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## Description

Calculates standard deviation of bathymetry (a measure of rugosity). Using a sliding rectangular window a plane is fit to the data and the standard deviation of the residuals is calculated (Ilich et al., 2023)

```
AdjSD(
  r,
  w = c(3, 3),
  na.rm = FALSE,
  include_scale = FALSE,
```

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```
filename = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  wopt = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

r DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer in a projected coordinate system where

map units match elevation/depth units

w A vector of length 2 specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window to

use where the first number is the number of rows and the second number is the

number of columns. Window size must be an odd number.

na.rm A logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations

include\_scale logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default =

FALSE)

filename character Output filename.

overwrite logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).
wopt list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

#### Value

a SpatRaster or RasterLayer of adjusted rugosity

#### References

Ilich, A. R., Misiuk, B., Lecours, V., & Murawski, S. A. (2023). MultiscaleDTM: An open-source R package for multiscale geomorphometric analysis. Transactions in GIS, 27(4). https://doi.org/10.1111/tgis.13067

## **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
adjsd<- AdjSD(r, w=c(5,5), na.rm = TRUE)
plot(adjsd)</pre>
```

annulus\_window

Creates annulus focal window

## **Description**

Creates annulus focal window around central pixel.

```
annulus_window(radius, unit, resolution)
```

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### Arguments

radius radius of inner annulus c(inner,outer). Inner radius must be less than or equal to

outer radius.

unit unit for radius. Either "cell" (number of cells, the default) or "map" for map

units (e.g. meters).

resolution resolution of intended raster layer (one number or a vector of length 2). Only

necessary if unit= "map"

#### Value

a matrix of 1's and NA's showing which cells to include and exclude respectively in focal calculations. It also contains attributes attributes 'unit', 'scale', and 'shape'.

BPI

Calculates Bathymetric Position Index

## **Description**

Calculates Bathymetric Position Index (BPI). BPI is a measure of relative position that calculates the difference between the value of the focal cell and the mean of cells contained within an annulus shaped neighborhood. Positive values indicate local highs (i.e. peaks) and negative values indicate local lows (i.e. depressions). BPI can be expressed in units of the input DTM raster or can standardized relative to the local topography by dividing by the standard deviation or range of included elevation values in the focal window. BPI calls the function RelPos internally which serves as a general purpose and more flexible function for calculating relative position.

## Usage

```
BPI(
    r,
    w,
    stand = "none",
    unit = "cell",
    na.rm = FALSE,
    include_scale = FALSE,
    filename = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    wopt = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

r DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer.

Vector of length 2 specifying c(inner, outer) radii of the annulus in "cell" or "map" units or a focal weights matrix created by MultiscaleDTM::annulus\_window. Inner radius must be less than or equal to outer radius. There is no default size.

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stand Standardization method. Either "none" (the default), "range" or "sd" indicating

whether the relative position should be standardized by dividing by the standard deviation or range of included values in the focal window. If stand is 'none' the layer name will be "bpi", otherwise it will be "sbpi" to indicate that the layer has

been standardized.

unit Unit for w if it is a vector (default is unit="cell"). If w is a matrix, unit is ignored

and extracted directly from w.

na.rm Logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations.

include\_scale Logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default =

FALSE) or a character vector specifying the name you would like to append or a number specifying the number of significant digits. If include\_scale = TRUE the appended scale will be the inner and outer radius. If unit="map" then window size will have "MU" after the number indicating that the number represents the scale in map units (note units can be extracted from w created with Multi-

scaleDTM::circle\_window and MultiscaleDTM::annulus\_window).

filename Character output filename.

overwrite Logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).

wopt List with named options for writing files as in writeRaster.

#### Value

A SpatRaster or RasterLayer.

#### References

Lundblad, E.R., Wright, D.J., Miller, J., Larkin, E.M., Rinehart, R., Naar, D.F., Donahue, B.T., Anderson, S.M., Battista, T., 2006. A benthic terrain classification scheme for American Samoa. Marine Geodesy 29, 89–111. https://doi.org/10.1080/01490410600738021

## Examples

```
r<- erupt()
bpi<- BPI(r, w = c(2,4), stand= "none", unit = "cell", na.rm = TRUE)
plot(bpi)</pre>
```

circle\_window

Creates circular focal window

### **Description**

Creates circular focal window around central pixel.

```
circle_window(radius, unit, resolution, return_dismat = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

radius radius of circular window

unit unit for radius. Either "cell" (number of cells) or "map" for map units (e.g.

meters).

resolution resolution of intended raster layer (one number or a vector of length 2). Only

necessary if unit= "map"

return\_dismat logical, if TRUE return a matrix of distances from focal cell instead of a matrix

to pass to terra::focal.

#### Value

a matrix of 1's and NA's showing which cells to include and exclude respectively in focal calculations, or if return\_dismat=TRUE, a matrix indicating the distance from the focal cell. It also contains attributes 'unit', 'scale', and 'shape' if return\_dismat=FALSE, and if return\_dismat=TRUE the attribute 'unit'.

classify\_features\_ff Helper function factory to classify morphometric features

### Description

Helper function factory to classify morphometric features according to a modified version of Wood 1996 page 120

#### Usage

```
classify_features_ff(slope_tolerance = 1, curvature_tolerance = 1e-04)
```

## Arguments

slope\_tolerance

Slope tolerance that defines a 'flat' surface (degrees; default is 1.0). Relevant for the features layer.

curvature\_tolerance

Curvature tolerance that defines 'planar' surface (default is 0.0001). Relevant for the features layer.

#### Value

A function that can be passed to raster::overlay to classify morphometric features

#### References

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

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DirSlp	Directional Slope	
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## Description

Calculates the slope along a specified direction. Upslope values are positive and downslope values are negative.

## Usage

