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The EFDM is a large-scale forest model that simulates the development of the forest and estimates volume of wood harvested for any given forested area. This estimate can be broken down by, for example, species, site quality, management regime and ownership category.
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define_activity	<i>Define an activity</i>
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Description

Define an activity

Usage

define_activity(name, dynamicvariables, transprobs = NULL, probname = name)

Arguments

- name Name of activity used in reporting
- dynamicvariables Names of variables where changes happen
- transprobs Transition probabilities (data.frame)
- probname (optional) Name of activity in activity probabilities data

Details

The set of activities in EFDM defines all possible alternatives for a forest stratum to develop during a scenario run step. Therefore activities are not only limited to forest treatments and management actions such as thinnings and final fellings but should also include 'no management' i.e. growth, if applicable. An activity may also be something else affecting the development, for example, a forest hazard: snow, wind, drought, pest damage etc.

name is used as the name of the activity in the result of [runEFDM](#) and it is used to identify the activity probability. If multiple activities should be reported under a common name, actprobname can be used to specify the activity name in activity probability data.

dynamicvariables are those (state space) variables which change as a result of the activity Typically an activity affects on the age, volume or stem count of the forest, but an activity may also, for example, change land-use and then a variable related to land-use categories is essential.

The transprobs should be a data.frame with columns:

- pairs of dynamic variables. For example, if the dynamic variables are vol and age, then transprobs should have columns age0, age1, vol0, vol1.
- the probability of transition prob
- and possibly other variables affecting the transition probabilities. For example soiltype, treespecies, etc.

`estimatetransprobs` can be used to estimate transition probabilities from a similar set of pair data of observations.

Value

An activity definition

Examples

```
define_activity("nomanagement", c("vol", "age"))
```

<code>estimatetransprobs</code>	<i>Estimate Transition Probabilities from Pairedata</i>
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Description

Estimate Transition Probabilities from Pairedata

Usage

```
estimatetransprobs(
  dynamicvariables,
  pairedata,
  statespace,
  factors = character(),
  by = character(),
  prior = "nochange"
)
```

Arguments

<code>dynamicvariables</code>	The names of the dynamic variables, character vector
<code>pairedata</code>	<code>data.frame</code> Observed transitions
<code>statespace</code>	<code>data.frame</code> or a list of two <code>data.frame</code> s if the state space changes as a result of the activity
<code>factors</code>	character Variables used by the activity
<code>by</code>	character Variables that split the state space
<code>prior</code>	function or character

Details

Transition probabilities 'move' the forest areas allocated in the cells of state matrix from the initial states in the beginning of a EFDM run step to the end position. This end position will be the initial state of the next EFDM step. Length of a step (=time) in the EFDM run is typically determined by the pairedata. It is the time difference of tree observations. Note that the pairedata can be also constructed from single observation, if the other (pair) observation is estimated or modelled.

Each activity needs to have a transition probability. If no pairedata is available, transition probability matrices can be based entirely on a prior defined with expert knowledge.

The estimation uses an iterative Bayesian algorithm that is explained in https://github.com/ec-jrc/efdm/blob/master/documents/EFDMinstructions/Seija_Mathematics_behind_EFDM.pdf. The transition probability estimate is the proportion of observed transitions divided by the number of all transitions from the same starting state. prior gives the number of prior transitions. For each factor variable the transitions are counted in classes of all factors before the current factor. The "most important" observations (having all classes right) is counted length(factors) times, the second most important observations are counted length(factors)-1 times and so on.

If pairedata is NULL prior is used by itself.

Observations should have 'factor' and 'by' variables and statepairs with 0 and 1 suffixes to indicate before and after observations.

The estimation algorithm uses information across 'factor' variables, but not across 'by' variables. prior can either character or function.

- "nochange" implies that there is one observation where state doesn't change
- "uninformative" when no observations are given all states are as likely
- function(A, dynvar1, dynvar0) where A is an array of zeros with dimnames(A) <- c(dynvar1, dynvar0). The function should fill A with the number of prior transitions and return it.

The statespace is used to fill in the transitions where there are no observations. In special cases the statespace may change as a result of the activity. For example changing the tree species might lead to change in the volume classification used.

This function assumes that the dynamic variables are coded as integers starting with 1. Other variables are not restricted.

