b=6,g=4,
       stretch="hist",
       main="Plot 4 - Land / Water",
       axes=T)
# set bounding box to white as well
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
# add overall title to your layout
title("My Title", outer=TRUE)
```

Above, we added an overall title to our grid of plots using the title() function. However the title is chopped of because there is not enough of a margin at the top for it. We can adjust for this too using the omaparameter argument. oma sets the outside (o) margin (ma).

oma= argument in our par() function. Let's try it.

```
# adjust the parameters so the axes colors are white. Also turn off tick marks.
par(mfrow=c(2,2), oma=c(0,0,2,0), col.axis="white", col.lab="white", tck=0)
# plot 1
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
       r=4,b=3,g=2,
        stretch="hist",
       main="Plot 1 - RGB",
       axes=T)
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
# plot 2
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
        r=5,b=3,g=2,
        stretch="hist",
       main="Plot 2 - CIR",
        axes=T)
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
# plot 3
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
       r=7, b=5, g=4,
        stretch="hist",
       main="Plot 3 - Shortwave infrared",
       axes=T)
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
# plot 4
plotRGB(all_landsat_bands_st,
       r=5,b=6,g=4,
        stretch="hist",
       main="Plot 4 - Land / Water",
        axes=T)
# set bounding box to white as well
box(col="white") # turn all of the lines to white
# add overall title to your layout
title("My Title", outer=TRUE)
```

When you are done with plotting in a grid space, be sure to reset your plot space using dev.off().

```
dev.off()
```

Your homework this week should look something like this:

My Title

Plot 1 – RGB Plot 2 – CIR

Plot 3 – Shortwave infrared

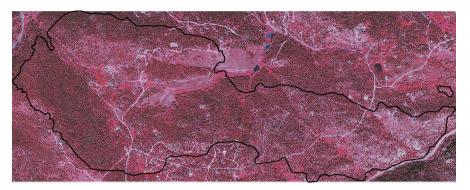


Plot 4 - Land / Water

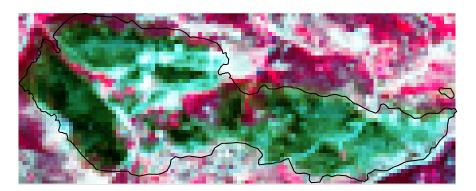


Figure 2: Remove axes labels.

NAIP CIR image Cold Springs Site



landsat CIR image



MODIS CIR imagery

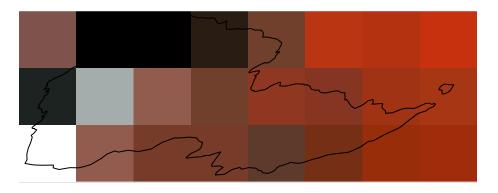


Figure 3: