

# Package ‘stppSim’

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**Description** Generates artificial point patterns marked by their spatial and temporal signatures. The resulting point cloud may exhibit inherent interactions between both signatures. The simulation integrates microsimulation (Holm, E., (2017)<[doi:10.1002/9781118786352.wbieg0320](https://doi.org/10.1002/9781118786352.wbieg0320)>) and agent-based models (Bonabeau, E., (2002)<[doi:10.1073/pnas.082080899](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.082080899)>), beginning with the configuration of movement characteristics for the specified agents (referred to as 'walkers') and their interactions within the simulation environment. These interactions (Quaglietta, L. and Porto, M., (2019)<[doi:10.1186/s40462-019-0154-8](https://doi.org/10.1186/s40462-019-0154-8)>) result in specific spatiotemporal patterns that can be visualized, analyzed, and used for various analytical purposes. Given the growing scarcity of detailed spatiotemporal data across many domains, this package provides an alternative data source for applications in social and life sciences.

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artif_spo	<i>Artificial spatial origins</i>
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## Description

Simulates spatial locations to serve as origins of walkers. If provided, spaces covered by restriction features are avoided. Final origins are assigned probability values indicating the strengths of the origins.

**Usage**

```
artif_spo(poly, n_origin=50, restriction_feat = NULL,
n_foci=5, foci_separation = 10, mfocal = NULL,
conc_type = "nucleated", p_ratio)
```

**Arguments**

<code>poly</code>	(An sf or S4 object) a polygon shapefile defining the extent of the landscape
<code>n_origin</code>	number of locations to serve as origins for walkers. Default:50.
<code>restriction_feat</code>	(An S4 object) optional shapefile containing features in which walkers cannot walk through. Default: NULL.
<code>n_foci</code>	number of focal points amongst the origin locations. The origins to serve as focal points are based on random selection. <code>n_foci</code> must be smaller than <code>n_origins</code> .
<code>foci_separation</code>	a value from 1 to 100 indicating the nearness of focal points to one another. A 0 separation indicates that focal points are in close proximity of one another, while a 100 indicates focal points being evenly distributed across space.
<code>mfocal</code>	the c(x, y) coordinates of a single point, representing a pre-defined main focal point (origin) in the area. The default is NULL in which a random coordinate is chosen within the polygon area.
<code>conc_type</code>	concentration of the rest of the origins (non-focal origins) around the focal ones. The options are "nucleated" and "dispersed".
<code>p_ratio</code>	the smaller of the two terms of proportional ratios. For example, a value of 20 implies 20:80 proportional ratios.

**Details**

The focal origins (`n_foci`) serve as the central locations (such as, city centres). The `foci_separation` indicates the nearness of focal origins from one another. The `conc_type` argument allows a user to specify the type of spatial concentration exhibited by the non-focal origin around the focal ones. If `restriction_feat` is provided, its features help to prevent the occurrence of any events in the areas occupied by the features.

**Value**

Returns a list detailing the properties of the generated spatial origins with associated strength (probability) values.

**Examples**

```
#load boundary of Camden
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
package="stppSim"))
boundary = camden$boundary # get boundary
landuse <- camden$landuse
spo <- artif_spo(poly = boundary, n_origin = 50,
```

```
restriction_feat = landuse, n_foci=5, foci_separation = 0,
mfocal = NULL, conc_type = "dispersed", p_ratio=20)
```

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camden_crimes	<i>Records of crimes of Camden Borough of London, UK, 2021 (Source: <a href="https://data.police.uk/data/">https://data.police.uk/data/</a>)</i>
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### Description

Data comprising 'Theft' and 'Criminal Damage' records of Camden Borough of London, UK for the year 2021 (Source: <https://data.police.uk/>). Note: Police.uk data is aggregated at monthly scale (yyyy-mm). But, the data provided here has been disaggregated to daily scale by adding fake 'daily' stamps (to give yyyy-mm-dd). So, caution should be taken when interpreting the results based on full date.

### Usage

```
camden_crimes
```

### Format

A matrix containing four variables

- x: x coordinate
- y: y coordinate
- date: date of occurrence
- type: types of crime

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chull_poly	<i>Boundary surrounding a set of points</i>
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### Description

Generates a boundary (polygon) around a set of points, using Convex Hull technique (Eddy, W. F, 1977).

