Lecture 7 Tutorial: Maps 1 of 3

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A. Agenda for Today

Our goals today are two-fold. We will gain some programming experience

- loops
- merging
- string functions

We will also learn a lot about making maps in R. We will do with by using plot() from Base R, and also a very new variant of ggplot which allows for the simple plotting of spatial objects, based on a package called sf.

B. Packages

This class requires many new packages. Right now, you should install

- rgdal
- raster
- sp
- sf
- devtools
- digest
- scales
- tibble

But that's not it. We are using the new geom_sf() command from ggplot. It's so new, it's not yet available in standard packages from CRAN (Comprehensive R Action Network). Instead, we have to load it from github, which is website for all kinds of programming stuff. To do this, you'll need to do run the code below. R may ask you about installing a .exe file or files, and you should say yes. R may also ask you about restarting and you should say yes.

```
library(devtools)
devtools::install_github("tidyverse/ggplot2")
```

Finally, you also need to install the devtools version of the sf package. To do this, try

```
devtools::install_github("r-spatial/sf")
```

If you've successfully installed all those packages, you're ready to go.

C. Load a first shapefile

We are going to load the shapefile that corresponds with the county data that we've been using. We read shapefiles differently than we read dataframes. Below I use the writeOGR command to load a shapefile (later in this tutorial, we'll explore an alternate method).

You can download this shapefile from here. You will need to unzip after downloading. A complete shapefile has 4 to 6 separate files – and you need them all. This file has 5 parts with extensions as listed below

- .dbf : a spreadsheet file with information about the polygons
- .prj : the coordinate reference system for the polygons
- .shp : the actual polygon information in coordinate terms
- .shx : not sure what this adds
- .xml : not sure what this adds

For all the libraries below, you may need to install the associated package for it to work. For example, if you don't find the package rgdal, you should do install.packages("rgdal").

```
library(rgdal)
```

Loading required package: sp

with 3221 features

It has 6 fields

We have just created a Spatial Polygon Data Frame. This is an object of the "S4" class in R. To date we have worked with objects of the "S3" class. I tell you this not because you need to know the details of these separate classes, but to say that all the tools we've learned to date work on S3 objects. They may or may not work on S4 objects.

R has many tools to help you figure out what's in this spatial polygon dataframe.

```
# what kind of file is it?
class(cnty.map)
```

```
## [1] "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame"
## attr(,"package")
## [1] "sp"
# how many features does this file have?
# feature: point, polygon, line
length(cnty.map)
```

[1] 3221

how far does this thing go out?
extent(cnty.map)

##	class	:	Extent		
##	xmin	:	-179.1473		
##	xmax	:	179.7785		

ymin : 17.88481 ## ymax : 71.35256

metadata summary

cnty.map

class : SpatialPolygonsDataFrame ## features : 3221 : -179.1473, 179.7785, 17.88481, 71.35256 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax) ## extent ## coord. ref. : +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no_defs +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0 ## variables : 6 ## names GEO_ID, STATE, COUNTY, NAME, LSAD, CENSUSAREA : ## min values : 0500000US01001, 01, 001, Abbeville, Borough, 1.999 ## max values : 0500000US72153, 72, 840, Ziebach, Parish, 145504.789 *# look at the attributes* head(cnty.map)

##		GEO_ID	STATE	COUNTY	NAME	LSAD	CENSUSAREA
##	0	0500000US01029	01	029	Cleburne	County	560.100
##	1	0500000US01031	01	031	Coffee	County	678.972
##	2	0500000US01037	01	037	Coosa	County	650.926
##	3	0500000US01039	01	039	Covington	County	1030.456
##	4	0500000US01041	01	041	Crenshaw	County	608.840
##	5	0500000US01045	01	045	Dale	County	561.150

We also care about how the file is projected, which is a way of saying we may be interested in how we're telling R to lay our shapes out across space. You can see the "coordinate reference system" directly using the crs() command below. You can also make the coordinate reference system an object itself, in case you want to give this CRS to another map.

```
# how is this map projected?
crs(cnty.map)
```

```
## CRS arguments:
## +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no_defs +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0
# note that you can store this in something
cproj <- crs(cnty.map)
cproj
```

CRS arguments: ## +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no_defs +ellps=GRS80 +towgs84=0,0,0

Spatial polygon data frames (or their parallel in lines or points) have a "dataframe" component – the equivalent of the .dbf file that is part of a shapefile. You can use specific language when you want to get to the data, which is called a data "slot." In particular, you get to the data by writing dataframe@data\$varname, where dataframe is the name of the data frame, varname is the name of the variable, and @data is always the same, letting R know that you're getting to the attributes part of this file.

