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#### **Description**

This function parses the structure of the user-provided directory of climate projection files to create a list of the climate models and ensemble members included.

## Usage

```
acquireDirectoryStructure(dataFolder, coordinateFilenames, tasFilenames,
  timeFilenames, models_to_run, dataDirectories, threshold_ensemble,
  thresholdBoundaries)
```

## Arguments

dataFolder

Character string with pathway to a directory with climate projection data. This directory must have a specific structure— see the futureheatwaves vignette for guidance on setting up this directory.

coordinateFilenames

Character string the with filename of each grid point location file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

tasFilenames

Character string the with filename of each climate projection file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

timeFilenames

Character string the with filename of each projection dates file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

models\_to\_run

A character vector with either "all" (the default), in which case the function runs through all models in the dataFolder directory, or the names of the models to run, using the names of each model's subdirectory within the data directory (e.g., c("bcc1", "ccsm")).

dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector 4 apply\_all\_models

with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

## threshold\_ensemble

A character vector giving the name of the ensemble member that should be used when determining the city-specific threshold temperatures for each climate model (e.g., "r1i1p1"). This threshold is used for relative extreme event definitions. See the futureheatwaves vignette for more on extreme event definitions. If any climate model lacks that ensemble member for the specified dates for calculating the threshold, it will be excluded from the processing.

#### thresholdBoundaries

A numeric vector with the custom time boundaries to be used to determine the threshold variable values for the extreme event definition. The required format for this vector is c(start year, end year), with the restriction that bounds must be contained within the time boundaries of one of the two experiment subdirectories specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set. The default value is 1990 to 1999.

#### Value

The function returns a list object outlining the file structure of the dataFolder directory.

#### Note

Projection, grid locations, and projection time files within the dataFolder directory must be commaseparated (.csv) files and must be named using the names specified by the arguments coordinateFilenames, tasFilenames, and timeFilenames. See the futureheatwaves vignette for more information about setting up the dataFolder directory.

apply\_all\_models

Apply a function across heat waves from all projections

## Description

This function will take a user-specified function and apply it across all the extreme event files created by gen\_hw\_set. It will generate either a single value for every ensemble member within every climate model, if city\_specific is set to FALSE, or a value for every city for every ensemble member, if city\_specific is set to TRUE.

## Usage

```
apply_all_models(out, FUN, city_specific = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

Out Character string with pathname to which extreme event files were written by gen\_hw\_set. Typically, this will be the same pathname as that specified with

out when running gen\_hw\_set.

FUN A character string with the name of a function to apply to the extreme event

dataframes located in the directory specified by out. This function must take the argument, hw\_datafr, a dataframe of identified and characterized extreme events, as generated by gen\_hw\_set. For an example of one of these dataframes, load the hw\_datafr data. The function should output a single value when applied to the full extreme event dataframe. The function can also have other arguments, which are passed through the . . . argument of apply\_all\_models.

city\_specific TRUE or FALSE, specifying whether the function should be applied separately

for each study location.

... Optional arguments to FUN.

#### Value

A dataframe with the value output by the FUN function, as applied to all the extreme event dataframes generated by gen\_hw\_set.

#### Note

The function input as FUN must follow a very specific structure. It most have as an argument a dataframe with characterized extreme events, as generated by the gen\_hw\_set function. See the futureheatwaves vignette for more guidance on creating and applying a custom function to explore the extreme events identified and characterized by gen\_hw\_set.

## **Examples**

apply\_hw\_projections Apply a function to projected extreme events

## **Description**

This function takes a user-specified function and applies is to a single file of extreme event projections, as specified by hwPath. It will generate either a single value for every ensemble member, if city\_specific is set to FALSE, or a value for every city, if city\_specific is set to TRUE.

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#### Usage

```
apply_hw_projections(hwPath, FUN, city_specific = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

hwPath A filepath to a comma-separated (.csv) file with a dataset of extreme events

and their characteristics, as generated by gen\_hw\_set. The file at the specified filepath must conform exactly to the format of the extreme event files created by

gen\_hw\_set.

FUN A character string giving the name of a function to apply to the extreme event

dataframe in the file specified by hwPath. This function must only take one argument, hw\_datafr, which identifies a dataframe as generated by gen\_hw\_set. The function should output a single value (e.g., average heat wave length) when

applied to the full dataframe.

city\_specific TRUE or FALSE, specifying whether the function should be applied separately

for each study location.

... Optional arguments to FUN.

#### Note

The function input as FUN must follow a very specific structure. It most have only one argument, and that argument must be a dataframe with extreme events and their characteristics, as generated by the gen\_hw\_set function. See the futureheatwaves vignette for more guidance on creating and applying a custom function to explore the extreme events identified and characterized by gen\_hw\_set.

average\_length

Calculate average length of extreme events

## Description

This function takes a dataframe of extreme events, as created by gen\_hw\_set, and calculates the average length (in days) of events in the dataframe.

## Usage

```
average_length(hw_datafr)
```

#### **Arguments**

hw\_datafr

A dataframe of extreme events and their characteristics, as created by gen\_hw\_set

#### Value

A numeric value with the average length of extreme events in a dataframe of events, as generated by gen\_hw\_set.

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#### Note

This function is an example of a function that can be created and used to explore extreme events using the apply\_all\_models function.

## **Examples**

```
data(hw_datafr)
average_length(hw_datafr)
```

average\_mean\_temp

Calculate average variable of extreme events

## Description

This function takes a dataframe of extreme events, as created by gen\_hw\_set, and calculates the average of the variable (e.g., temperature0 during each extreme event across all events in the dataframe.

## Usage

```
average_mean_temp(hw_datafr)
```

## **Arguments**

hw\_datafr

A dataframe of extreme events and their characteristics, as created by gen\_hw\_set

## Value

A numeric value with the average variable during all heat waves for a dataset of heat waves, as generated by gen\_hw\_set. This value is the mean of the average variable within each event, not the average variable across all event days (to calculate that, you would need to calculate a weighted mean, weighted by the number of days in each heat wave).

## Note

This function is an example of a function that can be created and used to explore extreme events using the apply\_all\_models function.

## **Examples**

```
data(hw_datafr)
average_mean_temp(hw_datafr)
```

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buildStructureEnsembles

List files for a single ensemble member

#### **Description**

This function reads through the user-specified dataFolder directory and creates a list with pathnames to all three files (projection times, grid points, and projections) for a single ensemble member.

