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BT	<i>At-Sensor Temperature or brightness temperature</i>
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## Description

This function calculates at-Sensor Temperature or brightness temperature

## Usage

```
BT(Landsat_10, Landsat_11)
```

## Arguments

Landsat_10	SpatRaster object, Landsat band 10
Landsat_11	SpatRaster object, Landsat band 11

## Value

A list containing brightness temperature corresponding to Landsat band 10 and Landsat band 11

**Examples**

```
a <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(a) = runif(10000, min=27791, max=30878)

b <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(b) = runif(10000, min=25686, max=28069)

BT(Landsat_10 = a, Landsat_11 = b)
```

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E\_Skokovic

*Land Surface Emissivity according to Skokovic et al. 2014*

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**Description**

This function calculates Land Surface Emissivity according to Skokovic et al. 2014

**Usage**

```
E_Skokovic(red = red, NDVI = NDVI, band = band)
```

**Arguments**

red	SpatRaster object, red band of remote sensing imagery
NDVI	SpatRaster object, NDVI calculated from remote sensing imagery
band	A string specifying which Landsat 8 thermal band to use. It can be "band 10" or "band 11"

**Value**

SpatRaster

**References**

Skoković, D., Sobrino, J.A., Jimenez-Munoz, J.C., Soria, G., Julien, Y., Mattar, C. and Cristóbal, J., 2014. Calibration and Validation of land surface temperature for Landsat8-TIRS sensor. Land product validation and evolution.

**Examples**

```
red <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(red) = runif(10000, min=0.1, max=0.4)
NDVI <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(NDVI) = runif(10000, min=0.02, max=0.8)
E_Skokovic(red = red, NDVI = NDVI, band = "band 11")
```

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E\_Sobrino

*Land Surface Emissivity according to Sobrino et al. 2008*

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### Description

This function calculates Land Surface Emissivity according to Sobrino et al. 2008

### Usage

```
E_Sobrino(red = red, NDVI = NDVI)
```

### Arguments

red                    SpatRaster object, red band of remote sensing imagery  
NDVI                   SpatRaster object, NDVI calculated from remote sensing imagery

### Value

SpatRaster

### References

Sobrino, J.A., Jiménez-Muñoz, J.C., Sòria, G., Romaguera, M., Guanter, L., Moreno, J., Plaza, A. and Martínez, P., 2008. Land surface emissivity retrieval from different VNIR and TIR sensors. IEEE transactions on geoscience and remote sensing, 46(2), pp.316-327.

### Examples

```
red <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(red) = runif(10000, min=0.1, max=0.4)
NDVI <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(NDVI) = runif(10000, min=0.02, max=0.8)
E_Sobrino(red = red, NDVI = NDVI)
```

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E\_Valor

*Land Surface Emissivity according to Valor and Caselles 1996*

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### Description

This function calculates Land Surface Emissivity according to Valor and Caselles 1996

### Usage

```
E_Valor(NDVI)
```

**Arguments**

NDVI                      SpatRaster object, NDVI calculated from remote sensing imagery

**Value**

SpatRaster

**References**

Valor, E. and Caselles, V., 1996. Mapping land surface emissivity from NDVI: Application to European, African, and South American areas. *Remote sensing of Environment*, 57(3), pp.167-184.

**Examples**

```
NDVI <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(NDVI) = runif(10000, min=0.02, max=0.8)
E_Valor(NDVI)
```

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E\_VandeGriend

*Land Surface Emissivity according to Van de Griend and Owe 1993*

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**Description**

This function calculates Land Surface Emissivity according to Van de Griend and Owe 1993

**Usage**

```
E_VandeGriend(NDVI)
```

**Arguments**

NDVI                      SpatRaster object, NDVI calculated from remote sensing imagery

**Value**

SpatRaster

**References**

Van de Griend, A.A. and Owe, M., 1993. On the relationship between thermal emissivity and the normalized difference vegetation index for natural surfaces. *International Journal of remote sensing*, 14(6), pp.1119-1131.

