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**Description** RSAGA provides access to geocomputing and terrain analysis functions of SAGA from within R by running the command line version of SAGA. RSAGA furthermore provides several R functions for handling ASCII grids, including a flexible framework for applying local functions (including predict methods of fitted models) and focal functions to multiple grids. SAGA GIS is available under GPLv2 / LGPLv2 licence from http://sourceforge.net/projects/saga-gis/.

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RSAGA: SAGA Geoprocessing and Terrain Analysis in R

#### **Description**

RSAGA provides direct access to SAGA GIS functions including, for example, a comprehensive set of terrain analysis algorithms for calculating local morphometric properties (slope, aspect, curvature), hydrographic characteristics (size, height, and aspect of catchment areas), and other process-related terrain attributes (potential incoming solar radiation, topographic wetness index, and more). In addition, (R)SAGA provides functions for importing and exporting different grid file formats, and tools for preprocessing grids, e.g. closing gaps or filling sinks.

#### **Details**

RSAGA adds a framework for creating custom-defined focal functions, e.g. specialized filter and terrain attributes such as the topographic wind shelter index, within R. This framework can be used to apply predict methods of fitted statistical models to stacks of grids representing predictor variables. Furthermore, functions are provided for conveniently picking values at point locations from a grid using kriging or nearest neighbour interpolation.

RSAGA requires SAGA GIS (versions 2.0.4 - 2.1.0 are currently supported) and its user-contributed modules to be available on your computer. These can be downloaded under GPL from <a href="http://sourceforge.net/projects/saga-gis/">http://sourceforge.net/projects/saga-gis/</a>. Please check the help page for rsaga.env to make sure that RSAGA can find your local installation of SAGA. You may need to 'tell' RSAGA where to find SAGA GIS.

Thanks to Olaf Conrad, Andre Ringeler and all the other SAGA GIS developers and contributors of this excellent geocomputing tool! Thanks to Rainer Hurling, Johan van de Wauw, Massimo Di Stefano and others for helping to adapt SAGA to and test it on unix and Max OSX.

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centervalue

Pick Center Value from Matrix

## **Description**

Pick the value in the center of a square matrix. Auxiliary function to be used by functions called by focal.function.

## Usage

```
centervalue(x)
```

## **Arguments**

Х

a square matrix

## **Details**

See for example the code of resid.median.

## See Also

```
focal.function, resid.median
```

# **Examples**

```
( m <- matrix( round(runif(9,1,10)), ncol=3 ) ) centervalue(m) \,
```

create.variable.name

Convert file name to variable name

# Description

Convert a file name into a variable name

# Usage

```
create.variable.name(filename, prefix = NULL,
  fsep = .Platform$file.sep)
```

#### **Arguments**

filename character string

prefix character string: optional prefix to be added fsep character used to separate path components

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
create.variable.name("C:/my-path/my-file-name.Rd",prefix="res")
## End(Not run)
```

focal.function

Local and Focal Grid Functions

## **Description**

focal.function cuts out square or circular moving windows from a grid (matrix) and applies a user-defined matrix function to calculate e.g. a terrain attribute or filter the grid. The function is suitable for large grid files as it can process them row by row. local.function represents the special case of a moving window of radius 1. Users can define their own functions operating on moving windows, or use simple functions such as median to define filters.

#### Usage

```
focal.function(in.grid, in.factor.grid, out.grid.prefix,
  path = NULL, in.path = path, out.path = path, fun,
  varnames, radius = 0, is.pixel.radius = TRUE,
  na.strings = "NA", valid.range = c(-Inf, Inf),
  nodata.values = c(), out.nodata.value,
  search.mode = c("circle", "square"), digits = 4,
  hdr.digits = 10, dec = ".", quiet = TRUE, nlines = Inf,
  mw.to.vector = FALSE, mw.na.rm = FALSE, ...)

gapply(in.grid, fun, varnames, mw.to.vector = TRUE,
  mw.na.rm = TRUE, ...)

local.function(...)
```

## **Arguments**

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fun a function, or name of a function, to be applied on the moving window; see

Details

varnames character vector specifying the names of the variable(s) returned by fun; if miss-

ing, focal. function will try to determine the varnames from fun itself, or from

a call to fun if this is a function (see Details)

radius numeric value specifying the (circular or square) radius of the moving win-

dow; see is.pixel.radius and search.mode; note that all data within distance

<=radius will be included in the moving window, not <radius.</pre>

is.pixel.radius

logical: if TRUE (default), the radius will be interpreted as a (possibly non-

integer) number of pixels; if FALSE, it is interpreted as a radius measured in the

grid (map) units.

valid.range numeric vector of length 2, specifying minimum and maximum valid values

read from input file; all values <valid.range[1] or >valid.range[1] will be

converted to NA.

nodata.values numeric vector: any values from the input grid file that should be converted to

NA, in addition to the nodata value specified in the grid header

out.nodata.value

numeric: value used for storing NAs in the output file(s); if missing, use the same

nodata value as specified in the header of the input grid file

na.strings passed on to scan

search.mode character, either "circle" (default) for a circular search window, or "square"

for a squared one.

digits numeric, specifying the number of digits to be used for output grid file.

hdr.digits numeric, specifying the number of digits to be used for the header of the output

grid file (default: 10; see write.ascii.grid.header).

dec character, specifying the decimal mark to be used for input and output.

quiet If TRUE, gives some output ("\*") after every 10th line of the grid file and when

the job is done.

nlines Number of lines to be processed; useful for testing purposes.

mw.to.vector logical: Should the content of the moving window be coerced (from a matrix)

to a vector?

mw.na.rm logical: Should NAs be removed from moving window prior to passing the data

to fun? Only applicable when mw.to.vector=TRUE.

... Arguments to be passed to fun; local.function: arguments to be passed to

focal.function.

#### Details

focal.function passes a square matrix of size 2\*radius+1 to the function fun if mw.to.vector=FALSE (default), or a vector of length <=(2\*radius+1)^2 if mw.to.vector=TRUE. This matrix or vector will contain the content of the moving window, which may possibly contain NAs even if the in.grid has no nodata values, e.g. due to edge effects. If search.mode="circle", values more than radius units (pixels or grid units, depending on is.pixel.radius) away from the center pixel / matrix

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entry will be set to NA. In addition, valid.range, nodata.values, and the nodata values specified in the in.grid are checked to assign further NAs to pixels in the moving window. Finally, if in.factor.grid specifies zones, all pixels in the moving window that belong to a different zone than the center pixel are set to NA, or, in other words, zone boundaries are used as breaklines.

The function fun should return a single numeric value or a numeric vector. As an example, the function <code>resid.minmedmax</code> returns the minimum, median and maximum of the difference between the values in the moving window and the value in the center grid cell. In addition to the (first) argument receiving the moving window data, fun may have additional arguments; the . . . argument of focal.function is passed on to fun. <code>resid.quantile</code> is a function that uses this feature.

Optionally, fun should support the following feature: If no argument is passed to it, then it should return a character vector giving variable names to be used for naming the output grids. The call resid.minmedmax(), for example, returns c("rmin", "rmed", "rmax"); this vector must have the same length as the numeric vector returned when moving window data is passed to the function. This feature is only used if no varnames argument is provided. Note that the result is currently being abbreviated to a length of 6 characters.

Input and output file names are built according to the following schemes:

Input: [<in.path>/]<in.grid>

Zones: [<in.path>/]<in.factor.grid> (if specified)

Output: [<out.path>/][<out.grid.prefix>-]<varnames>.asc

For the input files, .asc is used as the default file extension, if it is not specified by the user.

#### Value

focal. function and local. function return the character vector of output file names.

#### Note

These functions are not very efficient ways of calculating e.g. (focal) terrain attributes compared to for example the SAGA modules, but the idea is that you can easily specify your own functions without starting to mess around with C code. For example try implementing a median filter as a SAGA module... or just use the code shown in the example!

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Brenning, A. (2008): Statistical geocomputing combining R and SAGA: The example of land-slide susceptibility analysis with generalized additive models. In: J. Boehner, T. Blaschke, L. Montanarella (eds.), SAGA - Seconds Out (= Hamburger Beitraege zur Physischen Geographie und Landschaftsoekologie, 19), 23-32. http://www.environment.uwaterloo.ca/u/brenning/Brenning-2008-RSAGA.pdf

#### See Also

multi.focal.function, multi.local.function, resid.median, resid.minmedmax, relative.position, resid.quantile, resid.quantiles, relative.rank, wind.shelter, create.variable.name

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# A simple median filter applied to dem.asc:
gapply("dem", "median", radius=3)
# Same:
#focal.function("dem",fun="median",radius=3,mw.to.vector=TRUE,mw.na.rm=TRUE)
# See how the filter has changed the elevation data:
d1 = as.vector(read.ascii.grid("dem")$data)
d2 = as.vector(read.ascii.grid("median")$data)
hist(d1-d2,br=50)
## End(Not run)
# Wind shelter index used by Plattner et al. (2004):
## Not run:
ctrl = wind.shelter.prep(6,-pi/4,pi/12,10)
focal.function("dem",fun=wind.shelter,control=ctrl,
    radius=6, search.mode="circle")
## End(Not run)
# Or how about this, if "aspect" is local terrain exposure:
gapply("aspect","cos") # how "northerly-exposed" is a pixel?
gapply("aspect", "sin") # how "easterly-exposed" is a pixel?
# Same result, but faster:
focal.function("aspect",fun=function(x) c(cos(x),sin(x)), varnames=c("cos","sin"))
## End(Not run)
```

grid.predict

Helper function for applying predict methods to stacks of grids.

## Description

This function can be used to apply the predict method of hopefully any fitted predictive model pixel by pixel to a stack of grids representing the explanatory variables. It is intended to be called primarily by multi.local.function or multi.focal.function.

## Usage

```
grid.predict(fit, predfun, trafo, control.predict,
  predict.column, trace = 0, location, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

fit a model object for which prediction is desired

predfun optional prediction function; if missing, the fit's predict method is called. In some cases it may be convenient to define a wrapper function for the predict

method that may be passed as predfun argument.

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trafo an optional function(x) that takes a data.frame x and returns a data.frame

with the same number of rows; this is intended to perform transformations on the input variables, e.g. derive a log-transformed variable from the raw input read from the grids, or more complex variables such as the NDVI etc.; the data.frame resulting from a call to trafo (if provided) is passed to predfun

control.predict

an optional list of arguments to be passed on to predfun; this may be e.g.

type="response" to obtain probability prediction maps from a logistic regres-

sion model

predict.column optional character string: Some predict methods (e.g. predict.lda) return a

data.frame with several columns, e.g. one column per class in a classification

problem. predict.column is used to pick the one that is of interest

trace integer >=0: positive values give more (=2) or less (=1) information on predictor

variables and predictions

location optional location data received from multi.focal.function; is added to the

newdata object that is passed on to predfun.

... these arguments are provided by the calling function, usually multi.local.function

or multi.focal.function. They contain the explanatory (predictor) variables

required by the fit model.

#### **Details**

grid.predict is a simple wrapper function. First it binds the arguments in ... together in a data.frame with the raw predictor variables that have been read from their grids by the caller, multi.local.function (or multi.focal.function). Then it calls the optional trafo function to transform or combine predictor variables (e.g. perform log transformations, ratioing, arithmetic operations such as calculating the NDVI). Finally the predfun (or, typically, the default predict method of fit) is called, handing over the fit, the predictor data.frame, and the optional control.predict arguments.

## Value

grid.predict returns the result of the call to predfun or the default predict method.

#### Note

Though grid.predict can in principle deal with predict methods returning factor variables, its usual caller multi.local.function / multi.focal.function cannot; classification models should be dealt with by setting a type="prob" (for rpart) or type="response" (for logistic regression and logistic additive model) argument, for example (see second Example below).

## Author(s)

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#### References

Brenning, A. (2008): Statistical geocomputing combining R and SAGA: The example of landslide susceptibility analysis with generalized additive models. In: J. Boehner, T. Blaschke, L. Montanarella (eds.), SAGA - Seconds Out (= Hamburger Beitraege zur Physischen Geographie und Landschaftsoekologie, 19), 23-32. http://www.environment.uwaterloo.ca/u/brenning/ Brenning-2008-RSAGA.pdf

#### See Also

```
focal.function, multi.local.function, multi.focal.function
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Assume that d is a data.frame with point observations
# of a numerical response variable y and predictor variables
# a, b, and c.
# Fit a generalized additive model to y,a,b,c.
# We want to model b and c as nonlinear terms:
require(gam)
fit \leftarrow gam(y \sim a + s(b) + s(c), data = d)
multi.local.function(in.grids = c("a", "b", "c"),
    out.varnames = "pred",
    fun = grid.predict, fit = fit )
    # Note that the 'grid.predict' uses by default the
    # predict method of 'fit'.
# Model predictions are written to a file named pred.asc
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# A fake example of a logistic additive model:
require(gam)
fit \leftarrow gam(cl \sim a + s(b) + s(c), data = d, family = binomial)
multi.local.function(in.grids = c("a", "b", "c"),
    out.varnames = "pred",
    fun = grid.predict, fit = fit,
    control.predict = list(type = "response") )
    \mbox{\tt\#} 'control.predict' is passed on to 'grid.predict', which
    # dumps its contents into the arguments for 'fit''s
    # 'predict' method.
# Model predictions are written to a file named pred.asc
## End(Not run)
```

match.arg.ext

## **Description**

Convert a grid matrix to a (x,y,z) data.frame.

## Usage

```
grid.to.xyz(data, header, varname = "z",
  colnames = c("x", "y", varname))
```

## **Arguments**

data grid data: either a grid data matrix, or a list with components data (a matrix with

the grid data) and header (the grid header information); see read.ascii.grid

for details

header optional list giving grid header information; see read.ascii.grid for details

varname character: name to be assigned to the column with the z values in the output

data.frame

colnames names to be given to the columns corresponding to the x and y coordinates and

the grid variable in the output data.frame

#### Value

a data.frame with three columns (names are specified in the colnames argument) giving the x and y coordinates and the attribute values at the locations given by the grid data.

#### See Also

```
read.ascii.grid, pick.from.ascii.grid
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
d = read.ascii.grid("dem")
xyz = grid.to.xyz(d,varname="elevation")
str(xyz)
## End(Not run)
```

match.arg.ext

Extended Argument Matching

## **Description**

match.arg.ext matches arg against a set of candidate values as specified by choices; it extends match.arg by allowing arg to be a numeric identifier of the choices.

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#### Usage

```
match.arg.ext(arg, choices, base = 1, several.ok = FALSE,
numeric = FALSE, ignore.case = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

arg a character string or numeric value
choices a character vector of candidate values

base numeric value, specifying the numeric index assigned to the first element of

choices

several.ok logical specifying if arg should be allowed to have more than one element

numeric logical specifying if the function should return the numerical index (counting

from base) of the matched argument, or, by default, its name

ignore.case logical specifying if the matching should be case sensitive

#### **Details**

When choices are missing, they are obtained from a default setting for the formal argument arg of the function from which match.arg.ext was called.

Matching is done using pmatch (indirectly through a call to match.arg, so arg may be abbreviated.

If arg is numeric, it may take values between base and length(choices)+base-1. base=1 will give standard 1-based R indices, base=0 will give indices counted from zero as used to identify SAGA modules in library RSAGA.

