

# GRTS Survey Designs for a Linear Resource

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## 1 Preliminaries

This document presents example GRTS survey designs for a linear resource. The linear resource used in the designs is streams that comprise the Luckiamute watershed in Oregon. Four survey designs will be presented: (1) an unstratified, equal probability design; (2) a stratified, equal probability design with an oversample; (3) a stratified, unequal probability design with an oversample; and (4) a stratified, unequal probability design with an oversample and a panel structure for survey over time. The sampling frame used for the survey designs is contained in either an ESRI shapefile or an sp package object. The frame contains the coordinates for a set of line segments that define the linear resource in addition to attribute data associated with the line segments. The coordinate system for the set of points

in the sampling frame is an equal area projection rather than latitude and longitude. An equal area projection is used so that calculation of distance between points is valid.

The initial step is to use the library function to load the spsurvey package. After the package is loaded, a message is printed to the R console indicating that the spsurvey package was loaded successfully.

Load the spsurvey package

```
> # Load the spsurvey package
> library(spsurvey)
>
```

Version 3.1 of the spsurvey package was loaded successfully.

## 2 Create a shapefile

For creating a survey design using the spsurvey package, the standard form of input regarding the resource is a shapefile. In order to conserve storage space, shapefiles are not included with the package. Instead, a data set from which a shapefile can be created is included in the data directory of the package. The data function is used to load the data set stored in the data directory into an object named Luck\_Ash\_streams. The sp2shape function is used to create a shapefile from the Luck\_Ash\_streams object. Note that objects loaded from the data sets in the data directory are stored in formats that are defined in the sp package. See documentation for the sp package for additional information regarding format of the objects.

```
> # Load the sp object in the data directory
> data(Luck_Ash_streams)
> # Create a shapefile
> sp2shape(sp.obj=Luck_Ash_streams, shpfilename="Luck_Ash_streams")
>
```

## 3 Shapefile attribute data

The next step is to read the attribute data from the shapefile. The read.dbf function in the spsurvey package is used to read the attribute (dbf) file in the shapefile and assign it to a data frame named att. The initial six lines in the att data frame are printed using the head function

Next, two attributes, stream type and Strahler stream order, that will be used to define, respectively, stratum codes and unequal selection probability (multidensity) categories for the survey designs are examined. Stream type is contained in a variable named "Per\_Int",

and Strahler stream order is contained in a variable named "Strah\_Cat". For stream type, streams are classified as either perennial or intermittent. For Strahler stream order, streams are classified as either first order ("1st"), second order ("2nd"), or third order and higher ("3rd+"). The table and addmargin functions are used to produce a table displaying number of stream segments for each combination of values for the strata and multidensity category variables.

Finally, frame stream length is summarized for the strata and multidensity category attributes. Note that stream length measured in kilometers is contained in the variable named "Length\_km". The tapply function is used to calculate total stream length for each combination of stream type and Strahler stream order. The addmargins function is applied to the output from tapply to calculate stream length for each category of stream type and Strahler stream order, and the round function is used to round value to two decimal places. Finally, the resulting cross-tabulation of sum of stream length in kilometers for Strahler stream order and stream type is displayed.

Read the attribute table from the shapefile

```
> # Read the attribute table from the shapefile
> att <- read.dbf("Luck_Ash_streams")
>
```

Display the initial six lines in the attribute data frame

```
> # Display the initial six lines in the attribute data frame
> head(att)
```

	Per_Int	Strah_Cat	Length_km	length_mdm
1	Perennial	2nd	2.3261097	2326.1097
2	Intermittent	1st	0.5785829	578.5829
3	Intermittent	1st	0.7796058	779.6058
4	Perennial	1st	1.8757176	1875.7176
5	Intermittent	1st	1.0012245	1001.2245
6	Perennial	1st	1.6464196	1646.4196

```
>
```

