



Introduction - I

Mariana Trench is one of the 37 known deep-water trenches of the World Ocean, 28 of which located in the margin areas of the tectonic plates of the Pacific Ocean (Pushcharovskij et al, 1984). It forms the peripheral framing, of which five are located in the Atlantic (Bogdanov, 1997) and four in Indian Ocean (Gurvich, 1998).

Mariana Trench creates a **complex of the deeply interrelated factors**, determinants and processes. Factors affecting formation, geomorphic development and bathymetric patterns of the Mariana Trench are diverse:

- geological
- hydro-chemical
- biological
- geothermal
- climatic
- tectonic
- bathymetric
- geomorphological





Mariana Trench:

Geological characteristics

Bathymetry

- transverse profile is strongly asymmetric: the slopes are higher on the side of the island arc. The slopes are dissected by deep underwater canyons. Various narrow steps are often found on the slopes of the trench.

Geomorphology

- complicated steps of various shapes and sizes, caused by active tectonic and sedimental processes. Hence, it is the largest structural trap located in the continental margins of the Pacific Ocean.

Sediments

- the sediments are being carrying by the ocean waves in a clockwise direction, passing through the trenches on the west of the Pacific, i.e. the Kermadec Trench, Tonga Trench, Samoan Passage.



Technical Approach

To study such a complex system as Mariana Trench, an objective method combining various approaches (statistics, R, GIS, descriptive analysis and graphical plotting) was performed.

Thus, the methodology includes following steps:

- Data capture in GIS, vector thematic data were processed in QGIS: tectonics, bathymetry, geomorphology and geology.
- Programming on R language
 - statistics
 - descriptive analysis
 - graphical plotting
- Geospatial comparative analysis of variables by 4 tectonic plates



Regression Analysis: Enlarged Selected Profiles

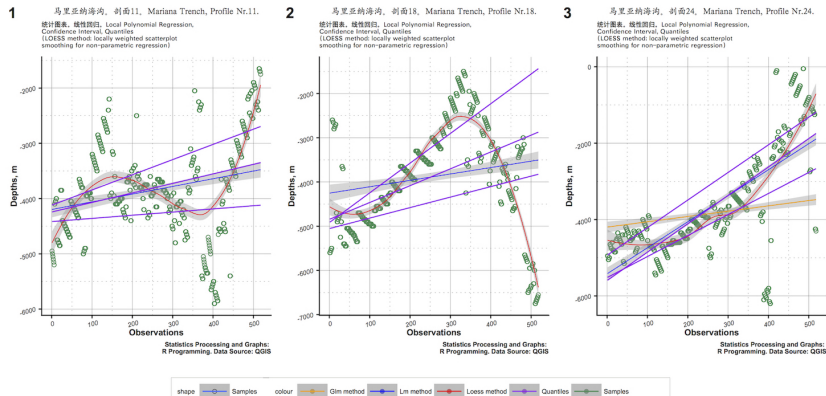


Figure 11: Regression Analysis: 3 selected profiles





R code for ridgeline plots by {ggridges} and {ggplot2} libraries: Part 1

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1 library(ggridges)
2 library(ggplot2)
3 # Part-1 for tectonic plates
4 # step-1. Read in table, create data frame
5 MDF <- read.csv("Morphology.csv", header=TRUE, sep = ",")
6 MDF <- na.omit(MDF)
7 row.has.na <- apply(MDF, 1, function(x){any(is.na(x))})
8 sum(row.has.na)
9 head(MDF)
10 # step-2. Merge columns by categories (4 tectonic plates)
11 MDtT = melt(setDT(MDF), measure = patterns("~plate"), value.name = c("tectonics"))
12 head(MDtT)
13 levels(MDtT$variable) = c("Philippine Plate", "Pacific Plate", "Mariana Plate", "Caroline Plate")
14 head(MDtT)
15 # step-3. Create short data frame of 2 categories: 4 tectonic plates and bathymetric depth points
16 dat <- data.frame(group = MDtT$variable, pweight = MDtT$tectonics, tectonics = MDtT$tectonics)
17 # step-4. Plot ridgeline plots
18 ggplot(dat, aes(x = tectonics, y = group, fill = group)) +
19   geom_density_ridges(scale = .95, jittered_points=TRUE, rel_min_height = .01,
20     point_shape = "|", point_size = 3, size = 0.25,
21     position = position_points_jitter(height = 0)) +
22     scale_fill_manual(values = c("lightsteelblue1", "plum1", "turquoise1", "lightgoldenrod1")) +
23     theme_ridges() +
24     theme(legend.position = "none",
25       plot.title = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 2, size = 12),
26       plot.subtitle = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 1, size = 12),
27       axis.title.y = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 1, size = 12),
28       axis.title.x = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 1, size = 12),
29       axis.text.x = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 3, size = 12),
30       axis.text.y = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 3, size = 12)) +
31     labs(title = 'Mariana Trench',
32       subtitle = 'Ridgeline Plot on Tectonics: Density Distribution of the Observation Points by Plates')

