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# Description

A package that allows the generation and analysis of synthetic river network analogues, called Optimal Channel Networks (OCNs).

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# See Also

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vignette("OCNet")
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aggregate\_OCN

Aggregate an Optimal Channel Network

# **Description**

Function that, given an OCN, builds the network at the river network (RN), aggregated (AG), sub-catchment (SC), and catchment (CM) levels.

# Usage

```
aggregate_OCN(OCN, thrA = 0.002 * OCN$FD$nNodes *
   OCN$cellsize^2, streamOrderType = "Strahler", maxReachLength = Inf,
   equalizeLengths = FALSE, breakpoints = NULL, displayUpdates = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

OCN

A river object as produced by landscape\_OCN.

thrA

Threshold value on drainage area used to derive the aggregated network. If thrA = 0, no aggregation is performed: every FD node is also a node at the RN and AG levels. In this case, the function aggregate\_OCN can still be used to compute statistics such as OCN\$AG\$streamOrder.

streamOrderType

If "Strahler", Strahler stream order is computed; if "Shreve", Shreve stream order is computed.

maxReachLength Maximum reach length allowed (in planar units). If the path length between a channel head and the downstream confluence is higher than maxReachLength, the reach starting from the channel head will have a length up to maxReachLength, while the next downstream pixel is considered as a new channel head, from which a new reach departs. Values lower than OCN\$cellsize\*sqrt(2) are not allowed. If maxReachLength < 2\*OCN\$cellsize, every RN node is also an AG

equalizeLengths

Logical. Only effective when maxReachLength < Inf. If TRUE, reaches longer than maxReachLength are split in portions of similar length. If FALSE (default), a split is made whenever adding one more pixel to a reach would violate the maxReachLength constrain, which could result in the creation of very short reaches. Note that setting equalizeLengths = TRUE might increase the number of AG nodes with respect to the default case (see example 2).

breakpoints

Indices of additional nodes at the RN level that should be also nodes at the AG level (beyond source, confluence, outlet nodes and AG nodes determined via maxReachLength). To determine such indices, a preliminary run of aggregate\_OCN with the same thrA would be required (see example 3).

displayUpdates Logical. State if updates are printed on the console while aggregate\_OCN runs.

#### **Details**

Note that each node (and the corresponding edge exiting from it, in the case of non-outlet nodes) at the AG level corresponds to a subcatchment at the SC level that shares the same index: for instance, SC\$toFD[i] contains all elements of AG\$toFD[i] (that is, the indices of pixels at FD level that constitute the edge departing from node i are also part of subcatchment i).

#### Value

A river object that contains all objects contained in OCN, in addition to the objects listed below. New sublists RN, AG, SC, containing variables at the corresponding aggregation levels, are created. Refer to section 4.2 of the vignette for a more detailed explanation on values OCN\$XX\$toYY, where XX and YY are two random aggregation levels.

FD\$toRN Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes) whose values are equal to 0 if the FD node is

not a node at the RN level. If FD\$toRN[i] != 0, then FD\$toRN[i] is the index at the RN level of the node whose index at the FD level is i. Thereby, FD\$toRN[i]

= j implies RN\$toFD[j] = i.

FD\$toSC Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes) of SC indices for all nodes at the FD level.

If  $OCN\FD\toSC[i] = j$ , then i %in%  $OCN\SC\toFD[[j]] = TRUE$ .

RN\$A Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) containing drainage area values for all RN nodes

(in square planar units).

RN\$W Adjacency matrix (RN\$nNodes by RN\$nNodes) at the RN level. It is a spam

object.

RN\$downNode Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) representing the adjacency matrix at RN level in

a vector form: if RN\$downNode[i] = j then RN\$W[i,j] = 1. If o is the outlet

node, then RN\$downNode[o] = 0.

RN\$drainageDensity

Drainage density of the river network, calculated as total length of the river

network divided by area of the lattice. It is expressed in planar units^(-1).

RN\$leng Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) of lengths of edges departing from nodes at the

RN level. Its values are equal to either 0 (if the corresponding node is an outlet), OCN\$cellsize (if the corresponding flow direction is horizontal/vertical), or

sqrt(2)\*OCN\$cellsize (diagonal flow).

RN\$nNodes Number of nodes at the RN level.

RN\$nUpstream Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) providing the number of nodes upstream of each

node (the node itself is included).

RN\$outlet Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nOutlet) indices of nodes at RN level corresponding

to outlets.

RN\$Slope Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) of pixel slopes at RN level.

RN\$toAG Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) whose values are equal to 0 if the RN node is not

a node at the AG level. If RN\$toAG[i] != 0, then RN\$toAG[i] is the index at the AG level of the node whose index at the RN level is i. Thereby, RN\$toAG[i] =

j implies AG\$toRN[j] = i.

RN\$toAGReach Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) identifying to which edge (reach) the RN nodes

belong. If RN\$toAGReach[i] = j, the RN node i belongs to the edge departing from from the AG node j (which implies that it may correspond to the AG node

j itself.)

RN\$toFD Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) with indices at FD level of nodes belonging to RN

level. RN\$toFD[i] = j implies OCN\$FD\$toRN[j] = i.

RN\$toCM Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) with catchment index values for each RN node.

Example: RN\$toCM[i] = j if node i drains into the outlet whose location is

defined by outletSide[j], outletPos[j].

RN\$upstream List (of length RN\$nNodes) whose object i is a vector (of length RN\$nUpstream[i])

containing the indices of nodes upstream of a node i (including i).

RN\$X, RN\$Y Vectors (of length RN\$nNodes) of X, Y coordinates of nodes at RN level.

RN\$Z Vector (of length RN\$nNodes) of Z coordinates of nodes at RN level.

AG\$A Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) containing drainage area values for all nodes at

AG level. If i is a channel head, then AG\$A[RN\$toAG[i]] = RN\$A[i].

AG\$AReach Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) containing drainage area values computed by ac-

counting for the areas drained by edges departing from AG nodes. In other words, AG\$AReach[i] is equal to the drainage area of the last downstream node

belonging to the reach that departs from i (namely AGAReach[i] = max(RN\$A[RN\$toAG])

== i])).

AG\$W Adjacency matrix (AG\$nNodes by AG\$nNodes) at the AG level. It is a spam

object.

AG\$downNode Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) representing the adjacency matrix at AG level in

a vector form: if AG\$downNode[i] = j then AG\$W[i,j] = 1. If o is the outlet

node, then AG\$downNode[o] = 0.

AG\$1eng Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) of lengths of edges departing from nodes at AG

level. Note that AG\$leng[i] = sum(RN\$leng[RN\$toAG == i]). If o is an outlet

node (i.e. (o %in% AG\$outlet) = TRUE), then AG\$leng[i] = 0.

AG\$nNodes Number of nodes resulting from the aggregation process. AG\$nUpstream Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) providing the number of nodes (at the AG level) upstream of each node (the node itself is included). Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nOutlet) with indices of outlet nodes, i.e. nodes AG\$outlet whose AG\$downNode value is 0. AG\$slope Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) of slopes at AG level. It represents the (weighted) average slope of edges departing from nodes. If i is an outlet node (i.e. (i %in% AGsoutlet) = TRUE), then AGslope[i] = NaN. Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) of stream order values for each node. If streamOrderType AG\$streamOrder = "Strahler", Strahler stream order is computed. If streamOrderType = "Shreve", Shreve stream order is computed. List (of length AG\$nNodes) whose object i is a vector (of length AG\$nUpstream[i]) AG\$upstream containing the indices of nodes (at the AG level) upstream of a node i (including i). AG\$toFD Vector of length AG\$nNodes) with with indices at FD level of nodes belonging to AG level. AG\$toFD[i] = j implies OCN\$FD\$toAG[j] = i. List (of length AG\$nNodes) whose object i is a vector of indices of FD nodes AG\$ReachToFD constituting the edge departing from node i. AG\$toRN Vector of length AG\$nNodes) with with indices at RN level of nodes belonging to AG level. AG\$toRN[i] = j implies OCN\$FD\$toRN[j] = i. AG\$ReachToRN List (of length AG\$nNodes) whose object i is a vector of indices of RN nodes constituting the edge departing from node i. AG\$toCM Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) with catchment index values for each AG node. Example: AG\$toCM[i] = j if node i drains into the outlet whose location is defined by outletSide[j], outletPos[j]. AG\$X, AG\$Y Vectors (of length AG\$nNodes) of X, Y coordinates (in planar units) of nodes at the AG level. These correspond to the X, Y coordinates of the nodes constituting the upstream tips of the reaches. If i and j are such that AG\$X[i] == RN\$X[j]and AG\$Y[i] == RN\$Y[j], then AG\$A[i] = RN\$A[j]. AG\$XReach, AG\$YReach Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) of X, Y coordinates (in planar units) of the downstream tips of the reaches. If i and j are such that AG\$XReach[i] == RN\$X[j] and AG\$YReach[i] == RN\$Y[j], then AG\$AReach[i] = RN\$A[j]. If o is an outlet node, then AG\$XReach = NaN, AG\$YReach = NaN. AG\$Z Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) of elevation values (in elevational units) of nodes at the AG level. These correspond to the elevations of the nodes constituting the upstream tips of the reaches. AG\$ZReach Vector (of length AG\$nNodes) of Z coordinates (in elevational units) of the downstream tips of the reaches. If o is an outlet node, then AG\$ZReach = NaN. SC\$ALocal Vector (of length SC\$nNodes) with values of subcatchment area, that is the number of FD pixels (multiplied by OCN\$FD\$cellsize^2) that constitutes a subcatchment. If o is an outlet node, then ALocal[o] = 0.

SC\$W	Adjacency matrix (SC\$nNodes by SC\$nNodes) at the subcatchment level. Two subcatchments are connected if they share a border. Note that this is not a flow connection. Unlike the adjacency matrices at levels FD, RN, AG, this matrix is symmetric. It is a spam object. If o is an outlet node, then SC\$W[o,] and SC\$W[,o] only contain zeros (i.e., o is unconnected to the other nodes).
SC\$nNodes	Number of subcatchments into which the lattice is partitioned. If nOutlet = 1, then SC\$nNodes = AG\$nNodes. If multiple outlets are present, SC\$nNodes might be greater than AG\$nNodes in the case when some catchments have drainage area lower than thrA. In this case, the indices from AG\$nNodes + 1 to SC\$nNodes identify subcatchment that do not have a corresponding AG node.
SC\$toFD	List (of length SC\$nNodes) whose object i is a vector of indices of FD pixels constituting the subcatchment i.
SC\$X, SC\$Y	Vectors (of length SC $nNodes$ ) of X, Y coordinates (in planar units) of subcatchment centroids.
SC\$Z	Vector (of length SC\$nNodes) of average subcatchment elevation (in elevational units).

Finally, thrA is added to the river object.

# **Examples**

