# **geoR** : Package for Geostatistical Data Analysis An illustrative session

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# 1 Introduction

The package **geoR** provides functions for geostatistical data analysis using the software R. This document illustrates some (but not all!) of the capabilities of the package.

The objective is to familiarise the reader with the **geoR**'s commands for data analysis and show some of the graphical outputs which can be produced.

The commands used here are just illustrative, providing basic examples of the package handling. We did not attempt to perform a definitive analysis of the data-set used throughout the exemples neither to cover all the details of the package capability.

In what follows:

- the R commands are shown in *slanted typewriter fonts like this*,
- the corresponding output, if any, is shown in typewriter fonts like this.

Typically, default arguments are used for the function calls and the user is encouraged to inspect other arguments of the functions using the args and help functions. For instance, to see all the arguments for the function variog type args(variog) and/or help(variog).

The commands shown in this page are also available in the file http://www.est.ufpr.br/geoR,

We refer to the **geoR** documentation (http://www.est.ufpr.br/geoR/geoR.html#help) for more details on the functions included in the package **geoR**.

# 2 Starting a Session and Loading Data

#### 2.1 Loading the package

After starting an R session, load **geoR** with the command library (or require). If the package is loaded correctly a message will be displayed.

#### > library(geoR)

If the installation directory for the package is the default location for R packages, type:

```
> library(geoR, lib.loc="PATH_TO_geoR")
```

where '"PATH\_TO\_geoR"' is the path to the directory where geoR was installed.

#### 2.2 Using data

Typically, data are stored as an object (a list) of the class geodata. An object of this class contains two obligatory elements: the coordinates of data locations as first element (\$coords) and the data values as second element (\$data), which can be a vector or a matrix. Objets of the class geodata may have other elements such as covariates and coordinates of the borders of the study area.

We refer to the documentation for the functions as.geodata and read.geodata for more information on how to import/convert data and on the definitions for the class "geodata". Check http://www.est.ufpr.br/geoR/importingASCII.html for information on how to read data from an ASCII (text) file.

There a a few data-sets included in the package distribution. For the examples included in this document we use the data set **s100** included in the **geoR** distribution. To load this data type:

```
> data(s100)
```

The list of all data-sets included in the package is given by data(package='geoR').

### 3 Exploratory Tools

A quick summary for the geodata object can be obtained using a method for summary which will return a information on the coordinates and data values.

```
> summary(s100)
```

Number of data points: 100 Coordinates summary Coord.X Coord.Y min 0.005638006 0.01091027 max 0.983920544 0.99124979 Distance summary min max 0.007640962 1.278175109

Data summary

```
Min. 1st Qu. Median Mean 3rd Qu. Max.
-1.1680 0.2730 1.1050 0.9307 1.6100 2.8680
Other elements in the geodata object
[1] "cov.model" "nugget" "cov.pars" "kappa"
[5] "lambda"
```

The elements of the list **\$covariate**, **\$borders** and/or **units.m** will be also summarized if present in the **geodata** object.

#### 3.1 Plotting data locations and values

The function plot.geodata shows a  $2 \times 2$  display with data locations (top plots) and data *versus* coordinates (bottom plots). For an object of the class geodata the command plot(s100) produce the output shown in Figure 3.1.



Figure 1: Plot produced by plot.geodata.

The function **points.geodata** produces a plot showing the data locations. Alternatively, points indicating the data locations can be added to a current plot. There are options to specify point sizes, patterns and colors, which can be set to be proportional to the data values or specified quantiles. Some examples of graphical outputs are illustrated by the commands below and corresponding plots as shown in Figure 3.1.

