

Assignment 9: Spatial Analysis in R

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OVERVIEW

This exercise accompanies the lessons in Environmental Data Analytics (ENV872L) on spatial analysis.

Directions

1. Rename this file `<FirstLast>_A09_SpatialAnalysis.Rmd` (replacing `<FirstLast>` with your first and last name).
2. Change “Student Name” on line 3 (above) with your name.
3. Use the lesson as a guide. It contains code that can be modified to complete the assignment.
4. Work through the steps, **creating code and output** that fulfill each instruction.
5. Be sure to **answer the questions** in this assignment document. Space for your answers is provided in this document and is indicated by the “>” character. If you need a second paragraph be sure to start the first line with “>”. You should notice that the answer is highlighted in green by RStudio.
6. When you have completed the assignment, **Knit** the text and code into a single HTML file.

DATA WRANGLING

Set up your session

1. Import libraries: tidyverse, sf, leaflet, and mapview
2. Check your working directory

```
#1.  
library(tidyverse); library(sf); library(leaflet); library(mapview); library(here)  
#loading in packages  
  
#2.  
here() #checking working directory
```

```
## [1] "/Users/laura/Desktop/EDA/EDA"
```

Read (and filter) county features into an sf dataframe and plot

In this exercise, we will be exploring stream gage height data in Nebraska corresponding to floods occurring there in 2019. First, we will import from the US Counties shapefile we’ve used in lab lessons, filtering it this time for just Nebraska counties. Nebraska’s state FIPS code is 31 (as North Carolina’s was 37).

3. Read the `cb_2018_us_county_20m.shp` shapefile into an sf dataframe, filtering records for Nebraska counties (State FIPS = 31)

4. Reveal the dataset's coordinate reference system
5. Plot the records as a map (using mapview or ggplot)

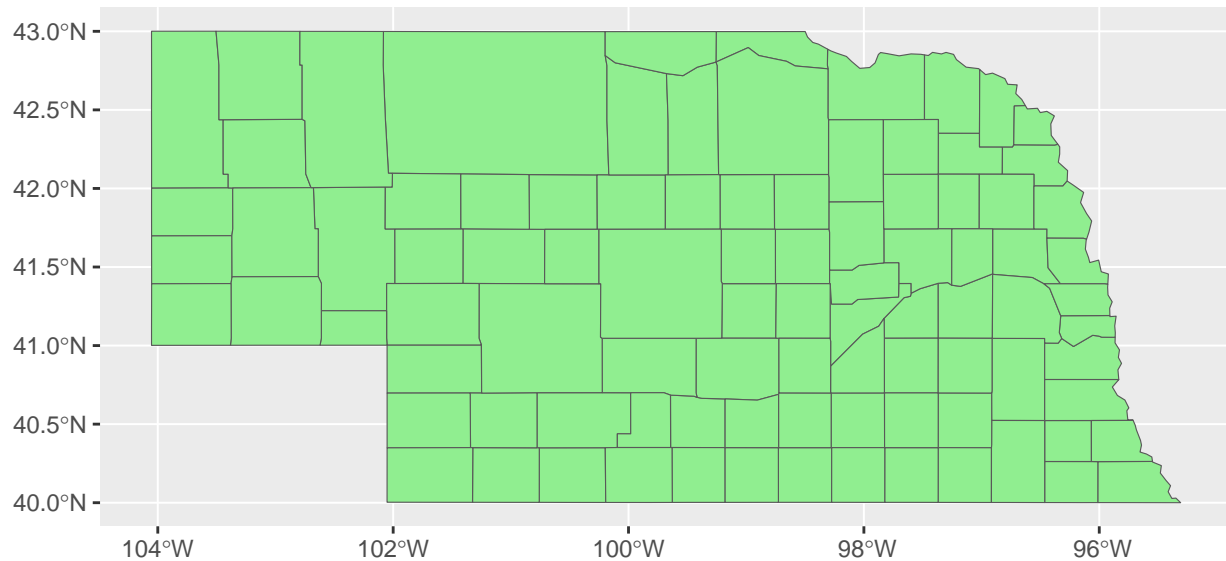
```
#3. Read in Counties shapefile into an sf dataframe, filtering for just NE counties
NE_counties_sf<- st_read('./Data/Spatial/cb_2018_us_county_20m.shp') %>%
  filter(STATEFP == 31) #reading in NE counties
```

```
## Reading layer `cb_2018_us_county_20m' from data source
##   `/Users/laura/Desktop/EDA/EDA/Data/Spatial/cb_2018_us_county_20m.shp'
##   using driver `ESRI Shapefile'
## Simple feature collection with 3220 features and 9 fields
## Geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
## Dimension:      XY
## Bounding box:  xmin: -179.1743 ymin: 17.91377 xmax: 179.7739 ymax: 71.35256
## Geodetic CRS:   NAD83
```

```
#4. Reveal the CRS of the counties features
st_crs(NE_counties_sf) #checking the CRS of the county layer
```

```
## Coordinate Reference System:
##   User input: NAD83
##   wkt:
##   GEOGCRS["NAD83",
##     DATUM["North American Datum 1983",
##       ELLIPSOID["GRS 1980",6378137,298.257222101,
##         LENGTHUNIT["metre",1]],
##     PRIMEM["Greenwich",0,
##       ANGLEUNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433]],
##     CS[ellipsoidal,2],
##       AXIS["latitude",north,
##         ORDER[1],
##         ANGLEUNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433]],
##       AXIS["longitude",east,
##         ORDER[2],
##         ANGLEUNIT["degree",0.0174532925199433]],
##     ID["EPSG",4269]]
```

```
#5. Plot the data
ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = NE_counties_sf,
    fill="lightgreen") #plotting the county layer
```



