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 $\operatorname{acfToDf}$ 

Applies acf to a vector and returns a dataframe for pretty plotting in ggplot2.

## **Description**

It reads a vector representing a time series, applies acf for a given number of lags

# Usage

```
acfToDf(
  x = NULL,
  lag.max = 100,
  length.out = 10
)
```

# **Arguments**

x numeric vector.

lag.max integer, number of lags over which to compute temporal autocorrelation.

length.out integer, total number of lags to consider for plotting. Should be a subset of

lag.max.

#### **Details**

This function computes temporal autocorrelation in a given vector using acf, and returns a dataframe ready for easy plotting in ggplot2.

#### Value

A dataframe with the columns: #'

- lag: numeric, lag in the time units of x with a maximum determined by lag.max, and a number of unique values determined by length.out
- acf: Pearson correlation index returned by the acf for a given number of lags for the given lag.
- ci.max: Maximum value of the confidence interval of acf.
- ci.min: Minimum value of the confidence interval of acf.

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# See Also

acf

# **Examples**

```
#simulating driver
x <- simulateDriver(</pre>
  random.seed = 10,
  time = 1:1000,
  autocorrelation.length = 200,
  output.min = -10,
  output.max = 20,
  rescale = TRUE
  )
#computing temporal autocorrelations
x.df <- acfToDf(</pre>
  x = x,
  lag.max = 300,
  length.out = 100
str(x.df)
#plotting output
plotAcf(x.df)
```

aggregateSimulation

Aggregates the output of simulatePopulation.

# **Description**

Takes the output of simulatePopulation and aggregates it into centimetres

# Usage

```
aggregateSimulation(
   simulation.output=NULL,
   accumulation.rate=NULL,
   sampling.intervals=1
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

```
simulation.output
list, output of simulatePopulation.
accumulation.rate
dataframe, output of simulateAccumulationRate.
sampling.intervals
```

numeric or numeric vector, in centimetres, depth interval or intervals between consecutive samples. If 1, all samples are returned, if 2, returned samples are separated by 1 cm.

#### Details

The function uses the values in the grouping column of the simulateAccumulationRate output to aggregate together (by computing the mean) as many samples as cases in grouping have the same identificator. Output samples are identified by the average age of the samples within the given centimetre.

#### Value

A list of dataframes with as many rows as virtual taxa were produced by simulatePopulation, and several columns. First column is the original data. Second column is the data aggregated into centimetres according to the result of simulateAccumulationRate. Each additional column is the data of the second column resampled as given by the sampling.intervals argument. See example below for more clarity.

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#### See Also

simulateAccumulationRate, simulatePopulation

# **Examples**

```
#generating driver
driver <- simulateDriver(
  random.seed = 10,
  time = 1:1000,
  autocorrelation.length = 200,
  output.min = 0,
  output.max = 100,
  rescale = TRUE
)

#preparing parameters
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows = 2)
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters <- fixParametersTypes(x = parameters)</pre>
```

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```
#simulating population dynamics
sim.output <- simulatePopulation(</pre>
parameters = parameters,
driver.A = driver,
driver.B = NULL
)
#generating accumulation rate
acc.rate <- simulateAccumulationRate(</pre>
seed = 50,
time = 1:1000,
output.min = 10,
output.max = 40,
direction = 1,
plot = TRUE
)
#aggregating simulated data
sim.output.aggregated <- aggregateSimulation(</pre>
simulation.output = sim.output,
accumulation.rate = acc.rate,
sampling.intervals = 3)
#comparing simulations
par(mfrow = c(3,1))
#notice the subsetting of the given column of the input list
plot(sim.output.aggregated[[1,1]]$Time,
sim.output.aggregated[[1,1]]$Pollen,
type = "1",
xlim = c(0, 1000),
main = "Annual"
)
plot(sim.output.aggregated[[1,2]]$Time,
sim.output.aggregated[[1,2]]$Pollen,
 type = "1",
xlim = c(0, 1000),
main = "1cm"
)
plot(sim.output.aggregated[[1,3]]$Time,
sim.output.aggregated[[1,3]]$Pollen,
 type = "1",
xlim = c(0, 1000),
main = "3cm"
)
#check differences in nrow
nrow(sim.output.aggregated[[1,1]]) #original data
nrow(sim.output.aggregated[[1,2]]) #1cm
nrow(sim.output.aggregated[[1,3]]) #3cm intervals
```

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compareSimulations

Compares different simulations produced by simulatePopulation.

