# Package 'AWAPer'

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catchments

Example catchment boundary polygons.

#### Description

Two example catchment boundaries as a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame. The catchments are Creswick Creek (ID 407214, Vic., Australia, see http://www.bom.gov.au/water/hrs/#id=407214) and Bet Bet Creek (ID 407220, Vic., Australia, see http://www.bom.gov.au/water/hrs/#id=407220). The catchments can be used to extract catchment average climate data usng extractCatchmentData

## Usage

catchments

#### **Format**

An object of class SpatialPolygonsDataFrame with 2 rows and 1 columns.

#### See Also

extractCatchmentData for extracting catchment average climate data.

#### **Examples**

```
# Load example cacthment boundaries.
data("catchments")
```

extractCatchmentData

extractCatchmentData extracts catchment average climate data from netCDF files containing Australian climate data.

#### **Description**

extractCatchmentData extracts the AWAP climate data for each point or polygon, and for the latter the daily spatial mean and variance (or user defined function) of each climate metric is calculated.

# Usage

```
extractCatchmentData(
  ncdfFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP.nc"),
  ncdfSolarFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP_solar.nc"),
  extractFrom = as.Date("1900-01-01", "%Y-%m-%d"),
  extractTo = as.Date(Sys.Date(), "%Y-%m-%d"),
  getPrecip = TRUE,
  getTmin = TRUE,
```

```
getTmax = TRUE,
  getVprp = TRUE,
  getSolarrad = TRUE,
 getET = TRUE,
 DEM = "",
  catchments = "",
  temporal.timestep = "daily",
  temporal.function.name = "mean",
  spatial.function.name = "var",
 ET.function = "ET.MortonCRAE",
 ET.Mortons.est = "potential ET",
 ET.Turc.humid = F,
 ET.timestep = "monthly",
 ET.interp_missing_days = T,
 ET.interp_missing_entries = T,
 ET.interp_abnormal = T,
 ET.constants = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

ncdfFilename is a full file name (as string) to the netCDF file.

ncdfSolarFilename

is the full file name (as string) to the netCDF file.

extractFrom is a date string specifying the start date for data extraction. The default is

"1900-1-1".

extractTo is a date string specifying the end date for the data extraction. The default is

today's date as YYYY-MM-DD.

getPrecip logical variable for extracting precipitation. Default is TRUE.

getTmin logical variable for extracting Tmin. Default is TRUE.

getTmax logical variable for extracting Tmax. Default is TRUE.

getVprp logical variable for extracting vapour pressure. Default is TRUE. getSolarrad logical variable for extracting solar radiation. Default is TRUE.

getET logical variable for calculating Morton's potential ET. Note, to calculate set

getTmin=T, getTmax=T, getVprp=T and getSolarrad=T. Default is TRUE.

DEM is either the full file name to a ESRI ASCII grid (as lat/long and using GDA94)

or a raster class grid object. The DEM is used for the calculation of Morton's

PET. The Australian 9 second DEM can be loaded using getDEM().

catchments is either the full file name to an ESRI shape file of points or polygons (latter as-

sumed to be catchment boundaries) or a shape file already imported using read-ShapeSpatial(). Either way the shape file must be in long/lat (i.e. not projected)

use the ellipsoid GRS 80.

temporal.timestep

character string for the time step of the output data. The options are daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual or a user-defined index for, say, water-years (see xts::apply.period). The default is daily.

temporal.function.name

character string for the function name applied to aggregate the daily data to temporal.timestep. Note, NA values are not removed from the aggregation calculation. If this is required then consider writing your own function. The default is mean.

spatial.function.name

character string for the function name applied to estimate the daily spatial spread in each variable. The default is var.

ET. function character string for the evapotranspiration function to be used. The methods that can be derived from the AWAP data are are ET. Abtew, ET. HargreavesSamani,

 ${\tt ET.Jensen Haise, ET.Makkink, ET.McGuinness Bordne, ET.Morton CRAE, ET.Morton CRWE,}$ 

ET. Turc. Default is ET. MortonCRAE.

ET.Mortons.est character string for the type of Mortons Et estimate. For ET.MortonCRAE, the options are potential ET,wet areal ET or actual areal ET. For ET.MortonCRWE, the options are potential ET or shallow lake ET. The default is potential

ET.

ET.Turc.humid logical variable for the Turc function using the humid adjustment.See ET.Turc.

For now this is fixed at F.

 ${\tt ET.timestep} \qquad \text{character string for the evapotran piration time step. Options are daily, monthly,}$ 

annual but the options are dependent upon the chosen ET.function. The de-

fault is monthly.

ET.interp\_missing\_days

T or F, indicating if missing days should be interpolated for PET calculation. Default is T. See ReadInputs

ET.interp\_missing\_entries

T or F, indicating if missing data entries should be interpolated for PET calculation. Default is T. See ReadInputs

ET.interp\_abnormal

T or F, indicating if abnormal valuees should be interpolated for PET calculation.

Default is T. See ReadInputs

 ${\sf ET.constants} \qquad {\sf list\ of\ constants\ from\ Evapotranspiration\ package\ required\ for\ ET\ calculations}.$ 