```
DirSlp(
   alpha,
   dz.dx,
   dz.dy,
   unit = "degrees",
   abs = FALSE,
   include_dir = FALSE,
   filename = NULL,
   overwrite = FALSE,
   wopt = list()
)
```

## Arguments

Angle (in specified 'unit') at which you would like to calculate slope. 0 represents up in map direction (usually North) and it increases clockwise. This can be a single number or it can be a raster of cell values.
The change in elevation per unit distance in the x direction as a SpatRaster, RasterLayer, or a single number. Positive is to the right. See details for more.
The change in elevation per unit distance in the y direction as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer,or a single number Positive is up. See details for more.
"degrees" or "radians" (default is "degrees")
logical indicating whether or not to return the absolute value of slope (default is FALSE)
logical indicating whether to append direction to layer name (default is FALSE)
character Output filename. Can be a single filename, or as many filenames as there are layers to write a file for each layer
logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).

## **Details**

dz.dx and dz.dy can be calculated at a specified scale via SlpAsp, Pfit, Qfit (zx and zy), or from an existing layer calculated by another program.

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#### Value

a SpatRaster or RasterStack of slope and/or aspect (and components of aspect)

#### References

Neteler, M., & Mitasova, H. (2008). Open source GIS: A GRASS GIS approach (3rd ed.). Springer.

#### **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
dz1<- SlpAsp(r, metrics = c("dz.dx", "dz.dy"))
dz2<- Qfit(r, metrics = c(), return_params = TRUE, as_derivs=TRUE)
dz3<- Pfit(r, metrics = c("dz.dx", "dz.dy"))
dirslp1<- DirSlp(alpha = 45, dz.dx= dz1$dz.dx, dz.dy= dz1$dz.dy)
dirslp2<- DirSlp(alpha = 45, dz.dx= dz2$zx, dz.dy= dz2$zy)
dirslp3<- DirSlp(alpha = 45, dz.dx= dz3$dz.dx, dz.dy= dz3$dz.dy)</pre>
```

DMV

Calculates Difference from Mean Value (DMV)

#### Description

Calculates Difference from Mean Value (DMV). DMV is a measure of relative position that calculates the difference between the value of the focal cell and the mean of all cells in a rectangular or circular neighborhood. Positive values indicate local highs (i.e. peaks) and negative values indicate local lows (i.e. depressions). DMV can be expressed in units of the input DTM raster or can standardized relative to the local topography by dividing by the standard deviation or range of elevation values in the focal window. DMV calls the function RelPos internally which serves as a general purpose and more flexible function for calculating relative position.

```
DMV(
    r,
    w = dplyr::case_when(tolower(shape) == "rectangle" ~ 3, tolower(shape) == "circle" &
        isTRUE(tolower(unit) == "cell") ~ 1, tolower(shape) == "circle" &
        isTRUE(tolower(unit) == "map") ~ max(terra::res(r))),
    shape = "rectangle",
    stand = "none",
    unit = "cell",
    na.rm = FALSE,
    include_scale = FALSE,
    filename = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    wopt = list()
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

r DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer.

w For a "rectangle" focal window, a vector of length 2 containing odd numbers

specifying dimensions where the first number is the number of rows and the second is the number of columns (or a single number if the number of rows and columns is equal). For a "circle" shaped focal window, a single integer representing the radius in "cell" or "map" units or a focal weights matrix created

by MultiscaleDTM::circle window.

shape Character representing the shape of the focal window. Either "rectangle" (de-

fault) or "circle".

stand Standardization method. Either "none" (the default), "range" or "sd" indicating

whether the TPI should be standardized by dividing by the standard deviation or range of included values in the focal window. If stand is 'none' the layer name will be "dmv", otherwise it will be "sdmv" to indicate that the layer has been

standardized.

unit Unit for w if shape is 'circle' and it is a vector (default is unit="cell"). For

circular windows specified with a matrix, unit is ignored and extracted directly from w. For rectangular and custom focal windows set unit='cell' or set unit to

NA/NULL.

na.rm Logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations.

include\_scale Logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default =

FALSE) or a character vector specifying the name you would like to append or a number specifying the number of significant digits. If include\_scale = TRUE the number of rows and number of columns will be appended for rectangular windows. For circular windows it will be a single number representing the radius. If unit="map" then window size will have "MU" after the number indicating that the number represents the scale in map units (note units can be extracted from

w created with MultiscaleDTM::circle\_window).

filename Character output filename.

overwrite Logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).

wopt List with named options for writing files as in writeRaster.

### Value

a SpatRaster or RasterLayer.

#### References

Lecours, V., Devillers, R., Simms, A.E., Lucieer, V.L., Brown, C.J., 2017. Towards a Framework for Terrain Attribute Selection in Environmental Studies. Environmental Modelling & Software 89, 19-30. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2016.11.027 Wilson, J.P., Gallant, J.C. (Eds.), 2000. Terrain Analysis: Principles and Applications. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

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## **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
dmv<- DMV(r, w=c(5,5), shape= "rectangle", stand="range", na.rm = TRUE)
plot(dmv)</pre>
```

erupt

Create georeferenced version of R's built in volcano dataset

## Description

Create georeferenced version of R's built in volcano dataset. Useful dataset for generating quick examples.

