Package 'actel'

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Description Designed for studies where animals tagged with acoustic tags are expected
to move through receiver arrays. This package combines the advantages of automatic sort-
ing and checking
of animal movements with the possibility for user intervention on tags that deviate from expected
behaviour. The three analysis functions (explore(), migration() and residency())
allow the users to analyse their data in a systematic way, making it easy to compare results from
different studies.
CJS calculations are based on Perry et al. (2012) <`https://www.researchgate.net/publication/256443823_Using_mark-recapture_models_to_estimate_survival_from_telemetry_data`>.

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advEfficiency   *Calculate beta estimations for efficiency*

Description

advEfficiency estimates efficiency ranges by fitting a beta distribution with parameters α = number of detected tags and β = number of missed tags. The desired quantiles (argument q) are then calculated from distribution. Plots are also drawn showing the distribution, the median point (dashed red line) and the range between the lowest and largest quantile requested (red shaded section).

Usage

```
advEfficiency(
  x,
  labels = NULL,
  q = c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975),
  force.grid = NULL,
  paired = TRUE,
  title = ""
)
```

Arguments

x	An efficiency object from actel (`overall.CJS`, `intra.array.CJS[[...]]` or `efficiency` objects)
labels	a vector of strings to substitute default plot labels
q	The quantile values to be calculated. Defaults to `c(0.025, 0.5, 0.975)` (i.e. median and 95% CI)
force.grid	A vector of format c(nrow, ncol) that allows the user to define the number of rows and columns to distribute the plots in.
paired	Logical: For efficiency derived from residency analyses, should min. and max. estimates for an array be displayed next to each other?
title	A title for the plot (feeds into title parameter of ggplot's labs function).

Details

Examples for inclusion in a paper:

1. If advEfficiency was run on an `overall.CJS` object (i.e. migration analysis):

   "Array efficiency was estimated by fitting a beta distribution (α = number of tags detected subsequently and at the array, β = number of tags detected subsequently but not at the array) and calculating the median estimated efficiency value using the R package actel [citation]."

2. If advEfficiency was run on an `efficiency` object (i.e. residency analysis):

- If you are using maximum efficiency estimates:
  "Array efficiency was estimated by fitting a beta distribution (α = number of events recorded by the array, β = number of events known to have been missed by the array). and calculating the median estimated efficiency value using the R package actel [citation]."
- If you are using minimum efficiency estimates:
  "Array efficiency was estimated by fitting a beta distribution (α = number of events recorded by the array, β = number of events both known to have been missed and potentially missed by the array). and calculating the median estimated efficiency value using the R package actel [citation]."

3. If advEfficiency was run on an `intra.array.CJS` object:

   "Intra-array efficiency was estimated by comparing the tags detected at each of the two replicates. For each replicate, a beta distribution was fitted (α = number of tags detected at both replicates, β = number of tags detected at the opposite replicate but not at the one for which efficiency is being calculated) and the median estimated efficiency value was calculated. The overall efficiency of the array was then estimated as 1-((1-R1)*(1-R2)), where R1 and R2 are the median efficiency estimates for each replicate. These calculations were performed using the R package actel [citation]."

Replace [citation] with the output of `citation('actel')`

Value

A data frame with the required quantile values and a plot of the efficiency distributions.

Examples

```
# Example using the output of simpleCJS.
x <- matrix(
c(TRUE,  TRUE,  TRUE,  TRUE,  TRUE,
  TRUE, FALSE,  TRUE,  TRUE, FALSE,
  TRUE,  TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE,
  TRUE,  TRUE, FALSE,  TRUE,  TRUE,
  TRUE,  TRUE,  TRUE, FALSE, FALSE),
ncol = 5, byrow = TRUE)
colnames(x) <- c("Release", "A1", "A2", "A3", "A4")
cjs.results <- simpleCJS(x)

# These cjs results can be used in advEfficiency
advEfficiency(cjs.results)

# Example using the output of dualArrayCJS.
x <- matrix(
c( TRUE,  TRUE,
   TRUE, FALSE,
   TRUE,  TRUE,
  FALSE,  TRUE,
  FALSE,  TRUE),
ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
colnames(x) <- c("A1.1", "A1.2")
cjs.results <- dualArrayCJS(x)
```

```
# These cjs results can be used in advEfficiency
advEfficiency(cjs.results)

# advEfficiency can also be run with the output from the main analyses.
# the example.results dataset is the output of a migration analysis
advEfficiency(example.results$overall.CJS)
```

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blankWorkspace   *Create a Blank Workspace*

Description

Produces template files and folders required to run the explore, migration and residency functions.

Usage

```
blankWorkspace(dir, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dir	The name of the target directory. Will be created if not present.
force	logical. Defaults to FALSE. Prevents deploying files in a directory that already exists without explicit permission.

Value

No return value, called for side effects

Examples

```
# running blankWorkspace deploys template
# files to a directory specified by the user
blankWorkspace(paste0(tempdir(), "/blankWorkspace_example"))
```

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completeMatrix	*Complete a Distances Matrix*

Description

Completes the bottom diagonal of a matrix with the same number of rows and columns.

Usage

```
completeMatrix(x)
```

Arguments

x   A distances matrix to be completed.

Details

It is highly recommended to read the manual page regarding distances matrices before running this
function. You can find it here: <http://actel.trackyverse.org/manual-distances.html>

Value

A matrix of distances between pairs of points.

Examples

```
# Create dummy matrix with upper diagonal filled.
x <- matrix(
 c( 0,  1,  2,  3,  4, 5,
   NA,  0,  1,  2,  3, 4,
   NA, NA,  0,  1,  2, 3,
   NA, NA, NA,  0,  1, 2,
   NA, NA, NA, NA,  0, 1,
   NA, NA, NA, NA, NA, 0),
 ncol = 6, byrow = TRUE)

# inspect x
x

# run completeMatrix
completeMatrix(x)
```

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convertLotekCDMAFile   *Convert Lotek CDMA log to csv*

Description

Lotek CDMA logs are exported in TXT, and contain several chunks of of information. Importantly, the detections may be saved with a GMT offset, as opposed to the more common UTC standard. Additionally, the date format isn't the standard yyyy-mm-dd.

Usage

```
convertLotekCDMAFile(file, date_format = "%m/%d/%y")
```

Arguments

file   the file name.

date_format   the format used by the computer that generated the file

Details

This function extracts the detections from the CDMA file, converts the dates to yyyy-mm-dd, binds the time to the date and resets it to UTC, and ultimately converts the dataframe into the standard format accepted by actel.

Value

A data frame of standardized detections from the input file.

Examples

```
# create a dummy detections file to read
dummy_file <- tempfile()
sink(dummy_file)
cat(
"WHS FSK Receiver Data File

Receiver Configuration:
Working Frequency:  76 KHz
Bit Rate:           2400 bps
Code Type:          FSK
Serial Number:      WHS3K-1234567
Node ID:            10000

Receiver Settings:
GMT Correction:     00:00

Beacon Configuration:
Beacon ID:          10072
Beacon Period:      15 sec
```

```
Decoded Tag Data:
Date      Time            TOA       Tag ID    Type    Value    Power
=====================================================================
04/09/24  22:50:03     0.43875      37910      P       9.1       12
08/21/24  12:45:18     0.99646      55606      M        0        1
08/23/24  15:01:04     0.76042      55778      P       0.0       2

Receiver Sensor Messages:
Date      Time     Sensor   Temp    Press   Battery  Tilt-X  Tilt-Y  Tilt-Z
===========================================================================
04/11/24  21:44:00 T / P    1534        0

Receiver Setup Messages:
Date      Time     Type                      Details
===========================================================================
08/22/24  18:50:11  Change Logging Mode    New Mode: SETUP
")
sink()

# now read it
x <- convertLotekCDMAFile(dummy_file)

# the dummy file will be deleted automatically once you close this R session.
```

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createWorkspace   *Deprecated function.*

Description

Use blankWorkspace instead.

Usage

```
createWorkspace(dir, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dir	The name of the target directory. Will be created if not present.
force	logical. Defaults to FALSE. Prevents deploying files in a directory that already exists without explicit permission.

Value

No return value, called for side effects

Examples

```
# createWorkspace is deprecated. Use blankWorkspace instead.
```

dataToList	*Import RData in a list format*

Description

Import RData in a list format

Usage

```
dataToList(source)
```

Arguments

source   A RData file.

Value

A list containing the objects present in the source RData file.

Examples

```
# Dummy example:
# Create two objects:
object_1 <- "This"
object_2 <- "Worked!"

# Save them as an RData file in R's temporary directory
save(object_1, object_2, file = paste0(tempdir(), "/dataToList_example.RData"))

# Remove the dummy objects as we don't need them any more
rm(object_1, object_2)

# Load the RData file as a single object
x <- dataToList(paste0(tempdir(), "/dataToList_example.RData"))

# inspect x
x
```

distancesMatrix   *Calculate Distances Matrix*

Description

Using a previously created transition layer (see [transitionLayer](#)), calculates the distances between spatial points. Adapted from Grant Adams's script "distance to closest mpa". If the argument 'actel' is set to TRUE (default), an actel-compatible matrix is generated, and the user will be asked if they would like to save the matrix as 'distances.csv' in the current directory.

