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Description A tool for spatial/spatio-temporal modelling and prediction with large datasets. The approach models the field, and hence the covariance function, using a set of basis functions. This fixed-rank basis-function representation facilitates the modelling of big data, and the method naturally allows for non-stationary, anisotropic covariance functions. Discretisation of the spatial domain into so-called basic areal units (BAUs) facilitates the use of observations with varying support (i.e., both point-referenced and areal supports, potentially simultaneously), and prediction over arbitrary user-specified regions. 'FRK' also supports inference over various manifolds, including the 2D plane and 3D sphere, and it provides helper functions to model, fit, predict, and plot with relative ease. Version 2.0.0 and above also supports the modelling of non-Gaussian data (e.g., Poisson, binomial, negative-binomial, gamma, and inverse-Gaussian) by employing a generalised linear mixed model (GLMM) framework. Zammit-Mangion and Cressie <doi:10.18637/jss.v098.i04> describe `FRK` in a Gaussian setting, and detail its use of basis functions and BAUs, while Sainsbury-Dale, Zammit-Mangion, and Cressie <doi:10.18637/jss.v108.i10> describe `FRK` in a non-Gaussian setting; two vignettes are available that summarise these papers and provide additional examples.

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# Description

Mid-tropospheric CO2 measurements from the Atmospheric InfraRed Sounder (AIRS). The data are measurements between 60 degrees S and 90 degrees N at roughly 1:30 pm local time on 1 May through to 15 May 2003. (AIRS does not release data below 60 degrees S.)

## Usage

AIRS\_05\_2003

## **Format**

A data frame with 209631 rows and 7 variables:

year year of retrieval
month month of retrieval
day day of retrieval
lon longitude coordinate of retrieval
lat latitude coordinate of retrieval
co2avgret CO2 mole fraction retrieval in ppm
co2std standard error of CO2 retrieval in ppm

# References

Chahine, M. et al. (2006). AIRS: Improving weather forecasting and providing new data on greenhouse gases. Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society 87, 911–26.

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Am\_data

Americium soil data

## **Description**

Americium (Am) concentrations in a spatial domain immediately surrounding the location at which nuclear devices were detonated at Area 13 of the Nevada Test Site, between 1954 and 1963.

## Usage

Am\_data

## **Format**

A data frame with 212 rows and 3 variables:

Easting Easting in metres

**Northing** Northing in metres

Am Americium concentration in 1000 counts per minute

#### References

Paul R, Cressie N (2011). "Lognormal block kriging for contaminated soil." European Journal of Soil Science, 62, 337–345.

auto\_basis

Automatic basis-function placement

# Description

Automatically generate a set of local basis functions in the domain, and automatically prune in regions of sparse data.

## Usage

```
auto_basis(
  manifold = plane(),
  data,
  regular = 1,
  nres = 3,
  prune = 0,
  max_basis = NULL,
  subsamp = 10000,
  type = c("bisquare", "Gaussian", "exp", "Matern32"),
  isea3h_lo = 2,
```

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```
bndary = NULL,
scale_aperture = ifelse(is(manifold, "sphere"), 1, 1.25),
verbose = 0L,
buffer = 0,
tunit = NULL,
...
)
```

## **Arguments**

manifold object of class manifold, for example, sphere or plane

data object of class SpatialPointsDataFrame or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame con-

taining the data on which basis-function placement is based, or a list of these;

see details

regular an integer indicating the number of regularly-placed basis functions at the first

resolution. In two dimensions, this dictates the smallest number of basis functions in a row or column at the coarsest resolution. If regular=0, an irregular grid is used, one that is based on the triangulation of the domain with increased

mesh density in areas of high data density; see details

nres the number of basis-function resolutions to use

prune a threshold parameter that dictates when a basis function is considered irrelevent

or unidentifiable, and thus removed; see details [deprecated]

max\_basis maximum number of basis functions. This overrides the parameter nres

subsamp the maximum amount of data points to consider when carrying out basis-function

placement: these data objects are randomly sampled from the full dataset. Keep this number fairly high (on the order of 10<sup>5</sup>), otherwise fine-resolution basis

functions may be spuriously removed

type the type of basis functions to use; see details

is ea3h\_lo if manifold = sphere(), this argument dictates which ISEA3H resolution is the

coarsest one that should be used for the first resolution

bndary a matrix containing points containing the boundary. If regular == 0 this can be

used to define a boundary in which irregularly-spaced basis functions are placed

scale\_aperture the aperture (in the case of the bisquare, but similar interpretation for other basis)

width of the basis function is the minimum distance between all the basis function centroids multiplied by scale\_aperture. Typically this ranges between 1 and 1.5 and is defaulted to 1 on the sphere and 1.25 on the other manifolds.

verbose a logical variable indicating whether to output a summary of the basis functions

created or not

buffer a numeric between 0 and 0.5 indicating the size of the buffer of basis functions

along the boundary. The buffer is added by computing the number of basis functions in each dimension, and increasing this number by a factor of buffer. A buffer may be needed when the prior distribution of the basis-function coeffi-

cients is formulated in terms of a precision matrix

tunit temporal unit, required when constructing a spatio-temporal basis. Should be

the same as used for the BAUs. Can be "secs", "mins", "hours", "days", "years",

etc.

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#### **Details**

This function automatically places basis functions within the domain of interest. If the domain is a plane or the real line, then the object data is used to establish the domain boundary.

Let  $\phi(u)$  denote the value of a basis function evaluated at u = s - c, where s is a spatial coordinate and c is the basis-function centroid. The argument type can be either "Gaussian", in which case

$$\phi(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|u\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),\,$$

"bisquare", in which case

$$\phi(u) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{\|u\|}{R}\right)^2\right)^2 I(\|u\| < R),$$

"exp", in which case

$$\phi(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|u\|}{\tau}\right),\,$$

or "Matern32", in which case

$$\phi(u) = \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}||u||}{\kappa}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}||u||}{\kappa}\right),$$

where the parameters  $\sigma, R, \tau$  and  $\kappa$  are scale arguments.

If the manifold is the real line, the basis functions are placed regularly inside the domain, and the number of basis functions at the coarsest resolution is dictated by the integer parameter regular which has to be greater than zero. On the real line, each subsequent resolution has twice as many basis functions. The scale of the basis function is set based on the minimum distance between the centre locations following placement. The scale is equal to the minimum distance if the type of basis function is Gaussian, exponential, or Matern32, and is equal to 1.5 times this value if the function is bisquare.

If the manifold is a plane, and regular > 0, then basis functions are placed regularly within the bounding box of data, with the smallest number of basis functions in each row or column equal to the value of regular in the coarsest resolution (note, this is just the smallest number of basis functions). Subsequent resolutions have twice the number of basis functions in each row or column. If regular = 0, then the function fmesher::fm\_nonconvex\_hull\_inla() is used to construct a (non-convex) hull around the data. The buffer and smoothness of the hull is determined by the parameter convex. Once the domain boundary is found, fmesher::fm\_mesh\_2d\_inla() is used to construct a triangular mesh such that the node vertices coincide with data locations, subject to some minimum and maximum triangular-side-length constraints. The result is a mesh that is dense in regions of high data density and not dense in regions of sparse data. Even basis functions are irregularly placed, the scale is taken to be a function of the minimum distance between basis function centres, as detailed above. This may be changed in a future revision of the package.

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If the manifold is the surface of a sphere, then basis functions are placed on the centroids of the discrete global grid (DGG), with the first basis resolution corresponding to the third resolution of the DGG (ISEA3H resolution 2, which yields 92 basis functions globally). It is not recommended to go above nres == 3 (ISEA3H resolutions 2–4) for the whole sphere; nres=3 yields a total of 1176 basis functions. Up to ISEA3H resolution 6 is available with FRK; for finer resolutions; please install dggrids from https://github.com/andrewzm/dggrids using devtools.

Basis functions that are not influenced by data points may hinder convergence of the EM algorithm when  $K_{typ} = "unstructured"$ , since the associated hidden states are, by and large, unidentifiable. We hence provide a means to automatically remove such basis functions through the parameter prune. The final set only contains basis functions for which the column sums in the associated matrix S (which, recall, is the value/average of the basis functions at/over the data points/polygons) is greater than prune. If prune ==  $\emptyset$ , no basis functions are removed from the original design.

#### See Also

remove\_basis for removing basis functions and show\_basis for visualising basis functions

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(sp)
library(ggplot2)
## Create a synthetic dataset
set.seed(1)
d \leftarrow data.frame(lon = runif(n=1000, min = -179, max = 179),
                lat = runif(n=1000, min = -90, max = 90),
                z = rnorm(5000)
coordinates(d) <- ~lon + lat
slot(d, "proj4string") = CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=sphere")
## Now create basis functions over sphere
G <- auto_basis(manifold = sphere(),data=d,</pre>
                nres = 2, prune=15,
                 type = "bisquare",
                 subsamp = 20000)
## Plot
show_basis(G,draw_world())
## End(Not run)
```

auto\_BAUs

Automatic BAU generation

#### Description

This function calls the generic function auto\_BAU (not exported) after a series of checks and is the easiest way to generate a set of Basic Areal Units (BAUs) on the manifold being used; see details.