#### Value

If numeric is false and arg is a character string, the function returns the unabbreviated version of the unique partial match of arg if there is one; otherwise, an error is signalled if several.ok is false, as per default. When several.ok is true and there is more than one match, all unabbreviated versions of matches are returned.

If numeric is false but arg is numeric, match.arg.ext returns name of the match corresponding to this index, counting from base; i.e. arg=base corresponds to choices[1].

If numeric is true, the function returns the numeric index(es) of the partial match of arg, counted from base to length(choices)+base-1. If arg is already numeric, the function only checks whether it falls into the valid range from arg to length(choices)+base-1 and returns arg.

#### Author(s)

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## See Also

match.arg, pmatch

#### **Examples**

```
# Based on example from 'match.arg':
require(stats)
center <- function(x, type = c("mean", "median", "trimmed")) {</pre>
 type <- match.arg.ext(type,base=0)</pre>
 switch(type,
        mean = mean(x),
         median = median(x),
         trimmed = mean(x, trim = .1))
x < - rcauchy(10)
center(x, "t")
                     # Works
                     # Same, for base=0
center(x, 2)
center(x, "med")
                     # Works
                     # Same, for base=0
center(x, 1)
try(center(x, "m")) # Error
```

multi.focal.function Local and Focal Grid Function with Multiple Grids as Inputs

## **Description**

multi.focal.function cuts out square or circular moving windows from a stack of grids (matrices) and applies a user-defined matrix function that takes multiple arguments to this data. multi.local.function is a more efficiently coded special case of moving windows of size 0, i.e. functions applied to individual grid cells of a stack of grids. This is especially useful for applying predict methods of statistical models to a stack of grids containing the explanatory variables (see Examples and grid.predict). The function is suitable for large grid files as it can process them row by row; but it may be slow because one call to the focal function is generated for each grid cell.

# Usage

```
multi.focal.function(in.grids, in.grid.prefix,
  in.factor.grid, out.grid.prefix, path = NULL,
  in.path = path, out.path = path, fun, in.varnames,
  out.varnames, radius = 0, is.pixel.radius = TRUE,
  na.strings = "NA", valid.ranges, nodata.values = c(),
  out.nodata.value, search.mode = c("circle", "square"),
  digits = 4, hdr.digits = 10, dec = ".", quiet = TRUE,
  nlines = Inf, mw.to.vector = FALSE, mw.na.rm = FALSE,
  pass.location = FALSE, ...)
multi.local.function(in.grids, in.grid.prefix,
  out.grid.prefix, path = NULL, in.path = path,
  out.path = path, fun, in.varnames, out.varnames,
  na.strings = "NA", valid.ranges, nodata.values = c(),
  out.nodata.value, digits = 4, hdr.digits = 10,
  dec = ".", quiet = TRUE, nlines = Inf,
  na.action = na.exclude, pass.location = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

character vector: file names of input ASCII grids, relative to in.path; in.grid.prefix in.grids will be used as a prefix to the file name if specified; default file extension: .asc in.factor.grid optional file name giving a gridded categorical variables defining zones; zone boundaries are used as breaklines for the moving window (see Details) in.grid.prefix character string (optional), defining a file name prefix to be used for the input file names; a dash (-) will separate the prefix and the in.varnames out.grid.prefix character string (optional), defining a file name prefix to be used for the output file names; a dash (-) will separate the prefix and the out.varnames path in which to look for in.grids and write output grid files; see also in.path path and out. path, which overwrite path if they are specified in.path path in which to look for in.grids (defaults to path) out.path path in which to write output grid files; defaults to path fun a function, or name of a function, to be applied on the moving window; see Details; fun is expected to accept named arguments with the names given by in.varnames; grid.predict is a wrapper function that can be used for applying a model's predict method to a stack of grids; see Details. In multi.local.function, fun must be able to process arguments that are vectors of equal length (e.g., a vector of 50 slope angles, another vector of 50 elevation values, etc.). in.varnames character vector: names of the variables corresponding to the in.grids; if missing, same as in.grids; if specified, must have the same length and order as in.grids out.varnames character vector specifying the name(s) of the variable(s) returned by fun; if missing, multi.focal.function will try to determine the varnames from fun itself, or or from a call to fun if this is a function (see Details) radius numeric value specifying the (circular or square) radius of the moving window; see is.pixel.radius and search.mode; note that all data within distance <=radius will be included in the moving window, not <radius.</pre> is.pixel.radius logical: if TRUE (default), the radius will be interpreted as a (possibly noninteger) number of pixels; if FALSE, it is interpreted as a radius measured in the grid (map) units. valid.ranges optional list of length length (in. grids) with numeric vector of length 2, specifying minimum and maximum valid values read from input file; all values <valid.ranges[[i]][1] or >valid.ranges[[i]][1] will be converted to NA. nodata.values numeric vector: any values from the input grid file that should be converted to NA, in addition to the nodata value specified in the grid header out.nodata.value numeric: value used for storing NAs in the output file(s); if missing, use the same nodata value as specified in the header of the input grid file search.mode character, either "circle" (default) for a circular search window, or "square"

for a squared one.

digits numeric, specifying the number of digits to be used for output grid file. numeric, specifying the number of digits to be used for the header of the output hdr.digits grid file (default: 10; see write.ascii.grid.header). dec character, specifying the decimal mark to be used for input and output. If FALSE, gives some output ("\*") after every 10th line of the grid file and when quiet the job is done. nlines Number of lines to be processed; useful for testing purposes. function: determines if/how NA values are omitted from the stack of input varina.action ables; use na. exclude (default) or na. pass if fun can handle NA values correctly logical: Should the content of the moving window be coerced (from a matrix) mw.to.vector to a vector? logical: Should NAs be removed from moving window prior to passing the data mw.na.rm to fun? Only applicable when mw.to.vector=TRUE. logical: Should the x,y coordinates of grid points (center of grid cells) be passed pass.location to fun? If TRUE, two additional arguments named arguments x and y are passed to fun; NOTE: This currently only works for radius=0, otherwise a warning is produced and pass.location is reset to FALSE. na.strings passed on to scan Arguments to be passed to fun; local.function: arguments to be passed to . . . focal.function.

## Details

multi.local.function is probably most useful for applying the predict method of a fitted model to a grids representing the predictor variables. An example is given below and in more detail in Brenning (2008) (who used multi.focal.function for the same purpose); see also grid.predict.

multi.local.function is essentially the same as multi.focal.function for radius=0, but coded MUCH more efficiently. (The relevant code will eventually migrate into multi.focal.function as well, but requires further testing.) Applying a GAM to the data set of Brenning (2008) takes about 1/100th the time with multi.local.function compared to multi.focal.function.

multi.focal.function extends focal.function by allowing multiple input grids to be passed to the focal function fun operating on moving windows. It passes square matrices of size 2\*radius+1 to the function fun if mw.to.vector=FALSE (default), or a vector of length <=(2\*radius+1)^2 if mw.to.vector=TRUE; one such matrix or vector per input grid will be passed to fun as an argument whose name is specified by in.varnames.

These matrices or vectors will contain the content of the moving window, which may possibly contain NAs even if the in.grid has no nodata values, e.g. due to edge effects. If search.mode="circle", values more than radius units (pixels or grid units, depending on is.pixel.radius) away from the center pixel / matrix entry will be set to NA. In addition, valid.range, nodata.values, and the nodata values specified in the in.grid are checked to assign further NAs to pixels in the moving window. Finally, if in.factor.grid specifies zones, all pixels in the moving window that belong to a different zone than the center pixel are set to NA, or, in other words, zone boundaries are used as breaklines.

The function fun should return a single numeric value or a numeric vector, such as a regression result or a vector of class probabilities returned by a soft classifier. In addition to the named arguments receiving the moving window data, fun may have additional arguments; the . . . argument of focal.function is passed on to fun. grid.predict uses this feature.

Optionally, fun should support the following feature: If no argument is passed to it, then it should return a character vector giving variable names to be used for naming the output grids.

For the input files, .asc is used as the default file extension, if it is not specified by the user.

See focal. function for details.

#### Value

multi.focal.function returns the character vector of output file names.

#### Note

multi.focal.function can do all the things focal.function can do.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning

#### References

Brenning, A. (2008): Statistical geocomputing combining R and SAGA: The example of land-slide susceptibility analysis with generalized additive models. In: J. Boehner, T. Blaschke, L. Montanarella (eds.), SAGA - Seconds Out (= Hamburger Beitraege zur Physischen Geographie und Landschaftsoekologie, 19), 23-32. http://www.environment.uwaterloo.ca/u/brenning/Brenning-2008-RSAGA.pdf

## See Also

```
focal.function, grid.predict
```

# Examples

```
## Not run:
# Assume that d is a data.frame with point observations
# of a numerical response variable y and predictor variables
# a, b, and c.
# Fit a generalized additive model to y,a,b,c.
# We want to model b and c as nonlinear terms:
require(gam)
fit <- gam(y ~ a + s(b) + s(c), data = d)
multi.local.function(in.grids = c("a", "b", "c"),
    out.varnames = "pred",
    fun = grid.predict, fit = fit )
    # Note that the 'grid.predict' uses by default the
    # predict method of 'fit'.
# Model predictions are written to a file named pred.asc</pre>
```

```
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# A fake example of a logistic additive model:
require(gam)
fit <- gam(cl ~ a + s(b) + s(c), data = d, family = binomial)
multi.local.function(in.grids = c("a", "b", "c"),
    out.varnames = "pred",
    fun = grid.predict, fit = fit,
    control.predict = list(type = "response") )
    # 'control.predict' is passed on to 'grid.predict', which
    # dumps its contents into the arguments for 'fit''s
    # 'predict' method.
# Model predictions are written to a file named pred.asc
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

pick.from.shapefile Pick Variable from Spatial Dataset

## **Description**

These functions pick (i.e. interpolate without worrying too much about theory) values of a spatial variables from a data stored in a data.frame, a point shapefile, or an ASCII or SAGA grid, using nearest neighbor or kriging interpolation. pick.from.points and [internal.]pick.from.ascii.grid are the core functions that are called by the different wrappers.

#### **Usage**

```
pick.from.shapefile(data, shapefile, X.name = "x",
 Y.name = "y", ...)
pick.from.points(data, src, pick,
 method = c("nearest.neighbour", "krige"),
 set.na = FALSE, radius = 200, nmin = 0, nmax = 100,
 sill = 1, range = radius, nugget = 0,
 model = vgm(sill - nugget, "Sph", range = range, nugget = nugget),
 log = rep(FALSE, length(pick)), X.name = "x",
 Y.name = "y", cbind = TRUE)
internal.pick.from.ascii.grid(data, file, path = NULL,
  varname = NULL, prefix = NULL,
 method = c("nearest.neighbour", "krige"),
 nodata.values = c(-9999, -99999), at.once,
  quiet = TRUE, X.name = "x", Y.name = "y", nlines = Inf,
 cbind = TRUE, range, radius, na.strings = "NA", ...)
pick.from.ascii.grids(data, file, path = NULL,
```

```
varname = NULL, prefix = NULL, cbind = TRUE,
quiet = TRUE, ...)

pick.from.ascii.grid(data, file, path = NULL,
   varname = NULL, prefix = NULL,
   method = c("nearest.neighbour", "krige"), cbind = TRUE,
   parallel = FALSE, nsplit, quiet = TRUE, ...)

pick.from.saga.grid(data, filename, path, varname,
   prec = 7, show.output.on.console = FALSE,
   env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

data frame giving the coordinates (in columns specified by X.name, Y.name) of

point locations at which to interpolate the specified variables or grid values

src data.frame shapefile point shapefile

pick variables to be picked (interpolated) from src; if missing, use all available vari-

ables, except those specified by X. name and Y. name

method interpolation method to be used; uses a partial match to the alternatives "nearest.neighbor"

(currently the default) and "krige"

set.na logical: if a column with a name specified in pick already exists in data, how

should it be dealt with? set.na=FALSE (default) only overwrites existing data if the interpolator yields a non-NA result; set.na=TRUE passes NA values returned

by the interpolator on to the results data.frame

radius numeric value specifying the radius of the local neighborhood to be used for

interpolation; defaults to 200 map units (presumably meters), or, in the functions

for grid files, 2.5\*cellsize.

nmin numeric, for method="krige" only: see krige function in package **gstat**nmax numeric, for method="krige" only: see krige function in package **gstat** 

sill numeric, for method="krige" only: the overall sill parameter to be used for the

variogram

range numeric, for method="krige" only: the variogram range numeric, for method="krige" only: the nugget effect

model for method="krige" only: the variogram model to be used for interpolation;

defaults to a spherical variogram with parameters specified by the range, sill,

and nugget arguments; see vgm in package gstat for details

logical vector, specifying for each variable in pick if interpolation should take

place on the logarithmic scale (default: FALSE)

X. name name of the variable containing the x coordinatesY. name name of the variable containing the y coordinates

cbind logical: shoud the new variables be added to the input data.frame (cbind=TRUE,

the default), or should they be returned as a separate vector or data.frame?

cbind=FALSE

file file name (relative to path, default file extension .asc) of an ASCII grid from

which to pick a variable, or an open connection to such a file

path optional path to file

varname character string: a variable name for the variable interpolated from grid file

file in pick. from. \*. grid; if missing, variable name will be determined from

filename by a call to create.variable.name

prefix an optional prefix to be added to the varname

nodata.values numeric vector specifying grid values that should be converted to NA; in addition

to the values specified here, the nodata value given in the input grid's header will

be used

at.once logical: should the grid be read as a whole or line by line? at.once=FALSE is

useful for processing large grids that do not fit into memory; the argument is currently by default FALSE for method="nearest.neighbour", and it currently MUST be TRUE for all other methods (in these cases, TRUE is the default value); piecewise processing with at.once=FALSE is always faster than processing the

whole grid at.once

quiet logical: provide information on the progress of grid processing on screen? (only

relevant if at.once=FALSE and method="nearest.neighbour")

nlines numeric: stop after processing nlines lines of the input grid; useful for testing

purposes

filename character: name of a SAGA grid file, default extension . sgrd

prec numeric, specifying the number of digits to be used in converting a SAGA grid

to an ASCII grid in pick. from. saga. grid

na.strings passed on to scan

env list: RSAGA geoprocessing environment created by rsaga.env

show.output.on.console

a logical (default: FALSE), indicates whether to capture the output of the com-

mand and show it on the R console (see system, rsaga.geoprocessor).

nsplit split the data frame data in nsplit disjoint subsets in order to increase effi-

ciency by using ddply in package plyr. The default seems to perform well in

many situations.

parallel logical (default: FALSE): enable parallel processing; requires additional pack-

ages such as doSNOW or doMC. See example below and ddply

.. arguments to be passed to pick.from.points, and to internal.pick.from.ascii.grid

in the case of pick.from.ascii.grid

#### **Details**

pick.from.points interpolates the variables defined by pick in the src data.frame to the locations provided by the data data.frame. Only nearest neighbour and ordinary kriging interpolation are currently available. This function is intended for 'data-rich' situations in which not much thought needs to be put into a geostatistical analysis of the spatial structure of a variable. In particular, this function is supposed to provide a simple, 'quick-and-dirty' interface for situations where the src data points are very densely distributed compared to the data locations.

pick.from.shapefile is a front-end of pick.from.points for point shapefiles.

pick.from.ascii.grid retrieves data values from an ASCII raster file using either nearest neighbour or ordinary kriging interpolation. The latter may not be possible for large raster data sets because the entire grid needs to be read into an R matrix. Split-apply-combine strategies are used to improve efficiency and allow for parallelization.

The optional parallelization of pick.from.ascii.grid computation requires the use of a *parallel backend* package such as **doSNOW** or **doMC**, and the parallel backend needs to be registered before calling this function with parallel=TRUE. The example section provides an example using **doSNOW** on Windows. I have seen 25-40 reduction in processing time by parallelization in some examples that I ran on a dual core Windows computer.

pick.from.ascii.grids performs multiple pick.from.ascii.grid calls. File path and prefix arguments may be specific to each file (i.e. each may be a character vector), but all interpolation settings will be the same for each file, limiting the flexibility a bit compared to individual pick.from.ascii.grid calls by the user. pick.from.ascii.grids currently processes the files sequentially (i.e. parallelization is limited to the pick.from.ascii.grid calls within this function).

pick.from.saga.grid is the equivalent to pick.from.ascii.grid for SAGA grid files. It simply converts the SAGA grid file to a (temporary) ASCII raster file and applies pick.from.ascii.grid.

internal.pick.from.ascii.grid is an internal 'workhorse' function that by itself would be very inefficient for large data sets data. This function is called by pick.from.ascii.grid, which uses a split-apply-combine strategy implemented in the **plyr** package.

#### Value

If cbind=TRUE, columns with the new, interpolated variables are added to the input data.frame data. If cbind=FALSE, a data.frame only containing the new variables is returned (possibly coerced to a vector if only one variable is processed).

#### Note

method="krige" requires the gstat package.

pick.from.shapefile requires the shapefiles package.

The nearest neighbour interpolation currently randomly breaks ties if pick.from.points is used, and in a deterministic fashion (rounding towards greater grid indices, i.e. toward south and east) in the grid functions.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning

## References

Brenning, A. (2008): Statistical geocomputing combining R and SAGA: The example of land-slide susceptibility analysis with generalized additive models. In: J. Boehner, T. Blaschke, L. Montanarella (eds.), SAGA - Seconds Out (= Hamburger Beitraege zur Physischen Geographie und Landschaftsoekologie, 19), 23-32. http://www.environment.uwaterloo.ca/u/brenning/Brenning-2008-RSAGA.pdf

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#### See Also