```
# 1a) aggregate a 20x20 OCN by imposing thrA = 4.
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 4)
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN, drawNodes = TRUE)
# 1b) same as above, but identify all RN nodes as AG nodes
mrl <- 1.5*OCN_20$cellsize
OCN2 <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 4, maxReachLength = mrl)
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN2, drawNodes = TRUE)
# 2) explore the effects of thrA, maxReachLength and equalizeLengths on a large OCN
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN_250_T) # it takes some seconds
OCN_a <- aggregate_OCN(OCN, thrA = 200) # it takes some seconds
OCN_b <- aggregate_OCN(OCN, thrA = 1000) # it takes some seconds
OCN_c <- aggregate_OCN(OCN, thrA = 1000, maxReachLength = 20) # it takes some seconds
OCN_d <- aggregate_OCN(OCN, thrA = 1000, maxReachLength = 20,
equalizeLengths = TRUE) # it takes some seconds
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)</pre>
par(mfrow = c(2,2))
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN_a)
points(OCN_a$AG$X, OCN_a$AG$Y, pch = 19, col = "#0044bb")
title(paste("No. AG nodes = ", as.character(OCN_a$AG$nNodes),
sep=""))
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN_b)
points(OCN_b$AG$X, OCN_b$AG$Y, pch = 19, col = "#0044bb")
title(paste("No. AG nodes = ", as.character(OCN_b$AG$nNodes),
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```
sep=""))
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN_c)
points(OCN_c$AG$X, OCN_c$AG$Y, pch = 19, col = "#0044bb")
title(paste("No. AG nodes = ", as.character(OCN_c$AG$nNodes),
sep=""))
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN_d)
points(OCN_d$AG$X, OCN_d$AG$Y, pch = 19, col = "#0044bb")
title(paste("No. AG nodes = ", as.character(OCN_d$AG$nNodes),
sep=""))
par(old.par)
# note the difference between OCN_c and OCN_d at the bottom right corner of the lattice
# 3) use of breakpoints
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 5)
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN, drawNodes=TRUE)
# add an AG node downstream of node 1 at AG level
new_node_RN <- OCN$RN$downNode[OCN$AG$toRN[1]]</pre>
OCN2 <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 5, breakpoints = new_node_RN)
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN2, drawNodes = TRUE)
points(OCN$RN$X[new_node_RN], OCN$RN$Y[new_node_RN],
pch = 19, col = "red") # this node has been added
```

continue\_OCN

Perform OCN Search Algorithm on an Existing OCN

# Description

Function that performs the OCN search algorithm on an existing OCN.

# Usage

```
continue_OCN(OCN,nNewIter, coolingRate=NULL, initialNoCoolingPhase=0,
  displayUpdates=1, showIntermediatePlots=FALSE, thrADraw=NULL,
  easyDraw=NULL, nUpdates=50)
```

# Arguments

OCN A river object (as generated by create\_OCN).

nNewIter Number of iterations that the OCN search algorithm performs.

coolingRate Parameter of the function used to describe the temperature of the simulated an-

nealing algorithm. See create\_OCN. If NULL, it is set equal to the last element

of OCN\$coolingRate.

initialNoCoolingPhase

Parameter of the function used to describe the temperature of the simulated an-

nealing algorithm. See create\_OCN.

nUpdates Number of updates given during the OCN search process (only effective if

any(displayUpdates, showIntermediatePlots)=TRUE.).

showIntermediatePlots

If TRUE, the OCN plot is updated nUpdates times during the OCN search process. Note that, for large lattices, showIntermediatePlots = TRUE might slow down the search process considerably (especially when easyDraw = FALSE).

thrADraw

Threshold drainage area value used to display the network (only effective when showIntermediatePlots = TRUE).

easyDraw

Logical. If TRUE, the whole network is displayed (when showIntermediatePlots = TRUE), and pixels with drainage area lower than thrADraw are displayed in light gray. If FALSE, only pixels with drainage area greater or equal to thrADraw are displayed. Default is FALSE if dimX\*dimY <= 40000, and TRUE otherwise. Note that setting easyDraw = FALSE for large networks might slow down the process considerably.

displayUpdates State if updates are printed on the console while the OCN search algorithm runs.

- 0 No update is given.
- 1 An estimate of duration is given (only if dimX\*dimY > 1000, otherwise no update is given).
- 2 Progress updates are given. The number of these is controlled by nUpdates

#### Value

A river object analogous to the input OCN. Note that, unlike in create\_OCN, OCN\$coolingRate and OCN\$initialNoCoolingPhase are now vectors (of length equal to the number of times continue\_OCN has been performed on the same OCN, plus one) that store the full sequence of coolingRate, initialNoCoolingPhase used to generate the OCN. Additionally, the vector OCN\$nIterSequence is provided, with entries equal to the number of iterations performed by each successive application of create\_OCN or continue\_OCN. It is OCN\$nIter = sum(OCN\$nIterSequence).

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
OCN_a <- create_OCN(20, 20, nIter = 10000)
set.seed(1)
OCN_b < - create_OCN(20, 20, nIter = 5000)
OCN_b <- continue_OCN(OCN_b, nNewIter = 5000)</pre>
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_a)
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_b) # the two OCNs are equal
par(old.par)
```

create\_general\_contour\_OCN

Create an Optimal Channel Network on a general contour

# **Description**

Function that performs the OCN search algorithm on a general contour and creates OCN at the flow direction (FD) level.

#### Usage

```
create_general_contour_OCN(flowDirStart, expEnergy = 0.5,
  cellsize = 1, xllcorner = 0.5 * cellsize, yllcorner = 0.5 *
  cellsize, nIter = NULL, nUpdates = 50,
  initialNoCoolingPhase = 0, coolingRate = 1,
  showIntermediatePlots = FALSE, thrADraw = NULL,
  easyDraw = NULL, saveEnergy = FALSE, saveExitFlag = FALSE,
  displayUpdates = 1)
```

# **Arguments**

flowDirStart

expEnergy

nTter

Matrix with custom initial flow directions. Cells outside the catchment must have value equal to NaN. Cells within the catchment have natural numbers between 0 and 8. Key is as follows:

0 Outlet

1 +1 column

2 -1 row, +1 column

3 -1 row

4 -1 row, -1 column

5 -1 column

6 +1 row, -1 column

7 + 1 row

8 +1 row, +1 column

Note that flowDirStart must have at least one outlet, that is one cell with value 0. The position of outlet(s) will not be altered by the OCN search algorithm. Exponent of the functional sum(A^expEnergy) that is minimized during the

OCN search algorithm.

cellsize Size of a pixel in planar units.

Longitudinal (column-wise) coordinate of the lower-left pixel of flowDirStart. xllcorner

yllcorner Latitudinal (row-wise) coordinate of the lower-left pixel of flowDirStart.

> Number of iterations for the OCN search algorithm. Default is 40 times the number of non-NaN pixels of flowDirStart.

Number of updates given during the OCN search process (only effective if nUpdates

any(displayUpdates, showIntermediatePlots)=TRUE.).

initialNoCoolingPhase, coolingRate

Parameters of the function used to describe the temperature of the simulated annealing algorithm. See details.

showIntermediatePlots

If TRUE, the OCN plot is updated nUpdates times during the OCN search process. Note that, for large lattices, showIntermediatePlots = TRUE might slow down the search process considerably (especially when easyDraw = FALSE).

thrADraw Threshold drainage area value used to display the network (only effective when

 $show Intermediate Plots = TRUE). \ Default \ value \ is \ 0.002 *cellsize^2*nNodes,$ 

where nNodes is the number of non-NaN pixels of flowDirStart.

easyDraw Logical. If TRUE, the whole network is displayed (when showIntermediatePlots

= TRUE), and pixels with drainage area lower than thrADraw are displayed in light gray. If FALSE, only pixels with drainage area greater or equal to thrADraw are displayed. Default is FALSE if dimX\*dimY <= 40000, and TRUE otherwise. Note that setting easyDraw = FALSE for large networks might slow down the

process considerably.

saveEnergy If TRUE, energy is saved (see Value for its definition).

saveExitFlag If TRUE, exitFlag is saved (see Value for its definition).

displayUpdates State if updates are printed on the console while the OCN search algorithm runs.

0 No update is given.

1 An estimate of duration is given (only if dimX\*dimY > 1000, otherwise no update is given).

2 Progress updates are given. The number of these is controlled by nUpdates

#### Value

A river object as in create\_OCN, to which the reader is referred for detailed documentation.
However, note that in this case dimX and dimY are equal to the number of columns and rows of
flowDirStart, respectively, while nNodes is the number of non-NaN pixels in flowDirStart.
Hence, nNodes is generally lower than dimX\*dimY. The additionally exported vector FD\$toDEM
identifies the indices of the pixels of the landscape/flow direction matrix that belong to the catchment (i.e., they are not NaN).

# **Examples**

```
OCN1 <- create_general_contour_OCN(flowDir, nIter=0) # initial flow directions
OCN2 <- create_general_contour_OCN(flowDir) # perform OCN algorithm
draw_simple_OCN(OCN1)
draw_simple_OCN(OCN2)
```

create\_OCN

Create an Optimal Channel Network

# **Description**

Function that performs the OCN search algorithm on a rectangular lattice and creates OCN at the flow direction (FD) level.

# Usage

```
create_OCN(dimX, dimY, nOutlet = 1, outletSide = "S",
  outletPos = round(dimX/3), periodicBoundaries = FALSE,
  typeInitialState = NULL, flowDirStart = NULL, expEnergy = 0.5,
  cellsize = 1, xllcorner = 0.5 * cellsize, yllcorner = 0.5 *
  cellsize, nIter = 40 * dimX * dimY, nUpdates = 50,
  initialNoCoolingPhase = 0, coolingRate = 1,
  showIntermediatePlots = FALSE, thrADraw = 0.002 * dimX * dimY *
  cellsize^2, easyDraw = NULL, saveEnergy = FALSE, saveExitFlag = FALSE,
  saveN8 = FALSE, saveN4 = FALSE, displayUpdates = 1)
```

# **Arguments**

dimX Longitudinal dimension of the lattice (in number of pixels).

dimY Latitudinal dimension of the lattice (in number of pixels).

nOutlet Number of outlets. If nOutlet = "All", all border pixels are set as outlets.

outletSide Side of the lattice where the outlet(s) is/are placed. It is a vector of characters,

whose allowed values are "N" (northern side), "E", "S", "W". Its length must be

equal to nOutlet.

outletPos Vector of positions of outlets within the sides specified by outletSide. If

outletSide[i] = "N" or "S", then outletPos[i] must be a natural number in the interval 1:dimX; if outletSide[i] = "W" or "E", then outletPos[i] must be a natural number in the interval 1:dimY. If nOutlet > 1 is specified by the user and outletSide, outletPos are not, a number of outlets equal to nOutlet is randomly drawn among the border pixels. Its length must be equal

to nOutlet.

periodicBoundaries

If TRUE, periodic boundaries are applied. In this case, the lattice is the planar equivalent of a torus.

typeInitialState

Configuration of the initial state of the network. Possible values: "I" (representing a valley); "T" (T-shaped drainage pattern); "V" (V-shaped drainage pattern); "H" (hip roof). Default value is set to "I", unless when nOutlet = "All", where default is "H". See Details for explanation on initial network state in the multiple

outlet case.

flowDirStart

Matrix (dimY by dimX) with custom initial flow directions. Possible entries to flowDirStart are natural numbers between 1 and 8, indicating direction of flow from one cell to the neighbouring one. Key is as follows:

