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airGRteaching	<i>Tools to Simplify the Use of the airGR Hydrological Package for Education (Including a Shiny Application)</i>
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Description

airGRteaching is an add-on package to the airGR package that simplifies its use and is teaching-oriented. It allows to use with very low programming skills the rainfall-runoff models (GR4H, GR4J, GR5J, GR6J, GR2M, GR1A) and a snow melt and accumulation model (CemaNeige). This package also provides graphical devices to help students to explore data and modelling results.

The airGRteaching package has been designed to fulfil a major requirement: facilitating the use of the airGR functionalities by students. The names of the functions and their arguments were chosen to this end.

The package is mostly based on three families of functions:

- the functions that allow to complete very simply a hydrological modelling exercise;
- plotting functions to help students to explore observed data and to interpret the results of calibration and simulation of the GR models;
- a function which runs a shiny graphical interface that allows for displaying in real-time model parameters impacts on hydrographs.

— Modelling Functions

Three functions allow to complete very simply a hydrological modelling exercise:

- preparation of data: [PrepGR\(\)](#);
- calibration of the models: [CalGR\(\)](#);
- simulation with the models: [SimGR\(\)](#)

— Plotting Functions

airGRteaching provides two types of plotting functions that allow to produce static (`plot()`) or dynamic (`dyplot()`) graphics (incl. mouse events and interactive graphics). The devices allow to explore observed data and to interpret the results of calibration and simulation of the GR models.

— Shiny interface

The package also provides the `ShinyGR()` function, which allows to run a Shiny interface. Thus its is possible to perform:

- interactive flow simulations with parameters modifications;
- automatic calibration;
- display of internal variables evolution;
- time period selection.

— Models

The six hydrological models and the snow melt and accumulation model already available in airGR are available in airGRteaching.

These models can be called within airGRteaching using the following model names:

- GR4H: four-parameter hourly lumped hydrological model (Mathevet, 2005)
- GR4J*: four-parameter daily lumped hydrological model (Perrin et al., 2003)
- GR5J*: five-parameter daily lumped hydrological model (Le Moine, 2008)
- GR6J*: six-parameter daily lumped hydrological model (Pushpalatha et al., 2011)
- GR2M: two-parameter monthly lumped hydrological model (Mouelhi, 2003 ; Mouelhi et al., 2006a)
- GR1A: one-parameter annual lumped hydrological model (Mouelhi, 2003 ; Mouelhi et al., 2006b)
- CemaNeige: two-parameter degree-day snow melt and accumulation daily model (combined with GR4J, GR5J or GR6J) (Valéry et al., 2014)

*: available in the Shiny interface.

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CalGR	<i>Calibration algorithm that optimises the error criterion selected as objective function</i>
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Description

Calibration algorithm that optimises the error criterion selected as objective function using the Irstea-HBAN procedure described by C. Michel

Usage

```
CalGR(PrepGR, CalCrit = c("NSE", "KGE", "KGE2", "RMSE"),
      WupPer = NULL, CalPer,
      transfo = c("", "sqrt", "log", "inv", "sort"), verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

PrepGR	[object of class PrepGR] see PrepGR for details
CalCrit	[character] name of the objective function (must be one of "NSE", "KGE", "KGE2" or "RMSE")
WupPer	(optional) [character] vector of 2 values to define the beginning and end of the warm-up period ["YYYY-mm-dd" or "YYYY-mm-dd HH:MM:SS"]
CalPer	[character] vector of 2 values to define the beginning and end of the calibration period ["YYYY-mm-dd" or "YYYY-mm-dd HH:MM:SS"]
transfo	(optional) [character] name of the transformation transformation applied to discharge for calculating the objective function (must be one of "", "sqrt", "log", "inv" or "sort")
verbose	(optional) [boolean] logical value indicating if the function is run in verbose mode or not

Value

list object of class CalGR containing:

OptionsCalib	[list] object of class RunOptions (see: CreateRunOptions)
Qobs	[numeric] series of observed discharges [mm/time step]
OutputsCalib	[list] object of class OutputsCalib (see: Calibration)
OutputsModel	[list] object of class OutputsModel (see: RunModel)
TypeModel	[character] name of the function of the hydrological model used
CalCrit	[character] name of the function that computes the error criterion during the calibration step
PeriodModel	[list] \$WarmUp: vector of 2 POSIXct values defining the beginning and end of the warm-up period, \$Run: vector of 2 POSIXct values defining the beginning and end of the calibration period

Author(s)

Olivier Delaigue

See Also

[CreateRunOptions](#), [CreateInputsCrit](#), [CreateCalibOptions](#), [ErrorCrit_RMSE](#), [ErrorCrit_NSE](#), [ErrorCrit_KGE](#), [ErrorCrit_KGE2](#), [Calibration_Michel](#)

Examples

