



Lab 9

EOF analysis

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Plan for today:

- Review plotting coastlines and visualizing spatial data
- Perform EOF analysis
- Perform EOF reconstruction



For example:

Coastline data for Gulf of St. Lawrence, Labrador and Nova Scotia region

file: `coastline_GSL_SS_labrador.dat`.

Short script to plot: `plotting_coastline.m`:

```
% plotting a coastline
load coastline_GSL_SS_labrador.dat

lon = coastline_GSL_SS_labrador(:,1);
lat = coastline_GSL_SS_labrador(:,2);

figure;
plot(lon,lat,'k-')
xlabel('longitude [^\circ E]')
ylabel('latitude [^\circ N]')
```

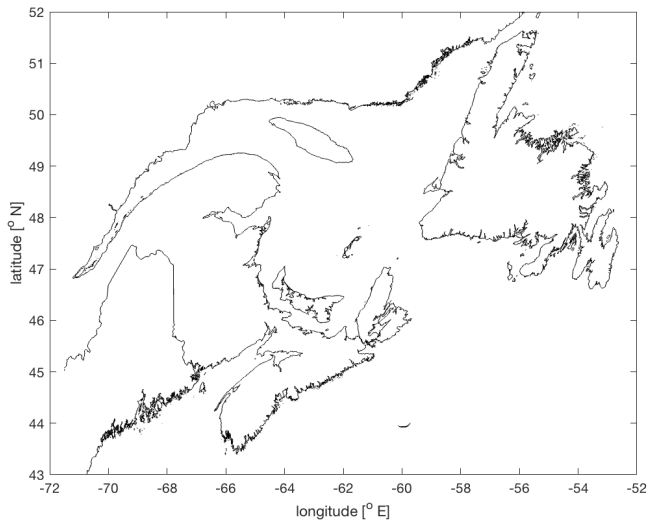
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Monthly mean SeaWiFS surface chlorophyll concentrations for the coastal waters of New England (file:

`SeaWiFS_chl_NewEngland.mat`)

It contains the following variables:

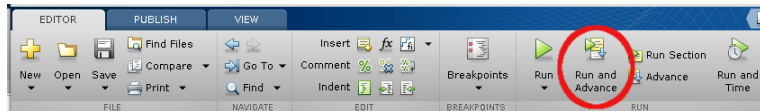
Name	Size	Bytes	Class
<code>chl</code>	<code>35x51x71</code>	<code>1013880</code>	<code>double</code>
<code>date_str</code>	<code>1x35</code>	<code>4698</code>	<code>cell</code>
<code>lat</code>	<code>51x71</code>	<code>28968</code>	<code>double</code>
<code>lon</code>	<code>51x71</code>	<code>28968</code>	<code>double</code>

Note that `date_str` is a **cell array**, which is a bit more flexible than an array and very useful for dealing with collections of strings. You can access the elements of `date_str` using curly brackets: `date_str{t}` .

Chl animation

Let's look at the chlorophyll data. We can create a simple animation of the data fields using a for-loop and the `pause` command.

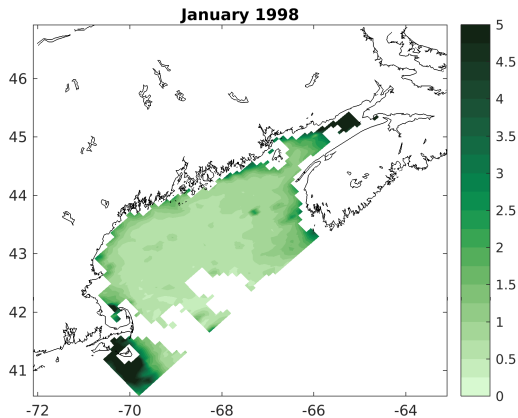
(Follow along using script: `EOF_chl_NewEngland.m`)



```
load SeaWiFS_chl_NewEngland
figure(1);
for t=1:size(chl,1)
    pcolor(lon,lat,squeeze(chl(t,:,:)))
    colormap(cmocean('algae',20))
    shading interp
    plotnewengland
    caxis([0 5])
    colorbar
    title(date_str{t})
    pause(0.2)
end
```