### Usage

```
chull_poly(xycoords,
crsys = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

xycoords	(matrix) A 2-column coordinate vectors of points: x - the eastings, and y - the northing.
crsys	Optional string specifying the coordinate reference system (crs) of the resulting boundary, e.g., the crs string "+proj=longlat +datum=WGS84" transform the resulting boundary to wgs84 system.

**Details**

Draws an arbitrary boundary around spatial points by joining the outer-most points by lines.

**Value**

Returns a "SpatialPolygonsDataFrame" object representing the boundary surround the spatial points

**References**

Eddy, W. F. (1977). A new convex hull algorithm for planar sets. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, 3, 398–403.10.1145/355759.355766.

**Examples**

```
data(xyt_data)
#extract xy coordinates only
xy <- matrix(as.numeric(xyt_data[,1:2]),,2)
bry <- chull_poly(xy, crsys = NULL)
#visualise result
#plot(bry) #to plot
#points(xy[,1], xy[,2], add=TRUE)
```

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compare_areas	<i>Compare two areas</i>
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**Description**

To compare the sizes of two areas (boundary shapefiles).

**Usage**

```
compare_areas(area1, area2,
display_output = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

area1	(as spatialPolygons, spatialPolygonDataFrames, or simple features). the polygon object of the first area.
area2	(as spatialPolygons, spatialPolygonDataFrames, or simple features). the polygon object of the second area.
display_output	(logical) Whether to print output in the console. Default: FALSE

### Details

Compares the sizes of two areas (polygon shapefiles). The two shapefiles can be in any crs, and any spatial object formats. If enabled, the output (a value) comparing the area of the two polygons is printed. This value can be used to scale some specific spatial parameters, including `n_origin`, `s_threshold`, and `step_length`.

### Value

Returns a plot and a text (string) comparing the sizes of two areas.

### Examples

```
#load 'area1' object - boundary of Camden, UK
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
package="stppSim"))
camden_boundary = camden$boundary

#load 'area2' - boundary of Birmingham, UK
load(file = system.file("extdata", "birmingham_boundary.rda",
package="stppSim"))

#run
compare_areas(area1 = camden_boundary,
area2 = birmingham_boundary, display_output = FALSE)
```

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date\_checker

*Date (Format) Checker*

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### Description

Checks if date is in a specified format (i.e. 'yyyy-mm-dd').

### Usage

```
date_checker(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    A date or a vector of date values

### Details

Returns "TRUE" if all date entries are in the specified format ("yyyy-mm-dd"), and FALSE if at least one date is not in the format.

### Value

Returns TRUE or FALSE

**Examples**

```
date_list_1 <- c("2021-09-12", "2016-xx-02",
"09/08/2012")
date_checker(date_list_1)
#> FALSE (Entries 2 and 3
#are incorrect date inputs)
date_list_2 <- c("2021-09-12", "1998-03-09")
date_checker(date_list_2)
#> TRUE
```

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extract_coords	<i>Coordinates extraction</i>
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**Description**

Extracts the bounding (edges) coordinates of a polygon object.

**Usage**

```
extract_coords(poly)
```

**Arguments**

poly (An sf or S4 object) A polygon shapefile.

**Details**

Given a spatial polygon object, the function extracts its bounding coordinates.

**Value**

Returns 2-column xy coordinates representing points of directional change along the boundary.

**Examples**

```
#load boundary of Camden
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
package="stppSim"))
boundary = camden$boundary # get boundary
extract_coords(poly=boundary)
```

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`gtp` *Global temporal pattern (GTP)*

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### Description

Models the global temporal pattern, as combining the long-term trend and seasonality.

### Usage

```
gtp(start_date, trend = "stable",
     slope = NULL, shortTerm = "cyclical",
     fPeak = 90, show.plot = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>start_date</code>	the start date of the temporal pattern. The date should be in the format "yyyy-mm-dd". The GTP will normally cover a 1-year period.
<code>trend</code>	specifies the direction of the long-term trend. Options are: "falling", "stable", and "rising". Default value is: "stable".
<code>slope</code>	slope of the long-term trend when an "rising" or "falling" trend is specified. Options: "gentle" or "steep". The default value is set as NULL for the stable trend.
<code>shortTerm</code>	type of short- to medium-term fluctuations (patterns) of the time series. Options are: "cyclical" and "acyclical". Default is: "cyclical".
<code>fPeak</code>	first seasonal peak of cyclical short term. Default value is 90. Set as NULL for "acyclical" short term pattern.
<code>show.plot</code>	(logical) Shows 'gtp'. Default is FALSE.

### Details

Models the GTP for anchoring the temporal trends and patterns of the point patterns to be simulated.

### Value

Returns a time series (list) of 365 data points representing 1-year global temporal pattern.

### Examples

```
gtp(start_date = "2020-01-01", trend = "stable",
     slope = NULL, shortTerm = "cyclical",
     fPeak = 90, show.plot = FALSE)
```



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make_grids	<i>Make square grids</i>
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### Description

Generates a system of square grids over an area (boundary shapefile).

