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sperrorest-package	<i>Spatial Error Estimation and Variable Importance</i>
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## Description

This package implements spatial error estimation and permutation-based spatial variable importance using different spatial cross-validation and spatial block bootstrap methods. To cite ‘sperrorest’ in publications, reference the paper by Brenning (2012).

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add.distance	<i>Add distance information to resampling objects</i>
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## Description

Add distance information to resampling objects

## Usage

```
add.distance(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'resampling'
add.distance(object, data, coords = c("x", "y"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'represampling'
add.distance(object, data, coords = c("x", "y"), mode = "future", ...)
```

## Arguments

object	<a href="#">resampling</a> or <a href="#">represampling</a> object.
...	Additional arguments to <a href="#">dataset_distance</a> and <a href="#">add.distance.resampling</a> , respectively.
data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
coords	(ignored by <code>partition_cv</code> )
mode	Use <code>future.apply::future_lapply()</code> for parallelized execution if <code>mode = "future"</code> , and <code>lapply</code> for sequential execution otherwise ( <code>mode = "sequential"</code> )

## Details

Nearest-neighbour distances are calculated for each sample in the test set. These `nrow(???$test)` nearest-neighbour distances are then averaged. Aggregation methods other than mean can be chosen using the `fun` argument, which will be passed on to [dataset\\_distance](#).

## Value

A [resampling](#) or [represampling](#) object containing an additional. `$distance` component in each [resampling](#) object. The distance component is a single numeric value indicating, for each train / test pair, the (by default, mean) nearest-neighbour distance between the two sets.

## See Also

[dataset\\_distance](#) [represampling](#) [resampling](#)

## Examples

```
# Muenchow et al. (2012), see ?ecuador
nsp.parti <- partition_cv(ecuador)
sp.parti <- partition_kmeans(ecuador)
nsp.parti <- add.distance(nsp.parti, data = ecuador)
sp.parti <- add.distance(sp.parti, data = ecuador)
# non-spatial partitioning: very small test-training distance:
nsp.parti[[1]][[1]]$distance
# spatial partitioning: more substantial distance, depending on number of
# folds etc.
sp.parti[[1]][[1]]$distance
```

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as.represampling	<i>Resampling objects with repetition, i.e. sets of partitionings or bootstrap samples</i>
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## Description

Functions for handling represampling objects, i.e. lists of [resampling](#) objects.

## Usage

```
as.represampling(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
as.represampling(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'represampling'
print(x, ...)

is_represampling(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of class <code>resampling</code> , or a list to be coerced to this class.
...	currently not used.
x	object of class <code>resampling</code> .

**Details**

`resampling` objects are (names) lists of [resampling](#) objects. Such objects are typically created by [partition\\_cv](#), [partition\\_kmeans](#), [resampling\\_disc\\_bootstrap](#) and related functions.

In r-repeated k-fold cross-validation, for example, the corresponding `resampling` object has length `r`, and each of its `r` [resampling](#) objects has length `k`.

`as.resampling_list` coerces object to class `resampling` while coercing its elements to [resampling](#) objects. Some validity checks are performed.

**Value**

`as.resampling` methods return an object of class `resampling` with the contents of `object`.

**See Also**

[resampling](#), [partition\\_cv](#), [partition\\_kmeans](#), [resampling\\_disc\\_bootstrap](#), etc.

**Examples**

```
# Muenchow et al. (2012), see ?ecuador
# Partitioning by elevation classes in 200 m steps:
fac <- factor(as.character(floor(ecuador$dem / 300)))
summary(fac)
parti <- as.resampling(fac)
# a list of lists specifying sets of training and test sets,
# using each factor at a time as the test set:
str(parti)
summary(parti)
```

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as.resampling

*Resampling objects such as partitionings or bootstrap samples*


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**Description**

Create/coerce and print `resampling` objects, e.g., partitionings or bootstrap samples derived from a data set.

**Usage**

```

as.resampling(object, ...)

## Default S3 method:
as.resampling(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'factor'
as.resampling(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'list'
as.resampling(object, ...)

validate.resampling(object)

is.resampling(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'resampling'
print(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

object	depending on the function/method, a list or a vector of type factor defining a partitioning of the dataset.
...	currently not used.
x	object of class resampling.

**Details**

A resampling object is a list of lists defining a set of training and test samples.

In the case of k-fold cross-validation partitioning, for example, the corresponding resampling object would be of length k, i.e. contain k lists. Each of these k lists defines a training set of size  $n(k-1)/k$  (where n is the overall sample size), and a test set of size  $n/k$ . The resampling object does, however, not contain the data itself, but only indices between 1 and n identifying the selection (see Examples).

Another example is bootstrap resampling. [represampling\\_bootstrap](#) with argument `oob = TRUE` generates [represampling](#) objects with indices of a bootstrap sample in the train component and indices of the out-of-bag sample in the test component (see Examples below).

`as.resampling.factor`: For each factor level of the input variable, `as.resampling.factor` determines the indices of samples in this level (= test samples) and outside this level (= training samples). Empty levels of object are dropped without warning.

`as.resampling_list` checks if the list in object has a valid resampling object structure (with components train and test etc.) and assigns the class attribute 'resampling' if successful.

**Value**

`as.resampling` methods: An object of class resampling.

**See Also**

[represampling](#), [partition\\_cv](#), [partition\\_kmeans](#), [represampling\\_bootstrap](#), etc.

**Examples**

```
# Muenchow et al. (2012), see ?ecuador

# Partitioning by elevation classes in 200 m steps:
parti <- factor(as.character(floor(ecuador$dem / 200)))
smp <- as.resampling(parti)
summary(smp)
# Compare:
summary(parti)

# k-fold (non-spatial) cross-validation partitioning:
parti <- partition_cv(ecuador)
parti <- parti[[1]] # the first (and only) resampling object in parti
# data corresponding to the test sample of the first fold:
str(ecuador[parti[[1]]$test, ])
# the corresponding training sample - larger:
str(ecuador[parti[[1]]$train, ])

# Bootstrap training sets, out-of-bag test sets:
parti <- represampling_bootstrap(ecuador, oob = TRUE)
parti <- parti[[1]] # the first (and only) resampling object in parti
# out-of-bag test sample: approx. one-third of nrow(ecuador):
str(ecuador[parti[[1]]$test, ])
# bootstrap training sample: same size as nrow(ecuador):
str(ecuador[parti[[1]]$train, ])
```

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as.tilename

*Alphanumeric tile names*


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**Description**

Functions for generating and handling alphanumeric tile names of the form 'X2:Y7' as used by [partition\\_tiles](#) and [represampling\\_tile\\_bootstrap](#).

