Spatial data with sf

Programming for Statistical Science

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Supplementary materials

Full video lecture available in Zoom Cloud Recordings

Additional resources

- Simple Features for R vignettes
- CRS in R by Melanie Frazier
- Leaflet for R

Introduction

Spatial data is different

Our typical tidy data frame:

```
#> # A tibble: 336,776 x 19
      vear month
                    day dep time sched dep time dep delay arr time sched arr time
      <int> <int> <int>
                           <int>
                                          <int>
                                                     <dbl>
                                                              <int>
                                                                             <int.>
   1 2013
                1
                             517
                                             515
                                                                830
                                                                               819
   2 2013
                             533
                                             529
                                                                850
                                                                               830
   3 2013
                             542
                                             540
                                                                923
                                                                               850
  4 2013
                             544
                                             545
                                                               1004
                                                                              1022
   5 2013
                             554
                                             600
                                                                812
                                                                               837
#> 6 2013
                             554
                                            558
                                                        -4
                                                                740
                                                                               728
  7 2013
                             555
                                             600
                                                        -5
                                                                913
                                                                               854
   8 2013
                             557
                                             600
                                                        -3
                                                                709
                                                                               723
   9 2013
                             557
                                             600
                                                        -3
                                                                838
                                                                               846
#> 10 2013
                             558
                                             600
                                                        -2
                                                                753
                                                                               745
\#> \# ... with 336,766 more rows, and 11 more variables: arr delay <dbl>,
      carrier <chr>, flight <int>, tailnum <chr>, origin <chr>, dest <chr>,
#> #
      air time <dbl>, distance <dbl>, hour <dbl>, minute <dbl>, time hour <dttm>
```

Spatial data is different

A simple features object:

```
#> Simple feature collection with 100 features and 5 fields
#> geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
#> dimension:
#> bbox:
                  xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.58965
#> geographic CRS: NAD27
#> First 10 features:
      AREA PERIMETER CNTY CNTY ID
                                         NAME
                                                                   geometry
#> 1 0.114
               1.442 1825
                             1825
                                         Ashe MULTIPOLYGON (((-81.47276 3...
#> 2 0.061
              1.231 1827
                             1827
                                    Alleghany MULTIPOLYGON (((-81.23989 3...
#> 3 0.143
            1.630 1828
                             1828
                                        Surry MULTIPOLYGON (((-80.45634 3...
#> 4 0.070
            2.968 1831
                            1831
                                    Currituck MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.00897 3...
#> 5 0.153
              2.206 1832
                             1832 Northampton MULTIPOLYGON (((-77.21767 3...
            1.670 1833
#> 6 0.097
                            1833
                                     Hertford MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.74506 3...
#> 7 0.062
            1.547 1834
                             1834
                                       Camden MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.00897 3...
#> 8 0.091
             1.284 1835
                             1835
                                       Gates MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.56251 3...
#> 9 0.118
           1.421 1836
                            1836
                                       Warren MULTIPOLYGON (((-78.30876 3...
#> 10 0.124
             1.428 1837
                             1837
                                       Stokes MULTIPOLYGON (((-80.02567 3...
```

Another simple features object:

```
#> Simple feature collection with 94 features and 1 field
#> geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
#> dimension:
                   xmin: 127456.7 ymin: 26544.91 xmax: 923528.7 ymax: 318097.4
#> bbox:
#> projected CRS: NAD83 / North Carolina
\#>\# A tibble: 94 x 2
#> GML HAB
                                                                            geometry
      <chr>
                                                                  <MULTIPOLYGON [m]>
#>
                          (((512096.2 183241.7, 512185.7 183203.4, 512226 183186.2...
#> 1 Alcoa
#> 2 Alligator River
                          (((869633.1 244541.9, 869739.4 243987.6, 869762.7 243999...
#> 3 Angola Bay
                          (((713079.4 113954.7, 713110.9 113878.7, 713133.1 113925...
#> 4 Bachelor Bay
                          (((813742.2 238618.7, 813730 238603.2, 813693.8 238525.7...
#> 5 Bertie County
                          (((797133.8 247034.5, 797119.5 247030, 797112.2 247027.7...
#> 6 Bladen Lakes State... (((658970.6 95406.32, 660025.1 94245.76, 659839.4 94144....
#> 7 Brinkleyville
                         (((714741 276970.3, 714623.9 276970, 714622.1 277000, 71...
#> 8 Buckhorn
                          (((589723.7 253224.6, 589568.5 252937.2, 589689.8 252937...
#> 9 Buckridge
                          (((871137.4 219894.9, 871124.9 219827.8, 871124.2 219828...
#> 10 Buffalo Cove
                          (((381445.9 260375.4, 381574.9 259668.3, 381915 259796.3...
#> # ... with 84 more rows
```

