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brt_fit	<i>Fit boosted regression tree models to species distribution or abundance data.</i>
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## Description

Fit gradient boosting boosted regression tree models to species distribution and abundance data and associated dynamic explanatory variables.

## Usage

```
brt_fit(
  occ.data,
  response.col,
  varnames,
  distribution,
  block.col,
  weights.col,
  test.data,
  interaction.depth,
  n.trees = 5000,
  shrinkage = 0.001
)
```

## Arguments

occ.data	a data frame, the data to fit boosted regression tree models to, containing columns for model response and explanatory variable data. If required, occ.data should contain block.col and weights.col columns too.
response.col	a character string, the name of the column in occ.data containing response variable column.
varnames	a character vector, the names of the columns containing model explanatory variables in occ.data.
distribution	a character string, the model distribution family to use, such as gaussian, poisson or bernoulli.
block.col	optional; a character string, the name of the column in occ.data containing spatiotemporal block numbers for occ.data splitting. See details for more information.
weights.col	a character string, the name of the column in occ.data containing spatiotemporal sampling effort weights to be used in fitting process.
test.data	optional; a data frame, the testing dataset for optimising interaction.depth when blocking is not used.
interaction.depth	optional; an integer specifying the maximum depth of each tree (i.e. highest level of variable interactions allowed). Default optimises depth between 1 and 4.
n.trees	optional; an integer, the number of trees in boosted regression tree models. Default is 5000.
shrinkage	optional; an integer, the shrinkage parameter applied to each tree in the boosted regression tree expansion. Also known as learning rate. Default is 0.001.

## Details

This function calculates a gradient boosting `gbm` object for the response and explanatory variable data provided, using the `gbm` R package (Greenwell et al., 2019).

Key functionality for dynamic SDMs within `brt_fit()` includes:

- Optimise `interaction.depth`

If `interaction.depth` is not given, then `brt_fit()` will vary the interaction depth parameter between 1 (an additive model) and 4 (four-way interaction model). For each `interaction.depth` value, model performance is measured by calculating the root-mean-square error of model predictions compared to actual values in the testing data. The `interaction.depth` value that results in the lowest root-mean-square error is used when fitting the returned model.

The model testing dataset can either be given using `test.data` or `block.col` (latter expanded on below).

- Split by spatiotemporal blocks to account for spatial and temporal autocorrelation

If `block.col` is specified, then each unique block is excluded in a jack-knife approach following Bagchi et al., (2013). This approach uses each block as the model testing dataset in numerical order, whilst all other `block.col` blocks are used as training data for the boosted regression tree model.

In this case, the function returns a list of fitted boosted regression tree models equal to the length of unique blocking categories in `block.col`.

If `block.col` is not given, models are fit to all `occ.data` and a single `gbm` model is returned.

- Weighted by spatiotemporal sampling effort

If `weights.col` is specified, records are weighted by their associated value in this column when model fitting. For instance, the user may wish to down weigh the importance of records collected at oversampled sites and times when fitting models, and vice versa, to account for spatiotemporal biases in occurrence records.

## Value

Returns a `gbm` model object or list of `gbm` model objects.

## References

Bagchi, R., Crosby, M., Huntley, B., Hole, D. G., Butchart, S. H. M., Collingham, Y., Kalra, M., Rajkumar, J., Rahmani, A. & Pandey, M. 2013. Evaluating the effectiveness of conservation site networks under climate change: accounting for uncertainty. *Global Change Biology*, 19, 1236-1248. Greenwell, B., Boehmke, B., Cunningham, J., & GBM Developers. 2019. Package 'gbm'. R package version, 2.

## Examples

```
data("sample_explan_data")

sample_explan_data$weights<-1-sample_explan_data$REL_SAMP_EFFORT

split <- sample(c(TRUE, FALSE),
               replace=TRUE,
```

```

      nrow(sample_explan_data),
      prob = c(0.75, 0.25))

training <- sample_explan_data[split, ]
testing <- sample_explan_data[!split, ]
brt_fit(
  occ.data = training,
  test.data = testing,
  response.col = "presence.absence",
  distribution = "bernoulli",
  weights.col = "weights",
  varnames = colnames(training)[14:16],
  interaction.depth = 2
)

```

convert\_gbif

*Reformats GBIF data into dynamicSDM data frame***Description**

Function converts GBIF occurrence records into the format required for dynamicSDM functions.

**Usage**

```
convert_gbif(gbif.df)
```

**Arguments**

`gbif.df` a data frame, the direct output from GBIF occurrence record download.

**Details**

For most dynamicSDM functions, an occurrence data frame with record co-ordinate columns labelled "x" and "y" with numeric columns for record "day", "month" and "year" are required. This function takes the input data frame and returns a reformatted data frame suitable for direct input into dynamicSDM functions.

**Value**

Returns data frame correctly formatted for input into dynamicSDM functions.

**Examples**

```

data(sample_occ_data)
converted <- convert_gbif(sample_occ_data)

## Not run:

gbif.df <- data.frame(rgbif::occ_search(scientificName = "Quelea-quelea")$data)

occ.data <- convert_gbif(gbif.df)

## End(Not run)

```

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dynamic_proj	<i>Project species distribution and abundance models onto dynamic environmental covariates.</i>
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## Description

Projects fitted species distribution and abundance models onto projection covariates for each date given.

## Usage

```
dynamic_proj(
  dates,
  projection.method,
  local.directory,
  drive.folder,
  user.email,
  sdm.mod,
  sdm.thresh = 0.5,
  sdm.weight = 1,
  sam.mod,
  sam.weight = 1,
  save.directory,
  save.drive.folder,
  cov.file.type,
  prj = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84",
  proj.prj,
  spatial.mask
)
```

## Arguments

dates	a character string, vector of dates in format "YYYY-MM-DD".
projection.method	a character string or vector, the method or methods to project distribution and abundance onto projection covariates. Options include proportional, binary, abundance and stacked. See details for more information.
local.directory	optional; a character string, the path to a local directory to read projection covariate data frames from.
drive.folder	optional; a character string, the Google Drive folder to read projection covariate data frames from. Folder must be uniquely named within Google Drive. Do not provide path.
user.email	optional; a character string, user email for initialising Google Drive. Required if drive.folder or save.drive.folder used.
sdm.mod	optional; a model object or list of model objects fitted to species distribution data.
sdm.thresh	optional; a numeric value, the threshold to convert projected distribution suitability into binary presence-absence. Default 0.5. Required if projection.method is "binary" or "stacked".

sdm.weight	optional; a numeric string, weights given to each sdm.mod model projection, given in the same order as the sdm.mod list. Default is equal weighting to all models.
sam.mod	optional; a model object or list of model objects fitted to species abundance data.
sam.weight	optional; a numeric string, weights given to each sdm.mod model projection, given in the same order as the sam.mod list. Default is equal weighting to all models.
save.directory	optional; a character string, path to local directory to save projection rasters to.
save.drive.folder	optional; a character string, Google Drive folder to save projection rasters to. Folder must be uniquely named within Google Drive. Do not provide path.
cov.file.type	a character string, the type of file that contains projection covariates. One of: "tif" (raster stack) or csv(data frame).
prj	a character string, the coordinate reference system of input projection covariates. Default is "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84".
proj.prj	a character string, the coordinate reference system desired for output projection rasters. Default is assumed to be the same as prj.
spatial.mask	an object of class Raster, sf or Spatial, representing a mask in which NA cells in the mask layer are removed from the projection covariates.

### Details

Function projects a model object or list of model objects onto projection covariate data frames for each projection date given.

### Value

Exports projection rasters for each projection date to user-specified Google Drive folder or local directory.

### Projection covariate input

- Data frames: if cov.file.type = csv, then projection covariates must be saved ".csv" files in the drive.folder or local.directory given. Here, they must be unique in containing the relevant projection date in "YYYY-MM-DD" format. For instance, two or more ".csv" files saved within the Google Drive folder or local directory that contain the projection date will result in function error. Additionally, column names of projection covariate data frames must match the explanatory variable names that fitted models are trained on.
- Raster stacks: if cov.file.type = tif, then projection covariates must be saved ".tif" files, similarly named and formatted as above. Raster layer names must match the explanatory variable names that fitted models are trained on.

Note: It is important to state the coordinate reference system projection of covariates using argument prj.

### Model input

When multiple models are provided in sdm.mod or sam.mod, the function projects each model onto the projection covariates and takes the average value across all model projections. If sdm.weight or sam.weight is specified, then the weighted average of model projections is returned. For example, this could be used to down weigh projections by poorly performing models in an ensemble.

## Projection output

- **proportional:** Projects `sdm.mod` model objects onto projection covariates for each date, exporting rasters for projected distribution suitability, a continuous measure between 0 (least suitable) and 1 (most suitable).
- **binary:** Projects `sdm.mod` onto projection covariates for each date, exporting rasters for projected binary presence (1) or absence (0), derived from distribution suitability using user-specified threshold (`sdm.thresh`) or default threshold of 0.5.
- **abundance:** Projects `sam.mod` onto projections covariates for each date, exporting rasters for projected abundance in the units that `sam.mod` were fitted onto.
- **stacked:** Follows the binary projection method and then projects abundance onto only binary presence (1) cells using the abundance projection method.

Projections are output as rasters. These can be reprojected to a different coordinate reference system using argument `proj.prj`.

One or both of `save.drive.folder` and `save.directory` are required to specify where projection rasters are to be saved.

## Google Drive compatibility

If `drive.folder` or `save.drive.folder` given, please ensure the folder name is unique within your Google Drive. Do not provide the path if the folder is nested within others.

If one of `drive.folder` or `save.drive.folder` are used then `user.email` is required to access the appropriate Google Drive user account. This requires users to have installed R package `googledrive` and initialised Google Drive with valid log-in credentials. Please follow instructions on <https://googledrive.tidyverse.org/>.