## Usage

buildStructureEnsembles(ensemblePath, coordinateFilenames, tasFilenames, timeFilenames, dataDirectories)

## **Arguments**

ensemblePath

A character string that gives the absolute file path for files for an ensemble member within the user-specified projection directory (dataFolder).

coordinateFilenames

Character string the with filename of each grid point location file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

tasFilenames

Character string the with filename of each climate projection file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

timeFilenames

Character string the with filename of each projection dates file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

#### Value

A list of length 2. The first element is the name of the ensemble that was processed. The second element is a vector with the filepaths of the three files.

buildStructureExperiments

Generate file structure for an experiment

## **Description**

This function generates a list object with the file structure of files in the dataFolder directory for a single experiment (e.g., "historical" or "rcp85").

## **Usage**

buildStructureExperiments(modelName, experiment, dataPath, coordinateFilenames, tasFilenames, timeFilenames, dataDirectories)

#### **Arguments**

modelName	Character string of climate model name (e.g., "bcc1"). This name is generated
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from the subdirectory name for the climate model within dataFolder.

experiment Character string of the experiment. Possible variables are the names of elements

in the list object specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set.

dataPath Character string of the file path to dataFolder. Must include the final '/'.

coordinateFilenames

Character string the with filename of each grid point location file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the re-

quired structure for this file.

tasFilenames Character string the with filename of each climate projection file. This file-

> name should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the re-

quired structure for this file.

timeFilenames Character string the with filename of each projection dates file. This filename

> should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for

this file.

dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

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#### Value

A list with one element for each ensemble member. Each element is a return value of the buildStructureEnsembles function for one ensemble member in the experiment and climate model.

buildStructureModels Generate list of file structure

## Description

This function takes input from acquireDirectoryStructure and uses it to generate a list object with the projection directory file structure. This parsed file structure is later used to lead other code through all climate models and ensemble members in the input projection directory.

#### **Usage**

buildStructureModels(modelName, experiments, dataFolder, coordinateFilenames, tasFilenames, timeFilenames, dataDirectories)

## **Arguments**

modelName	Character string of climate model name (e.g., "bcc1"). This name is generated from the subdirectory name for the climate model within dataFolder.
experiments	Character string of the experiment(s). Possible variables are the names of elements in the list object specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen_hw_set.
dataFolder	Character string with pathway to a directory with climate projection data. This directory must have a specific structure— see the futureheatwaves vignette for guidance on setting up this directory.
coordinateFile	names

Character string the with filename of each grid point location file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

tasFilenames

Character string the with filename of each climate projection file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

timeFilenames

Character string the with filename of each projection dates file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector checkCustomBounds 11

with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

## Value

A list of length 3. The first element is the name of the model whose structure was being built. The second element is, for this climate model, the hierarchy of the first subdirectory specified by dataDirectories. The third element is the hierarchy of the second subdirectory specified by dataDirectories. The second and third elements are return values of buildStructureExperiments.

checkCustomBounds

Check year boundaries for errors

## **Description**

This function inputs the boundary lists specified in gen\_hw\_set, thresholdBoundaries, projectionBoundaries, and referenceBoundaries, and checks them for errors in structure of the input or in the years selected.

## Usage

checkCustomBounds(boundList, dataDirectories)

## **Arguments**

boundList

A set of boundary years in the format c(start year, end year).

dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

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	check_params	Check for input parameter errors	
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## **Description**

This function goes through all parameter inputs for gen\_hw\_set and makes sure all parameter entries are in the appropriate format. If any parameters are in an incorrect format, the function stops and returns an error describing the problem.

#### Usage

check\_params(out, dataFolder, dataDirectories, citycsv, coordinateFilenames,
 tasFilenames, timeFilenames, IDheatwavesFunction, thresholdBoundaries,
 projectionBoundaries, referenceBoundaries, numDays, seasonal\_months,
 absolute\_thresholds)

#### **Arguments**

out

Character string with pathway to directory to which extreme event files will be written. This should be a pathname to a directory on the user's local computer. If the directory already exists, it will be overwritten by this function, so the user should either specify a pathname for a directory that does not yet exist or be willing to overwrite the existing directory. The parent directory of the specified directory must exist.

dataFolder

Character string with pathway to a directory with climate projection data. This directory must have a specific structure— see the futureheatwaves vignette for guidance on setting up this directory.

#### dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

citycsv

Character string giving the filepath to a comma-separated (.csv) file with, for each study city, a unique city identifier, latitude, and longitude. These values must be specified with the column names city, lat, and lon. See the futureheatwaves vignette for guidance on setting up this file.

#### coordinateFilenames

Character string the with filename of each grid point location file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

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tasFilenames

Character string the with filename of each climate projection file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

timeFilenames

Character string the with filename of each projection dates file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

#### **IDheatwavesFunction**

A character string with the name of the R function to use to identify extreme events. This function may be a user-specified custom function, but it must be loaded into the current R session. The function name must be put in quotation marks. For more guidance on how to write and use a custom function to identify extreme events, see the package vignette for futureheatwaves.

#### thresholdBoundaries

A numeric vector with the custom time boundaries to be used to determine the threshold variable values for the extreme event definition. The required format for this vector is c(start year, end year), with the restriction that bounds must be contained within the time boundaries of one of the two experiment subdirectories specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set. The default value is 1990 to 1999.

#### projectionBoundaries

A numeric vector with the custom time boundaries for which the user wants to create extreme event projections. The required format for this vector is c(start year, end year), with the restriction that bounds must be contained within the time boundaries of one of the two experiment subdirectories specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set. The default value is 2070 to 2079.

## referenceBoundaries

A numeric vector with the custom time boundaries to use in calculating relative characteristics for extreme events (i.e., to use when exploring the role of adaptation in projections). For more information on how reference temperatures are used, see the package vignette for futureheatwaves. The required format for this vector is c(start year, end year), with the restriction that bounds must be contained within the time boundaries of one of the two experiment subdirectories specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set. The default value is 2070 to 2079. If the time bounds used differ from those used for projections, these reference variables will be pulled from the ensemble member for each climate model specified by threshold\_ensemble.

numDays

Integer greater than 0 giving the number of days to use in the extreme event definition (e.g., numDays = 2 would define a heat wave as two or more days above the threshold temperature).

#### seasonal\_months

A numeric vector giving the months to use to calculate the "mean.seasonal.var" column in the extreme event characteristics output file. For example, if seasonal\_months is set to 6:8, daily temperatures from June through August each day during the reference years would be used to calculate this mean seasonal value. The default is 5:9 (May–September).

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absolute\_thresholds

A numeric vector with four values giving the absolute thresholds to use when calculating the "days.above.abs.thershold" columns in the heatwave characteristic output files. These values must be given in the units in which temperature is expressed in the input data (typically Kelvin for climate model output data). The default values are the values in Kelvin corresponding to 80, 85, 90, and 95 degrees Fahrenheit. If this parameter is customized, it must include four values.

#### Value

Only stops and returns an error if any parameters are incorrect.