1 +1 column

2 -1 row, +1 column

3 -1 row

4 -1 row, -1 column

5 -1 column

6 +1 row, -1 column

7 +1 row

8 +1 row, +1 column

expEnergy Exponent of the functional sum(A^expEnergy) that is minimized during the

OCN search algorithm.

cellsize Size of a pixel in planar units.

xllcorner Longitudinal coordinate of the lower-left pixel.
yllcorner Latitudinal coordinate of the lower-left pixel.

nIter Number of iterations for the OCN search algorithm.

nUpdates Number of updates given during the OCN search process (only effective if

any(displayUpdates, showIntermediatePlots)=TRUE.).

initialNoCoolingPhase, coolingRate

Parameters of the function used to describe the temperature of the simulated annealing algorithm. See details.

showIntermediatePlots

If TRUE, the OCN plot is updated nUpdates times during the OCN search process. Note that, for large lattices, showIntermediatePlots = TRUE might slow down the search process considerably (especially when easyDraw = FALSE).

thrADraw Threshold drainage area value used to display the network (only effective when

showIntermediatePlots = TRUE).

easyDraw Logical. If TRUE, the whole network is displayed (when showIntermediatePlots

= TRUE), and pixels with drainage area lower than thrADraw are displayed in light gray. If FALSE, only pixels with drainage area greater or equal to thrADraw are displayed. Default is FALSE if dimX\*dimY <= 40000, and TRUE otherwise. Note that setting easyDraw = FALSE for large networks might slow down the

process considerably.

saveEnergy If TRUE, energy is saved (see Value for its definition).

saveExitFlag If TRUE, exitFlag is saved (see Value for its definition).

saveN8 If TRUE, the adjacency matrix relative to 8-nearest-neighbours connectivity is

saved.

saveN4 If TRUE, the adjacency matrix relative to 4-nearest-neighbours connectivity is

saved.

displayUpdates State if updates are printed on the console while the OCN search algorithm runs.

0 No update is given.

1 An estimate of duration is given (only if dimX\*dimY > 1000, otherwise no

update is given).

2 Progress updates are given. The number of these is controlled by nUpdates

### Details

*Simulated annealing temperature.* The function that expresses the temperature of the simulated annealing process is as follows:

if i <= initialNoCoolingPhase\*nIter: Temperature[i] = Energy[1]</pre>

where i is the index of the current iteration and Energy[1] = sum(A^expEnergy), with A denoting the vector of drainage areas corresponding to the initial state of the network. According to the simulated annealing principle, a new network configuration obtained at iteration i is accepted with probability equal to exp((Energy[i] - Energy[i-1])/Temperature[i]) if Energy[i] < Energy[i-1]. To ensure convergence, it is recommended to use coolingRate values between 0.5 and 10 and initialNoCoolingPhase <= 0.3. Low coolingRate and high initialNoCoolingPhase values cause the network configuration to depart more significantly from the initial state. If coolingRate < 0.5 and initialNoCoolingPhase > 0.1 are used, it is suggested to increase nIter with respect to the default value in order to guarantee convergence.

Initial network state. If nOutlet > 1, the initial state is applied with regards to the outlet located at outletSide[1], outletPos[1]. Subsequently, for each of the other outlets, the drainage pattern is altered within a region of maximum size 0.5\*dimX by 0.25\*dimY for outlets located at the eastern and western borders of the lattice, and 0.25\*dimX by 0.5\*dimY for outlets located at the southern and northern borders of the lattice. The midpoint of the long size of the regions coincides with the outlet at stake. Within these regions, an "I"-type drainage pattern is produced if typeInitialState = "I" or "T"; a "V"-type drainage pattern is produced if typeInitialState = "H". Note that typeInitialState = "H" is the recommended choice only for large nOutlet.

Suggestions for creating "fancy" OCNs. In order to generate networks spanning a realistic, non-rectangular catchment domain (in the "real-shape" view provided by draw\_contour\_OCN), it is convenient to use the option periodicBoundaries = TRUE and impose at least a couple of diagonally adjacent outlets on two opposite sides, for example nOutlet = 2, outletSide = c("S", "N"), outletPos = c(1, 2). See also OCN\_300\_4out\_PB\_hot. Note that, because the OCN search algorithm is a stochastic process, the successful generation of a "fancy" OCN is not guaranteed: indeed, it is possible that the final outcome is a network where most (if not all) pixels drain towards one of the two outlets, and hence such outlet is surrounded (in the "real-shape" view) by the pixels that it drains. Note that, in order to hinder such occurrence, the two pixels along the lattice perimeter next to each outlet are bound to drain towards such outlet.

In order to create a network spanning a "pear-shaped" catchment (namely where the width of the area spanned in the direction orthogonal to the main stem diminishes downstream, until it coincides with the river width at the outlet), it is convenient to use the option nOutlet = "All" (here the value of periodicBoundaries is irrelevant) and then pick a single catchment (presumably one with rather large catchment area, see value OCN\$CM\$A generated by landscape\_OCN) among the many generated. Note that it is not possible to predict the area spanned by such catchment *a priori*. To obtain a catchment whose size is rather large compared to the size of the lattice where the OCN was generated, it is convenient to set typeInitialState = "I" and then pick the catchment with largest area (landscape\_OCN must be run).

The default temperature schedule for the simulated annealing process is generally adequate for generating an OCN that does not resemble the initial network state if the size of the lattice is not too large (say, until dimX\*dimY <= 40000). When dimX\*dimY > 40000, it might be convenient to make use of a "warmer" temperature schedule (for example, by setting coolingRate = 0.5 and initialNoCoolingPhase = 0.1; see also the package vignette) and/or increase nIter with respect to its default value. Note that these suggestions only pertain to the aesthetics of the final OCN; the default temperature schedule and nIter are calibrated to ensure convergence of the OCN (i.e. achievement of a local minimum of Energy, save for a reasonable threshold) also for lattices larger than dimX\*dimY = 40000.

#### Value

A river object. It is de facto a list, whose objects are listed below. Variables that define the network at the FD level are wrapped in the sublist FD. Adjacency matrices describing 4- or 8nearest-neighbours connectivity among pixels are contained in lists N4 and N8, respectively.

FD\$A Vector (of length dimX\*dimY) containing drainage area values for all FD pixels

(in square planar units).

FD\$W Adjacency matrix (dimX\*dimY by dimX\*dimY) at the FD level. It is a spam

object.

FD\$downNode Vector (of length dimX\*dimY) representing the adjacency matrix at FD level in

a vector form: if FD\$downNode[i] = j then FD\$W[i,j] = 1. If o is the outlet

pixel, then FD\$downNode[o] = 0.

FD\$X (FD\$Y) Vector (of length dimX\*dimY) containing X (Y) coordinate values for all FD

pixels.

FD\$nNodes Number of nodes at FD level (equal to dimX\*dimY).

FD\$outlet Vector (of length nOutlet) indices of pixels at FD level corresponding to outlets.

FD\$perm Vector (of length dimX\*dimY) representing a permutation of the FD pixels: perm[(which(perm==i)

- FD\$A[i] + 1): which(perm==i)] gives the indices of the pixels that drain into

pixel i.

energyInit Initial energy value.

Vector (of length nIter) of energy values for each stage of the OCN during the energy

search algorithm (only present if saveEnergy = TRUE).

Vector (of length nIter) showing the outcome of the rewiring process (only exitFlag

present if saveExitFlag = TRUE). Its entries can assume one of the following

values:

0 Rewiring is accepted.

1 Rewiring is not accepted (because it does not lower energy or according to the acceptance probability of the simulated annealing algorithm).

2 Rewiring is invalid because a loop in the graph was generated, therefore the network is no longer a direct acyclic graph.

3 Rewiring is invalid because of cross-flow. This means that, for example, in a 2x2 cluster of pixel, the southwestern (SW) corner drains into the NE one, and SE drains into NW. Although this circumstance does not imply the presence of a loop in the graph, it has no physical meaning and is thereby

forbidden.

N4\$W Adjacency matrix (dimX\*dimY by dimX\*dimY) that describes 4-nearest-neighbours

connectivity between pixels: N4\$W[i,j] = 1 if pixel j shares an edge with i, and

is null otherwise. It is saved only if saveN4 = TRUE.

Adjacency matrix (dimX\*dimY by dimX\*dimY) that describes 8-nearest-neighbours N8\$W connectivity between pixels: N8\$W[i,j] = 1 if pixel j shares an edge or a vertex

with i, and is null otherwise. It is saved only if saveN8 = TRUE.

Finally, dimX, dimY, cellsize, nOutlet, periodicBoundaries, expEnergy, coolingRate, typeInitialState, nIter, xllcorner, yllcorner are passed to the river object as they were included in the input (except nOutlet = "All" which is converted to 2\*(dimX + dimY - 2)).

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# **Examples**

```
# 1) creates and displays a single outlet 20x20 OCN with default options
set.seed(1)
OCN_a <- create_OCN(20, 20)</pre>
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_a)
# 2) creates and displays a 2-outlet OCNs with manually set outlet location,
# and a 4-outlet OCNs with random outlet position.
set.seed(1)
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)</pre>
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
OCN_b1 \leftarrow create_OCN(30, 30, nOutlet = 2, outletSide = c("N", "W"), outletPos = c(15, 12))
OCN_b2 \leftarrow create_OCN(30, 30, nOutlet = 4)
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_b1)
title("2-outlet OCN")
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_b2)
title("4-outlet OCN")
par(old.par)
## Not run:
# 3) generate 3 single-outlet OCNs on the same (100x100) domain starting from different
# initial states, and show 20 intermediate plots and console updates.
OCN_V <- create_OCN(100, 100, typeInitialState = "V", showIntermediatePlots = TRUE,
nUpdates = 20, displayUpdates = 2)
OCN_T <- create_OCN(100, 100, typeInitialState = "T", showIntermediatePlots = TRUE,
nUpdates = 20, displayUpdates = 2)
OCN_I <- create_OCN(100, 100, typeInitialState = "I", showIntermediatePlots = TRUE,
nUpdates = 20, displayUpdates = 2)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# 4) generate a 2-outlet OCN and show intermediate plots. Note that different colors are used
# to identify the two networks (all pixels are colored because thrADraw = 0).
OCN \leftarrow create_OCN(150, 70, nOutlet = 2, outletPos = c(1, 150), outletSide = c("S", "N"),
typeInitialState = "V", periodicBoundaries = TRUE,
showIntermediatePlots = TRUE, thrADraw = 0)
# The resulting networks have an irregular contour, and their outlets are located on the contour:
draw_contour_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN))
## End(Not run)
```

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# **Description**

Function that creates Peano networks on a square lattice.

# Usage

```
create_peano(nIterPeano, outletPos = "NE", xllcorner = 1,
  yllcorner = 1, cellsize = 1)
```

# Arguments

nIterPeano	Number of iteration of the Peano scheme. The resulting network will span a domain of size 2^(nIterPeano + 1) by 2^(nIterPeano + 1).
outletPos	Corner where the outlet is located, expressed as intercardinal direction. Possible values are "NE", "SE", "SW", "NW".
xllcorner	X coordinate of the lower-left pixel (expressed in planar units).
yllcorner	Y coordinate of the lower-left pixel (expressed in planar units).
cellsize	Size of a pixel (expressed in planar units).

