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Description This program calculates bioclimatic indices and fluxes (radiation, evapotranspiration, soil moisture) for use in studies of ecosystem function, species distribution, and vegetation dynamics under changing climate scenarios. Predictions are based on a minimum of required inputs: latitude, precipitation, air temperature, and cloudiness.
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calc_daily_evap	<i>Calculate daily evaporation fluxes</i>
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Description

This function calculates daily radiation, condensation, and evaporation fluxes.

Usage

```
calc_daily_evap(
  lat,
  n,
  elv = 0,
  y = 0,
  sf = 1,
  tc = 23,
  sw = 1,
  ke = 0.0167,
  keps = 23.44,
  komega = 283,
  kw = 0.26
)
```

Arguments

lat	double, decimal degrees.
n	double, day of year.
elv	double, elevation, m A.S.L. Default: 0.
y	double, year. Default: 0.
sf	double, fraction of sunshine hours. Default: 1.

tc	double, mean daily air temperature, degrees C. Default: 23.0.
sw	double, evaporative supply rate, mm/hr. Default: 1.0.
ke	double, eccentricity of earth's orbit. Default: 0.01670, 2000CE (Berger, 1978).
keps	double, obliquity of earth's elliptic. Default: 23.44, 2000CE (Berger, 1978).
komega	double, lon. of perihelion, degrees Default: 283, 2000CE (Berger, 1978).
kw	double, PET entrainment, $(1 + kw) * EET$ Default: 0.26 (Priestley-Taylor, 1972)

Value

Returns a list object with the following variables:

- nu_deg true anomaly, degrees
- lambda_deg true longitude, degrees
- dr distance factor, unitless
- delta_deg declination angle, degrees
- hs_deg sunset angle, degrees
- ra_j.m2 daily extraterrestrial radiation, J/m²
- tau atmospheric transmittivity, unitless
- ppfd_mol.m2 daily photosyn photon flux density, mol/m²
- hn_deg net radiation hour angle, degrees
- rn_j.m2 daily net radiation, J/m²
- rnm_j.m2 daily nighttime net radiation, J/m²
- econ_m3.j water to energy conversion, m³/J
- cond_mm daily condensation, mm
- eet_mm daily equilibrium evapotranspiration, mm
- pet_mm daily potential evapotranspiration, mm
- hi_deg intersection hour angle, degrees
- aet_mm daily actual evapotranspiration, mm

References

- Berger, A.L., 1978. Long-term variations of daily insolation and Quaternary climatic changes. *Journal of Atmospheric Sciences*, 35(12), pp.2362-2367. doi:10.1175/15200469(1978)035<2362:LTVODI>2.0.CO;2
- Priestley, C.H.B. and Taylor, R.J., 1972. On the assessment of surface heat flux and evaporation using large-scale parameters. *Monthly weather review*, 100(2), pp.81-92. doi:10.1175/1520-0493(1972)100<0081:OTAOSH>2.3.CO;2

Examples

```

evap <- splash::calc_daily_evap(lat = 37.7,
                               n = 172,
                               elv = 142,
                               y = 2000,
                               sf = 1,
                               tc = 23.0,
                               sw = 0.9)

cat(sprintf("Evaporation values:\n"))
cat(sprintf(" s: %0.6f Pa/K\n", evap$s_pa.k))
cat(sprintf(" Lv: %0.6f MJ/kg\n", (1e-6) * evap$lv_j.kg))
cat(sprintf(" Patm: %0.6f bar\n", (1e-5) * evap$patm_pa))
cat(sprintf(" pw: %0.6f kg/m^3\n", evap$pw_kg.m3))
cat(sprintf(" gamma: %0.6f Pa/K\n", evap$gam_pa.k))
cat(sprintf(" Econ: %0.6f mm^3/J\n", (1e9) * evap$econ_m3.j))
cat(sprintf(" Cn: %0.6f mm\n", evap$cond_mm))
cat(sprintf(" rx: %0.6f\n", evap$rx))
cat(sprintf(" hi: %0.6f degrees\n", evap$hi_deg))
cat(sprintf(" EET: %0.6f mm\n", evap$eet_mm))
cat(sprintf(" PET: %0.6f mm\n", evap$pet_mm))
cat(sprintf(" AET: %0.6f mm\n", evap$aet_mm))

```

calc_daily_solar

Calculate daily solar radiation fluxes

Description

This function calculates daily solar radiation fluxes.

