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terralink-package *terralink: Connectivity Corridor Optimization*

Description

Standalone R implementation of habitat connectivity corridor optimization algorithms for raster and vector workflows, without desktop GIS dependencies.

Details

Main user entry points:

- `terralink_raster()` for raster inputs
- `terralink_vector()` for polygon patch inputs
- `terralink_run()` for a single generic wrapper

Raster inputs are funneled through TerraLink's vector corridor pipeline so the R package matches the current QGIS plugin workflow.

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See Also

- [terralink_raster](#)
- [terralink_vector](#)
- [terralink_run](#)
- <https://github.com/sorus-tools/terralink-r>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/sorus-tools/terralink-r/issues>

build_contiguous_raster

Build contiguous network raster (patches + corridors)

Description

Build contiguous network raster (patches + corridors)

Usage

```
build_contiguous_raster(habitat_mask, corridor_raster, connectivity = 8)
```

Arguments

habitat_mask	SpatRaster of habitat.
corridor_raster	SpatRaster of corridors.
connectivity	Connectivity for patches (4 or 8).

Value

SpatRaster with component sizes.

build_corridor_raster *Create corridor raster from selected edges*

Description

Create corridor raster from selected edges

Usage

```
build_corridor_raster(
  labels,
  patch_df,
  corridors,
  min_corridor_width_px = 1,
  assignment_mode = "sum_total_network_area"
)
```

Arguments

labels	SpatRaster labels.
patch_df	Patch summary data frame.
corridors	Data frame with patch1, patch2, and optional line geometry.
min_corridor_width_px	Width (pixels) for buffering corridors.
assignment_mode	Corridor cell assignment mode.

Value

SpatRaster with corridor cells set by assignment mode.

build_graph_from_corridors
Build an igraph graph from patch ids and corridor edges

Description

Build an igraph graph from patch ids and corridor edges

Usage

```
build_graph_from_corridors(patches, corridors, distance_col = "distance_m")
```

Arguments

- patches Patch ids (vector) or data frame with column id.
- corridors Data frame with patch1, patch2, and optional distance column.
- distance_col Column name to use for edge distance/weight.

Value

An igraph graph.

build_patch_candidates

Build candidate edges between patches (centroid distance)

Description

Build candidate edges between patches (centroid distance)

Usage

build_patch_candidates(patch_df, max_search_distance, raster_ref)

Arguments

- patch_df Patch summary data frame.
- max_search_distance Maximum distance in pixels.
- raster_ref Raster reference for pixel size.

Value

Data frame with patch1, patch2, cost, distance_map, id.

build_raster_candidates

Build raster candidates using shortest paths

Description

Build raster candidates using shortest paths

Usage

```

build_raster_candidates(
  labels,
  patch_df,
  passable_mask,
  max_search_distance_px,
  raster_ref,
  min_corridor_width_px = 1,
  pair_index = NULL,
  patch_connectivity = 4,
  habitat_mask = NULL,
  obstacle_mask = NULL
)

```

Arguments

labels	SpatRaster of filtered patch labels.
patch_df	Patch summary data frame.
passable_mask	SpatRaster with 1 for passable cells.
max_search_distance_px	Max search distance in pixels.
raster_ref	Raster reference for CRS/resolution.
min_corridor_width_px	Corridor width in pixels (used for area-based candidate cost).
pair_index	Optional two-column matrix of patch index pairs to evaluate.
patch_connectivity	Patch connectivity (4 or 8).
habitat_mask	SpatRaster of habitat (pre-filter), optional.
obstacle_mask	SpatRaster of blocked pixels, optional.

Value

Data frame of candidates with geometry.

calculate_disturbance_penalty

Calculate disturbance penalty (diameter normalized)

Description

Calculate disturbance penalty (diameter normalized)

Usage

```
calculate_disturbance_penalty(graph)
```

Arguments

graph igraph graph.

Value

Numeric penalty.

calculate_failure_probability
Estimate failure probability via edge removal

Description

Estimate failure probability via edge removal

Usage

```
calculate_failure_probability(graph, k_failures = 1, iterations = 100)
```

Arguments

graph igraph graph.
k_failures Number of edges removed each trial.
iterations Number of Monte Carlo iterations.

Value

Failure probability.

calculate_movement_entropy
Calculate movement entropy for a graph

Description

Calculate movement entropy for a graph

Usage

```
calculate_movement_entropy(graph, alpha = 0.002)
```

Arguments

graph igraph graph.
alpha Dispersal kernel parameter.

Value

Numeric entropy value.

calculate_topology_penalty

Calculate topology penalty (cycle count)

Description

Calculate topology penalty (cycle count)

Usage

calculate_topology_penalty(graph)

Arguments

graph igraph graph.

Value

Numeric penalty.

calculate_total_entropy

Calculate total entropy summary

Description

Calculate total entropy summary

Usage

calculate_total_entropy(graph, lambda_c = 1, lambda_f = 1, lambda_d = 1)

Arguments

graph igraph graph.
 lambda_c Connectivity penalty multiplier.
 lambda_f Topology penalty multiplier.
 lambda_d Disturbance penalty multiplier.

Value

Named list of entropy components.

`calculate_two_edge_connectivity`*Calculate the fraction of node pairs with two edge-disjoint paths*

Description

Calculate the fraction of node pairs with two edge-disjoint paths

Usage

```
calculate_two_edge_connectivity(graph)
```

Arguments

graph igraph graph.

Value

Numeric ratio.

