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# Description

This function simulates dispersal for each grid cell by calculating the number of individuals dispersing out of the cell and the number of individuals dispersing into the cell.

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## Usage

```
disp(
 N_t,
  id,
  id_matrix,
  data_table,
  kernel,
  dens_dep,
  dlist,
  id_within,
 within_mask,
  border,
  planar,
  dist_resolution,
 max_dist,
  dist_bin,
  ncells_in_circle,
  cl = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

N\_t integer matrix representing population numbers at a single time step; NA indi-

cates cells outside the study area

id SpatRaster object (of the same size as N\_t) with cell identifiers

id\_matrix id in matrix format

data\_table matrix that contains information about all cells in current time points

kernel function defining dispersal kernel

character vector of length 1 specifying if the probability of settling in a target dens\_dep

grid cell is (case-sensitive, default "K2N"):

• "none" - fully random,

- "K" proportional to the carrying capacity of a target cell,
- "K2N" density-dependent, i.e. proportional to the ratio of carrying capacity of a target cell to the number of individuals already present in a target

dlist list with identifiers of target cells at a specified distance from a focal cell

integer vector with identifiers of cells inside the study area id\_within

within\_mask logical matrix that specifies boundaries of the study area

border character vector of length 1 defining how to deal with borders (case-sensitive, default "absorbing"):

- "reprising" cells outside the study area are not allowed as targets for dis-
- "absorbing" individuals that disperse outside the study area are removed from the population

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planar logical vector of length 1; TRUE if input maps are planar rasters, FALSE if input maps are lon/lat rasters dist\_resolution integer vector of length 1; dimension of one side of one cell of id; in case of an irregular grid or lon/lat raster it is calculated during initialisation max\_dist distance (in the same units as used in the raster id) specifying the maximum range at which identifiers of target dispersal cells are determined in advance (see initialise) dist\_bin numeric vector of length 1 with value >= 0; in case of an irregular grid or lon/lat raster it is calculated during initialisation ncells\_in\_circle numeric vector; number of cells on each distance cl if simulation is done in parallel, the name of a cluster object created by makeCluster

#### **Details**

The function is used by sim internally and is not intended to be called by the user. The parameters for this function are passed from a sim\_data object created by initialise.

Dispersal distance is expressed in original spatial units of the SpatRaster provided to the sim function (n1\_map and K\_map). However, it is internally converted to units of the simulation (i.e. the size of a single cell) by calculating round(distance/resolution). If the selected dispersal distance is smaller than resolution/2, the individual does not disperse effectively and remains in the same cell. The dispersal rate (proportion of dispersing individuals) can be estimated from the dispersal kernel probability function by calculating the probability that the dispersal distance is greater than resolution/2.

#### Value

The function returns a list that contains two matrices:

em - emigration matrix with the number of individuals that dispersed from each cell im - immigration matrix with the number of individuals that dispersed to each cell

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / le3
)

# disp</pre>
```

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```
disp_output <- disp(</pre>
 N_t = sim_data n1_map,
 id = unwrap(sim_data$id),
 id_matrix = as.matrix(unwrap(sim_data$id), wide = TRUE),
 data_table = sim_data$data_table,
 kernel = sim_data$kernel,
 dens_dep = sim_data$dens_dep,
 dlist = sim_data$dlist,
 id_within = sim_data$id_within,
 within_mask = sim_data$within_mask,
 border = sim_data$border,
 planar = sim_data$planar,
 dist_resolution = sim_data$dist_resolution,
 max_dist = sim_data$max_dist,
 dist_bin = sim_data$dist_bin,
 ncells_in_circle = sim_data$ncells_in_circle
)
# immigration and emigration matrices
names(disp_output)
```

get\_observations

Observation Process

#### **Description**

This function simulates an observation process. It accepts the sim\_results object, which is generated by the sim function, and applies the virtual ecologist approach on the N\_map component of the object. The function returns a data.frame with the 'observed' abundances.

#### Usage

```
get_observations(
    sim_data,
    sim_results,
    type = c("random_one_layer", "random_all_layers", "from_data", "monitoring_based"),
    obs_error = c("rlnorm", "rbinom"),
    obs_error_param = NULL,
    ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

```
sim_data sim_data object from initialise containing simulation parameters
sim_results sim_results object; returned by sim function
type character vector of length 1; describes the sampling type (case-sensitive):
```

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 "random\_one\_layer" - random selection of cells for which abundances are sampled; the same set of selected cells is used across all time steps.

