Step selection functions (SSF)

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`amt` fitting step selection functions

- https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/amt/vignettes/p4_SSF.html

Useful papers

(Fortin et al. 2005) - the OG SSF paper Fortin, D., Beyer, H. L., Boyce, M. S., Smith, D. W., Duchesne, T., & Mao, J. S. (2005). **Wolves influence elk movements: Behavior shapes a trophic cascade in Yellowstone National Park**. Ecology, 86(5), 1320–1330. https://doi.org/10.1890/04-0953

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step selection analysis: bridging the gap between resource selection and animal movement. Methods in Ecology and Evolution, 7(5), 619–630. https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210x.12528

(Fieberg et al. 2021) - helpful guide for interpreting parameters in RSFs and SSFs Fieberg, J., Signer, J., Smith, B., & Avgar, T. (2021). **A "How to" guide for interpreting parameters in habitat-selection analyses**. The Journal of Animal Ecology, 90(5), 1027–1043. https://doi.org/10.1111/1365-2656.13441

(J. Signer et al. 2023) - for generating simulations from SSFs Signer, J., Fieberg, J., Reineking, B., Schlägel, U., Smith, B., Balkenhol, N., & Avgar, T. (2023). **Simulating animal space use from fitted integrated Step-Selection Functions (iSSF)**. Methods in Ecology and Evolution. https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210x.14263

(Hofmann et al. 2023) - full workflow from fitting SSFs, running simulations, and calculating connectivity Hofmann, D. D., Cozzi, G., McNutt, J. W., Ozgul, A., & Behr, D. M. (2023). **A three-step approach for assessing landscape connectivity via simulated dispersal: African wild dog case study**. Landscape Ecology, 38(4), 981–998. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10980-023-01602-4

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