#### **3.2** Empirical variograms

Empirical variograms are calculated using the function variog. There are options for the *classical* or *modulus* estimator. Results can be returned as variogram clouds, binned or smoothed variograms. There are methods for plot to facilitate the display of the results as shown in Figure 3.

```
> cloud1 <- variog(s100, option = "cloud", max.dist = 1)
> cloud2 <- variog(s100, option = "cloud", estimator.type = "modulus",
+ max.dist = 1)
> bin1 <- variog(s100, uvec = seq(0, 1, 1 = 11))
> bin2 <- variog(s100, uvec = seq(0, 1, 1 = 11),
+ estimator.type = "modulus")
> par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
> plot(cloud1, main = "classical estimator")
> plot(cloud2, main = "modulus estimator")
> plot(bin1, main = "classical estimator")
> plot(bin2, main = "modulus estimator")
```

Several results are returned by the function variog. The first three are the more important ones and contains the distances, the estimated semivariance and the number of pairs for each bin.

#### > names(bin1)

[1]	"u"	"v"
[3]	"n"	"sd"
[5]	"bins.lim"	"ind.bin"



Figure 2: Plot produced by points.geodata.

[7]	"var.mark"	"beta.ols"
[9]	"output.type"	"max.dist"
[11]	"estimator.type"	"n.data"
[13]	"lambda"	"trend"
[15]	"pairs.min"	"nugget.tolerance"
[17]	"direction"	"tolerance"
[19]	"uvec"	"call"

Furthermore, the points of the variogram clouds can be grouped into classes of distances ("bins") and displayed with a box-plot for each bin as shown in Figure 3.2. This can be used as an exploratory tool to access variogram results.

```
> bin1 <- variog(s100, uvec = seq(0, 1, 1 = 11),
+ bin.cloud = T)
> bin2 <- variog(s100, uvec = seq(0, 1, 1 = 11),</pre>
```



Figure 3: Ploting of variog results.

```
+ estimator.type = "modulus", bin.cloud = T)
> par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
> plot(bin1, bin.cloud = T, main = "classical estimator")
> plot(bin2, bin.cloud = T, main = "modulus estimator")
```

Directional variograms can also be computed by the function variog using the arguments 'direction' and 'tolerance'. For example, to compute a variogram for the direction 60 degrees with the default tolerance angle (22.5 degrees) the command would be:

```
> vario60 <- variog(s100, max.dist = 1, direction = pi/3)</pre>
```

For a quick computation in four directions we can use the function variog4 which by default computes variogram for the direction angles  $0^{\circ}$ ,  $45^{\circ}$ ,  $90^{\circ}$  and  $135^{\circ}$ .

```
> vario.4 <- variog4(s100, max.dist = 1)</pre>
```

The Figure 5 show the directional variograms obtained with the commands above.



Figure 4: Box-plots for each of the variogram bins.



Figure 5: Directional variograms

# 4 Parameter Estimation

Theoretical and empirical variograms can be plotted and visually compared. For example, the left panel in Figure 6 shows the theoretical variogram model used to simulate the data s100 and two estimated variograms.

```
> bin1 <- variog(s100, uvec = seq(0, 1, 1 = 11))
> plot(bin1)
> lines.variomodel(cov.model = "exp", cov.pars = c(1,
+        0.3), nugget = 0, max.dist = 1, lwd = 3)
> smooth <- variog(s100, option = "smooth", max.dist = 1,
+        n.points = 100, kernel = "normal", band = 0.2)
> lines(smooth, type = "l", lty = 2)
> legend(0.4, 0.3, c("empirical", "exponential model",
+        "smoothed"), lty = c(1, 1, 2), lwd = c(1,
+        3, 1))
```

In practice we usually don't know the true parameters which have top be estimated by some method. In the package **geoR** the model parameters can be estimated:

- 1. "by eye": trying different models over empirical variograms (using the function lines.variomodel),
- 2. by least squares fit of empirical variograms: with options for ordinary (OLS) and weighted (WLS) least squares (using the function variofit),
- 3. by likelihood based methods: with options for maximum likelihood (ML) and restricted maximum likelihood (REML) (using the function likfit),
- 4. *Bayesian methods*: are also implemented and will be presented in Section 5 (using the function krige.bayes).