Value

Transition probabilities as a data.frame

Examples

```
# Estimation can use observed transitions with different levels of factors.
statespace <- expand.grid(a=1:2, b=1:2, vol=1:5)
pairedata <- data.frame(a=c(1,1,2,2), b=c(1,2,1,2), vol0=c(1,1,1,1), vol1=c(2,3,4,5))
state0 <- statespace
actprob <- statespace
actprob$test <- 1
state0$area <- 0
state0$area[1] <- 1
```

```

# With by=c("a", "b") there are two observations: one from prior and the other
# from the exact combination of class levels.
probs <- estimatetransprobs("vol", pairedata, statespace, by=c("a", "b"), prior="nochange")
act1 <- define_activity("test", c("vol"), probs)
runEFDM(state0, actprob, list(act1), 1)

probs <- estimatetransprobs("vol", pairedata, statespace, factors="a", by="b", prior="nochange")
act2 <- define_activity("test", c("vol"), probs)
runEFDM(state0, actprob, list(act2), 1)

probs <- estimatetransprobs("vol", pairedata, statespace, factors="b", by="a", prior="nochange")
act3 <- define_activity("test", c("vol"), probs)
runEFDM(state0, actprob, list(act3), 1)

# The order of variables in factors argument specifies the order of importance.
# Observation that differ in the first variable are counted more times.
probs <- estimatetransprobs("vol", pairedata, statespace, factors=c("a", "b"), prior="nochange")
act4 <- define_activity("test", c("vol"), probs)
runEFDM(state0, actprob, list(act4), 1)

probs <- estimatetransprobs("vol", pairedata, statespace, factors=c("b", "a"), prior="nochange")
act5 <- define_activity("test", c("vol"), probs)
runEFDM(state0, actprob, list(act5), 1)

```

example

Example dataset.

Description

A list containing the necessary datasets for EFDM forest scenario example.

Usage

```
example
```

Format

A list of data frames:

actprob Activity probabilities

noman_pairs Pair data for growth without management activities

thin_pairs Pair data for thinning

initial_state Initial forest state

drain_coef Coefficient to transform harvested areas into harvest accumulation by timber assortments

vol_coef Coefficients to transform volume classes into volumes m3/ha

income_coef Coefficients to transform harvest accumulation into income

MetsaKasvVyoh

Finnish bio-geographical regions

Description

A low resolution copy of the finnish bio-geographical regions. The original shapefile was provided by Finnish Environment Institute. See <https://ckan.ymparisto.fi/fi/dataset/metsakasvillisuusvyohykkeet>.

Usage

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Format

An sf-object:

region Factor with three levels: North, Middle, South

geometry Polygon, each region is composed of multiple polygons

prior_ff

Priors for [estimatetransprobs](#)

Description

Priors for [estimatetransprobs](#)

Usage

prior_ff()

prior_grow(variable, howmuch = 1)

Arguments

variable Name of the variable to grow

howmuch Amount of growth

Details

prior_ff moves the forest area to the smallest classes of the given dynamic variables of the forest stratum.

prior_grow moves the forest to another class given by increasing variable by howmuch.

Value

Return value is used by [estimatetransprobs](#) to provide prior information on the transition probabilities.

Examples

```
statespace <- expand.grid(a=1:2, b=1:2, vol=1:15, age=1:15)
act <- define_activity("test", c("vol", "age"))
act1 <- estimatetransprobs(c("vol", "age"), NULL, statespace, by=c("a", "b"),
  prior=prior_ff())
act2 <- estimatetransprobs(c("vol", "age"), NULL, statespace, by=c("a", "b"),
  prior=prior_grow("age"))
```

runEFDM

*Run European Forestry Dynamics Model***Description**

Run European Forestry Dynamics Model

Usage

```
runEFDM(state0, actprob, activities, n, check = TRUE)
```

Arguments

state0	data.frame Initial state
actprob	data.frame Activity probabilities
activities	list A list of activities
n	integer Number of time steps required
check	Check input arguments for consistency.

Details

This is the actual scenario running function, which projects the initial forest state n time steps to the future.

Activities are defined using [define_activity](#).

Value

data.frame State of each time step divided by activities

transprobs<-	<i>Transition probabilities of an activity</i>
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Description

Functions to get or set the transition probabilities of an activity

Usage

```
transprobs(act) <- value  
  
transprobs(act)
```

Arguments

act	Activity definition
value	data.frame of transition probabilities

Details

The value should be a data.frame defining the transition probabilities between dynamic variables of the activity. See [define_activity](#) for details

Value

data.frame where prob is the transition probability from current state (with suffix 0) to next state (with suffix 1).

Examples

```
act1 <- define_activity("test", c("vol"))  
transprobs(act1) <- data.frame(vol0 = 1:5, vol1=c(2:5, 5), prob=1)  
transprobs(act1)  
  
if(require("ggplot2")) {  
  ggplot(transprobs(act1)) + geom_raster(aes(x=vol0, y=vol1, fill=prob))  
}
```

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