Usage

```

calc_daily_solar(
  lat,
  n,
  elv = 0,
  y = 0,
  sf = 1,
  tc = 23,
  ke = 0.0167,
  keps = 23.44,
  komega = 283,
  kA = 107,
  kalb_sw = 0.17,
  kalb_vis = 0.03,
  kb = 0.2,
  kc = 0.25,
  kd = 0.5,
  kFFEC = 2.04,

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    kGsc = 1360.8
)

```

Arguments

lat	double, decimal degrees.
n	double, day of year.
elv	double, elevation, m A.S.L. Default: 0.
y	double, year. Default: 0.
sf	double, fraction of sunshine hours. Default: 1.
tc	double, mean daily air temperature, degrees C. Default: 23.0.
ke	double, eccentricity of earth's orbit. Default: 0.01670, 2000CE (Berger, 1978).
keps	double, obliquity of earth's elliptic. Default: 23.44, 2000CE (Berger, 1978).
komega	double, lon. of perihelion, degrees Default: 283, 2000CE (Berger, 1978).
kA	double, empirical constant, degrees Celsius. Default: 107 (Monteith and Unsworth, 1990).
kalb_sw	double, shortwave albedo. Default: 0.17 (Federer, 1968).
kalb_vis	double, visible light albedo. Default: 0.03 (Sellers, 1985).
kb	double, empirical constant. Default: 0.20 (Linacre, 1968).
kc	double, cloudy transmittivity. Default: 0.25 (Linacre, 1968).
kd	double, angular coefficient of transmittivity. Default: 0.50 (Linacre, 1968).
kffEC	double, flux-to-energy conversion, umol/J. Default: 2.04 (Meek et al., 1984).
kGsc	double, solar constant, W/m ² . Default: 1360.8 (Kopp and Lean, 2011).

Value

Returns a list object with the following variables:

- nu_deg true anomaly, degrees
- lambda_deg true longitude, degrees
- dr distance factor, unitless
- delta_deg declination angle, degrees
- hs_deg sunset angle, degrees
- ra_j.m2 daily extraterrestrial radiation, J/m²
- tau atmospheric transmittivity, unitless
- ppfd_mol.m2 daily photosyn. photon flux density, mol/m²
- hn_deg net radiation hour angle, degrees
- rn_j.m2 daily net radiation, J/m²
- rnn_j.m2 daily nighttime net radiation, J/m²

References

Berger, A.L., 1978. Long-term variations of daily insolation and Quaternary climatic changes. *Journal of Atmospheric Sciences*, 35(12), pp.2362-2367. doi:10.1175/15200469(1978)035<2362:LTVODI>2.0.CO;2

Federer, C.A., 1968. Spatial variation of net radiation, albedo and surface temperature of forests. *Journal of Applied Meteorology and Climatology*, 7(5), pp.789-795. doi:10.1175/15200450(1968)007<0789:SVONRA>2.0.

Kopp, G. and Lean, J.L., 2011. A new, lower value of total solar irradiance: Evidence and climate significance. *Geophys. Res. Lett.* 38, L01706. doi:10.1029/2010GL045777

Linacre, E.T., 1968. Estimating the net-radiation flux. *Agricultural meteorology*, 5(1), pp.49-63. doi:10.1016/00021571(68)900228

Meek, D.W., Hatfield, J.L., Howell, T.A., Idso, S.B. and Reginato, R.J., 1984. A generalized relationship between photosynthetically active radiation and solar radiation 1. *Agronomy journal*, 76(6), pp.939-945. doi:10.2134/agronj1984.00021962007600060018x

Monteith, J., and Unsworth, M., 1990. *Principles of Environmental Physics*, Butterworth-Heinemann, Oxford.