Display number of stream segments cross-classified by the strata and multidensity category variables

```
> # Display number of stream segments cross-classified by the strata and
> # multidensity category variables
>
> addmargins(table("Stream Type"=att$Per_Int, "Strahler Order"=att$Strah_Cat))
```

	Strahler Order			
Stream Type	1st	2nd	3rd+	Sum
Intermittent	137	20	2	159
Perennial	104	78	88	270
Sum	241	98	90	429

>

Summarize frame stream length by stratum and multidensity category

```
> # Summarize frame stream length by stratum and multidensity category
> temp <- tapply(att$Length_km, list(att$Per_Int, att$Strah_Cat), sum)
> temp <- round(addmargins(temp), 2)
> names(dimnames(temp)) <- list("Stream Type", "Strahler Order")
> temp
```

	Strahler Order			
Stream Type	1st	2nd	3rd+	Sum
Intermittent	305.53	20.51	3.03	329.07
Perennial	200.53	133.10	159.79	493.42
Sum	506.06	153.61	162.82	822.49

>

Streams in the Luckiamute watershed are displayed in Figure 1 classified by stream type and in Figure 2 classified by Strahler order category.

## 4 Unstratified, equal probability, GRTS survey design

The first survey design is an unstratified, equal probability design. The `set.seed` function is called so that, if necessary, the designs can be replicated.

The initial step is to create a list named `Equaldsgn` that contains information for specifying the survey design. Since the survey design is unstratified, the list contains a single item named "None" that also is a list. The "None" list includes two items: `panel`, which is used to specify the sample size for each panel, and `seltype`, which is used to input the type of random selection for the design. For this example, `panel` is assigned a single value named "PanelOne" that is set equal to 50, and `seltype` is assigned the value "Equal", which indicates equal probability selection.

The `grts` function in the `spsurvey` package is called to select the survey design. The following arguments are included in the call to `grts`: (1) `design`: the named list of stratum design

