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Description Obtain population density and body size structure, using video material or image sequences as input. Functions assist in the creation of image sequences from videos, background detection and subtraction, particle identification and tracking. An artificial neural network can be trained for noise filtering. The goal is to supply accurate estimates of population size, structure and/or individual behavior, for use in evolutionary and ecological studies.

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createBackground	<i>Background detection</i>
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Description

createBackground detects the still background, containing all motionless pixels (non particles). Three different methods to detect the background can be used.

Usage

```
createBackground(colorimages, method = "mean")
```

Arguments

colorimages	Array of class 'TrDm' containing all images, obtained by loadImages .
method	Use method='mean' to calculate the mean value for each pixel and color. Use method='powerroot' to deflate dark values (note, this can only be used for dark particles on a light background). Use method='filter' to replace pixels in which movement has occurred with the mode of neighboring values. Note that method='filter' is computationally more intensive.

Value

Array of class 'TrDm' and 'colorimage' containing detected background.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
stillBack <- createBackground (allFullImages)
plot(stillBack)

## End(Not run)
```

createImageSeq *Create image sequence*

Description

createImageSeq creates an image sequences (.png) using video files as input. All movies within a directory will be converted into an image sequence. For each movie, a new directory is created containing the recorded date and name of the movie.

Usage

```
createImageSeq(moviepath = "Movies", imagepath = "ImageSequences",
  x = 1915, y = 1080, fps = 15, nsec = 2, ext = "MTS",
  path = getwd(), libavpath = NULL, exiftoolpath = NULL,
  pythonpath = NULL)
```

Arguments

moviepath	Path to existing directory containing the video files. By default, 'Movies' is used.
imagepath	Path to location of an existing directory in which image sequences should be saved. By default, 'ImageSequences' is used.
x	Number of pixels in horizontal direction; default is 1915 (HD).
y	Number of pixels in vertical direction; default is 1080 (HD).
fps	Frames per second, default is 15.
nsec	Duration of movie that is exported, default is 2 seconds. When movie length is greater than nsec, the nsec seconds in the exact middle of the movie are exported.
ext	The extension of the video. Default is 'MTS'. All formats supported by libav are accepted.
path	Path to location where temporary Python file will be saved. Default is working directory.
libavpath	Path to location where the executable file for libav can be found (named 'avconv.exe'), in case it is not found automatically. For instance, use 'C:/Users/libav/usr/bin/avconv.exe'.
exiftoolpath	Path to location where the executable file for ExifTool can be found, in case it is not found automatically. For instance, use 'exiftool(-k).exe', if located in the working directory.
pythonpath	Path to location where the executable file for Python 2.7 can be found, in case it is not found automatically. For instance, use 'C:/Python27/python.exe'.

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identifyParticles *Identify moving particles*

Description

identifyParticles identifies particles using the subtracted images obtained from [subtractBackground](#).

Usage

```
identifyParticles(sbg, threshold = -0.1, pixelRange = NULL,
  qthreshold = NULL, select = "dark", colorimages = NULL,
  autoThres = FALSE, perFrame = FALSE, frames = NULL)
```

Arguments

sbg	Array containing images containing all moving particles, as obtained from subtractBackground .
threshold	Thresholds for including particles. A numeric vector containing three values; one for each color. Otherwise, supply one value which is to be used for all three colors. For a chosen quantile for each frame, use qthreshold. Default is threshold=-0.1, which works for dark particles on a light background. Alternatively, set autoThres below for an automatic threshold.
pixelRange	Default is NULL. Numeric vector with minimum and maximum particle size, used as a first filter to identify particles. Use if particle of interest are of a known size range (in pixels).
qthreshold	Default is NULL. Supply a value, to do thresholding based on quantile. Quantile is calculated for each frame separately.
select	Select dark particles ('dark'), light particles ('light'), or both ('both'), compared to background. Default is 'dark'.
colorimages	Array containing original color images. By default, the original color images are obtained from global environment.
autoThres	Logical. TRUE to get an automated threshold for each color layer. Default is FALSE.
perFrame	Logical. If autoThres=TRUE, set at TRUE to calculate a threshold for each frame separately. Default is FALSE. Note that is can be computationally intensive to calculate a threshold for each frame.
frames	When autoThres=TRUE and allFrames=FALSE, supply a numeric vector specifying over which frames the automated threshold should be calculated on (e.g. c(1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11) for all odd frames from 1 to 11).

Value

Returns a dataframe of class 'TrDm' and 'particles', containing particle statistics with identified particles for each frame

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
  trackObject <- identifyParticles(allImages, threshold=-0.1, pixelRange=c(3,400))
  plot(trackObject)
  summary(trackObject)

## End(Not run)
```

loadImages

Load .png images

Description

loadImages loads png images as three dimensional arrays. The objects created through the function can be used for image analysis.

