

Interactive Maps for Dummies:

Lecture 2: Draw Maps

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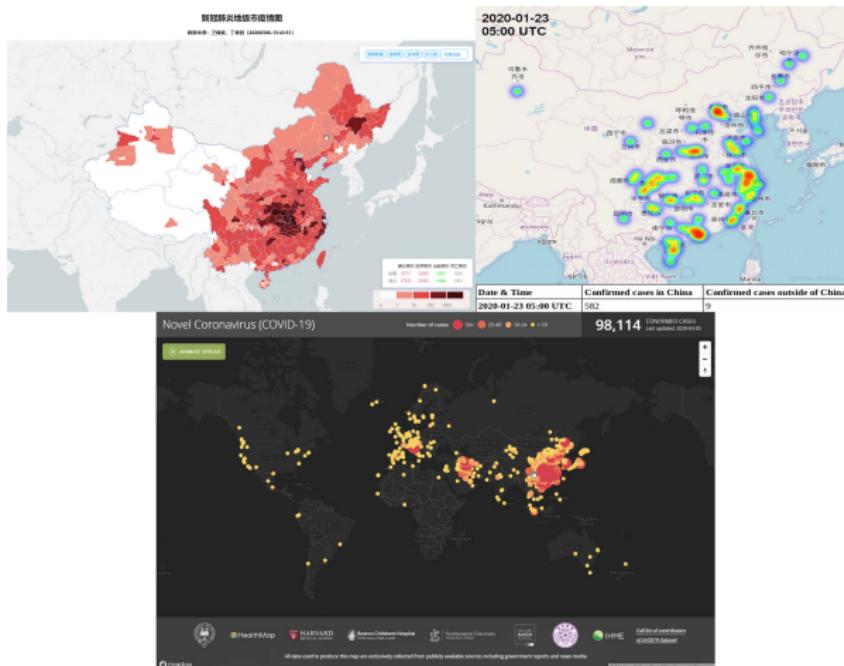
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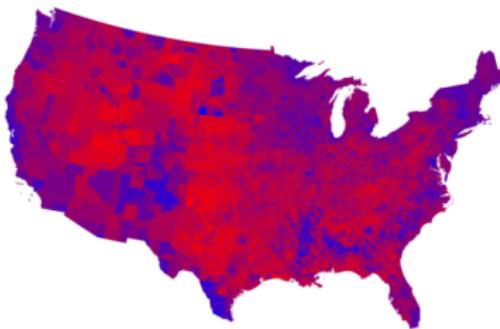
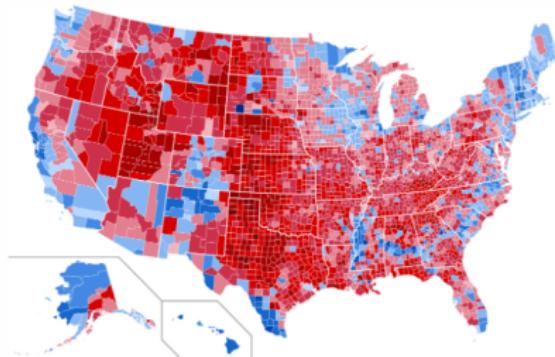
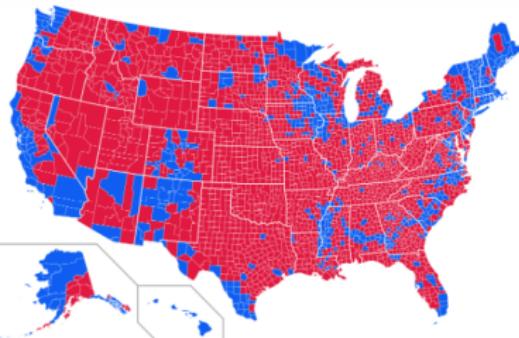
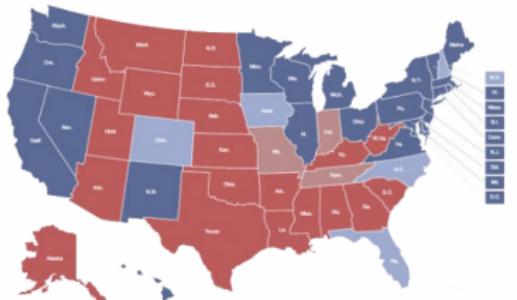
- ▶ Recap: shape file and projection
- ▶ Use local data
- ▶ Web mapping

Draw Map

- ▶ Choropleth maps show geographical regions colored, shaded, or graded according to some variable
- ▶ R is not as powerful as ArcGIS with GIS data, but *ggplot2* can draw map



Read a Choropleth Map



Two Types of Spatial Data

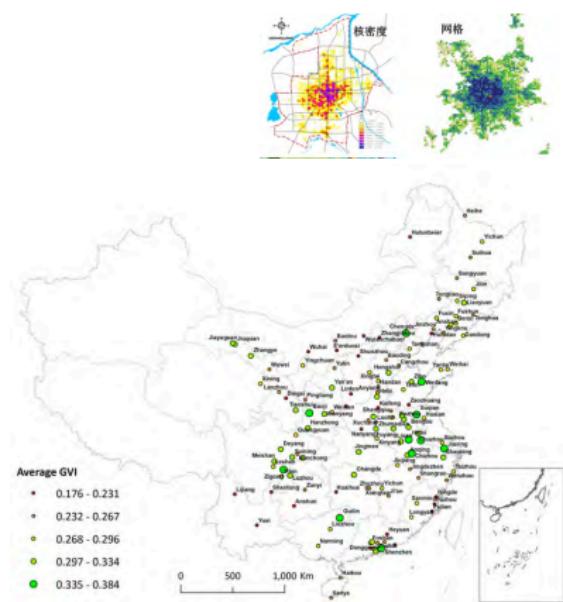
- ▶ Vector vs. Raster

Vector Data

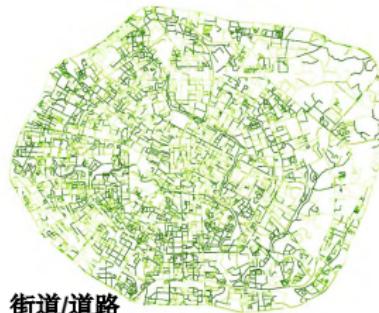
- ▶ Vector data basically encoding points, lines, and polygons in geographic space
- ▶ Shapefile is a file format specifically for geographic vector data
 - File extension is .shp
 - Other files accompany the .shp file with extensions .dbf and .prj
 - * .dbf contains attribute format of shapefile
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Examples of Vector Data