Spatial data plotting needs care

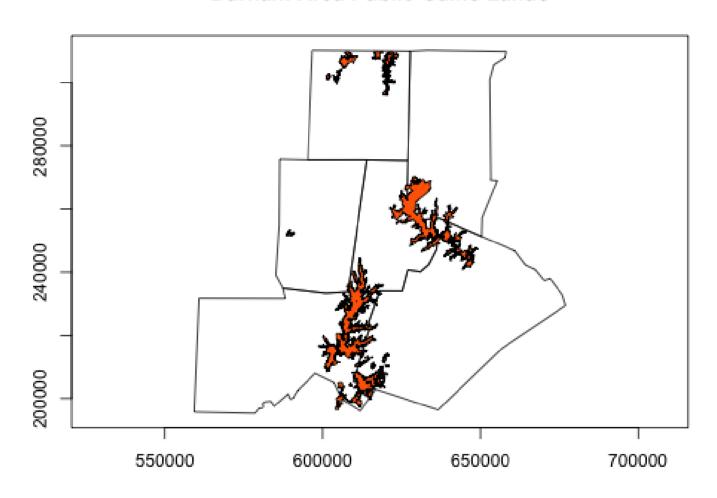
Can we combine the two plots?

Durham Area Public Game Lands



We can, but more care is needed.

Durham Area Public Game Lands



Spatial data challenges

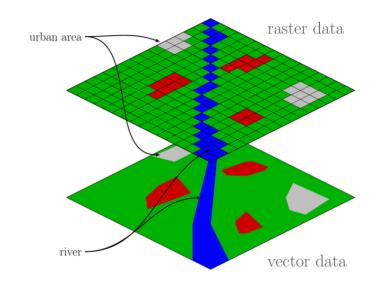
- 1. Different data types exist.
- 2. Special attention must be given to the coordinate reference system (CRS).
- 3. Manipulating spatial data objects is similar but not identical to manipulating data frame objects.

Spatial data and R

Analysis of spatial data in R

• Package raster contains classes and tools for handling spatial raster data.

 Package sf combines the functionality of sp, rgdal, and rgeos into a single package based on tidy simple features.



Whether or not you use vector or raster data depends on the type of problem and the data source. Our focus will be on vector data and package sf.

Source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Raster vector tikz.png

Installing package sf

From https://r-spatial.github.io/sf/index.html

Windows

Installing sf from source works under windows when Rtools is installed. This downloads the system requirements from rwinlib.

MacOS

```
brew install pkg-config
brew install gdal
```

Once gdal is installed, you will be able to install sf package from source in R.

Linux

For Unix-alikes, GDAL (\geq 2.0.1), GEOS (\geq 3.4.0) and Proj.4 (\geq 4.8.0) are required.

