

# Package ‘eRTG3D’

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**Title** Generate Empirically Informed Random Trajectories in 3-D

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**Description** The empirically informed random trajectory generator in three dimensions (eRTG3D) is an algorithm to generate realistic random trajectories in a 3-D space between two given fix points in space. The trajectory generation is based on empirical distribution functions extracted from observed trajectories (training data) and thus reflects the geometrical movement characteristics of the mover.

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dem	<i>Example digital elevation model (DEM)</i>
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## Description

This is data to be included in the package and can be used to test its functionality. The 'dem' data is a rasterLayer and has a resolution of 90 meters. It is the topography of the Swiss midlands. The complete dataset can be downloaded directly from [www.cgiar-csi.org](http://www.cgiar-csi.org).

## References

<http://www.cgiar-csi.org/data/srtm-90m-digital-elevation-database-v4-1>

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dem2track.extent	<i>Crops the DEM to the extent of the track with a buffer</i>
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## Description

Crops the DEM to the extent of the track with a buffer

## Usage

```
dem2track.extent(DEM, track, buffer = 100)
```

## Arguments

DEM	a raster containing a digital elevation model, covering the extent as the track
track	data.frame with x,y,z coordinates of the original track
buffer	bufferwith, by default set to 100

**Value**

A the cropped digital elevation model as a raster layer.

**Examples**

```
dem2track.extent(DEM, track)
```

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filter.dead.ends	<i>Function to filter out tracks that have found a dead end (=NULL)</i>
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**Description**

Function to filter out tracks that have found a dead end (=NULL)

**Usage**

```
filter.dead.ends(cerwList)
```

**Arguments**

cerwList            list of data.frames and NULL entries

**Value**

A list that is only containing valid tracks.

**Examples**

```
filter.dead.ends(cerwList)
```

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get.densities.3d	<i>Extract tldCube and autodifferences functions</i>
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**Description**

Creates a list consisting of the 3 dimensional probability distribution cube for turning angle, lift angle and step length ([turnLiftStepHist](#)) as well as the uni-dimensional distributions of the differences of the turn angles, lift angles and step lengths with a lag of 1 to maintain minimal level of autocorrelation in each of the terms. Additionally also the distribution of the flight height over the ellipsoid (absolute) and the distribution of flight height over the topography (relative) can be included.

**Usage**

```
get.densities.3d(turnAngle, liftAngle, stepLength, deltaLift, deltaTurn,
  deltaStep, heightEllipsoid = NULL, heightTopo = NULL, maxBin = 25)
```

**Arguments**

turnAngle	turn angles of the track (t)
liftAngle	lift angles of the track (l)
stepLength	stepLength of the track (d)
deltaLift	auto differences of the turn angles (diff(t))
deltaTurn	auto differences of the lift angles (diff(l))
deltaStep	auto differences of the step length (diff(d))
heightEllipsoid	flight height over the ellipsoid (absolute) or NULL to exclude this distribution
heightTopo	flight height over the topography (relative) or NULL to exclude this distribution
maxBin	numeric scalar, maximum number of bins per dimension of the tld-cube ( <a href="#">turnLiftStepHist</a> )

**Value**

A list containing the tldCube and the autodifferences functions (and additionally the flight height distribution functions)

**Examples**

```
get.densities.3d(track, heightDist = TRUE)
```

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```
get.section.densities.3d
```

*Extract tldCube and autodifferences functions from track sections*

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**Description**

Creates a list consisting of the 3 dimensional probability distribution cube for turning angle, lift angle and step length ([turnLiftStepHist](#)) as well as the uni-dimensional distributions of the differences of the turning angles, lift angles and step lengths with a lag of 1 to maintain minimal level of autocorrelation in each of the terms.

**Usage**

```
get.section.densities.3d(trackSections, heightDistEllipsoid = TRUE,
  DEM = NULL, maxBin = 25)
```

**Arguments**

trackSections	list of track sections got by the <a href="#">track.split.3d</a> function
heightDistEllipsoid	logical: Should a distribution of the flight height over ellipsoid be extracted and later used in the sim.cond.3d()?
DEM	a raster containing a digital elevation model, covering the same extent as the track sections
maxBin	numeric scalar, maximum number of bins per dimension of the tld-cube ( <a href="#">turnLiftStepHist</a> )

**Value**

A list containing the tldCube and the autodifferences functions (and additionally the height distribution function)

**Examples**