`label_patches`*Label contiguous habitat patches*

Description

Label contiguous habitat patches

Usage

```
label_patches(mask, connectivity = 8)
```

Arguments

mask Logical SpatRaster mask.

connectivity 4 or 8.

Value

SpatRaster of patch labels.

NetworkOptimizer *Network optimizer for corridor selection*

Description

Implements a two-phase optimizer: MST backbone, then optional loop additions.

Methods

initialize Create a new optimizer with nodes.

add_candidate Add a candidate edge.

solve Run optimization.

Public fields

nodes Node weights.

edges Candidate edge list.

uf UnionFind instance.

Methods

Public methods:

- [NetworkOptimizer\\$new\(\)](#)
- [NetworkOptimizer\\$add_candidate\(\)](#)
- [NetworkOptimizer\\$solve\(\)](#)
- [NetworkOptimizer\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method new():

Usage:

NetworkOptimizer\$new(nodes)

Arguments:

nodes Named numeric vector of node weights.

nodes Named numeric vector of node weights.

Method add_candidate():

Usage:

NetworkOptimizer\$add_candidate(u, v, cand_id, cost)

Arguments:

u Candidate edge start node.

u Candidate edge start node.

v Candidate edge end node.

v Candidate edge end node.

cand_id Candidate edge id.

cand_id Candidate edge id.
 cost Candidate edge cost.
 cost Candidate edge cost.

Method solve():*Usage:*

```
NetworkOptimizer$solve(budget, loop_fraction = 0.05, max_redundancy = 2)
```

Arguments:

budget Numeric budget for corridor costs.
 budget Numeric budget for corridor costs.
 loop_fraction Fraction of budget reserved for loops.
 loop_fraction Fraction of budget reserved for loops.
 max_redundancy Max redundant edges per component.
 max_redundancy Max redundant edges per component.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.*Usage:*

```
NetworkOptimizer$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

new_candidate	<i>Create a candidate corridor descriptor</i>
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Description

Create a candidate corridor descriptor

Usage

```
new_candidate(patch_ids, cost, weight = NULL, geometry = NULL)
```

Arguments

patch_ids	Integer vector of patch ids.
cost	Numeric cost of the corridor.
weight	Numeric benefit or ROI.
geometry	Optional geometry object.

Value

A candidate list with class 'terralink_candidate'.

new_patch	<i>Create a patch descriptor</i>
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Description

Create a patch descriptor

Usage

```
new_patch(id, weight, geometry = NULL)
```

Arguments

id	Patch identifier.
weight	Numeric patch weight (area, quality).
geometry	Optional geometry object.

Value

A patch list with class 'terralink_patch'.

optimize_largest_network	<i>Optimize for largest connected network (MST backbone + loops)</i>
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Description

Optimize for largest connected network (MST backbone + loops)

Usage

```
optimize_largest_network(  
  nodes,  
  edges,  
  budget,  
  loop_fraction = 0.05,  
  max_redundancy = 2  
)
```

Arguments

nodes	Named numeric vector of patch sizes.
edges	Data frame with u, v, id, cost columns.
budget	Numeric budget for corridor cost.
loop_fraction	Fraction of budget reserved for loops.
max_redundancy	Max redundant edges per component.

Value

List with selected ids and summary.

optimize_network	<i>Optimize a network given nodes and candidate edges</i>
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Description

Optimize a network given nodes and candidate edges

Usage

```
optimize_network(
  nodes,
  edges,
  budget,
  loop_fraction = 0.05,
  max_redundancy = 2
)
```

Arguments

nodes	Named numeric vector of node weights.
edges	Data frame with columns u, v, id, cost.
budget	Numeric budget for corridor costs.
loop_fraction	Fraction of budget reserved for loops.
max_redundancy	Max redundant edges per component.

Value

List with selected edge ids, component sizes/counts, and total cost.

optimize_strategy	<i>Choose optimization strategy</i>
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Description

Choose optimization strategy

Usage

```
optimize_strategy(strategy, nodes, edges, candidates, budget, ...)
```

Arguments

strategy	Strategy name.
nodes	Named numeric vector of patch sizes.
edges	Data frame with u, v, id, cost.
candidates	Candidate list (for circuit utility).
budget	Numeric budget.
...	Additional args forwarded to circuit utility selector.

Value

List with selected ids and stats.

patch_summary_from_labels

Summarize patch labels into a data frame

Description

Summarize patch labels into a data frame

Usage

```
patch_summary_from_labels(labels)
```

Arguments

labels	SpatRaster of patch labels.
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Value

Data frame with patch_id, cell_count, area, x, y.

`raster_mask_from_values`*Create a logical mask from raster values*

Description

Create a logical mask from raster values

Usage

```
raster_mask_from_values(raster, values)
```

Arguments

raster	SpatRaster.
values	Numeric values to keep.

Value

Logical SpatRaster mask.

`run_raster_analysis` *Run TerraLink raster workflow*

Description

Run TerraLink raster workflow

Usage

```
run_raster_analysis(  
  raster,  
  patch_values,  
  budget = NULL,  
  budget_pixels = NULL,  
  strategy = "most_connected_habitat",  
  min_patch_size = 10,  
  min_corridor_width = 3,  
  corridor_cell_assignment = "sum_total_network_area",  
  max_search_distance = 100,  
  obstacle_values = NULL,  
  obstacle_ranges = NULL,  
  allow_bottlenecks = FALSE,  
  patch_connectivity = 4,  
  units = "pixels",
```

