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TOC-package *Total Operating Characteristic (TOC) Curve and ROC Curve*

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See Also[TOC](#), [plot](#)

plot	<i>Plot an object of class Toc or Roc</i>
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Description

Plot a Total Operating Characteristic (TOC) curve or a Relative Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Toc'
plot(x, labelThres = FALSE, modelLeg = "Model", digits = 3,
      nticks = 5, digitSL = 1, posL = NULL, offsetL = 0.5, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Roc'
plot(x, labelThres = FALSE, modelLeg = "Model", digits = 3,
      nticks = 5, digitSL = 1, posL = NULL, offsetL = 0.5, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class Toc or Roc
labelThres	logical, default to FALSE. If TRUE, thresholds are labeled in the TOC plot
modelLeg	a character string for labeling the model in the legend
digits	integer indicating the number of decimal places (round) or significant digits (signif) to be used for labeling the numeric axes. Negative values are allowed. See Details in the round function
nticks	number of tickmarks to be drawn along the axes
digitSL	integer indicating the number of decimal places (round) or significant digits (signif) to be used for labeling the thresholds. Negative values are allowed. See Details in the round function
posL	a position specifier for the text labels. Values of 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively indicate positions below, to the left of, above and to the right of the corresponding coordinates
offsetL	when posL is specified, this value gives the offset of the label from the corresponding coordinate in fractions of a character width
...	additional parameters to be passed to plot, axis or text

Value

a plot showing the TOC or the ROC curve

References

Pontius Jr., R.G., Kangpin, Si. 2014. *The total operating characteristic to measure diagnostic ability for multiple thresholds*. International Journal of Geographical Information Science 28 (3): 570-583. <doi:10.1080/13658816.2013.862623>

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See Also

[TOC](#), [ROC](#)

Examples

```
index <- rast(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- rast(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- rast(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))

## create and plot the TOC curve
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
plot(tocd, main = "TOC curve")

## create and plot the ROC curve
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
plot(rocd, main = "ROC curve")

## label the thresholds in the plot
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 10)
plot(tocd, labelThres = TRUE, cex = 0.8, posL = 4)
```

ROC

Construct the table for the ROC curve

Description

Construct the table for the Relative Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve for spatial or non-spatial data

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric'
ROC(index, boolean, mask = NULL, nthres = NULL, thres = NULL,
NAval = 0, progress = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'SpatRaster,SpatRaster'
ROC(index, boolean, mask = NULL, nthres = NULL, thres = NULL,
NAval = 0, progress = FALSE)
```

Arguments

index	index object of class numeric or SpatRaster
boolean	boolean object of class numeric or SpatRaster
mask	mask object of class numeric or SpatRaster
nthres	an optional integer indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the ROC curve. See Details below
thres	an optional numeric vector of thresholds to be evaluated for the ROC curve. See Details below
NAval	value for nodata (NA values) in the mask object
progress	logical; if TRUE, a progress bar is shown

Details

thresholds are calculated as the unique values of the index object after masking out NA values (default option), if neither `nthres` nor `thres` is provided. The default option can be time-consuming if the amount of unique values in the index object (after masking out NA values) is large (e.g., greater than 1000). In the latter case, the user may prefer to enter specified thresholds (with the `thres` argument), or to indicate the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the ROC curve (with the `nthres` argument)

Value

an object of class `Roc` containing the ROC table, the area under the curve (AUC), maximum AUC and minimum AUC

References

Pontius Jr., R.G., Kangpin, Si. 2014. *The total operating characteristic to measure diagnostic ability for multiple thresholds*. International Journal of Geographical Information Science 28 (3): 570-583. <doi:10.1080/13658816.2013.862623>

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See Also

[plot](#)

Examples

```
index <- rast(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- rast(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- rast(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))

## thresholds can be defined by indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
rocd

## a vector of thresholds can also be used to define the thresholds
```

```

thresholds <- seq(min(unique(index)), max(unique(index)) + 1,
                  by = ceiling(max(unique(index))/10))
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, thres = thresholds)
rocd

## all the unique values of the index object can be evaluated as thresholds
## (default option)
## Not run:
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, progress = TRUE)
rocd

## End(Not run)

## generate the ROC curve using non-spatial data (i.e., an object of class numeric)
## Not run:
index <- rast(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- rast(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- rast(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))

index <- values(index, mat = FALSE)
boolean <- values(boolean, mat = FALSE)
mask <- values(mask, mat = FALSE)
rocd <- ROC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
rocd

## End(Not run)

```

roctable

Construct a basic ROC table

Description

TOC internal function. Construct a basic ROC table

Usage