#### Note

This function does not check if the data is organized in the proper structure or if any data exists within the directory at all, so a call to gen\_hw\_set could still pass through this check and make it further through the function code with those mistakes. This function also does not check if the three ensemble final .csv data files exist, only if they have the .csv extension if they do exist.

closest\_point

Find closest grid point to a city location

## **Description**

This function identifies the closest grid points in a climate model to a city based on the city's latitude and longitude using the Euclidean distance.

#### Usage

```
closest_point(city, latlong)
```

#### **Arguments**

city

A numeric vector containing the city's ID, latitude, and longitude, in that order.

latlong

A dataframe of latitude and longitude of each climate grid cell, with latitudes in the first column and longitudes in the second column. The readLatLong function re-orders the columns of longitude and latitude to comply with this format if necessary.

#### Value

An index corresponding to the column in the climate projections dataframe for that climate model that is closest to the city's coordinates.

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consolidate

Consolidate heat wave dataframes

## **Description**

This function combines all identified city-specific heat wave dataframes together into a single dataframe. This function is used to create a single dataframe with all heat waves from all study cities for an ensemble member.

## Usage

consolidate(hwDataframeList)

#### **Arguments**

hwDataframeList

A list object where each element is the dataframe of heat waves, created by the closure created by createCityProcessor, for a single city.

#### Value

A combined dataframe version of the list object that was passed as an argument.

createAccumulators

Create accumulator closure

## **Description**

This function creates a closure that holds, adds to, and returns data structures that the user wishes to grow at various points in the execution of the package (e.g., location and model information dataframes).

## Usage

createAccumulators()

## Details

As an example, when the generated closure is used with the command "append location list", it will add information on the cities and closest grid point locations based on the climate model it has just completed analyzing to a growing dataframe with this information for all climate models. After the function run to generate the heat wave projections is completed, this closure can be used with the command "return locations" to output the completed dataframe of this location information. The closure can be used in a similar manner to aggregate and then return meta-data on the models analyzed based on their inclusion in the user-specified projections directory.

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#### Value

A closure that accepts commands to access and append new data onto data structures as the program executes. The closure created by this function accepts two arguments: (1) the command and (2) an element to be appended to the end of the data structure of the command. These two arguments must be entered in this exact order. The first argument (the command) can be one of the following options: return model information, append model information, return locations, and append location list. The second argument for the created closure should only be used in conjunction with the two "append" commands for the closure.

createCityProcessor

Create closure to identify and aggregate heat waves

## **Description**

This function creates a closure that returns a dataframe with the identified heat waves and heat wave characteristics for a given city for the specified projection period, as generated by the createHwDataframe function.

#### Usage

createCityProcessor(global)

## **Arguments**

global

An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the dataframe with city locations).

## Value

This function creates a closure that takes inputs of threshold, ensembleSeries, and custom and will find and characterize all heat waves in all cities for a given ensemble. See the help file for formHwFrame for more information on the format of the dataframe created by this closure.

#### Note

The closure encapsulates an incrementer variable and advances it with every call. This variable is used to index into the cities vector from the global object passed into this function.

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createEnsembleWriter	Ensemble	writer	factory	function

## **Description**

This function creates a closure that writes a single heat wave list to a comma-separated file in the directory specified by the user in the out argument of gen\_hw\_set.

#### **Usage**

createEnsembleWriter(modelName, global, custom)

## **Arguments**

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modelName	Character string of climate model name (e.g., "bcc1"). This name is generated from the subdirectory name for the climate model within dataFolder.
global	An list object created by gen_hw_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the dataframe with city locations).
custom	An list object created by gen_hw_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projection period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

## **Details**

The closure created by this function closes over an incrementer variable for ensembles that advances each time the closure is called.

## Value

A closure that inputs hwFrame, a combined heat wave dataframe with all heat wave information for all cities for the ensemble and writes out a heat wave dataframe to the output directory specified by the out argument in gen\_hw\_set.

eHwDataframe Characterize heat waves
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## **Description**

This function takes a dataframe with identified heat waves and returns a dataframe that lists and characterizes all of the heat waves. If no heat waves were identified in a city, it returns a data frame with the same columns but no observations, to allow the empty dataframe to be joined without error to the dataframes for cities that do have heat waves under the definition.

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#### **Usage**

createHwDataframe(city, threshold, heatwaves, ensembleSeries, i, global, custom)

#### **Arguments**

city A character vector with the identification of the city being processed.

threshold Numeric string with threshold temperature used in the heat wave definition, in

degrees Fahrenheit.

heatwaves A dataframe with the following columns:

• date: Date of each observation, in class "Date";

• tmpd: Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit;

• hw: A binary variable designating whether a day is in a heat wave (0: not in a heat wave; 1: in a heat wave); and

 hw.number: A numeric value, 0 if the day was not part of a heat wave, otherwise the number of the heat wave to which the day belonged.

This is the format of the output of IDheatwaves.

ensembleSeries A list object giving the projection time series as well as a variety of other infor-

mation for a single ensemble member. This is the output of processEnsemble.

i An index specifying which city is being processed. This corresponds to the order

of the cities in the citycsv file specified in gen\_hw\_set.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

custom An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the

name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projec-

tion period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

#### Value

A dataframe of identified and characterized heat waves for a single city and single ensemble member. Each row of this dataframe represents a heat wave, with the following columns:

- hw.number: A sequential number identifying each heat wave in a city;
- mean.temp: Average daily temperature across all days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit;
- max.temp: Highest daily temperature across days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit;
- min.temp: Lowest daily temperature across days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit
- length: Number of days in the heat wave;
- start.date: Date of the first day of the heat wave;
- end.date: Date of the last day of the heat wave;
- start.doy: Day of the year of the first day of the heat wave (1 = Jan. 1, etc.);
- start.month: Month in which the heat wave started (1 = January, etc.);

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- days.above.80: Number of days in the heat wave above 80 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.85: Number of days in the heat wave above 85 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.90: Number of days in the heat wave above 90 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.95: Number of days in the heat wave above 90 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.99th: Number of days in the heat wave above the 99th percentile temperature for
  the city, using the period specified by the user with the referenceBoundaries argument in
  gen\_hw\_set as a reference for determining these percentiles;
- days.above.99.5th: Number of days in the heat wave above the 99.5th percentile temperature
  for the city, using the period specified by the user with the referenceBoundaries argument
  in gen\_hw\_set as a reference for determining these percentiles;
- first.in.season: Whether the heat wave was the first to occur in its calendar year (Note: this characteristic is likely not useful in southern hemisphere studies.);
- threshold.temp: The temperature used as the threshold for the heat wave definition in the city;
- mean.temp.quantile: The percentile of the average daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set;
- max.temp.quantile: The percentile of the highest daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution;
- min.temp.quantile: The percentile of the lowest daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution;
- mean.temp.1: The city's average year-round temperature, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set;
- mean.summer.temp: The city's average May-September temperature, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set; and
- city: The identifier for the city, as given in the file specified in the citycsv argument of gen\_hw\_set.

