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Description Provides functionalities and data structures to retrieve, analyze and visualize aviation data. It includes a client interface to the 'OpenSky' API <https://opensky-network.org>. It allows retrieval of flight information, as well as aircraft state vectors.

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`ADSBDecoder` *An object of class* `adsbDecoder` *object representing a decoder used to decode ADS-B v2 messages*

Description

`R6Class` object of class `adsbDecoder` representing a decoder used to decode ADS-B v2 messages. Provides methods for decoding a single message or a batch. Additionally, it includes methods for transforming hex strings into bits vectors and decoding some individual fields. Decoded messages are returned as lists with each decoded field.

Usage

```
ADSBDecoder
```

Fields

`lastOddPosition` Last ground or airborne position message decoded with `decodeGroundPositionMessage` or `decodeAirbornePositionMessage`

`lastEvenPosition` Last ground or airborne position message decoded with `decodeGroundPositionMessage` or `decodeAirbornePositionMessage`

Methods

`hexToBits(hex)` Transform a hexadecimal string into its corresponding bits representation, with higher bits in the first positions. ,

`decodeCPR(cprLatEven, cprLonEven, cprLatOdd, cprLonOdd, isAirborne=TRUE)` Decodes a pair of CPR-encoded positions given as longitudes and latitudes, corresponding to a pair of even and odd messages, obtaining the actual positions for both. The isAirborne argument indicates whether or not the CPR-encoded positions correspond to isAirborne position messages or not (ground position messages). The result is given as a vector with the decoded positions for both the even and odd messages, in the following order: even latitude, even longitude, odd latitude, odd longitude. ,

`decodeMessage(message)` Decodes a single ADS-B v2 message in the form of a bits vector (higher bits in the first positions). The last even and odd positional messages are cached to decode following positional messages. The following message types are supported: aircraft identification, airborne position, ground position, airborne velocity, and operation status. ,

`decodeMessages(messages)` Decodes several ADS-B v2 messages in the form of a list of bits vector (higher bits in the first positions). The following message types are supported: aircraft identification, airborne position, ground position, airborne velocity, and operation status.

Examples

```
# Decode three messages, using both individual decoding and batch decoding.
# The two first messages contain the airborne position.
# The third one, the aircraft identification

msg0 <- ADSBDecoder$hexToBits("8D40621D58C386435CC412692AD6")
msg1 <- ADSBDecoder$hexToBits("8D40621D58C382D690C8AC2863A7")
msg2 <- ADSBDecoder$hexToBits("8D4840D6202CC371C32CE0576098")

decoded0 <- ADSBDecoder$decodeMessage(msg0)
decoded1 <- ADSBDecoder$decodeMessage(msg1)
decoded2 <- ADSBDecoder$decodeMessage(msg2)

decodedAll <- ADSBDecoder$decodeMessages(list(msg0, msg1, msg2))
```

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clusterRoutes *Cluster aircraft trajectories based on positional features*

Description

Performs clustering of aircraft trajectories positional based on their positional features with several available methods. The input should be either a list of `openSkiesStateVectorSet` or an already computed features matrix as returned by `getVectorSetListFeatures`. If the input is a list of vector sets, features will be computed with default settings.

Usage

```
clusterRoutes(input, method="dbscan", eps=0.5, numberClusters=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

input	input to be clustered, given as either a list of openSkiesStateVectorSet, or a matrix of positional features extracted from a list of openSkiesStateVectorSet objects with getVectorSetListFeatures, that will be used to identify clusters.
method	clustering method that will be applied to the positional features. Accepted methods are: dbscan, kmeans, hclust, fanny, clara, agnes
eps	Size of the epsilon neighborhood to be passed to dbscan. This argument is only used if the selected clustering method is dbscan.
numberClusters	number of expected clusters. If NULL or a value lesser than 2 is passed, the number of clusters will be estimated. This argument is only used if the selected clustering method is kmeans, hclust, fanny, clara, or agnes
...	additional arguments accepted by the selected clustering method.

Value

An object with clustering results, containing at least a "cluster". For additional details, see the documentation of cluster.

Examples