```
grid.to.xyz, krige, read.ascii.grid, write.ascii.grid
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# assume that 'dem' is an ASCII grid and d a data.frame with variables x and y
pick.from.ascii.grid(d, "dem")
# parallel processing on Windows using the doSNOW package:
require(doSNOW)
registerDoSNOW(c1 <- makeCluster(2, type = "SOCK")) # DualCore processor</pre>
pick.from.ascii.grid(d, "dem", parallel = TRUE)
# produces two (ignorable) warning messages when using doSNOW
# typically 25-40% faster than the above on my DualCore notebook
stopCluster(cl)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# use the meuse data for some tests:
require(gstat)
data(meuse)
data(meuse.grid)
meuse.nn = pick.from.points(data=meuse.grid, src=meuse,
    pick=c("cadmium","copper","elev"), method="nearest.neighbour")
meuse.kr = pick.from.points(data=meuse.grid, src=meuse,
    pick=c("cadmium","copper","elev"), method="krige", radius=100)
# it does make a difference:
plot(meuse.kr$cadmium, meuse.nn$cadmium)
plot(meuse.kr$copper,meuse.nn$copper)
plot(meuse.kr$elev,meuse.nn$elev)
## End(Not run)
```

read.ascii.grid

Read/write ASCII, SAGA and Rd Grid Files

## **Description**

These functions provide simple interfaces for reading and writing grids from/to ASCII grids and Rd files. Grids are stored as matrices, their headers in lists.

# Usage

```
read.ascii.grid(file, return.header = TRUE, print = 0,
  nodata.values = c(), at.once = TRUE, na.strings = "NA")
read.ascii.grid.header(file, ...)
```

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```
write.ascii.grid.header(file, header, georef, dec = ".",
    hdr.digits = 10)

read.Rd.grid(fname, return.header = TRUE)

write.ascii.grid(data, file, header = NULL,
    write.header = TRUE, digits, hdr.digits = 10,
    dec = ".", georef = "corner")

write.Rd.grid(data, file, header = NULL,
    write.header = TRUE, compress = TRUE)

read.sgrd(fname, return.header = TRUE, print = 0,
    nodata.values = c(), at.once = TRUE, prec = 7, ...)

write.sgrd(data, file, header = NULL, prec = 7,
    hdr.prec = 10, georef = "corner", ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

file file name of an ASCII grid (extension defaults to .asc if not specified), or a

connection open for reading or writing, as required

fname file name of a grid stored as an R (.Rd) file; extension defaults to .Rd

return. header logical: should the grid header be returned (default), or just the grid data matrix?

In the former case, read.ascii.grid returns a list with two components named

data and header.

print numeric, specifying how detailed the output reporting the progress should be

(currently 0 to 2, 0 being minimum output).

nodata.values optional numeric vector specifying nodata values to be used in addition to the

nodata value specified in the grid header; nodata values are converted to NA.

at.once logical: if TRUE, read the whole grid with one scan command; if FALSE, read it

row by row using scan with option nlines=1.

data grid data: a data matrix, or a list with components data (the grid data matrix)

and header (the grid header information).

header optional list argument specifying the grid header information as returned by the

read.ascii.grid or read.ascii.grid.header function; see Details

write.header logical: should the header be written with the grid data? (default: TRUE) digits numeric: if not missing, write data rounded to this many decimal places

hdr.digits numeric: see hdr.prec

hdr.prec numeric: write (non-integer) header data with this many decimal places; a value

of 9 or higher is recommended for compatibility with SAGA GIS (default: 10)

dec character (default: "."): decimal mark used in input or output file

georef character: specifies whether the output grid should be georeferenced by the

"center" or "corner" of its lower left grid cell; defaults to "corner".

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compress logical: should the .Rd file written by write.Rd.file be compressed? (default:

TRUE)

prec integer: number of digits of temporary ASCII grid used for importing or export-

ing a SAGA grid

na.strings passed on to scan.

... read.sgrd, write.sgrd: additional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor

#### Value

The read.\* functions return either a list with components data (the grid data matrix) and header (the grid header information, see below), if return.header=TRUE, or otherwise just the grid data matrix return.header=FALSE.

The grid data matrix is a numeric matrix whose first column corrensponds to the first (i.e. northern-most) row of the grid. Columns run from left = West to right = East.

The header information returned by the read.ascii.grid[.header] functions (if return.header=TRUE) is a list with the following components:

ncols Number of grid columns.

nrows Number of grid rows.

xllcorner x coordinate of the corner of the lower left grid cell.
yllcorner y coordinate of the corner of the lower left grid cell.

cellsize Single numeric value specifying the size of a grid cell or pixel in both x and y

direction.

nodata\_value Single numeric value being interpreted as NA (typically -9999.

xllcenter x coordinate of the center of the lower left grid cell yllcenter y coordinate of the center of the lower left grid cell

Note: The order of the components, especially of ?11corner and ?11center, may change, depending on the order in which they appear in the grid header and on the georeferencing method (center or corner) used for the grid. The ?11corner and ?11center attributes differ only by cellsize/2.

#### Note

read.sgrd and write.sgrd import/export grids indirectly by creating temporary ASCII grid files (this explains why write.sgrd has prec and hdr.prec arguments). Consider using readGDAL and writeGDAL in package rgdal instead, which are likely more efficient but may require coercion of your gridded data to/from a Spatial...DataFrame-class.

The read.Rd.grid and write.Rd.grid functions use the load and save commands to store a grid. The variable name used is data, which is either a numeric matrix or a list with components data (the grid data matrix) and header (the grid header information).

## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning

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#### See Also

 $\verb|readGDAL| and \verb|writeGDAL| in package rgdal|, and \verb|readAsciiGrid| and \verb|writeAsciiGrid| in package map tools \\$ 

relative.position

Relative Topographic Position

## **Description**

relative.position and relative.rank are used with focal.function to determine the relative value of a grid cell compared to its surroundings, either on a metric scale or based on ranks.

# Usage

```
relative.position(x)
relative.rank(x, ties.method = "average")
```

#### **Arguments**

x a square matrix with the grid data from the moving window, possibly containing

NA values

ties.method see rank

#### Value

If x is provided, a numeric value in the interval [0,1] is returned.

If x is missing, a character vector of same length giving suggested variable (or file) names, here "relpos" and "relrank", respectively. See focal.function for details.

## See Also

```
focal.function, rank, centervalue
```

#### **Examples**

```
m = matrix( round(runif(9,1,10)), ncol=3 )
print(m)
relative.position(m)
relative.rank(m)
## Not run:
focal.function("dem",fun=relative.rank,radius=5)
focal.function("dem",fun=relative.position,radius=5)
relrank = as.vector(read.ascii.grid("relrank")$data)
relpos = as.vector(read.ascii.grid("relpos")$data)
plot(relpos,relrank,pch=".")
cor(relpos,relrank,use="complete.obs",method="pearson")
## End(Not run)
```

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## **Description**

These functions use the median and other quantiles to describe the difference between a grid value and its neighborhood. They are designed for use with focal.function.

# Usage

```
resid.median(x)
resid.minmedmax(x)
resid.quantile(x, probs)
resid.quartiles(x)
```

## Arguments

Х	a square matrix with the grid data from the moving window, possibly containing NA values
probs	numeric vector of probabilities in [0,1] to be passed to quantile

#### **Details**

These functions are designed for being called by focal.function, which repeatedly passes the contents of a square or circular moving window to these functions.

The resid.median function rests the value of the central grid cell from the median of the whole moving window. Thus, in terms of topography, a positive residual median indicates that this grid cell stands out compared to its surroundings. resid.quantile gives more flexibility in designing such residual attributes.

#### Value

If x is provided, a numeric vector of length 1 (resid.median), 3 (resid.minmedmax and resid.quartiles), or length(probs) (resid.quantile).

If x is missing, a character vector of same length giving suggested variable (or file) names, such as "rmed". See focal function for details.

## See Also

```
focal.function, quantile, median, centervalue
```

```
rsaga.add.grid.values.to.points

Add Grid Values to Point Shapefile
```

## **Description**

Pick values from SAGA grids and attach them as a new variables to a point shapefile.

# Usage

```
rsaga.add.grid.values.to.points(in.shapefile, in.grids,
  out.shapefile,
method = c("nearest.neighbour", "bilinear", "idw", "bicubic.spline", "b.spline"),
  ...)
```

## **Arguments**

in.grids	Input: character vector with names of (one or more) SAGA GIS grid files to be converted into a point shapefile.
in.shapefile	Input point shapefile (default extension: .shp).
out.shapefile	Output point shapefile (default extension: .shp).
method	interpolation method to be used; choices: nearest neighbour interpolation (default), bilinear interpolation, inverse distance weighting, bicubic spline interpolation, B-splines.
	Optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env

# **Details**

Retrieves information from the selected grids at the positions of the points of the selected points layer and adds it to the resulting layer.

# Note

This function uses module Add Grid Values to Points in SAGA GIS library shapes\_grid.

# Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA modules)

RSAGA geoprocessing environment.

## See Also

```
pick.from.points, pick.from.ascii.grid, pick.from.saga.grid, rsaga.grid.to.points
```

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SAGA Modules Close Gaps and Close One Cell Gaps

#### **Description**

Close (Interpolate) Gaps

## Usage

```
rsaga.close.gaps(in.dem, out.dem, threshold = 0.1, ...)
rsaga.close.one.cell.gaps(in.dem, out.dem, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

in.dem	input: digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default file extension: $. sgrd)$
out.dem	output: DEM grid file without no-data values (gaps). Existing files will be overwritten!
threshold	tension threshold for adjusting the interpolator (default: 0.1)
•••	optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment

#### **Details**

rsaga.close.one.cell.gaps only fill gaps whose neighbor grid cells have non-missing data.

In rsaga.close.gaps, larger tension thresholds can be used to reduce overshoots and undershoots in the surfaces used to fill (interpolate) the gaps.

## Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

# Note

This function uses modules 7 (rsaga.close.gaps and 6 rsaga.close.one.cell.gaps from the SAGA library grid\_tools.

SAGA GIS 2.0.5+ has a new additional module Close Gaps with Spline, which can be accessed using rsaga.geoprocessor (currently no R wrapper available). See rsaga.get.usage("grid\_tools","Close Gaps with Spline") or in version 2.1.0+ call rsaga.html.help("grid\_tools","Close Gaps with Spline").

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

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#### See Also

```
rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# using SAGA grids:
rsaga.close.gaps("rawdem.sgrd","dem.sgrd")
# using ASCII grids:
rsaga.esri.wrapper(rsaga.close.gaps,in.dem="rawdem",out.dem="dem")
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.contour

Contour Lines from a Grid

## **Description**

Creates a contour lines shapefile from a grid file in SAGA grid format.

# Usage

```
rsaga.contour(in.grid, out.shapefile, zstep, zmin, zmax,
    ...)
```

## **Arguments**

## Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (the default) a character vector with the module's console output.

## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### See Also

```
rsaga.geoprocessor
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# **Description**

Creates a copy of a SAGA grid file, optionally overwriting the target file if it already exists. Intended mainly for internal use by RSAGA functions, currently in particular rsaga.inverse.distance.

# Usage

```
rsaga.copy.sgrd(in.grid, out.grid, overwrite = TRUE,
  env = rsaga.env())
```

# Arguments

in.grid	name of a SAGA GIS grid file; file extension can be omitted
out.grid	name of a SAGA GIS grid file; file extension can be omitted
overwrite	logical; if TRUE (the default), overwrite out.grid if it already exists; if FALSE and the out.grid already exists, copying will be skipped without causing an error.
env	a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga.env

#### Note

SAGA grid files consist of three (or more) individual files with file extensions .mgrd, .sgrd and .sdat. The files with these three file extensions are copied, any additional files (e.g. a history file) are ignored.

```
rsaga.default.path Determine SAGA GIS default paths
```

## **Description**

Internal functions that determine OS-specific default paths in which SAGA GIS binaries and modules might be located.

# Usage

```
rsaga.default.path(sysname = Sys.info()["sysname"])
rsaga.default.modules.path(sysname = Sys.info()["sysname"],
    saga.path = rsaga.default.path(sysname))
```

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## Arguments

sysname character: name of the operating system, determined by default by Sys.info:

e.g., "Windows", "Linux", "Darwin" (for Mac OSX), or "FreeBSD"

saga.path character: path with SAGA GIS binaries, as determined (e.g.) by rsaga.default.path

#### **Details**

These functions are used internally by rsaga.env. On Windows systems, the guess made by rsaga.default.path is "C:/Progra~1/SAGA-GIS", and for the modules, it is the "modules" subfolder of the path with the binaries.

On non-Windows systems, rsaga.default.path submits a which saga\_cmd call to the operating system to find the binaries, usually in /usr/local/bin or in /usr/bin. To find the modules, rsaga.default.modules.path first checks if a SAGA\_MLB environment variable exists. If not, it will replace the /bin part (if present) with /lib/saga or otherwise it just guesses that it's /usr/local/lib/saga.

