Making and using bathymetric maps in R with marmap

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1 Introduction

In this vignette we introduce marmap, a package designed for manipulating bathymetric data in R. marmap uses simple latitude-longitude-depth data in ascii format and takes advantage of the advanced plotting tools available in R to build publication-quality bathymetric maps. Functions to query data (bathymetry, sampling information...) directly by clicking on marmap maps are available. Bathymetric and topographic can also be used to constrain the calculation of realistic shortest path distances. Such information can be used in molecular ecology, for example, to evaluate genetic isolation by distance in a spatially-explicit framework.

2 A quick tutorial

In this section, we will produce a bathymetric maps of Papua New Guinea, Hawaii and the NW Atlantic.

2.1 Getting data into R

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Launch R. Navigate to your work folder (for example, with setwd()). Then launch the marmap package. The simplest way to get bathymetric data into R for use with marmap is to use the getNOAA.bathy() function. It queries the ETOPO1 dataset (Armante and Eakins 2009) hosted on the NOAA server, based on coordinate a resolution given by the user. In one line, we can get the data into R and start plotting:

```
> library(marmap)
> getNOAA.bathy(lon1 = 140, lon2 = 155, lat1 = -13, lat2 = 0,
          resolution = 10) -> papoue
Querying NOAA database ...
This may take seconds to minutes, depending on grid size
Building bathy matrix ...
> summary(papoue)
Bathymetric data of class 'bathy', with 91 rows and 79 columns
Latitudinal range: -13 to 0
Longitudinal range: 140 to 155
Cell size: 10 minute(s)
Depth statistics:
  Min. 1st Qu. Median
                            Mean 3rd Qu.
                                            Max.
  -8775
         -3121
                  -1551
                           -1642
                                      -5
                                            3539
First 5 columns and rows of the bathymetric matrix:
                 -13 -12.83333333333334 -12.66666666666667
140
                 -37
                                    -37
                                                       -37
140.16666666667 -37
                                    -35
                                                       -36
140.33333333334 -35
                                    -33
                                                       -35
                                    -33
                                                       -32
140.66666666667 -30
                                    -28
                                                       -28
                 -12.5 -12.333333333333334
140
                   -37
                                      -38
140.16666666667
                    -36
                                      -35
                   -35
                                      -33
140.333333333334
                                      -32
140.5
                   -32
```

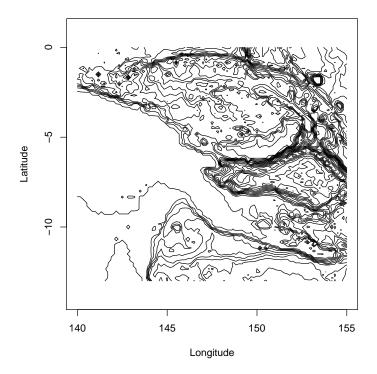
summary.bathy() helps you check the data; because bathy is a class, and R an object-oriented language, you just have to use summary(). R will recognize that you are feeding summary() an object of class bathy. This is also true for plot.bathy and plot().

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2.2 Plotting bathymetric data

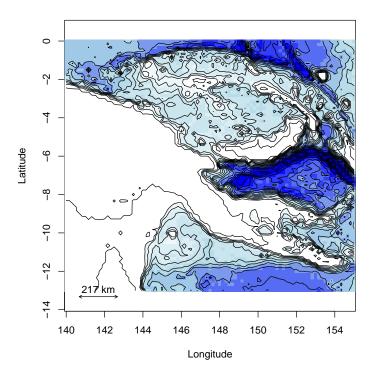
We can now use plot.bathy() (or plot(), because R will recognize the object is of class bathy) to map the data. You can see that the 10 minute resolution is a bit rough, but enough to demonstrate how marmap works (to increase the resolution, simply change the value for the resolution argument to a smaller value).