### Usage

```
make_grids(poly, size = 350,  
show_output = FALSE, interactive = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

poly	(as <code>spatialPolygons</code> , <code>spatialPolygonDataFrames</code> , or simple features). A polygon object over which square grids are to be created.
size	Size of square grids to be created. For example, the input size for a 350 by 350 square grids is 350.
show_output	(logical) Display the output. Default: FALSE
interactive	(logical) to show interactive map of the grids generated. Default: FALSE.

### Details

Generates a square grid system in a shapefile format (in the same crs as the input poly). If `interactive` argument is TRUE, an interactive map is shown from which the centroid coordinates of any grid can be displayed by hovering the mouse over the grid. If internet connection is available on the PC, a basemap (OpenStreetmap) is added to help identify places.

### Value

Returns a "SpatialPolygonsDataFrames" object representing a system of square grids covering the polygon area.

### Examples

```
#load boundary of Camden  
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",  
package="stppSim"))  
boundary = camden$boundary  
make_grids(poly=boundary, size = 350,  
show_output = FALSE, interactive = FALSE)
```

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NRepeat

*Near Repeat calculator using the Knox test*


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## Description

This function uses the Knox test for space-time clustering to quantify the spatio-temporal association between events (Credit: Wouter Steenbeek).

## Usage

```
NRepeat(x, y, time, sds, tds, s_include.lowest = FALSE,
        s_right = FALSE, t_include.lowest = FALSE, t_right = FALSE,
        method = "manhattan", nrep = 999, saveSimulations = FALSE,
        future.seed = TRUE,...)
```

## Arguments

x	a vector of x coordinates
y	a vector of y coordinates
time	a vector of time. This can be of type integer, numeric, or date
sds	A vector of break points of the spatial intervals. For example <code>c(0,50,120,300)</code> to specify spatial intervals from 0-50, 50-120, 120-300 meters. Or <code>c(0,50,100,Inf)</code> to specify spatial intervals from 0-50, 50-100, and 100-Inf meters. (More accurately, on the scale of the provided x and y coordinates. For example, data may be projected in feet and thus the distances refer to feet instead of meters).
tds	A vector of break points of the temporal intervals. For example <code>c(0,2,4,Inf)</code> to specify temporal intervals from 0-2, 2-4, 4-Inf days.
s_include.lowest	the descriptions above are ambiguous on how exactly the spatial break points are handled. For example, does <code>c(0,100,200)</code> refer to 0-100, 101-200? Or to 0-99 and 100-199? <code>s_include.lowest</code> follows the arguments of <code>cut</code> (see <code>?cut</code> ). Logical, indicating if a spatial distance equal to the lowest (or highest, for <code>right = FALSE</code> ) 'breaks' value should be included. Default = FALSE. See vignette("NearRepeat_breaks") for details.
s_right	logical, indicating if the spatial intervals should be closed on the right (and open on the left) or vice versa. Default = FALSE. See vignette("NearRepeat_breaks") for details.
t_include.lowest	<code>t_include.lowest</code> follows the arguments of <code>cut</code> (see <code>?cut</code> ). Logical, indicating if a temporal distance equal to the lowest (or highest, for <code>right = FALSE</code> ) 'breaks' value should be included. Default = FALSE.
t_right	logical, indicating if the temporal intervals should be closed on the right (and open on the left) or vice versa. Default = FALSE. See vignette("NearRepeat_breaks") for details.

method	The method to calculate the spatial distances between crime events. Methods possible as in the 'dist' function (see ?dist). Default is 'manhattan', which seems to be a fair approximation of the distance travelled by a road network. Alternatively, the user can specify 'euclidean' to get the 'as the crow flies' distance.
nrep	The number of replications of the Monte Carlo simulation (default = 999).
saveSimulations	Should all simulated contingency tables be saved as a 3-dimensional array? Default = FALSE
future.seed	A logical or an integer (of length one or seven), or a list of length(X) with pre-generated random seeds. Default = TRUE. See R package future.apply for details.
...	(optional) Additional arguments passed to future_lapply()

### Details

Further details available at: <https://github.com/wsteenbeek/NearRepeat>.

### Value

An object of type "knox", i.e. a list with four tables. For each spatial and temporal distance combination, (1) The counts of observed crime pairs, (2) The Knox ratios based on the mean of the simulations, (3) The Knox ratios based on the median of the simulations, (4) p-values.

### References

Steenbeek W. Near Repeat. R package version 0.1.1. 2018. URL: <https://github.com/wsteenbeek/NearRepeat>

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Generate example data. Suppose x and y refer to meters distance.
set.seed(10)
(mydata <- data.frame(x = sample(x = 20, size = 20, replace = TRUE) * 20,
                      y = sample(x = 20, size = 20, replace = TRUE) * 20,
                      date = as.Date(sort(sample(20, size = 20, replace = TRUE))),
                      origin = "2018-01-01")
))

# Near Repeat calculation using 0-100 meters and 100-Inf meters, and three
# temporal intervals of 2 days
set.seed(38673)
NRepeat(x = mydata$x, y = mydata$y, time = mydata$date,
        sds = c(0,100,Inf), tds = c(0,2,4))

# Add a 'same repeat' spatial interval of 0.001 meters, and use Euclidean
# distance
set.seed(38673)
NRepeat(x = mydata$x, y = mydata$y, time = mydata$date,
        sds = c(0,0.001,100,Inf), tds = c(0,2,4),
        method = "euclidean")
```

```
# Only do 99 replications
set.seed(38673)
NRepeat(x = mydata$x, y = mydata$y, time = mydata$date,
        sds = c(0,0.001,100,Inf), tds = c(0,2,4),
        method = "euclidean", nrep = 99)

# The plot() function can be used to plot a Heat Map of Near Repeat results
# based on p-values
set.seed(4622)
myoutput <- NRepeat(x = mydata$x, y = mydata$y, time = mydata$date,
                   sds = c(0,100,200,300,400), td = c(0,1,2,3,4,5))

# The default range of p-values that will be highlighted (0-.05) can be
# adjusted using the 'pvalue_range' parameter. By default the Knox ratios
# are printed in the cells, but this can be adjusted using the 'text'
# parameter. The default is "knox_ratio". Possible values are "observed",
# "knox_ratio", "knox_ratio_median", "pvalues", or NA.

## End(Not run)
```

