# Package: MRG (via r-universe)

January 9, 2025

Type Package

Title Create Non-Confidential Multi-Resolution Grids

Version 0.3.1

Maintainer Jon Olav Skoien < jon. skoien@gmail.com>

**Imports** magrittr, parallel, terra, sf, stars, plyr, dplyr, rlang, sjmisc, vardpoor, purrr, tidyr, tidyselect, methods

**Suggests** ggplot2, patchwork, viridis, knitr, rmarkdown, giscoR, bookdown, units, ggforce, kableExtra

**Description** Functionality for creating gridded data, respecting the confidentiality rules, such as a minimum number of units and dominance by one or more units in the grid cell. The functions also include the possibility for contextual suppression of data.

**License** GPL (>= 3)

**Encoding UTF-8** 

RoxygenNote 7.3.2

VignetteBuilder knitr

NeedsCompilation no

**Depends** R (>= 3.5.0)

LazyData true

Author Jon Olav Skoien [aut, cre], Nicolas Lampach [aut]

**Date/Publication** 2024-10-28 16:50:16 UTC

Additional\_repositories https://cranhaven.r-universe.dev

**Config/pak/sysreqs** libgdal-dev gdal-bin libgeos-dev libicu-dev libssl-dev libproj-dev libsqlite3-dev libudunits2-dev

Repository https://cranhaven.r-universe.dev

RemoteUrl https://github.com/cranhaven/cranhaven.r-universe.dev

RemoteRef package/MRG

**RemoteSha** f1c36f565f9ec043b66a73cdcf2b0bca97100c20

RemoteSubdir MRG

# **Contents**

createMRGobject		Create a single object containing all necessary objects for multiRes- Grid functions											-									
Index																						31
	remSmall																					
	MRGpostProcess multiResGrid																					
	MRGmerge																					
	MRGcluster																					
	locAdjFun																					
	gridData ifs_dk																					
	fssgeo																					
	createMRGobject .																					2

# Description

Create a single object containing all necessary objects for multiResGrid functions Prints MRG-objects

# Usage

```
createMRGobject(
  ifg,
  ress = c(1, 5, 10, 20, 40) * 1000,
  geovar = c("GEO_LCT", "geometry"),
  lnames = NULL,
  vars = NULL,
 weights = NULL,
 mincount = 10,
  countFeatureOrTotal = "feature",
  nlarge = 2,
  plim = 0.85,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nclus = 1,
  clusType = NULL,
  domEstat = TRUE,
  consistencyCheck = FALSE,
  outfile = NULL,
  splitlim = 5e+07,
  checkDominance = TRUE,
  checkReliability = FALSE,
  userfun = NULL,
  strat = NULL,
```

```
confrules = "individual",
  suppresslim = 0,
  sumsmall = FALSE,
  suppresslimSum = 0,
  reliabilitySplit = TRUE,
  pseudoreg = NULL,
  plotIntermediate = FALSE,
  addIntermediate = FALSE,
  locAdj = "LL",
  postProcess = TRUE,
  rounding = -1,
  remCols = TRUE,
  ...
)
## S3 method for class 'MRG'
print(x, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

ifg Either a data.frame or tibble or sf-object with the locations and the data of the

survey or census data, or a list of such objects.

ress A vector with the different resolutions

geovar Name of geodata variable in the objects. Must me the same for all of the sur-

veys/censuses, if the data sets are not submitted as sf-objects

Inames Names for the different surveys or censuses if ifg is a list. Typically it could be

survey years

vars Variable(s) of interest that should be aggregated (necessary when ifg is used for

individual farm specific anonymization rules)

weights Extrapolation factor(s) (weights) wi of unit i in the sample of units nc falling

into a specific cell c. Weights are used for disclosure control measures. A weight of 1 will be used if missing. If only one weight is given, it will be used for all variables. If the length is more than one, the length has to be equal to the number of variables. If the same weight is used for several variables, it must be repeated

in the weights-vector

mincount The minimum number of farms for a grid cell (threshold rule)

countFeatureOrTotal

Should the frequency limit be applied on records with a positive value for a

certain feature, or on all records, independent of value of feature

nlarge Parameter to be used if the nlarge(st) farms should count for maximum plim

percent of the total value for the variable in the grid cell (see details of gridData)

plim See nlarge

verbose Indicates if some extra output should be printed. Usually TRUE/FALSE, but can

also have a value of 2 for multiResGrid for even more output.

nclus Number of clusters to use for parallel processing. No parallelization is used for

nclus = 1.

clusType The type of cluster; see makeCluster for more details. The default of makeClus-

ter is used if type is missing or NA

domEstat Should the dominance rule be applied as in the IFS handbook (TRUE), where

the weights are rounded before finding the first nlarge contributors, or should it be the first nlarge contributors\*weight, where also fractions are considered

(FALSE)?

consistencyCheck

logical; whether consistency between the gridded values and the similar values from ifg should be checked. The gridded value is derived from rasterize and the second one from st\_join. The two methods can in some cases treat border cases

between grid cells differently.

outfile File to direct the output in case of parallel processing, see makeCluster for

more details.

splitlim For large dataset - split the data set in batches of more or less splitlim size

checkDominance Logical - should the dominance rule be applied?

checkReliability

Logical - should the prediction variance be checked, and used for the aggrega-

tion? This considerably increases computation time

userfun This gives the possibility to add a user defined function with additional confi-

dentiality rules which the grid cell has to pass

strat Column name defining the strata for stratified sampling, used if checkReliability

is TRUE

confrules Should the frequency rule (number of holdings) refer to the number of holdings

with a value of the individual vars above zero ("individual") or the total number

of holdings in the data set ("total")?

suppresslim Parameter that can be used to avoid that almost empty grid cells are merged with

cells with considerably higher number of observations. The value is a minimum share of the total potential new cell for a grid cell to be aggregated. See below

for more details.

sumsmall Logical; should the suppresslimSum value be applied on the sum of small grid

cells within the lower resolution grid cell? Note that different combinations of suppreslim and suppreslimSum values might not give completely intuitive results. For instance, if both are equal, then a higher value can lead to more grid cells being left unaggregated for smaller grid sizes, leading to aggregation for a

large grid cell

suppresslimSum Parameter similar to suppresslim, but affecting the total of grid cells to be sup-

pressed

reliabilitySplit

Logical or number - parameter to be used in calculation of the reliability (if checkReliability = TRUE). It can either give the number of groups, or if TRUE,

it will create groups of approacimately 50,000 records per group. If FALSE, the

data set will not be split, independent on the size.

pseudoreg A column with regions to be used to define pseudostrata if checkReliability is TRUE. This is used for the cases when one or more strata only has a single

record (and the weight is different from one). This makes variance calculation

impossible, so such strata are merged into a pseudostrata. If pseudoreg is given (for example a column with the country name, or NUTS2 region), the pseudostrata will be created separately for each pseudoreg region.

## plotIntermediate

Logical or number - make a simple plot showing which grid cells have already passed the frequency rule. plotintermediate = TRUE, the function will wait 5 seconds after plotting before continuing, otherwise it will wait plotintermediate seconds.

#### addIntermediate

Logical; will add a list of all intermediate himgs and lohs (overlay of himg and the lower resolution grid) as an attribute to the object to be returned

locAdj parameter to adjust the coordinates if they are exactly on the borders between

grid cells. The values can either be FALSE, or "jitter" (adding a small random value to the coordinates, essentially spreading them randomly around the real location), "UR", "UL", "LR" or "LL", to describe which corner of the grid cell

the location belong (upper right, upper left, lower right or lower left).

postProcess Logical; should the postprocessing be done as part of creation of the multires-

olution grid (TRUE), or be done in a separate step afterwards (FALSE). The second option is useful when wanting to check the confidential grid cells of the

final map

rounding either logical (FALSE) or an integer indicating the number of decimal places to

be used. Negative values are allowed (such as the default value rounding to the

closest 10). See also the details for digits in round.

remCols Logical; Should intermediate columns be removed? Can be set to FALSE for

further analyses. Temporary columns will not be removed if their names partly

match the variable names of vars

Other parameters to underlying print functions

x MRG-object, created by call to createMRGobject

#### **Details**

The function creates a single object, containing both the mapped data and the parameters for for further processing. This assures that all processing is done with the same variables.

## Value

A list containing the necessary elements for further processing with the MRG-package.

## **Examples**

