

# GPX Cleaning

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Try to remove outliers from a gpx track and smooth the data.

some inspirations came from these resources:  
\* <https://github.com/Robinlovelace/Creating-maps-in-R/blob/master/vignettes/gpx-files.Rmd>  
\* <https://bookdown.org/robinlovelace/geocompr>  
\* <https://r-spatial.org/r-aster/spatial/index.html>  
\* <https://www.r-bloggers.com/stay-on-track-plotting-gps-tracks-with-r>  
\* <https://digital-geography.com/gpx-overview-r-function-create-overview-gpx-files-using-leaflet-rgooglemaps>

## load required packages

Load all packages required for the analysis. If these packages are not available, install them on the fly with a `install.packages(<packagesname>)` call.

## read in gpx file

```
# from https://stackoverflow.com/questions/36377252/import-gpx-track-using-the-xml-library
filename = "EM_Lunch_Walk.gpx"

gpx_dt <- filename %>%
  xmlTreeParse(useInternalNodes = TRUE) %>%
  xmlRoot %>%
  xmlToList %>%
  (function(x) x$trk) %>%
  (function(x) unlist(x[names(x) == "trkseg"], recursive = FALSE)) %>%
  map_df(function(x) as.data.frame(t(unlist(x)), stringsAsFactors=FALSE))

# names(gpx_dt) # verify attributes labels
names(gpx_dt) = c("Elevation", "Time", "Latitude", "Longitude")

gpx_dt$Longitude = as.numeric(gpx_dt$Longitude)
gpx_dt$Latitude = as.numeric(gpx_dt$Latitude)
gpx_dt$Elevation = as.numeric(gpx_dt$Elevation)
gpx_dt$Time      = as.POSIXct(gpx_dt$Time, tz="GMT", format="%Y-%m-%dT%H:%M:%OS")
gpx_dt$Duration  = as.numeric(difftime(gpx_dt$Time, gpx_dt$Time[1]), units="hours")

Npts = length(gpx_dt$Longitude)
sTm = gpx_dt$Time[1]
```

## Determine Distance and Speed

```
Dist      = spDists(x=cbind(gpx_dt$Longitude, gpx_dt$Latitude), longlat=TRUE, segments = TRUE)
interval = diff(gpx_dt$Duration)
smpldur  = round(median(interval)/2, 10)

Speed = c(0, Dist / interval) # km/h
```