Usage

```
distancesMatrix(
  t.layer,
  starters = NULL,
  targets = NULL,
  coord.x = "x",
  coord.y = "y",
  id.col = NULL,
  actel = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

t.layer	A TransitionLayer object, generated by [transitionLayer](#).
starters	A data frame with the points from which to start measuring the distance or the output of loadSpatial().
targets	A data frame with the points to which a way must be found.
coord.x, coord.y	
	The names of the columns containing the x and y coordinates in the starters and targets. Must be identical in the starters and targets.
id.col	The name of the column containing the IDs of the points to be used as starters and targets. Must be identical in both files. Ignored if actel = TRUE (default), as the stations' standard names are used.
actel	Logical: Should the distance matrix be optimized for actel? Defaults to TRUE.

Details

It is highly recommended to read the manual page regarding distances matrices before running this function. You can find it here: <http://actel.trackyverse.org/manual-distances.html>

Value

A matrix with the distances between each pair of points.

Examples

```
# check if R can run the distance functions
aux <- c(length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("raster"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("gdistance"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("sp"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("terra"))))

missing.packages <- sapply(aux, function(x) x == 1)

if (any(missing.packages)) {
  message("Sorry, this function requires packages '",
    paste(c("raster", "gdistance", "sp", "terra")[missing.packages],
    collapse = "', '"),
    "' to operate. Please install ", ifelse(sum(missing.packages) > 1,
    "them", "it"),
    " before proceeding.")
} else {
  # move to a temporary directory
  old.wd <- getwd()
  setwd(tempdir())

  # Fetch location of actel's example files
  aux <- system.file(package = "actel")[1]

  # create a temporary spatial.csv file
  file.copy(paste0(aux, "/example_spatial.csv"), "spatial.csv")

  # import the shape file and use the spatial.csv
  # to check the extents.
  x <- shapeToRaster(shape = paste0(aux, "/example_shapefile.shp"),
    coord.x = "x", coord.y = "y", size = 20)

  raster::plot(x)

  # Build the transition layer
  t.layer <- transitionLayer(x)

  # compile the distances matrix. Columns x and y in the spatial dataframe
  # contain the coordinates of the stations and release sites.
  distancesMatrix(t.layer, coord.x = 'x', coord.y = 'y')

  # return to original directory
  setwd(old.wd)
  rm(old.wd)
}
rm(aux, missing.packages)
```

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dualArrayCJS   *Calculate estimated last-array efficiency*

Description

Calculate estimated last-array efficiency

Usage

```
dualArrayCJS(input)
```

Arguments

input   A presence/absence matrix.

Value

A list containing:

- absolutes A matrix with the absolute number of tags detected at each replicate and at both,
- single.efficiency A vector of calculated array detection efficiencies for each of the replicates,
- combined.efficiency The value of the combined detection efficiency for the array.

References

Perry et al (2012), 'Using mark-recapture models to estimate survival from telemetry data'. url: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/256443823_Using_mark-recapture_models_to_estimate_survival_from_telemetry_data

Examples

```
# prepare a dummy presence/absence matrix
x <- matrix(c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE), ncol = 2)
colnames(x) <- c("R1", "R2")

# run CJS
dualArrayCJS(x)
```

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emptyMatrix   *Create a Template Distances Matrix*

Description

Creates an empty matrix based on the local 'spatial.csv' file and saves it to 'distances.csv' so the user can manually fill it.

Usage

```
emptyMatrix(input = "spatial.csv")
```

Arguments

input   Either a data frame with spatial data or the path to the file containing the spatial
                     information.

Details

It is highly recommended to read the manual page regarding distances matrices before running this
function. You can find it here: http://actel.trackyverse.org/manual-distances.html

Value

An empty matrix with the rows and columns required to operate with the target spatial file.

Examples

```
# This function requires a file with spatial information

# Fetch location of actel's example files
aux <- system.file(package = "actel")[1]

# run emptyMatrix on the temporary spatial.csv file
emptyMatrix(paste0(aux, "/example_spatial.csv"))
```

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exampleWorkspace   *Deploy Example Data*

Description

Creates a ready-to-run workspace with example data.

Usage

```
exampleWorkspace(dir, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dir   The name of the target directory. Will be created if not present.

force   logical. Defaults to FALSE. Prevents deploying files in a directory that already
                     exists without explicit permission.

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

Examples

```
# deploy a minimal dataset to try actel!
exampleWorkspace(paste0(tempdir(), "/exampleWorkspace_example"))
```

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explore   *Explorative Analysis*

Description

explore allows you to quickly get a summary of your data. You can use explore to get a general
feel for the study results, and check if the input files are behaving as expected. It is also a good
candidate if you just want to validate your detections for later use in other analyses.

Usage

```
explore(
  tz = NULL,
  datapack = NULL,
  max.interval = 60,
  min.total.detections = 2,
  min.per.event = 1,
  start.time = NULL,
  stop.time = NULL,
  speed.method = c("last to first", "last to last", "first to first"),
  speed.warning = NULL,
  speed.error = NULL,
  jump.warning = 2,
  jump.error = 3,
  inactive.warning = NULL,
  inactive.error = NULL,
  exclude.tags = NULL,
  override = NULL,
  report = FALSE,
  auto.open = TRUE,
  discard.orphans = FALSE,
  discard.first = NULL,
  save.detections = FALSE,
  GUI = c("needed", "always", "never"),
  save.tables.locally = FALSE,
  print.releases = TRUE,
  detections.y.axis = c("auto", "stations", "arrays")
)
```

Arguments

`tz`	The time zone of the study area. Must match one of the values present in [timezones]().
`datapack`	A data bundle pre-compiled through the function [preload](). May be used to run actel analyses based on R objects, rather than input files.
`max.interval`	The number of minutes that must pass between detections for a new event to be created. Defaults to 60.
`min.total.detections`	
	Minimum number of times a tag must have been detected during the study period for the detections to be considered true and not just random noise. Defaults to 2.
`min.per.event`	Minimum number of detections an event must have to be deemed valid. For analyses with both array and section events, a vector of two values can be provided. If only one value is provided, the same threshold applies for both types of events. Defaults to 1.
`start.time`	Detection data prior to the timestamp set in `start.time` (in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.
`stop.time`	Detection data posterior to the timestamp set in `stop.time` (in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.
`speed.method`	Can take three forms: 'last to first', 'last to last', or 'first to first'. If 'last to first' (default), the last detection on the previous array is matched to the first detection on the target array to perform the calculations. If 'last to last', the last detection on the previous array is matched to the last detection on the target array to perform the calculations. If 'first to first', the first detection on the previous array is matched to the first detection on the target array to perform the calculations.
`speed.warning`	If a tag moves at a speed equal or greater than `speed.warning` (in metres per second), a warning is issued. If left NULL (default), no warnings are issued. Must be equal to or lower than `speed.error`
`speed.error`	If a tag moves at a speed equal or greater than `speed.error` (in metres per second), user intervention is suggested. If left NULL (default), user intervention is never suggested.
`jump.warning`	If a tag crosses a number of arrays equal or greater than `jump.warning` without being detected, a warning is issued. Defaults to 2. To disable jump warnings, set to Inf. Must be equal to or lower than `jump.error`.
`jump.error`	If a tag crosses a number of arrays equal or greater than `jump.error` without being detected, user intervention is suggested. Defaults to 3. To disable user intervention suggestions, set to Inf.
`inactive.warning`	
	If a tag spends a number of days equal or greater than `inactive.warning` in a given array at the tail of the respective detections, a warning is issued. If left NULL (default), no warnings are issued. Must be equal to or lower than `innactive.error`.
`inactive.error`	If a tag spends a number of days equal or greater than `inactive.error` in a given array at the tail of the respective detections, user intervention is suggested. If left NULL (default), user intervention is never suggested.

exclude.tags	A vector of tags that should be excluded from the detection data before any analyses are performed. Intended to be used if stray tags from a different code space but with the same signal as a target tag are detected in the study area.
override	A vector of signals for which the user intends to manually define which movement events are valid and invalid.
report	Logical. Should an HTML report be created at the end of the analysis? NOTE: Setting report to TRUE will generate an HTML file in the current directory. Additionally, if auto.open = TRUE (default), the web browser will automatically be launched to open the report once the function terminates.
auto.open	Logical: Should the report be automatically opened once the analysis is over? Defaults to TRUE. NOTE: If report = TRUE and auto.open = TRUE, the web browser will automatically be launched to open the report once the function terminates.
discard.orphans	Logical: Should actel automatically discard detections that do not fall within receiver deployment periods, or that were recorded before the respective animals were released?
discard.first	A threshold amount of time (in hours) that must pass after release for the respective detections to be valid. Set to 0 to discard only the release-to-first-detection calculations.
save.detections	Logical: Should the processed detections be saved for future runs?
GUI	One of "needed", "always" or "never". If "needed", a new window is opened to inspect the movements only when the movements table is too big to be displayed in R's console. If "always", a graphical interface is always created when the possibility to invalidate events emerges. If "never", a graphical interface is never invoked. In this case, if the table to be displayed does not fit in R's console, a temporary file will be saved and the user will be prompted to open that file and examine it. Defaults to "needed".
save.tables.locally	Logical: If a table must be temporarily stored into a file for user inspection, should it be saved in the current working directory, or in R's temporary folder?
print.releases	Logical: Should the release sites be printed in the study area diagrams?
detections.y.axis	The type of y axis desired for the individual detection plots. While the argument defaults to "auto", it can be hard-set to one of "stations" or "arrays".