```
library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data
data(L0123001)
BasinObs2 <- BasinObs[, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]

## Preparation of observed data for modelling
PREP <- PrepGR(ObsDF = BasinObs2, HydroModel = "GR4J", CemaNeige = TRUE)

## Calibration step
CAL <- CalGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalCrit = "KGE2",
            WupPer = NULL, CalPer = c("1990-01-01", "1993-12-31"))
str(CAL)
```

dyplot

Interactive time series plotting of GR data

Description

Interactive time series plotting of objects of classes *PrepGR*, *CalGR* or *SimGR*.

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
dyplot(x, Qsup = NULL, Qsup.name = "Qsup",
       col.Precip = c("royalblue", "lightblue"),
       col.Q = c("black", "orangered", "grey"), col.na = "lightgrey",
       ylab = NULL, main = NULL,
       plot.na = TRUE, RangeSelector = TRUE, Roller = FALSE,
       LegendShow = c("follow", "auto", "always", "onmouseover", "never"), ...)
```

Arguments

x	[object of class <i>PrepGR</i> , <i>CalGR</i> or <i>SimGR</i>] see PrepGR , CalGR , SimGR for details
Qsup	(optional) [numeric] additional time series of flows (at the same time step than argument x) [mm/time step]
Qsup.name	(optional) [character] a label for the legend of Qsup
col.Precip	(optional) [character] vector of 1 (total precip.) or 2 (liquid and solid precip. with CemaNeige) color codes or names for precipitation (these can be of the form "#AABBCC" or "rgb(255, 100, 200)" or "yellow"), see par and rgb
col.Q	(optional) [character] vector of up to 3 color codes or names for observed (first value), simulated (second value, if provided) and additional (last value, if provided) flows, respectively (these can be of the form "#AABBCC" or "rgb(255, 100, 200)" or "yellow"), see par and rgb
col.na	(optional) [character] color code or name for missing values (these can be of the form "#AABBCC" or "rgb(255, 100, 200)" or "yellow"), see par and rgb
ylab	(optional) [character] a label for the y-axis (flow and precipitation)
main	(optional) [character] a main title for the plot
plot.na	[boolean] indicating if the missing values are plotted on the x-axis
RangeSelector	(optional) [boolean] add a range selector to the bottom of the chart that allows users to pan and zoom to various date ranges (see dyRangeSelector)
Roller	(optional) [numeric] number of time scale units (e.g. days, months, years) to average values over (see dyRoller)
LegendShow	(optional) [character] when to display the legend. Specify "always" to always show the legend. Specify "onmouseover" to only display it when a user mouses over the chart. Specify "follow" (default) to have the legend show as overlay to the chart which follows the mouse. See dyLegend
...	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions

Author(s)

Olivier Delaigue

See Also

[PrepGR](#), [CalGR](#), [SimGR](#)

Examples

```

library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data
data(L0123001)
BasinObs2 <- BasinObs[, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]

## Preparation of observed data for modelling
PREP <- PrepGR(ObsDF = BasinObs2, HydroModel = "GR4J", CemaNeige = FALSE)
dyplot(PREP, main = "Observation")

## Calibration step
CAL <- CalGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalCrit = "KGE2",
             WupPer = NULL, CalPer = c("1990-01-01", "1993-12-31"))
dyplot(CAL, main = "Calibration")

## Simulation
SIM <- SimGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalGR = CAL, EffCrit = "KGE2",
             WupPer = NULL, SimPer = c("1994-01-01", "1998-12-31"))
dyplot(SIM, main = "Simulation")

```

plot.CalGR

Time series plotting of GR calibration objects

Description

Time series plotting of GR calibration objects

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'CalGR'
plot(x, xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, main = NULL, which = c("perf", "iter", "ts"), ...)

```

Arguments

x	[object of class <i>CalGR</i>] see CalGR for details
xlab	(optional) [character] a label for the x-axis when which = "iter" (see title)
ylab	(optional) [character] a label for the y-axis when which = "iter" (vector of 1 or 2 values for flow and rainfall respectively; see title)
main	(optional) [character] a main title for the plot (see title)
which	[character] choice of the plot type ("perf" (default): plot diagnostics; "iter": parameter and calibration criterion values during the iterations of the steepest descent step of the airGR calibration algorithm; "ts": time series of observed precipitation and observed and simulated flows)
...	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions

Author(s)

Olivier Delaigue

See Also[CalGR](#), [plot.OutputsModel](#)**Examples**

