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add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties
<i>Add multiscale connectivity penalties to a prioritizr problem</i>

Description

Adds penalties to a conservation planning problem to account for cross-resolution connectivity between H3 planning units. Connections with larger values are given greater importance when identifying solutions with coordinated selection across resolutions. Connectivity data can be supplied as a matrix, `Matrix::dgCMatrix`, data frame in Marxan format, or four-dimensional array, following the formats supported by `prioritizr::add_connectivity_penalties()`.

Usage

```
add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(  
  x,  
  penalty,  
  zones = diag(prioritizr::number_of_zones(x)),  
  data,  
  normalize = c("none", "sym")  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,ANY,ANY,matrix,character'  
add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(  
  x,  
  penalty,  
  zones = diag(prioritizr::number_of_zones(x)),  
  data,  
  normalize = c("none", "sym")  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,ANY,ANY,Matrix,character'  
add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(  
  x,  
  penalty,  
  zones = diag(prioritizr::number_of_zones(x)),  
  data,  
  normalize = c("none", "sym")  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,ANY,ANY,data.frame,character'  
add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(  
  x,  
  penalty,  
  zones = diag(prioritizr::number_of_zones(x)),  
  data,  
  normalize = c("none", "sym")  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,ANY,ANY,dgCMatrix,character'  
add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(  
  x,  
  penalty,  
  zones = diag(prioritizr::number_of_zones(x)),  
  data,  
  normalize = c("none", "sym")  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,ANY,ANY,array,character'  
add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(  
  x,
```

```

    penalty,
    zones = diag(prioritizr::number_of_zones(x)),
    data,
    normalize = c("none", "sym")
  )

```

Arguments

x	problem() object.
penalty	numeric value denoting the importance of selecting planning units with strong connectivity between them compared to the main problem objective (e.g., solution cost if x has a minimum set objective set using add_min_set_objective()). Higher penalty values can be used to obtain solutions with a high degree of connectivity, and smaller penalty values can be used to obtain solutions with a small degree of connectivity. Note that negative penalty values can be used to obtain solutions that avoid connectivity.
zones	matrix or Matrix object describing the level of connectivity between different zones. Each row and column corresponds to a different zone in x, and cell values indicate the level of connectivity between each combination of zones. Cell values along the diagonal of the matrix represent the level of connectivity between planning units allocated to the same zone. Cell values must range between 1 and -1, where negative values favor solutions with weak connectivity. Defaults to an identity matrix (i.e., a matrix with ones along the matrix diagonal and zeros elsewhere), so that planning units are only considered to be connected when they are allocated to the same zone. Note that zones is only required when working with multiple zones and data is a matrix or Matrix object. If data is an array or data.frame with data for multiple zones (e.g., using the "zone1" and "zone2" column names), then zones must be NULL.
data	A symmetric connectivity object (matrix, Matrix::dgCMatrix, data frame in Marxan format, or 4D array) describing cross-scale links.
normalize	Either "none" (use data as provided) or "sym" to apply symmetric degree normalization before penalization.

Value

The modified ConservationProblem object.

Functions

- `add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(x = ANY, penalty = ANY, zones = ANY, data = matrix, normalize = character)`: matrix method
- `add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(x = ANY, penalty = ANY, zones = ANY, data = Matrix, normalize = character)`: Matrix method
- `add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(x = ANY, penalty = ANY, zones = ANY, data = data.frame, normalize = character)`: data.frame (Marxan) method
- `add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties(x = ANY, penalty = ANY, zones = ANY, data = dgCMatrix, normalize = character)`: dgCMatrix method

- `add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties( x = ANY, penalty = ANY, zones = ANY, data = array, normalize = character )`: array (4D) method

`add_multiscale_min_set`

Add a multiscale minimum-set objective and relative targets

Description

Configures a prioritizr conservation problem to minimize cost while meeting relative feature representation targets across nested resolutions.

Usage

```
add_multiscale_min_set(x, data, targets)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A single-zone prioritizr <code>ConservationProblem</code> object.
<code>data</code>	A <code>multiscale_objective_data</code> object returned by <code>build_multiscale_objective_data()</code> .
<code>targets</code>	A numeric value or vector of relative targets between zero and one.

Details

Feature representation can be contributed by selected planning units at different resolutions, and spatial contributions shared by nested planning units are counted once. `targets` specify the proportion of each feature that should be represented by the solution.

The formulation supports single-zone problems using the compressed formulation and binary planning-unit decisions.

Value

An updated `ConservationProblem` object with the multiscale minimum-set objective and relative targets added.

See Also

Other objectives: `add_multiscale_min_set_objective()`

Other multiscale minimum-set: `add_multiscale_min_set_objective()`, `add_multiscale_relative_targets()`, `build_multiscale_atoms()`, `build_multiscale_feature_atoms()`, `build_multiscale_objective_data()`, `eval_multiscale_atom_solution()`, `load_multiscale_feature()`, `multiscale_feature_cols()`

Examples

```

h3_vec <- c("872a1072bffffff", "882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")
pu <- h3jsr::cell_to_polygon(h3_vec, simple = FALSE)
pu <- pu[match(h3_vec, pu$h3_address), ]
pu$res <- c(7L, 8L, 8L)
pu$area_km2 <- c(14, 2, 2)
pu$A <- c(3, 1, 2)
pu$B <- c(6, 2, 1)

maps <- build_h3_maps(pu)
ms_data <- build_multiscale_objective_data(pu = pu,
  maps = maps, feature_cols = c(A = "A", B = "B"))

p <- prioritizr::problem(pu,
  features = c("A", "B"), cost_column = "area_km2")

p <- add_multiscale_min_set(p,
  data = ms_data, targets = c(A = 2/3, B = 1/2))
p <- prioritizr::add_binary_decisions(p)

```

```
add_multiscale_min_set_objective
```

Add a multiscale minimum-set objective

Description

Sets the objective of a conservation planning problem to minimize cost while meeting feature representation targets across nested H3 resolutions.

Usage

```
add_multiscale_min_set_objective(x, data)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A single-zone prioritizr ConservationProblem object.
<code>data</code>	A multiscale_objective_data object returned by build_multiscale_objective_data() .

Details

Feature representation is calculated across the planning-unit hierarchy, so selecting a planning unit at one resolution can contribute toward targets for features represented at another resolution. Spatial contributions shared by overlapping parent and descendant planning units are counted once.

This accounting is implemented using non-overlapping spatial units, referred to as atoms, for both cost and feature representation.

The data object and conservation problem must use the same planning-unit row order and matching feature names. The formulation supports single-zone problems with binary planning-unit decisions and the compressed formulation.

Value

An updated ConservationProblem object.

Mathematical formulation

Let x_i indicate whether planning unit i is selected and let z_a indicate whether atom a is activated. If C_a is the set of planning units that cover atom a , atom activation is linked to planning-unit selection by $z_a \geq x_i$ for each i in C_a and $z_a \leq \sum(x_i, i \text{ in } C_a)$.

Planning-unit decisions are binary, with x_i in $\{0, 1\}$, while atom activation variables satisfy $0 \leq z_a \leq 1$.

