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allocate

Allocate polygon centroids to hexagons in a grid

Description

Chooses a hexagon centroid for each polygon in the shape file, from a grid spanning the longitudes and latitudes in the expanded bounding box.

Usage

```
allocate(
  centroids,
  hex_grid,
  sf_id = names(centroids)[1],
  hex_size,
  hex_filter,
  focal_points = NULL,
  order_sf_id = NULL,
  width = 30,
  verbose
)
```

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centroids a data frame with centroids of non empty polygons
hex_grid a data frame containing all possible hexagon points
sf_id a string to indicate the column to identify individual polygons
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hex_size a float value in degrees for the diameter of the hexagons
hex_filter amount of hexagons around centroid to consider
focal_points a data frame of reference locations when allocating hexagons, capital cities of
Australia are used in the example
order_sf_id a string to indicate the column used to order polygons
width a numeric indicating the angle used to filter the hexagon grid
verbose a boolean to indicate whether to show polygon id

Value

a data frame of all allocated hexagon points

Examples

```
# Create centroids set
centroids <- create_centroids(tas_lga, sf_id = "lga_code_2016")</pre>
# Smaller set for faster example
centroids <- centroids[1:10,]</pre>
# Create hexagon location grid
data(capital_cities)
grid <- create_grid(centroids = centroids, hex_size = 0.2, buffer_dist = 1.2)</pre>
# Allocate polygon centroids to hexagon grid points
hex_allocated <- allocate(</pre>
  centroids = centroids,
  hex_grid = grid,
  hex_size = 0.2, # same size used in create_grid
  hex_filter = 3,
  focal_points = capital_cities,
  width = 30,
  verbose = TRUE
# NEXT:
# create a set of hexagon points for plotting
# using fortify_hexagon, and
# plot the hexagons with geom_polygon, see vignette
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capital_cities

The point locations of Australian capital cities.

Description

A dataset containing the longitude and latitude values of Australian capital cities.

Usage

```
capital_cities
```

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Format

A data frame with 8 rows and 3 variables:

points name of cities

longitude location of point in longitude degrees

latitude location of point in latitude degrees

closest_focal_point For the polygon provided, find the closest focal point in the set provided

Description

For one row of an sf data frame, calculate the distance to the closest focal point. Return the name of the focal point, and the angle between focal point and centroid.

Usage

```
closest_focal_point(centroid, focal_points)
```

Arguments

centroid a data frame describing one centroid

focal_points a data frame of the longitude and latitude values

Value

data frame containing the name and location of the closest focal

Examples

```
# Create a set of polygon centroids
centroids <- create_centroids(tas_sa2, "sa2_5dig_2016")
# Find the closest capital city for the first centroid
closest_focal_point(centroids[1, ], capital_cities)</pre>
```

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create_buffer Expand points to extend beyond the outermost centroids	create_buffer	Expand points to extend beyond the outermost centroids	
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Description

Called from within create_grid function, this function takes the bounding box of a group of polygons, or a specific table of minimum and maximum longitudes and latitudes to create points for each polygon to be allocated to that will tessellate into hexagons.

Usage

```
create_buffer(centroids, grid, hex_size, buffer_dist, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

centroids data frame of centroids to be allocated grid data frame of hexagon centroids

hex_size a float value in degrees for the diameter of the hexagons

buffer_dist distance to extend beyond the geometry provided

verbose a boolean to indicate whether to show function progress

Value

data frame of hexagon centroids

Examples

```
lga_centroids <- create_centroids(sugarbag::tas_lga, "lga_code_2016")
lga_grid <- create_grid(lga_centroids, hex_size = 0.2, buffer_dist = 1.2)</pre>
```

Description

Create a data frame of longitude and latitude centroids of each polygon.

