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     of propagation. "raytracing" also works with a set of
     experiments changing these parameters, making possible the
     identification of Rossby wave sources automatically.
     The theory used here is based on classical studies,
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betaks

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Calculates Beta and Ks

Description

betaks ingests the time-mean zonal wind (u), transform it in mercator coordinates (um); calculates the meridional gradient of the absolute vorticity (beta) in mercator coordinates (betam); and, finally, calculates stationary wavenumber (Ks) in mercator coordinates (ksm) (see: Hoskins and Ambrizzi, 1993). betaks returns the um, betam, and lat, for being ingested in ray or ray_source.

Usage

```
betaks(
    u,
    lat = "lat",
    lon = "lon",
    uname = "uwnd",
    ofile,
    a = 6371000,
    plots = FALSE,
    show.warnings = FALSE
)
```

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Arguments

String indicating the input data filename. The file to be passed consists in a netCDF file with only time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns). ualso can be a numerical matrix with time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns). lat

String indicating the name of the latitude field. If **u** is a matrix, **lat** must be

numeric.

String indicating the name of the longitude field. If u is a matrix, lon must be lon

numeric from 0 to 360.

String indicating the variable name field uname

ofile String indicating the file name for store output data. If missing, will not return a

netCDF file

Numeric indicating the Earth's radio (m) а

Logical, if TRUE will produce filled.countour plots plots Logical, if TRUE will warns about NaNs in sqrt(<0) show.warnings

Value

list with one vector (lat) and 3 matrices (um, betam, and ksm)

```
# u is NetCDF and lat and lon characters
input <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                      "uwnd.mon.mean_200hPa_2014JFM.nc",
                       package = "raytracing")
b <- betaks(u = input, plots = TRUE)</pre>
b$ksm[] <- ifelse(b$ksm[] >= 16 |
                   b$ksm[] <= 0, NA, b$ksm[])
cores <- c("#ff0000","#ff5a00","#ff9a00","#ffce00","#f0ff00")</pre>
graphics::filled.contour(b$ksm[, -c(1:5, 69:73)] ,
                          col = rev(colorRampPalette(cores, bias = 0.5)(20)),
                          main = "Ks")
# u, lat and lon as numeric
input <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                      "uwnd.mon.mean_200hPa_2014JFM.bin",
                       package = "raytracing")
u <- readBin(input,
             what = numeric(),
             size = 4,
             n = 144*73*4
lat <- seq(-90, 90, 2.5)
```

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betam

Calculates Meridional Gradient of the Absolute Vorticity (beta) in mercator coordinates (betam)

Description

betam ingests the time-mean zonal wind (u), transform it in mercator coordinates (um) and then calculates the meridional gradient of the absolute vorticity (beta) in mercator coordinates (betam) using equation Karoly (1983). betam returns a list with the **u**, **betam**, and **lat** for being ingested in Ktotal, Ks, ray or ray_source.

Usage

```
betam(
    u,
    lat = "lat",
    lon = "lon",
    uname = "uwnd",
    ofile,
    a = 6371000,
    plots = FALSE,
    show.warnings = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

u

String indicating the input data filename. The file to be passed consists in a netCDF file with only time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns). **u** also can be a numerical matrix with time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns).

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| lat | String indicating the name of the latitude field. If ${\bf u}$ is a matrix, ${\bf lat}$ must be numeric. |
|---------------|---|
| lon | String indicating the name of the longitude field. If ${\bf u}$ is a matrix, ${\bf lon}$ must be numeric from 0 to 360. |
| uname | String indicating the variable name field |
| ofile | String indicating the file name for store output data. If missing, it will not return a netCDF file |
| a | Numeric indicating the Earth's radio (m) |
| plots | Logical, if TRUE will produce filled.countour plots |
| show.warnings | Logical, if TRUE will warns about NaNs in sqrt(<0) |

Value

list with one vector (lat) and 2 matrices (u and betam)

```
{
# u is NetCDF and lat and lon characters
input <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                      "uwnd.mon.mean_200hPa_2014JFM.nc",
                       package = "raytracing")
b <- betam(u = input, plots = TRUE)</pre>
cores <- c("#ff0000","#ff5a00","#ff9a00","#ffce00","#f0ff00")</pre>
graphics::filled.contour(b$betam/10e-12,
                          zlim = c(0, 11),
                          col = rev(colorRampPalette(cores)(24)),
                          main = "Beta Mercator (*10e-11)")
# u, lat and lon as numeric
input <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                      "uwnd.mon.mean_200hPa_2014JFM.bin",
                       package = "raytracing")
u <- readBin(input,</pre>
             what = numeric(),
             size = 4,
             n = 144*73*4
lat <- seq(-90, 90, 2.5)
lon \leftarrow seq(-180, 180 - 1, 2.5)
u <- matrix(u,
            nrow = length(lon),
            ncol = length(lat))
graphics::filled.contour(u, main = "Zonal Wind Speed [m/s]")
}
```

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coastlines

Coastlines

Description

Geometry of coastlines, class "sfc_MULTILINESTRING" "sfc" from the package "sf"

Usage