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R code for ridgeline plots by {ggridges} and {ggplot2} libraries: Part 2

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1 # Part-2 for bathymetry
2 # step-5. read in table, create data frame.
3 MDD <- read.csv("Depths.csv", header=TRUE, sep = ",")
4 MDD <- na.omit(MDD)
5 row.has.na <- apply(MDD, 1, function(x){any(is.na(x))})
6 sum(row.has.na)
7 head(MDD)
8 # step-6. merge columns by categories (4 tectonic plates)
9 MDD1 = melt(setDT(MDD), measure = patterns("~profile"), value.name = c("depth"))
10 head(MDD1)
11 # step-7. create short data frame of 2 categories: 4 tectonic plates and bathymetry
12 dat <- data.frame(group = MDD1$variable,
13                 pweight = MDD1$depth,
14                 depth = MDD1$depth)
15 # step-8. Plot ridge line plots
16 ggplot(dat, aes(x = depth, y = group, fill = group)) +
17   geom_density_ridges(scale = 0.95, jittered_points=FALSE, color = "blue", size = 0.2) +
18   labs(title = 'Mariana Trench',
19        subtitle = 'Ridgeline Plot on Bathymetry: Density Distribution of Depth Observation Points') +
20   scale_fill_viridis(discrete = T, option = "B", direction = -1, begin = .1, end = .9) +
21   theme_ridges() +
22   theme(legend.position = "none",
23         plot.title = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 2, size = 12),
24         plot.subtitle = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 1, size = 12),
25         axis.title.y = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 1, size = 12),
26         axis.title.x = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 1, size = 12),
27         axis.text.x = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 3, size = 10),
28         axis.text.y = element_text(family = "Times New Roman", face = 3, size = 10))

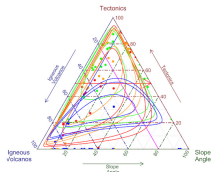
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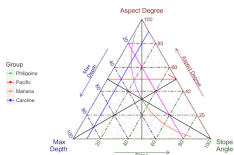


Radar charts and Ternary diagrams

Mariana Trench
Ternary Diagram: Tectonic Plates

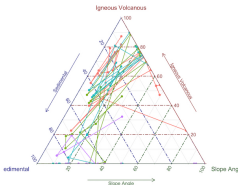
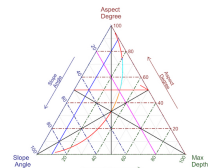


Mariana Trench
Ternary Diagram: Slope Morphology Class

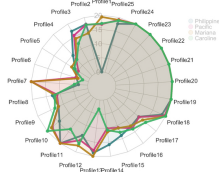


Mariana Trench. Ternary Diagram

Ternary Diagram: Aspect Class



Mariana Trench.
Radar Chart: Tectonics by Profiles 1:25



Mariana Trench. Ternary Diagram: Sedimental Thickness

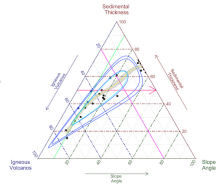


Figure 18: Radar charts and Ternary diagrams: correlations between environmental factors, R .