## identify outliers and create new gpx data

```
# running median residuals
# rMed_win = 151 # window size of data points used for the running median
#
# rLat = gpx_dt$Latitude - runmed(gpx_dt$Latitude, rMed_win)
# rLon = gpx_dt$Longitude - runmed(gpx_dt$Longitude, rMed_win)

# loess residuals
ResThr = 0.0001
WinDur = 1 / 60 # loess Window duration in hours

NWinPts = WinDur/smpldur
Lspan   = NWinPts / Npts

rLon = loess(gpx_dt$Latitude ~ gpx_dt$Duration, span=Lspan)$residuals
rLat = loess(gpx_dt$Longitude ~ gpx_dt$Duration, span=Lspan)$residuals

rDist = sqrt(rLat^2 + rLon^2)

# remove outliers

# ol = which(rDist > 10*mad(rDist))
ol = which(rDist > ResThr)

gpx.ol_rm = gpx_dt
gpx.ol_rm[ol, ] = NA

gpx.ol_rm = droplevels(subset(gpx.ol_rm, is.finite(gpx.ol_rm$Longitude)))

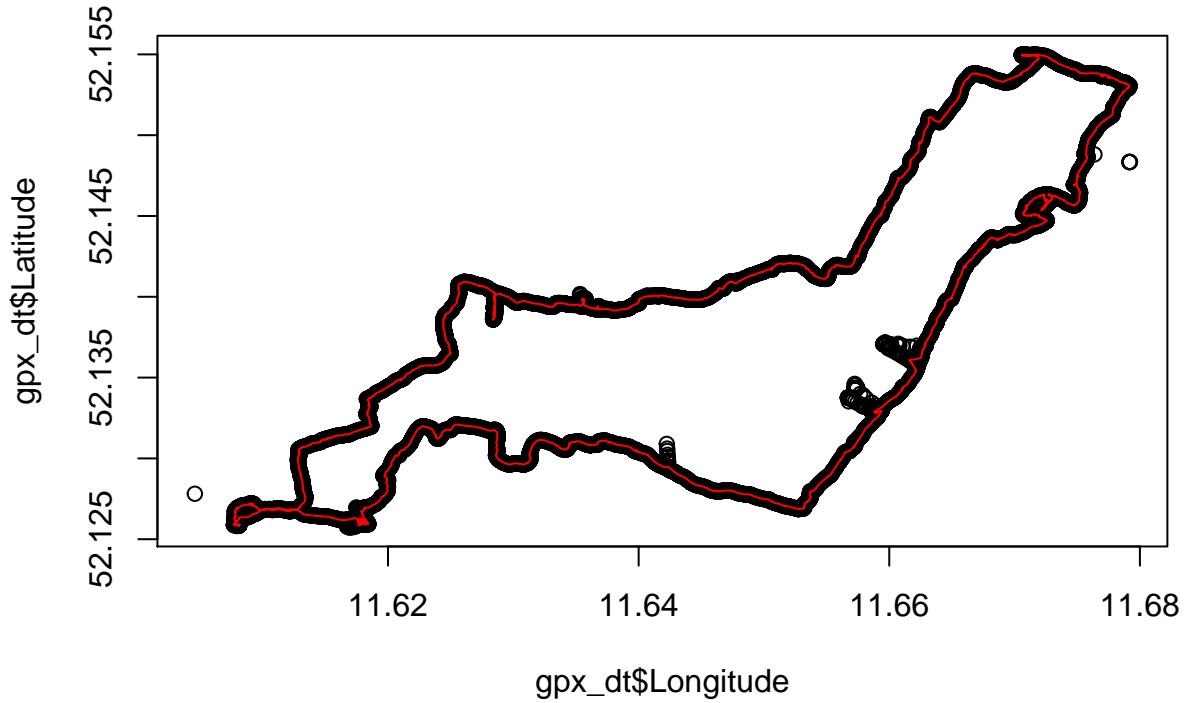
# define interpolation functions
nDuration = seq(from=0, to=max(gpx_dt$Duration), by=smpldur)

Lon_ip = approxfun(gpx.ol_rm$Duration, gpx.ol_rm$Longitude, rule=2)
Lat_ip = approxfun(gpx.ol_rm$Duration, gpx.ol_rm$Latitude, rule=2)
Ele_ip = approxfun(gpx.ol_rm$Duration, gpx.ol_rm$Elevation, rule=2)

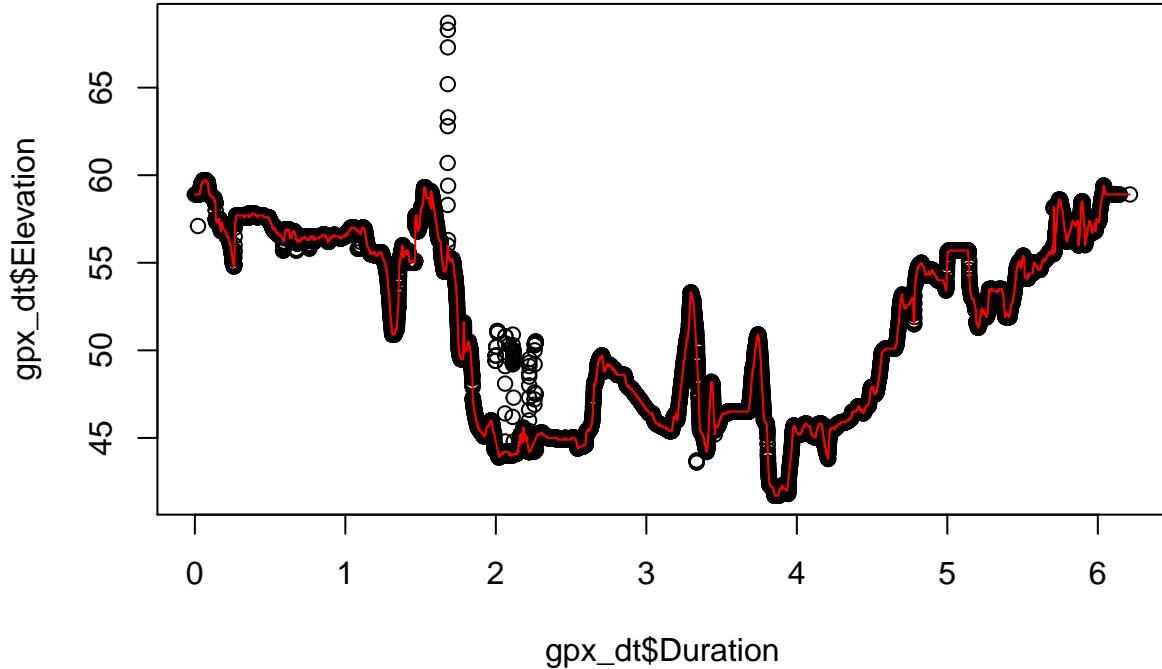
nLon = Lon_ip(nDuration)
nLat = Lat_ip(nDuration)
nEle = Ele_ip(nDuration)

# visualize
plot(gpx_dt$Longitude, gpx_dt$Latitude)
```

```
lines(nLon, nLat, col='red')
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```
plot(gpx_dt$Duration,gpx_dt$Elevation)
lines(nDuration,nEle, col='red')
```



