# Population introduction via translocation functions

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In this vignette we present a simple example of the *poems* workflow to show how to use a custom translocation function to introduce populations at defined time steps. The vignette also shows how to define different growth rates for populations in different regions.

Note that the examples are for a single stage matrix model.

# Setup

As before, We begin by loading the necessary packages.

```
library(poems)
library(raster)
library(sf)
library(scales)
library(stringi) # for randomly generating file names.

# function to round to any arbitrary value
round_any <- function(x, accuracy, f = round) {
   f(x / accuracy) * accuracy
}</pre>
```

# Step 1: Build the population model for the study region

Create a model template using the *PopulationModel* class. This model is spatially explicit, so is defined using the *Region* class. In addition we make the model **temporally** explicit so we can introduce populations at defined time steps.

### Study region

First, we'll define our study region. For this example, we utilise a raster::RasterLayer() of Thylacine habitat suitability.

```
# Region raster
data(tasmania raster)
tasmania raster
#> class : RasterLayer
#> dimensions : 32, 40, 1280 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
\# resolution : 0.1, 0.1 (x, y)
#> extent : 144.5, 148.5, -43.8025, -40.6025 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
#> crs
             : +proj=longlat + ellps=WGS84 + towqs84=0,0,0,0,0,0,0 + no defs
#> source : memory
#> names : layer
#> values : 1, 1 (min, max)
# Equal area projection
tasPrj <- 'PROJCS["Tasmania_Lambert_Azimuthal",</pre>
                 GEOGCS ["GCS_WGS_1984",
                         DATUM["D_WGS_1984",
                               SPHEROID["WGS_1984",6378137.0,298.257223563]],
                         PRIMEM["Greenwich", 0.0],
                         UNIT["Degree", 0.0174532925199433]],
                 PROJECTION["Lambert Azimuthal Equal Area"],
                 PARAMETER["False_Easting", 0.0],
                 PARAMETER["False_Northing", 0.0],
                 PARAMETER["Central_Meridian", 147],
                 PARAMETER["Latitude_Of_Origin",-42.2],
                 UNIT["Meter",1.0]]'
# Template raster to project to
tempExt <- projectExtent(tasmania_raster, tasPrj)</pre>
res(tempExt) <- 10000 # 10 km resolution</pre>
tempExt
#> class
             : RasterLayer
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
#> resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
#> extent : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
              : +proj = laea + lat_0 = -42.2 + lon_0 = 147 + x_0 = 0 + y_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no_defs
#> crs
# Project the region
tasmania_raster <- projectRaster(tasmania_raster, tempExt,</pre>
  method = "ngb"
plot(tasmania_raster,
 main = "Tasmania raster",
 legend = FALSE,
  col = "#2E8B57", colNA = "grey75"
```

Now we can define our poems::Region:

```
# Tasmania study region (735 non-NA cells stored in the order shown) #
region <- Region$new(template_raster = tasmania_raster)</pre>
region_raster
#> class
            : RasterLayer
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
\# resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
            : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
#> extent
#> crs
              : +proj = laea + lat_0 = -42.2 + lon_0 = 147 + x_0 = 0 + y_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no_defs
#> source
             : memory
#> names
             : layer
              : 1, 735
#> values
                        (min, max)
# Establish HS template and starting location #
# This will be our initial introduction point
int_ll <- sf_project(</pre>
 from = "EPSG:4326",
  to = tasPrj,
 pts = cbind(146.44, -41.18)
int_point <- region$region_indices[</pre>
  which(region$region_indices ==
    cellFromXY(tasmania_raster, xy = int_ll))
]
# row which corresponds to initial introduction site
int_index <- which(region$region_indices == int_point) # 114</pre>
# plot of region, and introduction locations
plot(region$region_raster,
  main = "Tasmanian study region (cell indices)",
  colNA = "grey75",
  addfun = function() {
    points(xyFromCell(region$region_raster, int_point), col = "red", pch = 16)
  }
)
```

plot of chunk unnamed-chunk-3

### Land-use modifier

Here we read in a land-use modifier layer which we can use to make our region spatiotemporally explicit. This has the effect of altering the HS values through time which causes dynamic changes in habitat suitability, and thus population abundances.

While we could change these values now and supply them as is to the simulator. In this example, we will use a *Generator* object later on to apply the HS scaling.

```
# read in the land-use modifier
data(tasmania_modifier)

plot(tasmania_modifier,
   zlim = c(0, 1), colNA = "grey75",
   col = hcl.colors(100, "RdYlGn")
)
```

```
# Habitat suitability
data(thylacine_hs_raster)
hs_raster <- projectRaster(thylacine_hs_raster, region$region_raster, method = "bilinear")
hs_raster <- stretch(hs_raster, minv = 0, maxv = 1)
hs_raster
#> class : RasterLayer
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
#> resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
#> extent : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
#> crs : +proj=laea +lat_0=-42.2 +lon_0=147 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs
#> source : memory
#> names : layer
#> values : 0, 1 (min, max)

# initial_hs needed for generator
initial_hs <- hs_raster <- stack(replicate(n = nlayers(tasmania_modifier), hs_raster))</pre>
```

While we have read in the land-use modifier, we have not applied it to the HS values yet. This means that our HS values are still static as shown by the plot below.

```
# static HS for the moment
## capacity generator will make it temporally dynamic
plot(hs_raster,
   zlim = c(0, 1), colNA = "grey75",
   col = hcl.colors(100, "RdYlGn"),
   addfun = function() {
      points(xyFromCell(region$region_raster, int_point), pch = 16, cex = 0.5)
   }
)
```

