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Description Applies methods used to estimate animal homerange, but instead of geospatial coordinates, we use isotopic coordinates. The estimation methods include: 1) 2-dimensional bivariate normal kernel utilization density estimator, 2) bivariate normal ellipse estimator, and 3) minimum convex polygon estimator, all applied to stable isotope data. Additionally, functions to determine niche area, polygon overlap between groups and levels (confidence contours) and plotting capabilities.

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| bw_hbcv | <i>Biased cross-validation bandwidth matrix selector for bivariate data.</i> |
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Description

A simple wrapper for the ks::Hbcv function.

Usage

```
bw_hbcv(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hlscv(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

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|----------|---|
| bw_hlscv | <i>Least-squares cross-validation bandwidth matrix selector for multi-variate data.</i> |
|----------|---|

Description

A simple wrapper for the ks::Hlscv function.

Usage

```
bw_hlscv(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hlscv(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

bw_hnm

Normal mixture bandwidth.

Description

A simple wrapper for the ks::Hnm function.

Usage

```
bw_hnm(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hnm(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

bw_hns*Normal scale bandwidth using ks::Hns function.*

Description

A simple wrapper for the ks::Hns function.

Usage

```
bw_hns(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hns(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

bw_hpi

Default Plug-in bandwidth selector using ks::Hpi function.

Description

A simple wrapper for the ks::Hpi function.

Usage

```
bw_hpi(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hpi(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

| | |
|---------|--|
| bw_hscv | <i>Smoothed cross-validation bandwidth selector.</i> |
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Description

A simple wrapper for the ks::Hscv function.

Usage

```
bw_hscv(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hscv(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

| | |
|---------|---|
| bw_hucv | <i>Least-squares cross-validation bandwidth matrix selector for multi-variate data.</i> |
|---------|---|

Description

A simple wrapper for the ks::Hucv function.

Usage

```
bw_hucv(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hucv(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

bw_ref

Normal Reference Distribution.

Description

A simple wrapper for the MASS::bandwidth.nrd function. Divides values by 4 to match the scale of ks methods

Usage

```
bw_ref(x)
```

Arguments

x 2d matrix of data values.

Value

A numeric vector of estimated x and y bandwidths. Must subset your data if you wish to obtain group specific bandwidths.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data("rodents")
# Subset the data for a single species
spec1<- rodents[rodents$Species == "Species1", ]
# Calculate the bandwidth
bw_hucv(as.matrix(spec1[, c("Ave_C", "Ave_N")]))
```

`calcOverlap`*Calculate Percent Overlap of Isotopic Niche Space*

Description

Calculates the percent of polygon overlap between each group and level.

Usage

```
calcOverlap(estObj)
```

Arguments

`estObj` List object of class `estObj` containing returned sf data frames from estimating functions `estKIN`, etc.

Value

A data.frame containing the percent of the polygon overlap for each group and level. Rows are the 1st input polygon, columns are the 2nd input, the returned area of overlap is divided by the area of the 1st polygon (row).

Author(s)

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Examples

```
library(rKIN)
data("rodents")
#estimate niche overlap between 2 species using kernel UD
test.kin<- estKIN(data=rodents, x="Ave_C", y="Ave_N", group="Species",
                 levels=c(50, 75, 95), scaler=2)
#determine polygon overlap for all polygons
dat.olp<- calcOverlap(test.kin)
```

`createSPDF`*Internal helper function*

Description

Create empty sf data frame with `estObj` schema

Usage

```
createSPDF()
```


Value

An empty sf data frame object matching the expected schema of the estKIN function.

Author(s)

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 estEllipse

Estimate Bivariate Normal Ellipse Isotope Niche

Description

Calculates the Bivariate Normal Ellipse Polygon for isotopic values at multiple confidence levels. Returns a list of sf data frames, each list item representing the grouping variable (i.e. species).

Usage

```
estEllipse(data, x, y, group, levels = c(50, 75, 95), smallSamp = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| data | data.frame object containing columns of isotopic values and grouping variables |
| x | character giving the column name of the x coordinates |
| y | character giving the column name of the y coordinates |
| group | character giving the column name of the grouping variable (i.e. species) |
| levels | Numeric vector of desired percent levels (e.g. c(10, 50, 90)). Should not be less than 1 or greater than 100) |
| smallSamp | logical value indicating whether to override minimum number of samples. Currently 10 samples are required. |

Value

A list of sf data frames, each list item representing the grouping variable.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
library(rKIN)
data("rodents")
#estimate niche overlap between 2 species using bivariate ellipse
test.elp<- estEllipse(data=rodents, x="Ave_C", y="Ave_N", group="Species",
  levels=c(50, 75, 95))
#determine polygon overlap for all polygons
plotKIN(test.elp, scaler=2, title="Ellipse Estimates", xlab="Ave_C", ylab="Ave_N")
```

 estKIN

Estimate Kernel Isotope Niche

Description

Calculates the 2D kernel for isotopic values at multiple confidence levels. Returns a list of sf data frames, each list item representing the grouping variable (i.e. species).