### Luckiamute Watershed Streams Classified by Stream Type

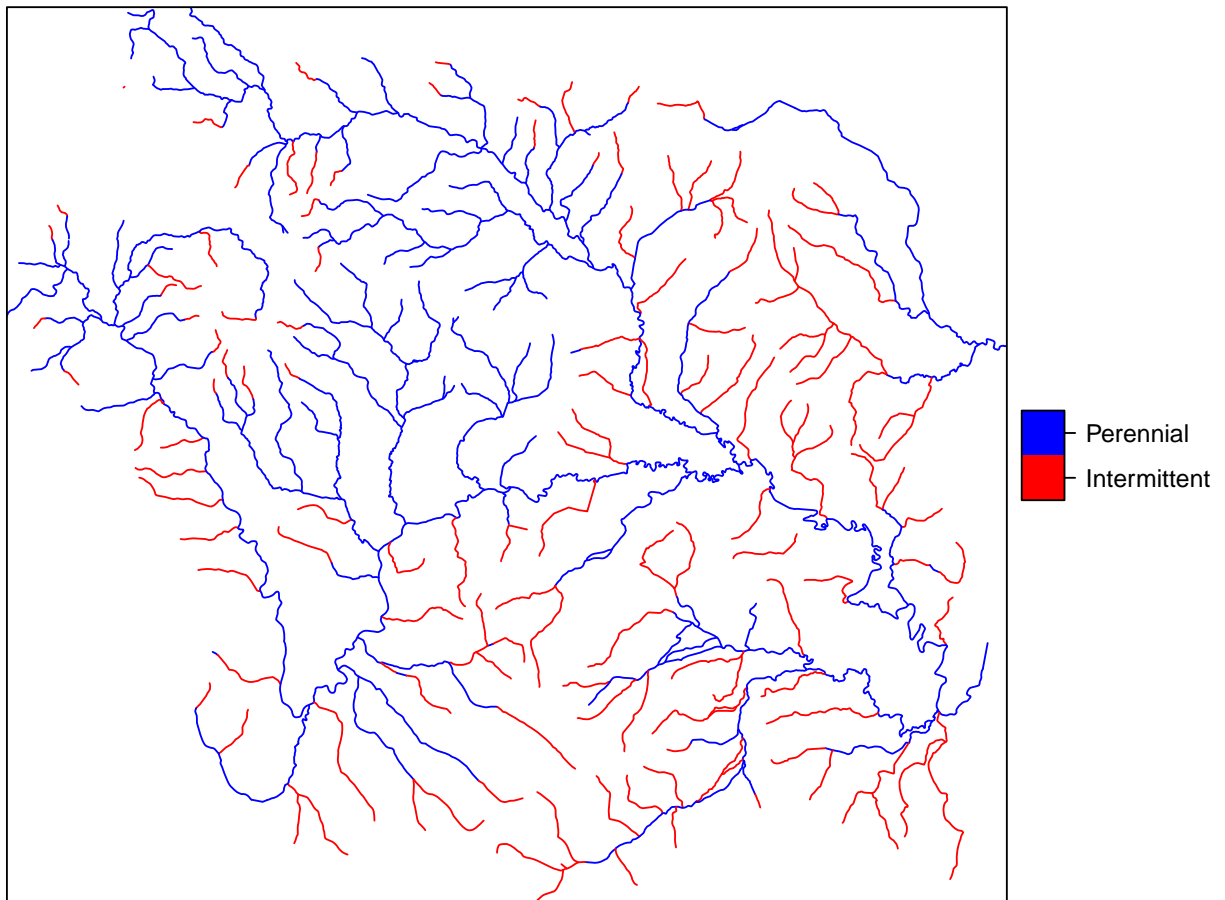


Figure 1: Location of streams in the Luckiamute watershed classified by stream type.

