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solaR-package   *Solar Radiation and Photovoltaic Systems with R*

Description

The solaR package allows for reproducible research both for photovoltaics (PV) systems performance and solar radiation. It includes a set of classes, methods and functions to calculate the sun geometry and the solar radiation incident on a photovoltaic generator and to simulate the performance of several applications of the photovoltaic energy. This package performs the whole calculation procedure from both daily and intradaily global horizontal irradiation to the final productivity of grid-connected PV systems and water pumping PV systems.

Details

solaR is designed using a set of S4 classes whose core is a group of slots with multivariate time series. The classes share a variety of methods to access the information and several visualization methods. In addition, the package provides a tool for the visual statistical analysis of the performance of a large PV plant composed of several systems.

Although solaR is primarily designed for time series associated to a location defined by its latitude/longitude values and the temperature and irradiation conditions, it can be easily combined with spatial packages for space-time analysis.

The best place to learn how to use the package is the companion paper published by the Journal of Statistical Software:

Perpiñán Lamigueiro, O. (2012). solaR: Solar Radiation and Photovoltaic Systems with R. Journal of Statistical Software, 50(9), 1–32. https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v050.i09

Please note that this package needs to set the timezone to UTC**. Every 'zoo' object created by the package will have an index with this time zone as a synonym of mean solar time.**.

You can check it after loading solaR with:

Sys.getenv('TZ')

If you need to change it, use:

Sys.setenv(TZ = 'YourTimeZone')

Index of functions and classes:

G0-class	Class "G0": irradiation and irradiance on the horizontal plane.
Gef-class	Class "Gef": irradiation and irradiance on the generator plane.
HQCurve	H-Q curves of a centrifugal pump
Meteo-class	Class "Meteo"
NmgPVPS	Nomogram of a photovoltaic pumping system
ProdGCPV-class	Class "ProdGCPV": performance of a grid connected PV system.
ProdPVPS-class	Class "ProdPVPS": performance of a PV pumping system.
Shade-class	Class "Shade": shadows in a PV system.
Sol-class	Class "Sol": Apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth
aguiar	Markov Transition Matrices for the Aguiar etal. procedure
as.data.frameD	Methods for Function as.data.frameD
as.data.frameI	Methods for Function as.data.frameI
as.data.frameM	Methods for Function as.data.frameM
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as.zooI-methods	Methods for Function as.zooI
as.zooM	Methods for Function as.zooM
as.zooY	Methods for Function as.zooY
calcG0	Irradiation and irradiance on the horizontal plane.
calcGef	Irradiation and irradiance on the generator plane.
calcShd	Shadows on PV systems.
calcSol	Apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth
compare	Compare G0, Gef and ProdGCPV objects
compareLosses	Losses of a GCPV system
corrFdKt	Correlations between the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index.
d2r	Conversion between angle units.
diff2Hours	Small utilities for difftime objects.
fBTd	Daily time base
fCompD	Components of daily global solar irradiation on a horizontal surface
fCompI	Calculation of solar irradiance on a horizontal surface
fInclin	Solar irradiance on an inclined surface
fProd	Performance of a PV system
fPump	Performance of a centrifugal pump
fSolD	Daily apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth
fSolI	Instantaneous apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth

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fSombra                  Shadows on PV systems
fTemp                    Intradaily evolution of ambient temperature
fTheta                   Angle of incidence of solar irradiation on a
                         inclined surface
getData                  Methods for function getData
getG0                    Methods for function getG0
getLat                   Methods for Function getLat
helios                   Daily irradiation and ambient temperature from
                         the Helios-IES database
hour                     Utilities for time indexes.
indexD                   Methods for Function indexD
indexI                   Methods for Function indexI
indexRep-methods         Methods for Function indexRep
levelplot-methods        Methods for function levelplot.
local2Solar              Local time, mean solar time and UTC time zone.
mergesolaR               Merge solaR objects
optimShd                 Shadows calculation for a set of distances
                         between elements of a PV grid connected plant.
prodEx                   Productivity of a set of PV systems of a PV
                         plant.
prodGCPV                 Performance of a grid connected PV system.
prodPVPS                 Performance of a PV pumping system
pumpCoef                 Coefficients of centrifugal pumps.
readBD                   Daily or intradaily values of global horizontal
                         irradiation and ambient temperature from a
                         local file or a data.frame.
readG0dm                 Monthly mean values of global horizontal
                         irradiation.
shadeplot                Methods for Function shadeplot
solaR.theme              solaR theme
window                   Methods for extracting a time window
writeSolar               Exporter of solaR results
xyplot-methods           Methods for function xyplot in Package 'solaR'
```

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A1_calcSol   *Apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth*

Description

Compute the apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth with the functions [fSolD](#) and [fSolI](#).

Usage

```
calcSol(lat, BTd, sample = 'hour', BTi,
        EoT = TRUE, keep.night = TRUE,
        method = 'michalsky')
```

Arguments

`lat`	Latitude (degrees) of the point of the Earth where calculations are needed. It is positive for locations above the Equator.
`BTd`	Daily time base, a `POSIXct` object which may be the result of `fBTd`. It is not considered if `BTi` is provided.
`sample`	Increment of the intradaily sequence. It is a character string, containing one of '"sec"', '"min"', '"hour"'. This can optionally be preceded by a (positive or negative) integer and a space, or followed by '"s"'. It is used by `seq.POSIXt`.
	It is not considered if `BTi` is provided.
`BTi`	Intradaily time base, a `POSIXct` object to be used by `fSolI`. It could be the index of the G0I argument to `calcG0`.
`EoT`	logical, if `TRUE` the Equation of Time is used. Default is `TRUE`.
`keep.night`	logical, if `TRUE` (default) the night is included in the time series.
`method`	`character`, method for the sun geometry calculations to be chosen from 'cooper', 'spencer', 'michalsky' and 'strous'. See references for details.

Value

A `Sol-class` object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

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Examples

```
BTd = fBTd(mode = 'serie')

lat = 37.2
sol = calcSol(lat, BTd[100])
print(as.zooD(sol))

library(lattice)
xyplot(as.zooI(sol))

solStrous = calcSol(lat, BTd[100], method = 'strous')
print(as.zooD(solStrous))

solSpencer = calcSol(lat, BTd[100], method = 'spencer')
print(as.zooD(solSpencer))

solCooper = calcSol(lat, BTd[100], method = 'cooper')
print(as.zooD(solCooper))
```

A2_calcG0   *Irradiation and irradiance on the horizontal plane.*

Description

This function obtains the global, diffuse and direct irradiation and irradiance on the horizontal plane from the values of *daily* and *intradaily* global irradiation on the horizontal plane. It makes use of the functions calcSol, fCompD, fCompI, fBTd and readBD (or equivalent).

Besides, if information about maximum and minimum temperatures values are available it obtains a series of temperature values with fTemp.

Usage

```
calcG0(lat, modeRad = 'prom', dataRad,
       sample = 'hour', keep.night = TRUE,
       sunGeometry = 'michalsky',
       corr, f, ...)
```

Arguments

lat	numeric, latitude (degrees) of the point of the Earth where calculations are needed. It is positive for locations above the Equator.
modeRad	A character string, describes the kind of source data of the global irradiation and ambient temperature.
	It can be modeRad = 'prom' for monthly mean calculations. With this option, a set of 12 values inside dataRad must be provided, as defined in readG0dm.
	modeRad = 'aguiar' uses a set of 12 monthly average values (provided with dataRad) and produces a synthetic daily irradiation time series following the procedure by Aguiar etal. (see reference below).

If modeRad = 'bd' the information of *daily* irradiation is read from a file, a data.frame defined by dataRad, a zoo or a Meteo object. (See readBD, df2Meteo and zoo2Meteo for details).

If modeRad = 'bdI' the information of *intradaily* irradiation is read from a file, a data.frame defined by dataRad, a zoo or a Meteo object. (See readBDi, dfI2Meteo and zoo2Meteo for details).

dataRad
- If modeRad = 'prom' or modeRad = 'aguiar', a numeric with 12 values or a named list whose components will be processed with readG0dm.
- If modeRad = 'bd' a character (name of the file to be read with readBD), a data.frame (to be processed with df2Meteo), a zoo (to be processed with zoo2Meteo), a Meteo object, or a list as defined by readBD, df2Meteo or zoo2Meteo. The resulting object will include a column named Ta, with information about ambient temperature.
- If modeRad = 'bdI' a character (name of the file to be read with readBDi), a data.frame (to be processed with dfI2Meteo), a zoo (to be processed with zoo2Meteo), a Meteo object, or a list as defined by readBDi, dfI2Meteo or zoo2Meteo. The resulting object will include a column named Ta, with information about ambient temperature.

sample   character, containing one of '"sec"', '"min"', '"hour"'. This can optionally be preceded by a (positive or negative) integer and a space, or followed by '"s"' (used by seq.POSIXt). It is not used when modeRad = "bdI".

keep.night   logical. When it is TRUE (default) the time series includes the night.

sunGeometry   character, method for the sun geometry calculations. See calcSol, fSolD and fSolI.

corr   A character, the correlation between the the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index to be used.

With this version several options are available, as described in corrFdKt. For example, the FdKtPage is selected with corr = 'Page' while the FdKtCPR with corr = 'CPR'.

If corr = 'user' the use of a correlation defined by a function f is possible.

If corr = 'none' the object defined by dataRad should include information about global, diffuse and direct daily irradiation with columns named G0d, D0d and B0d, respectively (or G0, D0 and B0 if modeRad = 'bdI'). If corr is missing, then it is internally set to CPR when modeRad = 'bd', to Page when modeRad = 'prom' and to BRL when modeRad = 'bdI'.

f   A function defininig a correlation between the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index. It is only neccessary when corr = 'user'

...   Additional arguments for fCompD or fCompI

Value

A G0 object.

Author(s)

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See Also

calcSol, fCompD, fCompI, readG0dm, readBD, readBDi, corrFdKt.

Examples

```
G0dm = c(2.766, 3.491, 4.494, 5.912, 6.989, 7.742, 7.919, 7.027, 5.369, 3.562, 2.814, 2.179)*1000;
Ta = c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2,
  15.2)

g0 <- calcG0(lat = 37.2, modeRad = 'prom', dataRad = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta))
print(g0)
xyplot(g0)

## Aguiar et al.

g0 <- calcG0(lat = 37.2, modeRad = 'aguiar', dataRad = G0dm)
print(g0)
xyplot(g0)

##Now the G0I component of g0 is used as
##the bdI argument to calcG0 in order to
##test the intradaily correlations of fd-kt

BDi = as.zooI(g0)
BDi$Ta = 25 ##Information about temperature must be contained in BDi

g02 <- calcG0(lat = 37.2,
           modeRad = 'bdI',
           dataRad = list(lat = 37.2, file = BDi),
           corr = 'none')

print(g02)

g03 <- calcG0(lat = 37.2,
           modeRad = 'bdI',
           dataRad = list(lat = 37.2, file = BDi),
           corr = 'BRL')
print(g03)

xyplot(fd ~ kt, data = g03, pch = 19, alpha = 0.3)
```

```
## Not run:
##NREL-MIDC
##La Ola, Lanai
##Latitude: 20.76685o North
##Longitude: 156.92291o West
##Elevation: 381 meters AMSL
##Time Zone: -10.0

NRELurl <- 'http://goo.gl/fFEBN'

dat <- read.table(NRELurl, header = TRUE, sep = ',')
names(dat) <- c('date', 'hour', 'G0', 'B', 'D0', 'Ta')

##B is direct normal. We need direct horizontal.
dat$B0 <- dat$G0 - dat$D0

##http://www.nrel.gov/midc/la_ola_lanai/instruments.html:
##The datalogger program runs using Greenwich Mean Time (GMT),
##data is converted to Hawaiin Standard Time (HST) after data collection
idxLocal <- with(dat, as.POSIXct(paste(date, hour), format = '%m/%d/%Y %H:%M', tz = 'HST'))
idx <- local2Solar(idxLocal, lon = -156.9339)

NRELMeteo <- zoo(dat[, c('G0', 'D0', 'B0', 'Ta')], idx)

lat = 20.77

g0 <- calcG0(lat = lat, modeRad = 'bdI', dataRad = NRELMeteo, corr = 'none')
xyplot(g0)
xyplot(as.zooI(g0), superpose = TRUE)

g02 <- calcG0(lat = lat, modeRad = 'bdI', dataRad = NRELMeteo, corr = 'BRL')
xyplot(g02)
xyplot(as.zooI(g02), superpose = TRUE)
xyplot(fd ~ kt, data = g02, pch = 19, cex = 0.5, alpha = 0.5)

g03 <- calcG0(lat = lat, modeRad = 'bdI', dataRad = NRELMeteo, corr = 'CLIMEDh')
xyplot(g03)
xyplot(as.zooI(g03), superpose = TRUE)
xyplot(fd ~ kt, data = g03, pch = 19, cex = 0.5, alpha = 0.5)

## End(Not run)
```

A3_calcGef   *Irradiation and irradiance on the generator plane.*

Description

This function obtains the global, diffuse and direct irradiation and irradiance on the generator plane from the values of *daily* or *intradaily* global irradiation on the horizontal plane. It makes use of the functions calcG0, fTheta, fInclin. Besides, it can calculate the shadows effect with the calcShd function.

Usage

```
calcGef(lat,
        modeTrk = 'fixed',
        modeRad = 'prom',
        dataRad,
        sample = 'hour',
        keep.night = TRUE,
        sunGeometry = 'michalsky',
        corr, f,
        betaLim = 90, beta = abs(lat)-10, alfa = 0,
        iS = 2, alb = 0.2, horizBright = TRUE, HCPV = FALSE,
        modeShd = '',
        struct = list(),
        distances = data.frame(),
        ...)
```

Arguments

lat	numeric, latitude (degrees) of the point of the Earth where calculations are needed. It is positive for locations above the Equator.
modeTrk	character, to be chosen from 'fixed', 'two' or 'horiz'. When modeTrk = 'fixed' the surface is fixed (inclination and azimuth angles are constant). The performance of a two-axis tracker is calculated with modeTrk = 'two', and modeTrk = 'horiz' is the option for an horizontal N-S tracker. Its default value is modeTrk = 'fixed'
modeRad, dataRad	
	Information about the source data of the global irradiation. See [calcG0](#) for details.
sample, keep.night	
	See [calcSol](#) for details.
sunGeometry	character, method for the sun geometry calculations. See [calcSol](#), [fSolD](#) and [fSolI](#).
corr, f	See [calcG0](#) for details.
beta	numeric, inclination angle of the surface (degrees). It is only needed when modeTrk = 'fixed'.
betaLim	numeric, maximum value of the inclination angle for a tracking surface. Its default value is 90 (no limitation))
alfa	numeric, azimuth angle of the surface (degrees). It is measured from the south (alfa = 0), and it is negative to the east and positive to the west. It is only needed when modeTrk = 'fixed'. Its default value is alfa = 0
iS	integer, degree of dirtiness. Its value must be included in the set (1,2,3,4). iS = 1 corresponds to a clean surface while iS = 4 is the selection for a dirty surface. Its default value is 2.
alb	numeric, albedo reflection coefficient. Its default value is 0.2
modeShd, struct, distances	
	See [calcShd](#) for details.

horizBright	logical, if TRUE, the horizon brightness correction proposed by Reind et al. is used.
HCPV	logical, if TRUE the diffuse and albedo components of the *effective* irradiance are set to zero. HCPV is the acronym of High Concentration PV system.
...	Additional arguments for calcSol and calcG0

Value

A Gef object.

Author(s)

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See Also

calcG0, fTheta, fInclin, calcShd.

Examples

```
lat <- 37.2

###12 Average days.

