Tutorial: Geocomputation with R

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library(raster)
elev = raster(nrow = 6, ncol = 6, res = 0.5,
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              ymn = -1.5, ymx = 1.5,
              vals = 1:36)
```

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```
elev
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```
## class       : RasterLayer
## dimensions  : 6, 6, 36  (nrow, ncol, ncell)
## resolution  : 0.5, 0.5  (x, y)
## extent      : -1.5, 1.5, -1.5, 1.5  (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
## coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
## data source : in memory
## names       : layer
## values      : 1, 36  (min, max)
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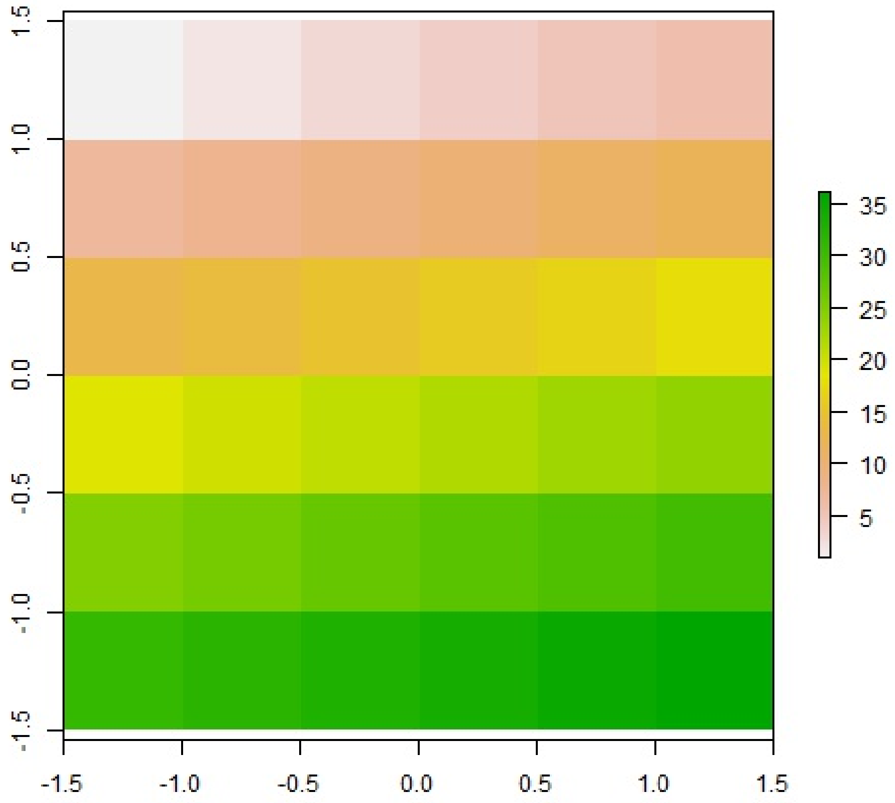

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Further reading: https://geocompr.robinlovelace.net/attr.html#raster-subsetting

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library(sf)
library(dplyr)
pt = st_point(c(0.75, 0.75)) %>%
  st_sfc %>%
  st_sf %>%
  as(., "Spatial")
# use the SpatialObject for subsetting
elev[pt]
```

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using another raster object:

```r
clip =
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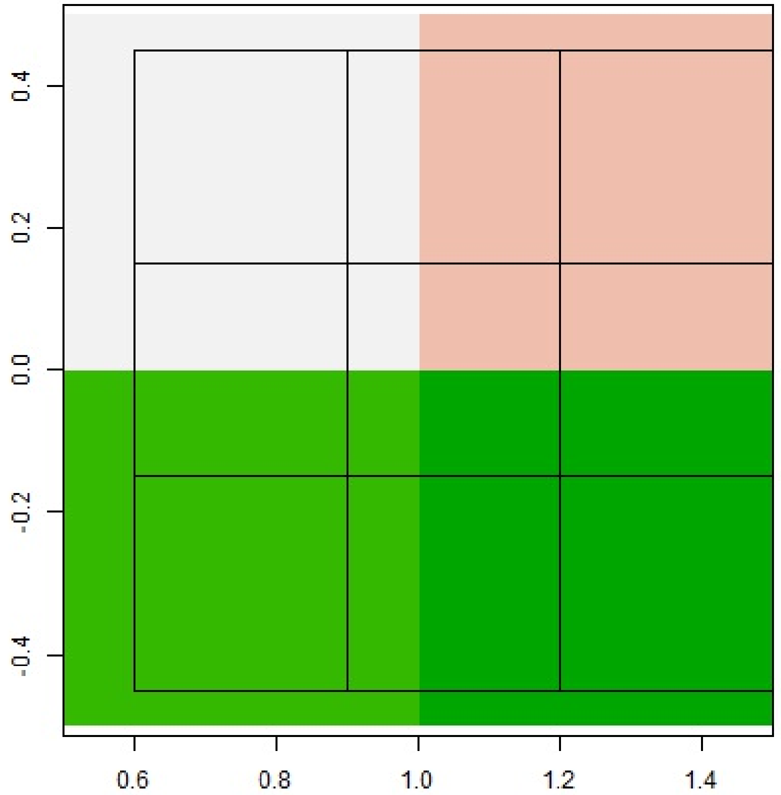

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Cell-by-cell operations are also called local operations. The calculation of the NDVI is one of the most popular examples.

