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Description Functions useful for data reduction of environmental variables. Output data quantify the features of each annual (or diel) cycle using a polar coordinate framework. Functions are generalized to work on any time series with cycles of any length (daily, annual, interannual), but were developed for improved interannual analysis of land surface phenology data (NDVI).

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Description

This package can be used on any series of uniformly sampled values containing a periodic cycle (i.e., diel or annually cycling atmospheric temperature, CO₂, NDVI, stream flow data). These functions transform input series into polar coordinates, identify the "natural" start/end point of the average cycle, and calculate derived metrics describing the timing and asymmetry of seasons based on user-defined thresholds. Timing metrics can be expressed relative to calendar dates or based on a year that begins at the point of least activity (shortest vectors in polar space). These functions were originally developed for landscape ecology to describe differences in annual vegetation phenology cycles.

Details

PolarMetrics is a family of primarily trigonometric functions written for extracting annual polar measures from uniformly sampled environmental time series. Although developed to improve interpretation and analysis for NDVI time series these functions work on other types of data that have strong periodicities of any length (daily, annual, interannual).

These functions ultimately output a set of timing and magnitude measures that describe attributes of each cycle (year), such as seasonal magnitude (i.e., deciduousness). These measures are useful for subsequent analysis such as clustering and factor analysis where selections of polar metrics be used to further refine an analysis to focus on a particular features (e.g., length of season, seasonal magnitude) or time of year (e.g., summer extremes). The `window_idx` function excludes user-defined portions of the start and end of each cycle, which isolates the primary season of interest. In the output timing metrics can be given relative to the calendar year (days 1-365 corresponding to Jan. 1-Dec. 31), or the offset year (days 1-365 starting from the average point of least activity, i.e., point of shortest vectors). Note that if the natural year and calendar years are synchronized (i.e., in function `sum_cycle` argument `b` is 0 or equivalent to argument `spc`) then output measures will have the same number of years as the input data. However, in most cases the natural year in the data is offset and thus the output measures will have one less year of data than in the input, because the values preceeding the first offset are discarded as well as the values in the final year following the last complete year.

Table 1. Example output of derived polar metrics for MODIS NDVI from 2000-2010 for a single pixel covering the Coweeta Hydrologic Lab eddy flux tower in North Carolina. (See list of variable definitions below)

Year	ES	EMS	MS	LMS	LS	Sintv	Savg	Ssd	Smag	EMSma	LMSma
2000	98	162	210	258	306	208	0.702	0.126	0.397	0.536	0.699
2001	98	170	218	258	306	208	0.704	0.120	0.390	0.522	0.730
2002	106	170	218	266	314	208	0.726	0.111	0.406	0.571	0.709
2003	106	162	218	258	306	200	0.750	0.094	0.431	0.601	0.739
2004	106	162	218	258	306	200	0.727	0.116	0.425	0.572	0.727
2005	106	170	218	266	306	200	0.727	0.129	0.431	0.562	0.743
2006	106	170	218	258	314	208	0.733	0.120	0.415	0.580	0.718
2007	98	162	218	258	306	208	0.719	0.116	0.401	0.552	0.725
2008	106	162	218	258	306	200	0.699	0.113	0.408	0.549	0.701
2009	106	162	218	258	306	200	0.723	0.120	0.428	0.577	0.718
2010	106	162	218	258	306	200	0.722	0.126	0.429	0.578	0.716

Polar graphs: Although at first polar coordinate plots can be difficult to inspect, as compared to conventional time series traces, polar graphs can make several aspects of analysis easier. By wrapping data points radially around the center, deviations from the expected seasonal cycle are easier to notice in polar plots. For example the polar plot in Fig. 1(b) makes it easy to see that most of the interannual decline in NDVI is occurring at a particular time of year (December–April), while growing season NDVI remains quite stable year over year. This results in a thick band in the orbital path but only during the winter months. Subtle shifts in timing also become more obvious. For example the spread in orbital path in Fig. 1(b) is constrained during September indicating little interannual variability at that point in the year. However, during October the path is more variable (broader), indicating that October is less predictable and more likely to differ between years.

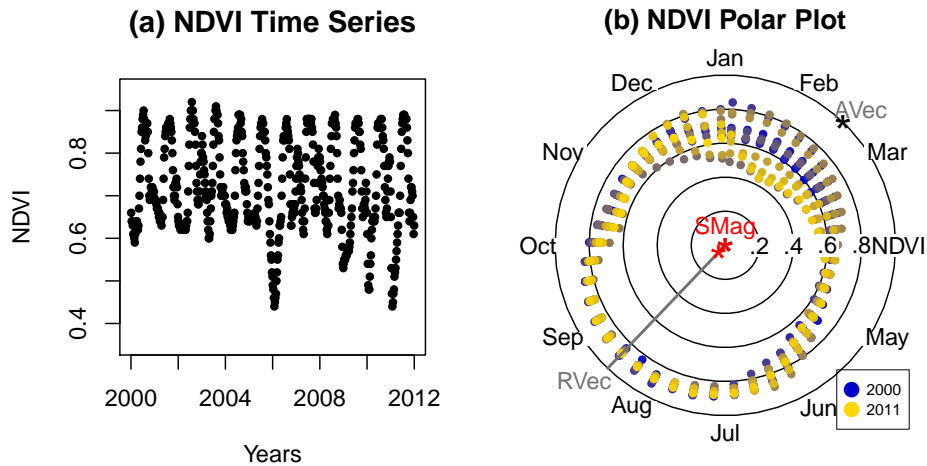


Figure 1. Time series and polar plot comparison. Data are from twelve years of MODIS NDVI measurements for one pixel (aprox. 250 x 250 m resolution) covering the **Willow Creek Ameri-Flux tower** in northern Wisconsin. (a) shows a conventional time series trace. (b) shows the same data when graphed in polar coordinates (note 1 less year). RVec (Resultant Vector, calculated by `vec_ang`) marks the the angle of the average polar vector, which points toward mid-August. AVec is its opposite (calculated by `aVec_ang`), which is the point of least activity during the average cycle and is also the starting point for the average phenological year. SMag (calculated by `vec_mag`), shows the magnitude (length of red line) of the average of all vectors. The length of SMag is small because it is the average displacement of all vectors from the center of the polar graph, half of which have negative radial angles and thus largely offset vectors on the other half. (This figure produced by code in Example 3 below).

Polar metrics: The polar measures (Table 1) calculated by `PolarMetrics` functions are variable quantities that measure the timing and asymmetry of each cycle. Consider, for example, an evergreen forest when measured by remotely sensed NDVI. In terms of NDVI greenness, the spacing in time of equally spaced NDVI thresholds will tend to be fairly equal and its degree of seasonality will tend to be small because the NDVI signature of the evergreen trees is more or less constant throughout the year. On the other hand a landscape dominated by deciduous trees, because they have larger differences in greenness between winter and summer, will tend to have a higher degrees of seasonality as well as early and late season timing dates that are skewed closer to the middle of the growing season. To quantify the various features of the polar graph in a numerical way this package calculates a variety of metrics that describe timing asymmetry and amplitude of each season.