```

patch_ranges = NULL,
allow_large = FALSE,
max_pair_checks = 2e+06,
max_candidates = 2e+05,
verbose = 0,
progress = FALSE,
obstacle_strategy = c("error", "straight_line", "disable_obstacles"),
species_dispersal_distance = NULL,
species_dispersal_kernel = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_KERNEL,
min_patch_area_for_species = 0,
patch_area_scaling = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_SCALING,
mobility_detour_cap = 8,
redundancy_method = "ime",
metric_weights = NULL,
weight_m = NULL,
weight_lcc = NULL,
weight_pc = NULL,
weight_f = NULL,
keep_candidates = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

raster	SpatRaster or path to raster.
patch_values	Numeric values representing habitat.
budget	Total corridor budget (units defined by units).
budget_pixels	Back-compat alias for budget (pixels).
strategy	Strategy name. Canonical TerraLink 1.7 values are "most_connected_habitat", "largest_single_network", "landscape_fluidity", and "reachable_habitat_advanced".
min_patch_size	Minimum patch size (units defined by units).
min_corridor_width	Minimum corridor width (units defined by units).
corridor_cell_assignment	Corridor cell assignment mode.
max_search_distance	Maximum search distance (units defined by units).
obstacle_values	Optional impassable raster values.
obstacle_ranges	Optional list of impassable ranges.
allow_bottlenecks	Whether to allow corridors to squeeze through gaps.
patch_connectivity	Connectivity for patch labeling (4 or 8).
units	Unit system: "pixels", "metric", or "imperial".

patch_ranges	Optional list of value ranges defining habitat.
allow_large	Allow processing very large rasters.
max_pair_checks	Limit for candidate pair checks (prevents $O(n^2)$ blowups).
max_candidates	Limit for candidate corridors.
verbose	Verbosity level (0-2).
progress	Show progress bars.
obstacle_strategy	Behavior when gdistance is unavailable and obstacles are provided.
species_dispersal_distance	Species movement distance used by "reachable_habitat_advanced" and connectivity reporting.
species_dispersal_kernel	Dispersal kernel for habitat availability.
min_patch_area_for_species	Minimum patch area eligible for species metrics.
patch_area_scaling	Patch-area scaling for habitat availability ("sqrt" or "log").
mobility_detour_cap	Cap used by graph-based mobility/fluidity metrics.
redundancy_method	Flow redundancy method ("ime" or "fri").
metric_weights	Named numeric vector for composite connectivity score.
weight_m	Optional mesh weight override for composite score.
weight_lcc	Optional LCC weight override for composite score.
weight_pc	Optional PC weight override for composite score.
weight_f	Optional flow weight override for composite score.
keep_candidates	Whether to keep candidate list in the output.

Details

Raster inputs are funneled through TerraLink's vector corridor pipeline after habitat and impassable classes are polygonized, matching the current QGIS plugin workflow.

Value

List with patches, corridors, rasters, and summary.

run_vector_analysis *Run TerraLink vector workflow*

Description

Run TerraLink vector workflow

Usage

```
run_vector_analysis(
  patches,
  budget,
  strategy = "most_connected_habitat",
  min_patch_size = NULL,
  min_corridor_width = 100,
  max_search_distance = 5000,
  obstacle_layers = NULL,
  obstacle_resolution = NULL,
  units = "metric",
  max_pair_checks = 2e+06,
  max_candidates = 2e+05,
  verbose = 0,
  progress = FALSE,
  obstacle_strategy = c("error", "straight_line", "disable_obstacles"),
  return_crs = c("input", "utm"),
  species_dispersal_distance = NULL,
  species_dispersal_kernel = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_KERNEL,
  min_patch_area_for_species = 0,
  patch_area_scaling = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_SCALING,
  patch_quality_field = NULL,
  mobility_detour_cap = 8,
  redundancy_method = "ime",
  metric_weights = NULL,
  weight_m = NULL,
  weight_lcc = NULL,
  weight_pc = NULL,
  weight_f = NULL,
  keep_candidates = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

patches	sf polygons (one feature per patch) or file path.
budget	Corridor budget (ha/ac).
strategy	Strategy name. Canonical TerraLink 1.7 values are "most_connected_habitat", "largest_single_network", "landscape_fluidity", and "reachable_habitat_advanced".

min_patch_size	Minimum patch size (ha/ac).
min_corridor_width	Minimum corridor width (m/ft).
max_search_distance	Maximum search distance (m/ft).
obstacle_layers	Optional obstacle layers (sf or file paths).
obstacle_resolution	Raster resolution for obstacle routing.
units	"metric" or "imperial".
max_pair_checks	Limit for candidate pair checks.
max_candidates	Limit for candidate corridors.
verbose	Verbosity level (0-2).
progress	Show progress bars.
obstacle_strategy	Behavior when gdistance is unavailable and obstacles are provided.
return_crs	CRS for outputs ("input" or "utm").
species_dispersal_distance	Species movement distance used by "reachable_habitat_advanced" and connectivity reporting.
species_dispersal_kernel	Dispersal kernel for habitat availability.
min_patch_area_for_species	Minimum patch area eligible for species metrics.
patch_area_scaling	Patch-area scaling for habitat availability ("sqrt" or "log").
patch_quality_field	Optional numeric field used to weight patch quality in vector mode.
mobility_detour_cap	Cap used by graph-based mobility/fluidity metrics.
redundancy_method	Flow redundancy method ("ime" or "fri").
metric_weights	Named numeric vector for composite connectivity score.
weight_m	Optional mesh weight override for composite score.
weight_lcc	Optional LCC weight override for composite score.
weight_pc	Optional PC weight override for composite score.
weight_f	Optional flow weight override for composite score.
keep_candidates	Keep candidate list in output.

Value

List with corridors, networks, and summary.

score_edge_for_loops *Score a loop edge for shortcut value*

Description

Score a loop edge for shortcut value

Usage