#### Environmental correlation

Next, we'll define a distance-based spatial correlation for applying environmental stochasticity within our model. The generated correlation data is compacted for computational efficiency (with large-scale models).

```
# Distance-based environmental correlation (via a compacted Cholesky decomposition)
env_corr <- SpatialCorrelation$new(
  region = region,
  amplitude = 0.496,
  breadth = 80,
  distance_scale = 1000
)
env_corr$calculate_compact_decomposition(decimals = 4)</pre>
```

### Spatially-varying growth rates

Here we use IBRA regions to define varying growth rates for different populations. These could be expected to occur for example in a wide-ranging species that occurs in varying habitats (e.g. red foxes in Australia).

```
# allow growth rates to vary by region using IBRA regions
# Tasmania study Interim Bioregionalisation of Australia (IBRA) bioregion cell distribution
data(tasmania_ibra_raster)
ibra_raster <- projectRaster(tasmania_ibra_raster, region$region_raster, method = "ngb")
plot(ibra_raster,
    colNA = "grey75",
    breaks = seq(1, 9, 1),
    main = "IBRA regions of Tasmania",
    col = hcl.colors(10, "Lajolla")
)</pre>
```

```
data(tasmania ibra data)
tasmania_ibra_data
#>
   index key abbr
                                         n.a.me.
#> 1
       1 A FUR
                                     Furneaux
#> 2
       2 B BEN
                                   Ben Lomond
        3 C TNM Tasmanian Northern Midlands
#> 3
#> 4
       4 D TSE
                         Tasmanian South East
#> 5
       5 E TW
                                Tasmanian West
#> 6
       6 F TNS Tasmanian Northern Slopes
#> 7
        7 G TSR Tasmanian Southern Ranges
#> 8
      8 H TCH Tasmanian Central Highlands
#> 9
        9
           I KIN
                                         King
# Calculate cell indices and counts for IBRA bioregions
ibra_indices <- lapply(</pre>
 as.list(tasmania_ibra_data$index),
 function(i) {
    which(ibra raster[region$region indices] == i)
 }
)
str(ibra_indices)
#> List of 9
#> $ : int [1:50] 11 12 20 21 22 23 24 25 35 36 ...
#> $ : int [1:68] 40 42 65 66 67 68 92 93 94 95 ...
#> $ : int [1:37] 180 181 209 210 211 212 213 238 239 240 ...
#> $ : int [1:131] 307 308 330 331 332 333 334 335 336 337 ...
```

```
#> $ : int [1:166] 104 131 132 133 134 135 162 163 164 165 ...
#> $ : int [1:59] 56 57 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 105 ...
#> $ : int [1:88] 404 429 430 431 432 457 458 459 483 484 ...
#> $ : int [1:87] 199 200 201 202 229 230 231 232 258 259 ...
#> $ : int [1:49] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ...
ibra polygons <- rasterToPolygons(ibra raster, dissolve = TRUE, na.rm = TRUE)
ibra_polygons@data <- merge(ibra_polygons@data, tasmania_ibra_data,
  by.x = "layer", by.y = "index"
)
ibra_polygons
#> class
               : Spatial Polygons Data Frame \\
#> features : 9
              : -201571.8, 118428.2, -162583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
#> extent
#> crs
              : +proj = laea + lat_0 = -42.2 + lon_0 = 147 + x_0 = 0 + y_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no_defs
#> variables
#> names : layer, key, abbr,
#> min values :
                   1, A, BEN,
                                        Ben Lomond
                    9, I, TW, Tasmanian West
#> max values :
plot(ibra_polygons, col = hcl.colors(9, "Lajolla"), border = "black")
text(ibra_polygons, labels = "abbr", cex = 1.2, halo = TRUE)
plot of chunk unnamed-chunk-7
rmax_regional <- ibra_raster</pre>
# seed is set to keep example results constant
  set.seed(27)
  rmax <- round(rlnorm(9, 0.94, 0.3), 1)</pre>
for (val in 1:9) {
  rmax_regional[rmax_regional == val] <- rmax[val]</pre>
plot(rmax_regional,
  colNA = "grey75",
  legend = FALSE, main = "regional growth rates",
  zlim = range(rmax),
  addfun = function() {
   plot(ibra_polygons,
      border = hcl.colors(9, "Lajolla"),
      col = NA, add = TRUE
   )
   text(ibra_polygons, labels = rmax, halo = TRUE)
  col = hcl.colors(100, "Zissou")
plot of chunk unnamed-chunk-7
# set upper and lower growth rates per region
ibra_rmax <- cbind(tasmania_ibra_data,</pre>
  rmax_lower = round(rmax * 0.6, 2),
  rmax_mean = round(rmax, 2),
  rmax_upper = round(rmax / 0.75, 2)
```

ibra_rmax								
#	>	index	key	abbr	name	$rmax\_lower$	$rmax\_mean$	$rmax\_upper$
#	> 1	1	$\boldsymbol{A}$	FUR	Furneaux	2.70	4.5	6.00
#	> 2	2	B	BEN	Ben Lomond	2.16	3.6	4.80
#	> 3	3	C	TNM	Tasmanian Northern Midlands	1.20	2.0	2.67
#	> 4	4	D	TSE	Tasmanian South East	1.02	1.7	2.27
#	> 5	5	E	TW	Tasmanian West	1.08	1.8	2.40
#	> 6	6	F	TNS	Tasmanian Northern Slopes	1.68	2.8	3.73
#	> 7	7	G	TSR	Tasmanian Southern Ranges	1.56	2.6	3.47
#	> 8	8	H	TCH	Tasmanian Central Highlands	2.16	3.6	4.80
#	> 9	9	I	KIN	King	2.94	4.9	6.53

# Step 2: Setup the translocation function

Here we generate a custom *Translocation* class object. This object can be used to translocate populations from one location to another, or as shown here, to introduce populations at defined locations and timesteps. The function could also be expanded to introduce varying number of animals at each site. For simplicity sake, this example releases the same number of animals at all locations.