Features and simple features

- A **feature** is a thing or object in the real world: a house, a city, a park, a forest, etc.
- A **simple feature** as defined by OpenGIS Abstract specification is to have both spatial and non-spatial attributes. Spatial attributes are geometry valued, and simple features are based on 2D geometry with linear interpolation between vertices.

```
Simple feature collection with 100 features and 1 field
geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
dimension:
               xmin: 123829.8 ymin: 14740.06 xmax: 930518.6 ymax: 318255.5
bbox:
projected CRS: NAD83 / North Carolina
First 10 features:
         NAME
                                     geometry
          Ashe MULTIPOLYGON (((387344.7 27...
    Alleghany MULTIPOLYGON (((408601.4 29...
         Surry MULTIPOLYGON (((478715.7 27...
     Currituck MULTIPOLYGON (((878193.4 28...
  Northampton MULTIPOLYGON (((769834.9 27...
      Hertford MULTIPOLYGON (((812327.7 27...
        Camden MULTIPOLYGON (((878193.4 28...
        Gates MULTIPOLYGON (((828444.5 29...
        Warren MULTIPOLYGON (((671746.3 27...
        Stokes MULTIPOLYGON (((517435.1 27...
```

Simple features examples

sf objects

```
nc <- st read(system.file("shape/nc.shp", package = "sf"), quiet = TRUE)
nc
#> Simple feature collection with 100 features and 14 fields
#> geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
#> dimension:
                  ΧY
                  xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.58965
#> bbox:
#> geographic CRS: NAD27
#> First 10 features:
      AREA PERIMETER CNTY CNTY ID
                                               FIPS FIPSNO CRESS ID BIR74 SID74
                                          NAME
#> 1 0.114
               1.442
                     1825
                              1825
                                          Ashe 37009
                                                      37009
                                                                      1091
#> 2 0.061
               1,231
                                     Alleghany 37005
                              1827
                                                      37005
                                                                        487
                                                                                0
                     1827
#> 3 0.143
              1.630 1828
                              1828
                                          Surry 37171
                                                      37171
                                                                      3188
                                                      37053
#> 4 0.070
              2.968 1831
                             1831
                                     Currituck 37053
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            2.206 1832
                             1832 Northampton 37131
                                                      37131
#> 5 0.153
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#> 6 0.097
              1.670 1833
                             1833
                                       Hertford 37091
                                                      37091
                                                                      1452
                                                                   46
#> 7 0.062
              1.547 1834
                             1834
                                       Camden 37029 37029
                                                                      286
                                                                  15
#> 8
    0.091
              1.284
                     1835
                              1835
                                        Gates 37073
                                                      37073
                                                                   37
                                                                        420
                                                                                0
#> 9 0.118
               1.421 1836
                             1836
                                        Warren 37185
                                                      37185
                                                                        968
                                                                   93
#> 10 0.124
               1.428 1837
                              1837
                                        Stokes 37169
                                                      37169
                                                                   85 1612
     NWBIR74 BIR79 SID79 NWBIR79
#>
                                                       geometry
#> 1
              1364
          10
                              19 MULTIPOLYGON (((-81.47276 3...
#> 2
          10
               542
                              12 MULTIPOLYGON (((-81.23989 3...
#> 3
         208
              3616
                             260 MULTIPOLYGON (((-80.45634 3...
#> 4
         123
               830
                             145 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.00897 3...
#> 5
        1066
              1606
                            1197 MULTIPOLYGON (((-77.21767 3...
#> 6
              1838
         954
                            1237 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.74506 3...
#> 7
         115
               350
                             139 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.00897 3...
         254
               594
#> 8
                             371 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.56251 3...
#> 9
         748
              1190
                             844 MULTIPOLYGON (((-78.30876 3...
#> 10
         160
              2038
                             176 MULTIPOLYGON (((-80.02567 3...
```

Class and other attributes: sf

```
class(nc)

#> [1] "sf"     "data.frame"

names(attributes(nc))

#> [1] "names"     "row.names" "class"     "sf_column" "agr"
```

sfc objects

```
nc_polygons <- st_geometry(nc)
nc_polygons

#> Geometry set for 100 features
#> geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
#> dimension: XY
#> bbox: xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.58965
#> geographic CRS: NAD27
#> First 5 geometries:
```

Class and other attributes: sfc

```
class(nc_polygons)

#> [1] "sfc_MULTIPOLYGON" "sfc"

names(attributes(nc_polygons))

#> [1] "n_empty" "crs" "class" "precision" "bbox"
```