G0dm = c(2.766, 3.491, 4.494, 5.912, 6.989, 7.742, 7.919, 7.027, 5.369,
         3.562, 2.814, 2.179)*1000;
Ta = c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2,
       15.2)

##Fixed surface, default values of inclination and azimuth.

gef <- calcGef(lat = lat, modeRad = 'prom', dataRad = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta))
print(gef)
xyplot(gef)

##Two-axis surface, no limitation angle.
```

```
gef2 <- calcGef(lat = lat, modeRad = 'prom',
                dataRad = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta),
                modeTrk = 'two')
print(gef2)
xyplot(gef2)

struct = list(W = 23.11, L = 9.8, Nrow = 2, Ncol = 8)
distances = data.frame(Lew = 40, Lns = 30, H = 0)

gefShd <- calcGef(lat = lat, modeRad = 'prom',
                  dataRad = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta),
                  modeTrk = 'two',
                  modeShd = c('area', 'prom'),
                  struct = struct, distances = distances)
print(gefShd)

## Not run:
##Fixed surface using Aguiar method
gefAguiar <- calcGef(lat = lat, modeRad = 'aguiar', dataRad = G0dm)

##Two-axis tracker, using the previous result.
##'gefAguiar' is internally coerced to a 'G0' object.

gefAguiar2 <- calcGef(lat = lat, modeRad = 'prev', dataRad = gefAguiar, modeTrk = 'two')
print(gefAguiar2)
xyplot(gefAguiar2)

###Shadows between two-axis trackers, again using the gefAguiar result.

struct = list(W = 23.11, L = 9.8, Nrow = 2, Ncol = 8)
distances = data.frame(Lew = 40, Lns = 30, H = 0)

gefShdAguiar <- calcGef(lat = lat, modeRad = 'prev',
                        dataRad = gefAguiar, modeTrk = 'two',
                        modeShd = c('area', 'prom'),
                        struct = struct, distances = distances)
print(gefShdAguiar)

## End(Not run)
```

A4_prodGCPV   *Performance of a grid connected PV system.*

Description

Compute every step from solar angles to effective irradiance to calculate the performance of a grid connected PV system.

Usage

```
prodGCPV(lat,
         modeTrk = 'fixed',
         modeRad = 'prom',
         dataRad,
         sample = 'hour',
         keep.night = TRUE,
         sunGeometry = 'michalsky',
         corr, f,
         betaLim = 90, beta = abs(lat)-10, alfa = 0,
         iS = 2, alb = 0.2, horizBright = TRUE, HCPV = FALSE,
         module = list(),
         generator = list(),
         inverter = list(),
         effSys = list(),
         modeShd = '',
         struct = list(),
         distances = data.frame(),
         ...)
```

Arguments

lat	numeric, latitude (degrees) of the point of the Earth where calculations are needed. It is positive for locations above the Equator.
modeTrk	A character string, describing the tracking method of the generator. See [calcGef](#) for details.
modeRad, dataRad	
	Information about the source data of the global irradiation. See [calcG0](#) for details.
sample, keep.night	
	See [calcSol](#) for details.
sunGeometry	character, method for the sun geometry calculations. See [calcSol](#), [fSolD](#) and [fSolI](#).
corr, f	See [calcG0](#) for details.
betaLim, beta, alfa, iS, alb, horizBright, HCPV	
	See [calcGef](#) for details.
module	list of numeric values with information about the PV module,
	Vocn open-circuit voltage of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 57.6 volts.)
	Iscn short circuit current of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 4.7 amperes.)
	Vmn maximum power point voltage of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 46.08 amperes.)
	Imn Maximum power current of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 4.35 amperes.)
	Ncs number of cells in series inside the module (default value 96)

Ncp number of cells in parallel inside the module (default value 1)

CoefVT coefficient of decrement of voltage of each cell with the temperature (default value 0.0023 volts per celsius degree)

TONC nominal operational cell temperature, celsius degree (default value 47).

generator   list of numeric values with information about the generator,

Nms number of modules in series (default value 12)

Nmp number of modules in parallel (default value 11)

inverter   list of numeric values with information about the DC/AC inverter,

Ki vector of three values, coefficients of the efficiency curve of the inverter (default c(0.01, 0.025, 0.05)), or a matrix of nine values (3x3) if there is dependence with the voltage (see references).

Pinv nominal inverter power (W) (default value 25000 watts.)

Vmin, Vmax minimum and maximum voltages of the MPP range of the inverter (default values 420 and 750 volts)

Gumb minimum irradiance for the inverter to start (W/m²) (default value 20 W/m²)

effSys   list of numeric values with information about the system losses,

ModQual average tolerance of the set of modules (%), default value is 3

ModDisp module parameter disperssion losses (%), default value is 2

OhmDC Joule losses due to the DC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

OhmAC Joule losses due to the AC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

MPP average error of the MPP algorithm of the inverter (%), default value is 1

TrafoMT losses due to the MT transformer (%), default value is 1

Disp losses due to stops of the system (%), default value is 0.5

modeShd, struct, distances

See [calcShd](#) for details.

...   Additional arguments for [calcG0](#) or [calcGef](#)

Details

The calculation of the irradiance on the horizontal plane is carried out with the function [calcG0](#). The transformation to the inclined surface makes use of the [fTheta](#) and [fInclin](#) functions inside the [calcGef](#) function. The shadows are computed with [calcShd](#) while the performance of the PV system is simulated with [fProd](#).

Value

A ProdGCPV object.

Author(s)

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See Also

fProd, calcGef, calcShd, calcG0, compare, compareLosses, mergesolaR

Examples

```
library(lattice)
library(latticeExtra)

lat <- 37.2;

G0dm <- c(2766, 3491, 4494, 5912, 6989, 7742, 7919, 7027, 5369, 3562,
          2814, 2179)

Ta <- c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2,
        17.2, 15.2)

prom <- list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta)

###Comparison of different tracker methods
prodFixed <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom,
                      keep.night = FALSE)

prod2x <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom,
                   modeTrk = 'two',
                   keep.night = FALSE)

prodHoriz <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,dataRad = prom,
                      modeTrk = 'horiz',
                      keep.night = FALSE)

##Comparison of yearly productivities
compare(prodFixed, prod2x, prodHoriz)
compareLosses(prodFixed, prod2x, prodHoriz)

##Comparison of power time series
ComparePac <- CBIND(two = as.zooI(prod2x)$Pac,
                    horiz = as.zooI(prodHoriz)$Pac,
                    fixed = as.zooI(prodFixed)$Pac)

AngSol <- as.zooI(as(prodFixed, 'Sol'))

ComparePac <- CBIND(AngSol, ComparePac)

mon <- month(index(ComparePac))
```

```
xyplot(two + horiz + fixed ~ AzS|mon, data = ComparePac,
       type = 'l',
       auto.key = list(space = 'right',
                       lines = TRUE,
                       points = FALSE),
       ylab = 'Pac')

## Not run:
###Use of modeRad = 'aguiar' and modeRad = 'prev'
prodAguiarFixed <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,
                            modeRad = 'aguiar',
                            dataRad = G0dm,
                            keep.night = FALSE)

##We want to compare systems with different effective irradiance
##so we have to convert prodAguiarFixed to a 'G0' object.
G0Aguiar <- as(prodAguiarFixed, 'G0')

prodAguiar2x <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,
                         modeTrk = 'two',
                         modeRad = 'prev',
                         dataRad = G0Aguiar)

prodAguiarHoriz <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,
                            modeTrk = 'horiz',
                            modeRad = 'prev',
                            dataRad = G0Aguiar)

##Comparison of yearly values
compare(prodAguiarFixed,
        prodAguiar2x,
        prodAguiarHoriz)

compareLosses(prodAguiarFixed,
              prodAguiar2x,
              prodAguiarHoriz)

##Compare of daily productivities of each tracking system
compareYf <- mergesolaR(prodAguiarFixed,
                        prodAguiar2x,
                        prodAguiarHoriz)
xyplot(compareYf, superpose = TRUE,
       ylab = 'kWh/kWp',
       main = 'Daily productivity',
       auto.key = list(space = 'right'))

## End(Not run)

###Shadows
#Two-axis trackers
struct2x <- list(W = 23.11, L = 9.8, Nrow = 2, Ncol = 8)
dist2x <- data.frame(Lew = 40, Lns = 30, H = 0)
```

```
prod2xShd <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom,
                      modeTrk = 'two',
                      modeShd = 'area',
                      struct = struct2x,
                      distances = dist2x)
print(prod2xShd)

#Horizontal N-S tracker
structHoriz <- list(L = 4.83);
distHoriz <- data.frame(Lew = structHoriz$L*4);

#Without Backtracking
prodHorizShd <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom,
                         sample = '10 min',
                         modeTrk = 'horiz',
                         modeShd = 'area', betaLim = 60,
                         distances = distHoriz,
                         struct = structHoriz)
print(prodHorizShd)

xyplot(r2d(Beta)~r2d(w),
       data = prodHorizShd,
       type = 'l',
       main = 'Inclination angle of a horizontal axis tracker',
       xlab = expression(omega (degrees)),
       ylab = expression(beta (degrees)))

#With Backtracking
prodHorizBT <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom,
                        sample = '10 min',
                        modeTrk = 'horiz',
                        modeShd = 'bt', betaLim = 60,
                        distances = distHoriz,
                        struct = structHoriz)

print(prodHorizBT)

xyplot(r2d(Beta)~r2d(w),
       data = prodHorizBT,
       type = 'l',
       main = 'Inclination angle of a horizontal axis tracker\n with backtracking',
       xlab = expression(omega (degrees)),
       ylab = expression(beta (degrees)))

compare(prodFixed, prod2x, prodHoriz, prod2xShd,
         prodHorizShd, prodHorizBT)

compareLosses(prodFixed, prod2x, prodHoriz, prod2xShd,
              prodHorizShd, prodHorizBT)

compareYf2 <- mergesolaR(prodFixed, prod2x, prodHoriz, prod2xShd,
                         prodHorizShd, prodHorizBT)
```

```
xyplot(compareYf2, superpose = TRUE,
       ylab = 'kWh/kWp', main = 'Daily productivity',
       auto.key = list(space = 'right'))
```

A5_prodPVPS   *Performance of a PV pumping system*

Description

Compute every step from solar angles to effective irradiance to calculate the performance of a PV pumping system.

Usage

```
prodPVPS(lat,
         modeTrk = 'fixed',
         modeRad = 'prom',
         dataRad,
         sample = 'hour',
         keep.night = TRUE,
         sunGeometry = 'michalsky',
         corr, f,
         betaLim = 90, beta = abs(lat)-10, alfa = 0,
         iS = 2, alb = 0.2, horizBright = TRUE, HCPV = FALSE,
         pump , H,
         Pg, converter= list(),
         effSys = list(),
         ...)
```

Arguments

lat	numeric, latitude (degrees) of the point of the Earth where calculations are needed. It is positive for locations above the Equator.
modeTrk	A character string, describing the tracking method of the generator. See [calcGef](#) for details.
modeRad, dataRad	
	Information about the source data of the global irradiation. See [calcG0](#) for details.
sample, keep.night	
	See [calcSol](#) for details.
sunGeometry	character, method for the sun geometry calculations. See [calcSol](#), [fSolD](#) and [fSolI](#).
corr, f	See [calcG0](#) for details.
betaLim, beta, alfa, iS, alb, horizBright, HCPV	
	See [calcGef](#) for details.
pump	A list extracted from [pumpCoef](#)

H	Total manometric head (m)
Pg	Nominal power of the PV generator (Wp)
converter	list containing the nominal power of the frequency converter, Pnom, and Ki, vector of three values, coefficients of the efficiency curve.
effSys	list of numeric values with information about the system losses,

ModQual average tolerance of the set of modules (%), default value is 3

ModDisp module parameter disperssion losses (%), default value is 2

OhmDC Joule losses due to the DC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

OhmAC Joule losses due to the AC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

...	Additional arguments for calcSol, calcG0 and calcGef.

Details

The calculation of the irradiance on the generator is carried out with the function calcGef. The performance of the PV system is simulated with fPump.

Value

A ProdPVPS object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

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See Also

NmgPVPS, fPump, pumpCoef

| A6_calcShd | *Shadows on PV systems.* |

Description

Compute the irradiance and irradiation including shadows for two-axis and horizontal N-S axis trackers and fixed surfaces. It makes use of the function [fSombra](#) for the shadows factor calculation. It is used by the function [calcGef](#).

Usage