```
library(sf)
# These are SYNTHETIC agricultural FSS data
data(ifs_dk) # Census data
# Create spatial data
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk, locAdj = "LL")
```

6 fssgeo

```
ress = 1000*2^(1:7)
MRGobject = createMRGobject(ifg = ifg, ress = ress, var = "UAA")
# Run the adaptive grid function only with farm number as con, then plot results
himg1 = multiResGrid(MRGobject)

himg1 = multiResGrid(MRGobject)
# Parameters can be updated in the object or in the call to multiResGrid
MRGobject$suppresslim = 0.02
himg2 = multiResGrid(MRGobject)
himg3 = multiResGrid(MRGobject, suppresslim = 0.05)
```

fssgeo

Function that creates an sf-object from IFS data

## **Description**

Function that creates an sf-object from IFS data

### Usage

```
fssgeo(ifs, crsOut = 3035, locAdj = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

ifs A data frame or tibble with the locations and the data of the survey or census

data

crsOut The coordinate reference system (crs) to be used

locAdj parameter to adjust the coordinates if they are exactly on the borders between

grid cells. The values can either be FALSE, or "jitter" (adding a small random value to the coordinates, essentially spreading them randomly around the real location), "UR", "UL", "LR" or "LL", to describe which corner of the grid cell

the location belong (upper right, upper left, lower right or lower left).

## Details

The geo-location in the FSS file has a particular format. For 2020, it includes country, coordinate reference system (CRS), resolution (precision of coordinates) and coordinates in one attribute ("GEO\_LCT"). For past years, the FSS data structure differs and it includes three separate columns, like latitudes, longitudes and coordinate reference system. This function splits the attribute in its individual parts, and creates an sf-object with the correct coordinates and CRS.

## Value

An sf-object with the locations of the survey or census data

gridData 7

# **Examples**

```
data(ifs_dk)
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk)
```

gridData

Function that converts point data to gridded data (polygon values) or a list of gridded data

## **Description**

Function that converts point data to gridded data (polygon values) or a list of gridded data

# Usage

```
gridData(
  ifg,
  res = 1000,
  vars = NULL,
  weights = NULL,
  nclus = 1,
  confrules = "individual",
  crsOut = 3035,
  verbose = FALSE,
  locAdj = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

ifg	Either a data.frame or tibble or sf-object with the locations and the data of the survey or census data, or a list of such objects.
res	A resolution or a vector with the different resolutions
vars	Variable(s) of interest that should be aggregated (necessary when ifg is used for individual farm specific anonymization rules)
weights	Extrapolation factor(s) (weights) wi of unit i in the sample of units nc falling into a specific cell c. Weights are used for disclosure control measures. A weight of 1 will be used if missing. If only one weight is given, it will be used for all variables. If the length is more than one, the length has to be equal to the number of variables. If the same weight is used for several variables, it must be repeated in the weights-vector
nclus	Number of clusters to use for parallel processing. No parallelization is used for nclus = 1.
confrules	Should the frequency rule (number of holdings) refer to the number of holdings with a value of the individual vars above zero ("individual") or the total number

of holdings in the data set ("total")?

8 gridData

crsOut The coordinate reference system (crs) to be used

verbose Indicates if some extra output should be printed. Usually TRUE/FALSE, but can

also have a value of 2 for multiResGrid for even more output.

parameter to adjust the coordinates if they are exactly on the borders between

grid cells. The values can either be FALSE, or \"jitter\" (adding a small random value to the coordinates, essentially spreading them randomly around the real location), \"UR\", \"UL\", \"LR\" or \"LL\", to describe which corner of the grid cell the location belong (upper right, upper left, lower right or lower left). Please use with care in this function. It will make it possible to produce the grid,but notice that the coordinates of ifg will be left untouched, which can

cause problems if this is used in other functions.

#### **Details**

This will create hierarchical grids of the selected variable(s), at the requested resolution(s), and using the requested function. In reality, the function will usually be sum, mean or max3, where the last one gives the average of the three highest numbers in the grid cell.

Additionally, the function will always return the extrapolated number of farms per grid unit. The result will either be a set of sf-polygons (default) or a stars object.

#### Value

A hierarchical list of gridded data, in the different resolutions requested. Each grid also includes the count of records used for the gridding, and the sum of the weights.

## **Examples**

```
library(sf)
if (!require(ggplot2)) print("Plotting of results will not work without installation of ggplot2")
if (!require(viridis)) print("Some of the plots will not work without installation of ggplot2")
if (require(giscoR)) {
 useBorder = TRUE
} else {
 useBorder = FALSE
 print("You need to install giscoR for plotting borders and clipping the gridded maps")
}
# These are SYNTHETIC agricultural FSS data
data(ifs_dk) # Census data
# Create spatial data
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk, locAdj = "LL")
if (useBorder) {
# Read country borders, only used for plotting
 borders = gisco_get_nuts(nuts_level = 0)
 dkb = borders[borders$CNTR_CODE == "DK",] %>% st_transform(crs = 3035)
}
ress = c(1,5,10,20,40,80)*1000
ifl = gridData(ifg, vars = c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG"), weights = "EXT_CORE",
```

ifs\_dk 9

```
res = ress)
ifl2 = gridData(ifg, vars = c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG"), weights = "EXT_CORE",
              res = ress, nclus = 2)
all.equal(ifl, ifl2)
if (require(ggplot2)) {
ifall = do.call("rbind", ifl)
g1 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = ifall, aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of \n holdings", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "number of \n holdings", trans = "log10") +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) +
 theme_bw() +
 ggtitle("Number of holdings for different resolutions") +
 facet_wrap(vars(res))
 if (useBorder) g1 = g1 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
g1
}
#'
MRGcluster(action = "stop")
```

ifs\_dk

Test data sets for the MRG package

## Description

Synthetic data set of Danish farming data, similar to the structure of the real Farm Structure Survey (FSS) data. It contains more than 37,000 synthetic records - generated in a way that should replicate the structure and the distribution of real data, but where the individual data are different from the real data.

## Usage