## Note

When calculating relative characteristics of heat waves, like the relative value of the heat wave's mean temperature, this function uses a time series from the date ranges specified by the user using the referenceBoundaries option in gen\_hw\_set. By default, these references are based on projection data from 2070 to 2079.

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Example data to input to extreme event identifier functions

## **Description**

This dataset provides an example of the dataframe to be input into a custom extreme event identification function. This dataset can be used to test a custom extreme event identification function before using the function in gen\_hw\_set.

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## Usage

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#### **Format**

A dataframe with 7,300 rows and 2 columns. The variables are:

- date: A Date vector with the date of the projection
- tmpd: A numeric vector with the temperature of the projection, in degrees Fahrenheit

formDates

Create date vector for requested time period

## **Description**

This function creates a vector that includes all the dates spanning the requested date range.

## Usage

formDates(times, bounds)

## **Arguments**

times A dataframe containing the time data for one ensemble member's projections.

Each row in this dataframe corresponds to the row with the same row number in

the climate projection dataframe.

bounds A numeric vector with the desired time boundaries of the ensemble, in terms

of indices referring to the first and last row in the climate projection data frame

within the requested date range.

## Value

A vector of the desired time boundaries, formatted as year-month-day.

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## **Description**

This function takes inputs, from processProjections, on the projection data for an ensemble member, the thresholds for cities for the ensemble, and global and custom objects with user specifications. Using these inputs, the function creates a dataframe with heat waves identified and characterized for the ensemble member.

## Usage

formHwFrame(ensembleSeries, thresholds, global, custom)

## **Arguments**

ensembleSeries	A list object giving the projection time series as well as a variety of other information for a single ensemble member. This is the output of processEnsemble.
thresholds	A vector with the thresholds to use within each city in that city's heat wave definition. These are typically automatically determine during the run of the gen_hw_set function.
global	An list object created by gen_hw_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the dataframe with city locations).
custom	An list object created by gen_hw_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projection period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

#### Value

The combined dataframe of identified and characterized heat waves for selected projection date range for all cities specified by the user. This dataframe includes the following columns:

- hw.number: A sequential number identifying each heat wave in a city;
- mean.temp: Average daily temperature across all days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit;
- max.temp: Highest daily temperature across days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit;
- · min.temp: Lowest daily temperature across days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit
- length: Number of days in the heat wave;
- start.date: Date of the first day of the heat wave;
- end.date: Date of the last day of the heat wave;
- start.doy: Day of the year of the first day of the heat wave (1 = Jan. 1, etc.);
- start.month: Month in which the heat wave started (1 = January, etc.);

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- days.above.80: Number of days in the heat wave above 80 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.85: Number of days in the heat wave above 85 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.90: Number of days in the heat wave above 90 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.95: Number of days in the heat wave above 90 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.99th: Number of days in the heat wave above the 99th percentile temperature for the city, using the period specified by the user with the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set as a reference for determining these percentiles;
- days.above.99.5th: Number of days in the heat wave above the 99.5th percentile temperature for the city, using the period specified by the user with the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set as a reference for determining these percentiles;
- first.in.season: Whether the heat wave was the first to occur in its calendar year (Note: this characteristic is likely not useful in southern hemisphere studies.);
- threshold.temp: The temperature used as the threshold for the heat wave definition in the city;
- mean.temp.quantile: The percentile of the average daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set;
- max.temp.quantile: The percentile of the highest daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution;
- min.temp.quantile: The percentile of the lowest daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution;
- mean.temp.1: The city's average year-round temperature, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set;
- mean.summer.temp: The city's average May-September temperature, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set; and
- city: The identifier for the city, as given in the file specified in the citycsv argument of gen\_hw\_set.

An example of the output of this function is available as the hw\_datafr dataset and can be accessed using data(hw\_datafr).

futureheatwaves

Find, Characterize, and Explore Heat Waves in Climate Projections

#### **Description**

futureheatwaves takes a directory of climate projection files and, for each, identifies and characterizes all examples of a specified type of extreme event. The definition used to identify extreme events can be customized. Characterizations include several metrics of event length, intensity, and timing in the year. Extreme events can be explored by applying custom functions across all generated heat wave files. This work was supported in part by grants from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (R00ES022631), the National Science Foundation (1331399), and the Colorado State University Vice President for Research.

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Create and write extreme event projections

#### **Description**

This function creates datasets of identified and characterized extreme events for all ensemble members in all climate models in a directory of climate projections for a user-specified set of locations. The resulting extreme event projections are written out to a specified directory on the user's local computer. For more details on downloading CMIP5 climate model output data and setting it up to use with this function, see this package's "starting\_from\_netcdf" vignette.

## Usage

```
gen_hw_set(out, dataFolder, dataDirectories = list(historical = c(1980, 2004),
    rcp85 = c(2006, 2099)), citycsv, coordinateFilenames, tasFilenames,
    timeFilenames, IDheatwavesFunction = "IDHeatwavesCPPwrapper",
    thresholdBoundaries = c(1990, 1999), projectionBoundaries = c(2070, 2079),
    referenceBoundaries = c(2070, 2079), models_to_run = "all",
    probThreshold = 0.98, numDays = 2, printWarning = TRUE,
    threshold_ensemble = "r1i1p1", lat_lon_colnames = c("lat", "lon"),
    above_threshold = TRUE, absolute_thresholds = c(299.82, 302.6, 305.37,
    308.15), seasonal_months = c(5:9))
```

#### **Arguments**

out

Character string with pathway to directory to which extreme event files will be written. This should be a pathname to a directory on the user's local computer. If the directory already exists, it will be overwritten by this function, so the user should either specify a pathname for a directory that does not yet exist or be willing to overwrite the existing directory. The parent directory of the specified directory must exist.

dataFolder

Character string with pathway to a directory with climate projection data. This directory must have a specific structure— see the futureheatwaves vignette for guidance on setting up this directory.

dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

citycsv

Character string giving the filepath to a comma-separated (.csv) file with, for each study city, a unique city identifier, latitude, and longitude. These values must be specified with the column names city, lat, and lon. See the futureheatwaves vignette for guidance on setting up this file.

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#### coordinateFilenames

Character string the with filename of each grid point location file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

tasFilenames

Character string the with filename of each climate projection file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

timeFilenames

Character string the with filename of each projection dates file. This filename should be identical for all ensemble member subdirectories included in the dataFolder directory. See the package vignette for an example of the required structure for this file.