Usage

```
loadImages(dirPictures, filenames = NULL, nImages = 1:30, xrange = NULL,
           yrange = NULL)
```

Arguments

dirPictures	The path of the folder where the images can be found.
filenames	Default is NULL, or all files. If all files should NOT be loaded, here specify which files to use, as a character string.
nImages	Numeric vector specifying which images in the directory should be loaded; default is 1:30.
xrange	By default the full image is loaded; specify to subset the number of columns.
yrange	By default the full image is loaded; specify to subset the number of rows.

Value

Array of class 'TrDm' and 'colorimages' containing all loaded images.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
images <- loadImages(direcPictures='~/images1/',
                    nImages=1:30,yranges=1:1080,xranges=1:1915)

plot(images)
images

## End(Not run)
```

manuallySelect

Manually identify true and false positives with a GUI.

Description

manuallySelect opens a graphic user interface to create training data for a neural net by manually selecting true and false positives (respectively, correctly identified particles and noise).

Usage

```
manuallySelect(particles, colorimages = NULL, frame = NULL)
```

Arguments

particles	A data frame of class 'TrDm' with particle statistics for each frame, obtained by identifyParticles .
colorimages	An array with the original full color images, in order to plot on the original images. If NULL, the original color images are used, obtained from the global environment.
frame	A number defining the frame that should be used. Default is NULL; in that case the frame with the maximum number of identified particles is used.

Value

List containing three elements: true positives, false positives, and the evaluated frame.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
manuallySelect(particles=partIden, frame=1)

## End(Not run)
```

plot.TrDm plot *methods for class 'TrDm'*.

Description

plot methods for class 'TrDm'.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'TrDm'  
plot(x, frame = 1, type = NULL, incThres = NULL,  
     colorimages = NULL, c1 = 1, path = NULL, name = "animation", ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class 'TrDm'.
frame	Choose which frame to be plotted. By default, frame=1.
type	Only for 'tracked' objects. By default, both trajectories and size distribution are plotted. Choose 'trajectories' to plot only trajectories on the original color image. Choose 'sizes' to only plot the particle size distribution. Choose 'animation' to create an .mp4 animation. Here, images are temporarily saved in path. Set name of file with argument name.
incThres	Minimum length of tracked segments for particles to be included. By default an automated threshold is calculated. Only for 'tracked' objects.
colorimages	Original color images. By default, original color images are obtained from the global environment.
c1	When plotting a subtracted background image, choose which color layer is plotted. By default, c1=1.
path	When creating an animation, choose directory in which images are saved temporarily, and where the animation should be saved.
name	of animation; by default 'animation'.
...	further arguments passed to plotRGB

Author(s)

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print.summaryTrDm *print methods for class 'TrDm'.*

Description

print methods for class 'TrDm'.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summaryTrDm'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x Object of class 'summaryTrDm'.
... Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Author(s)

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print.TrDm *print methods for class 'TrDm'.*

Description

print methods for class 'TrDm'.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'TrDm'  
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x Object of class 'TrDm'.
... Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Author(s)

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runBatch	<i>Batch analysis</i>
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Description

runBatch analyzes all image sequences in a specified directory. Use this function when settings have been optimized previously on a single or selection of movies/image sequences.