- "random\_all\_layers" random selection of cells for which abundances are sampled; a new set of cells is selected for each time step.
- "from\_data" user-defined selection of cells for which abundances are sampled; the user is required to provide a data. frame containing three columns: "x", "y" and "time\_step".
- "monitoring\_based" user-defined selection of cells for which abundances are sampled; the user is required to provide a matrix object with two columns: "x" and "y"; the abundance from given cell is sampled by different virtual observers in different time steps; a geometric distribution (rgeom) is employed to define whether a survey will be conducted by the same observer for several years or not conducted at all.

obs\_error

character vector of length 1; type of the distribution that defines the observation process: "rlnorm" (the log normal distribution) or "rbinom" (the binomial distribution)

obs\_error\_param

numeric vector of length 1; standard deviation (on a log scale) of the random noise in observation process generated from the log-normal distribution (rlnorm) or probability of detection (success) when the binomial distribution ("rbinom") is used.

. other necessary internal parameters:

- prop
   numeric vector of length 1; proportion of cells to be sampled (default prop
   = 0.1); used when type = "random\_one\_layer" or "random\_all\_layers",
- points data.frame or matrix with 3 numeric columns named "x", "y", and "time\_step" containing coordinates and time steps from which observations should be obtained; used when type = "from\_data",
- cells\_coords data.frame or matrix with 2 columns named "x" and "y"; survey plots coordinates; used when type = "monitoring\_based"
- prob
   numeric vector of length 1; a parameter defining the shape of rgeom distribution; defines whether an observation will be made by the same observer for several years, and whether it will not be made at all (default prob = 0.3); used when type = "monitoring\_based"
- progress\_bar logical vector of length 1; determines if a progress bar for observation process should be displayed (default progress\_bar = FALSE); used when type = "monitoring\_based"

#### Value

data.frame object with geographic coordinates, time steps, estimated abundance, observation error (if obs\_error\_param is provided), and observer identifiers (if type = "monitoring\_based"). If type = "from\_data", returned object is sorted in the same order as the input points.

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```
library(terra)
n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
# prepare data
sim_data <- initialise(</pre>
  n1_map = n1_small,
  K_map = K_small,
  r = log(2),
  rate = 1 / 1e3
)
sim_1 \leftarrow sim(obj = sim_data, time = 110, burn = 10)
# 1. random_one_layer
sample1 <- get_observations(</pre>
  sim_data,
  sim_1,
  type = "random_one_layer",
  prop = 0.1
)
# 2. random_all_layers
sample2 <- get_observations(</pre>
  sim_data,
  sim_1,
  type = "random_all_layers",
  prop = 0.15
)
# 3. from_data
sample3 <- get_observations(</pre>
  sim_data,
  sim_1,
  type = "from_data",
  points = observations_points
)
# 4. monitoring_based
# define observations sites
all_points <- xyFromCell(unwrap(sim_data$id), cells(unwrap(sim_data$K_map)))</pre>
sample_idx <- sample(1:nrow(all_points), size = 20)</pre>
sample_points <- all_points[sample_idx, ]</pre>
sample4 <- get_observations(</pre>
  sim_data,
  sim_1,
  type = "monitoring_based",
  cells_coords = sample_points,
  prob = 0.3,
```

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```
progress_bar = TRUE
)

# 5. noise "rlnorm"
sample5 <- get_observations(sim_data,
    sim_1,
    type = "random_one_layer",
    obs_error = "rlnorm",
    obs_error_param = log(1.2)
)

# 6. noise "rbinom"
sample6 <- get_observations(sim_data,
    sim_1,
    type = "random_one_layer",
    obs_error = "rbinom",
    obs_error_param = 0.8
)</pre>
```

growth

Population Growth Functions

# Description

Population growth functions are used during simulation conducted by the sim function. The user is required to specify the name of a growth function while initialising the sim\_data object using initialise.