从几何形状角度：点、线和面



- 空间新数据多以点和线的形式存在
- 分析、统计与可视化多体现在点、线和面三个形式



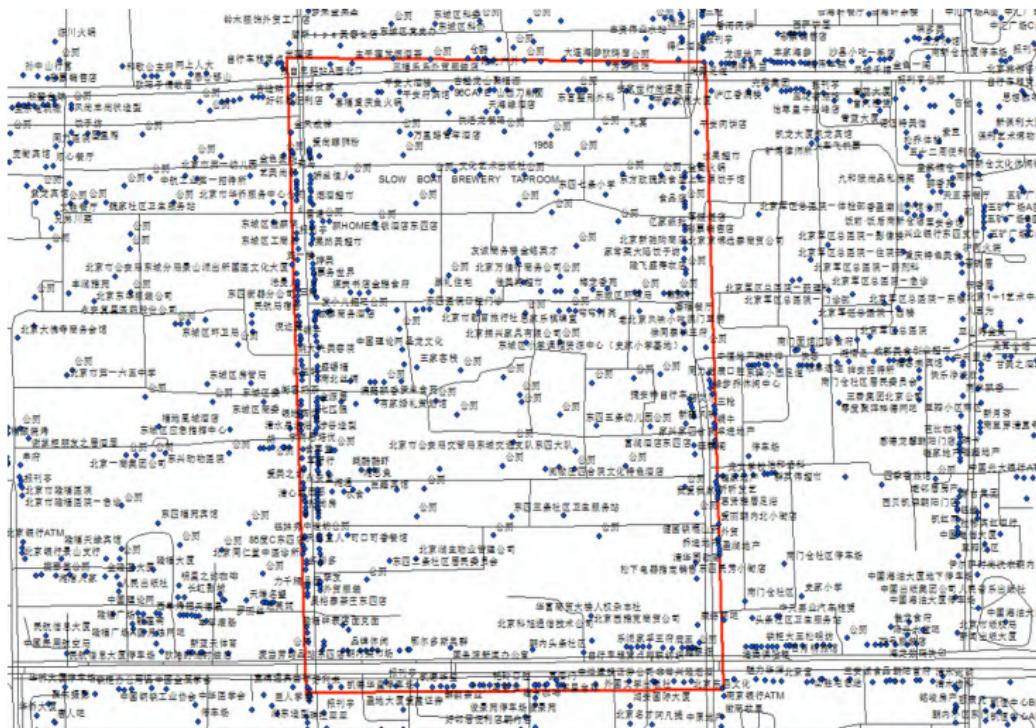
街道/道路

► <https://www.beijingcitylab.com/>

Vector Data

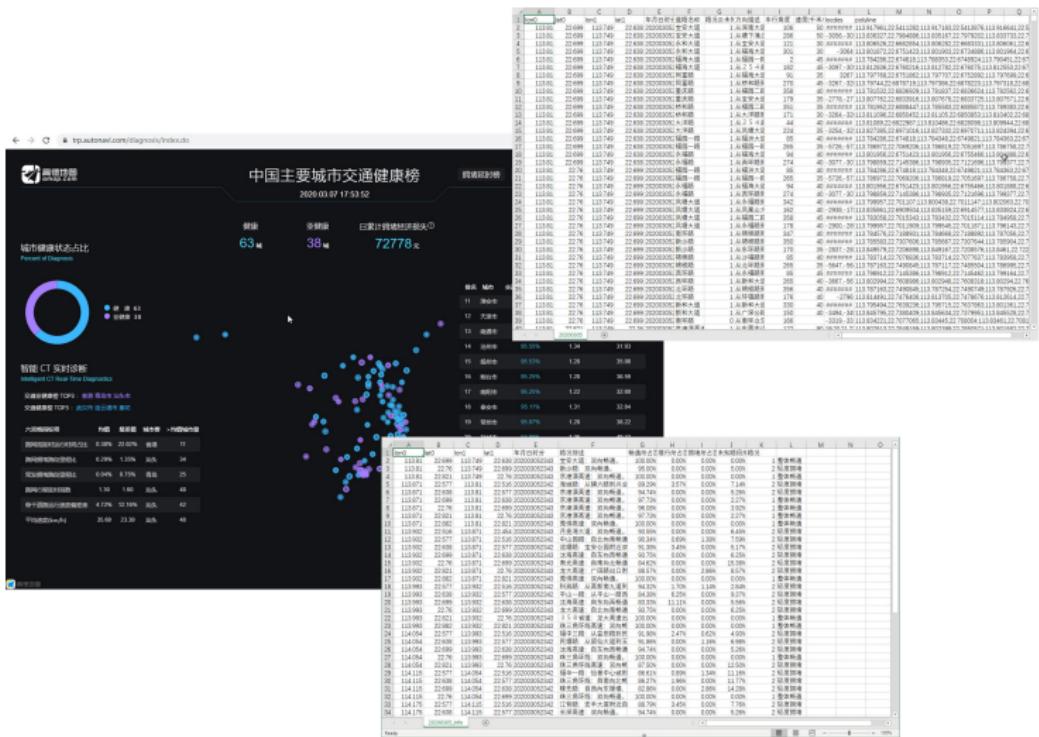
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Point of Interest data



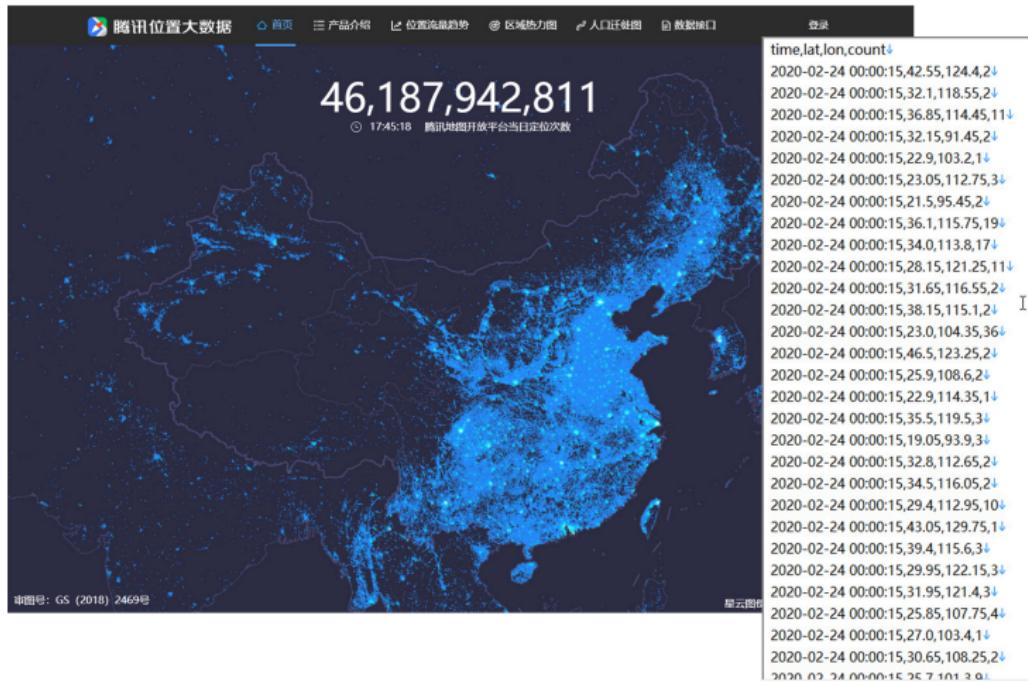
- ▶ We could scrape this data from Baidu map API

Other Vector Data Resource



- ▶ Use the Gaode transportation data API to measure population flow

Other Vector Data Resource



- ▶ Use Tencent location data (using smartphone location service information) to measure real-time population density

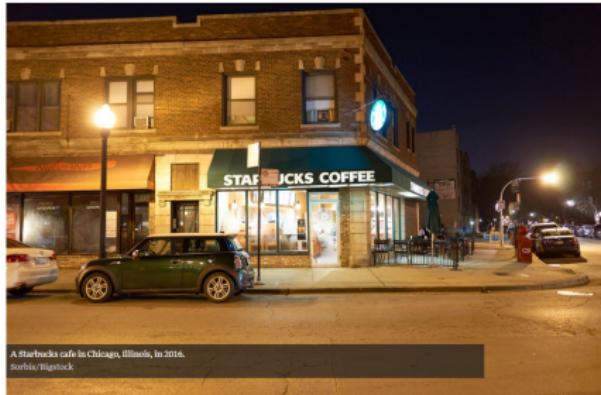
Application of POI and Dianping Data

June 11, 2018

There goes the neighborhood

Online platforms like Yelp can help economists learn about how gentrification happens in real time.

By Chris Fleisher



A Starbucks cafe in Chicago, Illinois, in 2016.
Seth Samborski/Bloomberg

Last November, a Denver coffee shop caused a public uproar with a sidewalk sign.

"Happily Gentrifying the Neighborhood Since 2014," the sign at Ink! Coffee said, a joke that struck a raw nerve in a rapidly changing area of the city.

- ▶ Panel data from POI or Dianping is particularly useful to measure the changing landscape of urban life
- ▶ Glaeser et al. (2017, 2018) use the location of Starbucks (from Yelp.com) to measure gentrification



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

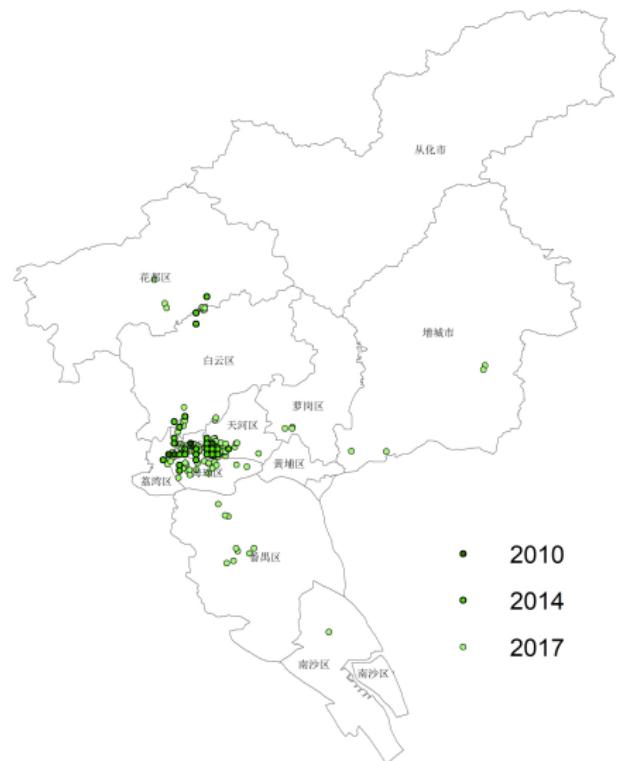
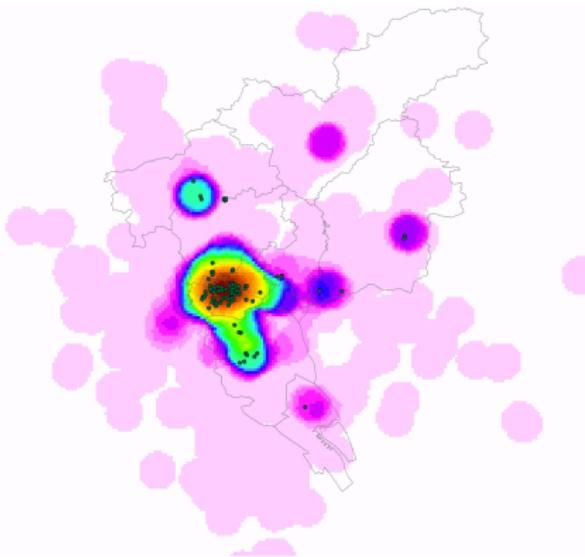
"A truly masterful volume that should shock Americans into confronting what has happened to their society."
—FRANCIS FUKUYAMA, Financial Times

