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areaEstimator	<i>Area Estimator</i>
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Description

Estimate the area of multiple overlapping ellipses

Usage

```
areaEstimator(sitemap, fieldarea, precision = 1000)
```

Arguments

- sitemap a matrix with sites per row and columns: site_number, site_area, eccentricity, angle, center.x, center.y, ellipse.a,ellipse.b
- fieldarea vector with dimensions of field surveyed in km: c(x_size,y_size)
- precision how many dots will be projected of field. Total dots equal precision * precision. Default value = 1000 (1 million dots projected)

Details

This function will estimate the area occupied by sites (ellipses) in a rectangular field, taking into consideration the fact that sites can overlap. It is formatted to be used inside fieldMap().

This function is a cookie-cutter area estimator, given the complexities of calculating the real areas of overlapping ellipses. It projects N x N equally spaced dots in the survey field and calculates the ratio of how many of them fall inside at least one site (ellipse). Using a precision of 1000 x 1000 dots, it approximates area to within 0.1% of real area.

Value

The rate of points that are inside at least one ellipse divided by all points projected in the area.

Examples

```
#create a matrix with 2 sites randomly located using `fieldMap()`
site.example<-fieldMap(c(1,1),2,250000,plot=TRUE)

#define size of field
field.area<-c(1,1)

#calculate area
areaEstimator(site.example$site.frame,field.area)
```

cloudGenerator	<i>Cloud Generator</i>
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Description

Creates a cloud of dots inside ellipsoid sites

Usage

```
cloudGenerator(  
  density,  
  a,  
  b,  
  angle,  
  center.x,  
  center.y,  
  type = "uniform",  
  precision = 30,  
  plot = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

density	dots (artifacts) per m^2
a	ellipse (site) long axis in km
b	ellipse (site) short axis in km
angle	ellipse (site) angle of rotation in radians
center.x	center of ellipse in x axis
center.y	center of ellipse in y axis
type	type of density distribution. Choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• uniform: dots are uniformly distributed within ellipse• linear: density of dots decreases linearly from center• spherical: density of dots decreases following elliptical function (abrupt drop near margins)• sinusoidal: density of dots decreases following sinusoidal equation
precision	how many slices of the distribution will be made (more = much slower run times). Default = 30
plot	if function should plot results. function does not work outside surveySim()

Details

`cloudGenerator()` creates a cloud of point inside an ellipsoid site of predefined size and shape, to represent the locations of artifacts in a site. The function can build artifact scatters with different densities profiles. The function uses an "onion-layer" approach to approximate the density of points from the center. In practice, it means that each site is composed of N ellipse slices surrounding the previous slice, with each slice having a different artifact density depending on the density function selected. This approach also makes the `surveySim` function more efficient, since it will search for artifact hits only on the slices that intersect the survey pits.

Value

A list with two objects:

- `coords` A list of the bands (N=precision) that represent the site, each populated with the X and Y coordinates for all artifacts.
- `info` A list with the number of pieces created (`$total.pieces`), area of the site (`$total.area`), and artifact density in the site.

Examples

```
#create a small site with low density uniform distribution
uni.site<-cloudGenerator(0.1,0.1,0.05,pi/4,0.5,0.5,type="u")

#plot a site with uniform artifact distribution through surveySim
SiteParameters<-parametersExample
SiteParameters$simulations=1
SiteParameters$site.density=1
SiteParameters$obj.density=0.1
SiteParameters$obj.distribution = "u"
surveySim(SiteParameters,plot.artifacts = TRUE)

#plot a site with sinusoidal artifact distribution through surveySim
SiteParameters$obj.distribution = "si"
surveySim(SiteParameters,plot.artifacts = TRUE)
```

fieldMap

Field Map

Description

Creates randomly placed ellipsoid sites in a rectangular field.

Usage

```
fieldMap(
  area,
  site.density,
```

```

    site.area,
    overlap = 0.5,
    plot = FALSE,
    areaprecision = 1000
  )

```

Arguments

area	vector with horizontal and vertical size (hor, ver) of area surveyed in km.
site.density	number of sites/ km^2 . Can be one constant value or vector with two values (min, max) to create a range of densities between simulations.
site.area	either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One values with uniform area for all sites, or • Vector with 4 values (min, max, mean, st dev), to create variable areas. areas in this case are normally distributed based on mean and stdev, but within the range of min and max.
overlap	proportion of overlap possible between sites: from (0 = no overlap allowed to 1 = sites can occupy same space)
plot	whether site ellipses should be plotted.
areaprecision	value passed to areaEstimator. Defines precision of area calculation. Default value (1000), returns area within 0.1% of real area occupied by sites

Details

fieldMap() creates and plots randomly placed ellipses representing archaeological sites. The sites are created inside a user-defined rectangle, with random positions and random rotations. It allows also to control the percentage of overlap between sites.

Value

A list with three objects:

site.frame	A matrix with the properties of each site generated.
totalArea	The sum of areas of all site ellipses.
actualArea	The area occupied by the site ellipses taking into account their overlap)

Examples