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poly

*Boundary coordinates*

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## Description

Boundary coordinates of Camden Borough of London

## Usage

```
poly
```

## Format

A dataframe containing one variable:

- x: x coordinate
- y: y coordinate

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poly\_tester

*Geometry and Coordinate Reference System test of a polygon*

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### Description

Tests whether a polygon has the correct geometry, namely; S4 or sf. Also, tests that there is a valid projection attached to the polygon.

### Usage

```
poly_tester(poly)
```

### Arguments

poly (as spatialPolygons, spatialPolygonDataFrames, or simple features).  
A spatial polygon object.

### Details

Returns an error message if the polygon is not in the correct geometry or CRS.

### Value

Returns error messages, or mute

### Examples

```
#load boundary of Camden
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
package="stppSim"))
boundary = camden$boundary # get boundary
poly_tester(poly=boundary)
```

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psim\_artif

*Stpp from synthetic origins*

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### Description

Generates spatiotemporal point patterns based on a set of synthesized origins.

**Usage**

```
psim_artif(n_events=1000, start_date = "2021-01-01",
poly, netw = NULL, n_origin, restriction_feat=NULL, field,
n_foci, foci_separation, mfocal = NULL, conc_type = "dispersed",
p_ratio=20, s_threshold = 50, step_length = 20,
trend = "stable", shortTerm = "cyclical", fPeak=90,
s_band = c(0, 200),
t_band = c(1, 5, 10),
slope = NULL, interactive = FALSE, show.plot=FALSE, show.data=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

n_events	number of points (events) to simulate. Default: 1000. A vector of integer values can be supplied, such as, c(a1, a2, ...), where a1, a2, ... represent different integer values.
start_date	the start date of the temporal pattern. The date should be in the format "yyyy-mm-dd". The 'gtp' will normally cover a 1-year period.
poly	(An sf or S4 object) a polygon shapefile defining the extent of the landscape.
netw	(An sf or S4 object) The network path of the landscape (e.g. road and/or street). Default: NULL. If provided each event is snapped to the closest network path/segment.
n_origin	number of locations to serve as origins for walkers. Default:50.
restriction_feat	(An S4 object) optional shapefile containing features in which walkers cannot walk through. Default: NULL.
field	a number in the range of [0-1] (i.e. restriction values) assigned to all features; or the name of a numeric field to extract such restriction values for different classes of feature. Restriction value 0 and 1 indicate the lowest and the highest obstructions, respectively. Default: NULL.
n_foci	number of focal points amongst the origin locations. The origins to serve as focal points are based on random selection. n_foci must be smaller than n_origins.
foci_separation	a value from 1 to 100 indicating the nearness of focal points to one another. A 0 separation indicates that focal points are in close proximity of one another, while a 100 indicates focal points being evenly distributed across space.
mfocal	the c(x, y) coordinates of a single point, representing a pre-defined main focal point (origin) in the area. The default is NULL in which a random coordinate is chosen within the polygon area.
conc_type	concentration of the rest of the origins (non-focal origins) around the focal ones. The options are "nucleated" and "dispersed".
p_ratio	the smaller of the two terms of proportional ratios. For example, a value of 20 implies 20:80 proportional ratios.
s_threshold	defines the spatial perception range of a walker at a given location. Default: 250 (in the same linear unit as the poly - polygon shapefile).
step_length	the maximum step taken by a walker from one point to the next.

trend	specifies the direction of the long-term trend. Options are: "falling", "stable", and "rising". Default value is: "stable".
shortTerm	type of short- to medium-term fluctuations (patterns) of the time series. Options are: "cyclical" and "acyclical". Default is: "cyclical".
fPeak	first seasonal peak of cyclical short term. Default value is 90. Only used for "cyclical" short term pattern.
s_band	distance bandwidth within which the event re-occurrences are maximized (i.e., interactions are maximum). Specified as a vector of two distance values. Default: c(0, 200).
t_band	temporal bandwidth within which event re-occurrences are maximized (i.e., interactions are maximum). Specified as a vector of values (in days) c(1, 5, 7, 14).
slope	slope of the long-term trend when an "rising" or "falling" trend is specified. Options: "gentle" or "steep". The default value is set as NULL for the stable trend.
interactive	Whether to run the process in interactive mode. Default is FALSE. If TRUE, a user is able to preview the spatial and temporal models of the expected distribution of the final simulated events (points).
show.plot	(logical) Shows GTP. Default is FALSE.
show.data	(TRUE or FALSE) To show the output data. Default is FALSE.
...	additional arguments to pass from gtp, walker and artif_spo functions.

## Details

Simulate artificial spatiotemporal patterns and interactions based user specifications.

## Value

Returns a list of artificial spatiotemporal point patterns based on user-defined parameters.

## Examples

