

# Package ‘simSAC’

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**Title** Simulate spatially autocorrelated (SAC) data

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**Description** simSAC provides a function to simulate data on three different landscapes; a Gaussian, Bernoulli or zero-inflated Poisson distributed response variable; and four different causes of SAC or reference data, i.e. no SAC. It further provides a function to readily extract data and attributes from a netCDF file.

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extract.ncdf	<i>Extract data and attributes (e.g. model structure) from netCDF (.nc) file</i>
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## Description

This function allows to readily extract data, simulated with `simSAC::simData`, and general information (attributes) from the produced netCDF (.nc) file.

**Usage**

```
extract.ncdf(ncfile)
```

**Arguments**

ncfile                      netCDF input file (character with extension .nc).

**Value**

A list containing `[[1]]` a list of attributes (information and instruction), and `[[2]]` a data.frame with the simulated data.

**See Also**

[simData](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# simulate data for smooth landscape, normally distributed y and no SAC
simData("110", filename = paste0(getwd(), "/SmoothGaussRef"))
# extract attributes and data
SGR <- extract.ncdf(paste0(getwd(), "/SmoothGaussRef.nc"))
SGR[[1]] # attributes
head(SGR[[2]]) # data

library(lattice)
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=SGR[[2]]) # plot response variable on Longitude-Latitude grid

## End(Not run)
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geo.to.num

*Transform geographic coordinates to numeric values*

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**Description**

This function transforms geographic coordinates, such as "5N24E" or "7S27E" to numeric values, such as `c(5, 24)` or `c(-7, 27)`.

**Usage**

```
geo.to.num(geo)
```

**Arguments**

geo                          Geographic coordinate (Character).

**Value**

Returns the coordinates as numeric values. To be used for the creation of ([extent](#)) objects.

**See Also**

Function is used in [simData](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Transform "5N24E" or "7S27E" to numeric values
coords <- c("5N24E", "7S27E")
num.coords <- sapply(1:2, function(x) geo.to.num(coords[x]))

## End(Not run)
```

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keep.asking	<i>Wait for specific keypress</i>
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**Description**

This function allows to ask a question and prompts to a specific answer.

**Usage**

```
keep.asking(Q, A = c("y", "n"),
  Reminder = "Please enter: y for yes, n for no.")
```

**Arguments**

Q	Question to be asked (Character).
A	Vector of possible answers. Defaults to c("y", "n")
Reminder	If wrong answer was entered, reminds of the possible answers. Defaults to "Please enter: y for yes, n for no."

**Value**

Returns the answer entered by the user (Character).

**See Also**

Function is used in [simData](#).

**Examples**

```
# check with user if data really should be downloaded
## Not run:
check.download <- keep.asking(Q = "Do you want to download data from http://www.worldclim.org?")
y

## End(Not run)
```

simData

*Simulate spatially autocorrelated (SAC) data***Description**

Use this function to simulate data on three different landscapes; a Gaussian, Bernoulli or zero-inflated Poisson distributed response variable; and four different causes of SAC or reference data, i.e. no SAC.

**Usage**