```
if(interactive()){
# Retrieve series of state vectors for 7 instances of flights between
# Cagliari-Elmas airport and Parma airport

vectors1=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4d2219",
startTime="2020-11-06 09:20:00", endTime="2020-11-06 10:30:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors2=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4d226c",
startTime="2020-10-30 09:20:00", endTime="2020-10-30 10:30:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors3=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4d225b",
startTime="2020-10-29 07:15:00", endTime="2020-10-29 08:25:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors4=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4d225b",
startTime="2020-10-25 06:25:00", endTime="2020-10-25 07:35:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors5=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4d224e",
startTime="2020-10-19 09:30:00", endTime="2020-10-19 10:40:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors6=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4d225b",
startTime="2020-10-16 09:30:00", endTime="2020-10-16 10:30:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors7=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4d227d",
startTime="2020-10-12 09:30:00", endTime="2020-10-12 10:30:00",
```

```
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

# Retrieve state vectors for an outlier flight, corresponding to a flight
# between the airports of Sevilla and Palma de Mallorca

vectors8=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft = "4ca7b3",
startTime="2020-11-04 10:30:00", endTime="2020-11-04 12:00:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

## Group all the openSkiesStateVectorSet objects in a single list

vectors_list=list(vectors1, vectors2, vectors3, vectors4, vectors5, vectors6, vectors7, vectors8)

## Extract the matrix of features

features_matrix=getVectorSetListFeatures(vectors_list, scale=TRUE, useAngles=FALSE)

## Perform clustering

clustering=clusterRoutes(features_matrix, "dbscan", eps=5)

## Display clustering results with flights colored by assigned cluster

plotRoutes(vectors_list, pathColors=clustering$cluster, literalColors=FALSE)
}
```

`findFlightPhases` *Find the phases of a flight based on altitude, vertical rate and speed*

Description

Identifies the different phases of a flight based on the altitude, vertical rate and speed of the aircraft reported in a time series of state vectors. Identification of flight phases is performed using a fuzzy logic approach as described in https://arc.aiaa.org/doi/10.2514/1.I010520. Currently, five different phases are considered: ground, climb, cruise, descent and level flight. Flight phase identification can also be performed by calling the `detect_phases` method of an `openSkiesFlight` object.

Usage

```
findFlightPhases(times, altitudes, verticalRates, speeds, window=60)
```

Arguments

`times`	vector of times in seconds corresponding to the altitude, vertical rate and speed values.
`altitudes`	vector of altitude values in meters
`verticalRates`	vector of vertical rate values in meters/second..
`speeds`	vector of speed values (i.e., the speed at which the aircraft is moving with respect to the ground) in meters/second.

window — time window in seconds to compute mean values before detecting flight phases. It is recommended to apply a window in order to reduce the impact of spurious wrong values, but window application can be effectively turned off by setting this argument to 1.

Value

A character vector where each element indicates the phase corresponding to each of the time points.

Examples

```
# In the following example, we will retrieve all state vectors for a flight
# along route SCX624, from Harlingen to Minneapolis. We will then identify
# the different phases of the flight, and plot it together with altitude values.
# Note that when retrieving the state vectors, the username and password should
# be substituted by your own, for which you should have received authorization
# to access the OpenSky Impala shell

## Not run:
state_vectors <- getIntervalStateVectors(aircraft = "ab3da7",
                                         startTime = "2021-12-12 04:20:00",
                                         endTime = "2021-12-12 07:40:00",
                                         username="your_username",
                                         password="your_password")

flights <- state_vectors$split_into_flights()
length(flights)

# Only one flight identified in the time period, as expected

flight <- flights[[1]]

# Let's extract the data required for detection of flight phases

data <- flight$state_vectors$get_values(c("requested_time", "baro_altitude",
                                          "vertical_rate", "velocity"))
data$requested_time <- data$requested_time - data$requested_time[1]

# We can now identify flight phases. We will use a time window of 60 s

phases <- findFlightPhases(times=data$requested_time,
                           altitudes=data$baro_altitude,
                           verticalRates=data$vertical_rate,
                           speeds=data$velocity,
                           window=60)