### Luckiamute Watershed Streams Classified by Strahler Order

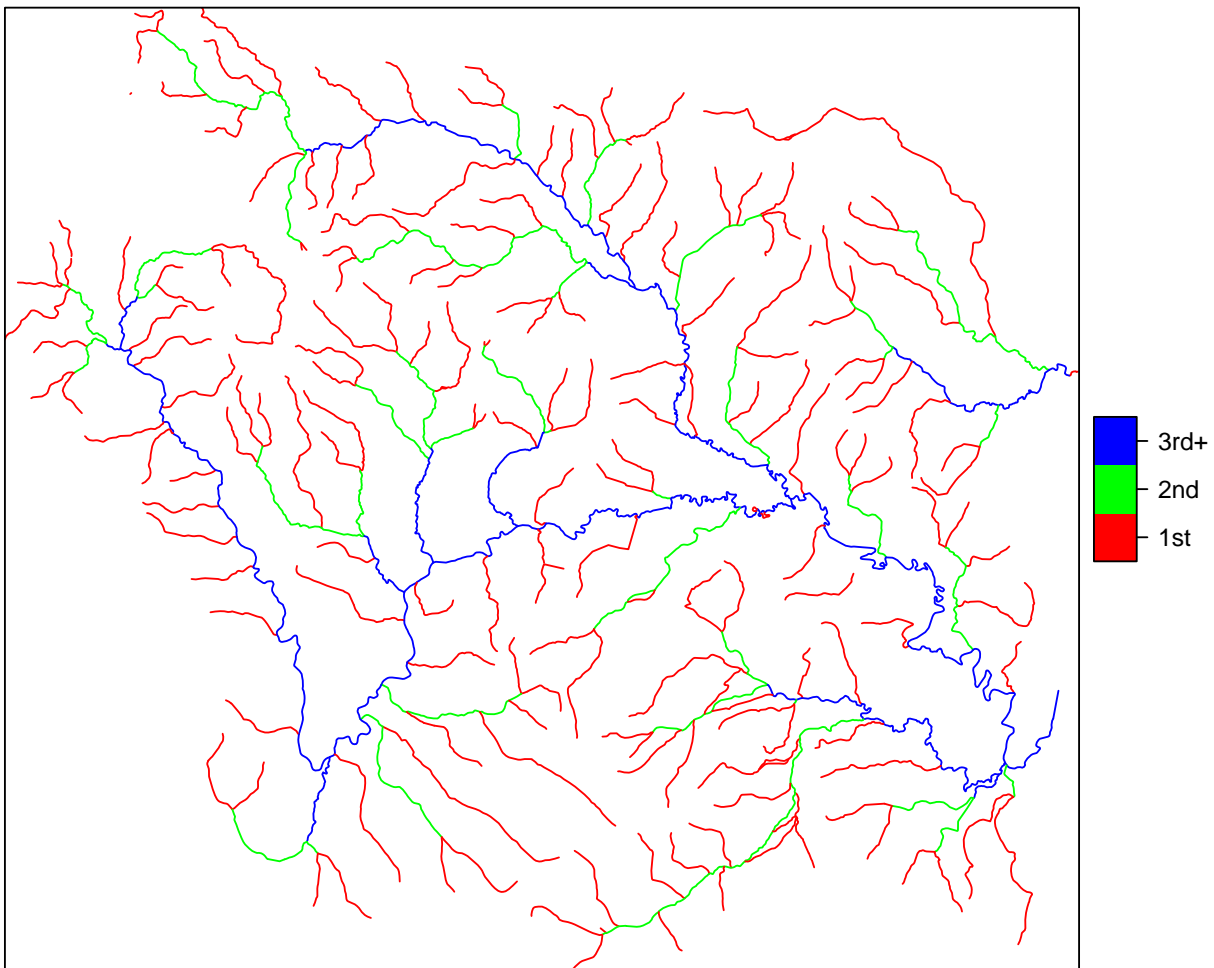


Figure 2: Location of streams in the Luckiamute watershed classified by Strahler order category.

specifications, which is assigned the Equaldsgn list; (2) DesignID: name for the design, which is used to create a site ID for each site and is assigned the value "EQUAL"; (3) type.frame: the type of frame, which is assigned the value "linear" to indicate a linear resource; (4) src.frame: source of the frame, which is assigned the value "shapefile" to indicate a shapefile frame; (5) in.shape: name of the input shapefile, which is assigned the value "Luck\_Ash\_streams"; (6) att.frame: the data frame of attributes associated with elements in the frame, which is assigned the att data frame; and (7) shapefile: option to create a shapefile containing the survey design information, which is assigned FALSE.

During execution of the grts function, messages are printed that indicate the initial number of hierarchical levels used for the GRTS grid, the current number of levels, and the final number of levels. The set of messages is printed for each stratum, and is labeled with the stratum name. For this example, the set of messages is labeled "None", i.e., the name used in the Equaldsgn list. Upon completion of the call to grts, the initial six sites for the survey design and a design summary are printed. The output object created by the grts function is assigned class "SpatialDesign". The design summary is created using the summary method for that class. In addition to summary, a plot method is available for the SpatialDesign class. For assistance using the summary and plot methods, see documentation for "SpatialDesign-class" on the R help page for spsurvey.

Call the set.seed function so that the design can be replicated

```
> # Call the set.seed function so that the survey designs can be replicate
> set.seed(19742003)
>
```

Create the design list

```
> # Create the design list
> Equaldsgn <- list(None=list(panel=c(PanelOne=50), seltype="Equal"))
>
```

Select the sample

```
> Equalsites <- grts(design=Equaldsgn,
+                    DesignID="EQUAL",
+                    type.frame="linear",
+                    src.frame="shapefile",
+                    in.shape="Luck_Ash_streams",
+                    att.frame=att,
+                    shapefile=FALSE)
```

