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check	<i>Check landscape data</i>
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### Description

Check that landscape inputs have valid values and matching properties.

### Usage

```
check(a, b)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RasterLayer,missing'
check(a)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'matrix,missing'
check(a)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RasterLayer,RasterLayer'
check(a, b)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'matrix,matrix'
check(a, b)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer'  
check(a, b)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix'  
check(a, b)
```

## Arguments

a                   A [samc-class](#), [matrix](#), or [RasterLayer-class](#) object  
b                   A [matrix](#) or [RasterLayer-class](#) object

## Details

This function is used to ensure that landscape inputs (resistance, absorption, fidelity, and occupancy) have valid values and the same properties. This includes checking the CRS (if using [RasterLayer](#) inputs), dimensions, and locations of cells with NA data. It can be used to directly compare two matrices or two [RasterLayers](#), or it can be used to check a [samc-class](#) object against a matrix or [RasterLayer](#).

The function returns TRUE if the inputs have matching properties. Otherwise, it will stop execution and print the error message generated by the `compareRaster()` function from the `raster` package. This error will provide some details about the difference between the two inputs.

Note that the package assumes the different landscape inputs will be the same type, either matrices or [RasterLayers](#). Mixing [RasterLayer](#) data and matrix data is not supported.

## Value

See *Details* section.

## Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.  
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function  
# from the raster package.  
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data  
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data  
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data  
  
# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using  
# the check() function.  
check(res_data, abs_data)  
check(res_data, occ_data)  
  
# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using  
# the samc() function. We use the recipicol of the arithmetic mean for  
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,  
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.  
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))
```

```

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)

```

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cond\_passage

*Conditional Mean First Passage Time*


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## Description

Calculate the mean number of steps to first passage

## Usage

```

cond_passage(samc, origin, dest)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric'
cond_passage(samc, dest)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,numeric,numeric'
cond_passage(samc, origin, dest)

```

## Arguments

samc	A <a href="#">samc-class</a> object. This should be output from the <a href="#">samc</a> function.
origin	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to row $i$ of matrix $P$ in the <a href="#">samc-class</a> object.
dest	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to column $j$ of matrix $P$ in the <a href="#">samc-class</a> object.

## Details

$$\tilde{t} = \tilde{B}_j^{-1} \tilde{F} \tilde{B}_j \cdot 1$$

- **cond\_passage(samc, dest)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $i$  is the mean number of steps for the first passage time from location  $i$  conditional on absorption into  $j$

- **cond\_passage(samc, origin, dest)**

The result is a numeric value representing the mean number of steps for the first passage time from a given origin conditional on absorption into a given destination.

**WARNING:** This function will crash when used with data representing a disconnected graph. This includes, for example, isolated pixels or islands in raster data. This is a result of the transition matrix for disconnected graphs leading to some equations being unsolvable. Different options are being explored for how to best identify these situations in data and handle them accordingly.

## Value

A numeric vector or a single numeric value

## Performance

Any relevant performance information about this function can be found in the performance vignette: `vignette("performance", package = "samc")`

## Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)

```

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dispersal

*Calculate dispersal metrics*


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### Description

Calculates the probability of individuals visiting locations

### Usage

```
dispersal(samc, occ, origin, dest, time)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,numeric,numeric'
dispersal(samc, dest, time)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer,missing,numeric,numeric'
dispersal(samc, occ, dest, time)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix,missing,numeric,numeric'
dispersal(samc, occ, dest, time)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,missing,missing'
dispersal(samc)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,missing,missing'
dispersal(samc, origin)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,numeric,missing'
dispersal(samc, dest)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,numeric,missing'
dispersal(samc, origin, dest)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer,missing,missing,missing'
dispersal(samc, occ)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix,missing,missing,missing'
dispersal(samc, occ)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer,missing,numeric,missing'
dispersal(samc, occ, dest)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix,missing,numeric,missing'
dispersal(samc, occ, dest)
```

## Arguments

<code>samc</code>	A <code>samc-class</code> object. This should be output from the <code>samc</code> function.
<code>occ</code>	A <code>RasterLayer-class</code> or <code>matrix</code> . The input type must match the input type used to create the <code>samc-class</code> object, and must have the same properties as the rest of the landscape data. See the <code>check</code> function for more details.
<code>origin</code>	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to row $i$ of matrix $P$ in the <code>samc-class</code> object.
<code>dest</code>	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to column $j$ of matrix $P$ in the <code>samc-class</code> object.
<code>time</code>	A positive integer or a vector of positive integers representing time steps. Vectors must be ordered and contain no duplicates. Vectors may not be used for metrics that return dense matrices. The maximum time step value is capped at 10,000.

