

# 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. Change “Student Name” on line 3 (above) with your name.
2. Use the lesson as a guide. It contains code that can be modified to complete the assignment.
3. Work through the steps, **creating code and output** that fulfill each instruction.
4. 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.
5. When you have completed the assignment, **Knit** the text and code into a single HTML file.
6. After Knitting, please submit the completed exercise (PDF file) in Sakai. Please add your last name into the file name (e.g., “Fay\_A10\_SpatialAnalysis.pdf”) prior to submission.

## DATA WRANGLING

### Set up your session

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

```
#1.  
getwd()
```

```
## [1] "K:/GradSchool/Spring2022/EnvironmentalDataAnalytics/Environmental_Data_Analytics_2022/Assignment9"
```

```
#2.  
library(tidyverse)  
library(sf)  
library(leaflet)  
library(mapview)
```

### 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 <- st_read('../Data/Spatial/cb_2018_us_county_20m.shp') %>%  
  filter(STATEFP == 31)
```

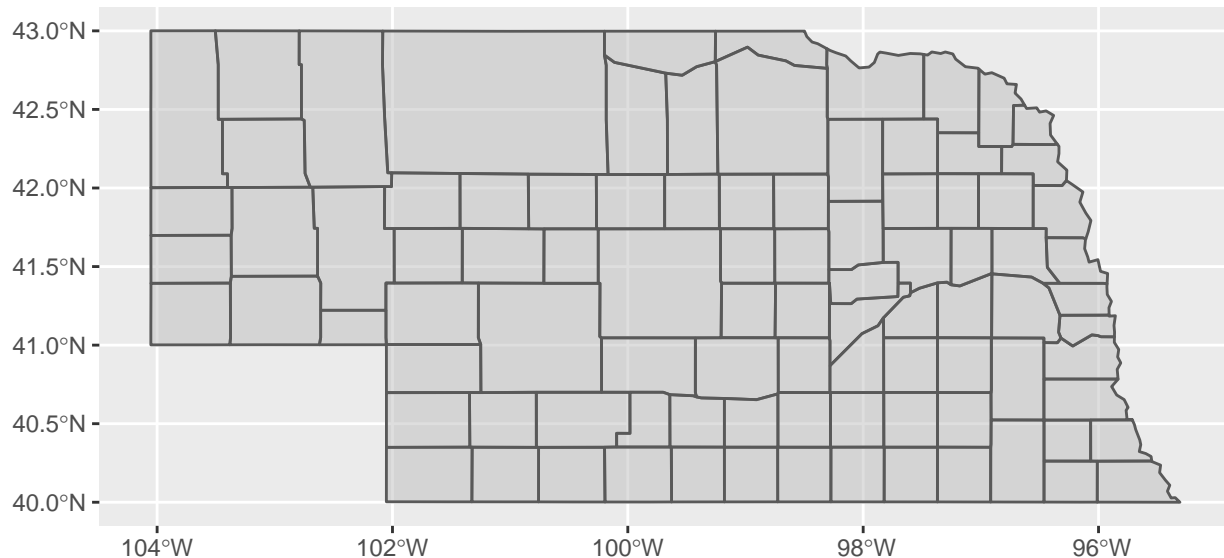
```
## Reading layer `cb_2018_us_county_20m' from data source
## `K:\GradSchool\Spring2022\EnvironmentalDataAnalytics\Environmental_Data_Analytics_2022\Data\SpatialData\cb_2018_us_county_20m.shp'
## using driver `ESRI Shapefile'
## Simple feature collection with 3220 features and 9 fields
## Geometry 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
print(st_crs(NE_counties))
```

