

# Package: spreadrate (via r-universe)

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dist2arc	<i>Approximate angle for a distance</i>
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### Description

Compute an approximate angle that correspond to a given distance in both longitude and latitude.

### Usage

```
dist2arc(x, dm)
```

### Arguments

x	A sfc_POINT object in longlat coordinates, indicating a position in the globe.
dm	A target distance in m.

### Details

The distance corresponding to an angle in longitude and latitude depends on the location in the earth and is typically different for both directions.

This function computes the angle that yields approximately the target distance when added to the longitude or the latitude by minimising the squared errors.

The average error is returned as an attribute.

### Value

A numeric value of angle in decimal degrees, such that a displacement in longitude and latitude by that magnitude corresponds to approximately the given distance.

**Examples**

```

require(sf)
## What angle yields 1 km at the equator? (and with which precision?)
x0 <- st_sfc(st_point(c(0, 0)), crs = 4326)
dist2arc(x0, 1e3)

## Note that this is independent of the longitude
x1 <- st_sfc(st_point(c(90, 0)), crs = 4326)
dist2arc(x1, 1e3)

## But is strongly dependent of the latitude
x2 <- st_sfc(st_point(c(0, 45)), crs = 4326)
x3 <- st_sfc(st_point(c(0, 75)), crs = 4326)
dist2arc(x2, 1e3)
dist2arc(x3, 1e3)

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estimation_mask	<i>Raster template for estimation</i>
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**Description**

Given a set of observations, define a estimation template.

**Usage**

```
estimation_mask(x, buffer_size, res = buffer_size/8)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class <code>sfg</code> , <code>sfc</code> or <code>sf</code> , including particularly objects of class <code>sr_obs</code> . Geographical objects that determine the estimation region.
buffer_size	Numeric. Expansion of the extent around the convex-hull of <code>x</code> . In the units of the data (e.g. m, or arc-degrees).
res	Numeric vector of length 1 or 2. Resolution of the raster template. Size(s) of the pixel, in metres.

**Examples**

```

## Some random points in the unit square
pp <- st_multipoint(matrix(runif(30), ncol = 2))
(em <- estimation_mask(pp, buffer_size = .3, res = .1))
plot(em)
points(st_coordinates(pp))

```

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filter\_earliest\_neigh *Earliest observations within a neighbourhood*

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## Description

Select a subset of the observation points at least `tol` m far apart as representative of the neighbourhood. Assign the earliest times observed in the neighbourhood to them.

## Usage

```
filter_earliest_neigh(x)
```

## Arguments

`x` `sr_obs` object.

## Details

Note that the neighbouring distance must be expressed in m, even when the coordinates are geographical.

This function reproduces the operation for all the Monte Carlo replicates if any.

For the original dataset, the neighbouring tolerance parameter is the mean value of the interval specified in its `uq`.

## Value

Another `sr_obs` object with a subset of the points and the earliest times observed in the neighbourhood of each.

## Examples

```
d <- data.frame(lon = runif(30), lat = runif(30), date = 1:30)

## Use between 10 and 20 % of data diameter as neighbouring
## tolerance. The main result will use exactly 15% while the
## \code{mc} replicates will use random Gaussian values from
## that interval (at 99.9%)
sruq <- sr_uq(10, 0, 1, neigh_tol = c(-10, -20))
sro <- sr_obs(d, "date", uq = sruq)
srf <- filter_earliest_neigh(sro)
```

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`fit_surface`*Fit a Thin-plate splines model to a set of observations*

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**Description**

Fit a Thin-plate splines model to a set of observations

**Usage**

```
fit_surface(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A `sr_obs` object defined with `sr_obs`.

**Value**

An object of class `Krig` and `Tps` which includes the fitted values and the model residuals. See [Tps](#). It also allows interpolation using [interpolate](#).

**Examples**