#### See Also

```
rsaga.env
```

rsaga.env

Set up the RSAGA Geoprocessing Environment

## **Description**

rsaga.env creates a list with system-dependent information on SAGA path, module path and data (working) directory. This kind of a list is required by most RSAGA geoprocessing functions and is referred to as the 'RSAGA geoprocessing environment.'

#### Usage

```
rsaga.env(workspace = ".",
  cmd = ifelse(Sys.info()["sysname"] == "Windows", "saga_cmd.exe", "saga_cmd"),
  path, modules, version, cores, parallel = FALSE,
  check.libpath = TRUE, check.SAGA = TRUE,
  check.PATH = Sys.info()["sysname"] == "Windows",
  check.os.default = TRUE,
  os.default.path = rsaga.default.path(), lib.prefix)
```

## **Arguments**

path of the working directory for SAGA; defaults to the current directory (".").

name of the SAGA command line program; defaults to saga\_cmd.exe, its name under Windows

path path in which to find cmd; rsaga.env is usually able to find SAGA on your system if it is installed; see Details.

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modules path in which to find SAGA libraries; see Details

version optional character string: SAGA GIS (API) version, e.g. "2.0.8"; if missing, a

call to rsaga.get.version is used to determine version number of SAGA API

cores optional numeric argument, or NA: number of cores used by SAGA GIS; sup-

ported only by SAGA GIS 2.1.0 (and higher), ignored otherwise (with a warning). Multicore-enabled SAGA GIS modules such as the one used by rsaga.pisr seem to run in multicore mode by default when this argument is not specified, therefore cores should only be specified to use a smaller number of cores than

available on a machine.

parallel optional logical argument (default: FALSE): if TRUE, run RSAGA functions that

are capable of parallel processing in parallel mode; note that this is completely independent of the behaviour of SAGA GIS (which can be controlled using the cores argument); currently only some RSAGA functions support parallel processing (e.g., pick.from.ascii.grid or rsaga.get.modules). parallel=TRUE requires that a parallel backend such as doSNOW or doMC is available and has been started prior to calling any parallelized RSAGA function, otherwise warn-

ings may be generated

check.libpath if TRUE (default), first look for SAGA GIS in the folder where the RSAGA pack-

age is installed

check . SAGA if TRUE (default), next check the path given by the environment variable SAGA, if

it exists

check.PATH if TRUE (default on Windows), next look for SAGA GIS in all the paths in the

PATH environment variable; defaults to FALSE on non-Windows OS

check.os.default

if TRUE, look for SAGA GIS in the folder specified by os.default.path.

os.default.path

on Windows, C:/Progra~1/SAGA-GIS; on unix, an attempt is made to locate

saga\_cmd

lib.prefix character string: a possible (platform-dependent) prefix for SAGA GIS library

names; if missing (recommended), a call to rsaga.lib.prefix tries to determine the correct prefix, e.g. "" on Windows systems and "lib" on non-Windows systems with SAGA GIS pre-2.1.0. Try specifying "" or "lib" manually if this causes problems, and contact the package maintainer if the detection mechanism fails on your system (indicate your Sys.info()["sysname"] and

your SAGA GIS version)

#### **Details**

IMPORTANT: Unlike R functions such as options, which changes and saves settings somewhere in a global variable, rsaga.env does not actually 'save' any settings, it simply creates a list that can (and has to) be passed to other rsaga.\* functions. See example below.

I strongly recommend to install SAGA GIS in "C:/Program Files/SAGA-GIS" in the case of English-language Windows platforms (the equivalent non-English installation folder in the case of non-English Windows versions seems to work as well). If this is the only SAGA GIS copy on the computer and you do *not* define a Windows environment variable SAGA, then RSAGA should normally be able to find your SAGA GIS installation in this folder.

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rsaga.env tries to collect infromation on the (R)SAGA environment. If path is missing, rsaga.env first looks for an environment variable SAGA; if this is undefined, it checks the current working directory, then the paths given in the PATH environment variable, and finally the function's guess is "C:/Progra~1/SAGA-GIS" (or "/usr/local/bin" on non-Windows systems).

The default modules folder on Windows systems is the modules subfolder of the SAGA binaries' folder. The SAGA\_MLB environment variable is *not* checked by rsaga.env.

On Unix (and Mac OS X) systems, the default modules folder is as specified in the SAGA\_MLB environment variable. If this is empty / not set, then the following backup path is used. If path ends with "/bin", then "/bin" is changed to "/lib/saga" and taken as the modules path; otherwise, /usr/local/lib/saga is used.

#### Value

A list with components workspace, cmd, path, modules, version, cores and parallel with values as passed to rsaga.env or default values as described in the Details section.

#### Note

Note that the default workspace is ".", not getwd(); i.e. the default SAGA workspace folder is not fixed, it changes each time you change the R working directory using setwd.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning

#### See Also

```
rsaga.get.version
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Check the default RSAGA environment on your computer:
myenv <- rsaga.env()</pre>
# SAGA data in C:/sagadata, binaries in C:/SAGA-GIS, modules in C:/SAGA-GIS/modules:
myenv <- rsaga.env(workspace="C:/sagadata", path="C:/SAGA-GIS")</pre>
# Unix: SAGA in /usr/bin (instead of the default /usr/local/bin),
# and modules in /use/lib/saga:
# myenv <- rsaga.env(path="/usr/bin")</pre>
# Use the 'myenv' environment for SAGA geoprocessing:
rsaga.hillshade("dem", "hillshade", env=myenv)
# ...creates (or overwrites) grid "C:/sagadata/hillshade.sgrd"
# derived from digital elevation model "C:/sagadata/dem.sgrd"
# Same calculation with different SAGA version:
# (I keep several versions in SAGA-GIS_2.0.x folders:)
myenv05 = rsaga.env(path = "C:/Progra~1/SAGA-GIS_2.0.5")
rsaga.hillshade("dem", "hillshade205", env=myenv05)
## End(Not run)
```

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rsaga.esri.to.sgrd Convert ESRI ASCII/binary grids to SAGA grids

# Description

rsaga.esri.to.sgrd converts grid files from ESRI's ASCII (.asc) and binary (.flt) format to SAGA's (version 2) grid format (.sgrd).

#### Usage

```
rsaga.esri.to.sgrd(in.grids,
  out.sgrds = set.file.extension(in.grids, ".sgrd"),
  in.path, ...)
```

# Arguments

in.grids	character vector of ESRI ASCII/binary grid files (default file extension: .asc); files should be located in folder in.path
out.sgrds	character vector of output SAGA grid files; defaults to in.grids with file extension being replaced by .sgrd, which is also the default extension if file names without extension are specified; files will be placed in the current SAGA workspace (default: rsaga.env()\$workspace, or env\$workspace if an env argument is provided
in.path	folder with in.grids
• • •	optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment

## Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

If multiple in.grids are converted, the result will be a vector of numerical error codes of the same length, or the combination of the console outputs with c().

## Note

This function uses module 1 from the SAGA library io\_grid.

## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### See Also

rsaga.esri.wrapper for an efficient way of applying RSAGA to ESRI ASCII/binary grids; rsaga.env

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rsaga.esri.wrapper Use RSAGA functions for ESRI grids

# Description

This wrapper converts input grid files provided in ESRI binary (.flt) or ASCII (.asc) formats to SAGA's (version 2) grid format, calls the RSAGA geoprocessing function, and converts the output grids back to the ESRI grid format. Conversion can also be limited to either input or output grids.

## Usage

```
rsaga.esri.wrapper(fun, in.esri = TRUE, out.esri = TRUE,
  env = rsaga.env(), esri.workspace = env$workspace,
  format = "ascii", georef = "corner", prec = 5,
  esri.extension, condensed.res = TRUE, clean.up = TRUE,
  intern = TRUE, ...)
```

esri.extension and format arguments!

## **Arguments**

fun	function: one of the RSAGA geoprocessing functions, such as rsaga.close.gaps or rsaga.hillshade etc.
in.esri	logical: are input grids provided as ESRI grids (in.esri=TRUE) or as SAGA grids?
out.esri	logical: should output grids be converted to ESRI grids?
env	RSAGA environment as returned by rsaga.env
esri.workspace	directory for the input and output ESRI ASCII/binary grids
format	output file format, either "ascii" (default; equivalent: format=1) for ASCII grids or "binary" (equivalent: 0) for binary ESRI grids (.flt).
georef	character: "corner" (equivalent numeric code: 0) or "center" (default; equivalent: 1). Determines whether the georeference will be related to the center or corner of its extreme lower left grid cell.
prec	number of digits when writing floating point values to ASCII grid files (only relevant if out.esri=TRUE).
esri.extension	extension for input/output ESRI grids: defaults to .asc for format="ascii", and to .flt for format="binary"
condensed.res	logical: return only results of the RSAGA geoprocessing function fun (condensed.res=TRUE), or include the results of the import and export operations, i.e. the calls to rsaga.esri.to.sgrd and rsaga.sgrd.to.esri? (see Value)
clean.up	logical: delete intermediate SAGA grid files?
intern	intern argument to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor; see Value
•••	additional arguments for fun; NOTE: ESRI ASCII/float raster file names should NOT include the file extension (.asc, .flt); the file extension is defined by the

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#### **Details**

ESRI ASCII/float raster file names should NOT include the file extension (.asc, .flt); the file extension is defined by the esri.extension and format arguments!

#### Value

The object returned depends on the condensed.res arguments and the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor.

If condensed.res=TRUE and intern=FALSE, a single numerical error code (0: success) is returned. If condensed.res=TRUE and intern=TRUE (default), a character vector with the module's console output is returned (invisibly).

If condensed.res=FALSE the result is a list with components in.res, geoproc.res and out.res. Each of these components is either an error code (for intern=FALSE) or (for intern=TRUE) a character vector with the console output of the input (rsaga.esri.to.sgrd), the geoprocessing (fun), and the output conversion (rsaga.sgrd.to.esri) step, respectively. For in.esri=FALSE or out.esri=FALSE, the corresponding component is NULL.

#### Note

Note that the intermediate grids as well as the output grids may overwrite existing files with the same file names without prompting the user. See example below.

#### See Also

```
rsaga.esri.to.sgrd, rsaga.sgrd.to.esri, rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
rsaga.esri.wrapper(rsaga.hillshade,in.dem="dem",out.grid="hshd",condensed.res=FALSE,intern=FALSE)
# if successful, returns list(in.res=0,geoproc.res=0,out.res=0),
# and writes hshd.asc; intermediate files dem.sgrd, dem.hgrd, dem.sdat,
# hshd.sgrd, hshd.hgrd, and hshd.sdat are deleted.
# hshd.asc is overwritten if it already existed.
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.fill.sinks

Fill Sinks

#### **Description**

Several methods for filling closed depressions in digital elevation models that would affect hydrological modeling.

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## Usage

```
rsaga.fill.sinks(in.dem, out.dem,
  method = "planchon.darboux.2001", out.flowdir,
  out.wshed, minslope, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

in.dem	Input: digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default extension: .sgrd).
out.dem	Output: filled, depression-free DEM (SAGA grid file). Existing files will be overwritten!
method	The depression filling algorithm to be used (character). One of "planchon.darboux.2001" (default), "wang.liu.2006", or "xxl.wang.liu.2006".
out.flowdir	(only for "wang.liu.2001"): Optional output grid file for computed flow directions (see Notes).
out.wshed	(only for "wang.liu.2001"): Optional output grid file for watershed basins.
minslope	Minimum slope angle (in degree) preserved between adjacent grid cells (default value of 0.01 only for method="planchon.darboux.2001", otherwise no default).
• • •	Optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment.

#### **Details**

This function bundles three SAGA modules for filling sinks using three different algorithms (method argument).

"planchon.darboux.2001": The algorithm of Planchon and Darboux (2001) consists of increasing the elevation of pixels in closed depressions until the sink disappears and a mininum slope angle of minslope (default: 0.01 degree) is established.

"wang.liu.2006": This module uses an algorithm proposed by Wang and Liu (2006) to identify and fill surface depressions in DEMs. The method was enhanced to allow the creation of hydrologically sound elevation models, i.e. not only to fill the depressions but also to preserve a downward slope along the flow path. If desired, this is accomplished by preserving a minimum slope gradient (and thus elevation difference) between cells. This is the fully featured version of the module creating a depression-free DEM, a flow path grid and a grid with watershed basins. If you encounter problems processing large data sets (e.g. LIDAR data) with this module try the basic version (xx1.wang.lui.2006).

"xxl.wang.liu.2006": This modified algorithm after Wang and Liu (2006) is designed to work on large data sets.

## Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

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The function writes SAGA grid files containing of the depression-free preprocessed DEM, and optionally the flow directions and watershed basins.

## Note

The flow directions are coded as 0 = north, 1 = northeast, 2 = east, ..., 7 = northwest.

If minslope=0, depressions will only be filled until a horizontal surface is established, which may not be helpful for hydrological modeling.

## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Volker Wichmann (SAGA module)

## References

Planchon, O., and F. Darboux (2001): A fast, simple and versatile algorithm to fill the depressions of digital elevation models. Catena 46: 159-176.

Wang, L. & H. Liu (2006): An efficient method for identifying and filling surface depressions in digital elevation models for hydrologic analysis and modelling. International Journal of Geographical Information Science, Vol. 20, No. 2: 193-213.

# See Also

```
rsaga.sink.removal, rsaga.sink.route.
```

```
rsaga.filter.gauss Gauss Filter
```

## Description

Smooth a grid using a Gauss filter.

# Usage

```
rsaga.filter.gauss(in.grid, out.grid, sigma,
  radius = ceiling(2 * sigma), ...)
```

## **Arguments**

in.grid	input: SAGA GIS grid file (default file extension: .sgrd)
out.grid	output: SAGA GIS grid file
sigma	numeric, >0.0001: standard deviation parameter of Gauss filter
radius	positive integer: radius of moving window
• • •	optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment

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#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (the default) a character vector with the module's console output.

# Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

## See Also

```
rsaga.filter.simple
```

```
rsaga.filter.simple Simple Filters
```

## **Description**

Apply a smoothing, sharpening or edge filter to a SAGA grid.

#### Usage

```
rsaga.filter.simple(in.grid, out.grid, mode = "circle",
  method = c("smooth", "sharpen", "edge"), radius, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
in.grid input: SAGA grid file (default file extension: .sgrd)

out.grid output: SAGA grid file

mode character or numeric: shape of moving window, either "square" (=0) or "circle" (=1, default)

method character or numeric: "smooth" (=0), "sharpen" (=1), or "edge" (=2)

radius positive integer: radius of moving window

... optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment
```

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (the default) a character vector with the module's console output.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

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#### See Also

```
rsaga.filter.gauss
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run: rsaga.filter.simple("dem","dem-smooth",radius=4)
```

rsaga.geoprocessor

Generic R interface for SAGA modules

# **Description**

This function is the workhorse of the R-SAGA interface: It calls the SAGA command line tool to run SAGA modules and pass arguments.