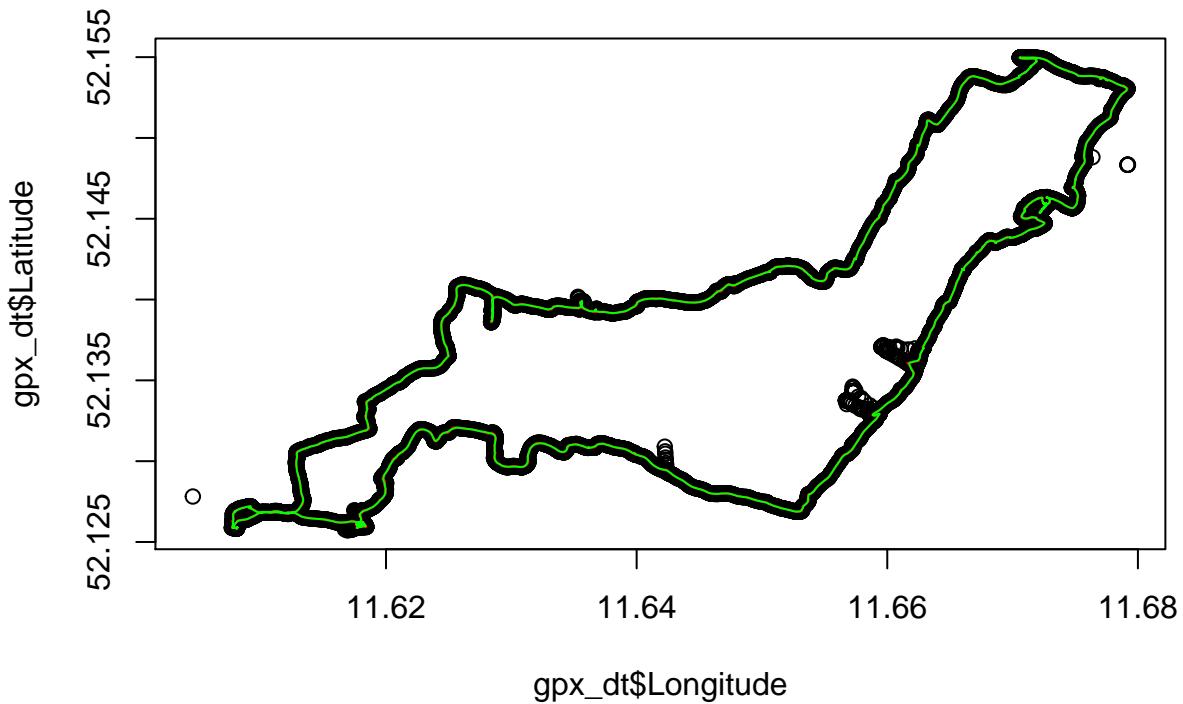
## smooth the data

```
WinDur = 2 / 60 # loess Window duration in hours

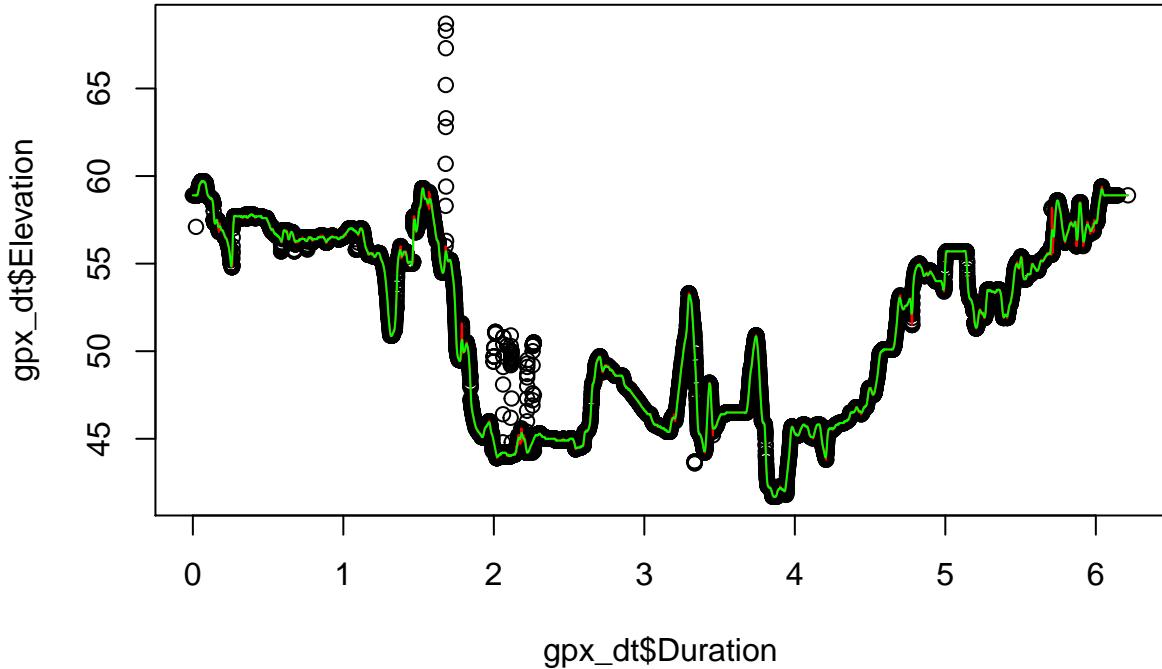
NWinPts = WinDur/smpldur
Lspan = NWinPts / length(nDuration)

lLon = loess(nLon ~ nDuration, span=Lspan)$fitted
lLat = loess(nLat ~ nDuration, span=Lspan)$fitted
lEle = loess(nEle ~ nDuration, span=Lspan)$fitted

plot(gpx_dt$Longitude, gpx_dt$Latitude)
lines(nLon, nLat, col='red')
lines(lLon, lLat, col='green')
```



```
plot(gpx_dt$Duration,gpx_dt$Elevation)
lines(nDuration,nEle, col='red')
lines(nDuration,lEle, col='green')
```



