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compute.climdex.indices

Compute Climdex indices using provided data.

### **Description**

Compute Climdex indices using provided data.

### Usage

```
compute.climdex.indices(in.dat, cdx.funcs, ts, base.range, metadata.config)
```

### Arguments

in.dat The input data to compute indices on.

cdx.funcs The functions to be applied to the data, as created by get.climdex.functions.

The associated time data, as created by nc.get.time.series. ts

The base range; a vector of two numeric years. base.range

metadata.config

object containing the relevant metadata configuration information.

#### **Details**

Given the provided data and functions, compute the Climdex indices defined by the functions.

#### Value

A list of data for each index.

#### **Examples**

```
compute.indices.for.stripe
```

Compute Climdex indices for a subset / stripe

### **Description**

Compute Climdex indices for a subset / stripe

### Usage

```
compute.indices.for.stripe(
  subset,
 metadata.config,
 cdx.funcs,
  ts,
 base.range,
  dim.axes,
  v.f.idx,
  variable.name.map,
  src.units,
  t.f.idx,
  thresholds.name.map,
 projection = NULL,
 f,
  thresholds.netcdf
)
```

#### **Arguments**

subset The subset to use. cdx.funcs The functions to be applied to the data, as created by get.climdex.functions. The associated time data, as created by nc.get.time.series. ts base.range The base range; a vector of two numeric years. dim.axes The dimension axes for the input data. v.f.idx A mapping from variables to files, as created by get.var.file.idx. variable.name.map A mapping from standardized names (tmax, tmin, prec) to NetCDF variable names. src.units The source units to convert data from. t.f.idx A mapping from threshold variables to threshold files, as created by get.var.file.idx. thresholds.name.map A mapping from standardized names (tx10thresh, tn90thresh, etc) to NetCDF variable names. A proj4 string representing the projection the data is in. projection f A list of objects of type ncdf4, consisting of the open input files. If missing, will be pulled from the global namespace. thresholds.netcdf A list of objects of type ncdf4, consisting of the open threshold files. If missing, will be pulled from the global namespace. dest.units The destination units to convert to.

#### **Details**

Given a subset, a set of Climdex functions (as created by get.climdex.functions), and ancillary data, load and convert data, create a climdexInput object for each point, run all of the functions in cdx.funcs on that data, and return the result.

#### Note

This function relies on an object named 'f' and containing the opened NetCDF files being part of the global namespace.

```
## Define mappings and filenames.
author.data <- list(institution="Looney Bin", institution_id="LBC")
input.files <- c("pr_NAM44_CanRCM4_ERAINT_r1i1p1_1989-2009.nc")
variable.name.map <- c(tmax="tasmax", tmin="tasmin", prec="pr")

## Open files, etc.
cdx.funcs <- get.climdex.functions(get.climdex.variable.list("tmax"))
f <- lapply(input.files, ncdf4::nc_open)
f.meta <- create.file.metadata(f, variable.name.map)</pre>
```

create.climdex.eobs.filenames

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create.climdex.eobs.filenames
```

Creates a list of CMIP5-compliant filenames reflecting the input data.

#### Description

Creates a list of CMIP5-compliant filenames reflecting the input data.

#### Usage

```
create.climdex.eobs.filenames(fn.split, vars.list)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
fn.split A vector containing named components, as created by get.split.filename.cmip5.

vars.list A vector containing names of variables, as created by get.climdex.variable.list.
```

#### **Details**

This function takes a split filename (as created by get.split.filename.cmip5) and a list of variables and creates corresponding filenames for the given variables.

#### Value

A vector containing filenames corresponding to the variables and filename bits supplied.

```
## Not run:
library(ncdf4.helpers)
## Split out filename bits for use below...
fn <- "pr_day_BCCAQ+ANUSPLIN300+MRI-CGCM3_historical+rcp85_r1i1p1_19500101-21001231.nc"
fn.split <- get.split.filename.cmip5(fn)

## Create filenames with time data and variable appropriately replaced.
filenames <- create.climdex.cmip5.filenames(fn.split, c("rx5dayETCCDI_mon", "tn90pETCCDI_yr"))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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```
create.climdex.cmip5.filenames <- function(fn.split, vars.list) {
  time.res <- c("yr", "mon")[grepl("_mon$", vars.list) + 1]
  time.range <- substr(fn.split[c('tstart', 'tend')], 1, 4)

paste(paste(vars.list, fn.split['model'], fn.split['emissions'], fn.split['run'], sapply(time.res, function(x) {
  }</pre>
```

#### **Description**

Retrieve metadata about NetCDF-format files.

### Usage

```
create.file.metadata(f, variable.name.map)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
f The list of NetCDF files.

variable.name.map

A named character vector mapping standard variable names (tmax, tmin, prec) to NetCDF variable names.
```

#### **Details**

Given a list of NetCDF files and a mapping from standard variable names (tmax, tmin, prec) to NetCDF variable names, retrieve a set of standardized metadata.

#### Value

A list containing time data (ts), dimension sizes (dim.size), dimension axes (dim.axes), source units (src.units), destination units (dest.units), a mapping from variables to files (v.f.idx), and a projection, if available.