```
## 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
NE_counties_map <- ggplot(NE_counties) +
  geom_sf(fill = 'gray', alpha = 0.5) +
  labs(title = 'Nebraska (NE) Counties')
print(NE_counties_map)
```

## Nebraska (NE) Counties



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 of the Counties dataset is 4269 which is the code for the NAD83 geographic coordinate reference system. It is associated with the North American Datum 1983 datum from which it takes its name.

### 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
NWIS_NE <- read.csv('../Data/Raw/NWIS_SiteInfo_NE_RAW.csv',
                    stringsAsFactors = TRUE)
#8. Reveal the names of the columns
print(colnames(NWIS_NE))
```

```
## [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 column in the dataset with the x coordinate values is 'dec\_long\_va'. The column

with the y coordinate values is '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
NWIS_NE_pts <- st_as_sf(NWIS_NE, coords = c('dec_long_va', 'dec_lat_va'),
                        crs = 4269)
#11. Re-examine the column names
print(colnames(NWIS_NE_pts))
```

```
## [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: The new field is the 'geometry' field, which sort of absorbed the 'dec\_long\_va' and 'dec\_lat\_va' fields.

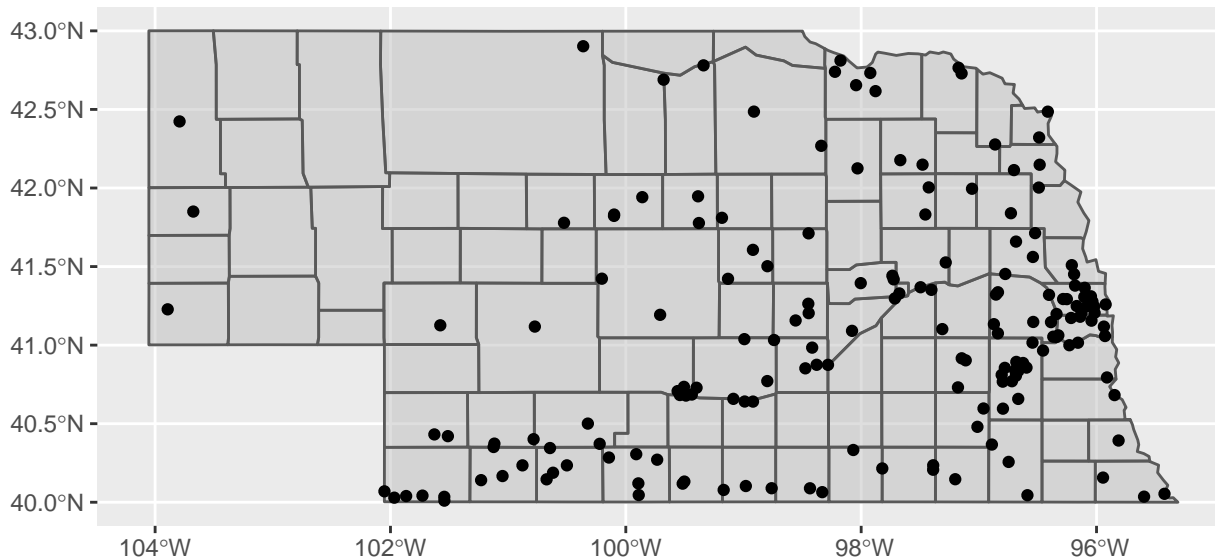
### Plot the gage locations on top of the counties

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
library(RColorBrewer)
NE_gage_map <- ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = NE_counties, fill = 'gray', alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_sf(data = NWIS_NE_pts) +
  labs(title = 'NE NWIS gage locations')
print(NE_gage_map)
```

## NE NWIS gage locations



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 the `NWIS_SiteFlowData_NE_RAW.csv` dataset in as a dataframe.
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
library(lubridate)
NWIS_NE_flowdata <- read.csv('../Data/Raw/NWIS_SiteFlowData_NE_RAW.csv',
                             stringsAsFactors = TRUE) %>%
  separate(date, into = c('Date', 'Time'), convert = TRUE, sep = " ")
NWIS_NE_flowdata$Date <- ymd(NWIS_NE_flowdata$Date)
#15. Show the column names
print(colnames(NWIS_NE_flowdata))
```

```
## [1] "site_no"      "station_nm"  "Date"        "Time"        "gage_ht"
```

```

#16. Join location data to it
NWIS_gages_flow <- merge(x = NWIS_NE_pts, y = NWIS_NE_flowdata, by = 'site_no')
#17. Show the column names of the joined dataset
print(colnames(NWIS_gages_flow))

## [1] "site_no"          "station_nm.x"      "site_tp_cd"
## [4] "coord_acy_cd"     "dec_coord_datum_cd" "station_nm.y"
## [7] "Date"             "Time"              "gage_ht"
## [10] "geometry"

#18. Show the dimensions of this joined dataset
print(dim(NWIS_gages_flow))

## [1] 136 10

```

### Map the pattern of gage height data

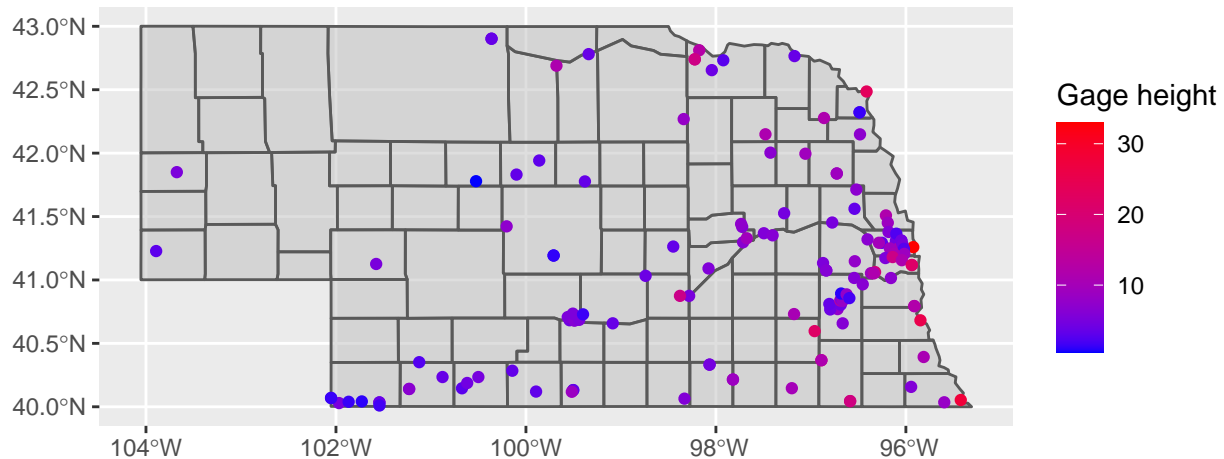
Now we can examine where the flooding appears most acute by visualizing gage heights spatially. 19. Plot the gage sites on top of counties (using `mapview`, `ggplot`, or `leaflet`) \* Show the magnitude of gage height by color, shape, other visualization technique.