## Examples

```
data("sample_explan_data")
variablenames<-c("eight_sum_prec", "year_sum_prec", "grass_crop_percentage")

model <- brt_fit(sample_explan_data,
                 response.col = "presence.absence",
                 varnames = variablenames,
                 interaction.depth = 1,
                 distribution = "bernoulli")

data(sample_cov_data)
utils::write.csv(sample_cov_data, file=paste0(tempdir(), "/2018-04-01_covariates.csv"))

dynamic_proj(dates = "2018-04-01",
             projection.method = c("proportional"),
             local.directory = tempdir(),
             cov.file.type = "csv",
             sdm.mod = model,
             save.directory = tempdir())
```



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dynamic\_proj\_covariates

*Combine explanatory variable rasters into covariates for each projection date.*

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## Description

Explanatory variable rasters are imported, resampled to given spatial resolution and extent, stacked and then exported as a covariate data frame or raster stack for each projection date.

## Usage

```
dynamic_proj_covariates(
  dates,
  varnames,
  drive.folder,
  user.email,
  local.directory,
  spatial.ext,
  spatial.mask,
  spatial.res.degrees,
  resample.method,
  cov.file.type,
  prj = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84",
  cov.prj,
  save.directory,
  save.drive.folder
)
```

## Arguments

dates	a character string, vector of dates in format "YYYY-MM-DD".
varnames	a character string, the unique names for each explanatory variable.
drive.folder	optional; a character string or vector, Google Drive folder or folders to read projection covariate rasters from. Folder must be uniquely named within Google Drive. Do not provide path.
user.email	optional; a character string, user email for initialising Google Drive. Required if drive.folder or save.drive.folder used.
local.directory	optional; a character string or vector, path to local directory or directories to read projection covariate rasters from.
spatial.ext	optional; the spatial extent to crop explanatory variable rasters to. Object of class Extent, RasterLayer, sf, SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, polygon or numeric vector listing xmin, xmax, ymin and ymax in order.
spatial.mask	an object of class Raster, sf or Spatial, represeting a mask in which NA cells in the mask layer are removed from the projection covariates.
spatial.res.degrees	optional; a numeric value, the spatial resolution in degrees for projection rasters to be resampled to. Required if spatial.ext given.

<code>resample.method</code>	a character string or vector length of varnames, specifying resampling method to use. One of "ngb" and "bilinear". See details for more information.
<code>cov.file.type</code>	a character string, the type of file to export projection covariates as. One of: tif (raster stack) or csv(data frame).
<code>prj</code>	a character string, the coordinate reference system desired for projection covariates. Default is "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84".
<code>cov.prj</code>	a character string, the coordinate reference system desired for output projection covariates. Default is assumed to be the same as prj.
<code>save.directory</code>	optional; a character string, path to local directory to save projection covariates to.
<code>save.drive.folder</code>	optional; a character string, Google Drive folder to save projection covariates to. Folder must be uniquely named within Google Drive. Do not provide path.

### Value

Exports combined covariates in csv or tif file for each projection date to local directory or Google Drive folder.

### Input variable rasters For each projection date, the rasters for each explanatory

variable are imported from a local directory or Google Drive folder.

Such rasters should be uniquely named "tif" files within the given directory or drive folder, containing the variable name (as stated in varnames) and projection date in format "YYYY-MM-DD". If more than one "tif" file in the Google Drive folder or local directory matches the projection date and explanatory variable name, then the function will error.

### Processing rasters If required, rasters are cropped and resampled to the same spatial extent and

resolution. If spatial.mask given, then NA in the mask layer are removed from the projection covariates. See `raster::mask()` in R package raster for details.

Rasters are then stacked and reprojected if `cov.prj` is different to `prj`.

Note: if explanatory variable rasters are not of the same spatial resolution and extent, then the function will error. Resample methods (`resample.method`) include:

- `ngb`: Each cell acquires the value of its nearest neighbour cell in the original raster. This is typically used for categorical variables.
- `bilinear`: the distance-weighted average of the four nearest cells are used to estimate a new cell value. This is typically used for continuous variables.

If only one `resample.method` is given, but these are more than one explanatory variables, the same `resample.method` is used for all.

### Output covariates

The raster stacks are then converted into data frames or raster stacks depending on `cov.file.type`. Column names or raster layer names will be the unique explanatory variable names (varnames). These are exported to the local directory or Google Drive folder with file names containing the relevant projection date in "YYYY-MM-DD" format.



```
resample.method = c("bilinear","bilinear"),
cov.file.type = "csv",
prj="+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84",
save.directory = temp.dir())
```

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dynamic_proj_dates	<i>Generate vector of dates for dynamic projections</i>
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## Description

Creates a vector of dates at regular intervals between two given dates.

## Usage

```
dynamic_proj_dates(startdate, enddate, interval.level, interval)
```

## Arguments

startdate	a character string, the start date in format "YYYY-MM-DD".
enddate	a character string, the end date in format "YYYY-MM-DD".
interval.level	a character string, the time-step of intervals. One of day,week, month or year: can be abbreviated.
interval	a numeric value, the length of interval in interval.level units to generate between the start and end date.

## Details

Function returns a vector of dates between start.date and end.date at given interval size.

## Value

Vector of dates between start date and end date split at regular intervals.

## Examples

```
dynamic_proj_dates(
  startdate = "2000-01-01",
  enddate = "2001-01-01",
  interval.level = "month",
  interval = 2
)
```

dynamic\_proj\_GIF

*Create GIF of dynamic species distribution and abundance projections***Description**

Plots dynamic species distribution and abundance projections through time and combines images into a GIF.

**Usage**

```
dynamic_proj_GIF(
  dates,
  projection.type,
  drive.folder,
  user.email,
  local.directory,
  save.drive.folder,
  save.directory,
  width = 480,
  height = 480,
  legend.max,
  legend.min,
  legend.name,
  file.name,
  colour.palette = "inferno"
)
```

**Arguments**

dates	a character vector , projection dates in format "YYYY-MM-DD".
projection.type	a character string, the type of distribution or abundance projection to plot. One of proportional, binary, abundance and stacked.
drive.folder	optional; a character string, the Google Drive folder to read projection rasters from. Folder must be uniquely named within Google Drive. Do not provide path.
user.email	optional; a character string, user email for initialising Google Drive. Required if drive.folder or save.drive.folder used.
local.directory	optional; a character string, the path to local directory to read projection rasters from.
save.drive.folder	optional; a character string, Google Drive folder to save GIF to. Folder must be uniquely named within Google Drive. Do not provide path.
save.directory	optional; a character string, path to local directory to save GIF to.
width	optional; a numeric value, the GIF width in pixels. Default = 480.
height	optional; a numeric value, the GIF height in pixels. Default = 480.
legend.max	optional; a numeric value, the maximum limit of legend values to standardise across projections.

legend.min	optional; a numeric value, the minimum limit of legend values to standardise across projections.
legend.name	optional; a character string, the name for the legend title. Default = projection.type.
file.name	optional, a character string, the name for the saved GIF file. Default = projection.type.
colour.palette	optional; a character string, the colormap option to use from viridis. See details for colour palette options.

## Details

Function reads in projection rasters for each date. These are plotted using ggplot2 and combined into a Graphics Interchange Format (GIF).

## Value

Exports GIF to Google Drive folder or local directory.

## Import projection rasters

Projection rasters for each date must be “tif” files that are uniquely named with the date in format YYYY-MM-DD and projection.type. If more than one file name matches the date and projection.type, the function will error.

## Google Drive compatibility

If drive.folder or save.drive.folder given, please ensure the folder name is unique within your Google Drive. Do not provide the path if the folder is nested within others.

If one of drive.folder or save.drive.folder are used then user.email is required to access the appropriate Google Drive user account. This requires users to have installed R package googledrive and initialised Google Drive with valid log-in credentials. Please follow instructions on <https://googledrive.tidyverse.org/>.

Options for colour palettes using viridis are illustrated at: [https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/scale\\_viridis.html](https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/scale_viridis.html). Available options include: "magma" (or "A"), "inferno" (or "B"), "plasma" (or "C"), "viridis" (or "D", the default option), "cividis" (or "E"), "rocket" (or "F"), "mako" (or "G") and "turbo" (or "H").

## References

Wickham, H., and Chang, W, 2016. Package ‘ggplot2’. Create elegant data visualisations using the grammar of graphics. Version, 2(1), pp.1-189.

## Examples

```
projectiondates <- dynamic_proj_dates(startdate = "2018-01-01",
                                     enddate = "2018-12-01",
                                     interval = 3,
                                     interval.level = "month")

data(sample_proj_rast)

# Save sample projection rasters to replicate output from `dynamic_proj()`
raster::writeRaster(
  sample_proj_rast,
  filename = paste0(tempdir(), "/", paste0(projectiondates, "_proportional.tif")),
```

```

    bylayer = TRUE,
    format = "GTiff",
    overwrite = TRUE
  )
  dynamic_proj_GIF(
    dates = projectiondates,
    projection.type = "proportional",
    local.directory = tempdir(),
    save.directory = tempdir()
  )

```

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extract\_buffered\_coords

*Extract spatially buffered and temporally dynamic explanatory variable data for occurrence records.*

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## Description

For each species occurrence record co-ordinate and date, spatially buffered and temporally dynamic explanatory data are extracted using Google Earth Engine.

## Usage

```

extract_buffered_coords(
  occ.data,
  datasetname,
  bandname,
  spatial.res.metres,
  GEE.math.fun,
  moving.window.matrix,
  user.email,
  save.method,
  varname,
  temporal.res,
  temporal.level,
  temporal.direction,
  categories,
  save.directory,
  agg.factor,
  prj = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84",
  resume = T
)

```

## Arguments

occ.data	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
datasetname	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset to extract data from.
bandname	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset bandname to extract data for.