The objective minimizes $\sum(c_a * z_a)$, where c_a is the cost of atom a . Feature representation targets require $\sum(q_{aj} * z_a) \geq T_j$, where q_{aj} is the amount of feature j assigned to atom a and T_j is its representation target.

See Also

Other objectives: [add_multiscale_min_set\(\)](#)

Other multiscale minimum-set: [add_multiscale_min_set\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_relative_targets\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_feature_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_objective_data\(\)](#), [eval_multiscale_atom_solution\(\)](#), [load_multiscale_feature\(\)](#), [multiscale_feature_cols\(\)](#)

Examples

```
h3_vec <- c("872a1072bffffff", "882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")
pu <- h3jsr::cell_to_polygon(h3_vec, simple = FALSE)
pu <- pu[match(h3_vec, pu$h3_address), ]

pu$res <- c(7L, 8L, 8L)
pu$area_km2 <- c(14, 2, 2)
pu$A <- c(3, 1, 2)
pu$B <- c(6, 2, 1)

maps <- build_h3_maps(pu)

ms_data <- build_multiscale_objective_data(
  pu, maps, feature_cols = c(A = "A", B = "B"))

p <- prioritizr::problem(
  pu, features = c("A", "B"), cost_column = "area_km2")

p <- add_multiscale_min_set_objective(p, ms_data)
p <- add_multiscale_relative_targets(p, c(A = 2/3, B = 1/2), ms_data)
p <- prioritizr::add_binary_decisions(p)
```

```
add_multiscale_relative_targets
```

Add multiscale relative targets

Description

Adds feature representation targets expressed as proportions between zero and one of the total amount of each feature in the multiscale planning data.

Usage

```
add_multiscale_relative_targets(x, targets, data)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A single-zone prioritizr <code>ConservationProblem</code> object.
<code>targets</code>	A numeric value or vector of proportions between zero and one. Supply either one value for all features or one value per problem feature. A named vector is matched to the problem feature names.
<code>data</code>	A <code>multiscale_objective_data</code> object returned by build_multiscale_objective_data() .

Details

Relative targets specify the minimum proportion of each feature that should be represented by the solution. Feature totals are calculated across the nested planning-unit hierarchy, allowing representation secured at different resolutions to contribute toward the same target.

A single target value is applied to every feature. An unnamed vector follows the feature order in the problem, and a named vector is matched by feature name and must provide a value for every feature.

Value

An updated `ConservationProblem` object with the targets added.

See Also

Other multiscale minimum-set: [add_multiscale_min_set\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_min_set_objective\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_feature_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_objective_data\(\)](#), [eval_multiscale_atom_solution\(\)](#), [load_multiscale_feature\(\)](#), [multiscale_feature_cols\(\)](#)

Examples

```
h3_vec <- c("872a1072bffffff", "882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")

pu <- h3jsr::cell_to_polygon(h3_vec, simple = FALSE)
pu <- pu[match(h3_vec, pu$h3_address), ]
```

```
pu$res <- c(7L, 8L, 8L)
pu$area_km2 <- c(14, 2, 2)
pu$A <- c(3, 1, 2)
pu$B <- c(6, 2, 1)

maps <- build_h3_maps(pu)

ms_data <- build_multiscale_objective_data(pu, maps, feature_cols = c(A = "A", B = "B"))

p <- prioritizr::problem(pu, features = c("A", "B"), cost_column = "area_km2")
p <- add_multiscale_min_set_objective(p, ms_data)
p <- add_multiscale_relative_targets(p, c(B = 1/2, A = 2/3), ms_data)
```

build_crossscale_index*Build cross-scale index structures for H3-based SCP workflows*

Description

Extends the basic hierarchy from [build_h3_maps\(\)](#) into full ancestor, descendant and resolution-index mappings used by all multiscale selection and evaluation functions.

Usage

```
build_crossscale_index(maps)
```

Arguments

maps The list returned by [build_h3_maps\(\)](#).

Value

A list with elements:

- `res_levels`
- `rows_by_res`
- `pos_in_res`
- `anc_at_res`
- `desc_at_res`
- `finer_rows_by_r0cell`

Examples

```

h3_child <- "8a2a1072b59ffff"
h3_parent <- "892a1072b5bffff"

h3_vec <- c(h3_parent, h3_child)
h3_res <- h3jsr::get_res(h3_vec, simple = TRUE)

maps <- build_h3_maps(s_or_h3 = h3_vec, res_vec = h3_res)

cs_idx <- build_crossscale_index(maps)

names(cs_idx)
cs_idx$res_levels

```

build_h3_maps	<i>Build H3 hierarchy maps for multiscale planning units</i>
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Description

Creates parent–child relationships among H3 planning units represented at multiple resolutions.

Usage

```
build_h3_maps(s_or_h3, res_vec = NULL, res_levels = NULL)
```

Arguments

s_or_h3	An sf object or data frame containing h3_address and res columns, or a character vector of H3 indexes.
res_vec	Optional integer vector of H3 resolutions. Required when s_or_h3 is supplied as a character vector.
res_levels	Optional integer vector of resolutions represented in the hierarchy. Defaults to the unique resolutions in the planning units.

Details

The supplied res or res_vec values are used directly and should match the resolutions encoded by the corresponding H3 indexes.

Value

A list with elements h3_vec, res_vec, res_levels, row_idx_by_h3, nearest_parent_row_of, and children_by_row.

Examples

```
# Minimal example: two resolutions, parent-child relationship
h3_child <- "8a2a1072b59ffff" # example H3 index
h3_parent <- "892a1072b5bffff"

h3_vec <- c(h3_parent, h3_child)
h3_res <- h3jsr::get_res(h3_vec, simple = TRUE)

maps <- build_h3_maps(s_or_h3 = h3_vec, res_vec = h3_res)

str(maps, max.level = 1)
maps$nearest_parent_row_of
```

```
build_multiscale_atoms
```

Build non-overlapping cost atoms for nested planning units

Description

Decomposes additive planning-unit costs into non-overlapping spatial contributions ("atoms") so costs can be evaluated consistently across nested H3 resolutions.

Usage

```
build_multiscale_atoms(pu, maps, cost_col = "area_km2", tol = 1e-06)
```

Arguments

pu	A planning-unit object. Its row order must match maps.
maps	A hierarchy object returned by <code>build_h3_maps()</code> .
cost_col	Character name of a finite, non-negative, spatially additive planning-unit cost column.
tol	Numeric relative tolerance used when reconciling parent and child values.

Details

Atoms are mutually exclusive accounting units defined from the planning-unit hierarchy. Terminal planning units define atoms, and parents with incomplete child partitions can contribute a residual atom. Complete H3 child partitions are represented by their child atoms.

cost_col must represent a finite, non-negative, spatially additive quantity, such as area. A complete child partition is identified when directly mapped children occur at one common H3 resolution and match the expected H3 child set.

Value

An object of class multiscale_atoms containing atom costs, planning-unit-atom incidence structures, reconciled planning-unit costs, and reconciliation diagnostics.

See Also

Other multiscale minimum-set: [add_multiscale_min_set\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_min_set_objective\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_relative_targets\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_feature_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_objective_data\(\)](#), [eval_multiscale_atom_solution\(\)](#), [load_multiscale_feature\(\)](#), [multiscale_feature_cols\(\)](#)

Examples