## Usage

```
rsaga.geoprocessor(lib, module = NULL, param = list(),
  show.output.on.console = TRUE, invisible = TRUE,
  intern = TRUE, prefix = NULL,
  flags = ifelse(show.output.on.console, "q", "s"),
  cores, env = rsaga.env(), display.command = FALSE,
  reduce.intern = TRUE, check.module.exists = TRUE,
  warn = options("warn")$warn, argsep = " ", ...)
```

# **Arguments**

lib Name of the SAGA library to be called (see Details).

module Number (>=0) or name of the module to called within the library lib (see De-

tails).

param A list of named arguments to be passed to the SAGA module (see Examples).

show.output.on.console

a logical (default: TRUE), indicates whether to capture the output of the command

and show it on the R console (see system).

invisible a logical, indicates whether the command window should be visible on the

screen.

intern a logical, indicates whether to make the output of the command an R object

prefix optional character string: prefix such as "-h" used in the saga\_cmd call; mostly

for internal purposes; call saga\_cmd -h from the command line for details; see

also flags

flags optional character string indicating any command line flags; supported only by

SAGA GIS 2.1.0 (and higher), quietly ignored otherwise: "q": no progress report (the default for show.output.on.console=TRUE); "r": no messages report; "s": silent mode, i.e. no progress and no messages report (the default for show.output.on.console=FALSE); other flag options probably not relevant

within RSAGA

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optional numeric argument, or NA: number of cores used by SAGA GIS; supcores

> ported only by SAGA GIS 2.1.0 (and higher), ignored otherwise (with a warning); overwrites the cores setting specified in the env argument (see rsaga.env). Multicore-enabled SAGA GIS modules such as the one used by rsaga.pisr seem to run in multicore mode by default when this argument is not specified, therefore cores should only be specified to use a smaller number of cores than

available on a machine.

A SAGA geoprocessing environment, i.e. a list with information on the SAGA env

and SAGA modules paths and the name of the working directory in which to

look for input and output files. (Defaults: see rsaga.env.)

display.command

Display the DOS command line for executing the SAGA module (including all

the arguments to be passed). Default: FALSE.

reduce.intern If intern=TRUE, reduce the text output of SAGA returned to R by eliminating

redundant lines showing the progress of module execution etc. (default: TRUE).

check.module.exists

logical (default: TRUE): call rsaga.module.exists to determine if the specified

module can be called in the current SAGA installation

logical (default: TRUE): for internal purposes - can be used to suppress warning warn

messages generated by failed SAGA\_CMD calls; currently used by rsaga.get.lib.modules

and related functions; see options argument warn for details

character (default: " "; currently for internal use): defines the character symbol argsep

used as a separator between each argument name and argument value passed to saga\_cmd. SAGA GIS 2.1.0 (RC1) seems to move toward "=" as a separator, but " " still works and some modules (e.g. the used by rsaga.pisr) don't seem to work with argsep="=". Future releases of RSAGA may change the default argsep value and/or delete or ignore this argument and/or move it to

rsaga.env.

Additional arguments to be passed to system.

#### **Details**

This workhorse function establishes the interface between the SAGA command line program and R by submitting a system call. This is a low-level function that may be used for directly accessing SAGA; specific functions such as rsaga.hillshade are intended to be more user-friendly interfaces to the most frequently used SAGA modules. These higher-level interfaces support default values for the arguments and perform some error checking; they should therefore be preferred if available.

A warning is issued if the RSAGA version is not one of 2.0.4, 2.0.5, 2.0.6, 2.0.7, 2.0.8 or 2.1.0.

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to system.

If intern=FALSE, a numerical error/success code is returned, where a value of 0 corresponds to success and a non-zero value indicates an error. Note however that the function always returns a success value of 0 if wait=FALSE, i.e. if it does not wait for SAGA to finish.

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If intern=TRUE (default), the console output of SAGA is returned as a character vector. This character vector lists the input file names and modules arguments, and gives a more or less detailed report of the function's progress. Redundant information can be cancelled out by setting reduce.intern=TRUE.

#### Note

Existing output files will be overwritten by SAGA without prompting!

If a terrain analysis function is not directly interfaced by one of the RSAGA functions, you might still find it in the growing set of SAGA libraries and modules. The names of all libraries available in your SAGA installation can be obtained using rsaga.get.libraries (or by checking the directory listing of the modules folder in the SAGA directory). The names and numeric codes of all available modules (globally or within a specific library) are retreived by rsaga.get.modules. Full-text search in library and module names is performed by rsaga.search.modules. For information on the usage of SAGA command line modules, see rsaga.get.usage, or the RSAGA interface function if available.

display.command=TRUE is mainly intended for debugging purposes to check if all arguments are passed correctly to SAGA CMD.

# Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface); Olaf Conrad and the SAGA development team (SAGA development)

#### References

Brenning, A., 2008. Statistical geocomputing combining R and SAGA: The example of landslide susceptibility analysis with generalized additive models. In J. Boehner, T. Blaschke and L. Montanarella (eds.), SAGA - Seconds Out (= Hamburger Beitraege zur Physischen Geographie und Landschaftsoekologie, vol. 19), p. 23-32.

#### See Also

rsaga.env, rsaga.get.libraries, rsaga.get.modules, rsaga.search.modules, rsaga.get.usage; rsaga.esri.wrapper for a wrapper for ESRI ASCII/binary grids; rsaga.hillshade and other higher-level functions.

```
## Not run:
rsaga.hillshade("dem","hillshade",exaggeration=2)
# using the RSAGA geoprocessor:
rsaga.geoprocessor("ta_lighting",0,list(ELEVATION="dem.sgrd",SHADE="hillshade",EXAGGERATION=2))
# equivalent DOS command line call:
# saga_cmd.exe ta_lighting 0 -ELEVATION dem.sgrd -SHADE hillshade -EXAGGERATION 2
## End(Not run)
```

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rsaga.get.modules Find SAGA libraries and modules

## **Description**

These functions list the SAGA libraries (rsaga.get.libraries) and modules (rsaga.get.lib.modules, rsaga.get.modules) available in a SAGA installation, and allow to perform a full-text search among these functions.

# Usage

```
rsaga.get.modules(libs, env = rsaga.env(),
   interactive = FALSE, parallel = env$parallel)

rsaga.get.libraries(path = rsaga.env()$modules, dll)

rsaga.get.lib.modules(lib, env = rsaga.env(),
   interactive = FALSE)

rsaga.module.exists(libs, module, env = rsaga.env(), ...)

rsaga.search.modules(text, modules, search.libs = TRUE,
   search.modules = TRUE, env = rsaga.env(),
   ignore.case = TRUE, ...)
```

# Arguments

text	character string to be searched for in the names of available libraries and/or modules
search.libs	logical (default TRUE); see search.modules
search.modules	logical (default TRUE): should text be searched for in library and/or module names?
ignore.case	logical (default FALSE): should the text search in library/module names be case sensitive?
lib	character string with the name of the library in which to look for modules
libs	character vector with the names of libraries in which to look for modules; if missing, all libraries will be processed
module	module name or numeric code
modules	optional list: result of rsaga.get.modules; if missing, a list of available modules will be retrieved using that function
env	a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga.env
path	path of SAGA library files (modules subfolder in the SAGA installation folder); defaults to the path determined by rsaga.env.
dll	file extension of dynamic link libraries

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interactive	logical (default FALSE): should modules be returned that can only be executed in interactive mode (i.e. using SAGA GUI)?
parallel	logical (defaults to env $parallel$ ): if TRUE, run in parallel mode; requires a parallel backend such as $doSNOW$ or $doMC$
	currently only interactive to be passed on to rsaga.get.lib.modules

#### Value

rsaga.get.libraries returns a character vector with the names of all SAGA libraries available in the folder env\$modules.

rsaga.get.lib.modules returns a data.frame with:

- namethe names of all modules in library lib,
- codetheir numeric identifiers,
- interactive and a logical variable indicating whether a module can only be executed in interactive (SAGA GUI) mode.

rsaga.get.modules returns a list with, for each SAGA library in libs, a data.frame with module information as given by rsaga.get.lib.modules. If libs is missing, all modules in all libraries will be retrieved.

#### Note

For information on the usage of SAGA command line modules, see rsaga.get.usage, or rsaga.html.help (in SAGA GIS 2.1.0+), or the RSAGA interface function, if available.

#### See Also

```
rsaga.get.usage, rsaga.html.help, rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env
```

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rsaga.get.usage

Usage of SAGA command line modules

# **Description**

rsaga.get.usage provides information on the usage of and arguments required by SAGA command line modules.

# Usage

```
rsaga.get.usage(lib, module, env = rsaga.env(),
  show = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

env

libname of the SAGA librarymodulename or numeric identifier of SAGA module in library lib

show logical (default: TRUE); display usage in the R console?

#### **Details**

This funciton is intended to provide information required to use the rsaga.geoprocessor and for writing your own high-level interface function for SAGA modules. R–SAGA interfaces already exist for some SAGA modules, e.g. rsaga.hillshade, rsaga.local.morphometry, but there are many more.

a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga. env

# Value

The character vector with usage information is invisibly returned.

## See Also

```
rsaga.html.help, rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env, rsaga.get.modules
```

```
## Not run:
rsaga.get.usage("io_grid",1)
rsaga.get.usage("ta_preprocessor",2)
rsaga.get.usage("ta_morphometry",0)
# in SAGA GIS 2.1.0+, compare:
rsaga.html.help("io_grid",1)
# etc.
## End(Not run)
```

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Determine SAGA GIS version

## Description

Determine SAGA GIS version.

# Usage

```
rsaga.get.version(env = rsaga.env(version = NA), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

env list, setting up a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga.env.

Note that version=NA ensures that rsaga.env won't call rsaga.get.version itself.

... additional arguments to rsaga.geoprocessor

#### **Details**

The function first attempts to determine the SAGA version directly through a system call saga\_cmd --version, which is supported by SAGA GIS 2.0.8. If this fails, saga\_cmd -h is called, and it is attempted to extract the version number of the SAGA API from the output generated, which works for 2.0.4+.

#### Value

A character string defining the SAGA GIS (API) version. E.g., "2.0.8".

# See Also

```
rsaga.env
```

```
## Not run:
myenv <- rsaga.env()
myenv$version
# rsaga.env actually calls rsaga.get.version:
rsaga.get.version()

# I keep several versions of SAGA GIS in SAGA-GIS_2.0.x folders:
myenv05 = rsaga.env(path = "C:/Progra~1/SAGA-GIS_2.0.5", version = NA)
# Check if it's really version 2.0.5 as suggested by the folder name:
rsaga.get.version(env = myenv05)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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rsaga.grid.calculus SAGA Module Grid Calculus

# Description

Perform Arithmetic Operations on Grids

## Usage

```
rsaga.grid.calculus(in.grids, out.grid, formula,
   env = rsaga.env(), ...)

rsaga.linear.combination(in.grids, out.grid, coef,
   cf.digits = 16, remove.zeros = FALSE,
   remove.ones = TRUE, env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

in.grids	input character vector: SAGA grid files (default file extension: .sgrd)
out.grid	output: grid file resulting from the cell-by-cell application of 'formula' to the grids. Existing files will be overwritten!
formula	character string of formula specifying the arithmetic operation to be performed on the in.grids (see Details); if this is a formula, only the right hand side will be used.
coef	numeric: coefficient vector to be used for the linear combination of the in.grids. If coef as one more element than in.grids, the first one will be interpreted as an intercept.
cf.digits	integer: number of digits used when converting the coefficients to character strings (trailing zeros will be removed)
remove.zeros	logical: if TRUE, terms (grids) with coefficient (numerically) equal to zero (after rounding to cf.digits digits) will be removed from the formula
remove.ones	logical: if TRUE (th edefault), factors equal to 1 (after rounding to cf.digits digits) will be removed from the formula
env	RSAGA geoprocessing environment, generated by a call to rsaga.env
	optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor

# **Details**

The in.grids are represented in the formula by the letters a (for in.grids[1]), b etc. Thus, if in.grids[1] is Landsat TM channel 3 and in.grids[2] is channel 4, the NDVI formula (TM3-TM4)/(TM3+TM4) can be represented by the character string "(a-b)/(a+b)" (any spaces are removed) or the formula  $\sim (a-b)/(a+b)$  in the formula argument.

In addition to +, -, \*, and /, the following operators and functions are available for the formula definition:

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- ^power
- sin(a)sine
- cos(a)cosine
- tan(a)tangent
- asin(a)arc sine
- acos(a)arc cosine
- atan(a)arc tangent
- atan2(a,b)arc tangent of b/a
- abs(a)absolute value
- int(a)convert to integer
- sqrt(a)square root
- ln(a)natural logarithm
- mod(a,b)modulo
- gt(a, b)returns 1 if a greater b
- lt(a, b)returns 1 if a lower b
- eq(a, b)returns 1 if a equal b
- ifelse(switch, x, y)returns x if switch equals 1 else y

Using remove.zeros=FALSE might have the side effect that no data areas in the grid with coefficient 0 are passed on to the results grid. (To be confirmed.)

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (the default) a character vector with the module's console output.

# Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### See Also

local.function, focal.function, and multi.focal.function for a more flexible framework for combining grids or applying local and focal functions; rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env

```
## Not run:
# using SAGA grids:
# calculate the NDVI from Landsat TM bands 3 and 4:
rsaga.grid.calculus(c("tm3.sgrd","tm4.sgrd"), "ndvi.sgrd", ~(a-b)/(a+b))
# apply a linear regression equation to grids:
coefs = c(20,-0.6)
# maybe from a linear regression of mean annual air temperature (MAAT)
```

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```
# against elevation - something like:
# coefs = coef( lm( maat ~ elevation ) )
rsaga.linear.combination("elevation.sgrd", "maat.sgrd", coefs)
# equivalent:
rsaga.grid.calculus("elevation.sgrd", "maat.sgrd", "20 - 0.6*a")
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.grid.to.points Convert SAGA grid file to point shapefile

# **Description**

Convert SAGA grid file to point (or polygon) shapefile - either completely or only a random sample of grid cells.

# Usage

```
rsaga.grid.to.points(in.grids, out.shapefile,
  in.clip.polygons, exclude.nodata = TRUE,
  type = "nodes", env = rsaga.env(), ...)
rsaga.grid.to.points.randomly(in.grid, out.shapefile,
  freq, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

in.grids	Input: names of (possibly several) SAGA GIS grid files to be converted into a point shapefile.
in.grid	Input: SAGA grid file from which to sample.
out.shapefile	Output: point shapefile (default extension: .shp). Existing files will be overwritten!
in.clip.polygor	ns .
	optional polygon shapefile to be used for clipping/masking an area
${\it exclude.nodata}$	logical (default: TRUE): skip 'nodata' grid cells?
type	character string: "nodes": create point shapefile of grid center points; "cells" (only supported by SAGA GIS 2.0.6+): create polygon shapefile with grid cell boundaries
freq	integer >=1: sampling frequency: on average 1 out of 'freq' grid cells are selected
env	RSAGA geoprocessing environment created by rsaga.env; required by rsaga.grid.to.points to determine version-dependent SAGA module name and arguments

Optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor

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# Note

These functions use modules Grid Values to Shapes (pre-2.0.6 name: Grid Values to Points) and Grid Values to Points (randomly) in SAGA library shapes\_grid.

The SAGA 2.0.6+ module Grid Values to Shapes is more flexible than the earlier versions as it allows to create grid cell polygons instead of center points (see argument type).

## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA modules)

#### See Also

```
rsaga.add.grid.values.to.points
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# one point per grid cell, exclude nodata areas:
rsaga.grid.to.points("dem", "dempoints")
# take only every 20th point, but to not exclude nodata areas:
rsaga.grid.to.points.randomly("dem", "dempoints20", freq = 20)
## End(Not run)
```

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Analytical hillshading Analytical hillshading calculation.

# **Description**

Analytical hillshading Analytical hillshading calculation.

## Usage

```
rsaga.hillshade(in.dem, out.grid, method = "standard",
  azimuth = 315, declination = 45, exaggeration = 4, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

in.dem	Input digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default extension: .sgrd).
out.grid	Output hillshading grid (SAGA grid file). Existing files will be overwritten!
method	Available choices (character or numeric): "standard" (or 0 - default), "max90deg.standard" (1), "combined.shading" (2), "ray.tracing" (3). See Details.
azimuth	Direction of the light source, measured in degree clockwise from the north direction; default 315, i.e. northwest.
declination	Declination of the light source, measured in degree above the horizon (default 45).