```
## Not run:
## Get metadata about a single input file.
input.files <- c("pr_NAM44_CanRCM4_ERAINT_r1i1p1_1989-2009.nc")
f <- lapply(input.files, ncdf4::nc_open)
f.meta <- create.file.metadata(f, variable.name.map)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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create.indices.from.files
```

Create Climdex indices from NetCDF input files.

#### **Description**

Create Climdex indices from NetCDF input files.

### Usage

```
create.indices.from.files(
  input.files,
  out.dir,
  output.filename.template,
  author.data,
  climdex.vars.subset = NULL,
 climdex.time.resolution = c("all", "annual", "monthly", "seasonal", "halfyear"),
  axis.to.split.on = "Y",
  fclimdex.compatible = TRUE,
  base.range = c(1961, 1990),
  parallel = 4,
  verbose = FALSE,
  thresholds.files = NULL,
  max.vals.millions,
  cluster.type = "SOCK"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

input.files A list of filenames of NetCDF files to be used as input. A NetCDF file may

contain one or more variables.

out.dir The directory to put the output files in.

output.filename.template

The output filename to be used as a template, which must follow the CMIP5 file

Data describing the author; a character vector with 0 or more of the following

naming conventions.

named values:

institution The institution generating the data.institution\_id An abbreviation for the institution generating the data.

indices\_archive The URL the data is published at, if applicable.

**contact** The email address or contact info for the author.

references What to reference when citing this work.

climdex.vars.subset

author.data

A character vector of lower-case names of Climdex indices to calculate (eg: tr, fd, rx5day). See the list of 27 indices in the References section.

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climdex.time.resolution

The time resolution to compute indices at; one of "all" (both monthly and annual), "annual" (only annual), or "monthly" (only monthly).

axis.to.split.on

The axis to split up the data on for parallel / incremental processing.

fclimdex.compatible

Whether the thresholds should be created to match fclimdex thresholds; affects

padding at the ends of the base period.

base.range Vector of two numeric years specifying the start and end years.

parallel The number of parallel processing threads, or FALSE if no parallel processing

is desired.

verbose Whether to be chatty.

thresholds.files

A character vector of files containing thresholds to be used.

max.vals.millions

The number of data values to process at one time (length of time dim \* number

of values \* number of variables).

cluster.type The cluster type, as used by the snow library.

#### **Details**

This function computes Climdex indices from NetCDF input files, writing out one file per variable named like the template.filename, which must follow the CMIP5 file naming conventions (this is a deficiency which will be corrected in later versions).

The indices to be calculated can be specified; if not, they will be determined by data availability. Thresholds can be supplied (via thresholds.files) or, if there is data within the base period, calculated and used as part of the process. Note that in-base thresholds are separate from out-of-base thresholds; this is covered in more detail in the help for the climind package.

The metadata is stored in JSON files that are included with the pacakge. Right now, the metadata relevant to EOBS is used by default. To switch to another set of metadata, use the metadata.id global option:

```
options(metadata.id = 'eobs')
```

Note that currently only EOBS metadata is available (metadata.id = 'eobs').

#### Note

NetCDF input files may contain one or more variables, named as per variable.name.map in the json config file. The code will search the files for the named variables. The same is true of thresholds files; one file may be supplied, or multiple files may be supplied, via the thresholds.files argument; and the name mapping may be supplied via the thresholds.name.map argument.

#### References

http://etccdi.pacificclimate.org/list\_27\_indices.shtml

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#### **Examples**

create.ncdf.output.files

Creates output files for Climdex variables.

### Description

Creates output files for Climdex variables.

### Usage

```
create.ncdf.output.files(
   cdx.dat,
   f,
   v.f.idx,
   variable.name.map,
   ts,
   time.origin,
   base.range,
   out.dir,
   author.data,
   metadata.config
)
```

#### **Arguments**

cdx.dat The variable description data, as created by get.climdex.variable.metadata.

f The file(s) being used as input.

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v.f.idx A mapping from variables to files, as created by get.var.file.idx.

variable.name.map

A mapping from standardized names (tmax, tmin, prec) to NetCDF variable names.

ts The associated time data, as created by nc.get.time.series.

time.origin The time origin, as specified in the source NetCDF file(s).

base.range The base range; a vector of two numeric years.

out.dir The output directory name.

author.data A vector containing named elements describing the author; see create.indices.from.files.