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While local functions operate on one cell, though possibly from multiple layers, **focal** operations take into account a central cell and its neighbors. The neighborhood (also named kernel, filter or moving window) under consideration is typically of size 3-by-3 cells (that is the central cell and its eight surrounding neighbors) but can take on any other (not necessarily rectangular) shape as defined by the user.

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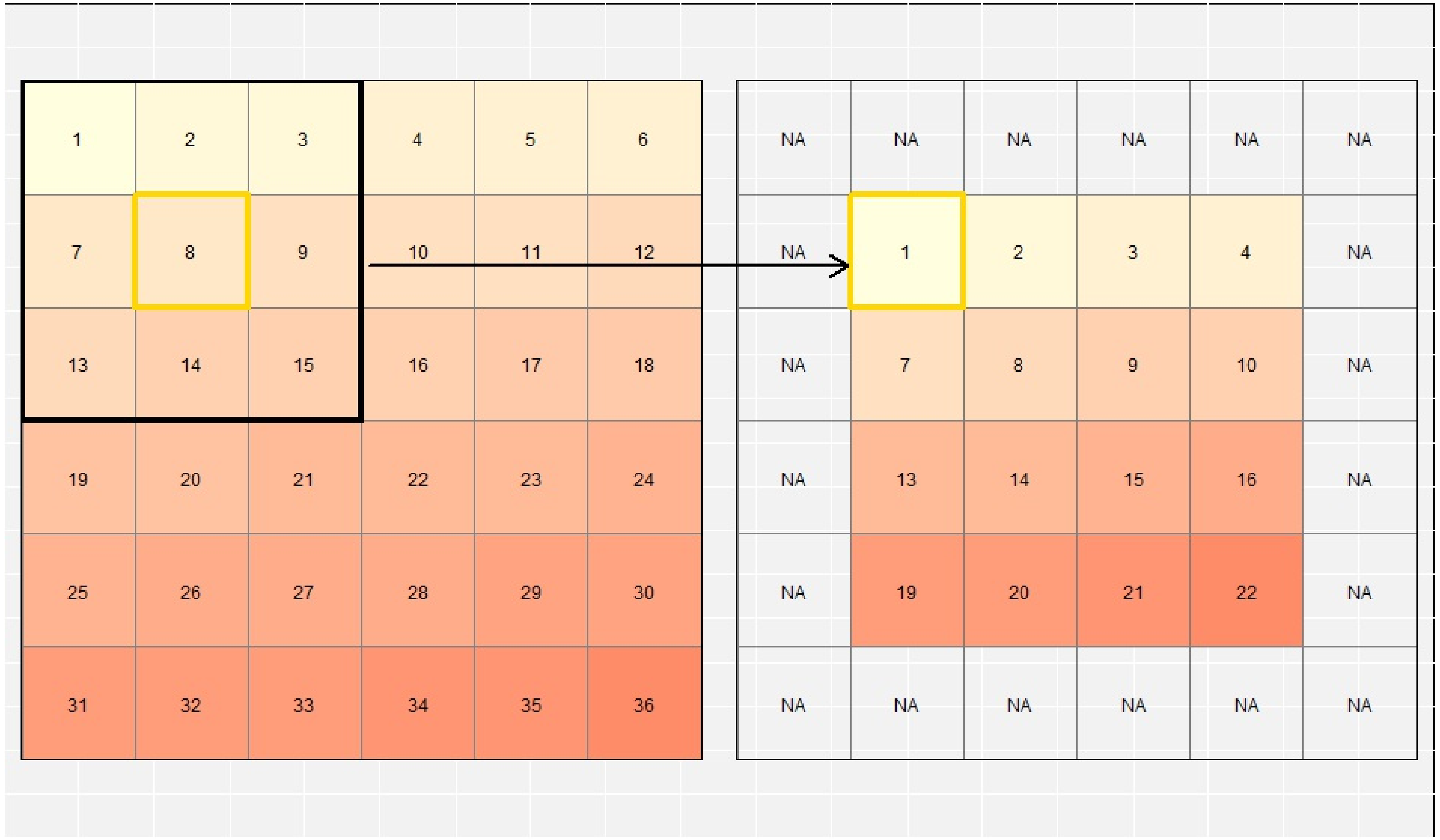
```r