# Value

A river object that contains the same objects as those produced by create\_OCN. As such, it can be used as input for all other complementary functions of the package.

# **Examples**

```
# 1) create a peano network in a 32x32 square,
# use landscape_OCN, aggregate_OCN functions,
# and display subcatchment map and map of drainage area
peano <- create_peano(4)
peano <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(peano), thrA = 4)
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
draw_simple_OCN(peano)
title("Peano network")
draw_subcatchments_OCN(peano)
title("Subcatchments")
draw_thematic_OCN(peano$RN$A, peano)
title("Drainage area at RN level")
par(old.par)</pre>
```

draw\_contour\_OCN

Draw Optimal Channel Network with catchment contours

# Description

Function that plots real-shaped OCN and catchment contours.

# Usage

```
draw_contour_OCN(OCN, thrADraw = 0.002 * OCN$FD$nNodes *
   OCN$cellsize^2, exactDraw = TRUE, drawContours = TRUE, colPalRiver = NULL,
   colPalCont = "#000000", drawOutlets = 0, pch = 15, colPalOut = "#000000",
   min_lwd = 0.5, max_lwd = 5, contour_lwd = 2, add = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by landscape\_OCN.

thrADraw Threshold drainage area value used to display the network.

exactDraw If TRUE, the real shape of OCNs is plotted. If flow crosses a boundary, the pixel

that is not contiguous to its outlet is flipped. It is only effective if OCN\$PeriodicBoundaries

= TRUE

drawContours If TRUE, plot catchment(s) contours.

colPalRiver Color palette used to plot the river network(s). Default is a rearranged version of

theme "Dark 3" (see hcl.pals). colPalRiver accepts both functions creating color palettes and vectors of colors (of which the first OCN\$nOutlet elements are used). If a single color value is provided and OCN\$nOutlet > 1, all river

networks are drawn with the same color.

colPalCont Color palette used to plot the catchment contour(s). Details as in colPalRiver.

Additionally, if colPalCont = 0, the palette specified in colPalRiver is copied.

drawOutlets If equal to 1, black squares are drawn at the outlets' locations behind the river;

if 2 they are plotted on top of the river.

pch Shape of the outlet points (if drawOutlets = TRUE). See points for legend.

colPalOut Color palette used to plot the outlet points (if drawOutlets = TRUE). Details

as in colPalRiver. Additionally, if colPalOut = 0, the palette specified in

colPalRiver is copied.

min\_lwd, max\_lwd

Minimum and maximum values of line width used to display the OCN (actual

line width is proportional to the square root of drainage area).

contour\_lwd Line width value for catchment contour plotting.

add Logical. If TRUE, add to an already existing plot. Taken as FALSE (with a warning

if a different value is supplied) if no graphics device is open.

### **Details**

For not too large networks (i.e. if OCN\$FD\$nNodes <= 40000, corresponding to a 200x200 lattice), pixels whose drainage area OCN\$FD\$A is lower than thrADraw are drawn with a light grey stroke. If OCN\$FD\$nNodes > 40000, in order to speed up the execution of this function, only the network constituted by pixels such that OCN\$FD\$A > thrADraw is drawn.

#### Value

No output is returned.

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# **Examples**

```
# 1) draw contour of a 20x20 single-outlet OCN
# (for single-outlet OCNs without periodic boundaries, the output
# of draw_contour_OCN is very similar to that of draw_simple_OCN)
draw_contour_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrADraw = 4)
## Not run:
# 2a) plot real shape of multiple-outlet OCN created with periodic boundaries
# add outlets on top of the rivers
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN_300_4out_PB_hot, displayUpdates = 2) # it takes around one minute
draw_contour_OCN(OCN, drawOutlets = 2)
# 2b) same as before, but use same color palette for rivers and contours
draw_contour_OCN(OCN, colPalCont = 0)
# 2c) draw contours of catchments obtained from an OCN with nOutlet = "All"
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN_400_Allout, displayUpdates = 2) # it takes some minutes
draw_contour_OCN(OCN)
# 2d) same as above, but do not plot contours, and plot outlets
# with same color palette as rivers
draw_contour_OCN(OCN, drawContours = FALSE, drawOutlets = TRUE,
colPalOut = 0)
## End(Not run)
```

draw\_elev2D\_OCN

Plot 2D map of elevation generated by an OCN

# **Description**

Function that plots the 2D elevation map generated by an OCN.

### Usage

```
draw_elev2D_OCN(OCN, colPalette = terrain.colors(1000, alpha = 1),
addLegend = TRUE, drawRiver = FALSE, thrADraw = 0.002*OCN$FD$nNodes*OCN$cellsize^2,
riverColor = "#00BFFF", min_lwd = 0.5, max_lwd = 5, args_imagePlot = list())
```

# **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by landscape\_OCN.

colPalette Color palette used for the plot.

addLegend Logical. If TRUE, image.plot is used to display the legend; as a result, elements

(e.g. node coordinates) subsequently plotted of on top of the 2D elevation map

might be wrongly positioned.

drawRiver Logical. If TRUE, draw the OCN on top of the elevation map.

thrADraw Threshold drainage area value used to display the network.

riverColor Color used to display the OCN (only effective if drawRiver = TRUE).

min\_lwd, max\_lwd

Minimum and maximum values of line width used to display the OCN (actual

line width is proportional to the square root of drainage area).

args\_imagePlot List of arguments passed to imagePlot (or to image if addLegend = FALSE). For

example, argument smallplot can be used to specify the plot coordinates for

the legend.

#### Value

No output is returned.

#### **Examples**

```
# 1) draw 2D map of a 20x20 OCN with default settings
draw_elev2D_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20))
```

draw\_elev3Drgl\_OCN

Plot 3D map of elevation generated by an OCN via rgl rendering

# **Description**

Function that plots the 3D elevation map generated by an OCN.

# Usage

```
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(OCN, coarseGrain = c(1, 1), chooseCM = FALSE,
  addColorbar = FALSE, drawRiver = FALSE, thrADraw = 0.002 *
  OCN$FD$nNodes* OCN$cellsize^2, riverColor = "#00CCFF",
  min_lwd = 1, max_lwd = 8, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by landscape\_OCN.

coarseGrain 2x1 vector (only effective if chooseCM = FALSE). For aesthetic purposes, the

elevation map can be coarse-grained into a OCN\$dimX/coarseGrain[1]-by-OCN\$dimX/coarseGrain[2] domain, where each cell's elevation is the average of elevations of the corresponding coarseGrain[1]-by-coarseGrain[2] cells of the original elevation field. coarseGrain[1] and coarseGrain[2] must be divisors of OCN\$dimX and OCN\$dimY, respectively. coarseGrain = c(2,2) is often sufficient to achieve a good graphical results for large (i.e. at least 100x100

nodes) OCNs.

chooseCM Index of catchment to display (only effective if OCN\$nOutlet > 1). It can be

a logical, or a scalar within 1:length(OCN\$nOutlet). If TRUE, the catchment with largest area is displayed. Note that, if the size of the chosen catchment is too small (e.g. OCN\$CM\$A[chooseCM] < 5\*OCN\$cellsize^2), an error might

occur due to failure in triangulation.

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addColorbar If TRUE, add colorbar to the plot.

drawRiver If TRUE, draw the OCN on top of the elevation field.

thrADraw Threshold drainage area value used to display the network.

riverColor Color used to plot the river.

min\_lwd, max\_lwd

Minimum and maximum values of line width used to display the OCN (actual

line width is proportional to the square root of drainage area).

Further parameters passed to function persp3d. The default value for aspect is

c(OCN\$dimX/sqrt(OCN\$dimX\*OCN\$dimY, OCN\$dimY/sqrt(OCN\$dimX\*OCN\$dimY,

1)).

#### **Details**

This function makes use of the rgl rendering system. To export the figure in raster format, use rgl.snapshot. To export in vectorial format, use rgl.postscript (but note that this might produce rendering issues, see rgl for details). The function will attempt at drawing a contour of the plotted entity (i.e. the lattice or a catchment, depending on chooseCM) at null elevation, and drawing polygons connecting this contour with the lattice/catchment contour at the real elevation. If chooseCM! = FALSE, this might result in errors owing to failure of polygon3d in triangulating the polygons.

#### Value

No output is returned.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20))
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# 1a) draw the 3D representation of a single catchment within an OCN
# generated with nOutlet = "All" and add draw the river on top of it
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN_400_Allout, displayUpdates = 2) # this takes some minutes
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(OCN, chooseCM = 983, drawRiver = TRUE)
# 1b) draw the 3D representation of the largest catchment within the OCN
# (here polygon3d may fail at plotting the polygon at zero elevation)
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(OCN, chooseCM = TRUE)
# 1c) draw the 3D representation of the whole OCN
# and enhance the aspect ratio of Z coordinates
# with respect to the default value (the final result will be ugly):
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(OCN, aspect = c(1, 1, 0.2))
# 1d) same as above, but operate coarse graining for better aesthetics:
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(OCN, coarseGrain = c(5,5), aspect = c(1, 1, 0.2))
```

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```
# 2) draw the 3D representation of a single catchment of an OCN generated
# with periodicBoundaries = TRUE
# (note that the real shape of the catchment is drawn)
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN_300_4out_PB, displayUpdates = 2) # this takes some minutes
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(OCN, chooseCM = TRUE)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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Plot 3D map of elevation generated by an OCN

# Description

Function that plots the 3D elevation map generated by an OCN.

# Usage

```
draw_elev3D_OCN(OCN, coarseGrain = c(1,1), colPalette = terrain.colors(1000, alpha = 1),
   addColorbar = TRUE, drawRiver = TRUE, thrADraw = 0.002 *
   OCN$FD$nNodes * OCN$cellsize^2, riverColor = "#00CCFF",
   theta = -20, phi = 30, expand = 0.05, shade = 0.5, min_lwd = 0.5, max_lwd = 5,
   args_imagePlot = list())
```

### **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by landscape\_OCN.

coarseGrain 2x1 vector (only effective if chooseCM = FALSE). For aesthetic purposes, the

elevation map can be coarse-grained into a OCN\$dimX/coarseGrain[1]-by-OCN\$dimX/coarseGrain[2] domain, where each cell's elevation is the average of elevations of the corresponding coarseGrain[1]-by-coarseGrain[2] cells of the original elevation field. coarseGrain[1] and coarseGrain[2] must be divisors of OCN\$dimX and OCN\$dimY, respectively. coarseGrain = c(2,2) is often sufficient to achieve a good graphical results for large (i.e. at least 100x100

nodes) OCNs.

colPalette Color palette used for the plot.

addColorbar If TRUE, add colorbar to the plot.

drawRiver If TRUE, draw the OCN on top of the elevation field.

thrADraw Threshold drainage area value used to display the network.

riverColor Color used to plot the river.

theta, phi, expand, shade

Additional parameters passed to the perspective plotting function persp. theta expresses azimuthal direction; phi gives colatitude; expand is the expansion factor for the Z coordinates; shade controls the shade at a surface facet.

min\_lwd, max\_lwd

Minimum and maximum values of line width used to display the OCN (actual line width is proportional to the square root of drainage area).

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args\_imagePlot Only effective if addColorbar = TRUE. List of arguments passed to imagePlot for drawing a continuous legend. For example, argument smallplot can be used to specify the plot coordinates for the legend.

# Value

No output is returned.

#### **Examples**

```
# draw 3D representation of a 20x20 OCN with default options
draw_elev3D_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20))

## Not run:
# 1a) draw the 3D representation of the OCN (without displaying the river
# and the colorbar) and enhance the aspect ratio of Z coordinates
# with respect to the default value (the final result will be ugly):
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN_400_Allout, displayUpdates = 2) # this takes some minutes
draw_elev3D_OCN(OCN, expand = 0.2, addColorbar = FALSE, drawRiver = FALSE)

# 1b) same as above, but operate coarse graining and modify shade for better aesthetics:
draw_elev3D_OCN(OCN, coarseGrain = c(5,5), expand = 0.2,
shade = 0.25, addColorbar = FALSE, drawRiver = FALSE)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

draw\_simple\_OCN

Draw an Optimal Channel Network

#### **Description**

Function that plots the non-aggregated OCN as calculated by create\_OCN.