## Details

$$\tilde{D}_{jt} = (\sum_{n=0}^{t-1} \tilde{Q}^n) \tilde{q}_j$$

- **dispersal(samc, dest, time)**

The result is a vector (single time step) or a list of vectors (multiple time steps) where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $k$  is the probability of ever visiting a given destination, if starting at any other location, within  $t$  or fewer time steps.

$$\psi^T \tilde{D}_{jt}$$

- **dispersal(samc, occ, dest, time)**

The result is a numeric (single time step) or a list of numerics (multiple time steps) that is the unconditional probability of visiting a given destination within  $t$  or fewer time steps.

$$D = (F - I) \text{diag}(F)^{-1}$$

- **dispersal(samc)**

The result is a matrix where element  $(i,j)$  is the probability that location  $j$  is visited when starting in location  $i$ .

The returned matrix will always be dense and cannot be optimized. Must enable override to use.

- **dispersal(samc, origin)**

This function has not been optimized yet, and will not run.

- **dispersal(samc, dest)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $i$  is the probability that the destination is visited when starting in location  $i$ .

- **dispersal(samc, origin, dest)**

The result is a numeric value that is the probability that an individual starting at the origin visits the destination.

$\psi^T D$

- **dispersal(samc, occ)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $j$  is the unconditional probability distribution of ever visiting location  $j$ , regardless of the initial location.

- **dispersal(samc, occ, dest)**

The result is a numeric value that is the unconditional probability distribution of ever visiting a given destination, regardless of the initial location.

### Value

A matrix, a vector, a list of vectors, or a numeric

### Performance

Any relevant performance information about this function can be found in the performance vignette: `vignette("performance", package = "samc")`

### Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))
```

```

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)

```

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distribution

*Calculate distribution metrics*


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### Description

Calculate the probability of finding an individual at a given location at a specific time.

### Usage

```

distribution(samc, occ, origin, dest, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,missing,numeric'
distribution(samc, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,missing,numeric'
distribution(samc, origin, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,numeric,numeric'
distribution(samc, dest, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,numeric,numeric'
distribution(samc, origin, dest, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer,missing,missing,numeric'
distribution(samc, occ, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix,missing,missing,numeric'
distribution(samc, occ, time)

```

**Arguments**

samc	A <code>samc-class</code> object. This should be output from the <code>samc</code> function.
occ	A <code>RasterLayer-class</code> or <code>matrix</code> . The input type must match the input type used to create the <code>samc-class</code> object, and must have the same properties as the rest of the landscape data. See the <code>check</code> function for more details.
origin	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to row $i$ of matrix $P$ in the <code>samc-class</code> object.
dest	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to column $j$ of matrix $P$ in the <code>samc-class</code> object.
time	A positive integer or a vector of positive integers representing time steps. Vectors must be ordered and contain no duplicates. Vectors may not be used for metrics that return dense matrices. The maximum time step value is capped at 10,000.

**Details** $Q^t$ 

- **distribution(samc, time)**

The result is a matrix where element  $(i,j)$  is the probability of being at location  $j$  after  $t$  time steps if starting at location  $i$ .

The returned matrix will always be dense and cannot be optimized. Must enable `override` to use.

- **distribution(samc, origin, time)**

The result is a vector (single time step) or a list of vectors (multiple time steps) where element  $j$  is the probability of being at location  $j$  after  $t$  time steps if starting at a given origin.

- **distribution(samc, dest, time)**

The result is a vector where element  $i$  is the probability of being at a given destination after  $t$  time steps if starting at location  $i$ .

- **distribution(samc, origin, dest, time)**

The result is a numeric value (single time step) or a list of numeric values (multiple time steps) that is the probability of being at a given destination after  $t$  time steps when beginning at a given origin.

 $\psi^T Q^t$ 

- **distribution(samc, occ, time)**

The result is a vector (single time step) or a list of vectors (multiple time steps) where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $i$  is the unconditional probability of finding an individual (or expected number of individuals) in location  $i$  after  $t$  time steps.

**Value**

A vector

## Performance

Any relevant performance information about this function can be found in the performance vignette:  
[vignette\("performance", package = "samc"\)](#)

## Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the recipricol of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)
```

**Description**

A fabricated dataset containing landscape absorption probability values.