```
data(ifs_dk)
```

## **Format**

A data frame with 37,088 rows and 14 variables

- COUNTRY The name of the country
- YEAR The year of the survey data
- ID\_SYNTH Unique ID of the record
- FARMTYPE Farm typology. Farms are classified into different types according to their dominant activity and standard output value (proxy for farm income). For further information see https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Glossary:Farm\_typology

 $ifs\_dk$ 

• HLD\_FEF Not used. Farm is included in frame extension (HLD\_FEF=1) or main frame (HLD\_FEF=0)

- REGIONS NUTS2 region
- GEO\_LCT The geolocation in typical FSS-format, including both country, CRS and xy coordinates
- EXT\_CORE The extrapolation weights for core data (1 in this data set)
- STRA\_ID\_CORE Which stratum the record belongs to only used for the reliability checking
- UAA The utilized agricultural area of the farm
- UAAXK0000\_ORG The organic utilized agricultural area, excluding kitchen gardens of the farm. UAAXK0000\_ORG includes fully certified area and area under conversion
- Sample Whether the record should be included as a weighted subsample
- EXT MODULE The extrapolation weights for the sample data

A data frame with 37088 rows and 14 variables

#### **Details**

The variables are as follows:

For practical purposes, we have derived a synthetic data set from the original 2020 agricultural census micro data. Although synthetic data sets are a feasible way to provide public access to the data by mitigating any confidentiality concerns, there have only been a few attempts made to create synthetic public files of micro data collected by official statistical institutes.

The attached data set has been produced by application of a hot-deck procedure - originally developed to impute missing information - to substitute a data entry from the original data (i.e., the recipient) by using a value from a similar record (i.e., the donor) within the same classification group (Andridge and Little, 2010; Ford, 1983; Joenssen and Bankhofer, 2012).

A single hot deck imputed data set is computed for each country individually. First, records are partitioned into homogeneous groups so that the donors follow the same distribution as the recipients. Data points from the recipients are substituted sequentially based on a value from a varying pool of donors. Furthermore, the nearest neighbour matching technique using distance metrics is applied to select the most appropriate donor from the pool of donors. For a few of the discrete variables, such as \$FARMTYPE\$, \$SO\_EUR\$, \$HLD\_FEF\$ and \$NUTS2\$, a donor was chosen randomly by preserving the original empirical distribution or they were simply randomly decoded (i.e., renamed). The variable containing information about the geographical location (\$GEO\_LCT\$) of the agricultural holding was imputed by restricting the donor to the same country. To assess the quality rating system (i.e., the reliability), we created an artificial sample (\$SAMPLE\$) with the respective extrapolation factors (\$EXT\_MODULE\$) based on stratification. The sample size consists of approximately one third of the synthetic 2020 census for Denmark.

The empirical distribution of the two main variables of interest of the synthetic data, \$UAA\$ and \$UAAXK0000\_ORG\$ are widely preserved within the different economic size classes.

## References

Andridge RR, Little RJ (2010). A review of hot deck imputation for survey non-response. International statistical review, 78(1), 40–64.

locAdjFun 11

Ford BL (1983). An overview of hot-deck procedures." Incomplete data in sample surveys, 2(Part IV), 185–207.

Joenssen DW, Bankhofer U (2012). Hot deck methods for imputing missing data. In P Perner (ed.), Machine Learning and Data Mining in Pattern Recognition, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, pp. 63–75. Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg. ISBN 978-3-642-31537-4. doi:10.1007/978-3-642-31537-4\_6

locAdjFun	Function that modifies the observation locations, to reduce the risk that they are on grid cell boundaries

## Description

Function that modifies the observation locations, to reduce the risk that they are on grid cell boundaries

### Usage

```
locAdjFun(ifg, locAdj, ress)
```

## **Arguments**

_	
ifg	Either a data frame or tibble or sf-object with the locations and the data of the survey or census data, or a list of such objects.
locAdj	parameter to adjust the coordinates if they are exactly on the borders between grid cells. The values can either be FALSE, or "jitter" (adding a small random value to the coordinates, essentially spreading them randomly around the real location), "UR", "UL", "LR" or "LL", to describe which corner of the grid cell the location belong (upper right, upper left, lower right or lower left).
ress	A vector with the different resolutions

#### **Details**

This can be used as a pre-processing step before creating a multi-resolution grid. The gridding procedure will have problems if the points are located exactly on grid cell boundaries. The locations should therefore be slightly modified, to better control to which grid cells they are associated. This can either be a systematic modification, or a random modification.

In the case of FSS data, the coordinates have been reported as the lower left corner of a 1 km grid.

## Value

An sf-object with slightly modified locations for the survey or census data, according to the locAdjparameter MRGcluster 12

# **Examples**

```
data(ifs_dk)
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk, locAdj = FALSE)
ifg = locAdjFun(ifg, "LL")
```

MRGcluster

Function that allows to apply parallel processing

# Description

Function that allows to apply parallel processing

# Usage

```
MRGcluster(nclus, ..., action = "start", clusType, outfile = NULL)
```

# Arguments

nclus	Number of clusters to use for parallel processing. No parallelization is used for nclus = 1.
	arguments that should be evaluated in the cluster (can also be called later)
action	Defines the action of the function. There are three options:
	"start" Starts a new cluster if necessary, reuses an existing if it has already been started
	"restart" Stops the cluster and starts it again. To be used in case there are difficulties with the cluster, or if the user wants to change the type of the cluster
clusType	The type of cluster; see makeCluster for more details. The default of makeCluster is used if type is missing or NA.
outfile	File to direct the output, makeCluster for more details.

## Value

The function will either return a cluster for parallel computation, or stop a cluster (returning NULL)

MRGmerge 13

MRGmerge Merge two or more multi-resolution grids to a common resolution	
--	--

## **Description**

Merge two or more multi-resolution grids to a common resolution

# Usage

```
MRGmerge(himg1, himg2, vars1, vars2, na.rm = TRUE, postProcess = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

himg1	Either a grid resulting from a call to multiResGrid, or a list of such grids
himg2	A grid resulting from a call to multiResGrid
vars1	Variable(s) of interest that should be merged from the first grid, or a list of variables, one for each grid in the list himg1
vars2	Variable(s) of interest that should be merged from the second grid
na.rm	Should NA values be removed when summing values (essentially treating them equal to zero)
postProcess	Logical; should the postprocessing be done as part of creation of the multires- olution grid (TRUE), or be done in a separate step afterwards (FALSE). The second option is useful when wanting to check the confidential grid cells of the final map
• • •	Additional grids (himg3, himg4,) and variables (vars3, vars4,) to be merged. Additional grids and variables must be named.