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# Usage

```
auto_BAUs(
  manifold,
  type = NULL,
  cellsize = NULL,
  isea3h_res = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  nonconvex_hull = TRUE,
  convex = -0.05,
  tunit = NULL,
  ylims = NULL,
  ylims = NULL,
  spatial_BAUs = NULL,
  ...
)
```

# Arguments

manifold	object of class manifold
type	either "grid" or "hex", indicating whether gridded or hexagonal BAUs should be used. If type is unspecified, "hex" will be used if we are on the sphere, and "grid" will used otherwise
cellsize	denotes size of gridcell when type = "grid". Needs to be of length 1 (square-grid case) or a vector of length dimensions(manifold) (rectangular-grid case)
isea3h_res	resolution number of the isea3h DGGRID cells for when type is "hex" and manifold is the surface of a sphere
data	object of class SpatialPointsDataFrame, SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, STIDF, or STFDF. Provision of data implies that the domain is bounded, and is thus necessary when the manifold is a real_line, plane, or STplane, but is not necessary when the manifold is the surface of a sphere
nonconvex_hull	flag indicating whether to use fmesher to generate a non-convex hull. Otherwise a convex hull is used
convex	convex parameter used for smoothing an extended boundary when working on a bounded domain (that is, when the object data is supplied); see details
tunit	temporal unit when requiring space-time BAUs. Can be "secs", "mins", "hours", etc.
xlims	limits of the horizontal axis (overrides automatic selection)
ylims	limits of the vertical axis (overrides automatic selection)
spatial_BAUs	object of class SpatialPolygonsDataFrame or SpatialPixelsDataFrame representing the spatial BAUs to be used in a spatio-temporal setting (if left NULL, the spatial BAUs are constructed automatically using the data)
	currently unused

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#### **Details**

auto\_BAUs constructs a set of Basic Areal Units (BAUs) used both for data pre-processing and for prediction. As such, the BAUs need to be of sufficiently fine resolution so that inferences are not affected due to binning.

Two types of BAUs are supported by FRK: "hex" (hexagonal) and "grid" (rectangular). In order to have a "grid" set of BAUs, the user should specify a cellsize of length one, or of length equal to the dimensions of the manifold, that is, of length 1 for real\_line and of length 2 for the surface of a sphere and plane. When a "hex" set of BAUs is desired, the first element of cellsize is used to determine the side length by dividing this value by approximately 2. The argument type is ignored with real\_line and "hex" is not available for this manifold.

If the object data is provided, then automatic domain selection may be carried out by employing the fmesher function fm\_nonconvex\_hull\_inla, which finds a (non-convex) hull surrounding the data points (or centroids of the data polygons). This domain is extended and smoothed using the parameter convex. The parameter convex should be negative, and a larger absolute value for convex results in a larger domain with smoother boundaries.

#### See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions.

## **Examples**

```
## First a 1D example
library(sp)
set.seed(1)
data <- data.frame(x = runif(10)*10, y = 0, z= runif(10)*10)
coordinates(data) <- ~x+y
Grid1D_df <- auto_BAUs(manifold = real_line(),</pre>
                        cellsize = 1,
                        data=data)
## Not run: spplot(Grid1D_df)
## Now a 2D example
data(meuse)
coordinates(meuse) = ~x+y # change into an sp object
## Grid BAUs
GridPols_df <- auto_BAUs(manifold = plane(),</pre>
                          cellsize = 200,
                          type = "grid",
                          data = meuse,
                          nonconvex_hull = 0)
## Not run: plot(GridPols_df)
## Hex BAUs
HexPols_df <- auto_BAUs(manifold = plane(),</pre>
                         cellsize = 200,
                         type = "hex",
                         data = meuse,
                         nonconvex_hull = 0)
```

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```
## Not run: plot(HexPols_df)
```

Basis	Generic basis-function constructor	

# Description

This function is meant to be used for manual construction of arbitrary basis functions. For 'local' basis functions, please use the function local\_basis instead.

## Usage

```
Basis(manifold, n, fn, pars, df, regular = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

manifold	object of class manifold, for example, sphere
n	number of basis functions (should be an integer)
fn	a list of functions, one for each basis function. Each function should be encapsulated within an environment in which the manifold and any other parameters required to evaluate the function are defined. The function itself takes a single input s which can be of class numeric, matrix, or Matrix, and returns a vector which contains the basis function evaluations at s.
pars	A list containing a list of parameters for each function. For local basis functions these would correspond to location and scale parameters.
df	A data frame containing one row per basis function, typically for providing informative summaries.
regular	logical indicating if the basis functions (of each resolution) are in a regular grid

## **Details**

This constructor checks that all parameters are valid before constructing the basis functions. The requirement that every function is encapsulated is tedious, but necessary for FRK to work with a large range of basis functions in the future. Please see the example below which exemplifies the process of constructing linear basis functions from scratch using this function.

## See Also

auto\_basis for constructing basis functions automatically, local\_basis for constructing 'local' basis functions, and show\_basis for visualising basis functions.

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## **Examples**

Basis\_obj-class

Basis functions

#### **Description**

An object of class Basis contains the basis functions used to construct the matrix S in FRK.

#### **Details**

Basis functions are a central component of FRK, and the package is designed to work with user-defined specifications of these. For convenience, however, several functions are available to aid the user to construct a basis set for a given set of data points. Please see <a href="auto\_basis">auto\_basis</a> for more details. The function <a href="local\_basis">local\_basis</a> helps the user construct a set of local basis functions (e.g., bisquare functions) from a collection of location and scale parameters.

## Slots

manifold an object of class manifold that contains information on the manifold and the distance measure used on the manifold. See manifold-class for more details

n the number of basis functions in this set

fn a list of length n, with each item the function of a specific basis function

pars a list of parameters where the i-th item in the list contains the parameters of the i-th basis function, fn[[i]]

df a data frame containing other attributes specific to each basis function (for example the geometric centre of the local basis function)

regular logical indicating if the basis functions (of each resolution) are in a regular grid

## See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions and show\_basis for visualising basis functions. 12 BAUs\_from\_points

BAUs\_from\_points

Creates pixels around points

## **Description**

Takes a SpatialPointsDataFrame and converts it into SpatialPolygonsDataFrame by constructing a tiny (within machine tolerance) BAU around each SpatialPoint.

## Usage

```
BAUs_from_points(obj, offset = 1e-10)

## S4 method for signature 'SpatialPoints'

BAUs_from_points(obj, offset = 1e-10)

## S4 method for signature 'ST'

BAUs_from_points(obj, offset = 1e-10)
```

## **Arguments**

```
obj object of class SpatialPointsDataFrame
offset edge size of the mini-BAU (default 1e-10)
```

#### **Details**

This function allows users to mimic standard geospatial analysis where BAUs are not used. Since FRK is built on the concept of a BAU, this function constructs tiny BAUs around the observation and prediction locations that can be subsequently passed on to the functions SRE and FRK. With BAUs\_from\_points, the user supplies both the data and prediction locations accompanied with covariates.

# See Also

auto\_BAUs for automatically constructing generic BAUs.

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coef\_uncertainty

Uncertainty quantification of the fixed effects

#### Description

Compute confidence intervals for the fixed effects (upper and lower bound specifed by percentiles; default 90% confidence central interval)

## Usage

```
coef_uncertainty(
  object,
  percentiles = c(5, 95),
  nsim = 400,
  random_effects = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object of class SRE returned from the constructor SRE() containing all the pa-

rameters and information on the SRE model

percentiles (applicable only if method = "TMB") a vector of scalars in (0, 100) specify-

ing the desired percentiles of the posterior predictive distribution; if NULL, no

percentiles are computed

nsim number of Monte Carlo samples used to compute the confidence intervals

random\_effects logical; if set to true, confidence intervals will also be provided for the random

effects random effects  $\gamma$  (see '?SRE' for details on these random effects)

combine\_basis

Combine basis functions

# Description

Takes a list of objects of class Basis and returns a single object of class Basis.

## Usage

```
combine_basis(Basis_list)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
combine_basis(Basis_list)
```

#### **Arguments**

Basis\_list

a list of objects of class Basis. Each element of the list is assumed to represent a single resolution of basis functions

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## See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions and show\_basis for visualising basis
functions

## **Examples**

data.frame<-

Basis-function data frame object

## **Description**

Tools for retrieving and manipulating the data frame within Basis objects. Use the assignment data.frame()<- with care; no checks are made to ensure the data frame conforms with the object.

#### **Usage**

```
data.frame(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Basis'
x$name

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Basis'
x$name <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Basis'
data.frame(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'TensorP_Basis'
data.frame(x) <- value