```
get.section.densities.3d(trackSections)
```

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```
get.track.densities.3d
```

*Extract tldCube and autodifferences functions from a consistent track*

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**Description**

Get densities creates a list consisting of the 3 dimensional probability distribution cube for turning angle, lift angle and step length ([turnLiftStepHist](#)) as well as the uni-dimensional distributions of the differences of the turning angles, lift angles and step lengths with a lag of 1 to maintain minimal level of autocorrelation in each of the terms.

**Usage**

```
get.track.densities.3d(track, heightDistEllipsoid = TRUE, DEM = NULL,
  maxBin = 25)
```

**Arguments**

track	a data.frame with 3 columns containing the x,y,z coordinates
heightDistEllipsoid	logical: Should a distribution of the flight height over ellipsoid be extracted and later used in the sim.cond.3d()?
DEM	a raster containing a digital elevation model, covering the same extent as the track
maxBin	numeric scalar, maximum number of bins per dimension of the tld-cube ( <a href="#">turnLiftStepHist</a> )

**Value**

A list containing the tldCube and the autodifferences functions (and additionally the height distribution function)

**Note**

The time between the acquisition of fix points of the track must be constant, otherwise this leads to distorted statistic distributions, which increases the probability of dead ends. In this case please check [track.split.3d](#) and [get.section.densities.3d](#)

**Examples**

```
get.track.densities.3d(track, heightDist = TRUE)
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is.sf.3d	<i>Tests if the object is a simple feature collection (class: 'sf, data.frame')</i>
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**Description**

Tests if the object is a simple feature collection (class: 'sf, data.frame')

**Usage**

```
is.sf.3d(track)
```

**Arguments**

track	any object to test
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**Value**

A logical: TRUE if is is a simple feature collection (class: 'sf, data.frame') of the sf package, FALSE otherwise.

**Examples**

```
is.sf.3d(track)
```

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n.sim.cond.3d	<i>Conditioned Empirical Random Walks (CERW) in 3D</i>
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**Description**

Creates n conditioned empirical random walks, with a specific starting and ending point, geometrically similar to the initial trajectory by applying [sim.cond.3d](#) multiple times.

**Usage**

```
n.sim.cond.3d(n.sim, n.locs, start = c(0, 0, 0), end = start, a0, g0,
  densities, qProbs, error = FALSE, multicore = FALSE, DEM = NULL,
  BG = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n.sim	number of CERWs to simulate
n.locs	length of the trajectory in locations
start	numeric vector of length 3 with the coordinates of the start point
end	numeric vector of length 3 with the coordinates of the end point
a0	initial incoming heading in radian
g0	initial incoming gradient/polar angle in radian
densities	list object returned by get.densities.3d() function
qProbs	list object returned by qProb.3d() function

error	logical: add random noise to the turn angle, lift angle and step length to account for errors measurements?
multicore	logical: run computations in parallel (n-1 cores)?
DEM	raster layer containing a digital elevation model, covering the area between start and end point
BG	a background raster layer that can be used to inform the choice of steps

### Value

A list containing the CERWs or NULLs if dead ends have been encountered.

### Examples

```
n.sim.cond.3d(n.sim, n.locs, start = c(0,0,0), end=start, a0, g0, densities, qProbs)
```

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niclas	<i>Example track data.frame</i>
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### Description

This is data to be included in the package and can be used to test its functionality. The track consists of x, y and z coordinates and represents the movement of a stork called 'niclas' in the Swiss midlands.

### References

<https://www.movebank.org>

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plot2d	<i>Plot function to plot the 3d tracks in 2d plane</i>
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### Description

Plot function to plot the 3d tracks in 2d plane

### Usage

```
plot2d(origTrack, cerwList = NULL, titleText = character(1), DEM = NULL)
```

### Arguments

origTrack	a data.frame with x,y,z coordinates
cerwList	a list containing a data.frame with x,y,z coordinates or a data.frame
titleText	string with title of the plot
DEM	an object of type 'RasterLayer', needs overlapping extent with the lines

### Value

Nothing, plots a 2D ggplot2 object.