```
## Not run:

#load boundary and land use of Camden
#load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
#package="stppSim"))
#boundary = camden$boundary # get boundary
#landuse = camden$landuse # get landuse
boundary <- stppSim::boundary
landuse <- stppSim::landuse
#In this example, we will use a minimal number of
#'n_origin' (i.e. `20`) for faster computation:

#simulate data
simulated_stpp <- psim_artif(n_events=200, start_date = "2021-01-01",
poly=boundary, netw = NULL, n_origin=20, restriction_feat = NULL,
field = NULL,
```

```

n_foci=1, foci_separation = 10, mfocal = NULL,
conc_type = "dispersed",
p_ratio = 20, s_threshold = 50,
step_length = 20,
trend = "stable", shortTerm = "cyclical",
fPeak=90, s_band = c(0, 200),
t_band = c(1, 5, 10),
slope = NULL, interactive = FALSE, show.plot=FALSE, show.data=FALSE)

#If `n_events` is a vector of values,
#retrieve the simulated data for the
#corresponding vector element by using
#`simulated_stpp[[enter-element-index-here]]`, e.g.,
#to retrieve the first dataframe, use
#simulated_stpp[[1]].

#The above example simulates point patterns on
#an unrestricted landscape. If set ,
#`restriction_feat = landuse` and
#`field = "restrVal"`, then the simulation
#is performed on a restricted landscape.

## End(Not run)

```

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psim\_real

*Stpp from real (sample) origins*


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### Description

Generates spatiotemporal point pattern from origins sampled based on real sample dataset.

### Usage