## S3 method for class 'Basis'
as.data.frame(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'TensorP_Basis'
as.data.frame(x, ...)</pre>
```

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## **Arguments**

x the obect of class Basis we are assigning the new data to or retrieving data from

value the new data being assigned to the Basis object

name the field name to which values will be retrieved or assigned inside the Basis

object's data frame

... unused

## **Examples**

```
G <- local_basis()
df <- data.frame(G)
print(df$res)
df$res <- 2
data.frame(G) <- df</pre>
```

df\_to\_SpatialPolygons Convert data frame to SpatialPolygons

# Description

Convert data frame to SpatialPolygons object.

# Usage

```
df_to_SpatialPolygons(df, keys, coords, proj)
```

# Arguments

df data frame containing polygon information, see details

keys vector of variable names used to group rows belonging to the same polygon

coords vector of variable names identifying the coordinate columns

proj the projection of the SpatialPolygons object. Needs to be of class CRS

#### **Details**

Each row in the data frame df contains both coordinates and labels (or keys) that identify to which polygon the coordinates belong. This function groups the data frame according to keys and forms a SpatialPolygons object from the coordinates in each group. It is important that all rings are closed, that is, that the last row of each group is identical to the first row. Since keys can be of length greater than one, we identify each polygon with a new key by forming an MD5 hash made out of the respective keys variables that in themselves are unique (and therefore the hashed key is also unique). For lon-lat coordinates use proj = CRS("+proj=longlat +ellps=sphere").

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## **Examples**

dist-matrix

Distance Matrix Computation from Two Matrices

# Description

This function extends dist to accept two arguments.

## Usage

```
distR(x1, x2 = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

x1 matrix of size N1 x n x2 matrix of size N2 x n

# **Details**

Computes the distances between the coordinates in x1 and the coordinates in x2. The matrices x1 and x2 do not need to have the same number of rows, but need to have the same number of columns (e.g., manifold dimensions).

# Value

Matrix of size N1 x N2

# Examples

```
A <- matrix(rnorm(50),5,10)
D <- distR(A,A[-3,])</pre>
```

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distance

Compute distance

# Description

Compute distance using object of class measure or manifold.

## Usage

```
distance(d, x1, x2 = NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'measure'
distance(d, x1, x2 = NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'manifold'
distance(d, x1, x2 = NULL)
```

# Arguments

d object of class measure or manifold

x1 first coordinate

x2 second coordinate

## See Also

real\_line, plane, sphere, STplane and STsphere for constructing manifolds, and distances for the type of distances available.

# **Examples**

```
distance(sphere(), matrix(0,1,2), matrix(10,1,2))
distance(plane(), matrix(0,1,2), matrix(10,1,2))
```

distances

Pre-configured distances

# Description

Useful objects of class distance included in package.

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## Usage

```
measure(dist, dim)
Euclid_dist(dim = 2L)
gc_dist(R = NULL)
gc_dist_time(R = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

dist a function taking two arguments x1, x2

dim the dimension of the manifold (e.g., 2 for a plane)

R great-circle radius

#### **Details**

Initialises an object of class measure which contains a function dist used for computing the distance between two points. Currently the Euclidean distance and the great-circle distance are included with FRK.

## **Examples**

```
M1 <- measure(distR,2)
D <- distance(M1,matrix(rnorm(10),5,2))</pre>
```

draw\_world

Draw a map of the world with country boundaries.

## **Description**

Layers a ggplot2 map of the world over the current ggplot2 object.

#### **Usage**

```
draw_world(g = ggplot() + theme_bw() + xlab("") + ylab(""), inc_border = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

g initial ggplot object

inc\_border flag indicating whether a map border should be drawn or not; see details.

## **Details**

This function uses ggplot2::map\_data() in order to create a world map. Since, by default, this creates lines crossing the world at the (-180,180) longitude boundary, the function .homogenise\_maps() is used to split the polygons at this boundary into two. If inc\_border is TRUE, then a border is drawn around the lon-lat space; this option is most useful for projections that do not yield rectangular plots (e.g., the sinusoidal global projection).

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## See Also

the help file for the dataset worldmap

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(ggplot2)
draw_world(g = ggplot())
## End(Not run)
```

eval\_basis

Evaluate basis functions

# Description

Evaluate basis functions at points or average functions over polygons.

# Usage

```
eval_basis(basis, s)

## S4 method for signature 'Basis,matrix'
eval_basis(basis, s)

## S4 method for signature 'Basis,SpatialPointsDataFrame'
eval_basis(basis, s)

## S4 method for signature 'Basis,SpatialPolygonsDataFrame'
eval_basis(basis, s)

## S4 method for signature 'Basis,STIDF'
eval_basis(basis, s)

## S4 method for signature 'TensorP_Basis,matrix'
eval_basis(basis, s)

## S4 method for signature 'TensorP_Basis,STIDF'
eval_basis(basis, s)

## S4 method for signature 'TensorP_Basis,STIDF'
eval_basis(basis, s)
```

## **Arguments**

basis object of class Basis
s object of class matrix, SpatialPointsDataFrame or SpatialPolygonsDataFrame
containing the spatial locations/footprints

## **Details**

This function evaluates the basis functions at isolated points, or averages the basis functions over polygons, for computing the matrix S. The latter operation is carried out using Monte Carlo integration with 1000 samples per polygon. When using space-time basis functions, the object must contain a field t containing a numeric representation of the time, for example, containing the number of seconds, hours, or days since the first data point.

## See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions.

#### **Examples**

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Construct SRE object, fit and predict

## **Description**

The Spatial Random Effects (SRE) model is the central object in **FRK**. The function FRK() provides a wrapper for the construction and estimation of the SRE object from data, using the functions SRE() (the object constructor) and SRE.fit() (for fitting it to the data). Please see SRE-class for more details on the SRE object's properties and methods.

## Usage

```
FRK(
   f,
   data,
   basis = NULL,
```

```
BAUs = NULL,
  est_error = TRUE,
  average_in_BAU = TRUE,
  sum_variables = NULL,
  normalise_wts = TRUE,
  fs_model = "ind",
  vgm_model = NULL,
 K_type = c("block-exponential", "precision", "unstructured"),
  n_{EM} = 100,
  tol = 0.01,
 method = c("EM", "TMB"),
 lambda = 0,
 print_lik = FALSE,
 response = c("gaussian", "poisson", "gamma", "inverse-gaussian", "negative-binomial",
    "binomial"),
  link = c("identity", "log", "sqrt", "logit", "probit", "cloglog", "inverse",
    "inverse-squared"),
  optimiser = nlminb,
  fs_by_spatial_BAU = FALSE,
  known_sigma2fs = NULL,
  taper = NULL,
  simple_kriging_fixed = FALSE,
)
SRE(
  f,
 data,
 basis,
 BAUs,
  est_error = TRUE,
  average_in_BAU = TRUE,
  sum_variables = NULL,
  normalise_wts = TRUE,
  fs_model = "ind",
  vgm_model = NULL,
 K_type = c("block-exponential", "precision", "unstructured"),
 normalise_basis = TRUE,
 response = c("gaussian", "poisson", "gamma", "inverse-gaussian", "negative-binomial",
    "binomial"),
 link = c("identity", "log", "sqrt", "logit", "probit", "cloglog", "inverse",
    "inverse-squared"),
  include_fs = TRUE,
  fs_by_spatial_BAU = FALSE,
)
SRE.fit(
```