## Description

Plots together the results of different taxa produced by a single run of simulatePopulation.

# Usage

```
compareSimulations(
   simulation.output = NULL,
   species = "all",
   filename = NULL,
   columns = "Pollen",
   time.zoom = NULL,
   width = 12,
   text.size = 20,
   title.size = 25,
   plot.title = ""
)
```

# Arguments

```
simulation.output
```

output of simulatePopulation.

species a number or vector or numbers representing rows in the parameters dataframe, or

a string or vector of strings referencing to the "label" column of the parameters

dataframe.

filename character string, name of output pdf file. If NULL or empty, no pdf is produced.

columns character string or vector of character strings with these possible values: "Pollen",

"Population.mature", "Population.immature", "Population.viable.seeds", "Suit-

ability", "Biomass.total", "Biomass.mature", "Biomass.immature", "Mortality.mature",

"Mortality.immature", "Driver.A", "Driver.B".

time.zoom vector of two numbers indicating the beginnign and end of the time interval to

be plotted (i.e. "c(5000, 10000)")

width plot width in inches.
text.size text size of the plot.
title.size plot title size.

plot.title character string to use as plot title.

#### **Details**

The user can decide what virtual taxa to plot (argument species), and what information to show throught the columns argument. Output is plotted on screen by default, and printed to pdf if the filename argument is filled.

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#### See Also

simulatePopulation, plotSimulation

## **Examples**

```
driver <- simulateDriver(</pre>
 random.seed = 10,
 time = 1:1000,
 autocorrelation.length = 200,
 output.min = 0,
 output.max = 100,
 rescale = TRUE
 )
#preparing parameters
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows = 2)</pre>
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters[2,] <- c("Species 1", 500, 100, 10, 0.02, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters <- fixParametersTypes(x = parameters)</pre>
#simulating population dynamics
sim.output <- simulatePopulation(</pre>
 parameters = parameters,
 driver.A = driver
#plot simulation
compareSimulations(simulation.output = sim.output)
```

driverA

Driver A

## **Description**

A vector of 10000 values (years) between 0 and 100 generated by simulateDriver with a temporal autocorrelation significant for 600 years. It is meant to be used as input for simulatePopulation

# Usage

```
data(driverA)
```

# **Format**

numeric vector of length 10000.

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#### See Also

simulateDriver

driverB

Driver B

## **Description**

A vector of 10000 values (years) between 0 and 100 generated by simulateDriver with a temporal autocorrelation significant for 600 years. It is meant to be used as input for simulatePopulation

# Usage

data(driverB)

# **Format**

numeric vector of length 10000.

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# See Also

simulateDriver

drivers

Drivers with different temporal autocorrelations.

# Description

A dataframe with 60000 rows and 4 columns (years) containing two drivers (A and B) generated by simulateDriver with different temporal autocorrelations (200, 600, and 1800). It is meant to be used as input for simulatePopulation

## Usage

data(drivers)

## Format

numeric vector of length 10000.

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# **Details**

- time integer.
- driver character, values are A and B
- autocorrelation.length numeric, values are 200, 600, and 1800.
- value numeric, value of the driver for the given time.

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#### See Also

simulateDriver

fixParametersTypes

Fix data types in parameters dataframe.

# **Description**

It converts all columns (but the label one) of a parameters dataframe created by parametersDataframe into type numeric, and checks the coherence of the parameters for each taxon. It provides feedback on the check results on screen for each taxon.

# Usage

fixParametersTypes(x)

## **Arguments**

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 $data frame\ resulting\ from\ parameters {\tt Dataframe}.$ 

## Value

Same dataframe provided in argument x but with fixed data types.

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#### See Also

parametersDataframe

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#### **Examples**

```
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows=1)
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters <- fixParametersTypes(x=parameters)</pre>
```

parameters

Parameters of 2 virtual taxa.

## **Description**

A dataframe with 2 rows and 16 columns with the parameters of two virtual taxa. It was generated by parametersDataframe and fixParametersTypes. It is meant to be used as input for simulatePopulation. It's columns are:

#### Usage

data(drivers)

#### **Format**

numeric vector of length 10000.