Calculating timing metrics: Threshold completion measures are calculated within each cycle (year) by starting from the point in the polar year corresponding to the shortest vector lengths (See AVec Fig. 1(b) and start of phenological year in Fig. 2). Values, in this case NDVI, are accumulated within each year (see `sum_cycle`) and each data point is assigned a corresponding cumulative percentage based on its proportional value within that year's total. User defined timing thresholds (e.g., 15% and 80%) are then assigned (see `window_idx`) as the time (day of year) when the data first crossed a given threshold. In these examples timing metrics are measured in days since the start of the calendar year or alternatively the offset/phenological year. (Phenological year days have the advantage of controlling for latitudinal, elevational, or other geographical bias in phenology timing.) Take for example the early season timing metric (ES) on the phenological year and assuming a 15% threshold. An ES value of 65 days means that 65 days passed until at least 15% of the year's total NDVI accumulated. The `window_idx` function is written such that timing metrics can occur on integer value days that were actually sampled, so the 15% threshold actually corresponds to the first sample day when 15% or more of the year's cumulative total NDVI was achieved. Fig. 2 provides an illustration of how the threshold completion measures were calculated for one example year.

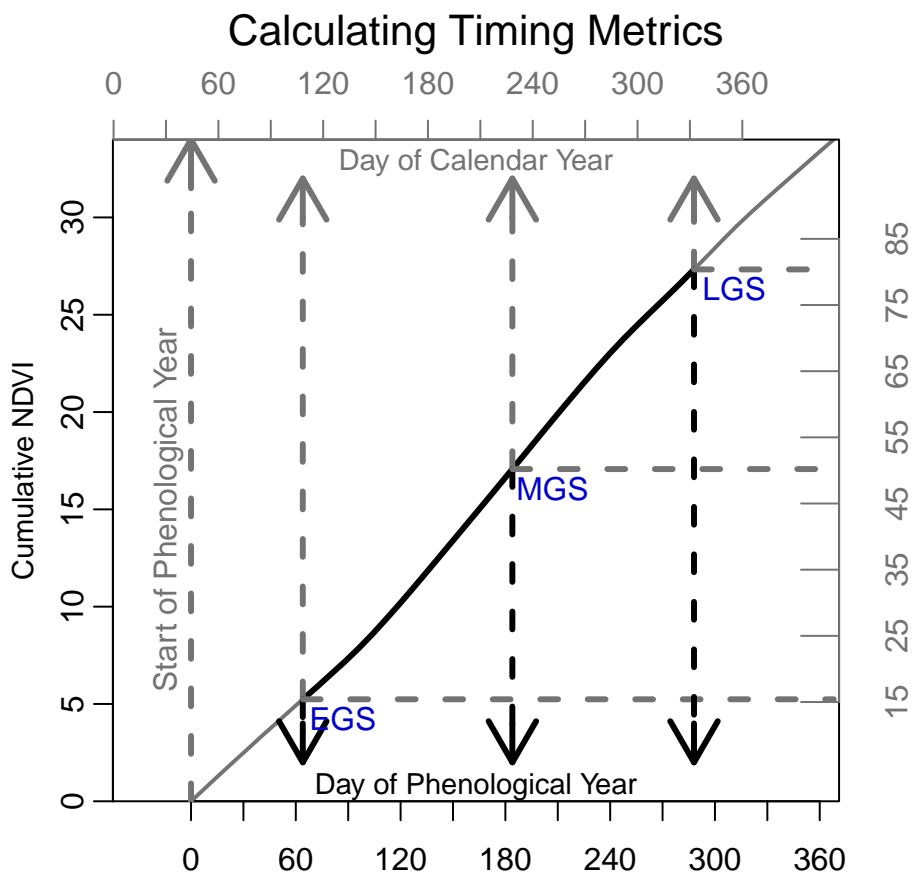


Figure 2. Timing metrics. Data correspond to year two (2001) of NDVI at Willow creek. Starting from the day corresponding to the average low point in the seasonal cycle, NDVI is cumulatively summed within the phenological year. The early season metric (ES) marks the first day when at least 15% of cumulative NDVI was reached (day 107 of calendar year or 65 on

phenological year. See example code for [window_idx](#) function). (This figure produced by code in Example 4 below)

AVec (start/end of phenological yr) Number of days (offset) between Jan. 1 and the point of least activity (shortest vectors in the polar plot)

Early season (ES) Number of days to cross first threshold in cumulative annual NDVI (e.g., 15%).

Early-mid season (EMS) Number of days to cross the midpoint (e.g., 32.5%) between first threshold (e.g., 15%) and midpoint (50%).

Mid-season (MS) Number of days required to cross 50% threshold

Mid-late season (LMS) Number of days to cross the midpoint (e.g., 67.5%) between mid-season (50%) and midpoint (e.g., 80%).

Late season (LS) Number of days to cross late season threshold (e.g., 80%)

Length of season (LOS) Number of days between early and late season thresholds

Calculating asymmetry and amplitude metrics: These power measures are calculated from the values falling within the ES and LS thresholds. If [window_idx](#) is set to search the entire year (e.g., by setting p1=0 and p2=1) then asymmetry and amplitude measures will be based on the entire phenological year of data. The list of these measures is as follows:

Savg The average NDVI value between early and late thresholds (e.g., 15-80%)

Ssd The standard deviation of NDVI values between early and late thresholds

Smag (seasonality/deciduousness) The length (in units of input data) of the average vector between ES and LS timing points

EMSmag ("spring" seasonal magnitude) The length of the average vector between ES and MS timing points

LMSmag ("fall" seasonal magnitude) The length of the average vector between MS and LS timing points