#### **Details**

This function creates a set of output files for the set of variable parameters passed in cdx.dat, as created by get.climdex.variable.metadata. It copies metadata from input files as appropriate and adds new metadata as required.

#### Value

A list of objects of type ncdf4.

#### **Examples**

create.pet.file

Creates pet output file.

#### **Description**

Creates pet output file.

### Usage

```
create.pet.file(
  pet.file,
  f,
  ts,
  v.f.idx,
  variable.name.map,
  dim.size,
  dim.axes,
  pet.dat,
  author.data
)
```

### Arguments

pet.file	The filename to be used for the pet file.
f	The file(s) being used as sources for metadata.
ts	The associated time data, as created by nc.get.time.series.
v.f.idx	A mapping from variables to files, as created by get.var.file.idx.
variable.name.map	
	A mapping from standardized names (tmax, tmin, etc) to NetCDF variable names.
dim.size	Dimension sizes for the input.
dim.axes	Dimension axes for the input.
pet.dat	pet metadata
author.data	A vector containing named elements describing the author; see create.indices.from.files.

### **Details**

This function creates a file suitable for outputting pet to.

### Value

An object of class ncdf4.

```
create.pet.makkink.from.files

Create PET
```

### Description

Create PET

#### Usage

```
create.pet.makkink.from.files(
  input.files,
  output.file,
  author.data,
  climdex.time.resolution = "daily",
  axis.to.split.on = "Y",
  parallel = 4,
  verbose = FALSE,
  cluster.type = "SOCK"
)
```

### **Arguments**

input.files A list of filenames of NetCDF files to be used as input. A NetCDF file may contain one or more variables. output.file The name of the file to be created. author.data A vector containing named elements describing the author; see create.indices.from.files. axis.to.split.on The axis to split up the data on for parallel / incremental processing. The number of parallel processing threads, or FALSE if no parallel processing parallel is desired. verbose Whether to be chatty. The cluster type, as used by the snow library. cluster.type

#### **Details**

The purpose of this function is to compute PET using the Makkink method on the data supplied, saving them to the file specified.

The metadata is stored in JSON files that are included with the pacakge. Right now, the metadata relevant to EOBS is used by default. To switch to another set of metadata, use the metadata.id global option:

```
options(metadata.id = 'eobs')
```

Note that currently only EOBS metadata is available (metadata.id = 'eobs').

#### Note

NetCDF input files may contain one or more variables, named as per variable.name.map (read from config json file). The code will search the files for the named variables.

```
## Not run:
## Prepare input data and calculate pet for file.
input.files <- c(paste0(in.dir,"tn_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"tx_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),</pre>
```

```
paste0(in.dir,"rs_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"))
author.data <- list(institution="Looney Bin", institution_id="LBC")
create.pet.from.files(input.files, out.file, input.files[1], author.data, parallel=3)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

#### **Description**

Create Climdex PET

#### Usage

```
create.pet.penman.from.files(
  input.files,
  output.file,
  author.data,
  climdex.time.resolution = "daily",
  axis.to.split.on = "Y",
  parallel = 4,
  verbose = FALSE,
  cluster.type = "SOCK"
)
```

### **Arguments**

A list of filenames of NetCDF files to be used as input. A NetCDF file may input.files contain one or more variables. output.file The name of the file to be created. author.data A vector containing named elements describing the author; see create.indices.from.files. axis.to.split.on The axis to split up the data on for parallel / incremental processing. The number of parallel processing threads, or FALSE if no parallel processing parallel is desired. verbose Whether to be chatty. cluster.type The cluster type, as used by the snow library.

#### **Details**

The purpose of this function is to compute PET on the data supplied, saving them to the file specified

The metadata is stored in JSON files that are included with the pacakge. Right now, the metadata relevant to EOBS is used by default. To switch to another set of metadata, use the metadata.id global option:

```
options(metadata.id = 'eobs')
```

Note that currently only EOBS metadata is available (metadata.id = 'eobs').

#### Note

NetCDF input files may contain one or more variables, named as per variable.name.map (read from config json file). The code will search the files for the named variables.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Prepare input data and calculate pet for file.
input.files <- c(paste0(in.dir,"tn_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"tx_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"rh_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"ws_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"ss_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"))
author.data <- list(institution="Looney Bin", institution_id="LBC")
create.pet.from.files(input.files, out.file, input.files[1], author.data, parallel=3)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

### **Description**

Create PET

#### Usage

```
create.pet.priestly.taylor.from.files(
  input.files,
  output.file,
  author.data,
  climdex.time.resolution = "daily",
  axis.to.split.on = "Y",
  parallel = 4,
  verbose = FALSE,
  cluster.type = "SOCK"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

input.files	A list of filenames of NetCDF files to be used as input. A NetCDF file may contain one or more variables.	
output.file	The name of the file to be created.	
author.data	$A\ vector\ containing\ named\ elements\ describing\ the\ author;\ see\ {\tt create.indices.from.files.}$	
axis.to.split.on		
	The axis to split up the data on for parallel / incremental processing.	
parallel	The number of parallel processing threads, or FALSE if no parallel processing is desired.	
verbose	Whether to be chatty.	
cluster.type	The cluster type, as used by the snow library.	