#### Introduction sites and times

Here we define the introduction sites by matching region region\_indices to our introduction locations.

We also define the timesteps that the introductions should occur. These timesteps are sequential from 1, and are not defined by, for example, calendar years.

```
# set up translocation locations and order
intro_trans_ll <- sf_project(</pre>
  from = "EPSG: 4326",
  to = tasPrj,
  pts = cbind(
    c(148.01, 144.7, 147.9, 148.27, 145.24),
    c(-40.8, -40.7, -43.2, -42.02, -42.3)
)
intro_trans_ll
              [,1]
                         [,2]
#> [1,] 85234.38 154987.89
#> [2,] -194366.53 163999.33
#> [3,] 73150.82 -111470.77
#> [4,] 105182.23
                    19214.10
#> [5,] -145117.36 -12600.28
intro trans point <- region region indices [which (region region indices %in%
  cellFromXY(region$region_raster,
    xy = intro_trans_ll
  ))]
intro_trans_point <- intro_trans_point[-1]</pre>
intro_cells <- intro_trans_point</pre>
intro_cells
#> [1] 98 542 653 981
intro_times \leftarrow c(2, 3, 6, 8)
# Introduction times and locations
cbind(intro_times, intro_cells)
#>
        intro_times intro_cells
#> [1,]
                  2
                              98
#> [2,]
                  3
                             542
#> [3,]
                  6
                             653
#> [4,]
                             981
plot(region$region_raster,
  main = "Introduction sites",
  col = hcl.colors(100, "Lajolla"),
  addfun = function() {
    plot(ibra_polygons, border = "black", col = NA, add = TRUE)
    points(xyFromCell(region$region_raster, intro_cells),
      pch = 16,
      cex = 1.5, col = c("darkgreen", "blue2", "black", "goldenrod")
    )
```

```
points(region$coordinates[which(region$region_indices %in% intro_cells), ],
     col = "firebrick", cex = 1.5, lwd = 2
   )
}
```

#### Translocation function

Here we define the custom translocation function. It's simply a list object, with a nested function that uses parameters from the model to make changes to the simulated populations.

```
# User-defined translocation function (list-nested) and alias ####
translocation <- list(</pre>
  # Function parameters (passed to function in params list)
  intro_cells = intro_cells, # cells where pops are introduced
  intro_timesteps = intro_times, # timesteps when introduced
  trans_n = 50, # translocated abundances. If not provided by LHS == 50
  region indices = region$region indices,
  # Function definition
  translocation_function = function(params) {
    # Unpack parameters (used at every time step)
    intro_cells <- params$intro_cells</pre>
    intro_timesteps <- params$intro_timesteps</pre>
    simulator <- params$simulator</pre>
    stages <- params$stages
    populations <- params$populations</pre>
    abundances <- params$abundance
    region_indices <- params$region_indices
    tm <- params$tm # timestep</pre>
    sa <- params$stage_abundance</pre>
    trans_n <- params$trans_n</pre>
    # if introduction at timestep, introduce pops
    if (tm %in% intro_timesteps) {
      # take stage abundance at timestep
      new_sa <- array(sa, c(stages, populations))</pre>
      # identifies location of introduction
      trans_loc <- which(region_indices == intro_cells[which(intro_timesteps == tm)])</pre>
      # add n individuals regardless of K
      new_sa[trans_loc] <- new_sa[trans_loc] + trans_n</pre>
      return(new_sa)
    } else {
      # else return pops as they are
      new_sa <- array(sa, c(stages, populations))</pre>
      return(new_sa)
    }
  }
translocation_aliases <- list(</pre>
  intro_cells = "translocation$intro_cells",
  intro_times = "translocation$intro_timesteps",
  trans n = "translocation$trans n",
  region_indices = "translocation$region_indices"
)
```

# Step 3: Build generators for dynamically generating model parameters

### Growth rate generator

Now we can build a *Generator* class object that will generate random growth rates based on quantiles between the min and max in each IBRA region. This allows us to sample across the range of values within each region.

```
# Build a Rmax generator based on sampled IBRA Rmax range quantile
rmax_gen <- Generator$new(</pre>
  description = "Rmax",
  spatial_correlation = env_corr,
  generate_rasters = FALSE,
  ibra_data_rmax = ibra_rmax,
  ibra_indices = ibra_indices,
  region_cells = region$region_cells,
  inputs = c("rmax_quantile"),
  outputs = c("growth_rate_max"),
  generative_requirements = list(growth_rate_max = "function")
# growth rate max template
rmax_gen$add_function_template(
  "growth_rate_max",
  function_def = function(params) {
    growth_rate_max <- array(0, params$region_cells)</pre>
    for (i in 1:nrow(params$ibra_data_rmax)) {
      growth_rate_max[params$ibra_indices[[i]]] <-</pre>
        stats::qunif(params$rmax_quantile,
          min = params$ibra_data_rmax$rmax_lower[i],
          max = params$ibra_data_rmax$rmax_upper[i]
    }
    return(growth_rate_max)
  },
  call_params = c("ibra_data_rmax", "ibra_indices", "region_cells", "rmax_quantile")
# test rmax generator at median values
rmax_gen_ex <- rmax_gen$generate(input_values = list(rmax_quantile = 0.5))</pre>
rmax_regional[region$region_indices] <- rmax_gen_ex$growth_rate_max</pre>
plot(rmax_regional,
  main = "median regional rmax",
  col = hcl.colors(100),
  addfun = function() {
    plot(ibra_polygons, border = "black", col = NA, add = TRUE)
)
```