```
simData(dataset,
  filename = "default",
  gridsize = c(50L, 50L),
  cvfold = 10L,
  cvblock.size = c(10,10),
  r.seed = 20151126,
  n.predictor = 7L,
  f.smooth = list(function() lon,
    function() lat,
    function() (lon - mean(lon))^2,
    function() (lat - mean(lat))^2,
    function() x3^x4 * x4^x3,
    function() x1^x1 * x3^x4,
    function() x2^x1 * x4^x3 * log(x5 + 1)),
  f.realistic = list(var = 0.1, scale = 0.1),
  f.real = list(resolution = 10L,
    extent = c("5N24E", "7S37E"),
    bio.vars = c("bio1", "bio19", "bio2", "bio12", "bio4", "bio18", "bio3")),
  f.response = c("x1", "x4", "x4^2", "x3*x4", "x3"),
  par.response = "default",
  f.sac1 = list(corCoef = -0.3,
    sarFactor = 10),
  f.sac2 = "x1",
  f.sac3 = c("^", "*"),
  f.sac4 = list(dispersal.max = 0.1,
    dispersal.shape = 30))
```

**Arguments**

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|---------|---|
| dataset | Input character of the form "abc", with:  |
|         | a predictor landscape:  |
|         | 1 smooth (linear and non-linear gradients without noise)  |
|         | 2 realistic (unconditional Gaussian random fields from exponential covariance models)                       |
|         | 3 real (Real bio-climatic predictors from <a href="http://www.worldclim.org">http://www.worldclim.org</a> ) |
|         | b distribution of the response variable:  |
|         | 1 Gaussian  |
|         | 2 Bernoulli   |
|         | 3 zero-inflated Poisson   |

## c SAC scenario:

- 0 Reference, i.e. no SAC
- 1 SAC onto response variable
- 2 Omitted predictor
- 3 Wrong functional form, e.g. intentionally miss quadratic term or interaction
- 4 Dispersal

filename	The destination file name (character). Defaults to "datasetdataset", e.g. "dataset110".
gridsize	Vector defining [1] the number of cells in x direction (Longitude), and [2] the number of cells in y direction (Latitude).
cvfold	Number of unique Cross-Validation (CV) IDs to be assigned blockwise to the data.
cvblock.size	Number of cells in x, y direction in one CV block.
r.seed	Randomisation value to be used in <code>set.seed</code> before any stochastic process. Defaults to 20151126
n.predictor	Number of predictors to be simulated.
f.smooth	If dataset = "1**": List of n.predictor linear and non-linear functions. Can be functions of Longitude (lon) and/or Latitude (lat).
f.realistic	If dataset = "2**": A list of var and scale, which are passed to <code>RMexp</code> to compute the exponential covariance model. If both arguments are of length n.predictor a new model is computed for every predictor.
f.real	If dataset = "3**": A list comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• resolution [minutes of a degree] = 2.5, 5, and 10 (default). Defines the resolution of the global interpolated climate data from <a href="http://www.worldclim.org">http://www.worldclim.org</a>;</li> <li>• extent = numeric vector of two geogr. coordinates (diagonal corners).</li> <li>• bio.vars = character string of length n.predictor defining which bioclimatic should variables be used.</li> </ul>
f.response	Character string of mathematical terms (based on predictors x1, x2,...) yielding the response variable.
par.response	Coefficients of the elements in f.response. If not "default", needs to be of same length as f.response, except if the distribution is set to be Gaussian, here an additional (last) parameter is required to set the standard deviation in <code>rnorm</code> . Defaults to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gaussian: 0.8, 0.2, -0.9, 0.8, -0.6, 0.5, 0.2</li> <li>• Bernoulli: 0.2, 4.5, -1.2, -1.2, -1.1, 0.9</li> <li>• Poisson: 0.2, 1.6, 0.9, 0.8, -0.8, 0.5</li> </ul> Remember: Poisson is zero-inflated and therefore requires a list of two numeric parameter vectors. First item setting the Bernoulli coefficients, second the Poisson coefficients.
f.sac1	If dataset = "**1": List of corCoef, a coefficient impacting the correlation structure, and (only if dataset = "*11") sarFactor, a factor determining the magnitude of SAC added to the existing response variable.
f.sac2	If dataset = "**2": Name of the predictor(s) to be omitted in the model structure.



```

library(lattice)
library(ncf)
#-----#
# smooth landscape, Gaussian distribution, refrence data

simData("110")

d110 <- extract.ncdf("dataset110.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d110) # levelplot response

fm110 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d110, family = "gaussian")
summary(fm110)
res110 <- residuals(fm110) # calculate residuals
co110 <- correlog(d110$Lat, d110$Lon, res110, increment=0.02, resamp=1) # check autocorrleation
plot(co110$mean.of.class, co110$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset110")

#-----#
# smooth landscape, Gaussian distribution, SAC onto response

simData("111")

d111 <- extract.ncdf("dataset111.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d111) # levelplot response

fm111 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d111, family = "gaussian")
summary(fm111)
res111 <- residuals(fm111) # calculate residuals
co111 <- correlog(d111$Lat, d111$Lon, res111, increment=0.02, resamp=1) # check autocorrleation
plot(co111$mean.of.class, co111$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset111")

#-----#
# smooth landscape, Gaussian distribution, omitted predictor

simData("112")

d112 <- extract.ncdf("dataset112.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d112) # levelplot response

fm112 <- glm(y ~ x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d112, family = "gaussian") # omit x1
summary(fm112)
res112 <- residuals(fm112) # calculate residuals
co112 <- correlog(d112$Lat, d112$Lon, res112, increment=0.02, resamp=1) # check autocorrleation
plot(co112$mean.of.class, co112$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset112")

