

R

2/7/15

intro: hi!

overview

Module 1: Introduction to R (Paul Paczuski)

Module 2: Graphics And Data Manipulation Using
ggplot and dplyr (Paul Paczuski)

Module 3: Statistical Modeling (Matthew Eaton,
separate slides)

details

- hands-on tutorials and exercises
- 10 min break after Module 1 and Module 2

intro tutorial from James et al

custom ggplot2 tutorial

vignette from dplyr

custom stats modeling tutorial

more prep

checklist:

preparation.txt

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intro to R

"R is a free software environment for statistical
computing and graphics"

"The best way to learn a new language is to try
out the commands"

(A) Tutorial

/programs/1-intro.R

go through Lab 2.3 in James et al, p 42-52

(B) Exercise

in James et al, exercise 8 p 54

(C) Tips, regroup, Q&A, break

tips

- set up directory structure ahead of time
- library() calls at top
- document programs in a README file
- use style guide
- etc

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graphics and data
manipulation using
ggplot2 and dplyr

R packages are simply add-ons:
for more or better functionality

ggplot2

graphics

dplyr

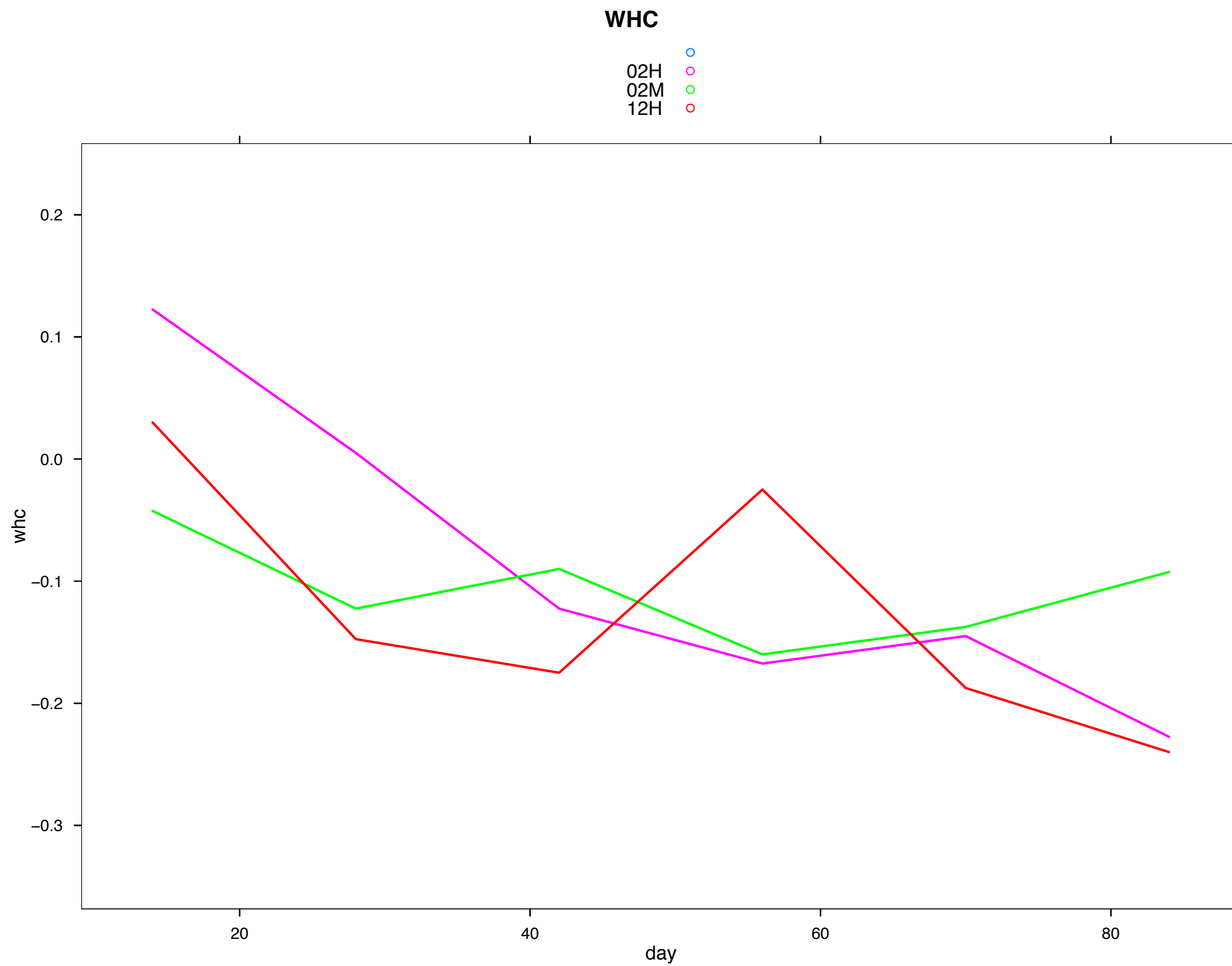
data manipulation

ggplot2

"ggplot2 is designed to work in a layered fashion, starting with a layer showing the raw data then adding layers of annotation and statistical summaries. [..]"

credits: Hadley Wickham's slides

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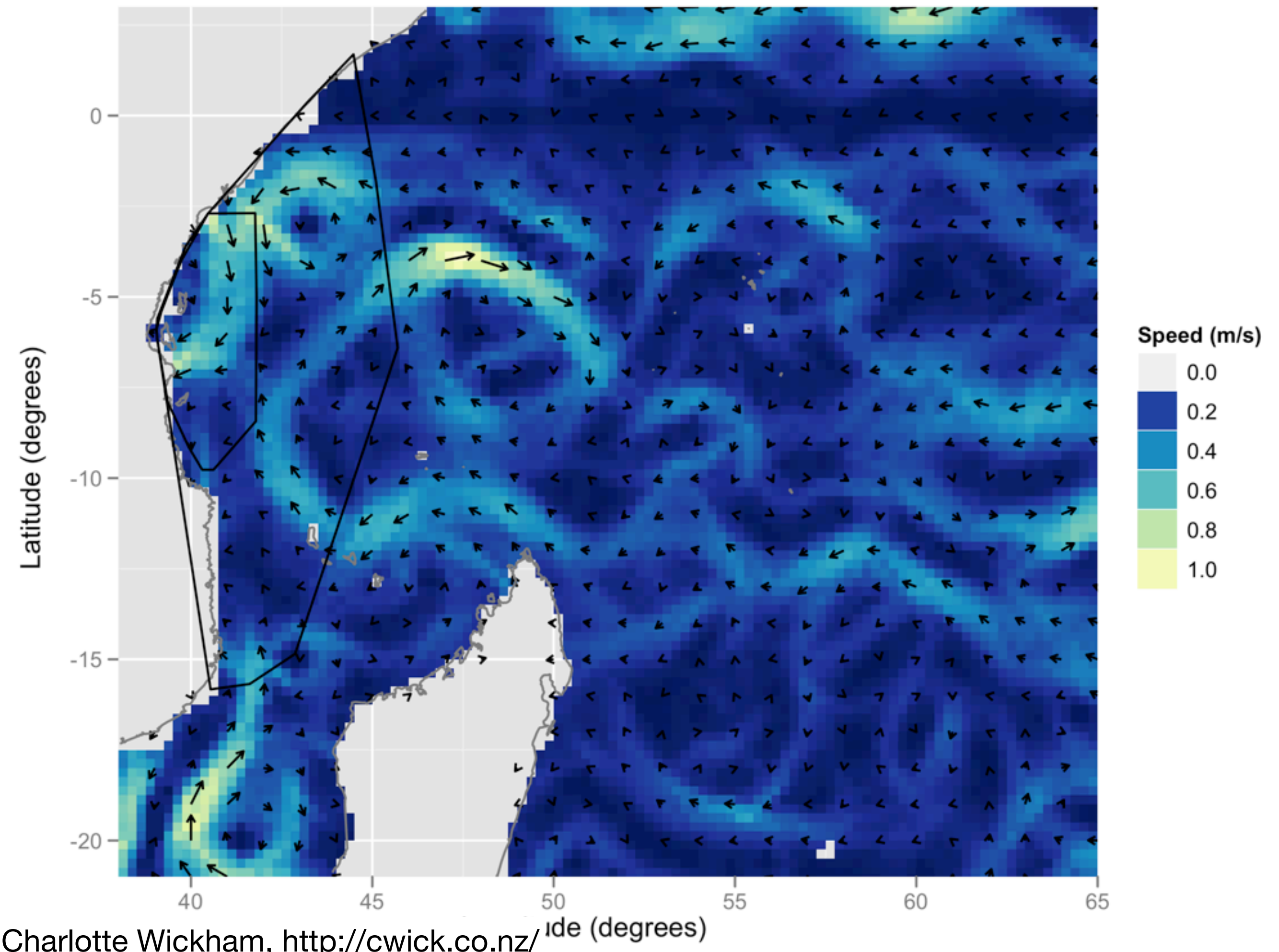


