Practical Spatial Statistics & Econometrics with R

Session 2: Working with Tabular Data

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How to excel at spatial stats (or anything else)?

Understanding

Clear conceptual understanding

Listening, Reading, Thinking, Writing

Skill

Apply understanding to real world problems.

Doing, Trying, Failing, Coding

~~Watching to a lot of lectures (like this one)~~

~~Reading many programming books~~

What should we know/will we learn in this session?

Understanding

What we should know:

- What is R, RStudio, R package
- Tabular structure (rows and columns)
- Data types and operators
- CSV file format

Skill

What we should have already done:

- Setup our computer for R development
- Installed the `gstat` package

What we will do now:

- **Install the `sp` package**
- **Examine, export tabular data in R**
- **Do some basic stats on tabular data**
- **Write our very first R script and make our very first R plot!**

Demo 2: Live Coding Session with R

Summary

- **Installed the `sp` package**
- **Examined and worked with the `meuse` data set provided by `sp`**
- **Exported data to CSV**
- **R functions**
    - `head, colnames, nrow, ncol, write.csv, read.csv, summary, var, hist`
- **R Operators**
    - `?, [], $`
- **Useful links**
    - `gstat` [manual]`, sp` [manual]`, meuse data set` [tutorial]