# Package: GLCMTextures (via r-universe)

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`glcm_metrics` *Calculates the GLCM Texture Metrics from a GLCM*

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## Description

Calculates the GLCM Texture Metrics from a GLCM

## Usage

```
glcm_metrics(
  GLCM,
 metrics = c("glcm_contrast", "glcm_dissimilarity", "glcm_homogeneity", "glcm_ASM",
    "glcm_entropy", "glcm_mean", "glcm_variance", "glcm_correlation"),
  average = FALSE,
  impute_corr = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `GLCM` | A numeric matrix or list of matrices representing a Normalized GLCM. |
| `metrics` | A vector of texture metrics to return. Valid entries include "glcm_contrast", "glcm_dissimilarity", "glcm_homogeneity", "glcm_ASM", "glcm_entropy", "glcm_mean", "glcm_variance", "glcm_correlation". |
| `average` | Logical indicating whether to average metrics across the supplied GLCMs |
| `impute_corr` | logical indicating whether glcm correlation should be filled with zero in the case where all values are the same (default=FALSE). Strictly glcm correlation is NA in this case but the limit approaches zero. |

## Value

GLCM based texture measures as a numeric vector.

## References

Hall-Beyer, M., 2017. GLCM Texture: A Tutorial v. 3.0. University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Haralick, R.M., Shanmugam, K., Dinstein, I., 1973. Textural features for image classification. IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics 610–621. https://doi.org/10.1109/TSMC.1973.4309314

## Examples

```
test_matrix<- matrix(data=c(2,0,1,3,0,0,0,3,2), nrow = 3, ncol=3)
horizontal_glcm<- make_glcm(test_matrix, n_levels = 4,
shift = c(1,0), normalize = TRUE)
metrics<-glcm_metrics(horizontal_glcm, metrics= c("glcm_contrast",
"glcm_dissimilarity", "glcm_homogeneity", "glcm_ASM",
"glcm_entropy", "glcm_mean", "glcm_variance", "glcm_correlation"))
```

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`glcm_textures` *Calculates GLCM texture metrics of a Raster Layer*

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## Description

Calculates GLCM texture metrics of a RasterLayer over a sliding rectangular window

## Usage

```
glcm_textures(
  r,
  w = c(3, 3),
  n_levels,
  shift = list(c(1, 0), c(1, 1), c(0, 1), c(-1, 1)),
 metrics = c("glcm_contrast", "glcm_dissimilarity", "glcm_homogeneity", "glcm_ASM",
    "glcm_entropy", "glcm_mean", "glcm_variance", "glcm_correlation"),
  quant_method = NULL,
  min_val = NULL,
  max_val = NULL,
  maxcell = Inf,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  impute_corr = FALSE,
  include_scale = FALSE,
  filename = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  quantization = NULL,
  wopt = list()
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| r | A single layer SpatRaster, RasterLayer, or matrix. If already quantized set quant_method to "none". The valid range of values for a quantized raster is from 0 to n_levels-1 (e.g. a raster with 32 grey levels would have a valid range of 0-31). |
| w | A vector of length 2 specifying the dimensions of the rectangular window to use where the first number is the number of rows and the second number is the number of columns. Window size must be an odd number. A special case is when w is NULL a single value of each texture will be calculated for the entire image. |
| n_levels | Number of grey levels used in the quantization (Typically set to 16 or 32). |
| shift | A vector of length 2, or a list of vectors each of length 2 specifying the relationship between neighboring pixel to the reference pixel. The first number represents the shift in the x direction and the second number represents the shift in the y direction, where up and right are positive. For example c(1,0) is the pixel directly to the right. The GLCM is made symmetrical by counting each pair twice, once "forwards" and once "backwards" by interchanging reference and neighbor pixels. Therefore a shift directly to the right c(1,0) is equivalent to a shift directly to the left c(-1,0). To average over "all directions" you can use shift=list(c(1,0), c(1,1), c(0,1), c(-1,1)), which is the default. |
| metrics | A vector of glcm texture metrics to return. Valid entries include "glcm_contrast", "glcm_dissimilarity", "glcm_homogeneity", "glcm_ASM" (angular second moment), "glcm_entropy", "glcm_mean", "glcm_variance", "glcm_correlation". |
| quant_method | quantization method (either "range", "prob", or "none"). "range" quantization will create bins that cover a range of equal size. "prob" performs equal probability quantization and will use quantiles to create bins with approximately equal number of samples. "none" means the layer has already been quantized. |
| min_val | minimum value for equal range quantization (if not supplied, the minimum value of the raster is used) |
| max_val | maximum value for equal range quantization (if not supplied, the maximum value of the raster is used) |
| maxcell | positive integer used to take a regular sample for quantization if "prob" is used as quant_method (default is Inf) |
| na.rm | a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds (default=FALSE) |
| impute_corr | logical indicating whether glcm correlation should be filled with zero in the case where all values are the same (default=FALSE). Strictly glcm correlation is NA in this case but the limit approaches zero. |
| include_scale | Logical indicating whether to append window size to the layer names (default = FALSE). |
| filename | character Output filename. Can be a single filename, or as many filenames as there are layers to write a file for each layer |
| overwrite | logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE). |
| quantization | deprecated. Use 'quant_method' |
| wopt | list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster |

## Value

a SpatRaster or Raster* Object if w is not NULL. If w is NULL, a numeric vector of texture measures.

## References

Hall-Beyer, M., 2017. GLCM Texture: A Tutorial v. 3.0. University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Haralick, R.M., Shanmugam, K., Dinstein, I., 1973. Textural features for image classification. IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics 610–621. https://doi.org/10.1109/TSMC.1973.4309314

## Examples

```
r<- rast(volcano, extent= ext(2667400, 2667400 + ncol(volcano)*10,
6478700, 6478700 + nrow(volcano)*10), crs = "EPSG:27200")
txt <- glcm_textures(r, w = c(3,5), n_levels = 16,
quant_method = "prob", shift = list(c(1, 0), c(1, 1),
c(0, 1), c(-1, 1)))
plot(txt)
```

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# glcm_textures_wholeimage

*Calculates GLCM texture metrics of a Raster Layer*

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## Description

Calculates GLCM texture metrics of a RasterLayer over a sliding rectangular window

## Usage

```
glcm_textures_wholeimage(
  r,
  n_levels,
  shift,
  metrics,
  quant_method,
  min_val,
  max_val,
  maxcell,
  na.rm,
  impute_corr,
  wopt
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| r | A single layer SpatRaster or RasterLayer. If already quantized set quant_method to "none". The valid range of values for a quantized raster is from 0 to n_levels-1 (e.g. a raster with 32 grey levels would have a valid range of 0-31). |
| n_levels | Number of grey levels used in the quantization (Typically set to 16 or 32). |
| shift | A vector of length 2, or a list of vectors each of length 2 specifying the relationship between neighboring pixel to the reference pixel. The first number represents the shift in the x direction and the second number represents the shift in the y direction, where up and right are positive. For example c(1,0) is the pixel directly to the right. The GLCM is made symmetrical by counting each pair twice, once "forwards" and once "backwards" by interchanging reference and neighbor pixels. Therefore a shift directly to the right c(1,0) is equivalent to a shift directly to the left c(-1,0). To average over "all directions" you can use shift=list(c(1,0), c(1,1), c(0,1), c(-1,1)), which is the default. |
| metrics | A vector of glcm texture metrics to return. Valid entries include "glcm_contrast", "glcm_dissimilarity", "glcm_homogeneity", "glcm_ASM" (angular second moment), "glcm_entropy", "glcm_mean", "glcm_variance", "glcm_correlation". |
| quant_method | quantization method (either "range", "prob", or "none"). "range" quantization will create bins that cover a range of equal size. "prob" performs equal probability quantization and will use quantiles to create bins with approximately equal number of samples. "none" means the layer has already been quantized. |
| min_val | minimum value for equal range quantization (if not supplied, the minimum value of the raster is used) |
| max_val | maximum value for equal range quantization (if not supplied, the maximum value of the raster is used) |
| maxcell | positive integer used to take a regular sample for quantization if "prob" is used as quant_method (default is Inf) |
| na.rm | a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds (default=FALSE) |
| impute_corr | logical indicating whether glcm correlation should be filled with zero in the case where all values are the same. Strictly glcm correlation is NA in this case but the limit approaches zero. |
| wopt | list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster |

## Value

a vector of texture metrics

## References

Hall-Beyer, M., 2017. GLCM Texture: A Tutorial v. 3.0. University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Haralick, R.M., Shanmugam, K., Dinstein, I., 1973. Textural features for image classification. IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics 610–621. https://doi.org/10.1109/TSMC.1973.4309314

make_glcm *Creates a symmetrical normalized GLCM for a given matrix and shift*

## Description

Creates a symmetrical normalized GLCM for a given matrix and shift

## Usage