```
pu <- data.frame(
  h3_address = c("872a1072bffffff", "882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff"),
  res = c(7L, 8L, 8L),
  area_km2 = c(14, 2, 2),
  A = c(3, 1, 2),
  B = c(6, 2, 1)
)
maps <- build_h3_maps(pu)
atoms <- build_multiscale_atoms(pu, maps)
atoms$atom_cost # Parent residual 10; two children 2 each
atoms$atoms_by_pu # Parent covers all three atoms
```

build_multiscale_connectivity_matrix

Build a multiscale H3 connectivity matrix

Description

Constructs a sparse connectivity matrix linking each finer planning unit to its ancestor at the next coarser resolution represented in maps. This is typically used as the data input to [add_multiscale_connectivity_penalties\(\)](#).

Usage

```
build_multiscale_connectivity_matrix(maps, symmetric = TRUE)
```

Arguments

maps	A list as returned by build_h3_maps() , containing at least h3_vec, res_vec, res_levels, and row_idx_by_h3.
symmetric	Logical; if TRUE (default), the matrix is symmetrised so that each parent-child link appears in both directions.

Value

A Matrix::dgCMatrix connectivity matrix of size n_pu × n_pu.

Examples

```
# Minimal 2-resolution parent-child example
h3_child <- "8a2a1072b59ffff"
h3_parent <- "892a1072b5bffff"

h3_vec <- c(h3_parent, h3_child)
h3_res <- h3jsr::get_res(h3_vec, simple = TRUE)

maps <- build_h3_maps(s_or_h3 = h3_vec, res_vec = h3_res)

conn <- build_multiscale_connectivity_matrix(maps)
conn
```

```
build_multiscale_feature_atoms
```

Build multiscale feature accounting for nested planning units

Description

Distributes hierarchy-consistent feature amounts among non-overlapping spatial units ("atoms") so feature representation can be evaluated consistently across nested H3 resolutions.

Usage

```
build_multiscale_feature_atoms(pu, atoms, feature_cols, maps, tol = 1e-06)
```

Arguments

pu	A planning-unit object containing the multiscale feature columns.
atoms	A multiscale_atoms object returned by <code>build_multiscale_atoms()</code> .
feature_cols	A character vector or named character vector identifying multiscale feature columns. When named, names define feature names used by the optimization problem.
maps	A hierarchy object returned by <code>build_h3_maps()</code> .
tol	Numeric relative tolerance used when reconciling parent and child values.

Details

Rows of `feature_atom_matrix` are atoms and columns are features. Each value represents the feature amount assigned to that atom, and `feature_totals` contains the corresponding column totals. Feature names come from `names(feature_cols)`, or from the column names when `feature_cols` is unnamed.

Feature amounts should be defined so that the amount in a parent planning unit can be decomposed among its non-overlapping child and remainder areas. Non-finite feature values are treated as zero and negative values cause an error. Reconciliation diagnostics are returned with the result.

Value

An object of class `multiscale_feature_atoms` containing the sparse atom-by-feature matrix, atom-based feature totals, and reconciliation diagnostics.

See Also

Other multiscale minimum-set: `add_multiscale_min_set()`, `add_multiscale_min_set_objective()`, `add_multiscale_relative_targets()`, `build_multiscale_atoms()`, `build_multiscale_objective_data()`, `eval_multiscale_atom_solution()`, `load_multiscale_feature()`, `multiscale_feature_cols()`

Examples

```
pu <- data.frame(
  h3_address = c("872a1072bffffff", "882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff"),
  res = c(7L, 8L, 8L),
  area_km2 = c(14, 2, 2),
  A = c(3, 1, 2),
  B = c(6, 2, 1)
)
maps <- build_h3_maps(pu)
atoms <- build_multiscale_atoms(pu, maps)
features <- build_multiscale_feature_atoms(
  pu, atoms, feature_cols = c(A = "A", B = "B"), maps = maps
)
as.matrix(features$feature_atom_matrix)
features$feature_totals # A = 3, B = 6
```

`build_multiscale_objective_data`

Prepare data for multiscale minimum-set optimization

Description

Combines the planning-unit hierarchy, costs, and feature amounts into the data used for multiscale minimum-set optimization and solution evaluation.

Usage

```
build_multiscale_objective_data(
  pu,
  maps,
  cost_col = "area_km2",
  feature_cols,
  native_cols = NULL,
  tol = 1e-06
)
```

Arguments

pu	A planning-unit object. Its row order must match maps.
maps	A hierarchy object returned by <code>build_h3_maps()</code> .
cost_col	Character name of the spatially additive planning-unit cost column.
feature_cols	A character vector or named character vector identifying the multiscale feature columns, typically the output of <code>multiscale_feature_cols()</code> .
native_cols	Optional character vector identifying native-resolution feature columns. When supplied, native and atom-based totals are compared as a diagnostic.
tol	Numeric relative tolerance used for hierarchy reconciliation and diagnostic checks.

Details

The prepared data combine cost and feature representation across nested planning-unit resolutions. This allows planning units selected at different resolutions to contribute toward the same feature representation while shared spatial contributions are accounted for once.

The planning-unit row order used to build this object must also be used for the corresponding conservation problem and solution evaluation.

Value

A `multiscale_objective_data` object for use with `add_multiscale_min_set()` and `eval_multiscale_atom_solution()`.

See Also

Other multiscale minimum-set: `add_multiscale_min_set()`, `add_multiscale_min_set_objective()`, `add_multiscale_relative_targets()`, `build_multiscale_atoms()`, `build_multiscale_feature_atoms()`, `eval_multiscale_atom_solution()`, `load_multiscale_feature()`, `multiscale_feature_cols()`

Examples

```
# Small hierarchy: a parent and two of its seven children.
# Feature amounts below are already prepared and additive.
pu <- data.frame(
  h3_address = c("872a1072bffffff", "882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff"),
  res = c(7L, 8L, 8L), area_km2 = c(14, 2, 2),
  msopt_A = c(3, 1, 2), msopt_B = c(6, 2, 1),
  selected = c(1L, 1L, 0L))
maps <- build_h3_maps(pu, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))
ms_data <- build_multiscale_objective_data(
  pu = pu, maps = maps,
  feature_cols = c(A = "msopt_A", B = "msopt_B"))

result <- eval_multiscale_atom_solution(pu,
  solution_col = "selected", data = ms_data,
  targets = c(A = 2/3, B = 1/2))

result$relative_held
result$target_met
```

```
compute_overlaps_by_resolution
```

Count cross-resolution overlaps in a selection

Description

For a given 0/1 selection column, counts how many planning units are simultaneously selected at a finer resolution and at their ancestor cell at a coarser resolution (using the hierarchy in maps).

For each pair of resolutions $r_{low} < r_{high}$, it reports the number of co-selected ancestor–descendant pairs, plus a total across all pairs.

Usage