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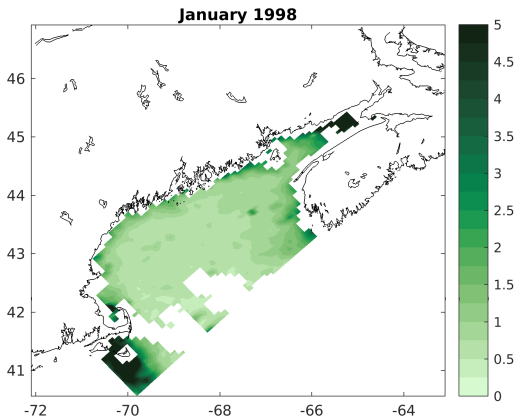


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Note the missing values (land points and clouds) which would cause trouble for EOF analysis. We need to exclude them.





Let's look at all cloudy pixels.

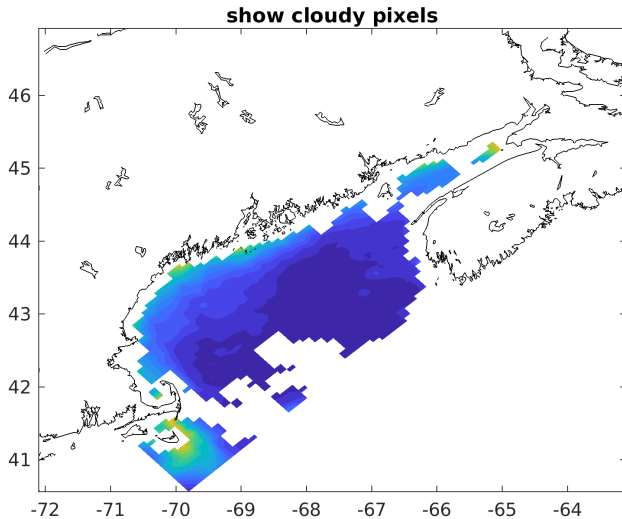
```
test_clouds = sum(chl,1);  
figure(2);  
pcolor(lon,lat,squeeze(test_clouds))  
colormap(parula(20))  
shading interp  
plotnewengland  
title('show cloudy pixels')
```



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```
% EOF analysis:
% 1) transform 3D chl array into 2D data matrix
%    and remove NaNs

% 1.1) determine land and cloud points (NaNs)
good_ind = ~isnan(test_clouds(:));

% 1.2) create 2D data matrix without NaNs
chl2D = nan(size(chl,1),sum(good_ind));
for t = 1:size(chl,1)
    x = chl(t,:);
    chl2D(t,:) = x(good_ind);
end

% 1.3) dimensions of our data matrix are:
[M, N] = size(chl2D);
```



```
% 2) calculate anomalies
chl2D_mn = mean(chl2D,1); % temporal averages
chl2D_an = chl2D-ones(M,1)*chl2D_mn; % anomalies

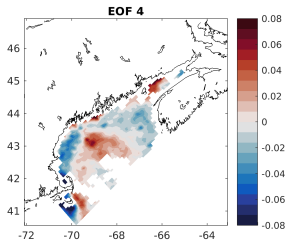
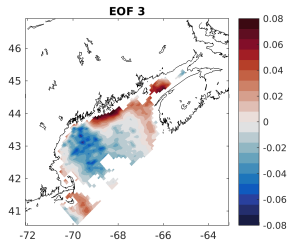
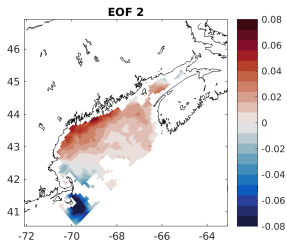
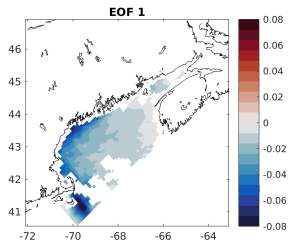
% 3) calculate eigenvalues
% and eigenvectors of cov-mat
% 3.1) calculate covariance matrix
C = chl2D_an'*chl2D_an/(M-1);

% 3.2) calculate SVD (and take the time)
tic
[U,S,V] = svd(C,0);
toc
disp('(for SVD only)')
```