We see that nc has a class attribute sf, and object nc_polygons has a class attribute sfc. What methods are available?

methods(class = "sf")

```
#> [1] [
                              [ [<-
                                                    $<-
#> [4] aggregate
                              anti join
                                                    arrange
#> [7] as.data.frame
                             cbind
                                                    coerce
#> [10] dbDataType
                                                    distinct
                             dbWriteTable
                                                    full join
#> [13] dplyr reconstruct
                             filter
#> [16] gather
                             group by
                                                    group split
#> [19] identify
                                                    inner join
                              initialize
#> [22] left join
                             mapView
                                                    merge
#> [25] mutate
                                                    plot
                              nest
#> [28] print
                              rbind
                                                    rename
#> [31] right join
                              sample frac
                                                    sample n
#> [34] select
                              semi join
                                                    separate rows
#> [37] separate
                              show
                                                    slice
#> [40] slotsFromS3
                              spread
                                                    st agr
#> [43] st agr<-
                              st area
                                                    st as s2
#> [46] st as sf
                              st bbox
                                                    st boundary
#> [49] st buffer
                              st cast
                                                    st centroid
#> [52] st collection extract st convex hull
                                                    st coordinates
#> [55] st crop
                              st crs
                                                    st crs<-
#> [58] st difference
                              st filter
                                                    st geometry
#> [61] st geometry<-</pre>
                              st interpolate aw
                                                    st intersection
#> [64] st intersects
                              st is valid
                                                    st is
#> [67] st join
                              st line merge
                                                    st m range
#> [70] st make valid
                              st nearest points
                                                    st node
#> [73] st normalize
                              st point on surface
                                                    st polygonize
#> [76] st precision
                                                    st sample
                              st reverse
                                                    st shift longitude
#> [79] st segmentize
                              st set precision
                                                    st sym difference
#> [82] st simplify
                              st snap
                                                    st union
#> [85] st transform
                              st triangulate
#> [88] st voronoi
                              st wrap dateline
                                                    st write
```

methods(class = "sfc")

```
#> [1] [
                            [<-
                                                 as.data.frame
#> [4] c
                            coerce
                                                 format
#> [7] fortify
                            identify
                                                 initialize
#> [10] mapView
                            obj sum
                                                 Ops
#> [13] print
                                                 scale type
                            rep
#> [16] show
                            slotsFromS3
                                                 st area
#> [19] st as binary
                          st as grob
                                                 st as s2
                          st as text
                                                 st bbox
#> [22] st as sf
#> [25] st boundary
                            st buffer
                                                 st cast
#> [28] st centroid
                            st collection extract st convex hull
#> [31] st coordinates
                            st crop
                                                 st crs
                            st difference
#> [34] st crs<-
                                                 st geometry
                                                st is valid
#> [37] st intersection
                            st intersects
#> [40] st is
                            st line merge
                                                 st m range
                            st_nearest_points
#> [43] st make valid
                                                 st node
#> [46] st normalize
                            st point on surface
                                                 st polygonize
#> [49] st precision
                                                 st sample
                            st reverse
#> [52] st segmentize
                                                 st shift longitude
                            st set precision
                                                 st sym difference
#> [55] st simplify
                            st snap
#> [58] st transform
                            st triangulate
                                                 st union
#> [61] st voronoi
                            st wrap dateline
                                                 st write
#> [64] st z range
                            st zm
                                                 str
#> [67] summary
                                                 vec cast.sfc
                            type sum
#> [70] vec ptype2.sfc
#> see '?methods' for accessing help and source code
```

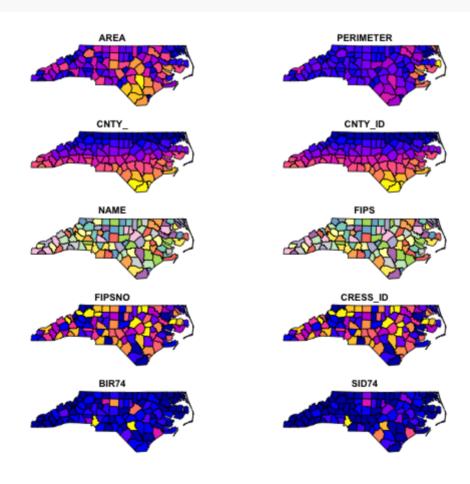
Reading and writing spatial data

- st_read()/st_write(), Shapefile, GeoJSON, KML, ...
- st_as_sfc()
- st_as_text(), well-known text format
- st_as_binary(), well-known binary format

See https://r-spatial.github.io/sf/articles/sf2.html for the full set of driver availability.