6. What is the EPSG code of the Counties dataset? Is this a geographic or a projected coordinate reference system? (Or, does this CRS use angular or planar coordinate units?) To what datum is this CRS associated? (Tip: look the EPSG code on <https://spatialreference.org>)

ANSWER: The EPSG code for the counties dataset is 4269, which is a geographic coordinate system. This CRS is associated with the NAD83 datum.

Read in gage locations csv as a dataframe, then display the column names it contains

Next we'll read in some USGS/NWIS gage location data added to the **Data/Raw** folder. These are in the **NWIS_SiteInfo_NE_RAW.csv** file. (See **NWIS_SiteInfo_NE_RAW.README.txt** for more info on this dataset.)

7. Read the **NWIS_SiteInfo_NE_RAW.csv** file into a standard dataframe.
8. Display the column names of this dataset.

```
#7. Read in gage locations csv as a dataframe
gage <- read.csv(here("Data/Raw/NWIS_SiteInfo_NE_RAW.csv"),
                 stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
#reading in gage location dataframe

#8. Reveal the names of the columns
colnames(gage) #revealing column names
```

```
## [1] "site_no"          "station_nm"       "site_tp_cd"
## [4] "dec_lat_va"       "dec_long_va"      "coord_acy_cd"
## [7] "dec_coord_datum_cd"
```

9. What columns in the dataset contain the x and y coordinate values, respectively?
- > ANSWER: The x coordinate value is contained in the “dec_long_va” column, while the y coordinate value is in the “dec_lat_va.”

Convert the dataframe to a spatial features (“sf”) dataframe

10. Convert the dataframe to an sf dataframe.

- Note: These data use the same coordinate reference system as the counties dataset

11. Display the column names of the resulting sf dataframe

```
#10. Convert to an sf object
gage_sf <- gage %>% #transforming the dataframe to be spatial
  st_as_sf(coords = c('dec_long_va', 'dec_lat_va'),
           crs=4269)
gage_sf$site_no <- as.factor(gage_sf$site_no)

#11. Re-examine the column names
colnames(gage_sf) #revealing column names
```

```
## [1] "site_no"          "station_nm"        "site_tp_cd"
## [4] "coord_acy_cd"     "dec_coord_datum_cd" "geometry"
```

12. What new field(s) appear in the sf dataframe created? What field(s), if any, disappeared?

ANSWER: After converting the dataframe into an sf object, there is a “geometry” column. The two columns containing the x and y coordinates disappeared.