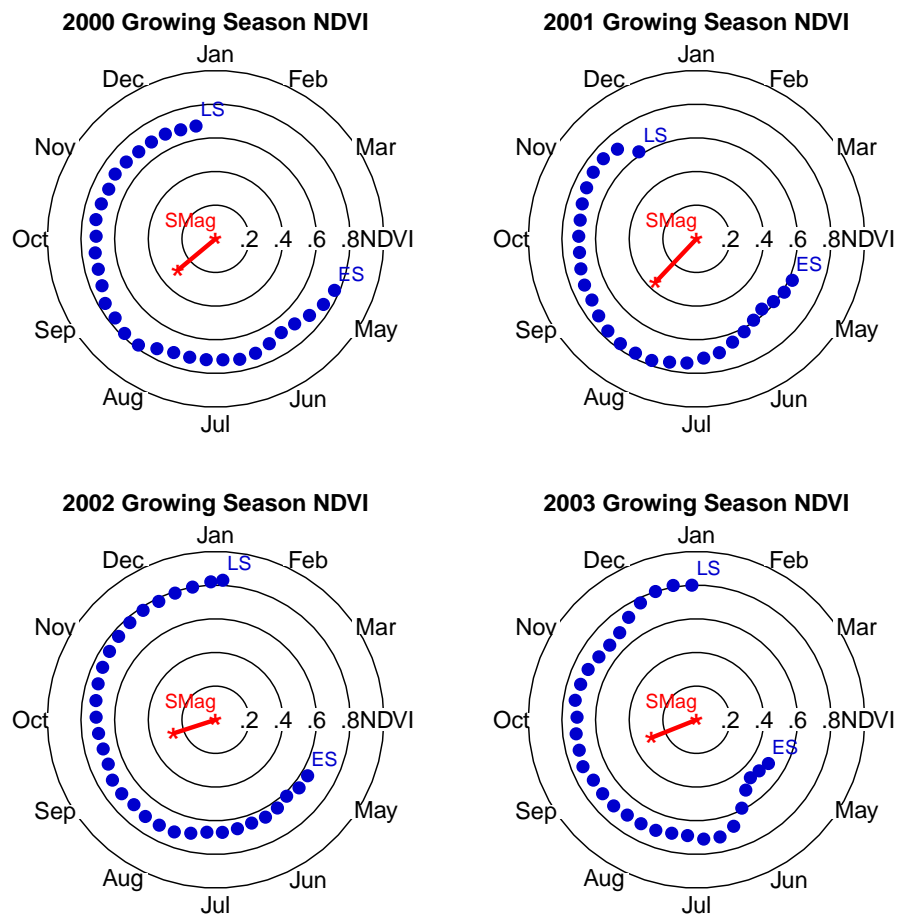


Figure 3. Polar plots of timing and asymmetry metrics for four years at Fraser Experimental Forest in Colorado. Each panels indicates annual changes in timing and asymmetry metrics. Note that the angle of SMag corresponds to the timing of mid season (MS), but the length of SMag, seasonality, is actually a measure of the degree to which data are massed in the direction of the MS date. These years in particular represent the early stages of mortality in lodgepole pines at FEF caused by bark beetles. Early season NDVI (April) appeared to start a variable decline in 2001, meanwhile summer NDVI remained fairly constant (perhaps due to compensatory greening from understory vegetation). Note that this area had been under significant drought stress and we do not intend to suggest this as a system for diagnosing specific disturbances, only that this technique is capable of measuring changes caused by environmental shifts. (This figure produced by code in Example 5 below)

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Examples

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### Example 1, (Table 1 above) Use easy function to calculate polar vectors
library(PolarMetrics)
data(mndvi)          # Load data
lb <- 0.15            # Cutoff point, as a proportion of 1 (0-0.5), to
                     # remove from each years cumulative total.
                     # e.g., 0.1 will remove from 0 to 0.1.
ub <- 0.8             # Cutoff point, as a proportion of 1 (0.5-1), to
                     # remove at the end of each years cumulative total.
                     # e.g., 0.9 will remove 0.9 to 1.
s_p_yr <- 46          # Number of MODIS values per year (8-day NDVI)
# Calculate polar metrics for one MODIS NDVI pixel within Coweeta Hydrologic Lab
pmetrics <- calc_metrics(mndvi$chl, t=mndvi$day, yr_type='cal_yr',
                        spc=s_p_yr, lcut=lb, hcut=ub, return.vecs=FALSE)

### Example 2, Long version of Example 1
library(PolarMetrics)
pmetrics <- data.frame(yr=NA, es=NA, ems=NA, ms=NA, lms=NA, ls=NA,
                      s_intv=NA, s_avg=NA, s_sd=NA, s_mag=NA,
                      ems_mag=NA, lms_mag=NA) # Initialize output
dpy <- 365          # Days/year
lb <- 0.15          # Lower cutoff for cumulative annual NDVI
ub <- 0.8           # Upper cutoff for cumulative annual NDVI
c <- 12             # Num. of years/cycles
cxs <- 1            # Text scaling in plots
spy <- 46           # Number of samples in one cycle (yr)
data(mndvi)         # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy)  # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$chl) # MODIS NDVI over eddy flux tower at Coweeta Hyd. Lab
VX <- vec.x(r,v)       # Avg horizontal vector
VY <- vec.y(r,v)       # Avg vertical vector
vx <- mean(VX, na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(VY, na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
rv <- vec_mag(vx,vy)    # Magnitude (length) of average vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy) # Angle of the avg vector (phenological median)
avec_ang <- avec_ang(rv_ang) # Vert opposite of med (avg NDVI min/pheno yr start)
pyStartDay <- rad2d(avec_ang, dpc=dpy) # Cal dy (1-365 beg at Jan 1) marking NDVI min
pyStartIdx <- rad2idx(avec_ang, spc=spy) # Index marking point of least activity
CumNDVI <- sum_cycle(v,pyStartIdx,spy)$cumsum # Cumulative NDVI within each pheno yr
# Note, output is re-centered, and accumulates starting from the annual NDVI
# minimum (PyStartIdx) and has c-1 yrs of data due to re-centering.
c.CumNDVI <- c-1      # Number of years in CumNDVI
# Calculate phenologicalc param's for year 2000
cy <- 1               # The first yr of data (which is 2000 here)
es.idx <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,lb,ub)[1] # earlySsn CumNDVI index
ems.idx <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,lb,ub)[2] # earlySsn CumNDVI index
ms.idx <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,lb,ub)[3] # midSsn CumNDVI index
lms.idx <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,lb,ub)[4] # midSsn CumNDVI index
ls.idx <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,lb,ub)[5] # lateSsn CumNDVI index
# 3 variables below are days calculated relative to the phenological year, i.e.
# calculated starting from avg NDVI minimum. To get the day relative to the
# calendar year (e.g. 1=Jan 1, 2=Jan 2...) add pyStartDay.
pmetrics$yr <- cy + 1999
pmetrics$es <- round(t[es.idx] + pyStartDay) # Day of calendar yr marking early season milestone
pmetrics$ems <- round(t[ems.idx] + pyStartDay) # Day of calendar yr marking early-mid season