```
data(coastlines)
```

Format

Geometry of coastlines "sfc_MULTILINESTRING"

MULTILINESTRING Geometry of coastlines "sfc_MULTILINESTRING" data(coastlines)

Source

https://www.naturalearthdata.com/downloads/10m-physical-vectors/10m-coastline/

Ks

Calculates Total Wavenumber for Stationary Rossby Waves (Ks)

Description

Ks ingests the time-mean zonal wind (u) and calculates the Total Wavenumber for Stationary Rossby waves (Ks) in mercator coordinates (see: Hoskins and Ambrizzi, 1993). Stationary Rossby waves are found when zonal wave number (k) is constant along the trajectory, which leads to wave frequency (omega) zero. In this code Ks is used to distinguish the total wavenumber for Stationary Rossby Waves (Ks) from the total wavenumber for Rossby waves (K), and zonal wave number (k). Ks returns a list with Ks in mercator coordinates (ksm).

Usage

```
Ks(
    u,
    lat = "lat",
    lon = "lon",
    uname = "uwnd",
    ofile,
    a = 6371000,
    plots = FALSE,
    show.warnings = FALSE)
```

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Arguments

u

String indicating the input data filename. The file to be passed consists in a netCDF file with only time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns). **u** also can be a numerical matrix with time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns). lat String indicating the name of the latitude field. If **u** is a matrix, **lat** must be numeric. String indicating the name of the longitude field. If u is a matrix, lon must be lon numeric from 0 to 360. uname String indicating the variable name field ofile String indicating the file name for store output data. If missing, will not return a netCDF file

Numeric indicating the Earth's radio (m)

plots Logical, if TRUE will produce filled.countour plots Logical, if TRUE will warns about NaNs in sqrt(<0) show.warnings

Value

а

list with one vector (lat) and 1 matrix (Ksm)

```
# u is NetCDF and lat and lon characters
input <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                       "uwnd.mon.mean_200hPa_2014JFM.nc",
                        package = "raytracing")
Ks <- Ks(u = input, plots = TRUE)</pre>
Ks$ksm[] \leftarrow ifelse(Ks$ksm[] >= 16 |
                    Ks$ksm[] <= 0, NA, Ks$ksm[])</pre>
cores <- c("#ff0000","#ff5a00","#ff9a00","#ffce00","#f0ff00")</pre>
graphics::filled.contour(Ks$ksm[, -c(1:5, 69:73)] ,
                           col = rev(colorRampPalette(cores, bias = 0.5)(20)),
                           main = "Ks")
}
```

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Description

Ktotal ingests the time-mean zonal wind (u) and calculates the Rossby wavenumber (K) (non-zero frequency waves) in mercator coordinates. In this code Ktotal is used to distinguish the total wavenumber (K) from zonal wave number (k). For stationary Rossby Waves, please see Ks. Ktotal returns a list with K in mercator coordinates (ktotal_m).

Usage

```
Ktotal(
    u,
    lat = "lat",
    lon = "lon",
    uname = "uwnd",
    cx,
    ofile,
    a = 6371000,
    plots = FALSE,
    show.warnings = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

| u | String indicating the input data filename. The file to be passed consists in a netCDF file with only time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns). u also can be a numerical matrix with time-mean zonal wind at one pressure level, latitude in ascending order (not a requisite), and longitude from 0 to 360. It is required that the read dimensions express longitude (in rows) x latitude (in columns). |
|---------------|---|
| lat | String indicating the name of the latitude field. If ${\bf u}$ is a matrix, ${\bf lat}$ must be numeric |
| lon | String indicating the name of the longitude field. If ${\bf u}$ is a matrix, ${\bf lon}$ must be numeric from 0 to 360. |
| uname | String indicating the variable name field |
| СХ | numeric. Indicates the zonal phase speed. Must be greater than zero. For cx equal to zero (stationary waves see Ks) |
| ofile | String indicating the file name for store output data. If missing, will not return a netCDF file |
| а | Numeric indicating the Earth's radio (m) |
| plots | Logical, if TRUE will produce filled.countour plots |
| show.warnings | Logical, if TRUE will warns about NaNs in sqrt(<0) |
| | |

Value

list with one vector (lat) and 1 matrix (ktotal_m)

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ray

Calculates the Rossby waves ray paths

Description

ray returns the Rossby wave ray paths (lat/lon) triggered from one initial source/position (x0, y0), one total wavenumber (K), and one direction set up when invoking the function. ray must ingest the meridional gradient of the absolute vorticity in mercator coordinates **betam**, the zonal mean wind \mathbf{u} , and the latitude vector (**lat**). Those variables can be obtained (recommended) using betaks function. The zonal means of the basic state will be calculated along the **ray** program, as well as the conversion to mercator coordinates of \mathbf{u} .