Value

A list containing:

- bio: A copy of the biometrics input;
- detections: A list containing all detections for each target tag;
- valid.detections: A list containing the valid detections for each target tag;
- spatial: A list containing the spatial information used during the analysis;
- deployments: A data frame containing the deployments of each receiver;

- `arrays`: A list containing the array details used during the analysis;
- `movements`: A list containing all movement events for each target tag;
- `valid.movements`: A list containing the valid movement events for each target tag;
- `times`: A data frame containing all arrival times (per tag) at each array;
- `rsp.info`: A list containing containing appendix information for the RSP package;
- `dist.mat`: A matrix containing the distances between receivers (if supplied)

See Also

[migration](), [residency]()

Examples

```
# Start by moving to a temporary directory
old.wd <- getwd()
setwd(tempdir())

# Deploy the example workspace
exampleWorkspace("explore_example")

# Move your R session into the example workspace
setwd("explore_example")

# run the explore analysis. Ensure the tz argument
# matches the time zone of the study area. For the
# example dataset, tz = "Europe/Copenhagen"
results <- explore(tz = "Europe/Copenhagen")

# to obtain an HTML report, run the analysis with report = TRUE

# return to original working directory
setwd(old.wd)
rm(old.wd)
```

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extractCodeSpaces *Extract Code Spaces from transmitter names*

Description

Extract Code Spaces from transmitter names

Usage

```
extractCodeSpaces(input)
```

Arguments

input   A vector of transmitter names

Value

A vector of transmitter signals

Examples

```
# create dummy string
x <- c("R64K-1234", "A69-1303-12")

# run extractCodeSpaces
extractCodeSpaces(x)
```

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extractSignals   *Extract signals from transmitter names*

Description

Extract signals from transmitter names

Usage

```
extractSignals(input)
```

Arguments

input   A vector of transmitter names

Value

A vector of transmitter signals

Examples

```
# create dummy string
x <- c("R64K-1234", "A69-1303-12")

# run extractSignals
extractSignals(x)
```

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getSpeeds   *Extract speeds from the analysis results.*

Description

Extract speeds from the analysis results.

Usage

```
getSpeeds(
  input,
  type = c("all", "forward", "backward"),
  direct = FALSE,
  n.events = c("first", "all", "last")
)
```

Arguments

input	An actel results object generated by explore, migration or residency.
type	The type of movements to record. One of "all", "forward", or "backward". In the two last options, only the forward or backwards (relatively to the study area structure) movement speeds are returned.
direct	Logical: Extract only speeds between arrays that are directly connected (i.e. neighbouring arrays)?
n.events	The events to record. One of "first", "all", or "last".

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

- Tag: The tag of the animal who performed the recorded speed
- Event: The valid event where the speed was recorded
- From.array: The array from which the tags left
- From.station: The station from which the tags left
- To.array: The array to which the tags arrived
- To.station: The station to which the tags arrived
- Speed: The speed recorded in the described movement

Examples

```
# using the example results loaded with actel
getSpeeds(example.results)

# You can specify which direction of movement to extract with 'type'
getSpeeds(example.results, type = "forward")
```

```
# or
getSpeeds(example.results, type = "backward")

# and also how many events per tag (this won't change the output
# with the example.results, only because these results are minimal).
getSpeeds(example.results, n.events = "first")
# or
getSpeeds(example.results, n.events = "all")
# or
getSpeeds(example.results, n.events = "last")
```

---

getTimes   *Extract timestamps from the analysis results.*

Description

Extract timestamps from the analysis results.

Usage

```
getTimes(
  input,
  locations = NULL,
  move.type = c("array", "section"),
  event.type = c("arrival", "departure"),
  n.events = c("first", "all", "last")
)
```

Arguments

input	An actel results object generated by explore, migration or residency.
locations	The names of the arrays or sections to be included. If left NULL, information for all arrays/sections is extracted.
move.type	The type of events to record: one of "array" or "section".
event.type	The point to be recorded: one of "arrival" or "departure".
n.events	The events to record. One of "first", "all", or "last".

Value

A data frame with the timestamps for each tag (rows) and array (columns)

Examples

```
# using the example results loaded with actel
getTimes(example.results)

# You can specify which events to extract with 'event.type'
getTimes(example.results, event.type = "arrival")
# or
getTimes(example.results, event.type = "departure")

# and also how many events per tag.
getTimes(example.results, n.events = "first")
# or
getTimes(example.results, n.events = "all")
# or
getTimes(example.results, n.events = "last")
```

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loadShape	*DEPRECATED*

Description

Please use shapeToRaster instead.

Usage

```
loadShape(
  shape,
  size,
  spatial = "spatial.csv",
  coord.x = NULL,
  coord.y = NULL,
  buffer = NULL,
  type = c("land", "water")
)
```

Arguments

shape	The path to a shapefile containing land polygons of the study area.
size	The pixel size, in the same unit as the coordinate system. I.e., usually either metres or degrees.
spatial	Either a character string specifying the path to a spatial.csv file or a spatial data frame. This argument is not mandatory, but can be used to perform an early check of the shape file's compatibility with the study stations and release sites.
coord.x, coord.y	
	The names of the columns containing the x and y positions of the stations in the spatial.csv file. these coordinates MUST BE in the same coordinate system as the shape file.

buffer   Artificially expand the map edges. Can be a single value (applied to all edges) or four values (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax). The unit of the buffer depends on the shape file's coordinate system.

type   The type of shapefile being loaded. One of "land", if the shapefile's polygons represent landmasses, or "water", if the shapefile's polygons represent water bodies.

Value

A raster object.

Examples

```
message("This function is deprecated, please use shapeToRaster instead.")
```

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loadSpatial   *Load Spatial File*

Description

Loads a spatial file prepared for actel and appends the Standard.name column. Additionally, performs a series of quality checks on the contents of the target file.

Usage

```
loadSpatial(input = "spatial.csv", section.order = NULL)
```

Arguments

input   Either a data frame or the name of an input file with spatial data in the actel format.

section.order   A vector containing the order by which sections should be aligned in the results.

Value

A data frame with the spatial information present in 'spatial.csv' and the Standard.name column.

Examples

```
# This function requires the presence of a file with spatial information

# Fetch location of actel's example files
aux <- system.file(package = "actel")[1]

# run loadSpatial on the temporary spatial.csv file
loadSpatial(input = paste0(aux, '/example_spatial.csv'))
```

migration   *Migration Analysis*

Description

The migration analysis runs the same initial checks as explore, but on top of it, it analyses the animal behaviour. By selecting the arrays that lead to success, you can define whether or not your animals survived the migration. Additional plots help you find out if some animal/tag has been acting odd. Multiple options allow you to tweak the analysis to fit your study perfectly.