## Usage

```
exponential(x, r, ...)
ricker(x, r, K, A = NA)
gompertz(x, r, K, A = NA)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
    x number of individuals
    r intrinsic population growth rate
    ... not used, added for compatibility reasons
    K carrying capacity
    A coefficient of Allee effect (A <= 0: weak, A > 0: strong, NA: none)
```

#### **Details**

x can be a vector, matrix, SpatRaster or any other R object for which basic arithmetic operations produce valid results. These functions are intended to be used in the sim function, where x is a matrix of the same dimensions as the SpatRaster object specified in n1\_map parameter.

#### Value

Object of the same dimensions as x that contains expected number of individuals in the next time step.

#### References

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Hostetler, J.A. and Chandler, R.B. (2015), Improved state-space models for inference about spatial and temporal variation in abundance from count data. Ecology, 96: 1713-1723. doi:10.1890/14-1487.1

Courchamp, F., L. Berec and J. Gascoigne. 2008. Allee Effects in Ecology and Conservation. Oxford University Press, New York. 256 pp. ISBN 978-0-19-857030-1

## **Examples**

```
x <- 1:10
exponential(x, r = 0.4)

ricker(x, r = 2, K = 5)
ricker(x, r = 2, K = 5, A = -5)

gompertz(x, r = 1.2, K = 5)
gompertz(x, r = 1.2, K = 5, A = 5)</pre>
```

initialise

Prepare Data Required To Perform A Simulation

#### **Description**

This function generates a sim\_data object containing all the necessary information required to run a simulation by the sim function. The input maps (n1\_map and K\_map) can be in the Cartesian or longitude/latitude coordinate system.

#### Usage

```
initialise(
 n1_map,
 K_map,
 K_sd = 0,
 r,
  r_sd = 0,
  growth = "gompertz",
 A = NA
 dens_{dep} = c("K2N", "K", "none"),
 border = c("reprising", "absorbing"),
  kernel_fun = "rexp",
  . . . ,
 max_dist = NA,
  calculate_dist = TRUE,
 dlist = NULL,
 progress_bar = TRUE,
 quiet = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

n1\_map SpatRaster object with one layer; population numbers in every grid cell at the

first time step

SpatRaster object with one layer; carrying capacity map (if K is constant across K\_map

time) or maps (if K is time-varying)

K sd numeric vector of length 1 with value >= 0 (default 0); this parameter can be

used if additional environmental stochasticity is required; if K\_sd > 0, random numbers are generated from a log-normal distribution with the mean K\_map and

standard deviation K\_sd

numeric vector of length 1; intrinsic population growth rate

numeric vector of length 1 with value >= 0 (default 0); if additional demor\_sd

graphic stochasticity is required,  $r_sd > 0$  is the standard deviation for a normal

distribution around r (defined for each time step)

growth character vector of length 1; the name of a population growth function, either defined in growth or provided by the user (case-sensitive, default "gompertz")

numeric vector of length 1; strength of the Allee effect (see the growth function)

dens\_dep

character vector of length 1 specifying if the probability of settling in a target grid cell is (case-sensitive, default "K2N"):

- "none" fully random,
- "K" proportional to the carrying capacity of a target cell,
- "K2N" density-dependent, i.e. proportional to the ratio of carrying capacity of a target cell to the number of individuals already present in a target

border character vector of length 1 defining how to deal with borders (case-sensitive, default "absorbing"):

"reprising" - cells outside the study area are not allowed as targets for dispersal

• "absorbing" - individuals that disperse outside the study area are removed from the population

kernel\_fun character vector of length 1; name of a random number generation function

defining a dispersal kernel (case-sensitive, default "rexp")

... any parameters required by kernel\_fun

max\_dist numeric vector of length 1; maximum distance of dispersal to pre-calculate tar-

get cells

calculate\_dist logical vector of length 1; determines if target cells will be precalculated

dlist list; target cells at a specified distance calculated for every cell within the study

area

progress\_bar logical vector of length 1; determines if progress bar for calculating distances

should be displayed

quiet logical vector of length 1; determines if messages should be displayed

#### **Details**

The most time-consuming part of computations performed by the sim function is the simulation of dispersal. To speed it up, a list containing indexes of target cells at a specified distance from a focal cell is calculated in advance and stored in a dlist slot. The max\_dist parameter sets the maximum distance at which this pre-calculation is performed. If max\_dist is NULL, it is set to 0.99 quantile from the kernel\_fun. All distance calculations are always based on metres if the input maps are latitude/longitude. For planar input maps, distances are calculated in map units, which are typically metres, but check the crs() if in doubt.

If the input maps are in the Cartesian coordinate system and the grid cells are squares, then the distances between cells are calculated using the distance function from the terra package. These distances are later divided by the resolution of the input maps.

For input maps with grid cells in shapes other than squares (e.g. with rectangular cells or longitude/latitude coordinate system), the distance resolution is calculated by finding the shortest distance between each "queen" type neighbor. All distances calculated by the distance function are further divided by this distance resolution. To avoid discontinuities in the distances at which the target cells are located, an additional parameter dist\_bin is calculated as half of the maximum distance between each "queen" type neighbour. It is used to expand the distances at which target cells are located from a single number to a range.

NA in the input maps represents cells outside the study area.

The K\_get\_interpolation function can be used to prepare K\_map that changes over time. This may be useful, when simulating environmental change or exploring the effects of ecological disturbances.

#### Value

Object of class sim\_data which inherits from list. This object contains all necessary information to perform a simulation using sim function.

#### References