# We can now plot the phases together with the altitude values

library(ggplot2)
data <- cbind(data, phases)
ggplot(data[!is.na(data$baro_altitude), ], aes(x = requested_time, y = baro_altitude)) +
    geom_line() +
```

```
    geom_point(aes(color=phases))

## End(Not run)
```

`getAircraftFlights` *Retrieve flights performed by a specified aircraft during a time interval*

Description

Retrieves the list of flights registered for a specified aircraft during a given time interval. The aircraft must be specified using its ICAO 24-bit address. Beginning and end times must be specified as date-time strings in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS).

Usage

```
getAircraftFlights(aircraft, startTime, endTime, timeZone=Sys.timezone(),
                   username=NULL, password=NULL, includeStateVectors=FALSE,
                   timeResolution=NULL, useImpalaShell=FALSE,
                  includeAirportsMetadata=FALSE, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

`aircraft`	string with the ICAO 24-bit address of an aircraft (for example, \"346190\" for Air Nostrum EC-NCD (ATR 72-600).
`startTime`	date-time string indicating the starting time of the interval for which flights should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-27 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/27 01:30:00\".
`endTime`	date-time string indicating the ending time of the interval for which flights should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\".
`timeZone`	string with the name of the time zone for startTime and endTime. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.
`username`	optional string with the username to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
`password`	optional string with the password to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
`includeStateVectors`	logical indicating if the set of state vectors for each flight should also be retrieved. By default, state vectors are not retrieved.
`timeResolution`	time resolution in seconds with which state vectors should be retrieved if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`.

`useImpalaShell` logical indicating whether or not to use the OpenSky impala shell instead of the API to retrieve state vectors if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`. If used, the provided username and password are used for the ssh connection. By default, the impala shell is not used.

`includeAirportsMetadata` logical indicating if the data about the origin and destination airports of each flight should also be retrieved. If not, only the ICAO24 code of the airports will be included.

`timeOut` number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.

`maxQueryAttempts` On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

A list of objects of class `openSkiesFlight`, where each object represents a flight that was performed by the specified aircraft during the specified time interval. See the `openSkiesFlight` documentation for details on the fields for the class.

References

https://opensky-network.org/apidoc/rest.html

Examples

```
# Obtain a list with information for all the flights registered for the aircraft
# with ICAO 24-bit address 346190 during the 26th of July, 2019.

if(interactive()){
getAircraftFlights("346190", startTime="2019-07-26 00:00:00",
endTime="2019-07-26 23:59:59", timeZone="Europe/Madrid")
}
```

`getAircraftMetadata` *Retrieve metadata for a specified aircraft*

Description

Retrieves the available metadata for a specified aircraft. These include the registration ID for the aircraft, as well as information about its manufacturer, owner, operator and country of registration, among others. A single aircraft must be specified using its ICAO 24-bit address.

Usage

```
getAircraftMetadata(aircraft, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

aircraft	string with the ICAO 24-bit address of an aircraft (for example, \"3c6444\" for Lufthansa D-AIBD (Airbus A319).
timeOut	number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.
maxQueryAttempts	Maximum number of attempts that will be performed when carrying out the requested query. Failed attempts include timeouts. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It should be noted that setting a large number of maximum attempts can lead to long running times.

Value

An object of class openSkiesAircraft. See the openSkiesAirport documentation for details on the fields for the class.

References

https://www.icao.int/publications/doc8643/pages/search.aspx

https://www.eurocontrol.int/sites/default/files/content/documents/nm/asterix/archives/asterix-cat021-asterix-ads-b-messages-part-12-v1.4-072009.pdf

Examples

```
# Obtain metadata for the aircraft with ICAO 24-bit address 3922e2

if(interactive()){
getAircraftMetadata("3922e2")
}
```

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getAircraftStateVectorsSeries

Retrieve a series of state vectors received from a specified aircraft during a given time interval

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Description

Retrieves a time series o state vectors received from a specified aircraft during a given time interval. A state vector is a collection of data elements that characterize the status of an aircraft at a given point during a flight (such as latitude, longitude, altitude, etc.)

The time point must be specified as a date-time string in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS). Time resolution for the time series of state vectors must be specified in seconds. Time resolution is limited to 10 s for anonymous users, and 5 s for registered users.

Usage