```
score_edge_for_loops(graph, u, v, weight)
```

Arguments

graph	igraph graph.
u	First node id.
v	Second node id.
weight	Edge cost.

Value

Numeric score.

select_circuit_utility
Select corridors for the "Most Connectivity" strategy

Description

Greedy ROI-based selector with dynamic rescoreing, bridge seeding, and optional overlap checks.

Usage

```
select_circuit_utility(  
  candidates,  
  budget,  
  get_patch_ids,  
  get_pair_key,  
  get_cost,  
  get_base_roi,  
  get_length,  
  get_patch_size,  
  overlap_ratio,  
  global_overlap_ratio = NULL,  
  overlap_obj,  
  redundancy_distance_ok = NULL,
```

```

overlap_reject_ratio = 0.3,
global_overlap_reject_ratio = 0.6,
max_prior_per_pair = 3,
diminishing_base = 0.5,
max_links_per_pair = Inf,
enable_bridge_pairs = TRUE,
bridge_max_per_patch = 25,
distance_guard_for_primary = FALSE,
global_overlap_for_primary = FALSE,
parallel_dominance_ratio = 1.35,
parallel_overlap_penalty_floor = 0.2,
shortcut_ratio_high = 3,
shortcut_ratio_mid = 1.5,
shortcut_ratio_low = 1.5,
shortcut_mult_high = 0.9,
shortcut_mult_mid = 0.5,
shortcut_mult_low = 0.1
)

```

Arguments

<code>candidates</code>	Iterable of candidate objects (data.frame rows or lists).
<code>budget</code>	Total corridor budget.
<code>get_patch_ids</code>	Function that returns patch ids for a candidate.
<code>get_pair_key</code>	Function that returns a sorted pair key for a candidate.
<code>get_cost</code>	Function that returns candidate cost.
<code>get_base_roi</code>	Function that returns candidate base ROI.
<code>get_length</code>	Function that returns candidate length for shortcut scoring.
<code>get_patch_size</code>	Function that returns patch size by id.
<code>overlap_ratio</code>	Function that returns overlap ratio vs prior objects.
<code>global_overlap_ratio</code>	Optional function that returns broader overlap ratio vs globally selected objects.
<code>overlap_obj</code>	Function that returns overlap object representation.
<code>redundancy_distance_ok</code>	Optional callback that can reject near-duplicate redundant corridors.
<code>overlap_reject_ratio</code>	Overlap ratio threshold for heavy redundancy penalty.
<code>global_overlap_reject_ratio</code>	Threshold for rejecting globally parallel candidates.
<code>max_prior_per_pair</code>	Maximum overlap objects retained per patch pair.
<code>diminishing_base</code>	Base for redundancy penalty when no shortcut context is available.
<code>max_links_per_pair</code>	Optional hard limit of selected corridors per patch pair.

enable_bridge_pairs
 Whether to pre-seed bridge corridor pairs.

bridge_max_per_patch
 Max candidates retained per bridge midpoint patch.

distance_guard_for_primary
 Whether to apply distance guard to primary links.

global_overlap_for_primary
 Whether to apply global-overlap reject to primary links.

parallel_dominance_ratio
 Shortcut dominance threshold for parallel penalties.

parallel_overlap_penalty_floor
 Floor multiplier for global-parallel penalties.

shortcut_ratio_high
 High shortcut ratio threshold.

shortcut_ratio_mid
 Mid shortcut ratio threshold.

shortcut_ratio_low
 Low shortcut ratio threshold.

shortcut_mult_high
 Multiplier when shortcut ratio is high.

shortcut_mult_mid
 Multiplier when shortcut ratio is mid.

shortcut_mult_low
 Multiplier when shortcut ratio is low.

Value

List with picks, selected_ids, and summary stats.

terralink_engine	<i>Run TerraLink optimization on abstract nodes and edges</i>
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Description

Run TerraLink optimization on abstract nodes and edges

Usage

```

terralink_engine(
  nodes,
  edges,
  budget,
  loop_fraction = 0.05,
  max_redundancy = 2
)

```

Arguments

nodes	Named numeric vector of patch weights.
edges	Data frame with columns u, v, id, cost.
budget	Numeric budget for corridor costs.
loop_fraction	Fraction of budget available for loops.
max_redundancy	Maximum redundant edges per component.

Value

List with selected edges and component summaries.

terralink_examples *Locate packaged TerraLink example scripts*

Description

Locate packaged TerraLink example scripts

Usage

```
terralink_examples(type = c("all", "raster", "vector"))
```

Arguments

type	Which example scripts to return: "all", "raster", or "vector".
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Value

Character vector of absolute file paths.

Examples

```
terralink_examples()  
terralink_examples("raster")
```

terralink_raster	<i>Run TerraLink corridor analysis on raster data</i>
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Description

Identifies habitat patches from a classified raster, builds candidate corridors between nearby patches, and selects an optimal corridor network under a budget constraint. Raster inputs are polygonized and routed through TerraLink's vector engine, matching the current QGIS plugin workflow.

Usage