```
Hijmans R (2024). terra: Spatial Data Analysis. R package version 1.7-81, https://rspatial.github.io/terra/, https://rspatial.org/
Solymos P, Zawadzki Z (2023). pbapply: Adding Progress Bar to '*apply' Functions. R package version 1.7-2, https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=pbapply.
```

#### See Also

update

```
# input maps
library(terra)
n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
K_small_changing <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small_changing.tif",</pre>
                           package = "rangr"))
n1_small_lon_lat <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small_lon_lat.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
K_small_lon_lat <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small_lon_lat.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
# basic example
sim_data_1 <- initialise(</pre>
  n1_map = n1_small,
  K_map = K_small
  r = log(2),
  rate = 1 / 1e3
)
# example with changing environment
K_interpolated <- K_get_interpolation(</pre>
  K_small_changing,
  K_{time_points} = c(1, 25, 50)
)
sim_data_2 <- initialise(</pre>
  n1_map = n1_small,
  K_map = K_interpolated,
  r = log(2),
  rate = 1 / 1e3
)
# example with lon/lat rasters
sim_data_3 <- initialise(</pre>
  n1_map = n1_small_lon_lat,
  K_map = K_small_lon_lat,
  r = log(2),
  rate = 1 / 1e3
)
```

K\_big.tif

```
# example without progress bar and messages
sim_data_4 <- initialise(
   n1_map = n1_small, K_map = K_small, K_sd = 0.1, r = log(5),
   r_sd = 4, growth = "ricker", rate = 1 / 200,
   max_dist = 5000, dens_dep = "K2N", progress_bar = FALSE, quiet = TRUE)</pre>
```

K\_big.tif

Example Of Carrying Capacity Map (Big)

## **Description**

SpatRaster object that can be used as a carrying capacity map to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. This map is compatible with n1\_big.tif.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 100 rows and 100 columns containing integer values 0-25 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

#### Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example (using spatial autocorrelation).

## **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/K_big.tif", package = "rangr")
```

K\_big\_lon\_lat.tif

Example Of Carrying Capacity Map (Big)

## **Description**

SpatRaster object representing a carrying capacity map projected to WGS 84 (CRS84) from the original raster K\_big. This map can be used as a carrying capacity map to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. It is compatible with the n1\_big\_lon\_lat.tif raster.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 74 rows and 125 columns containing integer values 0-25 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

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#### Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example (using spatial autocorrelation).

