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The function `prsim.wave()` extends the approach to multiple sites and is based on the complex wavelet transform.

We further use the flexible four-parameter Kappa distribution, which allows for the extrapolation to yet unobserved low and high flows.

Alternatively, the empirical or any other distribution can be used.

A detailed description of the simulation approach for single sites and an application example can be found in <<https://www.hydrol-earth-syst-sci.net/23/3175/2019/>>.

A detailed description and evaluation of the wavelet-based multi-site approach can be found in <<https://www.hydrol-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/hess-2019-658/>>.

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## Description

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Contains two functions for the stochastic simulation of continuous discharge time series: `prsim` and `prsim.wave` both using phase randomization. `prsim` is based on the Fourier transform while `prsim.wave` uses the wavelet transform.

`prsim`: Simulation in the frequency domain is based on the randomization of the phases of the Fourier transform. We here combine phase randomization simulation with the flexible, four-parameter kappa distribution, which allows for the extrapolation to yet unobserved low and high flows. Alternative distributions or the empirical distribution can be used instead. The simulation approach consists of eight steps: (1) fitting of theoretical Kappa distribution, (2) normalization and deseasonalization, (3) Fourier transformation, (4) Fourier phases computation, (5) random phase generation, (6) inverse Fourier transformation, (7) back transformation, and (8) simulation.

`prsim.wave`: Simulation in the frequency domain based on the randomization of the phases of the continuous wavelet transform. We combine phase randomization with the flexible, four-parameter kappa distribution. Alternative theoretical distributions or the empirical distribution can be used instead. The simulation procedure consists of five steps: (1) Derivation of random phases from a white noise time series, (2) Fitting of kappa distribution, (3) Wavelet transform, (4) Inverse wavelet transform, and (5) Transformation to the kappa distribution (or the distribution of choice).

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## Examples

```
## Not run:
demo("PRSim")
demo("PRSim-validate")
demo("PRSim_wave")
demo("PRSim_wave-validate")

## End(Not run)
```

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pRsim

*Simulate for one station*

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## Description

Applies the algorithm to a single station

## Usage

```
prsim(data, station_id="Qobs", number_sim=1, win_h_length=15,
       marginal=c("kappa","empirical"), n_par=4, marginalpar=TRUE,
       GoFtest=NULL, verbose=TRUE, suppWarn=FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

data	data frame containing the time indications and runoff of at least one station. See ‘Details’.
station_id	identifies the station in case several runoffs are present in data. See ‘Details’.
number_sim	number of simulations to be carried out.
win_h_length	(half-)length of moving window size.
marginal	marginal distribution to be used for the backtransformation. Can be either "kappa", "empirical", or any type of CDF (see ‘Details’). "kappa" uses the four-parameter kappa distribution for backtransformation, "empirical" uses the empirical distribution. CDF allows for specifying any distribution ‘Examples’.
n_par	number of parameters of the marginal distribution used

GoFtest	If (non-null) a GoF test for daily data should be performed: "KS" performs a Kolmogorof-Smirnov test, and "AD" performs an Anderson-Darling test. see 'Details')
verbose	logical. Should progress be reported?
marginalpar	logical. Should the estimated parameters of the distribution used be returned?
suppWarn	logical. See 'Details'.
...	any other argument passed to the sub-function specifying the cdf for fitting. See 'Details' and 'Examples'.

## Details

Time can be given with three columns named "YYYY", "MM", "DD", or as in POSIXct format YYYY-MM-DD. All leap days (Feb 29th) will be omitted from the analysis, but no missing observations are allowed.

Stations are identified by column name (default "Qobs"), or by column index.

The function `homtest::par.kappa` might issue quite a few warnings of type `In fn(par, ...) : value out of range in 'gammafn'`. The argument `suppWarn` allows to silence warnings for the specific function call via `suppressWarnings()`. Of course, a subsequent check via `warnings()` is recommended.

Alternative distributions can be specified by providing three functions: (1) a function fitting the parameters of a distributions and providing a vector of these parameters as output (`CDF_fit`), (2) a function simulating random numbers from this distribution (`rCDF`), and (3) a function specifying the distribution (`pCDF`). See 'Examples' for the generalized beta for the second kind and for the Generalized Extreme Values (GEV) distribution.

When using the kappa distribution, the AD test can for certain values of the parameter `h` not be performed.

## Value

A list with elements

<code>simulation</code>	A data frame with time information, observations, deseasonalized observations and <code>number_sim</code> columns containing the simulated runoff.
<code>pars</code>	A matrix containing the estimated parameters of the marginal distribution (if <code>marginalpar</code> ).
<code>p_val</code>	A vector containing the p-values of <code>ks.test</code> or <code>ad.test</code> applied to the daily detrended data (if <code>GoFtest</code> is not NULL)

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Brunner, M. I., A. Bárdossy, and R. Furrer (2019). Technical note: Stochastic simulation of stream-flow time series using phase randomization. *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, 23, 3175-3187, doi:10.5194/hess-23-3175-2019.

**See Also**

ks.test

**Examples**