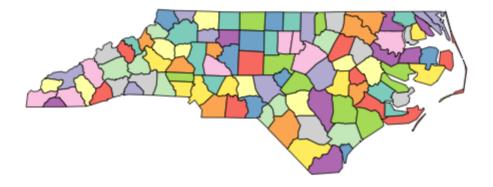
Plotting with plot()

plot(nc)

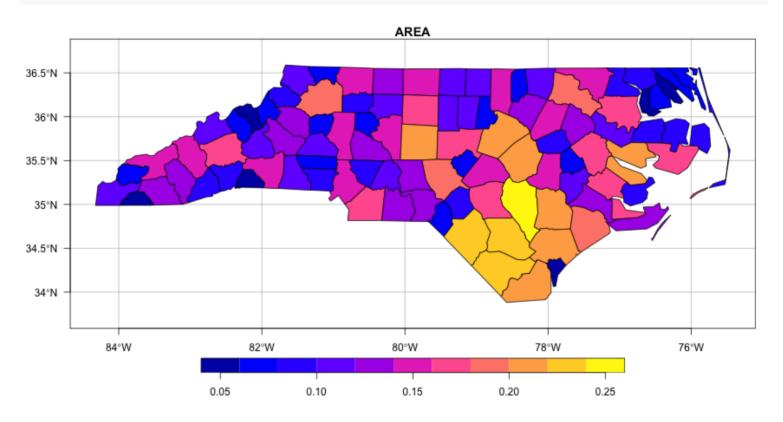


plot(nc["NAME"])

NAME



```
par(oma=c(0,2,0,0))
plot(nc["AREA"], graticule = TRUE, axes = TRUE, las = 1)
```



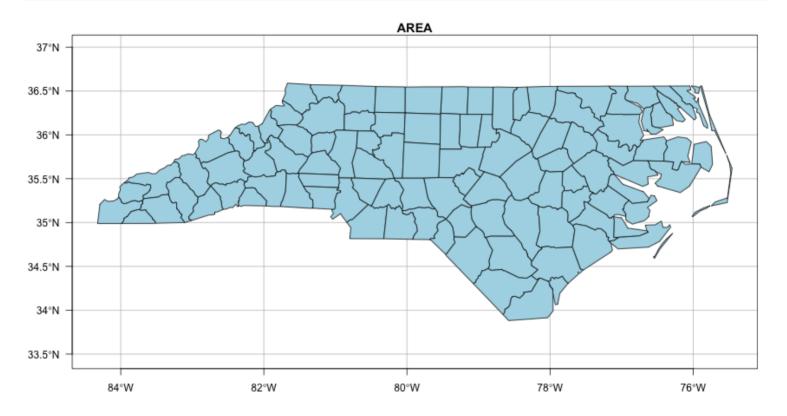
What is happening with [and the sf object?

```
nc["AREA"]
#> Simple feature collection with 100 features and 1 field
#> geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
#> dimension:
                 XY
#> bbox:
                 xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.58965
#> geographic CRS: NAD27
#> First 10 features:
#> AREA
                                 geometry
#> 1 0.114 MULTIPOLYGON (((-81.47276 3...
#> 2 0.061 MULTIPOLYGON (((-81.23989 3...
#> 3 0.143 MULTIPOLYGON (((-80.45634 3...
#> 4 0.070 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.00897 3...
#> 5 0.153 MULTIPOLYGON (((-77.21767 3...
#> 6 0.097 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.74506 3...
#> 7 0.062 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.00897 3...
#> 8 0.091 MULTIPOLYGON (((-76.56251 3...
#> 9 0.118 MULTIPOLYGON (((-78.30876 3...
#> 10 0.124 MULTIPOLYGON (((-80.02567 3...
```

