

ZOO955 - RasterBricks

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Raster Bricks

Climate data

<http://berkeleyearth.org/data/>

Gridded data

Datasets are also provided in a gridded NetCDF format. Two types of grids are provided, a grid based on dividing the Earth into 15984 equal-area grid cells and a latitude-longitude grid. The equal area grid is the primary data format used in most of our analyses and provides generally smaller files; however, that format may be less convenient for many users.

Will use: * Global surface temperatures: BEST: Berkeley Earth Surface Temperatures * Monthly Land Average Temperature (TAVG; 1753 - Recent) (200 Mb) * Temperature: A surface air temperature anomaly field.

Read data

In this example we're using a netcdf file (.nc). These can store multiple variables. If you read in data, you may get a warning like "Warning message:In .varName(nc, varname, warn = warn) : varname used is: temperature If that is not correct, you can set it to one of: temperature, climatology"

Luckily, it will tell you the variables present! In this case, there is only one variable (temperature)

```
library(raster,verbose = F)
r = raster('Data/WI_TAVG_LatLong1.nc')
r

## class      : RasterLayer
## band       : 1 (of 3200 bands)
## dimensions  : 5, 6, 30 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
## resolution  : 1, 1 (x, y)
## extent      : -93, -87, 42, 47 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
## coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
## data source : /Users/hilarydugan/Documents/Rpackages/Zoo955/Lecture5_RasterBricks/Data/WI_TAVG_LatLon
## names       : time
## z-value     : 1750.041666666667
## zvar        : time
```

Note the multiple bands band: 1 (of 3200 bands)

Can choose band.

```
r = raster('Data/WI_TAVG_LatLong1.nc', band = 10)
r

## class      : RasterLayer
## band       : 10 (of 3200 bands)
## dimensions  : 5, 6, 30 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
```

```
## resolution : 1, 1 (x, y)
## extent : -93, -87, 42, 47 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
## coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
## data source : /Users/hilarydugan/Documents/Rpackages/Zoo955/Lecture5_RasterBricks/Data/WI_TAVG_LatLon
## names : time
## z-value : 1750.79166666667
## zvar : time
```

Or, can import all the bands, using brick

```
br = brick('Data/WI_TAVG_LatLong1.nc')
br
```

```
## class : RasterBrick
## dimensions : 5, 6, 30, 3200 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
## resolution : 1, 1 (x, y)
## extent : -93, -87, 42, 47 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
## coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
## data source : /Users/hilarydugan/Documents/Rpackages/Zoo955/Lecture5_RasterBricks/Data/WI_TAVG_LatLon
## names : X1750.04166666667, X1750.125, X1750.20833333333, X1750.29166666667, X1750.375, X1750.4
## unknown : 1750.04166666667, 2016.625 (min, max)
## varname : time
```

You can see the class and dimensions have changed:

```
class : RasterBrick dimensions : 5, 6, 30, 3200 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
```

Extracting data

We know that the raster brick has 3200 layers. We also know the min/max values are 1750.04166666667, 2016.625 (min, max)

From this, and from the metadata, we know this data is monthly temperature. Can double check with

```
# Max year minus min year. Multiplied by 12 months
(2016.625-1750.041666667)*12
```

```
## [1] 3199
```

If we want to extract data, we can just like a list

```
fifth.month = br[[5]]
fifth.month # This is now a raster layer
```

```
## class : RasterLayer
## band : 5 (of 3200 bands)
## dimensions : 5, 6, 30 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
## resolution : 1, 1 (x, y)
## extent : -93, -87, 42, 47 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
## coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +ellps=WGS84 +towgs84=0,0,0
## data source : /Users/hilarydugan/Documents/Rpackages/Zoo955/Lecture5_RasterBricks/Data/WI_TAVG_LatLon
## names : X1750.375
## z-value : 1750.375
## zvar : time
```

Extract data

```
vals = getValues(fifth.month)
vals
```

```
## [1] NA -0.2809994 -0.2762341 NA NA NA
## [7] -0.2791373 -0.2635677 -0.2566674 -0.2551369 -0.2395773 NA
## [13] NA -0.2377647 -0.2301865 -0.2239810 -0.2017416 -0.1726130
## [19] NA NA -0.2128637 -0.2070424 -0.1914228 NA
## [25] NA NA NA NA -0.1805877 NA
```

But where are these values located in space? Can use the function `xyFromCell`.