```
data( runoff)
out <- prsim( runoff[ runoff$YYYY<1980, ], "Qobs", 1, suppWarn=TRUE)
# warnings() # as a follow-up to `suppWarn=TRUE`

## Specifying particular CDFs:
## (1) example with the Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) distribution
require("evd")
require("ismev")
rGEV <- function(n, theta) rgev(n, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3])
pGEV <- function(x, theta) pgev(x, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3])
GEV_fit <- function( xdat, ...) gev.fit( xdat, ...)$mle

## Not run: # The following call requires 5 seconds to execute
out <- prsim( runoff[ runoff$YYYY<1978, ], "Qobs", 1,
             marginal="GEV", n_par=3, verbose=FALSE, marginalpar=FALSE,
             show=FALSE) # Supress 'gev.fit' output.

## End(Not run)

## (2) example with generalized Beta distribution of the second kind
require( "GB2")
rGB2 <- function(n, theta) rgb2(n, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3], theta[4])
pGB2 <- function(x, theta) pgb2(x, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3], theta[4])
GB2_fit <- function( xdat, ...) ml.gb2( xdat, ...)$opt1$par

## Not run: # The following call requires half minute or so to execute. Some warnings are issued
out <- prsim( runoff[ runoff$YYYY<1987, ], "Qobs", 1, suppWarn=TRUE,
             marginal="GB2")

## End(Not run)
```

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pRsim.wave

*Simulate for multiple stations*

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**Description**

Applies the wavelet-based simulation algorithm to multiple sites (single site possible as well)

**Usage**

```
prsim.wave(data, station_id="Qobs", number_sim=1, win_h_length=15,
           marginal=c("kappa","empirical"), n_par=4, n_wave=100, marginalpar=TRUE,
           GoFtest=NULL, verbose=TRUE, suppWarn=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	list of data frames. One list entry, i.e. data frame, corresponds to one station. Each data frame contains the time indications and runoff of one station. See ‘Details’.
station_id	identifies the station in case several time series are present in data. See ‘Details’.
number_sim	number of simulations to be carried out.
win_h_length	(half-)length of moving window size.
marginal	marginal distribution to be used for the backtransformation. Can be either "kappa", "empirical", or any type of CDF (see ‘Details’). "kappa" uses the four-parameter kappa distribution for backtransformation, "empirical" uses the empirical distribution. CDF allows for specifying any distribution ‘Examples’.
n_par	number of parameters of the marginal distribution used
GoFtest	If (non-null) a GoF test for daily data should be performed: "KS" performs a Kolmogorof-Smirnov test, and "AD" performs an Anderson-Darling test. see ‘Details’)
verbose	logical. Should progress be reported?
marginalpar	logical. Should the estimated parameters of the distribution used be returned?
n_wave	number of scales to be considered in the continuous wavelet transform.
suppWarn	logical. See ‘Details’.
...	any other argument passed to the sub-function specifying the cdf for fitting. See ‘Details’ and ‘Examples’.

**Details**

Time can be given with three columns named "YYYY", "MM", "DD", or as in POSIXct format YYYY-MM-DD. All leap days (Feb 29th) will be omitted from the analysis, but no missing observations are allowed.

Stations are identified by list index.

The function `homtest::par.kappa` might issue quite a few warnings of type `In fn(par, ...) : value out of range in 'gammafn'`. The argument `suppWarn` allows to silence warnings for the specific function call via `suppressWarnings()`. Of course, a subsequent check via `warnings()` is recommended.

Alternative distributions can be specified by providing three functions: (1) a function fitting the parameters of a distributions and providing a vector of these parameters as output (`CDF_fit`), (2) a function simulating random numbers from this distribution (`rCDF`), and (3) a function specifying the distribution (`pCDF`). See ‘Examples’ for the generalized beta for the second kind and for the Generalized Extreme Values (GEV) distribution.

When using the kappa distribution, the AD test can for certain values of the parameter `h` not be performed.