```
terralink_raster(  
    raster,  
    patch_values = NULL,  
    patch_ranges = NULL,  
    budget = NULL,  
    budget_pixels = NULL,  
    strategy = "most_connected_habitat",  
    min_patch_size = 10,  
    min_corridor_width = 3,  
    corridor_cell_assignment = "sum_total_network_area",  
    max_search_distance = 100,  
    obstacle_values = NULL,  
    obstacle_ranges = NULL,  
    allow_bottlenecks = FALSE,  
    patch_connectivity = 8,  
    units = "pixels",  
    allow_large = FALSE,  
    max_pair_checks = 2e+06,  
    max_candidates = 2e+05,  
    verbose = 0,  
    progress = FALSE,  
    obstacle_strategy = c("error", "straight_line", "disable_obstacles"),  
    species_dispersal_distance = NULL,  
    species_dispersal_kernel = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_KERNEL,  
    min_patch_area_for_species = 0,  
    patch_area_scaling = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_SCALING,  
    mobility_detour_cap = 8,  
    redundancy_method = "ime",  
    metric_weights = NULL,  
    weight_m = NULL,  
    weight_lcc = NULL,  
    weight_pc = NULL,  
    weight_f = NULL,  
    output_dir = NULL,  
    output_prefix = NULL,  
    output_paths = NULL,
```

```

    write_outputs = FALSE,
    keep_candidates = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

raster	SpatRaster or file path to a single-band raster.
patch_values	Integer vector of cell values that represent habitat (e.g., c(1, 3)). At least one of patch_values or patch_ranges must be provided.
patch_ranges	Optional list of length-2 numeric vectors giving inclusive value ranges that define habitat (e.g., list(c(1, 3))).
budget	Total corridor budget. When units = "pixels" this is the number of corridor cells allowed. When units = "metric" or "imperial", this is the total corridor area in hectares or acres. A reasonable starting point is 5–20 percent of total habitat area.
budget_pixels	Back-compat alias for budget in pixel units. Use budget instead.
strategy	Character string selecting the optimization objective. One of "most_connected_habitat" (default; maximizes total structurally connected habitat area), "largest_single_network" (maximizes the single largest connected component), "landscape_fluidity" (maximizes ease of movement and route redundancy), or "reachable_habitat_advanced" (maximizes dispersal-weighted reachable habitat; set species_dispersal_distance).
min_patch_size	Numeric. Minimum patch size to include. In pixel units when units = "pixels" (number of cells), in hectares when units = "metric", or acres when units = "imperial". Patches smaller than this are dropped before analysis. Default: 10.
min_corridor_width	Numeric. Minimum corridor width. In pixel units when units = "pixels" (cell widths), in meters when units = "metric", or feet when units = "imperial". Controls the buffer applied to corridor center-lines. Default: 3.
corridor_cell_assignment	Character string controlling how corridor cells are valued in the output raster. One of "sum_total_network_area" (default; total network area), "sum_direct_connected_patches" (area of the two directly linked patches), or "efficiency" (cost-efficiency score).
max_search_distance	Numeric. Maximum distance between patch edges to consider a candidate corridor. Same unit system as min_corridor_width (pixels / meters / feet). Increase this if few or no corridors are found. Default: 100.
obstacle_values	Optional integer vector of raster cell values that represent impassable barriers (e.g., roads, water bodies).
obstacle_ranges	Optional list of length-2 numeric vectors giving inclusive value ranges for obstacles.
allow_bottlenecks	Logical. If TRUE, corridors narrower than min_corridor_width are still allowed when no wider path exists. Default: FALSE.

patch_connectivity	Integer, 4 or 8. Pixel connectivity rule for grouping habitat cells into patches. 8 (default) includes diagonal neighbors; 4 uses only cardinal neighbors.
units	Character string specifying the unit system: "pixels" (raster cell units), "metric" (hectares for area, meters for distance), or "imperial" (acres for area, feet for distance). Default: "pixels".
allow_large	Logical. Set to TRUE to allow processing rasters with more than 10 million cells. Default: FALSE.
max_pair_checks	Integer. Upper limit on the number of patch pairs evaluated during candidate generation. Increase for landscapes with many patches; decrease if running out of memory. Default: 2,000,000.
max_candidates	Integer. Upper limit on total candidate corridors retained. Default: 200,000.
verbose	Integer verbosity level: 0 = silent, 1 = progress messages, 2 = detailed diagnostics. Default: 0.
progress	Logical. Show progress bars during long operations. Default: FALSE.
obstacle_strategy	Character string controlling behavior when obstacle values are provided but the gdistance package is not installed. One of "error" (default; stop with an informative error), "straight_line" (fall back to straight-line corridors, ignoring obstacles), or "disable_obstacles" (silently drop obstacle data).
species_dispersal_distance	Numeric. Typical movement distance for the focal species, in the same distance units as the analysis (pixels / meters / feet). Used by "reachable_habitat_advanced" and by habitat availability metrics. If NULL (default), the max_search_distance value is used as a proxy.
species_dispersal_kernel	Character string. Dispersal probability kernel. Currently only "exponential" is supported (default).
min_patch_area_for_species	Numeric. Minimum patch area (in analysis area units) for a patch to be included in species-level habitat availability calculations. Default: 0.
patch_area_scaling	Character string controlling how patch area is transformed before weighting in habitat availability calculations. "sqrt" (default) applies square-root scaling, giving moderate weight to large patches. "log" applies logarithmic scaling (log(1 + area)), reducing the influence of very large patches.
mobility_detour_cap	Numeric. Maximum detour ratio used by graph-based fluidity metrics. Controls how much longer an indirect route can be relative to the straight-line distance before it is considered non-functional. Default: 8.
redundancy_method	Character string selecting the flow redundancy calculation method. "ime" (default) uses Inverse Mean Effective-resistance, measuring how many alternative routes exist. "fri" uses the Flow Redundancy Index, an alternative based on current-flow theory.