<code>spatial.res.metres</code>	a numeric value, the spatial resolution in metres for data extraction.
<code>GEE.math.fun</code>	a character string, the mathematical function to compute across the specified spatial matrix and period for each record.
<code>moving.window.matrix</code>	a matrix of weights with an odd number of sides, representing the spatial neighbourhood of cells (“moving window”) to calculate <code>GEE.math.fun</code> across from record co-ordinate. See details for more information.
<code>user.email</code>	a character string, user email for initialising Google Drive.
<code>save.method</code>	a character string, the method used to save extracted variable data. One of <code>split</code> or <code>combined</code> : can be abbreviated. See details.
<code>varname</code>	optional; a character string, a unique name for the explanatory variable. Default <code>varname</code> is “ <code>bandname_temporal.res_temporal.direction_GEE.math.fun_buffered</code> ”.
<code>temporal.res</code>	optional; a numeric value, the temporal resolution in days to extract data and calculate <code>GEE.math.fun</code> across from occurrence record date.
<code>temporal.level</code>	a character string, the temporal resolution of the explanatory variable data. One of <code>day</code> , <code>month</code> or <code>year</code> : can be abbreviated. Default; <code>day</code> .
<code>temporal.direction</code>	optional; a character string, the temporal direction for extracting data across relative to the record date. One of <code>prior</code> or <code>post</code> : can be abbreviated.
<code>categories</code>	optional; a character string, the categories to use in calculation if data are categorical. See details for more information.
<code>save.directory</code>	a character string, path to a local directory to save extracted variable data to.
<code>agg.factor</code>	optional; a positive integer, the aggregation factor expressed as number of cells in each direction. See details.
<code>prj</code>	a character string, the coordinate reference system of <code>occ.data</code> coordinates. Default is “ <code>+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84</code> ”.
<code>resume</code>	a logical indicating whether to search <code>save.directory</code> and return to previous progress. Only possible if <code>save.method = split</code> has previously and currently been employed. Default = <code>T</code> .

## Details

For each individual species occurrence record co-ordinate and date, this function extracts data for a given band within a Google Earth Engine dataset across a user-specified spatial buffer and temporal period and calculates a mathematical function on such data.

## Value

Returns details of successful explanatory variable extractions.

## Temporal dimension

If `temporal.res` and `temporal.direction` are not given, the function extracts explanatory variable data for all of the cells surrounding and including the cell containing the occurrence record co-ordinates.

If `temporal.res` and `temporal.direction` is given, the function extracts explanatory variable data for which `GEE.math.fun` has been first calculated over this period in relation to the occurrence record date.



### Spatial dimension

Using the focal function from raster R package (Hijmans et al., 2015), `GEE.math.fun` is calculated across the spatial buffer area from the record co-ordinate. The spatial buffer area used is specified by the argument `moving.window.matrix`, which dictates the neighbourhood of cells surrounding the cell containing the occurrence record to include in this calculation.

See function `get_moving_window()` to generate appropriate `moving.window.matrix`.

### Mathematical function

`GEE.math.fun` specifies the mathematical function to be calculated over the spatial buffered area and temporal period. Options are limited to Google Earth Engine ImageCollection Reducer functions (<https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/apidocs/>) for which an analogous R function is available. This includes: "allNonZero", "anyNonZero", "count", "first", "firstNonNull", "last", "lastNonNull", "max", "mean", "median", "min", "mode", "product", "sampleStdDev", "sampleVariance", "stdDev", "sum" and "variance".

### Categorical data

When explanatory variable data are categorical (e.g. land cover classes), argument `categories` can be used to specify the categories of importance to the calculation. The category or categories given will be converted in a binary representation, with "1" for those listed, and "0" for all others in the dataset. Ensure that the `GEE.math.fun` given is appropriate for such data. For example, the sum of suitable land cover classified cells across the "moving window" from the species occurrence record co-ordinates.

### Categorical data and temporally dynamic variables

Please be aware, if specific categories are given (argument `categories`) when extracting categorical data, then temporal buffering cannot be completed. The most recent categorical data to the occurrence record date will be used and spatial buffering will take place.

If, specific categories are not given when extracting from categorical datasets, be careful to choose appropriate mathematical functions for such data. For instance, "first" or "last" may be more relevant than "sum" of land cover classification numbers.

### Temporal level to extract data at:

`temporal.level` states the temporal resolution of the explanatory variable data and improves the speed of `extract_buffered_coords()` extraction. For example, if the explanatory data represents an annual variable, then all record co-ordinates from the same year can be extracted from the same buffered raster, saving computation time. However, if the explanatory data represents a daily variable, then only records from the exact same day can be extracted from the same raster. For the former, `temporal.level` argument should be year and for the latter, `temporal.level` should be day.

### Aggregation factor

`agg.factor` given represents the factor to aggregate RasterLayer data with function `aggregate` in raster R package (Hijmans et al., 2015). Aggregation uses the `GEE.math.fun` as the function. Following aggregation spatial buffering using the moving window matrix occurs. This is included to minimise computing time if data are of high spatial resolution and a large spatial buffer is needed. Ensure to calculate `get_moving_window()` with the spatial resolution of the data post-aggregation by this factor.



```

extract_buffered_coords(occ.data = sample_filt_data,
                        datasetname = "MODIS/006/MCD12Q1",
                        bandname = "LC_Type5",
                        spatial.res.metres = 500,
                        GEE.math.fun = "sum",
                        moving.window.matrix=matrix,
                        user.email = user.email,
                        save.method ="split",
                        temporal.level = "year",
                        categories = c(6,7),
                        agg.factor = 12,
                        varname = "total_grass_crop_lc",
                        save.directory = temp.dir()
)

```

---

extract\_buffered\_raster

*Extract spatially buffered and temporally dynamic rasters of explanatory variable data.*

---

## Description

Extract rasters for spatially buffered and temporally dynamic explanatory variables at each projection date using Google Earth Engine.

## Usage

```

extract_buffered_raster(
  dates,
  spatial.ext,
  datasetname,
  bandname,
  temporal.level,
  spatial.res.metres,
  GEE.math.fun,
  moving.window.matrix,
  user.email,
  varname,
  temporal.res,
  temporal.direction,
  categories,
  save.directory,
  agg.factor,
  save.drive.folder
)

```

## Arguments

**dates**                      a character string, vector of dates in format "YYYY-MM-DD".

<code>spatial.ext</code>	the spatial extent for the extracted raster. Object from which extent can be extracted of class <code>Extent</code> , <code>RasterLayer</code> , <code>SpatialPolygonsDataFrame</code> , <code>sf</code> or polygon or numeric vector listing <code>xmin</code> , <code>xmax</code> , <code>ymin</code> and <code>ymax</code> in order.
<code>datasetname</code>	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset to extract data from.
<code>bandname</code>	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset bandname to extract data for.
<code>temporal.level</code>	a character string indicating the temporal resolution of the remote-sensing dataset ( <code>datasetname</code> ). One of <code>day</code> , <code>month</code> or <code>year</code> : can be abbreviated. Default; <code>day</code> .
<code>spatial.res.metres</code>	a numeric value, specifying the spatial resolution in metres of the raster to be extracted.
<code>GEE.math.fun</code>	a character string, the mathematical function to compute across the specified period and spatial buffer from each projection date and cell.
<code>moving.window.matrix</code>	a matrix of weights with an odd number of sides to specify spatial neighbourhood of cells ("moving window") to calculate <code>GEE.math.fun</code> across for each cell in <code>spatial.ext</code> . See details for more information.
<code>user.email</code>	a character string, user email for initialising Google Drive.
<code>varname</code>	optional; a character string, the unique name for the explanatory variable. Default varname is " <code>bandname_temporal.res_temporal.direction_GEE.math.fun_buffered_raster</code> ".
<code>temporal.res</code>	optional; a numeric value, the temporal resolution in days prior or post each projection date to calculate <code>GEE.math.fun</code> across.
<code>temporal.direction</code>	optional; a character string, the temporal direction for extracting dynamic variable data across relative to each projection date given. One of <code>prior</code> or <code>post</code> : can be abbreviated.
<code>categories</code>	optional; a character string, the categories to use in the calculation if data are categorical. See details for more information.
<code>save.directory</code>	optional; a character string, path to local directory to save extracted rasters to.
<code>agg.factor</code>	optional; a positive integer, the aggregation factor expressed as number of cells in each direction. See details.
<code>save.drive.folder</code>	optional; a character string, Google Drive folder to save extracted rasters to. Folder must be uniquely named within Google Drive. Do not provide path.

## Details

For each projection date, this function downloads rasters at given spatial extent and resolution for spatially buffered and temporally dynamic explanatory variables. Rasters are saved directly to Google Drive, with option to export to local directory too. These can be combined to create projection covariate data frames for projection dynamic species distribution and abundance at high spatiotemporal resolution

## Value

Returns details of successful explanatory variable raster extractions for each projection date.

### Temporal dimension

If `temporal.res` and `temporal.direction` are not given, explanatory variable data for all cells within `spatial.ext` are extracted. If `temporal.res` and `temporal.direction` are given, explanatory variable data for all cells within `spatial.ext` are extracted, for which `GEE.math.fun` has been first calculated over the specified period in relation to the projection date (prior or post).

### Categorical data and temporally dynamic variables

Please be aware, if specific categories are given (argument `categories`) when extracting categorical data, then temporal buffering cannot be completed. The most recent categorical data to the occurrence record date will be used and spatial buffering will take place.

If, specific categories are not given when extracting from categorical datasets, be careful to choose appropriate mathematical functions for such data. For instance, "first" or "last" may be more relevant than "sum" of land cover classification numbers.

### Spatial dimension

Using the `focal` function in raster R package (Hijmans et al., 2015), `GEE.math.fun` is calculated across the spatial buffer area from each cell in `spatial.ext`. The spatial buffer area used is defined by `moving.window` matrix, which dictates the neighbourhood of cells surrounding each cell in `spatial.ext` to include in the calculation. See [get\\_moving\\_window](#).

### Mathematical function

`GEE.math.fun` specifies the mathematical function to be calculated over the spatial buffered area and temporal period. Options are limited to Google Earth Engine ImageCollection Reducer functions (<https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/apidocs/>) for which an analogous R function is available. This includes: "allNonZero", "anyNonZero", "count", "first", "firstNonNull", "last", "lastNonNull", "max", "mean", "median", "min", "mode", "product", "sampleStdDev", "sampleVariance", "stdDev", "sum" and "variance".

### Categorical data

If explanatory variable data are categorical (e.g. land cover classes), `categories` can be used to specify the categories of importance to the calculation. The category or categories given will be converted in a binary representation, with "1" for those listed, and "0" for all others in the dataset. Ensure that the `GEE.math.fun` given is appropriate for such data.

For example, this function could return the sum of suitable land cover classified cells in the "moving window" from each cell across spatial extent given.