Stratum: None

Initial number of levels: 3

Current number of levels: 3

Current number of levels: 4

Final number of levels: 4

Print the initial six lines of the survey design

```
> # Print the initial six lines of the survey design
> head(Equalsites@data)
```

	siteID	xcoord	ycoord	mdcaty	wgt	stratum	panel	EvalStatus
1	EQUAL-01	-2119063	2739299	Equal	16449.76	None	PanelOne	NotEval
2	EQUAL-02	-2117586	2726770	Equal	16449.76	None	PanelOne	NotEval
3	EQUAL-03	-2140807	2721474	Equal	16449.76	None	PanelOne	NotEval
4	EQUAL-04	-2143508	2728881	Equal	16449.76	None	PanelOne	NotEval
5	EQUAL-05	-2127398	2735785	Equal	16449.76	None	PanelOne	NotEval
6	EQUAL-06	-2125650	2721219	Equal	16449.76	None	PanelOne	NotEval
	EvalReason	Per_Int	Strah_Cat	Length_km				
1		Perennial	1st	11.2514779				
2		Intermittent	1st	2.5907186				
3		Perennial	3rd+	2.7692863				
4		Perennial	2nd	3.8583344				
5		Perennial	1st	2.5709407				
6		Intermittent	1st	0.9140192				

```
>
```



Print the survey design summary

```
> # Print the survey design summary
> summary(Equalsites)
```

Design Summary: Number of Sites

```
stratum
None    Sum
    50    50
```

```
>
```

## 5 Stratified, equal probability, GRTS survey design with an oversample

The second survey design is a stratified, equal probability design with an oversample. The stream type attribute is used to identify strata. List `Stratdsgn` is assigned design specifications. Since the survey design is stratified, `Stratdsgn` includes two lists named "Perennial" and "Intermittent" that contains three items: `panel`, `seltype`, and `over`. Note that the names for the two lists match the levels of the `stratum` variable. For both lists, the values for `panel` and `seltype` are the same as the ones used for the equal probability design. The third item, `over`, assigns the value 50 for size of the oversample. An oversample provides additional sample sites to replace sites that cannot be used, e.g., to replace sites in the sample that are not accessible.

For this survey design, a shapefile will be used as the sampling frame. The following arguments are included in the call to `grts`: (1) `design`: assigned the `Stratdsgn` list; (2) `DesignID`: assigned the value "STRATIFIED"; (3) `type.frame`: assigned the value "linear"; (4) `src.frame`: assigned the value "shapefile"; (5) `in.shape`: assigned the value "Luck\_Ash\_streams"; (6) `att.frame`: assigned the `att` data frame; (7) `stratum`: name of the column in the attributes data frame that identifies the `stratum` code for each element in the frame, which is assigned the value "Per\_Int"; and (8) `shapefile`: assigned the value FALSE. Upon completion of the call to `grts`, the initial six sites for the survey design and a design summary are printed.

Create the design list

```
> Stratdsgn <- list(Perennial=list(panel=c(PanelOne=50),
+                                   seltype="Equal",
+                                   over=50),
+                  Intermittent=list(panel=c(PanelOne=50),
+                                     seltype="Equal",
+                                     over=50))
```

Select the sample

```
> Stratsites <- grts(design=Stratdsgn,
+                   DesignID="STRATIFIED",
+                   type.frame="linear",
+                   src.frame="shapefile",
+                   in.shape="Luck_Ash_streams",
+                   att.frame=att,
+                   stratum="Per_Int",
+                   shapefile=FALSE)
```

Stratum: Perennial

```
Initial number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 5
Final number of levels: 5
```

Stratum: Intermittent

```
Initial number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 5
Current number of levels: 6
Final number of levels: 6
```