#### **Details**

The purpose of this function is to compute PET on the data supplied, saving them to the file specified.

The metadata is stored in JSON files that are included with the pacakge. Right now, the metadata relevant to EOBS is used by default. To switch to another set of metadata, use the metadata.id global option:

```
options(metadata.id = 'eobs')
```

Note that currently only EOBS metadata is available (metadata.id = 'eobs').

### Note

NetCDF input files may contain one or more variables, named as per variable.name.map (read from config json file). The code will search the files for the named variables.

```
## Not run:
## Prepare input data and calculate pet for file.
input.files <- c(paste0(in.dir,"tn_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"tx_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"rh_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),
paste0(in.dir,"rs_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"))
author.data <- list(institution="Looney Bin", institution_id="LBC")
create.pet.from.files(input.files, out.file, input.files[1], author.data, parallel=3)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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create.scPDSI.file Creates scPDSI output file.

#### **Description**

Creates scPDSI output file.

### Usage

```
create.scPDSI.file(
    scPDSI.file,
    f,
    ts,
    v.f.idx,
    variable.name.map,
    dim.size,
    dim.axes,
    scPDSI.dat,
    author.data
)
```

### Arguments

scPDSI.file The filename to be used for the scPDSI file. The file(s) being used as sources for metadata. ts The associated time data, as created by nc.get.time.series. v.f.idx A mapping from variables to files, as created by get.var.file.idx. variable.name.map A mapping from standardized names (tmax, tmin, etc) to NetCDF variable names. dim.size Dimension sizes for the input. dim.axes Dimension axes for the input. scPDSI.dat scPDSI metadata author.data A vector containing named elements describing the author; see create.indices.from.files.

#### **Details**

This function creates a file suitable for outputting scPDSI to.

#### Value

An object of class ncdf4.

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```
create.scPDSI.from.files

Create scPDSI
```

### **Description**

Create scPDSI

#### Usage

```
create.scPDSI.from.files(
  input.files,
  output.file,
  author.data,
  climdex.time.resolution = "daily",
  axis.to.split.on = "Y",
  parallel = 4,
  verbose = FALSE,
  cluster.type = "SOCK",
  start = NULL,
  end = NULL,
  cal_start = NULL,
  cal_end = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

	input.files	A list of filenames of NetCDF files to be used as input. A NetCDF file may contain one or more variables.
	output.file	The name of the file to be created.
	author.data	$A\ vector\ containing\ named\ elements\ describing\ the\ author;\ see\ {\tt create.indices.from.files}.$
axis.to.split.on		
		The axis to split up the data on for parallel / incremental processing.
	parallel	The number of parallel processing threads, or FALSE if no parallel processing is desired.
	verbose	Whether to be chatty.

### Details

cluster.type

The purpose of this function is to compute scPDSI on the data supplied, saving them to the file specified.

The cluster type, as used by the snow library.

The metadata is stored in JSON files that are included with the pacakge. Right now, the metadata relevant to EOBS is used by default. To switch to another set of metadata, use the metadata.id global option:

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```
options(metadata.id = 'eobs')
Note that currently only EOBS metadata is available (metadata.id = 'eobs').
```

#### Note

NetCDF input files may contain one or more variables, named as per variable.name.map (read from config json file). The code will search the files for the named variables.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Prepare input data and calculate scPDSI for file.
input.files <- c(paste0(in.dir,"rr_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.nc"),paste0(in.dir,"pet_0.50deg_regular_1971-2016.
author.data <- list(institution="Looney Bin", institution_id="LBC")
create.scPDSI.from.files(input.files, out.file, input.files[1], author.data, parallel=3)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

Creates Climdex thresholds output file.

### Description

Creates Climdex thresholds output file.

create.thresholds.file

#### Usage

```
create.thresholds.file(
  thresholds.file,
  f,
  ts,
  v.f.idx,
  variable.name.map,
  base.range,
  dim.size,
  dim.axes,
  threshold.dat,
  author.data
)
```

#### **Arguments**

thresholds.file

The filename to be used for the thresholds file.

f The file(s) being used as sources for metadata.

create.thresholds.from.file

The associated time data, as created by nc.get.time.series. ts v.f.idx A mapping from variables to files, as created by get.var.file.idx. variable.name.map A mapping from standardized names (tmax, tmin, prec) to NetCDF variable base.range The base range; a vector of two numeric years. dim.size Dimension sizes for the input. dim.axes Dimension axes for the input. threshold.dat Threshold metadata, as provided by get.thresholds.metadata. author.data A vector containing named elements describing the author; see create.indices.from.files.