**Usage**

```
as.tilename(x, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'numeric'

```
as.tilename(x, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'tilename'

```
as.character(x, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'tilename'

```

as.numeric(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'character'
as.tilename(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tilename'
print(x, ...)

```

### Arguments

`x` object of class `tilename`, `character`, or `numeric` (of length 2).  
`...` additional arguments (currently ignored).

### Value

object of class `tilename`, `character`, or `numeric` vector of length 2

### See Also

[partition\\_tiles](#), [represampling](#), [represampling\\_tile\\_bootstrap](#)

### Examples

```

tnm <- as.tilename(c(2, 3))
tnm # 'X2:Y3'
as.numeric(tnm) # c(2,3)

```

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dataset_distance	<i>Calculate mean nearest-neighbour distance between point datasets</i>
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### Description

`dataset_distance` calculates Euclidean nearest-neighbour distances between two point datasets and summarizes these distances using some function, by default the mean.

### Usage

```

dataset_distance(
  d1,
  d2,
  x_name = "x",
  y_name = "y",
  fun = mean,
  method = "euclidean",
  ...
)

```



**Arguments**

d1	a data.frame with (at least) columns with names given by x_name and y_name; these contain the x and y coordinates, respectively.
d2	see d1 - second set of points
x_name	name of column in d1 and d2 containing the x coordinates of points.
y_name	same for y coordinates
fun	function to be applied to the vector of nearest-neighbor distances of d1 from d2.
method	type of distance metric to be used; only 'euclidean' is currently supported.
...	additional arguments to fun.

**Details**

Nearest-neighbour distances are calculated for each point in d1, resulting in a vector of length nrow(d1), and fun is applied to this vector.

**Value**

depends on fun; typically (e.g., mean) a numeric vector of length 1

**See Also**

[add.distance](#)

**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(x = rnorm(100), y = rnorm(100))
dataset_distance(df, df) # == 0
```

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err_default	<i>Default error function</i>
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**Description**

Calculate a variety of accuracy measures from observations and predictions of numerical and categorical response variables.

**Usage**

```
err_default(obs, pred)
```

**Arguments**

obs	factor, logical, or numeric vector with observations
pred	factor, logical, or numeric vector with predictions. Must be of same type as obs with the exception that pred may be numeric if obs is factor or logical ('soft' classification).

**Value**

A list with (currently) the following components, depending on the type of prediction problem:

- 'hard' classification: Misclassification error, overall accuracy; if two classes, sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV), kappa
- 'soft' classification: area under the ROC curve, error and accuracy at a  $\text{obs} > 0.5$  dichotomization, false-positive rate (FPR; 1-specificity) at 70, 80 and 90 percent sensitivity, true-positive rate (sensitivity) at 80, 90 and 95 percent specificity.
- regression: Bias, standard deviation, mean squared error, MAD ([mad](#)), median, interquartile range ([IQR](#)) of residuals

**Note**

NA values are currently not handled by this function, i.e. they will result in an error.

**See Also****ROCR****Examples**

```
obs <- rnorm(1000)
# Two mock (soft) classification examples:
err_default(obs > 0, rnorm(1000)) # just noise
err_default(obs > 0, obs + rnorm(1000)) # some discrimination
# Three mock regression examples:
err_default(obs, rnorm(1000)) # just noise, but no bias
err_default(obs, obs + rnorm(1000)) # some association, no bias
err_default(obs, obs + 1) # perfect correlation, but with bias
```

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get\_small\_tiles

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*Identify small partitions that need to be fixed.*


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**Description**

get\_small\_tiles identifies partitions (tiles) that are too small according to some defined criterion / criteria (minimum number of samples in tile and/or minimum fraction of entire dataset).

**Usage**

```
get_small_tiles(tile, min_n = NULL, min_frac = 0, ignore = c())
```

**Arguments**

tile	factor: tile/partition names for all samples; names must be coercible to class <a href="#">tilename</a> , i.e. of the form 'X4:Y2' etc.
min_n	integer (optional): minimum number of samples per partition_
min_frac	numeric >0, <1: minimum relative size of partition as percentage of sample.
ignore	character vector: names of tiles to be ignored, i.e. to be retained even if the inclusion criteria are not met.

**Value**

character vector: names of tiles that are considered 'small' according to these criteria

**See Also**

[partition\\_tiles](#), [tilename](#)

**Examples**

```
# Muenchow et al. (2012), see ?ecuador
# Rectangular partitioning without removal of small tiles:
parti <- partition_tiles(ecuador, nsplit = c(10, 10), reassign = FALSE)
summary(parti)
length(parti[[1]])
# Same in factor format for the application of get_small_tiles:
parti_fac <- partition_tiles(ecuador,
  nsplit = c(10, 10), reassign = FALSE,
  return_factor = TRUE
)
get_small_tiles(parti_fac[[1]], min_n = 20) # tiles with less than 20 samples
parti2 <- partition_tiles(ecuador,
  nsplit = c(10, 10), reassign = TRUE,
  min_n = 20, min_frac = 0
)
length(parti2[[1]]) # < length(parti[[1]])
```

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partition\_cv

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*Partition the data for a (non-spatial) cross-validation*


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**Description**

partition\_cv creates a [represampling](#) object for length(repetition)-repeated nfold-fold cross-validation.

**Usage**

```
partition_cv(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  nfold = 10,
  repetition = 1,
  seed1 = NULL,
  return_factor = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
coords	(ignored by partition_cv)
nfold	number of partitions (folds) in nfold-fold cross-validation partitioning
repetition	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use repetition = c(1:100) to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and repetition = c(101:200) to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
seed1	seed1+i is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition i (i in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
return_factor	if FALSE (default), return a <a href="#">resampling</a> object; if TRUE (used internally by other sperrorest functions), return a list containing factor vectors (see Value)

**Details**

This function does not actually perform a cross-validation or partition the data set itself; it simply creates a data structure containing the indices of training and test samples.

**Value**

If return\_factor = FALSE (the default), a [resampling](#) object. Specifically, this is a (named) list of length(repetition) resampling objects. Each of these [resampling](#) objects is a list of length nfold corresponding to the folds. Each fold is represented by a list of containing the components train and test, specifying the indices of training and test samples (row indices for data). If return\_factor = TRUE (mainly used internally), a (named) list of length length(repetition). Each component of this list is a vector of length nrow(data) of type factor, specifying for each sample the fold to which it belongs. The factor levels are factor(1:nfold).

**See Also**

[sperrorest](#), [resampling](#)

## Examples

```
data(ecuador)
## non-spatial cross-validation:
resamp <- partition_cv(ecuador, nfold = 5, repetition = 5)
# plot(resamp, ecuador)
# first repetition, second fold, test set indices:
idx <- resamp[["1"]][[2]]$test
# test sample used in this particular repetition and fold:
ecuador[idx, ]
```

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partition_cv_strat	<i>Partition the data for a stratified (non-spatial) cross-validation</i>
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## Description

partition\_cv\_strat creates a set of sample indices corresponding to cross-validation test and training sets.

## Usage

