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Description Provides novel dendroclimatological methods, primarily used by the Tree-ring research community. There are four core functions. The first one is daily\_response(), which finds the optimal sequence of days that are related to one or more tree-ring proxy records. Similar function is daily\_response\_seascorr(), which implements partial correlations in the analysis of daily response functions. For the enthusiast of monthly data, there is monthly\_response() function. The last core function is compare\_methods(), which effectively compares several linear and nonlinear regression algorithms on the task of climate reconstruction.

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#### **Description**

Calculates performance metrics for train and test data. Calculated performance metrics are correlation coefficient (r), root mean squared error (RMSE), root relative squared error (RRSE), index of agreement (d), reduction of error (RE), coefficient of efficiency (CE), detrended efficiency (DE) and bias.

## Usage

```
calculate_metrics(
   train_predicted,
   test_predicted,
   train_observed,
   test_observed,
   digits = 4,
   formula,
   test
)
```

#### **Arguments**

train\_predicted

a vector indicating predicted data for training set

test\_predicted a vector indicating predicted data for testing set train\_observed a vector indicating observed data for training set test\_observed a vector indicating observed data for training set digits integer of number of digits to be displayed

formula an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic

description of the model to be fitted. This additional argument is needed to

calculate DE metrics.

test data frame with test data.

#### Value

a data frame of calculated test and train metrics

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## **Examples**

```
data(example_dataset_1)
test_data <- example_dataset_1[1:30, ]</pre>
train_data <- example_dataset_1[31:55, ]</pre>
lin_mod <- lm(MVA ~., data = train_data)</pre>
train_predicted <- predict(lin_mod, train_data)</pre>
test_predicted <- predict(lin_mod, test_data)</pre>
train_observed <- train_data[, 1]</pre>
test_observed <- test_data[, 1]</pre>
calculate_metrics(train_predicted, test_predicted, train_observed,
test_observed, test = test_data, formula = MVA ~.)
test_data <- example_dataset_1[1:20, ]</pre>
train_data <- example_dataset_1[21:55, ]</pre>
library(brnn)
lin_mod <- brnn(MVA ~., data = train_data)</pre>
train_predicted <- predict(lin_mod, train_data)</pre>
test_predicted <- predict(lin_mod, test_data)</pre>
train_observed <- train_data[, 1]</pre>
test_observed <- test_data[, 1]</pre>
calculate_metrics(train_predicted, test_predicted, train_observed,
test_observed, test = test_data, formula = MVA ~.)
```

compare\_methods

compare\_methods

## **Description**

Calculates performance metrics for calibration (train) and validation (test) data of different regression methods: multiple linear regression (MLR), artificial neural networks with Bayesian regularization training algorithm (BRNN), (ensemble of) model trees (MT) and random forest of regression trees (RF). With the subset argument, specific methods of interest could be specified. Calculated performance metrics are the correlation coefficient (r), the root mean squared error (RMSE), the root relative squared error (RRSE), the index of agreement (d), the reduction of error (RE), the coefficient of efficiency (CE), the detrended efficiency (DE) and mean bias. For each of the considered methods, there are also residual diagnostic plots available, separately for calibration, holdout and edge data, if applicable.

## Usage

```
compare_methods(
  formula,
  dataset,
  k = 10,
  repeats = 2,
  optimize = TRUE,
  dataset_complete = NULL,
  BRNN_neurons = 1,
 MT_{committees} = 1,
 MT_neighbors = 5,
 MT_rules = 200,
 MT_unbiased = TRUE,
 MT_extrapolation = 100,
 MT_sample = 0,
 RF_ntree = 500,
  RF_{maxnodes} = 5,
 RF_mtry = 1,
 RF_nodesize = 1,
  seed_factor = 5,
  digits = 3,
  blocked_CV = FALSE,
  PCA_transformation = FALSE,
  log_preprocess = TRUE,
  components_selection = "automatic",
  eigenvalues_threshold = 1,
 N_{components} = 2,
  round_bias_cal = 15,
  round_bias_val = 4,
  n_bins = 30,
  edge\_share = 0.1,
 MLR_stepwise = FALSE,
  stepwise_direction = "backward",
 methods = c("MLR", "BRNN", "MT", "RF"),
  tuning_metric = "RMSE",
  BRNN_neurons_vector = c(1, 2, 3),
 MT_{committees\_vector} = c(1, 5, 10),
 MT_neighbors_vector = c(0, 5),
 MT_rules_vector = c(100, 200),
 MT_unbiased_vector = c(TRUE, FALSE),
 MT_{extrapolation\_vector} = c(100),
 MT_sample_vector = c(0),
 RF_ntree_vector = c(100, 250, 500),
  RF_{maxnodes\_vector} = c(5, 10, 20, 25),
  RF_mtry_vector = c(1),
  RF_nodesize_vector = c(1, 5, 10),
  holdout = NULL,
  holdout_share = 0.1,
```

```
holdout_manual = NULL,
total_reproducibility = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

formula an object of class "formula" (or one that can be coerced to that class): a symbolic

description of the model to be fitted.

dataset a data frame with dependent and independent variables as columns and (op-

tional) years as row names.

k number of folds for cross-validation

repeats number of cross-validation repeats. Should be equal or more than 1

optimize if set to TRUE (default), the optimal values for the tuning parameters will be

selected in a preliminary cross-validation procedure

dataset\_complete

optional, a data frame with the full length of tree-ring parameter, which will be

used to reconstruct the climate variable specified with the formula argument

BRNN\_neurons number of neurons to be used for the brnn method

MT\_committees an integer: how many committee models (e.g. boosting iterations) should be

used?

MT\_neighbors how many, if any, neighbors should be used to correct the model predictions

MT\_rules an integer (or NA): define an explicit limit to the number of rules used (NA let's

Cubist decide).

MT\_unbiased a logical: should unbiased rules be used?

MT\_extrapolation

a number between 0 and 100: since Cubist uses linear models, predictions can be outside of the outside of the range seen the training set. This parameter controls how much rule predictions are adjusted to be consistent with the training set.

MT\_sample a number between 0 and 99.9: this is the percentage of the dataset to be randomly

selected for model building (not for out-of-bag type evaluation)

RF\_ntree number of trees to grow. This should not be set to too small a number, to ensure

that every input row gets predicted at least a few times

RF\_maxnodes maximum number of terminal nodes trees in the forest can have number of variables randomly sampled as candidates at each split

RF\_nodesize minimum size of terminal nodes. Setting this number larger causes smaller trees

to be grown (and thus take less time).

seed\_factor an integer that will be used to change the seed options for different repeats.

digits integer of number of digits to be displayed in the final result tables

blocked\_CV default is FALSE, if changed to TRUE, blocked cross-validation will be used to

compare regression methods.

PCA\_transformation

if set to TRUE, all independent variables will be transformed using PCA trans-

formation.

log\_preprocess if set to TRUE, variables will be transformed with logarithmic transformation before used in PCA

components\_selection

character string specifying how to select the Principal Components used as predictors. There are three options: "automatic", "manual" and "plot\_selection". If parameter is set to automatic, all scores with eigenvalues above 1 will be selected. This threshold could be changed by changing the eigenvalues\_threshold argument. If parameter is set to "manual", user should set the number of components with N\_components argument. If component selection is se to "plot\_selection", Scree plot will be shown and user must manually enter the number of components used as predictors.

eigenvalues\_threshold

threshold for automatic selection of Principal Components

N\_components number of Principal Components used as predictors

round\_bias\_cal number of digits for bias in calibration period. Effects the outlook of the final

ggplot of mean bias for calibration data (element 3 of the output list)

round\_bias\_val number of digits for bias in validation period. Effects the outlook of the final

ggplot of mean bias for validation data (element 4 of the output list)

n\_bins number of bins used for the histograms of mean bias

edge\_share the share of the data to be considered as the edge (extreme) data. This argu-

ment could be between 0.10 and 0.50. If the argument is set to 0.10, then the 5

considered to be the edge data.

MLR\_stepwise if set to TRUE, stepwise selection of predictors will be used for the MLR method

stepwise\_direction

the mode of stepwise search, can be one of "both", "backward", or "forward",

with a default of "backward".

methods a vector of strings related to methods that will be compared. A full method

vector is methods = c("MLR", "BRNN", "MT", "RF"). To use only a subset of

methods, pass a vector of methods that you would like to compare.

tuning\_metric a string that specifies what summary metric will be used to select the optimal

value of tuning parameters. By default, the argument is set to "RMSE". It is

also possible to use "RSquared".

BRNN\_neurons\_vector

a vector of possible values for BRNN\_neurons argument optimization

MT\_committees\_vector

a vector of possible values for MT committees argument optimization

MT\_neighbors\_vector

a vector of possible values for MT\_neighbors argument optimization

MT\_rules\_vector

a vector of possible values for MT\_rules argument optimization

MT\_unbiased\_vector

a vector of possible values for MT\_unbiased argument optimization

MT\_extrapolation\_vector

a vector of possible values for MT\_extrapolation argument optimization

MT\_sample\_vector

a vector of possible values for MT\_sample argument optimization

RF\_ntree\_vector

a vector of possible values for RF\_ntree argument optimization

RF\_maxnodes\_vector

a vector of possible values for RF\_maxnodes argument optimization

RF\_mtry\_vector a vector of possible values for RF\_mtry argument optimization RF\_nodesize\_vector

a vector of possible values for RF\_nodesize argument optimization

holdout

this argument is used to define observations, which are excluded from the crossvalidation and hyperparameters optimization. The holdout argument must be a character with one of the following inputs: "early", "late" or "manual". If "early" or "late" characters are specified, then the early or late years will be used as a holdout data. How many of the "early" or "late" years are used as a holdout is specified with the argument holdout\_share. If the argument holdout is set to "manual", then supply a vector of years (or row names) to the argument holdout\_manual. Defined years will be used as a holdout. For the holdout data, the same statistical measures are calculated as for the cross-validation. The results for holdout metrics are given in the output element \$holdout\_results.

holdout\_share

the share of the whole dataset to be used as a holdout. Default is 0.10.

holdout\_manual a vector of years (or row names) which will be used as a holdout. calculated as for the cross-validation.

total\_reproducibility

logical, default is FALSE. This argument ensures total reproducibility despite the inclusion/exclusion of different methods. By default, the optimization is done only for the methods, that are included in the methods vector. If one method is absent or added, the optimization phase is different, and this affects all the final cross-validation results. By setting the total\_reproducibility = TRUE, all methods will be optimized, even though they are not included in the methods vector and the final results will be subset based on the methods vector. Setting the total\_reproducibility to TRUE will result in longer optimization phase as well.

#### Value

a list with 19 elements:

- 1. \$mean\_std data frame with calculated metrics for the selected \regression methods. For each regression method and each calculated metric, mean and standard deviation are given
- 2. \$ranks data frame with ranks of calculated metrics: mean rank and share of rank 1 are given
- 3. \$edge results data frame with calculated performance metrics for the central-edge test. The central part of the data represents the calibration data, while the edge data, i.e. extreme values, represent the test/validation data. Different regression models are calibrated using the central data and validated for the edge (extreme) data. This test is particularly important to assess the performance of models for the predictions of the extreme data. The share of the edge (extreme) data is defined with the edge\_share argument
- 4. \$holdout\_results calculated metrics for the holdout data

- 5. \$bias\_cal ggplot object of mean bias for calibration data
- 6. \$bias\_val ggplot object of mean bias for validation data
- 7. \$transfer\_functions ggplot or plotly object with transfer functions of methods
- 8. \$transfer\_functions\_together ggplot or plotly object with transfer functions of methods plotted together
- \$parameter\_values a data frame with specifications of parameters used for different regression methods
- 10. \$PCA\_output princomp object: the result output of the PCA analysis
- 11. \$reconstructions ggplot object: reconstructed dependent variable based on the dataset\_complete argument, facet is used to split plots by methods
- 12. \$reconstructions\_together ggplot object: reconstructed dependent variable based on the dataset\_complete argument, all reconstructions are on the same plot
- 13. \$normal\_QQ\_cal normal q-q plot for calibration data
- 14. \$normal\_QQ\_holdout normal q-q plot for holdout data
- 15. \$normal\_QQ\_edge- normal q-q plot for edge data
- 16. \$residuals\_vs\_fitted\_cal residuals vs fitted values plot for calibration data
- 17. \$residuals\_vs\_fitted\_holdout residuals vs fitted values plot for holdout data
- 18. \$residuals\_vs\_fitted\_edge residuals vs fitted values plot for edge data
- 19. \$reconstructions\_data raw data that is used for creating reconstruction plots

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#### **Examples**