> plot(papoue)

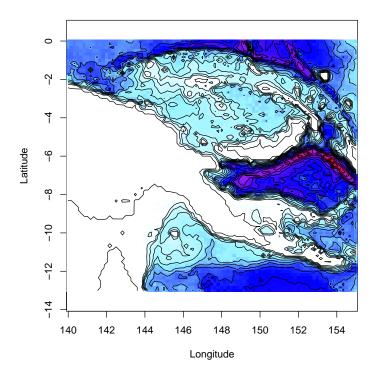


We can now use some of the options of plot.bathy() to make the map more informative. First, we can plot a heat map, using the built in color palette. We can also add a scale in kilometers.

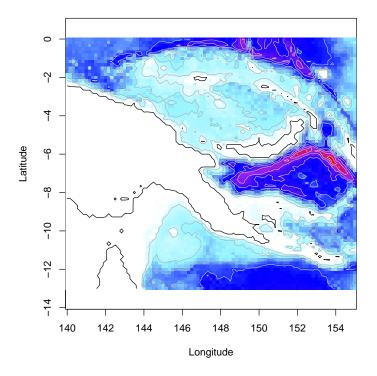
```
> plot(papoue, image = TRUE)
> scaleBathy(papoue, deg = 2, x = "bottomleft", inset = 5)
```



The bpal options allows you to use a custom color palette, which can be easily prepared with the R function colorRampPalette(). We store the color ramp in the object called blues, and when we call it in plot.bathy(), we specify how many colors need to be used in the palette (here 100).



For maps using the image option of plot.bathy(), you will see that the PDF rendering of your map is slightly different from the way it looks in R: the small space between cells becomes visible. This is probably due to the way your system handles PDFs. A simple way around this phenomenon is to export the map in a raster (rather than vector) format. You can use the tiff(), jpeg(), bmp() or png() functions available in R. This map looks a little crowded; let's dim the isobaths (dark grey color and lighter line width), and strengthen the coastline (black color and thicker line width). The deepest isobaths will be hard to see on a dark blue background; we can therefore choose to plot these in light grey to improve contrast. The option drawlabel controls whether isobath labels (e.g. "-3000") are plotted or not.



2.3 Using bathymetric data for further analysis

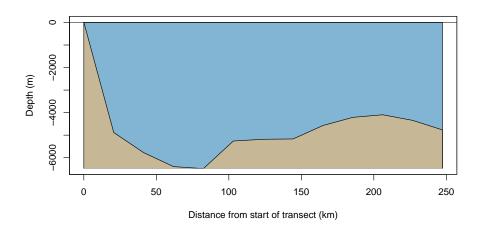
We can use the get.transect() and plotProfile() functions to extract and plot a depth cross section from the papoue dataset. get.transect() will use the coordinates you input to calculate the coordinates and depths along your transect, and calculate the great circle distance separating each point along the transect from the point of origin (in kilometers).

> get.transect(papoue, 151, -6, 153, -7, distance = TRUE)

```
dist.km depth
        lon
  151.0000 -6.000000
                        0.00000
2
  151.1667 -6.083333
                       20.62793 -4882
                       41.25331 -5775
3
   151.3333 -6.166667
   151.5000 -6.250000
                       61.87610 -6396
5
   151.6667 -6.333333
                       82.49627 -6484
   151.8333 -6.416667 103.11378 -5260
7
   152.0000 -6.500000 123.72859 -5183
8
  152.1667 -6.583333 144.34067 -5168
9
   152.3333 -6.666667 164.94999 -4572
10 152.5000 -6.750000 185.55650 -4210
11 152.6667 -6.833333 206.16018 -4096
12 152.8333 -6.916667 226.76098 -4344
13 153.0000 -7.000000 247.35888 -4768
```

We can plot that information on a map and make a cross section plot with plotProfile(). Again, the very low resolution of the dataset produces an

analysis with little information. You can get transect information and make a cross-section plot by directly clicking on the map, using the locator option of get.transect().