```

#Map the points, sized by gage height
NE_flow_map <- ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = NE_counties, fill = 'gray', alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_sf(data = NWIS_gages_flow, aes(color = gage_ht)) +
  scale_color_gradient(low = 'blue', high = 'red') +
  labs(color = "Gage height") +
  labs(title = 'NE NWIS Gages by flow height')
print(NE_flow_map)

```

## NE NWIS Gages by flow height



## SPATIAL ANALYSIS

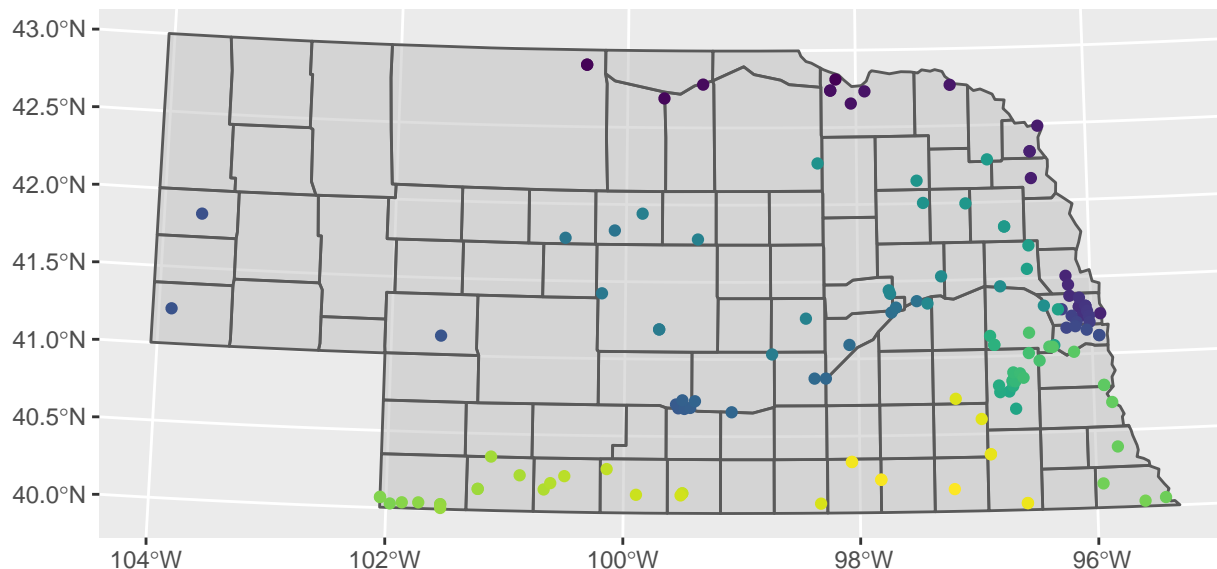
Up next we will do some spatial analysis with our data. To prepare for this, we should transform our data into a projected coordinate system. We'll choose UTM Zone 14N (EPSG = 32614).

### 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_countiesUTM <- st_transform(NE_counties, crs = 32614)
NWIS_gages_flowUTM <- st_transform(NWIS_gages_flow, crs = 32614)
#21 Plot the data
NE_flow_mapUTM <- ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = NE_countiesUTM, fill = 'gray', alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_sf(data = NWIS_gages_flowUTM, aes(color = as.factor(site_no))) +
  scale_color_viridis_d() +
  theme(legend.position = 'none') +
  labs(title = 'NE NWIS Gages in UTM')
print(NE_flow_mapUTM)
```

## NE NWIS Gages in UTM



*#I spent a while searching for a way to assign a unique color to each point,  
#but everything I found had a limit to the number of discrete colors in a  
#palette and that number was never anywhere near 136. These colors will have  
#to do*

### Select the gages falling within a given county

Now let's zoom into a particular county and examine the gages located there. 22. Select Lancaster county from your 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
Lancaster_co <- NE_countiesUTM %>%
  filter(NAME == 'Lancaster')
#23 Select gages within the selected county
Lancaster_gages <- NWIS_gages_flowUTM %>%
  filter(st_intersects(x = ., y = Lancaster_co, sparse = FALSE))
#24 Plot
Lancaster_gages_map <- ggplot() +
  geom_sf(data = NE_countiesUTM, fill = 'gray', alpha = 0.5) +
  geom_sf(data = Lancaster_co, aes(fill = 'orange')) +
  geom_sf(data = Lancaster_gages,
    aes(color = as.factor(site_no))) +
  scale_color_viridis_d() +
  theme(legend.position = 'none') +
  labs(title = 'NWIS Gages of Lancaster County(in orange)')
```



```
print(Lancaster_gages_map)
```

NWIS Gages of Lancaster County(in orange)