```
# The examples below are enclosed within donttest{} to minimize the execution
# time during R package checks. #'
# An example with default settings of machine learning algorithms
library(dendroTools)
library(ggplot2)
data(example_dataset_1)
data(dataset_TRW)
example_1 <- compare_methods(formula = MVA ~ T_APR,
dataset = example_dataset_1, k = 5, repeats = 1, BRNN_neurons = 1,
RF_ntree = 100, RF_mtry = 2, RF_maxnodes = 35, seed_factor = 5)
# example_1$mean_std
# example_1$ranks
# example_1$bias_cal
# example_1$transfer_functions
# example_1$transfer_functions_together
# example_1$PCA_output
# example_1$parameter_values
example_2 <- compare_methods(formula = MVA ~ .,</pre>
dataset = example_dataset_1, k = 2, repeats = 2,
methods = c("MLR", "BRNN", "MT"),
optimize = TRUE, MLR_stepwise = TRUE)
# example_2$mean_std
# example_2$ranks
# example_2$bias_val
# example_2$transfer_functions
# example_2$transfer_functions_together
# example_2$parameter_values
comparison_TRW <- compare_methods(formula = T_Jun_Jul ~ TRW, dataset = dataset_TRW,</pre>
k = 3, repeats = 5, optimize = FALSE, methods = c("MLR", "BRNN", "RF", "MT"),
seed_factor = 5, dataset_complete = dataset_TRW_complete, MLR_stepwise = TRUE,
stepwise_direction = "backward")
# comparison_TRW$mean_std
# comparison_TRW$bias_val
# comparison_TRW$transfer_functions
# comparison_TRW$reconstructions
# comparison_TRW$reconstructions_together
# comparison_TRW$edge_results
# comparison_TRW$reconstructions_data
```

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## Description

Calculates critical value of Pearson correlation coefficient for a selected alpha.

#### Usage

```
critical_r(n, alpha = 0.05)
```

## **Arguments**

n number of observations alpha significance level

#### Value

calculated critical value of Pearson correlation coefficient

#### **Examples**

```
threshold_1 <- critical_r(n = 55, alpha = 0.01)
threshold_2 <- critical_r(n = 55, alpha = 0.05)
```

```
daily_response daily_response
```

## **Description**

Function calculates all possible values of a selected statistical metric between one or more response variables and daily sequences of environmental data. Calculations are based on moving window which is defined with two arguments: window width and a location in a matrix of daily sequences of environmental data. Window width could be fixed (use fixed\_width) or variable width (use lower\_limit and upper\_limit arguments). In this case, all window widths between lower and upper limit will be used. All calculated metrics are stored in a matrix. The location of stored calculated metric in the matrix is indicating a window width (row names) and a location in a matrix of daily sequences of environmental data (column names).

## Usage

```
daily_response(
  response,
  env_data,
 method = "cor",
 metric = "r.squared",
  cor_method = "pearson",
  lower_limit = 30,
  upper_limit = 90,
  fixed_width = 0,
  previous_year = FALSE,
  neurons = 1,
  brnn_smooth = TRUE,
  remove_insignificant = FALSE,
  alpha = 0.05,
  row_names_subset = FALSE,
  aggregate_function = "mean",
  temporal_stability_check = "sequential",
  k = 2.
  k_running_window = 30,
  cross_validation_type = "blocked",
  subset_years = NULL,
  ylimits = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  tidy_env_data = FALSE,
  reference_window = "start",
  boot = FALSE,
  boot_n = 1000,
  boot_ci_type = "norm",
  boot_conf_int = 0.95,
 day_interval = ifelse(c(previous_year == TRUE, previous_year == TRUE), c(-1, 366),
    c(1, 366)),
  dc_method = NULL,
  cor_na_use = "everything",
  skip_window_length = 1,
  skip\_window\_position = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

response

a data frame with tree-ring proxy variables as columns and (optional) years as row names. Row.names should be matched with those from a env\_data data frame. If not, set row\_names\_subset = TRUE.

env\_data

a data frame of daily sequences of environmental data as columns and years as row names. Each row represents a year and each column represents a day of a year. Row.names should be matched with those from a response data frame. If not, set row\_names\_subset = TRUE. Alternatively, env\_data could be a tidy data with three columns, i.e. Year, DOY and third column representing values

of mean temperatures, sum of precipitation etc. If tidy data is passed to the

function, set the argument tidy\_env\_data to TRUE.

a character string specifying which method to use. Current possibilities are "cor" method

(default), "lm" and "brnn".

metric a character string specifying which metric to use. Current possibilities are

"r.squared" and "adj.r.squared". If method = "cor", metric is not relevant.

a character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed. cor\_method

One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman".

lower\_limit lower limit of window width upper\_limit upper limit of window width

fixed\_width fixed width used for calculation. If fixed width is assigned a value, upper limit

and lower\_limit will be ignored

if set to TRUE, env data and response variables will be rearranged in a way, that previous\_year

also previous year will be used for calculations of selected statistical metric.

neurons positive integer that indicates the number of neurons used for brnn method

if set to TRUE, a smoothing algorithm is applied that removes unrealistic calcubrnn\_smooth

lations which are a result of neural net failure.

remove\_insignificant

if set to TRUE, removes all correlations bellow the significant threshold level, based on a selected alpha. For "lm" and "brnn" method, squared correlation is

used as a threshold

alpha significance level used to remove insignificant calculations.

row\_names\_subset

if set to TRUE, row.names are used to subset env\_data and response data frames. Only years from both data frames are kept.

aggregate\_function

character string specifying how the daily data should be aggregated. The default is 'mean', the other options are 'median', 'sum', 'min' and 'max'

temporal\_stability\_check

character string, specifying, how temporal stability between the optimal selection and response variable(s) will be analysed. Current possibilities are "sequential", "progressive" and "running\_window". Sequential check will split data into k splits and calculate selected metric for each split. Progressive check will split data into k splits, calculate metric for the first split and then progressively add 1 split at a time and calculate selected metric. For running window, select the length of running window with the k\_running\_window argument.