```

library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data
data(L0123001)
BasinObs2 <- BasinObs[, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]

## Preparation of observed data for modelling
PREP <- PrepGR(ObsDF = BasinObs2, HydroModel = "GR5J", CemaNeige = TRUE)

## Calibration step
CAL <- CalGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalCrit = "KGE2",
             WupPer = NULL, CalPer = c("1990-01-01", "1993-12-31"))
plot(CAL, which = "perf")
plot(CAL, which = "ts")
plot(CAL, which = "iter")

```

`plot.PrepGR`*Time series plotting GR observation objects*

Description

Time series plotting GR observation objects

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'PrepGR'
plot(x, type = "l", col.Precip = "royalblue", col.Q = "black", col.na = "grey",
     xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, main = NULL,
     plot.na = TRUE, ...)

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	[object of class <i>PrepGR</i>] see PrepGR for details
<code>type</code>	[character] the type of plot that should be drawn (see plot for details)
<code>col.Precip</code>	(optional) [character] color code or name for precipitation, see par
<code>col.Q</code>	(optional) [character] color code or name for observed flow, see par
<code>col.na</code>	(optional) [character] color code or name for missing values, see par
<code>xlab</code>	(optional) [character] a label for the x-axis (see title)

ylab	(optional) [character] a label for the y-axis (vector of 1 or 2 values for rainfall and flow respectively; see title)
main	(optional) [character] a main title for the plot (see title)
plot.na	[boolean] boolean indicating if the missing values are plotted on the x-axis
...	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions

Author(s)

Olivier Delaigue

See Also[PrepGR](#)**Examples**

```
library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data
data(L0123001)
BasinObs2 <- BasinObs[, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]

## Preparation of observed data for modelling
PREP <- PrepGR(ObsDF = BasinObs2, HydroModel = "GR4J", CemaNeige = FALSE)

## Observed data plotting
plot(PREP)
```

`plot.SimGR`*Synthetic plotting of of GR model outputs*

Description

Function that creates a screen plot giving an overview of the GR model outputs

Usage

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

Arguments

x	[object of class <i>SimGR</i>] see SimGR for details
...	other parameters to be passed through to plotting functions

Details

Dashboard of results including various graphs (depending on the model):

- (1) time series of total precipitation and simulated flows (and observed flows if provided)
- (2) interannual median monthly simulated flow (and observed flows if provided)
- (3) correlation plot between simulated and observed flows (if observed flows provided)
- (4) cumulative frequency plot for simulated flows (and observed flows if provided)

Value

Screen plot window

Author(s)

Olivier Delaigue, Laurent Coron

See Also

[SimGR](#), [plot.OutputsModel](#)

Examples

```
library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data
data(L0123001)
BasinObs2 <- BasinObs[, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]

## Preparation of observed data for modelling
PREP <- PrepGR(ObsDF = BasinObs2, HydroModel = "GR4J", CemaNeige = FALSE)

## Calibration step
CAL <- CalGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalCrit = "KGE2",
             WupPer = NULL, CalPer = c("1990-01-01", "1993-12-31"))

## Simulation step using the result of the automatic calibration method to set the model parameters
SIM <- SimGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalGR = CAL, EffCrit = "KGE2",
            WupPer = NULL, SimPer = c("1994-01-01", "1998-12-31"))

plot(SIM)
```

PrepGR

Creation of the inputs required to run the CalGR and SimGR functions

Description

Creation of the inputs required to run the CalGR and SimGR functions

Usage

