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 ${\tt ElapsedTimeProgressBarFn}$ 

A general purpose progress bar that reports elapsed time rather than number of items

# Description

A general purpose progress bar that reports elapsed time rather than number of items

# Usage

```
ElapsedTimeProgressBarFn(numItems, reportFn)
```

# **Arguments**

numItems Number of items to be processed

reportFn A function used to report changing progress

#### Value

A function which should be called for each item as it is processed.

lines.Trajectory Add Trajectory lines to a plot

# Description

The lines method for Trajectory objects.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Trajectory'
lines(x, draw.start.pt = TRUE, start.pt.cex = 0.8,
    start.pt.pch = 16, start.pt.col = "black", turning.angles = NULL,
    ...)
```

# **Arguments**

X	An object of class "Trajectory", the trajectory to be plotted.
draw.start.pt	If TRUE, draws a dot at the start point of the trajectory.
start.pt.cex	Scale to apply when drawing the start point dot.
start.pt.pch	Pch (i.e. plot character, symbol or shape) to apply when drawing the start point dot.
start.pt.col	Colour to apply when drawing the start point dot.

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turning.angles If random or directed, draws step turning angles. directed assumes errors are relative to the first recorded step angle. random assumes errors are relative to the previous step.

. . . Additional arguments are passed to lines.

```
plot.TrajDirectionAutocorrelations
```

Plot method for direction autocorrelation

# **Description**

The plot method for TrajDirectionAutocorrelations objects. Plots the direction autocorrelation function as returned by a call to link{TrajDirectionAutocorrelations}, with a optional dot at the first local minimum.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'TrajDirectionAutocorrelations'
plot(x, firstMinWindowSize = 10,
   type = "l", ylab = expression("C(" * Delta * s * ")"),
   xlab = expression(Delta * s), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

x Trajectory to be plotted.

firstMinWindowSize

If not NULL, specifies a window size used to calculate the first local minimum, which is then plotted as a point.

```
type, xlab, ylab
```

Defaults for plotting.

. . . Additional arguments passed to plot.

plot.Trajectory

Plot method for trajectories

# Description

The plot method for Trajectory objects.

plot.TrajSpeedIntervals

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Trajectory'
plot(x, add = FALSE, draw.start.pt = TRUE,
    start.pt.cex = 0.8, start.pt.pch = 16, start.pt.col = "black",
    turning.angles = NULL, xlim = grDevices::extendrange(x$x),
    ylim = grDevices::extendrange(x$y),
    xlab = ifelse(is.null(TrajGetUnits(x)), "x", sprintf("x (%s)",
    TrajGetUnits(x))), ylab = ifelse(is.null(TrajGetUnits(x)), "y",
    sprintf("y (%s)", TrajGetUnits(x))), asp = 1, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

x	An object of class "Trajectory", the trajectory to be plotted.	
add	If TRUE, the trajectory is added to the current plot.	
draw.start.pt	If TRUE, draws a dot at the start point of the trajectory.	
start.pt.cex	Scale to apply when drawing the start point dot.	
start.pt.pch	Pch (i.e. plot character, symbol or shape) to apply when drawing the start point dot.	
start.pt.col	Colour to apply when drawing the start point dot.	
turning.angles	If random or directed, draws step turning angles. directed assumes errors are relative to the first recorded step angle. random assumes errors are relative to the previous step.	
xlim, ylim, xlab, ylab, asp		
	plotting parameters with useful defaults.	
	Additional arguments are passed to plot.	

# See Also

TrajFromCoords

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
trj <- TrajGenerate(angularErrorSd = 1.3)
plot(trj)</pre>
```

```
plot.TrajSpeedIntervals
```

Plot method for trajectory speed intervals

# **Description**

Plots speed over time, with intervals of fast and/or slow speed highlighted.

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# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'TrajSpeedIntervals'
plot(x, slowerThanColour = "red",
   fasterThanColour = "green", highlightColor = "#0000FF1E",
   xlab = sprintf("Time (%s)", TrajGetTimeUnits(attr(x, "trajectory"))),
   ylab = sprintf("Speed (%s/%s)", TrajGetUnits(attr(x, "trajectory")),
   TrajGetTimeUnits(attr(x, "trajectory"))), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

An object of class "SpeedIntervals", as created by TrajSpeedIntervals.
 slowerThanColour, fasterThanColour
 The colour of the horizontal line plotted at the "slower than" or "faster than" speed. Specify NULL to prevent the line from being plotted.

 highlightColor Colour of the highlight rectangles.
 xlab, ylab plotting parameters with useful defaults.
 Additional arguments are passed to plot.

See Also

TrajSpeedIntervals

points.Trajectory

Add Trajectory points to a plot

# Description

The points method for Trajectory objects.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Trajectory'
points(x, draw.start.pt = TRUE,
   turning.angles = NULL, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

x An object of class "Trajectory", the trajectory to be plotted.

draw.start.pt If TRUE, draws a dot at the start point of the trajectory.

turning.angles If random or directed, draws step turning angles. directed assumes errors are relative to the first recorded step angle. random assumes errors are relative to the previous step.

... Additional arguments are passed to points.

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Turning angles of a Trajectory

# Description

Calculates the step angles (in radians) of each segment, either relative to the previous segment or relative to the specified compass direction.

# Usage

```
TrajAngles(trj, lag = 1, compass.direction = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

trj the trajectory whose whose angles are to be calculated.

lag Angles between every lag'th segment are calculated. Only applies to non-directed

walks, i.e. compass.direction is NULL.

compass.direction

If not NULL, step angles are calculated relative to this angle (in radians), otherwise they are calculated relative to the previous step angle.

#### **Details**

Note that since turning angles are circular quantities, i.e.  $360^{\circ} == 0^{\circ}$ , it is incorrect to treat them as linear quantities. In particular, do not calculate arithmetic means or standard deviations of turning angles. See Batschelet, (1981) for a detailed explanation and techniques for dealing with circular quantities.

# Value

Step angles in radians, normalised so that -pi < angle <= pi.

#### References

Batschelet, E. (1981). Circular statistics in biology. ACADEMIC PRESS, 111 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, NY 10003, 1981, 388.

# See Also

TrajStepLengths, TrajMeanVectorOfTurningAngles

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TrajConvertTime

Converts a delimited time string to a numeric value

# **Description**

Time values may be imported in a format which is not immediately usable by 'trajr'. This function converts times that are specified as a number of delimited fields to a single numeric value. The default parameter values handle a value with 4 colon-separated values, which are hours, minutes, seconds and milliseconds, eg: "0:01:04:108" represents 1 minute, 4 seconds and 108 milliseconds, or 64.108 seconds.

# Usage