Usage

```
create_centroids(shp_sf, sf_id, largest = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
```

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Arguments

shp_sf	an sf object, a data set with a simple feature list column
sf_id	a string to indicate the column to identify individual polygons
largest	logical; for st_centroid: if TRUE, return centroid of the largest subpolygon of a MULTIPOLYGON rather than the whole MULTIPOLYGON
verbose	a boolean to indicate whether to show function progress

Value

a tibble containing longitude and latitude

Examples

```
centroids <- create_centroids(tas_lga, "lga_code_2016")</pre>
```

create_grid

Create a grid of evenly spaced points to allow hexagons to tessellate

Description

This function takes the output from the create_centroids function, or a set of centroids in a table with the columns latitude and longitude

Usage

```
create_grid(
  centroids,
  hex_size,
  buffer_dist,
  latitude = "latitude",
  longitude = "longitude",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

centroids	data frame of centroids to be allocated, this should have columns for longitude and latitude value of centroids, as
hex_size	a float value in degrees for the diameter of the hexagons
buffer_dist	distance to extend beyond the geometry provided
latitude	the column name for the latitude values of the centroids
longitude	the column name for the longitude values of the centroids
verbose	a boolean to indicate whether to show function progress

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Value

grid

Examples

```
# Create a set of centroids for grid to overlay
centroids <- create_centroids(tas_lga, "lga_code_2016")
# Create the grid
grid <- create_grid(centroids = centroids, hex_size = 0.2, buffer_dist = 1.2, verbose = FALSE)</pre>
```

create_hexmap

Create a tessellated hexagon map from a set of polygons

Description

Allocates each polygon in a shape file to a grid point to create a map of tessellated hexagons. The spatial relationships of areas are preserved while the geographic shape of each area is lost.

Usage

```
create_hexmap(
    shp,
    sf_id,
    hex_size = NULL,
    buffer_dist = NULL,
    hex_filter = 10,
    f_width = 30,
    focal_points = NULL,
    order_sf_id = NULL,
    export_shp = FALSE,
    verbose = FALSE
)
```

```
shp
                  a shape file, if class is SPDF, will be converted to sf
sf_id
                  name of a unique column that distinguishes areas
hex_size
                  a float value in degrees for the diameter of the hexagons
buffer_dist
                  distance in degrees to extend beyond the geometry provided
hex_filter
                  amount of hexagons around centroid to consider
f_width
                  the angle used to filter the grid points around a centroid
focal_points
                  a data frame of reference locations when allocating hexagons, capital cities of
                  Australia are used in the example
order_sf_id
                  a string name of a column to order by for allocating
export_shp
                  export the simple features set
verbose
                  a boolean to indicate whether to show function progress
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Value

a data set containing longitude and latitude of allocated hexagon points for each non null geometry passed in the shape file

Examples

```
data(tas_lga)
# Smaller set for faster example
tas_lga_sub <- tas_lga[1:10,]
data(capital_cities)
hexmap <- create_hexmap(
    shp = tas_lga_sub,
    sf_id = "lga_code_2016",
    hex_filter = 3,
    focal_points = capital_cities,
    verbose = TRUE)</pre>
```

filter_grid_points

Filter full set of grid points for those within range of original point

Description

Takes only the closest available gridpoints as possible hexagon centroids to allocate polygons.

Usage

```
filter_grid_points(
   f_grid,
   f_centroid,
   focal_points = NULL,
   f_dist = filter_dist,
   angle_width = width,
   h_size = hex_size
)
```

f_grid	complete grid of hexagon centroids
f_centroid	the longitude and latitude values for the current centroid
focal_points	a tibble of focal locations, an optional argument that allows allocation of polygons to hexagon centroids in ascending order of the distance to the closest focal point. It also filters the grid points to those within a 30 degree range of the angle from focal point to centroid. The default "capitals" uses the locations of the Australian capital cities as focal points.
f_dist	a distance in degrees, used as a boundary to filter the hexagon centroids considered for each polygon centroid to be allocated.

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```
angle_width a numeric used to filter the hexagon grid
```

h_size a float value in degrees for the diameter of the hexagons

Value

a tibble of filtered grid points

fortify_hexagon

Creates the points that define a hexagon polygon for plotting

Description

Creates the points that define a hexagon polygon for plotting

Usage

```
fortify_hexagon(data, sf_id, hex_size)
```

Arguments

data a data frame created by the allocate function

sf_id a string to indicate the column to identify individual polygons

hex_size a float value in degrees for the diameter of the hexagons

Value

a data frame of the seven points used to draw a hexagon

Examples