# Usage

```
draw_simple_OCN(OCN, thrADraw = 0.002 * OCN$FD$nNodes *
   OCN$cellsize^2, riverColor = "#0066FF", easyDraw = NULL,
   min_lwd = 0.5, max_lwd = 5, add = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by create\_OCN.

thrADraw Threshold drainage area value used to display the network.

riverColor Color used to plot the river.

easyDraw Logical. If TRUE, the whole network is displayed, and pixels with drainage area

lower than thrADraw are displayed in light gray. If FALSE, only pixels with drainage area greater or equal to thrADraw are displayed. Default is FALSE if OCN\$nNodes <= 40000, and TRUE otherwise. Note that setting easyDraw =

FALSE for large networks might slow down the process considerably.

min\_lwd, max\_lwd

Minimum and maximum values of line width used to display the OCN (actual

line width is proportional to the square root of drainage area).

add Logical. If TRUE, add to an already existing plot. Taken as FALSE (with a warning

if a different value is supplied) if no graphics device is open.

#### Value

No output is returned.

# **Examples**

```
# 1a) draw OCN with default settings
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_250_T)

# 1b) same as above, but with decreased thrADraw
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_250_T, thrADraw = 0.001 * OCN_250_T$dimX * OCN_250_T$dimY)
# 1c) same as the first example, but include the portion of network
# with drainage area lower than thrADraw
draw_simple_OCN(OCN_250_T, easyDraw = FALSE) # this will take some seconds
```

draw\_subcatchments\_OCN

Draw subcatchment map from an Optimal Channel Network

# Description

Function that draws a map of subcatchments generated by the aggregation process on the OCN. If theme is NULL, colormap is such that neighbouring subcatchments have distinguished colors. If theme is specified, colors reflect the values of theme across subcatchments, in analogy with draw\_thematic\_OCN.

### Usage

```
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN, theme = NULL, drawRiver = TRUE,
  colPalette = NULL, colLevels = NULL, riverColor = NULL, addLegend = NULL,
  min_lwd = 0.5, max_lwd = 5, add = FALSE, args_imagePlot = list(), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by aggregate\_OCN.

theme Vector (of length OCN\$SC\$Nnodes expressing the spatial field of interest.

drawRiver Logical. If TRUE, draw the OCN on top of the subcatchment map.

colPalette Color palette used. colPalette accepts both functions creating color palettes and vectors of colors. In the latter case, length(colPalette) must be greater than the number of color levels. If theme = NULL, default is c("#009900", "#FFFF00", "#FF9900", "#FF0000", "#FF00FF", "#9900CC", "#555555", "#BBBBBB"). Only the first n colors are used, where n is the number of different colors needed (calculated via a greedy coloring algorithm). colPalette accepts both functions creating color palettes and vectors of colors (see examples); in the latter case, the length of the vector cannot be lower than n (n cannot be predicted a priori, but generally 6 colors should suffice). If theme != NULL, default is colorRampPalette(c("yellow", "red", "black")). colLevels Number of colors in the palette (only effective if theme is not null). colLevels must be a vector of the form c(minval, maxval) or c(minval, maxval, N\_levels). The vector of breakpoints used to attribute theme values to a given color is then defined as seq(minval, maxval, N\_levels). Default is minval = min(theme[!(is.nan(theme))]), maxval = max(theme[!(is.nan(theme))]), N\_levels = 1000. Color used to display the OCN (only effective if drawRiver = TRUE). riverColor addLegend Logical. State if a legend should be displayed (only active if theme is not null. min\_lwd, max\_lwd Minimum and maximum values of line width used to display the OCN (actual line width is proportional to the square root of drainage area). add Logical. If TRUE, add to an already existing plot. Taken as FALSE (with a warning if a different value is supplied) if no graphics device is open.

... Further arguments to be passed to image. Default plot options are as in draw\_thematic\_OCN.

drawing a continuous legend. For example, argument smallplot can be used to

args\_imagePlot Only effective if addLegend = TRUE. List of arguments passed to imagePlot for

specify the plot coordinates for the legend.

# Value

No output is returned.

# See Also

```
draw_thematic_OCN
```

# **Examples**

```
# 1a) aggregate a 20x20 OCN , use thrA = 5 pixels
# and draw subcatchments with default color palette
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 5)
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN, drawRiver = TRUE)
# 1b) same as above, but define color palette with a function
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN, drawRiver = TRUE, colPalette = rainbow)
# 1c) same as above, but define color palette with a vector of colors
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN, drawRiver = TRUE, colPalette = hcl.colors(6, "Dark 3"))</pre>
```

```
# 2) Display theme at subcatchment level
draw_subcatchments_OCN(OCN, theme = OCN$AG$A)
```

draw\_thematic\_OCN

Draw thematic map on an Optimal Channel Network

# **Description**

Function that draws OCNs with color of RN or AG nodes depending on an arbitrary theme.

# Usage

```
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN, theme=NA*numeric(OCN$AG$nNodes),
  chooseAggregation = NULL,
 discreteLevels = FALSE,
 collevels = NULL, cutoff = FALSE,
 colPalette = colorRampPalette(c("yellow", "red", "black")),
  exactDraw = FALSE, chooseCM = FALSE, drawNodes = FALSE,
  nodeType = "upstream", nanColor = "#00BFFF",
  riverColor = "#00BFFF", backgroundColor = "#999999",
  addLegend = TRUE, min_lwd = 0.5, max_lwd = 5,
  add = FALSE, args_imagePlot = list(), args_legend = list(),
  ...)
```

# **Arguments**

**OCN** 

A river object as produced by aggregate\_OCN. The order of arguments be-

tween OCN and theme can be swapped freely.

theme

Vector (of length OCN\$AG\$Nnodes or OCN\$RN\$Nnodes) expressing the spatial field of interest. The vector can contain NA and NaN values to identify RN or AG nodes where the theme is not defined. The order of arguments between OCN

and theme can be swapped freely.

chooseAggregation

Only effective if OCN\$RN\$nNodes == OCN\$AG\$nNodes. In such case, it must be equal to either "RN" or "AG"; as a result, theme will be interpreted as a spatial field in the corresponding aggregation level. Default is "AG".

discreteLevels Logical. If FALSE, a continuous color scheme is used. If TRUE, discrete color levels are applied. See also colLevels and examples.

colLevels

Number of colors in the palette. If discreteLevels == FALSE, colLevels must be a vector of the form c(minval, maxval) or c(minval, maxval, N\_levels). The vector of breakpoints used to attribute theme values to a given color is then defined as seq(minval, maxval, N\_levels). Default is minval = min(theme[!(is.nan(theme))]),

maxval = max(theme[!(is.nan(theme))]), N\_levels = 1000. If discreteLevels == TRUE and is.null(collevels) == TRUE, each unique value of theme is attributed a different color. If discreteLevels == TRUE and colLevels is a vector, collevels is used as vector of breakpoints. In this case, the number of

discrete colors is equal to length(colLevels) - 1.

cutoff Logical. If FALSE, nodes whose theme value is beyond the range established by

the vector of breakpoints are attributed the color corresponding to the lowest (or highest) value in the color scheme. If TRUE, such nodes are attributed the color

NaNcolor.

colPalette Color palette used to display theme values. colPalette accepts both functions

creating color palettes and vectors of colors. In the latter case, length(colPalette) must be greater than the number of color levels. See examples below and

hcl.colors.

chooseCM Index of catchment to display (only effective if OCN\$nOutlet > 1). It can be a

logical or a numeric vector. If FALSE, all catchments are displayed. If TRUE, the catchment with largest area is displayed. If chooseCM is a subset of vector 1:length(OCN\$nOutlet), only the catchment(s) identified by the indices in

chooseCM are displayed.

exactDraw Logical. If TRUE, the real shape of OCNs is plotted. If flow crosses a boundary,

the pixel that is not contiguous to its outlet is flipped.

drawNodes Logical. If FALSE, the theme is directly displayed on the river network. In this

case, the edge departing from a given node is displayed with the color attributed to the node. If TRUE, the theme is displayed via markers at the locations of the nodes at the RN or AG level (depending on the length of theme). In this case,

nanColor can be used to define the color of the river network.

nodeType Only effective if drawNodes == TRUE and length(theme) == OCN\$RN\$nNodes.

Can assume values "upstream" or "downstream". If "upstream", nodes are drawn at the upstream ends of the corresponding edges (i.e. at the coordinates defined by OCN\$AG\$X, OCN\$AG\$Y). If "downstream", nodes are drawn at the downstream ends of the corresponding edges (i.e. at the coordinates defined

by OCN\$AG\$XReach, OCN\$AG\$YReach).

nanColor Color attributed to RN or AG nodes whose theme value is NA or NaN.

riverColor Only effective if drawNodes == TRUE. Color used to display the OCN below the

nodes.

backgroundColor

Color used in the background of the figure. It can be either a single value, or a

vector with number of components equal to length(chooseCM). If length(backgroundColor)

== length(chooseCM), each color is used to identify a different catchment se-

lected in chooseCM (corresponding to the respective outlet). If instead length(chooseCM)

> 1 and length(backgroundColor) == 1, all catchments are colored with the

same backgroundColor.

addLegend Logical. If TRUE, add legend to the plot. If also discreteLevels = FALSE,

image.plot is used to display the legend, which appears as a colorbar; as a result, elements (e.g. node coordinates) subsequently plotted of on top of the

2D elevation map might be wrongly positioned.

min\_lwd, max\_lwd

Minimum and maximum values of line width used to display the OCN (actual

line width is proportional to the square root of drainage area).

add Logical. If TRUE, add to an already existing plot. Taken as FALSE (with a warning

if a different value is supplied) if no graphics device is open.

```
args_imagePlot Only effective if addLegend = TRUE and discreteLevels = FALSE. List of arguments passed to imagePlot for drawing a continuous legend. For example, argument smallplot can be used to specify the plot coordinates for the legend.

Only effective if addLegend = TRUE and discreteLevels = TRUE. List of arguments passed to legend for drawing a discrete legend.

Further arguments to be passed to plot.
```

#### Details

This function can be used to show how a certain spatial field varies along the river network.