integer, number of breaks (splits) for temporal stability and cross validation analysis.

k\_running\_window

k

the length of running window for temporal stability check. Applicable only if temporal\_stability argument is set to running window.

cross\_validation\_type

character string, specifying, how to perform cross validation between the optimal selection and response variables. If the argument is set to "blocked", years will not be shuffled. If the argument is set to "randomized", years will be shuffled.

subset\_years a subset of years to be analyzed. Should be given in the form of subset\_years =

c(1980, 2005)

ylimits limit of the y axes for plot\_extreme. It should be given in the form of: ylimits =

c(0,1)

seed optional seed argument for reproducible results

tidy\_env\_data if set to TRUE, env\_data should be inserted as a data frame with three columns:

"Year", "DOY", "Precipitation/Temperature/etc."

reference\_window

character string, the reference\_window argument describes, how each calculation is referred. There are three different options: 'start' (default), 'end' and 'middle'. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'start', then each calculation is related to the starting day of window. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'middle', each calculation is related to the middle day of window calculation. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'end', then each calculation is related to the ending day of window calculation. For example, if we consider correlations with window from DOY 15 to DOY 35. If reference window is set to 'start', then this calculation will be related to the DOY 15. If the reference window is set to 'end', then this calculation will be related to the DOY 35. If the reference\_window is set to 'middle', then this calculation is related to DOY 25. The optimal selection, which describes the optimal consecutive days that returns the highest calculated metric and is obtained by the \$plot\_extreme output, is the same for all three reference windows.

logical, if TRUE, bootstrap procedure will be used to calculate estimates corre-

lation coefficients, R squared or adjusted R squared metrices

boot\_n The number of bootstrap replicates

boot\_ci\_type A character string representing the type of bootstrap intervals required. The

value should be any subset of the values c("norm", "basic", "stud", "perc", "bca").

boot\_conf\_int A scalar or vector containing the confidence level(s) of the required interval(s)

day\_interval a vector of two values: lower and upper time interval of days that will be used to

calculate statistical metrics. Negative values indicate previous growing season days. This argument overwrites the calculation limits defined by lower\_limit

and upper\_limit arguments.

dc\_method a character string to determine the method to detrend climate data. Possible

values are "none" (default) and "SLD" which refers to Simple Linear Detrending

cor\_na\_use an optional character string giving a method for computing covariances in the

presence of missing values for correlation coefficients. This must be (an abbreviation of) one of the strings "everything" (default), "all.obs", "complete.obs", "na.or.complete", or "pairwise.complete.obs". See also the documentation for

the base cor() function.

skip\_window\_length

an integer specifying the frequency of window selection for the calculations of climate-growth relationships. The default value is 1, indicating that every window is included in the calculations. When set to a value greater than 1, the function selectively processes windows at regular intervals defined by this parameter. For instance, if skip\_window\_length = 2, the function processes every

second window. Similarly, if skip\_window\_length = 3, every third window is processed, skipping two windows in between each selected one. This parameter allows for controlling the granularity of the analysis and can help in reducing computation time by focusing on a subset of the data.

#### skip\_window\_position

an integer specifying the frequency of window positions used in the calculations of climate-growth relationships. The default value is 1, indicating that every window position is included in the calculations. When set to a value greater than 1, the function selectively processes window positions at regular intervals defined by this parameter. For instance, if skip\_window\_position = 2, the function processes every second window position. Similarly, if skip\_window\_position = 3, every third window position is processed, skipping two positions in between each selected one. This parameter allows for controlling the granularity of the analysis and can help in reducing computation time by focusing on a subset of the data.

#### Value

#### a list with 17 elements:

- 1. \$calculations a matrix with calculated metrics
- 2. \$method the character string of a method
- 3. \$metric the character string indicating the metric used for calculations
- 4. \$analysed\_period the character string specifying the analysed period based on the information from row names. If there are no row names, this argument is given as NA
- 5. \$optimized\_return data frame with two columns, response variable and aggregated (averaged) daily data that return the optimal results. This data frame could be directly used to calibrate a model for climate reconstruction
- 6. \$optimized\_return\_all a data frame with aggregated daily data, that returned the optimal result for the entire env data (and not only subset of analysed years)
- 7. \$transfer\_function a ggplot object: scatter plot of optimized return and a transfer line of the selected method
- 8. \$temporal\_stability a data frame with calculations of selected metric for different temporal subsets
- 9. \$cross\_validation a data frame with cross validation results
- 10. \$plot\_heatmap ggplot2 object: a heatmap of calculated metrics
- 11. \$plot\_extreme ggplot2 object: line plot of a row with the highest value in a matrix of calculated metrics
- 12. \$type the character string describing type of analysis: daily or monthly
- 13. \$reference\_window character string, which reference window was used for calculations
- 14. \$boot\_lower matrix with lower limit of confidence intervals of bootstrap calculations
- 15. \$boot\_upper matrix with upper limit of confidence intervals of bootstrap calculations
- 16. \$aggregated\_climate matrix with all aggregated climate series

#### **Examples**

```
# The examples below are enclosed within donttest{} to minimize the execution
# time during R package checks. Additionally, all examples include the
# parameters `skip_window_length` and `skip_window_position`, which limit the
# number of combinations evaluated in climate-growth correlation calculations.
# To explore all possible combinations, users should set both parameters to 1.
# Load the dendroTools R package
library(dendroTools)
# Load data
data(data_MVA)
data(data_TRW)
data(data_TRW_1)
data(example_proxies_individual)
data(example_proxies_1)
data(LJ_daily_temperatures)
example_basic <- daily_response(response = data_MVA,</pre>
                          env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures,
                          row_names_subset = TRUE,
                          fixed_width = 25,
                          lower_limit = 35, upper_limit = 45,
                          remove_insignificant = FALSE,
                          aggregate_function = 'median',
                          alpha = 0.05, cor_method = "spearman",
                          previous_year = FALSE, boot = TRUE,
                          boot_n = 10,
                          skip_window_length = 50,
                          skip_window_position = 50,
                          reference_window = "end", k = 5,
                          dc_method = "SLD",
                          day\_interval = c(-100, 250))
# 1 Example with fixed width. Lower and upper limits are ignored.
example_daily_response <- daily_response(response = data_MVA,</pre>
    env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures,
   method = "cor", fixed_width = 40, cor_method = "spearman",
    row_names_subset = TRUE, previous_year = TRUE,
    remove_insignificant = TRUE, boot = TRUE,
    alpha = 0.005, aggregate_function = 'mean',
    day_interval = c(-100, 250), skip_window_length = 100,
    reference_window = "start", skip_window_position = 100)
# summary(example_daily_response)
# plot(example_daily_response, type = 1)
# plot(example_daily_response, type = 2)
# 2 Example for past and present. Use subset_years argument.
example_MVA_early <- daily_response(response = data_MVA,</pre>
   env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures, cor_method = "kendall",
```

```
method = "lm", lower_limit = 21, upper_limit = 91,
    row_names_subset = TRUE, previous_year = TRUE,
    remove_insignificant = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
    subset_years = c(1940, 1980),
    fixed_width = 45,
    aggregate_function = 'sum',
    skip_window_length = 50,
    skip_window_position = 50)
example_MVA_late <- daily_response(response = data_MVA,
   env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures,
   method = "cor", lower_limit = 21, upper_limit = 60,
    row_names_subset = TRUE, previous_year = TRUE,
    remove_insignificant = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
    subset_years = c(1981, 2010),
    skip_window_length = 50,
    skip_window_position = 50)
# plot(example_MVA_early, type = 1)
# plot(example_MVA_late, type = 1)
# plot(example_MVA_early, type = 2)
# plot(example_MVA_late, type = 2)
# 3 Example with negative correlations
example_neg_cor <- daily_response(response = data_TRW_1,
   env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures, previous_year = TRUE,
   method = "cor", lower_limit = 21, upper_limit = 90,
    row_names_subset = TRUE, remove_insignificant = TRUE,
    alpha = 0.05, skip_window_length = 50,
    skip_window_position = 50)
# summary(example_neg_cor)
# plot(example_neg_cor, type = 1)
# plot(example_neg_cor, type = 2)
# 4 Example of multiproxy analysis
# summary(example_proxies_1)
# cor(example_proxies_1)
example_multiproxy <- daily_response(response = example_proxies_1,</pre>
   env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures,
  method = "lm", metric = "adj.r.squared",
  lower_limit = 21, upper_limit = 180,
  row_names_subset = TRUE, previous_year = FALSE,
  remove_insignificant = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
   skip_window_length = 50,
   skip_window_position = 50)
# plot(example_multiproxy, type = 1)
# 5 Example to test the temporal stability
example_MVA_ts <- daily_response(response = data_MVA,</pre>
  env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures, method = "brnn",
```

```
lower_limit = 100, metric = "adj.r.squared", upper_limit = 180,
  row_names_subset = TRUE, remove_insignificant = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
  temporal_stability_check = "running_window", k_running_window = 10,
  skip_window_length = 50, skip_window_position = 50)

# Check the results for temporal stability
# example_MVA_ts$temporal_stability

# 6 Example with nonlinear brnn estimation
example_brnn <- daily_response(response = data_MVA,
  env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures, method = "brnn", boot = FALSE,
  lower_limit = 100, metric = "adj.r.squared", upper_limit = 101,
  row_names_subset = TRUE, remove_insignificant = TRUE, boot_n = 10,
  skip_window_length = 50, skip_window_position = 50)

# summary(example_brnn)</pre>
```

```
daily_response_seascorr
```

daily\_response\_seascorr

## **Description**

Function calculates all possible partial correlation coefficients between tree-ring chronology and daily environmental (usually climate) data. Calculations are based on moving window which is defined with two arguments: lower\_limit and upper\_limit. All calculated (partial) correlation coefficients are stored in a matrix. The location of stored correlation in the matrix is indicating a window width (row names) and a location in a matrix of daily sequences of environmental data (column names).