```

psim_real(n_events, ppt, start_date = NULL, poly = NULL,
netw = NULL, s_threshold = NULL, step_length = 20, n_origin=50,
restriction_feat=NULL, field=NA,
p_ratio=20, interactive = FALSE, s_range = 150,
s_interaction = "medium", tolerance = 0.07,
crsys = NULL)

```

### Arguments

n_events	number of points (events) to simulate. Default: 1000. A vector of integer values can be supplied, such as, c(a1, a2, ...), where a1, a2, ... represent different integer values.
ppt	A 3-column matrix or list containing x - eastings, y - northing, and t - time of occurrence (in the format: 'yyyy-mm-dd')



start_date	the start date of the temporal pattern. The date should be in the format "yyyy-mm-dd". The temporal pattern will normally cover 1-year period.
poly	(An sf or S4 object) a polygon shapefile defining the extent of the landscape
netw	(An sf or S4 object) The network path of the landscape (e.g. road and/or street). Default: NULL. If provided each event is snapped to the closest network path/segment.
s_threshold	defines the spatial perception range of a walker at a given location. Default: 250 (in the same linear unit as the poly - polygon shapefile).
step_length	the maximum step taken by a walker from one point to the next.
n_origin	number of locations to serve as origins for walkers. Default:50.
restriction_feat	(An S4 object) optional shapefile containing features in which walkers cannot walk through. Default: NULL.
field	a number in the range of [0-1] (i.e. restriction values) assigned to all features; or the name of a numeric field to extract such restriction values for different classes of feature. Restriction value 0 and 1 indicate the lowest and the highest obstructions, respectively. Default: NULL.
p_ratio	the smaller of the two terms of proportional ratios. For example, a value of 20 implies 20:80 proportional ratios.
interactive	Whether to run the process in interactive mode. Default is FALSE. If TRUE, a user is able to preview the spatial and temporal models of the expected distribution of the final simulated events (points).
s_range	A value (in metres), not less than 150, specifying the maximum range of spatial interaction across the space. For example, for 150m, the intervals of spatial interactions are created as (0, 50], (50 - 100], and (100-150], representing the "small", "medium", and "large", spatial interaction ranges, respectively. If s_range is set as NULL, simulation focusses only on generating point pattern with similar spatiotemporal patterns as the sample dataset.
s_interaction	(string) indicating the type of spatial interaction to detect. Default: "medium" (See parameter 's_range')
tolerance	Pvalue to use for the extraction of space-time interaction in the sample data. Default value: 0.05.
crs	(string) the EPSG code of the projection system of the ppt coordinates. This is only used if poly argument is NULL. See " <a href="http://spatialreference.org/">http://spatialreference.org/</a> " for the list of EPSG codes for different regions of the world. As an example, the EPSG code for the British National Grid projection system is: "EPSG:27700".

### Details

The spatial and temporal patterns and interactions detected in sample datasets are extrapolated to synthesise larger data size. Details of the spatiotemporal interactions detected in the sample dataset are provided. If the street network of the area is provided, each point is snapped to its nearest street segment.

### Value

A list of artificial spatiotemporal point patterns and interaction generated based on a sample (real) data.

## References

Davies, T.M. and Hazelton, M.L. (2010), Adaptive kernel estimation of spatial relative risk, *Statistics in Medicine*, 29(23) 2423-2437. Terrell, G.R. (1990), The maximal smoothing principle in density estimation, *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 85, 470-477.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(camden_crimes)
#subset 'theft' crime
theft <- camden_crimes[which(camden_crimes$type == "Theft"),]
#specify the proportion of full data to use
sample_size <- 0.3
set.seed(1000)
dat_sample <- theft[sample(1:nrow(theft),
round((sample_size * nrow(theft)), digits=0),
replace=FALSE),1:3]
#plot(dat_sample$x, dat_sample$y) #preview

#load boundary and land use of Camden
#load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
#package="stppSim"))
#landuse = camden$landuse # get landuse
landuse <- stppSim::landuse
#simulate data
simulated_stpp <- psim_real(n_events=2000, ppt=dat_sample,
start_date = NULL, poly = NULL, netw = NULL, s_threshold = NULL,
step_length = 20, n_origin=20,
restriction_feat = NULL, field=NULL,
p_ratio=20, interactive = FALSE, s_range = 150,
s_interaction = "medium", tolerance = 0.07,
crsys = "EPSG:27700")
#If `n_events` is a vector of values,
#retrieve the simulated data for the
#corresponding vector element by using
#`simulated_stpp[[enter-element-index-here]]`, e.g.,
#to retrieve the first dataframe, use
#simulated_stpp[[1]].

#The above example simulates point patterns on
#an unrestricted landscape. If \code{restriction_feat = landuse} and \code{field = "restrVal"},
then the simulation
#is run with the landuse features as restrictions
#on the landscape.

## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

Generates an n probability values in accordance with a specified proportional ratios.

**Usage**

```
p_prob(n, p_ratio = 20)
```

**Arguments**

n	a number of data points.
p_ratio	the smaller of the terms of specified proportional ratios. For instance, for a 30:70 ratio, p_ratio is equal to 30. Default value is set as 20. Valid p_ratio values are: (5, 10, 20, 30, 40).

**Details**

Proportional ratios are used to divide the area under curve (auc) of an exponential function such that for any given percentage ratios a:b, the auc is divided into b:a.

**Value**

Returns a dataframe with a probability field.

**Examples**

```
p_prob(n = 15, p_ratio = 20)
```

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snap\_points\_to\_lines *Snapping point to network*

---

**Description**

Snaps points to the nearest segment of a network data.

**Usage**

```
snap_points_to_lines(points, lines,
  verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

points	point data (sf object)
lines	line/street/road network (sf object)
verbose	Whether to output processing messages.

**Details**

Function snaps points (within 300m) to the nearest segment on a network. The remaining points outside 300m buffer are returned in their original locations (Credit: Michal Kvasnicka)

**Value**

Point (sf object) with adjusted coordinates to fit on the network data

**Examples**

```
#get line and point data
#load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
#package="stppSim"))
lines <- stppSim:::lines
pts <- stppSim:::pts
my_points <- snap_points_to_lines(points=pts,
lines=lines,
verbose = FALSE)

#preview result
#ggplot()+
#geom_sf(data = lines, col = 'red')+
#geom_sf(data = pts, shape = 1)
```

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space\_restriction      *Space restriction raster map*

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**Description**

Builds a space restriction map from one or more shapefiles. A space restriction raster map showing the restriction levels of various features across the landscape. The function builds on raster- and SimRiv-packages.