#### **Details**

- label: to store names (character string) of the virtual taxa.
- maximum.age: integer, maximum possible age of the individuals in years.
- reproductive.age: integer, age of sexual maturity in years.
- fecundity: integer, number of maximum viable seeds produced by a mature individual under fully suitable conditions.
- growth.rate: numeric, parameter of the logistic growth function.
- pollen.control: numeric in the interval [0, 1]. If 0, pollen productivity depends on environmental suitability only. The larger the number, biomass takes over environmental suitability in determining pollen productivity.
- maximum.biomass: integer, maximum biomass of the individuals.
- carrying.capacity: integer, maximum sum of biomass of the individuals. Very large carrying
  capacities plus a low maximum.biomass generates too many individuals for the simulation
  to remain efficient. Try to set carrying.capacity and maximum.biomass to carrying.capacity
  divided by biomass returns a number lower than 1000 (and even better if it is closer to 100).
- driver.A.weight: numeric in the interval [0, 1], represents the relative influence of the driver on environmental suitability.
- driver.B.weight: numeric in the interval [0, 1], represents the relative influence of the driver on environmental suitability. The sum of weights of drivers A and B should be 1.

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• niche.A.mean: numeric, in the same units as driver A. It is the mean of the normal function defining the response of the virtual taxa to driver A.

- niche.A.sd: numeric, in the same units as driver A. It is the standard deviation of the normal function defining the response of the virtual taxa to driver A.
- niche.B.mean: as above, but for driver B.
- niche.B.sd: as above, but for driver B.
- autocorrelation.length.A: numeric, only useful if several drivers generated with different autocorrelation lengths are available (and identified by the column autocorrelation.length) in the drivers argument provided to the simulatePopulation function.
- autocorrelation.length.B: same as above.

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#### See Also

parametersCheck, parametersDataframe, simulatePopulation

parametersCheck

Plots main simulation parameters.

## **Description**

Plots the normal function/s, fecundity, growth curve, and maturity age, of each virtual taxa in parameters.

# Usage

```
parametersCheck(
  parameters,
  species = "all",
  driver.A = NULL,
  driver.B = NULL,
  drivers = NULL,
  filename = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

parameters the parameters dataframe.

species if "all" or "ALL", all species in "parameters" are plotted. It also accepts a vector

of numbers representing the rows of the selected species, or a vector of names

of the selected species.

driver. A numeric vector with driver values.

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driver.B numeric vector with driver values.

drivers dataframe with drivers

filename character string, filename of the output pdf.

## **Details**

The function prints the plot, can save it to a pdf file if filename is provided, and returns a ggplot2 object.

#### Value

```
A ggplot2 object.
```

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## See Also

parametersDataframe, fixParametersTypes

# **Examples**

```
#generating driver
driver <- simulateDriver(</pre>
random.seed = 10,
time = 1:1000,
autocorrelation.length = 200,
output.min = 0,
output.max = 100,
rescale = TRUE
)
#preparing parameters
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows = 2)</pre>
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters[2,] <- c("Species 1", 500, 100, 10, 0.02, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters <- fixParametersTypes(x = parameters)</pre>
#plotting parameters
parametersCheck(
parameters = parameters,
driver.A = driver,
filename = "Parameters.pdf"
)
```

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parametersDataframe

Generates a template dataframe to contain simulation parameters.

## **Description**

Generates the dataframe structure needed to contain the parameters used as input for the simulatePopulation function.

#### Usage

parametersDataframe(rows=1)

## **Arguments**

rows

integer, number of rows in the output dataframe.

#### **Details**

The resulting dataframe can either be filled manually through vectors, as shown in the example (but this requires to use the function fixParametersTypes once the dataframe is completed), or can be edited manually in Rstudio by installing the editData package.

#### Value

A dataframe filled with NA values and the columns:

- label: to store names (character string) of the virtual taxa.
- maximum.age: integer, maximum possible age of the individuals in years.
- reproductive.age: integer, age of sexual maturity in years.
- fecundity: integer, number of maximum viable seeds produced by a mature individual under fully suitable conditions.
- growth.rate: numeric, parameter of the logistic growth function.
- pollen.control: numeric in the interval [0, 1]. If 0, pollen productivity depends on environmental suitability only. The larger the number, biomass takes over environmental suitability in determining pollen productivity.
- maximum.biomass: integer, maximum biomass of the individuals.
- carrying.capacity: integer, maximum sum of biomass of the individuals. Very large carrying
  capacities plus a low maximum.biomass generates too many individuals for the simulation
  to remain efficient. Try to set carrying.capacity and maximum.biomass to carrying.capacity
  divided by biomass returns a number lower than 1000 (and even better if it is closer to 100).
- driver.A.weight: numeric in the interval [0, 1], represents the relative influence of the driver on environmental suitability.
- driver.B.weight: numeric in the interval [0, 1], represents the relative influence of the driver on environmental suitability. The sum of weights of drivers A and B should be 1.

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• niche.A.mean: numeric, in the same units as driver A. It is the mean of the normal function defining the response of the virtual taxa to driver A.

- niche.A.sd: numeric, in the same units as driver A. It is the standard deviation of the normal function defining the response of the virtual taxa to driver A.
- niche.B.mean: as above, but for driver B.
- niche.B.sd: as above, but for driver B.
- autocorrelation.length.A: numeric, only useful if several drivers generated with different autocorrelation lengths are available (and identified by the column autocorrelation.length) in the drivers argument provided to the simulatePopulation function.
- autocorrelation.length.B: same as above.

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## See Also