## Usage

```
daily_response_seascorr(
  response,
  env_data_primary,
  env_data_control,
  lower_limit = 30,
  upper_limit = 90,
  fixed_width = 0,
  previous_year = FALSE,
  pcor_method = "pearson",
  remove_insignificant = TRUE,
  alpha = 0.05,
  row_names_subset = FALSE,
  aggregate_function_env_data_primary = "mean",
  aggregate_function_env_data_control = "mean",
  temporal_stability_check = "sequential",
```

```
k = 2,
  k_running_window = 30,
  subset_years = NULL,
 ylimits = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  tidy_env_data_primary = FALSE,
  tidy_env_data_control = FALSE,
  reference_window = "start",
  boot = FALSE,
 boot_n = 1000,
 boot_ci_type = "norm",
 boot_conf_int = 0.95,
 day_interval = ifelse(c(previous_year == TRUE, previous_year == TRUE), c(-1, 366),
   c(1, 366)),
 dc_method = NULL,
  pcor_na_use = "pairwise.complete",
  skip_window_length = 1,
  skip\_window\_position = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

response

a data frame with tree-ring proxy variable and (optional) years as row names. Row.names should be matched with those from env\_data\_primary and env\_data\_control data frame. If not, set the row\_names\_subset argument to TRUE.

env\_data\_primary

primary data frame of daily sequences of environmental data as columns and years as row names. Each row represents a year and each column represents a day of a year. Row.names should be matched with those from the response data frame. If not, set the argument row\_names\_subset to TRUE. Alternatively, env\_data\_primary could be a tidy data with three columns, i.e. Year, DOY and third column representing values of mean temperatures, sum of precipitation etc. If tidy data is passed to the function, set the argument tidy\_env\_data\_primary to TRUE.

env\_data\_control

fixed\_width

a data frame of daily sequences of environmental data as columns and years as row names. This data is used as control for calculations of partial correlation coefficients. Each row represents a year and each column represents a day of a year. Row.names should be matched with those from the response data frame. If not, set the row\_names\_subset argument to TRUE. Alternatively, env\_data\_control could be a tidy data with three columns, i.e. Year, DOY and third column representing values of mean temperatures, sum of precipitation etc. If tidy data is passed to the function, set the argument tidy\_env\_data\_control to TRUE.

lower\_limit lower limit of window width upper\_limit upper limit of window width

fixed width used for calculation. If fixed\_width is assigned a value, upper\_limit and lower\_limit will be ignored

previous\_year if set to TRUE, env\_data\_primary, env\_data\_control and response variables will

be rearranged in a way, that also previous year will be used for calculations of

selected statistical metric.

pcor\_method a character string indicating which partial correlation coefficient is to be com-

puted. One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman", can be abbreviated.

remove\_insignificant

if set to TRUE, removes all correlations bellow the significant threshold level,

based on a selected alpha.

alpha significance level used to remove insignificant calculations.

row\_names\_subset

if set to TRUE, row.names are used to subset env\_data\_primary, env\_data\_control and response data frames. Only years from all three data frames are kept.

aggregate\_function\_env\_data\_primary

character string specifying how the daily data from env\_data\_primary should be aggregated. The default is 'mean', the other options are 'median', 'sum', 'min' and 'max'

aggregate\_function\_env\_data\_control

character string specifying how the daily data from env\_data\_control should be aggregated. The default is 'mean', the other options are 'median', 'sum', 'min' and 'max'

temporal\_stability\_check

character string, specifying, how temporal stability between the optimal selection and response variable(s) will be analysed. Current possibilities are "sequential", "progressive" and "running\_window". Sequential check will split data into k splits and calculate selected metric for each split. Progressive check will split data into k splits, calculate metric for the first split and then progressively add 1 split at a time and calculate selected metric. For running window, select the length of running window with the k\_running\_window argument.

k integer, number of breaks (splits) for temporal stability

k\_running\_window

the length of running window for temporal stability check. Applicable only if temporal\_stability argument is set to running window.

subset\_years a subset of years to be analyzed. Should be given in the form of subset\_years = c(1980, 2005)

ylimits limit of the y axes for plot\_extreme It should be given in the form of: ylimits = c(0.1)

seed optional seed argument for reproducible results

tidy\_env\_data\_primary

if set to TRUE, env\_data\_primary should be inserted as a data frame with three columns: "Year", "DOY", "Precipitation/Temperature/etc."

tidy\_env\_data\_control

if set to TRUE, env\_data\_control should be inserted as a data frame with three columns: "Year", "DOY", "Precipitation/Temperature/etc."

reference\_window

character string, the reference\_window argument describes, how each calculation is referred. There are three different options: 'start' (default), 'end' and

'middle'. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'start', then each calculation is related to the starting day of window. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'middle', each calculation is related to the middle day of window calculation. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'end', then each calculation is related to the ending day of window calculation. For example, if we consider correlations with window from DOY 15 to DOY 35. If reference window is set to 'start', then this calculation will be related to the DOY 15. If the reference window is set to 'end', then this calculation will be related to the DOY 35. If the reference\_window is set to 'middle', then this calculation is related to DOY 25. The optimal selection, which describes the optimal consecutive days that returns the highest calculated metric and is obtained by the \$plot\_extreme output, is the same for all three reference windows.

boot

logical, if TRUE, bootstrap procedure will be used to calculate partial correlation coefficients

boot\_n

The number of bootstrap replicates

boot\_ci\_type

A character string representing the type of bootstrap intervals required. The value should be any subset of the values c("norm", "basic", "stud", "perc", "bca").

boot\_conf\_int

A scalar or vector containing the confidence level(s) of the required interval(s)

day\_interval

a vector of two values: lower and upper time interval of days that will be used to calculate statistical metrics. Negative values indicate previous growing season days. This argument overwrites the calculation limits defined by lower\_limit and upper limit arguments.

dc\_method

a character string to determine the method to detrend climate data. Possible values are "none" (default) and "SLD" which refers to Simple Linear Detrending

pcor\_na\_use

an optional character string giving a method for computing covariances in the presence of missing values for partial correlation coefficients. This must be (an abbreviation of) one of the strings "all.obs", "everything", "complete.obs", "na.or.complete", or "pairwise.complete.obs" (default). See also the documentation for the base partial.r in psych R package

#### skip\_window\_length

an integer specifying the frequency of window selection for the calculations of climate-growth relationships. The default value is 1, indicating that every window is included in the calculations. When set to a value greater than 1, the function selectively processes windows at regular intervals defined by this parameter. For instance, if skip\_window\_length = 2, the function processes every second window. Similarly, if skip\_window\_length = 3, every third window is processed, skipping two windows in between each selected one. This parameter allows for controlling the granularity of the analysis and can help in reducing computation time by focusing on a subset of the data.

#### skip\_window\_position

an integer specifying the frequency of window positions used in the calculations of climate-growth relationships. The default value is 1, indicating that every window position is included in the calculations. When set to a value greater than 1, the function selectively processes window positions at regular intervals defined by this parameter. For instance, if skip\_window\_position = 2, the function processes every second window position. Similarly, if skip\_window\_position =

3, every third window position is processed, skipping two positions in between each selected one. This parameter allows for controlling the granularity of the analysis and can help in reducing computation time by focusing on a subset of the data.

#### Value

#### a list with 15 elements:

- 1. \$calculations a matrix with calculated metrics
- 2. \$method the character string of a method
- 3. \$metric the character string indicating the metric used for calculations
- 4. \$analysed\_period the character string specifying the analysed period based on the information from row names. If there are no row names, this argument is given as NA
- \$optimized\_return data frame with two columns, response variable and aggregated (averaged) daily data that return the optimal results. This data frame could be directly used to calibrate a model for climate reconstruction
- 6. \$optimized\_return\_all a data frame with aggregated daily data, that returned the optimal result for the entire env\_data\_primary (and not only subset of analysed years)
- 7. \$transfer\_function a ggplot object: scatter plot of optimized return and a transfer line of the selected method
- 8. \$temporal\_stability a data frame with calculations of selected metric for different temporal subsets
- 9. \$cross\_validation not available for partial correlations
- 10. \$plot\_heatmap ggplot2 object: a heatmap of calculated metrics
- 11. \$plot\_extreme ggplot2 object: line plot of a row with the highest value in a matrix of calculated metrics
- 12. \$type the character string describing type of analysis: daily or monthly
- 13. \$reference window character string, which reference window was used for calculations
- 14. \$aggregated\_climate\_primary matrix with all aggregated climate series of primary data
- 15. \$aggregated\_climate\_control matrix with all aggregated climate series of control data

#### **Examples**