```

roctable(indval, boolval, maskval = NULL, nthres = NULL,
         thres = NULL, NAvail = 0, progress = FALSE,
         ones.bool = NULL, zeros.bool = NULL)

```

Arguments

indval	numeric index vector
boolval	numeric boolean vector
maskval	numeric mask vector
nthres	an optional integer indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below
thres	an optional numeric vector of thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below

<code>NAval</code>	value for nodata (NA values) in the mask map
<code>progress</code>	logical; if TRUE, a progress bar is shown
<code>ones.bool</code>	numeric value indicating total number of 1's in the boolean vector
<code>zeros.bool</code>	numeric value indicating total number of 0's in the boolean vector

Value

a data.frame with a basic ROC table and a numeric value for minimum value in the index vector

Note

This function is not meant to be called by users directly

scaling	<i>scale the output TOC values and change units</i>
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Description

scale the 'Hits' and 'Hits+FalseAlarms' values in the TOC output table, as well as the prevalence and population, using a scaling factor. Labels for the modified units in the TOC object are changed to newUnits

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Toc'
scaling(x, scalingFactor, newUnits)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class Toc
<code>scalingFactor</code>	numeric value to scale 'Hits' and 'Hits+FalseAlarms' values in the TOC output table, as well as the prevalence and population
<code>newUnits</code>	charater string for the new data units in the TOC object

Value

an object of class TOC

See Also

[TOC](#), [ROC](#)

Examples

```

index <- rast(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- rast(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- rast(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
plot(tocd)

## scale units from square m to square km
tocd_sqkm <- scaling(tocd, scalingFactor = 1000000, newUnits = "square km")
plot(tocd_sqkm)

```

TOC

Construct the table for the TOC curve

Description

Construct the table for the Total Operating Characteristic (TOC) curve for spatial or non-spatial data. The TOC method is a modification of the ROC method which measures the ability of an index variable to diagnose either presence or absence of a characteristic. The diagnosis depends on whether the value of an index variable is above a threshold. Each threshold generates a two-by-two contingency table, which contains four entries: hits (H), misses (M), false alarms (FA), and correct rejections (CR). While ROC shows for each threshold only two ratios, $H/(H + M)$ and $FA/(FA + CR)$, TOC reveals the size of every entry in the contingency table for each threshold (Pontius Jr., R.G., Si, K. 2014. <doi:10.1080/13658816.2013.862623>).

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'numeric,numeric'
TOC(index, boolean, mask = NULL, nthres = NULL, thres = NULL,
NAval = 0, P = NA, Q = NA, progress = FALSE, units = character(0))
## S4 method for signature 'SpatRaster,SpatRaster'
TOC(index, boolean, mask = NULL, nthres = NULL, thres = NULL,
NAval = 0, P = NA, Q = NA, progress = FALSE)

```

Arguments

index	index object of class numeric or SpatRaster
boolean	boolean object of class numeric or SpatRaster
mask	mask object of class numeric or SpatRaster
nthres	an optional integer indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below
thres	an optional numeric vector of thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve. See Details below
NAval	value for nodata (NA values) in the mask object
P	count of reference presence observations in the population

Q	count of reference absence observations in the population
progress	logical; if TRUE, a progress bar is shown
units	character string indicating data units

Details

thresholds are calculated as the unique values of the index object after masking out NA values (default option), if neither `nthres` nor `thres` is provided. The default option can be time-consuming if the amount of unique values in the index object (after masking out NA values) is large (e.g., greater than 1000). In the latter case, the user may prefer to enter specified thresholds (with the `thres` argument), or to indicate the number of equal-interval thresholds to be evaluated for the TOC curve (with the `nthres` argument)

Value

an object of class `Toc` containing the TOC table, the area under the curve (AUC), maximum AUC and minimum AUC, the prevalence, the population and the data units (for data in the TOC table slot, and the prevalence and population slots)

References

Pontius Jr., R.G., Kangpin, Si. 2014. *The total operating characteristic to measure diagnostic ability for multiple thresholds*. International Journal of Geographical Information Science 28 (3): 570-583. <doi:10.1080/13658816.2013.862623>

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See Also

[plot](#)

Examples

```
index <- rast(system.file("external/Prob_Map2.rst", package = "TOC"))
boolean <- rast(system.file("external/Change_Map2b.rst", package = "TOC"))
mask <- rast(system.file("external/MASK4.rst", package = "TOC"))

## thresholds can be defined by indicating the number of equal-interval thresholds
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)
tocd

## a vector of thresholds can also be used to define the thresholds
thresholds <- seq(min(unique(index)), max(unique(index)) + 1,
  by = ceiling(max(unique(index))/10))
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, thres = thresholds)
tocd

## all the unique values of the index object can be evaluated as thresholds
## (default option)
## Not run:
```

```

tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, progress = TRUE)
tocd

## End(Not run)

## generate the TOC curve using non-spatial data (i.e., an object of class numeric)
## Not run:
index <- values(index, mat = FALSE)
boolean <- values(boolean, mat = FALSE)
mask <- values(mask, mat = FALSE)
tocd <- TOC(index, boolean, mask, nthres = 100)

## End(Not run)

```

Toc-class

Toc and Roc classes

Description

Toc and Roc classes

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("Toc", ...)`, or with the helper functions such as `Toc`.

Slots

Slots for Roc and Toc objects

`table`: data.frame

`AUC`: numeric; Area Under the Curve

`maxAUC`: numeric; maximum AUC

`minAUC`: numeric; minimum AUC

`prevalence`: numeric; prevalence

`population`: numeric; population

`units`: character; units for data in the TOC table, prevalence and population

Examples

```
showClass("Toc")
```

uncertainty	<i>Uncertainty in AUC calculation</i>
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Description

TOC internal function. It calculates uncertainty in AUC calculation

Usage

```
uncertainty(index, tocd)
```

Arguments

index	index vector
tocd	data.frame output from roctable

Value

a numeric value representing uncertainty in AUC calculation

Note

This function is not meant to be called by users directly

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