```
TrajConvertTime(time, sep = ":", factors = c(60 * 60, 60, 1, 0.001))
```

# **Arguments**

time A character string containing the time value to be converted.

sep Field separator.

factors Vector of numeric factors to be applied to each field, in the order they occur

within 'time'. The default assumes 4 fields containing numeric hours, minutes,

seconds and milliseconds.

#### **Details**

Note that the base R strptime can be used to convert time values in more complex date/time formats, but it does not handle millisecond fields.

# Value

'time' converted to a numeric value.

# See Also

```
strptime
```

# **Examples**

```
time <- c("0:00:00:029", "0:01:00:216", "0:02:01:062", "1:00:02:195", "1:06:03:949", "1:42:04:087") seconds <- TrajConvertTime(time)
```

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First direction autocorrelation minimum/maximum

# **Description**

Determines the coordinates of the first local minimum/maximum of C in the direction autocorrelation function of a trajectory as returned by TrajDirectionAutocorrelations. The end point is excluded from consideration as a minimum, similarly the start point will not be returned as a maximum. if the trajectory does not osciallate in direction, there will not be a local minimum/maximum, and NULL is returned.

# Usage

```
TrajDAFindFirstMinimum(corr, windowSize = 10)
TrajDAFindFirstMaximum(corr, windowSize = 10)
```

#### **Arguments**

corr a TrajDirectionAutocorrelations object, i.e. the direction autocorrelation

of a trajectory.

windowSize Size of window used to define what constitutes a local mimimum/maximum.

# Value

Numeric vector with 2 values, deltaS and C, or NULL if there is no local minimum/maximum.

#### See Also

TrajDirectionAutocorrelations

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
trj <- TrajGenerate(600, angularErrorSd = 1)
smoothed <- TrajSmoothSG(trj, 3, 11)

# Resample to fixed path length
resampled <- TrajRediscretize(smoothed, 1)
# Calculate direction autocorrelation for resampled trajectory
corr <- TrajDirectionAutocorrelations(resampled, 100)
# Extract first local minimum from autocorrelation
minPt <- TrajDAFindFirstMinimum(corr, 20)

# Plot the autocorrelation function
plot(corr, type ='1')
# Plot a red dot with a black outline at the first minimum
points(minPt["deltaS"], minPt["C"], pch = 16, col = "red", lwd = 2)
points(minPt["deltaS"], minPt["C"], col = "black", lwd = 2)</pre>
```

TrajDerivatives

TrajDerivatives

Calculates trajectory speed and linear acceleration

# **Description**

Calculates speed and linear acceleration along a trajectory over time. Noisy trajectories should be smoothed before being passed to this function, as noise is effectively amplifed when calculating speed and acceleration.

# Usage

```
TrajDerivatives(trj)
```

# **Arguments**

trj

Trajectory whose speed and linear acceleration is to be calculated.

#### **Details**

Note that it is possible to obtain the duration of each step in a trajectory as follows:

```
r <- TrajDerivatives(trj)
stepLengths <- diff(c(0, r$speedTimes))</pre>
```

. 1...

# Value

A list with components:

speed numeric vector, speed between each pair of trajectory points, i.e. the speed of

each step.

speedTimes numeric vector, times corresponding to values in speed, i.e. the time from the

start of the trajectory to the end of each step.

acceleration numeric vector, linear acceleration between steps.

accelerationTimes

numeric vector, time from start of trajectory to the end of the second step in each

pair.

# See Also

TrajSpeedIntervals for analysing intervals of low or high speed within the trajectory. TrajSmoothSG for smoothing a trajectory.

TrajDirectionalChange Directional change (DC)

# **Description**

Calculates the time variation of directional change (DC) of a trajectory *sensu* Kitamura & Imafuku (2015). Directional change is defined as the angular change (in degrees) between any two points in the trajectory, divided by the time difference between the two points.

# Usage

```
TrajDirectionalChange(trj, nFrames = 1)
```

# **Arguments**

trj Track to calculate DC for.

nFrames Frame delta to process: if 1, every frame is processed, if 2, every 2nd frame is

processed, and so on. Default is 1.

#### **Details**

This function returns the DC for each pair of consecutive points. Kitamura & Imafuku (2015) used the mean and the standard deviation of DC for portions of trajectories as index values of nonlinearity and irregularity respectively.

# Value

The directional change (DC) in degrees between every pair of consecutive points in the trajectory, i.e. the returned vector will have length (nrow(trj) - 1).

#### References

Kitamura, T., & Imafuku, M. (2015). Behavioural mimicry in flight path of Batesian intraspecific polymorphic butterfly Papilio polytes. Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, 282(1809). doi:10.1098/rspb.2015.0483

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
trj <- TrajGenerate()
SD = mean(TrajDirectionalChange(trj))
SDDC = sd(TrajDirectionalChange(trj))</pre>
```

TrajDirectionAutocorrelations

Direction autocorrelation

# **Description**

Calculates the autocorrelation of the track for  $\Delta s$  ranging from 1 to deltaSMax, based on Shamble et al. (2017). trj must have a constant step length (see TrajRediscretize) i.e. all segments in the trajectory must be the same length. deltaS is specified in number of segments. Call TrajDAFindFirstMinimum to locate the first local minimum which may be used to characterise directional periodicity in a trajectory (note that the first local minimum may not exist).

# Usage

TrajDirectionAutocorrelations(trj, deltaSMax = round(nrow(trj)/4))

# **Arguments**

trj The trajectory to calculate the directional autocorrelations for.

deltaSMax Maximum delta s to calculate, default is 1/4 the number of segments in the

trajectory.

# Value

A data frame with class TrajDirectionAutocorrelations and 2 columns, deltaS and C. Plotting this object displays a graph of the direction autocorrelation function, optionally with the location of the first local minimum marked

#### References

Shamble, P. S., Hoy, R. R., Cohen, I., & Beatus, T. (2017). Walking like an ant: a quantitative and experimental approach to understanding locomotor mimicry in the jumping spider Myrmarachne formicaria. Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences, 284(1858). doi:10.1098/rspb.2017.0308

# See Also

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TrajDistance Trajectory distance
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# **Description**

Calculates the distance between the start and end of a trajectory (or a portion of a trajectory). Also called the diffusion distance, net distance, displacement, or bee-line from start to finish.

# Usage