### Aggregation factor

`agg.factor` given represents the factor to aggregate RasterLayer data with function `aggregate` in raster R package (Hijmans et al., 2015). Aggregation uses the `GEE.math.fun` as the function. Following aggregation spatial buffering using the moving window matrix occurs. This is included to minimise computing time if data are of high spatial resolution and a large spatial buffer is needed. Ensure to calculate `get_moving_window()` with the spatial resolution of the data post-aggregation by this factor.



```
save.directory = temp.dir())
```

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```
extract_coords_combine
```

*Combine extracted explanatory variable data for occurrence records into single data frame.*

---

## Description

Combines the split output files from functions `extract_dynamic_coords()` and `extract_buffered_coords()` into single data frame containing all occurrence records and explanatory variables.

## Usage

```
extract_coords_combine(varnames, local.directory)
```

## Arguments

`varnames` a character string, the unique names for each explanatory variable.

`local.directory` a character string or vector, the path to local directory or directories to read extracted explanatory data frames from.

## Details

When functions `extract_dynamic_coords()` and `extract_buffered_coords()` have been used to extract dynamic explanatory variables for occurrence records, the output for individual records and each variable will be split into separate “csv” files.

This function reads in these files and combines data into a single data frame containing each occurrence records and associated explanatory data from each variable.

To prevent error, the “csv” files must be uniquely named within the folder(s) and include an exact character match for the `varnames` provided. All “csv” files matching the `varnames` should have the same number and names of columns. This is the default output of `extract_dynamic_coords()` and `extract_buffered_coords()`.

## Value

Returns a data frame containing all occurrence records with associated explanatory variable data.

## Examples

```
data(sample_filt_data)
```

```
dynamicSDM::extract_dynamic_coords(
  occ.data = sample_filt_data,
  datasetname = "UCSB-CHG/CHIRPS/DAILY",
  bandname = "precipitation",
  spatial.res.metres = 10000,
  GEE.math.fun = "sum",
  temporal.direction = "prior",
```

```

    temporal.res = 56,
    save.method = "split",
    varname = "eightweekprec",
    save.directory = tempdir()
  )
dynamicSDM::extract_dynamic_coords(
  occ.data = sample_filt_data,
  datasetname = "UCSB-CHG/CHIRPS/DAILY",
  bandname = "precipitation",
  spatial.res.metres = 10000,
  GEE.math.fun = "sum",
  temporal.direction = "prior",
  temporal.res = 364,
  save.method = "combined",
  varname = "annualweekprec",
  save.directory = tempdir()
)

extract_coords_combine(varnames = c("eightweekprec", "annualweekprec"), local.directory = tempdir())

```

---

extract\_dynamic\_coords

*Extract temporally dynamic explanatory variable data for occurrence records.*

---

## Description

For each species occurrence record co-ordinate and date, temporally dynamic explanatory data are extracted using Google Earth engine

## Usage

```

extract_dynamic_coords(
  occ.data,
  datasetname,
  bandname,
  spatial.res.metres,
  GEE.math.fun,
  save.method,
  temporal.res,
  temporal.direction,
  varname,
  resume = F,
  save.directory
)

```

## Arguments

occ.data	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
datasetname	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset to extract data from.



bandname	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset bandname to extract data for.
spatial.res.metres	a numeric value, the spatial resolution in metres for data extraction.
GEE.math.fun	a character string, the mathematical function to compute across the temporal.res period for each record.
save.method	a character string, the method used to save extracted variable data. One of split or combined: can be abbreviated. See details.
temporal.res	a numeric value, the temporal resolution in days to extract data and calculate GEE.math.fun across from each record's date.
temporal.direction	a character string, the temporal direction for extracting data across relative to the record date. One of prior or post: can be abbreviated.
varname	optional; a character string, the unique name for the explanatory variable. Default varname is "bandname_temporal.res_temporal.direction_GEE.math.fun".
resume	a logical indicating whether to search save.directory and start from previous progress by function. Only possible if save.method = split has been used.
save.directory	a character string, the path to a local directory to save extracted variable data to.

## Details

For each individual species occurrence record co-ordinate and date, this function extracts data for a given band within a Google Earth Engine dataset across a user-specified period and calculates a mathematical function on such data.

## Value

Returns details of successful explanatory variable extractions.

## Google Earth Engine

extract\_dynamic\_coords() requires users to have installed R package rgee (Aybar et al., 2020) and initialised Google Earth Engine with valid log-in credentials. Please follow instructions on the following website <https://cran.r-project.org/package=rgee>.

- datasetname must be in the accepted Google Earth Engine catalogue layout (e.g. "MODIS/006/MCD12Q1" or "UCSB-CHG/CHIRPS/DAILY")
- bandname must be as specified under the dataset in the Google Earth Engine catalogue (e.g. "LC\_Type5", "precipitation"). For datasets and band names, see <https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/datasets>.

## Mathematical function

GEE.math.fun specifies the mathematical function to be calculated over the temporal period from each record's date. Options are limited to Google Earth Engine ImageCollection Reducer functions (<https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/apidocs/>) for which an analogous R function is available. This includes: "allNonZero", "anyNonZero", "count", "first", "firstNonNull", "last", "lastNonNull", "max", "mean", "median", "min", "mode", "product", "sampleStdDev", "sampleVariance", "stdDev", "sum" and "variance".

### Categorical data

Please be aware, at current this function does not support the extraction of temporally dynamic variables for specific categories within categorical datasets.

When extracting from categorical datasets, be careful to choose appropriate mathematical functions for such data. For instance, "first" or "last" may be more relevant than "sum" of land cover classification numbers.

However, some accepted mathematical functions such as "first" or "last" may be appropriate for such datasets.

### Exporting extracted data

For `save.method = combined`, the function will save "csv" files containing all occurrence records and associated values for the explanatory variable.

For `save.method = split`, the function will save individual "csv" files for each record with each unique period of the given `temporal.level` (e.g. each year, each year and month combination or each unique date).

`split` protects users if internet connection is lost when extracting data for large occurrence datasets. The argument `resume` can be used to resume to previous progress if connection is lost.

### References

Aybar, C., Wu, Q., Bautista, L., Yali, R. and Barja, A., 2020. `rgee`: An R package for interacting with Google Earth Engine. *Journal of Open Source Software*, 5(51), p.2272.

### Examples

```
data(sample_filt_data)

extract_dynamic_coords(occ.data=sample_filt_data,
  datasetname = "UCSB-CHG/CHIRPS/DAILY",
  bandname="precipitation",
  spatial.res.metres = 5566 ,
  GEE.math.fun = "sum",
  temporal.direction = "prior",
  temporal.res = 364,
  save.method = "split",
  resume = TRUE,
  varname = "total_annual_precipitation_prior",
  save.directory= temp.dir)
```

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extract\_dynamic\_raster

*Extract temporally dynamic rasters of explanatory variables.*

---

## Description

Extract rasters for temporally dynamic explanatory variables at each projection date using Google Earth Engine.

## Usage

```
extract_dynamic_raster(
  dates,
  spatial.ext,
  datasetname,
  bandname,
  spatial.res.metres,
  GEE.math.fun,
  user.email,
  varname,
  temporal.res,
  temporal.direction,
  save.directory,
  save.drive.folder
)
```

## Arguments

dates	a character string, vector of dates in format "YYYY-MM-DD".
spatial.ext	the spatial extent for the extracted raster. Object from which extent can be extracted of class Extent, RasterLayer, SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, sf or polygon or numeric vector listing xmin, xmax, ymin and ymax in order.
datasetname	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset to extract data from.
bandname	a character string, the Google Earth Engine dataset bandname to extract data for.
spatial.res.metres	a numeric value, specifying the spatial resolution in metres of the raster to be extracted.
GEE.math.fun	a character string, the mathematical function to compute across the specified time frame from each projection date and for each cell.
user.email	a character string, user email for initialising Google Drive.
varname	optional; a character string, the unique name for the explanatory variable. Default varname is "bandname_temporal.res_temporal.direction_GEE.math.fun_raster".
temporal.res	a numeric value, the temporal resolution in days to extract data across.
temporal.direction	a character string, the temporal direction for extracting dynamic variable data across relative to each projection date given. One of prior or post: can be abbreviated.
save.directory	optional; a character string, path to local directory to save extracted rasters to.
save.drive.folder	optional; a character string, Google Drive folder name to save extracted rasters to. Folder must be uniquely named within your Google Drive. Do not provide path.

## Details

For each projection date, this function downloads rasters at given spatial extent and resolution for specified temporally dynamic explanatory variables. For each cell in spatial extent, the `GEE.math.fun` is calculated for data extracted across the specified number of days prior or post the projection date. Rasters of such data are saved directly to Google Drive, with option to export to local directory too. These can be combined to create projection covariate data frames for projection dynamic species distribution and abundance at high spatiotemporal resolution

## Value

Returns details of successful explanatory variable extractions for each projection date.

## Google Earth Engine

`extract_dynamic_raster()` requires users to have installed R package `rgee` (Aybar et al., 2020) and initialised Google Earth Engine with valid log-in credentials. Please follow instructions on the following website <https://cran.r-project.org/package=rgee>.

- `datasetname` must be in the accepted Google Earth Engine catalogue layout (e.g. "MODIS/006/MCD12Q1" or "UCSB-CHG/CHIRPS/DAILY")
- `bandname` must be as specified under the dataset in the Google Earth Engine catalogue (e.g. "LC\_Type5", "precipitation"). For datasets and band names, see <https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/datasets>.

## Google Drive

`extract_dynamic_raster()` also requires users to have installed the R package `googledrive` (D'Agostino McGowan and Bryan, 2022) and initialised Google Drive with valid log-in credentials, which must be stated using argument `user.email`. Please follow instructions on <https://googledrive.tidyverse.org/> for initialising the `googledrive` package.

The `save.drive.folder` must be uniquely named within your Google Drive and do not provide the path.

Note: When running this function a folder labelled "dynamicSDM\_download\_bucket" will be created in your Google Drive. This will be emptied once the function has finished running and output rasters will be found in the `save.drive.folder` or `save.directory` specified.

## Mathematical function

`GEE.math.fun` specifies the mathematical function to be calculated over the temporal period from each projection date. Options are limited to Google Earth Engine ImageCollection Reducer functions (<https://developers.google.com/earth-engine/apidocs/>) for which an analogous R function is available. This includes: "allNonZero", "anyNonZero", "count", "first", "firstNonNull", "last", "lastNonNull", "max", "mean", "median", "min", "mode", "product", "sampleStdDev", "sampleVariance", "stdDev", "sum" and "variance".

## Categorical data

Please be aware, at current this function does not support the extraction of temporally dynamic variables for specific categories within categorical datasets.

When extracting from categorical datasets, be careful to choose appropriate mathematical functions for such data. For instance, "first" or "last" may be more relevant than "sum" of land cover classification numbers.

## References

Aybar, C., Wu, Q., Bautista, L., Yali, R. and Barja, A., 2020. rgee: An R package for interacting with Google Earth Engine. Journal of Open Source Software, 5(51), p.2272.

D’Agostino McGowan L., and Bryan J., 2022. googledrive: An Interface to Google Drive. <https://googledrive.tidyverse.org>  
<https://github.com/tidyverse/googledrive>.

## Examples