```
calcShd(radEf, modeTrk = 'fixed', modeShd = '',
        struct = list(),
        distances = data.frame())
```

Arguments

radEf   A [Gef](#) object. It may be the result of the [calcGef](#) function.

modeTrk   character, to be chosen from 'fixed', 'two' or 'horiz'. When modeTrk
                = 'fixed' the surface is fixed (inclination and azimuth angles are constant).
                The performance of a two-axis tracker is calculated with modeTrk = 'two', and
                modeTrk = 'horiz' is the option for an horizontal N-S tracker. Its default value
                is modeTrk = 'fixed'

modeShd   character, defines the type of shadow calculation. In this version of the package
                the effect of the shadow is calculated as a proportional reduction of the cir-
                cumsolar diffuse and direct irradiances. This type of approach is selected with
                modeShd = 'area'. In future versions other approaches which relate the geo-
                metric shadow and the electrical connections of the PV generator will be avail-
                able. If modeTrk = 'horiz' it is possible to calculate the effect of backtracking
                with modeShd = 'bt'. If modeShd = c('area','bt') the backtracking method
                will be carried out and therefore no shadows will appear. Finally, for two-axis
                trackers it is possible to select modeShd = 'prom' in order to calculate the effect
                of shadows on an average tracker (see [fSombra6](#)). The result will include three
                variables (Gef0, Def0 and Bef0) with the irradiance/irradiation without shadows
                as a reference.

struct   list.
                When modeTrk = 'fixed' or modeTrk = 'horiz' only a component named L,
                which is the height (meters) of the tracker, is needed.

                For two-axis trackers (modeTrk = 'two'), an additional component named W,
                the width of the tracker, is required. Moreover, only when modeTrk = 'two'
                two components named Nrow and Ncol are included under this list. These com-
                ponents define, respectively, the number of rows and columns of the whole set
                of two-axis trackers in the PV plant.

distances   data.frame.

When modeTrk = 'fixed' it includes a component named D for the distance between fixed surfaces. An additional component named H can be included with the relative height between surfaces.

When modeTrk = 'horiz' it only includes a component named Lew, being the distance between horizontal NS trackers along the East-West direction.

When modeTrk = 'two' it includes a component named Lns being the distance between trackers along the North-South direction, a component named Lew, being the distance between trackers along the East-West direction and a (optional) component named H with the relative height between surfaces.

The distances, in meters, are defined between axis of the trackers.

Value

A Gef object including three additional variables (Gef0, Def0 and Bef0) in the slots GefI, GefD, Gefdm and Gefy with the irradiance/irradiation without shadows as a reference.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

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See Also

calcG0, fTheta, fInclin, calcShd.

A7_optimShd | *Shadows calculation for a set of distances between elements of a PV grid connected plant.*

Description

The optimum distance between trackers or static structures of a PV grid connected plant depends on two main factors: the ground requirement ratio (defined as the ratio of the total ground area to the generator PV array area), and the productivity of the system including shadow losses. Therefore, the optimum separation may be the one which achieves the highest productivity with the lowest ground requirement ratio.

However, this definition is not complete since the terrain characteristics and the costs of wiring or civil works could alter the decision. This function is a help for choosing this distance: it computes the productivity for a set of combinations of distances between the elements of the plant.

Usage

```
optimShd(lat,
         modeTrk = 'fixed',
         modeRad = 'prom',
         dataRad,
         sample = 'hour',
         keep.night = TRUE,
         sunGeometry = 'michalsky',
         betaLim = 90, beta = abs(lat)-10, alfa = 0,
         iS = 2, alb = 0.2, HCPV = FALSE,
         module = list(),
         generator = list(),
         inverter = list(),
         effSys = list(),
         modeShd = '',
         struct = list(),
         distances = data.frame(),
         res = 2,
         prog = TRUE)
```

Arguments

lat	numeric, latitude (degrees) of the point of the Earth where calculations are needed. It is positive for locations above the Equator.
modeTrk	character, to be chosen from 'fixed', 'two' or 'horiz'. When modeTrk = 'fixed' the surface is fixed (inclination and azimuth angles are constant). The performance of a two-axis tracker is calculated with modeTrk = 'two', and modeTrk = 'horiz' is the option for an horizontal N-S tracker. Its default value is modeTrk = 'fixed'
modeRad, dataRad	
	Information about the source data of the global irradiation. See [calcG0](#) for details. For this function the option modeRad = 'bdI' is not supported.
sample	character, containing one of '"sec"', '"min"', '"hour"'. This can optionally be preceded by a (positive or negative) integer and a space, or followed by '"s"' (used by [seq.POSIXt](#))
keep.night	logical When it is TRUE (default) the time series includes the night.
sunGeometry	character, method for the sun geometry calculations. See [calcSol](#), [fSolD](#) and [fSolI](#).
betaLim, beta, alfa, iS, alb, HCPV	
	See [calcGef](#) for details.
module	list of numeric values with information about the PV module,
	Vocn open-circuit voltage of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 57.6 volts.)
	Iscn short circuit current of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 4.7 amperes.)

Vmn maximum power point voltage of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 46.08 amperes.)

Imn Maximum power current of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 4.35 amperes.)

Ncs number of cells in series inside the module (default value 96)

Ncp number of cells in parallel inside the module (default value 1)

CoefVT coefficient of decrement of voltage of each cell with the temperature (default value 0.0023 volts per celsius degree)

TONC nominal operational cell temperature, celsius degree (default value 47).

generator list of numeric values with information about the generator,

Nms number of modules in series (default value 12)

Nmp number of modules in parallel (default value 11)

inverter list of numeric values with information about the DC/AC inverter,

Ki vector of three values, coefficients of the efficiency curve of the inverter (default c(0.01, 0.025, 0.05)), or a matrix of nine values (3x3) if there is dependence with the voltage (see references).

Pinv nominal inverter power (W) (default value 25000 watts.)

Vmin, Vmax minimum and maximum voltages of the MPP range of the inverter (default values 420 and 750 volts)

Gumb minimum irradiance for the inverter to start (W/m²) (default value 20 W/m²)

effSys list of numeric values with information about the system losses,

ModQual average tolerance of the set of modules (%), default value is 3

ModDisp module parameter disperssion losses (%), default value is 2

OhmDC Joule losses due to the DC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

OhmAC Joule losses due to the AC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

MPP average error of the MPP algorithm of the inverter (%), default value is 1

TrafoMT losses due to the MT transformer (%), default value is 1

Disp losses due to stops of the system (%), default value is 0.5

modeShd character, defines the type of shadow calculation. In this version of the package the effect of the shadow is calculated as a proportional reduction of the circumsolar diffuse and direct irradiances. This type of approach is selected with modeShd = 'area'. In future versions other approaches which relate the geometric shadow and the electrical connections of the PV generator will be available. If modeTrk = 'horiz' it is possible to calculate the effect of backtracking with modeShd = 'bt'. If modeShd = c('area','bt') the backtracking method will be carried out and therefore no shadows will appear. Finally, for two-axis trackers it is possible to select modeShd = 'prom' in order to calculate the effect of shadows on an average tracker (see fSombra6). The result will include three variables (Gef0, Def0 and Bef0) with the irradiance/irradiation without shadows as a reference.

struct list. When modeTrk = 'fixed' or modeTrk = 'horiz' only a component named L, which is the height (meters) of the tracker, is needed. For two-axis trackers (modeTrk = 'two'), an additional component named W, the width of the tracker,

is required. Moreover, two components named Nrow and Ncol are included under this list. These components define, respectively, the number of rows and columns of the whole setof trackers in the PV plant.

distances   list, whose three components are vectors of length 2:

Lew (only when modeTrk = 'horiz' or modeTrk = 'two'), minimum and maximum distance (meters) between horizontal NS and two-axis trackers along the East-West direction.

Lns (only when modeTrk = 'two'), minimum and maximum distance (meters) between two-axis trackers along the North-South direction.

D (only when modeTrk = 'fixed'), minimum and maximum distance (meters) between fixed surfaces.

These distances, in meters, are defined between the axis of the trackers.

res   numeric; optimShd constructs a sequence from the minimum to the maximum value of distances, with res as the increment, in meters, of the sequence.

prog   logical, show a progress bar; default value is TRUE

Details

optimShd calculates the energy produced for every combination of distances as defined by distances and res. The result of this function is a Shade-class object. A method of shadeplot for this class is defined (shadeplot-methods), and it shows the graphical relation between the productivity and the distance between trackers or fixed surfaces.

Value

A Shade object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

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See Also

prodGCPV, calcShd

Examples

```
library(lattice)
library(latticeExtra)

lat = 37.2;
G0dm = c(2766, 3491, 4494, 5912, 6989, 7742, 7919, 7027, 5369, 3562, 2814,
2179)
Ta = c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2)
prom = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta)

###Two-axis trackers
struct2x = list(W = 23.11, L = 9.8, Nrow = 2, Ncol = 3)
dist2x = list(Lew = c(30, 45),Lns = c(20, 40))

ShdM2x <- optimShd(lat = lat, dataRad = prom, modeTrk = 'two',
                   modeShd = c('area','prom'),
                   distances = dist2x, struct = struct2x,
                   res = 5)

shadeplot(ShdM2x)

pLew = xyplot(Yf~GRR,data = ShdM2x,groups = factor(Lew),type = c('l','g'),
    main = 'Productivity for each Lew value')
pLew+glayer(panel.text(x[1], y[1], group.value))

pLns = xyplot(Yf~GRR,data = ShdM2x,groups = factor(Lns),type = c('l','g'),
    main = 'Productivity for each Lns value')
pLns+glayer(panel.text(x[1], y[1], group.value))

## 1-axis tracker with Backtracking
structHoriz = list(L = 4.83);
distHoriz = list(Lew = structHoriz$L * c(2,5));


Shd12HorizBT <- optimShd(lat = lat, dataRad = prom,
        modeTrk = 'horiz',
        betaLim = 60,
        distances = distHoriz, res = 2,
        struct = structHoriz,
        modeShd = 'bt')

shadeplot(Shd12HorizBT)

xyplot(diff(Yf)~GRR[-1],data = Shd12HorizBT,type = c('l','g'))

###Fixed system
structFixed = list(L = 5);
distFixed = list(D = structFixed$L*c(1,3));
Shd12Fixed <- optimShd(lat = lat, dataRad = prom,
        modeTrk = 'fixed',
        distances = distFixed, res = 2,
        struct = structFixed,
```

```
        modeShd = 'area')
shadeplot(Shd12Fixed)
```

A8_readBD   *Daily or intradaily values of global horizontal irradiation and ambient*
                             temperature from a local file or a data.frame.

Description

Constructor for the class `Meteo` with values of *daily* or *intradaily* values of global horizontal irradi-
ation and ambient temperature from a local file or a data.frame.

Usage

```
readBD(file,  lat,
       format = '%d/%m/%Y',
       header = TRUE, fill = TRUE, dec = '.', sep = ';',
       dates.col = 'date',source = file)

readBDi(file,  lat,
       format = '%d/%m/%Y %H:%M:%S',
       header = TRUE, fill = TRUE, dec = '.', sep = ';',
       time.col = 'time',
       source = file)

df2Meteo(file,  lat,
         format = '%d/%m/%Y',
         dates.col = 'date',
         source = '')

dfI2Meteo(file,  lat,
         format = '%d/%m/%Y %H:%M:%S',
         time.col = 'time',
         source = '')

zoo2Meteo(file, lat, source = '')
```

Arguments

file   The name of the file (`readBD` and `readBDi`), `data.frame` (`df2Meteo` and `dfI2Meteo`)
                or `zoo` (`zoo2Meteo`) which the data are to be read from. It should contain
                a column `G0` with *daily* (`readBD` and `df2Meteo`) or *intradaily* (`readBDi` and
                `dfI2Meteo`) values of global horizontal irradiation (Wh/m²). It should also in-
                clude a column named `Ta` with values of ambient temperature. However, if the
                object is only a vector with irradiation values, it will converted to a `zoo` with two
                columns named `G0` and `Ta` (filled with constant values)

> If the Meteo object is to be used with calcG0 (or fCompD, fCompI) and the option corr = 'none', the file/data.frame **must** include three columns named G0, B0 and D0 with values of global, direct and diffuse irradiation on the horizontal plane.
>
> Only for daily data: if the ambient temperature is not available, the file should include two columns named TempMax and TempMin with daily values of maximum and minimum ambient temperature, respectively (see fTemp for details).

header, fill, dec, sep

> See read.table

format   character string with the format of the dates or time index. (Default for daily time bases:%d/%m/%Y). (Default for intradaily time bases: %d/%m/%Y %H:%M:%S)

lat   numeric, latitude (degrees) of the location.

dates.col   character string with the name of the column wich contains the dates of the time series.

time.col   character string with the name of the column wich contains the time index of the series.

source   character string with information about the source of the values. (Default: the name of the file).

Value

A Meteo object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

See Also

read.table, readG0dm.

Examples

```
data(helios)
names(helios) = c('date', 'G0', 'TempMax', 'TempMin')

bd = df2Meteo(helios, dates.col = 'date', lat = 41, source = 'helios-IES', format = '%Y/%m/%d')

summary(getData(bd))

xyplot(bd)
```

A8_readG0dm   *Monthly mean values of global horizontal irradiation.*

Description

Constructor for the class `Meteo` with 12 values of monthly means of irradiation.

Usage

```
readG0dm(G0dm, Ta = 25, lat = 0,
    year= as.POSIXlt(Sys.Date())$year+1900,
    promDays = c(17,14,15,15,15,10,18,18,18,19,18,13),
    source = '')
```

Arguments

G0dm	numeric, 12 values of monthly means of daily global horizontal irradiation (Wh/m²).
Ta	numeric, 12 values of monthly means of ambient temperature (degrees Celsius).
lat	numeric, latitude (degrees) of the location.
year	numeric (Default: current year).
promDays	numeric, set of the average days for each month.
source	character string with information about the source of the values.

Value

`Meteo` object

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

See Also

[readBD](#)

Examples