```
TrajDistance(trj, startIndex = 1, endIndex = nrow(trj))
```

# Arguments

trj Trajectory whose distance is to be calculated.

startIndex Index of the starting point.
endIndex Index of the ending point.

#### Value

Numeric distance from the start to the end of the trajectory.

TrajDuration Trajectory duration
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# Description

Calculates the temporal duration of a trajectory (or a portion of a trajectory).

# Usage

```
TrajDuration(trj, startIndex = 1, endIndex = nrow(trj))
```

# **Arguments**

trj Trajectory whose duration is to be calculated.

startIndex Index of the starting point.
endIndex Index of the ending point.

#### Value

Numeric duration of the trajectory, in time units.

# See Also

TrajGetTimeUnits

TrajEmax

Trajectory straightness index, E-max

# **Description**

Emax, the maximum expected displacement, is a single-valued measure of straightness defined by (Cheung, Zhang, Stricker, & Srinivasan, 2007). Emax-a is a dimensionless, scale-independent measure of the maximum possible expected displacement. Emax-b is Emax-a \* mean step length, and gives the maximum possible expected displacement in spatial units. Values closer to 0 are more sinuous, while larger values (approaching infinity) are straighter.

# Usage

```
TrajEmax(trj, eMaxB = FALSE, compass.direction = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

trj Trajectory to be analysed.

eMaxB If TRUE, calculates and returns Emax-b, otherwise returns Emax-a.

compass.direction

if not NULL, turning angles are calculated for a directed walk, assuming the specified compass direction (in radians). Otherwise, a random walk is assumed.

#### Value

```
Emax (-a or -b) for trj.
```

#### References

Cheung, A., Zhang, S., Stricker, C., & Srinivasan, M. V. (2007). Animal navigation: the difficulty of moving in a straight line. Biological Cybernetics, 97(1), 47-61. doi:10.1007/s00422-007-0158-0

TrajExpectedSquareDisplacement

Trajectory expected square displacement

# **Description**

Calculates the expected square displacement for a trajectory assuming it is a correlated random walk, using the formula in Kareiva & Shigesada, (1983).

# Usage

```
TrajExpectedSquareDisplacement(trj, n = nrow(trj), eqn1 = TRUE,
  compass.direction = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

```
n Number of steps to calculate.

eqn1 If TRUE, calculate using equation 1, otherwise using equation 2. Equation 2 applies when the mean of turning angles is 0, i.e.turns are unbiased.

compass.direction

If not NULL, step angles are calculated relative to this angle (in radians), otherwise they are calculated relative to the previous step angle.
```

#### **Details**

Note that Cheung, Zhang, Stricker, and Srinivasan (2007) define an alternative formulation for expected maximum displacement, Emax (see TrajEmax).

#### References

Cheung, A., Zhang, S., Stricker, C., & Srinivasan, M. V. (2007). Animal navigation: the difficulty of moving in a straight line. Biological Cybernetics, 97(1), 47-61. doi:10.1007/s00422-007-0158-0 Kareiva, P. M., & Shigesada, N. (1983). Analyzing insect movement as a correlated random walk. Oecologia, 56(2), 234-238. doi:10.1007/bf00379695

#### See Also

TrajEmax

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
# A random walk
trj <- TrajGenerate(200)</pre>
smoothed <- TrajSmoothSG(trj)</pre>
# Calculate actual squared displacement at all points along the trajectory
sd2 <- sapply(2:nrow(smoothed), function(n) TrajDistance(smoothed, 1, n) ^ 2)</pre>
# Calculate expected squared displacement
ed2_1 <- sapply(2:nrow(smoothed), function(n) TrajExpectedSquareDisplacement(smoothed, n, TRUE))
ed2_2 <- sapply(2:nrow(smoothed), function(n) TrajExpectedSquareDisplacement(smoothed, n, FALSE))
# Plot expected against actual. According to Kareiva & Shigesada, (1983), if actual
# (approximately) matches expected, the trajectory is probably a correlated random walk
par(mar = c(5, 5, 0.1, 0.1) + .1)
plot(2:nrow(smoothed), sd2, type = 'l', pch = 16, cex = .2, lwd = 2,
     xlab = 'Number of consecutive moves',
     ylab = expression('Squared displacement, ' * R[n]^2))
lines(2:nrow(smoothed), ed2_1, col = "grey", lwd = 2)
lines(2:nrow(smoothed), ed2_2, col = "pink", lwd = 2)
legend("bottomright",
       c(expression("Actual displacement"^2),
         expression("Expected displacement"^2 * " (eqn 1)"),
```

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```
expression("Expected displacement"^2 * " (eqn 2)")), col = c('black', 'grey', 'pink'), lwd = 2, inset = c(0.01, 0.02))
```

TrajFractalDimension Fractal dimension of a trajectory

# **Description**

Calculates the fractal dimension (D) of a trajectory using the 'dividers' method (Sugihara & May, 1990). By default, overestimation of D is compensated for as recommended by Nams (2006), by walking the dividers backwards and forwards, and by estimating the remaining path length at the end of the last step.

# Usage

```
TrajFractalDimension(trj, stepSizes, adjustD = TRUE, dMean = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

trj Trajectory to calculate fractal dimension for.

stepSizes Vector of step sizes (aka divider sizes) used to calculate path lengths.

adjustD If TRUE, path length is adjusted for truncation error (Nams, 2006).

dMean If TRUE, the fractal dimension is calculated starting from the beginning of the

trajectory, then re-calculated starting from the end and moving backwards. The

value returned is the mean of the two fractal dimensions (Nams, 2006).

# **Details**

Fractal dimension may be meaningless for animal trajectories as they may not be true fractal curves - see Benhamou (2004) and Turchin (1996), although it may be useful for studies involving differences in behaviour at different spatial scales (Nams, 2006).

You can test whether a trajectory is a fractal curve for a range of step sizes using the TrajFractalDimensionValues function. The example code in its documentation demonstrates how to plot path length for a range of step sizes. If the plotted points lie along straight line, then the trajectory is a fractal curve for that range of step sizes. However, typical trajectories result in a curve rather than a straight line.

If you decide to use fractal dimension despite the warnings of Benhamou (2004) and Turchin (1996), try to select a biologically meaningful range of step sizes (and be prepared to justify your choice). If comparing fractal dimensions across trajectories, be consistent in your choice of step sizes.

# Value

The fractal dimension of the trajectory for the given step sizes.