```
dates <- dynamic_proj_dates("2018-01-01", "2018-12-01", interval = 3, interval.level = "month")
```

```
data("sample_extent_data")
user.email <- as.character(gargle::gargle_oauth_sitrep())$email
```

```
extract_dynamic_raster(dates = dates,
  datasetname = "UCSB-CHG/CHIRPS/DAILY",
  bandname = "precipitation",
  user.email = user.email,
  save.drive.folder = "mydrivefolder",
  spatial.res.metres = 5566,
  GEE.math.fun = "sum",
  temporal.direction = "prior",
  temporal.res = 56,
  spatial.ext = sample_extent_data,
  varname = "total_annual_precipitation_prior",
  save.directory = temp.dir())
```

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get_moving_window	<i>Generate a “moving window” matrix of optimal size</i>
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## Description

Calculates an optimal “moving window” matrix size for use when extracting spatially buffered explanatory variables, by using the radius of interest and spatial resolution of environmental data.

## Usage

```
get_moving_window(
  radial.distance,
  spatial.res.degrees,
  spatial.res.metres,
  spatial.ext
)
```

## Arguments

**radial.distance**  
 a numeric value, the radius of interest in metres.

<code>spatial.res.degrees</code>	a numeric value, the spatial resolution in degrees of explanatory variable data.
<code>spatial.res.metres</code>	a numeric value, the spatial resolution in metres of explanatory variable data.
<code>spatial.ext</code>	the spatial extent of the study. Object from which extent can be extracted of class <code>Extent</code> , <code>RasterLayer</code> , <code>sf</code> or polygon or numeric vector listing <code>xmin</code> , <code>xmax</code> , <code>ymin</code> and <code>ymax</code> in order.

### Value

Returns "moving window" matrix with an odd number of sides and equal weights.

### Importance for other functions in dynamicSDM To extract spatially buffered explanatory

variable data using dynamicSDM functions `extract_buffered_coords()` or `extract_buffered_raster()`, a "moving window" matrix specifying the neighbourhood of cells to include in the calculation is required.

For example, by using a three by three "moving window" matrix of equal weights, the explanatory variable would be calculated across the nine grid cells neighbouring the cell of interest and the cell of interest.

### Why use a moving window matrix instead of circular buffer? The benefit of using a "moving

window" over calculating explanatory variable values across a set radius from each record co-ordinate, is that when generating projection rasters at high spatial and temporal resolution, these can be generated much faster as the "moving windows" standardise the calculation.

### Function calculation

- 1. To calculate the "moving window" matrix size, the `get_moving_window()` function first calculates the circular area of interest, using the user-specified radius of interest and the equation for area of a circle.

This radius should be chosen to represent the radial distance from species occurrence record co-ordinates that the explanatory variable data might be relevant and impact species presence.

- 1. Then, the average grid cell area of the explanatory variable data (derived from user-provided spatial resolution and extent) is calculated. If `spatial.res.degrees` is given then `spatial.ext` is required to calculate average cell area size. If `spatial.res.metres` is given then average cell area is calculated by squaring this value to get cell area in square metres.
- 1. Finally, the function then calculates the optimal "moving window" matrix that best matches circular area of interest with the "moving window" matrix area. The matrix of weights will have an odd number of sides.

### Examples

```
get_moving_window(radial.distance = 100000, spatial.res.metres = 111320)
```

```
data(sample_extent_data)
get_moving_window(
  radial.distance = 100000,
  spatial.res.degrees = 0.5,
  spatial.ext = sample_extent_data
)
```

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sample_biome_data	<i>Biome classification raster for southern Africa.</i>
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### Description

Categorical RasterLayer cropped to southern Africa at 0.08 degree resolution from OpenLandMap Potential Distribution of Biomes (Hengl et al., 2018).

### Usage

```
sample_biome_data
```

### Format

A RasterLayer

**class** RasterLayer

**dimensions** 4839, 3243, 15692877 (nrow, ncol, ncell)

**resolution** 0.008983153, 0.008983153 (x, y)

**extent** 11.71845, 40.85081, -47.89832, -4.428839 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)

**crs** "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +no\_defs"

**source** biome\_type\_2001-01-01.tif

**names** biome\_type\_2001-01-01.tif

**values** Numerical categorical value ranging from 0, 255 (min, max).

### References

Hengl T, Walsh MG, Sanderman J, Wheeler I, Harrison SP, Prentice IC. (2018) Global Mapping of Potential Natural Vegetation: An Assessment of Machine Learning Algorithms for Estimating Land Potential. PeerJ Preprints.

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sample_cov_data	<i>Sample projection covariates three variables across for southern Africa.</i>
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### Description

Data frame of co-ordinates and associated dynamic explanatory variable values for "2018-04-01" cropped to southern Africa at 2 degree resolution.

### Usage

```
sample_cov_data
```

**Format**

A data frame with 225 rows and 6 variables

**X** row name

**x** grid cell longitude

**y** grid cell latitude

**eight\_sum\_prec** sum Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation With Station Data (Funk et al., 2015) total daily precipitation at record co-ordinate across 52-weeks prior to "2018-04-01" (mm).

**grass\_crop\_percentage** total number of MODIS Land Cover Type Yearly 500m (Friedl et al., 2019) "cereal cropland" and "grassland" cells in surrounding area of record co-ordinate in 2018.

**year\_sum\_prec** sum Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation With Station Data (Funk et al., 2015) total daily precipitation at record co-ordinate across 52-weeks prior to "2018-04-01" (mm).

**References**

Friedl, M., Sulla-Menashe, D. (2019). MCD12Q1 MODIS/Terra+Aqua Land Cover Type Yearly L3 Global 500m SIN Grid V006. NASA EOSDIS Land Processes DAAC. Accessed 2022-11-24 from

Funk, Chris, Pete Peterson, Martin Landsfeld, Diego Pedreros, James Verdin, Shraddhanand Shukla, Gregory Husak, James Rowland, Laura Harrison, Andrew Hoell & Joel Michaelsen. "The climate hazards infrared precipitation with stations-a new environmental record for monitoring extremes". Scientific Data 2, 150066.

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sample_events_data	<i>Sample e-Bird sampling event records</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing a sample of e-Bird sampling events for all bird species across southern Africa between 2000-2020 (Fink et al., 2021, GBIF, 2021). The variables are as follows:

**Usage**

sample\_events\_data

**Format**

A data frame with 1000 rows and 5 variables:

**day** avian e-Bird sampling event day.

**month** avian e-Bird sampling event month.

**year** avian e-Bird sampling event year.

**y** avian e-Bird sampling event latitude.

**x** avian e-Bird sampling event longitude.



## References

Fink, D., T. Auer, A. Johnston, M. Strimas-Mackey, O. Robinson, S. Ligocki, W. Hochachka, L. Jaromczyk, C. Wood, I. Davies, M. Iliff, L. Seitz. 2021. eBird Status and Trends, Data Version: 2020; Released: 2021. Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca, New York. doi: [10.2173/ebirdst.2020](https://doi.org/10.2173/ebirdst.2020)  
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sample_explan_data	<i>Sample species occurrence records with associated dynamic explanatory variables</i>
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## Description

A dataset containing a sample of the bird species, the red-billed quelea (*Quelea quelea*), distribution records from between 2002-2019 (GBIF 2021, GBIF 2022); generated pseudo-absence records, and associated extracted dynamic explanatory variables. The variables are as follows:

## Usage

```
sample_explan_data
```

## Format

A data frame with 330 rows and 17 variables:

**x** species occurrence record longitude.

**y** species occurrence record latitude.

**year** species occurrence record year.

**month** species occurrence record month.

**day** species occurrence record day.

**decimalLatitude** species occurrence record latitude.

**decimalLongitude** species occurrence record longitude.

**occurrenceStatus** species presence or absence character.

**source** source of occurrence or pseudo-absence data point.

**species** name of species occurrence records belong to name

**SAMP\_EFFORT** total number of avian e-Bird sampling events within spatiotemporal buffer of occurrence record location and dates.

**REL\_SAMP\_EFFORT** proportion of total number of avian e-Bird sampling events within spatiotemporal buffer of occurrence record location and dates relative to other records

**unique.ID.DYN** unique id value assigned when extracting dynamic explanatory variable data

**eight\_sum\_prec** sum Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation With Station Data (Funk et al., 2016) total daily precipitation at record co-ordinate across 52-weeks prior to record date (mm).

**grass\_crop\_percentage** total number of MODIS Land Cover Type Yearly 500m (Friedl & Sulla-Menashe, 2019) "cereal cropland" and "grassland" cells in surrounding area of record co-ordinate in record year.

**year\_sum\_prec** sum Climate Hazards Group InfraRed Precipitation With Station Data (CHIRPS Daily) total daily precipitation at record co-ordinate across 52-weeks prior to record date (mm).

**presence.absence** binary species presence or absence at record location and date.

## References

Friedl, M., Sulla-Menashe, D. (2019). MCD12Q1 MODIS/Terra+Aqua Land Cover Type Yearly L3 Global 500m SIN Grid V006. NASA EOSDIS Land Processes DAAC.

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sample_extent_data	<i>MULTIPOLYGON object for the extent of southern Africa</i>
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## Description

A MULTIPOLYGON (package "sf") object containing polygons for each country within southern Africa. The variables are as follows:

## Usage