```
d <- data.frame(lon = runif(30), lat = runif(30))
d <- transform(d, date = round(10 * sqrt(lon**2 + lat**2)))
sro <- sr_obs(d, "date")
fm <- fit_surface(sro)
summary(fm)
plot(fm) # Some model diagnostics plots
fields::surface(fm) # Quick image/contour plot of predicted surface.
```

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`get_lonlatvars`*Identify variables with geographical coordinates*

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**Description**

Given a `data.frame` with two variables with longitudes and latitudes, return the variable names.

**Usage**

```
get_lonlatvars(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` `data.frame`

**Details**

This function explores the names of the variables for the patterns 'lon' or 'long' and 'lat' ignoring case. If exactly one of each patterns is detected, it verifies that their magnitudes are within -365 and 365 for the longitude and within -90.1 and 90.1 for the latitude.

**Value**

A character vector with the variable names for longitude and latitude, or an error.

**Examples**

```
d <- data.frame(lon = 1:10, lat = 1:10)
get_lonlatvars(d)
```

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invslope

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*Compute the inverse slope of the input surface*


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**Description**

This function is used to derive local spread rate from a first-date-of-invasion surface

**Usage**

```
invslope(x, rmtop, bnd)
```

**Arguments**

x	Raster* with estimated first-arrival date. Needs to be projected.
rmtop	Numeric, between 0 and 100. Discard the rmtop top percent of values.
bnd	Numeric vector of length 2. Expected range of values. Everything beyond this range is filtered.

**Details**

To control for spurious numerical divergences, the user can remove the largest rmtop values beyond a reasonable interval bnd.

**Value**

An object of the same class Raster\* as the input.

**Examples**

```
## A flat surface with constant slope of 1
r_values <- replicate(100, seq(0.01, 1, length = 100))
r <- raster(r_values, crs = sp::CRS("+init=epsg:3857"))
plot(r)
invslope(r)
```

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mc_sample	<i>Monte Carlo samples from a dataset</i>
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**Description**

Shuffle observations in space and time.

**Usage**

```
mc_sample(x)
```

**Arguments**

x An object of class `sr_obs` from function [sr\\_obs](#)

**Details**

Add an attribute `mc` with a list of datasets with some noise added to the original coordinates and dates. The number of Monte Carlo samples and the variability of the noise is given by the `sr_uq` attribute in the object.

**Examples**

```
d <- data.frame(lon = 1, lat = 1, date = 1)
sr_obs(d, "date", uq = sr_uq(nsim = 3, space = 1, time = 1))
```

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neigh_tol	<i>Neighbourhood Tolerance Parameter</i>
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**Description**

Get the value or interval of the Neighbourhood Tolerance Parameter of a `sr_obs` object.

**Usage**

```
neigh_tol(x)
```

**Arguments**

x A `sr_obs` object.

**Details**

This function retrieves the values set during creation with `sr_obs` in absolute terms, performing the conversion from values relative to the diameter of the dataset if necessary. See [sr\\_uq](#).

**Value**

A numeric vector of size 1 or 2. Either a constant value for this parameter or a interval with distance values in m.

**Examples**

```
d <- data.frame(lon = 1:3, lat = 1:3, date = 1:3)

## Here, the neighbourhood tolerance parameter is set between
## 2.5 % of the dataset diameter and 1 km.
## Note that the resulting distances are in m, even if the
## original coordinates are geographic.
obs <- sr_obs(d, "date", uq = sr_uq(neigh_tol = c(-2.5, 1e4)))
neigh_tol(obs)
```

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representative\_points *Choose representative points*

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**Description**

Select a subset of points at a minimum tolerance distance from each other.

**Usage**

```
representative_points(x, dTolerance)
```

**Arguments**

x	Object of class sf
dTolerance	Numeric. Distance tolerance in m.

**Value**

Object of class sf with a subset of the original locations in x.

**Examples**

```
## 50 points in the unit square
require(sf)
x <- st_sfc(st_multipoint(matrix(runif(100), ncol = 2)), crs = 3857)
representative_points(x, .5)
```



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sr	<i>Spread rate</i>
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## Description

Estimate the local spread rate of an epidemiological invasion.