## **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/K_big_lon_lat.tif", package = "rangr")
```

K\_get\_interpolation

Prepare Time-Varying Carrying Capacity Maps

## **Description**

This function linearly interpolates values in a series of carrying capacity maps.

#### Usage

```
K_get_interpolation(K_map, K_time_points = NULL, time = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

SpatRaster object with carrying capacity maps for each K\_time\_points K\_map integer vector; time for each layer in K\_map, should contain unique values K\_time\_points time integer vector of length 1; number of total time steps required (this is defined

when evoking the function sim).

#### **Details**

To simulate dynamic environmental scenarios (e.g. climate change, land use change, ecological disturbance, etc.) one needs to provide time-varying carrying capacity maps.

Either K\_time\_points or the time parameter is needed to perform interpolation. If the interpolation should be calculated between two carrying capacity maps, there is no need to pass the time points, because 1 will be set as the starting time point and time will be used as the ending point. On the other hand, in the absence of the time argument, the maximum element of K\_time\_points is considered to be the ending point for the interpolation.

## Value

SpatRaster object with number of layers equal to time.

 $K_{\underline{\phantom{a}}}$  small.tif

#### **Examples**

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small_changing <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small_changing.tif",
package = "rangr"))

K_interpolated_01 <- K_get_interpolation(
    K_small_changing,
    K_time_points = c(1, 10, 15)
)

K_two_layers <- subset(
    K_small_changing,
    c(1, 2)
)
K_interpolated_02 <- K_get_interpolation(
    K_two_layers,
    time = 15
)</pre>
```

K\_small.tif

Example Of Carrying Capacity Map (Small)

## **Description**

SpatRaster object that can be used a carrying capacity map to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. This map is compatible with n1\_small.tif.

## **Format**

SpatRaster object with 15 rows and 10 columns containing integer values 0-100 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

## Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example (using spatial autocorrelation).

```
system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr")
```

K\_small\_changing.tif Example Of Changing Carrying Capacity Maps (Small)

#### **Description**

SpatRaster object that can be used as carrying capacity maps to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. To utilise these maps in initialise the user first must use K\_get\_interpolation to generate a map for every time step of the simulation. These maps are compatible with n1\_small.tif. Each subsequent map contains a virtual environment with greater carrying capacity than the previous one.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 3 layers, each has 15 rows and 10 columns containing integer values 0-170 and NA's that indicates unsuitable areas.

#### Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example (using spatial autocorrelation).

#### **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/K_small_changing.tif", package = "rangr")
```

```
K_small_changing_lon_lat.tif
```

Example Of Changing Carrying Capacity Maps (Small)

## Description

SpatRaster object representing changing carrying capacity maps projected to WGS 84 (CRS84) from the original raster K\_small\_changing. These maps can be used as carrying capacity maps to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. To utilise these maps in initialise the user must first use K\_get\_interpolation to generate a map for every time step of the simulation. These maps are compatible with the n1\_small\_lon\_lat.tif raster.

## **Format**

SpatRaster object with 3 layers, each having 12 rows and 14 columns containing integer values 0-170 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

## Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example (using spatial autocorrelation).

K\_small\_lon\_lat.tif

## **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/K_small_changing_lon_lat.tif", package = "rangr")
```

K\_small\_lon\_lat.tif Example Of Carrying Capacity Map (Small)

# Description

SpatRaster object that represents a carrying capacity map projected to WGS 84 (CRS84) from the original raster K\_small. This map can be used as a carrying capacity map to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. It is compatible with the n1\_small\_lon\_lat.tif raster.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 12 rows and 14 columns containing integer values 0-100 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

#### Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example (using spatial autocorrelation).

## **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/K_small_lon_lat.tif", package = "rangr")
```

n1\_big.tif Example Of Abundance Map At First Time Step Of The Simulation (Big)

# Description

SpatRaster object that can be used a as simulation starting point to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. This map is compatible with K\_big.tif map.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 100 rows and 100 columns containing integer values 0-50 and NA's that indicates unsuitable areas.

## Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example.

n1\_small.tif

## **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/n1_big.tif", package = "rangr")
```

## **Description**

SpatRaster object representing an abundance map at the first time step of the simulation projected to WGS 84 (CRS84) from the original raster n1\_big. This map can be used as a simulation starting point to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. It is compatible with the K\_big\_lon\_lat.tif map.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 74 rows and 125 columns containing integer values 0-50 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

#### Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example.

## **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/n1_big_lon_lat.tif", package = "rangr")
```

n1\_small.tif Example Of Abundance Map At First Time Step Of The Simulation (Small)

## Description

SpatRaster object that can be used a as simulation starting point to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. This map is compatible with K\_small.tif and K\_small\_changing.tif maps.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 15 rows and 10 columns containing integer values 0-10 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

n1\_small\_lon\_lat.tif

#### **Source**

Data generated in-house to serve as an example.

#### **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr")
```

## **Description**

SpatRaster object representing an abundance map at the first time step of the simulation projected to WGS 84 (CRS84) from the original raster n1\_small. This map can be used as a simulation starting point to initialise data necessary to perform a simulation with the sim function. It is compatible with the K\_small\_lon\_lat.tif and K\_small\_changing\_lon\_lat.tif maps.

#### **Format**

SpatRaster object with 12 rows and 14 columns containing integer values 0-10 and NA's indicating unsuitable areas.

#### Source

Data generated in-house to serve as an example.

## **Examples**

```
system.file("input_maps/n1_small_lon_lat.tif", package = "rangr")
```

observations\_points

Example Of Observation Points List

## **Description**

A data.frame containing a sample input data to the function get\_observations when type argument is set to "from\_file". This data is compatible with n1\_small.tif, K\_small.tif and K\_small\_changing.tif maps.

## Usage

```
observations_points
```

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## **Format**

A data frame with 1500 rows and 3 variables:

x x coordinate

y y coordinate

time\_step time\_step at which the abundances should be observed

#### **Source**

Data generated in-house to serve as an example

# Description

Plots abundances obtained during simulation.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_results'
plot(x, template = NULL, time_points = NULL, range, type, ...)
```

# Arguments

Χ	sim_results object; returned by sim
template	SpatRaster object; can be used as a template to create returned object
time_points	numeric vector; specifies points in time from which plots will be generated
range	numeric vector of length 2; range of values to be used for the legend (if type = "continuous"), which by default is calculated from the $N_{map}$ slot of sim_result object
type	character vector of length 1; type of map: "continuous" (default), "classes" or "interval" (case-sensitive)
	further arguments passed to terra::plot

## Value

SpatRaster object with as many layers as the length of time\_points parameter

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#### **Examples**

```
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / 1e3
)

sim_res <- sim(sim_data, time = 10)
plot(sim_res)
plot(sim_res, template = n1_small, time_points = c(1, 10))

# plot specific area
plot(sim_res, xlim = c(4, 10), ylim = c(0, 10))
plot(sim_res, ext = c(4, 10, 0, 10))
plot(sim_res, template = n1_small, ext = c(274000, 280000, 610000, 620000))</pre>
```

print.sim\_data

Print sim\_data Object

## **Description**

Print sim\_data Object

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_data'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
x sim_data object; returned by the initialise function
```

... further arguments passed to or from other methods; currently none specified

## Value

```
sim_data object is invisibly returned (the x param)
```

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## **Examples**

```
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / le3
)
print(sim_data)</pre>
```

print.sim\_results

Print sim\_results Object

# Description

Print sim\_results Object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_results'
print(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x sim\_results object; returned by the sim function

... further arguments passed to or from other methods; none specified

#### Value

sim\_results object is invisibly returned (the x param)

```
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / 1e3
)</pre>
```

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```
sim_res <- sim(obj = sim_data, time = 20, burn = 5)
print(sim_res)</pre>
```

```
print.summary.sim_data
```

Print summary.sim\_data Object

## **Description**

Print summary.sim\_data Object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.sim_data'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

- x summary.sim\_data object; returned by summary.sim\_data function
- ... further arguments passed to or from other methods; currently none specified

## Value

None

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / le3
)
summary_sim_data <- summary(sim_data)
print(summary_sim_data)</pre>
```