r_focal = focal(elev, w = matrix(1, nrow = 3, ncol = 3), fun = min)
```



1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36

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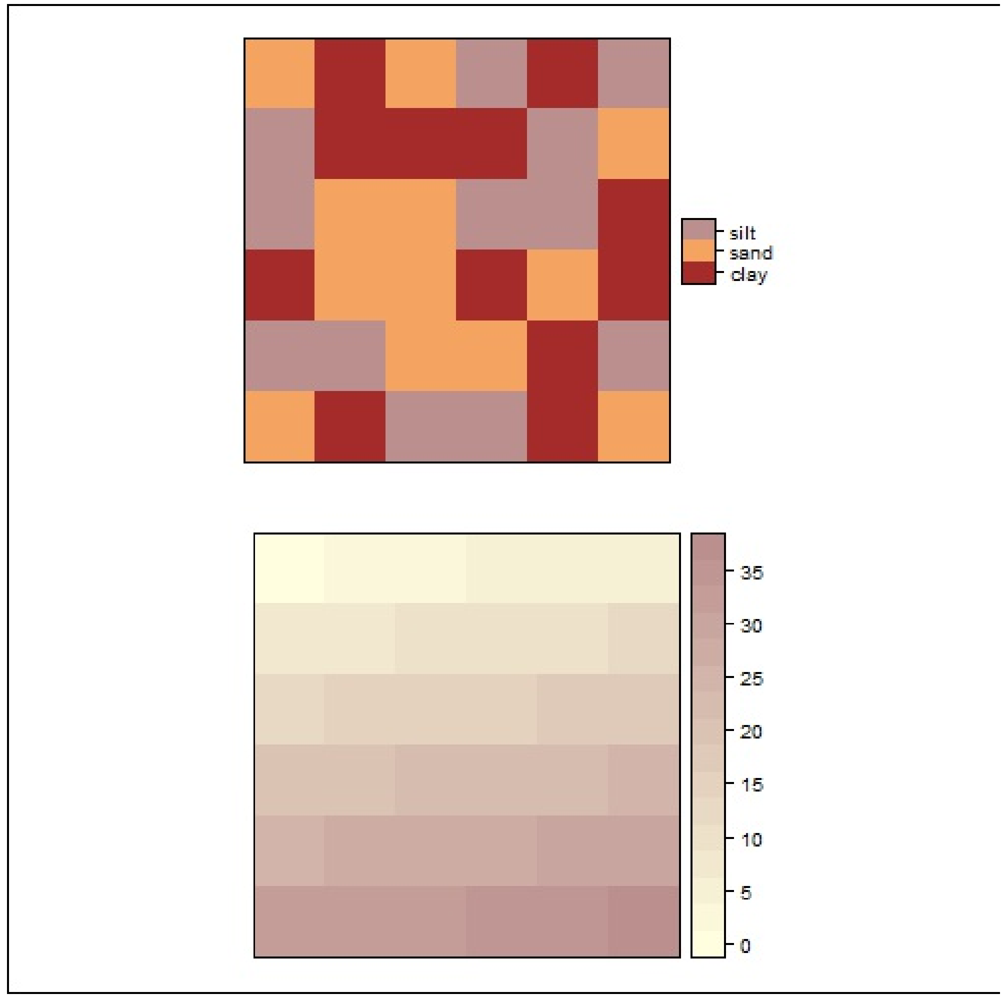

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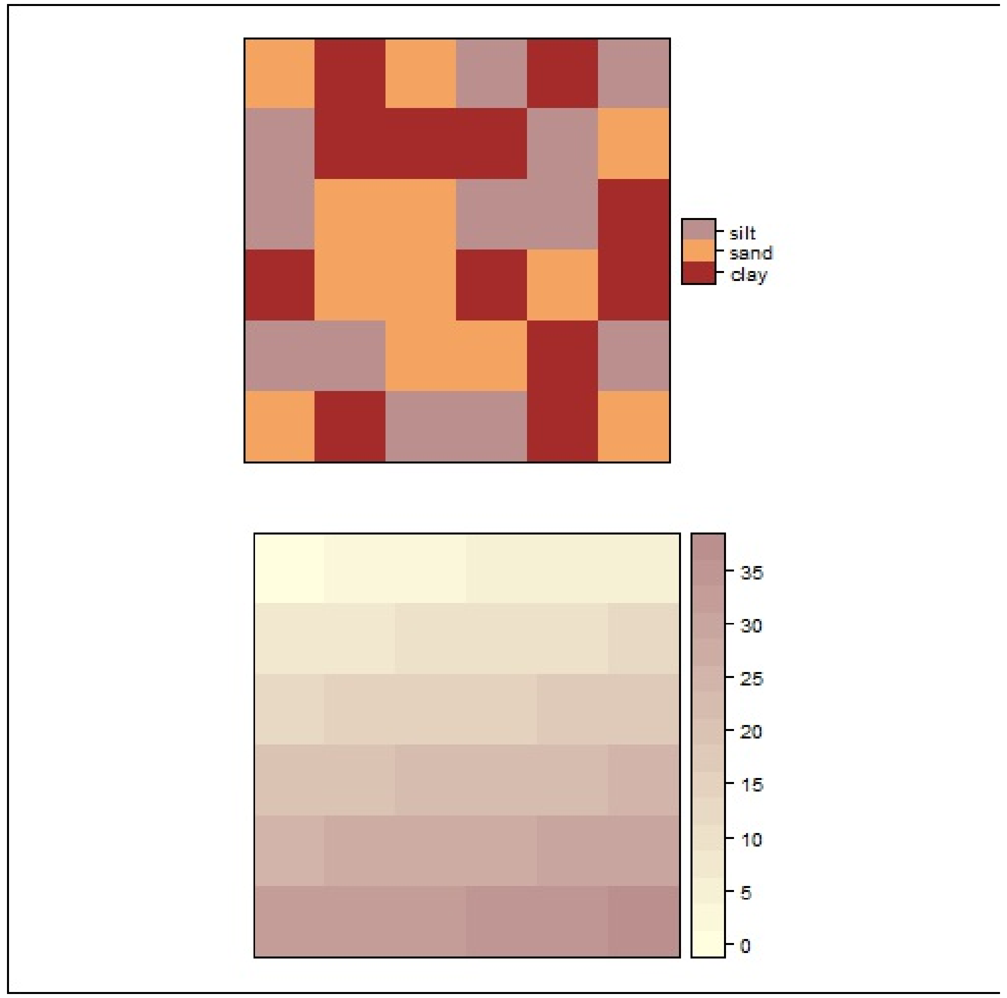

```
library(spData)
zonal(elev, grain, fun = "mean"
```

```
##      zone  mean
## [1,]    1 17.75
## [2,]    2 18.50
## [3,]    3 19.25
```

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cellStats(elev, min)
```

```
## [1] 1
```

```
cellStats(elev, max)
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Further reading: https://geocompr.robinlovelace.net/spatial-operations.html#spatial-ras

Your turn

- Attach `data("dem", package = "RQGIS")`. Retrieve the altitudinal values of the 10th row.
- Sample randomly 10 coordinates of `dem` with the help of the `coordinates()`-command, and extract the corresponding altitudinal values.
- Attach `data("random_points", package = "RQGIS")` and find the corresponding altitudinal values. Plot altitude against `spri`.
- Compute the hillshade of `dem` (hint: `?hillShade`). Overlay the hillshade with `dem` while using an appropriate level of transparency.