## write processed GPX file

### define Write GPX

from: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/54726758/merging-multiple-gpx-files-into-a-single-gpx-file-with-multiple-tracks>

```
writeGPX = function(Time, Longitude, Latitude, Elevation, file="file.gpx"){
  o = c('<gpx version="1.1" creator="R">', '<trk>', '<trkseg>')
  o = c(o, paste('<trkpt lat=""', Latitude, '" lon=""', Longitude, '"><time>',
    paste("<ele>", Elevation, "</ele>", sep=""),
    paste(gsub(' ', 'T', as.character(Time)), 'Z', sep=''),
    '</time></trkpt>', sep=''))
  
  o = c(o, '</trkseg>', '</trk>', '</gpx>')
  cat(o, file=file, sep='\n')
}
```

### Write data

```
lTm = as.difftime(nDuration, units="hours") + sTm

writeGPX(lTm, lLon, lLat, lEle, file="gpx_cleaned.gpx")
```

just some plots to play with

```
#gpx_dt = readGPX(filename)
#gpx_raw <- readOGR(dsn = filename)
#pfile <- htmlTreeParse(filename, useInternalNodes = T)

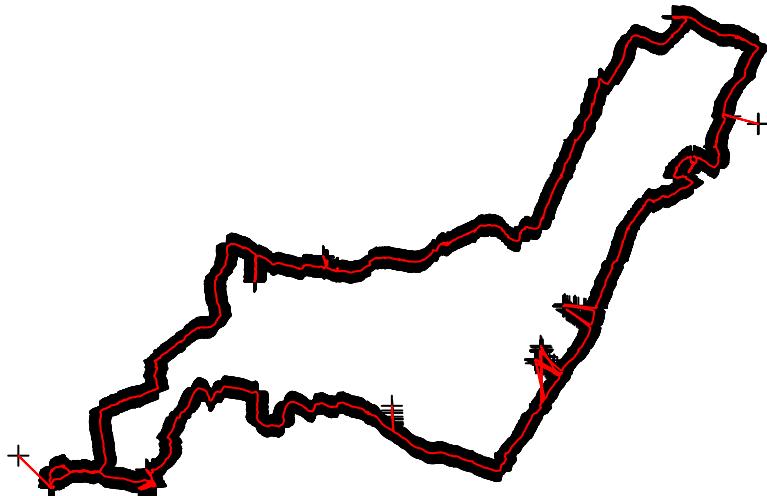
gpx.raw = readGPS(i = "gpx", f = filename, type="w")
(layers = ogrListLayers(filename))

## [1] "waypoints"      "routes"        "tracks"        "route_points" "track_points"
## attr(,"driver")
## [1] "GPX"
## attr(,"nlayers")
## [1] 5
gp1 = readOGR(filename, layer=layers[5])

## OGR data source with driver: GPX
## Source: "/DATA/git_repos/wzinke/gpx_playground/gpx_clean/EM_Lunch_Walk.gpx", layer: "track_points"
## with 15114 features
## It has 26 fields
gt1 = readOGR(filename, layer=layers[3])

## OGR data source with driver: GPX
## Source: "/DATA/git_repos/wzinke/gpx_playground/gpx_clean/EM_Lunch_Walk.gpx", layer: "tracks"
## with 1 features
## It has 12 fields

plot(gp1)
plot(gt1, add = T, col = "red")
```



```
plot(gp1$track_seg_point_id, gp1$ele )
```