## Usage

```
sr(x, r = estimation_mask(x, buffer_size = max(st_distance(x))/10))
```

## Arguments

x	A sr_obs object defined with <a href="#">sr_obs</a> .
r	A raster template for results.

## Details

This function will compute spread-rate estimates for all of the Monte Carlo samples in the dataset. It uses internally the function [future\\_map](#) which will take advantage of multiple processors or cluster access if you set a proper [plan](#) beforehand. See examples.

## Examples

```
require(sf)
## Randomly sample 100 point in the unit square
x_mat <- matrix(runif(100 * 2), ncol = 2)

## Make it spatial point in a projected CRS
x_sfc <- st_cast(st_sfc(st_multipoint(x_mat), crs = 3857), "POINT")

## Assign dates proportional to the squared distance to the origin
## So that spread-rate decreases linearly
obs_dates <- sqrt(rowSums(x_mat**2))
sro <- sr_obs(st_sf(x_sfc, date = obs_dates), "date")

## Alternative setting with uncertainty quantification and an
## absolute specification of the neighbouring tolerance parameter.
# sro2 <- sr_obs(st_sf(x_sfc, date = obs_dates), "date",
# uq = sr_uq(6, .2, .2, .3))

## Estimate local spread-rate
## in the units of the coordinates divided by the units of time
sre <- sr(sro)
plot(sre, col = hcl.colors(12))
points(st_coordinates(sro), pch = 19)
```

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sr_fdoi	<i>First-date of invasion</i>
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### Description

Estimate a surface of first-date of invasion, given a sparse set of observation locations and times.

### Usage

```
sr_fdoi(x, estimation_mask)
```

### Arguments

x	A sr_obs object defined with <a href="#">sr_obs</a> .
estimation_mask	A raster template for results.

### Details

This function first takes the earliest observed case in a neighbourhood, as defined by the parameter `neigh_tol` in the definition of `x`. Next, it interpolates the earliest observations with a smooth surface, using a Thin-Plate splines model.

### Value

A RasterLayer with estimated dates of invasion at each pixel.

### Examples

```
d <- data.frame(lon = runif(30), lat = runif(30))
d <- transform(d, date = round(10 * sqrt(lon**2 + lat**2)))
sro <- sr_obs(d, "date")
r <- raster(st_sf(sro), vals = 1)
fdoi <- sr_fdoi(sro, r)
plot(fdoi, col = hcl.colors(12))
points(d)
```

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sr_obs	<i>Define a observations dataset</i>
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### Description

Provide a dataset with the necessary meta-data for spread-rate estimation.

### Usage

```
sr_obs(x, timevar, uq)
```

## Arguments

x	data frame with geographical coordinates or sf object of type POINT, or another sr_obs object.
timevar	Character. Variable name with observation times or dates.
uq	Object created with sr_uq() with parameters of Uncertainty Quantification. See Details for default behaviour.

## Details

If x is a data.frame with geographical coordinates (longitude and latitude) these are automatically recognised and validated. See [get\\_lonlatvars](#),

If your dataset is projected (no lon/lat variables) then first build the sf object yourself using the corresponding Coordinate Reference System. See example.

If uq is missing and x is a data.frame or sf, a default value is generated with sr\_uq() which does not perform Uncertainty Quantification. See [sr\\_uq](#). If uq is missing and x is a sr\_obs object,

This function will produce the Monte Carlo samples from the dataset and the uq object, if necessary. It uses internally the function [future\\_map](#) which will take advantage of multiple processors or cluster access if you set a proper [plan](#) beforehand. See examples.

## Value

Object of class sr\_obs, which is a sf of type POINT with complementary meta-data.

