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## Description

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Pontius, G., Parmentier, B. 2014. *Recommendations for using the Relative Operating Characteristic (ROC)*. *Landscape Ecology* 29 (3): 367-382.

## See Also

[TOC, plot](#)

plot

*Plot an object of class Toc or Roc***Description**

Plot a Total Operating Characteristic (TOC) curve or a Relative Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Toc'
plot(x, labelThres=FALSE, modelLeg="Model", digits=3, nticks=5, digitsL=1,
     posL = NULL, offsetL = 0.5, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Roc'
plot(x, labelThres=FALSE, modelLeg="Model", digits=3, nticks=5, digitsL=1,
     posL = NULL, offsetL = 0.5, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x          | An object of class Toc or Roc                                                                                                                                                                   |
| labelThres | logical, default to FALSE. If TRUE, thresholds are labeled in the TOC plot                                                                                                                      |
| modelLeg   | a character string for labeling the model in the legend                                                                                                                                         |
| digits     | integer indicating the number of decimal places (round) or significant digits (signif) to be used for labeling the numeric axes. Negative values are allowed. See Details in the round function |
| nticks     | number of tickmarks to be drawn along the axes                                                                                                                                                  |
| digitsL    | integer indicating the number of decimal places (round) or significant digits (signif) to be used for labeling the thresholds. Negative values are allowed. See Details in the round function   |
| posL       | a position specifier for the text labels. Values of 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively indicate positions below, to the left of, above and to the right of the corresponding coordinates               |
| offsetL    | when posL is specified, this value gives the offset of the label from the corresponding coordinate in fractions of a character width                                                            |
| ...        | additional parameters to be passed to plot, axis or text                                                                                                                                        |

**Value**

a plot showing the TOC or the ROC curve

**References**

Pontius Jr., R.G., Kangpin, Si. 2014. *The total operating characteristic to measure diagnostic ability for multiple thresholds*. International Journal of Geographical Information Science 28 (3): 570-583.

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**See Also**

[TOC](#), [ROC](#)

**Examples**

```
index <- raster(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- raster(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- raster(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package="TOC"))

## create and plot the TOC curve
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
plot(tocd, main = "TOC curve")

## create and plot the ROC curve
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
plot(rocd, main = "ROC curve")

## label the thresholds in the plot
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 10)
plot(tocd, labelThres = TRUE, cex = 0.8, posL = 4)
```

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ROC

*Construct the table for the ROC curve*

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**Description**

Construct the table for the Relative Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve for spatial or non-spatial data

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric'
ROC(index, boolean, mask=NULL, nthres=NULL, thres=NULL, NAval=0, progress=FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'RasterLayer,RasterLayer'
ROC(index, boolean, mask=NULL, nthres=NULL, thres=NULL, NAval=0, progress=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| index    | index object of class numeric or RasterLayer                                                                                |
| boolean  | boolean object of class numeric or RasterLayer                                                                              |
| mask     | mask object of class numeric or RasterLayer                                                                                 |
| nthres   | an optional integer indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the ROC curve. See Details below |
| thres    | an optional numeric vector of thresholds to be evaluated for the ROC curve. See Details below                               |
| NAval    | value for nodata (NA values) in the mask object                                                                             |
| progress | logical; if TRUE, a progress bar is shown                                                                                   |

## Details

thresholds are calculated as the unique values of the index object after masking out NA values (default option), if neither `nthres` nor `thres` is provided. The default option can be time-consuming if the amount of unique values in the index object (after masking out NA values) is large (e.g., > 1000). In the latter case, the user may prefer to enter specified thresholds (with the `thres` argument), or to indicate the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the ROC curve (with the `nthres` argument)

## Value

an object of class `Roc` containing the ROC table, the area under the curve (AUC), maximum AUC and minimum AUC

## References

Pontius Jr., R.G., Kangpin, Si. 2014. *The total operating characteristic to measure diagnostic ability for multiple thresholds*. International Journal of Geographical Information Science 28 (3): 570-583.

Pontius, G., Parmentier, B. 2014. *Recommendations for using the Relative Operating Characteristic (ROC)*. Landscape Ecology 29 (3): 367-382.

## See Also

[plot](#)

## Examples

```
index <- raster(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- raster(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- raster(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))

## thresholds can be defined by indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
rocd

## a vector of thresholds can also be used to define the thresholds
thresholds <- seq(min(unique(index)), max(unique(index)) + 1,
  by = ceiling(max(unique(index))/10))
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, thres = thresholds)
rocd

## all the unique values of the index object can be evaluated as thresholds (default option)
## Not run:
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, progress = TRUE)
rocd

## End(Not run)

## generate the ROC curve using non-spatial data (i.e., an object of class numeric)
## Not run:
index <- getValues(index)
boolean <- getValues(boolean)
mask <- getValues(mask)
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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| roctable | <i>Construct a basic ROC table</i> |
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## Description

TOC internal function. Construct a basic ROC table

## Usage

```
roctable(indval, boolval, maskval=NULL, nthres=NULL, thres=NULL, NAval=0,
         progress=FALSE, ones.bool=NULL, zeros.bool=NULL)
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                             |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| indval     | numeric index vector                                                                                                        |
| boolval    | numeric boolean vector                                                                                                      |
| maskval    | numeric mask vector                                                                                                         |
| nthres     | an optional integer indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below |
| thres      | an optional numeric vector of thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below                               |
| NAval      | value for nodata (NA values) in the mask map                                                                                |
| progress   | logical; if TRUE, a progress bar is shown                                                                                   |
| ones.bool  | numeric value indicating total number of 1's in the boolean vector                                                          |
| zeros.bool | numeric value indicating total number of 0's in the boolean vector                                                          |