Print the initial six lines of the survey design

```
> # Print the initial six lines of the survey design
> head(Stratsites@data)
```

	siteID	xcoord	ycoord	mdcaty	wgt	stratum	panel	EvalStatus
1	STRATIFIED-001	-2148177	2746498	Equal	9868.441	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
2	STRATIFIED-002	-2130818	2739798	Equal	9868.441	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
3	STRATIFIED-003	-2129984	2733147	Equal	9868.441	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
4	STRATIFIED-004	-2141371	2730953	Equal	9868.441	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
5	STRATIFIED-005	-2138567	2738921	Equal	9868.441	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
6	STRATIFIED-006	-2119534	2738224	Equal	9868.441	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
	EvalReason	Strah_Cat	Length_km					
1		1st	1.875718					
2		1st	3.351032					
3		3rd+	2.963369					
4		1st	2.248107					
5		2nd	2.097773					
6		1st	11.251478					

```
>
```

Print the survey design summary

```
> # Print the survey design summary
> summary(Stratsites)
```

Design Summary: Number of Sites Classified by panel and stratum

	stratum		
panel	Perennial	Intermittent	Sum
OverSamp	50	50	100
PanelOne	50	50	100
Sum	100	100	200

```
>
```

## 6 Stratified, unequal probability, GRTS survey design with an oversample

The third survey design is a stratified, unequal probability design with an oversample. As for the second survey design, the stream type attribute is used to identify strata. Strahler order categories are used to identify multidensity categories. List Unequaldsgn is assigned design specifications. Unequaldsgn includes the same two lists with three items (panel, seltype, and over) as used for the stratified, equal probability design plus a value for caty.n. For both lists, panel specifies a single panel, and seltype is assigned "Unequal" to indicate unequal probability sampling. Note that the value 0 is assigned to over for the "Intermittent" stratum, i.e., no oversample. The over item could have been omitted from the list for "Intermittent". The vector assigned to caty.n specifies sample sizes for each of the three multidensity categories. Note that the sum of values provided in caty.n must equal the value in panel.

For this survey design, an sp package object will be used as the sampling frame. The read.shape function will be used to read the shapefile and assign its output to an sp object named shp. Note that the object created by the read.shape function is identical to the object that was loaded from the data directory at the beginning of this vignette. The following arguments are included in the call to grts: (1) design: assigned the Unequaldsgn list; (2) DesignID: assigned the value "UNEQUAL"; (3) type.frame: assigned the value "linear"; (4) src.frame: assigned the value "sp.object" to indicate that the sampling frame is provided by an sp object; (5) sp.object: name of the sp object, which is assigned the shp object; (6) att.frame: assigned the att data frame; (7) stratum: assigned the value "Per\_Int"; (8) mdcaty: name of the column in the attributes data frame that identifies the unequal probability category for each element in the frame, which is assigned the value "Strah\_Cat"; (9) shapefile: assigned the value FALSE. Upon completion of the call to grts, the initial six sites for the survey design and a design summary are printed.

```
> # Read the shapefile
> shp <- read.shape("Luck_Ash_streams")
>
```

Create the design list

```
> Unequaldsgn <- list(Perennial=list(panel=c(PanelOne=75),
+                                     seltype="Unequal",
+                                     caty.n=c("1st"=25, "2nd"=25, "3rd+"=25),
+                                     over=36),
+                     Intermittent=list(panel=c(PanelOne=32),
+                                         seltype="Unequal",
+                                         caty.n=c("1st"=25, "2nd"=5, "3rd+"=2),
+                                         over=0))
```

Select the sample

```
> Unequalsites <- grts(design=Unequaldsgn,
+                      DesignID="UNEQUAL",
+                      type.frame="linear",
+                      src.frame="sp.object",
+                      sp.object=shp,
+                      att.frame=att,
+                      stratum="Per_Int",
+                      mdcaty="Strah_Cat",
+                      shapefile=FALSE)
```

Stratum: Perennial

```
Initial number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 5
Current number of levels: 6
Final number of levels: 6
```

Stratum: Intermittent

```
Initial number of levels: 3
Current number of levels: 3
Current number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 5
Final number of levels: 5
```