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pmets$ms <- round(t[ms.idx] + pyStartDay) # Day of calendar yr marking mid season
pmets$lms <- round(t[lms.idx] + pyStartDay) # Day of calendar yr marking late-mid season
pmets$ls <- round(t[ls.idx] + pyStartDay) # Day of calendar yr marking late season
pmets$s_intv <- pmets$ls - pmets$es # Length of the season from ES to LS
pmets$s_avg <- mean(v[es.idx:ls.idx], na.rm=TRUE) # Mean NDVI for Ssn
pmets$s_sd <- sd(v[es.idx:ls.idx]) # Standard deviation of NDVI for Ssn
pmets$s_mag <- vec_mag(mean(VX[es.idx:ls.idx], na.rm=TRUE),
  mean(VY[es.idx:ls.idx], na.rm=TRUE)) # Magnitude (length) of average vector
  # Magnitude of avg vec between ES & MS thresholds
pmets$ems_mag <- vec_mag(mean(VX[es.idx:(ms.idx-1)], na.rm=TRUE),
  mean(VY[es.idx:(ms.idx-1)], na.rm=TRUE)) # Magnitude of avg vec between ES & MS
pmets$lms_mag <- vec_mag(mean(VX[ms.idx:(ls.idx-1)], na.rm=TRUE),
  mean(VY[ms.idx:(ls.idx-1)], na.rm=TRUE)) # Magnitude of avg vec between MS & LS
print(pmets)

### Example 3, (see Fig. 1 above) Transform into polar coordinates and compare
library(PolarMetrics)
library(plotrix) # Load plotrix for plotting
dpy <- 365 # Days/year
c <- 12 # Num. of years/cycles
data(mndvi) # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy) # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc) # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek flux tower, WI
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
rv <- vec_mag(vx,vy) # Magnitude (length) of average vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy) # Angle of the avg vector (phenological median)
avec_ang <- avec_ang(rv_ang) # Vert opposite of med (avg NDVI min/pheno yr start)
dev.new(width=12,height=6) # New plot window
par(mfrow=c(1,2)) # Make this a multi-pane plot
cxs <- 1 # Text scaling in plots
# Time series plot of Willow Creek
plot(2000+(t/dpy), v, pch=20, col='black', xlab='Years',
  ylab='NDVI', main='(a) NDVI Time Series',
  ylim=c(0.35,0.95), cex=cxs, cex.axis=cxs, cex.lab=cxs, cex.main=cxs*1.25)
# Polar plot phenology variables
ndvilabs <- c('',''.2',''.4',''.6',''.8','') # labels for radial plot
s.pos <- pi/2 # Radial position to start plotting from
lab.pos <- c(seq(from=0, to=2*pi-(2*pi/12), by=(2*pi/12))[-4])
rad.labs <- c(month.abb[seq(from=1, to=12)])[-4]
clrs <- colorRampPalette(c('blue3', 'gold'))(length(r)) # Color ramp for plot
# Polar plot of Willow Creek
radial.plot(v,r,clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,
  label.pos=lab.pos,labels=rad.labs,radial.labels=ndvilabs,
  rp.type='s',point.symbols=20,point.col=clrs,radial.lim=c(0,1),
  show.radial.grid=FALSE,main='(b) NDVI Polar Plot',
  grid.col='black',grid.unit='NDVI')
radial.plot(c(0,1),c(0,rv_ang),
  clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,rp.type='r',
  lwd=2,line.col='gray45',add=TRUE) # rv_ang, Angle of avg vec
radial.plot(c(0,1),c(0,avec_ang),
  clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,rp.type='s',
  point.symbols='*',cex=cxs*2,
  add=TRUE) # avec_ang, opposite angle of rv_ang
radial.plot(c(0,rv),c(rv_ang,rv_ang),
  clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,rp.type='r',

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lwd=3,line.col='gray45',add=TRUE) # rv, Magnitude of avg vec
radial.plot(c(0,rv),c(rv_ang,rv_ang),
clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,rp.type='s',
point.symbols='*',cex=cxs*2,
point.col='red',add=TRUE) # rv, Magnitude of avg vec
text(sin(avec_ang)*1.15, cos(avec_ang)*1.1,
'AVec', col='gray45', cex=cxs) # Add text label
text(sin(rv_ang)*1.2, cos(rv_ang)*1.1,
'RVec', col='gray45', cex=cxs) # Add text label
text(0,0.1,'SMag',col='red',cex=cxs) # Add text label
legend('bottomright',c('2000','2011'),col=c('blue3','gold'),
pch=20,cex=0.7,pt.cex=2,box.lwd=0)
par(xpd=FALSE)
print('Note that 1 year of data is removed, because polar transformation')
print('shifts and centers the data on the phenological year.')

### Example 4, (see Fig. 2 above) Plot cum. NDVI and specify completion milestones
library(PolarMetrics)
dpy <- 365 # Days/year
c <- 12 # Num. of years/cycles
spy <- 46 # Samples/year (or samples/cycle)
data(mndvi) # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy) # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc) # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek flux tower, WI
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy) # Angle of the avg vector (phenological median)
avec_ang <- avec_ang(rv_ang) # Vert opposite of med (avg NDVI min/pheno yr start)
pyStartDay <- rad2d(avec_ang, dpc=dpy) # Cal dy (1-365 beg at Jan 1) marking NDVI min
pyStartIdx <- rad2idx(avec_ang, spc=spy) # Index marking point of least activity
CumNDVI <- sum_cycle(v,pyStartIdx,spy)$cumsum # Cumulative NDVI within each pheno yr
# Note, output is re-centered, and accumulates starting from the annual NDVI
# minimum (PyStartIdx) and has c-1 yrs of data due to re-centering.
c.CumNDVI <- c-1 # Number of years in CumNDVI
cy <- 2 # Year within which to examine and plot cumulative NDVI
es <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,0.15,0.8)[1] # Indx of CumNDVI marking ES
ms <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,0.15,0.8)[3] # Indx of CumNDVI marking MS
ls <- window_idx(CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,cy,0.15,0.8)[5] # Indx of CumNDVI marking LS
c.CumNDVI <- c-1 # Number of years in CumNDVI
t2 <- seq(pyStartDay,by=8,length.out=47)
y <- c(0,CumNDVI[(spy+1):(2*spy)])
dev.new(width=4,height=4) # New plot window
cxs <- 1 # Text scaling in plots
plot(t2,y,type='l', xlim=c(15,400),
xaxt='n', ylim=c(0,max(y)),yaxs='i', yaxt='n', xlab='', ylab='',
col='gray45', lwd=cxs*2,cex=cxs,cex.axis=cxs,cex.lab=cxs,cex.main=cxs)
mtext('Calculating Timing Metrics', col='black',
side=3, line=2.3, cex=cxs*1.35) # Main title
y1 <- seq(0,30,by=5)
y2 <- seq(15,85,by=10)
x1 <- seq(0,360,by=30)
x2 <- seq(0,360,by=30)
axis(side=2, labels=y1, at=y1, padj=0.7, col='black', col.axis='black',
cex.axis=cxs) # Plot left y axis
mtext('Cumulative NDVI', col='black',