#### References

Benhamou, S. (2004). How to reliably estimate the tortuosity of an animal's path. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 229(2), 209-220. doi:10.1016/j.jtbi.2004.03.016

Nams, V. O. (2006). Improving Accuracy and Precision in Estimating Fractal Dimension of Animal movement paths. Acta Biotheoretica, 54(1), 1-11. doi:10.1007/s10441-006-5954-8

Sugihara, G., & M. May, R. (1990). Applications of fractals in ecology. Trends in Ecology & Evolution, 5(3), 79-86. doi:10.1016/0169-5347(90)90235-6

Turchin, P. (1996). Fractal Analyses of Animal Movement: A Critique. Ecology, 77(7), 2086-2090. doi:10.2307/2265702

#### See Also

TrajLogSequence to create a logarithmically spaced sequence, TrajFractalDimensionValues for the function used internally to calculate a range of path lengths for different step sizes, TrajEmax and TrajSinuosity2 for some alternate measures of trajectory tortuosity.

TrajFractalDimensionValues

Fractal dimension calculation

#### **Description**

Calculates path length  $(L(\delta))$  for a range of step sizes  $(\delta)$ . For a fractal (i.e. scale independent) curve,  $log(L(\delta))$  grows linearly as  $log(\delta)$  grows smaller. In other words, if the points returned by this function lie on a straight line in a log-log plot, trj is a fractal curve.

#### Usage

TrajFractalDimensionValues(trj, stepSizes, adjustD = TRUE)

#### **Arguments**

trj Trajectory to calculate fractal dimension for.

stepSizes Vector of step sizes used to calculate path lengths.

adjustD If TRUE, path length is adjusted to reduce truncation error (Nams, 2006).

#### Value

Data frame with columns stepsize  $(\delta)$  and pathlength  $((L(\delta)))$ .

# References

Nams, V. O. (2006). Improving Accuracy and Precision in Estimating Fractal Dimension of Animal movement paths. Acta Biotheoretica, 54(1), 1-11. doi:10.1007/s10441-006-5954-8

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# See Also

TrajFractalDimension for fractal dimension calculation.

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
trj <- TrajGenerate()
muL <- mean(TrajStepLengths(trj))
# Use 20 step sizes from 1/2 mean step length to 5 * mean step length.
# For real use, biologically meaningful step sizes should be used.
stepSizes <- TrajLogSequence(0.5 * muL, 5 * muL, 20)
plot(TrajFractalDimensionValues(trj, stepSizes), log = "xy", pch = 16, cex = .5)</pre>
```

TrajFromCoords

Create a Trajectory Object

# Description

TrajFromCoords creates a new trajectory object from a set of 2-dimensional cartesian coordinates, times and some metadata. The coordinates are sometimes referred to as "relocations".

# Usage

```
TrajFromCoords(track, xCol = 1, yCol = 2, timeCol = NULL, fps = 50,
    spatialUnits = "m", timeUnits = "s")
```

# Arguments

track	data frame containing cartesian coordinates and optionally times for the points in the trajectory.
xCol	Name or index of the x column in track (default 1).
yCol	Name or index of the y column in track (default 2).
timeCol	optional name or index of the column which contains coordinate times.
fps	Frames per second - used to calculate relative coordinate times if track does not contain a time column. Time intervals between coordinate are assumed to be constant throught the entire track.
spatialUnits	Abbreviation for the x and y units.
timeUnits	Abbreviation for the units that time is recorded in.

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#### **Details**

If timeCol is specified, track[,timeCol] is expected to contain the time (in some numeric units) of each coordinate. Otherwise, times are calculated for each point as (coord - 1) / fps where coord is the index of the point; in other words, sampling at constant time intervals is assumed. Time values require conversion if they are not numeric. It may be possible to use 'strptime' for this purpose, or TrajConvertTime can be used to convert mutliple field time values.

x and y must be square units. Longitude and latitude are not suitable for use as x and y values, since in general, 1° lat != 1° lon. To create a trajectory from positions in latitude and longitude, it is first necessary to transform the positions to a suitable spatial projection such as UTM (possibly by using spTransform from the rgdal package).

#### Value

An object with class "Trajectory", which is a data frame with the following components:

x X coordinates of trajectory points.y Y coordinates of trajectory points.

time (in timeUnits) for each point. if timeCol is specified, values are trj[,timeCol],

otherwise values are calculated from fps.

displacementTime

Relative frame/observation times, with frame/observation 1 at time 0.

polar Coordinates represented as complex numbers, to simplify working with segment

angles.

displacement Displacement vectors (represented as complex numbers) between each pair of

consecutive points.

# **Examples**

TrajGenerate

Generate a random trajectory

# **Description**

Generates a trajectory. If random is TRUE, the trajectory will be a correllated random walk/idiothetic directed walk (Kareiva & Shigesada, 1983), corresponding to an animal navigating without a compass (Cheung, Zhang, Stricker, & Srinivasan, 2008). If random is FALSE, it will be a directed walk/allothetic directed walk/oriented path, corresponding to an animal navigating with a compass (Cheung, Zhang, Stricker, & Srinivasan, 2007, 2008).

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# Usage

```
TrajGenerate(n = 1000, random = TRUE, stepLength = 2,
  angularErrorSd = 0.5, angularErrorDist = function(n) stats::rnorm(n,
  sd = angularErrorSd), linearErrorSd = 0.2,
 linearErrorDist = function(n) stats::rnorm(n, sd = linearErrorSd),
  fps = 50, ...)
```

# Arguments

n Number of steps in the trajectory.

random If TRUE, a random search trajectory is returned, otherwise a directed trajectory

(with direction = 0 radians) is returned.

Mean length of each step in the trajectory, in arbitrary length units. stepLength

angularErrorSd Standard deviation of angular errors in radians.

angularErrorDist

Function which accepts a single argument - the number of values to return, and generates random deviates according to some distribution. The returned values are added to the previous step angle (when random == TRUE), or to 0 (is random == FALSE) to generate the step angle for each step in the trajectory. If

the mean of the returned values is not zero, the walk will be biased.

linearErrorSd Standard deviation of linear step length errors.

linearFrrorDist

Function which accepts a single argument - the number of values to return, and generates random deviates according to some distribution. The returned values

are added to stepLength to generate the lengths of each step.

fps Simulated frames-per-second - used to generate times for each point in the tra-

jectory.

Additional arguments are passed to TrajFromCoords.

#### **Details**

By default, for both random and directed walks, errors are normally distributed, unbiased, and independent of each other, so are simple directed walks in the terminology of Cheung, Zhang, Stricker, & Srinivasan, (2008). This behaviour may be modified by specifying alternative values for the angularErrorDist and/or linearErrorDist parameters.

The initial angle (for a random walk) or the intended direction (for a directed walk) is 0 radians. To change the initial angle or intended direction, call TrajRotate on the new trajectory. The starting position is (0, 0). To change the starting position, call TrajTranslate on the new trajectory.

#### Value

A new Trajectory with n segments and n + 1 coordinate pairs.

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#### References

Kareiva, P. M., & Shigesada, N. (1983). Analyzing insect movement as a correlated random walk. Oecologia, 56(2), 234-238. doi:10.1007/bf00379695

Cheung, A., Zhang, S., Stricker, C., & Srinivasan, M. V. (2007). Animal navigation: the difficulty of moving in a straight line. Biological Cybernetics, 97(1), 47-61. doi:10.1007/s00422-007-0158-0

Cheung, A., Zhang, S., Stricker, C., & Srinivasan, M. V. (2008). Animal navigation: general properties of directed walks. Biological Cybernetics, 99(3), 197-217. doi:10.1007/s00422-008-0251-z

# **Examples**