Sellers, P.J., 1985. Canopy reflectance, photosynthesis and transpiration, *International Journal of Remote Sensing*, 6:8, 1335-1372, doi:10.1080/01431168508948283

Examples

```
solar <- splash::calc_daily_solar(lat = 37.7,
                                n = 172,
                                elv = 142,
                                y = 2000,
                                sf = 1,
                                tc = 23.0)

cat(sprintf("Solar values:\n"))
cat(sprintf("  kn: %d\n", solar$kn))
cat(sprintf("  nu: %0.6f degrees\n", solar$nu_deg))
cat(sprintf("  lambda: %0.6f degrees\n", solar$lambda_deg))
cat(sprintf("  rho: %0.6f\n", solar$rho))
cat(sprintf("  dr: %0.6f\n", solar$dr))
cat(sprintf("  delta: %0.6f degrees\n", solar$delta_deg))
cat(sprintf("  ru: %0.6f\n", solar$ru))
cat(sprintf("  rv: %0.6f\n", solar$rv))
cat(sprintf("  rw: %0.6f\n", solar$rw))
cat(sprintf("  hs: %0.6f degrees\n", solar$hs_deg))
cat(sprintf("  hn: %0.6f degrees\n", solar$hn_deg))
cat(sprintf("  tau_o: %0.6f\n", solar$tau_o))
cat(sprintf("  tau: %0.6f\n", solar$tau))
cat(sprintf("  Qn: %0.6f mol/m^2\n", solar$ppfd_mol.m2))
cat(sprintf("  Rn1: %0.6f w/m^2\n", solar$rn1_w.m2))
cat(sprintf("  Ho: %0.6f MJ/m^2\n", (1.0e-6) * solar$ra_j.m2))
cat(sprintf("  Hn: %0.6f MJ/m^2\n", (1.0e-6) * solar$rn_j.m2))
cat(sprintf("  Hnn: %0.6f MJ/m^2\n", (1.0e-6) * solar$rn_j.m2))
```

julian_day	<i>Calculate Julian day</i>
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Description

This function converts a date in the Gregorian calendar to a Julian day number (i.e., a method of consecutive numbering of days—does not have anything to do with the Julian calendar!)

Usage

```
julian_day(y, m, i)
```

Arguments

y	double, year.
m	double, month.
i	double, day of month.

Details

- valid for dates after -4712 January 1 (i.e., jde \geq 0)

Value

double, Julian day.

References

Meeus, J. 1991. Chapter 7 "Julian Day". *Astronomical Algorithms*. Willmann-Bell.

read_csv	<i>Read CSV file</i>
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Description

Reads all three daily input variables (sf, tair, and pn) for a single year from a CSV file that includes a header.

Usage

```
read_csv(fname, y = -1)
```

Arguments

fname	String, file name.
y	Numeric, year.

Value

List with the following properties:

\$file_name File name.

\$sf Sunshine fraction.

\$tair Air temperature.

\$pn Precipitation.

\$num_lines Number of data points.

\$year Year of data.

read_txt

Read plain text file

Description

Reads plain text file (no header) of one of the input arrays.

Usage

```
read_txt(my_data, fname, var, y = -1)
```

Arguments

my_data List same as the output from [read_csv](#).

fname String, file name.

var String, variable name.

y Numeric, year.

Value

List with the following properties:

\$file_name File name.

\$sf Sunshine fraction.

\$tair Air temperature.

\$pn Precipitation.

\$num_lines Number of data points.