```
sample_extent_data
```

## Format

A simple feature collection with 10 features and 1 field.

**geometry** MULTIPOLYGON object co-ordinates for country boundaries.

**name** name of country the polygon represents.

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sample_filt_data	<i>Sample of filtered species occurrence records</i>
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## Description

A dataset containing a sample of the bird species, the red-billed quelea (*Quelea quelea*), distribution records (GBIF 2021 & GBIF 2022) that have been filtered to special extent of southern Africa and quality checked using dynamicSDM functions. The variables are as follows:

## Usage

```
sample_filt_data
```

**Format**

A data frame with 330 rows and 12 variables:

**x** species occurrence record x

**y** species occurrence record y

**year** species occurrence record year.

**month** species occurrence record month.

**day** species occurrence record day.

**decimalLatitude** species occurrence record latitude.

**decimalLongitude** species occurrence record longitude.

**occurrenceStatus** species presence or absence character.

**source** source of occurrence or pseudo-absence data point.

**species** name of species occurrence records belong to name

**SAMP\_EFFORT** total number of avian e-Bird sampling events within spatiotemporal buffer of occurrence record location and dates.

**REL\_SAMP\_EFFORT** proportion of total number of avian e-Bird sampling events within spatiotemporal buffer of occurrence record location and dates relative to other records

**References**

GBIF.org (12 July 2021) GBIF Occurrence Download doi: [10.15468/dl.ppcu6q](https://doi.org/10.15468/dl.ppcu6q)

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sample_occ_data	<i>Sample species occurrence records</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing a sample of the bird species, the red-billed quelea (*Quelea quelea*), distribution records between 1976-2021 (GBIF 2021 & GBIF 2022). The variables are as follows:

**Usage**

sample\_occ\_data

**Format**

A data frame with 600 rows and 7 variables:

**year** species occurrence record year.

**month** species occurrence record month.

**day** species occurrence record day.

**decimalLatitude** species occurrence record latitude.

**decimalLongitude** species occurrence record longitude.

**occurrenceStatus** species presence or absence character.

**source** source of occurrence or pseudo-absence data point.

## References

GBIF.org (12 July 2021) GBIF Occurrence Download doi: [10.15468/dl.ppcu6q](https://doi.org/10.15468/dl.ppcu6q)

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sample_proj_rast	<i>Distribution suitability projections for red-billed quelea in southern Africa</i>
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## Description

RasterBrick of distribution suitability projections for red-billed quelea across southern at one degree resolution for the dates: "2018-01-01", "2018-04-01", "2018-07-01" and "2018-10-01". A value of 1 represents high suitability and a value of 0 low suitability.

## Usage

```
sample_proj_rast
```

## Format

A RasterBrick

**class** RasterBrick

**dimensions** 31, 30, 930, 4 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)

**resolution** 1, 1 (x, y)

**extent** 11.6901, 41.6901, -35.43802, -4.438023 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)

**crs** "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84 +no\_defs"

**source** memory

**names** X2018.01.01\_proportional, X2018.04.01\_proportional, X2018.07.01\_proportional, X2018.10.01\_proportional

**min values** Numerical minimum distribution suitability projected in each layer.

**max values** Numerical maximum distribution suitability projected in each layer.

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spatiotemp_autocorr	<i>Test for spatial and temporal autocorrelation in species distribution model explanatory data.</i>
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## Description

Function performs statistical tests to assess spatial and temporal autocorrelation in given explanatory variable data.

## Usage

```
spatiotemp_autocorr(occ.data, varname, temporal.level, plot = F)
```

## Arguments

<code>occ.data</code>	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day" and associated explanatory data.
<code>varname</code>	a character string or vector, the name(s) of the columns within <code>occ.data</code> containing data to test for autocorrelation.
<code>temporal.level</code>	a character string or vector, the time step(s) to test for temporal autocorrelation at. One or multiple of day or month, year. Can be abbreviated.
<code>plot</code>	a logical indicating whether to generate plot of temporal autocorrelation. See details for plot description. Default = F.

## Details

To test for temporal autocorrelation, the function first calculates the average value across records for each time step (`temporal.level`). The correlation between the average value at one time point ( $t$ ) and the value at the previous time point ( $t-1$ ) is calculated and plotted (if `plot = T`) A significant relationship between values at consecutive data points indicates temporal autocorrelation is present.

To test for spatial autocorrelation, the function calculates a distance matrix between all record co-ordinates. Moran's I statistical test is calculated to test whether points closer in space have more similar values than those more distant from each other. Please note that NA values are removed before Moran's I calculation.

As the spatial autocorrelation calculation involves computation of a distance matrix between all occurrence records. To reduce computation time, it is recommended that a sample of large occurrence datasets are input.

## Value

Returns a list of temporal and spatial autocorrelation test results for each variable.

## Examples

```
data("sample_explan_data")
spatiotemp_autocorr(sample_explan_data,
  varname = c("year_sum_prec", "eight_sum_prec"),
  temporal.level = c("year", "month", "day"))
```

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spatiotemp\_bias

*Test for spatial and temporal bias in species occurrence records*


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## Description

Generates plots for visual assessment of spatial and temporal biases in occurrence records. Tests whether the spatiotemporal distribution of records is significantly different from the distribution from random sampling.

**Usage**

```
spatiotemp_bias(
  occ.data,
  temporal.level,
  plot = F,
  spatial.method = "simple",
  centroid,
  radius,
  prj = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>occ.data</code>	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
<code>temporal.level</code>	a character string or vector, the time step(s) to test for temporal bias at. One or multiple of day or month, year. Can be abbreviated.
<code>plot</code>	a logical indicating whether to generate plots of spatial and temporal bias. See details for plot descriptions.
<code>spatial.method</code>	a character string, the method calculate the spatial bias statistic. One of; simple, convex_hull or core. See details.
<code>centroid</code>	a numeric vector of length two, specifying the centroid co-ordinate in the order of longitude then latitude. Only required if <code>spatial.method = core</code> . Default is mean of all occurrence record co-ordinates.
<code>radius</code>	a numeric value, the radial distance from the given centroid co-ordinate to measure spatial bias within. Only required if <code>spatial.method = core</code> . See details for more information. Default is mean distance of all co-ordinates from centroid.
<code>prj</code>	a character string, the coordinate reference system of <code>occ.data</code> co-ordinates. Default is "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84".

**Value**

Returns list containing chi-squared and t-test results, and plots if specified.

**Temporal bias To assess temporal sampling bias, the function returns a histogram plot**

of the frequency distribution of records across the given time step specified by `temporal.level` (if `plot = T`). The observed frequency of sampling across the categorical time steps are compared to the distribution expected from random sampling, using a chi-squared test.

**Spatial bias To assess spatial sampling bias, the function returns a scatterplot of the spatial**

distribution of occurrence records to illustrate any spatial clustering (if `plot = T`). The average nearest neighbour distance of record co-ordinates is then compared to that of records randomly generated at same density using a t-test.

**Spatial bias: methods \* simple - generates the random points within a rectangle created using**

the minimum and maximum longitude and latitude of occurrence co-ordinates.

- `convex_hull` - generates the random points within the convex hull of occurrence record co-ordinates (i.e. the smallest convex set that contains all records).
- `core` - generates the random points within specified circular area generated from a centroid point and radius. If these arguments (centroid and radius) are not provided then centroid is calculated by averaging co-ordinates of all occurrence records, and radius is the mean distance away of all records from the centroid.

The core approach enables users to explore sampling bias in set areas of a species range. This may be valuable if species periphery-core relationships could lead to inaccurate inferences of sampling bias.

**Computation time**

As the spatial bias test involves the calculation of a distance matrix. To reduce computation time, it is recommended that only a representative sample of large occurrence datasets are input.

**Examples**

```
data(sample_explan_data)
bias_simple <- spatiotemp_bias(
  occ.data = sample_explan_data,
  temporal.level = c("day", "month", "year"),
  spatial.method = "simple",
  plot = FALSE
)
bias_core <-spatiotemp_bias(
  occ.data = sample_explan_data,
  temporal.level = c("day", "month", "year"),
  spatial.method = "core",
  plot = FALSE
)
```

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spatiotemp\_block

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*Split occurrence records into spatial and temporal blocks for model fitting.*


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**Description**

Splits occurrence records into spatial and temporal sampling units and groups sampling units into multiple blocks that have similar mean and range of environmental explanatory variables.

**Usage**

```
spatiotemp_block(
  occ.data,
  vars.to.block.by,
  spatial.layer,
  spatial.split.degrees,
  temporal.block,
```

```

    n.blocks = 10,
    iterations = 5000
)
```

### Arguments

<code>occ.data</code>	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day", and associated explanatory variable data.
<code>vars.to.block.by</code>	a character string or vector, the explanatory variable column names to group sampling units based upon.
<code>spatial.layer</code>	optional; a RasterLayer object, a categorical spatial layer for sampling unit splitting.
<code>spatial.split.degrees</code>	a numeric value, the grid cell resolution in degrees to split <code>spatial.layer</code> by. Required if <code>spatial.layer</code> given.
<code>temporal.block</code>	optional; a character string or vector, the time step for sampling unit splitting. Any combination of day, month, year or quarter. See details.
<code>n.blocks</code>	optional; a numeric value not equal to one, the number of blocks to group occurrence records into. Default; 10.
<code>iterations</code>	optional; a numeric value, the number of random block groupings to trial before selecting the optimal grouping. Default; 5000.

### Value

Returns occurrence data frame with column "BLOCK.CATS", assigning each record to a spatiotemporal block.

### Blocking for autocorrelation

Blocking is an established method to account for spatial autocorrelation in SDMs. Following Bagchi et al., (2013), the blocking method involves splitting occurrence data into sampling units based upon non-contiguous ecoregions, which are then grouped into spatially disaggregated blocks of approximately equal sample size, within which the mean and range of explanatory variable data are similar. When species distribution model fitting, blocks are left out in-turn in a jack-knife approach for model training and testing.