## Examples

```
d_geo <- data.frame(lon = 1, lat = 1, date = 1)
sr_obs(d_geo, "date")

## Projected coordinates
d_prj <- data.frame(x = 1, y = 1, date = 1)
d_sf <- st_as_sf(d_prj, coords = c("x", "y"), crs = 27561)
sr_obs(d_sf, "date")

## Not run:
## Perform Monte Carlo samples in parallel
library(furrr)
plan(multiprocess)
uq <- sr_uq(nsim = 3, space = 1, time = 1)
sr_obs(d_geo, "date", uq = uq)

## End(Not run)
```

sr\_uq

*Parameters for Uncertainty Quantification***Description**

Define the parameters for quantifying the uncertainty in the estimation of the spread-rate.

**Usage**

```
sr_uq(nsim = 1L, space = 0, time = 0, neigh_tol = -4.5)
```

**Arguments**

nsim	Integer > 0. Number of Monte Carlo replicates.
space	Numeric, non-negative. Uncertainty of spatial coordinates.
time	Numeric, non-negative. Uncertainty of temporal values.
neigh_tol	Number or interval (numeric vector of length 2). Neighbouring-tolerance parameter in the units of the dataset coordinates if positive, or relative to the dataset diameter if negative.

**Details**

The actual observations will be The number of Monte Carlo replicates The space and time arguments are expressed in the data spatial and temporal units.

For each one of the `nsim` replicates, the observations will be randomly shifted in space within a circle of radius `space`, while the dates will be shifted within the interval  $\pm$  `time` with a discrete approximation to a Gaussian curve.

The neighbouring-tolerance parameter `neigh_tol` is used to filter the earliest observed cases in a *neighbourhood*. If two points are closer than this value, they are considered roughly in the same neighbourhood. The date of invasion of a location is the earliest observed case in the neighbourhood. It can be defined as a numeric value in the units of the coordinates, or as a range (i.e. a numeric vector of length 2). Negative values will be interpreted as a percentage of the diameter of the dataset.

**Value**

An object of class `sr_uq` which is a list with the given or default values, after some sanity checks.

**Examples**

```
## Use the default values: work with current observations
## without quantifying uncertainty
uq_def <- sr_uq()

## Set the neighbouring-tolerance parameter only
uq1 <- sr_uq(neigh_tol = 800)
```

```
## 10 MC replicates, shift locations within a circle of radius
## 1 km, shift dates by zero/one day up or down, consider points
## closer than 5% of the diameter of the dataset as in the same
## neighbourhood
uq <- sr_uq(nsim = 10, space = 1e3, time = 1, neigh_tol = -5)
```

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st\_transform.sr\_obs    *Transform coordinates of a sr\_obs object*

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### Description

Transform the underlying sf object and all the MC replicas, if any.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sr_obs'
st_transform(x, crs, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A sr_obs object created with <a href="#">sr_obs</a> .
crs	Coordinate reference system: integer with the EPSG code or character with proj4string
...	Ignored

### Value

A sr\_obs object in the target projection.

### Examples

```
## Some observed data and MC replicates in longitude/latitude
x <- sr_obs(data.frame(lat = 1, lon = 1, day = 1), "day", uq = sr_uq(2, 1, 1))
st_crs(x)
lapply(attr(x, "mc"), st_crs)

xt <- st_transform(x, 3857)
st_crs(xt)
lapply(attr(xt, "mc"), st_crs)
```

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time_jitter	<i>Jitter a vector of 1D values</i>
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**Description**

Modify a vector of dates by a random quantity in  $[-e, e]$ . The distribution decreases exponentially, with rate  $1/2$

**Usage**

```
time_jitter(x, e)
```

**Arguments**

x	Numeric or Date vector.
e	Numeric. Semi-width of the jittering interval.

**Value**

Vector of the same size and type as x with jittered values.

**Examples**

```
spreadrate::time_jitter(1:10, 1) # Numeric input
spreadrate::time_jitter(Sys.Date() + 1:10, 1) # Date input

## Distribution of jittering
x <- seq.int(1e3)
xj <- spreadrate::time_jitter(x, 5)
barplot(table(x - xj))
```

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