```
partition_cv_strat(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  nfold = 10,
  return_factor = FALSE,
  repetition = 1,
  seed1 = NULL,
  strat
)
```

## Arguments

data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
coords	vector of length 2 defining the variables in data that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations
nfold	number of partitions (folds) in nfold-fold cross-validation partitioning
return_factor	if FALSE (default), return a <a href="#">represampling</a> object; if TRUE (used internally by other sperrorest functions), return a list containing factor vectors (see Value)
repetition	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use repetition = c(1:100) to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and repetition = c(101:200) to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
seed1	seed1+i is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition i (i in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
strat	character: column in data containing a factor variable over which the partitioning should be stratified; or factor vector of length nrow(data): variable over which to stratify

**Value**

A [resampling](#) object, see also [partition\\_cv\(\)](#). `partition_strat_cv`, however, stratified with respect to the variable `data[,strat]`; i.e., cross-validation partitioning is done within each set `data[data[,strat]==i,]` (`i` in `levels(data[, strat])`), and the `i`th folds of all levels are combined into one cross-validation fold.

**See Also**

[sperrorest\(\)](#), [as.resampling\(\)](#), [resample\\_strat\\_uniform\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data(ecuador)
parti <- partition_cv_strat(ecuador,
  strat = "slides", nfold = 5,
  repetition = 1
)
idx <- parti[["1"]][[1]]$train
mean(ecuador$slides[idx] == "TRUE") / mean(ecuador$slides == "TRUE")
# always == 1
# Non-stratified cross-validation:
parti <- partition_cv(ecuador, nfold = 5, repetition = 1)
idx <- parti[["1"]][[1]]$train
mean(ecuador$slides[idx] == "TRUE") / mean(ecuador$slides == "TRUE")
# close to 1 because of large sample size, but with some random variation
```

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<code>partition_disc</code>	<i>Leave-one-disc-out cross-validation and leave-one-out cross-validation</i>
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**Description**

`partition_disc` partitions the sample into training and tests set by selecting circular test areas (possibly surrounded by an exclusion buffer) and using the remaining samples as training samples (leave-one-disc-out cross-validation). `partition_loo` creates training and test sets for leave-one-out cross-validation with (optional) buffer.

**Usage**

```
partition_disc(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  radius,
  buffer = 0,
  ndisc = nrow(data),
  seed1 = NULL,
  return_train = TRUE,
  prob = NULL,
```

```

    replace = FALSE,
    repetition = 1
  )

  partition_loo(data, ndisc = nrow(data), replace = FALSE, ...)

```

### Arguments

data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
coords	vector of length 2 defining the variables in data that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
radius	radius of test area discs; performs leave-one-out resampling if radius < 0.
buffer	radius of additional 'neutral area' around test area discs that is excluded from training and test sets; defaults to 0, i.e. all samples are either in the test area or in the training area.
ndisc	Number of discs to be randomly selected; each disc constitutes a separate test set. Defaults to nrow(data), i.e. one disc around each sample.
seed1	seed1+i is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition i (i in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
return_train	If FALSE, returns only test sample; if TRUE, also the training area.
prob	optional argument to <a href="#">sample</a> .
replace	optional argument to <a href="#">sample</a> : sampling with or without replacement?
repetition	see partition_cv; however, see Note below: repetition should normally be = 1 in this function.
...	arguments to be passed to partition_disc

### Value

A [resampling](#) object. Contains length(repetition) resampling objects. Each of these contains ndisc lists with indices of test and (if return\_train = TRUE) training sets.

### Note

Test area discs are centered at (random) samples, not at general random locations. Test area discs may (and likely will) overlap independently of the value of replace. replace only controls the replacement of the center point of discs when drawing center points from the samples.

radius < 0 does leave-one-out resampling with an optional buffer. radius = 0 is similar except that samples with identical coordinates would fall within the test area disc.

### References

Brenning, A. 2005. Spatial prediction models for landslide hazards: review, comparison and evaluation. Natural Hazards and Earth System Sciences, 5(6): 853-862.

**See Also**

[sperrorest](#), [partition\\_cv](#), [partition\\_kmeans](#)

**Examples**

```
data(ecuador)
parti <- partition_disc(ecuador,
  radius = 200, buffer = 200,
  ndisc = 5, repetition = 1:2
)
# plot(parti,ecuador)
summary(parti)

# leave-one-out with buffer:
parti.loo <- partition_loo(ecuador, buffer = 200)
summary(parti)
```

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partition_factor	<i>Partition the data for a (non-spatial) leave-one-factor-out cross-validation based on a given, fixed partitioning</i>
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**Description**

`partition_factor` creates a [represampling](#) object, i.e. a set of sample indices defining cross-validation test and training sets.

**Usage**

```
partition_factor(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  fac,
  return_factor = FALSE,
  repetition = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> containing at least the columns specified by <code>coords</code>
<code>coords</code>	vector of length 2 defining the variables in <code>data</code> that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
<code>fac</code>	either the name of a variable (column) in <code>data</code> , or a vector of type factor and length <code>nrow(data)</code> that contains the partitions to be used for defining training and test samples.
<code>return_factor</code>	if <code>FALSE</code> (default), return a <a href="#">represampling</a> object; if <code>TRUE</code> (used internally by other <code>sperrorest</code> functions), return a list containing factor vectors (see <code>Value</code> )



**repetition** numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use `repetition = c(1:100)` to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and `repetition = c(101:200)` to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.

### Value

A [represampling](#) object, see also [partition\\_cv](#) for details.

### Note

In this partitioning approach, all repetitions are identical and therefore pseudo-replications.

### See Also

[sperrorest](#), [partition\\_cv](#), [as.resampling.factor](#)

### Examples

```
data(ecuador)
# I don't recommend using this partitioning for cross-validation,
# this is only for demonstration purposes:
breaks <- quantile(ecuador$dem, seq(0, 1, length = 6))
ecuador$zclass <- cut(ecuador$dem, breaks, include.lowest = TRUE)
summary(ecuador$zclass)
parti <- partition_factor(ecuador, fac = "zclass")
# plot(parti,ecuador)
summary(parti)
```

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partition_factor_cv	<i>Partition the data for a (non-spatial) k-fold cross-validation at the group level</i>
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### Description

`partition_factor_cv` creates a [represampling](#) object, i.e. a set of sample indices defining cross-validation test and training sets, where partitions are obtained by resampling at the level of groups of observations as defined by a given factor variable. This can be used, for example, to resample agricultural data that is grouped by fields, at the agricultural field level in order to preserve spatial autocorrelation within fields.

### Usage