## Value

a data.frame with a basic ROC table and a numeric value for minimum value in the index vector

## Note

This function is not meant to be called by users directly

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**scaling***scale the output TOC values and change units*

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**Description**

scale the 'Hits' and 'Hits+FalseAlarms' values in the TOC output table, as well as the prevalence and population, using a scaling factor. Labels for the modified units in the TOC object are changed to newUnits

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Toc'
scaling(x, scalingFactor, newUnits)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | an object of class Toc                                                                                                        |
| scalingFactor | numeric value to scale 'Hits' and 'Hits+FalseAlarms' values in the TOC output table, as well as the prevalence and population |
| newUnits      | charater string for the new data units in the TOC object                                                                      |

**Value**

an object of class TOC

**See Also**

[TOC](#), [ROC](#)

**Examples**

```
index <- raster(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- raster(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- raster(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
plot(tocd)

## scale units from square m to square km
tocd_sqkm <- scaling(tocd, scalingFactor = 1000000, newUnits = "square km")
plot(tocd_sqkm)
```

TOC

*Construct the table for the TOC curve***Description**

Construct the table for the Total Operating Characteristic (TOC) curve for spatial or non-spatial data. The TOC method is a modification of the ROC method which measures the ability of an index variable to diagnose either presence or absence of a characteristic. The diagnosis depends on whether the value of an index variable is above a threshold. Each threshold generates a two-by-two contingency table, which contains four entries: hits (H), misses (M), false alarms (FA), and correct rejections (CR). While ROC shows for each threshold only two ratios,  $H/(H + M)$  and  $FA/(FA + CR)$ , TOC reveals the size of every entry in the contingency table for each threshold (Pontius and Si 2014).

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric'
TOC(index, boolean, mask=NULL, nthres=NULL, thres=NULL, NAval=0, P=NA, Q=NA,
progress=FALSE, units=character(0))
## S4 method for signature 'RasterLayer,RasterLayer'
TOC(index, boolean, mask=NULL, nthres=NULL, thres=NULL, NAval=0, P=NA, Q=NA,
progress=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| index    | index object of class numeric or RasterLayer                                                                                |
| boolean  | boolean object of class numeric or RasterLayer                                                                              |
| mask     | mask object of class numeric or RasterLayer                                                                                 |
| nthres   | an optional integer indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below |
| thres    | an optional numeric vector of thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below                               |
| NAval    | value for nodata (NA values) in the mask object                                                                             |
| P        | count of reference presence observations in the population                                                                  |
| Q        | count of reference absence observations in the population                                                                   |
| progress | logical; if TRUE, a progress bar is shown                                                                                   |
| units    | character string indicating data units                                                                                      |

**Details**

thresholds are calculated as the unique values of the index object after masking out NA values (default option), if neither `nthres` nor `thres` is provided. The default option can be time-consuming if the amount of unique values in the index object (after masking out NA values) is large (e.g., > 1000). In the latter case, the user may prefer to enter specified thresholds (with the `thres` argument), or to indicate the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve (with the `nthres` argument)



**Value**

an object of class `Toc` containing the TOC table, the area under the curve (AUC), maximum AUC and minimum AUC, the prevalence, the population and the data units (for data in the TOC table slot, and the prevalence and population slots)

**References**

Pontius Jr., R.G., Kangpin, Si. 2014. *The total operating characteristic to measure diagnostic ability for multiple thresholds*. International Journal of Geographical Information Science 28 (3): 570-583.

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**See Also**

[plot](#)

**Examples**

```
index <- raster(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- raster(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- raster(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))

## thresholds can be defined by indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds
tocc <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
tocc

## a vector of thresholds can also be used to define the thresholds
thresholds <- seq(min(unique(index)), max(unique(index)) + 1,
                  by = ceiling(max(unique(index))/10))
tocc <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, thres = thresholds)
tocc

## all the unique values of the index object can be evaluated as thresholds (default option)
## Not run:
tocc <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, progress = TRUE)
tocc

## End(Not run)

## generate the TOC curve using non-spatial data (i.e., an object of class numeric)
## Not run:
index <- getValues(index)
boolean <- getValues(boolean)
mask <- getValues(mask)
tocc <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)

## End(Not run)
```

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| Toc-class | <i>Toc and Roc classes</i> |
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**Description**

Toc and Roc classes

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("Toc", ...)`, or with the helper functions such as `Toc`.

**Slots**

Slots for Roc and Toc objects

`table`: data.frame

`AUC`: numeric; Area Under the Curve

`maxAUC`: numeric; maximum AUC

`minAUC`: numeric; minimum AUC

`prevalence`: numeric; prevalence

`population`: numeric; population

`units`: character; units for data in the TOC table, prevalence and population

**Examples**

```
showClass("Toc")
```

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| uncertainty | <i>Uncertainty in AUC calculation</i> |
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**Description**

TOC internal function. It calculates uncertainty in AUC calculation

**Usage**

```
uncertainty(index, tocd)
```

**Arguments**

`index`                      index vector

`tocd`                        data.frame output from roctable

**Value**

a numeric value representing uncertainty in AUC calculation

**Note**

This function is not meant to be called by users directly

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