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im.classify	<i>Classify a Raster Image Using K-Means Clustering</i>
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Description

This function performs unsupervised classification on a raster image using k-means clustering. It rescales the pixel values to 0–255 to improve visual clustering of scientific TIFFs.

Usage

```
im.classify(
  input_image,
  num_clusters = 3,
  seed = NULL,
  do_plot = TRUE,
  custom_colors = NULL,
  num_colors = 100
)
```

Arguments

input_image	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input raster image.
num_clusters	An integer specifying the number of clusters (default: 3).
seed	An optional integer seed for reproducibility of k-means clustering results (default: NULL).
do_plot	A logical value indicating whether to display the classified raster (default: TRUE).
custom_colors	A vector of custom colors to be used for classification visualization (default: NULL). If NULL, a predefined set of colors is used.
num_colors	The number of colors to interpolate in the visualization palette (default: 100).

Value

A ‘SpatRaster’ object with cluster assignments.

`im.dvi`*Compute the Difference Vegetation Index (DVI)*

Description

This function calculates the Difference Vegetation Index (DVI) from a multispectral raster image. The DVI is computed as the difference between the Near-Infrared (NIR) and Red bands.

Usage

```
im.dvi(x, nir, red)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.
<code>nir</code>	An integer specifying the band index of the Near-Infrared (NIR) channel.
<code>red</code>	An integer specifying the band index of the Red channel.

Details

The Difference Vegetation Index (DVI) is a simple vegetation index used to assess plant health. It is calculated as:

$$DVI = NIR - Red$$

Higher values indicate denser and healthier vegetation.

Value

A ‘SpatRaster’ object containing the computed DVI values.

References

For more details on the DVI index, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vegetation_Index

See Also

[`im.classify()`], [`im.ridgeline()`]

Examples

```
library(terra)

# Load a multispectral raster image with 3 bands
r <- rast(system.file("ex/logo.tif", package = "terra"))

# Compute DVI using band 2 (proxy for NIR) and band 1 (Red)
dvi_raster <- im.dvi(r, nir = 2, red = 1)

plot(dvi_raster)
```

im.export*Export a Raster to GeoTIFF, PNG, or JPG*

Description

This function saves a ‘SpatRaster’ object to disk in **GeoTIFF**, **PNG**, or **JPG** format.

Usage

```
im.export(x, filename, overwrite = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the raster to be saved.
filename	A character string specifying the output file path with ‘.tif’, ‘.png’, or ‘.jpg’ extension.
overwrite	A logical value indicating whether to overwrite an existing file (default: TRUE).

Details

- **GeoTIFF** (‘.tif’): Uses ‘terra::writeRaster()’, preserving geospatial information. - **PNG/JPG** (‘.png’, ‘.jpg’, ‘.jpeg’): Converts the raster to an image and saves it with ‘png()’ or ‘jpeg()’. - **If the raster has multiple bands**, only the first band is saved in PNG/JPG format.

Value

No return value. The function writes the raster to disk.

See Also

[im.import()], [writeRaster()]

Examples

```
library(terra)

# Create a sample raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r))

# Export as GeoTIFF to temporary file
tif_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".tif")
im.export(r, tif_path)

# Export as PNG to temporary file
png_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".png")
im.export(r, png_path)
```

im.ggplot

Visualize a Raster Image Using ggplot2

Description

This function converts a ‘SpatRaster’ object into a ‘ggplot2’ visualization, allowing for flexible raster plotting with color interpolation.

Usage

```
im.ggplot(input_raster, layerfill = 1)
```

Arguments

input_raster A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input raster image.

layerfill An integer indicating the layer index to be used for coloring the raster (default: 1).

Details

This function extracts raster values, converts them into a data frame, and uses ‘ggplot2’ to visualize the raster with a viridis color scale.

- If ‘layerfill’ is not provided, the function defaults to using the first layer. - The function automatically handles coordinate extraction (‘x’ and ‘y’ values). - Colors are applied using ‘scale_fill_viridis()’, ensuring good perceptual readability.

Value

A ‘ggplot’ object displaying the raster image.