```
G0dm =
  c(2.766,3.491,4.494,5.912,6.989,7.742,7.919,7.027,5.369,3.562,2.814,2.179) * 1000;
Ta = c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2)
BD <- readG0dm(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta, lat = 37.2)
print(BD)
getData(BD)
xyplot(BD)
```

B1_Meteo-class   *Class "Meteo"*

Description

A class for meteorological data.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the family of [readBD](#) functions.

Slots

latData: Latitude (degrees) of the meteorological station or source of the data.

data: A zoo object with the time series of daily irradiation (G0, Wh/m²), the ambient temperature
    (Ta) or the maximum and minimum ambient temperature (TempMax and TempMin).

source: A character with a short description of the source of the data.

type: A character, prom, bd, bdI or mapa, depending on the constructor.

Methods

getData signature(object = "Meteo"): extracts the data slot as a zoo object.

getG0 signature(object = "Meteo"): extracts the irradiation time series as a zoo object.

getLat signature(object = "Meteo"): extracts the latitude value.

indexD signature(object = "Meteo"): extracts the index of the data slot.

xyplot signature(x = "formula", data = "Meteo"): plot the content of the object according to
    the formula argument.

xyplot signature(x = "Meteo", data = "missing"): plot the data slot using the xyplot method
    for zoo objects.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

See Also

[readBD](#), [readBDi](#), [zoo2Meteo](#), [df2Meteo](#), [dfI2Meteo](#), [readG0dm](#),

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B2_Sol-class   *Class "Sol": Apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth*

Description

A class which describe the apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calcSol.

Slots

lat: numeric, latitude (degrees) as defined in the call to calcSol.

solD: Object of class "zoo" created by fSolD.

solI: Object of class "zoo" created by fSolI.

match: numeric, index of solD related with the index of solI.

method: character, method for the sun geometry calculations.

sample: difftime, increment of the intradaily sequence.

Methods

as.data.frameD signature(object = "Sol"): conversion to a data.frame with daily values.

as.data.frameI signature(object = "Sol"): conversion to a data.frame with intradaily values.

as.zooD signature(object = "Sol"): conversion to a zoo object with daily values.

as.zooI signature(object = "Sol"): conversion to a zoo object with intradaily values.

getLat signature(object = "Sol"): latitude (degrees) as defined in the call to calcSol.

indexD signature(object = "Sol"): index of the solD slot.

indexI signature(object = "Sol"): index of the solI object.

indexRep signature(object = "Sol"): accesor for the match slot.

xyplot signature(x = "formula", data = "Sol"): displays the contents of a Sol object with the xyplot method for formulas.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

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See Also

G0, Gef.

B3_G0-class   *Class "G0": irradiation and irradiance on the horizontal plane.*

Description

This class contains the global, diffuse and direct irradiation and irradiance on the horizontal plane, and ambient temperature.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the function calcG0.

Slots

G0D: Object of class "zoo" created by fCompD. It includes daily values of:

> **Fd:** numeric, the diffuse fraction
>
> **Ktd:** numeric, the clearness index
>
> **G0d:** numeric, the global irradiation on a horizontal surface (Wh/m²)
>
> **D0d:** numeric, the diffuse irradiation on a horizontal surface (Wh/m²)
>
> **B0d:** numeric, the direct irradiation on a horizontal surface (Wh/m²)

G0I: Object of class "zoo" created by fCompI. It includes values of:

> **kt:** numeric, clearness index
>
> **G0:** numeric, global irradiance on a horizontal surface, (W/m²)
>
> **D0:** numeric, diffuse irradiance on a horizontal surface, (W/m²)
>
> **B0:** numeric, direct irradiance on a horizontal surface, (W/m²)

G0dm: Object of class "zoo" with monthly mean values of daily irradiation.

G0y: Object of class "zoo" with yearly sums of irradiation.

Ta: Object of class "zoo" with intradaily ambient temperature values.

Besides, this class contains the slots from the Sol and Meteo classes.

Extends

Class "Meteo", directly. Class "Sol", directly.

Methods

as.zooD signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a zoo object with daily values.

as.zooI signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a zoo object with intradaily values.

as.zooM signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a zoo object with monthly values.

as.zooY signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a zoo object with yearly values.

as.data.frameD signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a data.frame with daily values.

as.data.frameI signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a data.frame with intradaily values.

as.data.frameM signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a data.frame with monthly values.

as.data.frameY signature(object = "G0"): conversion to a data.frame with yearly values.

indexD signature(object = "G0"): index of the solD slot.

indexI signature(object = "G0"): index of the solI object.

indexRep signature(object = "G0"): accesor for the match slot.

getLat signature(object = "G0"): latitude of the inherited [Sol](Sol) object.

xyplot signature(x = "G0", data = "missing"): display the time series of daily values of irradiation.

xyplot signature(x = "formula", data = "G0"): displays the contents of a G0 object with the xyplot method for formulas.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

References

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See Also

[Sol](Sol), [Gef](Gef).

B4_Gef-class   *Class "Gef": irradiation and irradiance on the generator plane.*

Description

This class contains the global, diffuse and direct irradiation and irradiance on the horizontal plane, and ambient temperature.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by the function `calcGef`.

Slots

GefI: Object of class "zoo" created by `fInclin`. It contains these components:

  Bo: Extra-atmospheric irradiance on the inclined surface (W/m²)

  Bn: Direct normal irradiance (W/m²)

  G, B, D, Di, Dc, R: Global, direct, diffuse (total, isotropic and anisotropic) and albedo irradiance incident on an inclined surface (W/m²)

  Gef, Bef, Def, Dief, Dcef, Ref: Effective global, direct, diffuse (total, isotropic and anisotropic) and albedo irradiance incident on an inclined surface (W/m²)

  FTb, FTd, FTr: Factor of angular losses for the direct, diffuse and albedo components

GefD: Object of class "zoo" with daily values of global, diffuse and direct irradiation.

Gefdm: Object of class "zoo" with monthly means of daily global, diffuse and direct irradiation.

Gefy: Object of class "zoo" with yearly sums of global, diffuse and direct irradiation.

Theta: Object of class "zoo" created by `fTheta`. It contains these components:

  Beta: numeric, inclination angle of the surface (radians). When modeTrk='fixed' it is the value of the argument beta converted from degreesto radians.

  Alfa: numeric, azimuth angle of the surface (radians). When modeTrk='fixed' it is the value of the argument alfa converted from degrees to radians.

  cosTheta: numeric, cosine of the incidence angle of the solar irradiance on the surface

iS: numeric, degree of dirtiness.

alb: numeric, albedo reflection coefficient.

modeTrk: character, mode of tracking.

modeShd: character, mode of shadows.

angGen: A list with the values of alfa, beta and betaLim.

struct: A list with the dimensions of the structure.

distances: A data.frame with the distances between structures.

Extends

Class "`G0`", directly. Class "`Meteo`", by class "G0", distance 2. Class "`Sol`", by class "G0", distance 2.

Methods

as.zooD signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a zoo object with daily values.

as.zooI signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a zoo object with intradaily values.

as.zooM signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a zoo object with monthly values.

as.zooY signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a zoo object with yearly values.

as.data.frameD signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a data.frame with daily values.

as.data.frameI signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a data.frame with intradaily values.

as.data.frameM signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a data.frame with monthly values.

as.data.frameY signature(object = "Gef"): conversion to a data.frame with yearly values.

indexD signature(object = "Gef"): index of the solD slot.

indexI signature(object = "Gef"): index of the solI object.

indexRep signature(object = "Gef"): accesor for the match slot.

getLat signature(object = "Gef"): latitude of the inherited [Sol](#) object.

xyplot signature(x = "Gef", data = "missing"): display the time series of daily values of irradiation.

xyplot signature(x = "formula", data = "Gef"): displays the contents of a Gef object with the xyplot method for formulas.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

References

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See Also

[Sol](#), [G0](#).

B5_ProdGCPV-class   *Class "ProdGCPV": performance of a grid connected PV system.*

Description

A class containing values of the performance of a grid connected PV system.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by [prodGCPV](#).

Slots

prodI: Object of class "zoo" created by fProd. It includes these components:

    Tc: cell temperature, °C.

    Voc, Isc, Vmpp, Impp: open circuit voltage, short circuit current, MPP voltage and current, respectively.

    Vdc, Idc: voltage and current at the input of the inverter.

    Pdc: power at the input of the inverter, W

    Pac: power at the output of the inverter, W

    EffI: efficiency of the inverter

prodD: A zoo object with daily values of AC (Eac) and DC (Edc) energy (Wh), and productivity (Yf, Wh/Wp) of the system.

prodDm: A zoo object with monthly means of daily values of AC and DC energy (kWh), and productivity of the system.

prody: A zoo object with yearly sums of AC and DC energy (kWh), and productivity of the system.

module: A list with the characteristics of the module.

generator: A list with the characteristics of the PV generator.

inverter: A list with the characteristics of the inverter.

effSys: A list with the efficiency values of the system.

Besides, this class contains the slots from the "Meteo", "Sol", "G0" and "Gef" classes.

Extends

Class "Gef", directly. Class "G0", by class "Gef", distance 2. Class "Meteo", by class "Gef", distance 3. Class "Sol", by class "Gef", distance 3.

Methods

as.zooD signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a zoo object with daily values.

as.zooI signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a zoo object with intradaily values.

as.zooM signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a zoo object with monthly values.

as.zooY signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a zoo object with yearly values.

as.data.frameD signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a data.frame with daily values.

as.data.frameI signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a data.frame with intradaily values.

as.data.frameM signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a data.frame with monthly values.

as.data.frameY signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): conversion to a data.frame with yearly values.

indexD signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): index of the solD slot.

indexI signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): index of the solI object.

indexRep signature(object = "ProdGCPV"): accesor for the match slot.

getLat signature(object = ″ProdGCPV″): latitude of the inherited [Sol](Sol) object.

xyplot signature(x = ″ProdGCPV″, data = ″missing″): display the time series of daily values.

xyplot signature(x = ″formula″, data = ″ProdGCPV″): displays the contents of a ProdGCPV object with the xyplot method for formulas.

as.zooD signature(object = ″ProdGCPV″): conversion to a zoo object with daily values.

as.zooI signature(object = ″ProdGCPV″): conversion to a zoo object with intradaily values.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

References

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See Also

[Sol](Sol), [G0](G0), [Gef](Gef), Shade.

B6_ProdPVPS-class   *Class "ProdPVPS": performance of a PV pumping system.*

Description

Performance of a PV pumping system with a centrifugal pump and a variable frequency converter.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by prodPVPS.

Slots

prodI: Object of class ″zoo″ with these components:

Q: Flow rate, (m³/h)

Pb, Ph: Pump shaft power and hydraulical power (W), respectively.

etam, etab: Motor and pump efficiency, respectively.

f: Frequency (Hz)

prodD: A zoo object with daily values of AC energy (Wh), flow (m³) and productivity of the system.

prodDm: A zoo object with monthly means of daily values of AC energy (kWh), flow (m³) and productivity of the system.

prody: A zoo object with yearly sums of AC energy (kWh), flow (m³) and productivity of the system.

pump A `list` extracted from pumpCoef

H Total manometric head (m)

Pg Nominal power of the PV generator (Wp)

converter `list` containing the nominal power of the frequency converter, Pnom, and Ki, vector of three values, coefficients of the efficiency curve.

effSys list of numeric values with information about the system losses

Besides, this class contains the slots from the [Gef](Gef) class.

Extends

Class ["Gef"](Gef), directly. Class ["G0"](G0), by class "Gef", distance 2. Class ["Meteo"](Meteo), by class "Gef", distance 3. Class ["Sol"](Sol), by class "Gef", distance 3.

Methods

as.zooD `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a zoo object with daily values.

as.zooI `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a zoo object with intradaily values.

as.zooM `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a zoo object with monthly values.

as.zooY `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a zoo object with yearly values.

as.data.frameD `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a data.frame with daily values.

as.data.frameI `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a data.frame with intradaily values.

as.data.frameM `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a data.frame with monthly values.

as.data.frameY `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: conversion to a data.frame with yearly values.

indexD `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: index of the solD slot.

indexI `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: index of the solI object.

indexRep `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: accesor for the match slot.

getLat `signature(object = "ProdPVPS")`: latitude of the inherited [Sol](Sol) object.

xyplot `signature(x = "ProdPVPS", data = "missing")`: display the time series of daily values.

xyplot `signature(x = "formula", data = "ProdPVPS")`: displays the contents of a ProdPVPS object with the xyplot method for formulas.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

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See Also

`prodPVPS`, `fPump`.

B7_Shade-class   *Class "Shade": shadows in a PV system.*

Description

A class for the optimization of shadows in a PV system.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by `optimShd`.

Slots

`FS`: numeric, shadows factor values for each combination of distances.

`GRR`: numeric, Ground Requirement Ratio for each combination.

`Yf`: numeric, final productivity for each combination.

`FS.loess`: A local fitting of `FS` with `loess`.

`Yf.loess`: A local fitting of `Yf` with `loess`.

`modeShd`: character, mode of shadows.

`struct`: A list with the dimensions of the structure.

`distances`: A data.frame with the distances between structures.

`res` numeric, difference (meters) between the different steps of the calculation.

Besides, as a reference, this class includes a `ProdGCPV` object with the performance of a PV systems without shadows.

Extends

Class *"ProdGCPV"*, directly. Class *"Gef"*, by class "ProdGCPV", distance 2. Class *"G0"*, by class "ProdGCPV", distance 3. Class *"Meteo"*, by class "ProdGCPV", distance 4. Class *"Sol"*, by class "ProdGCPV", distance 4.

Methods

as.data.frame signature(x = "Shade"): conversion to a data.frame including columns for distances (Lew, Lns, and D) and results (FS, GRR and Yf).

shadeplot signature(x = "Shade"): display the results of the iteration with a level plot for the two-axis tracking, or with conventional plot for horizontal tracking and fixed systems.

xyplot signature(x = "formula", data = "Shade"): display the content of the Shade object with the xyplot method for formulas.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

References

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See Also

Gef, ProdGCPV.

C_corrFdKt   *Correlations between the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index.*

Description

A set of correlations between the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index used by fCompD and fCompI.

Usage

```
## Monthly means of daily values
FdKtPage(Ktd)
FdKtLJ(Ktd)

## Daily values
FdKtCPR(Ktd)
FdKtEKDd(Ktd, sol)
FdKtCLIMEDd(Ktd)
```

```
## Intradaily values
FdKtEKDh(kt)
FdKtCLIMEDh(kt)
FdKtBRL(kt, sol)
```

Arguments

Ktd	A numeric, the daily clearness index.
kt	A numeric, the intradaily clearness index.
sol	A Sol object provided by [calcSol](#) or a zoo object provided by [fSolD](#) or [fSolI](#).

Value

A numeric, the diffuse fraction.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro; The BRL model was suggested by Kevin Ummel.

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See Also

[fCompD](#), [fCompI](#)

Examples

```
Ktd = seq(0, 1, .01)
Monthly = data.frame(Ktd = Ktd)
Monthly$Page = FdKtPage(Ktd)
Monthly$LJ = FdKtLJ(Ktd)

xyplot(Page+LJ~Ktd, data = Monthly,
       type = c('l', 'g'), auto.key = list(space = 'right'))

Ktd = seq(0, 1, .01)
```

```
Daily = data.frame(Ktd = Ktd)
Daily$CPR = FdKtCPR(Ktd)
Daily$CLIMEDd = FdKtCLIMEDd(Ktd)

xyplot(CPR + CLIMEDd ~ Ktd, data = Daily,
        type = c('l', 'g'), auto.key = list(space = 'right'))
```

C_fBTd   *Daily time base*

Description

Construction of a daily time base for solar irradiation calculation

Usage

```
fBTd(mode = "prom",
    year = as.POSIXlt(Sys.Date())$year+1900,
    start = paste('01-01-',year,sep = ''),
    end = paste('31-12-',year,sep = ''),
                    format = '%d-%m-%Y')
```

Arguments

mode   character, controls the type of time base to be created. With mode = 'serie'
            the result is a daily time series from start to end. With mode = 'prom' only
            twelve days, one for each month, are included. During these 'average days' the
            declination angle is equal to the monthly mean of this angle.

year   which year is to be used for the time base when mode = 'prom'. Its default value
            is the current year.

start   first day of the time base for mode = 'serie'. Its default value is the first of
            January of the current year.

end   last day of the time base for mode = 'serie'. Its default value is the last day of
            December of the current year.

format   format of start and end.

Details

This function is commonly used inside fSolD.

Value

This function returns a POSIXct object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

References

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See Also

fSolD, as.POSIXct, seq.POSIXt.

Examples

```
#Average days
fBTd(mode = 'prom')