#### **IDheatwavesFunction**

A character string with the name of the R function to use to identify extreme events. This function may be a user-specified custom function, but it must be loaded into the current R session. The function name must be put in quotation marks. For more guidance on how to write and use a custom function to identify extreme events, see the package vignette for futureheatwaves.

#### thresholdBoundaries

A numeric vector with the custom time boundaries to be used to determine the threshold variable values for the extreme event definition. The required format for this vector is c(start year, end year), with the restriction that bounds must be contained within the time boundaries of one of the two experiment subdirectories specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set. The default value is 1990 to 1999.

## projectionBoundaries

A numeric vector with the custom time boundaries for which the user wants to create extreme event projections. The required format for this vector is c(start year, end year), with the restriction that bounds must be contained within the time boundaries of one of the two experiment subdirectories specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set. The default value is 2070 to 2079.

#### referenceBoundaries

A numeric vector with the custom time boundaries to use in calculating relative characteristics for extreme events (i.e., to use when exploring the role of adaptation in projections). For more information on how reference temperatures are used, see the package vignette for futureheatwaves. The required format for this vector is c(start year, end year), with the restriction that bounds must be contained within the time boundaries of one of the two experiment subdirectories specified by the dataDirectories argument in gen\_hw\_set. The default value is 2070 to 2079. If the time bounds used differ from those used for projections, these reference variables will be pulled from the ensemble member for each climate model specified by threshold\_ensemble.

models\_to\_run

A character vector with either "all" (the default), in which case the function runs through all models in the dataFolder directory, or the names of the models to run, using the names of each model's subdirectory within the data directory (e.g., c("bcc1", "ccsm")).

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probThreshold Numerical value between 0 and 1 specifying the percentile to be used for the

threshold variable used to define extreme events. The default value is 0.98 (i.e., a heat wave is a certain number of days above the city's 98th percentile temper-

ature).

numDays Integer greater than 0 giving the number of days to use in the extreme event

definition (e.g., numDays = 2 would define a heat wave as two or more days

above the threshold temperature).

printWarning TRUE / FALSE, specifies whether to print out a warning informing the user that

the function will write out results to the local directory specified by the user with out. This warning prints out by default; the user must opt out of this warning by specifying FALSE for this argument, for example if running this function within

a loop.

threshold ensemble

A character vector giving the name of the ensemble member that should be used when determining the city-specific threshold temperatures for each climate model (e.g., "r1i1p1"). This threshold is used for relative extreme event definitions. See the futureheatwaves vignette for more on extreme event definitions. If any climate model lacks that ensemble member for the specified dates for calculating the threshold, it will be excluded from the processing.

lat\_lon\_colnames

A character vector of length two with the column names in the citycsv dataframe for latitude (first vector element) and longitude (second vector element)

above\_threshold

A logical value specifying whether events should be identified by finding days above a threshold (TRUE, the default, e.g., for finding heat waves or extreme air pollution events) or below a threshold (FALSE, e.g., for finding cold waves or droughts).

absolute\_thresholds

A numeric vector with four values giving the absolute thresholds to use when calculating the "days.above.abs.thershold" columns in the heatwave characteristic output files. These values must be given in the units in which temperature is expressed in the input data (typically Kelvin for climate model output data). The default values are the values in Kelvin corresponding to 80, 85, 90, and 95 degrees Fahrenheit. If this parameter is customized, it must include four values.

seasonal\_months

A numeric vector giving the months to use to calculate the "mean.seasonal.var" column in the extreme event characteristics output file. For example, if seasonal\_months is set to 6:8, daily temperatures from June through August each day during the reference years would be used to calculate this mean seasonal value. The default is 5:9 (May–September).

#### Value

This function creates, and writes to the user's computer, files with the extreme events and their characteristics for the specified climate projections and dates. For more information on customizing this function, see the futureheatwaves vignette. This function also returns a dataframe listing the name of each climate model processed, as well as the number of historical and future projection

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ensemble members for each model. This output can be used as a check that the function processed through the directory of input files specified using the dataFolder argument.

## **Examples**

getBounds

Acquire boundaries of time series data

#### **Description**

This function acquires the boundaries of time series data.

## Usage

```
getBounds(times, custom, type)
```

## Arguments

times A dataframe containing the time data for one ensemble member's projections.

Each row in this dataframe corresponds to the row with the same row number in

the climate projection dataframe.

custom An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the

name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projection.

tion period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

type A character vector giving the type of boundaries that are being checked. Possible

values are "threshold", "projections", and "reference".

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## Value

A numeric vector containing the number of days spanned by the time period, the lower bound of the experiment time period as an index specifying the relevant row of the climate projection data; and an upper bound of the experiment time period as an index specifying the relevant row of the climate projection data.

heatwave\_days

Calculate total event days

## **Description**

This function takes a dataframe of heat waves, as created by gen\_hw\_set, and calculates the total number of extreme event days in the dataframe (sum of the number of days in each event for all events in the dataset).

## Usage

```
heatwave_days(hw_datafr)
```

## **Arguments**

hw\_datafr

A dataframe of extreme events and their characteristics, as created by gen\_hw\_set

## Value

A numeric value with the number of extreme event days in a dataframe of heat waves, as generated by gen\_hw\_set.

## Note

This function is an example of a function that can be created and used to explore extreme events using the apply\_all\_models function.

## **Examples**

```
data(hw_datafr)
heatwave_days(hw_datafr)
```

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Example of extreme event characteristics dataset

#### **Description**

This dataset provides an example of the structure of the dataframe of extreme events and their characteristics, as created by gen\_hw\_set. This example dataset can be used in developing custom functions to use with apply\_all\_models.

#### **Usage**

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#### **Format**

A dataframe with 258 rows and 23 columns. The variables are:

- hw.number: A sequential number identifying each heat wave in a city;
- mean.var: Average daily temperature across all days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit;
- max.var: Highest daily temperature across days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit;
- min.var: Lowest daily temperature across days in the heat wave, in degrees Fahrenheit
- length: Number of days in the heat wave;
- start.date: Date of the first day of the heat wave;
- end.date: Date of the last day of the heat wave;
- start.doy: Day of the year of the first day of the heat wave (1 = Jan. 1, etc.);
- start.month: Month in which the heat wave started (1 = January, etc.);
- days.above.abs.threshold.1: Number of days in the heat wave above 80 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.abs.threshold.2: Number of days in the heat wave above 85 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.abs.threshold.3: Number of days in the heat wave above 90 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.abs.threshold.4: Number of days in the heat wave above 90 degrees Fahrenheit;
- days.above.99th: Number of days in the heat wave above the 99th percentile temperature for
  the city, using the period specified by the user with the referenceBoundaries argument in
  gen\_hw\_set as a reference for determining these percentiles;
- days.above.99.5th: Number of days in the heat wave above the 99.5th percentile temperature
  for the city, using the period specified by the user with the referenceBoundaries argument
  in gen\_hw\_set as a reference for determining these percentiles;
- first.in.year: Whether the heat wave was the first to occur in its calendar year (Note: this characteristic is likely not useful in southern hemisphere studies.);
- threshold: The temperature used as the threshold for the heat wave definition in the city;
- mean.var.quantile: The percentile of the average daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set;

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• max.var.quantile: The percentile of the highest daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution;

- min.var.quantile: The percentile of the lowest daily mean temperature during the heat wave compared to the city's year-round temperature distribution;
- mean.yearround.var: The city's average year-round temperature, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set;
- mean.seasonal.var: The city's average May-September temperature, based on the temperatures for the city during the period specified by the referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set; and
- city: The identifier for the city, as given in the file specified in the citycsv argument of gen\_hw\_set.