Plot the gage locations on top of the counties

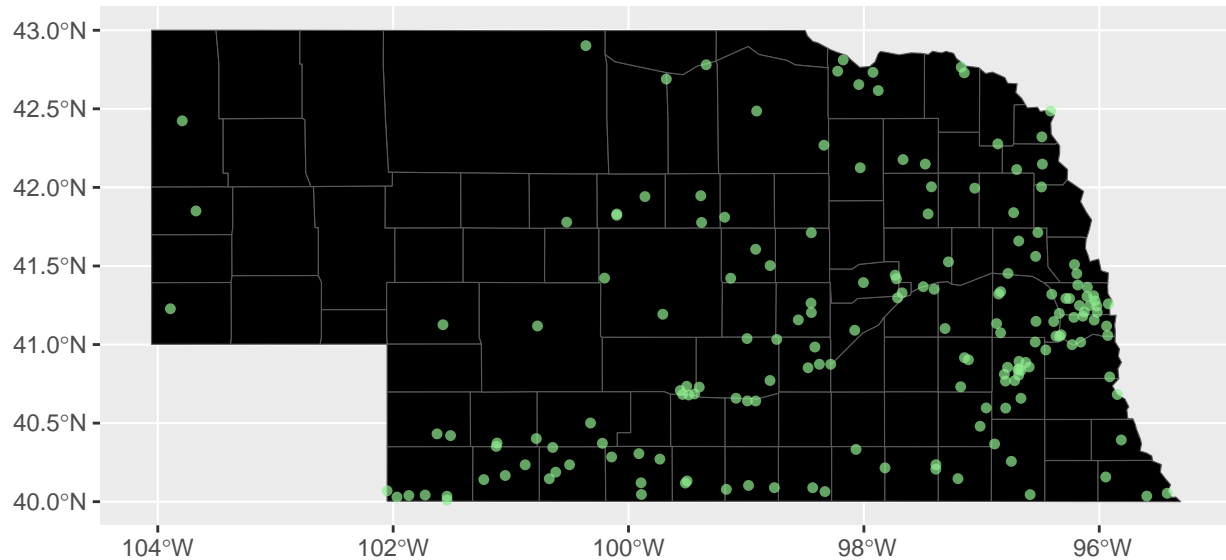
13. Use ggplot to plot the county and gage location datasets.

- Be sure the datasets are displayed in different colors
- Title your plot “NWIS Gage Locations in Nebraska”
- Subtitle your plot with your name

```
#13. Plot the gage locations atop the county features
ggplot() + #plotting the gage locations on top of the counties
  geom_sf(data = NE_counties_sf,
          fill = "black") +
  geom_sf(data = gage_sf,
          col = "lightgreen",
          alpha = 0.7,
          size = 1.25) +
  labs(title = "NWIS Gage Locations in Nebraska",
       subtitle = "Laura Brockington")
```

NWIS Gage Locations in Nebraska

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Read in the gage height data and join the site location data to it.

Lastly, we want to attach some gage height data to our site locations. I've constructed a csv file listing many of the Nebraska gage sites, by station name and site number along with stream gage heights (in meters) recorded during the recent flood event. This file is titled `NWIS_SiteFlowData_NE_RAW.csv` and is found in the `Data/Raw` folder.

14. Read in and wrangle the `NWIS_SiteFlowData_NE_RAW.csv` dataset:

- Be sure the `site_no` column is read in as a factor
- Group by `site_no` and `station_nm`, computing the mean `gage_ht` across groups values

15. Show the column names .

16. Join our site information (already imported above) to these gage height data.

- The `site_no` and `station_nm` can both/either serve as joining attributes.
- Construct this join so that the result only includes spatial features where both tables have data.