```
# Generate a 1000 step correlated random walk
trj <- TrajGenerate()</pre>
plot(trj, main = "Correlated walk")
# Generate a 1000 step levy flight - paths lengths follow a cauchy distribution
trj <- TrajGenerate(linearErrorDist = rcauchy)</pre>
plot(trj, main = "Levy flight")
# Generate a short directed trajectory
trj <- TrajGenerate(n = 20, random = FALSE)</pre>
plot(trj, main = "Directed walk")
# Generate an uncorrelated random walk
trj <- TrajGenerate(500, angularErrorDist = function(n) runif(n, -pi, pi))</pre>
plot(trj, main = "Uncorrelated walk")
# Generate a walk directed northwards, starting from (200, 300),
# with a mean step length of 200. The initially generated trajectory
# is directed to angle 0, with starting point (0, 0)
trj <- TrajGenerate(n = 20, stepLength = 200, random = FALSE)</pre>
# Rotate 90 degrees about (0, 0) (i.e. from east to north)
trj <- TrajRotate(trj, pi / 2, relative = FALSE)</pre>
# Translate to desired starting point
trj <- TrajTranslate(trj, 200, 300)</pre>
```

TrajGetFPS

Trajectory frames-per-second

# **Description**

Returns the frames-per-second recorded for this trajectory.

#### Usage

```
TrajGetFPS(trj)
```

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# **Arguments**

trj Trajectory to query

TrajGetNCoords

Trajectory number of coordinates

# Description

Returns the number of coordinates recorded for this trajectory, i.e. 1 more than the number of steps.

# Usage

```
TrajGetNCoords(trj)
```

# Arguments

trj

Trajectory to query

TrajGetTimeUnits

Trajectory temporal units

# Description

Returns the temporal units specified for a scaled trajectory.

# Usage

```
TrajGetTimeUnits(trj)
```

# Arguments

trj

Trajectory to query

# See Also

 ${\it TrajFromCoords}, {\it TrajGetUnits}.$ 

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# Description

Returns the spatial units specified for a scaled trajectory.

# Usage

```
TrajGetUnits(trj)
```

# **Arguments**

trj Trajectory to query

# See Also

TrajScale, TrajGetTimeUnits.

TrajLength	Trajectory length

# Description

Calculates the cumulative length of a trajectory (or a portion of a trajectory), which is the total distance travelled along the trajectory.

# Usage

```
TrajLength(trj, startIndex = 1, endIndex = nrow(trj))
```

# Arguments

trj Trajectory whose length is to be calculated.

startIndex Index of the starting point.
endIndex Index of the ending point.

# Value

Numeric length of the trajectory.

#### See Also

TrajStepLengths

TrajLogSequence

Logarithmically spaced sequence

# Description

Convenience function to return a sequence of points which are regularly spaced when plotted on a logarithmic axis.

# Usage

```
TrajLogSequence(from, to, length.out)
```

# **Arguments**

from Starting value of the sequence.

to End (maximal) value of the sequence.

length.out Desired length of the sequence (non-negative). Rounded up if fractional.

#### See Also

seq

TrajMeanVectorOfTurningAngles

Mean vector of turning angles

# Description

Returns the mean vector of the turning angles, as defined by Batschelet, (1981). A unit vector is created for each turning angle in the trajectory, and the centre-of-mass/mean vector is returned.

# Usage

```
TrajMeanVectorOfTurningAngles(trj, compass.direction = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

trj Trajectory object.

compass.direction

If not NULL, step angles are calculated relative to this angle (in radians), otherwise they are calculated relative to the previous step angle.

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# **Details**

According to Batschelet (1981), r may serve as a straightness index ranging from 0 to 1, where r is the length of the mean vector of turning angles of a trajectory with constant step length. Values of r near 1 indicating straighter paths. Hence, r = Mod(TrajMeanVectorOfTurningAngles(trj)), assuming that trj has a constant step length (e.g. has been rediscretized).

#### Value

A complex number r which represents the mean vector, Mod(r) is the length of the mean vector which varies between 0 and 1, Arg(r) is the angle.

#### References

Batschelet, E. (1981). Circular statistics in biology. ACADEMIC PRESS, 111 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, NY 10003, 1981, 388.

#### See Also

TrajStraightness, TrajAngles, TrajRediscretize for resampling a trajectory to a constant step length, TrajResampleTime for resampling a trajectory to a constant step time.

TrajMeanVelocity

Trajectory mean velocity

# Description

Calculates the mean or net velocity of a trajectory (or a portion of a trajectory). Theisis the velocity from the start point to the end point, ignoring the path that was taken.

# Usage

```
TrajMeanVelocity(trj, startIndex = 1, endIndex = nrow(trj))
```

# **Arguments**

trj Trajectory whose duration is to be calculated.

startIndex Index of the starting point.
endIndex Index of the ending point.

#### Value

Numeric duration of the trajectory, in time units.

# See Also

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trajr: trajectory analysis in R

# **Description**

A toolkit for the statistical analysis of 2-dimensional animal trajectories.

#### **Details**

Trajr operates on trajectories which are arrays of x and y coordinates. It can be used to calculate characteristics such as velocity and acceleration, as well as various measures of straightness or tortuosity. it also provides various convenience functions to assist with operating on multiple trajectories.