**Value**

A list with elements

simulation	A data frame with time information, observations, and number_sim columns containing the simulated runoff.
pars	A matrix containing the estimated parameters of the marginal distribution (if marginalpar).
p_val	A vector containing the p-values of ks.test or ad.test applied to the daily detrended data (if GoF test is not NULL)

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**See Also**

ks.test

**Examples**

```
data(runoff_multi_sites)
## Not run: # The following call requires half minute or so to execute.
prsim.wave(runoff_multi_sites, "Qobs", 1, suppWarn=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
# warnings() # as a follow-up to `suppWarn=TRUE`

## Specifying particular CDFs:
## (1) example with the Generalized Extreme Value (GEV) distribution
require("evd")
require("ismev")
rGEV <- function(n, theta) rgev(n, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3])
pGEV <- function(x, theta) pgev(x, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3])
GEV_fit <- function( xdat, ...) gev.fit( xdat, ...)$mle

## Not run: # The following call requires 5 seconds to execute
prsim.wave(runoff_multi_sites, "Qobs", 1,
  marginal="GEV", n_par=3, verbose=FALSE, marginalpar=FALSE,
  show=FALSE)
# Suppress 'gev.fit' output.

## End(Not run)

## (2) example with generalized Beta distribution of the second kind
require("GB2")
```



```

rGB2 <- function(n, theta) rgb2(n, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3], theta[4])
pGB2 <- function(x, theta) pgb2(x, theta[1], theta[2], theta[3], theta[4])
GB2_fit <- function( xdat, ...) ml.gb2( xdat, ...) $opt1$par

## Not run: # The following call requires half minute or so to execute.
Some warnings are issued
prsim.wave(runoff_multi_sites, "Qobs", 1, suppWarn=TRUE,
           marginal="GB2")

## End(Not run)

```

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runoff

*Sample runoff of a catchment*


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### Description

Artificial runoff data based on actual and simulated observations.

### Usage

```
data("runoff")
```

### Format

A data frame with 15695 observations of the following 4 variables.

YYYY a numeric vector, year

MM a numeric vector, month

DD a numeric vector, day

Qobs a numeric vector, synthetic observed runoff

### Details

The data mimiks the runoff of the river Plessur at the gauging station Chur, Switzerland. The the flow regime of the river is melt dominated. More information is given in the reference below.

### Source

The provided data is a weighted average of the acutually observed values and a particular simulated runoff. The actual discharge data can be ordered from <http://www.bafu.admin.ch/wasser/13462/13494/15076/index>.

### References

Brunner, M. I., A. Bárdossy, and R. Furrer (2019). Technical note: Stochastic simulation of stream-flow time series using phase randomization. *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, 23, 3175-3187, doi:10.5194/hess-23-3175-2019

**Examples**

```

data(runoff)
str(runoff)
runoff$timestamp <- paste(runoff$YYYY, runoff$MM, runoff$DD, sep=" ")
runoff$timestamp <- as.POSIXct(strptime(runoff$timestamp,
                                     format="%Y %m %d", tz="GMT"))
plot(runoff$timestamp[1:1000], runoff$Qobs[1:1000], type="l",
     xlab="Time [d]", ylab=expression(paste("Discharge [m3, "/s)"))

```

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runoff\_multi\_sites      *Sample runoff of four catchments with a similar discharge regime*

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**Description**

Observed runoff data from four USGS sites.

**Usage**

```
data("runoff_multi_sites")
```

**Format**

A list of four data frames (one list per station) of the following 4 variables.

YYYY a numeric vector, year

MM a numeric vector, month

DD a numeric vector, day

Qobs a numeric vector, observed runoff

**Details**

The data contains runoff for four USGS gages: (i) Calawah River near Forks, WA (USGS 12043000), (ii) NF Stillaguamish River near Arlington, WA (USGS 12167000), (iii) Nehalem River near Foss, OR (USGS 14301000), and (iv) Steamboat Creek near Glide, OR (USGS 14316700).

**Source**

The actual discharge data were downloaded from <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis>.

**References**

Brunner, M. I., and E. Gilleland (2020), Stochastic simulation of streamflow and spatial extremes: a continuous, wavelet-based approach, Hydrology and Earth System Sciences Discussion, <https://doi.org/10.5194/hess-2019-658>, in review, 2020.