```
object,
  n_EM = 100L,
  tol = 0.01,
  method = c("EM", "TMB"),
  lambda = 0,
  print_lik = FALSE,
  optimiser = nlminb,
  known_sigma2fs = NULL,
  taper = NULL,
  simple_kriging_fixed = FALSE,
)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
predict(
  object,
  newdata = NULL,
  obs_fs = FALSE,
  pred_time = NULL,
  covariances = FALSE,
  nsim = 400,
  type = "mean",
  k = NULL,
  percentiles = c(5, 95),
 kriging = "simple"
)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
logLik(object)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
nobs(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
coef(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
coef_uncertainty(
  object,
 percentiles = c(5, 95),
  nsim = 400,
  random\_effects = FALSE
simulate(object, newdata = NULL, nsim = 400, conditional_fs = FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
fitted(object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
residuals(object, type = "pearson")
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
AIC(object, k = 2)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
BIC(object)
```

## **Arguments**

f R formula relating the dependent variable (or transformations thereof) to covari-

ates

data list of objects of class SpatialPointsDataFrame, SpatialPolygonsDataFrame,

STIDF, or STFDF. If using space-time objects, the data frame must have another

field, t, containing the time index of the data point

basis object of class Basis (or TensorP\_Basis)

BAUs object of class SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, SpatialPixelsDataFrame, STIDF,

or STFDF. The object's data frame must contain covariate information as well as a field fs describing the fine-scale variation up to a constant of proportionality. If the function FRK() is used directly, then BAUs are created automatically, but

only coordinates can then be used as covariates

est\_error (applicable only if response = "gaussian") flag indicating whether the measurement-

error variance should be estimated from variogram techniques. If this is set to 0, then data must contain a field std. Measurement-error estimation is currently

not implemented for spatio-temporal datasets

average\_in\_BAU if TRUE, then multiple data points falling in the same BAU are averaged; the

measurement error of the averaged data point is taken as the average of the

individual measurement errors

sum\_variables if average\_in\_BAU == TRUE, the string sum\_variables indicates which data

variables (can be observations or covariates) are to be summed rather than aver-

aged

normalise\_wts if TRUE, the rows of the incidence matrices  $C_Z$  and  $C_P$  are normalised to sum to

1, so that the mapping represents a weighted average; if false, no normalisation

of the weights occurs (i.e., the mapping corresponds to a weighted sum)

fs\_model if "ind" then the fine-scale variation is independent at the BAU level. Only

the independent model is allowed for now, future implementation will include

CAR/ICAR (in development)

vgm\_model (applicable only if response = "gaussian") an object of class variogramModel

from the package gstat constructed using the function vgm. This object contains the variogram model that will be fit to the data. The nugget is taken as the measurement error when est\_error = TRUE. If unspecified, the variogram used is gstat::vgm(1, "Lin", d, 1), where d is approximately one third of

the maximum distance between any two data points

K\_type the parameterisation used for the basis-function covariance matrix, K. If method

= "EM", K\_type can be "unstructured" or "block-exponential". If method = "TMB", K\_type can be "precision" or "block-exponential". The default is "block-exponential", however if FRK() is used and method = "TMB", for computational

reasons K\_type is set to "precision"

n\_EM (applicable only if method = "EM") maximum number of iterations for the EM

algorithm

tol (applicable only if method = "EM") convergence tolerance for the EM algorithm

method parameter estimation method to employ. Currently "EM" and "TMB" are sup-

ported

lambda (applicable only if K\_type = "unstructured") ridge-regression regularisation pa-

rameter (0 by default). Can be a single number, or a vector (one parameter for

each resolution)

print\_lik (applicable only if method = "EM") flag indicating whether to plot log-likelihood

vs. iteration after convergence of the EM estimation algorithm

response string indicating the assumed distribution of the response variable. It can be

"gaussian", "poisson", "negative-binomial", "binomial", "gamma", or "inverse-gaussian". If method = "EM", only "gaussian" can be used. Two distributions considered in this framework, namely the binomial distribution and the negative-binomial distribution, have an assumed-known 'size' parameter and a 'probability of success' parameter; see the details below for the exact parameterisations

used, and how to provide these 'size' parameters

link string indicating the desired link function. Can be "log", "identity", "logit", "pro-

bit", "cloglog", "reciprocal", or "reciprocal-squared". Note that only sensible link-function and response-distribution combinations are permitted. If method

= "EM", only "identity" can be used

optimiser (applicable only if method = "TMB") the optimising function used for model

fitting when method = "TMB" (default is nlminb). Users may pass in a function object or a string corresponding to a named function. Optional parameters may be passed to optimiser via . . . . The only requirement of optimiser is that the first three arguments correspond to the initial parameters, the objective function, and the gradient, respectively (this may be achieved by simply constructing a

wrapper function)

fs\_by\_spatial\_BAU

(applicable only in a spatio-temporal setting and if method = "TMB") if TRUE, then each spatial BAU is associated with its own fine-scale variance parameter;

otherwise, a single fine-scale variance parameter is used

known\_sigma2fs known value of the fine-scale variance parameter. If NULL (the default), the fine-

scale variance parameter is estimated as usual. If known\_sigma2fs is not NULL, the fine-scale variance is fixed to the supplied value; this may be a scalar, or vector of length equal to the number of spatial BAUs (if fs\_by\_spatial\_BAU =

TRUE)

taper positive numeric indicating the strength of the covariance/partial-correlation tapering. Only applicable if K\_type = "block-exponential", or if K\_type = "pre-

cision" and the the basis-functions are irregular or the manifold is not the plane.

If taper is NULL (default) and method = "EM", no tapering is applied; if method = "TMB", tapering must be applied (for computational reasons), and we set it to 3 if it is unspecified

simple\_kriging\_fixed

commit to simple kriging at the fitting stage? If TRUE, model fitting is faster, but the option to conduct universal kriging at the prediction stage is removed

other parameters passed on to auto\_basis() and auto\_BAUs() when calling FRK(), or the user specified function optimiser() when calling FRK() or SRE.fit()

normalise\_basis

pred\_time

flag indicating whether to normalise the basis functions so that they reproduce a stochastic process with approximately constant variance spatially

include\_fs (applicable only if method = "TMB") flag indicating whether the fine-scale vari-

ation should be included in the model

object of class SRE returned from the constructor SRE() containing all the pa-

rameters and information on the SRE model

newdata object of class SpatialPoylgons, SpatialPoints, or STI, indicating the re-

gions or points over which prediction will be carried out. The BAUs are used if

this option is not specified.

obs\_fs flag indicating whether the fine-scale variation sits in the observation model

(systematic error; indicated by obs\_fs = TRUE) or in the process model (process fine-scale variation; indicated by obs\_fs = FALSE, default). For non-Gaussian data models, and/or non-identity link functions, if obs\_fs = TRUE, then the fine-scale variation is removed from the latent process Y; however, they are reintroduced for prediction of the conditional mean u and simulated data  $Z^*$ 

introduced for prediction of the conditonal mean  $\mu$  and simulated data  $Z^*$ 

are used if this option is not specified

covariances (applicable only for method = "EM") logical variable indicating whether predic-

tion covariances should be returned or not. If set to TRUE, a maximum of 4000

vector of time indices at which prediction will be carried out. All time points

prediction locations or polygons are allowed

nsim number of i) MC samples at each location when using predict or ii) response

vectors when using simulate

type (applicable only if method = "TMB") vector of strings indicating the quanti-

ties for which inference is desired. If "link" is in type, inference on the latent Gaussian process  $Y(\cdot)$  is included; if "mean" is in type, inference on the mean process  $\mu(\cdot)$  is included (and the probability process,  $\pi(\cdot)$ , if applicable); if "re-

sponse" is in type, inference on the noisy data  $oldsymbol{Z}^*$  is included

k (applicable only if response is "binomial" or "negative-binomial") vector of

size parameters at each BAU

percentiles (applicable only if method = "TMB") a vector of scalars in (0, 100) specify-

ing the desired percentiles of the posterior predictive distribution; if NULL, no

percentiles are computed

kriging (applicable only if method = "TMB") string indicating the kind of kriging: "sim-

ple" ignores uncertainty due to estimation of the fixed effects, while "universal"

accounts for this source of uncertainty

random\_effects logical; if set to true, confidence intervals will also be provided for the random effects random effects  $\gamma$  (see '?SRE' for details on these random effects)

conditional\_fs condition on the fitted fine-scale random effects?

#### **Details**

The following details provide a summary of the model and basic workflow used in **FRK**. See Zammit-Mangion and Cressie (2021) and Sainsbury-Dale, Zammit-Mangion and Cressie (2023) for further details.

#### Model description

The hierarchical model implemented in **FRK** is a spatial generalised linear mixed model (GLMM), which may be summarised as

$$Z_j \mid \boldsymbol{\mu}_Z, \psi \sim EF(\mu_{Z_j}, \psi); \quad j = 1, \dots, m,$$
 
$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_Z = \boldsymbol{C}_Z \boldsymbol{\mu}$$
 
$$g(\boldsymbol{\mu}) = \boldsymbol{Y}$$
 
$$\boldsymbol{Y} = \boldsymbol{T} \boldsymbol{\alpha} + \gamma \boldsymbol{G} + \boldsymbol{S} \boldsymbol{\eta} + \boldsymbol{\xi}$$
 
$$\boldsymbol{\eta} \sim N(\boldsymbol{0}, \boldsymbol{K})$$
 
$$\boldsymbol{\xi} \sim N(\boldsymbol{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\xi}}),$$
 
$$\boldsymbol{\gamma} \sim N(\boldsymbol{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{\boldsymbol{\gamma}}),$$

where  $Z_j$  denotes a datum, EF corresponds to a probability distribution in the exponential family with dispersion parameter  $\psi$ ,  $\mu_Z$  is the vector containing the conditional expectations of each datum,  $C_Z$  is a matrix which aggregates the BAU-level mean process over the observation supports,  $\mu$  is the mean process evaluated over the BAUs, g is a link function, g is a latent Gaussian process evaluated over the BAUs, the matrix g contains regression covariates at the BAU level associated with the fixed effects g, the matrix g is a design matrix at the BAU level associated with random effects g, the matrix g contains basis-function evaluations over the BAUs associated with basis-function random effects g, and g is a vector containing fine-scale variation at the BAU level.

The prior distribution of the random effects,  $\gamma$ , is a mean-zero multivariate Gaussian with diagonal covariance matrix, with each group of random effects associated with its own variance parameter. These variance parameters are estimated during model fitting.

The prior distribution of the basis-function coefficients,  $\eta$ , is formulated using either a covariance matrix K or precision matrix Q, depending on the argument K\_type. The parameters of these matrices are estimated during model fitting.

The prior distribution of the fine-scale random effects,  $\xi$ , is a mean-zero multivariate Gaussian with diagonal covariance matrix,  $\Sigma_{\xi}$ . By default,  $\Sigma_{\xi} = \sigma_{\xi}^2 V$ , where V is a known, positive-definite diagonal matrix whose elements are provided in the field fs in the BAUs. In the absence of problem specific fine-scale information, fs can simply be set to 1, so that V = I. In a spatio-temporal setting, another model for  $\Sigma_{\xi}$  can be used by setting fs\_by\_spatial\_BAU = TRUE, in which case each spatial BAU is associated with its own fine-scale variance parameter (see Sainsbury-Dale et al., 2023, Sec. 2.6). In either case, the fine-scale variance parameter(s) are either estimated during model fitting, or provided by the user via the argument known\_sigma2fs.

Gaussian data model with an identity link function

When the data is Gaussian, and an identity link function is used, the preceding model simplifies considerably: Specifically,

$$Z = C_Z Y + C_Z \delta + e,$$

where Z is the data vector,  $\delta$  is systematic error at the BAU level, and e represents independent measurement error.

Distributions with size parameters

Two distributions considered in this framework, namely the binomial distribution and the negative-binomial distribution, have an assumed-known 'size' parameter and a 'probability of success' parameter. Given the vector of size parameters associated with the data,  $k_Z$ , the parameterisation used in **FRK** assumes that  $Z_j$  represents either the number of 'successes' from  $k_{Z_j}$  trials (binomial data model) or that it represents the number of failures before  $k_{Z_j}$  successes (negative-binomial data model).

When model fitting, the BAU-level size parameters k are needed. The user must supply these size parameters either through the data or though the BAUs. How this is done depends on whether the data are areal or point-referenced, and whether they overlap common BAUs or not. The simplest case is when each observation is associated with a single BAU only and each BAU is associated with at most one observation support; then, it is straightforward to assign elements from  $k_Z$  to elements of k and vice-versa, and so the user may provide either k or  $k_Z$ . If each observation is associated with exactly one BAU, but some BAUs are associated with multiple observations, the user must provide  $k_Z$ , which is used to infer k; in particular,  $k_i = \sum_{j \in a_i} k_{Z_j}$ ,  $i = 1, \ldots, N$ , where  $a_i$  denotes the indices of the observations associated with BAU  $A_i$ . If one or more observations encompass multiple BAUs, k must be provided with the BAUs, as we cannot meaningfully distribute  $k_{Z_j}$  over multiple BAUs associated with datum  $k_Z$ . In this case, we infer  $k_Z$  using  $k_Z$  is  $k_Z$  is  $k_Z$ ,  $k_Z$ ,

#### Set-up

SRE() constructs a spatial random effects model from the user-defined formula, data object (a list of spatially-referenced data), basis functions and a set of Basic Areal Units (BAUs). It first takes each object in the list data and maps it to the BAUs – this entails binning point-referenced data into the BAUs (and averaging within the BAU if average\_in\_BAU = TRUE), and finding which BAUs are associated with observations. Following this, the incidence matrix,  $C_Z$ , is constructed. All required matrices (S, T,  $C_Z$ , etc.) are constructed within SRE() and returned as part of the SRE object. SRE() also intitialises the parameters and random effects using sensible defaults. Please see SRE-class for more details. The functions observed\_BAUs() and unobserved\_BAUs() return the indices of the observed and unobserved BAUs, respectively.

To include random effects in **FRK** please follow the notation as used in **lme4**. For example, to add a random effect according to a variable fct, simply add '(1 | fct)' to the formula used when calling FRK() or SRE(). Note that **FRK** only supports simple, uncorrelated random effects and that a formula term such as '(1 + x | fct)' will throw an error (since in **lme4** parlance this implies that the random effect corresponding to the intercept and the slope are correlated). If one wishes to model a an intercept and linear trend for each level in fct, then one can force the intercept and slope terms to be uncorrelated by using the notation "( $x \mid | fct$ )", which is shorthand for "(1 | fct) + ( $x - 1 \mid x2$ )".

## Model fitting

SRE.fit() takes an object of class SRE and estimates all unknown parameters, namely the covariance matrix K, the fine scale variance ( $\sigma_{\xi}^2$  or  $\sigma_{\delta}^2$ , depending on whether Case 1 or Case 2 is chosen; see the vignette "FRK\_intro") and the regression parameters  $\alpha$ . There are two methods of model fitting currently implemented, both of which implement maximum likelihood estimation (MLE).

MLE via the expectation maximisation (EM) algorithm. This method is implemented only for Gaussian data and an identity link function. The log-likelihood (given in Section 2.2 of the vignette) is evaluated at each iteration at the current parameter estimate. Optimation continues until convergence is reached (when the log-likelihood stops changing by more than tol), or when the number of EM iterations reaches n\_EM. The actual computations for the E-step and M-step are relatively straightforward. The E-step contains an inverse of an  $r \times r$  matrix, where r is the number of basis functions which should not exceed 2000. The M-step first updates the matrix K, which only depends on the sufficient statistics of the basis-function coefficients  $\eta$ . Then, the regression parameters  $\alpha$  are updated and a simple optimisation routine (a line search) is used to update the fine-scale variance  $\sigma_{\delta}^2$  or  $\sigma_{\xi}^2$ . If the fine-scale errors and measurement random errors are homoscedastic, then a closed-form solution is available for the update of  $\sigma_{\xi}^2$  or  $\sigma_{\delta}^2$ . Irrespectively, since the updates of  $\alpha$ , and  $\sigma_{\delta}^2$  or  $\sigma_{\xi}^2$ , are dependent, these two updates are iterated until the change in  $\sigma_{\epsilon}^2$  is no more than 0.1%.

MLE via TMB. This method is implemented for all available data models and link functions offered by FRK. Furthermore, this method facilitates the inclusion of many more basis function than possible with the EM algorithm (in excess of 10,000). TMB applies the Laplace approximation to integrate out the latent random effects from the complete-data likelihood. The resulting approximation of the marginal log-likelihood, and its derivatives with respect to the parameters, are then called from within R using the optimising function optimiser (default nlminb()).

Wrapper for set-up and model fitting

The function FRK() acts as a wrapper for the functions SRE() and SRE.fit(). An added advantage of using FRK() directly is that it automatically generates BAUs and basis functions based on the data. Hence FRK() can be called using only a list of data objects and an R formula, although the R formula can only contain space or time as covariates when BAUs are not explicitly supplied with the covariate data.

## Prediction

Once the parameters are estimated, the SRE object is passed onto the function predict() in order to carry out optimal predictions over the same BAUs used to construct the SRE model with SRE(). The first part of the prediction process is to construct the matrix S over the prediction polygons. This is made computationally efficient by treating the prediction over polygons as that of the prediction over a combination of BAUs. This will yield valid results only if the BAUs are relatively small. Once the matrix S is found, a standard Gaussian inversion (through conditioning) using the estimated parameters is used for prediction.

predict() returns the BAUs (or an object specified in newdata), which are of class SpatialPixelsDataFrame, SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, or STFDF, with predictions and uncertainty quantification added. If method = "TMB", the returned object is a list, containing the previously described predictions, and a list of Monte Carlo samples. The predictions and uncertainties can be easily plotted using plot or spplot from the package sp.

#### References

Zammit-Mangion, A. and Cressie, N. (2021). FRK: An R package for spatial and spatio-temporal prediction with large datasets. Journal of Statistical Software, 98(4), 1-48. doi:10.18637/jss.v098.i04.

Sainsbury-Dale, M. and Zammit-Mangion, A. and Cressie, N. (2024) Modelling Big, Heterogeneous, Non-Gaussian Spatial and Spatio-Temporal Data using FRK. Journal of Statistical Software, 108(10), 1–39. doi:10.18637/jss.v108.i10.

#### See Also

SRE-class for details on the SRE object internals, auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions, and auto\_BAUs for automatically constructing BAUs.

#### **Examples**