See Also

[im.classify()], [im.dvi()]

Examples

```
library(terra)
library(ggplot2)

# Create a sample raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10)
values(r) <- matrix(runif(100), nrow = 10)

# Generate a ggplot visualization
im.ggplot(r)
```

im.import	<i>Import one or more raster images</i>
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Description

This function imports raster images from the remote Zenodo repository using exact or partial matches. It returns a SpatRaster stack of all matching files.

Usage

```
im.import(im)
```

Arguments

`im` Character vector. Full or partial names of images available on Zenodo.

Value

A ‘SpatRaster’ object (stack of layers).

im.list	<i>List available example files</i>
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Description

This function lists example files included locally in the package and, optionally, remote files hosted on Zenodo.

Usage

```
im.list(include_remote = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`include_remote` Logical. If TRUE (default), also lists remote files hosted on Zenodo.

Value

A character vector of file names.

Examples

```
im.list()
im.list(include_remote = FALSE)
```

im.multiframe

Set Up a Multi-Frame Plot Layout

Description

This function sets up a multi-frame plotting layout using `'par(mfrow = c(x, y))'`, allowing multiple plots to be displayed in a grid format.

Usage

```
im.multiframe(x, y)
```

Arguments

`x` An integer specifying the number of rows in the plot layout.
`y` An integer specifying the number of columns in the plot layout.

Details

This function changes the `'mfrow'` graphical parameter using `'par()'`, enabling multiple plots to be displayed in a grid layout within the same plotting window. The original plotting parameters are automatically restored when the function exits.

Value

No return value. This function modifies the graphical parameters temporarily.

See Also

[im.ggplot()], [im.import()]

Examples

```
# Set up a 2x2 plotting layout
im.multiframe(2, 2)

# Example plots
plot(1:10, rnorm(10))
plot(1:10, runif(10))
plot(1:10, rpois(10, lambda = 5))
```

```
plot(1:10, rbeta(10, shape1 = 2, shape2 = 5))

# Layout is automatically restored after im.multiframe() exits
```

im.ndvi

Compute the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)

Description

This function calculates the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) from a multispectral raster image. NDVI is a widely used vegetation index that assesses plant health by comparing Near-Infrared (NIR) and Red bands.

Usage

```
im.ndvi(x, nir, red)
```

Arguments

x	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.
nir	An integer specifying the band index of the Near-Infrared (NIR) channel.
red	An integer specifying the band index of the Red channel.

Details

NDVI is calculated as:

$$NDVI = (NIR - Red) / (NIR + Red)$$

where: - **High NDVI values (~1)** indicate healthy, dense vegetation. - **Low NDVI values (~0 or negative)** indicate barren land, water bodies, or unhealthy vegetation.

Important: - Ensure that ‘nir’ and ‘red’ correspond to the correct band indices in your raster image. - Pixels with (NIR + Red) = 0 will result in ‘NaN’ values.

Value

A ‘SpatRaster’ object containing the computed NDVI values, ranging from -1 to 1.

References

For more details on NDVI, see: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Normalized_difference_vegetation_index

See Also

[im.dvi()], [im.classify()]

Examples

```
library(terra)

# Create a dummy 3-band raster (e.g., NIR = band 3, Red = band 2)
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

# Compute NDVI using bands 3 (NIR) and 2 (Red)
ndvi_raster <- im.ndvi(r, nir = 3, red = 2)

# Plot the result
plot(ndvi_raster)
```

im.pca

Perform Principal Component Analysis (PCA) on a Raster Image

Description

This function applies Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to a multispectral raster image, extracting principal components from a sample of pixels and projecting the full raster into the PCA space.

Usage

```
im.pca(input_image, n_samples = 100, n_components = 3, plot = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>input_image</code>	A 'SpatRaster' object representing the input multispectral image.
<code>n_samples</code>	An integer specifying the number of random samples used for PCA computation (default: 100).
<code>n_components</code>	Number of principal components to compute (default: 3).
<code>plot</code>	Logical. If 'TRUE', the resulting principal components are plotted. Default is 'TRUE'.

Details

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a statistical technique used to transform correlated raster bands into a set of orthogonal components, capturing the most variance in fewer bands.

- A sample of 'n_samples' pixels is used to compute the PCA transformation. - The full image is then projected onto the principal component space. - The output raster contains the selected principal components. - If 'plot = TRUE', the output is visualized using a 'viridis' color scale.