#### **Details**

This function creates a file suitable for outputting thresholds to, with all variables that can be created with the input data present in the file.

#### Value

An object of class ncdf4.

#### **Examples**

```
create.thresholds.from.file
```

Create Climdex thresholds used for computing threshold-based indices

#### **Description**

Create Climdex thresholds used for computing threshold-based indices

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#### Usage

```
create.thresholds.from.file(
  input.files,
  output.file,
  author.data,
  axis.to.split.on = "Y",
  base.range = c(1961, 1990),
  parallel = 4,
  verbose = FALSE,
  max.vals.millions,
  cluster.type = "SOCK"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

A list of filenames of NetCDF files to be used as input. A NetCDF file may input.files contain one or more variables. The name of the file to be created. output.file author.data A vector containing named elements describing the author; see create.indices.from.files. axis.to.split.on The axis to split up the data on for parallel / incremental processing. base.range Vector of two numeric years specifying the start and end years. parallel The number of parallel processing threads, or FALSE if no parallel processing is desired. verbose Whether to be chatty. max.vals.millions The number of data values to process at one time (length of time dim \* number of values \* number of variables). The cluster type, as used by the snow library. cluster.type

#### **Details**

For many applications, one may want to compute thresholds on one data set, then apply them to another. This is usually the case when comparing GCM (Global Climate Model) results for future time periods to either historical reanalysis data or historical / pre-industrial control runs from models. The purpose of this function is to compute these thresholds on the data supplied, saving them to the file specified. Then these thresholds can be used with create.indices.from.files to compute indices using the thresholds computed using this code.

The metadata is stored in JSON files that are included with the pacakge. Right now, the metadata relevant to EOBS is used by default. To switch to another set of metadata, use the metadata.id global option:

```
options(metadata.id = 'eobs')
```

Note that currently only EOBS metadata is available (metadata.id = 'eobs').

#### Note

NetCDF input files may contain one or more variables, named as per variable.name.map (read from config json file). The code will search the files for the named variables.

#### **Examples**

```
curry_in_subset_for_huglin
```

A curry function used only for the Huglin Index This function curries the cdx.funcs so that the current subset (cur\_sub) is retrieved with the cdx function It is placed inside compute.indices.for.stripe

#### **Description**

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#### Usage

```
curry_in_subset_for_huglin(cdx.funcs, cur_sub)
```

flatten.dims

Flatten the X and Y dimensions down to a space dimension.

### **Description**

Flatten the X and Y dimensions down to a space dimension.

### Usage

```
flatten.dims(dat, reduce.dims, names.subset)
```

#### **Arguments**

dat The data to operate on.

reduce.dims The names or indices of the dimensions to reduce to 1 dimension.

names.subset Optionally, a subset of dimension names to copy.

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#### **Details**

This function takes input data, a vector of dimensions to reduce to 1 dimension, and optionally a subset of dimnames to copy. It returns the data with the specified dimensions shrunk down to 1 dimension.

#### Value

The data with the specified dimensions reduced to 1 dimension.

#### Note

The dimensions to reduce must be adjoining dimensions.

#### **Examples**

```
## Take example data and flatten the last two dims down to one.
dat <- structure(1:8, .Dim=c(2, 2, 2))
dat.flat <- flatten.dims(dat, 2:3)</pre>
```

get.climdex.functions Returns a list of Climdex functions, with parameters curried in.

### **Description**

Returns a list of Climdex functions, with parameters curried in.

### Usage

```
get.climdex.functions(vars.list, metadata.config, fclimdex.compatible = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

Whether to create fclimdex compatible functions.

#### **Details**

This function takes a variable list (as created by <code>get.climdex.variable.list</code>) and creates a list of functions corresponding to the specified indices, with parameters such as time resolution curried in. This allows for these functions to be called with just the <code>t</code> object as an argument, easing the automation of computing indices.