Usage

```
migration(
  tz = NULL,
  section.order = NULL,
  datapack = NULL,
  success.arrays = NULL,
  max.interval = 60,
  min.total.detections = 2,
  min.per.event = 1,
  start.time = NULL,
  stop.time = NULL,
  speed.method = c("last to first", "last to last", "first to first"),
  speed.warning = NULL,
  speed.error = NULL,
  jump.warning = 2,
  jump.error = 3,
  back.warning = 2,
  back.error = 3,
  inactive.warning = NULL,
  inactive.error = NULL,
  exclude.tags = NULL,
  override = NULL,
  report = FALSE,
  auto.open = TRUE,
  discard.orphans = FALSE,
  discard.first = NULL,
  save.detections = FALSE,
  if.last.skip.section,
  replicates = NULL,
  disregard.parallels = TRUE,
  GUI = c("needed", "always", "never"),
  save.tables.locally = FALSE,
  print.releases = TRUE,
  detections.y.axis = c("auto", "stations", "arrays")
)
```

Arguments

tz	The time zone of the study area. Must match one of the values present in [timezones]().
section.order	A vector containing the order by which sections should be aligned in the results.
datapack	A data bundle pre-compiled through the function [preload](). May be used to run actel analyses based on R objects, rather than input files.
success.arrays	The arrays that mark the end of the study area. If a tag crosses one of these arrays, the respective animal is considered to have successfully migrated through the study area.
max.interval	The number of minutes that must pass between detections for a new event to be created. Defaults to 60.
min.total.detections	
	Minimum number of times a tag must have been detected during the study period for the detections to be considered true and not just random noise. Defaults to 2.
min.per.event	Minimum number of detections an event must have to be deemed valid. For analyses with both array and section events, a vector of two values can be provided. If only one value is provided, the same threshold applies for both types of events. Defaults to 1.
start.time	Detection data prior to the timestamp set in start.time (in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.
stop.time	Detection data posterior to the timestamp set in stop.time (in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.
speed.method	Can take three forms: 'last to first', 'last to last', or 'first to first'. If 'last to first' (default), the last detection on the previous array is matched to the first detection on the target array to perform the calculations. If 'last to last', the last detection on the previous array is matched to the last detection on the target array to perform the calculations. If 'first to first', the first detection on the previous array is matched to the first detection on the target array to perform the calculations.
speed.warning	If a tag moves at a speed equal or greater than speed.warning (in metres per second), a warning is issued. If left NULL (default), no warnings are issued. Must be equal to or lower than speed.error
speed.error	If a tag moves at a speed equal or greater than speed.error (in metres per second), user intervention is suggested. If left NULL (default), user intervention is never suggested.
jump.warning	If a tag crosses a number of arrays equal or greater than jump.warning without being detected, a warning is issued. Defaults to 2. To disable jump warnings, set to Inf. Must be equal to or lower than jump.error.
jump.error	If a tag crosses a number of arrays equal or greater than jump.error without being detected, user intervention is suggested. Defaults to 3. To disable user intervention suggestions, set to Inf.
back.warning	If a tag moves backwards a number of arrays equal or greater than back.warning, a warning is issued. Defaults to 2. To disable back warnings, set to Inf. Must be equal to or lower than back.error.

back.error   If a tag moves backwards a number of arrays equal or greater than `back.error`,
                  user intervention is suggested. Defaults to 3. To disable user intervention sug-
                  gestions, set to Inf.

inactive.warning
                  If a tag spends a number of days equal or greater than `inactive.warning` in
                  a given array at the tail of the respective detections, a warning is issued. If
                  left NULL (default), no warnings are issued. Must be equal to or lower than
                  `innactive.error`.

inactive.error   If a tag spends a number of days equal or greater than `inactive.error` in a
                  given array at the tail of the respective detections, user intervention is suggested.
                  If left NULL (default), user intervention is never suggested.

exclude.tags   A vector of tags that should be excluded from the detection data before any
                  analyses are performed. Intended to be used if stray tags from a different code
                  space but with the same signal as a target tag are detected in the study area.

override   A vector of signals for which the user intends to manually define which move-
                  ment events are valid and invalid.

report   Logical. Should an HTML report be created at the end of the analysis? NOTE:
                  Setting report to TRUE will generate an HTML file in the current directory.
                  Additionally, if auto.open = TRUE (default), the web browser will automatically
                  be launched to open the report once the function terminates.

auto.open   Logical: Should the report be automatically opened once the analysis is over?
                  Defaults to TRUE. NOTE: If report = TRUE and auto.open = TRUE, the web
                  browser will automatically be launched to open the report once the function
                  terminates.

discard.orphans
                  Logical: Should actel automatically discard detections that do not fall within
                  receiver deployment periods, or that were recorded before the respective animals
                  were released?

discard.first   A threshold amount of time (in hours) that must pass after release for the respec-
                  tive detections to be valid. Set to 0 to discard only the release-to-first-detection
                  calculations.

save.detections
                  Logical: Should the processed detections be saved for future runs?

if.last.skip.section
                  DEPRECATED - does nothing.

replicates   A list containing, for each array to which intra-array efficiency is to be calcu-
                  lated: The standard names of the stations to be used as a replicate. See the
                  vignettes for more details.

disregard.parallels
                  Logical: Should the presence of parallel arrays invalidate potential efficiency
                  peers? See the vignettes for more details.

GUI   One of "needed", "always" or "never". If "needed", a new window is opened to
                  inspect the movements only when the movements table is too big to be displayed
                  in R's console. If "always", a graphical interface is always created when the
                  possibility to invalidate events emerges. If "never", a graphical interface is never

invoked. In this case, if the table to be displayed does not fit in R's console, a temporary file will be saved and the user will be prompted to open that file and examine it. Defaults to "needed".

save.tables.locally

Logical: If a table must be temporarily stored into a file for user inspection, should it be saved in the current working directory, or in R's temporary folder?

print.releases Logical: Should the release sites be printed in the study area diagrams?

detections.y.axis

The type of y axis desired for the individual detection plots. While the argument defaults to "auto", it can be hard-set to one of "stations" or "arrays".

Value

A list containing:

- detections: A list containing all detections for each target tag;
- valid.detections: A list containing the valid detections for each target tag;
- spatial: A list containing the spatial information used during the analysis;
- deployments: A data frame containing the deployments of each receiver;
- arrays: A list containing the array details used during the analysis;
- movements: A list containing all movement events for each target tag;
- valid.movements: A list containing the valid movement events for each target tag;
- section.movements: A list containing the valid section shifts for each target tag;
- status.df: A data.frame containing summary information for each tag, including the following columns:
  - *Times.entered.[section]*: Number of times the tag was recorded entering a given section.
  - *Average.time.until.[section]*: Time spent between release or leaving another section and reaching at the given section.
  - *Average.speed.to.[section]*: Average speed from one section to another. See documentation on speed.method for more details on calculation methods.
  - *First.array.[section]*: Array in which the tag was first detected in a given section
  - *First.station.[section]*: Standard name of the first station where the tag was detected in a given section
  - *First.arrived.[section]*: Very first arrival time at a given section
  - *Average.time.in.[section]*: Average time spent within a given section at each stay.
  - *Average.speed.in.[section]*: Average speed within a given section at each stay (only displayed if speed.method = "last to first").
  - *Last.array.[section]*: Array in which the tag was last detected in a given section
  - *Last.station.[section]*: Standard name of the last station where the tag was detected in a given section
  - *Last.left.[section]*: Very last departure time from a given section
  - *Total.time.in[section]*: Total time spent in a given section
  - *Very.last.array*: Last array where the tag was detected
  - *Status*: Fate assigned to the tag

    – *Valid.detections*: Number of valid detections

    – *Invalid.detections*: Number of invalid detections

    – *Backwards.movements*: Number of backward movement events

    – *Max.cons.back.moves*: Longest successive backwards movements

    – *P.type*: Type of processing:

        ∗ 'Skipped' if no data was found for the tag,

        ∗ 'Auto' if no user interaction was required,

        ∗ 'Manual' if user interaction was suggested and the user made changes to the validity of the events,

        ∗ 'Overridden' if the user listed the tag in the `override` argument.

    – *Comments*: Comments left by the user during the analysis

- `section.overview`: A data frame containing the number of tags that disappeared in each section;

- `group.overview`: A list containing the number of known and estimated tags to have passed through each array, divided by group;

- `release.overview`: A list containing the number of known and estimated tags to have passed through each array, divided by group and release sites;

- `matrices`: A list of CJS matrices used for the efficiency calculations;

- `overall.CJS`: A list of CJS results of the inter-array CJS calculations;

- `intra.array.CJS`: A list of CJS results of the intra-array CJS calculations;

- `times`: A data frame containing all arrival times (per tag) at each array;

- `rsp.info`: A list containing appendix information for the RSP package;

- `dist.mat`: A matrix containing the distances between receivers (if supplied)

See Also

[explore](#), [residency](#)

Examples

```
# Start by moving to a temporary directory
old.wd <- getwd()
setwd(tempdir())

# Deploy the example workspace
exampleWorkspace("migration_example")

# Move your R session into the example workspace
setwd("migration_example")

# run the migration analysis. Ensure the tz argument
# matches the time zone of the study area and that the
# sections match your array names. The line below works
# for the example data.
results <- migration(tz = "Europe/Copenhagen")
```

```
# to obtain an HTML report, run the analysis with report = TRUE

# return to original working directory
setwd(old.wd)
rm(old.wd)
```

---

plotArray   *Plot simultaneous/cumulative presences at a give array or set of ar-*
                                rays

Description

Plot simultaneous/cumulative presences at a give array or set of arrays

Usage

```
plotArray(
  input,
  arrays,
  title,
  xlab,
  ylab,
  lwd = 1,
  col,
  by.group = TRUE,
  y.style = c("absolute", "relative"),
  type = c("default", "bars", "lines"),
  timestep = c("days", "hours", "mins"),
  cumulative = FALSE,
  ladder.type = c("arrival", "departure")
)
```

Arguments

input	The results of an actel analysis (either explore, migration or residency).
arrays	One or more arrays to be analysed. If multiple arrays are provided, data will be grouped.
title	An optional title for the plot.
xlab, ylab	Optional axis names for the plot. If left empty, default axis names will be added.
lwd	The line width, only relevant for line plots.
col	The colour of the lines or bars.
by.group	Logical: Should the data be presented separately for each group?