## Usage

```
erupt()
```

#### Value

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## **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
```

explore\_terrain

Interactive Shiny app to look at terrain attributes

## Description

Interactive Shiny app to look at terrain attributes based on a surface fit using a Wood/Evans Quadratic Equation:  $Z = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey(+f)$ 

## Usage

```
explore_terrain()
```

#### Value

No return value, launches Shiny app.

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#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f"ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

kmax

Calculate max curvature

## **Description**

Calculate max curvature, kmax, from the equation  $Z = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey(+f)$ .

#### **Usage**

```
kmax(a, b, c, d, e)
```

## **Arguments**

а	regression coefficient
b	regression coefficient
С	regression coefficient
d	regression coefficient
е	regression coefficient

#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f"ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

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kmean	Calculate mean curvature
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## **Description**

Calculate mean curvature, kmean, from the equation  $Z = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey(+f)$ .

### Usage

```
kmean(a, b, c, d, e)
```

#### **Arguments**

a	regression coefficient
b	regression coefficient
С	regression coefficient
d	regression coefficient
е	regression coefficient

#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f¨ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

kmin	Calculate min curvature

## **Description**

Calculate min curvature, kmin, from the equation  $Z = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey(+f)$ .

```
kmin(a, b, c, d, e)
```

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#### **Arguments**

а	regression coefficient
b	regression coefficient
С	regression coefficient
d	regression coefficient
е	regression coefficient

#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f"ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

knc

Calculate normal contour curvature

#### **Description**

Calculate normal contour curvature (kn)c, which is the principal representative of the plan curvature group based on regression coefficients from the equation  $Z = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey(+f)$ .

## Usage

```
knc(a, b, c, d, e)
```

## **Arguments**

а	regression coefficient
b	regression coefficient
С	regression coefficient
d	regression coefficient
е	regression coefficient

#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f"ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

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kns

Calculate normal slope line curvature

# Description

Calculate normal slope line curvature (kn)s, which is the principal representative of the profile curvature group based on regression coefficients from the equation  $Z = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey(+f)$ .

## Usage

```
kns(a, b, c, d, e)
```

#### **Arguments**

а	regression coefficient
b	regression coefficient
С	regression coefficient
d	regression coefficient
е	regression coefficient

## References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f"ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

ku

Calculate unsphericity curvature

## **Description**

Calculate unsphericity curvature, ku, from the equation  $Z = ax^2 + by^2 + cxy + dx + ey(+f)$ .

```
ku(a, b, c, d, e)
```

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#### **Arguments**

а	regression coefficient
b	regression coefficient
С	regression coefficient
d	regression coefficient
е	regression coefficient

#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f"ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

 ${\it outlier\_filter} \qquad \qquad {\it Helper function\ to\ filter\ outliers\ from\ regression\ parameters\ using\ interquartile\ range}$ 

#### **Description**

Helper function to filter outliers from regression parameters using interquartile range

#### Usage

```
outlier_filter(params, outlier_quantile, wopt = list())
```

## **Arguments**

params regression parameters for fitted surface outlier\_quantile

A numeric vector of length two or three. If two numbers are used it specifies the lower (Q1) and upper (Q2) quantiles used for determining the interquantile range (IQR). These values should be between 0 and 1 with Q2 > Q1. An optional third number can be used to specify a the size of a regular sample to be taken which can be useful if the full dataset is too large to fit in memory. Values are considered outliers if they are less than Q1-(100IQR) or greater than Q2+(100IQR), where IQR=Q2-Q1.

wopt list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

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Pfit

Calculates multiscale slope and aspect using a local planar fit.

#### **Description**

Calculates multiscale slope and aspect of a DTM over a sliding rectangular window using a using a local planar fit to the surface (Sharpnack and Akin 1969).

## Usage

```
Pfit(
  w = c(3, 3),
  unit = "degrees",
  metrics = c("pslope", "paspect", "peastness", "pnorthness"),
  na.rm = FALSE,
  include_scale = FALSE,
  mask_aspect = TRUE,
  filename = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  wopt = list()
)
```

## **Arguments**

w

DTM as a SpatRaster (terra) or RasterLayer (raster) in a projected coordinate r system where map units match elevation/depth units (up is assumed to be north

for calculations of aspect, northness, and eastness).

Vector of length 2 specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window to use where the first number is the number of rows and the second number is the

number of columns. Window size must be an odd number. Default is 3x3.

unit "degrees" or "radians".

Character vector specifying which terrain attributes to return. The default is metrics

> to return c("pslope", "paspect", "peastness", and "pnorthness"). These are preceded with a 'p' to differentiate them from the measures calculated by SlpAsp() and 'Qfit' where the 'p' indicates that a planar surface was used for the calculation. Additional measures available include "dz.dx" and "dz.dy" which are the x

and y components of slope respectively.

Logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations. na.rm

logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default = include\_scale

FALSE)

mask\_aspect Logical. If TRUE (default), aspect will be set to NA and northness and eastness

> will be set to 0 when slope = 0. If FALSE, aspect is set to 270 degrees or 3pi/2radians ((-pi/2)- atan2(0,0)+2pi) and northness and eastness will be calculated

from this.

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filename	character Output filename. Can be a single filename, or as many filenames as
	there are layers to write a file for each layer
overwrite	logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).
wopt	list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

#### **Details**

If only first order derivatives are needed, Pfit is faster than Qfit and should provide equivalent results to Qfit for first order derivatives (Jones, 1998) when na.rm=FALSE and approximately the same results otherwise.

#### Value

```
a SpatRaster (terra) or RasterStack/RasterLayer (raster)
```

#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f¨ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295. Jones, K. H. (1998). A comparison of algorithms used to compute hill slope as a property of the DEM. Computers & Geosciences, 24(4), 315–323. https://doi.org/10.1016/S0098-3004(98)00032-6 Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

#### **Examples**

## **Description**

Calculates multiscale slope, aspect, curvature, and morphometric features of a DTM over a sliding rectangular window using a local quadratic fit to the surface (Evans, 1980; Wood, 1996).