**Usage**

```
space_restriction(shp, baseMap, res, binary = is.na(field),
field = NA, background = 1)
```

**Arguments**

shp	shapefile object containing features to serve as obstructions to the movement of walkers.
baseMap	if provided, a raster onto which to stack the restriction features (shp).
res	the desired pixel resolution of the raster to be created, when baseMap is not provided.
binary	if TRUE, the shapefile will be rasterized so that all features are assigned a value of 0 (minimum restriction level), and the background is assigned 1 (maximum restriction level).

field	a number in the range of [0-1] (i.e. restriction values) assigned to all features; or the name of a numeric field to extract such restriction values ( $[0 \leq \text{value} < 1]$ ) for different classes of feature. Restriction value 0 and 1 indicate the lowest and the highest obstructions, respectively. Default: NULL.
background	the value in the range 0 and 1 to assign to all pixels that are not covered by any shapefile object.

### Details

Helps to create a complete space restriction map with cell values ranging from 0 (minimum restriction level) and 1 (maximum restriction level). All other areas not covered by any features are assigned the value of background. When stacking additional features to existing baseMap, only the areas covered by features are updated, while the remaining areas retain the original values of baseMap.

### Value

Returns a raster map showing the restriction levels across the landscape.

### References

1. Paul Murrell (2019). rasterize: Rasterize Graphical Output. R package version 0.1. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=rasterize>
2. Quaglietta L, Porto M (2019). SiMRiv: Individual-Based, Spatially-Explicit Simulation and Analysis of Multi-State Movements in River Networks and Heterogeneous Landscapes. R package version 1.0.4, <URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=SiMRiv>>.

### Examples

```
#load boundary of Camden and land use data
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
package="stppSim"))
boundary = camden$boundary # get boundary
restrct_map <- space_restriction(shp = boundary,
res = 20, binary = TRUE)
#plot the result
#plot(restrct_space)
#Setting 'restrct_space' raster as basemap, the landuse
#map can now be stacked onto the basemap as follows:
landuse = camden$landuse # get landuse
restrct_Landuse <- space_restriction(shp = landuse,
baseMap = restrct_map,
res = 20, field = "restrVal", background = 1)
#plot(restrct_Landuse)
```

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 stm

*Spatial and temporal model*


---

## Description

To generate graphics depicting the spatial and temporal models of the final simulation

## Usage

```
stm(pt, poly, df, crsys = NULL,
    display_output = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

pt	a data frame with the first three fields being 'x', 'y', and 'z' information.
poly	(An sf or S4 object) a polygon shapefile defining the extent of a landscape. Default: NULL, in which the spatial extent of pt is utilized.
df	a vector or 1-column data frame containing values for the time series.
crsys	(string) the EPSG code of the projection system of the ppt coordinates. This only used if poly argument is NULL. See " <a href="http://spatialreference.org/">http://spatialreference.org/</a> " for the list of EPSG codes for different regions of the world. As an example, the EPSG code for the British National Grid projection system is: "EPSG:27700".
display_output	(logical) display the output. Default: FALSE

## Details

Incorporated into `psim_artif` and `psim_real` functions to allow the preview of the spatial and the temporal model of the simulation. The spatial model is the strength distribution of origin which is the likeness of the spatial patterns to be simulated. The temporal model is the preview of the trend and seasonal patterns to be expected from the simulation.

## Value

A graphics showing the spatial and temporal model of the simulation.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
#load polygon shapefile
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
  package="stppSim"))
camden_boundary = camden$boundary
#read xyz data
data(xyz)
#create a time series
t <- seq(0,5,0.5)
df <- data.frame(data = abs(min(sin(t))) + sin(t))
```

```
#run function
stm(pt = xyz, poly=camden_boundary, df=df,
    crsys = NULL, display_output = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

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 stp\_learner

*Learning the spatiotemporal properties of a sample data*


---

## Description

Learns both the spatial and the temporal properties of a real sample dataset.

## Usage

```
stp_learner(ppt, start_date = NULL, poly = NULL,
            n_origin=50, p_ratio, gridSize = 150, s_range = 150,
            tolerance = 0.07,
            crsys = NULL, show.plot = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