**Usage**

ex\_abs\_data

**Format**

A matrix with 34 rows and 202 columns.

**Source**

Fletcher et al (2019) <doi:10.1111/ele.13333>

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ex\_occ\_data

*Example occupancy data*

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**Description**

A fabricated dataset containing landscape occupancy values.

**Usage**

ex\_occ\_data

**Format**

A matrix with 34 rows and 202 columns.

**Source**

Fletcher et al (2019) <doi:10.1111/ele.13333>

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ex_res_data	<i>Example resistance data</i>
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**Description**

A fabricated dataset containing landscape resistance values.

**Usage**

```
ex_res_data
```

**Format**

A matrix with 34 rows and 202 columns.

**Source**

Fletcher et al (2019) <doi:10.1111/ele.13333>

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locate	<i>Get cell numbers</i>
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**Description**

Get cell numbers from raster data

**Usage**

```
locate(samc, xy)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing'
locate(samc)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,ANY'
locate(samc, xy)
```

**Arguments**

samc	A <a href="#">samc-class</a> object
xy	Any valid input to the y argument of the <a href="#">extract</a> function in the raster package.

## Details

This function is used to get cell numbers from raster data. The numbers used for origin and destination values in many samc metrics refer to column/row numbers of the P matrix. For a P matrix derived from raster data, these numbers would normally line up with the cell numbers of the raster, but this is not always true. This is the case when the raster contains NA data; the cells associated with this data are excluded from the P matrix. This causes issues trying to determine the cell numbers that should be used in analyses.

The `locate` function operates more-or-less like the `cellFromXY` function in the raster package, but unlike `cellFromXY`, `locate` properly accounts for NA cells in identifying cell numbers from coordinate data.

This function can also be used if the samc object was created from matrix inputs for the resistance, absorption, and fidelity parameters. In this case, the values in the xy coordinate parameter can be column-row values with the caveat that (1,1) is the bottom left corner.

The xy parameter can also be excluded. In this case, the function returns a raster where the values of the cells contains the cell number.

Internally, this function relies on the `extract` function from the raster package, and any valid input for the y argument of that function is valid here.

## Value

A rasterlayer or a vector

## Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the recipicol of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)
```

```

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)

```

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map

*Map vector data*


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### Description

Map vector data to a RasterLayer

### Usage

```

map(samc, vec)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,numeric'
map(samc, vec)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,list'
map(samc, vec)

```

### Arguments

samc	Spatial absorbing Markov chain object. This should be output from the samc() function.
vec	Vector data to fill into the map.

### Details

This is a convenience function to ensure that vector data is properly mapped back to the original landscape data. The reason this is needed is that the package supports both matrices and RasterLayers, which differ in the order that data is read and written (R matrices are column-major order, whereas the raster package uses row-major order). Internally, the package uses only a single order, regardless of the original data. This can cause issues with mapping vector results if care is not taken, and this function is provided to simplify the process. It also correctly maps results for landscape data that has NA cells, which are another potential source of error if not careful.

The only requirement of the vec input is that the number of elements in it matches the number of non-NA cells in the landscape data that was used to create the samc object.

**Value**

A RasterLayer object

**Examples**

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the recipricol of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)
```

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mortality

*Calculate mortality metrics*


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**Description**

Calculates the probability of experiencing mortality at specific locations.