We can also use get.sample() and get.depth() to retrieve depth information and sample information by clicking on the map (see help pages). The output will look like this (pound symbols are followed by comments):

```
> # click once on the map:
> get.depth(papoue)
[1] -1655
```

> # click twice on the map to delimit an area:

> get.depth(papoue)

Bathymetric data of class 'bathy', with 17 rows and 14 columns

Latitudinal range: -5.833333 to -3.666667 Longitudinal range: 146.833333 to 149.5 Cell size: 10 minute(s)

Depth statistics:

Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. -2222 -1827 -1538 -1301 -1109 770

First 5 columns and rows of the bathymetric matrix:

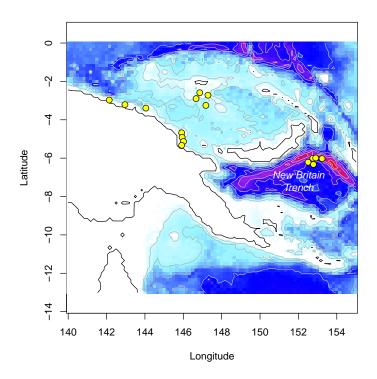
	-3.666667	-3.833333	-4	-4.166667	-4.333333
146.833333	-1929	-1924	-2097	-1976	-1891
147	-1922	-2037	-1986	-1985	-1850
147.166667	-1930	-1822	-1905	-1939	-1894
147.333333	-1807	-1690	-1909	-1973	-1970
147.5	-1390	-1598	-1672	-2050	-1973

get.sample() is used in combination with a table containing sampling information. Let's make a fake table of sampling data, print it in a file, then, for the sake of the example, import it in R as a csv file, and use it for plotting and use with get.sample():

> read.csv("sampling.csv", header = TRUE) -> samp

We have now created a small example file that we can use for further analysis. Let's load these data, and plot them on a map:

```
> head(samp) # a preview of the first 6 lines of the dataset.
                   y station
1 142.1390 -2.972065 station1
2 142.9593 -3.209449 station2
3 144.0466 -3.391399 station3
4 145.9141 -4.675720 station4
5 145.9372 -4.914153 station5
6 146.0115 -5.130116 station6
> plot(papoue, image = TRUE, bpal = blues(100),
          deep = c(-9000, -3000, 0), shallow = c(-3000, -10, 0),
          step = c(1000, 1000, 0), lwd = c(0.8, 0.8, 1),
          col = c("lightgrey", "darkgrey", "black"),
          lty = c(1, 1, 1), drawlabel = c(FALSE, FALSE, FALSE))
> # add points from the sampling.csv, and add text to the plot:
> points(samp$x, samp$y, pch = 21, col = "black",
          bg = "yellow", cex = 1.3)
> text(152, -7.2, "New Britain\nTrench", col = "white", font = 3)
```



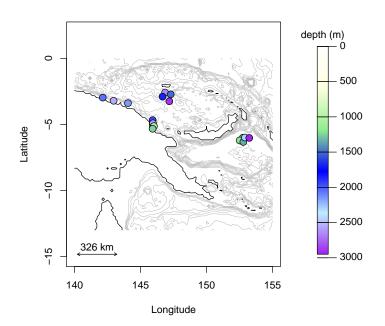
By clicking on the map, we can select the area in the New Britain Trench, to get information on the sampling stations of that area. get.sample() will detect that there are samples in the area selected, and return the locations relative for these samples.

