# Package 'RCSF'

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      Cloth Simulation Filter (CSF) is an airborne LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) ground
      points filtering algorithm which is based on cloth simulation. It tries to simulate the interactions
      between the cloth nodes and the corresponding LiDAR points, the loca-
      tions of the cloth nodes can be
      determined to generate an approximation of the ground surface <a href="https:">https:</a>
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#### Description

Airborne LiDAR filtering method of ground points based on Cloth Simulation (Zhang et al. 2016, see references). This function is an R wrapper around the library written by the original authors of the algorithm. The ALS point cloud is inverted, and then a rigid cloth is used to cover the inverted surface. By analyzing the interactions between the cloth nodes and the corresponding LiDAR points, the locations of the cloth nodes can be determined to generate an approximation of the ground surface.

## Usage

```
CSF(
   cloud,
   sloop_smooth = FALSE,
   class_threshold = 0.5,
   cloth_resolution = 0.5,
   rigidness = 1L,
   iterations = 500L,
   time_step = 0.65
)
```

#### **Arguments**

cloud data.frame with 3 columns named X Y, Z containing the coordinates of the point

cloud.

sloop\_smooth logical. When sharp slopes exist, set this parameter to TRUE to perform a post-

processing which will reduced errors.

class\_threshold

scalar. The distance to the simulated cloth to classify point cloud into ground

and non-ground. The default is 0.5.

cloth\_resolution

scalar. The distance between paticles in cloth. This is usually set to the average

distance of the points in the point cloud. The default value is 0.5.

rigidness integer. The rididness of the cloth. 1 stands for very soft cloth (to fit rugged

terrain), 2 stands for medium cloth and 3 stands for hard cloth (for flat terrain).

The default is 1.

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iterations	integer. Maximum iteration for simulating cloth. The default value is 500. Usually, users do not need to change this.
time_step	scalar. Time step when simulating the cloth under the gravity. The default value is 0.65. Usually, Do not change this value. It is suitable for most cases.

#### Value

An integer vector containing the ids of the points that belong on the ground.

#### References

W. Zhang, J. Qi\*, P. Wan, H. Wang, D. Xie, X. Wang, and G. Yan, "An Easy-to-Use Airborne LiDAR Data Filtering Method Based on Cloth Simulation", Remote Sens., vol. 8, no. 6, p. 501, 2016

# **Examples**

```
data(rcsf_cloud)
head(rcsf_cloud)
id_ground = CSF(rcsf_cloud)
```

rcsf\_cloud

Airborne LiDAR point cloud

# Description

A dataset containing a small point cloud aquiered with airborne LiDAR.

### Usage

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# **Format**

A data frame with 28668 rows and 3 variables:

X x coordinates

Y y coordinates

**Z** z coordinates

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