```
print.summary.sim\_results \\ Print summary.sim\_results Object
```

# Description

Print summary.sim\_results Object

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.sim_results'
print(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x summary.sim\_results object; returned by summary.sim\_results function... further arguments passed to or from other methods; currently none specified

## Value

None

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / le3
)

sim_results <- sim(sim_data, time = 10)
summary_sim_results <- summary(sim_results)
print(summary_sim_results)</pre>
```

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sim

Mechanistic Metapopulation Simulator

#### **Description**

This function simulates population growth and dispersal providing a given environmental scenario. All parameters for the simulation must be set in advance using initialise.

#### Usage

```
sim(
  obj,
  time,
  burn = 0,
  return_mu = FALSE,
  cl = NULL,
  progress_bar = TRUE,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

obj	sim_data object created by initialise containing all simulation parameters and necessary data
time	positive integer vector of length 1; number of time steps simulated
burn	positive integer vector of length $1$ ; the number of burn-in time steps that are discarded from the output
return_mu	logical vector of length 1; if TRUE demographic process return expected values; if FALSE the $\tt rpois$ function should be used
cl	an optional cluster object created by ${\tt makeCluster}$ needed for parallel calculations
progress_bar	logical vector of length 1 determines if progress bar for simulation should be displayed
quiet	logical vector of length 1; determines if warnings should be displayed

#### **Details**

This is the main simulation module. It takes the sim\_data object prepared by initialise and runs simulation for a given number of time steps. The initial (specified by the burn parameter) time steps are skipped and discarded from the output. Computations can be done in parallel if the name of a cluster created by makeCluster is provided.

Generally, at each time step, simulation consists of two phases: local dynamics and dispersal.

Local dynamics (which connects habitat patches in time) is defined by the function growth. This parameter is specified while creating the obj using initialise, but can be later modified by using the update function. Population growth can be either exponential or density-dependent, and the

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regulation is implemented by the use of Gompertz or Ricker models (with a possibility of providing any other, user defined function). For every cell, the expected population density during the next time step is calculated from the corresponding number of individuals currently present in this cell, and the actual number of individuals is set by drawing a random number from the Poisson distribution using this expected value. This procedure introduces a realistic randomness, however additional levels of random variability can be incorporated by providing parameters of both demographic and environmental stochasticity while specifying the sim\_data object using the initialise function (parameters r\_sd and K\_sd, respectively).

To simulate dispersal (which connects habitat patches in space), for each individual in a given cell, a dispersal distance is randomly drawn from the dispersal kernel density function. Then, each individual is translocated to a randomly chosen cell at this distance apart from the current location. For more details, see the disp function.

#### Value

This function returns an object of class sim\_results which is a list containing the following components:

- extinction TRUE if population is extinct or FALSE otherwise
- simulated\_time number of simulated time steps without the burn-in ones
- N\_map 3-dimensional array representing spatio-temporal variability in population numbers.
   The first two dimensions correspond to the spatial aspect of the output and the third dimension represents time.

In case of a total extinction, a simulation is stopped before reaching the specified number of time steps. If the population died out before reaching the burn threshold, then nothing can be returned and an error occurs.

#### References

Solymos P, Zawadzki Z (2023). pbapply: Adding Progress Bar to '\*apply' Functions. R package version 1.7-2, https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=pbapply.

## See Also

get\_observations

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),</pre>
```