```
partition_factor_cv(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  fac,
  nfold = 10,
  repetition = 1,
```

```

    seed1 = NULL,
    return_factor = FALSE
  )

```

### Arguments

data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
coords	vector of length 2 defining the variables in data that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
fac	either the name of a variable (column) in data, or a vector of type factor and length nrow(data) that defines groups or clusters of observations.
nfold	number of partitions (folds) in nfold-fold cross-validation partitioning
repetition	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use repetition = c(1:100) to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and repetition = c(101:200) to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
seed1	seed1+i is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition i (i in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
return_factor	if FALSE (default), return a <a href="#">resampling</a> object; if TRUE (used internally by other sperrorest functions), return a list containing factor vectors (see Value)

### Value

A [resampling](#) object, see also [partition\\_cv](#) for details.

### Note

In this partitioning approach, the number of factor levels in fac must be large enough for this factor-level resampling to make sense.

### See Also

[sperrorest](#), [partition\\_cv](#), [partition\\_factor](#), [as.resampling.factor](#)

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partition_kmeans	<i>Partition samples spatially using k-means clustering of the coordinates</i>
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### Description

partition\_kmeans divides the study area into irregularly shaped spatial partitions based on *k*-means ([kmeans](#)) clustering of spatial coordinates.

**Usage**

```
partition_kmeans(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  nfold = 10,
  repetition = 1,
  seed1 = NULL,
  return_factor = FALSE,
  balancing_steps = 1,
  order_clusters = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> containing at least the columns specified by <code>coords</code>
<code>coords</code>	vector of length 2 defining the variables in <code>data</code> that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
<code>nfold</code>	number of cross-validation folds, i.e. parameter $k$ in $k$ -means clustering.
<code>repetition</code>	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use <code>repetition = c(1:100)</code> to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and <code>repetition = c(101:200)</code> to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
<code>seed1</code>	<code>seed1+i</code> is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition <code>i</code> ( <code>i</code> in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
<code>return_factor</code>	if <code>FALSE</code> (default), return a <a href="#">resampling</a> object; if <code>TRUE</code> (used internally by other <code>sperrorest</code> functions), return a list containing factor vectors (see <b>Value</b> )
<code>balancing_steps</code>	if <code>&gt; 1</code> , perform <code>nfold</code> -means clustering <code>balancing_steps</code> times, and pick the clustering that minimizes the Gini index of the sample size distribution among the partitions. The idea is that 'degenerate' partitions will be avoided, but this also has the side effect of reducing variation among partitioning repetitions. More meaningful constraints (e.g., minimum number of positive and negative samples within each partition) should be added in the future.
<code>order_clusters</code>	if <code>TRUE</code> , clusters are ordered by increasing x coordinate of center point.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to <a href="#">kmeans</a> .

**Value**

A [resampling](#) object, see also [partition\\_cv](#) for details.

**Note**

Default parameter settings may change in future releases.

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## See Also

[sperrorest](#), [partition\\_cv](#), [partition\\_disc](#), [partition\\_tiles](#), [kmeans](#)

## Examples

```
data(ecuador)
resamp <- partition_kmeans(ecuador, nfold = 5, repetition = 2)
# plot(resamp, ecuador)
```

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partition_tiles	<i>Partition the study area into rectangular tiles</i>
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## Description

partition\_tiles divides the study area into a specified number of rectangular tiles. Optionally small partitions can be merged with adjacent tiles to achieve a minimum number or percentage of samples in each tile.

## Usage

```
partition_tiles(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  dsplit = NULL,
  nsplit = NULL,
  rotation = c("none", "random", "user"),
  user_rotation,
  offset = c("none", "random", "user"),
  user_offset,
  reassign = TRUE,
  min_frac = 0.025,
  min_n = 5,
  iterate = 1,
  return_factor = FALSE,
  repetition = 1,
  seed1 = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
coords	vector of length 2 defining the variables in data that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations
dsplit	optional vector of length 2: equidistance of splits in (possibly rotated) x direction (dsplit[1]) and y direction (dsplit[2]) used to define tiles. If dsplit is of length 1, its value is recycled. Either dsplit or nsplit must be specified.
nsplit	optional vector of length 2: number of splits in (possibly rotated) x direction (nsplit[1]) and y direction (nsplit[2]) used to define tiles. If nsplit is of length 1, its value is recycled.
rotation	indicates whether and how the rectangular grid should be rotated; random rotation is only between -45 and +45 degrees.
user_rotation	if rotation='user', angles (in degrees) by which the rectangular grid is to be rotated in each repetition. Either a vector of same length as repetition, or a single number that will be replicated length(repetition) times.
offset	indicates whether and how the rectangular grid should be shifted by an offset.
user_offset	if offset='user', a list (or vector) of two components specifying a shift of the rectangular grid in (possibly rotated) x and y direction. The offset values are relative values, a value of 0.5 resulting in a one-half tile shift towards the left, or upward. If this is a list, its first (second) component refers to the rotated x (y) direction, and both components must have same length as repetition (or length 1). If a vector of length 2 (or list components have length 1), the two values will be interpreted as relative shifts in (rotated) x and y direction, respectively, and will therefore be recycled as needed (length(repetition) times each).
reassign	logical (default TRUE): if TRUE, 'small' tiles (as per min_frac and min_n arguments and <a href="#">get_small_tiles</a> ) are merged with (smallest) adjacent tiles. If FALSE, small tiles are 'eliminated', i.e. set to NA.
min_frac	numeric $\geq 0$ , $< 1$ : minimum relative size of partition as percentage of sample; argument passed to <a href="#">get_small_tiles</a> . Will be ignored if NULL.
min_n	integer $\geq 0$ : minimum number of samples per partition; argument passed to <a href="#">get_small_tiles</a> . Will be ignored if NULL.
iterate	argument to be passed to <a href="#">tile_neighbors</a>
return_factor	if FALSE (default), return a <a href="#">represampling</a> object; if TRUE (used internally by other sperrorest functions), return a list containing factor vectors (see Value)
repetition	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use repetition = c(1:100) to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and repetition = c(101:200) to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
seed1	seed1+i is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition i (i in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.

**Value**

A [represampling](#) object. Contains `length(repetition)` [resampling](#) objects as repetitions. The exact number of folds / test-set tiles within each [resampling](#) objects depends on the spatial configuration of the data set and possible cleaning steps (see `min_frac`, `min_n`).

**Note**

Default parameter settings may change in future releases. This function, especially the rotation and shifting part of it and the algorithm for cleaning up small tiles is still a bit experimental. Use with caution. For non-zero offsets (`offset != 'none'`), the number of tiles may actually be greater than `nsplit[1]*nsplit[2]` because of fractional tiles lurking into the study region. `reassign=TRUE` with suitable thresholds is therefore recommended for non-zero (including random) offsets.

**See Also**

[sperrorest](#), [as.resampling.factor](#), [get\\_small\\_tiles](#), [tile\\_neighbors](#)

**Examples**