Fitting "by eye" consists of drawing curves of theoretical variogram functions over an empirical variogram, changing the variogram model and/or its parameters and, at last, choosing one of them. The following commands show how to add a line with a variogram model to a variogram plot. Three different variogram models are used.

```
> plot(variog(s100, max.dist = 1))
> lines.variomodel(cov.model = "exp", cov.pars = c(1,
+ 0.3), nug = 0, max.dist = 1)
> lines.variomodel(cov.model = "mat", cov.pars = c(0.85,
+ 0.2), nug = 0.1, kappa = 1, max.dist = 1,
+ 1ty = 2)
> lines.variomodel(cov.model = "sph", cov.pars = c(0.8,
+ 0.8), nug = 0.1, max.dist = 1, lwd = 2)
```



Figure 6: Theoretical variogram curves added to empirical variograms.

When using the parameter estimation functions variofit and likfit the nugget effect parameter can either be estimated or set to a fixed value. The same applies for smoothness, anisotropy and transformation parameters. Options for taking trends into account are also included. Trends can be specified as polynomial functions of the coordinates and/or linear functions of given covariates.

An example call to likfit is given below. Methods for print() and summary() have been written to summarize the resulting objects.

> ml <- likfit(s100, ini = c(1, 0.5))

```
> summary(ml)
Summary of the parameter estimation
Estimation method: maximum likelihood
Parameters of the mean component (trend):
  beta
0.7766
Parameters of the spatial component:
   correlation function: exponential
      (estimated) variance parameter sigmasq (partial sill) = 0.7517
      (estimated) cor. fct. parameter phi (range parameter) = 0.1827
   anisotropy parameters:
      (fixed) anisotropy angle = 0 ( 0 degrees )
      (fixed) anisotropy ratio = 1
Parameter of the error component:
      (estimated) nugget = 0
Transformation parameter:
      (fixed) Box-Cox parameter = 1 (no transformation)
Maximised Likelihood:
   log.L n.params
                     AIC
                               BIC
         "4" "175.1" "185.6"
"-83.57"
non spatial model:
   log.L n.params
                      AIC
                               BIC
"-125.8" "2" "255.6" "260.8"
Call:
likfit(geodata = s100, ini.cov.pars = c(1, 0.5))
```

The commands below shows how to fit models by using different methods, with options for fixed or estimated nugget parameter. Notice there are other features not illustrated here such as estimation of trends, anisotropy, smoothness and Box-Cox transformation parameter. Notice in the call above that the functions show some messages while they are running — and we don't want to see them in the following calls. To prevent this we can set the argument messages = FALSE at each function call or, to set it globally for all functions use options() as follows.

> options(geoR.messages = FALSE)

• Fitting models with nugget fixed to zero

```
> ml <- likfit(s100, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T)
> reml <- likfit(s100, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T,
+     method = "RML")
> ols <- variofit(bin1, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T,
+     weights = "equal")
> wls <- variofit(bin1, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T)</pre>
```

• Fitting models with a fixed value for the nugget

```
> ml.fn <- likfit(s100, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T,
+ nugget = 0.15)
> reml.fn <- likfit(s100, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T,
+ nugget = 0.15, method = "RML")
> ols.fn <- variofit(bin1, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T,
+ nugget = 0.15, weights = "equal")
> wls.fn <- variofit(bin1, ini = c(1, 0.5), fix.nugget = T,
+ nugget = 0.15)
```

• Fitting models estimated nugget

```
> ml.n <- likfit(s100, ini = c(1, 0.5), nug = 0.5)
> reml.n <- likfit(s100, ini = c(1, 0.5), nug = 0.5,
+ method = "RML")
> ols.n <- variofit(bin1, ini = c(1, 0.5), nugget = 0.5,
+ weights = "equal")
> wls.n <- variofit(bin1, ini = c(1, 0.5), nugget = 0.5)</pre>
```