**IDheatwaves** 

Identify all heat waves in a time series

## **Description**

This function takes a dataframe with columns for date and projected temperature and adds columns identifying which days belong to a heat wave and giving separate numbers to identify each discrete heat wave.

## Usage

IDheatwaves(threshold, datafr, global, custom)

## **Arguments**

threshold	Numeric string with threshold temperature used in the heat wave definition, in degrees Fahrenheit.
datafr	A dataframe with daily temperature projections in the the city being processed. This dataframe must have two columns: (1) the first column must have the date of each observation, with class "Date" and; (2) the second column must have temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit. In the normal running of this package, this dataframe will be generated by the closure created by createCityProcessor.
global	An list object created by <code>gen_hw_set</code> that includes user specifications (e.g., the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the dataframe with city locations).
custom	An list object created by <code>gen_hw_set</code> that includes user specifications (e.g., the name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projection period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

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#### Value

Returns the dataframe entered as datafr, but with new columns providing heat wave identifiers. The returned dataframe will have new columns for: hw: whether a day was part of a heat wave (0: not part of a heat wave / 1: part of a heat wave); and hw.number: if it was part of a heat wave, the number of the heat wave (1, 2, etc.).

#### Note

The function actually used to identify heat waves in the time series is specified in the 'IDheatwaves' slot of the 'custom' object passed into this function. The default is the function IDHeatwavesCPPwrapper. The user can specify a different function using the argument IDheatwavesFunction in gen\_hw\_set.

**IDHeatwavesAlternative** 

Identify heat waves in a time series

## **Description**

This function identifies heat waves in a time series of temperature data using a heat wave definition that a heat wave must be a certain number of days above the greater of either a given threshold or 80 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Usage

IDHeatwavesAlternative(threshold, datafr, numDays)

## **Arguments**

threshold Numeric string with threshold temperature used in the heat wave definition, in

degrees Fahrenheit.

datafr A dataframe with daily temperature projections in the the city being processed.

This dataframe must have two columns: (1) the first column must have the date of each observation, with class "Date" and; (2) the second column must have temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit. In the normal running of this package, this dataframe will be generated by the closure created by createCityProcessor.

numDays Integer greater than 0 giving the number of days to use in the extreme event

definition (e.g., numDays = 2 would define a heat wave as two or more days

above the threshold temperature).

#### Value

Returns the dataframe entered as datafr, but with new columns providing heat wave identifiers. The returned dataframe will have new columns for whether a day was part of a heat wave (hw, 0 / 1), and if it was part of a heat wave, the number of the heat wave (hw.number).

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## Note

There are a few cases near the edges of data frames when this function would return that a day was not a heat wave when it was. First, if the first day of the dataset is a heat wave because preceeding days exceeded the threshold, but the second day in the dataframe is not above the threshold, this function would not capture that the first day was a heat wave. A similar caveat applies to the last day in the dataframe. In northern hemisphere studies, this should not be a concern, as it is unlikely that Jan. 1 or Dec. 31 would qualify as a heat wave. However, care should be taken when using this function either with Southern Hemisphere cities or when exploring exposures that, unlike heat waves, may occur very early or late in the calendar year.

## **Examples**

**IDHeatwavesCPP** 

Identify heat waves that are a certain number of days long

#### Description

This function identifies heat waves that are a certain number of days long.

## Usage

IDHeatwavesCPP(heatwaveLength, tempsExceedingCutoff)

#### **Arguments**

heatwaveLength Number of days that a heat wave lasts under the user's definition tempsExceedingCutoff

A vector of 1s and 0s the length of the number of days in the time series. 1 means the temperature for that day exceeds the calculated threshold; 0 means it does not exceed the threshold.

## Value

A dataframe containing information about the heat waves for this series. It contains two columns: hw and hw.number.

IDHeatwavesCPPwrapper Identify heat waves in a time series

## **Description**

This function identifies heat waves in a time series of temperature data using a heat wave definition that a heat wave must be a certain number of days with temperatures equal to or above some threshold temperature. This function uses a compiled C++ function for part of the process, making it faster than the R analogue, IDHeatwavesR, although the two functions give identical results.

## Usage

IDHeatwavesCPPwrapper(datafr, threshold, numDays)

#### **Arguments**

datafr	A dataframe with daily temperature projections in the the city being processed. This dataframe must have two columns: (1) the first column must have the date of each observation, with class "Date" and; (2) the second column must have temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit. In the normal running of this package, this dataframe will be generated by the closure created by createCityProcessor.
threshold	Numeric string with threshold temperature used in the heat wave definition, in degrees Fahrenheit.
numDays	Integer greater than 0 giving the number of days to use in the extreme event definition (e.g., numDays = 2 would define a heat wave as two or more days above the threshold temperature).

#### **Details**

This function is the default function used to identify heat waves in gen\_hw\_set.

## Value

Returns the dataframe entered as datafr, but with new columns providing heat wave identifiers. The returned dataframe will have new columns for whether a day was part of a heat wave (hw, 0 / 1), and, if it was part of a heat wave, the number of the heat wave (hw.number).

#### Note

There are a few cases near the edges of data frames when this function would return that a day was not a heat wave when it was. First, if the first day of the dataset is a heat wave because preceding days exceeded the threshold, but the second day in the dataframe is not above the threshold, this function would not capture that the first day was a heat wave. A similar caveat applies to the last day in the dataframe. In northern hemisphere studies, this should not be a concern, as it is unlikely that Jan. 1 or Dec. 31 would qualify as a heat wave. However, care should be taken when using this function either with Southern Hemisphere cities or when exploring exposures that, unlike heat waves, may occur very early or late in the calendar year.

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## **Examples**

**IDHeatwavesR** 

Identify heat waves in a time series

## **Description**

This function identifies heat waves in a time series of temperature data using a heat wave definition that a heat wave must be a certain number of days with temperatures equal to or above some threshold temperature.