```
data(ecuador)
set.seed(42)
parti <- partition_tiles(ecuador, nsplit = c(4, 3), reassign = FALSE)
# plot(parti,ecuador)
# tile A4 has only 55 samples
# same partitioning, but now merge tiles with less than 100 samples to
# adjacent tiles:
parti2 <- partition_tiles(ecuador,
  nsplit = c(4, 3), reassign = TRUE,
  min_n = 100
)
# plot(parti2,ecuador)
summary(parti2)
# tile B4 (in 'parti') was smaller than A3, therefore A4 was merged with B4,
# not with A3
# now with random rotation and offset, and tiles of 2000 m length:
parti3 <- partition_tiles(ecuador,
  dsplit = 2000, offset = "random",
  rotation = "random", reassign = TRUE, min_n = 100
)
# plot(parti3, ecuador)
summary(parti3)
```

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plot.represampling      *Plot spatial resampling objects*

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**Description**

`plot.represampling` displays the partitions or samples corresponding arising from the resampling of a data set.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'represampling'
plot(x, data, coords = c("x", "y"), pch = "+", wiggle_sd = 0, ...)

## S3 method for class 'resampling'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a <a href="#">represampling</a> resp. <a href="#">resampling</a> object.
data	a data.frame of samples containing at least the x and y coordinates of samples as specified by coords.
coords	vector of length 2 defining the variables in data that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
pch	point symbol (to be passed to <a href="#">points</a> ).
wiggle_sd	'wiggle' the point locations in x and y direction to avoid overplotting of samples drawn multiple times by bootstrap methods; this is a standard deviation (in the units of the x/y coordinates) of a normal distribution and defaults to 0 (no wiggling).
...	additional arguments to <a href="#">plot</a> .

**Note**

This function is not intended for samples obtained by resampling with replacement (e.g., bootstrap) because training and test points will be overplotted in that case. The size of the plotting region will also limit the number of maps that can be displayed at once, i.e., the number of rows (repetitions) and fields (columns).

**Examples**

```
data(ecuador)
# non-spatial cross-validation:
resamp <- partition_cv(ecuador, nfold = 5, repetition = 1:2)
# plot(resamp, ecuador)
# spatial cross-validation using k-means clustering:
resamp <- partition_kmeans(ecuador, nfold = 5, repetition = 1:2)
# plot(resamp, ecuador)
```

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represampling\_bootstrap

*Non-spatial bootstrap resampling*


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**Description**

represampling\_bootstrap draws a bootstrap random sample (with replacement) from data.

**Usage**

```
represampling_bootstrap(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  nboot = nrow(data),
  repetition = 1,
  seed1 = NULL,
  oob = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> containing at least the columns specified by <code>coords</code>
<code>coords</code>	vector of length 2 defining the variables in <code>data</code> that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
<code>nboot</code>	Size of bootstrap sample
<code>repetition</code>	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use <code>repetition = c(1:100)</code> to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and <code>repetition = c(101:200)</code> to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
<code>seed1</code>	<code>seed1+i</code> is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition <code>i</code> ( <code>i</code> in <code>repetition</code> ) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
<code>oob</code>	logical (default <code>FALSE</code> ): if <code>TRUE</code> , use the out-of-bag sample as the test sample; if <code>FALSE</code> , draw a second bootstrap sample of size <code>nboot</code> independently to obtain a test sample.

**Value**

A [represampling](#) object. This is a (named) list containing `length(repetition)` [resampling](#) objects. Each of these contains only one list with indices of training and test samples. Indices are row indices for data.

**Examples**

```
data(ecuador)
# only 10 bootstrap repetitions, normally use >=100:
parti <- represampling_bootstrap(ecuador, repetition = 10)
# plot(parti, ecuador) # careful: overplotting occurs
# because some samples are included in both the training and
# the test sample (possibly even multiple times)
```



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represampling\_disc\_bootstrap

*Overlapping spatial block bootstrap using circular blocks*


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## Description

represampling\_disc\_bootstrap performs a spatial block bootstrap by resampling at the level of rectangular partitions or 'tiles' generated by partition\_tiles.

## Usage

```
represampling_disc_bootstrap(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  nboot,
  repetition = 1,
  seed1 = NULL,
  oob = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
coords	vector of length 2 defining the variables in data that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
nboot	number of bootstrap samples; you may specify different values for the training sample (nboot[1]) and for the test sample (nboot[2]).
repetition	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use repetition = c(1:100) to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and repetition = c(101:200) to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
seed1	seed1+i is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition i (i in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
oob	logical (default FALSE): if TRUE, use the out-of-bag sample as the test sample (the complement of the nboot[1] test set discs, minus the buffer area as specified in the ... arguments to <a href="#">partition_disc</a> ); if FALSE, draw a second bootstrap sample of size nboot independently to obtain a test sample (sets of overlapping discs drawn with replacement).
...	additional arguments to be passed to <a href="#">partition_disc</a> ; note that a buffer argument has not effect if oob=FALSE; see example below

## Note

Performs nboot out of nrow(data) resampling of circular discs. This is an *overlapping* spatial block bootstrap where the blocks are circular.

**Examples**

```

data(ecuador)
# Overlapping disc bootstrap:
parti <- represampling_disc_bootstrap(ecuador,
  radius = 200, nboot = 20,
  oob = FALSE
)
# plot(parti, ecuador)
# Note that a 'buffer' argument would make no difference because bootstrap
# sets of discs are drawn independently for the training and test sample.
#
# Overlapping disc bootstrap for training sample, out-of-bag sample as test
# sample:
parti <- represampling_disc_bootstrap(ecuador,
  radius = 200, buffer = 200,
  nboot = 10, oob = TRUE
)
# plot(parti,ecuador)

```

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represampling\_factor\_bootstrap

*Bootstrap at an aggregated level*


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**Description**

represampling\_factor\_bootstrap resamples partitions defined by a factor variable. This can be used for non-overlapping block bootstraps and similar.

**Usage**

```

represampling_factor_bootstrap(
  data,
  fac,
  repetition = 1,
  nboot = -1,
  seed1 = NULL,
  oob = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame containing at least the columns specified by coords
fac	defines a grouping or partitioning of the samples in data; three possible types: (1) the name of a variable in data (coerced to factor if not already a factor variable); (2) a factor variable (or a vector that can be coerced to factor); (3) a list of factor variables (or vectors that can be coerced to factor); this list must be of length length(repetition), and if it is named, the names must be equal to as.character(repetition); this list will typically be generated by a partition.* function with return_factor = TRUE (see Examples below)

repetition	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use <code>repetition = c(1:100)</code> to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and <code>repetition = c(101:200)</code> to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
nboot	number of bootstrap replications used for generating the bootstrap training sample ( <code>nboot[1]</code> ) and the test sample ( <code>nboot[2]</code> ); <code>nboot[2]</code> is ignored (with a warning) if <code>oob = TRUE</code> . A value of <code>-1</code> will be substituted with the number of levels of the factor variable, corresponding to an $n$ out of $n$ bootstrap at the grouping level defined by <code>fac</code> .
seed1	<code>seed1+i</code> is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition <code>i</code> ( <code>i</code> in repetition) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
oob	if <code>TRUE</code> , the test sample will be the out-of-bag sample; if <code>FALSE</code> (default), the test sample is an independently drawn bootstrap sample of size <code>nboot[2]</code> .