Trajr does not perform object tracking from videos, it operates on existing arrays of coordinates.

# **Trajectory creation**

Most trajr functions operate on a Trajectory object. Trajectorys are created by calling TrajFromCoords. The function TrajsBuild allows you to create multiple Trajectorys by reading their coordinates from files.

Typically, trajectories require smoothing to remove high frequency noise; see TrajSmoothSG. Some methods require trajectories which have been resampled to a constant step length (*rediscretized*); see TrajRediscretize.

You can create a random trajectory by calling TrajGenerate.

# Trajectory analysis

TrajDerivatives calculates the speed and acceleration of a trajectory (see also TrajSpeedIntervals).

Multiple algorithms for assessing straightness or tortuosity are available, see TrajDirectionalChange, TrajDirectionAutocorrelations, TrajEmax, TrajFractalDimension, TrajSinuosity, and TrajStraightness.

# Other functions

Other functions provide information about trajectories, such as TrajStepLengths, TrajGetNCoords, TrajGetUnits, TrajGetTimeUnits, TrajReverse, TrajDuration, TrajMeanVelocity, or allow some manipulations of trajectories, such as TrajScale, TrajReverse, TrajTranslate, and TrajRotate.

Trajr also provides the capability to plot a Trajectory and the results of some analyses.

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TrajRediscretize	Resample a trajectory to a constant step length	

# **Description**

Constructs a new trajectory by resampling the input trajectory to a fixed step (or segment) length. Timing of frames is lost, so speed and acceleration cannot be calculated on a rediscretized trajectory.

# Usage

```
TrajRediscretize(trj, R)
```

# **Arguments**

trj The trajectory to be resampled.

R rediscretization step length, in the spatial units of trj.

# **Details**

Based on the appendix in Bovet and Benhamou, (1988).

# Value

A new trajectory with a constant segment length which follows trj.

# References

Bovet, P., & Benhamou, S. (1988). Spatial analysis of animals' movements using a correlated random walk model. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 131(4), 419-433. doi:10.1016/S0022-5193(88)80038-9

TrajResampleTime Resample a trajectory to a constant time interval.	TrajResampleTime	Resample a trajectory to a constant time interval.	
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# **Description**

Constructs a new trajectory by resampling the input trajectory to a fixed time interval. Points are linearly interpolated along the trajectory. Spatial and time units are preserved.

# Usage

```
TrajResampleTime(trj, stepTime, newFps = NULL)
```

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# **Arguments**

trj The trajectory to be resampled.

stepTime The resampled trajectory step time. Each step in the new trajectory will have

this duration.

newFps Value to be stored as the FPS value in the new trajectory (see TrajGetFPS). It is

not otherwise used by this function.

# Value

A new trajectory with a constant time interval for each step. Points in the new trajectory are calculated by linearly interpolating along trj.

# **Examples**

```
# Simulate a trajectory with steps every 5 hours
set.seed(46)
trj <- TrajGenerate(10, stepLength = 5, fps = 1/5, timeUnits = "hours", linearErrorSd = .8)
# Resample to 1 hour steps
resampled <- TrajResampleTime(trj, 1)

par(mar = c(5, 4, .5, .5))
plot(trj, lwd = 2)
points(trj, pch = 16)
points(resampled, col = "red", draw.start.pt = FALSE)</pre>
```

TrajReverse

Reverse a trajectory

# **Description**

Reverses the direction of a trajectory, so that the starting point becomes the last point and vice versa.

#### Usage

```
TrajReverse(trj)
```

# **Arguments**

trj

The Trajectory to be reversed.

# Value

A copy of trj with direction reversed.

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# **Description**

Rotates a trajectory by angle (when relative is FALSE), or so that angle(finish - start) == angle (when relative is TRUE).

# Usage

```
TrajRotate(trj, angle = 0, origin = c(0, 0), relative = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

trj	The trajectory to be rotated.
angle	The angle in radians between the first and last points in the rotated trajectory.
origin	Trajectory is rotated about this point.
relative	If TRUE, angle is the angle (after rotation) from the start to the end point of the trajectory. If FALSE, the trajectory is rotated about its start point by angle.

# Value

A new trajectory which is a rotated version of the input trajectory.

TrajsBuild	Construct multiple trajectories	

# Description

Reads multiple trajectories from files, performs some basic sanity checks on them, and optionally smooths and scales them. Attempts to collect and report errors for multiple trajectories in a single call.

# Usage

```
TrajsBuild(fileNames, fps = NULL, scale = NULL, spatialUnits = NULL,
  timeUnits = NULL, csvStruct = list(x = 1, y = 2, time = NULL),
  smoothP = 3, smoothN = 41, translateToOrigin = FALSE,
  rootDir = NULL, csvReadFn = function(filename, ...)
  utils::read.csv(filename, stringsAsFactors = FALSE, ...), ...)
```

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## **Arguments**

fileNames

files must have the same columns. All file names must be unique. If rootDir is not NULL, then the file names are treated as regular expressions. fps Vector of frames-per-second values corresponding to the trajectories in fileNames. If length is 1, it is repeated to length(fileNames). scale Vector of scale values corresponding to the trajectories in fileNames. May be specified as character expressions (e.g. "1 / 1200") rather than numeric values. If NULL, the trajectories will not be scaled. If length is 1, it is repeated to length(fileNames). Abbreviated name of spatial coordinate units after scaling, e.g. "m". spatialUnits Abbreviated name of temporal units, e.g. "s". timeUnits csvStruct A list which identifies the columns in each CSV file which contain x-, y-, and optionally time-values. smoothP Filter order to be used for Savitzky-Golay smoothing (see TrajSmoothSG). If NA, no smoothing is performed. smoothN Filter length to be used for Savitzky-Golay smoothing (must be odd, see TrajSmoothSG). If NA, no smoothing is performed.

Vector of the names of CSV files containing trajectory coordinates. All of the

translateToOrigin

If TRUE, each trajectory is translated so that its starting point is at (0, 0).

rootDir Optional name of a top level directory which contains the CSV files. If rootDir

is not NULL, the CSV files may be located anywhere within rootDir or its

sub-directories.

csvReadFn Function used to read the CSV files. Required to accept arguments filename, ...,

and return a data frame of coordinates, or a list of multiple data frames (see read.csv, read.csv2). The default function calls read.csv with argument

stringsAsFactors = FALSE.

... Additional arguments passed to csvReadFn.

# **Details**

If rootDir is not null, it should be the name of a directory which is searched for the files in fileNames. The found files are then used as the list of files to be read in. This may be useful when the names of the files are known, but their exact location within a directory structure is not known.

For each file name in fileNames, reads the file by calling csvReadFn to obtain a set of coordinates and optionally times. A Trajectory is then constructed by passing the coordinates to TrajFromCoords, passing in the appropriate fps value, and x, y and time column names/indices from csvStruct. If scale is not NULL, the trajectory is scaled by calling TrajScale. If smoothP and smoothN are not NULL, the trajectory is smoothed by calling TrajSmoothSG.

# Value

A list of trajectories.

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# See Also

