# R Programming For Natural Resource Professionals

Lecture 11
Map making in R

# Ugly plot contest!

https://forms.gle/hGYSHFzJoyLqrKjr7

• Select your top 3 choices, in no particular order

# The week(s) ahead...

### **Section III: Statistical applications**

Week 12 Apr 18/20 Basic regressions

Week 13 Apr 25/27 Advanced regressions

Week 14 May 2/4 Simulations: resampling/bootstrapping

Assign final homework: Due by midnight on Sun May 15

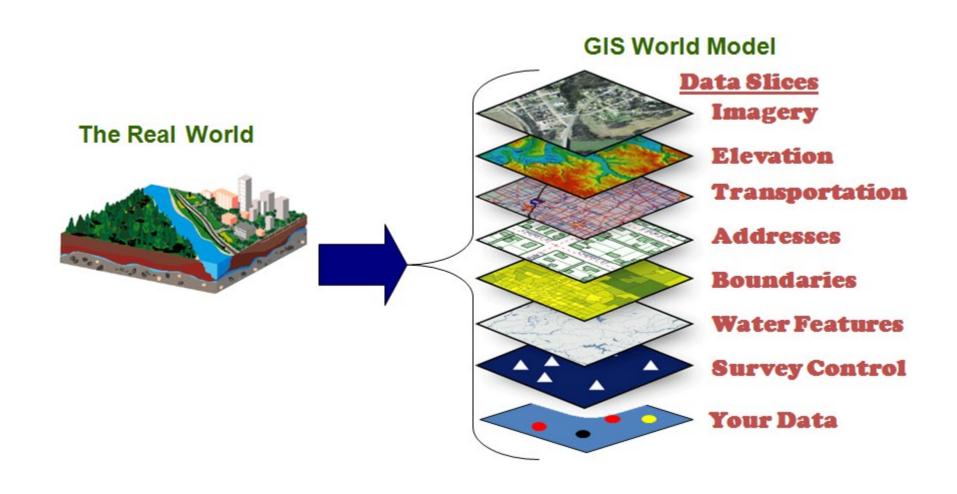
Week 15 May 9/11 Multivariate statistics

# Wrapping up last week's slides

### Learning objectives for this week

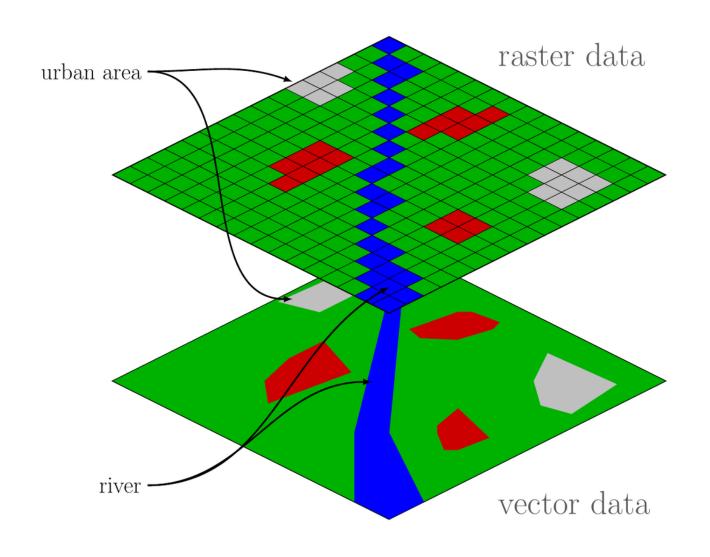
- 1. Learn some basic GIS concepts
- 2. Create basic maps in R
- 3. Incorporate data into maps in R