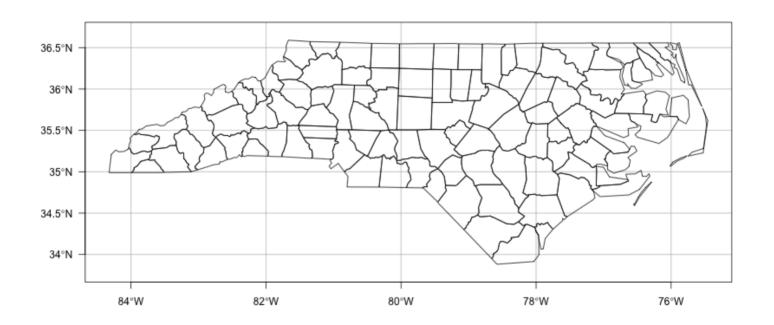
nc\$AREA

```
#>
    [1] 0.114 0.061 0.143 0.070 0.153 0.097 0.062 0.091 0.118 0.124 0.114 0.153
#>
        0.143 0.109 0.072 0.190 0.053 0.199 0.081 0.063 0.044 0.064 0.086 0.128
    [13]
#>
    [25]
        0.108 0.170 0.111 0.180 0.104 0.077 0.142 0.059 0.131 0.122 0.080 0.118
#>
    [37]
        0.219 0.118 0.155 0.069 0.066 0.145 0.134 0.100 0.099 0.116 0.201 0.180
#>
    [49]
        0.094 0.134 0.168 0.106 0.168 0.207 0.144 0.094 0.203 0.141 0.070 0.065
#>
    [61]
        0.146 0.142 0.154 0.118 0.078 0.125 0.181 0.143 0.091 0.130 0.103 0.095
        0.078 0.104 0.098 0.091 0.060 0.131 0.241 0.082 0.120 0.172 0.121 0.163
#>
    [73]
        0.138 0.098 0.167 0.204 0.121 0.051 0.177 0.080 0.195 0.240 0.125 0.225
#>
    [85]
        0.214 0.240 0.042 0.212
#>
```

```
par(oma=c(0,2,0,0))
plot(nc["AREA"], col = "lightblue", graticule = TRUE,
    axes = TRUE, las = 1)
```

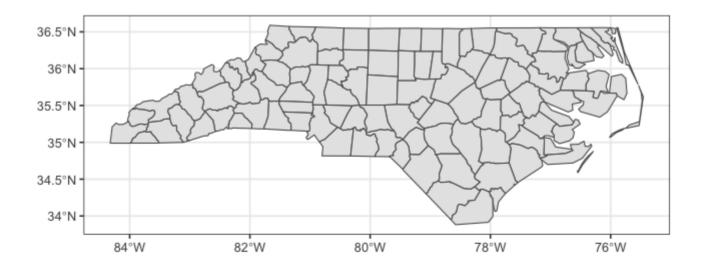


```
par(oma=c(0,2,0,0))
plot(st_geometry(nc), graticule = TRUE, axes = TRUE, las = 1)
```