## Usage

IDHeatwavesR(threshold, datafr, numDays)

## **Arguments**

numDays

threshold Numeric string with threshold temperature used in the heat wave definition, in

degrees Fahrenheit.

datafr A dataframe with daily temperature projections in the the city being processed.

This dataframe must have two columns: (1) the first column must have the date of each observation, with class "Date" and; (2) the second column must have temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit. In the normal running of this package, this dataframe will be generated by the closure created by createCityProcessor.

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definition (e.g., numDays = 2 would define a heat wave as two or more days

above the threshold temperature).

#### Value

Returns the dataframe entered as datafr, but with new columns providing heat wave identifiers. The returned dataframe will have new columns for whether a day was part of a heat wave (hw, 0 / 1), and, if it was part of a heat wave, the number of the heat wave (hw.number).

#### Note

There are a few cases near the edges of data frames when this function would return that a day was not a heat wave when it was. First, if the first day of the dataset is a heat wave because preceding days exceeded the threshold, but the second day in the dataframe is not above the threshold, this function would not capture that the first day was a heat wave. A similar caveat applies to the last day in the dataframe. In northern hemisphere studies, this should not be a concern, as it is unlikely that Jan. 1 or Dec. 31 would qualify as a heat wave. However, care should be taken when using this function either with Southern Hemisphere cities or when exploring exposures that, unlike heat waves, may occur very early or late in the calendar year.

map\_grid

## **Examples**

map\_grid

Create a map of model grid

## **Description**

This function creates a map of the grid points of a climate model used for the study locations and draws lines connecting each study city to its climate model grid point. It currently can only be used for studies within the United States.

## Usage

```
map_grid(plot_model, out)
```

## **Arguments**

plot\_model A character string with the name of the model to plot

out Character string with pathname to which extreme event files were written by

gen\_hw\_set. Typically, this will be the same pathname as that specified with

out when running gen\_hw\_set.

## Value

A ggplot2 object with a map of grid points for the climate model that were used in processing extreme events for the study locations, with a line drawn from each study locations to the grid point used for it.

## Note

This function creates a ggplot2 object, so the output can be edited using ggplot2 functions.

## **Examples**

```
out <- system.file("extdata/example_results", package = "futureheatwaves")
map_grid(plot_model = "bcc1", out = out)</pre>
```

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map_grid_leaflet	Create an interactive map of model grid
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## **Description**

This function creates an interactive map of the grid points of a climate model used for the study locations and draws lines connecting each study city to its climate model grid point. This map is made using the leaflet package.

## Usage

```
map_grid_leaflet(plot_model, out)
```

## Arguments

plot\_model A character string with the name of the model to plot

out Character string with pathname to which extreme event files were written by

gen\_hw\_set. Typically, this will be the same pathname as that specified with

out when running gen\_hw\_set.

## Value

A leaflet object with a map of grid points for the climate model that were used in processing extreme events for the study locations, with a line drawn from each study locations to the grid point used for it. This map can be explored interactively.

## **Examples**

```
out <- system.file("extdata/example_results", package = "futureheatwaves")
map_grid_leaflet(plot_model = "bcc1", out = out)</pre>
```

## Description

This function takes a dataframe of extreme events, as created by gen\_hw\_set, and calculates the number of events in the dataframe.

## Usage

```
number_of_heatwaves(hw_datafr)
```

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## Arguments

hw\_datafr A dataframe of extreme events and their characteristics, as created by gen\_hw\_set

#### **Details**

To calculate the number of extreme events, this function determines the number of rows in the dataframe, since gen\_hw\_set outputs a dataframe with one and only one row per event.

## Value

A numeric value with the number of extreme events in a dataframe of events, as generated by gen\_hw\_set.

#### Note

This function is an example of a function that can be created and used to explore extreme events using the apply\_all\_models function.

## **Examples**

```
data(hw_datafr)
number_of_heatwaves(hw_datafr)
```

processEnsemble

Extract projections from ensemble member

## **Description**

This function extracts the desired climate data from a single ensemble member, from one of the two experiment subdirectories.

#### Usage

```
processEnsemble(ensemble, modelName, global, custom, type)
```

## Arguments

ensemble	List with parsed information about the directory structure for a specific ensemble
	member from the user-specified projections directory. This list is a subset of the

list generated by acquireDirectoryStructure.

modelName Character string of climate model name (e.g., "bcc1"). This name is generated

from the subdirectory name for the climate model within dataFolder.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

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custom An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the

> name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projec-

tion period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

A character vector giving the type of boundaries that are being checked. Possible type

values are "threshold", "projections", and "reference".

#### Value

A list object with processed projections, as well as various other elements needed for further processing to identify heat waves.

#### Note

This function calls another function that uses Euclidean distance for the distance between each city given in the citycsv file and the nearest grid point for the climate model for the specified ensemble member.

processModel	Process valid models	

## **Description**

This function takes any models that are valid, identifies and characterizes heat waves within projections for each of its ensemble members, writes those dataframes of heat wave projections out to the user-specified output directory, and stores information about the models and grid locations.

## Usage

```
processModel(model, global, custom, accumulators, dataDirectories)
```

## **Arguments**

model	List with parsed information about the directory structure for a specific climate
	model from the user-specified projections directory. This list is a subset of the

list generated by acquireDirectoryStructure.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the custom

> name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projec-

tion period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

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accumulators

The closure generated by createAccumulators that allows you to append model information and grid location data as you process through models to a growing list.

dataDirectories

A list object, with two elements, one for each of the two subdirectories included in the main directory. Typically, these will be separate directories of historical and projection experiments from climate models. Each element of the list should be named with the name of the subdirectory and should provide a numeric vector with the starting and ending years of the data within each of the two subdirectories (e.g., list("historical" = c(1990, 1999), "rcp85" = c(2060, 2079)) for a dataFolder with historical experiment data for 1990 to 1999 and RCP8.5 projections for 2060 to 2079).

#### Value

A list object with processed projections, as well as various other elements needed for further processing to identify heat waves.

processProjections

Create heat wave dataframe for climate projection

## **Description**

This function, for each ensemble member, creates the heat wave dataframe and writes it to file. It also stores the locations for each ensemble.

