Visualization of NIfTI Images

Again we read in the data

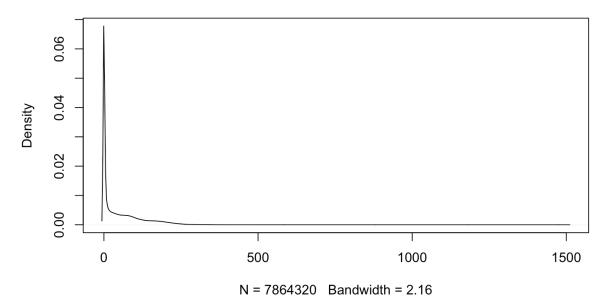
```
t1 = neurobase::readnii("training01_01_mprage.nii.gz")
```

Density of an Image

Let's do a marginal density of the values:

plot(density(t1)) # large spike at 0

density.default(x = x)

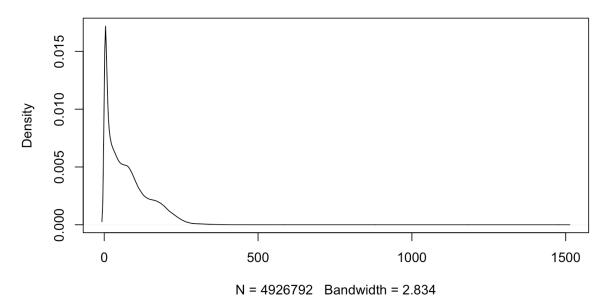


Density with a mask

You can also pass in a mask to most standard functions:

```
plot(density(t1, mask = t1 > 0))
```

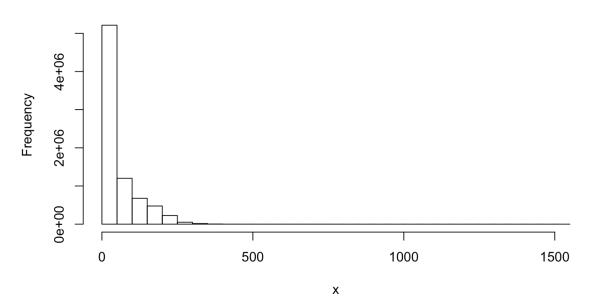
density.default(x = x)



Similarly: a Histogram

Note the high intensities:

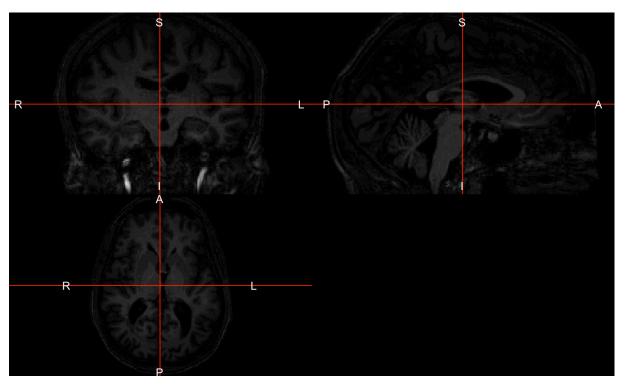




Orthographic view with additions

The neurobase::ortho2 function displays nifti objects in 3 different planes.

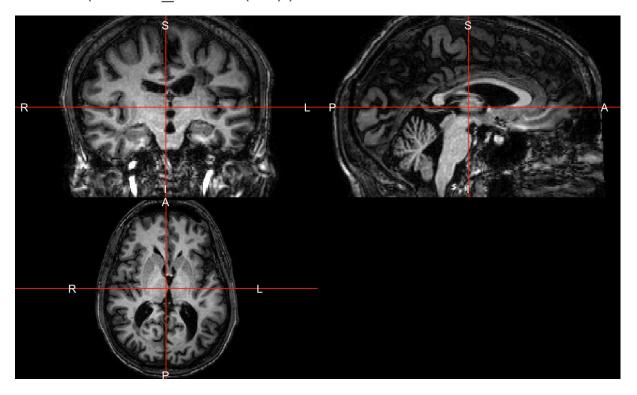
neurobase::ortho2(t1)