As you see below, you can do regular dataframe things like head() and table() with this slot. You can also subset the spatial polygon dataframe like you would a regular dataframe, using standard subset language. Below I subset the map to be only the continental US, dropping Alaska ("02"), Hawaii ("15") and Puerto Rico ("72"). See lecture 6's tutorial for more explanation on this command.

shapefiles have a -data- slot
@data is common to all files
head(cnty.map@data)

GEO ID STATE COUNTY NAME LSAD CENSUSAREA ## ## 0 050000US01029 01 029 Cleburne County 560.100 ## 1 050000US01031 01 031 Coffee County 678.972 ## 2 050000US01037 01 037 Coosa County 650.926 ## 3 050000US01039 039 Covington County 01 1030.456 608.840 **##** 4 050000US01041 01 041 Crenshaw County ## 5 050000US01045 01 045 Dale County 561.150 # you can do regular R things with the @data part table(cnty.map@data\$LSAD) ## Muny Parish ## Borough CA city County Cty&Bor Muno ## 12 11 41 3007 4 78 2 64 table(cnty.map@data\$STATE) ## 01 02 04 05 06 ## 08 09 10 11 12 13 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 67 29 15 75 58 8 67 159 44 102 92 99 105 120 ## 64 3 1 5 33 ## 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 34 35 36 37 38 39 33 53 88 ## 64 16 24 14 83 87 82 115 56 93 17 10 21 62 100 ## 40 41 42 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 53 54 55 56 72 5 46 66 95 254 29 14 134 39 55 72 78 ## 77 36 67 23 # lets get rid of alaska and hi! too bothersome for plotting ccnties <- cnty.map[!(cnty.map@data\$STATE %in% c("02","15","72")),]</pre> length(ccnties)

[1] 3109

D. Make a map

It's surprisingly easy to make a no-fills map in R. We'll start by using R's very basic plot() command. We'll make the whole US, and then the new continental US file we created.

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make the whole US
plot(cnty.map)



make just the continental US
plot(ccnties)



Of course, there are about a 1000 different options for improving the look of these plots. In the interest of time, I am going to leave them to your exploration.

E. Color by Attribute

You'll very frequently see maps with attributes colored in. This kind of map is called a choropleth. We'll now do a very simple version of such a map, coloring in the census divisions that we have used before.

We begin by assigning a division to each state. We did this before in tutorial 4, so you can copy and modify your code from that tutorial if you'd like. I use the table command at the end to make sure that every county is assigned (as it should be) to a division.

```
ifelse(ccnties@data$STATE == 18 | ccnties@data$STATE == 17 |
             ccnties@data$STATE == 26 | ccnties@data$STATE == 39 |
             ccnties@data$STATE == 55, 3,
        ifelse(ccnties@data$STATE == 19 | ccnties@data$STATE == 20 |
               ccnties@data$STATE == 27 | ccnties@data$STATE == 29 |
               ccnties@data$STATE == 31 | ccnties@data$STATE == 38 |
               ccnties@data$STATE == 46, 4,
          ifelse(ccnties@data$STATE == 10 | ccnties@data$STATE == 11 |
                 ccnties@data$STATE == 12 | ccnties@data$STATE == 13 |
                 ccnties@data$STATE == 24 | ccnties@data$STATE == 37 |
                 ccnties@data$STATE == 45 | ccnties@data$STATE == 51 |
                 ccnties@data$STATE == 54, 5,
            ifelse(ccnties@data$STATE == "01" | ccnties@data$STATE == 21 |
                   ccnties@data$STATE == 28 | ccnties@data$STATE == 47,6,
              ifelse(ccnties@data$STATE == "05" | ccnties@data$STATE == 22 |
                     ccnties@data$STATE == 40 | ccnties@data$STATE == 48, 7,
                ifelse(ccnties@data$STATE == "04" | ccnties@data$STATE == "08" |
                       ccnties@data$STATE == 16 | ccnties@data$STATE == 35 |
                       ccnties@data$STATE == 30 | ccnties@data$STATE == 49 |
                       ccnties@data$STATE == 32 | ccnties@data$STATE == 56, 8,
                  ifelse(ccnties@data$STATE == "02" | ccnties@data$STATE == "06" |
                         ccnties@data$STATE == 15 | ccnties@data$STATE == 41 |
                         ccnties@data$STATE == 53,9,0)))))))))
table(ccnties@data$division)
```

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ## 67 150 437 618 589 364 470 281 133

We should see that there are no counties with a division code of 0, the final residual category of the **ifelse()** statements.