17. Show the column names in this resulting spatial features object

18. Show the dimensions of the resulting joined dataframe

```
#14. Read the site flow data into a data frame
gage_height <- read.csv(here("Data/Raw/NWIS_SiteFlowData_NE_RAW.csv"),
                        stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
#reading in gage height dataset

gage_height$site_no <- as.factor(gage_height$site_no) #turning site number column into a factor

gage_height <- #wrangling data to be grouped corrently and then computing the mean gage height
gage_height %>%
  group_by(site_no, station_nm) %>%
  summarize(mean_gage_ht = mean(gage_ht))
```

```
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'site_no'. You can override using the
## `.groups` argument.
```

```
#15. Show the column names
colnames(gage_height) #revealing the column names
```

```
## [1] "site_no"      "station_nm"    "mean_gage_ht"
```

```
#16. Join the flow data to our NWIS gage location spatial dataframe
gage_sf_join <- gage_sf %>% #joining flow data to gage location dataset
  inner_join(gage_height, by = c("site_no" = "site_no"))
```

```
#17. Show the column names of the joined dataset
colnames(gage_sf_join) #revealing the column names
```

```
## [1] "site_no"      "station_nm.x"  "site_tp_cd"
## [4] "coord_acy_cd" "dec_coord_datum_cd" "station_nm.y"
## [7] "mean_gage_ht" "geometry"
```

```
#18. Show the dimensions of this joined dataset
dim(gage_sf_join) #revealing the dimensions of the joined dataset
```

```
## [1] 118  8
```

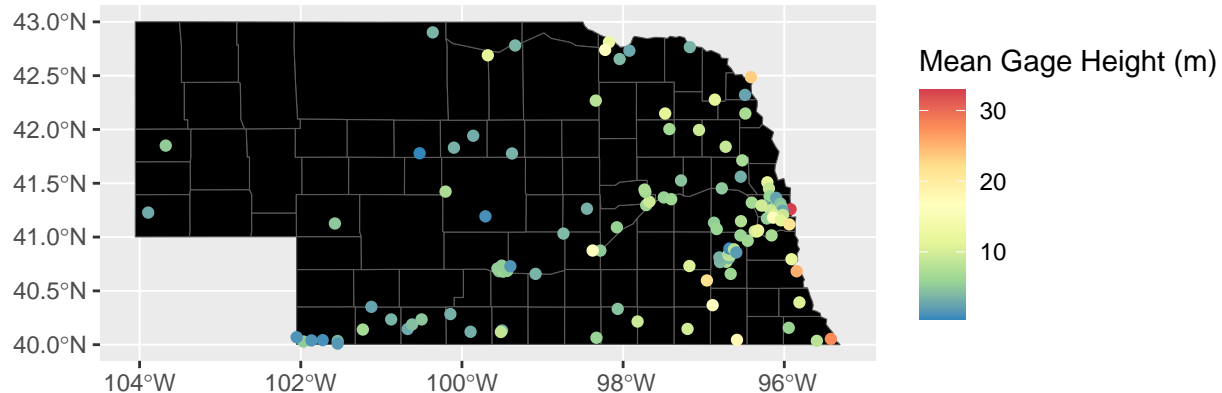
Map the pattern of gage height data

Now we can examine where the flooding appears most acute by visualizing gage heights spatially. 19. Plot the gage sites on top of counties (using `mapview`, `ggplot`, or `leaflet`) * Show the magnitude of gage height by color, shape, other visualization technique.

```
#Map the points, sized by gage height
ggplot() + #plotting the gage locations on top of the counties by gage height
  geom_sf(data = NE_counties_sf,
    fill = "black") +
  geom_sf(data = gage_sf_join,
    aes(color = mean_gage_ht)) +
  scale_color_distiller(palette = "Spectral") +
  labs(title = "NWIS Gage Locations in Nebraska",
    subtitle = "Laura Brockington",
    color = "Mean Gage Height (m)")
```

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SPATIAL ANALYSIS

Up next we will do some spatial analysis with our data. To prepare for this, we should transform our data into a projected coordinate system. We'll choose UTM Zone 14N (EPSG = 32614).