OUR KIDS

The American Dream
in Crisis

ROBERT D. PUTNAM
author of *Bowling Alone*

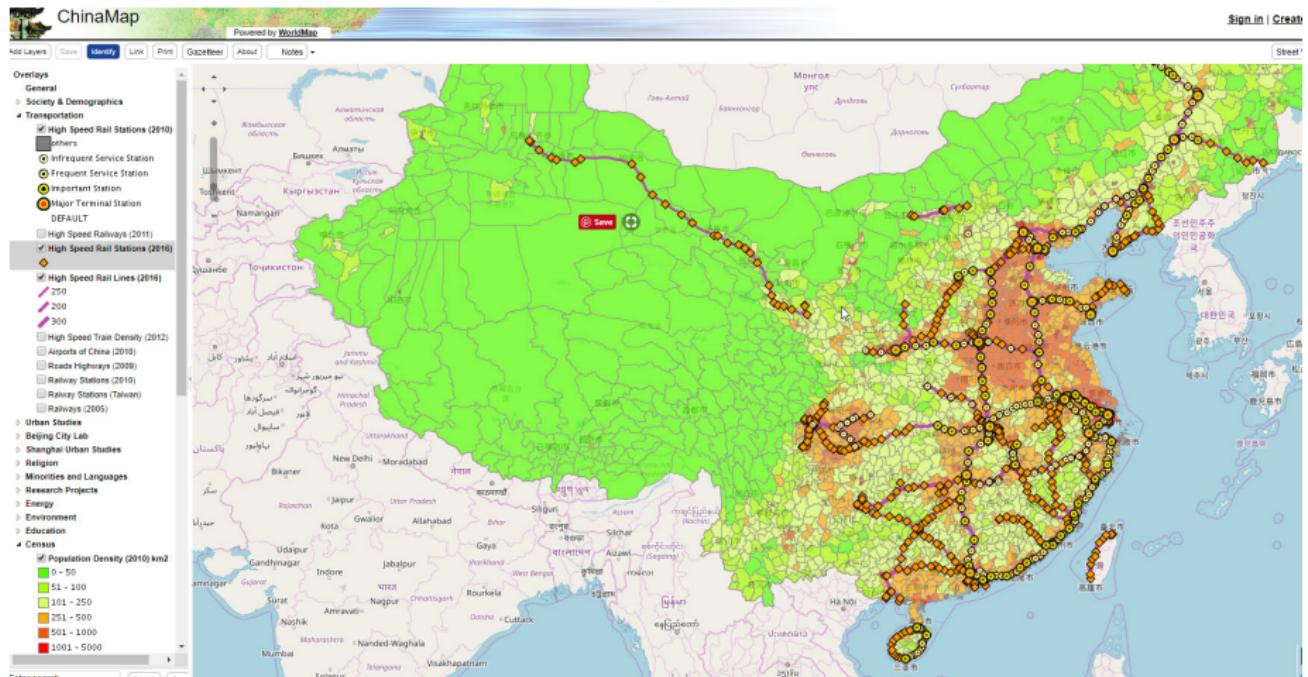
Starbucks and House Prices in Guangzhou (2017)



Other Spatial Data Resource

- ▶ FAO Geonetwork
- ▶ Geocommons
- ▶ Earth Explorer
- ▶ Devecondata
- ▶ Harvard China GIS

Other Vector Data Resource



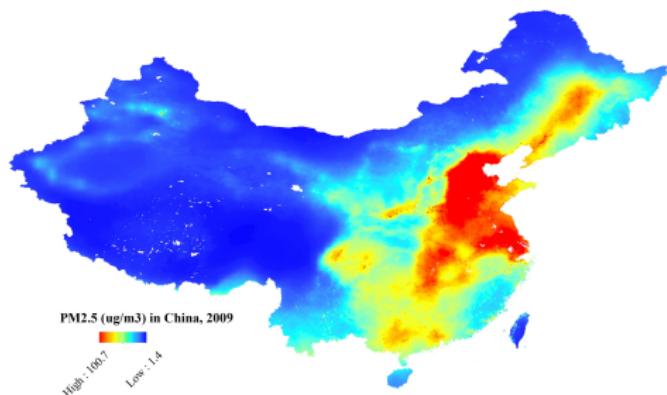
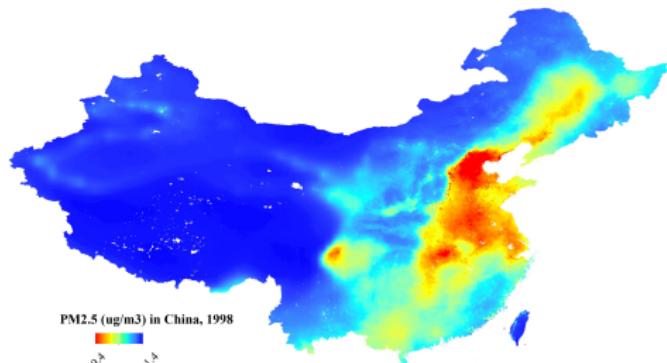
Raster Data

- ▶ Files format include: ESRI grid, TIFF, can be transferred from ASCII or NetCDF
- ▶ Examples of raster data
 - Elevation
 - GAZE Agricultural Suitability Data
 - DMSP-OLS Nighttime Light Data
 - Weather and pollution data from remote sensing pictures
 - * Globe Summary Of Days
 - * Terrestrial Air Temperature: 1900-2010 Gridded Monthly Time Series (v 3.01)
 - * Global Annual Average PM2.5 Grids from MODIS and MISR Aerosol

Nighttime Light Data

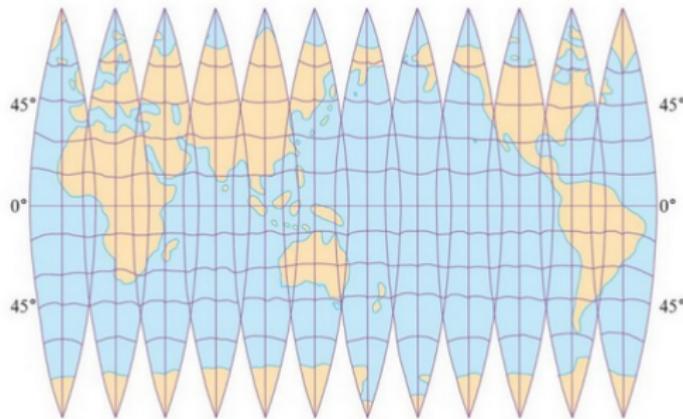


Pollution Data



Map Projections

- ▶ Define the spatial relationship between locations on earth and their relative locations on a flat map
- ▶ Are mathematical expressions
- ▶ Cause the distortion of one or more map properties (scale, distance, direction, shape)
- ▶ Each projection distorts size of area, distance in different way



Classification System

- ▶ Planar
- ▶ Cylindrical
- ▶ Conic

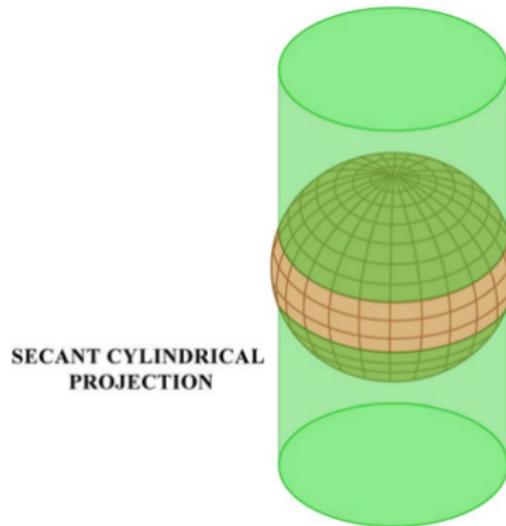
Planar Surface

- ▶ Earth intersects the plane on a small circle. All points on circle have no scale distortion.



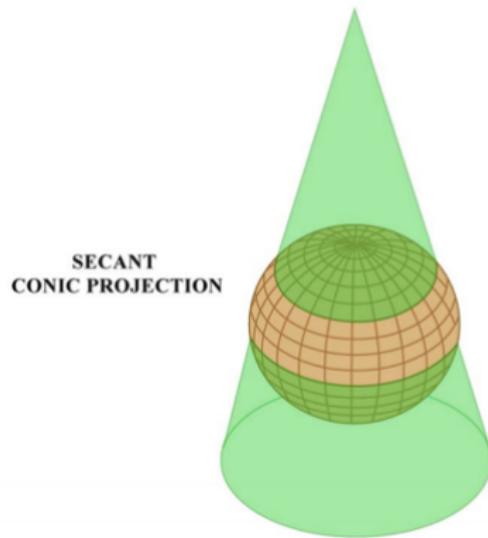
Cylindrical Surface

- ▶ Earth intersects the cylinder on two small circles. All points along both circles have no scale distortion.