## Usage

processProjections(ensemble, modelName, ensembleWriter, thresholds, global, custom, accumulators, reference, reference\_dates)

## **Arguments**

ensemble	List with parsed information about the directory structure for a specific ensemble	
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CHISCHIBIC	List with parsed information about the directory structure for a specific ensemble	

member from the user-specified projections directory. This list is a subset of the

list generated by acquireDirectoryStructure.

modelName Character string of climate model name (e.g., "bcc1"). This name is generated

from the subdirectory name for the climate model within dataFolder.

ensembleWriter A closure created by createEnsembleWriter to write output from this process

to a file within the output directory specified by the user with the out argument

in gen\_hw\_set.

thresholds A vector with the thresholds to use within each city in that city's heat wave

definition. These are typically automatically determine during the run of the

gen\_hw\_set function.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

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custom An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the

name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projec-

tion period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

accumulators The closure generated by createAccumulators that allows you to append model

information and grid location data as you process through models to a growing

list.

reference FALSE, if the user has not specified custom reference boundaries through the

referenceBoundaries argument in gen\_hw\_set, otherwise a dataframe with the time series of projected temperatures for the custom reference period for

each study city.

reference\_dates

A numeric vector with the start and end years to use for the reference period

## Value

This function writes every heat wave dataframe to a .csv and returns the ensemble member used as the reference.

processReference Get projection data for reference period

## **Description**

This function is only run if the reference period is different from the projection period. In that case, this function will acquire the time series of projected temperatures during the indicated reference period and pass that through to be used in a later function to characterize heat waves.

## Usage

processReference(model, global, custom)

#### **Arguments**

model List with parsed information about the directory structure for a specific climate

model from the user-specified projections directory. This list is a subset of the

list generated by acquireDirectoryStructure.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

custom An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the

name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projec-

tion period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

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#### Value

A list with, among other elements, a series element with the time series of projected temperatures for the reference period for each study city.

processThresholds

Calculate threshold temperatures

## **Description**

This function calculates the threshold temperatures required to identify heat waves in the climate projection data using the ensemble member specified by threshold\_ensemble in gen\_hw\_set. This threshold is used in later functions to identify heat waves.

## Usage

```
processThresholds(model, global, custom)
```

## **Arguments**

model	List with parsed information about the directory structure for a specific climate

model from the user-specified projections directory. This list is a subset of the

list generated by acquireDirectoryStructure.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

custom An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the

name of the R function to use to identify heat waves, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the data used to determine threshold temperatures for the heat wave definition, alternative upper and lower year boundaries for the projec-

tion period of the heat wave datasets being generated).

#### Value

A list with two elements: (1) a vector with one element for each city included in the user-specified city location file, with each element value giving the threshold temperature for the heat wave definition for a city, in the same order that cities are listed in the user-specified citycsv file and (2) the components of the dataframe of climate model grid locations that will ultimately be output as the climate model grid locations file.

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process\_cities\_file Process city file

## **Description**

This function takes the dataframe read in from the file specified with citycsv in gen\_hw\_set and renames the columns for latitude and longitude lat and lon, based on the user's selections in lat\_lon\_colnames for gen\_hw\_set. If there are extra columns besides those and the city column, this function removes them.

## Usage

```
process_cities_file(cities, lat_lon_colnames)
```

## **Arguments**

cities

Dataframe with study cities and their latitudes and longitudes. The dataframe must have a column named city with a unique identifier for each city in the study, as well as columns for latitude and longitude. Other columns may be included in the dataset, but will not be passed through to later code.

lat\_lon\_colnames

A character vector of length two with the column names in the citycsv dataframe for latitude (first vector element) and longitude (second vector element)

#### Value

A processed version of the latitude and longitude dataframe.

readLatLong

Read latitude and longitude data

## **Description**

This function reads in data on the longitudes and latitudes of a climate model's grid pooints from a locally-stored comma-separated file located within the directory specified by the dataFolder argument of gen\_hw\_set.

## Usage

```
readLatLong(ensemble, global)
```

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## **Arguments**

ensemble Character vector that includes the file paths to (1) the latitude and longitude file;

(2) the climate projection file; and (3) the projection dates file for the selected

climate model.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

## Value

A dataframe of the latitude and longitude data of the ensemble with columns for the latitude (first column) and longitude (second column) of each grid point in the climate model.

readtas	Read climate projection data	

## **Description**

This function reads climate projection data for a climate model into R from a locally-stored commaseparated file located within the directory specified by the dataFolder argument of gen\_hw\_set.

## Usage

```
readtas(ensemble, global, locations)
```

## **Arguments**

ensemble	Character vector that includes the file paths to (1) the latitude and longitude file; (2) the climate projection file; and (3) the projection dates file for the selected climate model.
global	An list object created by gen_hw_set that includes user specifications (e.g., the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the dataframe with city locations).

locations A numerical vector giving the column numbers that correspond to the closest

grid point location for each study location in the temperature input data.

## Value

A dataframe of climate projection data where each column corresponds to a climate model grid point and each row corresponds to a date of observation.

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readTimes Read projection dates data
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## **Description**

This function reads the dates corresponding to climate projection data for a climate model into R from a locally-stored comma-separated file located within the directory specified by the dataFolder argument of gen\_hw\_set.

#### Usage

```
readTimes(ensemble, global)
```

## **Arguments**

ensemble Character vector that includes the file paths to (1) the latitude and longitude file;

(2) the climate projection file; and (3) the projection dates file for the selected

climate model.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

#### Value

A dataframe of dates corresponding to climate projection data, where each row gives a date, split into columns of day in the dataframe, four-digit year, numeric month, and numeric day.

storeHeatwaveEntry Helper function that adds entries

## **Description**

This is a helper function for IDHeatwavesCPP that adds entries to the data structures that track heatwave information

## Usage

```
storeHeatwaveEntry(index, hwSize, hwCounter, hw, hwNumber)
```

## **Arguments**

index A running index.

hwSize Size of the heat wave to be added. hwCounter Current number of heat waves.

hw A reference of the vector that contains the heat waves

hwNumber A reference of the vector that contains the heat wave numbers.

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storeZeroe	es Helpe	r function that adds zeroes	

## **Description**

This function is a helper function that adds zeros to the data structures that track heat wave information

## Usage

```
storeZeroes(index, potentialHeatwave, hw, hwNumber)
```

## **Arguments**

index A running index.

potentialHeatwave

Size of the potential heat wave that turned out not to be a heat wave.

hw A reference of the vector that contains the heat waves

hwNumber A reference of the vector that contains the heat wave numbers.

writeAccumulators Write model information to file

## Description

This function writes out a dataframe that accumulates information on all climate models included in the analysis, including the number of ensemble members in each of the two experiments.

## Usage

```
writeAccumulators(modelInfoAccumulator, locationList, global)
```

## **Arguments**

modelInfoAccumulator

A dataframe with information about the number of ensembles for each climate

model.

locationList A dataframe with information about city locations and the closest grid point

from each climate model to each city.

global An list object created by gen\_hw\_set that includes user specifications (e.g.,

the path to the output directory, the path to the input climate projections, the

dataframe with city locations).

## Value

This function writes out a dataframe with information on all climate models included in the analysis, including the number of ensemble members in each of the two experiments.

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