```

#example of map with 8 sites or variable areas and partial overlap
field.example<-fieldMap(
  area=c(1,1),
  site.density=8,
  site.area=c(50000,250000,150000,50000),
  overlap=0.5,
  plot=TRUE)

```

parametersExample	Parameters Example
Description	
A test list of parameters for surveySim()	
Usage	
parametersExample	
Format	
An object of class surveySim of length 10.	
Details	
This is just a test list of parameters to be used as an example in surveySim().	
The values of this parameters are:	
Width between survey lines (col.width) = 50 m	
Type of survey grid (grid.type) = hexagonal	
Number of simulations = 10	
Survey area = 0.5km x 0.5km	
Density of sites (site.density) = 20	
Area of sites (site.area) = 10,000m²	
Maximum site overlap = 0.5	
Density of artifacts (obj.density) = 1/m²	
Artifact distribution (obj.distribution) = spherical	
Survey radius (survey.radius) = 0.5m	
plotSurveySumm	Plot Survey Summaries

Description

Plots the different results from surveySim()

Usage

plotSurveySumm(summaryList, plot = "sites.found", labels = NULL)

Arguments

summaryList	a list of survey summaries, the output of surveySim()
plot	what variable to plot. Options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sites.found - plots frequency of sites found • survey.hits - plots frequency of surveys that hit a site • success.rate.index - plots the success rate of surveys, i.e. the ratio of successful surveys over total surveys • sites.found.arti - plots frequency of sites found based on artifacts present in sites • survey.hits.arti - plots frequency of surveys that found at least one artifact
labels	vector with name of each item in list, to be added to the legend. If NULL, names will be taken from list

Details

This function will plot the results of the surveySim() simulations using Kernel Density plots. All the grids that are to be compared should be grouped into 1 list (list(a,b,c,etc...)) The plot function allows you to choose different parts of the survey summaries produced by surveySim() you want to plot.

Examples

```
#create 3 Simulations with sites of different sizes:
small.sites<-parametersExample
small.sites$site.area=500

medium.sites<-parametersExample
medium.sites$site.area=1000

large.sites<-parametersExample
large.sites$site.area=2000

#run the 3 simulations
small.survey<-surveySim(small.sites)
medium.survey<-surveySim(medium.sites)
large.survey<-surveySim(large.sites)

#create the comparative plot.
#note that the results go into a list. If labels are not given, legend is built on list names
plotSurveySumm(
  list(small.survey,medium.survey,large.survey),
  plot="sites.found",
  labels=c("Small sites","Medium sites","Large sites"))
```

surveyLoops

*Survey Loops***Description**

Perform multiple survey simulations changing values on one variable and plot the results

Usage

```
surveyLoops(surveyParameters, loopVariable, loopSequence, plotResult)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| surveyParameters | list of parameters (object class surveySim) |
| loopVariable | variable to be looped. Can be any of the variables that exist in surveyParameters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • col.width - vector of numbers with distances between STP rows • grid.type - vector of strings with names of grid types • simulations - vector of numbers with numbers of simulations • area - list with 2 vectors, one for x and one for y of area (vectors MUST be same length) • site.density - vector with numbers of site density OR list with 2 vectors, one with minimum site densities, one with maximum (vectors MUST be same length) • site.area - vector with numbers of site areas OR list with 4 vectors, one with minimums, one with maximums, one with means, one with st.devs (vectors MUST be same length) • overlap - vector of numbers with varying overlaps • obj.density - vector with varying artifact density OR list with 2 vectors, one with minimum artifact densities, one with maximum (vectors MUST be same length) • obj.distribution - vector of names of artifact distribution • survey.radius vector with varying survey radii |
| loopSequence | object with varying values, as defined above |
| plotResult | which results from the summary table will be plotted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • surveysPerSim - plots the total number of surveys created in each simulation • sitesFound - plots the frequency of sites found • sitesFoundOnArtifacts - plots the frequency of sites found based on surveys finding at least one artifact • artifactsPerSurvey - plots the average number of artifacts found per survey in each simulation • successRateIndex - plots the success rate index (ratio of survey pits that found a site over total number of survey pits made) |

Details

surveyLoops() will run a series of simulations along one variable with values provided by user. Through this function, the user can simulate and evaluate the changes in efficiency and efficacy of specific variables, while holding every other value constant. The function runs multiple instances of surveySim() using values of surveyParameters and replacing one of them with a sequence of values offered by the user.