plot of chunk unnamed-chunk-10

The map above shows the result of sampling our possible rmax values to their median values. The plot below shows that we can sample across a range of values using the same generator. This functionality allows us to pass  $rmax\_quantile$  as a variable in a LatinHypercubeSampler class.

```
# Test multiple quantiles
test_rmax <- lapply(seq(0, 1, 0.1), function(i) {
   region$raster_from_values(rmax_gen$generate(input_values = list(rmax_quantile = i))$growth_rate_max)
})
test_rmax <- stack(test_rmax)</pre>
```

### Dispersal generator

This generator controls dispersal across our region based on mean dispersal distance and proportion of dispersers.

```
# Dispersal generator ####
# Set for veriable mean distance, max hard-coded at 150
dispersal_gen <- DispersalGenerator$new(</pre>
 region = region,
 spatial correlation = env corr,
 generate_rasters = FALSE,
 dispersal max distance = 150,
 distance\_classes = seq(5, 150, by = 10),
 distance_scale = 1000, # in km
 dispersal friction = DispersalFriction now(), # modify coastline distances
 inputs = c("dispersal_p", "dispersal_b"), # proportion and average distance
  decimals = 4
)
dispersal_gen$calculate_distance_data()
head(dispersal_gen$distance_data$base, 10)
      target_pop source_pop compact_row distance_class
#> X2
             2
                       1
                                   1
#> X3
              3
                         1
                                                  3
#> X4
             4
                         1
                                    3
                                                  2
                                                  2
#> X5
                        1
             5
                                    4
#> X6
             6
                        1
                                    5
                                                  2
              7
#> X7
                         1
                                    6
                                                  3
#> X8
             8
                         1
                                    7
                                                  4
#> X9
              9
                         1
                                    8
                                                  5
#> X10
             10
                         1
                                    9
                                                  6
#> X13
              13
                         1
                                   10
table(dispersal_gen$distance_data$base$distance_class)
           3 4 5 6 7
#>
                                      8
                                            9 10 11
                                                            12
                                                                  13
#> 5476 7790 9914 18696 15444 20798 19606 22140 29202 22426 26850 23702 28286
#>
   15
#> 26086
```

Like with the <code>rmax\_gen</code> defined above, we can test our dispersal generator over a range of values to make sure the dispersal curve looks appropriate. We can see in the plot below that as the proportion of dispersal decreases, so does the maximum dispersal distance.

```
# plot dispersal curves for mean dispersal rates
disp_fum <- function(p, b, distance) {
    p * exp(-distance / b)
}

disp_mat <- data.frame(
    p = round(runif(1000, 5, 40) / 100, 2), # prop
    b = round(runif(1000, 5, 40)) # mean distance
)
head(disp_mat)
#> p b
#> 1 0.26 22
#> 2 0.07 28
#> 3 0.08 25
#> 4 0.38 23
#> 5 0.23 23
#> 6 0.19 35
```

```
disp_test <- lapply(1:nrow(disp_mat), function(i) {</pre>
  p <- disp mat[i, "p"]</pre>
  b <- disp_mat[i, "b"]</pre>
  disp_x \leftarrow disp_fun(p, b, seq(5, 150, 5))
  return(disp_x)
})
{
  par(mar = c(4, 4, 0.5, 0.5))
  matplot(
   x = seq(5, 150, 5), y = rep(NA, 30), type = "l", ylim = c(0, 0.4),
   xlab = "Disp. dist (km)", ylab = "Prop. disp.", yaxt = "n", xaxt = "n"
  axis(1, at = seq(0, 150, 10))
  axis(2, at = seq(0, 40, 5) / 100, labels = seq(0, 40, 5))
  lapply(disp_test, function(i) {
   matplot(
      x = seq(5, 150, 5), y = unlist(i), type = "l", add = TRUE,
      col = c("#C9C9C944")
    )
  })
 lines(
   x = seq(5, 150, 5),
   y = apply(as.data.frame(disp_test), 1, mean), col = "firebrick"
  )
}
```

```
dev.off()
#> null device
#> 1
```

Now that we're happy the curve follows the right form, we can generate some dispersal data to test our population model with.

```
# Generate sampled dispersals for p = 0.35, b = 40 (km)
sample_dispersal_data <- dispersal_gen$generate(</pre>
  input_values = list(dispersal_p = 0.35, dispersal_b = 40)
)$dispersal_data
head(sample_dispersal_data[[1]], 10) # examine
       target_pop source_pop emigrant_row immigrant_row dispersal_rate
#> X2
                2
                           1
                                        1
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0120
#> X3
                3
                           1
                                        2
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0094
                           1
                                        3
                                                       1
#> X4
               4
                                                                 0.0120
#> X5
               5
                           1
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0120
                                        4
                6
#> X6
                           1
                                        5
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0120
#> X7
               7
                           1
                                        6
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0094
                                        7
#> X8
               8
                           1
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0073
#> X9
                9
                           1
                                         8
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0057
                                         9
#> X10
               10
                           1
                                                       1
                                                                 0.0044
               13
                                        10
#> X13
                                                                 0.0094
```

### Capacity generator

Here we build a carrying capacity generator. Carrying capacity is based on maximum density values and scaled by HS (i.e. cells with a HS of 1 contain the highest densities).

