

# geo in R

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## 1 Why geo?

Geo was developed for spatial plotting in and around Iceland by Höskuldur Björnsson at the Marine Research Institute in Iceland. It is a useful package which is easy to learn and has a whole host of functions which are quite intuitive. Also is the `geoextras` package which expands on the functionality of `geo`. `Geo` is currently maintained and hosted on github <https://github.com/Hafro/geo>

```
> x <- rnorm(100)

> #install.packages("devtools")
> ## I had to install Rtools
> ##install rtools 3.3 http://cran.r-project.org/bin/windows/Rtools
> #install.packages("maps")
> #devtools::install_github("hafro/geo")
> #library("geo")
> #install.packages("geoextras", repos="http://r-forge.r-project.org", type="source")
>
> library(mapdata); library(geo);library(geoextras)
> options(bg="white")
> geoplots(xlim = list(lat = c(40, 43), lon = c(-68, -72)),
+         country = "none", grid = F, cex=.5)
> geoworld(database = "worldHires", allowed.size = 1e6)
> ##can use two different database, worldHires is more informative
> geopoints(41,-70, col="red", cex=2)
> geolines(c(41, 42),c(-70, -69), col="blue")
> arcdist(41, -70, 42, -69) ## defaults to nmi

[1] 74.96458

> Arrow(list(lat=c(41, 41.5), lon=c(-70.5, -71)), angle = 15, col = 2)
> geolegend(list(lat=c(42, 42.5), lon=c(-70.5, -71)), "Legend", bty = "n")
>
```

## 2 What else can geo do?

Data manipulations

`geo.Split.poly()`: Split a polygon into a list `geoconvert()`: Convert between different representations of latitude and longitude, namely degrees-minutes-decimal minutes and decimal degrees. These are just a few of the useful functions, there are many many more built into this package, some of which are mentioned in this table.

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