We can use the depth data when plotting points:

```
> # make a table of fake sampling information, with fake depth
> samp.depth = sample(seq(-3000, -1000, by = 50), size = 16)
> data.frame(samp$x, samp$y, samp.depth) -> sp
> names(sp) <- c("lon", "lat", "depth")
> head(sp)

lon lat depth
1 142.1390 -2.972065 -2050
2 142.9593 -3.209449 -2550
3 144.0466 -3.391399 -2150
4 145.9141 -4.675720 -1950
```

```
5 145.9372 -4.914153 -2600
6 146.0115 -5.130116 -1050
> # plot map
> par(mai=c(1,1,1,1.5))
> plot(papoue, deep = c(-4500, 0), shallow = c(-50, 0), step = c(500, 0),
          1wd = c(0.3, 1), 1ty = c(1, 1), col = c("grey", "black"),
          drawlabels = c(FALSE, FALSE))
> scaleBathy(papoue, deg = 3, x = "bottomleft", inset = 5)
> # set color palette
> max(-sp$depth, na.rm = TRUE) -> mx
> colorRampPalette(c("white", "lightyellow", "lightgreen",
          "blue", "lightblue1", "purple")) -> ramp
> blues <- ramp(mx)</pre>
> # plot points and color depth scale
> points(sp[,1:2], col = "black", bg = blues[-sp$depth],
          pch = 21, cex = 1.5)
> require(shape)
> colorlegend(zlim = c(mx, 0), col = rev(blues), main = "depth (m)",
          posx = c(0.85, 0.88))
```

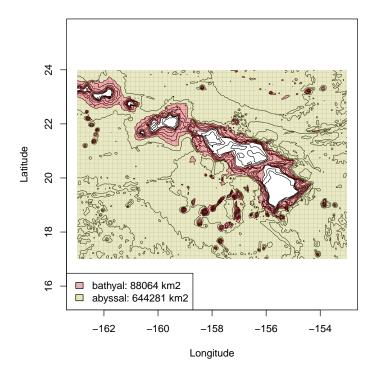


The function get.area() can be used to calculate the projected surface area (the projecting surface being the ocean surface). For example, in the case of the Hawaiian Archipelago, we can calculate the surface area of the bathyal (1,000 to 4,000 m) and abyssal regions (4,000 to about 6,000 m).

```
> data(hawaii)
> get.area(hawaii, level.inf = -4000, level.sup = -1000) -> bathyal
```

```
> get.area(hawaii, level.inf = min(hawaii), level.sup = -4000) -> abyssal
> round(bathyal$Square.Km, 0) -> ba
> round(abyssal$Square.Km, 0) -> ab
```

The function get.area() returns a surface area in square kilometers (\$Square.Km), and a matrix of zeros and ones delimiting the area of interest. The \$Lon, \$Lat and \$Area objects can be used to display these areas:



2.4 Using bathymetric data for least-cost path analysis

marmap contains functions to facilitate least-cost path analysis that are based on the raster and gdistance packages (van Etten 2012a, 2012b). gdistance calculates routes in a heterogeneous landscape, taking obstacles into account. These obstacles can be defined in marmap based on bathymetric data. We will use the Hawaiian islands as our playground for this section.

```
> data(hawaii, hawaii.sites)
> sites <- hawaii.sites[-c(1,4),]
> rownames(sites) <- 1:4</pre>
```

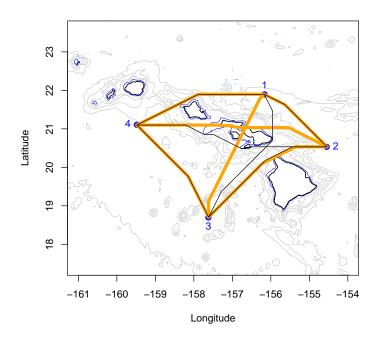
We first compute a transition to be used by lc.dist to compute least cost distances between locations. The transition object generated by trans.mat contains the probability of transition from one cell of a bathymetric grid to adjacent cells, and depends on user defined parameters. trans.mat is especially usefull when least cost distances need to be calculated between several locations at sea. The default values for min.depth and max.depth ensure that the path computed by dist.geo will be the shortest path possible at sea avoiding land masses. The path can be constrained to a given depth range by setting manually min.depth and max.depth. For instance, it is possible to limit the possible paths to the continental shelf by setting max.depth=-200. Inaccuracies of the bathymetric data can occasionally result in paths crossing land masses. Setting min.depth to low negative values (e.g. -10 meters) can limit this problem.

trans1 is a transition object contained only by land masses. trans2 is a transition object that makes travel impossible in waters shallower than 200 meters depth. This step takes a little time.

```
> trans1 <- trans.mat(hawaii)
> trans2 <- trans.mat(hawaii, min.depth = -200)</pre>
```

We can now use these transition objects to calculate least cost distances for trans1 and trans2. The output of lc.dist is a list of geographic positions corresponding to the least-cost path.