```
# The examples below are enclosed within donttest{} to minimize the execution
# time during R package checks. Additionally, all examples include the
# parameters `skip_window_length` and `skip_window_position`, which limit the
# number of combinations evaluated in climate-growth correlation calculations.
# To explore all possible combinations, users should set both parameters to 1.
# Load the dendroTools R package
library(dendroTools)
# Load data
data(data_MVA)
```

```
data(data_TRW)
data(data_TRW_1)
data(example_proxies_individual)
data(example_proxies_1)
data(LJ_daily_temperatures)
data(LJ_daily_precipitation)
# 1 Basic example using the partial correlation coefficient
example_basic <- daily_response_seascorr(response = data_MVA,</pre>
                          env_data_primary = LJ_daily_temperatures,
                          env_data_control = LJ_daily_precipitation,
                          row_names_subset = TRUE,
                          fixed_width = 25,
                          lower_limit = 35, upper_limit = 45,
                          remove_insignificant = FALSE,
                          aggregate_function_env_data_primary = 'mean',
                          aggregate_function_env_data_control = 'mean',
                          tidy_env_data_primary = FALSE,
                          tidy_env_data_control = TRUE,
                          alpha = 0.05, pcor_method = "spearman",
                          previous_year = FALSE, boot = TRUE,
                          boot_n = 10,
                          reference_window = "end", k = 5,
                          dc_method = "SLD",
                          day_interval = c(-100, 250),
                          skip_window_position = 50,
                          skip_window_length= 50
# summary(example_basic)
# plot(example_basic, type = 1)
# plot(example_basic, type = 2)
# example_basic$optimized_return
# example_basic$optimized_return_all
# example_basic$temporal_stability
# 2 Example with fixed temporal time window
example_fixed_width <- daily_response_seascorr(response = data_MVA,</pre>
                          env_data_primary = LJ_daily_temperatures,
                          env_data_control = LJ_daily_precipitation,
                          row_names_subset = TRUE,
                          remove_insignificant = TRUE,
                          aggregate_function_env_data_primary = 'mean',
                          aggregate_function_env_data_control = 'mean',
                          alpha = 0.05,
                          dc_method = "SLD",
                          fixed_width = 45,
                          tidy_env_data_primary = FALSE,
                          tidy_env_data_control = TRUE,
                          reference_window = "end",
                          skip_window_position = 50,
                          skip_window_length= 50)
# summary(example_fixed_width)
```

```
# plot(example_fixed_width, type = 1)
# plot(example_fixed_width, type = 2)
# example_fixed_width$optimized_return
# example_fixed_width$optimized_return_all
```

dataset\_MVA

MVA and mean April temperature

#### **Description**

A dataset with a mean vessel area (MVA) chronology of Quercus robur from a lowland oak forest in Eastern Slovenia and a mean April temperature. This dataset includes years for the period 2012-1934. For a detailed description about the MVA chronology development, sampling site and the calculations of mean monthly correlations, see Jevšenak and Levanič (2015).

## Usage

dataset\_MVA

#### **Format**

A data frame with 79 rows and 2 variables:

MVA Mean vessel area measurements from 2012 - 1934

T\_Apr Mean April temperature for the meteorological station Maribor from 2012 - 1934

#### Source

Jevšenak J., Levanič T. 2015. Dendrochronological and wood-anatomical features of differently vital pedunculate oak (Quercus robur L.) stands and their response to climate. Topola, 195/196: 85-96

dataset\_MVA\_individual

Example of dataset with individual chronologies of MVA and mean April temperature

## Description

A dataset of individual tree-ring chronologies from a lowland forest in Slovenia. The first row represents a value of a year in 2015.

## Usage

dataset\_MVA\_individual

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 56 rows and 54 columns:

**T\_Apr** mean April temperature for Ljubljana

MVA\_1 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 1

MVA\_2 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 2 [mm^2]

MVA\_3 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 3 [mm^2]

MVA\_4 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 4 [mm^2]

MVA\_5 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 5 [mm^2]

MVA\_6 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 6 [mm^2]

MVA\_7 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 7 [mm^2]

MVA\_8 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 8 [mm^2]

MVA\_9 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 9 [mm^2]

MVA\_10 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 10 [mm^2]

#### Source

Slovenian Forestry Institute, Večna pot 2, Ljubljana, Slovenia

dataset\_TRW

TRW and mean June - July temperature from Albania

## Description

A dataset with a tree-ring width (TRW) chronology of Pinus nigra from Albania and mean June-July temperature. This TRW chronology has a span of 59 years (period 2009 - 1951) and was already used to reconstruct summer temperatures by Levanič et al. (2015). In this paper, all the details about sample replication, site description and correlation statistics are described.

## Usage

dataset\_TRW

#### **Format**

A data frame with 59 rows and 2 variables:

TRW Standardised tree-ring width chronology of Pinus nigra from Albania

T\_Jun\_Jul Mean June - July temperature for Albania downloaded from KNMI Climate Explorer

#### Source

Levanič, T., Poljanšek, S., Toromani, E., 2015. Early summer temperatures reconstructed from black pine (Pinus nigra Arnold) tree-ring widths from Albania. The Holocene 25, 469-481.

26 data\_MVA

#### **Description**

A dataset with a tree-ring width (TRW) chronology of Pinus nigra from Albania This TRW chronology has a span of 551 years (period 2009 - 1459) and was already used to reconstruct summer temperatures by Levanič et al. (2015). In this paper, all the details about sample replication, site description and correlation statistics are described.

## Usage

dataset\_TRW\_complete

#### **Format**

A data frame with 551 rows and 1 variable:

**TRW** Standardised tree-ring width chronology of Pinus nigra from Albania

#### **Source**

Levanič, T., Poljanšek, S., Toromani, E., 2015. Early summer temperatures reconstructed from black pine (Pinus nigra Arnold) tree-ring widths from Albania. The Holocene 25, 469-481.

data\_MVA

Mean vessel area example proxy from 2012 - 1940

## **Description**

A dataset with MVA proxy records from a lowland forest Mlače in Slovenia. The first row represents a value of a year in 2012. Row names represent years.

#### Usage

data\_MVA

#### Format

A data frame with 73 rows and 1 variable:

MVA Mean vessel area [mm^2] indices from 2012 - 1940

## Source

Jernej Jevšenak, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Večna pot 2, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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data\_transform data\_transform

#### **Description**

Transforms daily data with two columns (date and variable) into data frame suitable for daily or monthly analysis with dendroTools.

#### Usage

```
data_transform(
  input,
  format = "daily",
  monthly_aggregate_function = "auto",
  date_format = "ymd"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

input typical daily data format: Data frame with two columns, first column represents

date, second column represents variable, such as mean temperature, precipita-

tion, etc. Date should be in format Year-Month-Day (e.g. "2019-05-15")

format character string indicating the desired output format. Should be "daily" or "monthly".

Daily format returns a data frame with 366 columns (days), while monthly format returns data frame with 12 columns (months). Years are indicated as row

names.

monthly\_aggregate\_function

character string indicating, how to aggregate daily into monthly data. It can be "mean" or "sum". Third option is "auto" (default). In this case function will try to guess whether input is temperature or precipitation data. For temperature, it

will use "mean", for precipitation "sum".

date\_format Describe the format of date. It should be one of "ymd", "ydm", "myd", "mdy",

"dmy", "dym".

## Value

env\_data suitable for daily or monthly analysis with dendroTools.

## **Examples**

```
data(swit272_daily_temperatures)
proper_daily_data <- data_transform(swit272_daily_temperatures, format = "daily",
    date_format = "ymd")

proper_monthly_data <- data_transform(swit272_daily_temperatures, format = "monthly",
    date_format = "ymd")</pre>
```

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data\_TRW

Tree-ring width (TRW) example proxy from 1981 - 1757

## **Description**

A dataset with TRW proxy records from a site in Slovenian Alps - Vrsic. The first row represents a TRW value in a year 1757. Row names represent years.

## Usage

data\_TRW

#### **Format**

A data frame with 225 rows and 1 variable:

TRW residual TRW indices from 1981 - 1757

#### **Source**

- Schweingruber, F.H., 1981. Vrsic Krajnska Gora PCAB ITRDB YUGO001.
- https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/paleo-search/study/4728

data\_TRW\_1

Tree-ring width (TRW) data from 2012 - 1961

#### Description

A dataset of tree-ring widths (TRW) from a site in Krakovo forest (Slovenia). The first row represents a value of a year in 1961.

## Usage

data\_TRW\_1

#### **Format**

A data frame with 52 rows and 1 variable:

TRW Standardized tree-ring width indices from 2012 - 1961

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#### **Source**

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example\_dataset\_1

Example of dataset as required for compare\_methods()

#### **Description**

A dataset of Mean Vessel Area (MVA) tree-ring parameter from a lowland forest in Slovenia. The first row represents a value of a year in 2012.