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```
rate = 1 / 1e3
# simulation
sim_1 <- sim(obj = sim_data, time = 20)</pre>
# simulation with burned time steps
sim_2 \leftarrow sim(obj = sim_data, time = 20, burn = 10)
# example with parallelization
library(parallel)
cl <- makeCluster(2)</pre>
# parallelized simulation
sim_3 \leftarrow sim(obj = sim_data, time = 20, cl = cl)
stopCluster(cl)
# visualisation
plot(
  sim_1,
  time_points = 20,
  template = sim_data$K_map
)
plot(
  sim_1,
  time_points = c(1, 5, 10, 20),
  template = sim_data$K_map
)
plot(
  sim_1,
  template = sim_data$K_map
```

subset.sim\_results Subset of Given Time Points from sim\_results Object

## **Description**

This function creates a subset of given time points from the sim\_results object.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_results'
subset(x, from = NULL, time_points = NULL, ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

X	sim_results object; returned by the sim function
from	numeric vector of length 1; indicates the starting time point from which all time point should be kept
time_points	numeric vector; indicates all time points to keep
	further arguments to be passed to or from other methods

#### **Details**

Either from or time\_points argument has to be specified. Time point passed by the from argument will be set as a cutoff point and all abundances for previous time points will be discarded.

#### Value

sim\_results object with only selected time\_points present in the N\_map slot

## **Examples**

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n = n1_small,
    r = log(2),
    K_map = K_small,
    max_dist = 1000,
    rate = 1 / 1e3
)

sim_results <- sim(sim_data, time = 10)
summary(sim_results)

sim_results_cropped <- subset(sim_results, time_points = c(1:2))
summary(sim_results_cropped)</pre>
```

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Summary Of sim\_data Object

# Description

Summary Of sim\_data Object

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#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_data'
summary(object, ...)
```

# Arguments

object sim\_data object; returned by initialise function
... further arguments passed to or from other methods; currently none specified

#### Value

```
summary.sim_data object
```

## **Examples**

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / le3
)
summary(sim_data)</pre>
```

summary.sim\_results

Summary Of sim\_results Object

# Description

```
Summary Of sim_results Object
```

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_results'
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
object sim_results object; returned by sim function
... further arguments passed to or from other methods; none specified
```

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## Value

```
summary.sim_results object
```

## **Examples**

```
# data preparation
library(terra)

n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))

sim_data <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / 1e3
)

# simulation
sim_results <- sim(sim_data, time = 10)
summary(sim_results)</pre>
```

to\_rast

Transformation sim\_results To Raster

# Description

This function transforms selected subset of abundance matrices from sim\_results into SpatRaster object. Layers are specified by time\_points, which can be one or multiple points in time.

#### **Usage**

```
to_rast(sim_results, time_points = sim_results$simulated_time, template = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

sim\_results sim\_results object created by sim
time\_points numeric vector of length 1 or more; specifies points in time from which SpatRaster

will be created - as default the last year of simulation; if length(time\_points)
> 0 SpatRaster will be returned with layers for each element of time\_points

template SpatRaster object; can be used as a template to create returned object

#### Value

SpatRaster based on sim\_results object with layers corresponding to time\_points.

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#### References

```
Hijmans R (2024). terra: Spatial Data Analysis. R package version 1.7-81, https://rspatial.github.io/terra/, https://rspatial.org/
```

## **Examples**

```
# data preparation
library(terra)
n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))</pre>
sim_data <- initialise(</pre>
  n1_map = n1_small,
  K_map = K_small,
  r = log(2),
  rate = 1 / 1e3
)
# simulation
sim_1 <- sim(obj = sim_data, time = 100)</pre>
# raster construction
my_rast <- to_rast(</pre>
  sim_1,
  time_points = c(1, 10, 20, 100),
  template = sim_data$K_map
)
# visualization
plot(my_rast, range = range(sim_1$N_map, na.rm = TRUE))
```

update.sim\_data

Update sim\_data Object

## **Description**

This function updates a sim\_data object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_data'
update(object, ..., evaluate = TRUE)
```

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## **Arguments**

object sim\_data object; returned by initialise function
... further arguments passed to or from other methods; currently none specified
evaluate logical vector of length 1; if TRUE evaluates the new call, otherwise returns the call

## Value

If evaluate = TRUE then the updated sim\_data object, otherwise the updated call.

```
# data preparation
library(terra)
n1_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/n1_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
K_small <- rast(system.file("input_maps/K_small.tif", package = "rangr"))
sim_data_1 <- initialise(
    n1_map = n1_small,
    K_map = K_small,
    r = log(2),
    rate = 1 / 1e3
)
summary(sim_data_1)
sim_data_2 <- update(sim_data_1, max_dist = 3000)
summary(sim_data_2)</pre>
```

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