```
make_glcm(x, n_levels, shift, na.rm = FALSE, normalize = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | a matrix, SpatRaster, or RasterLayer containing integers representing quantized values. The valid range of values is from 0 to n_levels-1 (e.g. a matrix with 32 grey levels would have a valid range of 0-31). |
| n_levels | Number of grey levels used in the quantization |
| shift | A vector of length 2 specifying the relationship between neighboring pixel to the reference pixel. The first number represents the shift in the x direction and the second number represents the shift in the y direction, where up and right are positive. For example c(1,0) is the pixel directly to the right. The GLCM is made symmetrical by counting each pair twice, once "forwards" and once "backwards" by interchanging reference and neighbor pixels. Therefore a shift directly to the right c(1,0) is equivalent to a shift directly to the left c(-1,0) |
| na.rm | a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds (default=FALSE) |
| normalize | a logical specifying whether to normalize the counts to probabilities by dividing by the sum of the GLCM (TRUE, the default) or to express the GLCM as counts (FALSE) |

## Value

A symmetric GLCM as a matrix

## References

Hall-Beyer, M., 2017. GLCM Texture: A Tutorial v. 3.0. University of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

Haralick, R.M., Shanmugam, K., Dinstein, I., 1973. Textural features for image classification. IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics 610–621. https://doi.org/10.1109/TSMC.1973.4309314

## Examples

```
test_matrix<- matrix(data=c(2,0,1,3,0,0,0,3,2), nrow = 3, ncol=3)
# Tabulate a GLCM of counts
horizontal_glcm_counts<- make_glcm(test_matrix, n_levels = 4, shift = c(1,0), normalize = FALSE)
# Calculate a normalized GLCM of probabilities
horizontal_glcm_norm<- make_glcm(test_matrix, n_levels = 4, shift = c(1,0), normalize = TRUE)
```

`quantize_raster` *Quantizes raster to a set number of discrete levels*

## Description

Quantizes raster to a set number of discrete levels starting at 0. There are 2 methods of quantization are available: "equal range" and "equal prob"

## Usage

```
quantize_raster(
  r,
  n_levels,
  quant_method = NULL,
  min_val = NULL,
  max_val = NULL,
  maxcell = Inf,
  filename = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  method = NULL,
  wopt = list()
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `r` | A single layer SpatRaster, RasterLayer, or matrix. |
| `n_levels` | number of levels to quantize to |
| `quant_method` | quantization method (either "range" or "prob"). "range" quantization will create bins that cover a range of equal size. "prob" performs equal probability quantization and will use quantiles to create bins with approximately equal number of samples. |
| `min_val` | minimum value for equal range quantization (if not supplied, the minimum value of the raster is used) |
| `max_val` | maximum value for equal range quantization (if not supplied, the maximum value of the raster is used) |
| `maxcell` | positive integer used to take a regular sample of x if "prob" is used as 'quant_method' (default is Inf) |
| `filename` | character Output filename. |
| `overwrite` | logical. If TRUE, filename is overwritten (default is FALSE). |
| `method` | deprecated. Use 'quant_method' |
| `wopt` | list with named options for writing files as in writeRaster |

## Details

Equal probability quantization is the method recommended in Haralick et al., 1973. However, equal range may be more desirable if making comparisons across several different rasters where you need the gray levels to correspond in a consistent way to the original data, as you can supply the global max/min or the theoretical max/min values that could occur. When equal probability quantization is used, quantiles are generated using type 8 as recommended by Hyndman and Fan (1996). This method provides estimates that are approximately median-unbiased regardless of the distribution of x.

## Value

a single layer SpatRaster or RasterLayer with integer values ranging from 0 to n_levels-1

## References

Haralick, R.M., Shanmugam, K., Dinstein, I., 1973. Textural features for image classification. IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics 610–621. https://doi.org/10.1109/TSMC.1973.4309314

Hyndman, R.J., Fan, Y., 1996. Sample Quantiles in Statistical Packages. The American Statistician 50, 361–365. https://doi.org/10.1080/00031305.1996.10473566

## Examples

```
r<- rast(volcano, extent= ext(2667400, 2667400 + ncol(volcano)*10,
6478700, 6478700 + nrow(volcano)*10),
crs = "EPSG:27200")
rq1 <- quantize_raster(r = r, n_levels = 16, quant_method = "prob")
rq2 <- quantize_raster(r = r, n_levels = 16, quant_method = "range")
```

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