metric_weights	Optional named numeric vector with elements "mesh", "lcc", "pc", and "flow" controlling the composite connectivity score blend. Values are normalized to sum to 1. If NULL, equal weights are used.
weight_m	Optional numeric override for the mesh component weight in the composite score.
weight_lcc	Optional numeric override for the LCC component weight.
weight_pc	Optional numeric override for the PC component weight.
weight_f	Optional numeric override for the flow component weight.
output_dir	Optional character path. Directory for writing output files when write_outputs = TRUE.
output_prefix	Optional character string prepended to output file names.
output_paths	Optional named list of explicit output file paths, overriding the default naming convention.
write_outputs	Logical. If TRUE, write output rasters and CSV files to disk. Default: FALSE.
keep_candidates	Logical. If TRUE, include the full candidate corridor table in the result (useful for debugging). Default: FALSE.

Value

An object of class "terralink_result" (a list) with the following elements:

- corridors: Data frame or sf object of selected corridor geometries with columns patch1, patch2, corridor_area, corridor_length, connected_area, and network_area.
- patches: SpatRaster of labeled patch cells (raster mode).
- patch_table: Data frame of patch attributes (id, area, centroid coordinates).
- networks: sf object of connected network polygons (one feature per component of patches + corridors).
- corridor_raster: SpatRaster where corridor cells are assigned values according to corridor_cell_assignment.
- contiguous_raster: SpatRaster labeling each contiguous patch-corridor network.
- strategy: The strategy key that was used.
- summary: Named list with run overview including budget_total, budget_used, corridors_used, candidate_edges, patches, strategy, units.
- metrics: Named list of PRE/POST landscape metrics. Each metric has a _pre (before corridors) and _post (after corridors) value. Key metrics: total_connected_habitat_area, largest_network_area, habitat_availability, mean_effective_resistance (lower is better), mesh_norm, lcc, pc, flow_redundancy, strategic_mobility, landscape_fluidity, composite_connectivity.
- metrics_report: Character vector with a human-readable PRE/POST metrics table. Print with `cat(result$metrics_report, sep = "\n")`.
- strategy_stats: Named list of strategy-specific optimization statistics (e.g., primary vs. redundant links).

- **mode**: Character string "raster".
- **inputs**: Named list echoing key input parameters.
- **run_stats**: Named list with `elapsed_s`, `candidate_edges`, `candidate_pairs`.
- **warnings**: Character vector of any warnings raised during the run.
- **diagnostics**: List of diagnostic messages (e.g., why no corridors were selected).

The object has `print()`, `summary()`, and `plot()` methods.

Parameter guidance

- **budget**: A practical starting point is often around 5–20 percent of total habitat area. Run several budget levels and compare PRE/POST metrics.
- **min_patch_size**: Use this to exclude patches too small to function as habitat in your planning context. For raster mode, 5–20 pixels is a common starting range; for real landscapes, 1–10 ha can be a reasonable first pass.
- **min_corridor_width**: Should reflect the minimum width for species movement. Depending on species and landscape context, 30–100 m is a common starting range for terrestrial mammals and 10–30 m for some birds.
- **max_search_distance**: Should be at or above the maximum distance the focal species can cross non-habitat. 500–5000 m is a common starting range; increase if 0 corridors are generated.
- **species_dispersal_distance**: Set to the focal species' typical natal or daily movement range. This directly affects the "reachable_habitat_advanced" strategy and habitat availability metrics.

Examples

```
r <- terra::rast(
  nrows = 6, ncols = 6,
  xmin = 0, xmax = 600,
  ymin = 0, ymax = 600,
  crs = "EPSG:3857"
)
vals <- rep(0, terra::ncell(r))
vals[c(1, 2, 7, 8, 29, 30, 35, 36)] <- 1
terra::values(r) <- vals

result <- terralink_raster(
  raster = r,
  patch_values = 1,
  budget = 15,
  min_patch_size = 2,
  min_corridor_width = 1,
  max_search_distance = 12,
  units = "pixels"
)
result$summary

# Access PRE/POST metrics
```

```

result$metrics$largest_network_area_pre
result$metrics$largest_network_area_post

# Print the full metrics report
cat(result$metrics_report, sep = "\n")

```

terralink_run	<i>Run TerraLink with a single entry point</i>
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Description

Run TerraLink with a single entry point

Usage

```
terralink_run(mode = c("raster", "vector"), input, ...)
```

Arguments

mode	"raster" or "vector".
input	Raster path/SpatRaster or sf/path.
...	Parameters forwarded to terralink_raster or terralink_vector.

Value

Result list.

terralink_sample_data	<i>Locate packaged TerraLink sample data files</i>
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Description

Locate packaged TerraLink sample data files

Usage

```

terralink_sample_data(
  type = c("all", "raster", "vector", "obstacle", "synthetic_raster", "synthetic_vector",
    "synthetic_obstacle")
)

```

Arguments

type	Which sample data path to return: "all", "raster", "vector", "obstacle", "synthetic_raster", "synthetic_vector", or "synthetic_obstacle".
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Value

For "all", a named character vector of absolute file paths. For other values, a single absolute file path (character scalar) or character(0) when unavailable.