The capacity generator is set-up in such a way that it requires multiple parameters to work.

1.max dens: the maximum theoretical density of populations

2.q\_thresh: the quantile threshold used to rescale the HS values

3.trans\_n: the number of animals that are introduced. This value is consistent with the translocation function.

```
capacity_gen <- Generator$new(</pre>
 description = "capacity",
  spatial correlation = env corr,
 generate_rasters = FALSE,
 time_steps = ncol(initial_hs),
 hs_raster = initial_hs[region$region_indices], # provide full stack of HS. Template attached
 hs_mod = tasmania_modifier[region$region_indices], # provide full stack of LULC modifier. Template attac
 int_index = int_point,
 trans_n = translocation $\text{trans_n}$, # number of animals introduced
 region_indices = region$region_indices,
  inputs = c("max_dens", "q_thresh", "trans_n"),
  outputs = c("initial_abundance", "carrying_capacity"),
 generative_requirements = list(
    initial_abundance = "function",
    carrying_capacity = "function"
  )
)
capacity_gen$add_function_template(
 param = "initial abundance",
 function_def = function(params) {
    distr_a <- params$hs_raster[, 1]</pre>
    ## 0 everywhere except the intro point at the first time step
    ## intro point to trans n
    ## Could be above or below carrying capacity
    idx <- which(params$region_indices == params$int_index)</pre>
    distr_a[idx] <- params$trans_n</pre>
   distr_a[-idx] <- 0
   return(distr_a)
 },
  call_params = c("hs_raster", "int_index", "region_indices", "trans_n")
)
capacity_gen$add_function_template(
  "carrying_capacity",
 function_def = function(params) {
    idx <- which(params$region_indices == params$int_index)</pre>
    distr_k <- params$hs_raster</pre>
    distr_mod <- params$hs_mod
    stopifnot(
      "hs_raster and hs_mod have different number of layers" =
        dim(distr_k) == dim(distr_mod)
    # stretch HS values based on q_thresh
    distr_k <- scales::rescale(distr_k, from = c(0, params$q_thresh), to = c(0, 1))
    distr_k[distr_k < 0] <- 0
```

```
distr k[distr k > 1] <- 1
    # multiply thresholded HS by hs_modifier
    distr_k <- distr_k * distr_mod
    # rescale back to {0, 1}
    qMax <- max(distr_k, na.rm = TRUE)
    distr_k <- scales::rescale(distr_k, from = c(0, qMax), to = c(0, 1))
    distr k[distr k < 0] <- 0
    distr_k[distr_k > 1] <- 1</pre>
    # carrying capacity = (HS * maximum density)
    distr_k <- ceiling(distr_k * params$max_dens)</pre>
    distr_k[idx, 1] <- params$max_dens</pre>
    # distr_k[-idx, 1] <- 0
   return(distr k)
  },
  call_params = c("hs_raster", "hs_mod", "int_index", "region_indices", "max_dens", "q_thresh")
)
# have all parameters been specified correctly
capacity_gen$generative_requirements_satisfied()
#> $initial abundance
#> [1] TRUE
#>
#> $carrying_capacity
#> [1] TRUE
```

Now we have defined our generator we can make some test data for the model

```
# Generate example initial abundance and declining carrying capacity time-series
generated_k <- capacity_gen$generate(input_values = list(</pre>
  max_dens = 100, q_thresh = 0.90,
  trans_n = 60
))
example_initial_abundance <- generated_k$initial_abundance</pre>
example_carrying_capacity <- generated_k$carrying_capacity
# Plot the example initial abundance
example_initial_n_raster <- region$raster_from_values(example_initial_abundance)
example initial n raster
#> class
           : RasterLayer
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224 (nrow, ncol, ncell)
\# resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
#> extent : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
            : +proj=laea +lat_0=-42.2 +lon_0=147 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs
#> crs
#> source : memory
#> names
            : layer
          : 0, 60 (min, max)
#> values
plot(example_initial_n_raster,
 main = "Example initial abundance",
  col = hcl.colors(100, "Lajolla", rev = TRUE), colNA = "grey75",
  addfun = function() {
    plot(ibra_polygons, border = "black", col = NA, add = TRUE)
)
```

```
# Plot the carrying capacity
```

```
## carrying capacity is forced to maximum theoretical value at first time step
example_k <- region$raster_from_values(example_carrying_capacity)</pre>
example_k[[c(1, 6, 11)]]
#> class
           : RasterBrick
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224, 3 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
#> resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
#> extent : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
            : +proj=laea +lat_0=-42.2 +lon_0=147 +x_0=0 +y_0=0 +datum=WGS84 +units=m +no_defs
#> crs
#> source
            : memory
#> names : layer.1, layer.6, layer.11
#> min values :
                 0,
                           0,
                            67,
                                      99
#> max values :
                  100,
plot(example_k,
 col = hcl.colors(100, "RdYlGn", rev = TRUE), colNA = "grey75",
 addfun = function() {
  plot(ibra_polygons, border = "black", col = NA, add = TRUE)
 },
 zlim = c(0, 100)
)
```