### Details

`nboot` refers to the number of groups (as defined by the factors) to be drawn with replacement from the set of groups. I.e., if `fac` is a factor variable, `nboot` would normally not be greater than `nlevels(fac)`, `nlevels(fac)` being the default as per `nboot = -1`.

### See Also

[represampling\\_disc\\_bootstrap](#), [represampling\\_tile\\_bootstrap](#)

### Examples

```
data(ecuador)
# a dummy example for demonstration, performing bootstrap
# at the level of an arbitrary factor variable:
parti <- represampling_factor_bootstrap(ecuador,
  factor(floor(ecuador$dem / 100)),
  oob = TRUE
)
# plot(parti,ecuador)
# using the factor bootstrap for a non-overlapping block bootstrap
# (see also represampling_tile_bootstrap):
fac <- partition_tiles(ecuador,
  return_factor = TRUE, repetition = c(1:3),
  dsplit = 500, min_n = 200, rotation = "random",
  offset = "random"
)
parti <- represampling_factor_bootstrap(ecuador, fac,
  oob = TRUE,
  repetition = c(1:3)
)
# plot(parti, ecuador)
```

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```
represampling_tile_bootstrap
```

*Spatial block bootstrap using rectangular blocks*

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## Description

`represampling_tile_bootstrap` performs a non-overlapping spatial block bootstrap by resampling at the level of rectangular partitions or 'tiles' generated by [partition\\_tiles](#).

## Usage

```
represampling_tile_bootstrap(
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  repetition = 1,
  nboot = -1,
  seed1 = NULL,
  oob = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	<code>data.frame</code> containing at least the columns specified by <code>coords</code>
<code>coords</code>	vector of length 2 defining the variables in <code>data</code> that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
<code>repetition</code>	numeric vector: cross-validation repetitions to be generated. Note that this is not the number of repetitions, but the indices of these repetitions. E.g., use <code>repetition = c(1:100)</code> to obtain (the 'first') 100 repetitions, and <code>repetition = c(101:200)</code> to obtain a different set of 100 repetitions.
<code>nboot</code>	see <a href="#">represampling_factor_bootstrap</a>
<code>seed1</code>	<code>seed1+i</code> is the random seed that will be used by <a href="#">set.seed</a> in repetition <code>i</code> ( <code>i</code> in <code>repetition</code> ) to initialize the random number generator before sampling from the data set.
<code>oob</code>	see <a href="#">represampling_factor_bootstrap</a>
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to be passed to <a href="#">partition_tiles</a>

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resample_factor	<i>Draw uniform random (sub)sample at the group level</i>
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**Description**

resample\_factor draws a random (sub)sample (with or without replacement) of the groups or clusters identified by the fac argument.

**Usage**

```
resample_factor(data, param = list(fac = "class", n = Inf, replace = FALSE))
```

**Arguments**

data	a data.frame, rows represent samples
param	a list with the following components: fac is a factor variable of length nrow(data) or the name of a factor variable in data; n is a numeric value specifying the size of the subsample (in terms of groups, not observations); replace determines if resampling of groups is to be done with or without replacement.

**Details**

If param\$replace=FALSE, a subsample of min(param\$n,nlevel(data[, fac])) groups will be drawn from data. If param\$replace=TRUE, the number of groups to be drawn is param\$n.

**Value**

a data.frame containing a subset of the rows of data.

**See Also**

[resample\\_strat\\_uniform\(\)](#), [sample\(\)](#)

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resample_strat_uniform	<i>Draw stratified random sample</i>
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**Description**

resample\_strat\_uniform draws a stratified random sample (with or without replacement) from the samples in data. Stratification is over the levels of data[, param\$response]. The same number of samples is drawn within each level.

**Usage**

```
resample_strat_uniform(
  data,
  param = list(strat = "class", nstrat = Inf, replace = FALSE)
)
```

**Arguments**

data	a data.frame, rows represent samples
param	a list with the following components: strat is either the name of a factor variable in data that defines the stratification levels, or a vector of type factor and length nrow(data); n is a numeric value specifying the size of the subsample; replace determines if sampling is with or without replacement

**Details**

If param\$replace=FALSE, a subsample of size min(param\$n,nrow(data)) will be drawn from data. If param\$replace=TRUE, the size of the subsample is param\$n.

**Value**

a data.frame containing a subset of the rows of data.

**See Also**

[resample\\_uniform\(\)](#), [sample\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
data(ecuador) # Muenchow et al. (2012), see ?ecuador
d <- resample_strat_uniform(ecuador,
  param = list(strat = "slides", nstrat = 100)
)
nrow(d) # == 200
sum(d$slides == "TRUE") # == 100
```

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resample_uniform	<i>Draw uniform random (sub)sample</i>
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**Description**

resample\_uniform draws a random (sub)sample (with or without replacement) from the samples in data.

**Usage**

```
resample_uniform(data, param = list(n = Inf, replace = FALSE))
```

**Arguments**

`data` a `data.frame`, rows represent samples

`param` a list with the following components: `n` is a numeric value specifying the size of the subsample; `replace` determines if sampling is with or without replacement

**Details**

If `param$replace=FALSE`, a subsample of size `min(param$n, nrow(data))` will be drawn from `data`. If `param$replace=TRUE`, the size of the subsample is `param$n`.

**Value**

a `data.frame` containing a subset of the rows of `data`.

**See Also**

[resample\\_strat\\_uniform\(\)](#), [sample\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Muenchow et al. (2012), see ?ecuador
d <- resample_uniform(ecuador, param = list(strat = "slides", n = 200))
# == 200
sum(d$slides == "TRUE")
```

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sperrorest

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*Perform spatial error estimation and variable importance assessment*


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**Description**

`sperrorest` is a flexible interface for multiple types of parallelized spatial and non-spatial cross-validation and bootstrap error estimation and parallelized permutation-based assessment of spatial variable importance.