#The day #100 of the year 2008
BTd = fBTd(mode = 'serie', year = 2008)
BTd[100]
```

C_fCompD   *Components of daily global solar irradiation on a horizontal surface*

Description

Extract the diffuse and direct components from the daily global irradiation on a horizontal surface by means of regressions between the clearness index and the diffuse fraction parameters.

Usage

```
fCompD(sol, G0d, corr = "CPR",f)
```

Arguments

sol   A Sol object from calcSol or a zoo object from fSolD. Both of them include a component named Bo0d, which stands for the extra-atmospheric daily irradiation incident on a horizontalsurface

G0d   A Meteo object from readG0dm, readBD, or a zoo object containing daily global irradiation (Wh/m²) on a horizontal surface. See below for corr = 'none'.

corr   A character, the correlation between the the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index to be used.

               With this version several options are available, as described in corrFdKt. For example, the FdKtPage is selected with corr = 'Page' and the FdKtCPR with corr = 'CPR'.

               If corr = 'user' the use of a correlation defined by a function f is possible.

               If corr = 'none' the G0d object should include information about global, diffuse and direct daily irradiation with columns named G0d, D0d and B0d, respectively.

f   A function defininig a correlation between the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index. It is only neccessary when corr = 'user'

Value

A zoo object which includes:

Fd   numeric, the diffuse fraction

Ktd   numeric, the clearness index

G0d   numeric, the global irradiation on a horizontal surface (Wh/m²)

D0d   numeric, the diffuse irradiation on a horizontal surface (Wh/m²)

B0d   numeric, the direct irradiation on a horizontal surface (Wh/m²)

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

References

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See Also

fCompI

Examples

```
lat = 37.2;
BTd = fBTd(mode = 'serie')

SolD <- fSolD(lat, BTd[100])

G0d = zoo(5000, index(SolD))
fCompD(SolD, G0d, corr = "Page")
fCompD(SolD, G0d, corr = "CPR")

#define a function fKtd with the correlation of CPR
fKTd = function(x){(0.99*(x <= 0.17))+
                (x>0.17)*(1.188 -2.272 * x + 9.473 * x^2 - 21.856 * x^3
+ 14.648 * x^4)}
#The same as with corr = "CPR"
fCompD(SolD, G0d, corr = "user", f = fKTd)

lat = -37.2;
SolDs <- fSolD(lat, BTd[283])
G0d = zoo(5000, index(SolDs))
fCompD(SolDs, G0d, corr = "CPR")
```

```
lat = 37.2;
G0dm = c(2.766,3.491,4.494,5.912,6.989,7.742,7.919,7.027,5.369,3.562,2.814,2.179)*1000;
Rad = readG0dm(G0dm, lat = lat)
solD <- fSolD(lat,fBTd(mode = 'prom'))
fCompD(solD, Rad, corr = 'Page')
```

C_fCompI   *Calculation of solar irradiance on a horizontal surface*

Description

From the daily global, diffuse and direct irradiation values supplied by fCompD, the profile of the global, diffuse and direct irradiance is calculated with the rd and rg components of fSolI.

Usage

```
fCompI(sol, compD, G0I, corr = 'none', f, filterG0 = TRUE)
```

Arguments

sol	A Sol object as provided by [calcSol](#) or a zoo object as provided by [fSolI](#).
compD	A zoo object as provided by fCompD. It is not considered if G0I is provided.
G0I	A Meteo object from [readBDi](#), [dfI2Meteo](#) or [zoo2Meteo](#), or a zoo object containing *intradaily* global irradiation (Wh/m²) on a horizontal surface. See below for corr = 'none'.
corr	A character, the correlation between the the fraction of intradaily diffuse irradiation and the clearness index to be used. It is ignored if G0I is not provided. With this version several correlations are available, as described in [corrFdKt](#). You should choose one of *intradaily* proposals. For example, the [FdKtCLIMEDh](#) is selected with corr = 'CLIMEDh'. If corr = 'user' the use of a correlation defined by a function f is possible. If corr = 'none' the G0I object must include information about global, diffuse and direct intradaily irradiation with columns named G0, D0 and B0, respectively.
f	A function defininig a correlation between the fraction of diffuse irradiation and the clearness index. It is only neccessary when corr = 'user'
filterG0	A logical. If TRUE (default) this function sets the global irradiation values to NA when they are higher than the extra-atmospheric irradiation values.

Value

A zoo with these components:

kt	numeric, clearness index.
fd	numeric, diffuse fraction.
G0	numeric, global irradiance on a horizontal surface, (W/m²)
D0	numeric, diffuse irradiance on a horizontal surface, (W/m²)
B0	numeric, direct irradiance on a horizontal surface, (W/m²)

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

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See Also

fCompD, fSolI, calcSol, corrFdKt.

Examples

```
lat <- 37.2

BTd <- fBTd(mode = 'serie')
solD <- fSolD(lat, BTd[100])
solI <- fSolI(solD, sample = 'hour')
G0d <- zoo(5000, index(solD))
compD <- fCompD(solD, G0d, corr = "Page")
fCompI(solI, compD)

sol <- calcSol(lat, fBTd(mode = 'prom'), sample = 'hour', keep.night = FALSE)

G0dm <- c(2.766, 3.491, 4.494, 5.912, 6.989, 7.742,
          7.919, 7.027, 5.369, 3.562, 2.814, 2.179)*1000

Ta <- c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9,
        24.3, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2)

BD <- readG0dm(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta, lat = lat)
compD <- fCompD(sol, BD, corr = 'Page')
compI <- fCompI(sol, compD)
head(compI)

## Use of 'corr'.  The help page of calcG0 includes additional examples
## with intradaily data xyplot(fd ~ kt, data = compI)

climed <- fCompI(sol, G0I = compI, corr = 'CLIMEDh')
xyplot(fd ~ kt, data = climed)

ekdh <- fCompI(sol, G0I = compI, corr = 'EKDh')
xyplot(fd ~ kt, data = ekdh)

brl <- fCompI(sol, G0I = compI, corr = 'BRL')
```

```
xyplot(fd ~ kt, data = brl)
```

C_fInclin	*Solar irradiance on an inclined surface*

Description

The solar irradiance incident on an inclined surface is calculated from the direct and diffuse irradiance on a horizontal surface, and from the evolution of the angles of the Sun and the surface. Moreover, the effect of the angle of incidence and dust on the PV module is included to obtain the effective irradiance.

This function is used by the `calcGef` function.

Usage

```
fInclin(compI, angGen, iS = 2, alb = 0.2, horizBright = TRUE, HCPV = FALSE)
```

Arguments

compI	A G0 object. It may be the result of `calcG0`.
angGen	A zoo object, including at least three variables named Beta, Alfa and cosTheta. It may be the result of `fTheta`.
iS	integer, degree of dirtiness. Its value must be included in the set (1,2,3,4). iS = 1 corresponds to a clean surface while iS = 4 is the choice for a dirty surface. Its default value is 2
alb	numeric, albedo reflection coefficient. Its default value is 0.2
horizBright	logical, if TRUE, the horizon brightness correction proposed by Reind et al. is used.
HCPV	logical, if TRUE the diffuse and albedo components of the *effective* irradiance are set to zero. HCPV is the acronym of High Concentration PV system.

Details

The solar irradiance incident on an inclined surface can be calculated from the direct and diffuse irradiance on a horizontal surface, and from the evolution of the angles of the Sun and the surface. The transformation of the direct radiation is straightforward since only geometric considerations are needed. However, the treatment of the diffuse irradiance is more complex since it involves the modelling of the atmosphere. There are several models for the estimation of diffuse irradiance on an inclined surface. The one which combines simplicity and acceptable results is the proposal of Hay and McKay. This model divides the diffuse component in isotropic and anisotropic whose values depends on a anisotropy index. On the other hand, the effective irradiance, the fraction of the incident irradiance that reaches the cells inside a PV module, is calculated with the losses due to the angle of incidence and dirtiness. This behaviour can be simulated with a model proposed by Martin and Ruiz requiring information about the angles of the surface and the level of dirtiness (iS) .

Value

A zoo object with these components:

Bo   Extra-atmospheric irradiance on the inclined surface (W/m²)

Bn   Direct normal irradiance (W/m²)

G, B, D, Di, Dc, R   Global, direct, diffuse (total, isotropic and anisotropic) and albedo irradiance
                incident on an inclined surface (W/m²)

Gef, Bef, Def, Dief, Dcef, Ref
                Effective global, direct, diffuse (total, isotropic and anisotropic) and albedo ir-
                radiance incident on an inclined surface (W/m²)

FTb, FTd, FTr   Factor of angular losses for the direct, diffuse and albedo components

Author(s)

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See Also

fTheta, fCompI, calcGef.

C_fProd   *Performance of a PV system*

Description

Simulate the behaviour of a grid connected PV system under different conditions of irradiance and temperature. This function is used by the prodGCPV function.

Usage

```
fProd(inclin, module, generator, inverter, effSys)
```

Arguments

inclin   A [Gef](#) object, a zoo object or a data.frame. In case of being zoo or data.frame it must include a component named Gef (effective irradiance, W/m²) and another named Ta (ambient temperature, °C).

module   list of numeric values with information about the PV module,

         Vocn open-circuit voltage of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 57.6 volts.)

         Iscn short circuit current of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 4.7 amperes.)

         Vmn maximum power point voltage of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 46.08 amperes.)

         Imn Maximum power current of the module at Standard Test Conditions (default value 4.35 amperes.)

         Ncs number of cells in series inside the module (default value 96)

         Ncp number of cells in parallel inside the module (default value 1)

         CoefVT coefficient of decrement of voltage of each cell with the temperature (default value 0.0023 volts per celsius degree)

         TONC nominal operational cell temperature, celsius degree (default value 47).

generator   list of numeric values with information about the generator,

         Nms number of modules in series (default value 12)

         Nmp number of modules in parallel (default value 11)

inverter   list of numeric values with information about the DC/AC inverter,

         Ki vector of three values, coefficients of the efficiency curve of the inverter (default c(0.01, 0.025, 0.05)), or a matrix of nine values (3x3) if there is dependence with the voltage (see references).

         Pinv nominal inverter power (W) (default value 25000 watts.)

         Vmin, Vmax minimum and maximum voltages of the MPP range of the inverter (default values 420 and 750 volts)

         Gumb minimum irradiance for the inverter to start (W/m²) (default value 20 W/m²)

effSys   list of numeric values with information about the system losses,

         ModQual average tolerance of the set of modules (%), default value is 3

         ModDisp module parameter disperssion losses (%), default value is 2

         OhmDC Joule losses due to the DC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

         OhmAC Joule losses due to the AC wiring (%), default value is 1.5

         MPP average error of the MPP algorithm of the inverter (%), default value is 1

         TrafoMT losses due to the MT transformer (%), default value is 1

         Disp losses due to stops of the system (%), default value is 0.5

Value

If inclin is zoo or Gef object, the result is a zoo object with these components (if inclin is a data.frame the result is also a data.frame with these same components):

Tc	cell temperature, °C.
Voc, Isc, Vmpp, Impp	
	open circuit voltage, short circuit current, MPP voltage and current, respectively, in the conditions of irradiance and temperature provided by Inclin
Vdc, Idc	voltage and current at the input of the inverter. If no voltage limitation occurs (according to the values of inverter$Vmax and inverter$Vmin), their values are identical to Vmpp and Impp. If the limit values are reached a warning is produced
Pdc	power at the input of the inverter, W
Pac	power at the output of the inverter, W
EffI	efficiency of the inverter

Author(s)

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See Also

fInclin, prodGCPV, fTemp.

Examples

```
inclin = data.frame(Gef = c(200,400,600,800,1000),Ta = 25)

#using default values
fProd(inclin)

#Using a matrix for Ki (voltage dependence)
inv1 <- list(Ki = rbind(c(-0.00019917, 7.513e-06, -5.4183e-09),
c(0.00806, -4.161e-06, 2.859e-08),
c(0.02118, 3.4002e-05, -4.8967e-08)))

fProd(inclin, inverter = inv1)
```

```
#Voltage limits of the inverter
inclin = data.frame(Gef = 800,Ta = 30)
gen1 = list(Nms = 10, Nmp = 11)

prod = fProd(inclin,generator = gen1)
print(prod)

with(prod, Vdc * Idc / (Vmpp * Impp))
```

C_fPump	*Performance of a centrifugal pump*

Description

Compute the performance of the different parts of a centrifugal pump fed by a frequency converter following the affinity laws.

Usage

```
fPump(pump, H)
```

Arguments

pump   list containing the parameters of the pump to be simulated. It may be a row of pumpCoef.

H   Total manometric head (m).

Value

lim	Range of values of electrical power input
fQ	Function constructed with splinefun relating flow and electrical power
fPb	Function constructed with splinefun relating pump shaft power and electrical power of the motor
fPh	Function constructed with splinefun relating hydraulical power and electrical power of the motor
fFreq	Function constructed with splinefun relating frequency and electrical power of the motor

Author(s)

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See Also

NmgPVPS, prodPVPS, pumpCoef, splinefun.

Examples

```
library(latticeExtra)

data(pumpCoef)
CoefSP8A44 <- subset(pumpCoef, Qn == 8 & stages == 44)

fSP8A44 <- fPump(pump = CoefSP8A44,H = 40)
SP8A44 = with(fSP8A44,{
                Pac = seq(lim[1],lim[2],by = 100)
                Pb = fPb(Pac)
                etam = Pb/Pac
                Ph = fPh(Pac)
                etab = Ph/Pb
                f = fFreq(Pac)
                Q = fQ(Pac)
                result = data.frame(Q,Pac,Pb,Ph,etam,etab,f)})

#Efficiency of the motor, pump and the motor-pump
SP8A44$etamb = with(SP8A44,etab*etam)
lab = c(expression(eta[motor]), expression(eta[pump]), expression(eta[mp]))
p <- xyplot(etam + etab + etamb ~ Pac,data = SP8A44,type = 'l', ylab = 'Efficiency')
p+glayer(panel.text(x[1], y[1], lab[group.number], pos = 3))

#Mechanical, hydraulic and electrical power
lab = c(expression(P[pump]), expression(P[hyd]))
p <- xyplot(Pb + Ph ~ Pac,data = SP8A44,type = 'l', ylab = 'Power (W)', xlab = 'AC Power (W)')
p+glayer(panel.text(x[length(x)], y[length(x)], lab[group.number], pos = 3))

#Flow and electrical power
xyplot(Q ~ Pac,data = SP8A44,type = 'l')
```

C_fSolD   *Daily apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth*

Description

Compute the daily apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth. This movement is mainly described (for the simulation of photovoltaic systems) by the declination angle, the sunrise angle and the daily extra-atmospheric irradiation.

Usage