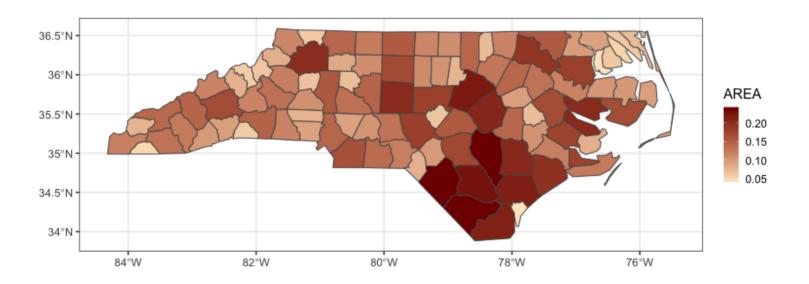


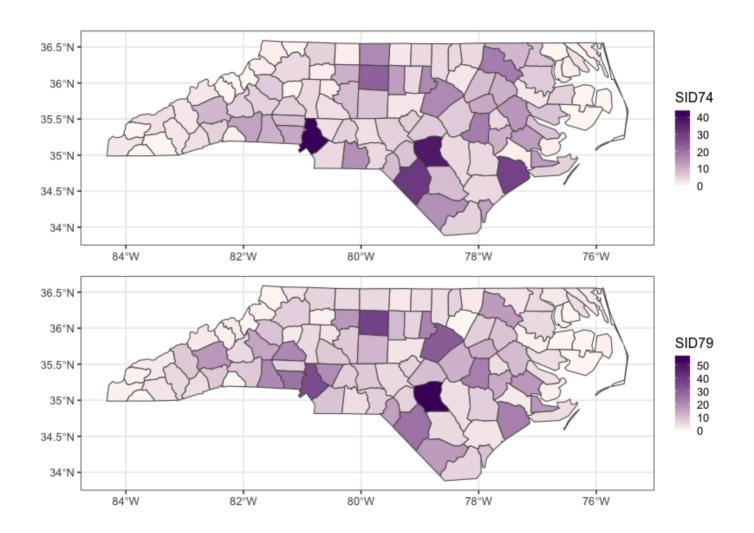
Plotting with ggplot()

```
ggplot(nc) +
  geom_sf() +
  theme_bw(base_size = 16)
```



```
ggplot(nc) +
  geom_sf(aes(fill = AREA)) +
  scale_fill_gradient(low = "#fee8c8", high = "#7f0000") +
  theme_bw(base_size = 16)
```





```
p1 <- ggplot(nc) +
   geom_sf(aes(fill = SID74)) +
   scale_fill_gradient(low = "#fff7f3", high = "#49006a") +
   theme_bw(base_size = 16)

p2 <- ggplot(nc) +
   geom_sf(aes(fill = SID79)) +
   scale_fill_gradient(low = "#fff7f3", high = "#49006a") +
   theme_bw(base_size = 16)

p1 / p2</pre>
```

Visually, what is wrong with the last plot?

Plotting with mapview()

These should run in RStudio. There is an issue embedding this overlay in the slides.

Exercise

Use ggplot to create a choropleth map for the proportion of sudden infant deaths, for the period of July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1979.

Map layers

Game Lands data

The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Commission and the NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis has a shapefile data set available on all public Game Lands in NC.

https://www.nconemap.gov/datasets/e5ddff9b96204c6181be7c022e61d946_0

We can directly download and unzip the shapefile via

To see the available files

```
list.files(path = "data/", pattern = "Game_Lands*")

#> [1] "Game_Lands_-_general.cpg" "Game_Lands_-_general.dbf"
#> [3] "Game_Lands_-_general.prj" "Game_Lands_-_general.shp"
#> [5] "Game_Lands_-_general.shx" "Game_Lands_-_general.xml"
```

Read in the shapefile

```
nc gamelands <- st read("data/Game Lands - general.shp", quiet = TRUE)</pre>
print (nc gamelands, n = 5)
#> Simple feature collection with 94 features and 6 fields
#> geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
#> dimension:
#> bbox:
               xmin: 127456.7 ymin: 26544.91 xmax: 923528.7 ymax: 318097.4
#> projected CRS: NAD83 / North Carolina
#> First 5 features:
    OBJECTID
                  GML HAB SUM ACRES GameLandID Shape Are Shape Len
                   Alcoa 11109.559
#> 1
                                       1 44958790 438301.56
          2 Alligator River 24439.089
#> 2
                                         2 98901485 151120.16
#> 3 Angola Bay 34067.382
                                      3 137865804 87094.49
4 11275585 26613.27
          5 Bertie County 3881.466
#> 5
                                         5 15707735 67343.97
#>
                       geometry
#> 1 MULTIPOLYGON (((512096.2 18...
#> 2 MULTIPOLYGON (((869633.1 24...
#> 3 MULTIPOLYGON (((713079.4 11...
#> 4 MULTIPOLYGON (((813742.2 23...
#> 5 MULTIPOLYGON (((797133.8 24...
```