R code for categorywise bar charts

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1 # Part-1. Prepare data frame
2 # step-1. read in table. create initial data frame
3 MDepths <- read.csv("DepthTect.csv", header=TRUE, sep = ",")
4 # step-2. clean up data frame from NA values
5 MDF <- na.omit(MDepths)
6 row.has.na <- apply(MDF, 1, function(x){any(is.na(x))}) # check up if there is any NA
7 sum(row.has.na) # sum up all NA, should be: [1] 0
8 head(MDF) # look up clean data frame
9 # step-3. merge table columns by 3 parameters, here: depths, tectonics, steepness angles. using melt library(data.table)
10 DFDT = melt(setDT(MDF), measure = patterns("~profile", "~tectonics", "~tg"), value.name = c("depths", "tectonics", "angles"))
11 DFDT
12 # Part 2: draw categorywise bar chart, with colors by categories
13 # step-4. draw diagram, add , legend, design
14 g <- ggplot(DFDT, aes(variable)) +
15   geom_bar(aes(fill = tectonics), width = 0.5, na.rm = TRUE) +
16   theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle=65, vjust=0.6)) +
17   xlab("Profiles, Nr.") + ylab("Observation Points") +
18   labs(title="Mariana Trench, Profiles Nr.1-25.",
19        subtitle = "Categorywise Bar Chart. \nDistribution of Observation Points across Tectonic Plates: \nMariana, Philippine, Pacific and Caroline",
20        caption = "Statistics Processing and Graphs: R Programming. Data Source: QGIS") +
21   scale_fill_brewer(palette = "RdBu") +
22   theme(
23     plot.margin = margin(5, 10, 20, 5),
24     plot.title = element_text(margin = margin(t = 0, r = 20, b = 5, l = 0), family = "Kai", face = "bold", size = 12),
25     plot.subtitle = element_text(margin = margin(t = 0, r = 20, b = 4, l = 0), family = "Hei", face = "bold", size = 10),
26     plot.caption = element_text(face = 2, size = 6), panel.background=ggplot2::element_rect(fill = "white"),
27     axis.title.y = element_text(size = 8), axis.title.x = element_text(size = 8),
28     legend.justification = "bottom", legend.position = "bottom",
29     legend.box.just = "right", legend.direction = "horizontal",
30     legend.box = "horizontal", legend.box.background = element_rect(colour = "honeydew4", size=0.2),
31     legend.background = element_rect(fill = "white"), legend.key.width = unit(1, "cm"),
32     legend.key.height = unit(.5, "cm"), legend.spacing.x = unit(.2, "cm"),
33     legend.spacing.y = unit(.1, "cm"), legend.text = element_text(colour="black", size=6, face=1),
34     legend.title = element_text(colour="black", size=6, face=1)
35   )
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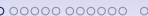
R code for dot plot with encircling by {ggalt} library. Part-2.

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1 # step-5. draw plot nr. 2: increased steepness of the angles by the bathymetric profiles 1:25 (tangents)
2 g2 <- ggplot(DPF, aes(x = profile , y = tg_angle)) +
3 geom_point(aes(x = profile , y = tg_angle, colour = "tg_angle"), size=3, alpha = .5, show.legend=TRUE) + # Draw points
4 geom_segment(aes(x = profile, xend = profile, yend=sin(tg_angle), yend=cos(tg_angle)), linetype="dashed", size=0.1) + # Draw dashed lines
5 geom_encircle(aes(x = profile, y = tg_angle), data = crucial_angles, color="red", size=1, expand=0.05) + # encircle
6 geom_smooth(aes(x = profile, y = tg_angle, colour = "Regression losses method"), method = loess, se = FALSE, size = .3, linetype = "solid",
7 span = 1, show.legend=TRUE) +
8 geom_smooth(aes(x = profile, y = tg_angle, colour = "Regression lm method"), method = lm, formula = y ~ splines::bs(x, 3), se = FALSE, size
9 = .3, linetype = "solid", show.legend=TRUE) +
10 coord_flip() +
11 xlab("Profiles, Nr.") + ylab(expression(tg+degree(A/R))) +
12 geom_segment(aes(x = 22, y = 0.075, xend = 23, yend = 0.079, color = "arrow"), size = .2, arrow = arrow(length = unit(0.1, "cm"))) + # draw
13 arrow 1
14 geom_segment(aes(x = 22, y = 0.073, xend = 24.5, yend = 0.068, color = "arrow"), size = .2, arrow = arrow(length = unit(0.1, "cm"))) + # draw
15 arrow 2
16 annotate("text", label = "Outliers", family = "Times New Roman", size = 3, color = "red", x = 22, y = 0.074) + # subscript annotation text by
17 arrow (here: number of bathymetric observations)
18 scale_color_manual(values = c("Regression losses method" = "orange", "Regression lm method" = "blue", "tg angles" = "purple", "arrow" = "red"))
19 ) +
20 labs(title="Mariana Trench, Profiles Nr.1-25.",
21 subtitle=expression(paste("Ranking Dot Plot. \nVariation of Steepness Angles ", tg+degree(A/R), " by profiles 1:25")),
22 caption = "Statistics Processing and Graphs: R Programming. Data Source: QCIG") +
23 theme(
24 plot.margin = margin(5, 10, 20, 5),
25 plot.title = element_text(margin = margin(t = 0, r = 20, b = 5, l = 0), family = "Serif", face = "bold", size = 12),
26 plot.subtitle = element_text(margin = margin(t = 10, r = 20, b = 10, l = 0), family = "Serif", face = "bold", size = 10),
27 plot.caption = element_text(face = 2, size = 6), panel.background=ggplot2::element_rect(fill = "white"),
28 axis.title.y = element_text(size = 8), axis.title.x = element_text(size = 8),
29 axis.text.x = element_text(family = "Arial", face = 3, color = "gray24", size = 8, angle = 15),
30 axis.text.y = element_text(family = "Arial", face = 3, color = "gray24", size = 8, angle = 90),
31 legend.justification = "bottom", legend.position = "bottom",
32 legend.box.just = "right", legend.direction = "horizontal",
33 legend.box.background = element_rect(fill = "white", size=0.2),
34 legend.background = element_rect(fill = "white"),
35 legend.key.width = unit(1,"cm"), legend.key.height = unit(1.5,"cm"),
36 legend.spacing.x = unit(.2,"cm"), legend.spacing.y = unit(1,"cm"),
37 legend.text = element_text(colour="black", size = 6, face=1),
38 legend.title = element_text(colour="black", size = 6, face=1)
39 )
40 g2
41 # step-6. save 2 plots.
42 figure <- plot_grid(g1, g2, labels = c("1", "2"), ncol = 2, nrow = 1)
43 figure
44 # step-7. save as a jpeg in R (require library(jpeg))
45 img<-readJPEG("volcanoes.jpg")
46 plot(1:10,ty="n")
47 rasterImage(img,1,1,10,10)
48 # optional step-8: dot plot via ggplot2.dotplot :
49 g1<- ggplot2.dotplot(data = MDS, xName='profile', yName='tg_angle',
50 xShowTitle=FALSE, yShowTitle=FALSE,
51 xTickLabelFont=c(8, "bold", "gray"),
52 yTickLabelFont=c(8, "bold", "gray"),
53 xtickLabelRotation=45, ytickLabelRotation=45)