## Examples

```
NDVI <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(NDVI) = runif(10000, min=0.02, max=0.8)
E_VandeGriend(NDVI)
```

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E\_Yu

*Land Surface Emissivity according to Yu et al. 2014*

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## Description

This function calculates Land Surface Emissivity according to Yu et al. 2014

## Usage

```
E_Yu(red = red, NDVI = NDVI, band = band)
```

## Arguments

red	SpatRaster object, red band of remote sensing imagery
NDVI	SpatRaster object, NDVI calculated from remote sensing imagery
band	A string specifying which Landsat 8 thermal band to use. It can be "band 10" or "band 11"

## Value

SpatRaster

## References

Yu, X., Guo, X. and Wu, Z., 2014. Land surface temperature retrieval from Landsat 8 TIRS—Comparison between radiative transfer equation-based method, split window algorithm and single channel method. *Remote sensing*, 6(10), pp.9829-9852.

## Examples

```
red <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(red) = runif(10000, min=0.1, max=0.4)
NDVI <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(NDVI) = runif(10000, min=0.02, max=0.8)
E_Yu(red = red, NDVI = NDVI, band = "band 11")
```

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MWA

*Mono window algorithm*

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## Description

This function calculates Land Surface Temperature using mono window algorithm

## Usage

```
MWA(BT = BT, tau = tau, E = E, Ta = Ta)
```

## Arguments

BT	SpatRaster object, brightness temperature
tau	Atmospheric transmittance
E	SpatRaster object, Land Surface Emissivity calculated according to Van de Griend and Owe 1993 or Valor and Caselles 1996 or Sobrino et al. 2008
Ta	Mean atmospheric temperature (K) of the date when Landsat passed over the study area

## Value

SpatRaster

## References

Qin, Z., Karnieli, A. and Berliner, P., 2001. A mono-window algorithm for retrieving land surface temperature from Landsat TM data and its application to the Israel-Egypt border region. *International journal of remote sensing*, 22(18), pp.3719-3746.

## Examples

```
BTemp <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(BTemp) = runif(10000, min=298, max=305)
E <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(E) = runif(10000, min=0.96, max=0.99)
MWA(BT = BTemp, tau = 0.86, E = E, Ta = 26)
```

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 NDVI

*NDVI*


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**Description**

Function for NDVI calculation

**Usage**

NDVI(Red, NIR)

**Arguments**

Red	SpatRaster object, red band of remote sensing imagery
NIR	SpatRaster object, NIR band of remote sensing imagery

**Value**

SpatRaster

**Examples**

```
red <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(red) = runif(10000, min=0.1, max=0.4)

NIR <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(NIR) = runif(10000, min=0.1, max=0.6)

NDVI(Red = red, NIR = NIR)
```

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 Pv

*Proportion of vegetation or fractional vegetation cover*


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**Description**

Calculation of the proportion of vegetation or fractional vegetation cover from NDVI

**Usage**

Pv(NDVI, minNDVI, maxNDVI)

**Arguments**

NDVI	SpatRaster object, NDVI calculated from remote sensing imagery
minNDVI	= 0.2 (Ref. Sobrino et al. 2004)
maxNDVI	= 0.5 (Ref. Sobrino et al. 2004)

**Value**

SpatRaster

**References**

Sobrino, J.A., Jiménez-Muñoz, J.C. and Paolini, L., 2004. Land surface temperature retrieval from LANDSAT TM 5. Remote Sensing of environment, 90(4), pp.434-440.