```
compute_overlaps_by_resolution(
  s,
  flag_col = "selected_by_resolution_final",
  maps
)
```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An sf or data frame of planning units. Must contain a resolution column <code>res</code> and a 0/1 selection column referenced by <code>flag_col</code> .
<code>flag_col</code>	Name of the 0/1 selection column to analyse (e.g. "selected_by_resolution").
<code>maps</code>	A hierarchy list as returned by build_h3_maps() , containing at least <code>res_levels</code> and <code>nearest_parent_row_of</code> .

Value

A named integer vector with one entry per resolution pair (e.g. "5-6", "6-7") and a "total" element.

Examples

```
parent <- "872a1072bffffff"
kids   <- c("882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")

s <- data.frame(
  h3_address = c(parent, kids),
  res = c(7L, 8L, 8L),
  selected_by_resolution_final = c(1L, 1L, 0L)
)
maps <- build_h3_maps(s, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))

compute_overlaps_by_resolution(s, "selected_by_resolution_final", maps)
```

compute_pu_scores	<i>Compute importance scores for planning units</i>
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Description

This function calculates a continuous importance score (`ensemble_score`) for each planning unit by combining two sources of information: (1) a rarity-weighted aggregation of feature values, and (2) how consistently each planning unit is selected across one or more solutions.

The relative influence of these components is controlled by `alpha_freq`. When multiple solutions are provided, selection consistency reflects how often each planning unit is selected across the portfolio. When a single solution is provided, it reflects whether the planning unit is selected or not. If no solution columns are present, the score is based entirely on the rarity-weighted feature component.

Optionally, `locked_in` planning units can be forced to rank above all others.

Usage

```
compute_pu_scores(
  s,
  feature_mat,
  feature_weights = NULL,
  alpha_freq = 0.25,
  freq_gamma = 1.5,
  lock_mode = c("top", "none"),
  winsor_p = NULL,
  cost_col = NULL,
  cost_beta = 1
)
```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An <code>sf</code> object with one row per planning unit. Must contain any <code>solution_*</code> columns used to compute selection consistency, and optionally a logical <code>locked_in</code> column.
<code>feature_mat</code>	A numeric matrix or data frame with one row per planning unit and one column per feature (e.g. proportion of each feature in each PU).
<code>feature_weights</code>	Optional named numeric vector of user weights for the features. Names must match <code>colnames(feature_mat)</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , all features receive equal weight.
<code>alpha_freq</code>	Numeric in $[0, 1]$ controlling the trade-off between feature score and selection consistency. Values near 0 emphasize features, values near 1 emphasize consistency across solutions.
<code>freq_gamma</code>	Numeric exponent applied to selection consistency (after percentile ranking) to emphasize planning units that are selected in many solutions (<code>freq_gamma > 1</code> increases contrast).

lock_mode	Character, either "none" (locked-in PUs are treated like any others, aside from their higher selection consistency) or "top" (locked-in PUs are always ranked above non-locked ones).
winsor_p	Optional numeric in $[0, 0.5]$. If provided, feature values are winsorized at the winsor_p and $1 - \text{winsor_p}$ quantiles prior to rank/ECDF scaling to $[0, 1]$. If NULL (default), no winsorization is performed.
cost_col	Optional name of a numeric column in s containing planning-unit costs. If provided, the feature-based score is divided by $\text{cost}^{\text{cost_beta}}$ prior to final rescaling.
cost_beta	Numeric exponent applied to costs when cost_col is provided. Defaults to 1 (benefit per cost).

Value

The same sf object s with two new numeric columns: selection_consistency and ensemble_score.

Examples

```
# Minimal sf with 3 planning units + two solution columns
s <- sf::st_as_sf(
  data.frame(
    x = c(0, 1, 2),
    y = c(0, 0, 0),
    solution_1 = c(1, 0, 1),
    solution_2 = c(1, 1, 0),
    locked_in = c(FALSE, TRUE, FALSE)
  ),
  coords = c("x", "y"), crs = 4326
)

# Feature matrix must match nrow(s)
feature_mat <- data.frame(
  f1 = c(0.2, 0.0, 0.8),
  f2 = c(0.0, 0.5, 0.1)
)

s2 <- compute_pu_scores(
  s, feature_mat,
  alpha_freq = 0.25,
  lock_mode = "top"
)

s2[, c("selection_consistency", "ensemble_score", "locked_in")]
```

compute_pu_scores_crossscale

Compute cross-scale planning-unit scores by resolution

Description

This function computes a feature-based importance score at each resolution present in a multiscale planning-unit set, and then propagates those resolution-specific scores through the H3 hierarchy so every planning unit receives a score "as seen from" each resolution.

Propagation rules:

- **Downward (parent → children):** undamped broadcast. All descendants of a given parent at resolution *r* inherit the same `score_from_r` value.
- **Upward (children → parent):** aggregation of descendant scores at resolution *r* using mean (default) or max.

Usage

```
compute_pu_scores_crossscale(
  s,
  feature_mat,
  maps,
  cs_idx,
  feature_weights = NULL,
  winsor_p = NULL,
  cost_col = NULL,
  cost_beta = 1,
  agg_mode = c("mean", "max"),
  res_col = "res",
  res_levels = NULL,
  feature_cols_by_res = NULL,
  prefix = "score_from_r"
)
```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An sf object with one row per planning unit. Must contain a resolution column (default "res").
<code>feature_mat</code>	A numeric matrix/data.frame with one row per planning unit and one column per feature. Feature columns are expected to be prefixed by resolution (e.g., <code>r5_</code> , <code>r6_</code> , ...), unless <code>feature_cols_by_res</code> is supplied.
<code>maps</code>	Output of build_h3_maps() .
<code>cs_idx</code>	Output of build_crossscale_index() .
<code>feature_weights</code>	Optional named numeric vector of user weights for features. Names must match <code>colnames(feature_mat)</code> .

winsor_p	Optional winsorization level passed to the feature-only score computation. See compute_pu_scores() .
cost_col	Optional name of a numeric cost column in <i>s</i> . If provided, feature-based scores are divided by $\text{cost}^{\text{cost_beta}}$ within each resolution before propagation.
cost_beta	Numeric exponent applied to costs when <i>cost_col</i> is provided.
agg_mode	Character, aggregation used for upward propagation (children $\rightarrow$ parent). One of "mean" or "max".
res_col	Name of the resolution column in <i>s</i> . Defaults to "res".
res_levels	Optional integer vector of resolutions to compute. Defaults to <i>maps\$res_levels</i> .
feature_cols_by_res	Optional named list mapping each resolution (as a character) to a character vector of feature column names. If NULL, columns are inferred using the prefix pattern $\text{^r\{res\}_}$.
prefix	Column name prefix for outputs. Defaults to "score_from_r".

Value

The same *sf* object *s* with one new numeric column per resolution, named `paste0(prefix, res)` (e.g., `score_from_r5`).

Examples

```
# Tiny 2-level setup: 2 parents (r7), and 2 children (r8) under the first parent
parent1 <- "872a1072bffffff"
parent2 <- "872a10729ffffff"
kids    <- c("882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")

h3_vec <- c(parent1, parent2, kids)
res_vec <- c(7L, 7L, 8L, 8L)

s <- sf::st_as_sf(
  data.frame(
    h3_address = h3_vec,
    res        = res_vec,
    cost       = c(1, 1, 1, 1),
    x          = c(0, 1, 2, 3),
    y          = c(0, 0, 0, 0)
  ),
  coords = c("x", "y"), crs = 4326
)