```
simulatePopulation, fixParametersTypes
```

## **Examples**

```
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows=1)
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)</pre>
```

plotAcf

Plots results of acfToDf.

# **Description**

Plots a dataframe resulting from acfToDf by using ggplot2 (and cowplot)

## Usage

```
plotAcf(
  x = NULL,
  plot.title = ""
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x dataframe, output of acfToDf plot.title string, title for the plot.
```

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# Value

A ggplot object

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# See Also

acfToDf

# **Examples**

```
#simulating driver
x <- simulateDriver(</pre>
 random.seed = 10,
 time = 1:1000,
 autocorrelation.length = 200,
 output.min = -10,
 output.max = 20,
 rescale = TRUE
#computing temporal autocorrelation
x.df <- acfToDf(</pre>
 x = x,
 lag.max = 300,
 length.out = 100
 )
#plotting output
plotAcf(x.df)
```

 ${\tt plotSimulation}$ 

Plots results of simulatePopulation.

# Description

This function takes as input a list of dataframes or a single dataframe resulting from the execution of simulatePopulation, and plots the resulting time series of pollen abundance, number of individuals, biomass, driver, and environmental suitability.

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## Usage

```
plotSimulation(
  simulation.output=NULL,
  species="all",
  burnin=FALSE,
  filename=NULL,
  time.zoom=NULL,
  panels=c("Driver A",
           "Driver B",
           "Suitability",
           "Population",
           "Mortality",
           "Biomass",
           "Pollen"
           ),
plot.title=NULL,
width=12,
text.size=20,
title.size=25,
line.size=1
)
```

## **Arguments**

simulation.output

output of simulatePopulation.

species a number or vector or numbers representing rows in the parameters dataframe, or

a string or vector of strings referencing to the "label" column of the parameters

dataframe.

burnin if FALSE, burn-in period is not considered in the model.

filename character string, name of output pdf file. If NULL or empty, no pdf is produced.

time.zoom vector of two numbers indicating the beginnign and end of the time interval to

be plotted (i.e. "c(5000, 10000)")

panels character string or vector of character strings with these possible values: "Driver

A", "Driver B", "Suitability", "Population", "Mortality", "Biomass", "Pollen".

plot.title character string to use as plot title.

width plot width in inches.
text.size text size of the plot.
title.size plot title size.

line.size size of lines in plots.

## **Details**

The user can decide what virtual taxa to plot (argument species), and what information to show throught the panels argument. Output is plotted on screen by default, and printed to pdf if the filename argument is filled.

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#### See Also

simulatePopulation, compareSimulations

## **Examples**

```
driver <- simulateDriver(</pre>
random.seed = 10,
time = 1:1000,
autocorrelation.length = 200,
output.min = 0,
output.max = 100,
rescale = TRUE
)
#preparing parameters
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows = 2)</pre>
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters[2,] <- c("Species 1", 500, 100, 10, 0.02, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters <- fixParametersTypes(x = parameters)</pre>
#simulating population dynamics
sim.output <- simulatePopulation(</pre>
parameters = parameters,
driver.A = driver
)
#plot simulation
plotSimulation(simulation.output = sim.output)
```

rescaleVector

Rescales a vector within given bounds.

## **Description**

Takes a numeric vector x and rescales it within the values given by new.min and new.max.

# Usage