### **Details**

This function can merge different multi-resolution grids to a common resolution, i.e., it will select the grid cells with the lowest resolution, as these are the ones defining the restrictions.

The function will merge the variable names in vars1, vars2, ... if they exist. If they are missing, the function will look for variable names in the attributes of the grids (attr(himg, "vars")). These are added by multiResGrid, but will often disappear if the grid has been manipulated, or has been exported to another format for transmission.

If the variables are not given as vars or attributes, the function will try to guess them from the column names. Typical column names used by MRG (mostly temporary variables such as small, confidential etc) will be ignored. If variable names partly coincide with any of these names, or with count, res, geometry, it is necessary to specify vars.

The multi-resolution grids must be passed as named parameters if more than two are given.

Common variable names in different grids should be avoided.

The default of the function is to treat NA-values as zeroes when merging (through na.rm in sums). It will therefore not be possible to separate restricted grid cells from grid cells with zero observations

14 MRGmerge

after merging, except for the ones that have been left as they were. The alternative would be a much higher number of NA-values in the merged grids.

The resulting grid will most likely not have exactly the same values as a multi-resolution grid produced directly from the microdata. If the input-grids have been post-processed (the normal situation when not having access to the microdata), the grid cell values have usually been rounded, and some might have been suppressed. As these rounded and potentially suppressed values are summed, their values are likely to deviate from those that are computed directly from the microdata through a joint gridding process.

## **Examples**

```
library(sf)
# These are SYNTHETIC agricultural FSS data
data(ifs_dk) # Census data
ifs_weight = ifs_dk %>% dplyr::filter(Sample == 1) # Extract weighted subsample
# Create spatial data
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk, locAdj = "LL")
fsg = fssgeo(ifs_weight, locAdj = "LL")
# We use the numeric part of the farmtype to create a third variable. This
# is done for the an example, the value does not have any meaning when treated
# like this
ifg$ft = as.numeric(substr(ifg$FARMTYPE, 3, 4))^2
ress = c(1,5,10,20,40,80,160)*1000
# Create regular grid of the variables
ifl = gridData(ifg, vars = c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG", "ft"), res = ress)
# Create the different multi-resolution grids
himg1 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = "UAA", ifg = ifg, postProcess = FALSE)
himg2 = multiResGrid(if1, vars = "UAAXK0000_ORG", ifg = ifg, postProcess = FALSE)
himg3 = multiResGrid(if1, vars = "ft", ifg = ifg, postProcess = FALSE)
# The grids have different number of polygons
dim(himg1)
dim(himg2)
dim(himg3)
hh1 = MRGmerge(himg1, himg2, himg3 = himg3)
# Postprocessing can also be done on the merged object
hh11 = MRGmerge(himg1, himg2, himg3 = himg3, postProcess = TRUE, rounding = -1)
dim(hh11)
summary(hh1$UAA-hh11$UAA)
# Try to avoid having the same variable names in two different multi-resolution grids,
# although it works in this case
himg21 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG"), ifg = ifg, postProcess = FALSE)
hh3 = MRGmerge(himg1, himg21, himg3 = himg3)
```

MRGpostProcess 15

```
summary(hh3[, c("UAA", "UAA.1")])
himg4 = multiResGrid(if1, vars = c("UAA", "ft", "UAAXK0000_ORG"), ifg = ifg, postProcess = FALSE)
summary(hh1[, c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG", "ft")])
summary(himg4[, c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG", "ft")])
```

MRGpostProcess

Make some final adjustments to the multiresolution grids

# Description

Make some final adjustments to the multiresolution grids

## Usage

```
MRGpostProcess(himg, vars, remCols = TRUE, rounding = -1)
```

## Arguments

himg	The grid resulting from a call to multiResGrid
vars	Variable(s) of interest that should be aggregated (necessary when ifg is used for individual farm specific anonymization rules)
remCols	Logical; Should intermediate columns be removed? Can be set to FALSE for further analyses. Temporary columns will not be removed if their names partly match the variable names of vars
rounding	either logical (FALSE) or an integer indicating the number of decimal places to be used. Negative values are allowed (such as the default value rounding to the closest 10). See also the details for digits in round.

#### **Details**

The postprocessing function is normally called directly from multiResGrid. However, it might be useful to check the values of the grid cells that will be suppressed, and the values before rounding. In that case multiResGrid can be called with the argument postProcess = FALSE, and the post processing be done separately.

## Value

The function will return a post-processed multi-resolution grid with non-confidential gridded data. See multiResGrid for more information.

## **Examples**

```
library(sf)

# These are SYNTHETIC agricultural FSS data
data(ifs_dk) # Census data
# Create spatial data
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk, locAdj = "LL")

# Set the base resolutions, and create a hierarchical list with gridded data
ress = 1000*2^(1:7)
ifl = gridData(ifg, "UAA", res = ress)
himg = multiResGrid(ifl, ifg = ifg, var = "UAA", weight = "EXT_CORE", postProcess = FALSE)
himgp = MRGpostProcess(himg, var = "UAA")

# Confidential grid cells, being suppressed in postProcessing
himg[himg$confidential,]
```

multiResGrid

Create multi-resolution grids based on confidentiality or reliability restrictions

# Description

Function that creates a multi-resolution grid with larger grid cells in regions with lower resolution of data, or where data needs to be anonymized for disclosure control reasons. The function can also be used to create a grid of new variables, using an existing multi-resolution grid as template.