```
% 4) look at the first 4 EOFs,  
% variance explained and scores  
% 4.1) turn back into 2D matrices and plot EOFs  
aux = NaN(size(chl,2)*size(chl,3),1);  
EOF = cell(1,4);  
figure(3);  
cLim = [0.08, 0.08, 0.08, 0.08];  
for i=1:4  
    aux(good_ind) = V(:,i);  
    EOF{i} = reshape(aux,size(chl,2),size(chl,3));  
    % plot EOF  
    subplot(2,2,i)  
    pcolor(lon,lat,EOF{i}); shading interp  
    colormap(cmocean('balance',20))  
    caxis([-cLim(i),cLim(i)])  
    plotnewengland; colorbar  
    title(['EOF ' num2str(i)])  
end
```

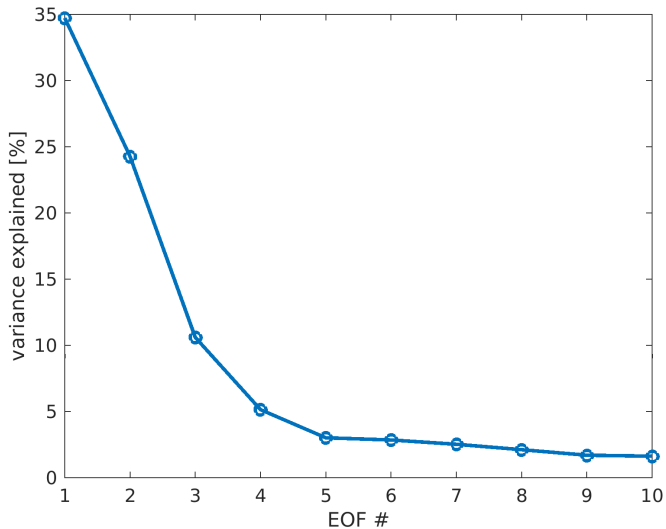
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```
% 4.2) look at variance explained
var_explained = diag(S)/trace(S);
figure(4);
plot(var_explained(1:10)*100,'o-')
set(gca, 'XLim', [1,10]);
ylabel('variance explained [%]')
xlabel('EOF #')
```

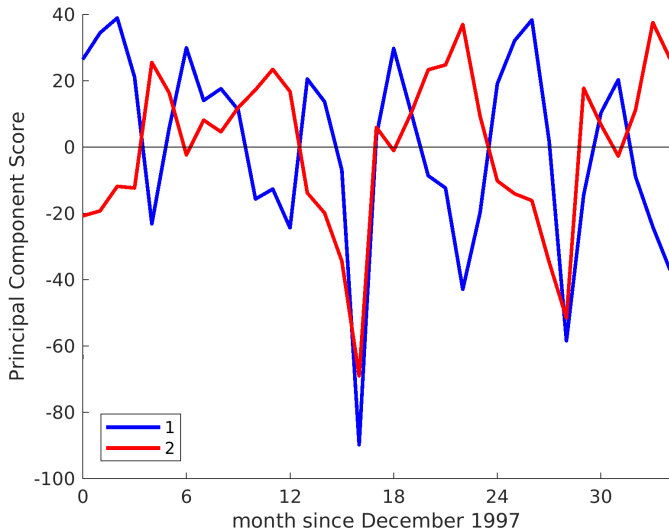
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```
% 4.3) look at EOF amplitude through time
% (i.e. the PC scores)
score = cell(1,4);
for i=1:4
    score{i} = chl2D_an*V(:,i);
end
figure(5);
plot(0:length(score{1})-1,score{1},'b-','linewidth',2)
plot(0:length(score{2})-1,score{2},'r-','linewidth',2)
line([0, length(score{1})-1], [0, 0], 'Color', 'k');
set(gca, 'XLim', [0, length(score{1})-1], ...
        'XTick', 0:6:length(score{1}));
legend('1','2','Location','SouthWest')
xlabel(['month since ' date_str{1}])
ylabel('Principal Component Score')
```

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Let's reconstruct the monthly chl data using the EOFs. Have a look at `EOF_reconstruction.m`.

We'll do a stepwise reconstruction using the 1st EOF, 1st and 2nd EOFs, and EOFs 1 to 4.

Can you spot the differences?

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