To get the data use the command data(constants). Default is list().

# Details

Daily data is extracted and can be aggregated to a weekly, monthly, quarterly, annual or a user-defined timestep using a user-defined funcion (e.g. sum, mean, min, max as defined by temporal.function.name). The temporally aggreated data at each grid cell is then used to derive the spatial mean or the spatial variance (or any other function as defined by spatial.function.name).

The calculation of the spatial mean uses the fraction of each AWAP grid cell within the catchment polygon. The variance calculation (or user defined function) does not use the fraction of the grid cell and returns NA if there are <2 grid cells in the catchment boundary. Prior to the spatial aggregation, evapotranspiration (ET) can also calculated; after which, say, the mean and variance PET can be calculated.

The data extraction will by default be undertaken from 1/1/1900 to yesterday, even if the netCDF grids were only built for a subset of this time period. If the latter situation applies, it is recommended that the extraction start and end dates are input by the user.

The ET can be calculated using one of eight methods at a user defined calculation time-step; that is the ET.timestep defines the time step at which the estimates are serived and differs from the output timestep as defined by temporal.function.name). When ET.timestep is monthly or annual then the ET estimate is linearly interpolated to a daily time step (using zoo:na.spline()) and then constrained to >=0. In calculating ET, the input data is pre-processed using Evapotranspiration::ReadInputs() such that missing days, missing enteries and abnormal values are interpolated (by default) with the former two interpolated using the "DoY average", i.e. replacement with same day-of-the-year average. Additionally, when AWAP solar radiation is required for the ET function, data is only available from 1/1/1990. To derive ET values <1990, the average solar radiation for each day of the year from 1/1/990 to "extractTo" is derived (i.e. 365 values) and then applied to each day prior to 1990. Importantly, in this situation the estimates of ET <1990 are dependent upon the end date extracted. Re-running the estimation of ET with a later extractTo data will change the estimates of ET prior to 1990.

Also, when "catchments" is points (not polygons), then the netCDF grids are interpolate using bilinear interpolation of the closest 4 grid cells.

Lastly, data is extracted for all time points and no temporal infilling is undertaken if the grid cells are blank.

#### Value

When "catchments" are polygons, the returned variable is a list variable containing two data.frames. The first is the areal aggregated climate metrics named "catchmentTemporal." with a suffix as defined by temporal.function.name). The second is the measure of spatial variability named "catchmentSpatial." with a suffix as defined by spatial.function.name).

When "catchments" are points, the returned variable is a data.frame containing daily climate data at each point.

# See Also

makeNetCDF\_file for building the NetCDF files of daily climate data.

# **Examples**

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```
# Build netCDF grids and over a defined time period.
file.names = makeNetCDF_file(ncdfFilename=ncdfFilename,
             ncdfSolarFilename=ncdfSolarFilename,
             updateFrom=startDate, updateTo=endDate)
# Load example cacthment boundaries.
data("catchments")
# Get the constanrs required for ET estimation.
data(constants,package='Evapotranspiration')
# Download and import the Australian 9 second DEM.
# Note, the DEM only needs be downloaded if ET is be estimated.
DEM_9s = getDEM()
# Extract daily climate data (precip, Tmin, Tmax, VPD, ET).
# Note, the input "catchments" can also be a file to a ESRI shape file.
climateData = extractCatchmentData(ncdfFilename=file.names$ncdfFilename,
              ncdfSolarFilename=file.names$ncdfSolarFilename,
              extractFrom=startDate, extractTo=endDate,
              catchments=catchments,DEM=DEM_9s, ET.constants=constants)
# Extract the daily catchment average data.
climateDataAvg = climateData$catchmentTemporal.mean
# Extract the daily catchment variance data.
climateDataVar = climateData$catchmentSpatial.var
# Extract the monthly total precipitation.
monthlyPrecipData = extractCatchmentData(ncdfFilename=file.names$ncdfFilename,
             ncdfSolarFilename=file.names$ncdfSolarFilename,
              extractFrom=startDate, extractTo=endDate,
              catchments=catchments,
              getTmin = F, getTmax = F, getVprp = F, getSolarrad = F, getET = F,
              temporal.timestep = 'monthly', temporal.function.name = 'sum')
# Extract the monthly precip. sum data.
monthlyPrecipData.sum = monthlyPrecipData$catchmentTemporal.sum
```

getDEM

Downloads and imports Geoscience Australia 9s DEM.

#### **Description**

getDEM get Australian 9s DEM.

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#### **Usage**

```
getDEM(
  workingFolder = getwd(),
  urlDEM = getURLs()$DEM,
  DEMfilename = "dem-9s.asc",
  keepFiles = F
)
```

#### **Arguments**

workingFolder is the file path (as string) in which to download the zip file. The default is

getwd().

urlDEM URL to the folder containing the Geoscience Australia 9s DEM. The default is

taken from getURLs()\$DEM.