### Value

A list of functions, named by the variable they compute.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Get Climdex functions for a variable list with all appropriate params
## curried in, so that all they take is a t object.
cdx.funcs <- get.climdex.functions(get.climdex.variable.list(c("tmax", "tmin")))</pre>
```

```
get.climdex.variable.list
```

Returns a list of Climdex variables given constraints

### **Description**

Returns a list of Climdex variables given constraints.

### Usage

```
get.climdex.variable.list(
  source.data.present,
  metadata.config,
  time.resolution = c("all", "annual", "monthly", "seasonal", "halfyear"),
  climdex.vars.subset = NULL
)
```

### **Arguments**

source.data.present

A vector of strings naming the data that's present; at least one of (tmin, tmax, prec, tavg).

metadata.config

config object read using read\_json\_metadata\_config\_file. This contains all the metadata such as the output long names of the indices in the output NCDF files

time.resolution

 $\label{thm:compute} The \ time \ resolutions \ to \ compute \ indices \ at. \ See \ create. \ indices. from. \ files. \\ climdex.vars.subset$ 

A character vector of lower-case names of Climdex indices to calculate (eg: tr, fd, rx5day). See create.indices.from.files.

#### **Details**

This function takes a character vector which specifies what source data is present and a time resolution, and generates a list of names consisting of the variable and the time resolution, separated by an underscore.

#### Value

A character vector containing variable names with time resolutions appended.

#### See Also

```
create.indices.from.files
```

### **Examples**

```
## Get all variables which require tmin and/or tmax, for all time resolutions.
var.list1 <- get.climdex.variable.list(c("tmax", "tmin"))

## Get all variables which require prec with an annual time resolution.
var.list2 <- get.climdex.variable.list("prec", time.resolution="annual")

## Get the intersection of a set list of vars and available data.
sub.vars <- c("su", "id", "tr", "fd", "gsl", "csdi", "wsdi", "r10mm")
var.list3 <- get.climdex.variable.list("tmax", climdex.vars.subset=sub.vars)</pre>
```

```
get.climdex.variable.metadata
```

Returns metadata for specified Climdex variables

#### **Description**

Returns metadata for specified Climdex variables.

#### Usage

```
get.climdex.variable.metadata(vars.list, template.filename, metadata.config)
```

### **Arguments**

```
vars.list The list of variables, as returned by get.climdex.variable.list.

template.filename

The filename template to be used when generating filenames.

metadata.config

config object read using read_json_metadata_config_file. This contains all the metadata such as the output long names of the indices in the output NCDF
```

#### **Details**

This function returns metadata suitable for use in NetCDF files for the specified variables.

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#### Value

A data frame containing the following:

- long.nameLong names for the variable
- var.nameVariable name for use in the file
- unitsUnits for the variable
- time.resThe time resolution of the variable.
- base.period.attrWhether to include a base period attribute
- standard.nameStandard name to use for the variable
- filenameFilename to be written out

### **Examples**

```
## Get metadata (including filenames) for specified variables.
fn <- "pr_day_BCCAQ+ANUSPLIN300+MRI-CGCM3_historical+rcp85_r1i1p1_19500101-21001231.nc"
var.list2 <- get.climdex.variable.list("prec", time.resolution="annual")
md <- get.climdex.variable.metadata(var.list2, fn)</pre>
```

get.data

Retrieve and convert data to correct units and dimensions.

### Description

Retrieve and convert data to correct units and dimensions.

### Usage

```
get.data(f, v, subset, src.units, dim.axes)
```

### **Arguments**

f The NetCDF file to retrieve data from; an object of class ncdf4.

v The variable to retrieve data from.

subset The subset to retrieve.

src.units The source units to convert data from.

dim.axes The dimension axes to be used.

dest.units The destination units to convert to.

#### **Details**

This function retrieves NetCDF data for the specified subset from the specified file and variable; converts from src.units to dest.units, transposes the data to (T, S) dimensionality, and returns the result.

#### Value

The retrieved and massaged data.

#### **Examples**

```
get.data(f, "pr", list(Y=3), "kg m-2 s-1", "kg m-2 s-1", c(X="lon",Y="lat",T="time"))
```

```
get.northern.hemisphere.booleans
```

Determine what portions of a subset are within the northern hemisphere.

### **Description**

Determine what portions of a subset are within the northern hemisphere.

#### Usage

```
get.northern.hemisphere.booleans(subset, f, v, projection)
```

#### Arguments

subset The subset to use.

f The NetCDF file to use; an object of class ncdf4.

v The variable in question.

projection The proj4 string to use; NULL if the data is not in a projected coordinate space.

#### **Details**

Given a subset, a file, a variable, and a projection, determine what positions are within the northern hemisphere, returning the result as an array of booleans.

#### Value

An array of booleans corresponding to the subset containing TRUE if the point is within the northern hemisphere, and FALSE otherwise.

