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<b>Description</b> Separates significant boundary constraints in a dataset from illusions. A modified permutation test is applied using the no-data zone areas above the top-left, top-right, bottom-right and bottom-left boundary lines as test statistics. The observed no-data zone areas are compared to the distribution of the random permutations to calculate a p-value for each boundary line. An article detailing the methodologies and rationale is currently in preparation.
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bpts\_plot Boundary Points Plot

#### Description

bpts\_plot creates a ggplot2 scatterplot of your bpts object with the boundary lines and no-data zones identified.

### Usage

```
bpts_plot(
  bpts,
  xlab = "x",
  ylab = "y",
  export_name = "bpts plot.png",
  save_plot = FALSE,
  colour = TRUE,
  legend.position = "right"
)
```

#### Arguments

bpts your bpts object created by the extract\_bpts() function.

xlab the x-axis label. Defaults to "".
ylab the y-axis label. Defaults to "".

export\_name the filename of your plot if you choose to export it. Include .png suffix. Defaults

to "bpts plot.png" if save\_plot = TRUE.

save\_plot TRUE or FALSE to save the plot. Defaults to FALSE.

colour TRUE or FALSE to plot using colour or in black and white. Defaults to TRUE.

legend.position

Define the position of the ggplot legend, as per ggplot capability. Default to

"right".

#### Value

a ggplot2 scatterplot

#### **Examples**

```
a = rnorm(100,0,1)
b = rnorm(100,0,1)
bptsExample = extract_bpts(a,b)
bpts_plot(bptsExample, "a", "b")
```

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Caculate the no-data zone areas

## Description

This function supports the other sobir functions by calculating the no-data zone areas

#### Usage

```
calc_area(xdat, ydat)
```

## **Arguments**

xdat a vector of the independent data ydat a vector of the dependent data

#### Value

a list of the no-data zone areas

#### **Examples**

```
a = rnorm(100,0,1)
b = rnorm(100,0,1)
calc_area(a,b)
```

extract\_bpts

Extract boundary points

## Description

extract\_bpts identifies the boundary points to a scatterplot and labels the relevant data for further analysis in the sobir package.

## Usage

```
extract_bpts(xdat, ydat)
```

## Arguments

xdat a vector of the independent data ydat a vector of the dependent data

### Value

a data frame of the two vectors with the boundary points and other relevant data labelled.

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#### **Examples**

```
a = rnorm(100,0,1)
b = rnorm(100,0,1)
extract_bpts(a,b)
```

perm\_area

Calculate the permuted area

#### **Description**

perm\_area calculates the no-data zone areas for each permutation of the data simulated nsim times.

## Usage

```
perm_area(xdat, ydat, nsim, boundary = "topl", method = "auto")
```

#### **Arguments**

xdat a vector of the independent data
ydat a vector of the dependent data
nsim the number of simulations to run

boundary character string indicating the boundary to test (default is "topl"). Possible val-

ues are "topl" (top-left), "topr" (top-right), "botl" (bottom-left), "botr" (bottom-

right) or "all".

method character string indicating computation method (default is "auto"). Possible val-

ues are "exact", "approximate" or "auto".

#### Value

a perm table that can be plotted directly using perm\_plot()

#### **Examples**

```
a = rnorm(100,0,1)
b = rnorm(100,0,1)
perm_area(a,b,10)
```

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Perm Plot

#### **Description**

perm\_plot calculates the significance of the observed no-data zones and plots them relative to the simulations.

## Usage

```
perm_plot(perm, histogram = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

perm

a perm object generated by the perm\_area() function.

histogram

TRUE or FALSE. TRUE plots histograms while FALSE plots density plots.

#### Value

a ggplot2 histogram and p-value for each no-data zone

#### **Examples**

```
a = rnorm(100,0,1)
b = rnorm(100,0,1)
permExample = perm_area(a,b,10)
perm_plot(permExample, 100)
```

WoodyAfrica

Woody cover in Africa

## Description

Woody cover percentage in Africa relative to mean annual precipitation (mm), as published by Sankaran et al. 2005 in Nature.

## Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 854 rows and 2 variables

#### **Details**

MAP = Mean annual precipitation, in mm Cover = Woody cover, in

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#### Source

https://doi.org/10.1038/nature04070

#### References

Sankaran et al. (2005) Determinants of woody cover in African savannas. Nature 438, p846–849.

WoodyTowoomba

Woody cover in Towoomba

#### **Description**

Tree abundance in Towoomba Agricultural Development Center, South Africa relative to four soil fertilisation treatments and 16 soil nutrient and element concentrations, as published by Mills et al. 2017 in PLoS ONE.

#### **Usage**

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 60 rows and 18 variables

#### **Details**

Treatment = 12 treatments of a combination of superphosphate (SP0-SP2; 0, 233, 466 kg/ha/yr) and ammonium sulphate (AS0-AS3; 0, 146, 291, 583, 1166 kg/ha/yr) fertilisation applications. TreeNum = Number of trees present following three decades of fertilisation and three subsequent decades of passive protection. EC, pH, B, C, Na, Mg, P, S, N, K, Ca, Mn, Cu, Zn, N\_NO3, N\_NH4 = Soil nutrient and element concentration of the pedoderm (0-2 cm) in mg/kg, except for pH (unitless), EC (uS/cm) and C (

#### **Source**

https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0179848

#### References

Mills et al. (2017) Effects of anabolic and catabolic nutrients on woody plant encroachment after long-term experimental fertilization in a South African savanna. PLoS ONE 12(6), p1-24.

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