**Examples**

```

data(runoff_multi_sites)
str(runoff_multi_sites)
runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$timestamp <- paste(runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$YYYY,
runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$MM, runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$DD, sep=" ")
runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$timestamp <-
as.POSIXct(strptime(runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$timestamp,format="%Y %m %d", tz="GMT"))
plot(runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$timestamp[1:1000], runoff_multi_sites[[1]]$Qobs[1:1000], type="l",
      xlab="Time [d]", ylab=expression(paste("Discharge [m^3,/s]")))

```

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simulations

*Simulated runoff*


---

**Description**

The dataset is generated with the package own routines and represent 50 series of 18 years of runoff

**Usage**

```
data("simulations")
```

**Format**

A list of three elements, containing (i) a data frame with 6570 observations of the following 56 variables

YYYY a numeric vector, year

MM a numeric vector, month

DD a numeric vector, day

timestamp POSIXct vector of the daily runoff

deseasonalized deseasonalized time series

Qobs observed runoff

r1,...,r50 50 simulated runoff series

(ii) a data frame with the daily fitted kappa parameters and (iii) p-values of the daily ks. test.

**Details**

The data is included to illustrate the validation and visualization routines in `demo("PRSim-validate")`.

**Source**

The data has been generated with

```
set.seed(14); prsim( runoff[ runoff$YYYY>1999, ], number_sim=50, KStest=TRUE)
```

(default values for all other arguments).

## References

Brunner, M. I., A. Bárdossy, and R. Furrer (2019). Technical note: Stochastic simulation of stream-flow time series using phase randomization. *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences*, 23, 3175-3187, doi:10.5194/hess-23-3175-2019

## Examples

```
data(simulations)
names(simulations)
sim <- simulations$simulation
dim(sim)
sim$day_id <- rep(seq(1:365), times=length(unique(sim$YYYY)))
mean_obs <- aggregate(sim$Qobs, by=list(sim$day_id), FUN=mean, simplify=FALSE)
plot(unlist(mean_obs[,2]),lty=1,lwd=1,col="black", ylab="Discharge [m3/s]",
      xlab="Time [d]", main="Mean hydrographs", ylim=c(0,22), type="l")

for(r in 7:(length(names(sim))-1)){
  mean_hydrograph <- aggregate(sim[,r], by=list(sim$day_id), FUN=mean, simplify=FALSE)
  lines(mean_hydrograph, lty=1, lwd=1, col="gray")
}
lines(mean_obs, lty=1, lwd=1, col="black")
```

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simulations\_multi\_sites

*Simulated runoff for four catchments*

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## Description

The dataset is generated with the package own routines and represent 5 series of 38 years of runoff for four catchments

## Usage

```
data("simulations_multi_sites")
```

## Format

A list of four elements (one per catchment), containing a data frame each holding information about the observed time series and the stochastic simulations

YYYY a numeric vector, year

MM a numeric vector, month

DD a numeric vector, day

timestamp POSIXct vector of the daily runoff

Qobs observed runoff

r1,...,r5 5 simulated runoff series

## Details

The data is included to illustrate the validation and visualization routines in `demo("PRSim_wave-validate")`.

## Source

The data has been generated with

```
prsim.wave(data=runoff_multi_sites,number_sim=5,marginal="kappa",GoFtest = NULL,pars=NULL,p_val=NULL
(default values for all other arguments).
```

## References

Brunner, M. I., and E. Gilleland (2020), Stochastic simulation of streamflow and spatial extremes: a continuous, wavelet-based approach, *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences Discussion*, <https://doi.org/10.5194/hess-2019-658>, in review, 2020.

## Examples

```
### greys
col_vect_obs <- c('#cccc', '#969696', '#636363', '#252525')
### oranges
col_vect_sim <- c('#fdbe85', '#fd8d3c', '#e6550d', '#a63603')
data(simulations_multi_sites)
sim <- simulations_multi_sites
dim(sim[[1]])
### plot time series for multiple sites
par(mfrow=c(2,1),mar=c(3,3,2,1))
### determine ylim
ylim_max <- max(sim[[1]]$Qobs)*1.5
### observed
plot(sim[[1]]$Qobs[1:1000],
      ylab=expression(bold(
        paste("Specific discharge [mm/d]"))),
      xlab="Time [d]",type="l",col=col_vect_obs[1],
      ylim=c(0,ylim_max),main='Observations')
for(l in 2:4){
  lines(sim[[l]]$Qobs[1:1000],col=col_vect_obs[l])
}
legend('topleft',legend=c('Station 1','Station 2',
  'Station 3','Station 4'),
      lty=1,col=col_vect_obs[1:4])
### simulated (one run)
plot(sim[[1]]$r1[1:1000],
      ylab=expression(bold(paste("Specific discharge [mm/d]"))),
      xlab="Time [d]",type="l",col=col_vect_sim[1],
      ylim=c(0,ylim_max),
      main='Stochastic simulations')
for(l in 2:4){
  lines(sim[[l]]$r1[1:1000],col=col_vect_sim[l])
}
```

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