```
Qfit(
    r,
    w = c(3, 3),
    unit = "degrees",
    metrics = c("elev", "qslope", "qaspect", "qeastness", "qnorthness", "profc", "planc",
        "twistc", "meanc", "maxc", "minc", "features"),
    slope_tolerance = 1,
```

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curvature_tolerance = 1e-04,
outlier_quantile = c(0.01, 0.99),
na.rm = FALSE,
force_center = FALSE,
include_scale = FALSE,
mask_aspect = TRUE,
return_params = FALSE,
as_derivs = FALSE,
filename = NULL,
overwrite = FALSE,
wopt = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

r

DTM as a SpatRaster (terra) or RasterLayer (raster) in a projected coordinate system where map units match elevation/depth units (up is assumed to be north for calculations of aspect, northness, and eastness).

W

Vector of length 2 specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window to use where the first number is the number of rows and the second number is the number of columns. Window size must be an odd number. Default is 3x3.

unit

"degrees" or "radians".

metrics

Character vector specifying which terrain attributes to return. The default is to return all available metrics, c("elev", "qslope", "qaspect", "qeastness", "qnorthness", "profc", "planc", "twistc", "meanc", "maxc", "minc", "features"). Slope, aspect, eastness, and northness are preceded with a 'q' to differentiate them from the measures calculated by SlpAsp() where the 'q' indicates that a quadratic surface was used for the calculation. 'elev' is the predicted elevation at the central cell (i.e. the intercept term of the regression) and is only relevant when force\_center=FALSE. 'profc' is the profile curvature, 'planc' is the plan curvature, 'meanc' is the mean curvature, 'minc' is minimum curvature, and 'features' are morphometric features. See details.

#### slope\_tolerance

Slope tolerance that defines a 'flat' surface (degrees; default = 1.0). Relevant for the features layer.

#### curvature\_tolerance

Curvature tolerance that defines 'planar' surface (default = 0.0001). Relevant for the features layer.

#### outlier\_quantile

A numeric vector of length two or three. If two numbers are used it specifies the lower (Q1) and upper (Q2) quantiles used for determining the interquantile range (IQR). These values should be between 0 and 1 with Q2 > Q1. An optional third number can be used to specify a the size of a regular sample to be taken which can be useful if the full dataset is too large to fit in memory. Values are considered outliers and replaced with NA if they are less than Q1-(100IQR) or greater than Q2+(100IQR), where IQR=Q2-Q1. The outlier filter is performed on the results of the regression parameters ('a'-'e' and 'elev') prior to calculation

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of subsequent terrain attributes. Note that c(0,1) will skip the outlier filtering

step and can speed up computations. The default is c(0.01,0.99).

na.rm Logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations.

force\_center Logical specifying whether the constrain the model through the central cell of

the focal window

include\_scale Logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default =

FALSE).

mask\_aspect Logical. If TRUE (default), aspect will be set to NA and northness and eastness

will be set to 0 when slope = 0. If FALSE, aspect is set to 270 degrees or 3pi/2 radians ((-pi/2)-atan2(0,0)+2pi) and northness and eastness will be calculated

from this.

return\_params Logical indicating whether to return Wood/Evans regression parameters (default

= FALSE).

as\_derivs Logical indicating whether parameters should be formatted as partial derivatives

instead of regression coefficients (default = FALSE) (Minár et al., 2020).

filename character Output filename. Can be a single filename, or as many filenames as

there are layers to write a file for each layer

overwrite logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).
wopt list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

#### **Details**

This function calculates slope, aspect, eastness, northness, profile curvature, plan curvature, mean curvature, twisting curvature, maximum curvature, minimum curvature, morphometric features, and a smoothed version of the elevation surface using a quadratic surface fit from  $Z = aX^2 + bY^2 + cXY + dX + eY + f$ , where Z is the elevation or depth values, X and Y are the xy coordinates relative to the central cell in the focal window, and a-f are parameters to be estimated (Evans, 1980; Minár et al. 2020; Wood, 1996). For aspect, 0 degrees represents north (or if rotated, the direction that increases as you go up rows in your data) and increases clockwise. For calculations of northness (cos(asp)) and eastness (sin(asp)), up in the y direction is assumed to be north, and if this is not true for your data (e.g. you are using a rotated coordinate system), you must adjust accordingly. All curvature formulas are adapted from Minár et al 2020. Therefore all curvatures are measured in units of 1/length (e.g. m^-1) except twisting curvature which is measured in radians/length (i.e. change in angle per unit distance), and we adopt a geographic sign convention where convex is positive and concave is negative (i.e., hills are considered convex with positive. Naming convention for curvatures is not consistent across the literature, however Minár et al (2020) has suggested a framework in which the reported measures of curvature translate to profile curvature = (kn)s, plan curvature = (kn)c, twisting curvature (Tg)c, mean curvature = kmean, maximum curvature = kmax, minimum curvature = kmin. For morphometric features cross-sectional curvature (zcc) was replaced by planc (kn)c, z"min was replaced by kmax, and z"max was replaced by kmin as these are more robust ways to measures the same types of curvature (Minár et al., 2020). Additionally, the planar feature from Wood (1996) was split into planar flat and slope depending on whether the slope threshold is exceeded or not.

#### Value

a SpatRaster (terra) or RasterStack/RasterLayer (raster)

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#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f"ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

Wilson, M.F., O'Connell, B., Brown, C., Guinan, J.C., Grehan, A.J., 2007. Multiscale Terrain Analysis of Multibeam Bathymetry Data for Habitat Mapping on the Continental Slope. Marine Geodesy 30, 3-35. https://doi.org/10.1080/01490410701295962

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

## **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
qmetrics<- Qfit(r, w = c(5,5), unit = "degrees", na.rm = TRUE)
plot(qmetrics)

# To get only the regression coefficients, set "metrics=c()" and "return_params=TRUE"
reg_coefs<- Qfit(r, w = c(5,5), metrics=c(), unit = "degrees", na.rm = TRUE, return_params=TRUE)
plot(reg_coefs)</pre>
```