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side=2, line=1.9, cex=cxs*0.9)
## x1 axis
axis(side=1, labels=x1, at=x1+pyStartDay, col='black', col.axis='black',
cex.axis=cxs) # Plot right y axis
## x2 axis
par(tcl = -0.5) # Switch back to outward facing tick marks
axis(side=3, labels=x2, at=x2, col='gray45', col.axis='gray45',
cex.axis=cxs) # Plot right y axis
par(tcl = 1) # Switch to inward facing tick marks
mtext('Day of Calendar Year',side=3,line=-1,
col='gray45',cex=cxs*0.9)
mtext('Day of Phenological Year',side=1,line=-1,
col='black',cex=cxs*0.9)
##
axis(side=4, labels=y2, at=y2/(100/max(y)), col='gray45', col.axis='gray45',
cex.axis=cxs) # Plot right y axis
mtext('% Cumulative NDVI',side=4,line=-0.1,
col='gray45',cex=cxs*0.9)
lines(t2[(es-spy+1):(ls-spy+1)],
y[(es-spy+1):(ls-spy+1)], col='black', lwd=cxs*3)
#
segments(pyStartDay,0,pyStartDay,max(y),
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3, lty=2) # Phen yr offset dahsed line
arrows(pyStartDay,31.5,pyStartDay,max(y),
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3) # Phen yr offset arrow head
text(pyStartDay-13,15,srt=90,'Start of Phenological Year',cex=cxs,col='gray45')
#
segments(t2[es-spy+1],y[(es-spy+1)],t2[es-spy+1],30,
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3, lty=2) # ES vertical dashed line (calendar yr)
arrows(t2[es-spy+1],30,t2[es-spy+1],32,
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3) # ES arrow head (calendar yr)
segments(t2[es-spy+1],y[(es-spy+1)],t2[es-spy+1],4,
col='black',lwd=cxs*3, lty=2) # ES vertical dashed line (phen yr)
arrows(t2[es-spy+1],4,t2[es-spy+1],2,
col='black',lwd=cxs*3) # ES arrow head (phen yr)
segments(t2[es-spy+1],y[(es-spy+1)],max(t2),y[(es-spy+1)]),
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3,lty=2) # ES horizontal dashed line
text(t2[es-spy+1]+23,y[(es-spy+1)]-1,srt=0,'ES',cex=cxs,col='blue3')
#
segments(t2[ms-spy+1],y[(ms-spy+1)],t2[ms-spy+1],30,
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3, lty=2) # MS vertical dashed line (calendar yr)
arrows(t2[ms-spy+1],30,t2[ms-spy+1],32,
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3) # MS arrow head (calendar yr)
segments(t2[ms-spy+1],y[(ms-spy+1)],t2[ms-spy+1],4,
col='black',lwd=cxs*3, lty=2) # MS vertical dashed line (phen yr)
arrows(t2[ms-spy+1],4,t2[ms-spy+1],2,
col='black',lwd=cxs*3) # MS arrow head (phen yr)
segments(t2[ms-spy+1],y[(ms-spy+1)],max(t2),y[(ms-spy+1)]),
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3,lty=2) # MS horizontal dashed line
text(t2[ms-spy+1]+23,y[(ms-spy+1)]-1,srt=0,'MS',cex=cxs,col='blue3')
#
segments(t2[ls-spy+1],y[(ls-spy+1)],t2[ls-spy+1],30,
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3, lty=2) # LS vertical dashed line (calendar yr)
arrows(t2[ls-spy+1],30,t2[ls-spy+1],32,
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3) # LS arrow head (calendar yr)
segments(t2[ls-spy+1],y[(ls-spy+1)],t2[ls-spy+1],4,
col='black',lwd=cxs*3, lty=2) # LS vertical dashed line (phen yr)

```

```

arrows(t2[ls-spy+1],4,t2[ls-spy+1],2,
col='black',lwd=cxs*3) # LS arrow head (phen yr)
segments(t2[ls-spy+1],y[(ls-spy+1)],max(t2),y[(ls-spy+1)],
col='gray45',lwd=cxs*3,lty=2) # LS horizontal dashed line
text(t2[ls-spy+1]+23,y[(ls-spy+1)]-1,srt=0,'LS',cex=cxs,col='blue3')
#
par(tcl = -0.5) # Switch back to outward facing tick marks

### Example 5, (see Fig. 3 above) Plot 4 pheno yrs & show phen params of grow.seas.
library(PolarMetrics)
library(plotrix) # Load plotrix for plotting
lb <- 0.15 # Lower cumulative sum threshold for window_idx
ub <- 0.8 # Upper cumulative sum threshold for window_idx
dpy <- 365 # Days/year
c <- 12 # Num. of years/cycles
spy <- 46 # Number of samples in one cycle (yr)
data(mndvi) # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy) # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$fef) # MODIS NDVI for pixel covering Fraser Exp. Forest
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy) # Angle of the avg vector (phenological median)
avec_ang <- avec_ang(rv_ang) # Vert opposite of med (avg NDVI min/pheno yr start)
pyStartIdx <- rad2idx(avec_ang, spc=spy) # Index marking point of least activity
CumNDVI <- sum_cycle(v,pyStartIdx,spy)$cumsum # Cumulative NDVI within each pheno yr
# Note, output is re-centered, and accumulates starting from the annual NDVI
# minimum (PyStartIdx) and has c-1 yrs of data due to re-centering.
c.CumNDVI <- c-1 # Number of years in CumNDVI
# Next remove data prior to first NDVI minimum and after last NDVI min
idx=sum_cycle(v,pyStartIdx,spy)$vidx # Indices of v from start of first pheno yr
# (NDVI min) to end of last complete phenological yr
v1.gs=v[idx]
r1.gs=r[idx]
# Polar plot phenology variables
cxs <- 1 # Text scaling in plots
ndvilabs <- c('',''.2',''.4',''.6',''.8','') # labels for radial plot
s.pos <- pi/2 # Radial position to start plotting from
lab.pos <- c(seq(from=0, to=2*pi-(2*pi/12), by=(2*pi)/12))[-4]
rad.labs <- c(month.abb[seq(from=1, to=12)])[-4]
# Calculate threshold completion milestones for 4 consecutive years
for (I in 1:(c-1)) {
  es.ms.ls=window_idx(
    CumNDVI,c.CumNDVI,I,lb,ub) # Indices for early, mid, late seas.
  idx2=es.ms.ls[1]:es.ms.ls[5] # Indices within this yrs season
  if (I==1) {
    df=cbind(r1.gs[idx2],v1.gs[idx2],I)
  } else {
    df=rbind(df,cbind(r1.gs[idx2],v1.gs[idx2],I))
  }
}
# Combine the calculated polar measures into a data frame
df1=data.frame(df)
colnames(df1)=c('radians','ndvi','yr')
# Plot the 4 years of polar measures on 4 polar plots
dev.new(width=6,height=12)

```