```
PrepGR(ObsDF = NULL, DatesR = NULL, Precip = NULL, PotEvap = NULL,
       Qobs = NULL, TempMean = NULL,
       ZInputs = NULL, HypsoData = NULL, NLayers = 5,
       HydroModel, CemaNeige = FALSE)
```

Arguments

ObsDF	(optional) [data.frame] data.frame of dates, total precipitation, potential evapotranspiration, observed discharges and mean air temperature (only if CemaNeige is used) (variables must be in this order; see below for the units)
DatesR	(optional) [POSIXt] vector of dates required to create the GR and CemaNeige (if used) models inputs. Time zone must be defined as "UTC"
Precip	(optional) [numeric] time series of total precipitation (catchment average) [mm/time step], required to create the GR and CemaNeige (if used) models inputs
PotEvap	(optional) [numeric] time series of potential evapotranspiration (catchment average) [mm/time step], required to create the GR model inputs
Qobs	(optional) [numeric] time series of observed discharges [mm/time step]
TempMean	(optional) [numeric] time series of mean air temperature [°C], required to create the CemaNeige model inputs
ZInputs	(optional) [numeric] real giving the mean elevation of the Precip and TempMean series (before extrapolation) [m], possibly used to create the CemaNeige (if used) model inputs
HypsoData	(optional) [numeric] vector of 101 reals: min, q01 to q99 and max of catchment elevation distribution [m]; if not defined a single elevation is used for CemaNeige (if used)
NLayers	(optional) [numeric] integer giving the number of elevation layers requested [-], required to create CemaNeige (if used) model inputs
HydroModel	[character] name of the hydrological model (must be one of "GR1A", "GR2M", "GR4J", "GR5J", "GR6J" or "GR4H")
CemaNeige	[boolean] option indicating whether CemaNeige should be activated (only available when HydroModel is equal to any of "GR4J", "GR5J" or "GR6J")

Details

If the ObsDF argument is provided, DatesR, Precip, PotEvap, Qobs and TempMean are not necessary, and vice-versa. If one variable is provided in ObsDF and also separately, then only the data included in ObsDF are used.

Value

list object of class PrepGR containing the data required to evaluate the model outputs:

InputsModel	[list] object of class <i>InputsModel</i> containing the data required to evaluate the model outputs (see: CreateInputsModel outputs)
Qobs	[numeric] time series of observed discharges [mm/time step]
HydroModel	[character] name of the function of the hydrological model used

Author(s)

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See Also[CreateInputsModel](#)**Examples**

```
library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data
data(L0123001)
BasinObs2 <- BasinObs[, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]

## Preparation of observed data for modelling
PREP <- PrepGR(ObsDF = BasinObs2, HydroModel = "GR4J", CemaNeige = FALSE)
str(PREP)
```

ShinyGR

Interactive Web application to run manually the GR4J, GR5 and GR6J hydrological models with or without CemaNeige

Description

Shiny application to understand and to display in a interactive way the impact of each parameter of the GR models on the simulated flows

Usage

```
ShinyGR(ObsDF = NULL,
        DatesR = NULL, Precip = NULL, PotEvap = NULL, Qobs = NULL, TempMean = NULL,
        ZInputs = NULL, HypsoData = NULL, NLayers = 5,
        SimPer, NamesObsBV = NULL, theme = "RStudio")
```

Arguments

ObsDF	(optional) [data.frame or list of data.frame] data . frame of dates, total precipitation, potential evapotranspiration, observed discharge and mean air temperature (only if CemaNeige is used) (variables must be in this order; see below for the units)
DatesR	(optional) [POSIXt] vector of dates required to create the GR and CemaNeige models inputs. Time zone must be defined as "UTC"
Precip	(optional) [numeric] time series of total precipitation (catchment average) [mm/time step], required to create the GR and CemaNeige models inputs
PotEvap	(optional) [numeric] time series of potential evapotranspiration (catchment average) [mm/time step], required to create the GR model inputs

Qobs	(optional) [numeric] time series of observed discharge [mm/time step]
TempMean	(optional) [numeric] time series of mean air temperature [°C], required to create the CemaNeige model inputs (if used)
ZInputs	(optional) [numeric or list of numerics] real giving the mean elevation of the Precip and TempMean series (before extrapolation) [m], used to create the CemaNeige model inputs (if used)
HypsoData	(optional) [numeric or list of numerics] vector of 101 reals: min, q01 to q99 and max of catchment elevation distribution [m]; if not defined a single elevation is used for CemaNeige (if used)
NLayers	(optional) [numeric or list of numerics] integer giving the number of elevation layers requested [-], required to create CemaNeige model inputs (if used)
SimPer	[character or list of characters] vector of 2 values to define the beginning and the end of the simulation period ["YYYY-mm-dd" or "YYYY-mm-dd HH:MM:SS"], see below for details
NamesObsBV	(optional) [character] vector of values to define the data inputs name(s) (if the ObsDF list is not already named)
theme	(optional) [character] alternative stylesheet ["RStudio" (default), "Cerulean", "Cyborg", "Flatly", "United" or "Yeti"]

Details

The warm-up period always starts from the first date of the dataset to the time step just before the beginning of the simulation period (SimPer).

Author(s)

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See Also

[CalGR](#), [SimGR](#), [plot.CalGR](#), [plot.SimGR](#)

Examples