ppt	A 3-column matrix or list containing x - eastings, y - northing, and t - time of occurrence (in the format: 'yyyy-mm-dd').
start_date	the start date of the temporal pattern. The date should be in the format "yyyy-mm-dd". The temporal pattern will normally cover 1-year period.
poly	(An sf or S4 object) a polygon shapefile defining the extent of the landscape
n_origin	number of locations to serve as origins for walkers. Default:50.
p_ratio	(an integer) The smaller of the two terms of a Pareto ratio. For example, a value of 20 implies a 20:80 Pareto ratio.
gridSize	the size of square grid to use for discretizing the space. Default is: 150.
s_range	A value (in metres), not less than 150, specifying the maximum range of spatial interaction across the space. For example, for 150m, the intervals of spatial interactions are created as (0, 50], (50 - 100], and (100-150], representing the "small", "medium", and "large", spatial interaction ranges, respectively. If s_range is set as NULL, simulation focusses only on generating point pattern with similar spatiotemporal patterns as the sample dataset.
tolerance	Pvalue to use for the extraction of space-time interaction in the sample data. Default value: 0.07.
crsys	(string) the EPSG code of the projection system of the ppt coordinates. This only used if poly argument is NULL. See " <a href="http://spatialreference.org/">http://spatialreference.org/</a> " for the list of EPSG codes for different regions of the world. As an example, the EPSG code for the British National Grid projection system is: "EPSG:27700".
show.plot	(TRUE or FALSE) Whether to show some displays.

### Details

Returns an object of the class `real_spo`, storing details of the spatiotemporal properties of the sample data learnt.

### Value

an object (list) containing specific spatial and temporal properties of a sample dataset.

### References

Silverman, B.W., 2018. Density estimation for statistics and data analysis. Routledge.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
#Goal: To learn the ST properties
#of a sample data, for the purpose of
#simulating the full dataset (see `psim_real`).
data(camden_crimes)
#subset 'theft' crime
theft <- camden_crimes[which(camden_crimes$type ==
"Theft"),1:3]
#specify the proportion of full data to use
sample_size <- 0.3
set.seed(1000)
dat_sample <- theft[sample(1:nrow(theft),
round((sample_size * nrow(theft)), digits=0),
replace=FALSE),]
#plot(dat_sample$x, dat_sample$y) #preview

stp_learner(dat_sample,
start_date = NULL, poly = NULL, n_origin=50,
p_ratio=20, gridSize = 150,
s_range = 150, tolerance = 0.07,
crsys = "EPSG:27700",
show.plot = FALSE)

## End(Not run)
```

### Description

A dynamic object capable of moving and avoiding obstacles on a landscape.



**Usage**

```
walker(n = 5, s_threshold = 250, step_length = 20,
poly = NULL, restriction_feat=NULL, field = NA, coords=c(0,0),
pt_itx = TRUE, show.plot = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of events to be generated by a walker within a temporal bin.
s_threshold	defines the spatial perception range of a walker at a given location. Default: 250 (in the same linear unit as the poly - polygon shapefile).
step_length	the maximum step taken by a walker from one point to the next.
poly	(An sf or S4 object) a polygon shapefile defining the extent of the landscape
restriction_feat	(An S4 object) optional shapefile containing features in which walkers cannot walk through. Default: NULL.
field	a number in the range of [0-1] (i.e. restriction values) assigned to all features; or the name of a numeric field to extract such restriction values for different classes of feature. Restriction value 0 and 1 indicate the lowest and the highest obstructions, respectively. Default: NULL.
coords	a vector of the form c(x, y) giving the initial coordinates of a walker (i.e., coordinates of origins). Default value is c(0, 0) for an arbitrary square space.
pt_itx	To check whether any of the specified initial origin coordinates falls outside the boundary. Default: TRUE.
show.plot	(TRUE or False) To show the time series plot. Default is FALSE.

**Details**

A walker is propelled by an in-built stochastic transition matrix and a specified set of spatial and temporal parameters. The transition matrix defines two states, namely; the exploratory and a performative states. A walker is capable of avoiding obstructions (i.e., restriction\_feat) if included. The resulting number of events may be slightly different from the value n because of the stochastic process involved.

**Value**

Returns a trace of walker's path, and the resulting events.

**References**

Quaglietta L, Porto M (2019). SiMRiv: Individual-Based, Spatially-Explicit Simulation and Analysis of Multi-State Movements in River Networks and Heterogeneous Landscapes\_. R package version 1.0.4, <URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=SiMRiv>>.

**Examples**

```
#load boundary of Camden
load(file = system.file("extdata", "camden.rda",
package="stppSim"))
boundary = camden$boundary # get boundary
walkerpath <- walker(n = 5, s_threshold = 250, step_length = 20,
poly = boundary, restriction_feat=NULL, field = NULL,
coords = c(0,0), pt_itx = TRUE, show.plot = FALSE)
#plot(walkerpath)
```

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xyt\_data

*Spatiotemporal point data*


---

**Description**

Example spatiotemporal point data of a part of San Francisco City, California, US

**Usage**

```
xyt_data
```

**Format**

A matrix containing three variables

- x: x coordinate
- y: y coordinate
- t: t time

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xyz

*xyz data*


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**Description**

Example data with 'x', 'y', and a 'z' information

**Usage**

```
xyz
```

**Format**

A matrix containing three variables

- x: x coordinate
- y: y coordinate
- z: z height/probability/etc

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