```
fSolD(lat, BTd, method = 'michalsky')
```

Arguments

lat	Latitude (degrees) of the point of the Earth where calculations are needed. It is positive for locations above the Equator.
BTd	Daily temporal base, a POSIXct object which may be the result of [fBTd]().
method	character, method for the sun geometry calculations to be chosen from 'cooper', 'spencer', 'michalsky' and 'strous'. See references for details.

Value

A zoo object with these components:

decl	Declination angle (radians) for each day of year in dn or BTd
eo	Factor of correction due the eccentricity of orbit of the Earth around the Sun.
ws	Sunrise angle (in radians) for each day of year. Due to the convention which considers that the solar hour angle is negative before midday, this angle is negative.
Bo0d	Extra-atmospheric daily irradiation (watt-hour per squared meter) incident on a horizontal surface
EoT	Equation of Time.

Note

The latitude is stored as the attribute lat of the result, and thus it is accessible with attr(object, 'lat').

Author(s)

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Examples

```
BTd <- fBTd(mode = 'serie')

lat <- 37.2
fSolD(lat, BTd[100])
fSolD(lat, BTd[100], method = 'strous')
fSolD(lat, BTd[100], method = 'spencer')
fSolD(lat, BTd[100], method = 'cooper')

lat <- -37.2
fSolD(lat, BTd[283])

#Solar angles along the year
SolD <- fSolD(lat, BTd = fBTd())

library(lattice)
xyplot(SolD)

#Calculation of the daylength for several latitudes
library(latticeExtra)

Lats <- c(-60, -40, -20, 0, 20, 40, 60)
NomLats <- ifelse(Lats > 0, paste(Lats,'N', sep = ''),
                  paste(abs(Lats), 'S', sep = ''))
NomLats[Lats == 0] <- '0'

mat <- matrix(nrow = 365, ncol = length(Lats))
colnames(mat) <- NomLats
WsZ <- zoo(mat, fBTd(mode = 'serie'))

for (i in seq_along(Lats)){
    SolDaux <- fSolD(lat = Lats[i], BTd = fBTd(mode = 'serie'));
    WsZ[,i] <- r2h(2*abs(SolDaux$ws))}

p = xyplot(WsZ, superpose = TRUE,
        ylab = expression(omega[s] (h)), auto.key = FALSE)
plab <- p+glayer(panel.text(x[1], y[1], NomLats[group.number], pos = 2))
```

```
print(plab)
```

C_fSolI   *Instantaneous apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth*

Description

Compute the angles which describe the intradaily apparent movement of the Sun from the Earth.

Usage

```
fSolI(solD, sample = 'hour', BTi, EoT = TRUE, keep.night = TRUE, method = 'michalsky')
```

Arguments

solD	A zoo object with the result of fSolD
sample	Increment of the intradaily sequence. It is a character string, containing one of '"sec"', '"min"', '"hour"'. This can optionally be preceded by a (positive or negative) integer and a space, or followed by '"s"'. It is used by `seq.POSIXt`. It is not considered when BTi is provided.
BTi	Intradaily time base, a POSIXct object. It could be the index of the G0I argument to `calcG0`. fSolI will produce results only for those days contained both in solD and in BTi.
EoT	logical, if TRUE (default) the Equation of Time is used.
keep.night	logical, if TRUE (default) the night is included in the time series.
method	character, method for the sun geometry calculations to be chosen from 'cooper', 'spencer', 'michalsky' and 'strous'. See references for details.

Value

A zoo object is returned with these components:

w	numeric, solar hour angle (radians)
aman	logical, TRUE when Sun is above the horizon
cosThzS	numeric, cosine of the solar zenith angle
AzS	numeric, solar acimuth angle (radians)
AlS	numeric, solar elevation angle (radians)
Bo0	numeric, extra-atmospheric irradiance (W/m2)
rd, rg	numeric, relation between irradiance and irradiation of diffuse and global values, respectively, following the correlations proposed by Collares-Pereira and Rabl

The latitude is stored as the attribute lat of this object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[fSolD](#)

Examples

```
###Angles for one day
BTd = fBTd(mode = 'serie')

#North hemisphere
lat = 37.2
solD <- fSolD(lat,BTd[100])
solI <- fSolI(solD, sample = 'hour')
print(solI)

#South hemisphere
lat = -37.2;
solDs <- fSolD(lat,BTd[283])
solIs <- fSolI(solDs, sample = 'hour')
print(solIs)

 ###Angles for the 12 average days
lat = 37.2;
solD <- fSolD(lat,BTd = fBTd(mode = 'prom'))
solI <- fSolI(solD, sample = '10 min', keep.night = FALSE)

library(lattice)
library(latticeExtra)

###Solar elevation angle vs. azimuth.
#This kind of graphics is useful for shadows calculations
mon = month.abb
p <- xyplot(r2d(AlS)~r2d(AzS),
    groups = month,
```

```
     data = solI, type = 'l', col = 'black',
     xlab = expression(psi[s]),ylab = expression(gamma[s]))

plab <- p + glayer({
  idx <- round(length(x)/2+1)
  panel.text(x[idx], y[idx], mon[group.value], pos = 3, offset = 0.2, cex = 0.8)})

print(plab)
```

C_fSombra   *Shadows on PV systems*

Description

Compute the shadows factor for two-axis and horizontal N-S axis trackers and fixed surfaces.

Usage

```
fSombra(angGen, distances, struct, modeTrk = 'fixed',prom = TRUE)

fSombra6(angGen,distances,struct,prom = TRUE)

fSombra2X(angGen,distances,struct)

fSombraHoriz(angGen, distances,struct)

fSombraEst(angGen, distances,struct)
```

Arguments

angGen   A zoo object, including at least variables named Beta, Alfa, AzS, AlS and
            cosTheta.

distances   data.frame, with a component named Lew, being the distance (meters) between
            horizontal NS and two-axis trackers along the East-West direction, a component
            named Lns for two-axis trackers or a component named D for static surfaces. An
            additional component named H can be included with the relative height (meters)
            between surfaces. When modeTrk = 'two' (or when fSombra6 is used) this
            data.frame may have five rows. Each of these rows defines the distances of a
            tracker in a set of six ones.

struct   list. When modeTrk = 'fixed' or modeTrk = 'horiz' only a component named
            L, which is the height (meters) of the tracker, is needed. For two-axis trackers
            (modeTrk = 'two'), an additional component named W, the width of the tracker,
            is required. Moreover, two components named Nrow and Ncol are included un-
            der this list. These components define, respectively, the number of rows and
            columns of the whole set of trackers in the PV plant.

modeTrk   character, to be chosen from 'fixed', 'two' or 'horiz'. When modeTrk
                 = 'fixed' the surface is fixed (inclination and azimuth angles are constant).
                 The performance of a two-axis tracker is calculated with modeTrk = 'two', and
                 modeTrk = 'horiz' is the option for an horizontal N-S tracker. Its default value
                 is modeTrk = 'fixed'

prom   logical, only needed for two-axis tracker mode. If TRUE the shadows are aver-
                 aged between the set of trackers defined by struct$Nrow and struct$Ncol

Details

[fSombra](#) is only a wrapper for [fSombra6](#) (two-axis trackers), [fSombraEst](#) (fixed systems) and
[fSombraHoriz](#) (horizontal N-S axis trackers). Depending on the value of modeTrk the correspond-
ing function is selected. [fSombra6](#) calculates the shadows factor in a set of six two-axis trackers.
If distances has only one row, this function constructs a symmetric grid around a tracker located
at (0,0,0). These five trackers are located at (-Lew, Lns, H), (0, Lns, H), (Lew, Lns, H), (-Lew, 0,
H) and (Lns, 0, H). It is possible to define a irregular grid around (0,0,0) including five rows in
distances. When prom = TRUE the shadows factor for each of the six trackers is calculated. Then,
according to the distribution of trackers in the plant defined by struct$Nrow and struct$Ncol, a
weighted average of the shadows factors is the result. It is important to note that the distances are
defined between axis for trackers and between similar points of the structure for fixed surfaces.

Value

data.frame including angGen and a variable named FS, which is the shadows factor. This factor
is the ratio between the area of the generator affected by shadows and the total area. Therefore its
value is 1 when the PV generator is completely shadowed.

Author(s)

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See Also

[calcShd](#), [optimShd](#), [fTheta](#), [calcSol](#)

Examples

```
lat = 37.2;
sol <- calcSol(lat, fBTd(mode = 'prom'), sample = '10 min', keep.night = FALSE)
angGen <- fTheta(sol, beta = 35);
Angles = CBIND(as.zooI(sol), angGen)

###Two-axis tracker
#Symmetric grid
distances = data.frame(Lew = 40,Lns = 30,H = 0)
struct = list(W = 23.11, L = 9.8, Nrow = 2, Ncol = 8)

ShdFactor <- fSombra6(Angles, distances, struct, prom = FALSE)

Angles$FS = ShdFactor
xyplot(FS ~ w, groups = month, data = Angles,
    type = 'l',
    auto.key = list(space = 'right',
                    lines = TRUE,
                    points = FALSE))

#Symmetric grid defined with a five rows data.frame
distances = data.frame(Lew = c(-40,0,40,-40,40),
                       Lns = c(30,30,30,0,0),
                       H = 0)
ShdFactor2 <- fSombra6(Angles, distances, struct,prom = FALSE)

#of course, with the same result
identical(coredata(ShdFactor), coredata(ShdFactor2))
```

C_fTemp   *Intradaily evolution of ambient temperature*

Description

From the maximum and minimum daily values of ambient temperature, its evolution its calculated through a combination of cosine functions (ESRA method)

Usage

```
fTemp(sol, BD)
```

Arguments

sol	A [Sol](#) object. It may be the result of the [calcSol](#) function.
BD	A [Meteo](#) object, as provided by the [readBD](#) function. It must include information about TempMax and TempMin.

Details

The ESRA method estimates the dependence of the temperature on the time of the day (given as the local solar time) from only two inputs: minimum and maximum daily temperatures. It assumes that the temperature daily profile can be described using three piecewise cosine functions, dividing the day into three periods: from midnight to sunrise, from sunrise to the time of peak temperature (3 hours after midday), and to midnight.

Value

A `zoo` object with the profile of the ambient temperature.

Author(s)

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See Also

calcSol, readBD.

C_fTheta   *Angle of incidence of solar irradiation on a inclined surface*

Description

The orientation, azimuth and incidence angle are calculated from the results of `fSolI` or `calcSol` and from the information supplied by the arguments `beta` and `alfa` when the surface is fixed (`modeTrk = 'fixed'`) or the movement equations when a tracking surface is chosen (`modeTrk = 'horiz'` or `modeTrk = 'two'`). Besides, the modified movement of a horizontal NS tracker due to the back-tracking strategy is calculated if `BT = TRUE` with information about the tracker and the distance between the trackers included in the system.

This function is used by the calcGef function.

Usage

```
fTheta(sol, beta, alfa = 0, modeTrk = "fixed", betaLim = 90,
    BT = FALSE, struct, dist)
```

Arguments

sol	Sol object as provided by [calcSol]().
beta	numeric, inclination angle of the surface (degrees). It is only needed when modeTrk = 'fixed'.
alfa	numeric, azimuth angle of the surface (degrees). It is measured from the south (alfa = 0), and it is negative to the east and positive to the west. It is only needed when modeTrk = 'fixed'. Its default value is alfa = 0 (surface facing to the south).
modeTrk	character, to be chosen from 'fixed', 'two' or 'horiz'. When modeTrk = 'fixed' the surface is fixed (inclination and azimuth angles are constant). The performance of a two-axis tracker is calculated with modeTrk = 'two', and modeTrk = 'horiz' is the option for an horizontal N-S tracker. Its default value is modeTrk = 'fixed'
betaLim	numeric, maximum value of the inclination angle for a tracking surface. Its default value is 90 (no limitation))
BT	logical, TRUE when the bactracking technique is to be used with a horizontal NS tracker, as described by Panico et al. (see References). The default value is FALSE. In future versions of this package this technique will be available for two-axis trackers.
struct	Only needed when BT = TRUE. A list, with a component named L, which is the height (meters) of the tracker. In future versions the backtracking technique will be used in conjuction with two-axis trackers, and a additional component named W will be needed.
dist	Only needed when BT = TRUE. A data.frame, with a component named Lew, being the distance between the horizontal NS trackers along the East-West direction. In future versions an additional component named Lns will be needed for two-axis trackers with backtracking.

Value

A zoo object with these components:

Beta	numeric, inclination angle of the surface (radians). When modeTrk = 'fixed' it is the value of the argument beta converted from degrees to radians.
Alfa	numeric, azimuth angle of the surface (radians). When modeTrk = 'fixed' it is the value of the argument alfa converted from degrees to radians.
cosTheta	numeric, cosine of the incidence angle of the solar irradiance on the surface

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

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See Also

fInclin, fSombra, calcGef.

C_HQCurve   *H-Q curves of a centrifugal pump*

Description

Compute and display the H-Q curves of a centrifugal pump fed working at several frequencies, and the iso-efficiency curve as a reference.

Usage

```
HQCurve(pump)
```

Arguments

pump   list containing the parameters of the pump to be simulated. It may be a row of
                pumpCoef.

Value

result   A data.frame with the result of the simulation. It contains several columns
                with values of manometric height (H), frequency (fe and fb), mechanical power
                (Pb), AC electrical power (Pm), DC electrical power (Pdc) and efficiency of the
                pump (etab) and motor (etam).

plot   The plot with several curves labelled with the correspondent frequencies, and
                the isoefficiency curve (named "ISO").

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

References

- Abella, M. A., Lorenzo, E. y Chenlo, F.: PV water pumping systems based on standard frequency converters. Progress in Photovoltaics: Research and Applications, 11(3):179–191, 2003, ISSN 1099-159X.
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See Also

NmgPVPS, prodPVPS, pumpCoef.

Examples

```
library(lattice)
library(latticeExtra)

data(pumpCoef)

CoefSP8A44 <- subset(pumpCoef, Qn == 8&stages == 44)
CurvaSP8A44 <- HQCurve(pump = CoefSP8A44)
```

C_local2Solar   *Local time, mean solar time and UTC time zone.*

Description

The function local2Solar converts the time zone of a POSIXct object to the mean solar time and set its time zone to UTC as a synonym of mean solar time. It includes two corrections: the difference of longitudes between the location and the time zone, and the daylight saving time.

The function CBIND combines several objects (zoo, data.frame or matrix) preserving the index of the first of them or asigning a new one with the index argument.

The function lonHH calculates the longitude (radians) of a time zone.

Usage

