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| simulations   | Simulated runoff  |

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

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### References

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### Examples

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

## End(Not run)
```

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pRsim *Simulate for one station*

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### Description

Applies the algorithm to a single station

### Usage

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

**Arguments**

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| <code>data</code>         | data frame containing the time indications and runoff of at least one station. See ‘Details’.   |
| <code>station_id</code>   | identifies the station in case several runoffs are present in data. See ‘Details’.  |
| <code>number_sim</code>   | number of simulations to be carried out.  |
| <code>win_h_length</code> | (half-)length of moving window size.  |
| <code>marginal</code>     | marginal distribution to be used for the backtransformation. Can be either "kappa", "empirical", or any type of CDF (see ‘Details’). "kappa" uses the four-parameter kappa distribution for backtransformation, "empirical" uses the empirical distribution. CDF allows for specifying any distribution ‘Examples’. |
| <code>n_par</code>        | number of parameters of the marginal distribution used  |
| <code>GoFtest</code>      | If (non-null) a GoF test for daily data should be performed: "KS" performs a Kolmogorof-Smirnov test, and "AD" performs an Anderson-Darling test. see ‘Details’)  |
| <code>verbose</code>      | logical. Should progress be reported?   |
| <code>marginalpar</code>  | logical. Should the estimated parameters of the distribution used be returned?  |
| <code>suppWarn</code>     | logical. See ‘Details’.   |
| <code>...</code>          | any other argument passed to the sub-function specifying the cdf for fitting. See ‘Details’ and ‘Examples’.   |

**Details**

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

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

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

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

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

**Value**

A list with elements

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| <code>simulation</code> | A data frame with time information, observations, deseasonalized observations and <code>number_sim</code> columns containing the simulated runoff. |
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`pars` A matrix containing the estimated parameters of the marginal distribution (if `marginalpar`).

`p_val` A vector containing the p-values of `ks.test` or `ad.test` applied to the daily detrended data (if `GoF.test` is not `NULL`)

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**References**

Brunner, Bardossy, Furrer (2019) Technical note: Stochastic simulation of streamflow time series using phase randomization. Under review. <https://www.hydro1-earth-syst-sci-discuss.net/hess-2019-142/>.

**See Also**

`ks.test`

**Examples**

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

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

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

## End(Not run)

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

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

## End(Not run)
```

runoff

*Sample runoff of a catchment***Description**

Artificial runoff data based on actual and simulated observations.

**Usage**

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

**Format**

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

YYYY a numeric vector, year

MM a numeric vector, month

DD a numeric vector, day

Qobs a numeric vector, synthetic observed runoff

**Details**

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

**Source**

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

**References**

Brunner, Bardossy, Furrer (2019) Technical note: Stochastic simulation of streamflow time series using phase randomization. Submitted.

**Examples**

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

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

**Usage**

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

**Format**

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

YYYY a numeric vector, year

MM a numeric vector, month

DD a numeric vector, day

timestamp POSIXct vector of the daily runoff

deseasonalized deseasonalized time series

Qobs observed runoff

r1,...,r50 50 simulated runoff series

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

**Details**

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

**Source**

The data has been generated with

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

(default values for all other arguments).

**References**

Brunner, Bardossy, Furrer (2019) Technical note: Stochastic simulation of streamflow time series using phase randomization. Submitted.

**Examples**

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

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



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