```
library("FRK")
library("sp")
## Generate process and data
m < -250
                                                              # Sample size
zdf <- data.frame(x = runif(m), y= runif(m))</pre>
                                                              # Generate random locs
zdf$Y <- 3 + sin(7 * zdf$x) + cos(9 * zdf$y)
                                                              # Latent process
zdf$z <- rnorm(m, mean = zdf$Y)</pre>
                                                              # Simulate data
coordinates(zdf) = ^x+y
                                                              # Turn into sp object
## Construct BAUs and basis functions
BAUs <- auto_BAUs(manifold = plane(), data = zdf,
                   nonconvex_hull = FALSE, cellsize = c(0.03, 0.03), type="grid")
BAUs$fs <- 1 # scalar fine-scale covariance matrix
basis <- auto_basis(manifold = plane(), data = zdf, nres = 2)</pre>
## Construct the SRE model
S \leftarrow SRE(f = z \sim 1, list(zdf), basis = basis, BAUs = BAUs)
## Fit with 2 EM iterations so to take as little time as possible
S \leftarrow SRE.fit(S, n_EM = 2, tol = 0.01, print_lik = TRUE)
## Check fit info, final log-likelihood, and estimated regression coefficients
info_fit(S)
logLik(S)
coef(S)
## Predict over BAUs
pred <- predict(S)</pre>
## Plot
## Not run:
plotlist <- plot(S, pred)</pre>
ggpubr::ggarrange(plotlist = plotlist, nrow = 1, align = "hv", legend = "top")
## End(Not run)
```

info\_fit

Retrieve fit information for SRE model

## **Description**

Takes an object of class SRE and returns a list containing all the relevant information on parameter estimation

## Usage