```
rescaleVector(
  x = rnorm(100),
  new.min = 0,
  new.max = 100,
  integer = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

| X       | numeric vector to be rescaled.   |
|---------|--|
| new.min | numeric, new minimum value for x. Default is 0.                                      |
| new.max | numeric, new maximum value for x. Default is 100.                                    |
| integer | boolean, if TRUE, output vector is returned as vector of integers. Default is FALSE. |

# Value

A vector of the same length as x rescaled between output.min and output.max.

# Author(s)

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# **Examples**

```
#generating example data
x = rnorm(100)

#as float
x.float <- rescaleVector(
    x = x,
    new.min = 0,
    new.max = 100,
    integer = FALSE
    )

#as integer
x.integer <- rescaleVector(
    x = x,
    new.min = 0,
    new.max = 100,
    integer = TRUE
    )</pre>
```

 $\verb|simulateAccumulationRate| \\$ 

Simulates a virtual sediment accumulation rate.

# Description

Generates a virtual sediment accumulation rate to be applied to the results of simulatePopulation

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## Usage

```
simulateAccumulationRate(
    seed=50,
    time=1:1000,
    output.min=10,
    output.max=40,
    direction=1,
    plot=TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

| seed       | integer, seed to be used by set.seed to configure the state of the pseudo-random number generator. It defines the shape of the curve. |
|------------|---|
| time       | vector of time values (ideally the same used to generate the simulations).  |
| output.min | numeric, in years per centimetre, minimum sediment accumulation rate (10 by default).   |
| output.max | numeric, in years per centimetre, maximum sediment accumulation rate $(40 \text{ bu default})$ .                                      |
| direction  | integer, values 1 or -1, to invert the resulting accumulation rate.   |
| plot       | boolean, plots output accumulation rate if TRUE.  |

#### **Details**

The accumulation rate curve is generated through a random walk smoothed by a GAM model. The value of the seed argument changes the shape of the curve, but the user has no more control than trying different values to achieve a curve closer to the desired one. If plot is set to TRUE, the accumulation rate curve is printed on screen, but not exported to pdf.

## Value

A dataframe with the following columns.

- time numeric, time or age of the given case.
- accumulation.rate numeric, in years per centimetre, simulated accumulation rate.
- *grouping* integer, grouping variable to aggregate together with aggregateSimulation samples deposited in the same centimetre according *accumulation.rate*.

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#### See Also

```
aggregateSimulation
```

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## **Examples**

```
acc.rate <- simulateAccumulationRate(
  seed = 50,
  time = 1:1000,
  output.min = 10,
  output.max = 40,
  direction = 1,
  plot = TRUE
  )
str(acc.rate)</pre>
```

simulateDriver

*Generates a random time series with temporal autocorrelation.* 

## **Description**

Generates a vector of the same legnth as the time argument, with a temporal autocorrelation length close to the defined by autocorrelation.length, and a range within output.min and output.max. The output of this function is intended to be used as an input to the function rescaleVector. Note that the variable time runs from left to right, with lower values representing older samples.

## Usage

```
simulateDriver(
  random.seed = 50,
  time = 1:10000,
  autocorrelation.length = 100,
  output.min = 0,
  output.max = 100,
  rescale = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

random. seed integer, seed to be used by set. seed(). Default is 50.

time integer, or numeric vector of integers with constant intervals. If a single integer

is provided, a time sequence is generated from 1 to the given integer as seq(1,

*time*, by = 1). Default is 1:10000.

autocorrelation.length

integer, represents the length of the convolution filter to be used to impose a particular temporal structure on the time series. Default is 100, equivalent to a

filter composed by a hundred of ones.

output.min numeric, minimum value of the output time series. Used as input for **rescaleVec**-

tor. Default is 0.

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output.max numeric, maximum value of the output time series. Used as input for **rescaleVec**-

tor. Default is 100.

rescale boolean. If FALSE, output.min and output.max are ignored, and the original

data range provided by rnorm is preserved. Default is TRUE.