# Feature columns prefixed by resolution (r7_, r8_)
feature_mat <- data.frame(
  r7_f1 = c(1.0, 0.2, 0.0, 0.0),
  r8_f1 = c(0.0, 0.0, 0.6, 0.2)
)

maps <- build_h3_maps(s)
cs_idx <- build_crossscale_index(maps)
```

```
s2 <- compute_pu_scores_crossscale(
  s, feature_mat,
  maps = maps, cs_idx = cs_idx,
  agg_mode = "mean",
  res_col = "res"
)

s2[, c("res", "score_from_r7", "score_from_r8")]
```

compute_selection_by_resolution

Stratified multiscale selection by resolution

Description

Select planning units to meet area-based targets at each H3 resolution. Selection is based on a single score column (e.g., [compute_pu_scores](#)) and a cross-scale index produced by [build_crossscale_index](#).

Resolutions are processed from finest to coarsest. At each resolution, the function accounts for area already covered by selected finer units to avoid double-counting. To keep selections non-overlapping, it prefers units that do not have finer descendants in the input dataset; coarser units with descendants are only used if needed to reach the target.

The result is a resolution-stratified selection that meets per-resolution area targets while minimizing overlap between coarse and fine planning units.

Usage

```
compute_selection_by_resolution(
  s,
  cs_idx,
  target = 0.3,
  score_col = "ensemble_score",
  area_col = "area_km2",
  res_col = "res",
  out_col = "selected_by_resolution",
  blocked_col = NULL,
  target_by_res = NULL
)
```

Arguments

s	An sf object or data frame of planning units. Must contain at least the columns referenced by score_col, area_col, and res_col.
cs_idx	A cross-scale index list as returned by build_crossscale_index .
target	Default area-based target proportion (e.g. 0.3) applied to all resolutions if target_by_res is NULL.

score_col	Name of the column in s containing the planning-unit score used to rank candidates (e.g. "ensemble_score").
area_col	Name of the column in s containing planning-unit areas (e.g. "area_km2").
res_col	Name of the column in s containing integer resolution codes (e.g. H3 resolution).
out_col	Name of the output column created in s containing the final 0/1 selection flag (default "selected_by_resolution").
blocked_col	Optional name of a column to store a global "has finer descendants" flag as 0/1 (1 = has finer descendants). If NULL (default), this column is not written.
target_by_res	Optional named numeric vector of per-resolution targets, e.g. <code>c("5" = 0.30, "6" = 0.20, "7" = 0.15)</code> . Names should match the values in res_col. When supplied, these override target for the corresponding resolutions.

Value

The input `s` with an additional column named by `out_col` (0/1), and optionally a column named by `blocked_col` if requested.

Examples

```
# Build a tiny multiscale set: 2 parents (r7), 2 children (r8) under parent1
parent1 <- "872a1072bffffff"
parent2 <- "872a10729ffffff"
kids1   <- c("882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")

h3_vec <- c(parent1, parent2, kids1)
res_vec <- c(7L, 7L, 8L, 8L)

s <- data.frame(
  h3_address = h3_vec,
  res        = res_vec,
  area_km2   = c(14, 14, 2, 2),
  ensemble_score = c(0.2, 0.9, 0.8, 0.1)
)

maps <- build_h3_maps(s, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))
cs_idx <- build_crossscale_index(maps)

out <- compute_selection_by_resolution(
  s, cs_idx,
  target    = 0.5,
  score_col = "ensemble_score",
  area_col  = "area_km2",
  res_col   = "res",
  out_col   = "selected_by_resolution"
)

out[, c("res", "area_km2", "ensemble_score", "selected_by_resolution")]
```

compute_selection_by_strata

Stratified multiscale selection by strata and resolution

Description

Select planning units to meet area-based targets for each strata (e.g. country) at each H3 resolution. Selection is based on a single score column (typically `ensemble_score`) and a cross-scale index produced by [build_crossscale_index](#).

Resolutions are processed from finest to coarsest. At each strata and resolution, the function accounts for area already covered by selected planning units at other resolutions to avoid double-counting. Within each strata, it prefers native-resolution units that do not have finer descendants in the input dataset, using coarser units with descendants only when needed to reach the target.

The result is a single 0/1 selection that meets per-strata area targets while minimizing cross-scale overlap.

Usage

```
compute_selection_by_strata(
  s,
  cs_idx,
  strata_masks,
  target = 0.3,
  admin_strata = "admin",
  score_col = "ensemble_score",
  area_col = "area_km2",
  res_col = "res",
  out_col = "selected_by_admin",
  blocked_col = NULL,
  target_by_strata = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An sf object or data frame of planning units. Must contain at least the columns referenced by <code>admin_strata</code> , <code>score_col</code> , <code>area_col</code> , and <code>res_col</code> .
<code>cs_idx</code>	A cross-scale index list as returned by build_crossscale_index() , containing at least <code>res_levels</code> , <code>rows_by_res</code> , <code>anc_at_res</code> , <code>desc_at_res</code> , and <code>finer_rows_by_r0cell</code> .
<code>strata_masks</code>	Optional named list of logical vectors (length <code>nrow(s)</code>) defining the "in-scope" units for each strata. Names should match the values in <code>admin_strata</code> . If a given strata is missing from <code>strata_masks</code> , a fallback mask <code>admin_strata == A</code> is used.
<code>target</code>	Default area-based target proportion (e.g. 0.3) applied to all strata if <code>target_by_strata</code> is NULL or does not contain an entry for that strata.
<code>admin_strata</code>	Name of the column in <code>s</code> containing strata labels (e.g. "admin").

score_col	Name of the column in s containing the PU score to rank candidates.
area_col	Name of the column in s with PU areas.
res_col	Name of the column in s with integer resolution codes.
out_col	Name of the output column that will be created in s containing the final 0/1 selection flag (default "selected_by_admin").
blocked_col	Optional name of a column to store the global "has finer descendants" flag as 0/1. If NULL (default), this column is not written.
target_by_strata	Optional named numeric vector of per-strata targets, e.g. c("Ireland" = 0.30, "Norway" = 0.25). Names should match the values in admin_strata. When present, these override target for the corresponding strata.

Value

The input s with an additional column out_col (0/1), and optionally blocked_col if requested.