## Usage

```
multiResGrid(MRGinp, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MRG'
multiResGrid(MRGinp, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sf'
multiResGrid(MRGinp, ..., ifg, vars)
## S3 method for class 'list'
multiResGrid(
    MRGinp,
    ifg,
    vars,
    weights,
    countFeatureOrTotal = "feature",
    mincount = 10,
    nlarge = 2,
    plim = 0.85,
```

```
verbose = FALSE,
  domEstat = TRUE,
 outfile = NULL,
  checkDominance = TRUE,
  checkReliability = FALSE,
  userfun,
  strat = NULL,
  confrules = "individual",
  suppresslim = 0,
  sumsmall = FALSE,
  suppresslimSum = NULL,
  reliabilitySplit = TRUE,
  pseudoreg = NULL,
  plotIntermediate = FALSE,
  addIntermediate = FALSE,
  postProcess = TRUE,
  rounding = -1,
  remCols = TRUE,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

weights

MRGinp	Either an MRGobject (from a call to createMRGobject) or a list of gridded
	data with different resolutions (from a call to gridData or a gridded sf-object
	(typically from an earlier call to multiResGrid)
	Possible arguments to underlying functions

ifg Either a data frame or tibble or sf-object with the locations and the data of the

survey or census data, or a list of such objects.

vars Variable(s) of interest that should be aggregated (necessary when ifg is used for

individual farm specific anonymization rules)

Extrapolation factor(s) (weights) wi of unit i in the sample of units nc falling into a specific cell c. Weights are used for disclosure control measures. A weight of 1 will be used if missing. If only one weight is given, it will be used for all variables. If the length is more than one, the length has to be equal to the number of variables. If the same weight is used for several variables, it must be repeated in the weights-vector

countFeatureOrTotal

Should the frequency limit be applied on records with a positive value for a

certain feature, or on all records, independent of value of feature

mincount The minimum number of farms for a grid cell (threshold rule)

nlarge Parameter to be used if the nlarge(st) farms should count for maximum plim

percent of the total value for the variable in the grid cell (see details of gridData)

plim See nlarge

verbose Indicates if some extra output should be printed. Usually TRUE/FALSE, but can

also have a value of 2 for multiResGrid for even more output.

domEstat Should the dominance rule be applied as in the IFS handbook (TRUE), where

the weights are rounded before finding the first nlarge contributors, or should it be the first nlarge contributors\*weight, where also fractions are considered

(FALSE)?

outfile File to direct the output in case of parallel processing, see makeCluster for

more details.

checkDominance Logical - should the dominance rule be applied?

checkReliability

Logical - should the prediction variance be checked, and used for the aggrega-

tion? This considerably increases computation time

userfun This gives the possibility to add a user defined function with additional confi-

dentiality rules which the grid cell has to pass

strat Column name defining the strata for stratified sampling, used if checkReliability

is TRUE

confrules Should the frequency rule (number of holdings) refer to the number of holdings

with a value of the individual vars above zero ("individual") or the total number

of holdings in the data set ("total")?

suppresslim Parameter that can be used to avoid that almost empty grid cells are merged with

cells with considerably higher number of observations. The value is a minimum share of the total potential new cell for a grid cell to be aggregated. See below

for more details.

sumsmall Logical; should the suppresslimSum value be applied on the sum of small grid

cells within the lower resolution grid cell? Note that different combinations of suppreslim and suppreslimSum values might not give completely intuitive results. For instance, if both are equal, then a higher value can lead to more grid cells being left unaggregated for smaller grid sizes, leading to aggregation for a

large grid cell

suppresslimSum Parameter similar to suppreslim, but affecting the total of grid cells to be sup-

pressed

reliabilitySplit

Logical or number - parameter to be used in calculation of the reliability (if checkReliability = TRUE). It can either give the number of groups, or if TRUE, it will create groups of approdcimately 50,000 records per group. If FALSE, the

data set will not be split, independent on the size.

pseudoreg A column with regions to be used to define pseudostrata if checkReliability is

TRUE. This is used for the cases when one or more strata only has a single record (and the weight is different from one). This makes variance calculation impossible, so such strata are merged into a pseudostrata. If pseudoreg is given (for example a column with the country name, or NUTS2 region), the pseudos-

trata will be created separately for each pseudoreg region.

plotIntermediate

Logical or number - make a simple plot showing which grid cells have already passed the frequency rule. plotintermediate = TRUE, the function will wait 5 seconds after plotting before continuing, otherwise it will wait plotintermediate

seconds.

addIntermediate

Logical; will add a list of all intermediate himgs and lohs (overlay of himg and

the lower resolution grid) as an attribute to the object to be returned

postProcess Logical; should the postprocessing be done as part of creation of the multires-

olution grid (TRUE), or be done in a separate step afterwards (FALSE). The second option is useful when wanting to check the confidential grid cells of the

final map

rounding either logical (FALSE) or an integer indicating the number of decimal places to

be used. Negative values are allowed (such as the default value rounding to the

closest 10). See also the details for digits in round.

remCols Logical; Should intermediate columns be removed? Can be set to FALSE for

further analyses. Temporary columns will not be removed if their names partly

match the variable names of vars

#### **Details**

The possible restrictions that will lead to aggregation of a grid cell are:

1. Frequency rule (Aggregate to reach a minimum number of counts)

2. Dominance rule (Aggregate because of dominance by one or more units)

3. Reliability rule (Aggregate because the uncertainty is too high)

4. User defined rule (Aggregate because a grid cell does not respect a user defined criteria)

This function will find the highest resolution data set that fulfills the confidentiality rules and potential reliability rules for variable(s) of interest. Starting with the second highest resolution (5 km in the default settings), the function will check if any of the 1 km sub pixels will have values not fulfilling any of the confidentiality rules (number of farms, values of the 2 largest compared to values of the entire grid cell). If all values are above the confidentiality limits, the grid cells will be kept at a 1 km resolution, otherwise only the 5 km grid cell will be kept. This will again be tested against the confidentiality rules in the next iteration, when grid cells will possibly be merged to 10 km grid cells.

The function can also be called if it is necessary to create a grid of a new variable for the same grid as an already existing variable. The confidentiality rules will then be applied to the new variables for the existing grid cells, and mask the ones that do not respect the rules. The function will not do any further merging of grid cells, for this it is necessary to grid the variables together. This feature is useful when the new data set has a similar resolution as the original data set. It will give a high number of missing values if the resolution of the new data is more sparse than the original. In the examples below, this means that it is possible to copy the grid of organic organic agricultural area to a grid of all agricultural area, whereas the opposite will not work well.

The standard threshold rule for spatial data is at least 10 units (mincount). The parameters nlarge and plim are used for determining the dominance treatment for the variable of interest, with default values of nlarge = 2 and plim = 0.85. If more than plim of the values of the grid cell (e.g. UAA, arable land, number of livestock) is explained by 1-nlarge weighted holdings, the grid cell will not pass the confidentiality rule.

The concept of reliability is explained in details in section 4.6 in the integrated farm survey hand-book for 2023: https://wikis.ec.europa.eu/display/IFS/Integrated+Farm+Statistics+Manual+ In short, it is an estimate of the coefficient of variation for an estimate (a grid cell in this case), based on the

number in the sample relative to the number in the population, and taking into account possible stratified sampling approaches. The number is zero if all holdings in the population in a grid cell has been sampled, and the default requirement is that the CV is less than 35

The computation can be time and memory intensive, particularly for the first iteration. The method involves creation (and inversion) of a matrix of size nr\*ng, where nr is the number of records and ng is the number of grid cells. it is therefore sometimes necessary to split the data set into smaller parts, to reduce the computational challenges. The parameter reliabilitySplit is used for this. It will split the area of interest into several subsets. This will have some impact on the reliability calculations. The reliabilitySplit value might be set temporarily higher for the first iterations, as it will also depend on the number of grid cells.

Reliability cannot be calculated for records belonging to strata with only one record. The function will therefore attempt to merge these into pseudostrata, if there is more than one of these strata. The pseudoreg-parameter can be used to define the regions within which the pseudostrata are created (for example NUTS2-region). If there are still strata with only one record, these will cause a printed warning.

There are some cases where aggregation might not be desired. In the situation where a relatively large single grid cell does not respect the confidentiality rules, it is fine to aggregate it if the neighbouring grid cells are also relatively large. However, it can be seen as unfortunate if the single cell was aggregated with many smaller grid cells that could otherwise be disseminated at a high resolution. The added value of being able to present a value for a region with very few farms is perhaps lower than what is lost by having to aggregate to a lower resolution. The parameter suppresslim indicates the minimum value in a grid cell relative to the possible lower resolution grid cell before it is necessary to aggregate. If the limit is 0.05, a grid cell would only cause an aggregation to lower resolution if the value in the grid cell is more than 5% of the value in the lower resolution grid cell. Instead, it would be left as it is, and will be suppressed in the post-processing step.

There are cases when the built-in confidentiality checks are not what the user needs. That is why it is possible to submit a user defined function. This function needs to follow certain rules.

- 1. The first argument must be a data.frame with name df. This is a data.frame with the individual records for a particular grid cell. It has three columns:
  - (a) himgid the ID of the current grid cell. This is the grouping variable and is constant for the data.frame
  - (b) gridvar a new common name for the current variable to be gridded
  - (c) weight the weight of the variable to be gridded
- 2. The function can include additional parameters for calculation of confidentiality (or reliability, or suitability, if the meaning of the function refers to something else). This can be new parameters to this particular function (through the ellipsis argument (...) of multiResGrid), existing parameters to multiResGrid, or potentially internal variables of multiResGrid.)
- 3. The result of the function must be a logical, either the rule was passed for the records of this grid cell, or not (TRUE/FALSE)
- 4. The function can potentially use internal variables of multiResGrid, however, the meaning of these will have to be understood from the code

A simple example of a userfun is given in the example section below (the one producing himg6)

#### Value

The function will return a multi-resolution grid with observations gridded to different grid cell sizes according to the confidentiality rules to be applied. It can also include some additional columns that indicates which of the different confidentiality rules that have been applied.

Note that the function might (if postProcess = FALSE) return values also for the confidential gridcells.

## **Examples**