Usage

```
ray(
  betam,
  u,
  lat,
  x0,
  y0,
  Κ,
  dt,
  itime,
  direction,
  cx = 0,
  interpolation = "trin",
  tl = 1,
  a = 6371000,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ofile
)
```

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Arguments

| betam | matrix (longitude = rows x latitude from minor to major = columns) obtained with betaks. betam is the meridional gradient of the absolute vorticity in mercator coordinates |
|---------------|---|
| u | matrix (longitude = rows x latitude from minor to major = columns) obtained with betaks. Is the zonal wind speed in the appropriate format for the ray. It will be converted in mercator coordinates inside the ray |
| lat | Numeric vector of latitudes from minor to major (ex: -90 to 90). Obtained with betaks |
| x0 | Numeric value. Initial longitude (choose between -180 to 180) |
| y0 | Numeric value. Initial latitude |
| K | Numeric value; Total Rossby wavenumber |
| dt | Numeric value; Timestep for integration (hours) |
| itime | Numeric value; total integration time. For instance, 10 days times 4 times per day |
| direction | Numeric value (possibilities: 1 or -1) It controls the wave displacement: If 1, the wave goes to the north of the source; If -1, the wave goes to the south of the source. |
| сх | numeric. Indicates the zonal phase speed. The program is designed for eastward propagation ($cx > 0$) and stationary waves ($cx = 0$, the default). |
| interpolation | Character. Set the interpolation method to be used: trin or ypos |
| tl | Numeric value; Turning latitude. Do not change this! It will always start with a positive tl (1) and automatically change to negative (-1) after the turning latitude |
| а | Earth's radio (m) |
| verbose | Boolean; if TRUE (default) return messages during compilation |
| ofile | Character; Output file name with .csv extension, for instance, "/user/ray.csv" |

Value

sf data.frame

See Also

```
ray_source
```

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```
lat = b$lat,
          K = 3,
          itime = 10 * 4,
          x0 = -130,
          y0 = -30,
          dt = 6,
          direction = -1,
          cx = 0,
          interpolation = "trin")
rp <- ray_path(rt$lon, rt$lat)</pre>
plot(rp,
     main = "Coelho et al. (2015): JFM/2014",
     axes = TRUE,
     cex = 2,
     graticule = TRUE)
}
```

raytracing

raytracing: Rossby Wave Ray Tracing

Description

Rossby wave ray paths are traced from a determined source, specified wavenumber, and direction of propagation. 'raytracing' also works with a set of experiments changing these parameters, making possible the identification of Rossby wave sources automatically.

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ray_path

Calculate the ray paths / segment of great circles

Description

This function calculates the segments great circles using the (lat, lon) coordinates obtained with ray or ray_source. It returns a LINESTRING geometry that is ready for plot.

Usage

```
ray_path(x, y)
```

Arguments

x vector with the longitude obtained with ray or ray_source

y vector with the latitude obtained with ray or ray_source

Value

```
sfc_LINESTRING sfc
```

```
# Coelho et al. (2015):
input <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                       "uwnd.mon.mean_200hPa_2014JFM.nc",
                        package = "raytracing")
b <- betaks(u = input)</pre>
rt <- ray(betam = b$betam,</pre>
          u = b$u,
           lat = b$lat,
           K = 3,
           itime = 30,
           x0 = -135,
          y0 = -30,
           dt = 6,
          direction = -1)
rp \leftarrow ray_path(x = rt$lon, y = rt$lat)
plot(rp, axes = TRUE, graticule = TRUE)
```

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ray_source

Calculate the Rossby waves ray paths over a source region

Description

ray_source returns the Rossby wave ray paths (lat/lon) triggered from one or more initial source/position (x0, y0), one or more total wavenumber (K), and one or more direction set up when invoking the function. ray_source must ingest the meridional gradient of the absolute vorticity in mercator coordinates**betam**, the zonal mean wind **u**, and the latitude vector (**lat**). Those variables can be obtained (recommended) using **betaks** function. The zonal means of the basic state will be calculated along the **ray** program, as well as the conversion to mercator coordinates of **u**. The resultant output is a spatial feature object from a combination of initial and final positions/sources, total wavenumbers (K), and directions.

Usage