**Usage**

```
sperrorest(
  formula,
  data,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  model_fun,
  model_args = list(),
  pred_fun = NULL,
  pred_args = list(),
  smp_fun = partition_cv,
  smp_args = list(),
  train_fun = NULL,
```

```

train_param = NULL,
test_fun = NULL,
test_param = NULL,
err_fun = err_default,
imp_variables = NULL,
imp_permutations = 1000,
imp_sample_from = c("test", "train", "all"),
importance = !is.null(imp_variables),
distance = FALSE,
do_gc = 1,
progress = "all",
benchmark = FALSE,
mode_rep = c("future", "sequential", "loop"),
mode_fold = c("sequential", "future", "loop"),
verbose = 0
)

```

## Arguments

formula	A formula specifying the variables used by the model. Only simple formulas without interactions or nonlinear terms should be used, e.g. $y \sim x_1 + x_2 + x_3$ but not $y \sim x_1 * x_2 + \log(x_3)$ . Formulas involving interaction and nonlinear terms may possibly work for error estimation but not for variable importance assessment, but should be used with caution. The formula $y \sim \dots$ is not supported, but $y \sim 1$ (i.e. no predictors) is.
data	a <code>data.frame</code> with predictor and response variables. Training and test samples will be drawn from this data set by <code>train_fun</code> and <code>test_fun</code> , respectively.
coords	vector of length 2 defining the variables in data that contain the x and y coordinates of sample locations.
model_fun	Function that fits a predictive model, such as <code>glm</code> or <code>rpart</code> . The function must accept at least two arguments, the first one being a formula and the second a <code>data.frame</code> with the learning sample.
model_args	Arguments to be passed to <code>model_fun</code> (in addition to the formula and data argument, which are provided by <code>sperrorest</code> )
pred_fun	Prediction function for a fitted model object created by <code>model</code> . Must accept at least two arguments: the fitted object and a <code>data.frame</code> <code>newdata</code> with data on which to predict the outcome.
pred_args	(optional) Arguments to <code>pred_fun</code> (in addition to the fitted model object and the <code>newdata</code> argument, which are provided by <code>sperrorest</code> ).
smp_fun	A function for sampling training and test sets from data. E.g. <a href="#">partition_kmeans</a> for spatial cross-validation using spatial $k$ -means clustering.
smp_args	(optional) Arguments to be passed to <code>smp_fun</code> .
train_fun	(optional) A function for resampling or subsampling the training sample in order to achieve, e.g., uniform sample sizes on all training sets, or maintaining a certain ratio of positives and negatives in training sets. E.g. <a href="#">resample_uniform</a> or <a href="#">resample_strat_uniform</a> .



<code>train_param</code>	(optional) Arguments to be passed to <code>resample_fun</code> .
<code>test_fun</code>	(optional) Like <code>train_fun</code> but for the test set.
<code>test_param</code>	(optional) Arguments to be passed to <code>test_fun</code> .
<code>err_fun</code>	A function that calculates selected error measures from the known responses in data and the model predictions delivered by <code>pred_fun</code> . E.g. <code>err_default</code> (the default).
<code>imp_variables</code>	(optional; used if <code>importance = TRUE</code> ). Variables for which permutation-based variable importance assessment is performed. If <code>importance = TRUE</code> and <code>imp_variables == NULL</code> , all variables in formula will be used.
<code>imp_permutations</code>	(optional; used if <code>importance = TRUE</code> ). Number of permutations used for variable importance assessment.
<code>imp_sample_from</code>	(default: "test"): specified if the permuted feature values should be taken from the test set, the training set (a rather unlikely choice), or the entire sample ("all"). The latter is useful in leave-one-out resampling situations where the test set is simply too small to perform any kind of resampling. In any case importances are always estimates on the test set. (Note that resampling with replacement is used if the test set is larger than the set from which the permuted values are to be taken.)
<code>importance</code>	logical (default: FALSE): perform permutation-based variable importance assessment?
<code>distance</code>	logical (default: FALSE): if TRUE, calculate mean nearest-neighbour distances from test samples to training samples using <a href="#">add.distance.represampling</a> .
<code>do_gc</code>	numeric (default: 1): defines frequency of memory garbage collection by calling <code>gc</code> ; if < 1, no garbage collection; if >= 1, run a <code>gc</code> after each repetition; if >= 2, after each fold.
<code>progress</code>	character (default: all): Whether to show progress information (if possible). Default shows repetition, fold and (if enabled) variable importance progress. Set to "rep" for repetition information only or FALSE for no progress information.
<code>benchmark</code>	(optional) logical (default: FALSE): if TRUE, perform benchmarking and return <code>sperrorestbenchmark</code> object.
<code>mode_rep, mode_fold</code>	character (default: "future" and "sequential", respectively): specifies whether to parallelize the execution at the repetition level, at the fold level, or not at all. Parallel execution uses <code>future.apply::future_lapply()</code> (see details below). It is only possible to parallelize at the repetition level or at the fold level. The "loop" option uses a for loop instead of an lappy function; this option is for debugging purposes.
<code>verbose</code>	Controls the amount of information printed while processing. Defaults to 0 (no output).

## Details

Custom predict functions passed to `pred_fun`, which consist of multiple child functions, must be defined in one function.

## Value

A list (object of class `sperrorest`) with (up to) six components:

- `error_rep`: `sperroresterror` containing predictive performances at the repetition level
- `error_fold`: `sperroresterror` object containing predictive performances at the fold level
- `represampling`: `represampling` object
- `importance`: `sperrorestimportance` object containing permutation-based variable importances at the fold level
- `benchmark`: `sperrorestbenchmark` object containing information on the system the code is running on, starting and finishing times, number of available CPU cores and runtime performance
- `package_version`: `sperrorestpackageversion` object containing information about the `sperrorest` package version

## Parallelization

Running in parallel is supported via package **future**. Have a look at `vignette("future-1-overview", package = "future")`. In short: Choose a backend and specify the number of workers, then call `sperrorest()` as usual. Example:

```
future::plan(future.callr::callr, workers = 2)
sperrorest()
```

Parallelization at the repetition is recommended when using repeated cross-validation. If the 'granularity' of parallelized function calls is too fine, the overall runtime will be very poor since the overhead for passing arguments and handling environments becomes too large. Use fold-level parallelization only when the processing time of individual folds is very large and the number of repetitions is small or equals 1.

Note that nested calls to `future` are not possible. Therefore a sequential `sperrorest` call should be used for hyperparameter tuning in a nested cross-validation.

