Raster Data: II

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Objectives

- By the end of today, you should be able to:
 - Use moving windows as a means of smoothing raster data
 - Reclassify data using conditional statements and reclassification tables
 - Use raster math as a means of creating new data based on an existing dataset.

Moving Windows

Why use moving windows?

- To create new data that reflects "neighborhood" data
- To smooth out values
- To detect (and fill) holes or edges
- Change the thematic scale of your data (without changing resolution)

What is a moving window?

Sliding Window Operations



Inside the window the center cell is replaced by the a weighted sum of its neighbors. Calculations are repeated as the window slides across the remaining cells.

Pygis.io



Implementing Moving Windows in R

• Use the **focal** function in **terra**

focal(x, w=3, fun="sum", ..., na.policy="all",
fillvalue=NA, expand=FALSE,
silent=TRUE, filename="", overwrite=FALSE,
wopt=list())

- 1 library(tidyverse)
- 2 library(terra)
- 3 library(spData)
- 4 srtm = rast(system.file("raster/srtm.tif", package = "spDataLarge")
- 5 srtm3 <- focal (x = srtm, w = 3)
- 6 srtm9 <- focal (x = srtm, w = 9)
- 7 srtm21 <- focal (x = srtm, w = 21)



9 by 9







1 srtmsum <- focal(x = srtm, w = 3, fun="sum")
2 srtmmax <- focal(x = srtm, w = 9, fun="mean")
3 srtmmin <- focal(x = srtm, w = 21, fun="min")</pre>











- can alter the size and shape of window by providing a weights matrix for w
- Can create different custom functions for **fun** (see the help file)
- **na.policy** for filling holes or avoiding them

Reclassification

Reclassification

- Create new data based on the presence of a particular class(es) of interest
- Combine classes in a categorical map
- Useful as inputs for overlay analyses

Reclassifying rasters in R

- Using [] and conditionals
 - 1 srtm = rast(system.file("raster/srtm.tif", package = "spDataLarge")
 - 2 srtm.lowelev <- srtm
 - 3 srtm.lowelev[srtm.lowelev > 2500] <- 1
 - 4 plot(srtm.lowelev)



Reclassifying rasters in R

• Using [] and conditionals

```
1 srtm = rast(system.file("raster/srtm.tif", package = "spDataLarge")
2
3
4 srtm.na <- srtm
5 srtm.na[200:300, 200:300] <- NA
6 srtm.na[is.na(srtm.na)] <- 8000
7 plot(srtm.na)</pre>
```



Reclassifying Categorical Rasters

- Need a classification matrix
- Use classify

```
1 mintemp <- rast("ftp://ftp.hafro.is/pub/data/rasters/Iceland_minbte
2 cm <- matrix(c(
3 -2, 2, 0,
4 2, 4, 1,
5 4, 10, 2), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE)
6
7 # Create a raster with integers
8 temp_reclass <- classify(mintemp, cm)
9 tempcats <- c("cold", "mild", "warm")
10 levels(temp_reclass) <- tempcats</pre>
```

Reclassifying Categorical Rasters



Raster Math

- Performs cell-wise calculations on 1 (or more)
 SpatRasters
- Generally works the same as matrix operations
- All layers must be aligned

Raster Math

- 1 r <- rast(ncol=5, nrow=5)</pre>
- 2 values(r) <- 1:ncell(r)</pre>
- 3 r2 <- r*2
- 4 r3 <- t(r)
- 5 r4 <- r + r2



Cell-wise operations

- terra has a special set of apply functions
- app, lapp, tapp
- app applies a function to the values of each cell
- **lapp** applies a function using the layer as the value
- **tapp** applies the function to a subset of layers

Context-specific Functions

- **distance** and relatives are based on relationships between cells
- **terrain** allows calculation of slope, ruggedness, aspect using elevation rasters
- shade calculates hillshade based on terrain

Practice

You are tasked with the following (admittedly silly) analysis by the "Wildfire for Insurance Agents" group. They would like a map of wildfire risk in Idaho with these categories: "No worries," "A little bit risky," "Moderate risk," and "Very risky," and "Don't move here." They don't want any stakeholders to feel that their properties stand out unfairly, so they don't want pixels that are different from the pixels around them. Choose a county to present this analysis to and make a map for that audience as well as the state map.

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