Value

A 'SpatRaster' object containing the computed principal components.

See Also

[im.import()], [im.ggplot()]

Examples

```
library(terra)

# Create a 3-band raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

# Perform PCA without plotting
pca_result <- im.pca(r, n_samples = 100, plot = FALSE)

# Plot the first principal component
plot(pca_result[[1]])
```

im.plotRGB

Plot a Raster Image as an RGB Composite with User-Selected Bands

Description

This function visualizes a multispectral raster image using user-defined bands for the Red, Green, and Blue channels. A linear contrast stretch is applied to enhance visualization.

Usage

```
im.plotRGB(x, r, g, b, title = "", reset = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.
r	An integer specifying the band index for the Red channel.
g	An integer specifying the band index for the Green channel.
b	An integer specifying the band index for the Blue channel.
title	A character string specifying the plot title (default: "").
reset	Logical. If ‘TRUE’, the graphical parameters modified by the function are re-stored after plotting. Default is ‘TRUE’.

Details

- The function allows users to **manually select bands** for RGB visualization.
- It applies ‘stretch="lin"’ in ‘plotRGB()’ to enhance contrast.
- Axis and label colors are set to white for better contrast with dark backgrounds.
- The function supports displaying axes (‘axes = TRUE’) and sets plot margins.

Value

This function does not return an object. It directly generates a plot.

See Also

[im.plotRGB.auto()], [im.ggplot()]

Examples

```
library(terra)

# Create a 3-band raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

# Plot with user-selected bands (3 = Red, 2 = Green, 1 = Blue)
im.plotRGB(r, r = 3, g = 2, b = 1, title = "Custom RGB Visualization")
```

im.plotRGB.auto

Automatically Plot a Raster Image as an RGB Composite

Description

This function visualizes a multispectral raster image using the first three bands as an RGB composite. It applies a linear contrast stretch to enhance visualization.

Usage

```
im.plotRGB.auto(x, title = "Main")
```

Arguments

x A ‘SpatRaster’ object representing the input multispectral image.
title A character string specifying the plot title (default: "Main").

Value

Invisibly returns ‘x’.

See Also

[im.import()], [im.ggplot()]

Examples

```
library(terra)

r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 3)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 3)

im.plotRGB.auto(r, title = "RGB Visualization")
```

`im.print`

Print a Message Identifying the imageRy Package

Description

This function prints a simple message to indicate that the ‘imageRy’ package is being used.

Usage

```
im.print()
```

Details

This function serves as a basic test function to verify that the ‘imageRy’ package is loaded.

Value

This function does not return an object. It prints a message to the console.

See Also

`[im.list()]`, `[im.import()]`

Examples

```
# Print the imageRy message
im.print()
```

im.ridgeline	<i>Generate Ridgeline Plots from Satellite Raster Data</i>
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Description

This function generates ridgeline plots from stacked satellite imagery data.

Usage

```
im.ridgeline(  
  im,  
  scale,  
  palette = c("viridis", "magma", "plasma", "inferno", "cividis", "mako", "rocket",  
             "turbo")  
)
```

Arguments

im	A 'SpatRaster' object representing the raster data to be visualized.
scale	A numeric value that defines the vertical scale of the ridgeline plot.
palette	A character string specifying the 'viridis' color palette option to use. Available options: "viridis", "magma", "plasma", "inferno", "cividis", "mako", "rocket", "turbo".

Details

Ridgeline plots are useful for analyzing temporal variations in raster-based satellite imagery. This function extracts raster values and visualizes their distribution across layers.

Value

A 'ggplot' object displaying the ridgeline plot.

References

See also 'im.import()', 'im.ggplot()'.

See Also

[GitHub Repository](<https://github.com/ducciorocchini/imageRy/>)

Examples

```
library(terra)
library(ggribes)
library(ggplot2)

# Create a 5-layer raster
r <- rast(nrows = 10, ncols = 10, nlyrs = 5)
values(r) <- runif(ncell(r) * 5)

# Generate ridgeline plot
im.ridgeline(r, scale = 2, palette = "viridis") + theme_minimal()
```

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