Rosa points out that you can do this same thing with an easier-to-read command as below. These two commands are equivalent.

First, we'll show you the power of stacking plots in R. We begin by plotting all counties with a light grey background (col="lightgrey"). On top of that, we add (add = TRUE) another plot, which is a subset of our map to division one (ccnties[ccnties@data\$division %in% c("1"),]), colored in red.



This is great if you want to highlight one division. If you want to show where all the divisions are, you need something slightly more complicated. We'll use the **spplot()** command, which is designed for making maps by attributes.



You might also need to make a bunch of maps – perhaps one by division. To do this, you can type the same code nine times – or you can use a loop.

I've gone over loops in class, but the basic idea is that you have sometime you want to repeat by an index value. Below we plot each division separately with a title. First I create a vector called **divisions** which is sequence of numbers 1 to 9 (by 1). Then, for each of those numbers – indexed by **d**, the loop does the commands below. Note that the loop begins with { and ends with }. The loop

- creates a character string that says "this is division [whatever the division number is]"
 - this line uses the **paste** command, which squishes strings of characters together, separated (or not) by whatever is after the **sep=** option. Here we separate by nothing.
- if you'd like to print this character string to the screen, add print(tito)
 - this isn't necessary but it can be helpful for de-bugging problems
 - I don't do it here for space reasons
- makes a plot of just the counties in this specific division, colored in blue, and with the title of the text string we just created

```
# do a loop and plot each division
divisions <- seq(1,9,1)
divisions</pre>
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
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```
for(d in divisions){
   tito <- paste("this is division ",d,sep="")
   plot(ccnties[ccnties@data$division == c(d),],</pre>
```

```
col = "blue",
main = tito)
}
```



















You can use this technique for anything you want to replicate by a list.

F. Preparing attribute data

Of course, what we can show with just this map file is pretty limited. There are no demographic or environmental variables. However, we do have a dataset with county information. So the next step in this tutorial is to link the county dataset with the map. We'll begin by preparing the county dataframe.

The commands below do things we've already practiced. They load the data, keep just 2010, limit to a few variables so that things are easier, get rid of Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico to make the data match the map, and then look at the data that are left.

```
# load the county data
counties <- read.csv("h:/pppa_data_viz/2018/tutorials/lecture01/counties_1910to2010_20180115.csv")
# just keep 2010
counties.2010 <- counties[which(counties$year == 2010),]
dim(counties.2010)
## [1] 3143 68
# just keep a few variables to make this a little easier
dim(counties.2010)
## [1] 3143 68</pre>
```

```
counties.2010 <- counties.2010[,c("statefips","countyfips","cv1")]</pre>
dim(counties.2010)
## [1] 3143
                3
# get rid of alaska, hawaii and puerto rico for easier matching later
dim(counties.2010)
## [1] 3143
                3
table(counties.2010$statefips)
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counties.2010 <- counties.2010[!(counties.2010$statefips %in% c("2","15","72")),]
dim(counties.2010)
## [1] 3109
                3
# look at the variables we need to merge on
head(counties.2010)
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head(ccnties)
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If you've been paying careful attention, you may have realized that while this dataframe and our spatial
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polygons dataframe both have state and county IDs, their formats are rather different. The state and county in the map are character variables, where each state ID is always two characters, and each county ID is always three. To make this consistent number of characters, when the value is less than the number of characters, strings are filled with leading zeros. For example, California is state code 6, or 06 in the map; Los Angeles county is code 37, and is 037 in the map.

In contrast, county numbers in counties.2010 are regular old numbers.

In order for the merge between the two datasets to work properly, both variables need to be expressed in the same way. The variables don't have to be named the say, but the do have to be expressed the same way, since the computer will not merge 037 with 37.

To make these consistent, I change the data into character strings (rather than the map into numeric). The

code for this is below. The only new command here is nchar(), which counts the number of characters in a string. If the state code is less than two characters, add a leading zero. If the county code is 1 character, add two zeros; if the county code is 2 characters, add one zero. Otherwise, keep it the same.

I check the results using the table() command.

62 100 ## ## ## 95 254 14 134

county values

table(counties.2010\$ccountyfips)

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The only thing left to do before merging (you could do it after merging, but this seemed simpler to me, since we don't have to work with the spatial data frame) is to make deciles of population size for the maps we want to make.

As we have done in previous classes, we make a vector that holds the quantiles of population, pdec. We then "cut" the counties.2010 dataset by this decile vector, so that each county has a marker for the decile into which it falls. I use the table function to check that counties are evenly divided by decile as they should be, and they are.