```

par(mfrow=c(2,2))
for (I in 1:4) {
  df1.tmp=df1[df1$yr==I,]
  vx2=mean(vec.x(df1.tmp$radians,df1.tmp$ndvi), na.rm=TRUE)
  vy2=mean(vec.y(df1.tmp$radians,df1.tmp$ndvi), na.rm=TRUE)
  rv2=vec_mag(vx2,vy2)
  rv_ang2=vec_ang(vx2,vy2)
  radial.plot(df1.tmp$ndvi,df1.tmp$radians,clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,
    label.pos=c(seq(from=0, to=2*pi-(2*pi/12), by=(2*pi)/12)),
    labels=c(month.abb[seq(from=1, to=12)]),
    rp.type='s',point.symbols=20,radial.lim=c(0,1),
    radial.labels=ndvilabs,
    show.radial.grid=FALSE,
    main=paste(I+1999,' Growing Season NDVI',sep=''),
    grid.col='black',point.col='blue3',
    grid.unit='NDVI',cex=cxs*2,cex.axis=cxs,cex.lab=cxs)
  radial.plot(c(0,rv2),c(rv_ang2,rv_ang2),
    clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,rp.type='r',
    lwd=3,line.col='red',add=TRUE,cex=cxs) # rv, Magnitude of avg vec
  radial.plot(c(0,rv2),c(rv_ang2,rv_ang2),
    clockwise=TRUE,start=s.pos,rp.type='s',
    point.symbols='*',point.col='red',
    add=TRUE,cex=cxs*2) # rv endpoints
  text(-0.15, 0.1,
    'SMag', col='red', cex=cxs) # Vector magnitude
  text(sin(df1.tmp$radians[1])*df1.tmp$ndvi[1]+0.1,
    cos(df1.tmp$radians[1])*df1.tmp$ndvi[1]+0.1,
    'ES',col='blue3',cex=cxs) # Early season
  text(sin(df1.tmp$radians[nrow(df1.tmp)])*df1.tmp$ndvi[nrow(df1.tmp)]+0.1,
    cos(df1.tmp$radians[nrow(df1.tmp)])*df1.tmp$ndvi[nrow(df1.tmp)]+0.1,
    'LS',col='blue3',cex=cxs) # Late season
}

```

avec_ang

*Calculate the opposites of the input radial angle(s)***Description**

Calculate the vertical opposite of the input radian value(s).

Usage

```
avec_ang(r)
```

Arguments

r A numeric vector of values of radial coordinates.

Details

avec_ang returns the vertical opposite(s) of the input angles.

Value

Returns the vertical opposite of radial angle(s).

Author(s)

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References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365                # Days/yr
data(mndvi)              # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t,dpy)         # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc)  # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek tower, WI
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
vm <- vec_mag(vx,vy)      # Magnitude of average vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy)  # Angle of resultant vec (point of max activity)
avec_ang <- avec_ang(rv_ang) # Angle marking point of least activity
```

calc_metrics

Easy function for calculating all polar meatrics.

Description

A basic, but fast function for calculating all polar metrics from arrays or xts objects.

Usage

```
calc_metrics(input, t = NULL, yr_type, spc, lcut, hcut, return.vecs)
```

Arguments

input	Either a vector of values or a column of an xts object indexed with time stamps. If input is an xts object then omit argument t. Else if input is a vector then a corresponding vector of values must be passed to t.
t	An optional vector of time values (e.g., days) corresponding to the input vector sampling points. Do not use this argument if input is an xts object.
yr_type	Argument specifying either 'cal_yr' for output (of timing variables) given in days starting from Jan. 1, or 'offset_yr' for output in days starting from the average seasonal minimum.
spc	Integer value specifying the number of samples per cycle (measurements per year) in input.
lcut	Numeric value in the range [0,0.5] passed to window_idx function. Indicates the percentile to truncate from the first half of each cycle. For example, 0.15 will result in remove the interval corresponding to [0%,15%] representing a window that begins after the 15th-percentile is crossed.

hcut	Numeric value in the range (0.5,1] passed to window_idx function. Indicates the percentile to truncate from the last half of each cycle. For example, 0.85 will result in remove the interval corresponding to [85%,100%] representing a window that begins after the 85th-percentile is crossed.
return.vecs	logical argument specifying whether or not to include all of the horizontal and vertical component vectors in output.

Details

calc_metrics runs through the entire polar transformation process and conveniently outputs the final polar metrics for all years included in the input.

Value

Returns a list with the derived polar metrics (e.g., length of season). Optional objects in the list are the actual vecturs used in deriving the polar metrics and the average vector angle and magnitude.

Author(s)

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References

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Examples

```
library(PolarMetrics)
library(xts)
input <- xts(mndvi$fef, as.Date(mndvi$date))
calc_metrics(input, yr_type='cal_yr', spc=46, lcut=0.15, hcut=0.8,
             return.vecs=FALSE) # Calculate metrics
### Return the average vectors for the entire time series
calc_metrics(input, yr_type='cal_yr', spc=46, lcut=0.15, hcut=0.8,
             return.vecs=TRUE)$avg.vectors
### Return the horizontal and vertical vector components
head(calc_metrics(input, yr_type='cal_yr', spc=46, lcut=0.15, hcut=0.8,
                 return.vecs=TRUE)$vectors)
```

mndvi

MODIS NDVI data from select National Forest sites

Description

A data set of Normalized Difference Vegetation Index values (NDVI) from MODIS for a select number of locations. NDVI was sampled each 8 days (46 per year) for a total of 552 samples spanning years 2000 through 2011. MODIS sensors have a spatial resolution of approximately 250 square meters, thus each column represents a 250 x 250 meter area.

Usage

```
data("mndvi")
```

Format

mndvi is a data frame with 552 rows and 5 columns. Each column corresponds to the variables as follows:

date Time stamp

day a numeric vector of sequential days since January 1, 2000

chl a numeric vector of NDVI values for the area surrounding the Coweeta Hydrologic Lab (North Carolina) eddy covariance tower at 83.4252 west longitude and 35.0587 north latitude

fef a numeric vector of NDVI values for the area surrounding the Fraser Experimental Forest (Colorado) CO2 tower (run by NCAR) at 105.885417 west longitude, 39.905028 north latitude

wc a numeric vector of NDVI values for the area surrounding the Willow Creek (Wisconsin) eddy covariance tower at 90.0798 west longitude, 45.8060 north latitude

Source

<http://dx.doi.org/10.3334/ORNLDAC/1299>

Examples

```
data(mndvi)
## Not run:
data(mndvi) # Load data
head(mndvi) # Inspect first few lines of data

## End(Not run)
```

rad2d

Transform from radians to time units

Description

Transform radians to dates in time units (e.g., day of year).