We use the lapply function to extract information from these lists and plot lines. Thick orange lines correspond to least-cost paths only constrained by landmasses Thin black lines are paths constrained by the 200 m isobath. We store the result of lapply in a dummy variable to avoid printing of unnecessary information. The coastline is in black, the 200 m isobath is in blue, and isobaths between 5000 and 200 m depth are in grey. Our sampling points are in blue.



The option res of lc.dist controls whether path coordinates or distances between points (in kilometers) are outputted. Let's see how these different scenarios (no constraint: great-circle distance, dist0; avoid landmasses: dist1; avoid areas shallower than 200 m: dist2) effect distances between sampling points:

```
> library(fossil)
> dist0 <- round(earth.dist(sites), 0)</pre>
> dist1 <- lc.dist(trans1, sites, res = "dist")</pre>
> dist2 <- lc.dist(trans2, sites, res = "dist")</pre>
> dist0
        2
             3
    1
2 226
3 387 381
4 355 517 331
> dist1
             3
    1
        2
2 230
3 391 401
4 365 529 334
> dist2
             3
    1
2 230
```

3 423 403 4 365 533 334

Note: You can check out the help file for lc.dist to see how we can combine these functions with cross-section calculations and plotting.

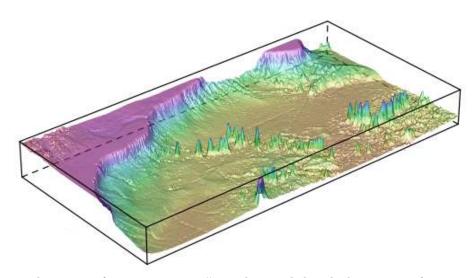
2.5 Landscape Genetics

The distance objects created in the section above are formatted as matrices that can be used in R or exported to be used in GenePop (Rousset 2008), TESS (Durand et al 2009), or other software. As an example, these distances can be used to perform a Mantel test, as implemented in the package ade4 (mantel.rtest() function; Chessel and Dufour 2004, Dray et al 2007, Dray and Dufour 2007). The matrices produced in marmap are ready for use with ade4. For export and use in external programs, the function write.matrix() of the MASS package (Venables and Ripley 2002) will be helpful.

2.6 3D plotting

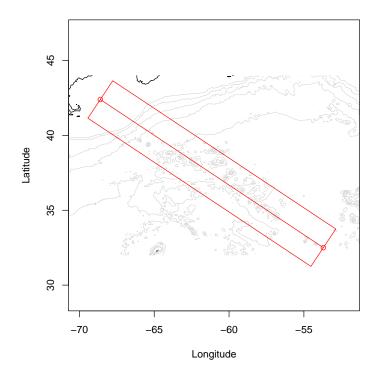
R contains tools to plot data in three dimensions. We can use the function wireframe() of the package lattice to make a 3D representation of the NW Atlantic and its seamount chains. wireframe() is not part of marmap, and was therefore not meant to work with objects of class bathy. We need to use the function unclass() to make our data available to wireframe(). Make sure to adjust the aspect option of wireframe(), to minimize vertical exaggeration and biased latitude / longitude aspect ratio.