RelPos

Calculates Relative Position of a focal cell

#### **Description**

Calculates the relative position of a focal cell, which represents whether an area is a local high or low. Relative position is the value of the focal cell minus the value of a reference elevation (often the mean of included values in the focal window but see "fun" argument). Positive values indicate local highs (i.e. peaks) and negative values indicate local lows (i.e. depressions). Relative Position can be expressed in units of the input DTM raster or can standardized relative to the local topography by dividing by the standard deviation or range of included elevation values in the focal window.

```
RelPos(
    r,
    w = dplyr::case_when(tolower(shape) == "rectangle" ~ 3, tolower(shape) == "circle" &
        isTRUE(tolower(unit) == "cell") ~ 1, tolower(shape) == "circle" &
        isTRUE(tolower(unit) == "map") ~ max(terra::res(r))),
    shape = "rectangle",
    stand = "none",
    exclude_center = FALSE,
    unit = "cell",
    fun = "mean",
```

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```
na.rm = FALSE,
  include_scale = FALSE,
  filename = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE,
 wopt = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

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w

For a "rectangle" focal window, a vector of length 2 containing odd numbers specifying dimensions where the first number is the number of rows and the second is the number of columns (or a single number if the number of rows and columns is equal). For a "circle" shaped focal window, a single integer representing the radius in "cell" or "map" units or a focal weights matrix created by MultiscaleDTM::circle window. The default radius is 1 cell if unit= "cell" or the maximum of the x and y cell resolution if unit="map". For an "annulus" shaped focal window, a vector of length 2 specifying c(inner, outer) radii of the annulus in "cell" or "map" units or a focal weights matrix created by MultiscaleDTM::annulus\_window. Inner radius must be less than or equal to outer radius. There is no default size for an annulus window. If a "custom" focal window shape is used, w must be a focal weights matrix with 1's for included values and NAs for excluded values.

shape

Character representing the shape of the focal window. Either "rectangle" (default), "circle", or "annulus", or "custom". If a "custom" shape is used, w must be a focal weights matrix.

stand

Standardization method. Either "none" (the default), "range" or "sd" indicating whether the relative position should be standardized by dividing by the standard deviation or range of included values in the focal window. If stand is 'none' the layer name will be "rpos", otherwise it will be "srpos" to indicate that the layer has been standardized.

exclude\_center Logical indicating whether to exclude the central value from focal calculations (Default=FALSE). Use FALSE for DMV and TRUE for TPI. Note, if a focal weights matrix is supplied to w, setting exclude\_center=TRUE will overwrite the center value of w to NA, but setting exclude\_center=FALSE will not overwrite the central value to be 1.

unit

Unit for w if shape is 'circle' or 'annulus' and it is a vector (default is unit="cell"). For circular and annulus shaped windows specified with a matrix, unit is ignored and extracted directly from w. For rectangular and custom focal windows set unit='cell' or set unit to NA/NULL.

fun

Function to apply to included values to determine the reference elevation. Accepted values are "mean", "median", "min", and "max". The default is "mean"

na.rm

Logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations.

include\_scale

Logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default = FALSE) or a character vector specifying the name you would like to append or a number specifying the number of significant digits. If include\_scale = TRUE the 22 RIE

number of rows and number of columns will be appended for rectangular or custom windows. For circular windows it will be a single number representing the radius. For annulus windows it will be the inner and outer radius. If unit="map" then window size will have "MU" after the number indicating that the number represents the scale in map units (note units can be extracted from w created with MultiscaleDTM::circle\_window and MultiscaleDTM::annulus\_window).

filename Character output filename.

overwrite Logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).

wopt List with named options for writing files as in writeRaster.

#### Value

A SpatRaster or RasterLayer.

#### References

Lecours, V., Devillers, R., Simms, A.E., Lucieer, V.L., Brown, C.J., 2017. Towards a Framework for Terrain Attribute Selection in Environmental Studies. Environmental Modelling & Software 89, 19-30. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2016.11.027

Lundblad, E.R., Wright, D.J., Miller, J., Larkin, E.M., Rinehart, R., Naar, D.F., Donahue, B.T., Anderson, S.M., Battista, T., 2006. A benthic terrain classification scheme for American Samoa. Marine Geodesy 29, 89–111. https://doi.org/10.1080/01490410600738021

Weiss, A., 2001. Topographic Position and Landforms Analysis. Presented at the ESRI user conference, San Diego, CA.