**Examples**

```
NDVI <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(NDVI) = runif(10000, min=0.02, max=0.8)
Pv(NDVI = NDVI, minNDVI = 0.2, maxNDVI = 0.5)
```

RTE

*Radiative transfer equation method***Description**

This function calculates Land Surface Temperature using radiative transfer equation method

**Usage**

```
RTE(TIR = TIR, tau = tau, E = E, dlrad = dlrad, ulrad = ulrad, band = band)
```

**Arguments**

TIR	SpatRaster object, Landsat band 10 or 11
tau	Atmospheric transmittance
E	SpatRaster object, Land Surface Emissivity calculated according to Van de Griend and Owe 1993 or Valor and Caselles 1996 or Sobrino et al. 2008
dlrad	Downwelling radiance calculated from <a href="https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/">https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/</a>
ulrad	upwelling radiance calculated from <a href="https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/">https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/</a>
band	A string specifying which Landsat 8 thermal band to use. It can be "band 10" or "band 11"

**Value**

SpatRaster

**References**

Srivastava, P.K., Majumdar, T.J. and Bhattacharya, A.K., 2009. Surface temperature estimation in Singhbhum Shear Zone of India using Landsat-7 ETM+ thermal infrared data. Advances in space research, 43(10), pp.1563-1574.

## Examples

```
TIR <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(TIR) = runif(10000, min=27791, max=30878)
BT <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(BT) = runif(10000, min=298, max=305)
E <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(E) = runif(10000, min=0.96, max=0.99)
Ts_RTE <- RTE(TIR = TIR, tau = 0.86, E = E,
dlrad = 2.17, ulrad = 1.30, band = "band 11")
```

SCA

*Single channel algorithm*

## Description

This function calculates Land Surface Temperature using single channel algorithm

## Usage

```
SCA(TIR = TIR, tau = tau, E = E, dlrad = dlrad, ulrad = ulrad, band = band)
```

## Arguments

TIR	SpatRaster object, Landsat band 10 or 11
tau	Atmospheric transmittance
E	SpatRaster object, Land Surface Emissivity calculated according to Van de Griend and Owe 1993 or Valor and Caselles 1996 or Sobrino et al. 2008
dlrad	Downwelling radiance calculated from <a href="https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/">https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/</a>
ulrad	upwelling radiance calculated from <a href="https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/">https://atmcorr.gsfc.nasa.gov/</a>
band	A string specifying which Landsat 8 thermal band to use. It can be "band 10" or "band 11"

## Value

SpatRaster

## References

Jimenez-Munoz, J.C., Cristobal, J., Sobrino, J.A., Sòria, G., Ninyerola, M. and Pons, X., 2008. Revision of the single-channel algorithm for land surface temperature retrieval from Landsat thermal-infrared data. *IEEE Transactions on geoscience and remote sensing*, 47(1), pp.339-349.

**Examples**

```
TIR <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(TIR) = runif(10000, min=27791, max=30878)
E <- terra::rast(ncol=100, nrow=100)
set.seed(2)
terra::values(E) = runif(10000, min=0.96, max=0.99)
Ts_SCA <- SCA(TIR = TIR, tau = 0.86, E = E,
dIrad = 2.17, uIrad = 1.30, band = "band 11")
```

SWA

*Split-window algorithm***Description**

This function calculates Land Surface Temperature using split-window algorithm

**Usage**

```
SWA(
  TIR_10 = TIR_10,
  TIR_11 = TIR_11,
  tau_10 = tau_10,
  tau_11 = tau_11,
  E_10 = E_10,
  E_11 = E_11
)
```

**Arguments**

TIR_10	SpatRaster object, Landsat band 10
TIR_11	SpatRaster object, Landsat band 11
tau_10	Atmospheric transmittance for Landsat band 10
tau_11	Atmospheric transmittance for Landsat band 11
E_10	SpatRaster object, Land Surface Emissivity for Landsat band 10 calculated according to Skokovic et al. 2014 or Yu et al. 2014
E_11	SpatRaster object, Land Surface Emissivity for Landsat band 11 calculated according to Skokovic et al. 2014 or Yu et al. 2014

**Value**

SpatRaster

**References**

Yu, X., Guo, X. and Wu, Z., 2014. Land surface temperature retrieval from Landsat 8 TIRS—Comparison between radiative transfer equation-based method, split window algorithm and single channel method. *Remote sensing*, 6(10), pp.9829-9852.





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