Default plot options. By default, it is set asp = 1, xlab = "", ylab = "". If at least one between xlim and ylim is specified by the user, the default for axes is TRUE, and is FALSE if not. Specifying xlim and ylim helps zoom into a portion of the river network; however, due to the default asp = 1, the displayed region might be larger than what is expected if the ranges of xlim and ylim are different. To avoid this, set asp = NA (at the cost of producing a deformed river network).

Adding scale bar and north arrow. Scale bar and north arrow can be added via terra's functions sbar and north, respectively. However, note that arguments d and xy must be specified by the user (because no rast object is plotted). See example 5.

#### Value

No output is returned.

# **Examples**

```
# 1a) Six different ways to display contributing area at the AG level
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 4)
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(2,3), oma = c(0, 0, 3, 0))
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("Continuous levels \n Colors on edges")
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, discreteLevels = TRUE,
colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("Discrete, unique levels \n Colors on edges")
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, discreteLevels = TRUE,
colLevels = c(1, 10, 50, 100, 500),
colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("Discrete, user-defined levels \n Colors on edges")
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, drawNodes = TRUE,
colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("Continuous levels \n Colors on edges")
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, discreteLevels = TRUE,
drawNodes = TRUE, colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("Discrete, unique levels \n Colors on nodes")
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, discreteLevels = TRUE,
drawNodes = TRUE, colLevels = c(1, 10, 50, 100, 500),
colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("Discrete, user-defined levels \n Colors on nodes")
mtext("Six different ways to display contributing area [no. pixels]", outer = TRUE, cex = 1.5)
par(old.par)
```

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```
# 1b) Same as above, but use different colLevels, cutoff combinations
# with DiscreteLevels = FALSE
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)</pre>
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, drawNodes = TRUE,
colLevels = c(0, 200, 1000), colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("All nodes with A > 200 pixels \n are displayed in yellow")
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$AG$A, OCN, drawNodes = TRUE,
nanColor = "#00000000", colLevels = c(0, 200, 1000),
cutoff = TRUE, colPalette = hcl.colors)
title("All nodes with A > 200 pixels \n are treated as NaN")
par(old.par)
## Not run:
# 2) Display distance to outlet (at the RN level) along the main stem
# of an OCN
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_250_T)) # this takes some seconds
OCN <- paths_OCN(OCN, includePaths = TRUE) # this takes some seconds
distanceToOutlet <- OCN$RN$downstreamPathLength[,OCN$RN$outlet]</pre>
farthestNode <- which(distanceToOutlet == max(distanceToOutlet))</pre>
mainStem <- OCN$RN$downstreamPath[[farthestNode]][[OCN$RN$outlet]]</pre>
theme <- rep(NaN, OCN$RN$nNodes)
theme[mainStem] <- distanceToOutlet[mainStem]</pre>
draw_thematic_OCN(theme, OCN)
title("Distance to outlet along the main stem [pixel units]")
## End(Not run)
# 3) Show an OCN without a theme
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 4)
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN)
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN, xlim=c(3,8), ylim=c(0,5)) # zoom closer at the outlet
# 4) Adjust legend location
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN, OCN$AG$A,
args_imagePlot = list(smallplot = c(0.1, 0.11, 0.1, 0.3)))
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN, OCN$AG$streamOrder,
discreteLevels = TRUE, args_legend = list(x = -2, y = 1))
# 5) add thematic OCN on top of map and show scale bar and north arrow
draw_elev2D_OCN(OCN)
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN, OCN$AG$slope, backgroundColor = NULL,
add = TRUE, colPalette = hcl.colors(1000, "Grays", rev = TRUE),
args_imagePlot = list(smallplot=c(0.05,0.07,0.1,0.9)))
# now add scale bar and north arrow
library(terra)
# sbar() # this would throw an error
# north()# this would throw an error
sbar(d=1, xy=c(min(OCN$FD$X), min(OCN$FD$Y)-1)) # this works
north(d=1, xy=c(max(OCN$FD$X)+1, max(OCN$FD$Y))) # this works
```

find\_area\_threshold\_OCN

Find relationship between number of nodes and threshold area in an OCN

# **Description**

Function that calculates relationship between threshold area and number of nodes at RN and AG level for a given OCN. It can be used prior to application of aggregate\_OCN in order to derive the drainage area threshold that corresponds to the desired number of nodes of the aggregated network. It is intended for use with single outlet OCNs, although its use with multiple outlet OCNs is allowed (provided that max(thrValues) <= min(OCN\$CM\$A)).

# Usage

```
find_area_threshold_OCN(OCN, thrValues = seq(OCN$cellsize^2,
  min(OCN$CM$A), OCN$cellsize^2), maxReachLength = Inf,
  streamOrderType = "Strahler", displayUpdates = 0)
```

# **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by landscape\_OCN

thrValues Vector of values of threshold drainage area (in squared planar units) for which

the respective number of nodes at the RN and AG levels are computed. Note that it must be max(thrValues) <= min(OCN\$CM\$A), otherwise the catchment(s) with area lower than max(thrValues) degenerate to a network with zero nodes at the

RN/AG level.

maxReachLength Maximum reach length allowed (in planar units). If the path length between a

channel head and the downstream confluence is higher than maxReachLength, the reach starting from the channel head will have a length up to maxReachLength, while the next downstream pixel is considered as a new channel head, from

which a new reach departs.

streamOrderType

If "Strahler", Strahler stream order is computed; if "Shreve", Shreve stream

order is computed.

displayUpdates If 1, progress updates are printed in the console while the function is running. If

0, no updates are printed.

### Value

A list whose objects are listed below.

thrValues Copy of the input vector with the same name.

nNodesRN Vector (of the same length as thrValues) of number of nodes at the RN level

resulting from the aggregation process with a threshold area values specified by

thrValues.

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nNodesAG Vector (of the same length as thrValues) of number of nodes at the AG level

resulting from the aggregation process with a threshold area values specified by

thrValues.

drainageDensity

Vector (of the same length as thrValues) of values of drainage density of the river network resulting from the aggregation process with a threshold area values specified by thrValues. Drainage density is calculated as total length of the river network divided by area of the lattice. It is expressed in planar units^(-1).

streamOrder

Vector (of the same length as thrValues) of values of maximum stream order attained by the river network, resulting from the aggregation process with a threshold area values specified by thrValues.

# **Examples**

```
# 1) derive relationship between threshold area and number of nodes
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN_20)
thr <- find_area_threshold_OCN(OCN)
# log-log plot of number of nodes at the AG level versus
# relative threshold area (as fraction of total drainage area)
old.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)
par(mai = c(1,1,1,1))
plot(thr$thrValues[thr$nNodesAG > 0]/OCN$CM$A,
thr$nNodesAG[thr$nNodesAG > 0], log = "xy",
xlab = "Relative area threshold", ylab = "Number of AG nodes")
par(old.par)
```

flowDir

Example of initial flow direction matrix to be used as input in create\_general\_contour\_OCN.

# Description

An arbitrary initial flow direction matrix.

# Usage

```
data(flowDir)
```

# Format

A matrix. See create\_general\_contour\_OCN documentation for details.

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landscape_OCN	Generate 3D landscape from an Optimal Channel Network
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# **Description**

Function that calculates the elevation field generated by the OCN and the partition of the domain into different catchments.

# Usage

```
landscape_OCN(OCN, slope0 = 1, zMin = 0, optimizeDZ = FALSE,
  optimMethod = "BFGS", optimControl = list(maxit = 100 *
  length(OCN$FD$outlet), trace = 1), displayUpdates = 0)
```

#### **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by create\_OCN.

slope0 slope of the outlet pixel (in elevation units/planar units).

zMin Elevation of the lowest pixel (in elevation units).

optimizeDZ If TRUE, when there are multiple catchments, minimize differences in elevation

at the catchment borders by lifting catchments, while respecting zMin. If FALSE, all outlet pixels have elevation equal to zMin. This option is not effective for

OCNs generated via create\_general\_contour\_OCN.

optimMethod Optimization method used by function optim (only used if optimizeDZ = TRUE).

optimControl List of control parameters used by function optim (only used if optimizeDZ =

TRUE).

displayUpdates State if updates are printed on the console while landscape\_OCN runs.

0 No update is given.

1 Concise updates are given.

2 More extensive updates are given (this might slow down the total function runtime).

Note that the display of updates during optimization of elevations (when optimizeDZ = TRUE) is controlled by parameter optimControl\$trace.

# **Details**

The function features an algorithm (which can be activated via the optional input optimizeDZ) that, given the network configuration and a slope0 value, finds the elevation of OCN\$nOutlet - 1 outlets relative to the elevation of the first outlet in vectors outletSide, outletPos such that the sum of the absolute differences elevation of neighboring pixels belonging to different catchments is minimized. Such objective function is minimized by means of function optim. The absolute elevation of the outlet pixels (and, consequently, of the whole lattice) is finally attributed by imposing OCN\$FD\$Z >= zMin. Note that, due to the high dimensionality of the problem, convergence of the optimization algorithm is not guaranteed for large OCN\$nOutlet (say, OCN\$nOutlet > 10).

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#### Value

A river object that contains all objects contained in OCN, in addition to the objects listed below. A new sublist CM, containing variables at the catchment aggregation levels, is created.

FD\$slope Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes) of slope values (in elevation units/planar

units) for each FD pixel, as derived by the slope/area relationship.

FD\$leng Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes) of pixel lengths. OCN\$FD\$leng[i] = OCN\$FD\$cellsize

if flow direction in i is horizontal or vertical; OCN\$FD\$leng[i] = OCN\$FD\$cellsize\*sqrt(2)

if flow direction in i is diagonal.

FD\$toCM Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes) with catchment index values for each FD

pixel. Example: OCN\$FD\$toCM[i] = j if pixel i drains into the outlet whose

location is defined by outletSide[j], outletPos[j].

FD\$XDraw When periodicBoundaries = TRUE, it is a vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes)

with real X coordinate of FD pixels. If periodicBoundaries = FALSE, it is

equal to OCN\$FD\$X.

FD\$YDraw When periodicBoundaries = TRUE, it is a vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes)

with real Y coordinate of FD pixels. If periodicBoundaries = FALSE, it is

equal to OCN\$FD\$Y.

FD\$Z Vector (of length OCN\$FD\$nNodes) of elevation values for each FD pixel. Val-

ues are calculated by consecutive implementation of the slope/area relationship

along upstream paths.

CM\$A Vector (of length OCN\$nOutlet) with values of drainage area (in square planar

units) for each of the catchments identified by the corresponding OCN\$FD\$outlet.

CM\$W Adjacency matrix (OCN\$nOutlet by OCN\$nOutlet) at the catchment level. Two

catchments are connected if they share a border. Note that this is not a flow connection. Unlike the adjacency matrices at levels FD, RN, AG, this matrix is

symmetric. It is a spam object.

CM\$XContour (CM\$Y\_contour)

List with number of objects equal to OCN\$FD\$nOutlet. Each object i is a list with X (Y) coordinates of the contour of catchment i for use in plots with exactDraw = FALSE (see functions draw\_contour\_OCN, draw\_thematic\_OCN). If catchment i is constituted by regions that are only connected through a diagonal flow direction, CM\$XContour[[i]] (CM\$Y\_contour[[i]]) contains as many objects as the number of regions into which catchment i is split.

CM\$XContourDraw (CM\$YContourDraw)

List with number of objects equal to OCN\$FD\$nOutlet. Each object i is a list with X (Y) coordinates of the contour of catchment i for use in plots with exactDraw = TRUE (see functions draw\_contour\_OCN, draw\_thematic\_OCN). If catchment i is constituted by regions that are only connected through a diagonal flow direction, CM\$XContourDraw[[i]] (CM\$YContourDraw[[i]]) contains as many objects as the number of regions into which catchment i is split.

OptList List of output parameters produced by the optimization function optim (only present if optimizeDZ = TRUE).

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Finally, slope0 and zMin are passed to the river as they were included in the input.

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# **Examples**