Examples

```
# Tiny multiscale example with two strata (A and B)
parent1 <- "872a1072bffffff"
kids1 <- c("882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")
parent2 <- "872a10729ffffff"
parent3 <- "872a10774ffffff"

h3_vec <- c(parent1, parent2, parent3, kids1)
res_vec <- c(7L, 7L, 7L, 8L, 8L)

s <- data.frame(
  h3_address = h3_vec,
  res = res_vec,
  admin = c("A", "B", "B", "A", "A"),
  area_km2 = c(14, 14, 14, 2, 2),
  ensemble_score = c(0.2, 0.9, 0.2, 0.8, 0.1)
)

maps <- build_h3_maps(s, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))
cs_idx <- build_crossscale_index(maps)

strata_masks <- list(
  A = (s$admin == "A"),
  B = (s$admin == "B")
)

out <- compute_selection_by_strata(
  s, cs_idx,
  strata_masks = strata_masks,
  target = 0.3,
  admin_strata = "admin",
  score_col = "ensemble_score",
  area_col = "area_km2",
```

```

    res_col      = "res",
    out_col      = "selected_by_admin",
    target_by_strata = c(A = 0.12, B = 0.5)
  )

  out[, c("admin", "res", "area_km2", "ensemble_score", "selected_by_admin")]

```

deduplicate_h3_selections

Deduplicate multiscale selections across H3 resolutions

Description

Removes redundant planning-unit selections across nested H3 resolutions. Because finer and coarser H3 cells overlap perfectly (parent-child hierarchy), a selection at one resolution makes selections at other resolutions redundant.

This function enforces a consistent hierarchy using one of two strategies:

- "coarser_first" – keep coarser selected cells and drop all selected descendants (finer cells). Useful if coarse-scale representation should dominate.
- "finer_first" – keep finer selected cells and drop selected ancestors (coarser cells). Useful when fine-scale detail should dominate and coarse cells should not "override" them.

Usage

```

deduplicate_h3_selections(
  s,
  sel_col,
  h3_vec,
  res_vec,
  res_levels,
  nearest_parent_row_of,
  children_by_row,
  mode = c("coarser_first", "finer_first")
)

```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An sf or data frame containing at least the selection column (<code>sel_col</code>).
<code>sel_col</code>	Name of the 0/1 column to deduplicate (e.g. "solution_1").
<code>h3_vec</code>	Character vector of H3 addresses (one per PU; same order as <code>s</code>).
<code>res_vec</code>	Integer vector of H3 resolutions (same length/order as <code>h3_vec</code>).
<code>res_levels</code>	Vector of resolutions in hierarchical order (e.g. <code>c(5, 6, 7)</code>).
<code>nearest_parent_row_of</code>	Integer vector where each position gives the row index of the nearest parent cell in <code>s</code> (or NA if none), as returned by build_h3_maps() .

`children_by_row` List of integer vectors giving, for each PU row, the row indices of all direct children (finer-resolution descendants), as returned by `build_h3_maps()`.

`mode` Either "coarser_first" or "finer_first" (default). Controls whether coarse or fine PUs are retained when duplicates occur.

Details

When `mode = "finer_first"`, removing selected coarser cells can reduce the total selected area if only a subset of their descendant cells were selected (i.e., partial coverage of the parent footprint).

The function uses the precomputed parent/child lists from `build_h3_maps()`, and produces a new column `paste0(sel_col, "_deduplicated")`.

Value

The input `s` with an additional column `paste0(sel_col, "_deduplicated")` containing a clean 0/1 selection.

Examples

```
# One parent (res7) with two children (res8)
parent <- "872a1072bffffff"
kids   <- c("882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")

h3_vec <- c(parent, kids)
res_vec <- c(7L, 8L, 8L)

maps <- build_h3_maps(h3_vec, res_vec = res_vec)

s <- data.frame(solution_1 = c(1L, 1L, 1L))

# Keep the coarser cell (drops children)
out_coarse <- deduplicate_h3_selections(
  s, sel_col = "solution_1",
  h3_vec = maps$h3_vec, res_vec = maps$res_vec, res_levels = maps$res_levels,
  nearest_parent_row_of = maps$nearest_parent_row_of,
  children_by_row = maps$children_by_row,
  mode = "coarser_first"
)

# Keep the finer cells (drops parent)
out_fine <- deduplicate_h3_selections(
  s, sel_col = "solution_1",
  h3_vec = maps$h3_vec, res_vec = maps$res_vec, res_levels = maps$res_levels,
  nearest_parent_row_of = maps$nearest_parent_row_of,
  children_by_row = maps$children_by_row,
  mode = "finer_first"
)

out_coarse
out_fine
```

eval_exact_raster_coverage

Exact feature coverage from rasters and selected PUs

Description

Calculate how well raster-based features are represented by a selected set of planning units.

This function evaluates feature coverage from raster layers using exact area-weighted extraction. For each feature, it calculates the total amount available within its native-resolution planning unit footprint, the amount held by the selected planning units, and the proportion of the feature represented by the solution.

If targets are provided, the function also reports absolute and relative shortfalls from those targets.

Usage

```
eval_exact_raster_coverage(
  spp_all,
  pu_sf,
  solution_col,
  targets = NULL,
  res_col = "res"
)
```

Arguments

spp_all	A SpatRaster or RasterStack/RasterBrick of feature layers. Layer names must start with r<res>_ (e.g. r5_, r6_, r7_).
pu_sf	Planning units as an sf polygon object containing all resolutions. Must include the resolution column specified by res_col.
solution_col	Name of the 0/1 (or logical) selection column in pu_sf indicating selected planning units.
targets	Optional named numeric vector of RELATIVE targets (proportions in [0, 1]). For example, targets = c(r7_featA = 0.30) means a target of holding 30\ total available amount of r7_featA within its native-resolution domain. If unnamed, the first value is applied to all features.
res_col	Name of the resolution column in pu_sf (default "res").

Value

A data frame with columns:

- feature
- native_res
- total_area Total feature amount within the native-resolution domain (area-integral units).

- held_area Feature amount held by the selected area, restricted to that domain (area-integral units).
- relative_held Relative held amount ($\text{held_area} / \text{total_area}$).
- target Relative target proportion (if targets supplied).
- absolute_shortfall Absolute shortfall in feature units ($\max(0, \text{target} * \text{total_area} - \text{held_area})$).
- relative_shortfall Relative shortfall in proportions ($\max(0, \text{target} - \text{relative_held})$).

Deprecated

This function is deprecated and retained for compatibility. For multiscale workflows, use [build_multiscale_objective_data](#) together with [eval_multiscale_atom_solution\(\)](#). The atom-based evaluator uses precomputed multiscale data and matching planning-unit row order, and has different arguments and accounting semantics from this raster-based function.

Examples

```
# Tiny raster with a single layer named with r7_ prefix
r <- terra::rast(nrows = 2, ncols = 2, xmin = 0, xmax = 2, ymin = 0, ymax = 2)
terra::values(r) <- 1
names(r) <- "r7_featA"

# One square PU covering the raster
pu <- sf::st_sf(
  res = 7L,
  selected = 1L,
  geometry = sf::st_sfc(
    sf::st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0, 0), c(2, 0), c(2, 2), c(0, 2), c(0, 0)))),
    crs = 4326
  )
)

eval_exact_raster_coverage(
  spp_all = r,
  pu_sf = pu,
  solution_col = "selected",
  targets = c(r7_featA = 0.3),
  res_col = "res"
)
```

eval_geom_feature_coverage

*Geometry-based feature coverage evaluation from sf column features
and selected PUs*

Description

Calculate how well features are represented by a selected set of planning units.

This function evaluates feature coverage using feature values stored directly in planning unit attributes. For each feature, it calculates the total amount available, the amount held by the selected planning units, and the proportion of the feature represented by the solution.