Conic Surface

- ▶ Earth intersects the cone at two circles. All points along both circles have no scale distortion.



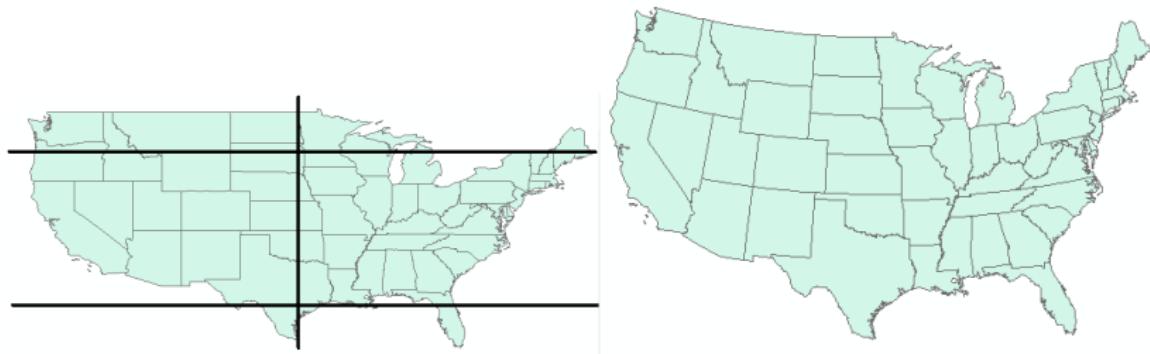
Scale Distortion

- ▶ Scale near intersections with surface are accurate
- ▶ Scale between intersections is too small
- ▶ Scale outside of intersections is too large and gets excessively large the further one goes beyond the intersections

Why project data?

- ▶ Data often comes in geographic, or spherical coordinates (latitude and longitude) and can't be used for area calculations in most GIS software applications
- ▶ Some projections work better for different parts of the globe giving more accurate calculations

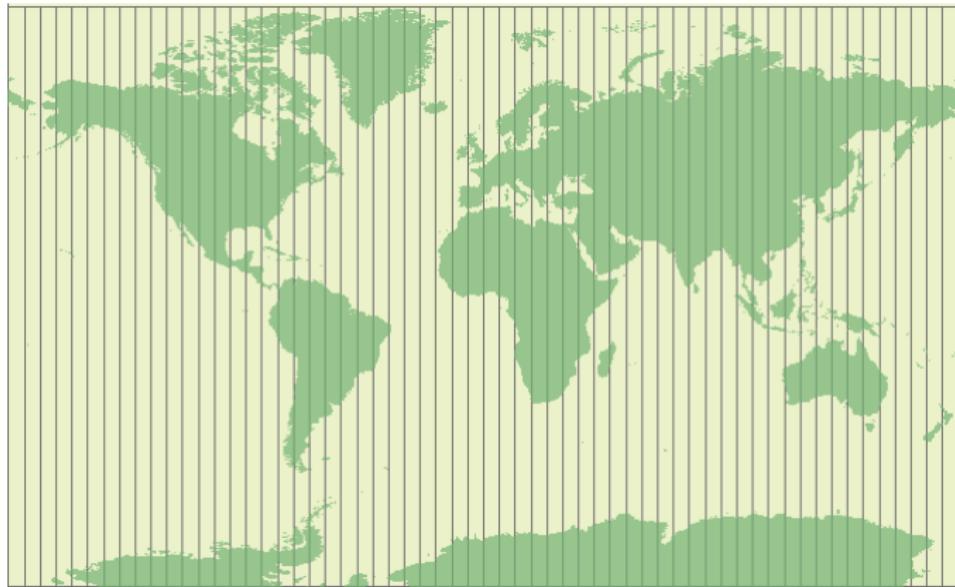
Conic projection for US



How to Choose Projections

- ▶ Generally, follow the lead of people who make maps of the area you are interested in. Look at maps!
- ▶ UTM is commonly used and is a good choice when the east-west width of area does not exceed 6 degrees
- ▶ The most commonly used—World Geodetic System: WGS84 (EPSG:4326)

UTM projection



The **sf** package

- ▶ There are two general packages to provide classes and methods for spatial data in R: the **sp** and **sf**
- ▶ Since **sf** is a more updated package with some nice properties and compatibility with **ggplot2** etc., we will focus on **sf**
 - **sf** implements a formal standard called "*Simple Features*" that specifies a storage and access model of spatial geometries (point, line, polygon)
 - It is *simple* in the sense that it consists of points connected by straight line pieces, and does not intersect itself
 - Such standard has been widely adopted by different spatial database (e.g. PostGIS) and more recent standards (e.g. GeoJSON)

The **sf** package (Cont'd)

- ▶ In **sf** spatial objects are stored as a simple data frame with a special column that contains the information for the geometry coordinates
- ▶ That column is a list with the same length as the number of rows in the data frame
- ▶ Normally before drawing map, we need a shapefile as the boundary map, you can either:
 - Use the maps loaded with package
 - Bring in external data in the form of shapefiles
 - Create a spatial object from a lat/lon table
- ▶ Then you can add attributes to the shapefiles by attribut join or spatial join

Boundary map

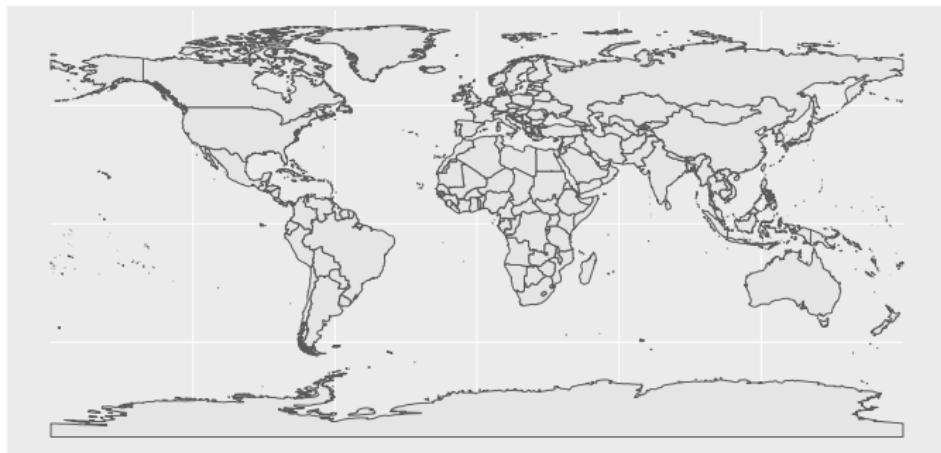
- ▶ First step: drawing boundaries

- Using `ne_countries()` from the `rnatuearth` package to get the polygons of world country boundaries

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1	countries	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	1	coastline	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
2	map_units	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	2	land	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
3	map_subunits	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	3	ocean	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
4	sovereignty	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	4	rivers_lake_centerlines	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
5	tiny_countries	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	5	lakes	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
6	states	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	6	glaciated_areas	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
7	populated_places	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	7	antarctic_ice_shelves_polys	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
8	boundary_lines_land	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	8	geographic_lines	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
9	pacific_groupings	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE	9	graticules_1	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
10	breakaway_disputed_areas	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	10	graticules_5	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
11	boundary_lines_disputed_areas	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	11	graticules_10	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
12	boundary_lines_maritime_indicator	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	12	graticules_15	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
13	airports	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	13	graticules_20	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
14	ports	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	14	graticules_30	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
15	urban_areas	FALSE	TRUE	TRUE	15	wgs84_bounding_box	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
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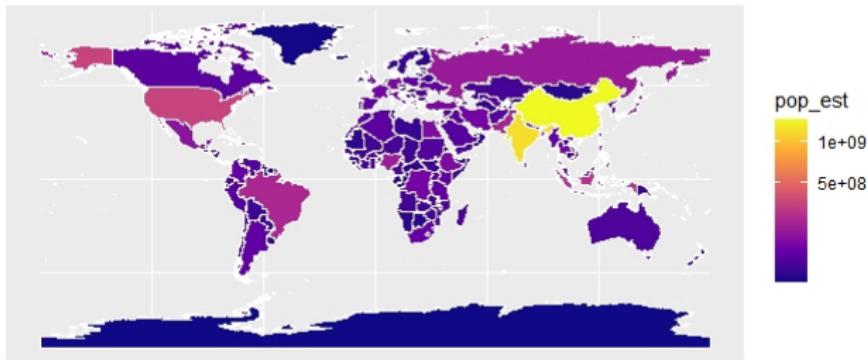
Boundary Map (Cont'd)

```
# Load data from sf library  
world <- ne_countries(scale = "medium", returnclass = "sf")  
class(world)  
  
# Data and basic plot (ggplot and geom_sf)  
ggplot(data = world) +  
  geom_sf()
```