```
# 1) draw 2D elevation map of a 20x20 OCN with default options
OCN2 <- landscape_OCN(OCN_20)</pre>
## Not run:
# 2) generate a 100x50 OCN; assume that the pixel resolution is 200 m
# (the total catchment area is 20 km2)
set.seed(1)
OCN <- create_OCN(100, 50, cellsize = 200,
displayUpdates = 0) # this takes about 40 s
# use landscape_OCN to derive the 3D landscape subsumed by the OCN
# by assuming that the elevation and slope at the outlet are 200 m
# and 0.0075, respectively
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN, zMin = 200, slope0 = 0.0075)
# draw 2D and 3D representations of the landscape
draw_elev2D_OCN(OCN)
draw_elev3D_OCN(OCN)
draw_elev3Drgl_OCN(OCN)
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
# 3) generate a 100x50 OCN with 4 outlets
set.seed(1)
OCN <- create_OCN(100, 50, cellsize = 200,
nOutlet = 4, displayUpdates = 0) # this takes about 40 s
# use landscape_OCN and optimize elevation of outlets
OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN, slope0 = 0.0075,
optimizeDZ = TRUE)
# display elevation of outlets and 2D elevation map
OCN$FD$Z[OCN$FD$outlet]
draw_elev2D_OCN(OCN)
## End(Not run)
```

OCN\_20

Example of small OCN

#### **Description**

A network built on a 20x20 lattice obtained by executing set.seed(1); create\_OCN(20,20).

# Usage

data(OCN\_20)

#### **Format**

A river object. See create\_OCN documentation for details.

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Example of single-outlet OCN with periodic boundaries

# Description

A network built on a 250x250 lattice obtained by executing set.seed(2); create\_OCN(250, 250, periodicBoundaries = TRUE).

# Usage

```
data(OCN_250_PB)
```

# **Format**

A river object. See create\_OCN documentation for details.

OCN\_250\_T

Example of single-outlet OCN

# Description

A network built on a 250x250 lattice obtained by executing set.seed(2); create\_OCN(250, 250, typeInitialState = "T").

# Usage

```
data(OCN_250_T)
```

# **Format**

A river object. See create\_OCN documentation for details.

OCN\_300\_4out

Example of multiple-outlet OCN

# **Description**

A network built on a 300x300 lattice obtained by executing set.seed(5); create\_OCN(300, 300, nOutlet = 4, outletSide = c("S", "N", "W", "E"), outletPos = c(1, 300, 149, 150), typeInitialState = "V", cellsize = 50).

# Usage

```
data(OCN_300_4out)
```

# **Format**

A river object. See create\_OCN documentation for details.

OCN\_300\_4out\_PB\_hot

Example of multiple-outlet OCN with periodic boundaries

# **Description**

A network built on a 300x300 lattice obtained by executing set.seed(5); create\_OCN(300, 300, nOutlet = 4, outletSide = c("S", "N", "W", "E"), outletPos = c(1, 300, 149, 150), typeInitialState = "V", periodicBoundaries = TRUE, cellsize = 50, coolingRate = 0.5, initialNoCoolingPhase = 0.1).

# Usage

```
data(OCN_300_4out_PB_hot)
```

### **Format**

A river object. See create\_OCN documentation for details.

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Example of small OCN

# Description

A network built on a 4x4 lattice for illustrative purposes.

# Usage

```
data(OCN_4)
```

# **Format**

A river object. See create\_OCN documentation for details.

## **Details**

Despite its name, this network is not an OCN: indeed, it has been generated manually and not via create\_OCN.

OCN\_400\_Allout

Example of OCN with all perimetric pixels as outlets

# Description

A network built on a 400x400 lattice obtained by executing set.seed(8); create\_OCN(400, 400, nOutlet = "All", cellsize = 50).

# Usage

```
data(OCN_400_Allout)
```

## **Format**

A river object. See create\_OCN documentation for details.

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Construct asymmetric eigenvector maps (AEM) from an OCN

## **Description**

Function that computes asymmetric eigenvector maps from an OCN. These can be used as spatial variables to assess spatial gradients in environmental or ecological data.

## Usage

```
OCN_to_AEM(OCN, level = "AG", weight = NULL, resistance = "length", moranI = FALSE)
```

# Arguments OCN

OCN	A river object as produced by aggregate_OCN.	
level	Aggregation level at which AEMs are to be calculated. It must be equal to either "RN" or "AG".	
weight	Determines how and if weights should be used to compute the AEMs. Defaults to NULL, which applies equal weights to all links of the OCN. It can be one of "gravity", "exponential", "linear", "parabolic" or a user-specified function. See details.	

resistance Identifies how resisitance (i.e., the variable negatively related to the link weight) is calculated. Defaults to "length" (i.e., resistance equal to link length). Alternatively, resistance = "time" uses water travel time to weigh the links. In

such a case, water velocities must be contained in the OCN (e.g. via rivergeometry\_OCN).

moranI Logical. Should Moran's I statistics be computed and random tests be performed

via moran.randtest?

#### **Details**

Possible character strings for weight are:

"parabolic"  $w(r) = 1 - (r/r_{max})^2$  where w is the weight value for a given link, r its resistance value and  $r_{max}$  the maximum resistance value across all links.

#### Value

A list as produced by a call to aem. If moranI = TRUE, a krandtest resulting from the call to moran.randtest is appended to the output list.

## See Also

```
aem, moran.randtest
```

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## **Examples**

```
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 5)
res <- OCN_to_AEM(OCN) # unweighted AEMs
res$values # eigenvectors associates with the AEMs
plot(OCN, res$vectors[,1], drawNodes = TRUE,
colLevels = c(-max(abs(res$vectors[,1])), max(abs(res$vectors[,1])), 100),
colPalette = hcl.colors(100, "Blue-Red 2")) # plot first eigenvector
res_g <- OCN_to_AEM(OCN, weight = "gravity") # weighted AEMs based on gravity model
fn \leftarrow function(r) {1 - r^0.5}
res_f <- OCN_to_AEM(OCN, weight = fn) # weighted AEMs based on user-specified weight function
# compute Moran's I and perform permutation test to assess which eigenfunctions should be retained
res_g <- OCN_to_AEM(OCN, weight = "gravity", moranI = TRUE)</pre>
selectedAEM <- which(res_g$moranI$pvalue < 0.05)</pre>
# selected eigenfunctions are those with significantly positive spatial autocorrelation
# plot selected eigenfunctions
# (these could be e.g. used as spatial covariates in a species distribution model)
par(mfrow=c(3,4))
for (i in selectedAEM){
plot(OCN, res$vectors[,i], drawNodes = TRUE,
colLevels = c(-max(abs(res$vectors[,i])), max(abs(res$vectors[,i])), 100),
colPalette = hcl.colors(100, "Blue-Red 2"))
title(paste0("AEM",i))
}
```

OCN\_to\_igraph

Transform OCN into igraph object

# **Description**

Function that transforms an OCN into an igraph object.

# Usage

```
OCN_to_igraph(OCN, level)
```

## **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by aggregate\_OCN.

level Aggregation level at which the OCN is converted into an igraph object. It must

be equal to either "FD", "RN" or "AG".

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# Value

An igraph object.

# **Examples**

```
# 1) transform a 20x20 OCN, at the AG level, into a graph object
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 4)
g <- OCN_to_igraph(OCN, level = "AG")
plot(g, layout = matrix(c(OCN$AG$X,OCN$AG$Y), ncol = 2, nrow = OCN$AG$nNodes))</pre>
```

OCN\_to\_SSN

Transform OCN into SSN object (disabled)

# Description

In OCNet v1.2.0, this function is disabled following the archiving of the SSN package from CRAN (due to the retirement of rgdal). A new OCN\_to\_SSN function will be included in the next release of OCNet.

# Usage

```
OCN_to_SSN(OCN, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

OCN A river object.
... Further arguments.

# Value

No output is produced.

```
OCN_to_SSN(OCN)
```

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# **Description**

Function that determines upstream and downstream paths and path lengths between any nodes of the network at the aggregated level.