## Usage

```
example_dataset_1
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 58 rows and 3 columns:

**MVA** Mean Vessel Area measurements from 2012 - 1955

**T\_APR** Mean April temperatures from 2012 - 1955

**T\_aug\_sep** Mean August-September temperatures from preceding growing season from 2012 - 1955

#### Source

Jernej Jevšenak, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Večna pot 2, Ljubljana, Slovenia

example\_proxies\_1

Tree-ring example proxies 1 from 2015 - 1961

## **Description**

A dataset with three tree-ring proxy records from a site near Ljubljana (Slovenia). The first row represents a value of a year in 1961. The three proxy records are MVA (Mean vessel area [mm ^2]), O (stable oxygen isotope ratios) and TRW (Tree-ring widths)

## Usage

```
example_proxies_1
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 55 rows and 3 variables:

MVA Mean vessel area [mm^2] indices from 2015 - 1961

O18 Scaled Stable oxygen isotope ratios from 2015 - 1961

TRW Tree-ring widths from 2015 - 1961

#### Source

Jernej Jevšenak, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Večna pot 2, Ljubljana, Slovenia

example\_proxies\_individual

Example of dataset with individual chronologies of MVA.

## **Description**

A dataset of individual tree-ring chronologies from a lowland forest in Slovenia. The first row represents a value of a year in 2015.

#### Usage

example\_proxies\_individual

## Format

A data frame with 56 rows and 54 columns:

MVA\_1 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 1

MVA\_2 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 2

MVA\_3 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 3

MVA\_4 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 4

MVA\_5 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 5

MVA\_6 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 6

MVA\_7 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 7

MVA\_8 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 8

MVA\_9 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 9

MVA\_10 Mean vessel area chronology for tree 10

#### Source

Jernej Jevšenak, Slovenian Forestry Institute, Večna pot 2, Ljubljana, Slovenia

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```
glimpse_daily_data
glimpse_daily_data
```

## **Description**

Visual presentation of daily data to spot missing values.

## Usage

```
glimpse_daily_data(
  env_data,
  na.color = "red",
  low_color = "blue",
  high_color = "green",
  tidy_env_data = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

env_data	a data frame of daily sequences of environmental data as columns and years as row names. Each row represents a year and each column represents a day of a year. Alternatively, env_data could be a tidy data with three columns, i.e. Year, DOY and third column representing values of mean temperatures, sum of precipitation etc. If tidy data is passed to the function, set the argument tidy_env_data to TRUE.
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na.color color to use for missing values
low\_color colours for low end of the gradient
high\_color colours for high end of the gradient

tidy\_env\_data if set to TRUE, env\_data should be inserted as a data frame with three columns:

"Year", "DOY", "Precipitation/Temperature/etc."

## **Examples**

```
library(dendroTools)
data("LJ_daily_temperatures")
# glimpse_daily_data(env_data = LJ_daily_temperatures,
#tidy_env_data = FALSE, na.color = "white")

data("LJ_daily_precipitation")
# glimpse_daily_data(env_data = LJ_daily_precipitation,
# tidy_env_data = TRUE, na.color = "white")
```

KRE\_daily\_temperatures

Daily mean temperatures for Kredarica (Alps in Slovenia) from 2017 - 1955

## **Description**

A dataset of daily mean temperatures in Kredarica (Slovenia). The first row represents temperatures in 1955. The first column represents the first day of a year, the second column represents the second day of a year, etc. Row names represent years.

## Usage

KRE\_daily\_temperatures

#### **Format**

A data frame with 63 rows and 366 variables:

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#### **Source**

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https://meteo.arso.gov.si/met/sl/archive/
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LJ\_daily\_precipitation

Daily precipitation for Ljubljana from 2017 - 1900

# Description

A dataset of daily sum of precipitation [mm] in Ljubljana (Slovenia). The first row represents precipitation in 1900 on DOY 1.

### Usage

```
LJ_daily_precipitation
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 43067 rows and 3 variables:

Year year

DOY day of year

Precipitation Sum of precipitation in mm

### **Source**

```
http://climexp.knmi.nl/start.cgi
```

LJ\_daily\_temperatures Daily mean temperatures for Ljubljana from 2016 - 1930

#### **Description**

A dataset of daily mean temperatures in Ljubljana (Slovenia). The first row represents temperatures in 1930. The first column represents the first day of a year, the second column represents the second day of a year, etc.

# Usage

LJ\_daily\_temperatures

#### **Format**

A data frame with 87 rows and 366 variables:

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#### **Source**

```
http://climexp.knmi.nl/start.cgi
```

LJ\_monthly\_precipitation

Monthly sums of precipitation for Ljubljana from 2018 - 1900. Tidy format.

# Description

A dataset of monthly sums of precipitations in Ljubljana (Slovenia). The first row represents precipitation sum for January 1900.

### Usage

```
LJ_monthly_precipitation
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 1417 rows and 3 variables:

Year year

Month Month

Precipitation Sum of precipitation

### **Source**

```
http://climexp.knmi.nl/start.cgi
```

LJ\_monthly\_temperatures

Monthly mean air temperatures for Ljubljana from 2015 - 1900

#### **Description**

A dataset of monthly mean air temperatures in Ljubljana (Slovenia). The first row represents temperatures in 2015. The first column represents mean January temperature, the second column represents mean February temperature. etc. Row names represent year.

### Usage

LJ\_monthly\_temperatures

#### **Format**

A data frame with 116 rows and 12 variables:

Jan Mean monthly air temperature for January from 1900 to 2015

Feb Mean monthly air temperature for February from 1900 to 2015

Mar Mean monthly air temperature for March from 1900 to 2015

**Apr** Mean monthly air temperature for April from 1900 to 2015

May Mean monthly air temperature for May from 1900 to 2015

**Jun** Mean monthly air temperature for June from 1900 to 2015

**Jul** Mean monthly air temperature for July from 1900 to 2015

Aug Mean monthly air temperature for August from 1900 to 2015

**Sep** Mean monthly air temperature for September from 1900 to 2015

Oct Mean monthly air temperature for October from 1900 to 2015

**Nov** Mean monthly air temperature for November from 1900 to 2015

**Dec** Mean monthly air temperature for December from 1900 to 2015

#### Source

https://meteo.arso.gov.si/met/sl/archive/

monthly\_response

monthly\_response

### **Description**

Function calculates all possible values of a selected statistical metric between one or more response variables and monthly sequences of environmental data. Calculations are based on moving window which slides through monthly environmental data. All calculated metrics are stored in a matrix. The location of stored calculated metric in the matrix is indicating a window width (row names) and a location in a matrix of monthly sequences of environmental data (column names).