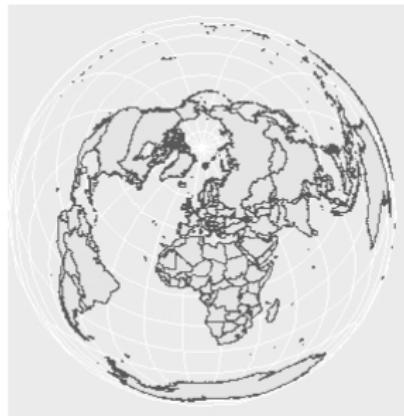
Add Title, subtitle, and axis labels, Change Color

```
29 # Add Title, subtitle, and axis labels (ggtitle, xlab, ylab)
30 ggplot(data = world) +
31   geom_sf() +
32   xlab("Longitude") + ylab("Latitude") +
33   ggtitle("World map", subtitle = paste0("(", length(unique(world$name)), " countries)"))
34
35 # Map color (geom_sf)
36 ggplot(data = world) +
37   geom_sf(color = "black", fill = "lightgreen")
38
39 ggplot(data = world) +
40   geom_sf(aes(fill = pop_est), color="white", size=0.5) +
41   scale_fill_viridis_c(option = "plasma", trans = "sqrt")
```



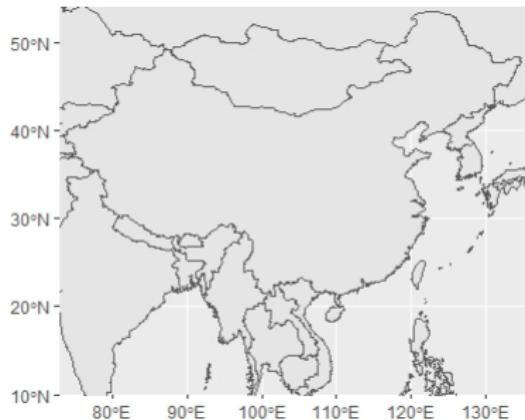
Change Projection and Extent using `coord_sf()`

```
43 # Projection and extent (coord_sf)
44 ggplot(data = world) +
45   geom_sf() +
46   coord_sf(crs = "+proj=laea +lat_0=52 +lon_0=10 +x_0=4321000 +y_0=3210000
+ellps=GRS80 +units=m +no_defs ")
47
48 ggplot(data = world) +
49   geom_sf() +
50   coord_sf(crs = "+init=epsg:3035")
51
52 ggplot(data = world) +
53   geom_sf() +
54   coord_sf(crs = st_crs(3035))
```



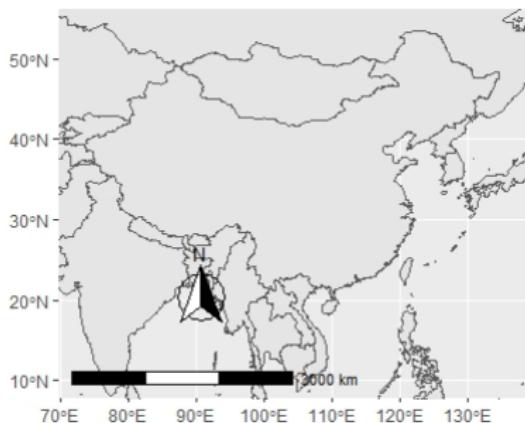
Restrict to China

```
56 # Restrict to China
57 ggplot(data = world) +
58   geom_sf() +
59   coord_sf(xlim = c(73, 136), ylim = c(10, 54), expand = FALSE)
```



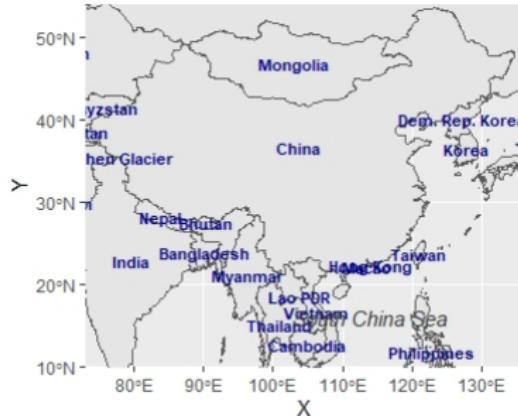
Add Scale bar and North arrow using ggspatial

```
61 # Scale bar and North arrow (package ggspatial)
62 library("ggspatial")
63 ggplot(data = world) +
64   geom_sf() +
65   annotation_scale(location = "bl", width_hint = 0.5) +
66   annotation_north_arrow(location = "bl", which_north = "true",
67                         pad_x = unit(0.75, "in"), pad_y = unit(0.5, "in"),
68                         style = north_arrow_fancy_orienteering) +
69   coord_sf(xlim = c(73, 136), ylim = c(10, 54))
```



Add Country Names and Other using geom_text and annotate

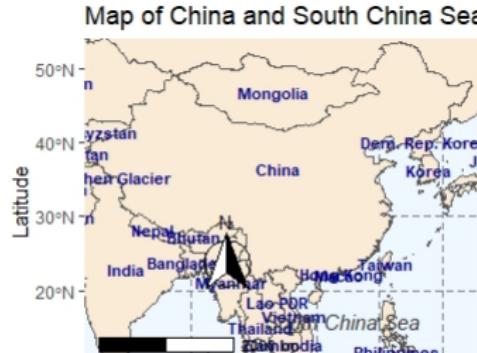
```
71 # Country names and other names (geom_text and annotate)
72 library("sf")
73 world_points<- st_centroid(world)
74 world_points <- cbind(world, st_coordinates(st_centroid(world$geometry)))
75
76 ggplot(data = world) +
77   geom_sf() +
78   geom_text(data= world_points,aes(x=X, y=Y, label=name),
79             color = "darkblue", check_overlap = FALSE, fontface = "bold",
80             size=3) +
81   annotate(geom = "text", x = 114, y = 16, label = "South China Sea",
82             fontface = "italic", color = "grey22", size = 4) +
83   coord_sf(xlim = c(73, 136), ylim = c(10, 54), expand = FALSE)
```



More Decoration and Save Map

```
85 # Final map
86 ggplot(data = world) +
87   geom_sf(fill= "antiquewhite") +
88   geom_text(data= world_points,aes(x=X, y=Y, label=name),
89             color = "darkblue", check_overlap = FALSE, fontface = "bold",
90             size=3) +
91   annotate(geom = "text", x = 114, y = 16, label = "South China Sea",
92           [fontface = "italic", color = "grey22", size = 4) +
93   annotation_scale(location = "bl", width_hint = 0.5) +
94   annotation_north_arrow(location = "bl", which_north = "true", pad_x =
95   unit(0.75, "in"), pad_y = unit(0.5, "in"), style = north_arrow_fancy_orient
96   eering) +
97   coord_sf(xlim = c(73, 136), ylim = c(10, 54), expand = FALSE) +
98   xlab("Longitude") +
99   ylab("Latitude") +
100  ggtitle("Map of China and South China Sea") +
101  theme(panel.grid.major = element_line(color = gray(.5), linetype =
102  "dashed", size = 0.5), panel.background = element_rect(fill = "aliceblue"))

# Saving the map with ggsave
ggsave("china_map.pdf")
ggsave("china_map.png", width = 6, height = 6, dpi = "screen")
```



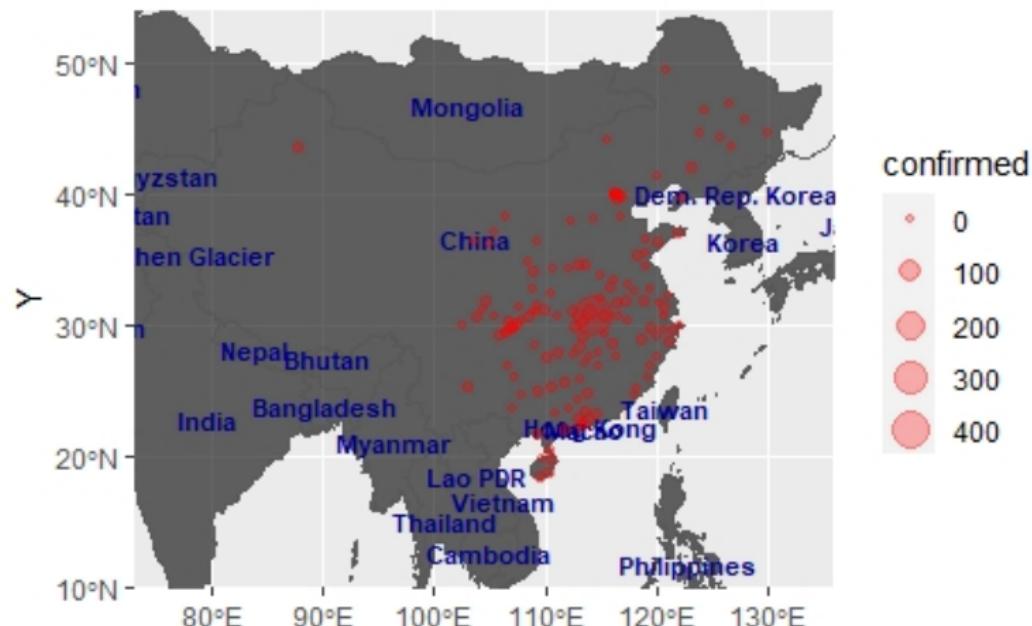
Location Map

```
109 # Field sites (point data)
110 library(foreign)
111 coronavirus <- read.dta("coronavirus_china_data.dta")
112 sites <- subset(coronavirus, date=="2020-01-23" & !is.na(coronavirus$x))
113
114 ggplot(data = world) +|
115   geom_sf() +
116   geom_text(data= world_points,aes(x=x, y=Y, label=name),
117             color = "darkblue", check_overlap = FALSE, fontface = "bold",
118             size=3) +
119   geom_point(data=sites, aes(x=x, y=y), size=2) +
  coord_sf(xlim = c(73, 136), ylim = c(10, 54), expand = FALSE)
```