Geometric operations on raster data

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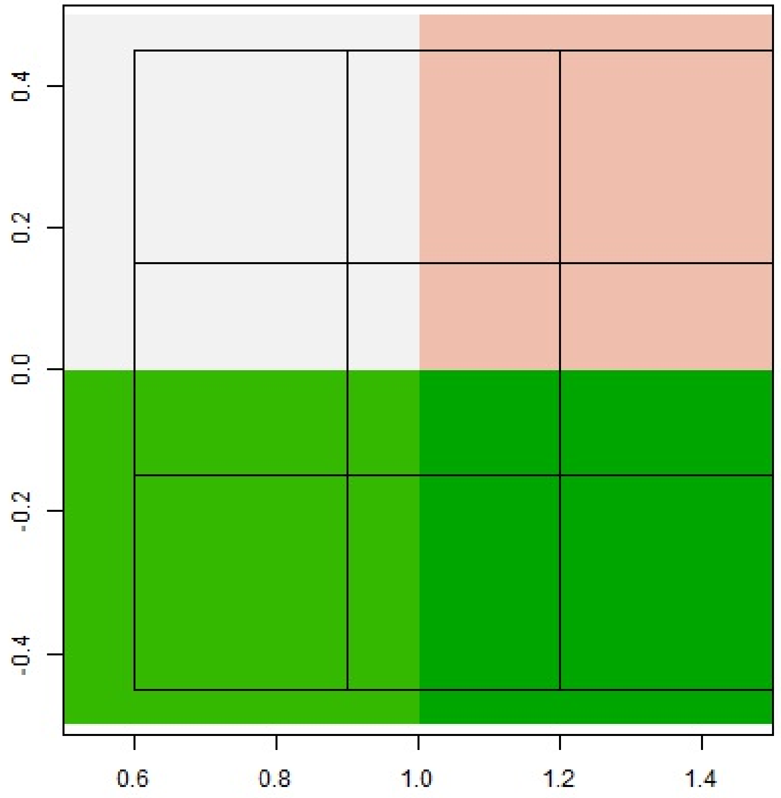

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which in fact is the same as using **`intersect()`**:

```
raster::intersect(elev, clip)
```

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## resolution  : 0.5, 0.5  (x, y)
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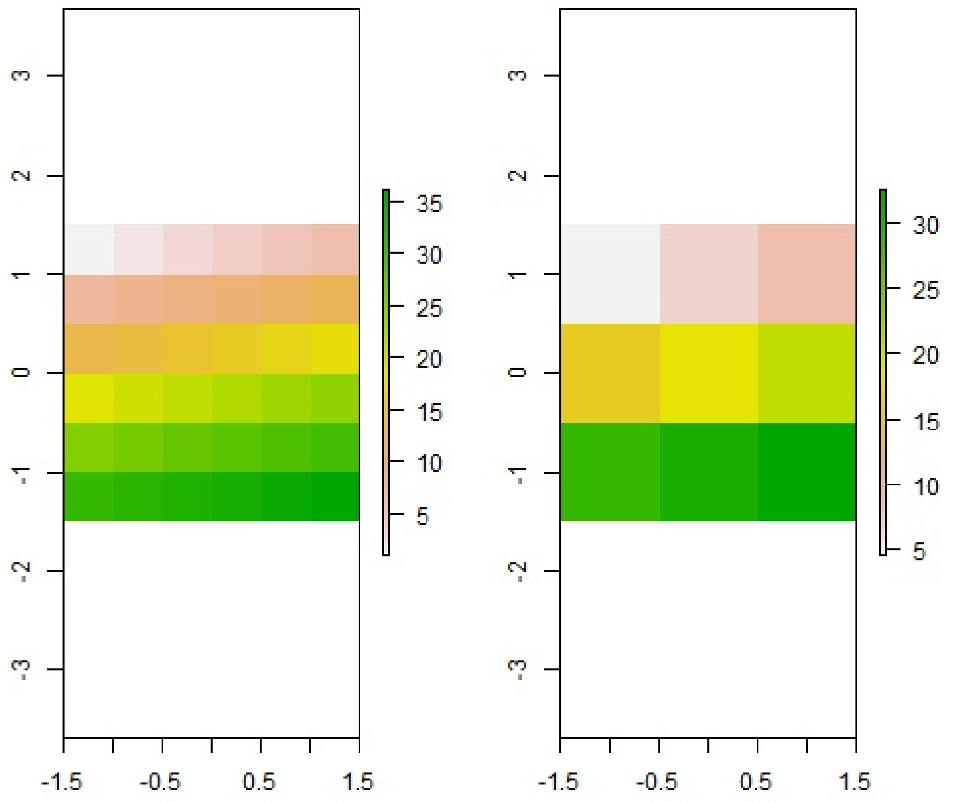

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Your turn

- Decrease the resolution of `dem` (`data("dem", package = "RQGIS")`) by a factor of 10. Plot the result.
- Reproject `dem` into WGS84. Plot the output next to the original object.
- Randomly select three points of `random_points` (`data("random_points", package = "RQGIS")`). Convert these into a polygon (hint: `st_cast`). Extract all altitudinal values falling inside the created polygon Use the polygon to clip `dem`. What is the difference between `intersect` and `mask`. Hint: `sf` objects might not work as well with **raster** commands as `SpatialObjects`. Assuming your polygon of class `sf` is named `poly`, convert it into a `SpatialObject` with `as(sf_object, "Spatial`)`.

Recap

We learned about:

- raster attribute operations
- spatial raster operations