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## Examples

```
## -----
## Classification tree example using non-spatial partitioning
## -----

# Muenchow et al. (2012), see ?ecuador
fo <- slides ~ dem + slope + hcurv + vcurv + log.carea + cslope

library(rpart)
mypred_part <- function(object, newdata) predict(object, newdata)[, 2]
ctrl <- rpart.control(cp = 0.005) # show the effects of overfitting
# show the effects of overfitting
fit <- rpart(fo, data = ecuador, control = ctrl)

### Non-spatial cross-validation:
mypred_part <- function(object, newdata) predict(object, newdata)[, 2]
nsp_res <- sperrorest(
  data = ecuador, formula = fo,
  model_fun = rpart,
  model_args = list(control = ctrl),
  pred_fun = mypred_part,
  progress = TRUE,
  smp_fun = partition_cv,
  smp_args = list(repetition = 1:2, nfold = 3)
)
summary(nsp_res$error_rep)
summary(nsp_res$error_fold)
summary(nsp_res$represampling)
# plot(nsp_res$represampling, ecuador)

### Spatial cross-validation:
sp_res <- sperrorest(
  data = ecuador, formula = fo,
  model_fun = rpart,
  model_args = list(control = ctrl),
  pred_fun = mypred_part,
  progress = TRUE,
  smp_fun = partition_kmeans,
  smp_args = list(repetition = 1:2, nfold = 3)
)
summary(sp_res$error_rep)
summary(sp_res$error_fold)
summary(sp_res$represampling)
# plot(sp_res$represampling, ecuador)

smry <- data.frame(
```

```

    nonspat_training = unlist(summary(nsp_res$error_rep,
      level = 1
    )$train_auroc),
    nonspat_test = unlist(summary(nsp_res$error_rep,
      level = 1
    )$test_auroc),
    spatial_training = unlist(summary(sp_res$error_rep,
      level = 1
    )$train_auroc),
    spatial_test = unlist(summary(sp_res$error_rep,
      level = 1
    )$test_auroc)
  )
  boxplot(smry,
    col = c("red", "red", "red", "green"),
    main = "Training vs. test, nonspatial vs. spatial",
    ylab = "Area under the ROC curve"
  )

```

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summary.represampling *title Summary statistics for a resampling objects*

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## Description

Calculates sample sizes of training and test sets within repetitions and folds of a resampling or repesampling object.

## Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'represampling'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'resampling'
summary(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

object	A resampling or repesampling object.
...	currently ignored.

## Value

A list of data.frames summarizing the sample sizes of training and test sets in each fold of each repetition.

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summary.sperroresterror

*Summarize error statistics obtained by sperrorest*


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## Description

summary.sperroresterror calculates mean, standard deviation, median etc. of the calculated error measures at the specified level (overall, repetition, or fold). summary.sperrorestreperror does the same with the pooled error, at the overall or repetition level.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sperroresterror'
summary(object, level = 0, pooled = TRUE, na.rm = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	sperroresterror resp. sperrorestcombinederror error object calculated by <a href="#">sperrorest</a>
level	Level at which errors are summarized: 0: overall (i.e. across all repetitions); 1: repetition; 2: fold
pooled	If TRUE (default), mean and standard deviation etc are calculated between fold-level error estimates. If FALSE, apply first a <a href="#">weighted.mean</a> among folds before calculating mean, standard deviation etc among repetitions. See also Details.
na.rm	Remove NA values? See <a href="#">mean</a> etc.
...	additional arguments (currently ignored)

## Details

Let's use an example to explain the error\_rep argument. E.g., assume we are using 100-repeated 10-fold cross-validation. If error\_rep = TRUE (default), the mean and standard deviation calculated when summarizing at level = 0 are calculated across the error estimates obtained for each of the  $100 \times 10 = 1000$  folds. If error\_rep = FALSE, mean and standard deviation are calculated across the 100 repetitions, using the weighted average of the fold-level errors to calculate an error value for the entire sample. This will essentially not affect the mean value but of course the standard deviation of the error.

error\_rep = FALSE is not recommended, it is mainly for testing purposes; when the test sets are small (as in leave-one-out cross-validation, in the extreme case), consider running [sperrorest](#) with error\_rep = TRUE and examine only the error\_rep component of its result.

## Value

Depending on the level of aggregation, a list or data.frame with mean, and at level 0 also standard deviation, median and IQR of the error measures.

See Also

[sperrorest](#)

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summary.sperrorestimportance	<i>Summarize variable importance statistics obtained by sperrorest</i>
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Description

summary.sperrorestimportance calculated mean, standard deviation, median etc. of the calculated error measures at the specified level (overall, repetition, or fold).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sperrorestimportance'
summary(object, level = 0, na.rm = TRUE, which = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	sperrorestimportance object calculated by <a href="#">sperrorest</a> called with argument importance = TRUE
level	Level at which errors are summarized: 0: overall (i.e. across all repetitions); 1: repetition; 2: fold
na.rm	Remove NA values? See <a href="#">mean</a> etc.
which	optional character vector specifying selected variables for which the importances should be summarized
...	additional arguments (currently ignored)

Value

a list or data.frame, depending on the level of aggregation

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summary.sperrorestrepperror	<i>Summary and print methods for sperrorest results</i>
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Description

Summary methods provide varying level of detail while print methods provide full details.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sperroresterror'
summary(object, level = 0, na.rm = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sperrorest'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sperrorestimportance'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sperroresterror'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sperroresterror'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sperrorest'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sperrorestbenchmarks'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sperrorestpackageversion'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a <a href="#">sperrorest</a> object
level	Level at which errors are summarized: 0: overall (i.e. across all repetitions); 1: repetition; 2: fold
na.rm	Remove NA values? See <a href="#">mean</a> etc.
...	additional arguments for <a href="#">summary.sperroresterror</a> or <a href="#">summary.sperrorestimportance</a>
x	Depending on method, a <a href="#">sperrorest</a> , <a href="#">sperroresterror</a> or <a href="#">sperrorestimportance</a> object

**See Also**

[sperrorest](#), [summary.sperroresterror](#), [summary.sperrorestimportance](#)

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tile\_neighbors

*Determine the names of neighbouring tiles in a rectangular pattern*


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**Description**

This based on 'counting' up and down based on the tile name.

**Usage**

```
tile_neighbors(nm, tileset, iterate = 0, diagonal = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>nm</code>	Character string or factor: name of a tile, e.g., 'X4:Y6'
<code>tileset</code>	Admissible tile names; if missing and <code>nm</code> is a factor variable, then <code>levels(nm)</code> is used as a default for <code>tileset</code> .
<code>iterate</code>	internal - do not change default: to control behaviour in an interactive call to this function.
<code>diagonal</code>	if TRUE, diagonal neighbours are also considered neighbours.

**Value**

Character string.



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