Usage

```
rad2d(r, dpc)
```

Arguments

r	A vector of numeric values of angles in radians (representing times/dates) to be converted back to time units.
dpc	A numeric value representing the number of divisions per cycle (e.g., hours per day, days per year, etc.)

Details

rad2d transforms input values of r from radians to dates in the interval [0,dpc+1).

Value

Returns a vector of cyclic dates in the interval [0,dpc+1) having the same length as input vector r.

Author(s)

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References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365           # Days/year
data(mndvi)         # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy) # Transform days of year to radians
days_from_rads <- rad2d(r, dpc=dpy) # Transform radians back to days of year
head(cbind(t, days_from_rads)) # Compare results. Cols should be equivalent
```

rad2idx

Transform radians to sequential index values

Description

Transform radian values to the nearest corresponding indices of the original data.

Usage

```
rad2idx(r, spc)
```

Arguments

<code>r</code>	A vector of numeric values representing dates in radians.
<code>spc</code>	A numeric value indicating the number of samples per cycle (e.g., samples per year).

Details

rad2idx finds the corresponding indices for each element of r .

Value

Returns the index values corresponding to r .

Author(s)

Bjorn J. Brooks, Danny C. Lee, William W. Hargrove, Lars Y. Pomara

References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```

dpy <- 365          # Days/year
spy <- 46           # Samples/year (or samples/cycle)
data(mndvi)         # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy) # Transform days of year to radians
r_idx <- rad2idx(r, spc=spy) # Indices corresponding to radial angles in r
head(cbind(t,r,r_idx))  # Compare results

```

sum_cycle

*Calculate cumulative sums within each cycle in a series***Description**

Calculate the cumulative sums within each cycle in a uniformly sampled series. This function is useful where the phenological (or variable-defined) year is offset from the calendar year. Note that 1) This function assumes every cycle contains the same number of elements, and 2) This function truncates the values before the start of the first cycle and after the end of the last cycle, which for a series of n cycles results in an output series with $n - 1$ cycles.

Usage

```
sum_cycle(v, b, spc)
```

Arguments

<code>v</code>	A vector of numeric values representing a uniformly sampled series of data that oscillate over multiple cycles.
<code>b</code>	A positive integer indicating the index (i.e., 1 -> <i>spc</i>) in the average cycle corresponding to the beginning (or period of least activity) of the average cycle. Within polar space, <code>b</code> lies along a ray that intersects the origin and evenly bisects the summed values of average cycle. <code>b</code> can be obtained using avec_ang .
<code>spc</code>	A numeric value indicating the number of samples per cycle (e.g., samples per year).

Details

`sum_cycle` calculates the cumulative sums within cycles beginning from a specified offset (i.e., argument $b > 1$). Let b be the index for the beginning of cycle c and e be the index for the ending index for the cycle $\{v_b, v_{b+1}, \dots, v_e\}$. Within each cycle the sum at each index j is calculated as the sum of all values leading up to and including j following:

$$c_j = \sum_{i=b}^j v_i, v_{i+1}, \dots, v_j$$

This is repeated over $c - 1$ cycles in series v to obtain a new series of cumulative sums.

Value

Returns a vector of values (and their corresponding indices from the input vector) representing the cumulative sums within each cycle based on a specified beginning point. If $b > 1$ then the output vector will have spc fewer values, which were truncated due to the offset. Output vector will begin at b , the average minimum not at the beginning of the time series, unless the average min is the beginning ($b = 1$).

Author(s)

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References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365           # Days/yr
spy <- 46            # Number of samples in one cycle (yr)
data(mndvi)          # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy)  # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc) # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek tower, WI
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy) # Angle of the resultant vector (the direction
  # that the average vector points)
avec_ang <- avec_ang(rv_ang) # Angle marking point of least activity
av_idx <- rad2idx(avec_ang, spc=spy) # Index (1-spc) marking avg start of yr
ann_cum <- sum_cycle(v, av_idx, spc=spy)$cumsum # Accum. vals within each yr
```

t2rad

Transform dates to radians

Description

Transform dates to radians.

Usage

```
t2rad(t, dpc)
```

Arguments

t	A vector of numeric dates to be transformed to polar coordinates.
dpc	A numeric value representing the number of divisions per cycle (e.g., hours per day, days per year, etc.)

Details

t2rad transforms the sequence t of dates to radians using:

$$\frac{(t - 1) \bmod d}{d} * 2\pi$$

where d indicates the number of days per year in sequence t .

Value

Returns a vector of polar coordinates the same length as input vector t .

Author(s)

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References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365           # Days/year
data(mndvi)         # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t, dpc=dpy) # Transform days of year to radians
head(cbind(t,r))     # Compare results
```

vec.x

Calculate horizontal component vectors

Description

Calculate the horizontal vector component for each pair of polar coordinates.

Usage

```
vec.x(r, v)
```

Arguments

r	A vector of numeric values representing dates in radians.
v	A vector of numeric values representing a uniformly sampled series of data that vary over multiple cycles.

Details

vec.x calculates the length of the horizontal vector component of each polar coordinate pair. Given an angle r in radians and a corresponding amplitude v the horizontal vector component, VX , is calculated by:

$$VX(r, v) = v * \cos(r)$$

.

Value

Returns the length of the horizontal vector component for each polar coordinate pair.

Author(s)

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References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365           # Days/yr
data(mndvi)          # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t,dpy)     # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc) # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek tower, WI
vx <- vec.x(r,v)      # The horizontal vector components
```

vec.y

Calculate vertical component vectors

Description

Calculate the vertical vector component for each pair of polar coordinates.

Usage

```
vec.y(r, v)
```

Arguments

r	A vector of numeric values representing dates in radians.
v	A vector of numeric values representing a uniformly sampled series of data that vary over multiple cycles.

Details

vec.y calculates the length of the vertical vector component of each polar coordinate pair. Given an angle r in radians and a corresponding amplitude v the vertical vector component, V_y , is calculated by:

$$VY(r, v) = v * \sin(r)$$

.

Value

Returns the length of the vertical vector component for each polar coordinate pair.

Author(s)

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References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365           # Days/yr
data(mndvi)          # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t,dpy)     # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc) # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek tower, WI
vy <- vec.y(r,v)      # The vertical vector components
```

vec_ang

Calculate radial angles from horizontal and vertical component vectors

Description

Calculate the radial angle for each horizontal and vertical component vector pair.

Usage

```
vec_ang(vx, vy)
```

Arguments

vx	A numeric vector of 1 or more values representing horizontal components of Euclidean vectors. vx can be obtained using vec.x .
vy	A numeric vector of 1 or more values representing vertical components of Euclidean vectors. vy can be obtained using vec.y .