### GIS: Geographic Information System



### GIS terms

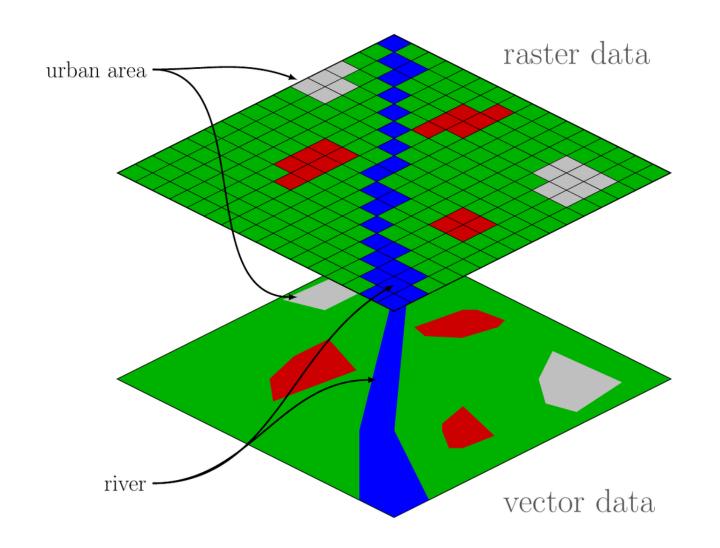
**GIS** data types



### GIS terms

### **Vector data:**

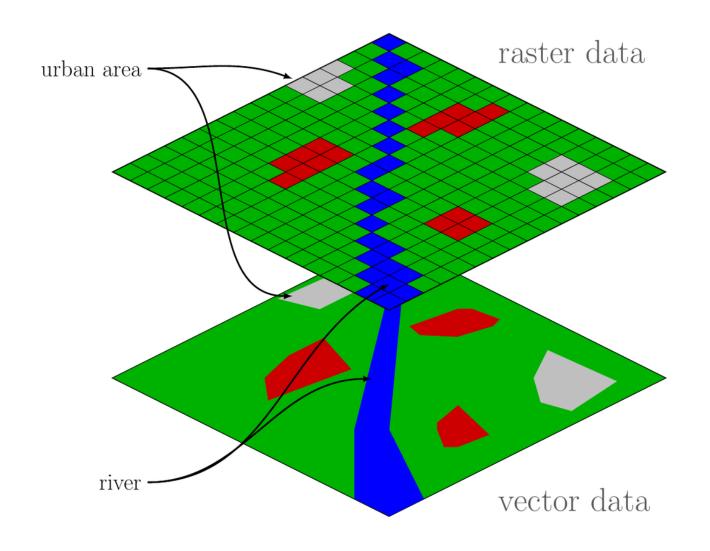
- Polygons
- Lines
- Points



### GIS terms

### Raster data:

- Covers large surfaces
- Note variable resolution





- Natural Earth is a public domain resource for mapping
- 1:10, 1:50, and 1:110 million meter scales
  - Coarse, medium, fine
  - large, medium, small
- Includes both vector and raster data

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### Get natural earth world country polygons

#### **Description**

returns world country polygons at a specified scale, or points of tiny\_countries

#### **Usage**

#### **Arguments**

scale scale of map to return, one of 110, 50, 10 or 'small', 'medium', 'large'

type country type, one of 'countries', 'map\_units', 'sovereignty', 'tiny\_countries'

continent a character vector of continent names to get countries from.

country a character vector of country names.

geounit a character vector of geounit names.

sovereignty a character vector of sovereignty names.

returnclass 'sp' default or 'sf' for Simple Features

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### Get natural earth world state (admin level 1) polygons

#### **Description**

returns state polygons (administrative level 1) for specified countries

#### Usage

```
ne_states(country = NULL, geounit = NULL, iso_a2 = NULL, spdf = NULL,
    returnclass = c("sp", "sf"))
```

#### **Arguments**

country a character vector of country names.

geounit a character vector of geounit names.

iso a2 a character vector of iso\_a2 country codes

spdf an optional alternative states map

returnclass 'sp' default or 'sf' for Simple Features

- ne\_countries()
- ne\_states()
- ne\_download()

```
Usage
ne download(scale = 110, type = "countries", category = c("cultural",
  "physical", "raster"), destdir = tempdir(), load = TRUE,
  returnclass = c("sp", "sf"))
Arguments
scale
                scale of map to return, one of 110, 50, 10 or 'small', 'medium', 'large'
                type of natural earth file to download one of 'countries', 'map units', 'map subunits',
type
                'sovereignty', 'states' OR the portion of any natural earth vector url after the scale and
                before the . e.g. for 'ne_50m_urban_areas.zip' this would be 'urban_areas'. See
                Details. OR the raster filename e.g. for 'MSR 50M.zip' this would be 'MSR 50M'
                one of natural earth categories: 'cultural', 'physical', 'raster'
category
destdir
                where to save files, defaults to tempdir(), getwd() is also possible.
load
                TRUE/FALSE whether to load file into R and return
returnclass 'sp' default or 'sf' for Simple Features
```

	scale = 'small' s	scale = 'medium'	' scale = 'large'
category = 'physical', type = '[below	ľ		
coastline	у	у	y
land	y	у	y
ocean	у	у	y
rivers_lake_centerlines	у	у	y
lakes	у	у	y
glaciated_areas	у	у	y
antarctic_ice_shelves_polys		у	y
geographic_lines	у	у	у
graticules_1	у	у	y
graticules_30	у	у	у
wgs84_bounding_box	у	у	у
playas		у	у
minor_islands			у
reefs			y
category = 'cultural', type = '[below]'			
populated_places	у	у	y
boundary_lines_land	у	у	y
breakaway_disputed_areas		у	y
airports		у	у
ports		у	y
urban_areas		у	у
roads			у
railroads			y

# Working with sf objects

- 1. Data frame modified to contain spatial data
- 2. Filter variables using tidyverse approaches
- 3. Add variables, but use join\_\* to make sure they line up with existing data

### Making basic maps with sf objects

- 1. Download/specify the relevant data
- 2. Pipe into ggplot
- 3. Call geom\_sf()
- 4. theme\_bw() or theme\_void() are generally best

### Useful operations with sf objects

- 1. Zooming in: coords\_sf(ylim = c(), xlim = c())
  Note: longitude in North America is negative. 89W = -89
- 2. Highlighting specific areas: second geom\_sf(data, fill)
- 3. Annotate using text, boxes, and lines with annotate()

### Add point data

Latitude and longitude require a data type conversion

Example: coordDat <- st\_as\_sf(DF, coords = c("long", "lat"), crs = 4326)

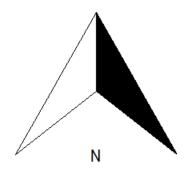
- Input data frame
- Which variables represent longitude and latitude
- crs specifies the projection. 4326 is most universally appropriate.

## Labeling

```
library(ggrepel)
geom_text_repel()
geom_label_repel()

e.g., geom_text_repel(data = Dat, aes(x = long, y = lat, label = label)
```

### Adding a scale and compass







north\_arrow\_fancy\_orienteering



north\_arrow\_minimal



north\_arrow\_nautical