```
info_fit(object)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
info_fit(object)
```

# **Arguments**

object

object of class SRE

#### See Also

See FRK for more information on the SRE model and available fitting methods.

## **Examples**

```
# See example in the help file for FRK
```

```
{\it initialize}, {\it manifold-method} \\ {\it manifold}
```

# Description

Manifold initialisation. This function should not be called directly as manifold is a virtual class.

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'manifold'
initialize(.Object)
```

# Arguments

.Object

manifold object passed up from lower-level constructor

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ISEA Aperture 3 Hexagon (ISEA3H) Discrete Global Grid

## **Description**

The data used here were obtained from https://webpages.sou.edu/~sahrk/dgg/isea.old/gen/isea3h.html and represent ISEA discrete global grids (DGGRIDs) generated using the DGGRID software. The original .gen files were converted to a data frame using the function dggrid\_gen\_to\_df, available with the dggrids package. Only resolutions 0–6 are supplied with FRK and note that resolution 0 of ISEA3H is equal to resolution 1 in FRK. For higher resolutions dggrids can be installed from https://github.com/andrewzm/dggrids/ using devtools.

## Usage

isea3h

#### **Format**

A data frame with 284,208 rows and 5 variables:

id grid identification number within the given resolution

lon longitude coordinate

lat latitude coordinate

res DGGRID resolution (0-6)

**centroid** A 0-1 variable, indicating whether the point describes the centroid of the polygon, or whether it is a boundary point of the polygon

## References

Sahr, K. (2008). Location coding on icosahedral aperture 3 hexagon discrete global grids. Computers, Environment and Urban Systems, 32, 174–187.

local\_basis

Construct a set of local basis functions

## **Description**

Construct a set of local basis functions based on pre-specified location and scale parameters.

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## Usage

```
local_basis(
  manifold = sphere(),
  loc = matrix(c(1, 0), nrow = 1),
  scale = 1,
  type = c("bisquare", "Gaussian", "exp", "Matern32"),
  res = 1,
  regular = FALSE
)

radial_basis(
  manifold = sphere(),
  loc = matrix(c(1, 0), nrow = 1),
  scale = 1,
  type = c("bisquare", "Gaussian", "exp", "Matern32")
)
```

## **Arguments**

manifold	object of class manifold, for example, sphere
loc	a matrix of size n by dimensions(manifold) indicating centres of basis functions $\  \   $
scale	vector of length n containing the scale parameters of the basis functions; see details
type	either "bisquare", "Gaussian", "exp", or "Matern32"
res	vector of length n containing the resolutions of the basis functions
regular	logical indicating if the basis functions (of each resolution) are in a regular grid

#### **Details**

This functions lays out local basis functions in a domain of interest based on pre-specified location and scale parameters. If type is "bisquare", then

$$\phi(u) = \left(1 - \left(\frac{\|u\|}{R}\right)^2\right)^2 I(\|u\| < R),$$

and scale is given by R, the range of support of the bisquare function. If type is "Gaussian", then

$$\phi(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|u\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right),\,$$

and scale is given by  $\sigma$ , the standard deviation. If type is "exp", then

$$\phi(u) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|u\|}{\tau}\right),\,$$

and scale is given by  $\tau$ , the e-folding length. If type is "Matern32", then

$$\phi(u) = \left(1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}\|u\|}{\kappa}\right) \exp\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}\|u\|}{\kappa}\right),$$

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and scale is given by  $\kappa$ , the function's scale.

## See Also

auto\_basis for constructing basis functions automatically, and show\_basis for visualising basis functions.

# **Examples**

loglik

(Deprecated) Retrieve log-likelihood

# Description

This function is deprecated; please use logLik

# Usage

```
loglik(object)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
loglik(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

object of class SRE

manifold

Retrieve manifold

# Description

Retrieve manifold from FRK object.

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## Usage

```
manifold(.Object)
## S4 method for signature 'Basis'
manifold(.Object)
## S4 method for signature 'TensorP_Basis'
manifold(.Object)
```

# Arguments

```
.Object FRK object
```

#### See Also

real\_line, plane, sphere, STplane and STsphere for constructing manifolds.

## **Examples**

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manifold

#### **Description**

The class manifold is virtual; other manifold classes inherit from this class.

#### **Details**

A manifold object is characterised by a character variable type, which contains a description of the manifold, and a variable measure of type measure. A typical measure is the Euclidean distance.

FRK supports five manifolds; the real line (in one dimension), instantiated by using real\_line(); the 2D plane, instantiated by using plane(); the 2D-sphere surface S2, instantiated by using sphere(); the R2 space-time manifold, instantiated by using STplane(), and the S2 space-time manifold, instantiated by using STsphere(). User-specific manifolds can also be specified, however helper functions that are manifold specific, such as auto\_BAUs and auto\_basis, only work with the pre-configured manifolds. Importantly, one can change the distance function used on the manifold to synthesise anisotropy or heterogeneity. See the vignette for one such example.

#### See Also

real\_line, plane, sphere, STplane and STsphere for constructing manifolds.

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measure

# **Description**

Measure class used for defining measures used to compute distances between points in objects constructed with the FRK package.

#### **Details**

An object of class measure contains a distance function and a variable dim with the dimensions of the Riemannian manifold over which the distance is computed.

#### See Also

distance for computing a distance and distances for a list of implemented distance functions.

MODIS\_cloud\_df

MODIS cloud data

## **Description**

An image of a cloud taken by the Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) instrument aboard the Aqua satellite (MODIS Characterization Support Team, 2015).

#### Usage

MODIS\_cloud\_df

#### **Format**

A data frame with 33,750 rows and 3 variables:

- x x-coordinate
- y y-coordinate
- **z** binary dependent variable: 1 if cloud is present, 0 if no cloud. This variable has been thresholded from the original continuous measurement of radiance supplied by the MODIS instrument
- z\_unthresholded The original continuous measurement of radiance supplied by the MODIS instrument

#### References

MODIS Characterization Support Team (2015). MODIS 500m Calibrated Radiance Product.NASA MODIS Adaptive Processing System, Goddard Space Flight Center, USA.

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nbasis

Number of basis functions

# Description

Retrieve the number of basis functions from Basis or SRE object.

## Usage

```
nbasis(.Object)
## S4 method for signature 'Basis_obj'
nbasis(.Object)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
nbasis(.Object)
```

## **Arguments**

.Object of class Basis or SRE

#### See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions.

# **Examples**

NOAA\_df\_1990

NOAA maximum temperature data for 1990–1993

# **Description**

Maximum temperature data obtained from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for a part of the USA between 1990 and 1993 (inclusive). See https://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/SOURCES/.NOAA/.NCDC/.DAILY/.FSOD/.

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## Usage

```
NOAA_df_1990
```

## **Format**

```
A data frame with 196,253 rows and 8 variables:
```

```
year year of retrieval
month month of retrieval
day day of retrieval
z dependent variable
proc variable name (Tmax)
id station id
lon longitude coordinate of measurement station
lat latitude coordinate of measurement station
```

#### References

National Climatic Data Center, March 1993: Local Climatological Data. Environmental Information summary (C-2), NOAA-NCDC, Asheville, NC.

nres

Return the number of resolutions

## **Description**

Return the number of resolutions from a basis function object.

## Usage

```
nres(b)
## S4 method for signature 'Basis'
nres(b)
## S4 method for signature 'TensorP_Basis'
nres(b)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
nres(b)
```

# **Arguments**

b

object of class Basis or SRE

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## See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions and show\_basis for visualising basis
functions.

# **Examples**

observed\_BAUs

Observed (or unobserved) BAUs

# **Description**

Computes the indices (a numeric vector) of the observed (or unobserved) BAUs

## Usage

```
observed_BAUs(object)
unobserved_BAUs(object)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
observed_BAUs(object)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE'
unobserved_BAUs(object)
```

# Arguments

object of class SRE

## See Also

See FRK for more information on the SRE model and available fitting methods.

opts\_FRK

## **Examples**