Brightening up the image

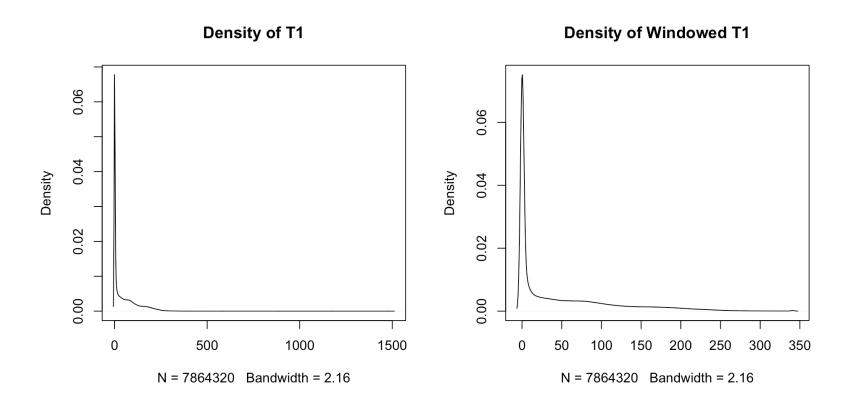
We see a faint outline of the image, but this single large value affects how we view the image. The function robust_window calculates quantiles of an image, by default the 0 (min) and 99.9th quantile, and sets values outside of this range to that quantile.

ortho2(robust window(t1))



Robust Density

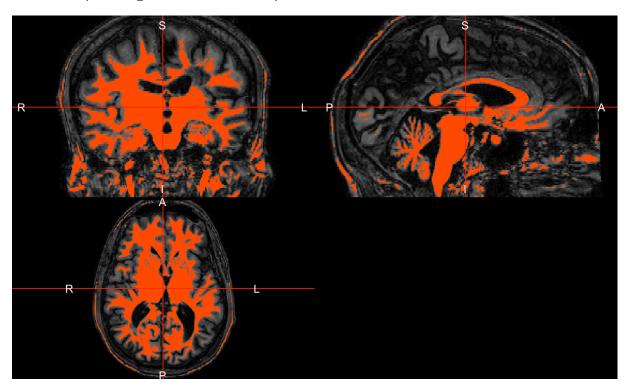
Note the x-axis



Overlaying images in ortho2

For the rest of the slides we will use the robust ± 1 for plotting Here we plot the T1 and a mask of values over 150:

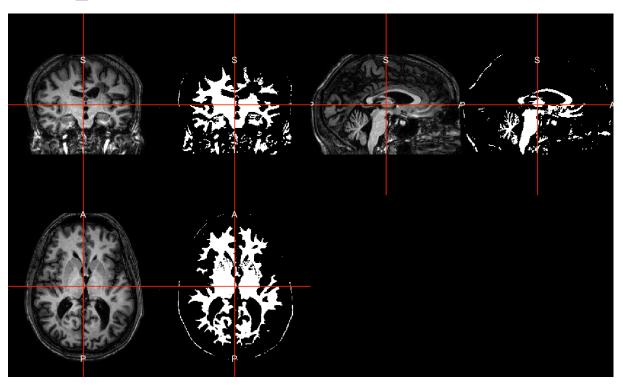
ortho2(t1, y = t1 > 150)



Double orthographic view

Sometimes you would like to represent 2 images side by side, of the same dimensions and orientation of course (useful for checking registration), use double_ortho

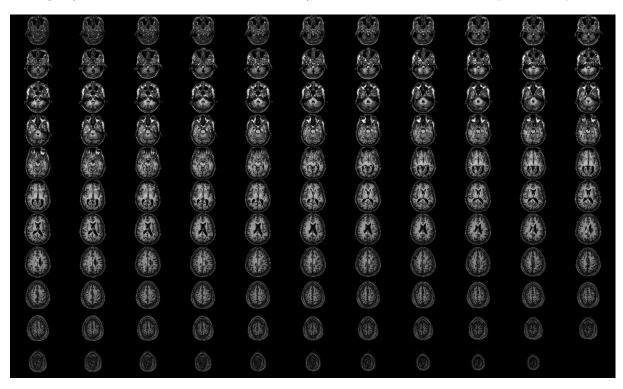
double_ortho(t1, y = t1 > 150, col.y = "white")