```
\verb"read.csv", \verb"TrajFromCoords", \verb"TrajScale", \verb"TrajSmoothSG", \verb"TrajTranslate" \\
```

# **Examples**

TrajScale

Scale a trajectory

# **Description**

Scales the cartesian coordinates in a trajectory, for example, to convert units from pixels to metres.

# Usage

```
TrajScale(trj, scale, units, yScale = scale)
```

# **Arguments**

trj	The trajectory to be scaled.
scale	Scaling factor to be applied to the trajectory coordinates.
units	Character specifying the spatial units after scaling, e.g. "m" or "metres"
yScale	Optional scaling factor to be applied to the y-axis, which may be specified if the original coordinates are not square. Defaults to scale.

# Value

new scaled trajectory.

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# **Examples**

```
set.seed(42)
trj <- TrajGenerate()
# original trajectory units are pixels, measured as having
# 47 pixels in 10 mm, so to convert to metres, scale the
# trajectory by the approriate factor, i.e. (size in metres) / (size in pixels).
scale <- .01 / 47
scaled <- TrajScale(trj, scale, "m")</pre>
```

TrajSinuosity

Sinuosity of a trajectory

# **Description**

Calculates the sinuosity of a (constant step length) trajectory as defined by Bovet & Benhamou (1988), which is:  $S=1.18\sigma/\sqrt{q}$  where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of the step turning angles and q is the mean step length. A corrected sinuosity index is available as the function TrajSinuosity2 which handles a wider range of variations in step angles.

# Usage

```
TrajSinuosity(trj, compass.direction = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

```
trj Trajectory to calculate sinuosity of. compass.direction
```

if not NULL, turning angles are calculated for a directed walk, assuming the specified compass direction (in radians). Otherwise, a random walk is assumed.

# **Details**

If your trajectory does not have a constant step length, it should be \_rediscretized\_ by calling TrajRediscretize before calling this function.

# Value

The sinuosity of trj.

# References

Bovet, P., & Benhamou, S. (1988). Spatial analysis of animals' movements using a correlated random walk model. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 131(4), 419-433. doi:10.1016/S0022-5193(88)80038-9

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# See Also

TrajAngles for the turning angles in a trajectory, TrajStepLengths for the step lengths, TrajSinuosity2 for a corrected version of sinuosity, and TrajRediscretize for resampling to a constant step length.

TrajSinuosity2

Sinuosity of a trajectory

# **Description**

Calculates the sinuosity of a (constant step length) trajectory as defined by Benhamou (2004), equation 8. This is a corrected version of the sinuosity index defined in Bovet & Benhamou (1988), which is suitable for a wider range of turning angle distributions.

# Usage

TrajSinuosity2(trj, compass.direction = NULL)

# **Arguments**

trj A Trajectory object.

compass.direction

if not NULL, turning angles are calculated for a directed walk, assuming the specified compass direction (in radians). Otherwise, a random walk is assumed.

# **Details**

This function implements the formula

$$S = 2[p(((1+c)/(1-c)) + b^2)]^{-0.5}$$

where c is the mean cosine of turning angles, and b is the coefficient of variation of the step length.

If your trajectory does not have a constant step length, it should be \_rediscretized\_ by calling TrajRediscretize before calling this function.

#### References

Benhamou, S. (2004). How to reliably estimate the tortuosity of an animal's path. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 229(2), 209-220. doi:10.1016/j.jtbi.2004.03.016

#### See Also

TrajSinuosity for the uncorrected sinuosity index, and TrajRediscretize for resampling to a constant step length.

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Merge trajectory characteristics

# **Description**

Builds a data frame by combining rows of statistical values for multiple trajectories. The statistics for each trajectory are defined by the caller in a user defined function - see the example for one way to achieve this.

# Usage

```
TrajsMergeStats(trjs, statsFn, progressBar = c("none", "text", "win",
    "tk"), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

trjs List of trajectories to be characterised.

statsFn Function to calculate statistics of interest for a single trajectory.

progressBar Displays an optional progressbar, which may be helpful if processing is very

slow. The progressbar is displayed by printing to the console, by using winProgressBar or tkProgressBar, if progressBar is "text", "win" or "tk" respectively. The default is no progressbar (value "none"). The "win" progressbar is only avail-

able on Windows.

... Additional arguments passed to statsFn.

# Note

Any NULL valued statistics are converted to NAs.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:

# Define a function which calculates some statistics
# of interest for a single trajectory
characteriseTrajectory <- function(trj) {
    # Measures of speed
    derivs <- TrajDerivatives(trj)
    mean_speed <- mean(derivs$speed)
    sd_speed <- sd(derivs$speed)

# Resample to constant step length.
# Step length must be appropriate for the trajectory
    resampled <- TrajRediscretize(trj, 2)

# Measures of straightness
    sinuosity <- TrajSinuosity2(resampled)
    Emax <- TrajEmax(resampled)</pre>
```

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```
# Periodicity
resampled <- TrajRediscretize(trj, .001)
corr <- TrajDirectionAutocorrelations(resampled, round(nrow(resampled) / 4))
first_min <- TrajDAFindFirstMinimum(corr)

# Return a list with all of the statistics for this trajectory
list(mean_speed = mean_speed,
    sd_speed = sd_speed,
    sinuosity = sinuosity,
    Emax = Emax,
    first_min_deltaS = first_min[1],
    first_min_C = first_min[2])
}

trjs <- TrajsBuild(filenames)
stats <- TrajsMergeStats(trjs, characteriseTrajectory)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

TrajSmoothSG

Smooth a trajectory using a Savitzky-Golay filter

# **Description**

Smooths a trajectory using a Savitzky-Golay smoothing filter.