**Usage**

```

mortality(samc, occ, origin, dest, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,missing,numeric'
mortality(samc, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,missing,numeric'
mortality(samc, origin, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,numeric,numeric'
mortality(samc, dest, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,numeric,numeric'
mortality(samc, origin, dest, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer,missing,missing,numeric'
mortality(samc, occ, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix,missing,missing,numeric'
mortality(samc, occ, time)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,missing,missing'
mortality(samc)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,missing,missing'
mortality(samc, origin)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing,numeric,missing'
mortality(samc, dest)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric,numeric,missing'
mortality(samc, origin, dest)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer,missing,missing,missing'
mortality(samc, occ)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix,missing,missing,missing'
mortality(samc, occ)

```

**Arguments**

samc	A <a href="#">samc-class</a> object. This should be output from the <a href="#">samc</a> function.
occ	A <a href="#">RasterLayer-class</a> or <a href="#">matrix</a> . The input type must match the input type used to create the <a href="#">samc-class</a> object, and must have the same properties as the rest of the landscape data. See the <a href="#">check</a> function for more details.
origin	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to row $i$ of matrix $P$ in the <a href="#">samc-class</a> object.

dest	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to column $j$ of matrix $P$ in the <code>samc-class</code> object.
time	A positive integer or a vector of positive integers representing time steps. Vectors must be ordered and contain no duplicates. Vectors may not be used for metrics that return dense matrices. The maximum time step value is capped at 10,000.

### Details

$$\tilde{B}_t = (\sum_{n=0}^{t-1} Q^n) \tilde{R}$$

- **mortality(samc, time)**

The result is a matrix where element (i,j) is the probability of experiencing mortality at location j within t or fewer steps if starting at location i.

The returned matrix will always be dense and cannot be optimized. Must enable `override` to use.

- **mortality(samc, origin, time)**

The result is a vector (single time step) or a list of vectors (multiple time steps) where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element j is the probability of experiencing mortality at location j within t or fewer steps if starting at a given origin.

- **mortality(samc, dest, time)**

The result is a vector (single time step) or a list of vectors (multiple time steps) where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element i is the probability of experiencing mortality at a given destination within t or fewer steps if starting at location i.

- **mortality(samc, origin, dest, time)**

The result is a numeric value (single time step) or a list of numeric values (multiple time steps) that is the probability of experiencing mortality at a given destination within t or fewer steps if starting at a given origin.

$$\psi^T \tilde{B}_t$$

- **mortality(samc, occ, time)**

The result is a vector (single time step) or a list of vectors (multiple time steps) where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element j is the unconditional probability of experiencing mortality at location j within t or fewer time steps.

$$B = F \tilde{R}$$

- **mortality(samc)**

The result is a matrix where element (i,j) is the probability of experiencing mortality at location j if starting at location i.

The returned matrix will always be dense and cannot be optimized. Must enable `override` to use.

- **mortality(samc, origin)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $j$  is the probability of experiencing mortality at location  $j$  if starting at a given origin.

- **mortality(samc, dest)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $i$  is the probability of experiencing mortality at a given destination if starting at location  $i$ .

- **mortality(samc, origin, dest)**

The result is a numeric value that is the probability of experiencing mortality at a given destination if starting at a given origin

$\psi^T B$

- **mortality(samc, occ)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the `map` function. Element  $j$  is the unconditional probability of experiencing mortality at location  $j$ , regardless of the initial state.

### Value

A matrix, vector, or numeric

### Performance

Any relevant performance information about this function can be found in the performance vignette: `vignette("performance", package = "samc")`

### Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the recipicol of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))
```

```

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)

```

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samc

*Create an samc object*


---

## Description

Create an samc object that contains the absorbing Markov chain data

## Usage

```

samc(resistance, absorption, fidelity, latlon, tr_fun, p_mat, ...)