Transform the counties and gage site datasets to UTM Zone 14N

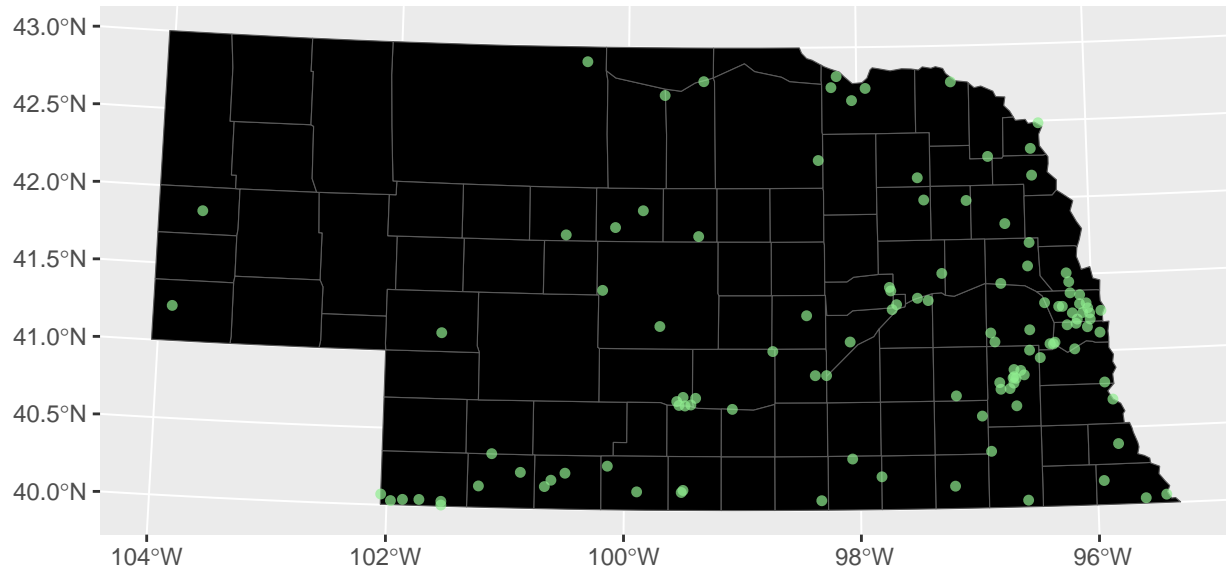
20. Transform the counties and gage sf datasets to UTM Zone 14N (EPSG = 32614).
21. Using mapview or ggplot, plot the data so that each can be seen as different colors

```
#20 Transform the counties and gage location datasets to UTM Zone 14
NE_counties_sf_utm <- st_transform(NE_counties_sf, 32614)
gage_sf_join_utm <- st_transform(gage_sf_join, 32614)
#transforming datasets to UTM

#21 Plot the data
ggplot() + #plotting the gage locations on top of the counties
  geom_sf(data = NE_counties_sf_utm,
          fill = "black") +
  geom_sf(data = gage_sf_join_utm,
          col = "lightgreen",
          alpha = 0.7,
          size = 1.25) +
  labs(title = "NWIS Gage Locations in Nebraska",
       subtitle = "Laura Brockington")
```

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Select the gages falling within a given county

Now let's zoom into a particular county and examine the gages located there. 22. Select Douglas county from your projected county sf dataframe 23. Select the gage sites falling **within** that county * Use either matrix subsetting or tidy filtering 24. Create a plot showing: * all Nebraska counties, * the selected county, * and the gage sites in that county

```
#22 Select the county
douglas_county <- #selecting Douglas county
  NE_counties_sf_utm %>%
  filter(NAME == "Douglas")

#23 Select gages within the selected county
gage_douglas <- gage_sf_join_utm[douglas_county,]
#selecting gages within Douglas county

#24 Plot
ggplot() + #plotting the gage locations on top of the counties
  geom_sf(data = NE_counties_sf_utm,
    fill = "black") +
  geom_sf(data = douglas_county,
    fill = "maroon4") +
  geom_sf(data = gage_douglas,
    col = "lightgreen",
    alpha = 0.7,
    size = 0.3) +
  labs(title = "NWIS Gage Locations in Douglas County, Nebraska",
    subtitle = "Laura Brockington")
```


NWIS Gage Locations in Douglas County, Nebraska

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