```
# lets make deciles of population
# similar to what we did last class
pdec <- quantile(counties.2010$cv1, probs=seq(0,1,0.1), na.rm = TRUE)</pre>
pdec
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counties.2010$pop.decile <- cut(counties.2010$cv1, pdec,</pre>
                               include.lowest = TRUE,
                               right = FALSE)
table(counties.2010$pop.decile)
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                          [5.3e+03, 9.25e+03)
                                               [9.25e+03, 1.39e+04)
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   [1.39e+04,1.91e+04)
                          [1.91e+04, 2.6e+04)
                                                [2.6e+04, 3.68e+04)
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   [3.68e+04, 5.25e+04)
                         [5.25e+04, 9.09e+04)
                                               [9.09e+04, 1.98e+05)
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   [1.98e+05,9.82e+06]
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G. Load simple shapefile

Now we are ready to merge the map file and the data file.

However, we are going to use the hot-off-the-presses **sf** function to do this. This function is so new that you had to use the version set up for software developers to use it (that's why you had to use **devtools**:: to load it). I recommend the overview file here.

To get the map into a "simple polygon" version, you need to reload it using sf's st_read() command. The syntax for this is very similar to readOGR. Once you load this file, you can inspect it like a regular dataframe.

```
library(sf)
```

```
## Linking to GEOS 3.6.1, GDAL 2.2.3, proj.4 4.9.3
sfcounties <- st_read(dsn = "h:/pppa_data_viz/2018/tutorials/lecture07/data",</pre>
                      layer ="gz_2010_us_050_00_500k")
## Reading layer `gz_2010_us_050_00_500k' from data source `h:\pppa_data_viz\2018\tutorials\lecture07\d
## Simple feature collection with 3221 features and 6 fields
## geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   XΥ
## bbox:
                   xmin: -179.1473 ymin: 17.88481 xmax: 179.7785 ymax: 71.35256
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no_defs
sfcounties$geometry
## Geometry set for 3221 features
## geometry type:
                   MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   XY
## bbox:
                   xmin: -179.1473 ymin: 17.88481 xmax: 179.7785 ymax: 71.35256
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no_defs
## First 5 geometries:
## MULTIPOLYGON (((-85.38872 33.91304, -85.38088 3...
## MULTIPOLYGON (((-86.03044 31.61894, -86.00408 3...
## MULTIPOLYGON (((-86.00928 33.10164, -86.00917 3...
## MULTIPOLYGON (((-86.34851 30.99434, -86.35023 3...
## MULTIPOLYGON (((-86.14699 31.68045, -86.14711 3...
names(sfcounties)
## [1] "GEO_ID"
                    "STATE"
                                  "COUNTY"
                                               "NAME"
                                                            "LSAD"
## [6] "CENSUSAREA" "geometry"
```

You can use these sf files to make maps using the geom_sf() command in ggplot.

In the examples below, I first chart all states, coloring by color. In the second set of lines I keep only the continental US via subsetting. I then plot the continental US, coloring by state (aes(fill=STATE)).

library(ggplot2)

```
##
## Attaching package: 'ggplot2'
## The following object is masked from 'package:raster':
##
calc
ggplot(sfcounties) +
   geom_sf(aes(fill=STATE))
```





```
# keep only continental us
sfcountiesc <- sfcounties[!(sfcounties$STATE %in% c("02","15","72")),]
dim(sfcountiesc)</pre>
```

[1] 3109 7

ggplot(sfcountiesc) +
geom_sf(aes(fill=STATE))



Here are two more examples of ggplot's reach. The first is the same map, but filled by area of the polygon.

```
# make a map, color coding by area (silly)
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(sfcountiesc) +
  geom_sf(data = sfcountiesc, aes(fill=CENSUSAREA))
```