```
ray_source(
  betam,
  u,
  lat,
  x0,
  y0,
 Κ,
  CX,
  dt,
  itime,
  direction,
  interpolation = "trin",
  tl = 1,
  a = 6371000,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ofile
)
```

Arguments

| betam | matrix (longitude = rows x latitude from minor to major = columns) obtained with betaks. betam is the meridional gradient of the absolute vorticity in mercator coordinates |
|-------|---|
| u | matrix (longitude = rows x latitude from minor to major = columns) obtained with betaks. Is the zonal wind speed in the appropriate format for the ray. It will be converted in mercator coordinates inside the ray |
| lat | Numeric vector of latitudes from minor to major (ex: -90 to 90). Obtained with betaks |
| x0 | Vector with the initial longitudes (choose between -180 to 180) |
| y0 | Vector with the initial latitudes |
| | |

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| K | Vector; Total Rossby wavenumber |
|---------------|--|
| сх | numeric. Indicates the zonal phase speed. The program is designed for eastward propagation $(cx > 0)$ and stationary waves $(cx = 0)$, the default. |
| dt | Numeric value; Timestep for integration (hours) |
| itime | Numeric value; total integration time. For instance, 10 days times 4 times per day |
| direction | Vector with two possibilities: 1 or -1 It controls the wave displacement: If 1, the wave goes to the north of the source; If -1, the wave goes to the south of the source. |
| interpolation | Character. Set the interpolation method to be used: trin or ypos |
| tl | Numeric value; Turning latitude. Do not change this! It will always start with a positive tl (1) and automatically change to negative (-1) after the turning latitude. |
| а | Earth's radio (m) |
| verbose | Boolean; if TRUE (default) return messages during compilation |
| ofile | Character; Output file name with .csv extension, for instance, "/user/ray.csv" |

Value

sf data.frame

```
## Not run:
#do not run
input <- system.file("extdata",</pre>
                      "uwnd.mon.mean_200hPa_2014JFM.nc",
                       package = "raytracing")
b <- betaks(u = input)</pre>
rt <- ray_source(betam = b$betam,</pre>
                  u = b u,
                  lat = b$lat,
                  K = 3,
                  itime = 10*4,
                  cx = 0,
                  x0 = -c(130, 135),
                  y0 = -30,
                  dt = 6,
                  direction = -1,
                  interpolation = "trin")
# Plot:
data(coastlines)
plot(coastlines,
     reset = FALSE,
     axes = TRUE,
     graticule = TRUE,
     col = "grey",
     main = "Coelho et al. (2015): JFM/2014")
```

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```
plot(rt[sf::st_is(rt, "LINESTRING"),]["lon_ini"],
        add = TRUE,
        lwd = 2,
        pal = colorRampPalette(c("black", "blue")))
## End(Not run)
```

trin

Performs trigonometric interpolation

Description

This function performs trigonometric interpolation for the passed basic state variable and the requested latitude

Usage

```
trin(y, yk, mercator = FALSE)
```

Arguments

y Numeric. The latitude where the interpolation is required
yk Numeric vector of the data to be interpolated. For instance, umz or betam

Mercator Logical. Is it require to transform the final data in mercator coordinates? Default is FALSE.

Value

Numeric value

Note

This function is an alternative to ypos and is more accurate

See Also

```
ypos ray ray_source
Other Interpolation: ypos()
```

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```
y0 <- -17
trin(y = y0, yk = umz)
}</pre>
```

wave_arrival

Filter the ray paths that arrives in an area of interest

Description

wave_arrival ingests the ray paths to filter by determined area of interest. Default CRS 4326.

Usage

```
wave_arrival(x, aoi = NULL, xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax, ofile)
```

Arguments

| X | sf data.frame object with the LINESTRINGS to be filtered. |
|-------|---|
| aoi | String giving the path and the filename of the area of interest. By default is NULL. If no aoi is not provided, the xmin, xmax, ymin, and ymax must be provided. |
| xmin | Numeric. Indicates the western longitude to be used in the range -180 to 180. |
| xmax | Numeric. Indicates the eastern longitude to be used in the range -180 to 180. |
| ymin | Numeric. Indicates the southern longitude to be used in the range -90 to 90. |
| ymax | Numeric. Indicates the northern longitude to be used in the range -90 to 90. |
| ofile | Character; Output file name with .csv extension, for instance, "/user/aoi_ray.csv" |

Value

sf data.frame

Examples

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ypos

Interpolation selecting the nearest neighbor

Description

This function get the position in a vector of a given latitute y.

Usage

```
ypos(y, lat, yk, mercator = FALSE)
```

Arguments

y numeric value of one latitude

lat numeric vector of latitudes from minor to major

yk numeric vector to be approximated

mercator Logical. Is it require to transform the final data in mercator coordinates? Default

is FALSE.

Value

The position where the latitude y has the minor difference with lat

See Also

```
Other Interpolation: trin()
```

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