# Usage

```
monthly_response(
  response,
  env_data,
 method = "cor",
 metric = "r.squared",
  cor_method = "pearson",
  previous_year = FALSE,
  neurons = 1,
  lower_limit = 1,
  upper_limit = 12,
  fixed_width = 0,
  brnn_smooth = TRUE,
  remove_insignificant = TRUE,
  alpha = 0.05,
  row_names_subset = FALSE,
  reference_window = "start",
  aggregate_function = "mean",
  temporal_stability_check = "sequential",
  k = 2,
  k_running_window = 30,
  cross_validation_type = "blocked",
  subset_years = NULL,
  ylimits = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  tidy_env_data = FALSE,
  boot = FALSE,
  boot_n = 1000,
  boot_ci_type = "norm",
  boot_conf_int = 0.95,
 month_interval = ifelse(c(previous_year == TRUE, previous_year == TRUE), c(-1, 12),
    c(1, 12)),
  dc_method = NULL,
  cor_na_use = "everything"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

response a data frame with tree-ring proxy variables as columns and (optional) years as

row names. Row.names should be matched with those from a env\_data data

frame. If not, set row names subset = TRUE.

env\_data a data frame of monthly sequences of environmental data as columns and years

as row names. Each row represents a year and each column represents a day of a year (or month). Row.names should be matched with those from a response data frame. If not, set row\_names\_subset = TRUE. Alternatively, env\_data could be a tidy data with three columns, i.e. Year, DOY (Month) and third column representing values of mean temperatures, sum of precipitation etc. If tidy data

is passed to the function, set the argument tidy\_env\_data to TRUE.

method a character string specifying which method to use. Current possibilities are "cor"

(default), "lm" and "brnn".

metric a character string specifying which metric to use. Current possibilities are

"r.squared" and "adj.r.squared". If method = "cor", metric is not relevant.

cor\_method a character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed.

One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman".

previous\_year if set to TRUE, env\_data and response variables will be rearranged in a way, that

also previous year will be used for calculations of selected statistical metric.

neurons positive integer that indicates the number of neurons used for brnn method

lower\_limit lower limit of window width (i.e. number of consecutive months to be used for

calculations)

upper\_limit upper limit of window width (i.e. number of consecutive months to be used for

calculations)

fixed\_width fixed width used for calculations (i.e. number of consecutive months to be used

for calculations)

brnn\_smooth if set to TRUE, a smoothing algorithm is applied that removes unrealistic calcu-

lations which are a result of neural net failure.

remove\_insignificant

if set to TRUE, removes all correlations bellow the significant threshold level, based on a selected alpha. For "lm" and "brnn" method, squared threshold is

used, which corresponds to R squared statistics.

alpha significance level used to remove insignificant calculations.

row\_names\_subset

if set to TRUE, row.names are used to subset env\_data and response data frames. Only years from both data frames are kept.

reference\_window

character string, the reference\_window argument describes, how each calculation is referred. There are two different options: 'start' (default) and 'end'. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'start', then each calculation is related to the starting month of window. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'end', then each calculation is related to the ending day of window calculation.

aggregate\_function

character string specifying how the monthly data should be aggregated. The

default is 'mean', the two other options are 'median' and 'sum'

#### temporal\_stability\_check

character string, specifying, how temporal stability between the optimal selection and response variable(s) will be analysed. Current possibilities are "sequential", "progressive" and "running\_window". Sequential check will split data into k splits and calculate selected metric for each split. Progressive check will split data into k splits, calculate metric for the first split and then progressively add 1 split at a time and calculate selected metric. For running window, select the length of running window with the k\_running\_window argument.

integer, number of breaks (splits) for temporal stability and cross validation analysis.

### k\_running\_window

k

boot

dc\_method

cor\_na\_use

the length of running window for temporal stability check. Applicable only if temporal\_stability argument is set to running window.

#### cross\_validation\_type

character string, specifying, how to perform cross validation between the optimal selection and response variables. If the argument is set to "blocked", years will not be shuffled. If the argument is set to "randomized", years will be shuffled.

subset\_years a subset of years to be analyzed. Should be given in the form of subset\_years = c(1980, 2005)

ylimits limit of the y axes for plot\_extreme. It should be given in the form of: ylimits = c(0,1)

seed optional seed argument for reproducible results

tidy\_env\_data if set to TRUE, env\_data should be inserted as a data frame with three columns: "Year", "Month", "Precipitation/Temperature/etc."

logical, if TRUE, bootstrap procedure will be used to calculate estimates corre-

lation coefficients, R squared or adjusted R squared metrices

boot\_n The number of bootstrap replicates

boot\_ci\_type A character string representing the type of bootstrap intervals required. The value should be any subset of the values c("norm", "basic", "stud", "perc", "bca").

boot\_conf\_int A scalar or vector containing the confidence level(s) of the required interval(s)

month\_interval a vector of two values: lower and upper time interval of months that will be used to calculate statistical metrics. Negative values indicate previous growing season months. This argument overwrites the calculation limits defined by lower\_limit and upper limit arguments.

a character string to determine the method to detrend climate data. Possible values are "none" (default) and "SLD" which refers to Simple Linear Detrending

an optional character string giving a method for computing covariances in the presence of missing values for correlation coefficients. This must be (an abbreviation of) one of the strings "everything" (default), "all.obs", "complete.obs", "na.or.complete", or "pairwise.complete.obs". See also the documentation for

the base cor() function.

#### Value

a list with 17 elements:

- 1. \$calculations a matrix with calculated metrics
- 2. \$method the character string of a method
- 3. \$metric the character string indicating the metric used for calculations
- 4. \$analysed\_period the character string specifying the analysed period based on the information from row names. If there are no row names, this argument is given as NA
- \$optimized\_return data frame with two columns, response variable and aggregated (averaged) monthly data that return the optimal results. This data.frame could be directly used to calibrate a model for climate reconstruction
- 6. \$optimized\_return\_all a data frame with aggregated monthly data, that returned the optimal result for the entire env\_data (and not only subset of analysed years)
- 7. \$transfer\_function a ggplot object: scatter plot of optimized return and a transfer line of the selected method
- 8. \$temporal\_stability a data frame with calculations of selected metric for different temporal subsets
- 9. \$cross\_validation a data frame with cross validation results
- 10. \$plot\_heatmap ggplot2 object: a heatmap of calculated metrics
- 11. \$plot\_extreme ggplot2 object: line or bar plot of a row with the highest value in a matrix of calculated metrics
- 12. \$type the character string describing type of analysis: daily or monthly
- 13. \$reference\_window character string, which reference window was used for calculations
- 14. \$boot lower matrix with lower limit of confidence intervals of bootstrap calculations
- 15. \$boot upper matrix with upper limit of confidence intervals of bootstrap calculations
- 16. \$aggregated\_climate matrix with all aggregated climate series

### **Examples**

```
# The examples below are enclosed within donttest{} to minimize the execution
# time during R package checks.

# Load the dendroTools R package
library(dendroTools)

# Load data used for examples
data(data_MVA)
data(data_TRW)
data(data_TRW_1)
data(example_proxies_individual)
data(example_proxies_1)
data(LJ_monthly_temperatures)
data(LJ_monthly_precipitation)
```

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# 1 Example with tidy precipitation data
example_tidy_data <- monthly_response(response = data_MVA,</pre>
    lower_limit = 1, upper = 24,
    env_data = LJ_monthly_precipitation, fixed_width = 0,
   method = "cor", row_names_subset = TRUE,
   remove_insignificant = TRUE, previous_year = FALSE,
    reference_window = "end",
    alpha = 0.05, aggregate_function = 'sum', boot = FALSE,
    tidy_env_data = TRUE, boot_n = 100, month_interval = c(-5, 10))
# summary(example_tidy_data)
# plot(example_tidy_data, type = 1)
# plot(example_tidy_data, type = 2)
# 2 Example with split data for early and late
example_MVA_early <- monthly_response(response = data_MVA,</pre>
    env_data = LJ_monthly_temperatures,
   method = "cor", row_names_subset = TRUE, previous_year = TRUE,
    remove_insignificant = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
    subset_years = c(1940, 1980), aggregate_function = 'mean')
example_MVA_late <- monthly_response(response = data_MVA,</pre>
    env_data = LJ_monthly_temperatures,
   method = "cor", row_names_subset = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
   previous_year = TRUE, remove_insignificant = TRUE,
    subset_years = c(1981, 2010), aggregate_function = 'mean')
# summary(example_MVA_late)
# plot(example_MVA_early, type = 1)
# plot(example_MVA_late, type = 1)
# plot(example_MVA_early, type = 2)
# plot(example_MVA_late, type = 2)
# 3 Example negative correlations
example_neg_cor <- monthly_response(response = data_TRW_1, alpha = 0.05,
  env_data = LJ_monthly_temperatures,
  method = "cor", row_names_subset = TRUE,
  remove_insignificant = TRUE, boot = FALSE)
# summary(example_neg_cor)
# plot(example_neg_cor, type = 1)
# plot(example_neg_cor, type = 2)
# example_neg_cor$temporal_stability
# 4 Example of multiproxy analysis
# summary(example_proxies_1)
# cor(example_proxies_1)
example_multiproxy <- monthly_response(response = example_proxies_1,</pre>
  env_data = LJ_monthly_temperatures,
  method = "lm", metric = "adj.r.squared",
  row_names_subset = TRUE, previous_year = FALSE,
   remove_insignificant = TRUE, alpha = 0.05)
```

```
# summary(example_multiproxy)
# plot(example_multiproxy, type = 1)

# 5 Example to test the temporal stability
example_MVA_ts <- monthly_response(response = data_MVA,
    env_data = LJ_monthly_temperatures,
    method = "lm", metric = "adj.r.squared", row_names_subset = TRUE,
    remove_insignificant = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
    temporal_stability_check = "running_window", k_running_window = 10)

# summary(example_MVA_ts)
# example_MVA_ts$temporal_stability</pre>
```

# **Description**

Function calculates all possible partial correlation coefficients between tree-ring chronology and monthly environmental (usually climate) data. All calculated (partial) correlation coefficients are stored in a matrix. The location of stored correlation in the matrix is indicating a window width (row names) and a location in a matrix of monthly sequences of environmental data (column names).

#### Usage

```
monthly_response_seascorr(
  response,
  env_data_primary,
  env_data_control,
  previous_year = FALSE,
  pcor_method = "pearson";
  remove_insignificant = TRUE,
  lower_limit = 1,
  upper_limit = 12,
  fixed_width = 0,
  alpha = 0.05,
  row_names_subset = FALSE,
  reference_window = "start",
  aggregate_function_env_data_primary = "mean",
  aggregate_function_env_data_control = "mean",
  temporal_stability_check = "sequential",
  k = 2,
  k_running_window = 30,
  subset_years = NULL,
```

```
ylimits = NULL,
seed = NULL,
tidy_env_data_primary = FALSE,
tidy_env_data_control = FALSE,
boot = FALSE,
boot_n = 1000,
boot_ci_type = "norm",
boot_conf_int = 0.95,
month_interval = ifelse(c(previous_year == TRUE, previous_year == TRUE), c(-1, 12),
    c(1, 12)),
dc_method = NULL,
pcor_na_use = "pairwise.complete"
```

# **Arguments**

response

a data frame with tree-ring proxy variable and (optional) years as row names. Row.names should be matched with those from env\_data\_primary and env\_data\_control data frame. If not, set the row\_names\_subset argument to TRUE.

env\_data\_primary

primary data frame of monthly sequences of environmental data as columns and years as row names. Each row represents a year and each column represents a day of a year. Row.names should be matched with those from the response data frame. If not, set the argument row\_names\_subset to TRUE. Alternatively, env\_data\_primary could be a tidy data with three columns, i.e. Year, Month and third column representing values of mean temperatures, sum of precipitation etc. If tidy data is passed to the function, set the argument tidy\_env\_data\_primary to TRUE.

env\_data\_control

a data frame of monthly sequences of environmental data as columns and years as row names. This data is used as control for calculations of partial correlation coefficients. Each row represents a year and each column represents a day of a year. Row.names should be matched with those from the response data frame. If not, set the row\_names\_subset argument to TRUE. Alternatively, env\_data\_control could be a tidy data with three columns, i.e. Year, Month and third column representing values of mean temperatures, sum of precipitation etc. If tidy data is passed to the function, set the argument tidy\_env\_data\_control to TRUE.

previous\_year

if set to TRUE, env\_data\_primary, env\_data\_control and response variables will be rearranged in a way, that also previous year will be used for calculations of selected statistical metric.