We adapt this approach to account for temporal autocorrelation by enabling users to split records into sampling units based upon spatial and temporal characteristic before blocking occurs.

### Spatial splitting

If the `spatial.layer` has categories that take up large contiguous areas, `spatiotemp_block()` will split categories into smaller units using grid cells at specified resolution (`spatial.split.degrees`).

### Temporal splitting

If `temporal.block` is given, then occurrence records with unique values for given level are considered unique sampling unit. For instance, if `temporal.block = year`, then records from the same year are considered a sampling unit to be grouped into blocks.

Note: If spatial splitting is also used, then spatial characteristics may split these further into separate sampling units.



The `temporal.block` option quarter splits occurrence records into sampling units based on which quarter of the year the record month belongs to: (1) January-March, (2) April-June, (3) July-September and (4) October-December. This could be employed if seasonal biases in occurrence record collection are driving autocorrelation.

### Block generation

Once split into sampling units based upon temporal and spatial characteristics, these units are then assigned into given number of blocks (`n.blocks`), so that the mean and range of explanatory variables (`vars.to.block.by`) and total size are similar across each. The number of iterations specifies how many random shuffles are used to optimise block equalisation.

### References

Bagchi, R., Crosby, M., Huntley, B., Hole, D. G., Butchart, S. H. M., Collingham, Y., Kalra, M., Rajkumar, J., Rahmani, A. & Pandey, M. 2013. Evaluating the effectiveness of conservation site networks under climate change: accounting for uncertainty. *Global Change Biology*, 19, 1236-1248.

### Examples

```
data("sample_explan_data")
data("sample_biome_data")

spatiotemp_block(
  occ.data = sample_explan_data,
  spatial.layer = sample_biome_data,
  spatial.split.degrees = 3,
  temporal.block = c("month"),
  vars.to.block.by = colnames(sample_explan_data)[14:16],
  n.blocks = 3,
  iterations = 50
)
```

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<code>spatiotemp_check</code>	<i>Check species occurrence record formatting, completeness and validity.</i>
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### Description

Checks the occurrence record data frame contains the column names and classes required for dynamicSDM functions. Option to exclude records containing missing, duplicate or invalid coordinates or dates.

### Usage

```
spatiotemp_check(
  occ.data,
  na.handle,
  duplicate.handle,
  coord.handle,
  date.handle,
  date.res = "day",
```

```

coordclean = F,
coordclean.species,
coordclean.handle = "exclude",
...
)

```

### Arguments

<code>occ.data</code>	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
<code>na.handle</code>	a character string, method for handling missing data (NA values) in record co-ordinates and dates. One of exclude or ignore: can be abbreviated. Default; exclude.
<code>duplicate.handle</code>	a character string, method for handling duplicate record co-ordinates or dates. One of exclude or ignore: can be abbreviated. Default; exclude.
<code>coord.handle</code>	a character string, method for handling invalid co-ordinates in record data. One of exclude or ignore: can be abbreviated. Default; exclude.
<code>date.handle</code>	a character string, method for handling invalid dates in record data. One of exclude or ignore: can be abbreviated. Default; exclude.
<code>date.res</code>	a character string, stating the temporal resolution to complete checks on. One of year, month or day. Default day.
<code>coordclean</code>	a logical indicating whether to run function <code>clean_coordinates</code> from package <code>CoordinateCleaner</code> on <code>occ.data</code> . Default = FALSE.
<code>coordclean.species</code>	a character string or vector, specifying the name of the species that all of <code>occ.data</code> records belong to, or a character vector the length of <code>nrow(occ.data)</code> specifying which species each record belongs to. Required if <code>coordclean = TRUE</code> .
<code>coordclean.handle</code>	a character string, method for handling records flagged by <code>CoordinateCleaner</code> . One of exclude or report. Default: exclude.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments passed onto <code>CoordinateCleaner</code> .

### Value

By default, returns occurrence record data frame, filtered to exclude records containing missing, duplicate or invalid data in record co-ordinates and dates.

### `date.res` argument

The `date.res` states the resolution to check dates at. This includes when searching for duplicate records, removing records with NA values and checking for invalid dates.

Record dates and co-ordinates are checked for validity using the following rules:

- Dates must be real dates that could exist. For example, 50th February 2000 is not a valid date.
- Co-ordinates must have longitude (x) values between -180 and 180, and latitude (y) values between -90 and 90 to be considered valid.

### CoordinateCleaner **compatibility**

`spatiotemp_check()` acts as a helper function for compatibility with the R package `CoordinateCleaner` (Zizka et al., 2019), which offers a diversity of functions for checking the co-ordinates of occurrence records.

If `coordclean = T`, then `coordclean.species` must be provided to identify which species each record belongs to. If `coordclean.handle = exclude` then all `occ.data` records flagged by `CoordinateCleaner::clean` as potentially erroneous are removed in the returned data. If `coordclean.handle = report`, then the in-built report output by `CoordinateCleaner::clean_coordinates()` is returned. This contains logicals specifying the potentially erroneous records.

### References

Zizka A, Silvestro D, Andermann T, Azevedo J, Duarte Ritter C, Edler D, Farooq H, Herdean A, Ariza M, Scharn R, Svanteson S, Wengstrom N, Zizka V, Antonelli A (2019). “CoordinateCleaner: standardized cleaning of occurrence records from biological collection databases.” *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, -7. doi: [10.1111/2041210X.13152](https://doi.org/10.1111/2041210X.13152), R package version 2.0-20, <https://github.com/ropensci/CoordinateCleaner>.

### Examples

```
data(sample_occ_data)
sample_occ_data<-convert_gbif(sample_occ_data)

nrow(sample_occ_data)

filtered<-spatiotemp_check(
  occ.data = sample_occ_data,
  coord.handle = "exclude",
  date.handle = "exclude",
  duplicate.handle = "exclude",
  na.handle = "exclude"
)
nrow(filtered)

## Not run:
filtered_CC<-spatiotemp_check(
  occ.data = sample_occ_data,
  coord.handle = "exclude",
  date.handle = "exclude",
  duplicate.handle = "exclude",
  na.handle = "exclude",
  coordclean = TRUE,
  coordclean.species = "quelea",
  coordclean.handle = "exclude"
)
nrow(filtered_CC)

## End(Not run)
```

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spatiotemp_extent	<i>Filter species occurrence records by a given spatial and temporal extent.</i>
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### Description

Function excludes species occurrence records with co-ordinates outside a given spatial extent and record dates outside a given temporal extent.

### Usage

```
spatiotemp_extent(
  occ.data,
  temporal.ext,
  spatial.ext,
  prj = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"
)
```

### Arguments

occ.data	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
temporal.ext	optional; a character vector, two dates in format "YYYY-MM-DD". First date represents start of temporal extent and second date represents end of temporal extent for inclusion.
spatial.ext	the spatial extent to filter by. Object from which extent can be extracted of class Extent, RasterLayer, SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, sf or polygon or numeric vector listing xmin, xmax, ymin and ymax in order.
prj	a character string, the coordinate reference system of input occ.data co-ordinates. Default is "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84".

### Value

Returns data frame of occurrence records filtered to the spatial and temporal extent given.

### Spatial extent

If spatial.ext is provided, spatiotemp\_extent() checks whether species occurrence record co-ordinates are within the given spatial extent of the study (spatial.ext) and excludes any outside of this extent.

If spatial.ext object can be used as a mask by raster::mask() then the mask is used to filter records in a more targetted way. If not, then the rectangular extent of the spatial.ext object is used. If an sf polygon object is provided, this is first transformed into a Spatial object for use by raster::mask().

### Temporal extent If temporal.ext is provided, spatiotemp\_extent() checks whether species

occurrence record dates are within the given temporal extent of the study and excludes any outside of this extent.

## Examples

```
data(sample_filt_data)
data(sample_extent_data)

results <- spatiotemp_extent(occ.data = sample_filt_data,
                             spatial.ext = sample_extent_data,
                             temporal.ext = c("2012-01-01", "2017-01-01"))
```

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spatiotemp\_pseudoabs    *Generate pseudo-absence record coordinates and dates*

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## Description

Function generates specified number of pseudo-absence record co-ordinates and dates either randomly or buffered in space and time.

## Usage

```
spatiotemp_pseudoabs(
  spatial.method,
  temporal.method,
  occ.data,
  spatial.ext,
  temporal.ext,
  spatial.buffer,
  temporal.buffer,
  n.pseudoabs = 100,
  prj = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"
)
```

## Arguments

<code>spatial.method</code>	a character string, the spatial method for pseudo-absence generation. One of buffer or random: can be abbreviated.
<code>temporal.method</code>	a character string, the temporal method for pseudo-absence generation. One of buffer or random: can be abbreviated.
<code>occ.data</code>	optional; a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day". Required if either <code>temporal.method</code> or <code>spatial.method</code> is buffer.
<code>spatial.ext</code>	the spatial extent to randomly generate pseudo-absences within. Object from which extent can be extracted of class <code>Extent</code> , <code>RasterLayer</code> , <code>SpatialPolygonsDataFrame</code> , <code>sf</code> or <code>polygon</code> or numeric vector listing <code>xmin</code> , <code>xmax</code> , <code>ymin</code> and <code>ymax</code> in order. Required if <code>spatial.method</code> is random, and optionally used if buffer. See details.
<code>temporal.ext</code>	optional; a character vector, two dates in format "YYYY-MM-DD". First represents start of temporal extent and second represents end of temporal extent to randomly generate pseudo-absences dates within. Required if <code>temporal.method</code> is random, and optionally used if buffer. See details.

<code>spatial.buffer</code>	optional; a numeric value or vector, the radius/radii in metres to generate buffered pseudo-absence coordinates within. Only required if <code>spatial.method</code> is <code>buffer</code> . See details.
<code>temporal.buffer</code>	optional; a numeric value or vector, the period(s) in days to generate buffered pseudo-absence dates within. Only required if <code>temporal.method</code> is <code>buffer</code> . See details.
<code>n.pseudoabs</code>	optional; a numeric value, the number of pseudo-absence records to generate. Default; 100.
<code>prj</code>	a character string, the coordinate reference system of input <code>occ.data</code> co-ordinates. Default is <code>"+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"</code> .