Examples

```
terralink_sample_data()  
terralink_sample_data("raster")
```

terralink_vector	<i>Run TerraLink corridor analysis on vector patches</i>
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Description

Builds candidate corridors between polygon habitat patches and selects an optimal corridor network under a budget constraint. This is the native TerraLink workflow and is usually the better choice when planning inputs are already polygon features.

Usage

```
terralink_vector(  
  patches,  
  budget,  
  strategy = "most_connected_habitat",  
  min_patch_size = NULL,  
  min_corridor_width = 100,  
  max_search_distance = 5000,  
  obstacle_layers = NULL,  
  obstacle_resolution = NULL,  
  units = "metric",  
  max_pair_checks = 2e+06,  
  max_candidates = 2e+05,  
  verbose = 0,  
  progress = FALSE,  
  obstacle_strategy = c("error", "straight_line", "disable_obstacles"),  
  return_crs = c("input", "utm"),  
  species_dispersal_distance = NULL,  
  species_dispersal_kernel = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_KERNEL,  
  min_patch_area_for_species = 0,  
  patch_area_scaling = HABITAT_AVAILABILITY_DEFAULT_SCALING,  
  patch_quality_field = NULL,  
  mobility_detour_cap = 8,  
  redundancy_method = "ime",  
  metric_weights = NULL,  
  weight_m = NULL,  
  weight_lcc = NULL,  
  weight_pc = NULL,
```

```

weight_f = NULL,
output_dir = NULL,
output_prefix = NULL,
output_paths = NULL,
write_outputs = FALSE,
keep_candidates = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

patches	sf object with polygon geometry (one row per patch), or a file path to a GeoPackage / Shapefile. The CRS should be projected (e.g., UTM) so that area and distance calculations are meaningful.
budget	Numeric. Total corridor area budget in hectares (units = "metric") or acres (units = "imperial"). A reasonable starting point is 5–20 percent of your total patch area.
strategy	Character string selecting the optimization objective. One of "most_connected_habitat" (default; maximizes total structurally connected habitat area), "largest_single_network" (maximizes the single largest connected component), "landscape_fluidity" (maximizes ease of movement and route redundancy), or "reachable_habitat_advanced" (maximizes dispersal-weighted reachable habitat; set species_dispersal_distance).
min_patch_size	Numeric. Minimum patch area in hectares ("metric") or acres ("imperial"). Patches smaller than this are dropped. Default: NULL (no filter).
min_corridor_width	Numeric. Minimum corridor width in meters ("metric") or feet ("imperial"). Controls the buffer applied to corridor center-lines. Typical values: 30–100 m for terrestrial mammals. Default: 100.
max_search_distance	Numeric. Maximum edge-to-edge distance (meters or feet) between patches to consider a candidate corridor. Increase if few or no corridors are generated. Default: 5000.
obstacle_layers	Optional sf object or file path to polygon barriers (roads, water bodies). Requires the gdistance package for shortest-path routing around obstacles.
obstacle_resolution	Numeric. Raster cell size (in CRS units) used to rasterize obstacles for shortest-path routing. Smaller values give more accurate routing but increase computation time.
units	Character string: "metric" (hectares / meters, default) or "imperial" (acres / feet).
max_pair_checks	Integer. Upper limit on patch pairs evaluated. Default: 2,000,000.
max_candidates	Integer. Upper limit on candidate corridors retained. Default: 200,000.
verbose	Integer verbosity level: 0 = silent, 1 = progress, 2 = detailed. Default: 0.
progress	Logical. Show progress bars. Default: FALSE.

obstacle_strategy	Character string controlling behavior when obstacles are provided but gdistance is not installed. One of "error" (default; stop with an error), "straight_line" (fall back to straight-line corridors), or "disable_obstacles" (silently ignore obstacles).
return_crs	Character string controlling the output CRS. "input" (default) returns outputs in the same CRS as the input patches. "utm" returns outputs in the UTM zone used internally.
species_dispersal_distance	Numeric. Typical movement distance for the focal species in meters ("metric") or feet ("imperial"). Used by "reachable_habitat_advanced" and habitat availability metrics. If NULL (default), max_search_distance is used as a proxy.
species_dispersal_kernel	Character string. Dispersal probability kernel. Currently only "exponential" is supported (default).
min_patch_area_for_species	Numeric. Minimum patch area (in analysis area units) for inclusion in species-level metrics. Default: 0.
patch_area_scaling	Character string controlling how patch area is transformed before weighting. "sqrt" (default) applies square-root scaling, giving moderate weight to large patches. "log" applies logarithmic scaling, reducing the influence of very large patches.
patch_quality_field	Optional character string naming a numeric column in patches that provides a 0–1 quality weight per patch (e.g., habitat suitability). Patches with higher quality contribute more to connectivity metrics.
mobility_detour_cap	Numeric. Maximum detour ratio for fluidity metrics. Controls how much longer an indirect route can be before it is considered non-functional. Default: 8.
redundancy_method	Character string selecting the flow redundancy method. "ime" (default) uses Inverse Mean Effective-resistance. "fri" uses the Flow Redundancy Index.
metric_weights	Optional named numeric vector with elements "mesh", "lcc", "pc", "flow" for the composite score. Normalized to sum to 1.
weight_m	Optional numeric override for the mesh weight.
weight_lcc	Optional numeric override for the LCC weight.
weight_pc	Optional numeric override for the PC weight.
weight_f	Optional numeric override for the flow weight.
output_dir	Optional output directory for write_outputs.
output_prefix	Optional name prefix for output files.
output_paths	Optional named list of explicit output file paths.
write_outputs	Logical. Write GeoPackage and CSV outputs to disk. Default: FALSE.
keep_candidates	Logical. Include full candidate table in result. Default: FALSE.

Value

An object of class "terralink_result" (a list) with the following elements:

- **corridors**: sf object of selected corridors with columns patch1, patch2 (endpoint patch IDs), corridor_area (ha or ac), corridor_length (m or ft), connected_area, network_area, and geometry.
- **patches**: sf object of patches used in the analysis, with area and centroid attributes.
- **networks**: sf object of connected network polygons (one feature per component of patches + corridors).
- **summary**: Named list including budget_total, budget_used, corridors_used, candidate_edges, patches, raw_patches, filtered_out, primary_links, redundant_links, strategy, units.
- **metrics**: Named list of PRE/POST landscape connectivity metrics. Every metric has a _pre and _post value. Key metrics: total_connected_habitat_area, largest_network_area, habitat_availability, mean_effective_resistance (lower is better), mesh_norm, lcc, pc, flow_redundancy, strategic_mobility, landscape_fluidity, composite_connectivity.
- **metrics_report**: Character vector with a human-readable PRE/POST table. Print with `cat(result$metrics_report, sep = "\n")`.
- **strategy_stats**: Named list of strategy-specific statistics.
- **mode**: Character string "vector".
- **inputs**: Named list echoing key input parameters.
- **run_stats**: Named list with elapsed_s, candidate_edges, candidate_pairs.
- **warnings**: Character vector of warnings.
- **diagnostics**: List of diagnostic messages.

The object has `print()`, `summary()`, and `plot()` methods.

Parameter guidance

- **budget**: A practical starting point is often around 5–20 percent of total patch area. Run multiple budgets and compare PRE/POST metrics to find the point of diminishing returns.
- **min_corridor_width**: Depending on species and context, 30–100 m can be a useful starting range for mammals and 10–30 m for some small birds.
- **max_search_distance**: 500–5000 m is a common starting range. Increase if 0 corridors are generated.
- **species_dispersal_distance**: Set to the focal species' typical natal or daily movement range. Directly affects "reachable_habitat_advanced" and habitat availability metrics.

Examples