```
library(sf)
if (!require(ggplot2)) print("Plotting of results will not work
                     without installation of ggplot2")
if (!require(viridis)) print("Some of the plots will not work
                     without installation of viridis package")
if (!require(patchwork)) print("Some of the plots will not work
                     without installation of patchwork")
if (require(giscoR)) {
 useBorder = TRUE
} else {
 useBorder = FALSE
 print("You need to install giscoR for plotting borders and clipping the gridded maps")
# These are SYNTHETIC agricultural FSS data
data(ifs_dk) # Census data
ifs_weight = ifs_dk %>% dplyr::filter(Sample == 1) # Extract weighted subsample
# Create spatial data
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk, locAdj = "LL")
fsg = fssgeo(ifs_weight, locAdj = "LL")
if (useBorder) {
# Read country borders, only used for plotting
 borders = gisco_get_nuts(nuts_level = 0)
 dkb = borders[borders$CNTR_CODE == "DK",] %>% st_transform(crs = 3035)
}
ress = c(1,5,10,20,40,80,160)*1000
# Gridding Utilized agricultural area (UAA)
ifl = gridData(ifg, "UAA", res = ress)
# Gridding organic utilized agricultural area
ifl2 = gridData(ifg, vars = "UAAXK0000_ORG", res = ress)
# Gridding UAA and organic UAA together
ifl3 = gridData(ifg, vars = c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG"), res = ress)
# Gridding the UAA from the survey - the survey weights are in the column EXT_MODULE
fsl = gridData(fsg, vars = c("UAA"), weights = "EXT_MODULE", res = ress)
# Create a multi-resolution grid only with farm number as confidentiality rule, then plot results
himg0 = multiResGrid(if1, checkReliability = FALSE, suppresslim = 0)
```

```
ggplot(himg0) + geom_sf(aes(fill = count))
# Create a multi-resolution grid of UAA, also based on the dominance rule (default)
himg1 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = "UAA", ifg = ifg)
  p1 = ggplot(himg1) + geom_sf(aes(fill = UAA))
# Create multi-resolution grid of organic UAA
himg2 = multiResGrid(ifl2, vars = "UAAXK0000_ORG", ifg = ifg)
himg21 = multiResGrid(if12, vars = "UAAXK0000_ORG", ifg = ifg, postProcess = FALSE)
ggplot(himg2) + geom_sf(aes(fill = UAAXK0000_ORG))
# Create joint multi-resolution grid of organic UAA and total UAA
himg3 = multiResGrid(ifl3, vars = c("UAA", "UAAXK0000_ORG"), ifg = ifg,
                  checkReliability = FALSE, suppresslim = 0)
# Create multi-resolution grid of organic UAA, based on the UAA grid
# The large number of missing values indicates that this feature should
# mainly be used for data that have similar or higher resolution as the
# original data set.
himg33 = multiResGrid(himg1, vars = c("UAAXK0000_ORG"), ifg = ifg,
                  checkReliability = FALSE, suppresslim = 0)
p31 = ggplot(himg3) + geom_sf(aes(fill = UAA))
p32 = ggplot(himg3) + geom_sf(aes(fill = UAAXK0000_ORG))
p33 = ggplot(himg33) + geom_sf(aes(fill = UAAXK0000_ORG))
p31 + p32 + p33
# Create multi-resolution grid of UAA, based on survey data,
# with and without applying reliability check
# This is a relatively slow functionality
# rounding is set to FALSE, to be better able to visualize the few records
# (Not recommended for data to be published)
himg4 = multiResGrid(fsl, vars = c("UAA"), weights = "EXT_MODULE", ifg = fsg,
                     strat = "STRA_ID_CORE", checkReliability = FALSE, rounding = FALSE)
# The parameter reliabilitySplit = 15 will divide the data set in 15 groups for the
# reliabilityCheck.
# A lower value would be recommended, but a high value speeds up the computation for this example
himg5 = multiResGrid(fsl, vars = c("UAA"), weights = "EXT_MODULE", ifg = fsg,
                      strat = "STRA_ID_CORE", checkReliability = TRUE,
                      reliabilitySplit = TRUE, rounding = FALSE, pseudoreg = "REGIONS")
# Apply suppreslim to suppress insignificant grid cells
# Show intermediate maps of confidential cells (wait 5 seconds)
pint = ifelse(interactive(), 5, FALSE)
#himg11 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = "UAA", ifg = ifg,
                   suppresslim = 0, plotIntermediate = pint)
himg11 = himg1
himg12 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = "UAA", ifg = ifg,
                 suppresslim = 0.02, plotIntermediate = pint)
himg13 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = "UAA", ifg = ifg,
                 suppresslim = 0.05, plotIntermediate = pint)
himg14 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = "UAA", ifg = ifg,
                 suppresslim = 0.1, plotIntermediate = pint)
```