The second subsets to California and gets rid of most of the background junk.

```
# lets do just Ca and see if I can get rid of ugly background
ggplot(sfcountiesc[sfcountiesc$STATE == "06",]) +
geom_sf(aes(fill=CENSUSAREA)) +
coord_sf(crs = st_crs(sfcountiesc), datum = NA) +
theme(panel.background = element_blank())
```



H. Merge in County Data

Finally, we're ready to merge in the county data. Check the size of the map file and the data file beforehand. Your merged file should have this same number of observations. The command merge() puts the datasets together, specifying the variables from the first dataset (by.x=c("STATE", "COUNTY")) and the second dataset (by.y=c("cstatefips", "ccountyfips")). The option all = TRUE keeps all observations from both datasets, regardless of whether there is a match. This is key for quality control.

Luckily, the datasets merge perfectly – that is each has 3109 observations to start with, and the final merged dataset also have 3109 observations. I know the latter using the dim() command, and I also check to see that the new dataframe looks ok with the head() command.

```
# merge the county dataframe with the shapefile
# have to put spatial file first
# then data.frame second
dim(sfcountiesc)
## [1] 3109
               7
dim(counties.2010)
## [1] 3109
               6
cntystuff <- merge(sfcountiesc,counties.2010,</pre>
                       by.x=c("STATE","COUNTY"),
                       by.y=c("cstatefips","ccountyfips"),
                   all = TRUE)
head(cntystuff)
## Simple feature collection with 6 features and 10 fields
## geometry type: MULTIPOLYGON
## dimension:
                   XY
## bbox:
                   xmin: -88.02927 ymin: 30.22113 xmax: -85.05307 ymax: 34.26048
## epsg (SRID):
                   4269
## proj4string:
                   +proj=longlat +datum=NAD83 +no_defs
     STATE COUNTY
                                           LSAD CENSUSAREA statefips
##
                          GEO_ID
                                    NAME
              001 0500000US01001 Autauga County
## 1
        01
                                                   594.436
                                                                    1
## 2
        01
              003 0500000US01003 Baldwin County
                                                   1589.784
                                                                    1
## 3
              005 0500000US01005 Barbour County
        01
                                                   884.876
                                                                    1
## 4
                                    Bibb County
                                                    622.582
       01
              007 050000US01007
                                                                    1
## 5
              009 0500000US01009 Blount County
        01
                                                    644.776
                                                                    1
## 6
        01
              011 0500000US01011 Bullock County
                                                    622.805
                                                                    1
##
     countyfips
                                pop.decile
                                                                  geometry
                   cv1
              1 54571 [5.25e+04,9.09e+04) MULTIPOLYGON (((-86.52469 3...
## 1
              3 182265 [9.09e+04,1.98e+05) MULTIPOLYGON (((-87.41247 3...
## 2
## 3
              5 27457 [2.6e+04,3.68e+04) MULTIPOLYGON (((-85.13285 3...
## 4
              7 22915 [1.91e+04,2.6e+04) MULTIPOLYGON (((-87.11632 3...
## 5
              9 57322 [5.25e+04,9.09e+04) MULTIPOLYGON (((-86.73121 3...
## 6
             11 10914 [9.25e+03,1.39e+04) MULTIPOLYGON (((-85.74209 3...
```

dim(cntystuff)

[1] 3109 11

Finally, I create population density for mapping.

make population density
cntystuff\$pop.density <- cntystuff\$cv1/cntystuff\$CENSUSAREA/1000</pre>

I. Make maps from these merged data

Here is a black and white map of California plotting population density (recall we defined this on a national scale).

```
# population decile
ggplot(cntystuff[cntystuff$STATE == "06",]) +
scale_fill_manual(values = colorRampPalette(c("black","white"))(9)) +
geom_sf(aes(fill=pop.decile)) +
coord_sf(crs = st_crs(cntystuff), datum = NA) +
theme(panel.background = element_blank())
```



Here is a similar map for the entire US.

```
# population decile
ggplot(cntystuff) +
  geom_sf(aes(fill=pop.decile)) +
  coord_sf(crs = st_crs(cntystuff), datum = NA) +
  scale_color_gradient() +
  theme(panel.background = element_blank())
```



J. Homework

- 1. Repeat the final charts with another county variable that has a different range from what we plotted in the tutorial.
- 2. Make a choropleth map from another dataset! It is ok to bring in a shapefile that already has values attached so you can skip the bothersome merging bit.