These functions get coordinates of the center of raster cells for a row, column, or cell number of a Raster object.*

We know there are 30 cells, but can also use the function `ncell`

```
coord <- xyFromCell(fifth.month, 1:ncell(fifth.month))
coord
```

```
##      x      y
## [1,] -92.5 46.5
## [2,] -91.5 46.5
## [3,] -90.5 46.5
## [4,] -89.5 46.5
## [5,] -88.5 46.5
## [6,] -87.5 46.5
## [7,] -92.5 45.5
## [8,] -91.5 45.5
## [9,] -90.5 45.5
## [10,] -89.5 45.5
## [11,] -88.5 45.5
## [12,] -87.5 45.5
## [13,] -92.5 44.5
## [14,] -91.5 44.5
## [15,] -90.5 44.5
## [16,] -89.5 44.5
## [17,] -88.5 44.5
## [18,] -87.5 44.5
## [19,] -92.5 43.5
## [20,] -91.5 43.5
## [21,] -90.5 43.5
## [22,] -89.5 43.5
## [23,] -88.5 43.5
## [24,] -87.5 43.5
## [25,] -92.5 42.5
## [26,] -91.5 42.5
## [27,] -90.5 42.5
## [28,] -89.5 42.5
## [29,] -88.5 42.5
## [30,] -87.5 42.5
```

Can see that it's a 1 deg resolution. But we already know that too.

Which cell is closest to Lake Mendota?

```
lat = 43.1
long = -89.4
indx = which(abs(coord[,1] - long) <= 0.5 & abs(coord[,2] - lat) <= 0.5)
indx
```

```
## [1] 22
```

Cell 22 is closest to Lake Menota. [22,] -89.5 43.5

I'm sure there are spatial ways to do this as well. Using functions like `gDistance` in the `rgeos` package

Extracting data

Can extract data from a raster using the `extract` function

- `x` = Raster* object
- `y` = points represented by a two-column matrix or data.frame, or `SpatialPoints`; `SpatialPolygons`; `SpatialLines`; `Extent`; or a numeric vector representing cell numbers

We can extract data from Mendota, using either a `SpatialPoints` object, or a numeric vector (`cell = 22`)