Wilson, J.P., Gallant, J.C. (Eds.), 2000. Terrain Analysis: Principles and Applications. John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

#### **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
rpos<- RelPos(r, w = c(5,5), shape= "rectangle", exclude_center = TRUE, na.rm = TRUE)
plot(rpos)</pre>
```

RIE

Calculates Roughness Index-Elevation

#### **Description**

Calculates Roughness Index-Elevation. This is the standard deviation of residual topography in a focal window where residual topography is calculated as the focal pixel minus the focal mean.

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### Usage

```
RIE(
    r,
    w = c(3, 3),
    na.rm = FALSE,
    include_scale = FALSE,
    filename = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    wopt = list()
)
```

## **Arguments**

r	DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer
W	A vector of length 2 specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window to use where the first number is the number of rows and the second number is the number of columns. Window size must be an odd number. Default is $3x3$ .
na.rm	A logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculation of SD
include_scale	logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default = FALSE)
filename	character Output filename.
overwrite	logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).
wopt	list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

## **Details**

Note the original paper by Cavalli et al (2008) uses a fixed 5x5 window and uses 25 as the denominator indicating use of the population standard deviation. This implementation provides a flexible window size and istead calculates the sample standard deviation which uses a denominator of n-1.

#### Value

a SpatRaster or RasterLayer

## References

Cavalli, M., Tarolli, P., Marchi, L., Dalla Fontana, G., 2008. The effectiveness of airborne LiDAR data in the recognition of channel-bed morphology. CATENA 73, 249–260. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.catena.2007.11.001

## **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
rie<- RIE(r, w=c(5,5), na.rm = TRUE)
plot(rie)</pre>
```

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SAPA

Calculates surface area to planar area rugosity

#### Description

Calculates surface area (Jenness, 2004) to planar area rugosity and by default corrects planar area for slope using the arc-chord ratio (Du Preez, 2015). Additionally, the method has been modified to allow for calculations at multiple different window sizes (see details and Ilich et al. (2023)).

#### Usage

```
SAPA(
    r = NULL,
    w = 1,
    slope_correction = TRUE,
    na.rm = FALSE,
    include_scale = FALSE,
    slope_layer = NULL,
    sa_layer = NULL,
    check = TRUE,
    tol = 1e-04,
    filename = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    wopt = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

r

\_

DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer in a projected coordinate system where map units match elevation/depth units (Not used if both slope\_layer and sa\_layer are specified).

W

A single number or a vector of length 2 (row, column) specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window over which surface area will be summed. Window size must be an odd number. 1 refers to "native" scale and surface area and planar area will be calculated per cell (the traditional implementation).

slope\_correction

Whether to use the arc-chord ratio to correct planar area for slope (default is TRUE)

na.rm

logical indicating whether to remove/account for NAs in calculations. If FALSE any calculations involving NA will be NA. If TRUE, NA values will be removed and accounted for.

include\_scale

logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default = FALSE)

slope\_layer

Optionally specify an appropriate slope layer IN RADIANS to use. If not supplied, it will be calculated using the SlpAsp function using the "boundary"

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method. The slope layer should have a window size that is 2 larger than the

w specified for SAPA.

sa\_layer Optionally specify a surface area raster that contains the surface area on a per

cell level. This can be calculated with the SurfaceArea function. If calculating SAPA at multiple scales it will be more efficient to supply this so that it does not

need to be calculated every time.

check logical indicating whether to check if any values go below the theoretical value

of 1 (default is TRUE). If any are found a warning will be displayed and values less than 1 will be replaced with 1. This is ignored if slope\_correction is FALSE.

tol Tolerance related to 'check' when comparing to see if values are less than 1.

Values will still be replaced if check is TRUE, but a warning will not be displayed if the amount below 1 is less than or equal to the tolerance (default =

0.0001).

filename character Output filename.

overwrite logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).

wopt list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

#### **Details**

Planar area is calculated as the x\_dis \* y\_dis if uncorrected for slope and (x\_dis \* y\_dis)/cos(slope) if corrected for slope. When w=1, this is called "native" scale and is equivalent to what is presented in Du Preez (2015) and available in the ArcGIS Benthic Terrain Modeller add-on. In this case operations are performed on a per cell basis where x\_dis is the resolution of the raster in the x direction (left/right) and y dis is the resolution of the raster in the y direction (up/down) and slope is calculated using the Horn (1981) method. To expand this to multiple scales of analysis, at w > 1slope is calculated based on Misiuk et al (2021) which provides a modification of the Horn method to extend the matric to multiple spatial scales. Planar area is calculated the same way as for w=1 except that now x\_dis is the x resolution of the raster \* the number of columns in the focal window, and y dis is y resolution of the raster \* the number of rows. For w > 1, surface area is calculated as the sum of surface areas within the focal window. Although the (modified) Horn slope is used by default to be consistent with Du Preez (2015), slope calculated using a different algorithm (e.g. Wood 1996) could be supplied using the slope\_layer argument. Additionally, a slope raster can be supplied if you have already calculated it and do not wish to recalculate it. However, be careful to supply a slope layer measured in radians and calculated at the relevant scale (2 larger than the w of SAPA).

## Value

a SpatRaster or RasterLayer

#### References

Du Preez, C., 2015. A new arc–chord ratio (ACR) rugosity index for quantifying three-dimensional landscape structural complexity. Landscape Ecol 30, 181–192. https://doi.org/10.1007/s10980-014-0118-8

Horn, B.K., 1981. Hill Shading and the Reflectance Map. Proceedings of the IEEE 69, 14-47.

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Ilich, A. R., Misiuk, B., Lecours, V., & Murawski, S. A. (2023). MultiscaleDTM: An open-source R package for multiscale geomorphometric analysis. Transactions in GIS, 27(4). https://doi.org/10.1111/tgis.13067

Jenness, J.S., 2004. Calculating landscape surface area from digital elevation models. Wildlife Society Bulletin 32, 829-839.

Misiuk, B., Lecours, V., Dolan, M.F.J., Robert, K., 2021. Evaluating the Suitability of Multi-Scale Terrain Attribute Calculation Approaches for Seabed Mapping Applications. Marine Geodesy 44, 327-385. https://doi.org/10.1080/01490419.2021.1925789

## **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
sapa<- SAPA(r, w=c(5,5), slope_correction = TRUE)
plot(sapa)</pre>
```