#### Usage

```
TrajSmoothSG(trj, p = 3, n = p + 3 - p\%2, ...)
```

# Arguments

trj	The trajectory to be smoothed.
p	polynomial order (passed to sgolayfilt).
n	Filter length (or window size), must be an odd number. Passed to sgolayfilt.
	Additional arguments are passed to sgolayfilt.

# **Details**

Consider carefully the effects of smoothing an a trajectory with temporal gaps in the data. If the smoothed trajectory is to used used to derive speed and/or acceleration, it may be advisable to fill in the gaps before smoothing, possibly by calling TrajResampleTime.

# Value

A new trajectory which is a smoothed version of the input trajectory.

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# See Also

```
sgolayfilt
```

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(3)
trj <- TrajGenerate(500, random = TRUE, angularErrorSd = .25)
smoothed <- TrajSmoothSG(trj, 3, 31)
plot(trj)
plot(smoothed, col = "red", add = TRUE)</pre>
```

TrajSpeedIntervals

Calculate speed time intervals

# **Description**

Calculates and returns a list of time intervals during which speed is slower and/or faster than specified values.

# Usage

```
TrajSpeedIntervals(trj, fasterThan = NULL, slowerThan = NULL,
  interpolateTimes = TRUE)
```

# **Arguments**

trj Trajectory to be analysed.

 $faster Than, \ slower Than$ 

If not NULL, intervals will cover time periods where speed exceeds/is lower than this value.

interpolateTimes

If TRUE, times will be linearly interpolated between frames.

# Value

A data frame of class "TrajSpeedIntervals", each row is an interval, columns are:

startFrame Indices of frames at the start of each interval.
stopFrame Indices of frames at the end of each interval.

startTime Time at the start of each interval.

stopTime Time at the end of each interval
duration Duration of each interval.

The data frame will also have non-standard attributes:

trajectory Value of the trj argument.

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slowerThan Value of the slowerThan argument.
fasterThan Value of the fasterThan argument.

derivs Value returned by calling TrajDerivatives(trj).

#### See Also

TrajDerivatives for calculating trajectory speed and acceleration, plot.TrajSpeedIntervals for plotting speed over time with intervals highlighted.

# **Examples**

```
# Plot speed, highlighting intervals where speed drops below 50 units/sec
set.seed(4)
trj <- TrajGenerate(200, random = TRUE)
smoothed <- TrajSmoothSG(trj, 3, 101)
intervals <- TrajSpeedIntervals(smoothed, slowerThan = 50, fasterThan = NULL)
plot(intervals)
# Report the duration of the maximum period of low speed
cat(sprintf("Duration of the longest low-speed interval was %g secs\n", max(intervals$duration)))</pre>
```

TrajsStatsReplaceNAs Replace NAs in a data frame

# Description

Replaces NAs in a single column of a data frame with an imputed uninformative numeric replacement value, so that a principal component analysis can be applied without discarding data. Optionally adds a new "flag" column which contains 1 for each row which originally contained NA, otherwise 0.

#### Usage

```
TrajsStatsReplaceNAs(df, column, replacementValue = mean(df[, column],
    na.rm = TRUE), flagColumn = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

df Data frame to be adjusted.

column Name or index of the column to be adjusted.

replacementValue

Numeric value to use instead of NA.

flagColumn If not NULL, specifies the name of a new column to be added to the data frame,

with value 0 for non-NA rows, 1 for NA rows. The column is added regardless

of whether there are any NAs in the data.

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# Value

A copy of df with NAs replaced in column.

# See Also

```
prcomp
```

# **Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(x = c(1, 2, 3), y = c(NA, 5, 6), z = c(NA, NA, 9)) # Eliminate NAs in y, add a flag column, ignore other NAs df <- TrajsStatsReplaceNAs(df, "y", flagColumn = "y.was.NA") print(df)
```

TrajsStepLengths

Step lengths of multiple trajectories

# **Description**

Returns the lengths of all of the steps in a list of trajectories

# Usage

```
TrajsStepLengths(trjs)
```

# **Arguments**

trjs

A list of Trajectory objects.

#### Value

A numeric vector containing the lengths of every step in every trajectory.

# Examples

```
## Not run:
trjs <- TrajsBuild(fileNames, scale = scale, units = "m")
# Print a summary about the step sizes across all trajectories
print(summary(TrajsStepLengths(trjs)))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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Trajectory step lengths

# Description

Returns the lengths of each step in a trajectory.

# Usage

```
TrajStepLengths(trj)
```

# **Arguments**

trj

Trajectory to query.

#### See Also

TrajLength

TrajStraightness

Straightness of a Trajectory

# **Description**

Calculates the straightness index of a trajectory, D/L, where D is the beeline distance between the first and last points in the trajectory, and L is the path length travelled (Batschelet, 1981). Benhamou (2004) considers the straightness index to be a reliable measure of the efficiency of a directed walk, but inapplicable to random trajectories. The straightness index of a random walk tends towards zero as the number of steps increases, hence should only be used to compare the tortuosity of random walks consisting of a similar number of steps.

# Usage

TrajStraightness(trj)

# **Arguments**

trj

Trajectory to calculate straightness of.

#### **Details**

The straightness index is also known as the net-to-gross displacement ratio. According to Batschelet (1981), this value (termed d) is an approximation of r, which is the length of the mean vector of turning angles of a constant step-length trajectory (see TrajMeanVectorOfTurningAngles and TrajRediscretize for creating a constant step-length trajectory).

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# Value

The straightness index of trj, which is a value between 0 (infinitely tortuous) to 1 (a straight line).

#### References

Batschelet, E. (1981). Circular statistics in biology. ACADEMIC PRESS, 111 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, NY 10003, 1981, 388.

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#### See Also

TrajDistance for trajectory distance (or displacement), and TrajLength for trajectory path length.

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#### **Description**

Shifts an entire trajectory by the specified delta x and y.

# Usage

```
TrajTranslate(trj, dx, dy, dt = 0)
```

# **Arguments**

trj	The Trajectory to be translated.
dx	Delta x.
dy	Delta y.
dt	Delta time.

#### Value

A new trajectory which is a translated version of the input trajectory.

#### **Examples**

```
# Shift a trajectory so that its origin is (10, 15).
# Note that trajectories created by TrajGenerate always start at (0, 0)
set.seed(42)
trj <- TrajGenerate()
trj <- TrajTranslate(trj, 10, 15)
# Translate a trajectory so its origin (0, 0) and it starts at time 0
trj <- TrajTranslate(trj, -trj$x[1], -trj$y[1], -trj$time[1])</pre>
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