`y.style`	The style of the y axis. Either "absolute", for the number of animals that arrive in each day, or "relative", for the proportion of animals over the total number of animals that arrived.
`type`	The type of plot to be drawn. By default, a line is plotted if cumulative = TRUE, and bars are plotted otherwise.
`timestep`	The time resolution for the grouping of the results. Defaults to "days", but can be set to "hours" and "mins" (at the expense of computing time).
`cumulative`	Logical. If TRUE, a cumulative plot of arrivals is drawn, otherwise the number of tags simultaneously present at the array(s) is drawn.
`ladder.type`	Type of cumulative plot to show. "arrival" to plot the moments of arrival, or "departure" to plot the moments of departure. Not applicable for non-cumulative plots.

Value

A ggplot object.

Examples

```
# Using the example results that come with actel
plotArray(example.results, arrays = "A9")

# Because plotArray returns a ggplot object, you can store
# it and edit it manually, e.g.:
library(ggplot2)
p <- plotArray(example.results, arrays = "A9")
p <- p + xlab("changed the x axis label a posteriori")
p

# You can also save the plot using ggsave!
```

---

plotDetections	*Plot detections for a single tag*

Description

The output of plotDetections is a ggplot object, which means you can then use it in combination with other ggplot functions, or even together with other packages such as patchwork.

Usage

```
plotDetections(
  input,
  tag,
  type,
  y.axis = c("auto", "stations", "arrays"),
```

```
    y.order,
    title,
    xlab,
    ylab,
    col,
    array.alias,
    section.alias,
    frame.warning = TRUE,
    x.label.format,
    only.valid = FALSE,
    like.migration = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`input`	The results of an actel analysis (either explore, migration or residency).
`tag`	The transmitter to be plotted.
`type`	DEPRECATED. Please use the argument y.axis instead.
`y.axis`	The type of y axis desired. One of "stations" (default) or "arrays".
`y.order`	A vector with the desired order for the y-axis values.
`title`	An optional title for the plot. If left empty, a default title will be added.
`xlab, ylab`	Optional axis names for the plot. If left empty, default axis names will be added.
`col`	An optional colour scheme for the detections. If left empty, default colours will be added.
`array.alias`	A named vector of format c("old_array_name" = "new_array_name") to replace default array names with user defined ones.
`section.alias`	A named vector of format c("old_section_name" = "new_section_name") to replace default section names with user defined ones.
`frame.warning`	Logical. By default, actel highlights manually changed or overridden tags in yellow and red plot frames, respectively. Set to FALSE to deactivate this behaviour.
`x.label.format`	A character string giving a date-time format for the x labels. If missing, ggplot's default labels are used.
`only.valid`	Logical. Should only valid detections be printed?
`like.migration`	Logical. For plots originating from migration analyses, should the additional grey vertical bars be included? Defaults to TRUE, and only has a visible effect if the input stems from a migration analysis.

Value

A ggplot object.

Examples

```
# Using the example results that come with actel
plotDetections(example.results, 'R64K-4451')

# Because plotDetections returns a ggplot object, you can store
# it and edit it manually, e.g.:
library(ggplot2)
p <- plotDetections(example.results, 'R64K-4451')
p <- p + xlab("changed the x axis label a posteriori")
p

# You can also save the plot using ggsave!
```

---

plotDot   *Plot DOT diagram*

Description

This function is useful for quickly checking if your spatial.txt file is properly set up. The spatial.txt file can be imported using [readDot](#)

Usage

```
plotDot(
  dot,
  spatial,
  coord.x,
  coord.y,
  placement = c("literal", "spaced"),
  expand = 1,
  file,
 fill = c("#E69F00", "#56B4E9", "#009E73", "#F0E442", "#0072B2", "#D55E00", "#CC79A7"),
  text_colour = "white"
)
```

Arguments

dot	a dot data frame, or a string of text that can be converted to a dot data frame using [readDot](#).
spatial	a data frame containing stations and respective coordinates. Note: The mean coordinates for the stations of any given array will be used.
coord.x, coord.y	
	The names of the columns containing the x and y positions of the stations in the spatial data frame.

placement	Two possible options: "literal" will place the nodes exactly at the average coordinates for the array (which may lead to varying degrees of overlap). "spaced" will adjust the position of the arrays so every node is fully visible, but the distances between arrays are no longer respected. Only relevant if used in combination with the spatial argument.
expand	A value to increase or decrease spacing between arrays. Ignored if spatial is not provided.
file	Optional: A file name to export the plot. Must include the file extension (one of png, pdf, or svg). E.g. "output.svg"
fill	A vector of colours to use. If spatial is provided and it contains a "Section" column, ach section is assigned a colour. If not enough colours are provided, the argument is ignored and a colour ramp is used.
text_colour	The colour for the array names. Defaults to "white".

Value

No return value, called to either plot or save graphic.

Examples

```
# create dummy dot string
x <- c(
"A--B--C--D--E--F
A--G--H--I--E
H--C")

my_dot <- readDot(string = x)

# now we can plot it using plotDot:
plotDot(my_dot)

# plotDot can also be called directly using the string of text:
plotDot(x)
```

---

plotLive   *Plot array live times*

Description

Plot array live times

Usage

```
plotLive(
  input,
  arrays,
```

```
    show.stations = FALSE,
    array.size = 2,
    station.size = 1,
    show.caps = TRUE,
    cap.prop = 2,
    title = "",
    xlab = "",
    ylab = "",
    col
)
```

Arguments

input	An actel results object, or a preload object
arrays	Optional: A subset of arrays to be plotted
show.stations	Logical: Should the live times of each station be shown under the array bars?
array.size	The size of the array bars (defaults to 2)
station.size	The size of the station bars (defaults to 1)
show.caps	Logical: Should cap lines be shown at the end of each live period?
cap.prop	The relative size of the caps, as compared to the respective bars (defaults to 2).
title	An optional title for the plot.
xlab, ylab	Optional axis names for the plot.
col	An optional colour scheme for the array bars. If left empty, default colours will be added. Note: Station bars are 40% lighter than the array bars.

Value

A ggplot object.

Examples

```
# Using the example results that come with actel
plotLive(example.results)

# Because plotLive returns a ggplot object, you can store
# it and edit it manually, e.g.:
library(ggplot2)
p <- plotLive(example.results)
p <- p + xlab("changed the x axis label a posteriori")
p

# You can also save the plot using ggsave!
```

---

plotMoves   *Plot moves for one ore more tags*

Description

The output of plotMoves is a ggplot object, which means you can then use it in combination with other ggplot functions, or even together with other packages such as patchwork.

Usage

```
plotMoves(
  input,
  tags,
  title,
  xlab,
  ylab,
  col,
  array.alias,
  show.release = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

input	The results of an actel analysis (either explore, migration or residency).
tags	The transmitters to be plotted (optional).
title	An optional title for the plot.
xlab, ylab	Optional axis names for the plot. If left empty, default axis names will be added.
col	An optional colour scheme for the detections. If left empty, default colours will be added.
array.alias	A named vector of format c("old_array_name" = "new_array_name") to replace default array names with user defined ones.
show.release	Logical: Should the line from release to first detection be displayed?

Value

A ggplot object.

Examples

```
# Using the example results that come with actel
plotMoves(example.results, 'R64K-4451')

# Because plotMoves returns a ggplot object, you can store
# it and edit it manually, e.g.:
library(ggplot2)
p <- plotMoves(example.results, 'R64K-4451')
```

```
p <- p + xlab("changed the x axis label a posteriori")
p

# You can also save the plot using ggsave!
```

---

plotRatios   *Plot global/group residency*

Description

By default, this function plots the global residency. However, you can use the argument 'group' to plot the results only from a specific animal group. Lastly, you can also use 'sections', rather than 'group', to compare the residency at a specific section (or group of sections) between the different groups.

Usage

```
plotRatios(
  input,
  groups,
  sections,
  type = c("absolutes", "percentages"),
  title,
  xlab,
  ylab,
  col,
  col.by = c("default", "section", "group")
)
```

Arguments

input	The results of an actel analysis (either explore, migration or residency).
groups	An optional argument to plot only the data corresponding to some groups.
sections	An optional argument to plot the residency of the multiple groups for a specific subset of sections.
type	The type of residency to be displayed. One of 'absolutes' (the default) or 'percentages'.
title	An optional title for the plot. If left empty, a default title will be added.
xlab, ylab	Optional axis names for the plot. If left empty, default axis names will be added.
col	An optional colour scheme for the detections. If left empty, default colours will be added.
col.by	Colour scheme to use. One of 'section' or 'group'. By default, plots are coloured by section if all sections are displayed, and by group if only a subset of the sections is required using the argument sections.