Value

A list with five objects:

surveysPerSim	A matrix with the number of survey pits done in each simulation.
sitesFound	A matrix with the summary statistics about frequency of sites found in each simulation.
sitesFoundOnArtifacts	A matrix with the summary statistics about frequency of sites detected based on artifacts found in each simulation.
artifactsPerSurver	A matrix with the summary statistics about artifacts found per survey pit in each simulation.
succesRateIndex	A matrix with the summary statistics about success rate (number of succesful survey pits/total survey pits)

Examples

```
#Loop the impact of increasing distances between survey rows
width.loop<-surveyLoops(parametersExample,"col.width",c(50,75,100,125,150),"sitesFound")

#Loop the impact of different artifact distributions on surveys
distr.loop<-surveyLoops(
  parametersExample,
  "obj.distribution",
  c("uniform","linear","spherical","sinusoidal"),
  "sitesFoundOnArtifacts")
```

surveySim	<i>Survey Simulations</i>
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Description

Master function that runs survey simulations

Usage

```
surveySim(
  survey.parameters,
  artifact.analysis = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
```

```

    plot.artifacts = FALSE,
    areaprecision = 1000
  )

```

Arguments

`survey.parameters`

List of class `surveySim`. See package's vignette or the help of `parametersExample` for details. The following items must be included in list of class `surveySim`

- `col.width` the space between columns in the grid IN METERS
- `grid.type` options are: "square", "rectangle", "staggered", "hexagonal", "arbitrary.staggered", following Kintigh 1988
- `simulations` number of random maps to be created and contrasted with the grids
- `area` vector with horizontal and vertical size of area surveyed in km OBS: Sites will all be ellipses with radii not too different and random angles
- `site.density` measured as number of sites/ km^2 . Can be either one value or a vector with 2 values (min and max) to create a range of densities
- `site.area` can be one of two options: 1. one value indicating the area of all sites, in m^2 ; or 2. a vector with 4 values: min, max, mean (or median), and standard deviation in m^2
- `overlap` maximum overlap of site area, ranging from 0 = no overlap allowed to 1 = complete overlap possible
- `obj.density` artifacts per m^2 . Can be a single value (uniform for all sites) or a range of values defined as min and max
- `obj.distribution` type of cloud distribution for artifacts inside sites. Choose from: 'uniform', 'linear', 'spherical', 'sinusoidal'
- `survey.radius` the radius of the survey pit (assumed to be a circle)

`artifact.analysis`

Includes the analysis of artifacts in sites. Can be very time-consuming for mid-high artifact densities. Default = TRUE

`plot`

If TRUE the last iteration of the simulations will be plotted.

`plot.artifacts`

If TRUE the artifacts in each site will be plotted. Default = FALSE because it is resource intensive for mid-high densities.

`areaprecision`

Area covered by sites is approximated by a cookie-cutter approach. Default precision = 1000 gives approximate area within 1% error. Higher values reduce error but are more resource intensive.

Details

`surveySim()` is the main function that will conduct the simulations of survey grids based on the Survey Parameters created by user.

Value

A list with four objects:

Summary	A matrix with summary statistics about number of surveys, frequency of site finds, artifacts presence, and suc
BySite	A matrix with results of the analyses by site from each of the survey areas created in the simulation.
ByArtifact	A matrix with results of the analyses by artifact presence in survey pits from each of the survey areas created in
Parameters	A list with the parameters used to run the simulation.

#' @references Kintigh (1988) The Effectiveness of Subsurface Testing: A Simulation Approach.
American Antiquity, 53:686-707. doi: [10.2307/281113](https://doi.org/10.2307/281113)

Examples

```
#Runs simulations based on parametersExample
surveyExample<-surveySim(parametersExample)

#Edit parametersExample to have 50 simulations and then run simulations
tmp_parameters <-parametersExample
tmp_parameters$simulations<-50
survey50<-surveySim(tmp_parameters)
```

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