

# Package ‘gwfa’

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**Description** Performs Geographically Weighted Fractal Analysis (GWFA) to calculate the local fractal dimension of a set of points. GWFA mixes the Sandbox multifractal algorithm and the Geographically Weighted Regression. Unlike fractal box-counting algorithm, the sandbox algorithm avoids border effects because the boxes are adjusted on the set of points. The Geographically Weighted approach consists in applying a kernel that describes the way the neighbourhood of each estimated point is taken into account to estimate its fractal dimension. GWFA can be used to discriminate built patterns of a city, a region, or a whole country.

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 Grid-class

*Grid class*


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**Description**

A S4 class to define a grid, the output class of gwfa function.

**Value**

an object of class "Grid"

**Slots**

**cell\_size** Cell size of the grid

**bandwith** Radius of the Kernel Density Estimator

**radius** Radius of the multiscale analysis

**q** The vector of order of the Renyi entropy

**sample\_size** size of the sample for calculate the average of the masses for the different radius and Renyi entropy orders  $M^q(R)$

**Methods**

[ Gets the value of an object

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 grid\_to\_spdf

*Transforms Grid Object into SpatialPolygonsDataFrame*


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**Description**

Transforms Grid Object (the output of the gwfa function) into SpatialPolygonsDataFrame.

**Usage**

```
grid_to_spdf(df,epsg,cell_size=NULL, bandwith = NULL, radius = NULL,
  q = NULL, sample_size = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

df the data.frame obtained from the gwfa function

epsg EPSG code

cell\_size leave empty

bandwith leave empty

radius leave empty

q leave empty

sample\_size leave empty

**Details**

Returns a `spatialPolygonsdataframe`.

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**Examples**

```
library(gwfa)

data("mariegalante")

test=gwfa(points=mariegalante,q=0,radius=(20*2^((0:6)/2)),
bandwith=1600,sample_size=500,cell_size=2000)
test=test[test$count>100,]#select the cells with at least 100 points.

#estimate the fractal dimension on the 7 radius
X=cbind(rep(1,length(test@radius)),log2(test@radius))
fit_frac_dim=(do.call(cbind,test[,4:10]))%*%t(solve(t(X)%*%X)%*%t(X))
test$dimfrac=fit_frac_dim[,2]

#create spatial polygon dataframe
shp=grid_to_spdf(test,"2970")
```

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guadeloupe

*Centroids of buildings of Guadeloupe (French Island in Caribbean)*

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**Description**

The guadeloupe centroids has been extracted from OpenStreetMap.

Map data copyrighted OpenStreetMap contributors and available from '<http://www.openstreetmap.org>'

**Value**

x	longitude
y	latitude

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data("guadeloupe")

plot(guadeloupe)

## End(Not run)
```

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gwfa

*Geographically Weighted Fractal Analysis*


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**Description**

Estimate local fractal dimension of a 2D set of points

**Usage**

```
gwfa(points, q = 0, radius, bandwidth, sample_size, cell_size)
```

**Arguments**

points	A data.frame containing two rows "x" and "y" corresponding to the longitude and latitude of the set of points analysed
q	The vector of order of the Renyi entropy. q=0 allows calculating more robusting box-counting dimension.
radius	the vector of radius of the multi-scale analysis
bandwidth	Bandwidth of the GWFA. This bandwidth acts as a local-global parameter. A large bandwidth leads to a global analysis. On the contrary, a small bandwidth leads to a local analysis. The unit of measurement is free. It must be the same as the unit of cell_size variable.
sample_size	size of the sample for calculate the average of the masses for the different radius and Renyi entropy orders $M^q(R)$ . The choice of sample_size is a tradeoff between precision and computing speed. In our experience, 3000 is an appropriate choice.
cell_size	Cell size of the grid. The unit of measurement is free. It must be the same as the unit of bandwidth variable.

**Details**

GWFA is a spatial method to analyse the variability of multiscale behavior in space of set of points. The vector of radius sets the scale of the multiscale analysis whereas the bandwidth describes the size of the neighborhood of the analysis. The cell\_size indicate the spacing between the estimate points. sample\_size is a technique parameter indicates the size of the sample of the set of points used in the analysis.

GWFA is a mix between Sandbox Multifractal analysis and Geographically Weighted Approach. The kernel used is the bisquare  $(1 - (\frac{distance}{bandwidth})^2)^2$

As output, we get a Grid object. A Grid class inherits from the class data.frame and it is completed by five slots (cell\_size, bandwidth, radius, q and sample\_size) corresponding of input parameters of the gwfa function.

### Author(s)

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### References

Vicsek, T. (1990). Mass multifractals. *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*, 168(1), 490-497.

Brunsdon, C., Fotheringham, S., & Charlton, M. (1998). Geographically weighted regression. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series D (The Statistician)*, 47(3), 431-443.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
data("guadeloupe")

test=gwfa(points=guadeloupe,q=0,radius=(20*2^((0:6)/2)),
bandwidth=1600,sample_size=3000,cell_size=2000)
test=test[test$count>100,]#select the cells with at least 100 points.

#estimate the fractal dimension on the 7 radius
X=cbind(rep(1,length(test@radius)),log2(test@radius))
fit_frac_dim=(do.call(cbind,test[,4:10]))%*%t(solve(t(X)%*%X)%*%t(X))
test$dimfrac=fit_frac_dim[,2]

#create spatial polygon dataframe
shp=grid_to_spdf(test,"2970")

#convert to geographic information systems software format
library(rgdal)
writeOGR(shp,"guade_analysis.shp","guade_analysis",driver="ESRI Shapefile",overwrite_layer = T)

#use the cartography package
library(cartography)
choroLayer(spdf=shp,nclass=5,var="dimfrac",method="fisher-jenks")

## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

The Marie-Galante centroids has been extracted from OpenStreetMap.

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**Value**

x	longitude
y	latitude

**Examples**

```
library(gwfa)

data("mariegalante")

test=gwfa(points=mariegalante,q=0,radius=(20*2^((0:6)/2)),
bandwith=1600,sample_size=500,cell_size=2000)
test=test[test$count>100,]#select the cells with at least 100 points.

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## End(Not run)
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