Details

The output of plotRatios is a ggplot object, which means you can then use it in combination with other ggplot functions, or even together with other packages such as patchwork.

Value

A ggplot object.

Examples

```
# For this example, I have modified the example.results that come with actel,
# so they resemble a residency output

plotRatios(example.residency.results)

# Because plotRatios returns a ggplot object, you can store
# it and edit it manually, e.g.:
library(ggplot2)
p <- plotRatios(example.residency.results, groups = "A")
p <- p + xlab("changed the x axis label a posteriori")
p

# You can also save the plot using ggsave!
```

---

plotResidency   *Plot residency for a single tag*

Description

The output of plotResidency is a ggplot object, which means you can then use it in combination with other ggplot functions, or even together with other packages such as patchwork.

Usage

```
plotResidency(input, tag, title, xlab, ylab, col)
```

Arguments

input	The results of an actel analysis (either explore, migration or residency).
tag	The transmitter to be plotted.
title	An optional title for the plot. If left empty, a default title will be added.
xlab, ylab	Optional axis names for the plot. If left empty, default axis names will be added.
col	An optional colour scheme for the detections. If left empty, default colours will be added.

Value

A ggplot object.

Examples

```
# For this example, I have modified the example.results that come with actel,
# so they resemble a residency output

plotResidency(example.residency.results, 'R64K-4451')

# Because plotResidency returns a ggplot object, you can store
# it and edit it manually, e.g.:
library(ggplot2)
p <- plotResidency(example.residency.results, 'R64K-4451')
p <- p + xlab("changed the x axis label a posteriori")
p

# You can also save the plot using ggsave!
```

---

plotSensors   *Plot sensor data for a single tag*

Description

The output of plotSensors is a ggplot object, which means you can then use it in combination with other ggplot functions, or even together with other packages such as patchwork.

Usage

```
plotSensors(
  input,
  tag,
  sensor,
  title = tag,
  xlab,
  ylab,
  pcol,
  psize = 1,
  lsize = 0.5,
  colour.by = c("array", "section"),
  array.alias,
  lcol = "grey40",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

input	The results of an actel analysis (either explore, migration or residency).
tag	The transmitter to be plotted.
sensor	The sensors to be plotted. If left empty, all available sensors are plotted
title	An optional title for the plot. If left empty, a default title will be added.
xlab, ylab	Optional axis names for the plot. If left empty, default axis names will be added.
pcol	The colour for the points. If unset, a default palette is used.
psize	The size of the points. Defaults to 1.
lsize	The width of the line. Defaults to 0.5 (same as standard ggplots)
colour.by	One of "arrays" or "sections", defines how the points should be coloured.
array.alias	A named vector of format c("old_array_name" = "new_array_name") to replace default array names with user defined ones. Only relevant if colour.by = "arrays".
lcol	The colour for the line. Defaults to grey.
verbose	Logical: Should warning messages be printed, if necessary?

Value

A ggplot object.

Examples

```
# Using the example results that come with actel
plotSensors(example.results, 'R64K-4451')

# Because plotSensors returns a ggplot object, you can store
# it and edit it manually, e.g.:
library(ggplot2)
p <- plotSensors(example.results, 'R64K-4451')
p <- p + xlab("changed the x axis label a posteriori")
p

# You can also save the plot using ggsave!
```

---

plotTimes	*Print circular graphics for time series.*

Description

Wraps functions adapted from the circular R package.

Usage

```
plotTimes(
  times,
  night = NULL,
  circular.scale = c("area", "linear"),
  col,
  alpha = 0.8,
  title = "",
  mean.dash = TRUE,
  mean.range = TRUE,
  mean.range.darken.factor = 1.4,
  rings = TRUE,
  file,
  width,
  height,
  bg = "transparent",
  ncol,
  legend.pos = c("auto", "corner", "bottom"),
  ylegend,
  xlegend,
  xjust = c("auto", "centre", "left", "right"),
  expand = 0.95,
  cex = 1
)
```

Arguments

times	A list of of time vectors (each vector will be plotted as a series).
night	A vector of two times defining the start and stop of the night period (in HH:MM format).
circular.scale	Allows the user to decide between using an area-adjusted scale ("area"), or a linear scale ("linear"). Defaults to "area", which better represents the proportion differences in the dataset.
col	A vector of colour names to paint each time series (colours will be added transparency).
alpha	A value between 0 and 1 for the opacity of each layer (defaults to 0.8).
title	A title for the plot.
mean.dash	Logical: Should the mean value be displayed on the plot's edge?
mean.range	Logical: Should the SEM be displayed? (only relevant if mean.dash = TRUE)
mean.range.darken.factor	
	A numeric factor to darken the mean range edges for each group. Values greater than 1 darken the colour, and values lower than 1 lighten the colour.
rings	Logical: Should inner plot rings be displayed?
file	A file name to save the plot to. Leave NULL to plot on active graphics device. Available file extensions: .svg, .pdf, .png and .tiff.

height, width	The height and width of the output file. Use inches for .pdf and .svg files or pixels for .png and .tiff files.
bg	The colour of the plot background. Defaults to "transparent".
ncol	The number of columns in which to set the legend items. By default, actel decides the number of columns based on the number of data series to be plotted.
legend.pos	Where should the legend be drawn? By default, actel decides whether to plot the legend in the corner of the plot at the bottom the plot depending on the number of data series to plot. Possible values: 'auto', 'corner', 'bottom'.
ylegend	Adjustment to the vertical positioning of the legend. Only relevant if the legend is being drawn in the corner of the plot.
xlegend	Adjustment to the horizontal positioning of the legend.
xjust	How the legend is to be justified when the legend is drawn at the bottom a the plot. One of 'auto' (i.e. let actel decide the best adjustment), 'left', 'centre', or 'right'.
expand	Parameter that controls the size of the plotted circle. Defaults to 0.95. Larger values expand the circle, while smaller values shrink the circle.
cex	A numerical vector giving the amount by which plotting characters and symbols should be scaled relative to the default. When saving the plot in a vectorial form, it is recommended to change the height and width arguments rather than the cex.

Details

For more details about the original functions, visit the circular package homepage at https://github.com/cran/circular

Value

A circular plot

Examples

```
# The output of timesToCircular can be used as an input to plotTimes.
x <- getTimes(example.results, location = "A1", n.events = "first", event.type = "arrival")
times <- timesToCircular(x)

# plot times
plotTimes(times)

# A night period can be added with 'night'
plotTimes(times, night = c("20:00", "06:00"))
```

preload   *Load a dataset before running an analysis*

Description

This function allows the user to prepare a set of R objects to be run through an explore, migration or residency analysis.

Usage

```
preload(
  biometrics,
  spatial,
  deployments,
  detections,
  dot = NULL,
  distances = NULL,
  tz,
  start.time = NULL,
  stop.time = NULL,
  section.order = NULL,
  exclude.tags = NULL,
  disregard.parallels = FALSE,
  discard.orphans = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

biometrics	A data frame containing biometric information.
spatial	A data frame containing spatial information.
deployments	A data frame containing deployment information.
detections	A data frame containing the detections.
dot	A DOT string of the array configuration.
distances	A distances matrix between arrays. See distancesMatrix.
tz	The time zone of the study area. Must match one of the values present in timezones.
start.time	Detection data prior to the timestamp set in start.time (in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.
stop.time	Detection data posterior to the timestamp set in stop.time (in YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.
section.order	A vector containing the order by which sections should be aligned in the results.
exclude.tags	A vector of tags that should be excluded from the detection data before any analyses are performed. Intended to be used if stray tags from a different code space but with the same signal as a target tag are detected in the study area.

disregard.parallels

> Logical: Should the presence of parallel arrays invalidate potential efficiency peers? See the vignettes for more details.

discard.orphans

> Logical: Should actel automatically discard detections that do not fall within receiver deployment periods, or that were recorded before the respective animals were released?