**Examples**

```
plot3d(track)
```

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plot3d	<i>Plot 3D track(s) with a surface</i>
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**Description**

Plot 3D track(s) with a surface

**Usage**

```
plot3d(origTrack, cerwList = NULL, titleText = character(1), DEM = NULL,
       maxHeight = 8000)
```

**Arguments**

origTrack	a data.frame with x,y,z coordinates
cerwList	a list containing a data.frame with x,y,z coordinates or a data.frame
titleText	string with title of the plot
DEM	an object of type 'RasterLayer', needs overlapping extent with the lines
maxHeight	Maximum plot height, default 8000m

**Value**

Plots a 2D ggplot2 object

**Examples**

```
plot3d(track)
```

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plot3d.densities	<i>Density plots of turn angle, lift angle and step length</i>
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**Description**

The function takes either one track or two tracks. The second track can be a list of tracks (eg. the output of `n.sim.cons.3d()`), Then the densities of turn angle, lift angle and step length of all the simulations is taken. Additionally the autodifferences parameter can be set to true, then the densities of the autodifferences in turn angle, lift angle and step length are visualized.

**Usage**

```
plot3d.densities(track1, track2 = NULL, autodifferences = FALSE,
                 scaleDensities = FALSE)
```



**Arguments**

track1	a data.frame with x,y,z coordinates
track2	a list containing a data.frame with x,y,z coordinates or a data.frame
autodifferences	logical: Should the densities of the autodifferences in turn angle, lift angle and step length are visualized.
scaleDensities	logical: Should densities be scaled between 0 and 1, then sum of the area under the curve is not 1 anymore!

**Value**

A ggplot2 object.

**Examples**

```
plot3d.densities(track)
```

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plot3d.multiplot	<i>Multiple plot function for ggplot objects</i>
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**Description**

If the layout is something like `matrix(c(1,2,3,3), nrow=2, byrow=TRUE)`, then plot 1 will go in the upper left, 2 will go in the upper right, and 3 will go all the way across the bottom.

**Usage**

```
plot3d.multiplot(..., plotlist = NULL, cols = 1, layout = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

...	ggplot objects
plotlist	a list of ggplot objects
cols	number of columns in layout
layout	a matrix specifying the layout. If present, 'cols' is ignored.

**Value**

Nothing, plots the ggplot2 objects.

**Examples**

```
plot3d.multiplot(p1, p2, p3)
```

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qProb.3d	<i>Q probabilities for n steps</i>
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### Description

Calculates the Q probability, representing the pull to the target. The number of steps on which the Q prob will be quantified is number of total segments less than one (the last step is defined by the target itself).

### Usage

```
qProb.3d(sim, n.locs, multicore = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

sim	the result of <a href="#">sim.uncond.3d</a> , or a data frame with at least x,y,z-coordinates, the arrival azimuth and the arrival gradient.
n.locs	number of total segments to be modelled, the length of the desired conditioned empirical random walk
multicore	logical: run computations in parallel (n-1 cores)?

### Value

A list containing the Q - tldCubes for every step

### Examples

```
qProb.3d(sim, n.locs)
```

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reproduce.track.3d	<i>Reproduce a track with the eRTG3D</i>
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### Description

Simulates n tracks with the geometrical properties of the original track, between the same start and end point.

### Usage

```
reproduce.track.3d(track, n.sim = 1, multicore = FALSE, error = TRUE,
  DEM = NULL, BG = NULL, filterDeadEnds = TRUE, plot2d = FALSE,
  plot3d = FALSE, maxBin = 25)
```

**Arguments**

track	data.frame with x,y,z coordinates of the original track
n.sim	number of simulations that should be done
multicore	logical: run calculations on multiple cores?
error	logical: add error term to movement in simulation?
DEM	a raster containing a digital elevation model, covering the same extent as the track
BG	a raster influencing the probabilities.
plot2d	logical: plot tracks on 2d plane?
plot3d	logical: plot tracks in 3D?
maxBin	numeric scalar, maximum number of bins per dimension of the tld-cube ( <a href="#">turn-LiftStepHist</a> )
filterDeadEnds:	logical: remove tracks (= 'NULL') that ended in a dead end?