## S4 method for signature
## 'RasterLayer,RasterLayer,RasterLayer,logical,`function`,missing'
samc(resistance, absorption, fidelity, latlon, tr_fun, override = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature
## 'RasterLayer,RasterLayer,missing,logical,`function`,missing'
samc(resistance, absorption, latlon, tr_fun, override = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix,matrix,matrix,missing,`function`,missing'
samc(resistance, absorption, fidelity, tr_fun, override = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix,matrix,missing,missing,`function`,missing'
samc(resistance, absorption, tr_fun, override = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'missing,missing,missing,missing,missing,dgCMatrix'
samc(p_mat, override = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'missing,missing,missing,missing,missing,matrix'
samc(p_mat, override = FALSE)

```

## Arguments

resistance	A <a href="#">RasterLayer-class</a> or <a href="#">matrix</a>
absorption	A <a href="#">RasterLayer-class</a> or <a href="#">matrix</a>
fidelity	A <a href="#">RasterLayer-class</a> or <a href="#">matrix</a>
latlon	Logical (TRUE or FALSE) indicating whether the rasters use latitude/longitude
tr_fun	A function to calculate the transition values in the <a href="#">transition</a> function
p_mat	A base R <a href="#">matrix</a> object or Matrix package <a href="#">dgCMatrix</a> sparse matrix
...	Placeholder
override	Optional flag to prevent accidentally running memory intensive functions. Defaults to FALSE

## Details

This function is used to create a [samc-class](#) object. There are two options for creating this object.

### Option 1: Raster and Matrix Inputs

The [samc-class](#) object can be created from a combination of resistance, absorption, and fidelity data. These different landscape data inputs must be the same type (a matrix or [RasterLayer](#)), and have identical properties, including dimensions, location of NA cells, and CRS (if using [RasterLayer](#)s). Some of the inputs are mandatory, whereas others are optional.

The resistance and absorption inputs are always mandatory, whereas the fidelity input is optional. If the fidelity input is not provided, then it is assumed that there is no site fidelity (i.e., individuals will always move to an adjacent cell each time step).

The `latlon` parameter is required if the landscape data inputs are [RasterLayer](#) objects. The package does not attempt to determine this automatically, and it does not assume a default. Users must set it to TRUE if they are using latitude and longitude data.

The `tr_fun` parameter is mandatory. It is used when calculating the values for the transition matrix. Internally, this is passed to the [transition](#) function in the `gdistance` package to create the transition matrix.

### Option 2: P Matrix Input

The `p_mat` parameter can be used to create a [samc-class](#) object directly from a preconstructed P matrix. This matrix must be either a base R matrix, or a sparse matrix (`dgCMatrix` format) from the Matrix package. It must meet the requirement of a P matrix described in Fletcher et al. (2019). This includes:

- The number of rows must equal the number of columns (a square matrix)
- The last row must contain all 0's, except the last element, which must be 1
- Each row must sum to 1
- All values must be in the range of 0-1

### Other Parameters

The `override` parameter is optional. To prevent users from unintentionally running memory intensive versions of functions that could make their systems non-responsive or crash software, it is set to FALSE by default. For various reasons, it can be set to TRUE. In particular, a user might do this if

they are using a very small landscape dataset, or perhaps for a moderately sized dataset if they have access to a system with exceptionally large amounts of RAM. Before setting this to TRUE, users should read the Performance vignette/ article to understand the expected memory requirements. They should also consider starting with scaled down version of their data and then gradually scaling back up while monitoring their memory usage as a means to gauge what is reasonable for their system.

### Additional Information

Depending on the data used to construct the samc-class object, some metrics may cause crashes. This is a result of the underlying P matrix having specific properties that make some equations unsolvable. One known case is a P matrix that represents a disconnected graph, which can lead to the `cond_passage()` function crashing. In terms of raster/matrix inputs, a disconnected graph occurs when one or more pixels/cells are unreachable from other pixels/cells due to the presence of a full barrier made up of NA values. In a raster, these may be obvious as islands, but can be as inconspicuous as a rogue isolated pixel. There may be other currently unknown situations that lead to unsolvable metrics.

Future work is planned towards identifying these issues during creation of the samc-class object and handling them appropriately to prevent inadvertent crashes.

### Value

A spatial absorbing Markov chain object

### Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
```

```

short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)

```

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samc-class

*samc class*


---

## Description

S4 class to manage SAMC data.

## Details

The samc class is used to help ensure that the package is used correctly and to minimize the possibility for users to accidentally produce nonsensical results that may not be obviously incorrect. This class contains the p matrix necessary for all the calculations in the package, and enforces its type so that users are less likely to inadvertently alter it in a way that will cause issues in calculations.

The class also contains a RasterLayer object derived from the input data. This object is used for checking inputs and mapping vector data in other functions.

Finally, an override flag is used to help ensure that users do not accidentally run memory intensive versions of functions that can cause their systems to become non-responsive or for software to crash.

The [samc](#) function is used to create [samc-class](#) objects.

## Slots

p The transition probability matrix  $P$ .

source Information about the data source for the P matrix

map Used to verify landscape inputs and mapping of vector data.

override Used to prevent accidental use of memory intensive functions.

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 survival

*Calculate survival metrics*


---

### Description

Calculates the expected amount of time that individuals survive in the landscape.