More Decoration on Location Map

```
12 ggplot(data = world) +  
126   geom_sf(fill="black", alpha=0.6) +  
127   geom_text(data= world_points,aes(x=X, y=Y, label=name),  
128     color = "darkblue", check_overlap = FALSE, fontface = "bold",  
129     size=3) +  
129   geom_point(data=sites, aes(x=x, y=y, size=confirmed), color="red", alpha  
130     =0.3) +  
130   coord_sf(xlim = c(73, 136), ylim = c(10, 54), expand = FALSE)
```

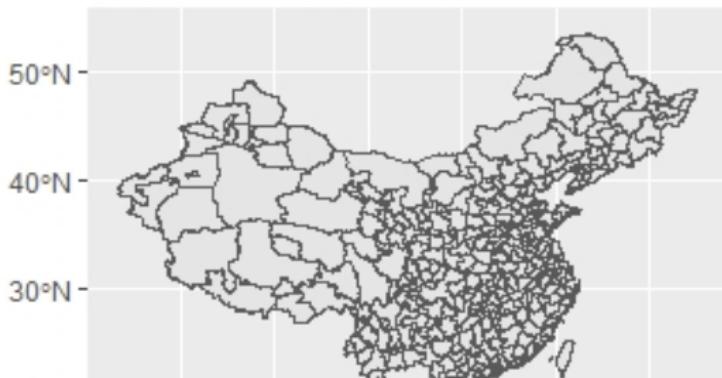


Import a Local Shapefile

- ▶ Plenty of sources online to download administrative boundary map, e.g.
 - <https://www.diva-gis.org/gdata>
 - <https://docs.gmt-china.org/latest/dataset/gadm/index.html>
 - 中国国家基础地理信息数据)

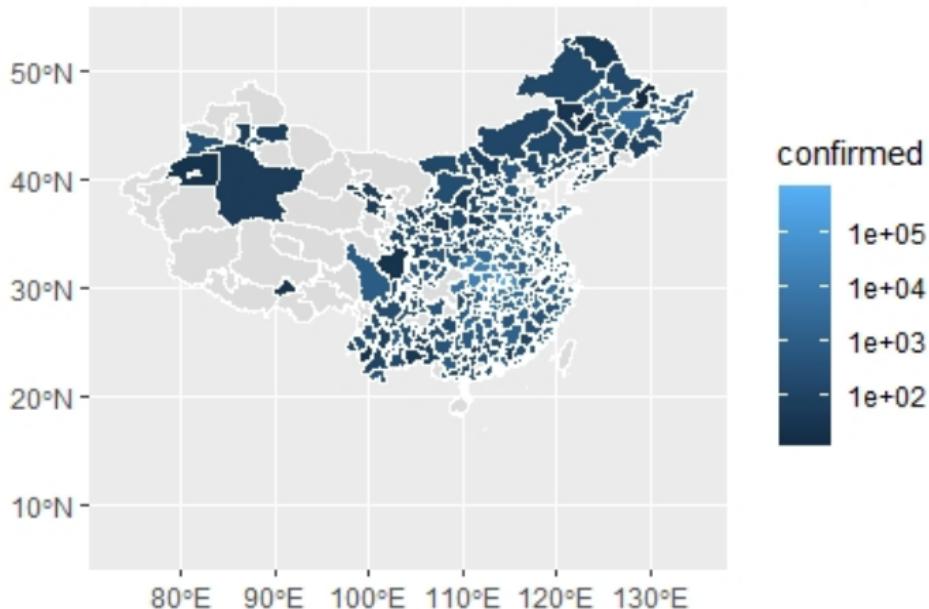
```
141 unzip("city2007.zip")
142
143 chinacity <- st_read("city2007\\city_region.shp")
144 chinacity
145
146 ggplot() +
147   geom_sf(data=chinacity) +
148   ggtitle("china Prefecture Map") +
149   coord_sf()
```

China Prefecture Map



- An Exercise to create a prefecture map on cumulative confirmed cases in China

China Cumulative Confirmed Cases, by 25 Feb 2020



Import a Local Shapefile

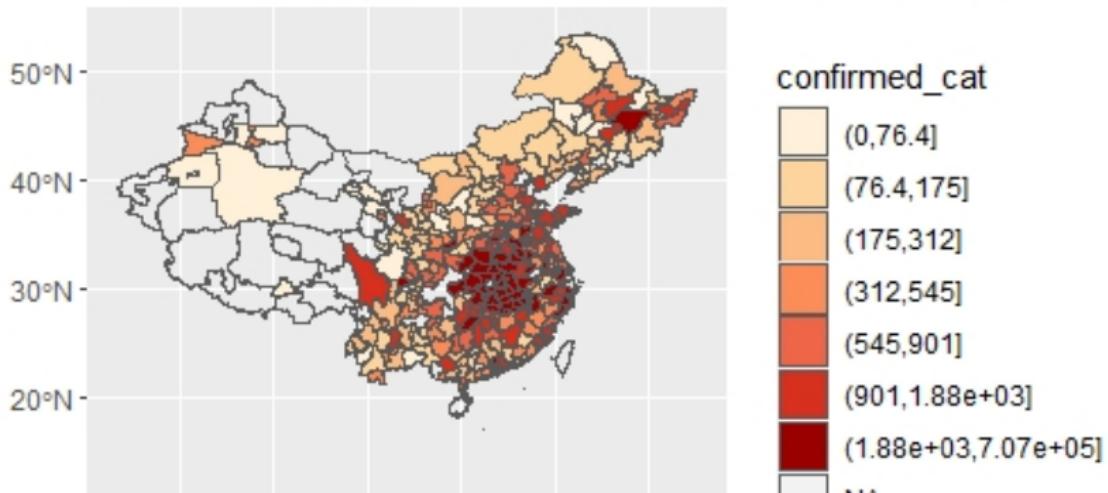
- The confirmed case is a continuous variable and is plotted by `ggplot` as such
- A "true" choropleth map we need to change the continuous variable into a categorical one based on e.g. quantile in two steps:
 - Determine the quantile breaks
 - Add a categorical variable to the object which assigns each continuous value to a bracket

```
220 # If we wanted to plot our map as a 'true' choropleth map we need to
221 # convert our continuous variable into a categorical one, according to
222 # whichever brackets we want to use
223 # This requires two steps:
224 ## Determine the quantile breaks;
225 ## Add a categorical variable to the object which assigns each continuous
226 # value to a bracket
227 library(dplyr)
228 library(classInt)
229 breaks_qt <- classIntervals(c(min(chinacity2$confirmed) - .00001, chinacity
230 2$confirmed), n = 7, style = "quantile")
231 breaks_qt
232 # We use cut to divide homicide_rate into intervals and code them according to
233 # which interval they are in
234 # Lastly, we can use scale_fill_brewer() and add our color palette
235 chinacity2 <- mutate(chinacity2, confirmed_cat = cut(confirmed, breaks_qt$b
236 rks))
237
238 ggplot(chinacity2) +
239   geom_sf(aes(fill=confirmed_cat)) +
240   scale_fill_brewer(palette = "OrRd") +
```

Import a Local Shapefile (Cont'd)

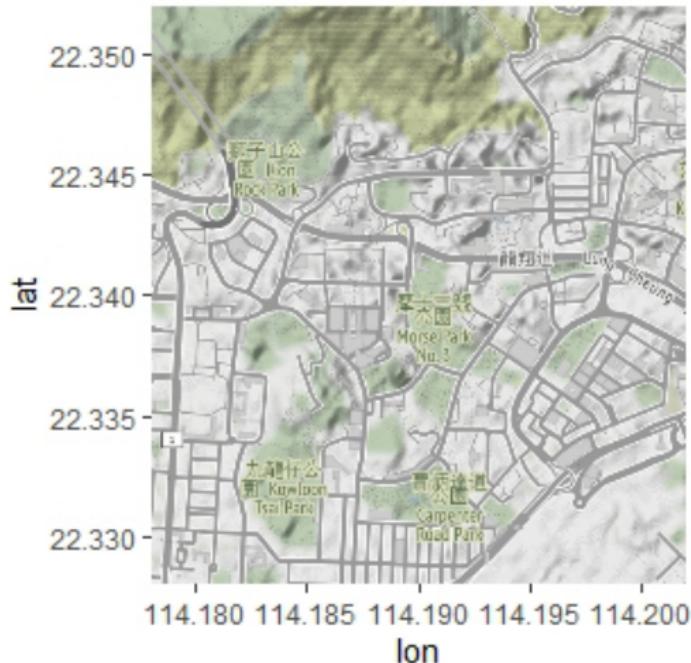
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Adding Basemaps using ggmap