SlpAsp

Multiscale Slope and Aspect

## Description

Calculates multiscale slope and aspect based on a modified version of the algorithm from Misiuk et al (2021) which extends classical formulations of slope restricted to a 3x3 window to multiple scales by using only cells on the edges of the focal window (see details for more information).

## Usage

```
SlpAsp(
    r,
    w = c(3, 3),
    unit = "degrees",
    method = "queen",
    metrics = c("slope", "aspect", "eastness", "northness"),
    na.rm = FALSE,
    include_scale = FALSE,
    mask_aspect = TRUE,
    filename = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    wopt = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

r DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer in a projected coordinate system where map units match elevation/depth units

A vector of length 2 specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window to use where the first number is the number of rows and the second number is the number of columns. Window size must be an odd number.

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unit "degrees" or "radians"

method "rook", "queen" (default), or "boundary". The method indicates which cells to

use to in computations. "rook" uses only the 4 edge cells directly up, down, left, and right; "queen" adds an additional four corner cells; "boundary" uses all edge

cells (see details for more information).

metrics a character string or vector of character strings of which terrain attributes to

return. Default is to return c("slope", "aspect", "eastness", "northness"). Additional measures available include "dz.dx" and "dz.dy" which are the x and y

components of slope respectively.

na.rm Logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations. Not

applicable for "rook" method.

include\_scale logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default =

FALSE)

mask\_aspect A logical. When mask\_aspect is TRUE (the default), if slope evaluates to 0,

aspect will be set to NA and both eastness and northness will be set to 0. When mask\_aspect is FALSE, when slope is 0 aspect will be pi/2 radians or 90 degrees which is the behavior of raster::terrain, and northness and eastness will be

calculated from that.

filename character Output filename. Can be a single filename, or as many filenames as

there are layers to write a file for each layer

overwrite logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).
wopt list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

#### **Details**

Slope is calculated  $atan(sqrt(dz.dx^2 + dz.dy^2))$  and aspect is calculated as (-pi/2)-atan\_2(dz.dy, dz.dx) and then constrained from 0 to 2 pi/0 to 360 degrees. dz.dx is the difference in between the weighted mean of the right side of the focal window and weighted mean of the left side of the focal window divided by the x distance of the focal window in map units. dz.dy is the difference in between the weighted mean of the top side of the focal window and weighted mean of the bottom side of the focal window divided by the y distance of the focal window in map units. The cells used in these computations is dependent on the "method" chosen. For methods "queen" and "boundary", corner cells have half the weight of all other cells used in the computations.

## Value

a SpatRaster or RasterStack of slope and/or aspect (and components of aspect)

#### References

Fleming, M.D., Hoffer, R.M., 1979. Machine processing of landsat MSS data and DMA topographic data for forest cover type mapping (No. LARS Technical Report 062879). Laboratory for Applications of Remote Sensing, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Horn, B.K., 1981. Hill Shading and the Reflectance Map. Proceedings of the IEEE 69, 14-47.

Misiuk, B., Lecours, V., Dolan, M.F.J., Robert, K., 2021. Evaluating the Suitability of Multi-Scale Terrain Attribute Calculation Approaches for Seabed Mapping Applications. Marine Geodesy 44, 327-385. https://doi.org/10.1080/01490419.2021.1925789

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Ritter, P., 1987. A vector-based slope and aspect generation algorithm. Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing 53, 1109-1111.

## **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
slp_asp<- SlpAsp(r = r, w = c(5,5), unit = "degrees",
method = "queen", metrics = c("slope", "aspect",
   "eastness", "northness"))
plot(slp_asp)</pre>
```

SurfaceArea

Calculates surface area of a DTM

## **Description**

Calculates surface area on a per cell basis of a DTM based on Jenness, 2004.

### Usage

```
SurfaceArea(
    r,
    na.rm = FALSE,
    filename = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    wopt = list()
)
```

## **Arguments**

r	DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer in a projected coordinate system where map units match elevation/depth units
na.rm	Logical indicating whether to remove NAs from calculations. When FALSE, the sum of the eight triangles is calculated. When TRUE, the mean of the created triangles is calculated and multiplied by 8 to scale it to the proper area.
filename	character Output filename.
overwrite	logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).
wopt	list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

#### Value

a SpatRaster or RasterLayer

## References

Jenness, J.S., 2004. Calculating landscape surface area from digital elevation models. Wildlife Society Bulletin 32, 829-839.