```
## Open files, etc.
input.files <- c("tasmax_NAM44_CanRCM4_ERAINT_r1i1p1_1989-2009.nc")
f <- list(nc_open(input.files))
f.v <- lapply(f, ncdf4.helpers::nc.get.variable.list, min.dims=2)
bools <- get.northern.hemisphere.booleans(list(X=1:2, Y=1:2), f[[1]], f.v[[1]], NULL)</pre>
```

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```
get.quantiles.for.stripe
```

Compute Climdex thresholds for a subset / stripe

#### **Description**

Compute Climdex thresholds for a subset / stripe

### Usage

```
get.quantiles.for.stripe(
   subset,
   ts,
   base.range,
   dim.axes,
   v.f.idx,
   variable.name.map,
   src.units,
   f
)
```

#### **Arguments**

subset The subset to use.

ts The associated time data, as created by nc.get.time.series.

base.range The base range; a vector of two numeric years.

dim. axes The dimension axes for the input data.

v.f.idx A mapping from variables to files, as created by get.var.file.idx.

variable.name.map

A mapping from standardized names (tmax, tmin, prec) to NetCDF variable

names.

src.units The source units to convert data from.

f A list of objects of type ncdf4, consisting of the open input files. If missing,

will be pulled from the global namespace.

dest.units The destination units to convert to.

#### **Details**

Given a subset and ancillary data, load and convert data, get the out-of-base quantiles for the data for each point, and return the result.

#### Note

This function relies on an object named 'f' and containing the opened NetCDF files being part of the global namespace.

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#### **Examples**

```
## Establish basic inputs.
author.data <- list(institution="Looney Bin", institution_id="LBC")</pre>
input.files <- c("pr_NAM44_CanRCM4_ERAINT_r1i1p1_1989-2009.nc")</pre>
## Prepare derived inputs.
f <- lapply(input.files, ncdf4::nc_open)</pre>
variable.name.map <- c(tmax="tasmax", tmin="tasmin", prec="pr")</pre>
f.meta <- create.file.metadata(f, variable.name.map)</pre>
threshold.dat <- get.thresholds.metadata(names(f.meta$v.f.idx))</pre>
## Create output file
thresh.file <- create.thresholds.file("thresh.nc", f, f.meta$ts, f.meta$v.f.idx, variable.name.map,
                                        c(1991, 2000), f.meta$dim.size, f.meta$dim.axes,
                                        threshold.dat, author.data)
## Compute threshold quantiles for stripe
q <- get.quantiles.for.stripe(list(Y=1), f.meta$ts, c(1991, 2000), f.meta$dim.axes,
                               f.meta$v.f.idx, variable.name.map, f.meta$src.units,
                               f.meta$dest.units, f)
```

get.quantiles.object Extract a single quantiles object from a set of thresholds.

### **Description**

Extract a single quantiles object from a set of thresholds.

### Usage

```
get.quantiles.object(thresholds, idx, metadata.config)
```

#### **Arguments**

thresholds The thresholds, as extracted by get.thresholds.chunk.

idx The index to extract.

### **Details**

From a set of thresholds as retrieved from one or more NetCDF files containing thresholds, this function extracts a single point and converts the format to one suitable for passing to climdexInput.raw.

#### Value

A quantiles object suitable for passing to climdexInput.raw as the quantiles argument.

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#### **Examples**

get.thresholds.chunk Retrieve thresholds for a subset

### **Description**

Retrieve thresholds for a subset

### Usage

```
get.thresholds.chunk(
   subset,
   cdx.funcs,
   thresholds.netcdf,
   t.f.idx,
   thresholds.name.map
)
```

#### **Arguments**

subset The subset to use.

cdx.funcs The functions to be applied to the data, as created by get.climdex.functions. thresholds.netcdf

One or more NetCDF files containing thresholds.

t.f.idx A mapping from threshold variables to threshold files, as created by get.var.file.idx. thresholds.name.map

A mapping from standardized names (tx10thresh, tn90thresh, etc) to NetCDF variable names.

#### **Details**

Given a subset, a set of Climdex functions (as created by get.climdex.functions), and ancillary data, load the thresholds required for the functions being called and return them.

### **Examples**

#### **Description**

Retrieve threshold metadata

### Usage

```
get.thresholds.metadata(var.names, metadata.config)
```

#### **Arguments**

var.names A vector containing names of available variables (tmax, tmin, prec).

Retrieve threshold metadata

#### **Details**

Returns units, long names, locations within the t data structure, and whether time data should be included given the variable information available.

#### Value

A list containing metadata for each of the six thresholds.

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#### **Examples**

```
thresholds.meta <- get.thresholds.metadata("prec")</pre>
```

get.var.file.idx

Create mapping from variables to files.

### Description

Create mapping from variables to files.

### Usage

```
get.var.file.idx(variable.name.map, v.list)
```

#### **Arguments**

variable.name.map

A mapping from standardized names (tmax, tmin, prec) to NetCDF variable names.

v.list

A list containing a vector of variables in each file.

#### **Details**

Given a variable name map and list of variables in each file, determine a mapping from variables to files.