**Value**

A list or data.frame containing the simulated track(s) (CERW).

**Examples**

```
reproduce.track.3d(track)
```

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sf2df.3d

*Converts a sf data.frame to a normal dataframe*


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**Description**

Converts a sf data.frame to a normal dataframe

**Usage**

```
sf2df.3d(track)
```

**Arguments**

track	An object of type 'sf, data.frame'
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**Value**

A data.frame.

**Examples**

```
sf2df.3d(df)
```

sim.cond.3d

*Conditioned Empirical Random Walk (CERW) in 3D***Description**

Creates a conditioned empirical random walk, with a specific starting and ending point, geometrically similar to the initial trajectory (extractMethod: raster overlay method can take "simple" or "bilinear")

**Usage**

```
sim.cond.3d(n.locs, start = c(0, 0, 0), end = start, a0, g0, densities,
  qProbs, error = FALSE, DEM = NULL, BG = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n.locs	length of the trajectory in locations
start	numeric vector of length 3 with the coordinates of the start point
end	numeric vector of length 3 with the coordinates of the end point
a0	initial incoming heading in radian
g0	initial incoming gradient/polar angle in radian
densities	list object returned by the <a href="#">get.densities.3d</a> function
qProbs	list object returned by the <a href="#">qProb.3d</a> function
error	logical: add random noise to the turn angle, lift angle and step length to account for errors measurements?
DEM	raster layer containing a digital elevation model, covering the area between start and end point
BG	a background raster layer that can be used to inform the choice of steps

**Value**

A trajectory in the form of data.frame

**Examples**

```
sim.cond.3d(n.locs, start, end=start, a0, g0, densities, qProbs)
```

sim.crw.3d

*Simulation of a three dimensional Correlated Random Walk***Description**

Simulation of a three dimensional Correlated Random Walk

**Usage**

```
sim.crw.3d(nStep, rTurn, rLift, meanStep, start = c(0, 0, 0))
```

**Arguments**

nStep	the number of steps of the simulated trajectory
rTurn	the correlation on the turn angle
rLift	the correlation of the lift angle
meanStep	the mean step length
start	a vector of length 3 containing the coordinates of the startpoint of the trajectory

**Value**

A trajectory in the form of data.frame

**Examples**

```
sim.crw.3d(nStep, rTurn, rLift, meanStep, start = c(0,0,0))
```

sim.uncond.3d

*Unconditioned Empirical Random Walk (UERW) in 3D***Description**

This function creates unconditional walks with prescribed empirical properties (turning angle, lift angle and step length and the auto-differences of them. It can be used for unconditional walks or to seed the conditional walks with comparably long simulations. The conditional walk connecting a given start with a certain end point by a given number of steps needs an attraction term (the Q probability, see [qProb.3d](#)) to ensure that the target is approached and hit. In order to calculate the Q probability for each step the distribution of turns and lifts to target and the distribution of distance to target has to be known. They can be derived from the empirical data (ideally), or estimated from an unconditional process with the same properties. Creates a conditioned empirical random walk, with a specific starting point, geometrically similar to the initial trajectory.

**Usage**

```
sim.uncond.3d(n.locs, start = c(0, 0, 0), a0, g0, densities, error = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

n.locs	the number of locations for the simulated track
start	vector indicating the start point c(x,y,z)
a0	initial heading in radian
g0	initial gradient/polar angle in radian
densities	list object returned by the <a href="#">get.densities.3d</a> function
error	logical: add random noise to the turn angle, lift angle and step length to account for errors measurements?

**Value**

A 3 dimensional trajectory in the form of a data.frame

**Note**

Simulations connecting start and end points with more steps than 1/10th or more of the number of steps of the empirical data should rather rely on simulated unconditional walks with the same properties than on the empirical data (factor 1500).