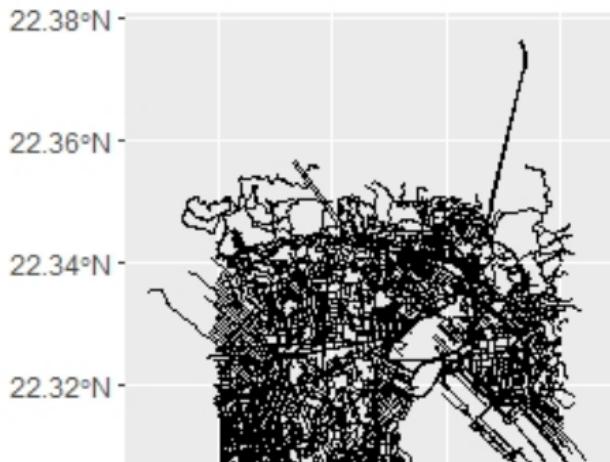
- We can download basemaps (in the forms of satellite, roadmap, or terrain etc.) from google, OSM and other using **ggmap**



- If we want to use the map service from google, we need to apply for an API
- Then using **register_google()** function to enter the API key

Get some Road Map using osmdata

```
279 # get road map from open street project  
280 install.packages("osmdata")  
281 library(osm)  
282 kowloon <- opq(bbox = NULL, timeout = 25, memsize)  
283 kowloon <- opq(bbox = c(114.16, 22.35, 114.22, 22.30)) %>%  
284   add_osm_feature(key = 'highway') %>%  
285   osmdata_sf() %>%  
286   osm_poly2line()  
287  
288 kowloon_center <- kowloon$osm_lines %>%  
289   select(highway)  
290  
291 kowloon_center  
292  
293 ggplot(data = kowloon_center) + geom_sf()
```

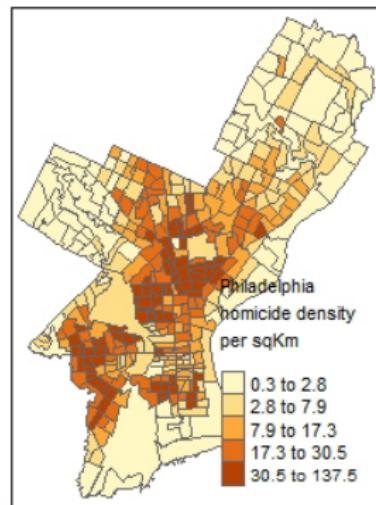


Creating a spatial object from a lat/lon table

```
--  
302 # download and prepare data  
303 download.file("http://bit.ly/R-spatial-data", "R-spatial-data.zip")  
304 unzip("R-spatial-data.zip", exdir = "data")  
305  
306 # read in the csv file  
307 philly_homicides_df <- read.csv("data/philly_homicides.csv")  
308 str(philly_homicides_df) # we have longitude/latitude information inside  
309  
310 # create an sf object from a data frame using the st_as_sf() function  
311 philly_homicides_sf <- st_as_sf(philly_homicides_df, coords = c("POINT_X",  
312 "POINT_Y"))  
313 str(philly_homicides_sf)  
314  
315 # To make it a complete geographical object we assign the WGS84 projection,  
316 # which has the EPSG code 4326:  
317 st_crs(philly_homicides_sf)  
318  
319 st_crs(philly_homicides_sf) <- 4326 # we can use EPSG as numeric here  
320 st_crs(philly_homicides_sf)  
321  
322 # save the object as shapefile on our hard drive for later use  
323 st_write(philly_homicides_sf, "data/PhillyHomicides", driver = "ESRI  
324 Shapefile")  
325 # to force the save:  
326 st_write(philly_homicides_sf, "data/PhillyHomicides", driver = "ESRI  
327 Shapefile", delete_layer = TRUE)
```

Choropleth with tmap

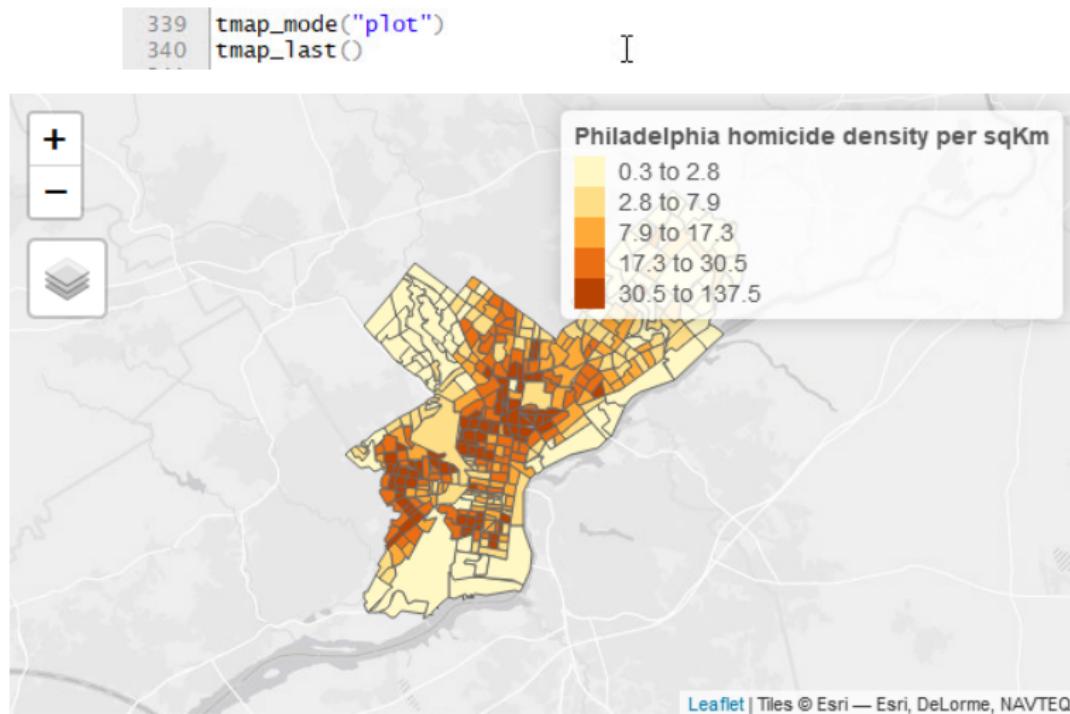
- ▶ **tmap** is specifically designed to make creation of thematic maps more convenient
- ▶ It borrows from the **ggplot** syntax and takes care of a lot of the styling and aesthetics
 - **tm_shape()** where we provide the **sf** object
 - **tm_polygons()** where we set the attribute variable to map, the break style, and titles



```
334 tm_shape(philly_crimes_sf) +  
335   tm_polygons("homic_rate",  
336     style="quantile",  
337     title="Philadelphia \nhomicide density")
```

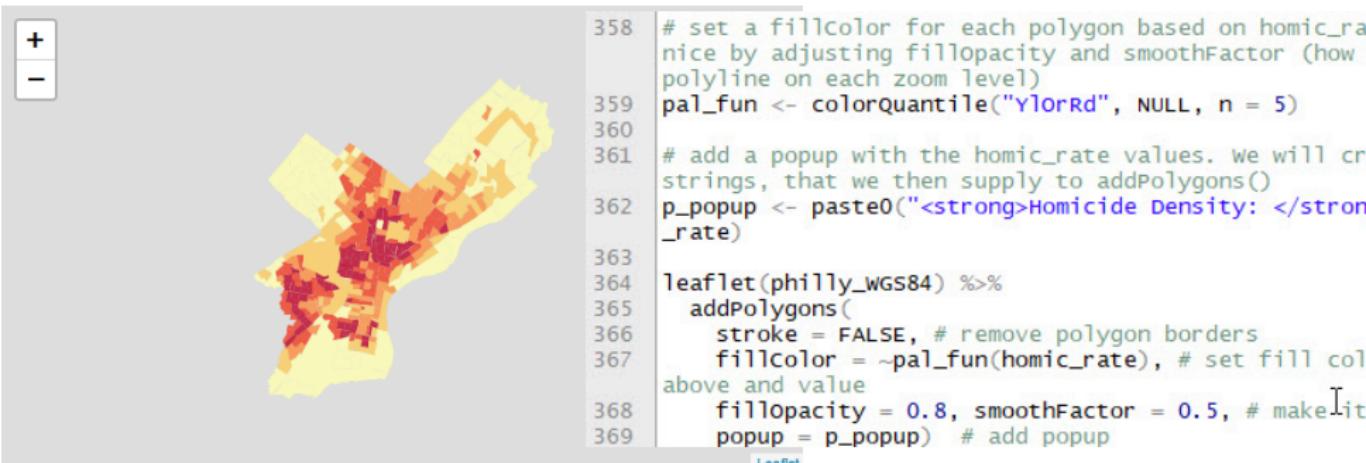
Choropleth with tmap (Cont'd)