Usage

```
estKIN(
  data,
  x,
  y,
  h = "ref",
  hval = NULL,
  group,
  levels = c(50, 75, 95),
  scaler = 10,
  smallSamp = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| data | data.frame object containing columns of isotopic values and grouping variables |
| x | character giving the column name of the x coordinates |
| y | character giving the column name of the y coordinates |
| h | character describing the bandwidth estimator method. Default = "ref". See Details for more information. |
| hval | numeric vector of length 2 describing the bandwidth in x and y directions. Default = NULL |
| group | character giving the column name of the grouping variable (i.e. species) |
| levels | Numeric vector of desired percent levels (e.g. c(10, 50, 90)). Should not be less than 1 or greater than 99) |
| scaler | numeric value to expand the min/max x and y values. This assists with error given smaller sample sizes. Default value = 10 |
| smallSamp | logical value indicating whether to override minimum number of samples. Currently 10 samples are required. |

Details

Details For the h argument there are 8 different bandwidth estimation options ("hns", "hpi", "hscv", "hlscv", "hbcv", "hnm", "hucv", "ref"). "ref" = The default MASS::kde2d bandwidth method. The remaining options are obtained from the 'ks' package with the default method being "hpi". For all ks package methods, the default values are accepted and only the x and y values are passed to the

bivariate bandwidth estimating functions. For all bandwidth estimation methods, reducing the data to an individual group will provide the same bandwidths as used during rKIN estimation.

* hpi - Default Plug-in bandwidth selector using `ks::Hpi` function. Values can be obtained using `bw_hpi()`. * hns - Normal scale bandwidth using `ks::Hns` function. Values can be obtained using `bw_hns()`. * hscv - Smoothed cross-validation bandwidth selector. Values can be obtained using `bw_hscv()`. * hlscv - Least-squares cross-validation bandwidth matrix selector for multivariate data. Values can be obtained using `bw_hlscv()`. * hbcv - Biased cross-validation bandwidth matrix selector for bivariate data. Values can be obtained using `bw_hbcv()`. * hnm - Normal mixture bandwidth. Values can be obtained using `bw_hnm()`. * hucv - Least-squares cross-validation bandwidth matrix selector for multivariate data. Values can be obtained using `bw_hucv()`. * ref - Uses `MASS::bandwidth.nrd` for both `x` and `y` separately, dividing values by 4 to match the scale of `ks` methods. Values can be obtained using `bw_ref()`. See `MASS:kde2d()` for details (i.e. the function divides the values by 4).

Value

A class `rKIN` object containing a list of `sf` data frames, each list item representing the grouping variable.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
library(rKIN)
data("rodents")
#estimate niche overlap between 2 species using kernel UD
test.kin<- estKIN(data=rodents, x="Ave_C", y="Ave_N", group="Species",
                 levels=c(50, 75, 95), scaler=2)
#determine polygon overlap for all polygons
plotKIN(test.kin, scaler=2, title="Kernel Estimates", xlab="Ave_C", ylab="Ave_N")
```

estMCP

Estimate Minimum Convex Polygon (MCP) Isotope Niche

Description

Calculates the Minimum Convex Polygon for isotopic values at multiple confidence levels. Returns a list of `sf` data frames, each list item representing the grouping variable (i.e. species).

Usage

```
estMCP(data, x, y, group, levels = c(50, 75, 95), smallSamp = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| data | data.frame object containing columns of isotopic values and grouping variables |
| x | character giving the column name of the x coordinates |
| y | character giving the column name of the y coordinates |
| group | character giving the column name of the grouping variable (i.e. species) |
| levels | Numeric vector of desired percent levels (e.g. c(10, 50, 90). Should not be less than 1 or greater than 100) |
| smallSamp | logical value indicating whether to override minimum number of samples. Currently 10 samples are required. |

Value

A list of sf data frames, each list item representing the grouping variable.

Author(s)

Shannon E. Albeke, Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center, University of Wyoming

Examples

```
library(rKIN)
data("rodents")
#estimate niche overlap between 2 species using minimum convex polygons
test.mcp<- estMCP(data=rodents, x="Ave_C", y="Ave_N", group="Species",
                  levels=c(50, 75, 95))
#determine polygon overlap for all polygons
plotKIN(test.mcp, scaler=2, title="Minimum Convex Hull Estimates", xlab="Ave_C", ylab="Ave_N")
```

genCircle

Create a sequence of points on a circle

Description

This is a helper function that creates a sequence of points on a circle of radius r as a resolution determined by n . This function was directly borrowed from SIBER package (Intended for generating various SIBER ellipses). It is not intended for direct calling. NB not an exported function.

Usage

```
genCircle(n = 100, r)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---|--|
| n | the number of points to create around the circle. Defaults to 100. |
| r | the radius of the circle to create. |

Value

A 2 x n matrix of x and y coordinates of points on a circle.