\$year Year of data.

run_one_day *Runs SPLASH at a single location for one day*

Description

Runs SPLASH at a single location for one day

Usage

run_one_day(lat, elv, n, y, wn, sf, tc, pn, kCw = 1.05, kWm = 150)

Arguments

lat	double, decimal degrees.
elv	double, elevation, m A.S.L. Default: 0.
n	double, day of year.
y	double, year. Default: 0.
wn	double, daily soil moisture content, mm (wn).
sf	double, fraction of sunshine hours. Default: 1.
tc	double, mean daily air temperature, degrees C. Default: 23.0.
pn	double, daily precipitation, mm/day.
kCw	double, supply constant, mm/hr. Default: 1.05 (Federer, 1982)
kWm	double, soil moisture capacity, mm. Default: 150 (Cramer-Prentice, 1988)

Value

List with the following components:

- ho daily solar irradiation, J/m²
- hn daily net radiation, J/m²
- ppfd daily PPFD, mol/m²
- cond daily condensation water, mm
- eet daily equilibrium ET, mm
- pet daily potential ET, mm
- aet daily actual ET, mm
- wn daily soil moisture, mm
- ro daily runoff, mm

References

- Cramer, W. and Prentice, I.C., 1988. Simulation of regional soil moisture deficits on a European scale. *Norsk Geografisk Tidsskrift - Norwegian Journal of Geography*, 42(2-3), pp.149–151. doi:[10.1080/00291958808552193](https://doi.org/10.1080/00291958808552193)
- Federer, C.A., 1982. Transpirational supply and demand: plant, soil, and atmospheric effects evaluated by simulation. *Water Resources Research*, 18(2), pp.355-362. doi:[10.1029/WR018i002p00355](https://doi.org/10.1029/WR018i002p00355)

Examples

```

soil <- run_one_day(lat = 37.7,
                  elv = 142,
                  n = 172,
                  y = 2000,
                  wn = 75,
                  sf = 1,
                  tc = 23,
                  pn = 5)
cat(sprintf("Soil moisture (run one day):\n"))
cat(sprintf(" Ho: %0.6f J/m2\n", soil$ho))
cat(sprintf(" Hn: %0.6f J/m2\n", soil$hn))
cat(sprintf(" PPFd: %0.6f mol/m2\n", soil$ppfd))
cat(sprintf(" EET: %0.6f mm/d\n", soil$eet))
cat(sprintf(" PET: %0.6f mm/d\n", soil$pet))
cat(sprintf(" AET: %0.6f mm/d\n", soil$aet))
cat(sprintf(" Cn: %0.6f mm/d\n", soil$cond))
cat(sprintf(" Wn: %0.6f mm\n", soil$wn))
cat(sprintf(" RO: %0.6f mm\n", soil$ro))

```

spin_up

Calculate daily totals

Description

Calculate daily totals updating the soil moisture until equilibrium.

Usage

```
spin_up(mdat, dtot)
```

Arguments

mdat	list with meteorological data (see the details section).
dtot	list with daily totals (see the details section).

Details

The list with meteorological data, mdat, should have the following components:

- num_lines double, length of meteorol. variable lists
- lat_deg double latitude (degrees)
- elv_m double, elevation (m)
- year double, year
- sf list, fraction of sunshine hours
- tair list, mean daily air temperature (deg. C)

- pn list, precipitation (mm/d)

The list with daily totals, dtot, should have the following component:

- wm list, daily soil moisture (mm)

Value

list, daily totals

Examples

```
daily_totals <- matrix(data = rep(0, 366), nrow = 366, ncol = 1)
daily_totals <- as.data.frame(daily_totals)
names(daily_totals) <- c("wn")
my_file <- system.file("extdata/example_data.csv", package = "splash")
my_data <- splash::read_csv(my_file, 2000)
my_data$lat_deg <- 37.7
my_data$elv_m <- 142
daily_totals <- splash::spin_up(my_data, daily_totals)
cat(sprintf("Spin-Up:\n"))
for (i in seq(from = 1, to = my_data$num_lines, by = 1)) {
  if (i == 1) cat(sprintf("Day\tWn (mm)\n"))
  cat(sprintf("%d\t%.6f\n", i, daily_totals$wn[i]))
}
```

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