```
getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft, startTime, endTime,
                              timeZone=Sys.timezone(), timeResolution,
                              username=NULL, password=NULL,
                            useImpalaShell=FALSE, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

aircraft	string with the ICAO 24-bit address of an aircraft (for example, \"346190\" for Air Nostrum EC-NCD (ATR 72-600), or a character vector with multiple ICAO 24-bit addresses. In the default behavior, data is retrieved for any aircraft.
startTime	date-time string indicating the starting time of the interval for which state vectors should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-27 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/27 01:30:00\".
endTime	date-time string indicating the ending time of the interval for which state vectors should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\".
timeZone	string with the name of the time zone for time. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.
timeResolution	time resolution in seconds to be used for the requested timeseries of state vectors. Limited to 5 s for anonymous users and 10 s for registered users.
username	optional string with the username to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
password	optional string with the password to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
useImpalaShell	logical indicating whether or not to use the OpenSky impala shell instead of the API to retrieve state vectors. If used, the provided username and password are used for the ssh connection. By default, the impala shell is not used.
timeOut	number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.
maxQueryAttempts	On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

An openSkiesStateVectorSet object with field time_series=TRUE. For details on the information stored in state vectors, see the documentation for openSkiesStateVector and openSkiesStateVectorSet.

References

https://opensky-network.org/apidoc/rest.html

Examples

```
# Obtain a time series of state vectors for the aircraft with ICAO 24-bit
# address 403003 for the 8th of October, 2020 between 16:50 and 16:53 (London
# time), with a time resolution of 1 minute.

if(interactive()){
getAircraftStateVectorsSeries("403003", startTime = "2020-10-08 16:50:00",
endTime = "2020-10-08 16:52:00", timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=60)
}
```

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getAirportArrivals *Retrieve flight arrivals into a specified airport*

Description

Retrieves the list of flights that landed into a specified airport during a certain time interval. The aiport must be specified using its ICAO identified. Beginning and end times must be specified as date-time strings in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS).

Usage

```
getAirportArrivals(airport, startTime, endTime, timeZone=Sys.timezone(),
                   username=NULL, password=NULL, includeStateVectors=FALSE,
                   timeResolution=NULL, useImpalaShell=FALSE,
                  includeAirportsMetadata=FALSE, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

airport	string with the ICAO identifier of an airport (for example, \"EDDF\" for Frankfurt International Airport.
startTime	date-time string indicating the starting time of the interval for which arrivals should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-27 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/27 01:30:00\".
endTime	date-time string indicating the ending time of the interval for which arrivals should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\".
timeZone	string with the name of the time zone for startTime and endTime. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.

`username` optional string with the username to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.

`password` optional string with the password to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.

`includeStateVectors` logical indicating if the set of state vectors for each flight should also be retrieved. By default, state vectors are not retrieved.

`timeResolution` time resolution in seconds with which state vectors should be retrieved if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`.

`useImpalaShell` logical indicating whether or not to use the OpenSky impala shell instead of the API to retrieve state vectors if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`. If used, the provided username and password are used for the ssh connection. By default, the impala shell is not used.

`includeAirportsMetadata` logical indicating if the data about the origin and destination airports of each flight should also be retrieved. If not, only the ICAO24 code of the airports will be included.

`timeOut` number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.

`maxQueryAttempts` On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

A list of objects of class `openSkiesFlight`, where each object represents a flight that that landed at the specified airport during the specified time interval. See the `openSkiesFlight` documentation for details on the fields for the class.

References

https://opensky-network.org/apidoc/rest.html

Examples

```
# Obtain a list with information for all the flights that landed at Frankfurt
# International Airport on the 29th of January, 2018 between 12 PM and 1 PM,
# local time.

if(interactive()){
getAirportArrivals(airport="EDDF", startTime="2018-01-29 12:00:00",
endTime="2018-01-29 13:00:00", timeZone="Europe/Berlin")
}
```

getAirportDepartures *Retrieve flight departures from a specified airport*

Description

Retrieves the list of flights that departed from a specified airport during a certain time interval. The aiport must be specified using its ICAO identified. Beginning and end times must be specified as date-time strings in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS).

Usage