## **Details**

It is recommended to use time vectors with a time step of 1 between consecutive values when the output is to be used as input for simulatePopulation, which considers annual time-steps while simulating virtual pollen curves. Initial random sequence is generated by rnorm. Desired temporal autocorrelation are approximate, but deviation becomes higher if autocorrelation.length is larger than half the length of time. Consequently, the function limits autocorrelation.length to length(time)/2.

#### Value

A vector of the same length as time.

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#### See Also

rescaleVector

# **Examples**

```
x <- simulateDriver(
  random.seed = 50,
  time = 1:10000,
  autocorrelation.length = 200,
  output.min = -10,
  output.max = 20,
  rescale = TRUE
  )

#plots output
plot(x, type = "1")

#checks temporal autocorrelation
acf(x, lag.max = 300)</pre>
```

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simulateDriverS

Generates a long table with several drivers for simulatePopulation.

#### **Description**

Wrapper of simulateDriver to generate several drivers with different autocorrelation lengths, and return a long format table to be used as input for simulatePopulation. Note that the variable time runs from left to right, with lower values representing older samples.

## Usage

```
simulateDriverS(
  random.seeds=c(60, 120),
  time=1:10000,
  autocorrelation.lengths=c(200, 600, 1800),
  output.min=c(0,0),
  output.max=c(100, 100),
  driver.names=c("A", "B"),
  filename=NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

random. seeds vector of integers, seeds to be used by set. seed.

time integer, or numeric vector of integers with constant intervals. If a single integer

is provided, a time sequence is generated from 0 to the given integer as seq(0, 0)

*time*, by = 1). Default is 1:10000.

autocorrelation.lengths

vector of integers, represents the lengths of the convolution filters to be used to impose a particular temporal structure on each driver. Default is 100, equivalent

to a filter composed by a hundred of ones.

output.min numeric vector, minimum values of the output time series. Used as input for

rescaleVector. Default is 0.

output.max numeric vector, maximum values of the output time series. Used as input for

rescaleVector. Default is 100.

driver.names character vector, with labels to be used to identify the drivers.

filename character string, name of output pdf file. If NULL or empty, no pdf is produced.

#### **Details**

It is recommended to use time vectors with a time step of 1 between consecutive values when the output is to be used as input for simulatePopulation, which considers annual time-steps while simulating virtual pollen curves. Initial random sequence is generated by rnorm. Desired temporal autocorrelation are approximate, but deviation becomes higher if autocorrelation.length is larger than half the length of time. Consequently, the function limits autocorrelation.length to length(time)/2.

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#### Value

A long format dataframe (see dataset drivers) with the following columns:

- time integer.
- · driver character, values are A and B
- autocorrelation.length numeric, values are 200, 600, and 1800.
- value numeric, value of the driver for the given time.

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#### See Also

simulateDriver, simulatePopulation, drivers

## **Examples**

```
drivers <- simulateDriverS(
  random.seeds=c(60, 120),
  time=1:10000,
  autocorrelation.lengths=c(200, 600, 1800),
  output.min=c(0,0),
  output.max=c(100, 100),
  driver.names=c("A", "B"),
  filename=NULL)</pre>
```

simulatePopulation

Simulates population dynamics for virtual species with different traits.

## **Description**

This function takes as input a dataframe of parameters defining virtual taxa produced by parametersDataframe and fixParametersTypes, a driver or drivers generated with simulateDriver, and simulates population dynamics at yearly resolution for the time-length defined by the driver or drivers. The model relies on the following set of assumptions. Note that the variable time runs from left to right, with lower values representing older samples.

- The spatial structure of the population is not important to explain its pollen productivity. This is an operative assumption, to speed-up model execution.
- The environmental niche of the species follows a Gaussian distribution, characterized by a mean (niche optimum, also niche position) and a standard deviation (niche breadth or tolerance).
- Different drivers can have a different influence on the species dynamics, and that influence can be defined by the user by tuning the weights of each driver.

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• Environmental suitability, expressed in the range [0, 1], is the result of an additive function of the species niches (normal function defined by the species' mean and standard deviation for each driver), the drivers' values, and the relative influence of each driver (driver weights).

- Pollen productivity is a function of the individual's biomass and environmental suitability, so
  under a hypothetical constant individual's biomass, its pollen production depends linearly on
  environmental suitability values.
- Effective fecundity is limited by environmental suitability. Low environmental suitability values limit recruitment, acting as an environmental filter. Therefore, even though the fecundity of the individuals is fixed by the fecundity parameter, the overall population fecundity is limited by environmental suitability.

# Usage