### Value

Returns data frame of pseudo-absence coordinates and dates.

### Spatial buffer

If `spatial.method` is `buffer`, then the pseudo-absence record co-ordinates are randomly generated in a buffered area defined either by

- single numeric value for `spatial.buffer` - anywhere between the occurrence record and the circular distance surrounding this point (as specified in metres).
- two numeric values for `spatial.buffer` - anywhere between the closest radius from the occurrence record and the furthest away radius (as specified in metres).

For example, if `spatial.buffer = c(3000, 10000)`, then pseudo-absence co-ordinates are randomly generated at least 3000m radius away from occurrence record co-ordinate but within 10000m radius. Whereas, if `spatial.buffer = 10000`, then pseudo-absence co-ordinates are randomly generated anywhere between 0m and 10000m radius from the occurrence record.

If `spatial.ext` is given too, then the generated pseudo-absences are not only constrained to the buffered area but also to this extent. For instance, if occurrence records are coastal, you may want to clip buffers to only terrestrial regions using a country polygon given in `spatial.ext`.

### Spatial random

If `spatial.method` is `random`, then the pseudo-absence record co-ordinates are randomly generated across `spatial.ext` object given.

If `spatial.ext` is an `sf` polygon or multipolygon object, `RasterLayer` (mask if possible before input) or `SpatialPolygonsDataFrame`, then these shapes are used, instead of a simple rectangular extent. Therefore, inputting one of these objects will allow for more specific pseudo-absence generation.

For example, inputting a `"SpatialPolygonsDataFrame"` of specific countries will ensure co-ordinates are terrestrial, whereas an extent that encompasses these countries may result in the generation of pseudo-absence records in inappropriate areas, such as oceans or non-study-area countries.

### Temporal buffer

If `temporal.method` is `buffer`, then pseudo-absence record dates are randomly generated between in a period defined by:

- single numeric value for `temporal.buffer` - any date between the occurrence record date and the total number of days specified prior or post.

- two numeric values for `temporal.buffer` - any date between the closest and furthers away number of days specified.

For example, if `temporal.buffer = c(14, 30)`, then pseudo-absence dates randomly generated at least 14 days from occurrence record dates but within 30 days. Whereas if `temporal.buffer = 30`, pseudo-absence dates are randomly generated anywhere between 0 and 30 days prior or post the occurrence record date.

If `temporal.ext` is given too, then the generated pseudo-absence dates are not only constrained to the buffer period but also to this temporal extent. For instance, an occurrence record recorded at the start of `temporal.ext` with 7 day buffer, may result in generated pseudo-absences outside of the temporal extent of the study.

### Temporal random

If `temporal.method` is `random`, then pseudo-absence record dates are randomly generated within the two `temporal.ext` dates given.

### Examples

```
data("sample_filt_data")

spatiotemp_pseudoabs(
  sample_filt_data,
  spatial.method = "random",
  temporal.method = "random",
  spatial.ext = c(20, 36, -35, -12),
  temporal.ext = c("2011-01-01", "2017-01-01")
)
```

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`spatiotemp_resolution` *Filter species occurrence records by given spatial and temporal resolution*

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### Description

Filters species occurrence record data frame to exclude records with co-ordinates and dates that do not meet specified spatial and temporal resolution.

### Usage

```
spatiotemp_resolution(occ.data, spatial.res, temporal.res)
```

### Arguments

<code>occ.data</code>	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
<code>spatial.res</code>	optional; a numeric value, the minimum acceptable number of decimal places given for occurrence record co-ordinates.
<code>temporal.res</code>	optional; a character string, the minimum acceptable temporal resolution of occurrence record dates. One of day, month or year: can be abbreviated.

## Details

Excludes species occurrence records that do not meet the minimum spatial and temporal resolution specified.

If `spatial.res` given, the value of 1 represents an acceptable co-ordinate resolution of one decimal place, roughly equal to 11.1km, and value of 3 represents three decimal places, roughly equal to 111m.

If `temporal.res` given, `temporal.res = day` would result in exclusion of records without values for year, month and day, and `temporal.res = year` would only exclude records without values for year.

`spatial.res` and `temporal.res` can be informed based upon the highest spatial and temporal resolution of the datasets to be utilised when extracting dynamic variables.

For example, if explanatory variables datasets are annual, then a `temporal.res` of year is adequate, whereas if datasets are daily, then `temporal.res` of day may be more appropriate.

## Value

Returns a data frame of species records filtered by the minimum acceptable spatial resolution of co-ordinates and temporal resolution of dates.

## Examples

```
data(sample_occ_data)
sample_occ_data <- convert_gbif(sample_occ_data)

spatial_res_high <- spatiotemp_resolution(sample_occ_data, spatial.res = 4)

spatial_res_low <- spatiotemp_resolution(sample_occ_data, spatial.res = 1)

temporal_res <- spatiotemp_resolution(sample_occ_data, temporal.res = "day")
```

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spatiotemp\_thin

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*Thin species occurrence records by spatial and temporal proximity.*


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## Description

Thins species occurrence records that are within minimum spatial and temporal distance apart.

## Usage

```
spatiotemp_thin(
  occ.data,
  temporal.method,
  temporal.dist,
  spatial.split.degrees,
  spatial.dist = 0,
  iterations = 100
)
```



**Arguments**

<code>occ.data</code>	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
<code>temporal.method</code>	a character string, the method to calculate temporal distance between records. One of DOY or day. See details for more information.
<code>temporal.dist</code>	a numeric value, the temporal buffer in days to thin records by.
<code>spatial.split.degrees</code>	a numeric value, the grid cell resolution in degrees to split occurrence records by before temporal thinning.
<code>spatial.dist</code>	a numeric value, the spatial buffer distances in metres to thin records by. Default no spatial thinning.
<code>iterations</code>	a numeric value, the number of iterations to randomly thin occurrence records by. Default; 100.

**Value**

Returns data frame of occurrence records thinned by specified temporal and spatial distance.

**Overview**

`spatiotemp_thin()` calculates the temporal distance between occurrence records in given area and excludes records below minimum temporal distance apart. Then calculates spatial distance between all occurrence records and filters records below minimum spatial distance apart using existing `spThin` package functions (Aiello-Lammens et al., 2015).

**Temporal thinning methods**

For temporal thinning, the function first splits occurrence records into grid cells of given size in degrees (set by `spatial.split.degrees`). This is to prevent spatially distant but temporally close records from being excluded. For each grid cell, all records within the cell are temporally thinned. This process works by removing records that are within given temporal distance (`temporal.dist`) from each other by randomly selecting one of the two. This iterates through until no records are within the given temporal distance of each other in each grid cell, following a similar algorithm to `spThin` (Aiello-Lammens et al., 2015).

Two methods exist for measuring the temporal distance between occurrence records.

- 1. `doy` - calculates the minimum days apart within the annual cycle
- 1. `day` uses the absolute number of days.

For instance, two dates "2010-01-05" and "2012-12-05" can be calculated as either 1065 absolute days apart, or within the annual cycle these dates represent day 5 and day 339 of the year, and are 31 days apart. Therefore, thinning by 40 days using the DOY method would remove one of these records, but using the day method would not. The chosen `temporal.method` will depend upon whether bias towards a point within the annual cycle is more likely to bias models than bias towards a given point in linear time.

### Spatial thinning

Following temporal thinning, spatial thinning occurs across entire dataset. The spatial distance between each record is calculated, and records within the given spatial distance (`spatial.dist`) from each other are excluded by randomly selecting one of these. This iterates through until no records are with the given spatial distances of each other across entire dataset using package `spThin` (Aiello-Lammens et al., 2015).

As random selection could alter the total number of occurrence records remaining in the occurrence record dataset, this process is iterated through a specified number of times and the thinned data frame with the highest number of records remaining is returned.

### References

Aiello-Lammens, M. E., Boria, R. A., Radosavljevic, A., Vilela, B. & Anderson, R. P. 2015. `spThin`: an R package for spatial thinning of species occurrence records for use in ecological niche models. *Ecography*, 38, 541-545.

### Examples

```
data("sample_filt_data")

n.iterations <- 500

spatiotemp_thin(
  occ.data = sample_filt_data,
  temporal.method = "day",
  temporal.dist = 100,
  spatial.split.degrees = 3,
  spatial.dist = 100000,
  iterations = n.iterations
)
```

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<code>spatiotemp_weights</code>	<i>Calculate sampling effort across spatial and temporal buffer from species occurrence records</i>
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### Description

Calculates the total number of sampling events across a given spatial and temporal buffer from each occurrence record's co-ordinate and date.

### Usage

```
spatiotemp_weights(
  occ.data,
  samp.events,
  spatial.dist = 0,
  temporal.dist = 0,
  prj = "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>occ.data</code>	a data frame, with columns for occurrence record co-ordinates and dates with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
<code>samp.events</code>	a data.frame, sampling events with column names as follows; record longitude as "x", latitude as "y", year as "year", month as "month", and day as "day".
<code>spatial.dist</code>	a numeric value, the spatial distance in metres representing the radius from occurrence record co-ordinate to sum sampling events across.
<code>temporal.dist</code>	a numeric value, the temporal distance in days, representing the period before and after the occurrence record date to sum sampling events across.
<code>prj</code>	a character string, the coordinate reference system of input <code>occ.data</code> co-ordinates. Default is "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84".

**Details**

For each occurrence record, this function calculates the total number of sampling events within given radius (`spatial.dist`) from each record co-ordinate and days (`temporal.dist`) both prior and post record date.

In addition to total sampling events, the function also calculates relative sampling effort, scaling from 0 (least sampled) to 1 (most sampled).

Output could be used to calculate model weights to correct spatial and temporal biases in occurrence record collections.

**Value**

Returns input occurrence record data frame with additional columns for sampling effort "SAMP\_EFFORT" and relative sampling effort "REL\_SAMP\_EFFORT".

**Examples**

```
data("sample_explan_data")
data("sample_events_data")

spatiotemp_weights(
  occ.data = sample_explan_data,
  samp.events = sample_events_data,
  spatial.dist = 200000,
  temporal.dist = 20
)
```

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