- ▶ Change from "plot" to the cool "view" mode for an interactive map, and close the last plot



Web Mapping with leaflet

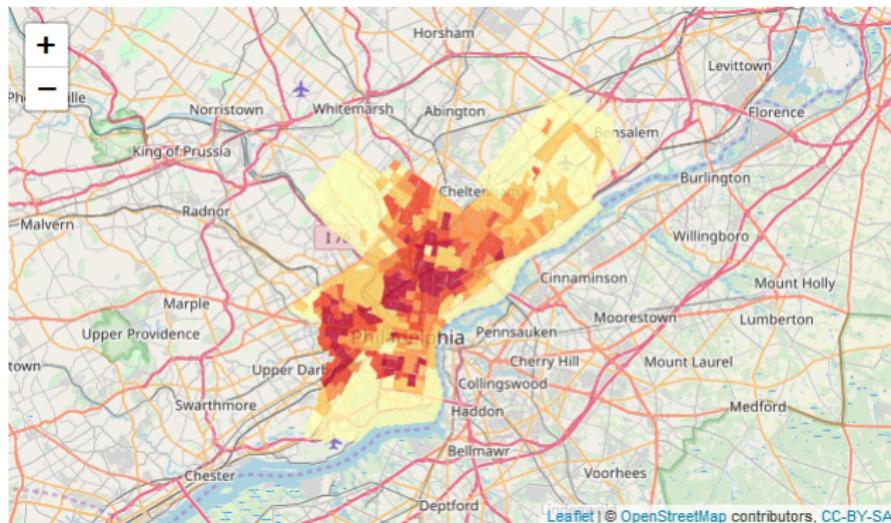
- ▶ `addPolygons()` is used to map the homicide density in philly, and
 - remove stroke (polygon borders) using `stroke = FALSE`
 - generate the fill color using leaflet's `colorQuantile()` function
 - set a fillColor for each polygon based on `homic_rate` and make it look nice by adjusting `fillOpacity` and `smoothFactor` (how much to simplify the polyline on each zoom level)
 - add a popup with the `homic_rate` values



Web Mapping with leaflet (Cont'd)

- ▶ Add a basemap, which defaults to OSM, with **addTiles()**

```
372 # Add a basemap, which defaults to OSM, with addTiles()  
373 leaflet(philly_WGS84) %>%  
374   addPolygons(  
375     stroke = FALSE,  
376     fillcolor = ~pal_fun(homic_rate),  
377     fillopacity = 0.8, smoothFactor = 0.5,  
378     popup = p_popup) %>%  
379   addTiles()
```



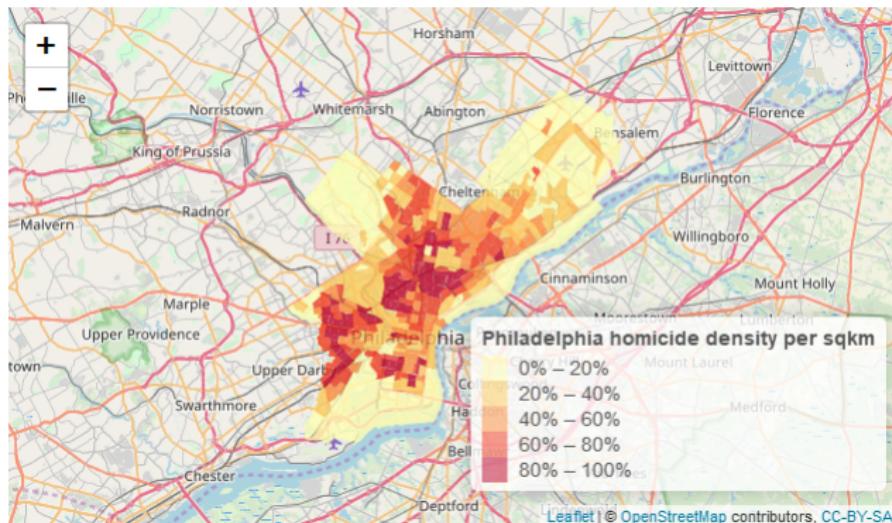
Web Mapping with leaflet (Cont'd)

- ▶ Lastly, we add a legend. We will provide the **addLegend()** function with:
 - the location of the legend on the map
 - the function that creates the color palette
 - the value we want the palette function to use
 - a title

```
381 # Add a legend using addLegend()
382 leaflet(philly_WGS84) %>%
383   addPolygons(
384     stroke = FALSE,
385     fillcolor = ~pal_fun(homic_rate),
386     fillopacity = 0.8, smoothFactor = 0.5,
387     popup = p_popup) %>%
388   addTiles() %>%
389   addLegend("bottomright", # Location
390             pal=pal_fun, # palette function
391             values=~homic_rate, # value to be passed to palette function
392             title = 'Philadelphia homicide density per sqkm') # legend
393 title
```

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Web Mapping with leaflet (Cont'd)

- To set the labels for our breaks manually we replace the **pal** and **values** with the **colors** and **labels** arguments

```
394 # Set the labels for our breaks manually
395 ## get quantile breaks. Add .00001 offset to catch the lowest value
396 breaks_qt <- classIntervals(c(min(philly_crimes_sf$homic_rate) - .00001,
397 philly_crimes_sf$homic_rate), n = 7, style = "quantile")
398 breaks_qt
399
400 library(RColorBrewer)
401
402 leaflet(philly_WGS84) %>%
403   addPolygons(
404     stroke = FALSE,
405     fillColor = ~pal_fun(homic_rate),
406     fillOpacity = 0.8, smoothFactor = 0.5,
407     popup = p_popup) %>%
408   addTiles() %>%
409   addLegend("bottomright",
410             colors = brewer.pal(7, "YlOrRd"),
411             labels = paste0("up to ", format(breaks_qt$brks[-1], digits = 2
412 ))),
413             title = 'Philadelphia homicide density per sqkm')
```

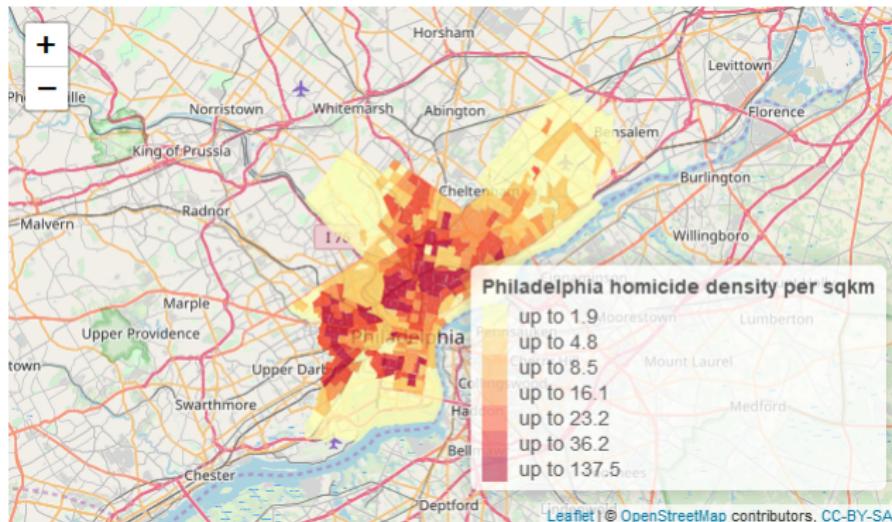
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413             title = 'Philadelphia homicide density per sqkm')
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Web Mapping with leaflet (Cont'd)

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Web Mapping with leaflet (Cont'd)

- ▶ Finally, Add a control to switch to another basemap and turn the philly polygon off and on

```
414 # Add a control to switch to another basemap from "Carto", and option to
415 # turn the polygon off and on
416 leaflet(philly_wgs84) %>%
417   addPolygons(
418     stroke = FALSE,
419     fillcolor = ~pal_fun(homic_rate),
420     fillopacity = 0.8, smoothFactor = 0.5,
421     popup = p_popup,
422     group = "philly") %>%
423   addTiles(group = "OSM") %>%
424   addProviderTiles("CartoDB.DarkMatter", group = "Carto") %>%
425   addLegend("bottomright",
426             colors = brewer.pal(7, "YlOrRd"),
427             labels = paste0("up to ", format(breaks_qt$brks[-1], digits = 2
428 ))),
429             title = 'Philadelphia homicide density per sqkm') %>%
430   addLayersControl(baseGroups = c("OSM", "Carto"),
431                   overlayGroups = c("philly"))
```

Web Mapping with leaflet (Cont'd)

- Finally, Add a control to switch to another basemap and turn the philly polygon off and on