```
simulatePopulation(
  parameters=NULL,
  species="all",
  driver.A=NULL,
  driver.B=NULL,
  drivers=NULL,
  burnin=TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

| parameters | dataframe with parameters.  |
|------------|---|
| species    | if "all" or "ALL", all species in "parameters" are simulated It also accepts a vector of numbers representing the rows of the selected species, or a vector of names of the selected species. |
| driver.A   | numeric vector with driver values. Typically produced by simulateDriver.  |
| driver.B   | numeric vector with driver values. Typically produced by simulateDriver. Must have same length as driver.A.   |
| drivers    | data frame with drivers produced by ${\tt simulateDriverS}$ . It should have the columns:   |
|            | • time integer.   |
|            | <ul> <li>driver character, values are A and B</li> </ul>  |
|            | • autocorrelation.length numeric, values are 200, 600, and 1800.  |
|            | • <i>value</i> numeric, value of the driver for the given <i>time</i> .   |
| burnin     | boolean, generates a warming-up period for the population model of a length of five times the maximum age of the virtual taxa.  |

# **Details**

The model starts with a population of 100 individuals with random ages, in the range [1, maximum age], taken from a uniform distribution (all ages are equiprobable). For each environmental suitability value, including the burn-in period, the model performs the following operations:

• Aging: adds one year to the age of the individuals.

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 Mortality due to senescence: individuals reaching the maximum age are removed from the simulation.

- Local extinction and immigration If the number of individuals drops to zero, the population is replaced by a "seed bank" of #' 100 individuals with age zero, and the simulation jumps to step 7.. This is intended to simulate the arrival of seeds from nearby regions, and will only lead to population growth if environmental suitability is higher than zero.
- Plant growth: Applies a plant growth equation to compute the biomass of every individual.
- Carrying capacity: If maximum population biomass is reached, individuals are iteratively selected for removal according to a mortality risk curve computed by the equation  $P_m = 1 sqrt(a/A)$ , were Pm is the probability of mortality, a is the age of the given individual, and A is the maximum age reached by the virtual taxa. This curve gives removal preference to younger individuals, matching observed patterns in natural populations.
- Pollen productivity: In each time step the model computes the pollen productivity (in relative values) of the population using the equation  $P_t = \sum x_{it} \times max(S_t, B)$ , where t is time (a given simulation time step), P is the pollen productivity of the population at a given time,  $x_i$  represents the biomass of every adult individual, S is the environmental suitability at the given time, S is the contribution of biomass to pollen productivity regardless of environmental suitability (pollen.control parameter in the simulation, 0 by default). If S equals S is equal to the total biomass sum of the adult population, regardless of the environmental suitability. If S equals S is equal to the productivity depends entirely on environmental suitability values.
- Reproduction: Generates as many seeds as reproductive individuals are available multiplied by the maximum fecundity and the environmental suitability of the given time.

The model returns a table with climatic suitability, pollen production, and population size (reproductive individuals only) per simulation year. Figure 10 shows the results of the population model when applied to the example virtual species.

## Value

A list of dataframes, each one of them with the results of one simulation. Each dataframe has the columns:

- Time integer, ages in years. Negative ages indicate the burn-in period.
- *Pollen* numeric, pollen counts
- Population.mature numeric, number of mature individuals.
- Population.immatre numeric, number of immature individuals.
- Population.viable.seeds numeric, number of viable seeds generated each year.
- *Suitability* numeric, environmental suitability computed from the driver by the normal function/s defining the taxon niche.
- Biomass.total numeric, overall biomass of the population.
- Biomass.mature numeric, sum of biomass of mature individuals.
- Biomass.immature numeric, sum of biomass of immature individuals.
- Mortality.mature numeric, number of mature individuals dead each year.
- Mortality.immature numeric, same as above for immature individuals.
- Driver.A numeric, values of driver A.
- Driver.B numeric, values of driver B, if available, and NA otherwise.
- Period qualitative, with value "Burn-in" for burn-in period, and "Simulation" otherwise.