```
getAirportDepartures(airport, startTime, endTime, timeZone=Sys.timezone(),
                     username=NULL, password=NULL, includeStateVectors=FALSE,
                     timeResolution=NULL, useImpalaShell=FALSE,
                   includeAirportsMetadata=FALSE, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

airport	string with the ICAO identifier of an airport (for example, \"LEZL\" for Seville Airport.
startTime	date-time string indicating the starting time of the interval for which departures should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-27 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/27 01:30:00\".
endTime	date-time string indicating the ending time of the interval for which departures should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\".
timeZone	string with the name of the time zone for startTime and endTime. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.
username	optional string with the username to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
password	optional string with the password to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
includeStateVectors	logical indicating if the set of state vectors for each flight should also be retrieved. By default, state vectors are not retrieved.
timeResolution	time resolution in seconds with which state vectors should be retrieved if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`.
useImpalaShell	logical indicating whether or not to use the OpenSky impala shell instead of the API to retrieve state vectors if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`. If used, the provided username and password are used for the ssh connection. By default, the impala shell is not used.

includeAirportsMetadata
: logical indicating if the data about the origin and destination airports of each flight should also be retrieved. If not, only the ICAO24 code of the airports will be included.

timeOut
: number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.

maxQueryAttempts
: On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

A list of objects of class openSkiesFlight, where each object represents a flight that that departed from the specified airport during the specified time interval. See the openSkiesFlight documentation for details on the fields for the class.

References

https://opensky-network.org/apidoc/rest.html

Examples

```
# Obtain a list with information for all the flights that departed from Seville
# Airport on the 25th of July, 2019 between 9 AM and 11 AM, local time.

if(interactive()){
getAirportDepartures(airport="LEZL", startTime="2019-07-25 09:00:00",
endTime="2019-07-25 11:00:00", timeZone="Europe/Madrid")
}
```

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getAirportMetadata *Retrieve metadata for a specified airport*

Description

Retrieves the available metadata for a specified airport. These include its IATA code, common name and location, among others. A single airport must be specified using its ICAO code.

Usage

```
getAirportMetadata(airport, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

airport	string with the ICAO 4-letter code of an airport (for example, \"LEZL\" for Sevilla Airport.
timeOut	number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.
maxQueryAttempts	On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

An object of class openSkiesAirport. See the openSkiesAirport documentation for details on the fields for the class.

References

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_airports_by_IATA_and_ICAO_code

Examples

```
# Obtain metadata for the airport with ICAO code LEZL

if(interactive()){
getAirportMetadata("LEZL")
}
```

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getIntervalFlights *Retrieve all flights registered during a time interval*

Description

Retrieves the list of all flights registered for any aircraft during a given time interval. Beginning and end times must be specified as date-time strings in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS).

Usage

```
getIntervalFlights(startTime, endTime, timeZone=Sys.timezone(), username=NULL,
                   password=NULL, includeStateVectors=FALSE,
                   timeResolution=NULL, useImpalaShell=FALSE,
                  includeAirportsMetadata=FALSE, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

`startTime`	date-time string indicating the starting time of the interval for which flights should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-27 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/27 01:30:00\".
`endTime`	date-time string indicating the ending time of the interval for which flights should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\".
`timeZone`	string with the name of the time zone for startTime and endTime. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.
`username`	optional string with the username to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
`password`	optional string with the password to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.
`includeStateVectors`	logical indicating if the set of state vectors for each flight should also be retrieved. By default, state vectors are not retrieved.
`timeResolution`	time resolution in seconds with which state vectors should be retrieved if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`.
`useImpalaShell`	logical indicating whether or not to use the OpenSky impala shell instead of the API to retrieve state vectors if `includeStateVectors=TRUE`. If used, the provided username and password are used for the ssh connection. By default, the impala shell is not used.
`includeAirportsMetadata`	logical indicating if the data about the origin and destination airports of each flight should also be retrieved. If not, only the ICAO24 code of the airports will be included.
`timeOut`	number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.
`maxQueryAttempts`	On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

A list of objects of class `openSkiesFlight`, where each object represents a flight that was registered during the specified time interval. See the `openSkiesFlight` documentation for details on the fields for the class.