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exaggeration	Vertical exaggeration of elevation (default: 4). The terrain exaggeration factor allows to increase the shading contrasts in flat areas.
	Optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment.

#### **Details**

The Analytical Hillshading algorithm is based on the angle between the surface and the incoming light beams, measured in radians.

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

#### Note

While the default azimuth of 315 degree (northwest) is not physically meaningful on the northern hemisphere, a northwesterly light source is required to properly depict relief in hillshading images. Physically correct southerly light sources results a hillshade that would be considered by most people as inverted: hills look like depressions, mountain chains like troughs.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

# See Also

```
rsaga.solar.radiation, rsaga.insolation
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run: rsaga.hillshade("dem.sgrd","hillshade")
```

rsaga.html.help

HTML help on a SAGA module or library

# Description

This function opens SAGA's HTML documentation for the specified library or module. Works with SAGA GIS 2.1.0(+), for earlier versions a web page with the SAGA GIS wiki is displayed.

# Usage

```
rsaga.html.help(lib, module = NULL,
  use.program.folder = TRUE, env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

name of the SAGA library, or one of the rsaga. module functions such as rsaga.hillshade

module name or numeric identifier of SAGA module in library lib; module=NULL takes you to the main help page of the SAGA library lib

use.program.folder

logical; if TRUE (the default), attempt to write SAGA GIS documentation to a "help" subfolder of env\$path; the "help" folder is created if it doesn't exist. If FALSE, create SAGA GIS documentation files in this R session's temporary folder as obtained using tempdir()

env a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga.env

additional arguments to browseURL

#### **Details**

Requires SAGA GIS 2.1.0(+), with earlier versions use rsaga.get.usage.

#### See Also

```
rsaga.get.usage, rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Requires SAGA GIS 2.1.0+:
rsaga.html.help("io_grid")
rsaga.html.help("io_grid",0)
rsaga.html.help("io_grid","Import ESRI Arc/Info Grid")
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.import.gdal

Import Grid Files to SAGA grid format using GDAL

# **Description**

These functions provide simple interfaces for reading and writing grids from/to ASCII grids and Rd files. Grids are stored in matrices, their headers in lists.

## Usage

```
rsaga.import.gdal(in.grid, out.grid, env = rsaga.env(),
    ...)
```

# **Arguments**

in.grid file name of a grid in a format supported by GDAL

out.grid output SAGA grid file name; defaults to in.grid with the file extension being removed; file extension should not be specified, it defaults to .sgrd

env RSAGA geoprocessing environment created by rsaga.env

... additional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor

#### **Details**

The GDAL Raster Import module of SAGA imports grid data from various file formats using the Geospatial Data Abstraction Library (GDAL) by Frank Warmerdam. As of SAGA GIS 2.0.7, GDAL version 1.8.0 is used. More information is available at http://www.gdal.org/.

If in.grid has more than one band (e.g. RGB GEOTIFF), then output grids with file names of the form  $in.grid\_01.sgrd$ ,  $in.grid\_02.sgrd$  etc. are written, one for each band.

The following raster formats are currently supported. Last updated for SAGA GIS 2.0.7; for an updated list in SAGA GIS 2.1.0 call rsaga.html.help("io\_gdal", "GDAL: Import Raster")

- VRTVirtual Raster
- GTiffGeoTIFF
- NITFNational Imagery Transmission Format
- RPFTOCRaster Product Format TOC format
- HFAErdas Imagine Images (.img)
- SAR\_CEOSCEOS SAR Image
- CEOSCEOS Image
- JAXAPALSARJAXA PALSAR Product Reader (Level 1.1/1.5)
- GFFGround-based SAR Applications Testbed File Format (.gff)
- ELASELAS
- · AIGArc/Info Binary Grid
- · AAIGridArc/Info ASCII Grid
- SDTSSDTS Raster
- DTEDDTED Elevation Raster
- PNGPortable Network Graphics
- JPEGJPEG JFIF
- MEMIn Memory Raster
- JDEMJapanese DEM (.mem)
- GIFGraphics Interchange Format (.gif)
- BIGGIFGraphics Interchange Format (.gif)
- ESATEnvisat Image Format
- BSBMaptech BSB Nautical Charts
- XPMX11 PixMap Format

- BMPMS Windows Device Independent Bitmap
- DIMAPSPOT DIMAP
- AirSARAirSAR Polarimetric Image
- RS2RadarSat 2 XML Product
- PCIDSKPCIDSK Database File
- PCRasternPCRaster Raster File
- ILWISILWIS Raster Map
- SGISGI Image File Format 1.0
- SRTMHGTSRTMHGT File Format
- LevellerLeveller heightfield
- TerragenTerragen heightfield
- ISIS3USGS Astrogeology ISIS cube (Version 3)
- ISIS2USGS Astrogeology ISIS cube (Version 2)
- PDSNASA Planetary Data System
- TILnEarthWatch .TIL
- ERSnERMapper .ers Labelled
- L1BNOAA Polar Orbiter Level 1b Data Set
- FITFIT Image
- GRIBGRIdded Binary (.grb)
- RMFRaster Matrix Format
- MSGNEUMETSAT Archive native (.nat)
- RSTIdrisi Raster A.1
- INGRIntergraph Raster
- GSAGGolden Software ASCII Grid (.grd)
- GSBGGolden Software Binary Grid (.grd)
- GS7BGGolden Software 7 Binary Grid (.grd)
- COSARCOSAR Annotated Binary Matrix (TerraSAR-X)
- TSXTerraSAR-X Product
- COASPDRDC COASP SAR Processor Raster
- RnR Object Data Store
- PNMPortable Pixmap Format (netpbm)
- DOQ1nUSGS DOQ (Old Style)
- DOQ2USGS DOQ (New Style)
- ENVInENVI .hdr Labelled
- EHdrESRI .hdr Labelled
- GenBinnGeneric Binary (.hdr Labelled)
- PAuxPCI .aux Labelled

- MFFnVexcel MFF Raster
- MFF2Vexcel MFF2 (HKV) Raster
- FujiBASnFuji BAS Scanner Image
- · GSCGSC Geogrid
- FASTnEOSAT FAST Format
- BTVTP .bt (Binary Terrain) 1.3 Format
- LANErdas .LAN/.GIS
- CPGConvair PolGASP
- IDAImage Data and Analysis
- NDFNLAPS Data Format
- EIRnErdas Imagine Raw
- DIPExDIPEx
- LCPFARSITE v.4 Landscape File (.lcp)
- GTXNOAA Vertical Datum .GTX
- LOSLASNADCON .los/.las Datum Grid Shift
- NTv2NTv2 Datum Grid Shift
- RIKSwedish Grid RIK (.rik)
- USGSDEMUSGS Optional ASCII DEM (and CDED)
- GXFGeoSoft Grid Exchange Format
- NWT\_GRDNorthwood Numeric Grid Format .grd/.tab
- NWT\_GRCNorthwood Classified Grid Format .grc/.tab
- ADRGARC Digitized Raster Graphics
- SRPStandard Raster Product (ASRP/USRP)
- BLXMagellan topo (.blx)
- SAGASAGA GIS Binary Grid (.sdat)
- KMLSUPEROVERLAYKml Super Overlay
- XYZASCII Gridded XYZ
- HF2HF2/HFZ heightfield raster
- OZIOZI

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad / Andre Ringeler (SAGA module), Frank Warmerdam (GDAL)

#### References

GDAL website: http://www.gdal.org/

## See Also

read.ascii.grid, rsaga.esri.to.sgrd, read.sgrd, read.Rd.grid

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# Description

This function calculates the amount of incoming solar radiation (insolation) depending on slope, aspect, and atmospheric properties. Module not available in SAGA GIS 2.0.6 and 2.0.7.

# Usage

```
rsaga.insolation(in.dem, in.vapour, in.latitude,
  in.longitude, out.direct, out.diffuse, out.total,
  horizontal = FALSE, solconst = 8.164,
  atmosphere = 12000, water.vapour.pressure = 10,
  type = c("moment", "day", "range.of.days", "same.moment.range.of.days"),
  time.step = 1, day.step = 5, days, moment, latitude,
  bending = FALSE, radius = 6366737.96,
  lat.offset = "user", lat.ref.user = 0,
  lon.offset = "center", lon.ref.user = 0, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

in.dem	Name of input digital elevation model (DEM) grid in SAGA grid format (default extension: .sgrd)	
in.vapour	Optional input: SAGA grid file giving the water vapour pressure in mbar	
in.latitude	Optional input: SAGA grid file giving for each pixel the latitude in degree	
in.longitude	Optional input: SAGA grid file giving for each pixel the longitude in degree	
out.direct	Optional output grid file for direct insolation	
out.diffuse	Optional output grid file for diffuse insolation	
out.total	Optional output grid file for total insolation, i.e. the sum of direct and diffuse insolation	
horizontal	logical; project radiation onto a horizontal surface? (default: FALSE, i.e. use the actual inclined surface as a reference area)	
solconst	solar constant in Joule; default: 8.164 J/cm2/min (=1360.7 kWh/m2; the more commonly used solar constant of 1367 kWh/m2 corresponds to 8.202 J/cm2/min)	
atmosphere	height of atmosphere in m; default: 12000m	
water.vapour.pressure		
	if no water vapour grid is given, this argument specifies a constant water vapour pressure that is uniform in space; in mbar, default 10 mbar	
type	type of time period: "moment" (equivalent: 0) for a single instant, "day" (or 1) for a single day, "range.of.days" (or 2), or "same.moment.range.of.days" (or 3) for the same moment in a range of days; default: "moment"	
time.step	time resolution in hours for discretization within a day	

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day.step	time resolution in days for a range of days
days	numeric vector of length 2, specifying the first and last day of a range of days (for types 2 and 3)
moment	if type="moment" or "same.moment.range.of.days", moment specifies the time of the day (hour between 0 and 24) for which the insolation is to be calculated
latitude	if no in.latitude grid is given, this will specify a fixed geographical latitude for the entire grid
bending	should planetary bending be modeled? (default: FALSE)
radius	planetary radius
lat.offset	latitude relates to grids "bottom" (equivalent code: 0), "center" (1), "top" (2), or "user"-defined reference (default: "user"); in the latter case, lat.ref.user defines the reference
lat.ref.user	if in.latitude is missing and lat.offset="user", then this numeric value defines the latitudinal reference (details??)
lon.offset	local time refers to grid's "left" edge (code 0), "center" (1), "right" edge (2), or a "user"-defined reference.
lon.ref.user	if in.longitude is missing and lon.offset="user", then this numeric value defines the reference of the local time (details??)
•••	optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment

## **Details**

Calculation of incoming solar radiation (insolation). Based on the SADO (System for the Analysis of Discrete Surfaces) routines developed by Boehner & Trachinow.

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

## Note

This function uses module Insolation (code: 3) from SAGA library ta\_lighting. It is availble in SAGA GIS 2.0.4 and 2.0.5 but not 2.0.6 and 2.0.7; see rsaga.pisr.

# Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### See Also

rsaga.solar.radiation, rsaga.pisr, rsaga.hillshade

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```

Spatial Interpolation Methods

# **Description**

Spatial interpolation of point data using inverse distance to a power (inverse distance weighting, IDW), nearest neighbors, or modified quadratic shephard.

# Usage

```
rsaga.inverse.distance(in.shapefile, out.grid, field,
  power = 1, maxdist, nmax = 100, target,
  env = rsaga.env(), ...)

rsaga.nearest.neighbour(in.shapefile, out.grid, field,
  target, env = rsaga.env(), ...)

rsaga.modified.quadratic.shephard(in.shapefile, out.grid,
  field, quadratic.neighbors = 13,
  weighting.neighbors = 19, target, env = rsaga.env(),
  ...)

rsaga.triangulation(in.shapefile, out.grid, field,
  target, env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

# Arguments

in.shapefile	Input: point shapefile (default extension: .shp).	
out.grid	Output: filename for interpolated grid (SAGA grid file). Existing files will be overwritten!	
field	numeric or character: number or name of attribute in the shapefile's attribute table to be interpolated; the first attribute is represented by a zero.	
power	numeric (>0): exponent used in inverse distance weighting (usually 1 or 2)	
maxdist	numeric: maximum distance of points to be used for inverse distance interpolation (search radius); no search radius is applied when this argument is missing or equals Inf	
nmax	Maximum number of nearest points to be used for interpolation; nmax=Inf is a valid value (no upper limit)	
quadratic.neighbors		
	integer >=5; ??	
weighting.neighbors		
	integer $>=3$ ; ??	
target	required argument of type list: parameters identifying the target area, e.g. the x/y extent and cellsize, or name of a reference grid; see rsaga.target.	

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env	RSAGA geoprocessing environment created by rsaga.env, required because module(s) depend(s) on SAGA version
	Optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment.

#### **Details**

These functions use modules from the grid\_gridding SAGA GIS library. They do not support SAGA GIS 2.0.4, which differs in some argument names and parameterizations. Target grid parameterization by grid file name currently doesn't work with SAGA GIS 2.1.0 Release Candidate 1 (see also rsaga.target); stay tuned for future updates and fixes.

#### Note

The 'Inverse Distance Weighted' module of SAGA GIS not only support inverse-distance weighted interpolation, but also exponential and other weighting schemes (command line argument WEIGHT-ING); these are however not accessible through this function, but only through the rsaga.geoprocessor, if needed. See rsaga.get.usage("grid\_gridding", "Inverse Distance Weighted") for details.

See the example section in the help file for write. shapefile in package shapefiles to learn how to apply these interpolation functions to a shapefile exported from a data.frame.

Modified Quadratic Shephard method: based on module 660 in TOMS (see references).

## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Andre Ringeler and Olaf Conrad (SAGA modules)

#### References

QSHEP2D: Fortran routines implementing the Quadratic Shepard method for bivariate interpolation of scattered data (see R. J. Renka, ACM TOMS 14 (1988) pp.149-150). Classes: E2b. Interpolation of scattered, non-gridded multivariate data.

## See Also

rsaga.target; idw in package gstat.

rsaga.lib.prefix Determine prefix for SAGA GIS library names

# **Description**

Internal function that determines the possible prefix for SAGA GIS library names - relevant for non-Windows SAGA GIS pre-2.1.0.

#### Usage

rsaga.lib.prefix(env)

## Arguments

env

list, setting up a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga.env.

#### **Details**

Some non-Windows versions of saga\_cmd require library names with a "lib" prefix, e.g. libio\_grid instead of io\_grid. This function, which is called by rsaga.env tries to guess this behaviour based on the operating system and SAGA GIS version.

#### Value

A character string, either "" or "lib".