#### Usage

```
paths_OCN(OCN, level = c("RN","AG"), whichNodes = NULL, includePaths = FALSE,
includeDownstreamNode = FALSE, includeUnconnectedPaths = FALSE, displayUpdates = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by aggregate\_OCN.

level Character vector. At which level should paths be calculated? Possible values are

"RN", "AG", or both.

whichNodes List. It allows specifying a subset of nodes for which paths are computed. In the

case of large rivers, this could speed up the function execution substantially. It must contain objects named RN and/or AG. Each of these objects is a vector with the indices of the nodes for which paths are to be calculated. Default is NULL, which leads to calculation of paths between all nodes at the level(s) specified in level. If whichNodes contains a single object (RN or AG), this is taken as the level at which paths are calculated (i.e., level is overwritten). If not present,

the outlet node is automatically added. See example.

includePaths Logical. If TRUE, RN\$downstreamPath and AG\$downstreamPath are included

to the output object. Note that this might slow down the function execution

considerably, and create RAM issues for very large OCNs.

includeDownstreamNode

Logical. If TRUE, path lengths include the length of the edge departing from the

last downstream node of the path.

includeUnconnectedPaths

Logical. If TRUE, calculate path lengths between unconnected nodes (RN\$downstreamLengthUnconnecte and AG\$downstreamLengthUnconnected). Note that this might slow down the

function execution considerably, and create RAM issues for very large OCNs.

displayUpdates Logical. State if updates are printed on the console while paths\_OCN runs.

#### Value

A river object that contains all objects contained in OCN, in addition to the objects listed below.

### RN\$downstreamPath

List (of length OCN\$RN\$nNodes) whose object i is a list (of length OCN\$RN\$nNodes). If nodes i and j are connected by a downstream path, then RN\$downstreamPath[[i]][[j]] is a vector containing the indices of the nodes constituting such path (i and

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j are included). If i and j are not connected by a downstream path, then RN\$downstreamPath[[i]][[j]] = NULL. Only present if includePaths = TRUE.

## RN\$downstreamPathLength

Sparse matrix (OCN\$RN\$nNodes by OCN\$RN\$nNodes) containing length of paths between nodes that are connected by a downstream path; if i and j are not connected by a downstream path, then RN\$downstreamPathLength[i,j] = 0. Note that RN\$downstreamPathLength[i,i] = 0 if includeDownstreamNode = FALSE; alternatively, it is RN\$downstreamPathLength[i,i] = OCN\$RN\$leng[i]. It is a spam object.

## RN\$downstreamLengthUnconnected

Matrix (OCN\$RN\$nNodes by OCN\$RN\$nNodes). RN\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[i,j] is the length of the downstream portion of a path joining node i to j if i and j are not connected by a downstream path. Specifically, RN\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[i,j] = RN\$downstreamPathLength[i,k], where k is a node such that there exist a downstream path from i to k and from j to k, and these paths are the shortest possible. Note that the length of the upstream portion of the path joining i to j is given by RN\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[j,i]. If instead i and j are joined by a downstream path, then RN\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[i,j] = 0. Only present if includeUnconnectedPaths = TRUE.

#### AG\$downstreamPath

List (of length OCN\$AG\$nNodes) whose object i is a list (of length OCN\$AG\$nNodes). If nodes i and j are connected by a downstream path, then AG\$downstreamPath[[i]][[j]] is a vector containing the indices of the nodes constituting such path (i and j are included). If i and j are not connected by a downstream path, then AG\$downstreamPath[[i]][[j]] = NULL. Only present if includePaths = TRUE.

#### AG\$downstreamPathLength

Sparse matrix (OCN\$AG\$nNodes by OCN\$AG\$nNodes) containing length of paths between nodes that are connected by a downstream path; if i and j are not connected by a downstream path, then AG\$downstreamPathLength[i,j] = 0. Note that AG\$downstreamPathLength[i,i] = 0 if includeDownstreamNode = FALSE; alternatively, it is AG\$downstreamPathLength[i,i] = OCN\$AG\$leng[i]. It is a spam object.

#### AG\$downstreamLengthUnconnected

Matrix (OCN\$AG\$nNodes by OCN\$AG\$nNodes). AG\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[i,j] is the length of the downstream portion of a path joining node i to j if i and j are not connected by a downstream path. Specifically, AG\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[i,j] = AG\$downstreamPathLength[i,k], where k is a node such that there exist a downstream path from i to k and from j to k, and these paths are the shortest possible. Note that the length of the upstream portion of the path joining i to j is given by AG\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[j,i]. If instead i and j are joined by a downstream path, then AG\$downstreamLengthUnconnected[i,j] = 0. Only present if includeUnconnectedPaths = TRUE.

```
# 1) Calculate paths between nodes of an OCN
OCN <- paths_OCN(aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20), thrA = 4))</pre>
```

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```
# 2) Display distance to outlet (at the RN level) along the main stem
# of an OCN
OCN \leftarrow aggregate_OCN(1andscape_OCN(0CN_250_T)) # this takes some seconds
OCN <- paths_OCN(OCN, includePaths = TRUE) # this takes some seconds
distanceToOutlet <- OCN$RN$downstreamPathLength[,OCN$RN$outlet]</pre>
farthestNode <- which(distanceToOutlet == max(distanceToOutlet))</pre>
mainStem <- OCN$RN$downstreamPath[[farthestNode]][[OCN$RN$outlet]]</pre>
theme <- rep(NaN, OCN$RN$nNodes)
theme[mainStem] <- distanceToOutlet[mainStem]</pre>
draw_thematic_OCN(theme, OCN)
title("Distance to outlet along the main stem [pixel units]")
# 3) use whichNodes to compute distance between two non flow-connected nodes
OCN <- aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_250_T)) # this takes some seconds
RNnodes <- c(483, 516)
plot(OCN)
points(OCN$RN$X[RNnodes], OCN$RN$Y[RNnodes], pch = 19) # nodes 483 and 516 are not flow-connected
OCN <- paths_OCN(OCN, whichNodes = list(RN=RNnodes), includePaths = TRUE,
includeUnconnectedPaths = TRUE)
OCN$RN$downstreamPath[[RNnodes[1]]][[OCN$RN$outlet]]
# the outlet node has been added to whichNodes$RN
OCN$RN$downstreamLengthUnconnected[RNnodes[1], RNnodes[2]]
# distance from node 1 to the common downstream confluence
OCN$RN$downstreamLengthUnconnected[RNnodes[2], RNnodes[1]]
# distance from node 2 to the common downstream confluence
```

plot Plot a river

#### **Description**

Plots a river object

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'river,numeric'
plot(x, y, type, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,river'
plot(x, y, type, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'river,missing'
plot(x, type, ...)
```

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## Arguments

X	A river object (or a numeric vector if y is a river).
У	A numeric vector to be displayed (or a river if x is a numeric vector). It is equivalent to theme in draw_subcatchments_OCN and draw_thematic_OCN. If y is specified, the river must have been aggregated. See details.
type	Optional argument. If type = "SC" or type = "subcatchments", draw_subcatchments_OCN is used (provided that the river object is aggregated); if type = "elev2D", draw_elev2D_OCN is used; if type = "contour", draw_contour_OCN is used (provided that the river object contains the CM field as produced by landscape_OCN or extract_river); alternatively, draw_thematic_OCN is used.
	Arguments passed to the plotting functions draw_simple_OCN, draw_contour_OCN, draw_thematic_OCN. See details.

#### **Details**

This is an interface to the plotting functions draw\_simple\_OCN, draw\_elev2D\_OCN, draw\_contour\_OCN, draw\_subcatchments\_OCN, draw\_thematic\_OCN. If the river object does not have an elevation field (i.e., it has been generated by create\_OCN or create\_general\_contour\_OCN, but landscape\_OCN has not been run), the plotting function used is draw\_simple\_OCN. If the elevation field is present, but the river has not been aggregated (via aggregate\_OCN or aggregate\_river), the default plotting function used is draw\_contour\_OCN. If the river has been aggregated, draw\_subcatchments\_OCN or draw\_thematic\_OCN are used depending on type. Elevation maps can be produced with type = "elev2D", regardless of whether the river has been aggregated.

Adding scale bar and north arrow. Scale bar and north arrow can be added via terra's functions sbar and north, respectively. However, note that arguments d and xy must be specified by the user (because no rast object is plotted). See example.

#### See Also

draw\_simple\_OCN, draw\_elev2D\_OCN, draw\_contour\_OCN, draw\_subcatchments\_OCN, draw\_thematic\_OCN

```
set.seed(1)
OCN <- OCN_20
plot(OCN) # equivalent to draw_simple_OCN

OCN <- landscape_OCN(OCN)
plot(OCN) # equivalent to draw_contour_OCN
plot(OCN, type = "elev2D") # equivalent to draw_elev2D_OCN

OCN <- aggregate_OCN(OCN, thrA = 4)
plot(OCN) # equivalent to draw_thematic_OCN (with no theme specified)
plot(OCN, OCN$AG$A) # equivalent to draw_thematic_OCN (with theme specified)

plot(OCN, type = "contour") # equivalent to draw_contour_OCN

plot(OCN, type = "SC") # equivalent to draw_subcatchments_OCN (with no theme specified)
plot(OCN, OCN$AG$A, type = "SC") # equivalent to draw_subcatchments_OCN (with theme specified)</pre>
```

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```
# now add scale bar and north arrow
library(terra)
# sbar() # this would throw an error
# north()# this would throw an error
sbar(d=1, xy=c(min(OCN$FD$X), min(OCN$FD$Y)-1)) # this works
north(d=1, xy=c(max(OCN$FD$X)+1, max(OCN$FD$Y))) # this works
```

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river class

# Description

A river object contains information on river attributes at different aggregation levels. It can represent a real river network (obtained via rivnet::extract\_river) or an optimal channel network (obtained via create\_OCN).

The content of a river object can be treated as a list, hence its objects and sublists can be accessed with both the \$ and @ operators.

For information on the aggregation levels and on the content of a river object, see OCNet-package.

## **Examples**

```
show(OCN_20)
names(OCN_20)

# extract or replace parts of a river object
OCN_20$dimX
OCN_20@dimX
dim <- OCN_20[["dimX"]]
OCN_20$dimX <- 1
OCN_20[["dimX"]]
OCN_20[["dimX"]]</pre>
```

rivergeometry\_OCN

River geometry of an Optimal Channel Network

# Description

Function that calculates river width, depth and water velocity by applying Leopold's scaling relationships to nodes at the RN and AG levels.

## Usage

```
rivergeometry_OCN(OCN, widthMax = 1, depthMax = 1,
  velocityMax = 1, expWidth = NaN, expDepth = NaN,
  expVelocity = NaN)
```

#### **Arguments**

OCN A river object as produced by aggregate\_OCN.

widthMax Maximum river width allowed. If nOutlet = 1, it corresponds to the width at

the outlet node.

depthMax Maximum river depth allowed. If nOutlet = 1, it corresponds to the depth at the

outlet node.

velocityMax Maximum water velocity allowed. If nOutlet = 1, it corresponds to the water

velocity at the outlet node.

expWidth, expDepth, expVelocity

Exponents for the power law relationship between river width, depth, water velocity and contributing area. If none of expWidth, expDepth, expVelocity is specified by the user, the values expWidth = 0.5, expDepth = 0.4, expDepth = 0.1 proposed by Leopold and Maddock [1953] are used. It is possible to specify two out of these three exponents, provided that each of them lies in the range (0; 1) and their sum is lower than one. In this case, the missing exponent is calculated as the complement to one of the sum of the two values provided. If all three exponents are specified by the user, their sum must be equal to one.

#### **Details**

The values of contributing area used to evaluate river geometry at the AG level are equal to 0.5\*(OCN\$AG\$A + OCN\$AG\$AReach). See also aggregate\_OCN.

See also Leopold, L. B., & Maddock, T. (1953). *The hydraulic geometry of stream channels and some physiographic implications* (Vol. 252). US Government Printing Office.

## Value

AA river object that contains all objects contained in OCN, in addition to the objects listed below.

RN\$width Vector (of length OCN\$RN\$nNodes) of river width values for every RN node.

RN\$depth Vector (of length OCN\$RN\$nNodes) of river depth values for every RN node.

RN\$velocity Vector (of length OCN\$RN\$nNodes) of water velocity values for every RN node.

Vector (of length OCN\$AG\$nNodes) of river width values for every AG node.

Vector (of length OCN\$AG\$nNodes) of river depth values for every AG node.

Vector (of length OCN\$AG\$nNodes) of water velocity values for every AG node.

Vector (of length OCN\$AG\$nNodes) of water velocity values for every AG node.

Finally, widthMax, depthMax, velocityMax, expWidth, expDepth, expVelocity are added to the list.

```
# 1) Compute river geometry of a 20x20 OCN with default options
# and display river width at the RN level
OCN <- rivergeometry_OCN(aggregate_OCN(landscape_OCN(OCN_20)))
draw_thematic_OCN(OCN$RN$width,OCN)</pre>
```

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