# Step 4: Build a template model

Using the generators we've built we can now test if our simple population model works as expected.

```
# Template model ####
model_template <- PopulationModel$new(</pre>
  region = region,
  time_steps = 11,
  years per step = 1,
  stage_matrix = 1, # single-stage
  populations = region$region_cells, # 735
  demographic_stochasticity = TRUE,
  standard_deviation = 0.18,
  density dependence = "logistic", # Ricker
  harvest = FALSE, # No harvest
  dispersal = dispersal_gen,
  translocation = translocation,
  dispersal_source_n_k = list(threshold = 0.92, cutoff = 0),
  simulation_order = c("translocation", "results", "transition", "dispersal"),
  random_seed = 20230210,
  attribute_aliases = translocation_aliases,
  results_selection = c("abundance")
model <- model_template$clone()</pre>
model$set attributes(
  initial_abundance = example_initial_abundance,
  carrying_capacity = example_carrying_capacity,
  growth_rate_max = rmax_gen_ex$growth_rate_max,
  translocation = translocation,
  trans_n = 75, # passed through to translocation function
  dispersal = sample_dispersal_data
)
# run poems simulator
results <- population_simulator(model)</pre>
results$all$abundance
         60 461 1687 4826 6058 9342 10085 17090 13115 18711 12527
#> [1]
# timeseries of total abundance
plot(1:11, results$all$abundance,
  type = "1",
  xlab = "timestep", ylab = "Total abundance"
)
```

plot of chunk unnamed-chunk-17

The template model runs successfully and now we can make some maps of the dispersal patterns of the populations from their initial introduction.

```
#> max values : 60, 250, 345
abd_max <- round_any(max(values(abund_ras), na.rm = TRUE), 20, f = ceiling)

# plot of abundances. log(x+1) transformed.
plot(log1p(abund_ras),
    col = hcl.colors(100),
    colNA = "grey75",
    addfun = function() {
        plot(ibra_polygons, border = "black", col = NA, add = TRUE)
    },
    zlim = c(0, log1p(abd_max))
)</pre>
```

To make sure our translocation function is working correctly, we can run the template model again but with the translocation function turned off.

```
model$set_attributes(
     initial_abundance = example_initial_abundance,
     carrying_capacity = example_carrying_capacity,
     growth_rate_max = rmax_gen_ex$growth_rate_max,
     translocation = NULL,
     dispersal = sample_dispersal_data
results_notransn <- population_simulator(model) # run poems simulator
results_notransn$all$abundance
#> [1]
                           60
                                        386 1614 4651 5532 8984 9672 15588 13801 17901 13641
results$all$abundance
                                     461 1687 4826 6058 9342 10085 17090 13115 18711 12527
                           60
abund_ras_notransn <- region$raster_from_values(results_notransn$abundance)
abund_ras_notransn[[c(1, 6, 11)]]
                                 : RasterBrick
#> class
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224, 3 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
#> resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
                                   : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
#> extent
                                   : + proj = laea + lat\_0 = -42.2 + lon\_0 = 147 + x\_0 = 0 + y\_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no\_defs = 0 + lat\_0 = -42.2 + lon\_0 = 147 + x\_0 = 0 + y\_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no\_defs = 0 + lat\_0 = -42.2 + lon\_0 = 147 + x\_0 = 0 + y\_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no\_defs = 0 + lat\_0 = -42.2 + lon\_0 = 147 + x\_0 = 0 + y\_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no\_defs = 0 + lat\_0 = 0 + la
#> crs
#> source
                                : memory
#> names
                               : layer.1, layer.6, layer.11
#> min values :
                                                    0,
                                                                            0,
#> max values :
                                                    60,
                                                                         278,
                                                                                                   298
diff ras <- abund ras - abund ras notransn
diff_ras[[1:2]]
#> class
                                  : RasterBrick
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224, 2 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
#> resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
                                   : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
#> extent
                                   : +proj = laea + lat_0 = -42.2 + lon_0 = 147 + x_0 = 0 + y_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no_defs
#> crs
#> source
                                   : memory
#> names
                                   : layer.1, layer.2
                                                       0,
                                                                              0
#> min values :
                                                                            75
#> max values :
                                                       0,
```

We can see from the diff\_ras above that the difference between timesteps 2 of the two model runs is 75 individuals, which was the value passed through to the translocation function of the original model run.

And now we can plot the difference.

```
plotmax <- round_any(max(abs(values(diff_ras)), na.rm = TRUE), 10, ceiling)
plot(diff_ras[[c(1, 6, 11)]],
   zlim = c(-plotmax, plotmax),
   breaks = c(-plotmax, -100, -50, -20, 0, 20, 50, 100, plotmax),
   col = hcl.colors(9, "PuOr"),
   colNA = "grey75",
   addfun = function() {
     plot(ibra_polygons, col = NA, add = TRUE)
   }
)</pre>
```

# Step 5: Run multiple simulations

In order to explore the model parameter space to find the best models, we generate Latin hypercube samples of model and generator parameters to be simulated, using the *LatinHypercubeSampler* class. This class has functionality for generating sample parameters via Uniform, Normal, Lognormal, Beta, and Triangular distributions. For our example we only generate 10 samples. Typically however, a user would need to generate thousands to tens of thousands, of samples.