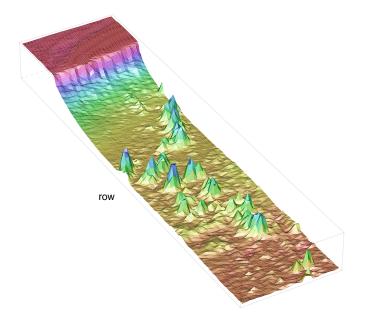
```
data(nw.atlantic)
atl <- as.bathy(nw.atlantic)
library(lattice)
wireframe(unclass(atl), shade = TRUE, aspect = c(1/2, 0.1))</pre>
```



The marmap function get.box() can be coupled with the lattice function wireframe to produce 3D plots of belt transects of given width. Let's use the

NW Atlantic data to investigate these functions, and look at the New England and Corner Rise seamount chains.





3 Data import and export strategies in marmap

3.1 Overview of the different import and export strategies available in marmap

getNOAA.bathy() is the easiest way to load data into R, but it depends on the NOAA download protocol, and one must have an internet connection. The way to use this function is demonstrated in the tutorial above. read.bathy() allows import of data into R, and this data can be located on a drive; an internet connection is therefore not mandatory. This is a good way to import data that have been saved locally on your drive, and may be faster than re-downloading data from the NOAA server at the beginning of each R session. If the user is building maps routinely, we propose two functions to create a local database that can be accessed from within R. These functions are setSQL() and subsetSQL().

3.2 Getting bathymetric data from NOAA: read.bathy()

read.bathy() will read xyz data from any source. Here, we will get ETOPO1 data hosted on the NOAA GEODAS server (NOAA National Geophysical Data Center 2013). To get the data, use the following link:

http://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/mgg/gdas/gd_designagrid.html

Function	Job	Input	Output	Internet
getNOAA.bathy()	downloads data from	coordinates of	data matrix of class	yes
	NOAA server	bounding box and	bathy	
		resolution		
read.bathy()	imports data into R	name of external file	data matrix of class	no
		with xyz data	bathy	
setSQL()	creates a local SQL	name of external file	an SQL database	no
	database of bathy-	with xyz data		
	metric data			
subsetSQL()	queries a local SQL	coordinates of	data matrix of class	no
	database	bounding box and	bathy	
		resolution		
as.xyz()	converts a dataset of	dataset of class bathy	an xyz table (an R	no
	class bathy into an	(an R object)	object)	
	xyz table			
as.bathy()	converts an xyz ta-	an xyz table (an R	dataset of class bathy	no
	ble into an dataset of	object)	(an R object)	
	class bathy			

To prepare data from NOAA, give a name to your custom grid, choose the database (ETOPO1 1-minute Global Relief), fill the custom grid form (upper latitude: 0, lower latitude: 13S, left longitude: 140E, right longitude: 155E) for a grid cell size of 10 minute, and choose "XYZ (lon,lat,depth)" as the "Output Grid Format", "No Header" as the "Output Grid Header", and either of the space, tab of comma as the column delimiter (either can be used, but "comma" is the default import format of read.bathy()). Choose "omit empty grid cells" to reduce memory usage. Submit your job, and retrieved your data. You will get a zipped folder, in which you will find (in a subfolder) a .xyz file with your data. Place it, for example, in your work folder.

The resolution of 10 minutes is a low resolution that will keep the size of the example file small, about 200 kb. Increasing the resolution to 1 minute would result in a file size of about 20 mb.

Launch R. Navigate to your work folder (for example, with setwd()). Then launch the marmap package. and load your xyz data (we will call it "png.xyz") with read.bathy(). This converts your data into an R object of class "bathy." summary.bathy() helps you check the data; because bathy is a class, and R an object-oriented language, you just have to use summary(), because R will recognize that you are feeding summary() an object of class bathy. This is also true for plot.bathy and plot().

```
> library(marmap)
> read.bathy('png.xyz', header = FALSE, sep = "\t") -> papoue
> summary(papoue)

Bathymetric data of class 'bathy', with 91 rows and 79 columns
Latitudinal range: -13 to 0
Longitudinal range: 140 to 155
Cell size: 10 minute(s)
Depth statistics:
```

Min. 1st Qu. Median

Mean 3rd Qu.