```
local2Solar(x, lon = NULL)
CBIND(..., index = NULL)
lonHH(tz)
```

Arguments

x	a POSIXct object
lon	A numeric value of the longitude (degrees) of the location. If lon = NULL (default), this value is assumed to be equal to the longitude of the time zone of x, so only the daylight saving time correction (if needed) is included.
...	A set of zoo objects.
index	A POSIXct object, the index of zoo object constructed with CBIND.
tz	A character, a time zone as documented in https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tz_database_time_zones.

Details

Since the result of local2Solar is the mean solar time, the Equation of Time correction is not calculated with this function. The fSolI function includes this correction if desired.

If the index argument of CBIND is NULL (default) the first object of ... must be a zoo object.

Value

The function `local2Solar` produces a `POSIXct` object with its time zone set to UTC.

The function `CBIND` produces a `zoo` object.

The function `lonHH` gives a numeric value.

Note

It is important to note that the `solaR` package sets the system time zone to UTC with `Sys.setenv(TZ = 'UTC')`. Every `zoo` object created by the package will have an index with this time zone and will be supposed to be mean solar time.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

References

- Perpiñán, O, Energía Solar Fotovoltaica, 2025. (https://blogs.upm.es/oscarperpinan/libros/esf/)
- Perpiñán, O. (2012), "solaR: Solar Radiation and Photovoltaic Systems with R", Journal of Statistical Software, 50(9), 1-32, [doi:10.18637/jss.v050.i09](doi:10.18637/jss.v050.i09)

Examples

```
t.local <- as.POSIXct("2006-01-08 10:07:52", tz = 'Europe/Madrid')

##The local time zone and the location have the same longitude (15 degrees)
local2Solar(t.local)
##But Madrid is at lon = -3
local2Solar(t.local, lon = -3)

##Daylight saving time
t.local.dst <- as.POSIXct("2006-07-08 10:07:52", tz = 'Europe/Madrid')

local2Solar(t.local.dst)
local2Solar(t.local.dst, lon = -3)

## Not run:
##Extracted from an example of calcG0
##NREL-MIDC
##La Ola, Lanai
##Latitude: 20.76685o North
##Longitude: 156.92291o West
##Time Zone: -10.0

NRELurl <- 'http://goo.gl/fFEBN'

dat <- read.table(NRELurl, header = TRUE, sep = ',')
names(dat) <- c('date', 'hour', 'G0', 'B', 'D0', 'Ta')
```

```
##B is direct normal. We need direct horizontal.
dat$B0 <- dat$G0-dat$D0

##http://www.nrel.gov/midc/la_ola_lanai/instruments.html:
##The datalogger program runs using Greenwich Mean Time (GMT),
##data is converted to Hawaiin Standard Time (HST) after data collection
idxLocal <- with(dat, as.POSIXct(paste(date, hour), format = '%m/%d/%Y %H:%M', tz = 'HST'))
head(idxLocal)
idx <- local2Solar(idxLocal, lon = -156.9339)
head(idx)

## End(Not run)
```

C_NmgPVPS   *Nomogram of a photovoltaic pumping system*

Description

This function simulate the performance of a water pump fed by a frequency converter with several PV generators of different size during a day. The result is plotted as a nomogram which relates the nominal power of the PV generator, the total water flow and the total manometric head.

Usage

```
NmgPVPS(pump, Pg, H, Gd, Ta = 30,
    lambda = 0.0045, TONC = 47, eta = 0.95,
    Gmax = 1200, t0 = 6, Nm = 6,
    title = '', theme = custom.theme.2())
```

Arguments

pump	A list extracted from [pumpCoef](#)
Pg	Sequence of values of the nominal power of the PV generator (Wp))
H	Sequence of values of the total manometric head (m)
Gd	Global irradiation incident on the generator (Wh/m²)
Ta	Ambient temperature ($^\circ$C).
lambda	Power losses factor due to temperature
TONC	Nominal operational cell temperature ($^\circ$C).
eta	Average efficiency of the frequency converter
Gmax	Maximum value of irradiance (parameter of the IEC 61725)
t0	Hours from midday to sunset (parameter of the IEC 61725)
Nm	Number of samples per hour
title	Main title of the plot.
theme	Theme of the lattice plot.

Details

This function computes the irradiance profile according to the IEC 61725 "Analytical Expression for Daily Solar Profiles", which is a common reference in the official documents regarding PV pumping systems. At this version only pumps from the manufacturer Grundfos are included in `pumpCoef`.

Value

I	`list` with the results of irradiance, power and flow of the system.
D	`list` with the results of total irradiation, electrical energy and flow for every nominal power of the generator.
param	`list` with the arguments used in the call to the function.
plot	`trellis` object containing the nomogram.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

References

- Abella, M. A., Lorenzo, E. y Chenlo, F.: PV water pumping systems based on standard frequency converters. Progress in Photovoltaics: Research and Applications, 11(3):179–191, 2003, ISSN 1099-159X.

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See Also

`fPump`, `prodPVPS`, `pumpCoef`

Examples

```
Pg = seq(4000, 8000,by = 100);
H = seq(120, 150,by = 5);

data(pumpCoef)

CoefSP8A44 <- subset(pumpCoef, Qn == 8 & stages == 44)

NmgSP8A44 <- NmgPVPS(pump = CoefSP8A44,Pg = Pg,H = H,Gd = 5000,
     title = 'Choice of Pump', theme = custom.theme())
```

C_sample2Diff   *Small utilities for difftime objects.*

Description

diff2Hours converts a difftime object into its numeric value with units = 'hours'.

char2diff converts a character description into a difftime object, following the code of seq.POSIXt.

sample2Hours calculates the sampling time in hours described by a character or a difftime.

P2E (power to energy) sums a series of power values (for example, irradiance) to obtain energy aggregation (for example, irradiation) using sample2Hours for the units conversion.

Usage

```
diff2Hours(by)
char2diff(by)
sample2Hours(by)
P2E(x, by)
```

Arguments

by	A character for char2diff, sample2Hours and P2E, or a difftime for diff2Hours, sample2Hours and P2E.
x	A numeric vector.

Value

A numeric value or a difftime object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

See Also

[Sol](Sol)

Examples

```
char2diff('min')
char2diff('2 s')

sample2Hours('s')
sample2Hours('30 m')

by1 <- char2diff('10 min')
sample2Hours(by1)
```

C_utils-angle   *Conversion between angle units.*

Description

Several small functions to convert angle units.

Usage

```
d2r(x)
r2d(x)
h2r(x)
h2d(x)
r2h(x)
d2h(x)
r2sec(x)
```

Arguments

x   A numeric value.

Value

A numeric value:

d2r: Degrees to radians.

r2d: Radians to degrees.

h2r: Hours to radians.

r2h: Radians to hours.

h2d: Hours to degrees.

d2h: Degrees to hours.

r2sec: Radians to seconds.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

C_utils-time   *Utilities for time indexes.*

Description

Several small functions to extract information from POSIXct indexes.

Usage

```
hour(x)
minute(x)
second(x)
hms(x)
doy(x)
dom(x)
month(x)
year(x)
DoY(x)
DoM(x)
Month(x)
Year(x)
dst(x)
truncDay(x)
```

Arguments

x   A POSIXct vector.

Value

The functions year, month, day, hour, minute, second give the numeric value corresponding to their names.

doy and dom provide the (numeric) day of year and day of month, respectively.

Month, Year, DoY and DoM give the same result as month, year, doy and dom in a character string format.

hms gives the numeric value hour(x)+minute(x)/60+second(x)/3600

dst is +1 if the Daylight Savings Time flag is in force, zero if not, -1 if unknown ([DateTimeClasses](#)).

truncDay truncates the POSIXct object towards the day.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro.

See Also

as.POSIXct

```
D_as.data.frameD-methods
```
Methods for Function as.data.frameD

Description

Convert a `Sol` object (or a extended class) into a `data.frame` with daily values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
as.data.frameD(object, complete=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object   A Sol object (or extended.)

complete   A logical.

Methods

signature(object = "Sol") This function converts the object into a zoo container with the `as.zooD`
     function and then into a `data.frame` with `as.data.frame`. Besides, it includes three addi-
     tional columns named `month`, `day` (day of year) and `year`.

See [as.zooD-methods](#) for a description of the argument `complete`.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

```
D_as.data.frameI-methods
```
Methods for Function as.data.frameI

Description

Convert a `Sol` object (or a extended class) into a data.frame with intradaily values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
as.data.frameI(object, complete=FALSE, day=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`object`	A Sol object (or extended.)
`complete`	A logical.
`day`	A logical.

Methods

`signature(object = "Sol")` This function converts the object into a zoo container with the `as.zooI` function and then into a `data.frame` with `as.data.frame`. Besides, it includes three additional columns named `month`, day (day of year) and `year`.

See [`as.zooI-methods`](#) for a description of the arguments `complete` and `day`.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_as.data.frameM-methods

Methods for Function as.data.frameM

Description

Convert a `G0` object (or a extended class) into a `data.frame` with monthly values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
as.data.frameM(object, complete=FALSE)
```

Arguments

`object`	A G0 object (or extended.)
`complete`	A logical.

Methods

`signature(object = "G0")` This function converts the object into a zoo container with the `as.zooM` function and then into a `data.frame` with `as.data.frame`. Besides, it includes two additional columns named `month` and `year`.

See [`as.zooM-methods`](#) for a description of the argument `complete`.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_as.data.frameY-methods

Methods for Function as.data.frameY

Description

Convert a `G0` object (or a extended class) into a `data.frame` with yearly values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
as.data.frameY(object, complete=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object   A G0 object (or extended.)

complete   A logical.

Methods

signature(object = "G0") This function converts the object into a zoo container with the `as.zooY` function and then into a `data.frame` with `as.data.frame`. Besides, it includes an additional column named year.

See [as.zooY-methods](#) for a description of the argument `complete`.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_as.zooD-methods   *Methods for Function as.zooD*

Description

Convert a `Sol`, `G0`, `Gef`, `ProdGCPV` or `ProdPVPS` object into a `zoo` object with daily values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
as.zooD(object, complete=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object   A Sol object (or extended.)

complete   A logical.

Methods

signature(object = "Sol") Conversion to a zoo object with the content of the solD slot.

signature(object = "G0") If complete=FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of
G0d, D0d and B0d from the G0D slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the slots solD
and G0D.

signature(object = "Gef") If complete=FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of
Gefd, Defd and Befd from the GefD slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the slots
solD, G0D and GefD

signature(object = "ProdGCPV") If complete=FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns
of Eac, Edc and Yf from the prodD slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the slots
solD, G0D, GefD and prodD.

signature(object = "ProdPVPS") If complete=FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns
of Eac, Qd and Yf from the prodD slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the slots
solD, G0D, GefD and prodD.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_as.zooI-methods   *Methods for Function as.zooI*

Description

Convert a Sol, G0, Gef, ProdGCPV or ProdPVPS object into a zoo object with intradaily values and
(optionally) daily values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
as.zooI(object, complete=FALSE, day=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object   A Sol object (or extended).

complete   A logical.

day   A logical.

Methods

signature(object = "Sol") If complete=FALSE and day=FALSE (default) the result includes only
the content of the solI slot. It day=TRUE the contents of the solD slot are included.

signature(object = "G0") If complete=FALSE and day=FALSE (default) the result includes only
the columns of G0, D0 and B0 of the G0I slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the
slots G0I and solI. If day=TRUE the daily values (slots G0D and solD) are also included.)

signature(object = "Gef") If complete=FALSE and day=FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of Gef, Def and Bef of the GefI slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the slots GefI, G0I and solI. If day=TRUE the daily values (slots GefD, G0D and solD) are also included.)

signature(object = "ProdGCPV") If complete=FALSE and day=FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of Pac and Pdc of the prodI slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the slots prodI, GefI, G0I and solI. If day=TRUE the daily values (slots prodD, GefD, G0D and solD) are also included.)

signature(object = "ProdPVPS") If complete=FALSE and day=FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of Pac and Q of the prodI slot. If complete=TRUE it returns the contents of the slots prodI, GefI, G0I and solI. If day=TRUE the daily values (slots prodD, GefD, G0D and solD) are also included.)

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_as.zooM-methods   *Methods for Function as.zooM*

Description

Convert a G0, Gef, ProdGCPV or ProdPVPS object into a zoo object with monthly average of daily values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
as.zooM(object, complete=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object	A G0 object (or extended.)
complete	A logical.

Methods

signature(object = "G0") The result is the G0dm slot.

signature(object = "Gef") If complete=FALSE (default) the result is the slot Gefdm. If complete=TRUE it returns the slot G0dm.

signature(object = "ProdGCPV") If complete=FALSE (default) the result is the prodDm slot. If complete=TRUE the result includes the slots G0dm and Gefdm.

signature(object = "ProdPVPS") If complete=FALSE (default) the result is the prodDm slot. If complete=TRUE the result includes the slots G0dm and Gefdm.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

`D_as.zooY-methods`   *Methods for Function as.zooY*

Description

Convert a `G0`, `Gef`, `ProdGCPV` or `ProdPVPS` object into a `zoo` object with yearly values.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
as.zooY(object, complete=FALSE)
```

Arguments

object   A G0 object (or extended.)

complete   A logical.

Methods

signature(object = "G0") The result is the G0y slot.

signature(object = "Gef") If complete=FALSE (default) the result is the slot Gefy. If complete=TRUE
    it returns the slot G0y.

signature(object = "ProdGCPV") If complete=FALSE (default) the result is the prody slot. If
    complete=TRUE the result includes the slots G0y and Gefy.

signature(object = "ProdPVPS") If complete=FALSE (default) the result is the prody slot. If
    complete=TRUE the result includes the slots G0y and Gefy.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

`D_compare-methods`   *Compare G0, Gef and ProdGCPV objects*

Description

Compare and plot the yearly values of several objects.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
compare(...)
```

Arguments

    ...   A list of objects to be compared.

Methods

The class of the first element of `...` is used to determine the suitable method. The result is plotted with [dotplot](#):

`signature(... = "G0")` yearly values of `G0d`, `B0d` and `D0d`.

`signature(... = "Gef")` yearly values of `Gefd`, `Befd` and `Defd`.

`signature(... = "ProdGCPV")` yearly values of `Yf`, `Gefd` and `G0d`.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

See Also

[dotplot](#)

Examples

```
lat = 37.2;
G0dm = c(2766, 3491, 4494, 5912, 6989, 7742, 7919, 7027, 5369, 3562, 2814,
2179)
Ta = c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2)
prom = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta)

###Comparison of different tracker methods
ProdFixed <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom, keep.night = FALSE)
Prod2x <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom, modeTrk = 'two', keep.night = FALSE)
ProdHoriz <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom, modeTrk = 'horiz', keep.night = FALSE)

compare(ProdFixed, Prod2x, ProdHoriz)

##The first element rules the method
GefFixed = as(ProdFixed, 'Gef')
compare(GefFixed, Prod2x, ProdHoriz)
```

D_getData-methods   *Methods for function getData*

Description

Meteorological source data of a `Meteo` (or extended) object.