If targets are provided, the function also reports absolute and relative shortfalls from those targets.

Feature coverage is calculated using fractional overlap between planning units and the union of selected planning units.

Usage

```
eval_geom_feature_coverage(
  s,
  flag_col = "selected_by_resolution",
  feature_cols,
  res_col = "res",
  targets = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An sf object of planning units (all resolutions).
<code>flag_col</code>	Name of the 0/1 selection column in <code>s</code> .
<code>feature_cols</code>	Character vector of feature column names in <code>s</code> . Feature names must start with <code>r<res>_</code> so the native resolution can be inferred.
<code>res_col</code>	Name of the resolution column in <code>s</code> (default "res").
<code>targets</code>	Optional named numeric vector of RELATIVE targets (proportions in $[0, 1]$). For example, <code>targets = c(r7_featA = 0.30)</code> means a target of 30% available amount of <code>r7_featA</code> within its native-resolution footprint. If unnamed, the first value is applied to all features.

Value

A tibble with one row per feature and columns:

- `feature`, `native_res`
- `total` Total feature amount across all PUs at the native resolution.
- `held` Feature amount held by the selected area (via fractional overlap), restricted to the native-resolution footprint.
- `rel_held` Relative held amount (`held / total`).
- `target` Relative target proportion (if targets supplied).
- `abs_shortfall` Absolute shortfall in feature units ($\max(0, target * total - held)$).
- `rel_shortfall` Relative shortfall in proportions ($\max(0, target - rel_held)$).

Deprecated

This function is deprecated and retained for compatibility. For multiscale workflows, use [build_multiscale_objective_data\(\)](#) together with [eval_multiscale_atom_solution\(\)](#). The evaluator uses precomputed multiscale data and matching planning-unit row order, and has different arguments and accounting semantics from this geometry-based function.

Examples

```
# Minimal polygons
p1 <- sf::st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0, 0), c(1, 0), c(1, 1), c(0, 1), c(0, 0))))
p2 <- sf::st_polygon(list(rbind(c(1, 0), c(2, 0), c(2, 1), c(1, 1), c(1, 0))))

s <- sf::st_sf(
  res = c(7L, 7L),
  area_km2 = c(1, 1),
  selected_by_resolution = c(1L, 0L),
  r7_featA = c(10, 5),
  geometry = sf::st_sfc(p1, p2, crs = 4326)
)

eval_geom_feature_coverage(
  s,
  flag_col = "selected_by_resolution",
  feature_cols = "r7_featA",
  res_col = "res"
)
```

```
eval_multiscale_atom_solution
```

Evaluate multiscale feature representation

Description

Calculates feature representation and conservation cost for a selected set of planning units in a multiscale conservation problem.

Usage

```
eval_multiscale_atom_solution(pu, solution_col, data, targets = NULL)
```

Arguments

pu	Planning units containing the solution to evaluate, in the same row order used to build data.
solution_col	Name of the column indicating selected planning units.
data	A multiscale_objective_data object returned by build_multiscale_objective_data() .
targets	Optional relative representation targets for the features.

Details

Feature representation is calculated across the planning-unit hierarchy so that protection at different spatial resolutions contributes to the same representation estimate. Spatial contributions shared by overlapping planning units are counted once.

For each feature, the function reports the total available amount, the amount represented by the selected planning units, and the proportion represented. When targets are supplied, it also reports the corresponding target amounts and whether each target is met. The function also reports the cost of the selected area using the same multiscale accounting.

Value

A list containing:

- `feature_held`: amount of each feature represented by the solution.
- `feature_total`: total amount of each feature in the multiscale data.
- `relative_held`: proportion of each feature represented by the solution.
- `deduplicated_cost`: total multiscale cost of the solution.
- `n_selected_pu`: number of selected planning units.
- `n_selected_atoms`: number of spatial accounting units represented.
- `selected_atoms`: indexes of those spatial accounting units.

When targets are supplied, the list also contains `target_relative`, `target_absolute`, and `target_met`.

See Also

Other multiscale minimum-set: [add_multiscale_min_set\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_min_set_objective\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_relative_targets\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_feature_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_objective_data\(\)](#), [load_multiscale_feature\(\)](#), [multiscale_feature_cols\(\)](#)

Examples

```
pu <- data.frame(
  h3_address = c("872a1072bfffff", "882a1072b1ffff", "882a1072b3ffff"),
  res = c(7L, 8L, 8L),
  area_km2 = c(14, 2, 2),
  msopt_A = c(3, 1, 2),
  msopt_B = c(6, 2, 1),
  selected = c(1L, 1L, 0L))

maps <- build_h3_maps(pu, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))

ms_data <- build_multiscale_objective_data(pu, maps,
  feature_cols = c(A = "msopt_A", B = "msopt_B"))

result <- eval_multiscale_atom_solution(pu,
  solution_col = "selected", data = ms_data, targets = c(A = 2/3, B = 1/2))
```

```

result$feature_held
result$relative_held
result$target_met
result$deduplicated_cost

```

load_multiscale_feature

Prepare a conservation feature for multiscale planning

Description

Extracts feature amounts from raster or vector data and prepares them for use across a nested H3 planning-unit hierarchy. The returned planning-unit object contains a native-resolution feature column for reporting and a multiscale feature column used to represent the feature across resolutions.

Usage

```

load_multiscale_feature(
  pu,
  source,
  native_res,
  maps,
  feature_name = NULL,
  res_col = "res",
  opt_prefix = "msopt_",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  scale_raster_by_area = TRUE,
  value_col = NULL
)

```

Arguments

pu	An sf planning-unit object. Its row order must match maps.
source	A single-layer SpatRaster, RasterLayer, RasterStack, RasterBrick, sf, or sfc object containing the feature data.
native_res	Integer H3 resolution at which the feature is represented for reporting.
maps	A hierarchy object returned by build_h3_maps() .
feature_name	Optional feature name. When NULL, a name is inferred from source.
res_col	Character name of the planning-unit resolution column.
opt_prefix	Character prefix used for the multiscale feature column.
overwrite	Logical; should existing output columns be replaced?
scale_raster_by_area	Logical; should raster means be multiplied by planning-unit area?
value_col	Optional character name of a value column in a vector source. When NULL, vector amounts are based on geometry measure alone.

Details

Feature amounts are extracted from planning units at `native_res` or finer. Coarser planning units receive amounts aggregated through the H3 hierarchy. The native-resolution column contains the feature amount at `native_res`, while the multiscale column records the amounts used to represent the feature across resolutions. By default, these columns are named `r<resolution>_<feature>` and `msopt_<feature>`.

Where finer planning units completely partition a parent, the parent amount is obtained by summing child amounts. Where finer planning units cover only part of a parent, the feature amount in the uncovered parent area is combined with the child amounts.

For raster data, values are extracted with `exactextractr::exact_extract()` using a mean weighted by raster-cell coverage fraction. By default, this mean is multiplied by the extracted geometry area in square kilometres to produce an area-scaled feature amount. With `scale_raster_by_area = FALSE`, the coverage-weighted mean is used directly.

Polygon features contribute area in square kilometres, line features contribute length in kilometres, and point features contribute counts. Single and multipart geometries can be combined within one geometry family; each point in a MULTIPOINT is counted separately. Sources mixing polygons, lines, or points, and GEOMETRYCOLLECTION features, must be separated before loading. Supplying `value_col` weights these amounts by the corresponding source values.

Value

The input `pu` object with a native-resolution feature column, a multiscale feature column, and meta-data describing the feature.

See Also

Other multiscale minimum-set: `add_multiscale_min_set()`, `add_multiscale_min_set_objective()`, `add_multiscale_relative_targets()`, `build_multiscale_atoms()`, `build_multiscale_feature_atoms()`, `build_multiscale_objective_data()`, `eval_multiscale_atom_solution()`, `multiscale_feature_cols()`

Examples