**Random initial heading**

For a random initial heading a0 use: `sample(atan2(diff(coordinates(track)[,2]), diff(coordinates(track)[,1])),1)`

**Examples**

```
sim.uncond.3d(n.locs, start=c(0,0,0), a0, g0, densities)
```

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test.eRTG.3d

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*Test the functionality of the eRTG3D*


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**Description**

The test simulates a CRW with given parameters and reconstructs it by using the eRTG3D

**Usage**

```
test.eRTG.3d(multicore = FALSE, returnResult = FALSE, plot2d = FALSE,
             plot3d = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

multicore	logical: test with multicore?
returnResult	logical: return tracks generated?
plot2d	logical: plot tracks on 2d plane?
plot3d	logical: plot tracks in 3D?

**Value**

A list containing the original CRW and the simulated track (CERW).

**Examples**

```
test.eRTG3D.3d()
```

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```
test.verification.3d
```

*Internally verification of the simulated track*


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**Description**

Uses two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test to compare the geometric characteristics of the original track with the characteristics of the simulated track.

**Usage**

```
test.verification.3d(track1, track2, alpha = 0.05, plotDensities = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

track1	data.frame with x,y,z coordinates of the original track
track2	data.frame or list of data.frames with x,y,z coordinates of the simulated track
alpha	scalar: significance level, default alpha = 0.05
plotDensities	logical: plot the densites of turn angle, lift angle and step length of the two tracks?

**Value**

Test objects of the 6 two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test conducted.

**Examples**

```
test.verification.3d(track1, track2)
```

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```
track.properties.3d
```

*Track properties of a 3D track*


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**Description**

Returns the properties (distances, azimuth, polar angle, turn angle & lift angle) of a track in three dimensions.

**Usage**

```
track.properties.3d(track)
```

**Arguments**

track	data.frame with x,y,z coordinates
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**Value**

The data.frame with track properties

**Examples**

```
track.properties.3d(track)
```

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```
track.split.3d
```

*This function splits the by outliers in the time lag.*

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**Description**

The length of timeLag must be the the track's length minus 1 and represents the time passed between the fix point acquisition

**Usage**

```
track.split.3d(track, timeLag)
```

**Arguments**

track	track data.frame with x, y and z coordinates
timeLag	a numeric vector with the time passed between the fix point acquisition

**Value**

A list containing the splitted tracks.

**Examples**

```
track.split.3d(track, timeLag)
```

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```
track2sf.3d
```

*Converts a track to a sf data.frame*

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**Description**

Converts a track to a sf data.frame

**Usage**

```
track2sf.3d(track, CRS = NA)
```

**Arguments**

track	eRTG3D track data.frame or a matrix
CRS	string containing the proj4 code of the CRS

**Value**

A track of type 'sf, data.frame'.

**Examples**

```
track2sf.3d(track, "+proj=longlat +ellps=WGS84 +datum=WGS84 +no_defs")
```



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transformCRS.3d	<i>Transform coordinates reference system of a 3D track</i>
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### Description

Attention: Please use this function for CRS transformations, because it is based on the 'st\_transform()' from the sf package. Therefore it supports CRS transformations in 3D. Note: 'spTransform()' from the 'sp' only supports transformations in the 2D plane, which will cause distortions in the third dimension.

### Usage

```
transformCRS.3d(track, fromCRS, toCRS)
```

### Arguments

track	data.frame with x,y,z coordinates
fromCRS	string: proj4 of current CRS
toCRS	string: proj4 of CRS to be converted in

### Value

A data.frame containing x,y,z and variables.

### Examples

```
transformCRS.3d(track, fromCRS="+init=epsg:4326", toCRS="+init=epsg:2056")
```

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turnLiftStepHist	<i>3 dimensional histogram</i>
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### Description

Derives a 3 dimensional distribution of a turn angle, lift angle and step length, using the Freedman–Diaconis rule for estimating the number of bins.

### Usage

```
turnLiftStepHist(turn, lift, step, printDims = TRUE, rm.zeros = TRUE,
  maxBin = 25)
```

### Arguments

turn	numeric vector of turn angles
lift	numeric vector of lift angles
step	numeric vector of step lengths
printDims	logical: Should dimensions of tld-Cube be messaged?
rm.zeros	logical: should combinations with zero probability be removed?
maxBin	numeric scalar, maximum number of bins per dimension of the tld-cube.

**Value**

A 3 dimensional histogram as data.frame

**Examples**

```
turnLiftStepHist(turn, lift, step)
```

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