Usage

```
runBatch(path, settings = NULL, dirnames = NULL, nImages = 1:30,
  pixelRange = NULL, threshold = -0.1, qthreshold = NULL,
  select = "dark", nn = NULL, incThres = NULL, plotOutput = FALSE,
  plotType = "trajectories", L = 20, R = 2, weight = c(1, 1, 1),
  autoThres = FALSE, perFrame = FALSE, methodBg = "mean", frames = NULL,
  saveAll = FALSE)
```

Arguments

path	A character vector of path name that contains all directories with image sequences.
settings	Object of class 'tracked' containing all optimized settings in attributes, as obtained from trackParticles . Alternatively, settings can be specified using arguments described below.
dirnames	If not all image sequences should be analyzed, specify which files to use as a character string.
nImages	See loadImages
pixelRange	See identifyParticles
threshold	See identifyParticles
qthreshold	See identifyParticles
select	See identifyParticles
nn	Name of artificial neural net if apply it to images. Default is NULL, resulting in no neural net being applied.
incThres	Minimum number of frames that a particle must be present. By default, automated estimate is used.
plotOutput	Default is FALSE. Set TRUE to plot results.
plotType	Default is 'trajectories'. Other options are 'sizes' and 'animation'.
L	See trackParticles
R	See trackParticles
weight	See trackParticles
autoThres	See identifyParticles
perFrame	See identifyParticles

methodBg	See createBackground
frames	See identifyParticles
saveAll	Logical. Set TRUE to save for each image sequence the full object obtained from loadImages . Default is FALSE.

Value

Dataframe with estimated population size for each image sequence.

Author(s)

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See Also

[loadImages](#), [createBackground](#), [subtractBackground](#), [identifyParticles](#), [trackParticles](#).

Examples

```
## Not run:
results <- runBatch(path='images',
                    nImages=1:30, threshold=0.2, select='both',
                    pixelRange=c(1,100), L=50, R=3,
                    incThres=1, plotOutput=TRUE, plotType='trajectories',
                    weight=c(1,0,1))

results

## End(Not run)
```

simulTrajec

Simulate trajectories and save as png files.

Description

simulTrajec simulates movement trajectories within a are saved as png files.

Usage

```
simulTrajec(nframes = 20, nIndividuals = 10, h = 0.02, rho = 0,
            domain = "square", correctBoundary = TRUE,
            sizes = stats::runif(nIndividuals) * 0.012 + 0.01, staticNoise = FALSE,
            movingNoise = FALSE, name = "trajectory", parsMoving = list(density =
            10, duration = 10, size = 1, speed = 10, colRange = c(0, 1)),
            parsStatic = list(density = 10, blur = TRUE, blurCoef = 0.025, sizes =
            NULL), width = 480, height = NULL)
```

Arguments

nframes	Number of time frames(steps).
nIndividuals	Number of individual trajectories.
h	Displacement speed in pixels.
rho	Correlation parameter for angle of displacement.
domain	One of "square" or "circle", imposing a [0-1,0-1] rectangle domain, or a circular domain of radius 1, respectively. correct boundary ensure individual trajectories do not cross the domain
correctBoundary	Logical. TRUE to make sure that individuals cannot leave the image.
sizes	Vector of sizes for each simulated particle of length nIndividuals.
staticNoise	Logical. If TRUE, static noise is added.
movingNoise	Logical. If TRUE, moving noise is added.
name	Stem of the filename.
parsMoving	List of parameters used to generate moving noise these include the density of noise particles (density), their duration (in n frames; duration), their size (size=1), their speed (speed=10) and the range or colors they are randomly drawn from (colRange=c(0,1)).
parsStatic	List of parameters used to generate static noise. These include the density (per image) of noise particles (density), whether spots look blurry (blur=TRUE or blur=FALSE), a blurring coefficient (blurCoef=0.025), and the size of the spots (with sizes).
width	of created png image. By default 480.
height	of create png image. If NULL, width is used.

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Examples

```
simulTrajec(nframes=30,h=0.01,rho=0.9)
```

subtractBackground *Background subtraction*

Description

subtractBackground subtracts each image from a previously created still background. The objects created through the function contain all changing pixels (i.e. movement).

Usage

```
subtractBackground(bg, colorimages = NULL)
```

Arguments

bg Array containing still background, as returned from [createBackground](#).
 colorimages Array containing all frames, obtained by [loadImages](#). Default is NULL, in this case the original images are used from the global environment.