```
# See example in the help file for FRK
```

opts\_FRK

FRK options

## **Description**

The main options list for the FRK package.

## Usage

```
opts_FRK
```

## **Format**

List of 2

```
$ set:function(opt,value)
```

\$ get:function(opt)

## **Details**

opts\_FRK is a list containing two functions, set and get, which can be used to set options and retrieve options, respectively. Currently FRK uses three options:

"progress": a flag indicating whether progress bars should be displayed or not

"verbose": a flag indicating whether certain progress messages should be shown or not. Currently this is the only option applicable to method = "TMB"

"parallel": an integer indicating the number of cores to use. A number 0 or 1 indicates no parallelism

```
opts_FRK$set("progress",1L)
opts_FRK$get("parallel")
```

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plane

plane

## **Description**

Initialisation of a 2D plane.

## Usage

```
plane(measure = Euclid_dist(dim = 2L))
```

# **Arguments**

measure

an object of class measure

## **Details**

A 2D plane is initialised using a measure object. By default, the measure object (measure) is the Euclidean distance in 2 dimensions, Euclid\_dist.

## **Examples**

```
P <- plane()
print(type(P))
print(sp::dimensions(P))</pre>
```

plot

Plot predictions from FRK analysis

# Description

This function acts as a wrapper around plot\_spatial\_or\_ST. It plots the fields of the Spatial\*DataFrame or STFDF object corresponding to prediction and prediction uncertainty quantification. It also uses the @data slot of SRE object to plot the training data set(s), and generates informative, latex-style legend labels for each of the plots.

## Usage

```
plot(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE,list'
plot(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE,STFDF'
plot(x, y, ...)
```

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```
## S4 method for signature 'SRE,SpatialPointsDataFrame'
plot(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE,SpatialPixelsDataFrame'
plot(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SRE,SpatialPolygonsDataFrame'
plot(x, y, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

X	object of class SRI	Ε

y the Spatial\*DataFrame or STFDF object resulting from the call predict(x). Keep in mind that predict() returns a list when method = "TMB"; the element \$newdata contains the required Spatial/ST object. If the list itself is passed, you will receive the error: "x" and "y" lengths differ.

... optional arguments passed on to plot\_spatial\_or\_ST

#### Value

A list of ggplot objects consisting of the observed data, predictions, and standard errors. This list can then be supplied to, for example, ggpubr::ggarrange().

## **Examples**

```
## See example in the help file for SRE
```

plotting-themes

Plotting themes

## Description

Formats a ggplot object for neat plotting.

## Usage

```
LinePlotTheme()
EmptyTheme()
```

#### **Details**

LinePlotTheme() creates ggplot object with a white background, a relatively large font, and grid lines. EmptyTheme() on the other hand creates a ggplot object with no axes or legends.

## Value

Object of class ggplot

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## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
X <- data.frame(x=runif(100),y = runif(100), z = runif(100))
LinePlotTheme() + geom_point(data=X,aes(x,y,colour=z))
EmptyTheme() + geom_point(data=X,aes(x,y,colour=z))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

plot\_spatial\_or\_ST

Plot a Spatial\*DataFrame or STFDF object

## **Description**

Takes an object of class Spatial\*DataFrame or STFDF, and plots requested data columns using ggplot2

# Usage

```
plot_spatial_or_ST(
  newdata,
  column_names,
 map_layer = NULL,
  subset_time = NULL,
  palette = "Spectral"
  plot_over_world = FALSE,
  labels_from_coordnames = TRUE,
)
## S4 method for signature 'STFDF'
plot_spatial_or_ST(
  newdata,
  column_names,
 map_layer = NULL,
  subset_time = NULL,
  palette = "Spectral",
  plot_over_world = FALSE,
  labels_from_coordnames = TRUE,
  . . .
)
## S4 method for signature 'SpatialPointsDataFrame'
plot_spatial_or_ST(
  newdata,
  column_names,
 map_layer = NULL,
  subset_time = NULL,
  palette = "Spectral",
```

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```
plot_over_world = FALSE,
  labels_from_coordnames = TRUE,
)
## S4 method for signature 'SpatialPixelsDataFrame'
plot_spatial_or_ST(
  newdata,
  column_names,
 map_layer = NULL,
  subset_time = NULL,
  palette = "Spectral"
  plot_over_world = FALSE,
  labels_from_coordnames = TRUE,
)
## S4 method for signature 'SpatialPolygonsDataFrame'
plot_spatial_or_ST(
  newdata,
  column_names,
 map_layer = NULL,
  subset_time = NULL,
  palette = "Spectral"
 plot_over_world = FALSE,
 labels_from_coordnames = TRUE,
)
```

## **Arguments**

```
newdata
                  an object of class Spatial*DataFrame or STFDF
column_names
                  a vector of strings indicating the columns of the data to plot
                  (optional) a ggplot layer or object to add below the plotted layer, often a map
map_layer
                  (optional) a vector of times to be included; applicable only for STFDF objects
subset_time
                  the palette supplied to the argument palette of scale_*_distiller(). Alter-
palette
                  natively, if palette = "nasa", a vibrant colour palette is created using scale_*_gradientn()
plot_over_world
                  logical; if TRUE, coord_map("mollweide") and draw_world are used to plot
                  over the world
labels_from_coordnames
                  logical; if TRUE, the coordinate names of newdata (i.e., coordnames (newdata))
                  are used as the horizontal- and vertical-axis labels. Otherwise, generic names,
                  s_1 and s_2, are used
                  optional arguments passed on to whatever geom is appropriate for the Spatial*DataFrame
                  or STFDF object (geom_point, geom_tile, geom_raster, or geom_polygon)
```

real\_line

## Value

A list of ggplot objects corresponding to the provided column\_names. This list can then be supplied to, for example, ggpubr::ggarrange().

#### See Also

plot

# **Examples**

```
## See example in the help file for FRK
```

real\_line

real line

# Description

Initialisation of the real-line (1D) manifold.

## Usage

```
real_line(measure = Euclid_dist(dim = 1L))
```

## **Arguments**

measure

an object of class measure

# **Details**

A real line is initialised using a measure object. By default, the measure object (measure) describes the distance between two points as the absolute difference between the two coordinates.

```
R <- real_line()
print(type(R))
print(sp::dimensions(R))</pre>
```

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remove\_basis

Removes basis functions

## **Description**

Takes an object of class Basis and returns an object of class Basis with selected basis functions removed

# Usage

```
remove_basis(Basis, rmidx)

## S4 method for signature 'Basis, ANY'
remove_basis(Basis, rmidx)

## S4 method for signature 'Basis, SpatialPolygons'
remove_basis(Basis, rmidx)
```

## **Arguments**

Basis object of class Basis

rmidx indices of basis functions to remove. Or a SpatialPolygons object; basis func-

tions overlapping this SpatialPolygons object will be retained

#### See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions and show\_basis for visualising basis
functions

```
library(sp)
df <- data.frame(x = rnorm(10),
                  y = rnorm(10)
coordinates(df) <- \sim x+y
G <- auto_basis(plane(),df,nres=1)</pre>
data.frame(G) # Print info on basis
## Removing basis functions by index
G_subset <- remove_basis(G, 1:(nbasis(G)-1))</pre>
data.frame(G_subset)
## Removing basis functions using SpatialPolygons
x <- 1
poly <- Polygon(rbind(c(-x, -x), c(-x, x), c(x, x), c(x, -x), c(-x, -x)))
polys <- Polygons(list(poly), "1")</pre>
spatpolys <- SpatialPolygons(list(polys))</pre>
G_subset <- remove_basis(G, spatpolys)</pre>
data.frame(G_subset)
```

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show\_basis

Show basis functions

## **Description**

Generic plotting function for visualising the basis functions.

## Usage

```
show_basis(basis, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Basis'
show_basis(basis, g = ggplot() + theme_bw() + xlab("") + ylab(""))
## S4 method for signature 'TensorP_Basis'
show_basis(basis, g = ggplot())
```

## **Arguments**

basis	object of class Basis
	not in use
g	object of class gg (a ggplot object) over which to overlay the basis functions (optional)

#### **Details**

The function show\_basis adapts its behaviour to the manifold being used. With real\_line, the 1D basis functions are plotted with colour distinguishing between the different resolutions. With plane, only local basis functions are supported (at present). Each basis function is shown as a circle with diameter equal to the scale parameter of the function. Linetype distinguishes the resolution. With sphere, the centres of the basis functions are shown as circles, with larger sizes corresponding to coarser resolutions. Space-time basis functions of subclass TensorP\_Basis are visualised by showing the spatial basis functions and the temporal basis functions in two separate plots.

#### See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions.

```
library(ggplot2)
library(sp)
data(meuse)
coordinates(meuse) = ~x+y # change into an sp object
G <- auto_basis(manifold = plane(),data=meuse,nres = 2,regular=2,prune=0.1,type = "bisquare")
## Not run: show_basis(G,ggplot()) + geom_point(data=data.frame(meuse),aes(x,y))</pre>
```

```
SpatialPolygonsDataFrame_to_df

SpatialPolygonsDataFrame to df
```

## Description

Convert SpatialPolygonsDataFrame or SpatialPixelsDataFrame object to data frame.