DEMfilename is the file name for the DEM (as string). The default is 'dem-9s.asc'.

keepFiles is a logical scalar to keep the downloaded zip file and extracted DEM ASCII

file. The default is FALSE.

# **Details**

getDEM downloads the Geoscience Australia 9 second DEM and then imports the grid.

The DEM is required for the calculation of evaportranspiration within extractCatchmentData. For details of the DEM see https://www.data.gov.au/dataset/geodata-9-second-dem-and-d8-digital-elevation-mo

## Value

A RasterLayer DEM for Asutralia.

## See Also

extractCatchmentData for extracting catchment daily average and variance data.

# **Examples**

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getURLs

Get default URLs for loading data.

# Description

```
getURLs get URLS to AWAP and Australian 9s DEM.
```

#### Usage

```
getURLs()
```

#### **Details**

This function returns a list of default URLs used to download the AWAP and DEM data.

#### Value

A list variable of URLs as characters.

#### **Examples**

```
URLs = getURLs()
```

makeNetCDF\_file

Build netCDF files of the Bureau of Meteorology (Australia) national gridded climate data.

#### **Description**

makeNetCDF\_file builds two netCDF files containing Australian climate data.

# Usage

```
makeNetCDF_file(
  ncdfFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP.nc"),
  ncdfSolarFilename = file.path(getwd(), "AWAP_solar.nc"),
  updateFrom = as.Date("1900-01-01", "%Y-%m-%d"),
  updateTo = as.Date(Sys.Date() - 1, "%Y-%m-%d"),
  workingFolder = getwd(),
  keepFiles = FALSE,
  compressionLevel = 5,
  urlPrecip = getURLs()$precip,
  urlTmin = getURLs()$Tmin,
  urlTmax = getURLs()$Tmax,
  urlVprp = getURLs()$vprp,
  urlSolarrad = getURLs()$solarrad
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

ncdfFilename is a file path (as string) and name to the netCDF file. The default file name and

path is file.path(getwd(), 'AWAP.nc').

ncdfSolarFilename

is the file path (as string) and name to the netCDF file. The default namefile and

path file.path(getwd(),'AWAP\_solar.nc').

updateFrom is a date string specifying the start date for the AWAP data. If ncdfFilename

and ncdfSolarFilename are specified and exist, then the netCDF grids will be updated with new data from updateFrom. To update the files from the end of

the last day in the file set updateFrom=NA. The default is "1900-1-1".

updateTo is a date string specifying the end date for the AWAP data. If ncdfFilename

and ncdfSolarFilename are specified and exist, then the netCDF grids will be updated with new data to updateFrom. The default is yesterday's date as

YYYY-MM-DD.

workingFolder is the file path (as string) in which to download the AWAP grid files. The default

is getwd().

keepFiles is a logical scalar to keep the downloaded AWAP grid files. The default is FALSE.

compressionLevel

is the netCDF compression level between 1 (low) and 9 (high), and NA for no compression. Note, data extracion runtime may slightly increase with the level

of compression. The default is 5.

urlPrecip URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily precipittaion grids. The default is

from getURLs()\$precip.

urlTmin URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily minimum temperature grids. The

default is from getURLs()\$Tmin.

urlTmax URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily maximum temperature grids. The

default is from getURLs()\$Tmax.

urlVprp URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily vapour pressure grids. The default

is from getURLs()\$vprp.

urlSolarrad URL to the folder containing the AWAP daily solar radiation grids. The default

is from getURLs()\$solarrad.

## **Details**

makeNetCDF\_file creates two netCDF files of daily climate data.

One of the netCDF files contains precipitation, minimum daily temperature, maximum daily temperature and vappour pressure. It should span from 1/1/1900 to today and requires ~20GB of hard-drive space (using default compression). The second netCDF file contains the solar radiation and started from 1/1/1990 and be ~24GB and spatial gaps are infilled using a 3x3 moving average repeated 3 times. To minimise the runtime in extracting data, both files should be stored locally and not on a network drive. Also, building the files requires installation of 7zip.

The climate data is sourced from the Bureau of Meteorology Australian Water Availability Project (http://www.bom.gov.au/jsp/awap/. For details see Jones et al. (2009).

The output from this function is required for all data extraction functions within this package and must be ran prior.

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The function can be used to build netCDF files from stratch or to update existing netCDF files previously derived from this function. To not build or update a variable, set its respective URL to NA.

#### Value

A list variable containing the full file name to the AWAP data and the AWAP solar data.

#### References

David A. Jones, William Wang and Robert Fawcett, (2009), High-quality spatial climate data-sets for Australia, Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Journal, 58, p233-248.

#### See Also

extractCatchmentData for extracting catchment daily average and variance data.

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