Value

A dataset that can be used as an input for actel's main analyses. This dataset contains:

- bio: The biometric data
- sections: The sections of the study area, if set using the argument sections (required to run residency and migration analyses)
- deployments: The deployment data
- spatial: The spatial data, split in stations and release sites.
- dot_list: A list containing detailed information on the study area configuration.
- dist.mat: The distances matrix.
- detections.list: A processed list of detections for each tag.
- disregard.parallels: Logical: Should parallel arrays invalidate efficiency peers? (required to run residency and migration analyses)
- tz: The time zone of the study area

Examples

```
# This function requires a series of pre-created R objects.
# We can create them by loading the example files from actel:
aux <- system.file(package = "actel")[1]

bio <- read.csv(paste0(aux, "/example_biometrics.csv"))
deployments <- read.csv(paste0(aux, "/example_deployments.csv"))
spatial <- read.csv(paste0(aux, "/example_spatial.csv"))
detections <- read.csv(paste0(aux, "/example_detections.csv"))

dot <- "A0--A1--A2--A3--A4--A5--A6--A7--A8--A9"

# Now that we have the R objects created, we can run preload:

x <- preload(biometrics = bio, deployments = deployments, spatial = spatial,
 detections = detections, dot = dot, tz = "Europe/Copenhagen")
```

readDot   *Read dot file or string*

Description

Read dot file or string

Usage

```
readDot(input = NULL, string = NULL, silent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

input	The name of a file containing dot connections.
string	A string of dot connections.
silent	Logical: Should warnings be suppressed?

Value

A data frame with the connections present in the input.

Examples

```
# create dummy dot string
x1 <- c("A--B--C--D--E--F")

# run readDot
readDot(string = x1)

# more complex strings are acceptable:
x2 <- c(
"A--B--C--D--E--F
A--G--H--I--E
H--C")

readDot(string = x2)

# Alternatively, connections can be read from a file

# let's create a dummy file in R's temporary directory:
write("A--B--C--D--E--F\nA--G--H--I--E\nH--C\n",
 file = paste0(tempdir(), "/dummy_dot.txt"))

# now we can read it using readDot
readDot(input = paste0(tempdir(), "/dummy_dot.txt"))
```

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recoverLog   *Recover latest actel crash log*

Description

Recover latest actel crash log

Usage

```
recoverLog(file, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

file   Name of the file to which the log should be saved.

overwrite   Logical: If 'file' already exists, should its content be overwritten?

Value

No return value, called for side effects.

Examples

```
recoverLog(file = paste0(tempdir(), "/new_log.txt"))
```

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residency   *Residency Analysis*

Description

The [residency](#) analysis runs the same initial checks as [explore](#), but, similarly to [migration](#), explores particular points of the animal behaviour. If you want to know where your animals were in each day of the study, how many animals were in each section each day, and other residency-focused variables, this is the analysis you are looking for!

Usage

```
residency(
  tz = NULL,
  section.order = NULL,
  datapack = NULL,
  max.interval = 60,
  min.total.detections = 2,
  min.per.event = 1,
  start.time = NULL,
  stop.time = NULL,
  speed.method = c("last to first", "last to last", "first to first"),
  speed.warning = NULL,
  speed.error = NULL,
  jump.warning = 2,
  jump.error = 3,
  inactive.warning = NULL,
  inactive.error = NULL,
  exclude.tags = NULL,
  override = NULL,
  report = FALSE,
  auto.open = TRUE,
  discard.orphans = FALSE,
  discard.first = NULL,
  save.detections = FALSE,
  section.warning = 1,
  section.error = 1,
  timestep = c("days", "hours"),
  replicates = NULL,
  GUI = c("needed", "always", "never"),
  save.tables.locally = FALSE,
  print.releases = TRUE,
  detections.y.axis = c("auto", "stations", "arrays")
)
```

Arguments

tz	The time zone of the study area. Must match one of the values present in [timezones]().
section.order	A vector containing the order by which sections should be aligned in the results.
datapack	A data bundle pre-compiled through the function [preload](). May be used to run actel analyses based on R objects, rather than input files.
max.interval	The number of minutes that must pass between detections for a new event to be created. Defaults to 60.
min.total.detections	
	Minimum number of times a tag must have been detected during the study period for the detections to be considered true and not just random noise. Defaults to 2.

min.per.event   Minimum number of detections an event must have to be deemed valid. For
                  analyses with both array and section events, a vector of two values can be pro-
                  vided. If only one value is provided, the same threshold applies for both types
                  of events. Defaults to 1.

start.time   Detection data prior to the timestamp set in start.time (in YYYY-MM-DD
                  HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.

stop.time   Detection data posterior to the timestamp set in stop.time (in YYYY-MM-DD
                  HH:MM:SS format) is not considered during the analysis.

speed.method   Can take three forms: 'last to first', 'last to last', or 'first to first'. If 'last to
                  first' (default), the last detection on the previous array is matched to the first
                  detection on the target array to perform the calculations. If 'last to last', the
                  last detection on the previous array is matched to the last detection on the target
                  array to perform the calculations. If 'first to first', the first detection on the
                  previous array is matched to the first detection on the target array to perform the
                  calculations.

speed.warning   If a tag moves at a speed equal or greater than speed.warning (in metres per
                  second), a warning is issued. If left NULL (default), no warnings are issued.
                  Must be equal to or lower than speed.error

speed.error   If a tag moves at a speed equal or greater than speed.error (in metres per
                  second), user intervention is suggested. If left NULL (default), user intervention
                  is never suggested.

jump.warning   If a tag crosses a number of arrays equal or greater than jump.warning without
                  being detected, a warning is issued. Defaults to 2. To disable jump warnings,
                  set to Inf. Must be equal to or lower than jump.error.

jump.error   If a tag crosses a number of arrays equal or greater than jump.error without
                  being detected, user intervention is suggested. Defaults to 3. To disable user
                  intervention suggestions, set to Inf.

inactive.warning
                  If a tag spends a number of days equal or greater than inactive.warning in
                  a given array at the tail of the respective detections, a warning is issued. If
                  left NULL (default), no warnings are issued. Must be equal to or lower than
                  innactive.error.

inactive.error   If a tag spends a number of days equal or greater than inactive.error in a
                  given array at the tail of the respective detections, user intervention is suggested.
                  If left NULL (default), user intervention is never suggested.

exclude.tags   A vector of tags that should be excluded from the detection data before any
                  analyses are performed. Intended to be used if stray tags from a different code
                  space but with the same signal as a target tag are detected in the study area.

override   A vector of signals for which the user intends to manually define which move-
                  ment events are valid and invalid.

report   Logical. Should an HTML report be created at the end of the analysis? NOTE:
                  Setting report to TRUE will generate an HTML file in the current directory.
                  Additionally, if auto.open = TRUE (default), the web browser will automatically
                  be launched to open the report once the function terminates.

auto.open	Logical: Should the report be automatically opened once the analysis is over? Defaults to TRUE. NOTE: If report = TRUE and auto.open = TRUE, the web browser will automatically be launched to open the report once the function terminates.
discard.orphans	Logical: Should actel automatically discard detections that do not fall within receiver deployment periods, or that were recorded before the respective animals were released?
discard.first	A threshold amount of time (in hours) that must pass after release for the respective detections to be valid. Set to 0 to discard only the release-to-first-detection calculations.
save.detections	Logical: Should the processed detections be saved for future runs?
section.warning	If a tag has section movement events with less or equal to section.warning detections, a warning is issued. Defaults to 1. To disable section warnings, set to 0. Must be equal to or greater than section.error.
section.error	If a tag has section movement events with less or equal to section.error detections, user intervention is suggested. Defaults to 1. To disable user intervention suggestions, set to 0.
timestep	The resolution desired for the residency calculations. One of "days" (default) or "hours".
replicates	A list containing, for each array to which intra-array efficiency is to be calculated: The standard names of the stations to be used as a replicate. See the vignettes for more details.
GUI	One of "needed", "always" or "never". If "needed", a new window is opened to inspect the movements only when the movements table is too big to be displayed in R's console. If "always", a graphical interface is always created when the possibility to invalidate events emerges. If "never", a graphical interface is never invoked. In this case, if the table to be displayed does not fit in R's console, a temporary file will be saved and the user will be prompted to open that file and examine it. Defaults to "needed".
save.tables.locally	Logical: If a table must be temporarily stored into a file for user inspection, should it be saved in the current working directory, or in R's temporary folder?
print.releases	Logical: Should the release sites be printed in the study area diagrams?
detections.y.axis	The type of y axis desired for the individual detection plots. While the argument defaults to "auto", it can be hard-set to one of "stations" or "arrays".