## See Also

```
rsaga.env
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
env = rsaga.env()
# obtained by a call to rsaga.lib.prefix:
env$lib.prefix
# more explicitly:
rsaga.lib.prefix(env=env)
## End(Not run)
```

```
rsaga.local.morphometry
```

Local Morphometry

# **Description**

Calculates local morphometric terrain attributes (i.e. slope, aspect and curvatures).

## Usage

```
rsaga.local.morphometry(in.dem, out.slope, out.aspect,
  out.curv, out.hcurv, out.vcurv,
  method = "poly2zevenbergen", env = rsaga.env(), ...)

rsaga.slope(in.dem, out.slope,
  method = "poly2zevenbergen", ...)

rsaga.aspect(in.dem, out.aspect,
  method = "poly2zevenbergen", ...)
```

```
rsaga.curvature(in.dem, out.curv,
  method = "poly2zevenbergen", ...)

rsaga.plan.curvature(in.dem, out.hcurv,
  method = "poly2zevenbergen", ...)

rsaga.profile.curvature(in.dem, out.vcurv,
  method = "poly2zevenbergen", ...)
```

# **Arguments**

in.dem	input: digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default file extension: .sgrd)
out.slope	optional output: slope (in radian)
out.aspect	optional output: aspect (in radian; north=0, clockwise angles)
out.curv	optional output: curvature
out.hcurv	optional output: horizontal curvature (plan curvature)
out.vcurv	optional output: vertical curvature (profile curvature)
method	character or numeric: algorithm (see References): Maximum Slope - Travis et al. (1975) ("maxslope", or 0), Max. Triangle Slope - Tarboton (1997) ("maxtriangleslope", or 1), Least Squares Fit Plane - Costa-Cabral and Burgess (1996) ("1sqfitplane", or 2), Fit 2nd Degree Polynomial - Bauer et al. (1985) ("poly2bauer", or 3), Fit 2nd Degree Polynomial - Heerdegen and Beran (1982) ("poly2heerdegen", or 4), default: Fit 2nd Degree Polynomial - Zevenbergen and Thorne (1987) ("poly2zevenbergen", or 5), Fit 3rd Degree Polynomial - Haralick (1983) ("poly3haralick", or 6).
env	list, setting up a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga.env
	further arguments to rsaga.geoprocessor

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

# Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

## References

General references:

Jones KH (1998) A comparison of algorithms used to compute hill slope as a property of the DEM. Computers and Geosciences. 24 (4): 315-323.

References on specific methods:

## Maximum Slope:

Travis, M.R., Elsner, G.H., Iverson, W.D., Johnson, C.G. (1975): VIEWIT: computation of seen areas, slope, and aspect for land-use planning. USDA F.S. Gen. Tech. Rep. PSW-11/1975, 70 p. Berkeley, California, U.S.A.

Maximum Triangle Slope:

Tarboton, D.G. (1997): A new method for the determination of flow directions and upslope areas in grid digital elevation models. Water Ressources Research, 33(2): 309-319.

Least Squares or Best Fit Plane:

Beasley, D.B., Huggins, L.F. (1982): ANSWERS: User's manual. U.S. EPA-905/9-82-001, Chicago, IL, 54 pp.

Costa-Cabral, M., Burges, S.J. (1994): Digital Elevation Model Networks (DEMON): a model of flow over hillslopes for computation of contributing and dispersal areas. Water Resources Research, 30(6): 1681-1692.

Fit 2nd Degree Polynomial:

Bauer, J., Rohdenburg, H., Bork, H.-R. (1985): Ein Digitales Reliefmodell als Vorraussetzung fuer ein deterministisches Modell der Wasser- und Stoff-Fluesse. Landschaftsgenese und Landschaftsoekologie, H. 10, Parameteraufbereitung fuer deterministische Gebiets-Wassermodelle, Grundlagenarbeiten zur Analyse von Agrar-Oekosystemen, eds.: Bork, H.-R., Rohdenburg, H., p. 1-15.

Heerdegen, R.G., Beran, M.A. (1982): Quantifying source areas through land surface curvature. Journal of Hydrology, 57.

Zevenbergen, L.W., Thorne, C.R. (1987): Quantitative analysis of land surface topography. Earth Surface Processes and Landforms, 12: 47-56.

Fit 3.Degree Polynom:

Haralick, R.M. (1983): Ridge and valley detection on digital images. Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing, 22(1): 28-38.

For a discussion on the calculation of slope by ArcGIS check these links:

```
http://forums.esri.com/Thread.asp?c=93&f=1734&t=239914
http://webhelp.esri.com/arcgisdesktop/9.2/index.cfm?topicname=how_slope_works
```

## See Also

```
rsaga.parallel.processing, rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env
```

```
## Not run:
# a simple slope algorithm:
rsaga.slope("lican.sgrd","slope","maxslope")
# same for ASCII grids (default extension .asc):
rsaga.esri.wrapper(rsaga.slope,in.dem="lican",out.slope="slope",method="maxslope")
## End(Not run)
```

```
rsaga.parallel.processing
```

Parallel Processing

## **Description**

Calculate the size of the local catchment area (contributing area), the catchment height, catchment slope and aspect, and flow path length, using parallel processing algorithms including the recommended multiple flow direction algorithm. This set of algorithms processes a digital elevation model (DEM) downwards from the highest to the lowest cell.

# Usage

```
rsaga.parallel.processing(in.dem, in.sinkroute,
  in.weight, out.carea, out.cheight, out.cslope,
  out.caspect, out.flowpath, step, method = "mfd",
  linear.threshold = Inf, convergence = 1.1,
  env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

# Arguments

in.aem	input: digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default file extension:
	.sgrd)
	S /

in.sinkroute optional input: SAGA grid with sink routes in.weight optional intput: SAGA grid with weights

out.carea output: catchment area grid

out.cheight optional output: catchment height grid out.cslope optional output: catchment slope grid out.caspect optional output: catchment aspect grid out.flowpath optional output: flow path length grid

step integer >=1: step parameter

method character or numeric: choice of processing algorithm: Deterministic 8 ("d8" or

0), Rho 8 ("rho8" or 1), Braunschweiger Reliefmodell ("braunschweig" or 2), Deterministic Infinity ("dinf" or 3), Multiple Flow Direction ("mfd" or 4, the

default), Multiple Triangular Flow Direction ("mtfd", or 5).

linear.threshold

numeric (number of grid cells): threshold above which linear flow (i.e. the Deterministic 8 algorithm) will be used; linear flow is disabled for linear.threshold=Inf

(the default)

convergence numeric >=0: a parameter for tuning convergent/ divergent flow; default value

of 1.1 gives realistic results and should not be changed

env list, setting up a SAGA geoprocessing environment as created by rsaga.env

... further arguments to rsaga.geoprocessor

#### **Details**

Refer to the references for details on the available algorithms.

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (the default) a character vector with the module's console output.

#### Note

This function uses module Parallel Processing (version 2.0.7+: Catchment Area (Parallel) from SAGA library ta\_hydrology.

The SAGA GIS 2.0.6+ version of the module adds more (optional) input and output grids that are currently not supported by this wrapper function. Use rsaga.geoprocessor for access to these options, and see rsaga.get.usage("ta\_hydrology", "Catchment Area (Parallel)") for information on new arguments.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module), Thomas Grabs (MTFD algorithm)

#### References

Deterministic 8:

O'Callaghan, J.F., Mark, D.M. (1984): The extraction of drainage networks from digital elevation data. Computer Vision, Graphics and Image Processing, 28: 323-344.

Rho 8:

Fairfield, J., Leymarie, P. (1991): Drainage networks from grid digital elevation models. Water Resources Research, 27: 709-717.

Braunschweiger Reliefmodell:

Bauer, J., Rohdenburg, H., Bork, H.-R. (1985): Ein Digitales Reliefmodell als Vorraussetzung fuer ein deterministisches Modell der Wasser- und Stoff-Fluesse. Landschaftsgenese und Landschaftsoekologie, H. 10, Parameteraufbereitung fuer deterministische Gebiets-Wassermodelle, Grundlagenarbeiten zu Analyse von Agrar-Oekosystemen, eds.: Bork, H.-R., Rohdenburg, H., p. 1-15.

Deterministic Infinity:

Tarboton, D.G. (1997): A new method for the determination of flow directions and upslope areas in grid digital elevation models. Water Ressources Research, 33(2): 309-319.

Multiple Flow Direction:

Freeman, G.T. (1991): Calculating catchment area with divergent flow based on a regular grid. Computers and Geosciences, 17: 413-22.

Quinn, P.F., Beven, K.J., Chevallier, P., Planchon, O. (1991): The prediction of hillslope flow paths for distributed hydrological modelling using digital terrain models. Hydrological Processes, 5: 59-79.

Multiple Triangular Flow Direction:

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Seibert, J., McGlynn, B. (2007): A new triangular multiple flow direction algorithm for computing upslope areas from gridded digital elevation models. Water Ressources Research, 43, W04501.

#### See Also

```
rsaga.wetness.index, rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# SAGA GIS 2.0.6+:
rsaga.get.usage("ta_hydrology","Catchment Area (Parallel)")
# earlier versions of SAGA GIS:
#rsaga.get.usage("ta_hydrology","Parallel Processing")
# execute model with typical settings:
rsaga.parallel.processing(in.dem = "dem", out.carea = "carea", out.cslope = "cslope")
# cslope is in radians - convert to degree:
fac = round(180/pi, 4)
formula = paste(fac, "*a", sep = "")
rsaga.grid.calculus("cslope", "cslopedeg", formula)
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.pisr

Potential incoming solar radiation

# Description

This function calculates the potential incoming solar radiation in an area using different atmospheric models; module available in SAGA GIS 2.0.6+.

# Usage

```
rsaga.pisr(in.dem, in.svf.grid = NULL,
  in.vapour.grid = NULL, in.latitude.grid = NULL,
  in.longitude.grid = NULL, out.direct.grid,
  out.diffuse.grid, out.total.grid = NULL,
  out.ratio.grid = NULL, out.duration, out.sunrise,
  out.sunset, local.svf = TRUE, latitude,
  unit = c("kWh/m2", "kJ/m2", "J/cm2"), solconst = 1367,
  enable.bending = FALSE, bending.radius = 6366737.96,
  bending.lat.offset = "user", bending.lat.ref.user = 0,
  bending.lon.offset = "center",
  bending.lon.ref.user = 0,
  method = c("height", "components", "lumped"),
  hgt.atmosphere = 12000, hgt.water.vapour.pressure = 10,
  cmp.pressure = 1013, cmp.water.content = 1.68,
  cmp.dust = 100, lmp.transmittance = 70,
```

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```
time.range = c(0, 24), time.step = 0.5,
start.date = list(day = 21, month = 3),
end.date = NULL, day.step = 5, env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

## **Arguments**

bending.lon.offset

in.dem name of input digital elevation model (DEM) grid in SAGA grid format (default extension: .sgrd) in.svf.grid Optional input grid in SAGA format: Sky View Factor; see also local.svf in.vapour.grid Optional input grid in SAGA format: Water vapour pressure (mbar); see also argument hgt.water.vapour.pressure in.latitude.grid Optional input grid in SAGA format: Latitude (degree) of each grid cell in.longitude.grid see in.latitude.grid out.direct.grid Output grid: Direct insolation (unit selected by unit argument) out.diffuse.grid Output grid: Diffuse insolation out.total.grid Optional output grid: Total insolation, i.e. sum of direct and diffuse incoming solar radiation out.ratio.grid Optional output grid: Direct to diffuse ratio Optional output grid: Duration of insolation out.duration out.sunrise Optional output grid: time of sunrise; only calculated if time span is set to single day out.sunset Time of sunset; see out.sunrise local.svf logical (default: TRUE; if TRUE, use sky view factor based on local slope (after Oke, 1988), if no sky view factor grid is provided in in.svf.grid latitude Geographical latitude in degree North (negative values indicate southern hemisphere) unit unit of insolation output grids: "kWh/m2" (default) "kJ/m2", or "J/cm2" solar constant, defaults to 1367 W/m2 solconst enable.bending logical (default: FALSE): incorporate effects of planetary bending? bending.radius Planetary radius, default 6366737.96 bending.lat.offset if bending is enabled: latitudinal reference is "user"-defined (default), or relative to "top", "center" or "bottom" of grid? bending.lat.ref.user user-defined lat. reference for bending, see bending.lat.offset

longitudinal reference, i.e. local time, is "user"-defined, or relative to "top",

"center" (default) or "bottom" of grid?

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bending.lon.ref.user

user-defined reference for local time (Details??)

method

specifies how the atmospheric components should be accounted for: either based on the height of atmosphere and vapour pressure ("height", or numeric code 0), or air pressure, water and dust content ("components", code 1), or lumped atmospheric transmittance ("lumped", code 0)

hgt.atmosphere Height of atmosphere (in m); default 12000 m

hgt.water.vapour.pressure

Water vapour pressure in mbar (default 10 mbar); This value is used if no vapour

pressure grid is given in argument in.vapour.grid

 ${\tt cmp.pressure} \quad \ \ {\tt atmospheric pressure in mbar, defaults to 1013 \ mbar}$ 

cmp.water.content

water content of a vertical slice of the atmosphere in cm: between 1.5 and 1.7cm,

average 1.68cm (default)

cmp. dust dust factor in ppm; defaults to 100 ppm

lmp.transmittance

transmittance of the atmosphere in percent; usually between 60 (humid areas)

and 80 percent (deserts)

time.range numeric vector of length 2: time span (hours of the day) for numerical integra-

tion

time.step time step in hours for numerical integration

start.date list of length two, giving the start date in day and month components as num-

bers; these numbers are one-based (SAGA CMD uses zero-based numbers in-

ternally), i.e. Jan. 1st is list(day=1, month=1)

end.date see start.date

day. step if days indicates a range of days, this specifies the time step (number of days)

for calculating the incoming solar radiation

env RSAGA geoprocessing environment obtained with rsaga.env; this argument is

required for version control (see Note)

... optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor

# **Details**

According to SAGA GIS 2.0.7 documentation, "Most options should do well, but TAPES-G based diffuse irradiance calculation ("Atmospheric Effects" methods 2 and 3) needs further revision!" I.e. be careful with method = "components" and method = "lumped".

#### Note

This module is computationally very intensive (depending on the size of the grid and the time resolution, of course). The performance seems to have much improved in SAGA GIS 2.1.0, which by default runs this module in multicore mode (at the release candidate 1 for Windows does).

SAGA\_CMD uses zero-based days and months, but this R function uses the standard one-based days and months (e.g. day 1 is the first day of the month, month 1 is January) and translates to the SAGA system.

This function uses module Potential Incoming Solar Radiation from SAGA library ta\_lighting in SAGA version 2.0.6+.

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## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### References

Boehner, J., Antonic, O. (2009): Land surface parameters specific to topo-climatology. In: Hengl, T. and Reuter, H. I. (eds.): Geomorphometry - Concepts, Software, Applications. Elsevier.

Oke, T.R. (1988): Boundary layer climates. London, Taylor and Francis.

Wilson, J.P., Gallant, J.C. (eds.), 2000: Terrain analysis - principles and applications. New York, John Wiley and Sons.

# See Also

rsaga.hillshade; for similar modules in older SAGA versions (pre-2.0.6) see rsaga.solar.radiation and rsaga.insolation

rsaga.sgrd.to.esri

Convert SAGA grids to ESRI ASCII/binary grids

# **Description**

rsaga.sgrd.to.esri converts grid files from SAGA's (version 2) grid format (.sgrd) to ESRI's ASCII (.asc) and binary (.flt) format.