Now, the comands for plotting fitted models against empirical variogram as show in Figure 4 are:

```
> par(mfrow = c(1, 3))
> plot(bin1, main = expression(paste("fixed ", tau<sup>2</sup> ==
+ 0)))
> lines(ml, max.dist = 1)
> lines(reml, lwd = 2, max.dist = 1)
> lines(ols, lty = 2, max.dist = 1)
> lines(wls, lty = 2, lwd = 2, max.dist = 1)
> legend(0.5, 0.3, legend = c("ML", "REML", "OLS",
+ "WLS"), lty = c(1, 1, 2, 2), lwd = c(1, 2,
+ 1, 2), cex = 0.7)
> plot(bin1, main = expression(paste("fixed ", tau<sup>2</sup> ==
+ 0.15)))
> lines(ml.fn, max.dist = 1)
```



Figure 7: Empirical variogram and models fitted by different methods.

```
> lines(reml.fn, lwd = 2, max.dist = 1)
> lines(ols.fn, lty = 2, max.dist = 1)
> lines(wls.fn, lty = 2, lwd = 2, max.dist = 1)
 legend(0.5, 0.3, legend = c("ML", "REML", "OLS",
>
      "WLS"), lty = c(1, 1, 2, 2), lwd = c(1, 2, 2)
+
      1, 2), cex = 0.7)
+
 plot(bin1, main = expression(paste("estimated ",
>
      tau^2)))
+
> lines(ml.n, max.dist = 1)
> lines(reml.n, lwd = 2, max.dist = 1)
> lines(ols.n, lty = 2, max.dist = 1)
 lines(wls.n, lty = 2, lwd = 2, max.dist = 1)
>
 legend(0.5, 0.3, legend = c("ML", "REML", "OLS",
>
      "WLS"), lty = c(1, 1, 2, 2), lwd = c(1, 2, 2)
+
      1, 2), cex = 0.7)
+
```

Two kinds of variogram *envelopes* computed by simulation are illustrated in the figure below.

The plot on the left-hand side shows an envelope based on permutations of the data values across the locations, i.e. envelopes built under the assumption of no spatial correlation. The envelopes shown on the right-hand side are based on simulations from a given set of model parameters, in this example the parameter estimates from the WLS variogram fit. This envelope shows the variability of the empirical variogram.

```
> env.mc <- variog.mc.env(s100, obj.var = bin1)
> env.model <- variog.model.env(s100, obj.var = bin1,
+ model = wls)</pre>
```

Profile likelihoods (1-D and 2-D) are computed by the function **proflik**. Here we show the profile likelihoods for the covariance parameters of the model without nugget effect

```
> par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
> plot(bin1, envelope = env.mc)
> plot(bin1, envelope = env.model)
```



Figure 8: Variogram envelopes.

previously fitted by likfit. WARNING: RUNNING THE NEXT COMMAND CAN BE TIME-CONSUMING

### 5 Cross-Validation

The function xvalid performs cross-validation either using the *leaving-one-out* strategy or using a different set of locations provided by the user through the argument 'location.xvalid'.

For the first strategy, data points are removed one by one and predicted by kriging using the remaining data. The commands below illustrates cross-validation for the models fitted by maximum likelihood and weighted least squares. In the following two calls the model parameters remains the same for the prediction at each location.

```
> xv.ml <- xvalid(s100, model = ml)
> xv.wls <- xvalid(s100, model = wls)</pre>
```

Graphical results are shown for the cross-validation results where the leaving-one-out strategy combined with the wls estimates for the parameters was used. Cross-validation residuals are obtained subtracting the observed data minus the predicted value. Standard-ised residuals are obtained dividing by the square root of the prediction variance ('kriging variance'). By default the 10 plots shown in the Figure 10 are produced but the user can restrict the choice using the function arguments.