```
# same column is used in create_centroids
fortify_hexagon(data = tas_lga_hexctr, sf_id = "lga_code_2016", hex_size = 0.2)
```

fortify_sfc

Convert a simple features tibble to tibble for plotting.

Description

This will contain individual points for plotting the polygon, indicating the longitude and latitude, order of points, if a hole is present, the piece, id and group.

Usage

```
fortify_sfc(sfc_df, keep = NULL)
```

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Arguments

sfc_df a simples features data set keep ratio of points to keep

Value

a tibble point of long lat points used to plot polygons

fp19 2019 Australian Federal election data: First preference votes for can-

didates (House of Representatives) in each electorate.

Description

A dataset containing first preference vote counts, candidate names, and other results for the House of Representatives from the 2016 Australian federal election. The data were obtained from the Australian Electoral Commission, and downloaded from https://results.aec.gov.au/24310/Website/Downloads/HouseFirstPrefsByPartyDownload-24310.csv

Usage

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Format

A data frame with the following variables:

StateAb Abbreviation for state name

DivisionID numeric identifier that links the electoral division with Census and other election datasets.

DivisionNm Electoral division name

CandidateID Candidate ID

Surname Candidate surname

GivenNm Candidate given name

BallotPosition Candidate's position on the ballot **Elected** Whether the candidate was elected (Y/N)

HistoricElected Whether the candidate is the incumbent member

PartyAb Abbreviation for political party name

PartyNm Political party name

Ordinary Votes Number of ordinary votes cast at the electorate for the candidate

AbsentVotes Number of absentee votes

Provisional Votes Number of provisional votes

PrePollVotes Number of pre-poll votes
PostalVotes Number of postal votes
TotalVotes Number of total votes
Swing % swing for or away from party

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homeless	The amount of homeless people in each Statistical Area at Level 2 in 2016.

Description

A data frame of the Statistical Area at Level 2 names and amount of homeless

Usage

homeless

Format

A data frame with 545 rows and 2 variables:

homeless amount of homeless people sa2_name_2016 name of the Statistical Area at Level 2

tas_lga

The polygons of Tasmanian Local Government Areas in 2016.

Description

A simple features dataset containing the polygons for all Australian LGAs in 2016.

Usage

tas_lga

Format

A simple features data frame with 39 rows and 6 variables:

lga_code_2016 code for the Local Government Area
lga_name_2016 name of the Local Government Area
ste_code_2016 code for the state containing the Local Government Area
ste_name_2016 name of the state containing the Local Government Area
areasqkm_2016 area contained in the polygon
geometry describes where on Earth the polygon is located

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	tas_lga_hexctr	The hexagon centres for polygons of Tasmanian Local Government Areas in 2016.
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Description

A tibble dataset containing the processed data for all Australian LGAs in 2016. Each point corresponds to hexagon centre.

Usage

```
tas_lga_hexctr
```

Format

A simple features data frame with 39 rows and 6 variables:

lga_code_2016 code for the Local Government Area

longitude, latitude polygon centroid

points, focal_longitude, focal_latitude, focal_dist, focal_angle Focal point (capital city) information used for each polygon/hexagon

rownumber row number, in case it can be useful

hex_long, hex_lat, hex_id hexagon centre and id

tas_sa2

The polygons of Tasmanian Statistical Areas in 2016.

Description

A simple features dataset containing the polygons for all Tasmanian SA2s in 2016.

Usage

tas_sa2

Format

A simple features data frame with 99 rows and 15 variables:

sa2_main_2016 complete code of the Statistical Area

sa2_5dig_2016 simple code for the Statistical Area

sa2_name_2016 name of the Statistical Area

sa3_code_2016 code for the SA3 containing the Statistical Area

sa3_name_2016 name of the SA3 containing the Statistical Area

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sa4_code_2016 code for the SA4 containing the Statistical Area
sa4_name_2016 name of the SA4 containing the Statistical Area
gcc_code_2016 code for the Greater Capital City region containing the Statistical Area
gcc_name_2016 name of the Greater Capital City region containing the Statistical Area
ste_code_2016 code for the state containing the Statistical Area
ste_name_2016 name of the state containing the Statistical Area
areasqkm_2016 area contained in the polygon
id distinguishes SA2 regions
population amount of people living within the region
sa2_code_2016 code of the Statistical Area

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