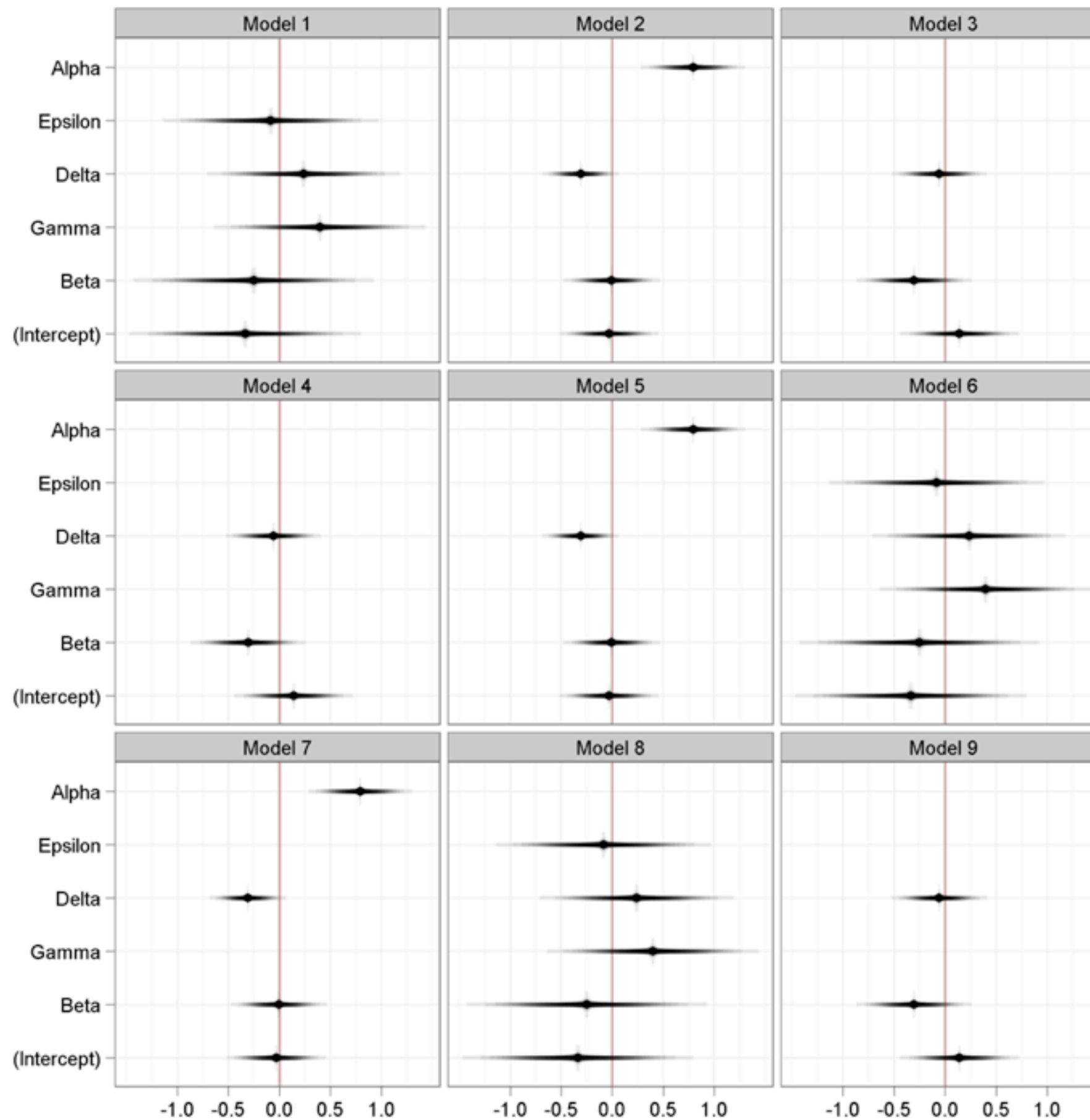
London Cycle Hire Journeys

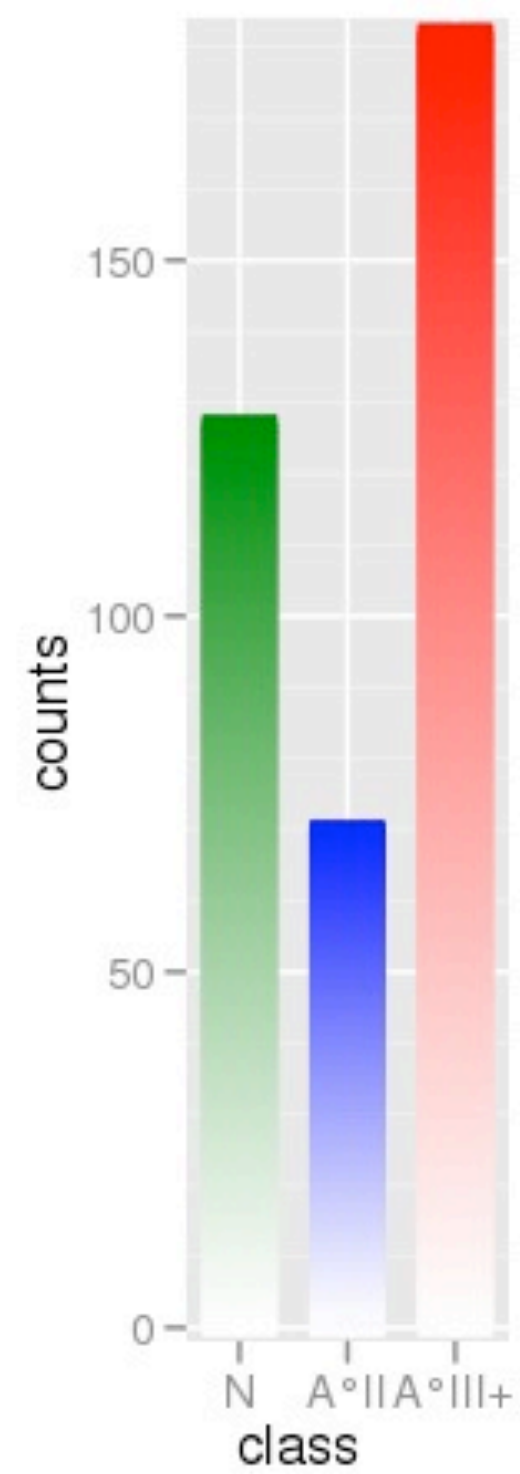
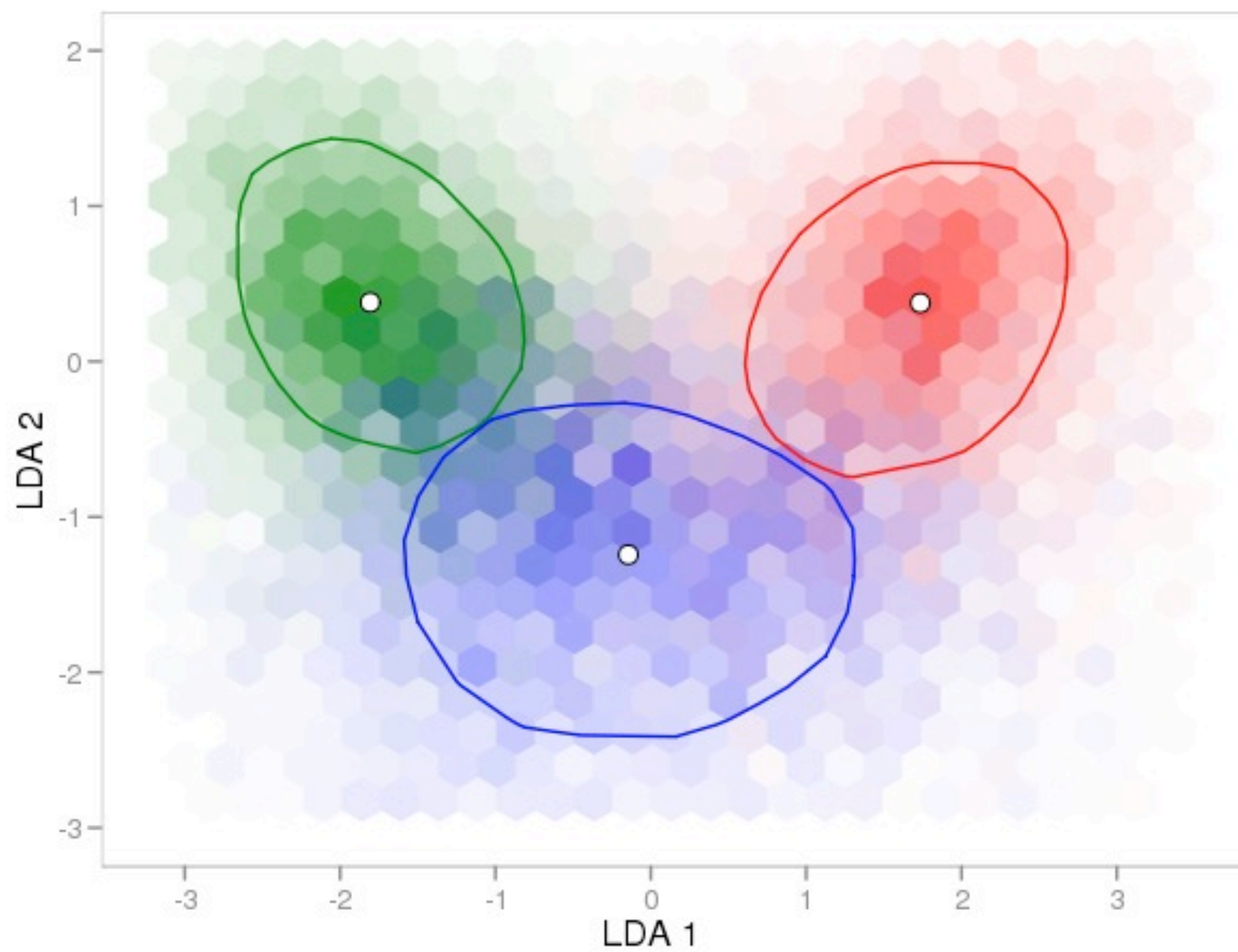
Thicker, yellower lines mean more journeys

Data: 3.2 Million Journeys (from TfL)
Routing: Ollie O'Brien (@oobr) + OpenStreetMap cc-by-sa
Buildings: OS Opendata Crown Copyright 2011
Map: James Cheshire (@spatialanalysis)

James Cheshire, <http://bit.ly/xqHhAs>







dplyr

dplyr couldn't be easier, with the use of the following verbs as R functions:

Select data columns

Filter data to select specific rows

Arrange the rows in order

Mutate your data to add new columns

Summarise chunks of your data in some way

dplyr

Now, for very large data, R may be slow. But dplyr has many of its parts written in C++ which makes it extremely fast

(A) Tutorials

/programs/2-ggplot2.R

/programs/2b-dplyr.R

(B) Exercise

explore the college.csv dataset using ggplot2 and dplyr

send results to pavopax@gmail.com

(extra)

as an exercise, reproduce a graphic from

T. Piketty's "Capital in the 21st century"

<https://github.com/pavopax/piketty>

also see:

<http://simplystatistics.org/2014/06/30/piketty-in-r-markdown-we-need-some-help-from-the-crowd/>

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statistical modeling

(Matthew Eaton)