Print the initial six lines of the survey design

```
> # Print the initial six lines of the survey design
> head(Unequalsites@data)
```

	siteID	xcoord	ycoord	mdcaty	wgt	stratum	panel	EvalStatus
1	UNEQUAL-001	-2124367	2743509	1st	8021.238	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
2	UNEQUAL-002	-2133590	2738266	2nd	5324.034	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
3	UNEQUAL-003	-2139340	2726639	3rd+	6391.609	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
4	UNEQUAL-004	-2131126	2726422	2nd	5324.034	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
5	UNEQUAL-005	-2138546	2743004	3rd+	6391.609	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval
6	UNEQUAL-006	-2149032	2736713	3rd+	6391.609	Perennial	PanelOne	NotEval

	EvalReason	Length_km
1		1.7852580
2		2.5738358
3		0.5642644
4		1.0838318
5		3.9999820
6		0.6595996

>

Print the survey design summary

```
> # Print the survey design summary
> summary(Unequalsites)
```

Design Summary: Number of Sites Classified by mdcaty (Multidensity Category) and stratum

stratum			
mdcaty	Perennial	Intermittent	Sum
1st	36	24	60
2nd	33	6	39
3rd+	42	2	44
Sum	111	32	143

Design Summary: Number of Sites Classified by panel and stratum

stratum			
panel	Perennial	Intermittent	Sum
OverSamp	36	0	36
PanelOne	75	32	107
Sum	111	32	143

Design Summary: Number of Sites Classified by mdcaty (Multidensity Category), panel, and stratum

```
, , stratum = Perennial
```

```

      panel
mdcaty OverSamp PanelOne Sum
1st      9      27  36
2nd     10      23  33
3rd+    17      25  42
Sum      36      75 111

```

```
, , stratum = Intermittent
```

```

      panel
mdcaty OverSamp PanelOne Sum
1st      0      24  24
2nd      0       6   6
3rd+     0       2   2
Sum      0      32  32

```

```
, , stratum = Sum
```

```

      panel
mdcaty OverSamp PanelOne Sum
1st      9      51  60
2nd     10      29  39
3rd+    17      27  44
Sum      36     107 143

```

```
>
```

## 7 Stratified, unequal probability, GRTS survey design with an oversample and a panel structure for survey over time

The fourth survey design is a stratified, unequal probability design with an oversample and a panel structure for survey over time. List Paneldsgn is assigned design specifications. Analogous to the stratified, unequal probability design, Paneldsgn includes two lists named "Perennial" and "Intermittent". For the "Perennial" stratum, a vector identifying sample sizes for three panels is assigned to panel. For the "Intermittent" stratum, the sample size for a single panel named "Annual" is assigned to panel. The value "Unequal" is assigned to seltype for both lists, which indicates unequal selection probabilities. For both lists, the third item, caty.n, assigns sample sizes for each of the three multidensity categories. Again, note that

the sum of sample sizes provided in `caty.n` must equal the sum of sample sizes in panel. For the "Perennial" stratum, the value 50 is assigned to `over`, which specifies an oversample of 50 sites. No oversample is specified for the "Intermittent" stratum, and so `over` is not included in the list. The `grts` function attempts to distribute the oversample proportionately among sample sizes for the multidensity categories. If the oversample proportion for one or more categories is not a whole number, a warning message is printed and the proportion is rounded to the next higher integer.

For this survey design, a shapefile will be used as the sampling frame. The following arguments are included in the call to `grts`: (1) `design`: assigned the `Paneldsgn` list; (2) `DesignID`: assigned the value "UNEQUAL"; (3) `type.frame`: assigned the value "linear"; (4) `src.frame`: assigned the value "shapefile"; (5) `in.shape`: assigned the value "Luck\_Ash\_streams"; (6) `att.frame`: assigned the `att` data frame; (7) `stratum`: assigned the value "Per\_Int"; (8) `mdcaty`: assigned the value "Strah\_Cat"; (9) `shapefile`: assigned the value `FALSE`. Upon completion of the call to `grts`, the initial six sites for the survey design and a design summary are printed.