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R plot for correlation ellipses using library{ellipse}

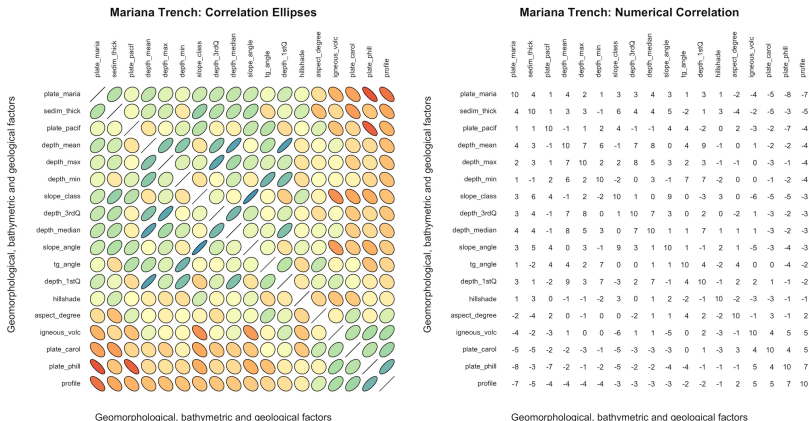


Figure 25: Correlation ellipses. Left: ellipses view, right: numeric view, R .



Results - V. Angle steepness (2)

- A bunch of bathymetric cross-section profiles form a cluster groups with similar geomorphic properties divided into five groups over the study area.
- Thus, profiles: 21, 22, 18 and 20 have all strong slope tg° angle degree, which is an average of 0.05.
- Similarly, profiles: 15, 19, 16, 17, 14 and 2, belonging to class very strong slope, have an tg° angle of 0.057 to 0.058 (Figure 19).
- When compared with third group in the study area, such as class extreme slope (profiles: 1, 11, 4, 5, 10 and 13), the average slope tg° angle fluctuating from 0.060 to 0.070.
- The fourth group is class steep slope (profiles: 25, 12, 6, 8 3) with a slope tg° angle values from 0.070 to 0.075.
- Finally, the last group is notable for the highest steepness (profiles: 9, 7, 23, 24), with average slope tg° angle degree up to 0.079.





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