### Usage

```
survival(samc, occ)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing'
survival(samc)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,RasterLayer'
survival(samc, occ)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,matrix'
survival(samc, occ)
```

### Arguments

samc	A <a href="#">samc-class</a> object. This should be output from the <a href="#">samc</a> function.
occ	A <a href="#">RasterLayer-class</a> or <a href="#">matrix</a> . The input type must match the input type used to create the <a href="#">samc-class</a> object, and must have the same properties as the rest of the landscape data. See the <a href="#">check</a> function for more details.

### Details

$$z = (I - Q)^{-1} \cdot 1 = F \cdot 1$$

- **survival(samc)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the [map](#) function. The value of element  $i$  is the expected amount of time that individuals survive when starting at location  $j$ .

$$\psi^T z$$

- **survival(samc, occ)**

The result is a numeric that represents the expected time that any individual stays in the landscape before death, regardless of the initial location.

### Value

A vector or a numeric

## Performance

Any relevant performance information about this function can be found in the performance vignette:  
[vignette\("performance", package = "samc"\)](#)

## Examples

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)
```

## Description

Calculates the number of times that individuals from each location visit each location in the landscape before death.

## Usage

```
visitation(samc, origin, dest)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,missing'
visitation(samc)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,numeric,missing'
visitation(samc, origin)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,missing,numeric'
visitation(samc, dest)

## S4 method for signature 'samc,numeric,numeric'
visitation(samc, origin, dest)
```

## Arguments

samc	A <a href="#">samc-class</a> object. This should be output from the <a href="#">samc</a> function.
origin	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to row $i$ of matrix $P$ in the <a href="#">samc-class</a> object.
dest	A positive integer representing a cell in the landscape, excluding NA cells. Corresponds to column $j$ of matrix $P$ in the <a href="#">samc-class</a> object.

## Details

$$F = (I - Q)^{-1}$$

- **visitation(samc)**

The result is a matrix where element  $(i,j)$  is the expected number of times an individual that starts in  $i$  uses  $j$  before it dies.

The returned matrix will always be dense and cannot be optimized. Must enable override to use.

- **visitation(samc, origin)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the [map](#) function. Element  $j$  is the number of times that an individual starting at the origin visits location  $j$  before it dies.

- **visitation(samc, dest)**

The result is a vector where each element corresponds to a cell in the landscape, and can be mapped back to the landscape using the [map](#) function. Element  $i$  is the number of times that an individual starting at location  $i$  visits the destination before it dies.

- **visitation(samc, origin, dest)**

The result is a numeric value that is the expected number of times an individual starting at the origin visits the destination before it dies.

**Value**

A matrix, a vector, or a numeric

**Performance**

Any relevant performance information about this function can be found in the performance vignette: [vignette\("performance", package = "samc"\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# "Load" the data. In this case we are using data built into the package.
# In practice, users will likely load raster data using the raster() function
# from the raster package.
res_data <- samc::ex_res_data
abs_data <- samc::ex_abs_data
occ_data <- samc::ex_occ_data

# Make sure our data meets the basic input requirements of the package using
# the check() function.
check(res_data, abs_data)
check(res_data, occ_data)

# Create a `samc-class` object with the resistance and absorption data using
# the samc() function. We use the recipricol of the arithmetic mean for
# calculating the transition matrix. Note, the input data here are matrices,
# not RasterLayers. If using RasterLayers, the latlon parameter must be set.
samc_obj <- samc(res_data, abs_data, tr_fun = function(x) 1/mean(x))

# Convert the occupancy data to probability of occurrence
occ_prob_data <- occ_data / sum(occ_data, na.rm = TRUE)

# Calculate short- and long-term metrics using the analytical functions
short_mort <- mortality(samc_obj, occ_prob_data, time = 50)
short_dist <- distribution(samc_obj, origin = 3, time = 50)
long_disp <- dispersal(samc_obj, occ_prob_data)
visit <- visitation(samc_obj, dest = 4)
surv <- survival(samc_obj)

# Use the map() function to turn vector results into RasterLayer objects.
short_mort_map <- map(samc_obj, short_mort)
short_dist_map <- map(samc_obj, short_dist)
long_disp_map <- map(samc_obj, long_disp)
visit_map <- map(samc_obj, visit)
surv_map <- map(samc_obj, surv)
```

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