# Usage

```
rsaga.sgrd.to.esri(in.sgrds, out.grids, out.path,
  format = "ascii", georef = "corner", prec = 5, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

in.sgrds	character vector of SAGA grid files (.sgrd) to be converted; files are expected to be found in folder rsaga.env()\$workspace, or, if an optional env argument is provided, in env\$workspace
out.grids	character vector of ESRI ASCII/float output file names; defaults to in.sgrds with the file extension being replaced by .asc or .flt, depending on format. Files will be placed in folder out.path, existing files will be overwritten
out.path	folder for out.grids
format	output file format, either "ascii" (default; equivalent: format=1) for ASCII grids or "binary" (equivalent: 0) for binary ESRI grids (.flt).
georef	character: "corner" (equivalent numeric code: 0) or "center" (default; equivalent: 1). Determines whether the georeference will be related to the center or corner of its extreme lower left grid cell.

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number of digits when writing floating point values to ASCII grid files; either a single number (to be replicated if necessary), or a numeric vector of length

length(in.grids)

optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env

RSAGA geoprocessing environment

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

#### Note

This function uses module 0 from the SAGA library io\_grid.

## Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### See Also

rsaga.esri.wrapper for an efficient way of applying RSAGA to ESRI ASCII/binary grids; rsaga.env

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Sink Removal Remove sinks from a digital elevation model by deepening drainage routes or filling sinks.

## **Description**

Sink Removal Remove sinks from a digital elevation model by deepening drainage routes or filling sinks.

# Usage

```
rsaga.sink.removal(in.dem, in.sinkroute, out.dem,
  method = "fill", ...)
```

## **Arguments**

in.dem input: digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default file extension:

.sgrd)

in.sinkroute optional input: sink route grid file

out.dem output: modified DEM

method character string or numeric value specifying the algorithm (partial string match-

ing will be applied): "deepen drainage route" (or 0): reduce the elevation of pixels in order to achieve drainage out of the former sinks "fill sinks" (or

1): fill sinks until none are left

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... optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment

## Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

#### Note

This function uses module 1 from SAGA library ta\_preprocessor.

# Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

## See Also

```
rsaga.sink.route, rsaga.fill.sinks
```

## **Examples**

```
## Not run: rsaga.sink.route("dem","sinkroute")
rsaga.sink.removal("dem","sinkroute","dem-preproc",method="deepen")
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.sink.route

Sink Drainage Route Detection

# **Description**

Sink drainage route detection.

# Usage

```
rsaga.sink.route(in.dem, out.sinkroute, threshold,
  thrsheight = 100, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

in.dem input: digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default file extension:

.sgrd)

out.sinkroute output: sink route grid file: non-sinks obtain a value of 0, sinks are assigned an

integer between 0 and 8 indicating the direction to which flow from this sink

should be routed

threshold logical: use a threshold value?

thrsheight numeric: threshold value (default: 100)

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... optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor, including the env RSAGA geoprocessing environment

#### Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (default) a character vector with the module's console output.

#### Note

I assume that flow directions are coded as 0 = north, 1 = northeast, 2 = east, ..., 7 = northwest, as in rsaga.fill.sinks.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### See Also

```
rsaga.sink.removal
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run: rsaga.sink.route("dem","sinkroute")
rsaga.sink.removal("dem","sinkroute","dem-preproc",method="deepen")
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.solar.radiation Potential incoming solar radiation

# **Description**

This function calculates the potential incoming solar radiation in an area either using a lumped atmospheric transmittance model or estimating it based on water and dust content. Use rsaga.pisr instead with SAGA GIS 2.0.6+.

## Usage

```
rsaga.solar.radiation(in.dem, out.grid, out.duration,
  latitude, unit = c("kWh/m2", "J/m2"), solconst = 1367,
  method = c("lumped", "components"), transmittance = 70,
  pressure = 1013, water.content = 1.68, dust = 100,
  time.range = c(0, 24), time.step = 1,
  days = list(day = 21, month = 3), day.step = 5,
  env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

in. dem name of input digital elevation model (DEM) grid in SAGA grid format (default

extension: .sgrd)

out grid output grid file for potential incoming solar radiation sums

out.duration Optional output grid file for duration of insolation

latitude Geographical latitude in degree North (negative values indicate southern hemi-

sphere)

unit unit of the out.grid output: "kWh/m2" (default) or "J/m2"

solconst solar constant, defaults to 1367 W/m2

method specifies how the atmospheric components should be accounted for: either based

on a lumped atmospheric transmittance as specified by argument transmittance ("lumped", or numeric code 0; default); or by calculating the components cor-

responding to water and dust ("components", code 1)

transmittance transmittance of the atmosphere in percent; usually between 60 (humid areas)

and 80 percent (deserts)

pressure atmospheric pressure in mbar

water.content water content of a vertical slice of the atmosphere in cm: between 1.5 and 1.7cm,

average 1.68cm (default)

dust factor in ppm; defaults to 100ppm

time.range numeric vector of length 2: time span (hours of the day) for numerical integra-

tion

time.step time step in hours for numerical integration

days either a list with components day and month specifying a single day of the year

for radiation modeling; OR a numeric vector of length 2 specifying the start and

end date (see Note below)

day. step if days indicates a range of days, this specifies the time step (number of days)

for calculating the incoming solar radiation

env RSAGA geoprocessing environment obtained with rsaga. env; this argument is

required for version control (see Note)

... optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor

#### Note

This module ceased to exist under SAGA GIS 2.0.6+, which has a similar (but more flexible) module Potential Solar Radiation that is interfaced by rsaga.pisr.

SAGA\_CMD uses zero-based days and months, but this R function uses the standard one-based days and months (e.g. day 1 is the first day of the month, month 1 is January) and translates to the SAGA system.

In SAGA 2.0.2, solar radiation sums calculated for a range of days, say days=c(a,b) actually calculate radiation only for days  $a, \ldots, b-1$  (in steps of day.step - I used day.step=1 in this example). The setting a=b however gives the same result as b=a+1, and indeed b=a+2 gives twice the radiation sums and potential sunshine duration that a=b and b=a+1 both give.

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The solar radiation module of SAGA 2.0.1 had a bug that made it impossible to pass a range of days of the year or a range of hours of the day (time.range) to SAGA. These options work in SAGA 2.0.1.

This function uses module Incoming Solar Radiation from SAGA GIS library ta\_lighting.

#### Author(s)

Alexander Brenning (R interface), Olaf Conrad (SAGA module)

#### References

Wilson, J.P., Gallant, J.C. (eds.), 2000: Terrain analysis - principles and applications. New York, John Wiley & Sons.

#### See Also

```
rsaga.hillshade, rsaga.insolation
```

# **Examples**

rsaga.target

Define target grid for interpolation

## **Description**

Define the resolution and extent of a target grid for interpolation by SAGA modules based on (1) user-provided x/y coordinates, (2) an existing SAGA grid file, or (3) the header data of an ASCII grid. Intended to be used with RSAGA's interpolation functions. Currently works with SAGA GIS 2.0.5 - 2.0.8 and partially with SAGA GIS 2.1.0 (not with target="target.grid").

## Usage

```
rsaga.target(target = c("user.defined", "target.grid", "header"),
  user.cellsize = 100, user.x.extent, user.y.extent,
  target.grid, header, env = rsaga.env())
```

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## **Arguments**

target	character: method used for defining the target grid; note: "target.grid" currently doesn't seem to work in SAGA GIS 2.1.0
user.cellsize	Only for target="user.defined": raster resolution (in the grid's map units)
user.x.extent	See user.y.extent
user.y.extent	Only for target="user.defined": numeric vectors of length 2: minimum and maximum coordinates of grid cell center points
target.grid	Only for target="target.grid": character string giving the name of a SAGA grid file that specifies the extent and resolution of the target grid; this target grid file may be overwritten, depending on the specifics of the SAGA GIS module used.
header	Only for target="header": list: ASCII grid header (as returned e.g. by read.ascii.grid.header) or defined manually; must at least have components ncols, nrows, cellsize, and either x/yllcorner or x/yllcenter.
env	A SAGA geoprocessing environment, see rsaga.env.)

## Note

This function is to be used with RSAGA functions rsaga.inverse.distance, rsaga.nearest.neighbour and rsaga.modified.quadratic.shephard. Note that these are currently only compatible with SAGA GIS 2.0.5 and higher, and that SAGA GIS 2.1.0 has some yet unresolved issues with the target grid parameterization (target="target.grid").

# See Also

```
read.ascii.grid.header
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# IDW interpolation of attribute "z" from the point shapefile
# 'points.shp' to a grid with the same extent and resolution
# as the (pre-existing) geology grid:
rsaga.inverse.distance("points", "dem", field = "z", maxdist = 1000,
    target = rsaga.target(target="target.grid",
    target.grid = "geology"))
## End(Not run)
```

rsaga.wetness.index

SAGA Modules SAGA Wetness Index

# **Description**

Calculate the SAGA Wetness Index (SWI), a modified topographic wetness index (TWI)

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## Usage

```
rsaga.wetness.index(in.dem, out.wetness.index, out.carea,
  out.cslope, out.mod.carea, suction, area.type,
  slope.type, slope.min, slope.offset, slope.weight,
  t.param, env = rsaga.env(), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

in.dem	input: digital elevation model (DEM) as SAGA grid file (default file extension: .sgrd)
out.wetness.in	dex
	output file (optional): wetness index grid file name. Existing files of the same name will be overwritten!
out.carea	output file (optional): catchment area grid file name
out.cslope	output file (optional): catchment slope grid file name
out.mod.carea	output file (optional): file name of modified catchment area grid
suction	SAGA GIS 2.1.0+: positive numeric value (optional): the lower this value is the stronger is the suction effect; defaults to a value of 10 (more detailed information is currently not available in the SAGA GIS documentation
area.type	character or numeric (optional): type of area: "absolute" (or numeric code 0): absolute catchment area; "square root" (code 1; the default): square root of catchment area; "specific" (code 2): specific catchment area
slope.type	character or numeric (optional): type of slope: "local" (or numeric code 0): local slope; "catchment" (or code 1; the default): catchment slope.
slope.min	numeric (optional): minimum slope; default: 0
slope.offset	numeric (optional): offset slope; default: 0.1
slope.weight	numeric (optional): weighting factor for slope in index calculation; default: 1
t.param	SAGA GIS up to version 2.0.8: positive numeric value (optional): undocumented
env	A SAGA geoprocessing environment, see rsaga.env.)
• • •	optional arguments to be passed to rsaga.geoprocessor

# **Details**

The SAGA Wetness Index is similar to the Topographic Wetness Index (TWI), but it is based on a modified catchment area calculation (out.mod.carea), which does not treat the flow as a thin film as done in the calculation of catchment areas in conventional algorithms. As a result, the SWI tends to assign a more realistic, higher potential soil wetness than the TWI to grid cells situated in valley floors with a small vertical distance to a channel.

This module and its arguments changed substantially from SAGA GIS 2.0.8 to version 2.1.0. It appears to me that the new algorithm is similar (but not identical) to the old one when using area.type="absolute" and slope.type="local" but I haven't tried out all possible options. This help file will be updated as soon as additional documentation becomes available.

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## Value

The type of object returned depends on the intern argument passed to the rsaga.geoprocessor. For intern=FALSE it is a numerical error code (0: success), or otherwise (the default) a character vector with the module's console output.

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## References

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#### See Also

```
rsaga.parallel.processing, rsaga.geoprocessor, rsaga.env
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# using SAGA grids:
rsaga.wetness.index("dem.sgrd","swi.sgrd")
## End(Not run)
```

set.file.extension

Determine or modify file name extensions

# **Description**

Function get.file.extension determines the file extension, set.file.extension changes it, and default.file.extension changes it only if it is not already specified.

## Usage

```
set.file.extension(filename, extension,
  fsep = .Platform$file.sep)

get.file.extension(filename, fsep = .Platform$file.sep)

default.file.extension(filename, extension,
  force = FALSE)
```

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# **Arguments**

filename character vector: file name(s), possibly including paths and extensions; a file

name ending with a "." is interpreted as having extension "", while a file name

that doesn't contain a "." is interpreted has having no extension.

extension character string: file extension, without the dot

fsep character: separator between paths

force logical argument to default.file.extension: force the file extension to be

extension (same result as set.file.extension), or only set it to extension if

it has not been specified?

#### Value

character vector of same length as filename

# **Examples**

```
fnm = c("C:/TEMP.DIR/temp", "C:/TEMP.DIR/tmp.txt", "tempfile.")
get.file.extension(fnm)
set.file.extension(fnm, extension=".TMP")
default.file.extension(fnm, extension=".TMP")
```

wind.shelter

Wind Shelter Index

# **Description**

wind. shelter is a function to be used with focal.function to calculate a topographic wind shelter index from a digital elevation model, which is a proxy for snow accumulation on the lee side of topographic obstacles. wind. shelter.prep performs some preparatory calculations to speed up repeated calls to wind. shelter.

# Usage

```
wind.shelter(x, prob = NULL, control)
wind.shelter.prep(radius, direction, tolerance,
  cellsize = 90)
```

## **Arguments**

x square matrix of elevation data

prob numeric: quantile of slope values to be used in computing the wind shelter index;

if NULL, use max (equivalent to prob=1)

control required argument: the result of a call to wind. shelter.prep

radius radius (>1) of circle segment to be used (number of grid cells, not necessarily

an integer)

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direction wind direction: direction from which the wind originates; North = 0 = 2\*pi,

clockwise angles.

tolerance directional tolerance

cellsize grid cellsize

#### **Details**

wind. shelter implements a wind shelter index used by Plattner et al. (2004) for modeling snow accumulation patterns on a glacier in the Austrian Alps. It is a modified version of the algorithm of Winstral et al. (2002). The wind shelter index of Plattner et al. (2004) is defined as:

```
Shelter index(S) = arctan( max((z(x0)-z(x)) / |x0-x| : x in S)),
```

where S = S(x0,a,da,d) is the set of grid nodes within a distance <=d from x0, only considering grid nodes in directions between a-da and a+da from x0.

The present implementation generalizes this index by replacing max by the quantile function; the max function is used if prob=NULL, and the same result is obtained for prob=1 using the quantile function.

#### Value

The function wind shelter returns the wind shelter index as described above if a numeric matrix x is provided. If it is missing, it returns the character string "windshelter".

wind.shelter.prep returns a list with components mask and dist. Both are square matrices with 2\*(ceiling(radius)+1) columns and rows:

mask indicates which grid cell in the moving window is within the specified circle

segment (value FALSE) or not (TRUE)

dist the precomputed distances of a grid cell to the center of the moving window, in

map units

# Note

The wind shelter index only makes sense if elevation is measured in the same units as the horizontal map units used for the cellsize argument (i.e. usually meters).

wind.shelter and wind.shelter.prep do not restrict the calculation to a circular area; this is done by focal.function when used in combination with that function (assuming search.mode="circle").

Note that the present definition of the wind shelter index returns negative values for surfaces that are completely exposed toward the specified direction. This may make sense if interpreted as a "wind exposure index", or it might be appropriate to set negative wind shelter values to 0.

## Author(s)

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# See Also

```
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```

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