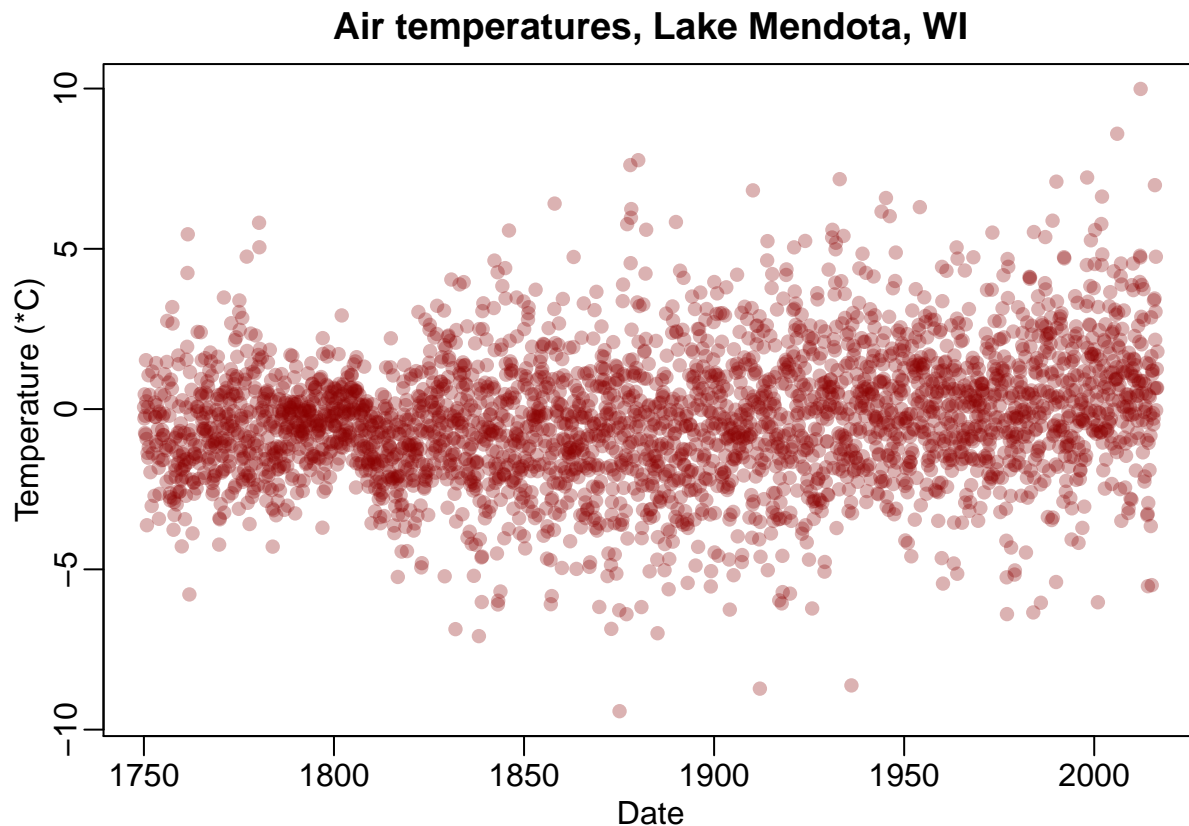
```
# Option 1
mendota = data.frame(lat = 43.1, long = -89.4)
coordinates(mendota) = ~long+lat
menTemp = extract(br,y = mendota)
```

```
# Option 2
menTemp = extract(br,y = 22)
```

Kind of an annoying named numeric vector. Can make a nicer data.frame

```
# Option 1
output = data.frame(Date = seq(1750.04166666667, 2016.625,length.out = 3200),Temp = menTemp[1,])

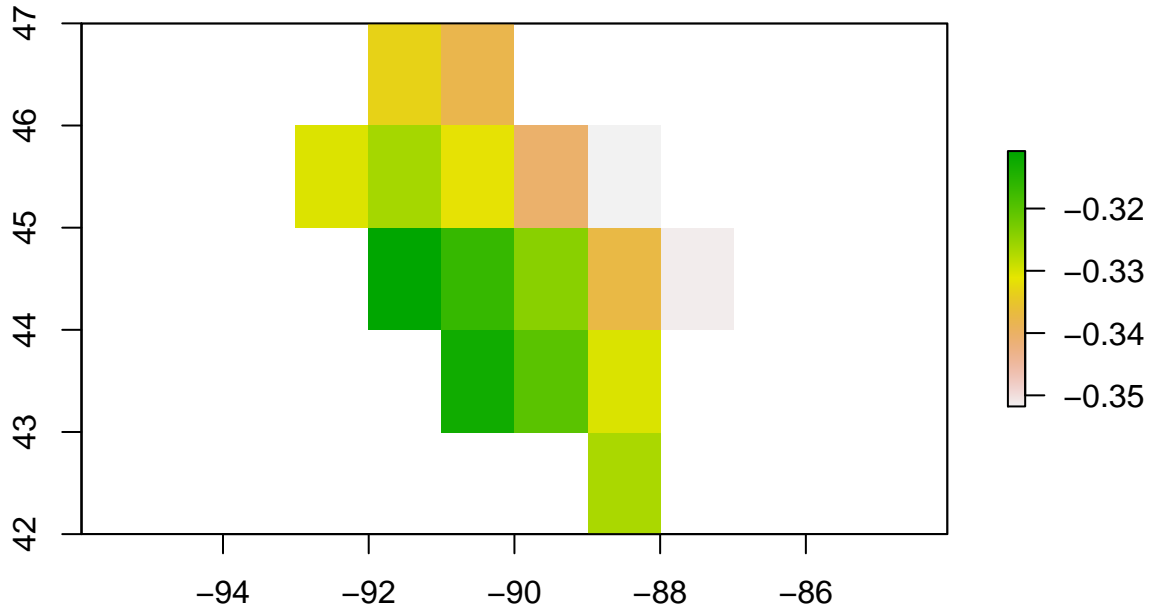
par(mar=c(3,3,2,1),mgp=c(1.5,0.5,0))
plot(output$Date,output$Temp,pch=16,col=adjustcolor('red4',0.3),xlab='Date',ylab='Temperature (*C)',
      main = 'Air temperatures, Lake Mendota, WI')
```