Max.

```
-8750 -3123 -1540 -1641 -4 3711
```

First 5 columns and rows of the bathymetric matrix:

	-13	-12.833333	-12.666667	-12.5	-12.333333
140	-36	-35	-35	-35	-35
140.166667	-35	-34	-34	-34	-33
140.333333	-33	-32	-32	-32	-31
140.5	-30	-30	-30	-29	-29
140.666667	-28	-28	-27	-27	-27

3.3 Getting bathymetric data from NOAA: local SQL database

setSQL() and subsetSQL() create and query a local SQL database for bathymetric data. These tools are made for routine use with no internet connection. The full ETOPO1 database, or a subset (for example), can be downloaded on your computer, and used to set an SQL database, which size will be approximately the same as your original xyz data (unzipped ETOPO1 is about 5 Go). The advantage of SQL, a language for querying large databases, are manyfold. Its use will allow rapid upload of data into R, directly as bathy objects (and therefore directly useable for plotting and analysis) with a smaller footprint on your memory than if you tried to load a very large xyz file into R and then subset-ed it. Here is a simple example on how to set up and use an SQL database for marmap.

Use a local file with xyz data (we can re-use the png.xyz that we created above for use with read.bathy()), and submit it to setSQL(). Make sure that no file called bathy_db is present in your working directory. Also, make sure that the package RSQLite (James and Falcon 2012) is installed and properly working.

```
> setSQL(bathy = "png.xyz", sep = "\t")
[1] TRUE
```

This will created a file bathy_db in your directory, which size is about the size of (or larger than) your original data. If you want to create a database for frequent use, you just need to do this once. subsetSQL() will know where to get the data in future R sessions. If setSQL() worked properly, it will return TRUE. If there is a problem (e.g. database connection already open, database file already created ...) it will return FALSE. Lets query a subset of the png dataset, and check that it is indeed what we asked for with the summary.bathy() function:

Depth statistics:

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max. -6650 -3282 -2076 -2594 -1543 72
```

First 5 columns and rows of the bathymetric matrix:

	-1.833333	-1.666667	-1.5	-1.333333	-1.166667
145.166667	-1001	-1348	-249	-1774	-2079
145.333333	-1137	-1579	-1938	-1794	-1957
145.5	-1069	-1833	-2007	-2097	-2166
145.666667	-1295	-2020	-2123	-2301	-2289
145.833333	-1728	-1912	-1981	-2183	-2350

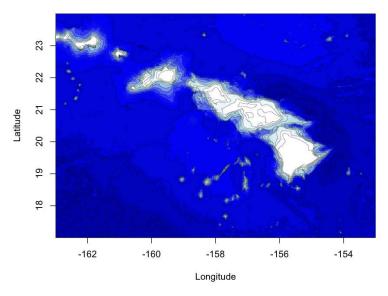
Finally, if you are done with the SQL dataset, you can remove it with

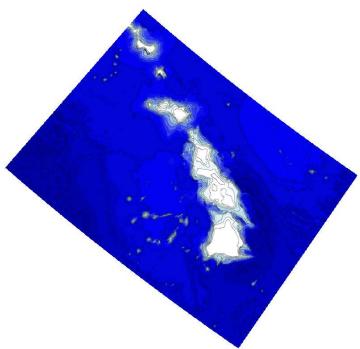
```
> system("rm bathy_db")
```

4 Miscellaneous

4.1 Interactions with other packages

marmap interacts with multiple existing R packages for visualization and analysis, such as lattice for building three-dimensional plots, and gdistance for least-cost path calculations (see above). marmap also contains functions to ease interactions with other packages dedicated to the analysis of spatial data. Data from class bathy can be transformed into RasterLayer objects for use in the raster package [7] or into SpatialGridDataFrame objects for use in the packages sp [2, 10]. The full range of spatial analyses implemented in packages taking advantage of these classes are thus available for bathymetric data. The simple example presented below illustrate how to apply an arbitrary projection to bathy objects using the function projectRaster from the raster package (n.b. a working installation of the rgdal package is needed to use this function).





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