Lightbox: view all slices

The oro.nifti::image function shows a lightbox view, all slices of an image:

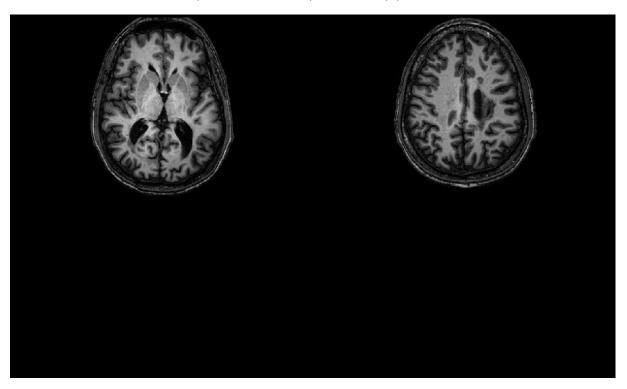
image(t1, useRaster = TRUE) # look at average brightness over each slice



Viewing specific slices

The slice function can plot individual slices:

oro.nifti::slice(t1, z = c(60, 80))



Different Planes

We can specify z the same way but change the plane to be different to get a different slice of the brain (could also do coronal):

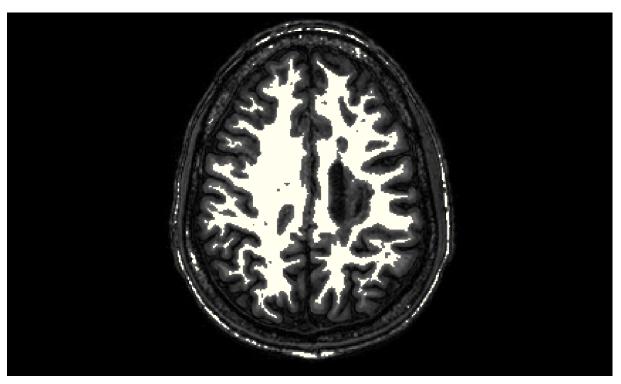
oro.nifti::slice(t1, z = 125, plane = "sagittal")



Overlaying slices

We can also overlay one slice of an image upon another using the oro.nifti::slice_overlay function.

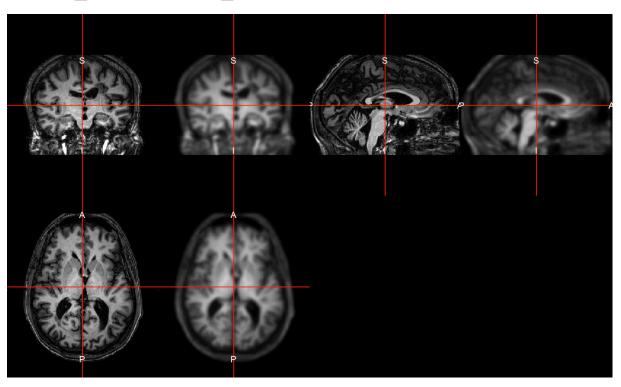
slice_overlay(t1, y = t1 > 150, z = 80)



Smoothing an Image (not extensively covered)

If you want to do 3D Gaussian smoothing, the extrantsr::smooth_image is helpful:

```
library(extrantsr)
sm_img = smooth_image(t1, sigma = 2)
double_ortho(t1, sm_img)
```



Conclusions

- ortho2 show orthographic images (and with overlays)
- · image shows multiple slices of an image
- · slice shows only specified slices
- slice_overlay similar to image but with an overlay
- · double_ortho similar to ortho2 but side-by-side
- robust_window good for setting high values to not so high

Website

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