### Define the latin-hypercube for sampling

```
# Latin-hypercube sampler ####
lhs_gen <- LatinHypercubeSampler$new()</pre>
# Habitat suitability threshold
lhs_gen$set_uniform_parameter("q_thresh", lower = 0.90, upper = 0.99, decimals = 2)
# Growth rate
lhs gen$set uniform parameter("rmax quantile", lower = 0, upper = 1, decimals = 2)
lhs_gen$set_uniform_parameter("standard_deviation", lower = 0.00, upper = 0.70, decimals = 2)
# Dispersal
lhs_gen$set_uniform_parameter("dispersal_p", lower = 0.05, upper = 0.40, decimals = 2)
## mean dispersal between 5 and 40 km
lhs_gen$set_uniform_parameter("dispersal_b", lower = 5, upper = 40, decimals = 0)
lhs_gen$set_uniform_parameter("dispersal_n_k_threshold", lower = 0.7, upper = 1.0, decimals = 2)
# Density max
## Density: animals/km2 needs to be scaled by grid size (10km x 10km)
## e.g. 1/km2 = (1 \text{ animal/km2} * (10*10)) * frac cell used
## 1 km2 = 80 per grid cell = (1*(10*10))*0.8 # assuming 80% grid cell used
## Here I have assumed only 80% of cell is suitable. Upper/lower = 1/km - 6.25/km
lhs_gen$set_uniform_parameter("max_dens", lower = 80, upper = 500, decimals = 0)
# Translocation
lhs_gen$set_uniform_parameter("trans_n", lower = 10, upper = 100, decimals = 0)
sample_data <- lhs_gen$generate_samples(number = 10, random_seed = 42)</pre>
head(sample_data)
#>
     q\_thresh\ rmax\_quantile\ standard\_deviation\ dispersal\_p\ dispersal\_b
#> 1
        0.97
                       0.72
                                           0.31
                                                       0.21
                                                                      15
#> 2
        0.92
                       0.33
                                           0.12
                                                       0.26
                                                                      6
#> 3
        0.95
                       0.05
                                           0.47
                                                       0.32
                                                                      21
#> 4
        0.94
                       0.50
                                           0.61
                                                       0.15
                                                                      10
#> 5
        0.98
                       0.85
                                           0.39
                                                       0.38
                                                                      37
         0.98
                                           0.67
                                                       0.18
                                                                      32
#> 6
                       0.94
#> dispersal_n_k_threshold max_dens trans_n
#> 1
                        0.84
                                   300
                                            92
#> 2
                        0.94
                                   497
                                            71
#> 3
                        0.95
                                   341
                                            14
#> 4
                        0.70
                                            27
                                   232
#> 5
                        0.74
                                   106
                                            53
#> 6
                        0.77
                                   455
                                            37
# Make unique row names for saving files
{
  set.seed(54612)
  sample_data$UniqueID <- paste0(</pre>
```

```
stri rand strings(nrow(sample data), 4, "[A-Z]"),
    stri_rand_strings(nrow(sample_data), 4, "[0-9]")
  )
}
sample_data <- sample_data[, c(9, 1:8)]</pre>
sample_data
      UniqueID q thresh rmax quantile standard deviation dispersal p dispersal b
#> 1 GFUR0745
                   0.97
                                  0.72
                                                     0.31
                                                                  0.21
                                                                                15
#> 2 PEZ00880
                   0.92
                                  0.33
                                                     0.12
                                                                  0.26
                                                                                 6
#> 3 NWRT4531
                   0.95
                                  0.05
                                                                  0.32
                                                                                21
                                                     0.47
#> 4 QFAA0197
                   0.94
                                  0.50
                                                     0.61
                                                                  0.15
                                                                                10
#> 5 TDPB8128
                                                                  0.38
                                                                                37
                   0.98
                                  0.85
                                                     0.39
#> 6 ZWCU8467
                   0.98
                                                     0.67
                                                                  0.18
                                                                                32
                                  0.94
#> 7 HQPY9567
                                                     0.06
                   0.96
                                                                                28
                                  0.17
                                                                  0.07
#> 8 LROH7589
                 0.93
                                  0.21
                                                     0.54
                                                                  0.11
                                                                                23
#> 9 CETL2983
                  0.91
                                  0.58
                                                     0.22
                                                                  0.26
                                                                                34
#> 10 Z0XX4201
                0.92
                                                     0.19
                                                                  0.36
                                                                                16
                                  0.64
#>
      dispersal_n_k_threshold max_dens trans_n
#> 1
                         0.84
                                   300
#> 2
                         0.94
                                    497
                                             71
#> 3
                         0.95
                                    341
                                             14
                         0.70
#> 4
                                    232
                                             27
                         0.74
#> 5
                                   106
                                             53
#> 6
                         0.77
                                    455
                                             37
#> 7
                         1.00
                                    200
                                             78
#> 8
                         0.88
                                    393
                                             44
#> 9
                         0.85
                                    278
                                             85
#> 10
                          0.79
                                    128
                                             61
```

We we can run a simulation for each set (or row) of sampled parameters. The *SimulationManager* class manages the generation of parameters (via the generators), the running the model simulations, and writing simulation results to disk. It also maintains a log of each simulation's success and any errors or warnings encountered.

```
OUTPUT_DIR <- tempdir()</pre>
model <- model_template$clone()</pre>
model$set_attributes(params = list(
  "standard_deviation" = NULL,
  "dispersal source n k$threshold" = NULL,
  "dispersal_source_n_k$cutoff" = 0.00
))
# Build the simulation manager
sim_manager <- SimulationManager$new(</pre>
  sample_data = sample_data,
  model_template = model,
  # initial_hs = initial_hs,
  generators = list(dispersal_gen, capacity_gen, rmax_gen),
  parallel_cores = 1L,
  results_filename_attributes =
    c(NULL, "UniqueID", "results"),
  results_ext = ".RDS",
  results_dir = OUTPUT_DIR
)
# Takes <10 seconds to run 10 example sims on a single core.
system.time({
  run_output <- sim_manager$run()</pre>
```

```
})
#> user system elapsed
#> 2.817 0.255 3.108
run_output$summary
#> [1] "10 of 10 sample models ran and saved results successfully with warnings"
```

# Step 6: Extract results from simulations

Now that the simulations have run, we can extract the modelled abundances. We now wish to collate summary results for each of our simulations via the *ResultsManager* class. This manager loads the results from each sample simulation into an intermediate *PopulationResults* class object, which dynamically generates further results. We need to define functions for calculating summary metrics, as well as any matrices (one row of values per simulation) that we may be interested in examining.

