

Package ‘PiC’

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Title Pointcloud Interactive Computation for Forest Structure Analysis

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Description Provides advanced algorithms for analyzing pointcloud data in forestry applications. Key features include fast voxelization of large datasets; segmentation of point clouds into forest floor, understorey, canopy, and wood components. The package enables efficient processing of large-scale forest pointcloud data, offering insights into forest structure, connectivity, and fire risk assessment. Algorithms to analyze pointcloud data (.xyz input file). For more details, see Ferrara & Arrizza (2025) <<https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.14243/533471>>. For single tree segmentation details, see Ferrara et al. (2018) <[doi:10.1016/j.agrformet.2018.04.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agrformet.2018.04.008)>.

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Floseg	<i>Forest floor segmentation</i>
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Description

Segments the input .xyz pointcloud file into different forestry layers: forest floor and above ground biomass.

Usage

```
Floseg(a, filename="XXX", soil_dim = 0.3, th = 20, N=500, output_path = tempdir())
```

Arguments

- a - Input file (.xyz)
- filename - Output file prefix
- soil_dim - Voxel dimension (m) for forest floor segmentation - Default = 0.30
- th - Minimum number of point to generate a voxel. Default = 20
- N - Minimum number of voxel to generate a cluster. Default = 500
- output_path - Directory in cui scrivere i file di output. Default = tempdir()

Value

2 files (.txt) output. 1. Forest floor pointcloud; 2. AGB pointcloud

Forest_seg

*Forest component segmentation***Description**

Segments the input .xyz pointcloud file into different forestry layers.

Usage

```
Forest_seg (a, filename="XXX", dimVox = 2, th = 2,
eps = 2, mpts = 6, h_tree = 1, soil_dim= 0.3,
N = 500, R = 30, Vox_print = FALSE, WoodVox_print = FALSE, output_path = tempdir())
```

Arguments

a	- Input file (.xyz)
filename	- Output file prefix
dimVox	- Voxel dimension (cm) - Default = 2
th	- Minimum number of point to generate a voxel. Default = 2
eps	- size (radius) of the epsilon neighborhood - Default = 1
mpts	- number of minimum points required in the eps neighborhood for core points (including the point itself) - Default = 4
h_tree	- minumum trunk lenght (m)
soil_dim	- Voxel dimension (m) for forest floor segmentation - Default = 0.30
N	- Minimum number of voxel in a wood cluster - Default = 1000
R	- R = Standard deviation * Proportion of Variance - Default = 30
Vox_print	- Print point cloud voxelization. Default FALSE
WoodVox_print	- Print wood voxelization
output_path	Directory in cui scrivere i file di output. Default = tempdir()

Details

Whole pointcloud segmentation process

Value

6 files (.txt) output. 1. Voxelized pointcloud. 2. Forest floor (vox). 3. AGB (vox) 4. DTM. 5. Wood (vox) 6. AGB no wood

SegOne

Single Tree wood leaf segmentation

Description

Wood - leaf segmentation of single tree

Usage

```
SegOne(a, filename = "Elab_single_tree", dimVox = 2, th = 2,
eps = 1, mpts = 4, N = 1000, R = 30, output_path = tempdir())
```

Arguments

dimVox	- voxel dimension in cm - Default = 2
th	- Minimum number of points to generate a voxel - Default = 2
filename	- Output file prefix
a	- AGB voxelized input file
eps	- size (radius) of the epsilon neighborhood - Default = 1
mpts	- number of minimum points required in the eps neighborhood for core points (including the point itself) - Default = 4
N	- Minimum number of voxel in a wood cluster - Default = 1000
R	- R = Standard deviation * Proportion of Variance - Default = 30
output_path	Directory in cui scrivere i file di output. Default = tempdir()

Value

Two file (.txt) in output - Wood points and non wood points

Voxels

Voxelize point cloud

Description

Transform pointcloud in voxel

Usage

```
Voxels(a, filename = "XXX", dimVox = 2, th = 2, output_path = tempdir())
```

Arguments

a	- input file
filename	- file output prefix
dimVox	- voxel dimension in cm - Default = 2
th	Minimum number of point to generate a voxel (Default = 1) Is a parameter that should be used with caution; it generates a lightened cloud with fewer points. To be evaluated in relation with the dimVox parameter, for high point densities it is efficace to remove noise (outliers)
output_path	Directory in cui scrivere i file di output. Default = tempdir()

Value

Voxelized pointcloud

Woodseg	<i>Wood voxels segmentation</i>
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Description

Point cloud segmentation to identify wood voxels

Usage

```
Woodseg(a, filename = "XXX", eps = 1, mpts = 4, N = 1000, R = 30, output_path = tempdir())
```

Arguments

filename	- Output file prefix
a	- AGB voxelized input file
eps	- size (radius) of the epsilon neighborhood - Default = 1
mpts	- number of minimum points required in the eps neighborhood for core points (including the point itself) - Default = 4
N	- Minimum number of voxel in a wood cluster - Default = 1000
R	- $R = \text{Standard deviation} * \text{Proportion of Variance}$ - Default = 30
output_path	Directory in cui scrivere i file di output. Default = tempdir()

Value

One file (.txt) output - Wood voxels (vox)

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