Value

A list containing:

- detections: A list containing all detections for each target tag;
- valid.detections: A list containing the valid detections for each target tag;

- `spatial`: A list containing the spatial information used during the analysis;
- `deployments`: A data frame containing the deployments of each receiver;
- `arrays`: A list containing the array details used during the analysis;
- `movements`: A list containing all movement events for each target tag;
- `valid.movements`: A list containing the valid movement events for each target tag;
- `section.movements`: A list containing the valid section shifts for each target tag;
- `status.df`: A data frame containing summary information for each tag, including the following columns:
  - *Times.entered.[section]*: Total number of times the tag entered a given section
  - *Average.entry.[section]*: Average entry time at a given section
  - *Average.time.[section]*: Average time the tag spent in a given section during each visit
  - *Average.departure.[section]*: Average departure time from a given section
  - *Total.time.[section]*: Total time spent in a given section
  - *Very.last.array*: Last array where the tag was detected
  - *Very.last.time*: Time of the last valid detection
  - *Status*: Fate assigned to the animal
  - *Valid.detections*: Number of valid detections
  - *Invalid.detections*: Number of invalid detections
  - *Valid.events*: Number of valid events
  - *Invalid.events*: Number of invalid events
  - *P.type*: Type of processing:
    * 'Skipped' if no data was found for the tag,
    * 'Auto' if no user interaction was required,
    * 'Manual' if user interaction was suggested and the user made changes to the validity of the events,
    * 'Overridden' if the user listed the tag in the `override` argument.
  - *Comments*: Comments left by the user during the analysis
- `last.seen`: A data frame containing the number of tags last seen in each study area section;
- `array.times`: A data frame containing ALL the entry times of each tag in each array;
- `section.times`: A data frame containing all the entry times of each tag in each section;
- `residency.list`: A list containing the places of residency between first and last valid detection for each tag;
- `time.ratios`: A list containing the daily location per section (both in seconds spent and in percentage of day) for each tag;
- `time.positions`: A data frame showing the location where each tag spent the most time per day;
- `global.ratios`: A list containing summary tables showing the number of active tag (and respective percentages) present at each location per day;
- `efficiency`: A list containing the results of the inter-array Multi-way efficiency calculations (see vignettes for more details);
- `intra.array.CJS`: A list containing the results of the intra-array CJS calculations;
- `rsp.info`: A list containing appendix information for the RSP package;
- `dist.mat`: A matrix containing the distances between receivers (if supplied)

See Also

explore, migration

Examples

```
# Start by moving to a temporary directory
old.wd <- getwd()
setwd(tempdir())

# Deploy the example workspace
exampleWorkspace("residency_example")

# Move your R session into the example workspace
setwd("residency_example")

# run the residency analysis. Ensure the tz argument
# matches the time zone of the study area and that the
# sections match your array names. The line below works
# for the example data.
results <- residency(tz = "Europe/Copenhagen")

# to obtain an HTML report, run the analysis with report = TRUE

# return to original working directory
setwd(old.wd)
rm(old.wd)
```

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shapeToRaster *Load shapefile and convert to a raster object.*

Description

shapeToRaster can also perform early quality checks on the shape file, to ensure it is compatible with the remaining study data. To activate these, set the names of the columns in the spatial.csv file that contain the x and y coordinates of the stations using coord.x and coord.y. By default, shapeToRaster looks for a spatial.csv file in the current working directory, but this can be personalized using the spatial argument.

Usage

```
shapeToRaster(
  shape,
  size,
  spatial = "spatial.csv",
  coord.x = NULL,
  coord.y = NULL,
  buffer = NULL,
```

```
  type = c("land", "water")
)
```

Arguments

shape	The path to a shapefile containing land polygons of the study area.
size	The pixel size, in the same unit as the coordinate system. I.e., usually either metres or degrees.
spatial	Either a character string specifying the path to a spatial.csv file or a spatial data frame. This argument is not mandatory, but can be used to perform an early check of the shape file's compatibility with the study stations and release sites.
coord.x, coord.y	
	The names of the columns containing the x and y positions of the stations in the spatial.csv file. these coordinates MUST BE in the same coordinate system as the shape file.
buffer	Artificially expand the map edges. Can be a single value (applied to all edges) or four values (xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax). The unit of the buffer depends on the shape file's coordinate system.
type	The type of shapefile being loaded. One of "land", if the shapefile's polygons represent landmasses, or "water", if the shapefile's polygons represent water bodies.

Details

It is highly recommended to read the manual page regarding distances matrices before running this function. You can find it here: <http://actel.trackyverse.org/manual-distances.html>

Value

A raster object.

Examples

```
# check if R can run the distance functions
aux <- c(
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("raster"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("gdistance"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("sp"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("terra"))))

missing.packages <- sapply(aux, function(x) x == 1)

if (any(missing.packages)) {
  message("Sorry, this function requires packages '",
          paste(c("raster", "gdistance", "sp", "terra")[missing.packages],
                collapse = "', '"),
          "' to operate. Please install ",
          ifelse(sum(missing.packages) > 1, "them", "it"),
          " before proceeding.")
```

```
} else {
  # Fetch actel's example shapefile
  example.shape <- paste0(system.file(package = "actel")[1],
                          "/example_shapefile.shp")

  # import the shape file
  x <- shapeToRaster(shape = example.shape, size = 20)

  # have a look at the resulting raster,
  # where the blank spaces are the land areas
  terra::plot(x)
}
rm(aux, missing.packages)
```

---

simpleCJS   *Analytical CJS model*

Description

Computes an analytical CJS model for a presence/absence matrix.

Usage

```
simpleCJS(input, estimate = NULL, fixed.efficiency = NULL, silent = TRUE)
```

Arguments

input	A presence/absence matrix.
estimate	An estimate of the last array's efficiency, between 0 and 1.
fixed.efficiency	A vector of fixed efficiency estimates [0, 1]. length(fixed.efficiency) must match ncol(input).
silent	Logical: Should messages be printed? This argument is mainly intended for function calls running within actel's analyses.

Value

A list containing:

- absolutes A data frame with the absolute number of tags detected and missed,

- efficiency A vector of calculated array detection efficiencies,

- survival A matrix of calculated survivals,

- lambda A combined detection efficiency * survival estimate for the last array.

References

Perry et al (2012), 'Using mark-recapture models to estimate survival from telemetry data'. url: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/256443823_Using_mark-recapture_models_to_estimate_survival_from_telemetry_data

Examples

```
# prepare a dummy presence/absence matrix
x <- matrix(c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, FALSE), ncol = 3)
colnames(x) <- c("Release", "Array1", "Array2")

# run CJS
simpleCJS(x)
```

---

stationName   *Find original station name*

Description

Find original station name

Usage

```
stationName(input, station)
```

Arguments

input	The results of an actel analysis (either explore, migration or residency).
station	The station standard name or number.

Value

The original station name

Examples

```
stationName(example.results, 1)

# or

stationName(example.results, "St.2")
```

| timesToCircular | *Convert a data frame with timestamps into a list of circular objects* |

Description

Convert a data frame with timestamps into a list of circular objects

Usage

```
timesToCircular(x, by.group = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A data frame where the first column is an identifier, the second column is a grouping structure, and columns three and onwards are timestamps at different locations. Can be generated automatically by [getTimes](#).
by.group	Logical: Should the times at each location be divided by the group column (second column of x)?

Value

A list of circular objects for each data column and, optionally, for each group.

Examples

```
# create dummy input data frame.
# Note: the names of the columns are irrelevant.
x <- data.frame(ID = c(1:5),
 Group = c("A", "A", "B", "B", "B"),
 A1 = as.POSIXct(
   c("2019-01-03 11:21:12",
     "2019-01-04 12:22:21",
     "2019-01-05 13:31:34",
     "2019-01-06 14:32:43",
     "2019-01-07 15:23:52")),
 A2 = as.POSIXct(
   c("2019-01-08 16:51:55",
     "2019-01-09 17:42:42",
     "2019-01-10 18:33:33",
     "2019-01-11 19:24:32",
     "2019-01-12 20:15:22")),
 stringsAsFactors = TRUE)

# run timesToCircular
timesToCircular(x)

# optionally, split results by group:
timesToCircular(x, by.group = TRUE)
```

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transitionLayer   *Calculate Transition Layer*

Description

Using a previously imported shape file that has been converted to a raster (see shapeToRaster).
Prepares a TransitionLayer object to be used in distance estimations (see distancesMatrix). Adapted
from Grant Adams' script "distance to closest mpa".

Usage

```
transitionLayer(x, directions = c(16, 8, 4))
```

Arguments

x   A water raster; for example the output of shapeToRaster

directions   The number of directions considered for every movement situation during cost
                  calculation. See the manual page linked above for more details.

Details

It is highly recommended to read the manual page regarding distances matrices before running this
function. You can find it here: http://actel.trackyverse.org/manual-distances.html

Value

A TransitionLayer object.

Examples

```
# check if R can run the distance functions
aux <- c(
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("raster"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("gdistance"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("sp"))),
  length(suppressWarnings(packageDescription("terra"))))

missing.packages <- sapply(aux, function(x) x == 1)

if (any(missing.packages)) {
  message("Sorry, this function requires packages '",
          paste(c("raster", "gdistance", "sp", "terra")[missing.packages],
                collapse = "', '"),
          "' to operate. Please install ",
          ifelse(sum(missing.packages) > 1, "them", "it"),
          " before proceeding.")
} else {
  # Fetch actel's example shapefile
  example.shape <- paste0(system.file(package = "actel")[1],
```

```
                                "/example_shapefile.shp")

    # import the shape file
    x <- shapeToRaster(shape = example.shape, size = 20)

    # Build the transition layer
    t.layer <- transitionLayer(x)

    # inspect the output
    t.layer
}
rm(aux, missing.packages)
```

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