Value

Returns array of class 'TrDm' and 'sbg' with same size as images, subtracted from background.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
allImages <- subtractBackground(stillBack)
## End(Not run)
```

summary.TrDm

summary methods for class 'TrDm'.

Description

summary methods for class 'TrDm'.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'TrDm'
summary(object, incThres = NULL, funSize = stats::median,
  ...)
```

Arguments

object an object of class 'TrDm'.
 incThres Minimum length of tracked segments for particles to be included. By default an automated threshold is calculated. Only for 'tracked' objects.
 funSize Statistic to be calculated to obtain particle sizes. By default median is used.
 ... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Author(s)

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testNN

Train, validate and test artificial neural networks

Description

Fits multiple neural networks to a dataset; data set has been randomly assigned to each of three categories: train, validate and test. A final neural net is selected based on a fit statistic (either precision, recall or the F1-score). All neural networks are trained to the training dataset. Neural network may vary in the number of hidden layers. Classification thresholds are selected based on the validation data, and then the final neural network is selected based on the test data.

Usage

```
testNN(dat, stat = "F", maxH = 5, repetitions = 3, prop = c(8, 1, 1),
       predictors = NULL, pca = TRUE, thr = 0.95, ...)
```

Arguments

dat	a previously constructed dataset obtained from manuallySelect.
stat	Fit statistic. May be "precision", "recall", or "F" for the harmonic mean of precision and recall.
maxH	maximum number of hidden layers to test note that more layers will require more time to fit.
repetitions	the number of repetitions for the neural network's training.
prop	the proportion or ratio for each class c(training, validation,test).
predictors	Optional. A set of custom predictors for the neural network. Default uses all columns in dat.
pca	Logical. TRUE by default. Should the set of predictors be compressed to the most informative? In short, should a principal component analysis be conducted to select axis that explain at least a fraction thr (see below) of the variance in the full set of predictors?
thr	Threshold for pca (above).
...	additional parameters, passed to neuralnet.

Details

The neural networks may be selected based on precision, recall or a F1-score (default). In binary classification, precision is the number of correct positive results divided by the number of all positive predictions. Recall is the number of correct positive results divided by the number of positive results that could have been returned if the algorithm was perfect. A F1 score (F-score/ F-measure) is statistical measure of accuracy. F1 scores considers both the precision and the recall. A F1 score may be seen as a weighted average (harmonic mean) of the precision and recall. Precision, recall and F1 scores are at best 1 and at worst 0.

Value

Returns trained artificial neural net.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:  
finalNN <- testNN(dat=trainingData, repetitions=5, maxH=4, prop=c(4, 3, 3))  
summary(finalNN)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

trackdem

trackdem - identifying and tracking particles in R

Description

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trackParticles

Track particles

Description

trackParticles attempts to reconstruct trajectories by linking particles.

Usage

```
trackParticles(particles, L = 50, R = 2, weight = c(1, 1, 1))
```

Arguments

particles	Object of class 'particles', obtained using identifyParticles .
L	Numeric. Maximum cost for linking a particle to another particle. When the cost is larger, particles will be not be linked (resulting in the begin or end of a segment). Default set at 50.
R	Integer. Link to how many subsequent frames? Default set at 2.
weight	Vector containing 3 weights to calculate costs. Depending on the study system user may want to value certain elements over others. For instance, when individuals can vary in size over frames (which happens when objects move away or towards a camera) the "size" weight may be decreased. Weights are ordered as follows; first number gives the weight for differences in x and y coordinates; second number gives the weight for particle size differences; third number gives the difference between the predicted location and the observed location. The latter is calculated using the location of the identified particle in the previous frame.

Value

A list of class 'TrDm' and 'records'. Use 'summary' and 'plot'.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:
records <- trackParticles(particles)
summary(records)
plot(records,type='trajectories')

## End(Not run)
```

update.particles *Update identified particles.*

Description

Apply trained artificial neural network to particleStat object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'particles'
update(object, neuralnet, pca = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	Object of class <code>'nnTrackdemObject'</code> .
<code>neuralnet</code>	Trained neural net obtained from <code>testNN</code>
<code>pca</code>	Logical. By default TRUE, indicating that a principal component analysis is performed on the predictors.
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

Data frame class `'particles'`, containing updated particle statistics (excluding particles that have been filtered out by the neural net).

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Not run:  
update(particles=partIden, finalNN)  
  
## End(Not run)
```


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