```
library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data of a low-land basin
data(L0123001)
BV_L0123001 <- BasinObs[0001:6000, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]
BI_L0123001 <- BasinInfo

## data.frame of observed data of a mountainous basin
data(L0123002)
BV_L0123002 <- BasinObs[5000:9999, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]
BI_L0123002 <- BasinInfo

## Interactive simulation step using default parameters
if (interactive()) {
```

```

ShinyGR(ObsDF = list("Low-land basin" = BV_L0123001, "Mountainous basin" = BV_L0123002),
        ZInputs = list(NULL, median(BI_L0123002$HypsoData)),
        HypsoData = list(NULL, BI_L0123002$HypsoData),
        NLayers = list(5, 5),
        SimPer = list(c("1994-01-01", "1998-12-31"), c("2004-01-01", "2006-12-31")),
        theme = "United")
}

```

 SimGR

Running one of the GR hydrological models

Description

Function for running the GR hydrological models

Usage

```

SimGR(PrepGR, CalGR = NULL, Param = NULL, EffCrit = c("NSE", "KGE", "KGE2", "RMSE"),
      WupPer = NULL, SimPer,
      transfo = c("", "sqrt", "log", "inv", "sort"), verbose = TRUE)

```

Arguments

PrepGR	[object of class <i>PrepGR</i>] see PrepGR for details
CalGR	(optional) [object of class <i>CalGR</i>] see CalGR and below for details
Param	(optional) [numeric] vector of parameters (the length of the vector depends on the model used), see below for details
EffCrit	[character] name of the efficiency criterion (must be one of "NSE", "KGE", "KGE2" or "RMSE")
WupPer	(optional) [character] vector of 2 values to define the beginning and end of the warm-up period ["YYYY-mm-dd" or "YYYY-mm-dd HH:MM:SS"]
SimPer	[character] vector of 2 values to define the beginning and end of the simulation period ["YYYY-mm-dd" or "YYYY-mm-dd HH:MM:SS"]
transfo	(optional) [character] name of the transformation applied to discharge for calculating the error criterion (must be one of "", "sqrt", "log", "inv" or "sort")
verbose	(optional) [boolean] logical value indicating if the function is run in verbose mode or not

Details

The user can customize the parameters with the `Param` argument. The user can also use the parameters resulting from a calibration. In this case, it is necessary to use the `CalGR` argument.

Value

list object of class SimGR containing:

OptionsSimul	[list] object of class RunOptions (see: CreateRunOptions)
OptionsCrit	[list] object of class InputsCrit (see: CreateInputsCrit)
OutputsModel	[list] object of class OutputsModel (see: RunModel)
Qobs	[numeric] series of observed discharges [mm/time step]
TypeModel	[character] name of the function of the hydrological model used
CalCrit	[character] name of the function that computes the error criterion during the calibration step
EffCrit	[list] name of the function that computes the error criterion during the simulation step
PeriodModel	[list] \$WarmUp: vector of 2 POSIXct values defining the beginning and end of the warm-up period; \$Run: vector of 2 POSIXct values defining the beginning and end of the calibration period

Author(s)

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See Also

[CreateRunOptions](#), [CreateInputsCrit](#), [RunModel](#), [ErrorCrit_RMSE](#), [ErrorCrit_NSE](#), [ErrorCrit_KGE](#), [ErrorCrit_KGE2](#)

Examples

```
library(airGR)

## data.frame of observed data
data(L0123001)
BasinObs2 <- BasinObs[, c("DatesR", "P", "E", "Qmm", "T")]

## Preparation of observed data for modelling
PREP <- PrepGR(ObsDF = BasinObs2, HydroModel = "GR4J", CemaNeige = FALSE)

## Calibration step
CAL <- CalGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalCrit = "KGE2",
            WupPer = NULL, CalPer = c("1990-01-01", "1993-12-31"))

## Simulation step using the result of the automatic calibration method to set the model parameters
SIM <- SimGR(PrepGR = PREP, CalGR = CAL, EffCrit = "KGE2",
            WupPer = NULL, SimPer = c("1994-01-01", "1998-12-31"))

## Simulation step using model parameters set by the user
SIM <- SimGR(PrepGR = PREP, Param = c(270.426, 0.984, 108.853, 2.149), EffCrit = "KGE2",
            WupPer = NULL, SimPer = c("1994-01-01", "1998-12-31"))
str(SIM)
```


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