Metadata for each sf object

nc:

```
Simple feature collection with 100 features and 14 fields geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON dimension: XY bbox: xmin: -84.32385 ymin: 33.88199 xmax: -75.45698 ymax: 36.5 geographic CRS: NAD27
```

nc gamelands:

```
Simple feature collection with 94 features and 6 fields geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON dimension: XY
bbox: xmin: 127456.7 ymin: 26544.91 xmax: 923528.7 ymax: 318097 projected CRS: NAD83 / North Carolina
```

Check the CRS

```
st_crs(nc)
```

```
Coordinate Reference System:
  User input: NAD27
  wkt:
GEOGCRS ["NAD27",
    DATUM["North American Datum 1927",
        ELLIPSOID["Clarke 1866", 6378206.4, 294.978698213898,
            LENGTHUNIT["metre",1]]],
    PRIMEM["Greenwich", 0,
        ANGLEUNIT ["degree", 0.0174532925199433]],
    CS[ellipsoidal, 2],
        AXIS["latitude", north,
            ORDER[1],
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            ORDER[2],
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```

```
Coordinate Reference System:
 User input: NAD83 / North Carolina
 wkt:
PROJCRS["NAD83 / North Carolina",
    BASEGEOGCRS["NAD83",
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                LENGTHUNIT["metre",1]]],
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            ID["EPSG",8827]]],
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            LENGTHUNIT["metre",1]],
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    ID["EPSG", 32119]]
```

Coordinate reference systems (CRS)

- CRS provide a standardized way of describing locations.
- Different CRS arise from various ways data were gathered, the locations, and purposes of the data.
- A CRS is comprised of
 - o an ellipsoid, to define the earth's shape;
 - o a datum, to define the origin and orientation of coordinate axes;
 - a projection, to go from 3D to 2D.
- It is important that you transform your spatial data to a common CRS before plotting.

Transform CRS

```
nc_gamelands <- st_transform(nc_gamelands, crs = st_crs(nc))</pre>
```

Check they are equal:

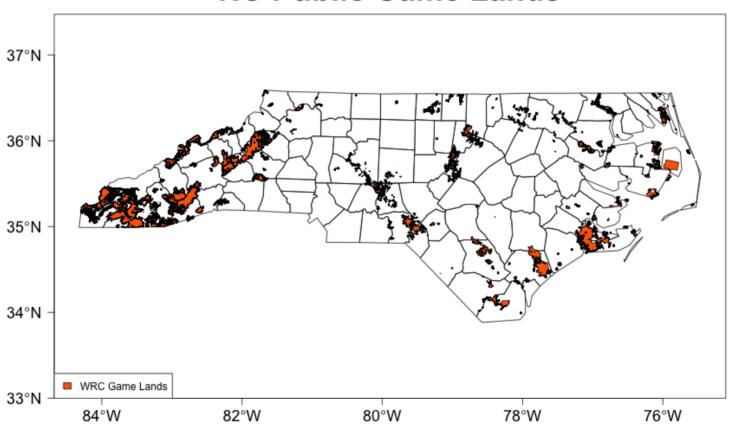
```
st_crs(nc) == st_crs(nc_gamelands)
```

```
#> [1] TRUE
```

Map overlay with plot()

Map overlay with plot()

NC Public Game Lands



Map overlay with mapview()

These should run in RStudio. There is an issue embedding this overlay in the slides.

Exercise

Create a map that includes NC county boundaries, Game Lands, and hazardous waste sites. Data for the hazardous waste sites is available at https://www.nconemap.gov/datasets/hazardous-waste-sites

This data set represents the location of sites within North Carolina that are regulated by the hazardous waste portions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Next time: Manipulating sf type objects