#-----#
# smooth landscape, Bernoulli distribution, refrence data

simData("120")

d120 <- extract.ncdf("dataset120.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d120) # levelplot response

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fm120 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d120, family = "gaussian")
summary(fm120)
res120 <- residuals(fm120) # calculate residuals
co120 <- correlog(d120$Lat, d120$Lon, res120, increment=0.02, resamp=1) # check autocorrelation
plot(co120$mean.of.class, co120$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset120")

#-----#
# smooth landscape, Bernoulli distribution, SAC onto response

simData("121")

d121 <- extract.ncdf("dataset121.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d121) # levelplot response

fm121 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d121, family = "gaussian")
summary(fm121)
res121 <- residuals(fm121) # calculate residuals
co121 <- correlog(d121$Lat, d121$Lon, res121, increment=0.02, resamp=1) # check autocorrelation
plot(co121$mean.of.class, co121$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset121")

#-----#

simData("122")

d122 <- extract.ncdf("dataset122.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d122) # levelplot response

fm122 <- glm(y ~ x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d122, family = "gaussian") # omit x1
summary(fm122)
res122 <- residuals(fm122) # calculate residuals
co122 <- correlog(d122$Lat, d122$Lon, res122, increment=0.02, resamp=1) # check autocorrelation
plot(co122$mean.of.class, co122$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset122")

#-----#
# real landscape, Gaussian distribution, reference data

simData("310")

d310 <- extract.ncdf("dataset310.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d310) # levelplot response

fm310 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d310, family = "gaussian")
summary(fm310)
res310 <- residuals(fm310) # calculate residuals
co310 <- correlog(d310$Lat, d310$Lon, res310, increment=0.16, resamp=1) # check autocorrelation
plot(co310$mean.of.class, co310$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset310")

#-----#

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# real landscape, Gaussian distribution, SAC onto response

simData("311")

d311 <- extract.ncdf("dataset311.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d311) # levelplot response

fm311 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
            data = d311, family = "gaussian")
summary(fm311)
res311 <- residuals(fm311) # calculate residuals
co311 <- correlog(d311$Lat, d311$Lon, res311, increment=0.16, resamp=1) # check autocorrelation
plot(co311$mean.of.class, co311$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset311")

#-----#
# real landscape, Gaussian distribution, omitted predictor

simData("312")

d312 <- extract.ncdf("dataset312.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d312) # levelplot response

fm312 <- glm(y ~ x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
            data = d312, family = "gaussian") # omit x1
summary(fm312)
res312 <- residuals(fm312) # calculate residuals
co312 <- correlog(d312$Lat, d312$Lon, res312, increment=0.16, resamp=1) # check autocorrelation
plot(co312$mean.of.class, co312$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset312")

#-----#
# real landscape, Bernoulli distribution, reference data

simData("320")

d320 <- extract.ncdf("dataset320.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d320) # levelplot response

fm320 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
            data = d320, family = "gaussian")
summary(fm320)
res320 <- residuals(fm320) # calculate residuals
co320 <- correlog(d320$Lat, d320$Lon, res320, increment=0.16, resamp=1) # check autocorrelation
plot(co320$mean.of.class, co320$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
     ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset320")

#-----#
# real landscape, Bernoulli distribution, SAC onto response

simData("321")

d321 <- extract.ncdf("dataset321.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d321) # levelplot response

fm321 <- glm(y ~ x1 + x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
            data = d321, family = "gaussian")

```

```

summary(fm321)
res321 <- residuals(fm321) # calculate residuals
co321 <- correlog(d321$Lat, d321$Lon, res321, increment=0.16, resamp=1) # check autocorrleation
plot(co321$mean.of.class, co321$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
      ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset321")

#-----#
# real landscape, Bernoulli distribution, omitted predictor

simData("322")

d322 <- extract.ncdf("dataset322.nc")[[2]] # extract data
levelplot(y~Lon+Lat,data=d322) # levelplot response

fm322 <- glm(y ~ x4 + I(x4^2) + x3*x4 + x3 + x2 + x5 + x6 + x7,
             data = d322, family = "gaussian") # omit x1
summary(fm322)
res322 <- residuals(fm322) # calculate residuals
co322 <- correlog(d322$Lat, d322$Lon, res322, increment=0.16, resamp=1) # check autocorrleation
plot(co322$mean.of.class, co322$correlation, type = "o", ylim = c(-1,1), # plot correlogram
      ylab="Moran Similarity", xlab="averaged distance class", main = "dataset322")

## End(Not run)

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