Details

vec_ang returns the angle corresponding to the horizontal (*vx*) and vertical vector components (*vy*) according to:

$$\text{atan2}(vy, vx) + \pi$$

Value

Returns the polar coordinate angle corresponding to each horizontal and vertical component vector pair.

Author(s)

Bjorn J. Brooks, Danny C. Lee, William W. Hargrove, Lars Y. Pomara

References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365                # Days/yr
data(mndvi)              # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t,dpy)         # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc)  # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek tower, WI
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy)  # Angle of resultant vec (point of max activity)
```

vec_mag	<i>Calculate Euclidean magnitudes from horizontal and vertical component vectors</i>
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Description

Calculate the magnitude (Euclidean distance) for each pair of horizontal and vertical component vectors.

Usage

```
vec_mag(vx, vy)
```

Arguments

vx	A numeric vector of 1 or more values representing horizontal components of Euclidean vectors. vx can be obtained using vec.x .
vy	A numeric vector of 1 or more values representing vertical components of Euclidean vectors. vy can be obtained using vec.y .

Details

vec_mag returns the Euclidean distance of each pair of horizontal and vertical component vectors according to:

$$\sqrt{vx^2 + vy^2}$$

Value

Returns the Euclidean distance corresponding to each horizontal and vertical component vector pair.

Author(s)

Bjorn J. Brooks, Danny C. Lee, William W. Hargrove, Lars Y. Pomara

References

Brooks, B.J., Lee, D.C., Desai, A.R., Pomara, L.Y., Hargrove, W.W. (accepted). Quantifying seasonal patterns in disparate environmental variables using the PolarMetrics R package.

Examples

```
dpy <- 365           # Days/yr
data(mndvi)         # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t,dpy)    # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc) # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek tower, WI
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
vm <- vec_mag(vx,vy)  # Magnitude (length) of average vector
```

window_idx	<i>Calculate index values marking truncation endpoints for a window within a series of cumulative sums</i>
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Description

Calculate index values marking the truncation endpoints for a window within a series of cumulative sums. In a phenological context these endpoints define the beginning and end of a quantitatively specified growing season.

Usage

```
window_idx(s, c, cy, lb, ub)
```

Arguments

s	A vector of numeric values representing a uniformly sampled series of cumulative sums. s can be obtained using sum_cycle
c	A numeric value indicating the number of cycles in series s.
cy	A positive integer in the range [0,c] indicating the cycle (year) within which to calculate truncation endpoints.
lb	A numeric value in the range [0,0.5] indicating the percent of cumulative total to truncate from the first half of cycle number cy. For example, 0.15 will result in remove the interval corresponding to [0%,15%] representing a window that begins after 15% of cumulative annual total is crossed.
ub	A numeric value in the range (0.5,1] indicating the percent of cumulative total to truncate from the last half of cycle cy. For example, 0.8 will result in removing (80%,100%] of cumulative NDVI representing a window that begins after the 85% of cumulative annual total is crossed.

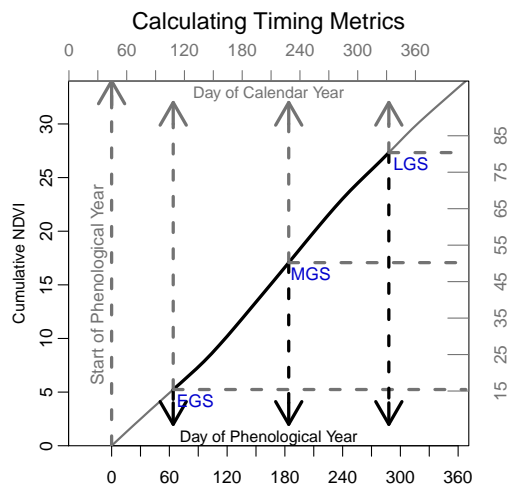
Details

window_idx returns a vector of two values indicating endpoints for a window within series S . Cumulative sums within these endpoints are used to place threshold crossings in the data such as growing season start and end points. Since a growing season can be based on crossing points of cumulative sums. Make S a series of cumulative sums and s a subset of growing season values within S . s can be defined on the basis of thresholds crossings of cumulative sums as follows. For a given threshold value, t , let $j(t)$ be the index j for S such that

$$\{i : t < S_i < (t - 1)\}$$

Then $\min j(t)$ is the index of S marking the first value larger than t , which is also the beginning of the growing season. $\max j(t)$ marks the ending index.

Figure 2. This visualization shows how the subset of values representing the growing season are selected based on a cumulative NDVI threshold percentage of 15%. The growing season is defined to start after cumulative NDVI reaches 15% of the total for that phenology-centered year and ends at 85%.



Value

Returns a vector of the five indexes (from the input) marking the following timing metrics: early season (lb), early-mid season (midpoint of lb and 50 (50 cumulative total and ub), and late season (ub).

Author(s)

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Examples

```
dpy <- 365           # Days/yr
c <- 12              # Num. of years/cycles
spy <- 46            # Number of samples in one cycle (yr)
data(mndvi)          # Load data
t <- as.vector(mndvi$day) # Days since January 1, 2000
r <- t2rad(t,dpy)     # Transform days of year to radians
v <- as.vector(mndvi$wc) # MODIS NDVI for Willow Creek tower, WI
vx <- mean(vec.x(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg horizontal vector
vy <- mean(vec.y(r,v), na.rm=TRUE) # Avg vertical vector
rv_ang <- vec_ang(vx,vy) # Angle of resultant vec (point of max activity)
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avec_ang <- avec_ang(rv_ang) # Angle marking point of least activity
av_idx <- rad2idx(avec_ang, spc=spy) # Index (1-spc) marking avg start of yr
ann_cum <- sum_cycle(v,av_idx,spc=spy)$cumsum # Accum. vals within each yr
# Find seasonal beg, end index for the 2nd yr using 15th pctl of cum NDVI
cy <- 2 # The second yr of data (which is 2001 here)
es.idx <- window_idx(ann_cum,c-1,cy,0.15,0.8)[1] # Idx of ann_cum marking ES
ms.idx <- window_idx(ann_cum,c-1,cy,0.15,0.8)[2] # Idx of ann_cum marking MS
ls.idx <- window_idx(ann_cum,c-1,cy,0.15,0.8)[3] # Idx of ann_cum marking LS
es <- t[es.idx] # Early growing season day of pheno yr
ems <- t[es.idx] # Early-mid growing season day of pheno yr
ms <- t[ms.idx] # Mid (50th %tile) growing season day
lms <- t[ls.idx] # Late-mid growing season day of pheno yr
ls <- t[ls.idx] # Late growing season day of pheno yr
Sintv <- ls-es # Days in the growing season
ann_cum[es.idx:ls.idx] # Show cumulative NDVI vals for growing season

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