Create the design list

```
> Paneldsgn <- list(Perennial=list(panel=c(Annual=16, Year1=17, Year2=17),
+                                     seltype="Unequal",
+                                     caty.n=c("1st"=15, "2nd"=15, "3rd+"=20),
+                                     over=50),
+                   Intermittent=list(panel=c(Annual=27),
+                                       seltype="Unequal",
+                                       caty.n=c("1st"=20, "2nd"=5, "3rd+"=2)))
```

Select the sample

```
> Panelsites <- grts(design=Paneldsgn,
+                    DesignID="UNEQUAL",
+                    type.frame="linear",
+                    src.frame="shapefile",
+                    in.shape="Luck_Ash_streams",
+                    att.frame=att,
+                    stratum="Per_Int",
+                    mdcaty="Strah_Cat",
+                    shapefile=FALSE)
```

Stratum: Perennial

Initial number of levels: 4

Current number of levels: 4

Current number of levels: 5

Final number of levels: 5

Stratum: Intermittent

```

Initial number of levels: 3
Current number of levels: 3
Current number of levels: 4
Current number of levels: 5
Current number of levels: 6
Final number of levels: 6

```

Print the initial six lines of the survey design

```

> # Print the initial six lines of the survey design
> head(Panelsites@data)

```

	siteID	xcoord	ycoord	mdcaty	wgt	stratum	panel	EvalStatus
1	UNEQUAL-001	-2134568	2740846	3rd+	7989.511	Perennial	Annual	NotEval
2	UNEQUAL-002	-2151457	2736794	1st	13368.731	Perennial	Annual	NotEval
3	UNEQUAL-003	-2129716	2733538	3rd+	7989.511	Perennial	Annual	NotEval
4	UNEQUAL-004	-2121378	2739006	2nd	8873.391	Perennial	Annual	NotEval
5	UNEQUAL-005	-2135252	2741591	3rd+	7989.511	Perennial	Annual	NotEval
6	UNEQUAL-006	-2139503	2726319	3rd+	7989.511	Perennial	Annual	NotEval

	EvalReason	Length_km
1		1.331251
2		3.711475
3		2.963369
4		4.690253
5		1.042877
6		1.034233

```

>

```

Print the survey design summary

```

> # Print the survey design summary
> summary(Panelsites)

```

Design Summary: Number of Sites Classified by mdcaty (Multidensity Category) and stratum

	stratum		
mdcaty	Perennial	Intermittent	Sum
1st	36	20	56
2nd	24	4	28
3rd+	40	3	43



Sum	100	27	127
-----	-----	----	-----

Design Summary: Number of Sites Classified by panel and stratum

	stratum		
panel	Perennial	Intermittent	Sum
Annual	16	27	43
OverSamp	50	0	50
Year1	17	0	17
Year2	17	0	17
Sum	100	27	127

Design Summary: Number of Sites Classified by mdcaty (Multidensity Category), panel, and stratum

, , stratum = Perennial

	panel				
mdcaty	Annual	OverSamp	Year1	Year2	Sum
1st	4	18	6	8	36
2nd	5	12	2	5	24
3rd+	7	20	9	4	40
Sum	16	50	17	17	100

, , stratum = Intermittent

	panel				
mdcaty	Annual	OverSamp	Year1	Year2	Sum
1st	20	0	0	0	20
2nd	4	0	0	0	4
3rd+	3	0	0	0	3
Sum	27	0	0	0	27

, , stratum = Sum

	panel				
mdcaty	Annual	OverSamp	Year1	Year2	Sum
1st	24	18	6	8	56
2nd	9	12	2	5	28
3rd+	10	20	9	4	43
Sum	43	50	17	17	127

>