```
p1 <- sf::st_polygon(list(rbind(c(0, 0), c(0, 10), c(10, 10), c(10, 0), c(0, 0))))
p2 <- sf::st_polygon(list(rbind(c(30, 0), c(30, 10), c(40, 10), c(40, 0), c(30, 0))))
patches <- sf::st_sf(id = 1:2, geometry = sf::st_sfc(p1, p2), crs = 32618)

result <- terralink_vector(
  patches = patches,
```

```

    budget = 1,
    min_patch_size = 0.001,
    min_corridor_width = 5,
    max_search_distance = 200,
    units = "metric"
)
result$summary

# Access PRE/POST metrics
result$metrics$largest_network_area_pre
result$metrics$largest_network_area_post

# Print the full metrics report
cat(result$metrics_report, sep = "\n")

```

UnionFind

Union-Find data structure

Description

Union-Find data structure

Union-Find data structure

Methods

initialize Create a new UnionFind.

find Find root of a node with path compression.

union Union two nodes; returns TRUE if merged.

get_size Get component size for a node.

get_count Get component count for a node.

Public fields

parent Environment mapping nodes to parents.

size Environment mapping roots to component sizes.

count Environment mapping roots to component counts.

Methods

Public methods:

- [UnionFind\\$new\(\)](#)
- [UnionFind\\$find\(\)](#)
- [UnionFind\\$union\(\)](#)
- [UnionFind\\$get_size\(\)](#)
- [UnionFind\\$get_count\(\)](#)

- [UnionFind\\$clone\(\)](#)

Method new():

Usage:

UnionFind\$new()

Method find():

Usage:

UnionFind\$find(x)

Arguments:

x Node id for lookup operations.

x Node id for lookup operations.

Method union():

Usage:

UnionFind\$union(a, b)

Arguments:

a Node id for union operations.

a Node id for union operations.

b Node id for union operations.

b Node id for union operations.

Method get_size():

Usage:

UnionFind\$get_size(x)

Arguments:

x Node id for lookup operations.

x Node id for lookup operations.

Method get_count():

Usage:

UnionFind\$get_count(x)

Arguments:

x Node id for lookup operations.

x Node id for lookup operations.

Method clone(): The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

UnionFind\$clone(deep = FALSE)

Arguments:

deep Whether to make a deep clone.

write_terrallink_raster_outputs
Write raster outputs to disk

Description

Write raster outputs to disk

Usage

```
write_terrallink_raster_outputs(  
    result,  
    output_dir,  
    prefix = NULL,  
    overwrite = TRUE,  
    output_paths = list()  
)
```

Arguments

result	Result list from terralink_raster.
output_dir	Directory to write outputs.
prefix	Optional name prefix for outputs.
overwrite	Whether to overwrite existing files.
output_paths	Named list of explicit file paths to override defaults.

Value

Named list of written file paths.

write_terrallink_vector_outputs
Write vector outputs to disk

Description

Write vector outputs to disk

Usage

```
write_terrallink_vector_outputs(  
    result,  
    output_dir,  
    prefix = NULL,  
    overwrite = TRUE,  
    output_paths = list()  
)
```

Arguments

result	Result list from terraLink_vector.
output_dir	Directory to write outputs.
prefix	Optional name prefix for outputs.
overwrite	Whether to overwrite existing files.
output_paths	Named list of explicit file paths to override defaults.

Value

Named list of written file paths.

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