```
# Create one H3 parent and one of its children.
parent <- "872a1072bffffff"
child <- h3jsr::get_children(parent, 8L, simple = TRUE)
child <- as.character(unlist(child, use.names = FALSE))[1]

h3_vec <- c(parent, child)

pu <- h3jsr::cell_to_polygon(h3_vec, simple = FALSE)
pu <- pu[match(h3_vec, pu$h3_address), ]
pu$res <- c(7L, 8L)

maps <- build_h3_maps(pu, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))

# Feature occupies the child planning unit.
feature <- sf::st_sf(geometry = sf::st_geometry(pu[2, ]))

pu <- load_multiscale_feature(pu = pu, source = feature,
```

```
native_res = 8L, maps = maps, feature_name = "habitat")

sf::st_drop_geometry(pu)[, c("h3_address", "res", "r8_habitat", "msopt_habitat")]
multiscale_feature_cols(pu)
```

multiscale_feature_cols

Retrieve feature columns for multiscale optimization

Description

Returns the multiscale feature columns created by [load_multiscale_feature\(\)](#) in a named vector that can be passed directly to the `feature_cols` argument of [build_multiscale_objective_data\(\)](#).

Usage

```
multiscale_feature_cols(pu, names_as = c("native", "feature"))
```

Arguments

<code>pu</code>	A planning-unit object containing a <code>multiscale_features</code> attribute.
<code>names_as</code>	Character; use "native" to name the returned vector with native feature columns, or "feature" to use feature names.

Details

With `names_as = "native"`, the vector is named using the native feature columns, such as `r8_habitat`.
 With `names_as = "feature"`, it is named using the feature names supplied to [load_multiscale_feature\(\)](#).

Value

A named character vector mapping native feature columns or feature names to their corresponding multiscale feature columns.

See Also

Other multiscale minimum-set: [add_multiscale_min_set\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_min_set_objective\(\)](#), [add_multiscale_relative_targets\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_feature_atoms\(\)](#), [build_multiscale_objective_data\(\)](#), [eval_multiscale_atom_solution\(\)](#), [load_multiscale_feature\(\)](#)

Examples

```

parent <- "872a1072bffffff" # Create one H3 parent and one of its children.
child <- h3jsr::get_children(parent, 8L, simple = TRUE)
child <- as.character(unlist(child, use.names = FALSE))[1]

h3_vec <- c(parent, child)

pu <- h3jsr::cell_to_polygon(h3_vec, simple = FALSE)
pu <- pu[match(h3_vec, pu$h3_address), ]
pu$res <- c(7L, 8L)

maps <- build_h3_maps(pu, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))

feature <- sf::st_sf(geometry = sf::st_geometry(pu[2, ]))

pu <- load_multiscale_feature(pu = pu, source = feature,
  native_res = 8L, maps = maps, feature_name = "habitat")

# Map native feature columns to optimization columns.
multiscale_feature_cols(pu)

```

summarize_coverage_by_resolution

Cross-scale coverage summary by resolution

Description

Summarize how much area is selected at each resolution in a multiscale H3 system. This function adjusts for overlap between coarse and fine planning units so that selected area is not double-counted across resolutions.

The output reports, for each resolution, the total available area, the effective selected area (after cross-scale adjustment), and the proportion selected.

Usage

```

summarize_coverage_by_resolution(
  s,
  flag_col = "selected_by_resolution_final",
  cs_idx
)

```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An sf or data frame of planning units. Must contain columns <code>res</code> and <code>area_km2</code> , plus the selection column referenced by <code>flag_col</code> .
<code>flag_col</code>	Name of the 0/1 selection column to summarise.
<code>cs_idx</code>	A cross-scale index list from build_crossscale_index() , containing at least <code>res_levels</code> , <code>rows_by_res</code> , <code>pos_in_res</code> , <code>anc_at_res</code> , and <code>desc_at_res</code> .

Value

A tibble with columns:

- `res` – resolution,
- `area_total_km2` – total area at that resolution,
- `area_selected_km2` – cross-scale selected area, and
- `coverage_prop` – proportion selected.

Examples

```
parent <- "872a1072bffffff"
kids   <- c("882a1072b1fffff", "882a1072b3fffff")

s <- data.frame(
  h3_address = c(parent, kids),
  res = c(7L, 8L, 8L),
  area_km2 = c(14, 2, 2),
  selected_by_resolution_final = c(0L, 1L, 0L)
)
maps <- build_h3_maps(s, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))
cs_idx <- build_crossscale_index(maps)

summarize_coverage_by_resolution(s, "selected_by_resolution_final", cs_idx)
```

`summarize_coverage_by_strata`

Cross-scale coverage summary by strata

Description

Summarize how much area is selected within each stratum (e.g. country or region) in a multiscale H3 system. This function reports a cross-scale coverage metric that avoids double-counting when selected planning units overlap across resolutions.

For each stratum, coverage is reported at a single "native" resolution chosen from the planning units labeled with that stratum.

Usage

```
summarize_coverage_by_strata(
  s,
  flag_col = "selected_by_resolution_final",
  cs_idx,
  strata_col = "strata"
)
```

Arguments

<code>s</code>	An sf object or data frame of planning units. Must contain columns <code>res</code> , <code>area_km2</code> , and the strata column referenced by <code>strata_col</code> .
<code>flag_col</code>	Name of the 0/1 selection column to summarize.
<code>cs_idx</code>	A cross-scale index list returned by <code>build_crossscale_index()</code> , containing at least <code>anc_at_res</code> and <code>desc_at_res</code> .
<code>strata_col</code>	Name of the strata column in <code>s</code> (default <code>"strata"</code>).

Value

A tibble with one row per stratum and the following columns:

- `strata`
- `native_res`
- `area_total_native_km2`
- `area_selected_km2`
- `coverage_prop`

Examples

```
parent <- "872a1072bffffff"
kids   <- c("882a1072b1ffffff", "882a1072b3ffffff")

s <- data.frame(
  h3_address = c(parent, kids),
  res = c(7L, 8L, 8L),
  strata = c("A", "B", "B"),
  area_km2 = c(14, 2, 2),
  selected_by_resolution_final = c(0L, 1L, 0L)
)
maps <- build_h3_maps(s, res_levels = c(7L, 8L))
cs_idx <- build_crossscale_index(maps)

summarize_coverage_by_strata(
  s,
  "selected_by_resolution_final",
  cs_idx,
  strata_col = "strata"
)
```

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