#### Value

A vector mapping standardized variable names (tmax, tmin, prec) to indices in the file list.

```
## Not run:
## Get mapping for a single file.
input.files <- c("pr_NAM44_CanRCM4_ERAINT_r1i1p1_1989-2009.nc")
f <- lapply(input.files, ncdf4::nc_open)
v.list <- lapply(f, ncdf4.helpers::nc.get.variable.list, min.dims=2)
v.f.idx <- get.var.file.idx(variable.name.map, v.list)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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gridclimind	gridclimind, a package to calculate Climdex indices from NetCDF files.
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#### **Description**

This package implements code to facilitate computation of Climdex indices from NetCDF input files.

#### **Details**

The Climdex climate extremes indices have historically been calculated using Fortran code. This has a number of problems:

- · Difficult to test
- Difficult to modify (for instance, to add NetCDF file I/O)
- Difficult to parallelize

The climind package provides an easy interface to efficient computation of Climdex indices. This package is complementary to it, providing easy access to functions to compute indices in parallel, using NetCDF files as input and output. It implements chunked processing of input files to keep memory usage reasonable; it implements parallel computation using the snow library; and it includes a test suite to verify correctness of the implementation. Furthermore, the package has a modular design, allowing for easy extension to allow for adaptation to changing or custom requirements. For example, the metadata is stored in json files that are included with the package. This allows the core of the code to separate from the metadata details, for example allowing one to switch on-the-fly.

Users of this package should pay particular attention to the create.indices.from.files function, which computes Climdex indices given NetCDF input files; and create.thresholds.from.file, which computes thresholds for use with threshold-based indices given NetCDF input files. Many of the other functions exposed by the package are intended to provide for extensibility, but are unlikely to be routinely used by users of this package.

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#### See Also

```
create.indices.from.files, create.thresholds.from.file
```

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 $Close\ thresholds\ file(s)$ 

### **Description**

Close thresholds file(s)

### Usage

```
thresholds.close(thresholds.nc)
```

### **Arguments**

thresholds.nc A list of objects of class ncdf4, or NULL

#### **Details**

This function closes one or more thresholds files.

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Open a single thresholds file, then close it.
thresholds.files <- c("thresh.nc")
thresh <- thresholds.open(thresholds.files)
thresholds.close(thresh)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

thresholds.open

Open thresholds file(s)

### Description

Open thresholds file(s)

### Usage

```
thresholds.open(thresholds.files)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
thresholds.files
```

A character vector containing the names of thresholds files.

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#### **Details**

This function opens one or more thresholds files and returns the ncdf4 objects as a list.

#### Value

A list of objects of class ncdf4, or NULL if thresholds.files is NULL.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Open a single thresholds file
thresholds.files <- c("thresh.nc")
thresh <- thresholds.open(thresholds.files)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

write.climdex.results Write out computed climdex results

### **Description**

Write out computed climdex results

### Usage

```
write.climdex.results(
  climdex.results,
  chunk.subset,
  cdx.ncfile,
  dim.size,
  cdx.varname
)
```

### Arguments

```
climdex.results
```

The results to write out.

chunk.subset The corresponding subset.

cdx.ncfile The list of NetCDF files to write the results out to.

dim. size The overall size of the input data.

cdx.varname The list of NetCDF variable names for the files in cdx.ncfile.

#### **Details**

Given a set of Climdex results, a subset, a set of files, and dimension sizes, write out the data to the appropriate files.

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```
## Define mappings and filenames.
author.data <- list(institution="Looney Bin", institution_id="LBC")</pre>
input.files <- c("pr_NAM44_CanRCM4_ERAINT_r1i1p1_1989-2009.nc")</pre>
variable.name.map <- c(tmax="tasmax", tmin="tasmin", prec="pr")</pre>
## Open files, etc.
cdx.funcs <- get.climdex.functions("tmax")</pre>
f <- lapply(input.files, ncdf4::nc_open)</pre>
f.meta <- create.file.metadata(f, variable.name.map)</pre>
climdex.var.list <- get.climdex.variable.list(names(f.meta$v.f.idx), "all", NULL)</pre>
cdx.meta <- get.climdex.variable.metadata(climdex.var.list, input.files[1])</pre>
## Create output files
cdx.ncfile <- create.ncdf.output.files(cdx.meta, f, f.meta$v.f.idx, variable.name.map,</pre>
                                         f.meta$ts, get.time.origin(f, f.meta$dim.axes),
                                         c(1981,1990), "/foo", author.data)
## Compute indices for stripe
cdx <- compute.indices.for.stripe(list(Y=1), cdx.funcs, f.meta$ts, c(1991, 2000), f.meta$dim.axes,
                   f.meta$v.f.idx, variable.name.map, f.meta$src.units, f.meta$dest.units,
                            t.f.idx, NULL, f=f, thresholds.netcdf=NULL)
## Write out indices
write.climdex.results(cdx, list(Y=1), cdx.ncfile, f.meta$dim.size, cdx.meta$varname)
```

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