Figure 9: Profile likelihoods for the model parameters

```
> par(mfcol = c(5, 2), mar = c(3, 3, 1, 0.5), mgp = c(1.5,
+ 0.7, 0))
> plot(xv.wls)
```

A variation of this method is illustrated by the next two calls where the model parameters are re-estimated each time a point is removed from the data-set. WARNING: RUNNING THE NEXT COMMAND CAN BE TIME-CONSUMING

```
> xvR.ml <- xvalid(s100, model = ml, reest = TRUE)
> xvR.wls <- xvalid(s100, model = wls, reest = TRUE,
+ variog.obj = bin1)</pre>
```

# 6 Spatial Interpolation

Conventional geostatistical spatial interpolation (kriging) can be performed with options for:

```
1. Simple kriging
```

- 2. Ordinary kriging
- 3. Trend (universal) kriging
- 4. External trend kriging



Figure 10: Cross-validations results

There are additional options for Box-Cox transformation (and back transformation of the results) and anisotropic models. Simulations can be drawn from the resulting predictive distributions if requested.

As a first example consider the prediction at four locations labeled 1, 2, 3, 4 and indicated in the figure below.

The command to perform *ordinary kriging* using the parameters estimated by weighted least squares with nugget fixed to zero would be:

> kc4 <- krige.conv(s100, locations = loci, krige = krige.control(obj.m = wls))</pre>

The output is a list including the predicted values (kc4\$predict) and the kriging variances (kc4\$krige.var).

Consider now a second example. The goal is to perform prediction on a grid covering the area and to display the results. Again, we use ordinary kriging. The commands commands below defines a grid of locations and performs the prediction at those locations.

```
> plot(s100$coords, xlim = c(0, 1.2), ylim = c(0,
+ 1.2), xlab = "Coord X", ylab = "Coord Y")
> loci <- matrix(c(0.2, 0.6, 0.2, 1.1, 0.2, 0.3,
+ 1, 1.1), ncol = 2)
> text(loci, as.character(1:4), col = "red")
> polygon(x = c(0, 1, 1, 0), y = c(0, 0, 1, 1),
+ lty = 2)
```



Figure 11: Data locations and points to be predicted

```
> pred.grid <- expand.grid(seq(0, 1, 1 = 51), seq(0,
+ 1, 1 = 51))
> kc <- krige.conv(s100, loc = pred.grid, krige = krige.control(obj.m = ml))</pre>
```

A method for the function image can be used for displaying predicted values as shown in the next Figure, as well as other prediction results returned by krige.conv.

### 7 Bayesian Analysis

Bayesian analysis for Gaussian models is implemented by the function krige.bayes. It can be performed for different "degrees of uncertainty", meaning that model parameters can be treated as fixed or random.

As an example consider a model without nugget and including uncertainty in the mean, sill and range parameters. Prediction at the four locations indicated above is performed by typing a command like:

WARNING: RUNNING THE NEXT COMMAND CAN BE TIME-CONSUMING



Figure 12: Map of the kriging estimates

```
> bsp4 <- krige.bayes(s100, loc = loci, prior = prior.control(phi.discrete = se
+ 5, l = 101), phi.prior = "rec"), output = output.control(n.post = 5000))
```

Histograms showing posterior distribution for the model parameters can be plotted by typing: Using summaries of these posterior distributions (means, medians or modes) we can check the "estimated Bayesian variograms" against the empirical variogram, as shown in the next figure. Notice that it is also possible to compare these estimates with other fitted variograms such as the ones computed in Section 3.

The next figure shows predictive distributions at the four selected locations. Dashed lines show Gaussian distributions with mean and variance given by results of ordinary kriging obtained in Section 4. The full lines correspond to the Bayesian prediction. The plot shows results of density estimation using samples from the predictive distributions.

```
> par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
> for (i in 1:4) {
      kpx <- seq(kc4$pred[i] - 3 * sqrt(kc4$krige.var[i]),</pre>
+
           kc4$pred[i] + 3 * sqrt(kc4$krige.var[i]),
+
           1 = 100)
+
      kpy <- dnorm(kpx, mean = kc4$pred[i], sd = sqrt(kc4$krige.var[i]))</pre>
+
      bp <- density(bsp4$predic$simul[i, ])</pre>
+
      rx <- range(c(kpx, bp$x))</pre>
+
      ry <- range(c(kpy, bp$y))</pre>
+
```