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| getArea | <i>Method to extract Niche Polygon Areas</i> |
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Description

Extracts the polygon area for an rKIN object for each group and level.

Usage

```
getArea(estObj)
```

Arguments

estObj List object created from estKIN, estMCP or estEllipse functions

Value

A data.frame() of polygon areas.

Author(s)

Shannon E. Albeke, Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center, University of Wyoming

Examples

```
data("rodents")
#estimate niche overlap between 2 species using kernel UD
test.kin<- estKIN(data=rodents, x="Ave_C", y="Ave_N", group="Species",
                 levels=c(50, 75, 95), scaler=2)
#determine polygon sizes/areas
kin.area<- getArea(test.kin)
```

| | |
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| getColor | <i>Create a list of colors for plotKIN function</i> |
|----------|---|

Description

The list of colors were obtained from Colorbrewer2.org using single hue. This is run within the function plotKIN()

Usage

```
getColor(groups, levels, colors = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| groups | The number of groups within grouping variable (i.e. species) |
| levels | The number of confidence intervals provided by the user |
| colors | Character vector of hex codes representing desired colors |

Value

A character vector of RGB colors

Author(s)

Shannon E. Albeke, Wyoming Geographic Information Science Center, University of Wyoming

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|--------------------|--|
| getKernelThreshold | <i>Miscellaneous functions to complete kernel 2D estimates: Get contour threshold values</i> |
|--------------------|--|

Description

Obtains the quantile threshold levels for a vector of probabilities from a kernel density estimate.

Usage

```
getKernelThreshold(x, levels = c(50, 75, 95))
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| x | Numeric vector of probabilities from a kernel density estimate |
| levels | Numeric vector of desired percent levels (e.g. c(10, 50, 90)). Should not be less than 1 or greater than 99) |

Value

A list of threshold values for each percent.

Author(s)

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 plotKIN

Plotting function for rKIN polygons

Description

Using ggplot2 methods, simultaneously plot all of the groups and levels of niche space

Usage

```
plotKIN(
  estObj,
  scaler = 1,
  alpha = 0.3,
  title = "",
  xlab = "x",
  ylab = "y",
  xmin = NULL,
  xmax = NULL,
  ymin = NULL,
  ymax = NULL,
  colors = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| estObj | list object created from estKIN, estMCP or estEllipse functions |
| scaler | numeric value indicating number of isotopic units to expand the x and y axes of the plot. Default is 1. |
| alpha | numeric value between 0 and 1, representing the amount of transparency of each polygon. 0 is transparent, 1 is opaque. |
| title | character string for a plot title. |
| xlab | character or expression string for the x-axis label. |
| ylab | character or expression string for the y-axis label. |
| xmin | default is NULL, numeric value of user specified minimum x axis value |
| xmax | default is NULL, numeric value of user specified maximum x axis value |
| ymin | default is NULL, numeric value of user specified minimum y axis value |
| ymax | default is NULL, numeric value of user specified maximum y axis value |
| colors | default is NULL, character vector of hex codes representing colors for plot |

Value

A plot of all groups and levels.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
library(rKIN)
data("rodents")
#estimate niche overlap between 2 species using kernel UD
test.kin<- estKIN(data=rodents, x="Ave_C", y="Ave_N", group="Species",
                 levels=c(50, 75, 95), scaler=2)
#determine polygon overlap for all polygons
plotKIN(test.kin, scaler = 1, title = "Kernel Estimates",
        xlab = expression({delta}^13*C~ ('Per Mille')),
        ylab = expression({delta}^15*N~ ('Per Mille'))
```

rKIN

rKIN: A package for computing isotopic niche space

Description

The rKIN This package applies methods used to estimate animal homerange, but instead of geospatial coordinates, we use isotopic coordinates. The estimation methods include: 1) 2-dimensional bivariate normal kernel utilization density estimator with multiple bandwidth estimation methods, 2) bivariate normal ellipse estimator, and 3) minimum convex polygon estimator, all applied to stable isotope data. Additionally, functions to determine niche area, polygon overlap between groups and levels (confidence contours) and plotting capabilities.

rKIN functions

The rKIN functions: estKIN, estEllipse, estMCP, plot.kin, getArea, calcOverlap

rodents

Isotopic data from rodent blood samples.

Description

A dataset containing the individual Species, Habitat sampled, and Percent delta C and N.

Usage

```
rodents
```


Format

A data frame with 530 rows and 4 variables:

Species Generic species used as a grouping variable

Habitat Habitat in which the individual was captured

Ave_C Averaged delta 13C present within the blood sample

Ave_N Averaged delta 15N present within the blood sample ...

Source

<http://www.uwyo.edu/zoology/people/bendavid.html>

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