## Usage

```
SpatialPolygonsDataFrame_to_df(sp_polys, vars = names(sp_polys))
```

## **Arguments**

sp\_polys object of class SpatialPolygonsDataFrame or SpatialPixelsDataFrame variables to put into data frame (by default all of them)

#### **Details**

This function is mainly used for plotting SpatialPolygonsDataFrame objects with ggplot rather than spplot. The coordinates of each polygon are extracted and concatenated into one long data frame. The attributes of each polygon are then attached to this data frame as variables that vary by polygon id (the rownames of the object).

# **Examples**

sphere

sphere

# Description

Initialisation of the 2-sphere, S2.

## Usage

```
sphere(radius = 6371)
```

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#### **Arguments**

radius radius of sphere

#### **Details**

The 2D surface of a sphere is initialised using a radius parameter. The default value of the radius R is R=6371 km, Earth's radius, while the measure used to compute distances on the sphere is the great-circle distance on a sphere of radius R.

## **Examples**

```
S <- sphere()
print(sp::dimensions(S))</pre>
```

SRE-class

Spatial Random Effects class

# **Description**

This is the central class definition of the FRK package, containing the model and all other information required for estimation and prediction.

## **Details**

The spatial random effects (SRE) model is the model employed in Fixed Rank Kriging, and the SRE object contains all information required for estimation and prediction from spatial data. Object slots contain both other objects (for example, an object of class Basis) and matrices derived from these objects (for example, the matrix S) in order to facilitate computations.

## Slots

f formula used to define the SRE object. All covariates employed need to be specified in the object BAUs

data the original data from which the model's parameters are estimated

basis object of class Basis used to construct the matrix S

BAUs object of class SpatialPolygonsDataFrame, SpatialPixelsDataFrame of STFDF that contains the Basic Areal Units (BAUs) that are used to both (i) project the data onto a common discretisation if they are point-referenced and (ii) provide a BAU-to-data relationship if the data has a spatial footprint

S matrix constructed by evaluating the basis functions at all the data locations (of class Matrix)

S0 matrix constructed by evaluating the basis functions at all BAUs (of class Matrix)

D\_basis list of distance-matrices of class Matrix, one for each basis-function resolution

Ve measurement-error variance-covariance matrix (typically diagonal and of class Matrix)

Vfs fine-scale variance-covariance matrix at the data locations (typically diagonal and of class Matrix) up to a constant of proportionality estimated using the EM algorithm

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Vfs\_BAUs fine-scale variance-covariance matrix at the BAU centroids (typically diagonal and of class Matrix) up to a constant of proportionality estimated using the EM algorithm

Qfs\_BAUs fine-scale precision matrix at the BAU centroids (typically diagonal and of class Matrix) up to a constant of proportionality estimated using the EM algorithm

Z vector of observations (of class Matrix)

Cmat incidence matrix mapping the observations to the BAUs

X design matrix of covariates at all the data locations

G list of objects of class Matrix containing the design matrices for random effects at all the data locations

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K\_type type of prior covariance matrix of random effects. Can be "block-exponential" (correlation between effects decays as a function of distance between the basis-function centroids), "unstructured" (all elements in K are unknown and need to be estimated), or "neighbour" (a sparse precision matrix is used, whereby only neighbouring basis functions have non-zero precision matrix elements).

mu\_eta updated expectation of the basis-function random effects (estimated)

mu\_gamma updated expectation of the random effects (estimated)

S\_eta updated covariance matrix of random effects (estimated)

Q\_eta updated precision matrix of random effects (estimated)

Khat prior covariance matrix of random effects (estimated)

Khat\_inv prior precision matrix of random effects (estimated)

alphahat fixed-effect regression coefficients (estimated)

sigma2fshat fine-scale variation scaling (estimated)

sigma2gamma random-effect variance parameters (estimated)

fs\_model type of fine-scale variation (independent or CAR-based). Currently only "ind" is permitted

info\_fit information on fitting (convergence etc.)

response A character string indicating the assumed distribution of the response variable

link A character string indicating the desired link function. Can be "log", "identity", "logit", "probit", "cloglog", "reciprocal", or "reciprocal-squared". Note that only sensible link-function and response-distribution combinations are permitted.

mu\_xi updated expectation of the fine-scale random effects at all BAUs (estimated)

Q\_posterior updated joint precision matrix of the basis function random effects and observed fine-scale random effects (estimated)

log\_likelihood the log likelihood of the fitted model

method the fitting procedure used to fit the SRE model

phi the estimated dispersion parameter (assumed constant throughout the spatial domain)

k\_Z vector of known size parameters at the observation support level (only applicable to binomial and negative-binomial response distributions)

k\_BAU vector of known size parameters at the observed BAUs (only applicable to binomial and negative-binomial response distributions)

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include\_fs flag indicating whether the fine-scale variation should be included in the model

include\_gamma flag indicating whether there are gamma random effects in the model

normalise\_wts if TRUE, the rows of the incidence matrices  $C_Z$  and  $C_P$  are normalised to sum to 1, so that the mapping represents a weighted average; if false, no normalisation of the weights occurs (i.e., the mapping corresponds to a weighted sum)

fs\_by\_spatial\_BAU if TRUE, then each BAU is associated with its own fine-scale variance parameter

obsidx indices of observed BAUs

simple\_kriging\_fixed logical indicating whether one wishes to commit to simple kriging at the fitting stage: If TRUE, model fitting is faster, but the option to conduct universal kriging at the prediction stage is removed

#### References

Zammit-Mangion, A. and Cressie, N. (2017). FRK: An R package for spatial and spatio-temporal prediction with large datasets. Journal of Statistical Software, 98(4), 1-48. doi:10.18637/jss.v098.i04.

#### See Also

SRE for details on how to construct and fit SRE models.

SRE.predict

Deprecated: Please use predict

## Description

Deprecated: Please use predict

## Usage

```
SRE.predict(...)
```

# **Arguments**

... (Deprecated)

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STplane

plane in space-time

## **Description**

Initialisation of a 2D plane with a temporal dimension.

## Usage

```
STplane(measure = Euclid_dist(dim = 3L))
```

# Arguments

measure

an object of class measure

## **Details**

A 2D plane with a time component added is initialised using a measure object. By default, the measure object (measure) is the Euclidean distance in 3 dimensions, Euclid\_dist.

# **Examples**

```
P <- STplane()
print(type(P))
print(sp::dimensions(P))</pre>
```

STsphere

Space-time sphere

# Description

Initialisation of a 2-sphere (S2) with a temporal dimension

# Usage

```
STsphere(radius = 6371)
```

## **Arguments**

radius

radius of sphere

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#### **Details**

As with the spatial-only sphere, the sphere surface is initialised using a radius parameter. The default value of the radius R is R=6371, which is the Earth's radius in km, while the measure used to compute distances on the sphere is the great-circle distance on a sphere of radius R. By default Euclidean geometry is used to factor in the time component, so that  $dist((s1,t1),(s2,t2)) = sqrt(gc_dist(s1,s2)^2 + (t1 - t2)^2)$ . Frequently this distance can be used since separate correlation length scales for space and time are estimated in the EM algorithm (that effectively scale space and time separately).

# **Examples**

```
S <- STsphere()
print(sp::dimensions(S))</pre>
```

TensorP

Tensor product of basis functions

# **Description**

Constructs a new set of basis functions by finding the tensor product of two sets of basis functions.

## Usage

```
TensorP(Basis1, Basis2)
## S4 method for signature 'Basis,Basis'
TensorP(Basis1, Basis2)
```

## **Arguments**

Basis1 first set of basis functions
Basis2 second set of basis functions

## See Also

auto\_basis for automatically constructing basis functions and show\_basis for visualising basis functions.

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type

Type of manifold

# Description

Retrieve slot type from object

## Usage

```
type(.Object)
## S4 method for signature 'manifold'
type(.Object)
```

## **Arguments**

.Object

object of class Basis or manifold

# See Also

real\_line, plane, sphere, STplane and STsphere for constructing manifolds.

```
S <- sphere()
print(type(S))</pre>
```

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worldmap	World map	

# Description

This world map was extracted from the package maps v.3.0.1 by running ggplot2::map\_data("world"). To reduce the data size, only every third point of this data frame is contained in worldmap.

# Usage

worldmap

## **Format**

A data frame with 33971 rows and 6 variables:

long longitude coordinate
lat latitude coordinate
group polygon (region) number
order order of point in polygon boundary
region region name
subregion subregion name

## References

Original S code by Becker, R.A. and Wilks, R.A. This R version is by Brownrigg, R. Enhancements have been made by Minka, T.P. and Deckmyn, A. (2015) maps: Draw Geographical Maps, R package version 3.0.1.

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