Figure 13: Histograms of samples from posterior distribution

```
+ plot(cbind(rx, ry), type = "n", xlab = paste("Location",
+ i), ylab = "density", xlim = c(-4, 4),
+ ylim = c(0, 1.1))
+ lines(kpx, kpy, lty = 2)
+ lines(bp)
+ }
```

Consider now, under the same model assumptions, obtaining simulations from the predictive distributions on a grid of points covering the area. The commands to define the grid and perform Bayesian prediction are:

```
> pred.grid <- expand.grid(seq(0, 1, 1 = 31), seq(0,
+ 1, 1 = 31))
> bsp <- krige.bayes(s100, loc = pred.grid, prior = prior.control(phi.discrete
+ 5, 1 = 51)), output = output.control(n.predictive = 2))
```

Maps with the summaries and simulations of the predictive distribution can be plotted as follows.

Note: Further examples for the function krige.bayes are given in the file http://www.est.ufp

```
> plot(bin1, ylim = c(0, 1.5))
> lines(bsp4, max.dist = 1.2, summ = mean)
> lines(bsp4, max.dist = 1.2, summ = median, lty = 2)
> lines(bsp4, max.dist = 1.2, summ = "mode", post = "par",
+ lwd = 2, lty = 2)
> legend(0.25, 0.4, legend = c("variogram posterior mean",
+ "variogram posterior median", "parameters posterior mode"),
+ lty = c(1, 2, 2), lwd = c(1, 1, 2), cex = 0.8)
```



Figure 14: Variogram models based on the posterior distributions

# 8 Simulation of Gaussian Random Fields

The function grf generates simulations of Gaussian random fields on regular or irregular sets of locations. It relies on the decomposition of the covariance matrix and therfore won't work for large number of locations in which case we suggest the usage of the package **RandomFields**. Some of its functionality is illustrated by the next commands.

**NOTE:** we recommend the package **RandomFields** (http://cran.r-project.org/src/contr for a more comprehensive implementation for simulation of Gaussian Random Fields.

# 9 Citing geoR

The function cite.geoR shows information on how to cite geoR in publications, and we remember the function citation shows how to cite R.

```
> cite.geoR()
```

To cite geoR in publications, use



Figure 15: Predictive distributions at the four selected locations

```
RIBEIRO Jr., P.J. & DIGGLE, P.J. (2001) geoR: A
package for geostatistical analysis. R-NEWS, Vol 1,
No 2, 15-18. ISSN 1609-3631.
```

Please cite geoR when using it for data analysis!

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  environment for statistical computing. R Foundation
  for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria. ISBN
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    organization = {R Foundation for Statistical Computing},
    address = {Vienna, Austria},
    year = \{2006\},
    note = \{\{ISBN\}\ 3-900051-07-0\},\
    url = {http://www.R-project.org},
  }
We have invested a lot of time and effort in creating
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R, please cite it when using it for data analysis.
See also 'citation("pkgname")' for citing R packages.
```

```
> par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = c(3, 3, 1, 0.5), mgp = c(1.5, 3)
      0.7, 0))
+
  image(bsp, loc = pred.grid, main = "predicted",
>
      col = gray(seq(1, 0.1, 1 = 30)))
+
  image(bsp, val = "variance", loc = pred.grid,
>
+
      main = "prediction variance", col = gray(seq(1,
          0.1, 1 = 30)))
+
  image(bsp, val = "simulation", number.col = 1,
>
      loc = pred.grid, main = "a simulation from\nthe predictive distribution",
+
      col = gray(seq(1, 0.1, 1 = 30)))
+
  image(bsp, val = "simulation", number.col = 2,
>
+
      loc = pred.grid, main = "another simulation from \n the predictive distri
+
```



Figure 16: Maps obtained from the predictive distribution





Figure 17: Simulation results produced with the function grf.

```
> par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
> sim2 <- grf(441, grid = "reg", cov.pars = c(1,
+ 0.25))
> image(sim2, main = "a small-ish simulation", col = gray(seq(1,
+ 0.1, 1 = 30)))
```



Figure 18: Simulations with different resolutions