Methods

signature(object = ″Meteo″) returns the meteorological source data of the slot data of the object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_getG0-methods   *Methods for function getG0*

Description

Global irradiation source data of a Meteo (or extended) object.

Methods

signature(object = ″Meteo″) returns the global irradiation values stored in a Meteo object.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_getLat-methods   *Methods for Function getLat*

Description

Latitude angle of solaR objects.

Usage

```
getLat(object, units='rad')
```

Arguments

object	A Sol or Meteo object (or extended.)
units	A character, 'rad' or 'deg'.

Methods

This function returns the latitude angle in radians (`units='rad'`, default) or degrees (`units='deg'`).

signature(object = ″Meteo″) Value of the `latData` slot, which is defined by the argument `lat` of the [readG0dm](#) and [readBD](#) functions, or by the `lat` component of the `dataRad` object passed to `calcG0` (or equivalent) . It is the latitude of the meteorological station (or equivalent) which provided the irradiation source data. It may be different from the value used for the calculation procedure.

signature(object = ″Sol″) Value of the `lat` slot, which is defined by the argument `lat` of the `calcSol` function. It is the value used through the calculation procedure.

signature(object = ″G0″) same as for the `Sol` class.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_indexD-methods *Methods for Function indexD*

Description

Daily time index of `solaR` objects.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Meteo'
indexD(object)
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
indexD(object)
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
indexD(object)
```

Arguments

object   A `Meteo`, `Sol` or `G0` object (or extended).

Methods

signature(object = ″Meteo″) returns the index of the `data` slot (a zoo object.)

signature(object = ″Sol″) returns the index of the `solD` slot (a zoo object.)

signature(object = ″G0″) same as for `object='Sol'`

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_indexI-methods *Methods for Function indexI*

Description

Intra-daily time index of `solaR` objects.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
indexI(object)
```

Arguments

object   A Sol object (or extended).

Methods

signature(object = "Sol") returns the index of the slot solI (a zoo object).

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_indexRep-methods *Methods for Function indexRep*

Description

Daily time index of `solaR` object.

Methods

signature(object = "Sol") returns the daily index of the solD slot but repeated to match the length of the index of the solI slot.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_levelplot-methods   *Methods for function levelplot.*

Description

Methods for function `levelplot` and `zoo` and `solaR` objects.

Methods

signature(x = "formula", data = "zoo"): The `zoo` object is converted into a `data.frame` object and additional columns are added (day, month and year, and w with the solar hour in radians). This `data.frame` is the `data` argument for a call to `levelplot`, using the S3 method for class `formula`.

signature(x = "formula", data = "Meteo"): The `Meteo` object is converted into a `zoo` object, and the previous method is used.

signature(x = "formula", data = "Sol"): idem

signature(x = "formula", data = "G0"): idem

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_Losses-methods   *Losses of a GCPV system*

Description

The function `losses` calculates the yearly losses from a Gef or a ProdGCPV object. The function `compareLosses` compares the losses from several ProdGCPV objects and plots the result with [dotplot](#).

Usage

```
compareLosses(...)
losses(object)
```

Arguments

...	A list of `ProdGCPV` objects to be compared.
object	An object of `Gef` or `ProdGCPV` class..

Methods

signature(... = "Gef") shadows and angle of incidence (AoI) losses.

signature(... = "ProdGCPV") shadows, AoI, generator (mainly temperature), DC and AC system (as detailed in effSys of [fProd](#)) and inverter losses.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

References

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- Perpiñán, O. (2012), "solaR: Solar Radiation and Photovoltaic Systems with R", Journal of Statistical Software, 50(9), 1-32, doi:10.18637/jss.v050.i09

See Also

fInclin, fProd

Examples

```
lat = 37.2;
G0dm = c(2766, 3491, 4494, 5912, 6989, 7742, 7919, 7027, 5369, 3562, 2814,
2179)
Ta = c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2)
prom = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta)

###Comparison of different tracker methods
ProdFixed <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,dataRad = prom, keep.night = FALSE)
Prod2x <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom, modeTrk = 'two', keep.night = FALSE)
ProdHoriz <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,dataRad = prom, modeTrk = 'horiz', keep.night = FALSE)

losses(ProdFixed)
losses(as(ProdFixed, 'Gef'))

compareLosses(ProdFixed, Prod2x, ProdHoriz)
```

D_mergesolaR-methods   *Merge solaR objects*

Description

Merge the daily time series of solaR objects

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
mergesolaR(...)
```

Arguments

...   A list of objects to be merged.

Methods

The class of the first element of ... is used to determine the suitable method. Only the most important daily variable is merged, depending on the class of the objects:

signature(... = "Meteo") G0

signature(... = "G0") G0d

signature(... = "Gef") Gefd

signature(... = "ProdGCPV") Yf

signature(... = "ProdPVPS") Yf

Examples

```
lat = 37.2;
G0dm = c(2766, 3491, 4494, 5912, 6989, 7742, 7919, 7027, 5369, 3562, 2814,
2179)
Ta = c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2)
prom = list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta)

###Different tracker methods
ProdFixed <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,dataRad = prom, keep.night = FALSE)
Prod2x <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom, modeTrk = 'two', keep.night = FALSE)
ProdHoriz <- prodGCPV(lat = lat,dataRad = prom, modeTrk = 'horiz', keep.night = FALSE)

prod <- mergesolaR(ProdFixed, Prod2x, ProdHoriz)
head(prod)
```

D_shadeplot-methods   *Methods for Function shadeplot*

Description

Visualization of the content of a Shade object.

Methods

signature(x = "Shade") display the results of the iteration with a level plot for the two-axis tracking, or with conventional plot for horizontal tracking and fixed systems.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

D_window-methods *Methods for extracting a time window*

Description

Method for extracting the subset of a solaR object whose daily time index ([indexD](#)) is comprised between the times i and j.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Meteo'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
## S4 method for signature 'G0'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
## S4 method for signature 'Gef'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
## S4 method for signature 'ProdGCPV'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
## S4 method for signature 'ProdPVPS'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
```

Arguments

x	A Meteo, Sol, etc. object.
i	an index/time value (Date or POSIXct classes) defining the start of the time window.
j	an index/time value (Date or POSIXct classes) defining the end of the time window.
..., drop	Additional arguments for window.zoo

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

See Also

[window.zoo](#) [indexD](#)

Examples

```
lat = 37.2
sol = calcSol(lat, BTd = fBTd(mode = 'serie'))
range(indexD(sol))

start <- as.Date(indexD(sol)[1])
```

```
end <- start + 30

solWindow <- sol[start, end]
range(indexD(solWindow))
```

D_writeSolar-methods   *Exporter of solaR results*

Description

Exports the results of the solaR functions as text files using `read.zoo`

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Sol'
writeSolar(object, file, complete = FALSE,
    day = FALSE, timeScales = c('i', 'd', 'm', 'y'), sep = ',', ...)
```

Arguments

object	A Sol object (or extended.)
file	A character with the name of the file.
complete	A logical. Should all the variables be exported?
day	A logical. Should be daily values included in the intradaily file?
timeScales	A character. Use 'i' to export intradaily values, 'd' for daily values, 'm' for monthly values and 'y' for yearly values. A different file will be created for each choice.
sep	The field separator character.
...	Additional arguments for `write.zoo`

Methods

signature(object = "Sol") This function exports the slots with results using `write.zoo`. If complete = FALSE and day = FALSE (default) the result includes only the content of the solI slot. It day = TRUE the contents of the solD slot are included.

signature(object = "G0") If complete = FALSE and day = FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of G0, D0 and B0 of the G0I slot. If complete = TRUE it returns the contents of the slots G0I and solI. If day = TRUE the daily values (slots G0D and solD) are also included.

signature(object = "Gef") If complete = FALSE and day = FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of Gef, Def and Bef of the GefI slot. If complete = TRUE it returns the contents of the slots GefI, G0I and solI. If day = TRUE the daily values (slots GefD, G0D and solD) are also included.

signature(object = "ProdGCPV") If complete = FALSE and day = FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of Pac and Pdc of the prodI slot. If complete = TRUE it returns the contents of the slots prodI, GefI, G0I and solI. If day = TRUE the daily values (slots prodD, GefD, G0D and solD) are also included.

signature(object = "ProdPVPS") If complete = FALSE and day = FALSE (default) the result includes only the columns of Pac and Q of the prodI slot. If complete = TRUE it returns the contents of the slots prodI, GefI, G0I and solI. If day = TRUE the daily values (slots prodD, GefD, G0D and solD) are also included.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

See Also

[write.zoo](), [read.zoo](), [as.zooI](), [as.zooD](), [as.zooM](), [as.zooY]()

Examples

```
lat <- 37.2;
G0dm <- c(2766, 3491, 4494, 5912, 6989, 7742, 7919, 7027, 5369, 3562, 2814, 2179)
Ta <- c(10, 14.1, 15.6, 17.2, 19.3, 21.2, 28.4, 29.9, 24.3, 18.2, 17.2, 15.2)
prom <- list(G0dm = G0dm, Ta = Ta)

prodFixed <- prodGCPV(lat = lat, dataRad = prom, modeRad = 'aguiar', keep.night = FALSE)

old <- setwd(tempdir())

writeSolar(prodFixed, 'prodFixed.csv')

dir()

zI <- read.zoo("prodFixed.csv",
               header = TRUE, sep = ",",
               FUN = as.POSIXct)

zD <- read.zoo("prodFixed.D.csv",
               header = TRUE, sep = ",")

zD <- read.zoo("prodFixed.D.csv",
               header = TRUE, sep = ",",
               FUN = as.yearmon)

setwd(old)
```

D_xyplot-methods   *Methods for function xyplot in Package 'solaR'*

Description

Methods for function xyplot in Package 'solaR'

Methods

signature(x = "formula", data = "zoo"): The zoo object is converted into a data.frame object and additional columns are added (day, month and year, and w with the solar hour in radians). This data.frame is the data argument for a call to xyplot, using the S3 method for class formula.

signature(x = "formula", data = "Meteo"): The Meteo object is converted into a zoo object with getData(data). This zoo is the data argument for a call to xyplot, using the S4 method for signature(x = "formula", data = "zoo").

signature(x = "formula", data = "Sol"): The Sol object is converted into a zoo object with as.zooI(data, complete = TRUE, day = TRUE) (therefore, the zoo includes the whole content of the object). This zoo is the data argument for a call to xyplot, using the S4 method for signature(x = "formula", data = "zoo").

signature(x = "formula", data = "G0"): The G0 object is converted into a zoo object with as.zooI(data, complete = TRUE, day = TRUE) (therefore, the zoo includes the whole content of the object). This zoo is the data argument for a call to xyplot, using the S4 method for signature(x = "formula", data = "zoo").

signature(x = "Meteo", data = "missing"): The Meteo object is converted into a zoo object with getData(x) and displayed with the method for zoo.

signature(x = "G0", data = "missing"): The x object is converted into a zoo object with as.zooD(x, complete = FALSE). Therefore, the content of the G0D slot (a zoo object) is displayed with the method for zoo.

signature(x = "ProdGCPV", data = "missing"): Idem, but the variables are not superposed.

signature(x = "ProdPVPS", data = "missing"): Idem.

signature(x = "formula", data = "Shade"): The Shade object is converted into a data.frame and passed as the data argument to the xyplot function. Once again, the S3 method for class formula is used.

Author(s)

Oscar Perpiñán Lamigueiro

E_aguiar	*Markov Transition Matrices for the Aguiar etal. procedure*

Description

Markov Transition Matrices and auxiliary data for generating sequences of daily radiation values.

Usage

```
data(MTM)
```

Format

`MTM` is a `data.frame` with the collection of Markov Transition Matrices defined in the paper "Simple procedure for generating sequences of daily radiation values using a library of Markov transition matrices", Aguiar et al., Solar Energy, 1998. `Ktlim` (matrix) and `Ktm` (vector) are auxiliary data to choose the correspondent matrix of the collection.

E_helios	*Daily irradiation and ambient temperature from the Helios-IES database*

Description

A year of irradiation, maximum and minimum ambient temperature from the HELIOS-IES database.

Usage

```
data(helios)
```

Format

A data frame with 355 observations on the following 4 variables:

`yyyy.mm.dd` a factor: year, month and day.

`G.0.` a numeric vector, daily global horizontal irradiation.

`TambMax` a numeric vector, maximum ambient temperature.

`TambMin` a numeric vector, minimum ambient temperature.

Source

http://helios.ies-def.upm.es/consulta.aspx

E_prodEx	*Productivity of a set of PV systems of a PV plant.*

Description

A `zoo` object with the time evolution of the final productivity of a set of 22 systems of a large PV plant.

Usage

```
data(prodEx)
```

References

O. Perpiñán, Statistical analysis of the performance and simulation of a two-axis tracking PV system, Solar Energy, 83:11(2074–2085), 2009.https://oa.upm.es/1843/1/PERPINAN_ART2009_01.pdf

E_pumpCoef	*Coefficients of centrifugal pumps.*

Description

Coefficients of centrifugal pumps

Usage

```
data(pumpCoef)
```

Format

A data frame with 13 columns:

Qn rated flux

stages number of stages

Qmax maximum flux

Pmn rated motor power

a, b, c Coefficients of the equation $H = a \cdot f^2 + b \cdot f \cdot Q + c \cdot Q^2$.

g, h, i Coefficients of the efficiency curve of the motor (50 Hz): $\eta_m = g \cdot (\%P_{mn})^2 + h \cdot (\%Pmn) + i$.

j, k, l Coefficients of the efficiency curve of the pump (50 Hz): $\eta_b = j \cdot Q^2 + k \cdot Q + l$.

Details

With this version only pumps from the manufacturer Grundfos are included.

Source

https://product-selection.grundfos.com/

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E_solaR.theme *solaR theme*

Description

A customized theme for lattice. It is based on the `custom.theme.2` function of the `latticeExtra` package with the next values:

- `pch = 19`
- `cex = 0.7`
- `region = rev(brewer.pal(9, 'YlOrRd'))`
- `strip.background$col = 'lightgray'`
- `strip.shingle$col = 'transparent'`

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solaR-defunct *Defunct functions in package 'solaR'*

Description

These functions are no longer available.

Details

- `readSIAR`: The SIAR webpage cannot be accessed with a direct URL but using javascript code. Therefore, the function `readSIAR` no longer works. This help page is still here as a reference. The SIAR webpage is now https://eportal.mapa.gob.es//websiar/Inicio.aspx.
- `TargetDiagram`, `analyzeData`: Use the `tdr` package

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