```
# This is an example of a userfun that can be used for alternative restrictions
 # for a grid cell. This particular toy example assures that there are at least
 # \code{nabove} records with a value (UAA in this case) above a certain "limit".
 ufun = function(df, nabove, limit) {
  sum(df$gridvar > limit) < nabove</pre>
 }
himg6 = multiResGrid(ifl, vars = "UAA", ifg = ifg,
           suppresslim = 0.2, plotIntermediate = pint, userfun = ufun, nabove = 5, limit = 10)
if (useBorder) himg00 = st_intersection(dkb, himg0) else himg00 = himg0
p00 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg00, aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of farms", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "number of farms", trans = "log10") +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Number of farms for variable grid cell size, only frequency confidentiality") +
if (useBorder) p00 = p00 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
00q
if (useBorder) himg01 = st_intersection(dkb, himg1) else himg01 = himg1
p01 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg01, aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of farms", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "number of farms", trans = "log10") +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) +#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Number of farms for variable grid cell size, frequency and dominance confidentiality") +
 theme_bw()
if (useBorder) p01 = p01 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
p01
# Plot the density of organic agriculture, as hectares per square km
if (useBorder)himg02 = st_intersection(dkb, himg2) else himg02 = himg2
himg02$orgarea = himg02$UAAXK0000_ORG/units::set_units(st_area(himg02), "km^2")
units(himg02$orgarea) = NULL
p02 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg02, aes(fill = organea), lwd = 0) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "ha / km2") +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Organic UAA density") +
 theme_bw()
if (useBorder) p02 = p02 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
p02
# Plot the relative abundance of organic UAA relative to total UAA
if (useBorder) himg03 = st_intersection(dkb, himg3) else himg03 = himg3
himg03$ouaashare = himg03$UAAXK0000_ORG/himg03$UAA*100
p03 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg03, aes(fill = ouaashare), lwd = 0) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "% Organic") +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Organic share") +
 theme_bw()
```

```
if (useBorder) p03 = p03 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
# Plot maps from survey data before and after adding the reliability constraint
# The percentage of UAA can be above 100% due to farm area being registered at the location
# of the administration building, but the map without reliability check has too high values
# for too many cells
if (useBorder) himg04 = st_intersection(dkb, himg4) else himg04 = himg4
himg04$area = st_area(himg04)/1e6
units(himg04$area) = NULL
himg04$uaashare = himg04$UAA/himg04$area
himg04$uaashare[himg04$uaashare > 1000] = 1000
p04 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg04, aes(fill = uaashare), lwd = 0) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "% UAA", trans = "log10", limits = c(1,1000)) +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("UAA share (sample without reliability check)") +
if (useBorder) p04 = p04 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
p04
if (useBorder) himg05 = st_intersection(dkb, himg5) else himg05 = himg5
himg05$area = st_area(himg05)/1e6
units(himg05\$area) = NULL
himg05$uaashare = himg05$UAA/himg05$area
himg05$uaashare[himg05$uaashare > 1000] = 1000
p05 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg05, aes(fill = uaashare), lwd = 0) +
 scale_fill_viridis(name = "% UAA", trans = "log10", limits = c(1,1000)) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("UAA share (sample with reliability check)") +
  theme_bw()
if (useBorder) p05 = p05 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
if (require(patchwork)) p04 + p05 + plot_layout(guides = "collect")
if (useBorder) himg06 = st_intersection(dkb, himg6) else himg06 = himg6
p06 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg06, aes(fill = UAA), lwd = 0) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "ha") +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("UAA, with additional user defined function") +
 theme bw()
if (useBorder) p06 = p06 + geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1)
p06
# Plot the different maps from using different suppreslim values
himgs = list(himg11, himg12, himg13, himg14)
slims = c(0, 0.02, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2)
plots = list()
uaas = c(himg11$UAA, himg12$UAA, himg13$UAA, himg14$UAA)
lims = range(uaas[uaas > 0], na.rm = TRUE)
```

#' @rdname multiResGrid

remSmall

Function that will move values from grid cells with small values to the ones with larger values for disclosure control reasons

## **Description**

Two main confidentiality rules are considered: - Threshold rule (suppression due to a minimum number of counts) - Dominance rule (suppression due to dominance by one or more units)

## Usage

```
remSmall(
  gdl,
  ress,
  ires0,
 mincount = 10,
  ifg,
  var,
 weight,
  nlarge = 2,
  plim = 0.85,
  sampleRandom = TRUE,
  domEstat = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  nclus = 1,
  clusType,
  outfile = NULL,
  checkDominance = TRUE,
  checkReliability = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

gdl A list of gridded data with different resolutions (from a call to gridData A vector with the different resolutions ress Which resolution level to use as base for the downscaling ires0 mincount The minimum number of farms for a grid cell (threshold rule) ifg Either a data.frame or tibble or sf-object with the locations and the data of the survey or census data, or a list of such objects. Variable of interest that should be aggregated (necessary when ifg is used for var individual farm specific confidence rules) weight Extrapolation factor (weight) wi of unit i in the sample of units nc falling into a specific cell c. Weights are used for disclosure control measures. nlarge Parameter to be used if the nlarge(st) farms should count for maximum plim percent of the total value for the variable in the grid cell (see details of gridData) plim See nlarge sampleRandom Logical; if the value is TRUE, values from grid cells with values under the limit will be moved to a random neighbour if there are more neighbours above the limit. False will always pick the largest (and the first one in the list if they are equal) domEstat Should the dominance rule be applied as in the IFS handbook (TRUE), where the weights are rounded before finding the first nlarge contributors, or should it be the first nlarge contributors\*weight, where also fractions are considered (FALSE)? verbose Indicates if some extra output should be printed. Usually TRUE/FALSE, but can also have a value of 2 for multiResGrid for even more output. nclus Number of clusters to use for parallel processing. No parallelization is used for nclus = 1.The type of cluster; see makeCluster for more details. The default of makeClusclusType ter is used if type is missing or NA outfile File to direct the output in case of parallel processing, see makeCluster for more details.

checkDominance Logical - should the dominance rule be applied?

checkReliability

Logical - should the prediction variance be checked, and used for the aggregation? This considerably increases computation time

#### **Details**

This function uses the hierarchy of gridded data to associate values from grid cells that need to be anonymized to the grid cell with the highest values, within increasingly larger sub-grids.

The parameters nlarge and plim are used for setting value dependent confidentiality rules. If the rule is that the largest two holdings in a grid cell should not count for more than 85 of the total value (UAA, number of livestock, ...), then nlarge = 2 and plim = 0.85

The function will create set the value to NA for the grid cells where the content has been moved to a neighbouring grid cells.

#### Value

A gridded data set, where each grid cell respects the confidentiality rules.