pcor\_method

a character string indicating which partial correlation coefficient is to be computed. One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman", can be abbreviated.

remove\_insignificant

if set to TRUE, removes all correlations bellow the significant threshold level, based on a selected alpha.

lower\_limit

lower limit of window width (i.e. number of consecutive months to be used for calculations)

upper\_limit upper limit of window width (i.e. number of consecutive months to be used for

calculations)

fixed\_width fixed width used for calculations (i.e. number of consecutive months to be used

for calculations)

alpha significance level used to remove insignificant calculations.

row\_names\_subset

if set to TRUE, row.names are used to subset env\_data\_primary, env\_data\_control and response data frames. Only years from all three data frames are kept.

reference\_window

character string, the reference\_window argument describes, how each calculation is referred. There are two different options: 'start' (default) and 'end'. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'start', then each calculation is related to the starting month of window. If the reference\_window argument is set to 'end', then each calculation is related to the ending day of window calculation.

aggregate\_function\_env\_data\_primary

character string specifying how the monthly data from env\_data\_primary should be aggregated. The default is 'mean', the two other options are 'median' and 'sum'

aggregate\_function\_env\_data\_control

character string specifying how the monthly data from env\_data\_control should be aggregated. The default is 'mean', the two other options are 'median' and 'sum'

temporal\_stability\_check

character string, specifying, how temporal stability between the optimal selection and response variable(s) will be analysed. Current possibilities are "sequential", "progressive" and "running\_window". Sequential check will split data into k splits and calculate selected metric for each split. Progressive check will split data into k splits, calculate metric for the first split and then progressively add 1 split at a time and calculate selected metric. For running window, select the length of running window with the k\_running\_window argument.

k integer, number of breaks (splits) for temporal stability

k\_running\_window

the length of running window for temporal stability check. Applicable only if temporal\_stability argument is set to running window.

subset\_years a subset of years to be analyzed. Should be given in the form of subset\_years = c(1980, 2005)

ylimits limit of the y axes for plot\_extreme. It should be given in the form of: ylimits = c(0,1)

seed optional seed argument for reproducible results

tidy\_env\_data\_primary

if set to TRUE, env\_data\_primary should be inserted as a data frame with three columns: "Year", "Month", "Precipitation/Temperature/etc."

tidy\_env\_data\_control

if set to TRUE, env\_data\_control should be inserted as a data frame with three columns: "Year", "Month", "Precipitation/Temperature/etc."

boot logical, if TRUE, bootstrap procedure will be used to calculate partial correlation

coefficients

boot\_n The number of bootstrap replicates

boot\_ci\_type A character string representing the type of bootstrap intervals required. The

value should be any subset of the values c("norm", "basic", "stud", "perc", "bca").

boot\_conf\_int A scalar or vector containing the confidence level(s) of the required interval(s)

month\_interval a vector of two values: lower and upper time interval of months that will be used

to calculate statistical metrics. Negative values indicate previous growing season months. This argument overwrites the calculation limits defined by lower\_limit

and upper\_limit arguments.

dc\_method a character string to determine the method to detrend climate data. Possible

values are "none" (default) and "SLD" which refers to Simple Linear Detrending

pcor\_na\_use an optional character string giving a method for computing covariances in the

presence of missing values for partial correlation coefficients. This must be (an abbreviation of) one of the strings "all.obs", "everything", "complete.obs", "na.or.complete", or "pairwise.complete.obs" (default). See also the documen-

tation for the base partial.r in psych R package

#### Value

a list with 15 elements:

- 1. \$calculations a matrix with calculated metrics
- 2. \$method the character string of a method
- 3. \$metric the character string indicating the metric used for calculations
- 4. \$analysed\_period the character string specifying the analysed period based on the information from row names. If there are no row names, this argument is given as NA
- \$optimized\_return data frame with two columns, response variable and aggregated (averaged) monthly data that return the optimal results. This data.frame could be directly used to calibrate a model for climate reconstruction
- 6. \$optimized\_return\_all a data frame with aggregated monthly data, that returned the optimal result for the entire env\_data\_primary (and not only subset of analysed years)
- 7. \$transfer\_function a ggplot object: scatter plot of optimized return and a transfer line of the selected method
- 8. \$temporal\_stability a data frame with calculations of selected metric for different temporal subsets
- 9. \$cross\_validation not available for partial correlation method
- 10. \$plot\_heatmap ggplot2 object: a heatmap of calculated metrics
- 11. \$plot\_extreme ggplot2 object: line plot of a row with the highest value in a matrix of calculated metrics
- 12. \$type the character string describing type of analysis: monthly or monthly
- 13. \$reference\_window character string, which reference window was used for calculations
- 14. \$aggregated climate primary matrix with all aggregated climate series of primary data
- 15. \$aggregated\_climate\_control matrix with all aggregated climate series of control data

### **Examples**

```
# Load the dendroTools R package
library(dendroTools)
# Load data
data(data_MVA)
data(data_TRW)
data(data_TRW_1)
data(example_proxies_individual)
data(example_proxies_1)
data(LJ_monthly_temperatures)
data(LJ_monthly_precipitation)
# 1 Basic example
example_basic <- monthly_response_seascorr(response = data_MVA,</pre>
   fixed_width = 11,
  env_data_primary = LJ_monthly_temperatures,
  env_data_control = LJ_monthly_precipitation,
  row_names_subset = TRUE,
   remove_insignificant = TRUE,
   reference_window = "start",
  aggregate_function_env_data_primary = 'median',
  aggregate_function_env_data_control = 'median',
  alpha = 0.05, pcor_method = "spearman",
   tidy_env_data_primary = FALSE,
   tidy_env_data_control = TRUE,
  previous_year = TRUE)
# summary(example_basic)
# plot(example_basic, type = 1)
# plot(example_basic, type = 2)
# example_basic$optimized_return
# example_basic$optimized_return_all
# example_basic$temporal_stability
# 2 Extended example
example_extended <- monthly_response_seascorr(response = data_MVA,</pre>
   env_data_primary = LJ_monthly_temperatures,
  env_data_control = LJ_monthly_precipitation,
  row_names_subset = TRUE,
  remove_insignificant = TRUE,
  aggregate_function_env_data_primary = 'mean',
  aggregate_function_env_data_control = 'mean',
  alpha = 0.05,
  reference_window = "end",
   tidy_env_data_primary = FALSE,
   tidy_env_data_control = TRUE)
# summary(example_extended)
# plot(example_extended, type = 1)
# plot(example_extended, type = 2)
# example_extended$optimized_return
```

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# example\_extended\$optimized\_return\_all

swit272

Standardised tree-ring width chronology swit272, Larix decidua Mill.

### **Description**

A TRW chronology swit272 Investigators: Bigler, C.; Claluna, A. Site\_Name: Sils-Maria GR Blais dal Fo Location: Switzerland Northernmost\_Latitude: 46.4333 Southernmost\_Latitude: 46.4333 Easternmost\_Longitude: 9.7833 Westernmost\_Longitude: 9.7833 Elevation: 2100

### Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 273 rows and 1 variable:

TRWi Standardised tree-ring width chronology

#### Source

https://www.ncei.noaa.gov/access/paleo-search/study/14108

swit272\_daily\_precipitation

Daily precipitation for swit272 chronology

# Description

Sum of daily precipitation in millimeters for the period 1950 - 2019. This gridded E-OBS data on  $0.1^{\circ}$  regular grid, version 20e. Extracted data is for the grid point with lon = 9.75 and lat = 46.45.

### Usage

```
swit272_daily_precipitation
```

# Format

A data frame with 25414 rows and 2 variables:

date character string describing date

**p\_sum** mean temperature

#### **Details**

We acknowledge the E-OBS dataset from the EU-FP6 project UERRA (http://www.uerra.eu) and the Copernicus Climate Change Service, and the data providers in the ECA&D project (https://www.ecad.eu). Cornes, R., G. van der Schrier, E.J.M. van den Besselaar, and P.D. Jones. 2018: An Ensemble Version of the E-OBS Temperature and Precipitation Datasets, J. Geophys. Res. Atmos., 123. doi:10.1029/2017JD028200

#### **Source**

https://www.ecad.eu/download/ensembles/download.php

swit272\_daily\_temperatures

Daily temperatures for swit272 chronology

# **Description**

Mean daily temperature in Celsius for the period 1950 - 2019. This gridded E-OBS data on  $0.1^{\circ}$  regular grid, version 20e. Extracted data is for the grid point with lon = 9.75 and lat = 46.45.

#### Usage

swit272\_daily\_temperatures

### Format

A data frame with 25414 rows and 2 variables:

date character string describing date

t\_avg mean temperature

#### **Details**

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### **Source**

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years\_to\_rownames

Function returns a data frame with row names as years

# Description

Function returns a data frame with row names as years

# Usage

```
years_to_rownames(data, column_year)
```

# Arguments

data a data frame to be manipulated column\_year string specifying a column with years

### Value

a data frame with years as row names

### **Examples**

```
data <- data.frame(years = seq(1950, 2015), observations = rnorm(66))
new_data <- years_to_rownames(data = data, column_year = "years")

data <- data.frame(observations1 = rnorm(66), years = seq(1950, 2015),
observations2 = rnorm(66), observations3 = rnorm(66))
new_data <- years_to_rownames(data = data, column_year = "years")</pre>
```

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