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#### **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
sa<- SurfaceArea(r)
plot(sa)</pre>
```

tgc

Calculate contour geodesic torsion

## Description

Calculate contour geodesic torsion (tg)c, which is the principal representative of the twisting curvature group based on regression coefficients from the equation  $Z = ax^2+by^2+cxy+dx+ey(+f)$ .

## Usage

```
tgc(a, b, c, d, e)
```

## Arguments

а	regression coefficient
b	regression coefficient
С	regression coefficient
d	regression coefficient
е	regression coefficient

#### References

Evans, I.S., 1980. An integrated system of terrain analysis and slope mapping. Zeitschrift f¨ur Geomorphologic Suppl-Bd 36, 274–295.

Wood, J., 1996. The geomorphological characterisation of digital elevation models (Ph.D.). University of Leicester.

Minár, J., Evans, I.S., Jenčo, M., 2020. A comprehensive system of definitions of land surface (topographic) curvatures, with implications for their application in geoscience modelling and prediction. Earth-Science Reviews 211, 103414. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.earscirev.2020.103414

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Calculates Topographic Position Index

TPI

#### **Description**

Calculates Topographic Position Index (TPI). TPI is a measure of relative position that calculates the the difference between the value of the focal cell and the mean of mean of the surrounding cells (i.e. local mean but excluding the value of the focal cell). Positive values indicate local highs (i.e. peaks) and negative values indicate local lows (i.e. depressions). TPI can be expressed in units of the input DTM raster or can standardized relative to the local topography by dividing by the standard deviation or range of included elevation values in the focal window.

#### Usage

```
TPI(
 w = dplyr::case_when(tolower(shape) == "rectangle" ~ 3, tolower(shape) == "circle" &
    isTRUE(tolower(unit) == "cell") ~ 1, tolower(shape) == "circle" &
    isTRUE(tolower(unit) == "map") ~ max(terra::res(r))),
  shape = "rectangle",
  stand = "none",
  unit = "cell",
  na.rm = FALSE,
  include_scale = FALSE,
  filename = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  wopt = list()
)
```

#### Arguments

r

W

shape

stand

DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer. TPI calls the function RelPos internally which serves as a general purpose and more flexible function for calculating

relative position.

For a "rectangle" focal window, a vector of length 2 containing odd numbers specifying dimensions where the first number is the number of rows and the second is the number of columns (or a single number if the number of rows and columns is equal). For a "circle" shaped focal window, a single integer representing the radius in "cell" or "map" units or a focal weights matrix created

by MultiscaleDTM::circle\_window.

Character representing the shape of the focal window. Either "rectangle" (default) or "circle".

Standardization method. Either "none" (the default), "range" or "sd" indicating whether the TPI should be standardized by dividing by the standard deviation

or range of included values in the focal window. If stand is 'none' the layer name will be "tpi", otherwise it will be "stpi" to indicate that the layer has been

standardized.

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unit Unit for w if shape is 'circle' and it is a vector (default is unit="cell"). For

circular windows specified with a matrix, unit is ignored and extracted directly from w. For rectangular and custom focal windows set unit='cell' or set unit to

NA/NULL.

na.rm Logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations.

include\_scale Logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default =

FALSE) or a character vector specifying the name you would like to append or a number specifying the number of significant digits. If include\_scale = TRUE the number of rows and number of columns will be appended for rectangular windows. For circular windows it will be a single number representing the radius. If unit="map" then window size will have "MU" after the number indicating that the number represents the scale in map units (note units can be extracted from

w created with MultiscaleDTM::circle window).

filename Character output filename.

overwrite Logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).

wopt List with named options for writing files as in writeRaster.

#### Value

SpatRaster or RasterLayer.

#### References

Weiss, A., 2001. Topographic Position and Landforms Analysis. Presented at the ESRI user conference, San Diego, CA.

#### **Examples**

```
r<- erupt()
tpi<- TPI(r, w=c(5,5), shape="rectangle", stand="none", na.rm = TRUE)
plot(tpi)</pre>
```

VRM Implementation of the Sappington et al., (2007) vector ruggedness measure

#### **Description**

Implementation of the Sappington et al., (2007) vector ruggedness measure, modified from Evans (2021).

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### Usage

```
VRM(
    r,
    w = c(3, 3),
    na.rm = FALSE,
    include_scale = FALSE,
    filename = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE,
    wopt = list()
)
```

#### Arguments

r

A vector of length 2 specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window to use where the first number is the number of rows and the second number is the number of columns. Window size must be an odd number. Default is 3x3.

na.rm A logical indicating whether or not to remove NA values before calculations.

See details for more information.

DTM as a SpatRaster or RasterLayer

include\_scale logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default =

FALSE)

filename character Output filename.

overwrite logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE).

wopt list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster

#### **Details**

If the crs is cartesian, when na.rm=TRUE, NA's will be removed from the slope/aspect calculations. When the crs is lat/lon, na.rm=TRUE will not affect the calculation of slope/aspect as terra::terrain will be used since it can calculate slope and aspect for spherical geometry but it does not support na.rm. In both cases when na.rm=TRUE, the x, y, and z components will be summed with na.rm=TRUE, and the N used in the denominator of the VRM equation will be the number of non-NA cells in the window rather than the total number of cells.

#### Value

a RasterLayer

## References

Evans JS (2021). spatialEco. R package version 1.3-6, https://github.com/jeffreyevans/spatialEco.

Sappington, J.M., Longshore, K.M., Thompson, D.B., 2007. Quantifying Landscape Ruggedness for Animal Habitat Analysis: A Case Study Using Bighorn Sheep in the Mojave Desert. The Journal of Wildlife Management 71, 1419-1426. https://doi.org/10.2193/2005-723

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# Examples

```
r<- erupt()
vrm<- VRM(r, w=c(5,5), na.rm = TRUE)
plot(vrm)</pre>
```

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