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#### See Also

parametersDataframe, fixParametersTypes, plotSimulation

## **Examples**

```
driver <- simulateDriver(</pre>
random.seed = 10,
time = 1:1000,
autocorrelation.length = 200,
output.min = 0,
output.max = 100,
rescale = TRUE
)
#preparing parameters
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows=2)</pre>
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters[2,] <- c("Species 1", 500, 100, 10, 0.02, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters <- fixParametersTypes(x=parameters)</pre>
#simulating population dynamics
sim.output <- simulatePopulation(</pre>
parameters=parameters,
driver.A=driver
#checking output for Species 1
str(sim.output[[1]])
```

simulation

List with two simulation outputs.

## **Description**

A list of dataframes with two slots, output of simulatePopulation. Each slot corresponds to a virtual taxon from the parameters dataframe. Each dataframe has the following columns:

# Usage

```
data(simulation)
```

## Format

numeric vector of length 10000.

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#### **Details**

- *Time* integer, ages in years. Negative ages indicate the burn-in period.
- Pollen numeric, pollen counts
- Population.mature numeric, number of mature individuals.
- Population.immatre numeric, number of immature individuals.
- Population.viable.seeds numeric, number of viable seeds generated each year.
- *Suitability* numeric, environmental suitability computed from the driver by the normal function/s defining the taxon niche.
- Biomass.total numeric, overall biomass of the population.
- Biomass.mature numeric, sum of biomass of mature individuals.
- Biomass.immature numeric, sum of biomass of immature individuals.
- Mortality.mature numeric, number of mature individuals dead each year.
- Mortality.immature numeric, same as above for immature individuals.
- Driver.A numeric, values of driver A.
- Driver.B numeric, values of driver B, if available, and NA otherwise.
- Period qualitative, with value "Burn-in" for burn-in period, and "Simulation" otherwise.

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#### See Also

simulatePopulation, plotSimulation

toRegularTime

Reinterpolates aggregated simulations into regular time.

# **Description**

Takes the output of aggregateSimulation, and interpolates it into a regular time grid.

## Usage

```
toRegularTime(
    x,
    time.column="Time",
    interpolation.interval,
    columns.to.interpolate=c("Suitability", "Driver.A", "Pollen")
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

```
x list, output of aggregateSimulation.

time.column character string, default value is "Time".

interpolation.interval integer, in years, time length encompassed by each sample.

columns.to.interpolate character string or character vector, columns of simulation output to be interpolated. Any subset of: "Pollen", "Population.mature", "Population.immature", "Population.viable.seeds", "Suitability", "Biomass.total", "Biomass.mature", "Biomass.immature", "Mortality.mature", "Mortality.immature", "Driver.A", "Driver.B".
```

#### **Details**

The function takes the input list, and on each dataframe it fits a loess model of the form  $y \sim x$ , where y is any column given by columns.to.interpolate and x is the column given by the time.column argument. The model is used to interpolate column y on a regular time series of intervals equal to interpolation.interval.

#### Value

A list of dataframes with the same structure as the input list. Each dataframe has the columns "Time" (now regular), and any column listed in columns.to.interpolate.

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# See Also

simulateAccumulationRate, aggregateSimulation

# **Examples**

```
#generating driver
driver <- simulateDriver(
  random.seed = 10,
  time = 1:1000,
  autocorrelation.length = 200,
  output.min = 0,
  output.max = 100,
  rescale = TRUE
)

#preparing parameters
parameters <- parametersDataframe(rows=2)
parameters[1,] <- c("Species 1", 50, 20, 2, 0.2, 0, 100, 1000, 1, 0, 50, 10, 0, 0, NA, NA)
parameters <- fixParametersTypes(x=parameters)

#simulating population dynamics
sim.output <- simulatePopulation(</pre>
```

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```
parameters=parameters,
driver.A=driver,
driver.B=NULL
)
#generating accumulation rate
acc.rate <- simulateAccumulationRate(</pre>
seed=50,
time=1:1000,
output.min=10,
output.max=40,
direction=1,
plot=TRUE
#aggregating simulated data
sim.output.aggregated <- aggregateSimulation(</pre>
simulation.output=sim.output,
accumulation.rate=acc.rate,
sampling.intervals=3
)
#comparing simulations
sim.output.regular <- toRegularTime(</pre>
x=sim.output.aggregated,
time.column="Time",
interpolation.interval=20,
columns.to.interpolate=c("Driver.A", "Pollen")
```

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