We can see from above that the run\_output\$summary shows that there were a number of simulations that didn't complete successfully:

```
run_output$summary
#> [1] "10 of 10 sample models ran and saved results successfully with warnings"
```

The run\_output\$full\_log shows that some simulations produced NA values when calculating population abundances:

"Warning: Non-finite stage abundances returned by user-defined translocation function"

These simulations had a range of parameter values that caused the simulation to "fall-over". These errors could be fixed by improving the translocation function, or alternatively the user could discard the simulations as being structurally wrong - i.e. that specific combination of parameters is simply unsuitable. We're going to treat them as the latter.

### Extract results

```
# Extract timeseries of abundance from each of the sims
# Load our results (list) into a PopulationResults object
p_results <- PopulationResults$new(results = run_output)</pre>
res_manager <- ResultsManager$new(</pre>
  simulation_manager = sim_manager,
  simulation_results = p_results,
  generators = NULL,
  summary_matrices = c(
    "n",
    "distr_pop"
  ),
  summary_functions = list(
    # total pop abundance
    "n" = function(sim_results) {
      sim_results$all$abundance
    },
    # matrix of abundance
    ## can be made into raster
    "distr_pop" = function(sim_results) {
      sim_results$abundance
  ),
  parallel cores = 1L
gen_log <- res_manager$generate()</pre>
gen_log$summary
```

```
#> [1] "10 of 10 summary metrics/matrices generated from sample results successfully"
# matrix of total population abundances
## each row is a sim, each column a timestep
res_manager$summary_matrix_list$n
        [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]
                                          [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10] [,11]
#>
#>
   [1,]
          92 3323 7026 15041 26668 22664 41992 41696 62850 41843 59052
#> [2,]
          71 1967 2021 3882 7892 10605 20999 25497 38943 43938 47138
#> [3,]
          14 264
                    420 2109
                               6779 13228 13882 25794 24008 32783 26782
#> [4,]
          27 1364
                   1799 3694 7062 12462 17371 29558 24840 34150 27849
#> [5,]
          53 961 6666 8417 9409 19195 14169 30511 17347 28239
          37 7833 45987 31579 88186 55046 128827 97272
#> [6,]
                                                         NA
                                                                     NA
#> [7,]
          78 687
                    388
                         707 1804 3405
                                           6199 10775 12983 14604 13386
#> [8,]
          44 1024
                    989 3589 7830 14645 17947 29238 28654 36924 32740
#> [9,]
         85 2270 8646 15371 20338 29326 33191 52467
                                                        NA
                                                               NA
          61 875 2541 6666 8545 12917 14238 23607 20734 22180 21780
#> [10,]
# plot
matplot(
  x = 1:ncol(res_manager$summary_matrix_list$n),
  y = t(res_manager$summary_matrix_list$n), type = "b",
  lty = 1, xlab = "timestep", ylab = "total abundance"
)
```

From the results we can see that our translocation function was working correctly, and that our capacity\_gen was defined correctly, as the abundances in the first time step are the same as the trans\_n values from our latin-hypercube samples.

```
identical(
  unlist(res_manager$summary_matrix_list$n[, 1]),
  unlist(sample_data$trans_n)
)
#> [1] TRUE
```

Let's assume that samples 2, 3, 4, and 8 are our "best" simulations after some sort of validation. We have already extracted the abundances from these simulations, so now with a few more lines of code, we can generate averages of the simulations as rasters

```
best_sims \leftarrow c(2:4, 8)
dim(res_manager$summary_matrix_list$distr_pop[best_sims, ])
#> [1]
          4 8085
best_abund <- matrix(</pre>
  nrow = region$region_cells,
  ncol = 11, # 11 timesteps,
  data = round(colMeans(res_manager$summary_matrix_list$distr_pop[best_sims, ]))
)
best_abund <- region$raster_from_values(best_abund)</pre>
best_abund[[c(1, 6, 11)]]
#> class
               : RasterBrick
#> dimensions : 36, 34, 1224, 3 (nrow, ncol, ncell, nlayers)
#> resolution : 10000, 10000 (x, y)
#> extent : -211571.8, 128428.2, -182583.2, 177416.8 (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax)
               : +proj = laea + lat_0 = -42.2 + lon_0 = 147 + x_0 = 0 + y_0 = 0 + datum = WGS84 + units = m + no_defs
#> crs
#> source
             : memory
```

```
#> names : layer.1, layer.6, layer.11
#> min values : 0, 0,
#> max values :
                    39,
                            407,
                                      634
abd_max <- round_any(max(values(best_abund), na.rm = TRUE),</pre>
 accuracy = 100, ceiling
# plot of log(x+1) abundances
plot(log1p(best_abund),
 col = hcl.colors(100, "Spectral", rev = TRUE),
 colNA = "grey75",
 addfun = function() {
  plot(ibra_polygons, border = "#000000", col = NA, add = TRUE)
 },
 zlim = c(0, log1p(abd_max))
)
```