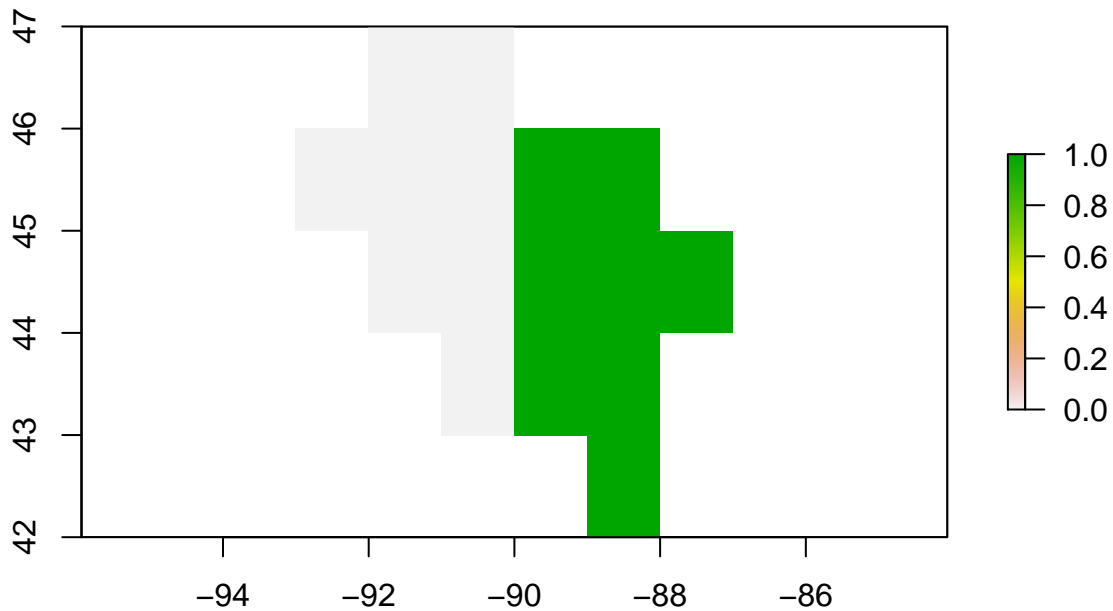
Raster math

You apply matrix math functions to rasters

```
# Get mean  
meanTemp = mean(br,na.rm=T)  
plot(meanTemp)
```



```
# Inequalities  
gt10 = br[[200]] > 0.4  
plot(gt10)
```



Homework

Use the 'Data/WI_CAVG_LatLong1.nc' file. In this lecture we dealt with the “temperature” variable. This file is the “climatology” variable.

Find the metadata for these dataset. <http://berkeleyearth.org/data/>. We are using *Gridded Data. Monthly Land. Average Temperature (TAVG; 1753 – Recent)*.

- 1) The climatology variable is a monthly average for each cell. What years does this average represent?
- 2) Plot the August averages for Wisconsin.
- 3) Extract the averages for the cell over Lake Mendota. Plot the monthly temperature averages.
- 4) What is the August average for Lake Mendota?