## **Examples**

```
library(sf)
library(sf)
if (!require(ggplot2)) print("Plotting of results will not work without installation of ggplot2")
if (!require(viridis)) print("Some of the plots will not work without installation of ggplot2")
if (!require(patchwork)) print("Some of the plots will not work without installation of patchwork")
if (require(giscoR)) {
 useBorder = TRUE
} else {
 useBorder = FALSE
 print("You need to install giscoR for plotting borders and clipping the gridded maps")
# These are SYNTHETIC agricultural FSS data
data(ifs_dk) # Census data
ifs_weight = ifs_dk %>% dplyr::filter(Sample == 1) # Extract weighted subsample
# Create spatial data
ifg = fssgeo(ifs_dk, locAdj = "LL")
fsg = fssgeo(ifs_weight, locAdj = "LL")
if (useBorder) {
# Read country borders, only used for plotting
 borders = gisco_get_nuts(nuts_level = 0)
 dkb = borders[borders$CNTR_CODE == "DK",] %>% st_transform(crs = 3035)
}
# Set the base resolutions, and create a hierarchical list with gridded data
ress = c(1,5,10,20,40,80,160,320,640,1280,2560)*1000
# Create the grid with UAA as variable and EXT_CORE as weight
# These can be dropped if only the number of farms are of interest in the analyses
ifl = gridData(ifg, "UAA", weight = "EXT_CORE", res = ress)
# Run the procedure for the third resolution level (10 km), only using number of holdings
# as confidentiality rule
# himg1 and himg2 should give the same result, but only when sampleRandom = FALSE
himg1 <- remSmall(ifl, ress, 3, sampleRandom = FALSE)</pre>
plot(himg1[, "count"])
himg12 <- remSmall(ifl, ress, 3, sampleRandom = FALSE, nclus = 2)</pre>
# Run the procedure for UAA, using the defaults for variable
# confidentiality rule (nlarge = 2 and plim = 0.85)
himg2 <- remSmall(ifl, ress, weight = "EXT_CORE", ires0 = 3, var = "UAA", ifg = ifg)
plot(himg2[, "count"])
plot(himg2[, "UAA"])
# Run the procedure for organic UAA, but still requiring 10 holdings of any kind per grid cell
# Using resolution level 5 (40 km)
```

```
iflOuaaAll = gridData(ifg, "UAAXK0000_ORG", res = ress)
himg3 = remSmall(iflOuaaAll, ress, 5, ifg = ifg, var = "UAAXK0000_ORG")
plot(himg3[, "count"])
plot(himg3[, "UAAXK0000_ORG"])
# Run the procedure for organic UAA, but require at least 10 organic holdings per grid cell
# Using resolution level 5 (40 km)
ifgOuaa = ifg[ifg$UAAXK0000_ORG > 0, ]
iflOuaa = list()
iflOuaa = gridData(ifgOuaa, "UAAXK0000_ORG", res = ress)
himg4 = remSmall(iflOuaa, ress, 5, ifg = ifg, var = "UAAXK0000_ORG")
plot(himg4[, "count"])
plot(himg4[, "UAAXK0000_ORG"])
himg4l = list()
# Run the proceduure for organic UAA for different resolution levels
for (ipl in 1:6) himg4l[[ipl]] = remSmall(iflOuaa, ress, ipl, ifg = ifg, var = "UAAXK0000_ORG")
 # Create proper plots
 breaks = c(1,3,10,30,100)
 labels = breaks
 p1 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg1, aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10",
                 breaks = breaks, labels = labels, limits = c(1,100) +
  scale_color_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10",
                 breaks = breaks, labels = labels, limits = c(1,100) +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Number of holdings after swapping") +
 theme_bw()
# For comparison the number of organic farms and organic UAA, without taking any
# confidentiality into account
gcompOfarms = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = ifl[[3]], aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10",
                         breaks = breaks, labels = labels, limits = c(1,100)) +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10",
                         breaks = breaks, labels = labels, limits = c(1,100) +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) +
 ggtitle("Number of holdings - ordinary gridded data") +
 theme_bw()
 gcompOfarms + p1 + plot_layout(guides = "collect")
 p2 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg2, aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10") +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Number of farms - corrected for farm size") +
 theme_bw()
```

```
p3 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg2, aes(fill = UAA, color = UAA)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "UAA", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "UAA", trans = "log10") +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("UAA - corrected for farm size") +
 theme_bw()
 p4 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg3, aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10") +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Number of farms - based on number of organic farms and organic farm size") +
 theme_bw()
 p5 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg3, aes(fill = UAAXK0000_ORG, color = UAAXK0000_ORG)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "UAA organic", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "UAA organic", trans = "log10") +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("UAA organic - based on organic farm numbers and size") +
 theme_bw()
 p6 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg4, aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10") +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10") +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("Number of organic farms - based on organic farm numbers and size") +
 theme_bw()
 uaalims = c(min(c(himg4$UAAXK0000_ORG, if1Ouaa[[5]]$UAAXK0000_ORG), na.rm = TRUE),
             max(c(himg4$UAAXK0000_ORG, iflOuaa[[5]]$UAAXK0000_ORG), na.rm = TRUE))
 p7 = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg4, aes(fill = UAAXK0000_ORG, color = UAAXK0000_ORG)) +
 scale_fill_viridis( name = "UAA organic", trans = "log10", limits = uaalims) +
 scale_color_viridis( name = "UAA organic", trans = "log10", limits = uaalims) +
 geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
 coord_sf(crs = 3035) + \#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
 ggtitle("UAA organic after swapping ") +
 theme_bw()
# For comparison the number of organic farms and organic UAA, without taking any
# confidentiality into account
gcompOUAA = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = iflOuaa[[5]],
                  aes(fill = UAAXK0000_ORG, color = UAAXK0000_ORG)) +
scale_fill_viridis( name = "UAA organic", trans = "log10", limits = uaalims) +
scale_color_viridis( name = "UAA organic", trans = "log10", limits = uaalims) +
geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
coord_sf(crs = 3035) +
ggtitle("Organic UAA - ordinary gridded data") +
```

```
theme_bw()

print(gcompOUAA) + p7 + plot_layout(guides = "collect")

ppl = list()
  counts = do.call("rbind", himg41[1:5])$count
  clim = c(min(counts, na.rm = TRUE), max(counts, na.rm = TRUE))
  for (ipl in 1:length(himg41)) {
    ppl[[ipl]] = ggplot() + geom_sf(data = himg41[[ipl]], aes(fill = count, color = count)) +
    scale_fill_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10", limits = clim) +
    scale_color_viridis( name = "number of \nholdings", trans = "log10", limits = clim) +
    geom_sf(data = dkb, fill = NA, colour='black', lwd = 1) +
    coord_sf(crs = 3035) +#, xlim = c(2377294, 6400000), ylim = c(1313597, 5628510)) +
    ggtitle(paste("Base resolution", ress[ipl]/1000, "km")) +
    theme_bw()
  }
    ppl[[1]] + ppl[[2]] + ppl[[3]] + ppl[[4]] + plot_layout(guides = "collect")
MRGcluster(action = "stop")
```

# **Index**

```
\ast datasets
     ifs_dk, 9
{\tt createMRGobject}, 2, 5, 17
fssgeo, 6
gridData, 3, 7, 17, 26
ifs\_dk, \textcolor{red}{9}
locAdjFun, 11
makeCluster, 4, 12, 18, 26
{\tt MRGcluster},\, {\color{red} 12}
MRGmerge, 13
MRGpostProcess, 15
multiResGrid, 3, 8, 13, 15, 16, 17, 26
print.MRG(createMRGobject), 2
remSmall, 25
round, 5, 15, 19
sf, 6, 11
```