References

https://opensky-network.org/apidoc/rest.html

Examples

```
# Obtain a list with information for all the flights registered during the 16th
# of November, 2019 between 9 AM and 10 AM, London time.

flights <- getIntervalFlights(startTime="2019-11-16 09:00:00",
endTime="2019-11-16 10:00:00", timeZone="Europe/London")

# Count the number of registered flights.

if(interactive()){
length(flights)
}
```

`getIntervalStateVectors` *Retrieve all state vectors received during a time interval*

Description

Retrieves the list of all state vectors received from any or specified aircrafts during an interval of time. A state vector is a collection of data elements that characterize the status of an aircraft at a given point during a flight (such as latitude, longitude, altitude, etc.)

The starting and end time points must be specified as date-time strings in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS). Results can be filtered to specific ranges of latitudes and/or longitudes. This function requires access to the OpenSky Network Impala shell, and therefore can only be used by registered users that have been granted access to the Impala shell.

Usage

```
getIntervalStateVectors(aircraft=NULL, startTime, endTime,
                        timeZone=Sys.timezone(), minLatitude=NULL,
                        maxLatitude=NULL, minLongitude=NULL, maxLongitude=NULL,
                        minBaroAltitude=NULL, maxBaroAltitude=NULL,
                        minGeoAltitude=NULL, maxGeoAltitude=NULL,
                        minVelocity=NULL, maxVelocity=NULL,
                        minVerticalRate=NULL, maxVerticalRate=NULL,
                        callSignFilter=NULL, onGroundStatus=NULL,
                        squawkFilter=NULL, spiStatus=NULL, alertStatus=NULL,
                        username, password)
```

Arguments

`aircraft`	string with the ICAO 24-bit address of an aircraft (for example, \"346190\" for Air Nostrum EC-NCD (ATR 72-600), or a character vector with multiple ICAO 24-bit addresses. In the default behavior, data is retrieved for any aircraft.

`startTime` date-time string indicating the starting time point of the interval for which state vectors should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\".

`endTime` date-time string indicating the end time point of the interval for which state vectors should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\".

`timeZone` string with the name of the time zone for time. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.

`minLatitude` minimum latitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote south latitudes, and positive values denote north latitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.

`maxLatitude` maximum latitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote south latitudes, and positive values denote north latitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.

`minLongitude` minimum longitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote west longitudes, and positive values denote east longitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.

`maxLongitude` maximum longitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote west longitudes, and positive values denote east longitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.

`minBaroAltitude`
minimum barometric altitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. By default, no filtering based on barometric altitude is performed.

`maxBaroAltitude`
maximum barometric altitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. By default, no filtering based on barometric altitude is performed.

`minGeoAltitude` minimum geometric altitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. By default, no filtering based on geometric altitude is performed. It should be noted that geometric altitude is included in state vectors less frequently than barometric altitude.

`maxGeoAltitude` maximum geometric altitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. By default, no filtering based on geometric altitude is performed. It should be noted that geometric altitude is included in state vectors less frequently than barometric altitude.

`minVelocity` minimum velocity to filter the retrieved state vectors. By default, no filtering based on velocity is performed.

`maxVelocity` maximum velocity to filter the retrieved state vectors. By default, no filtering based on velocity is performed.

`minVerticalRate`
minimum vertical rate to filter the retrieved state vectors. Ascending aircrafts have positive vertical rate values, while descending aircrafts have negative values. By default, no filtering based on vertical rate is performed.

`maxVerticalRate`
: maximum vertical rate to filter the retrieved state vectors. Ascending aircrafts have positive vertical rate values, while descending aircrafts have negative values. By default, no filtering based on vertical rate is performed.

`callSignFilter`
: string or character vector specifying one or more call signs that will be used to filter the results of the query, returning only those that match the specified values. By default, no filtering based on call sign is performed.

`onGroundStatus`
: logical indicating if the results should be filtered to return only state vectors with an on_ground state of TRUE or FALSE (usually, corresponding respectively to planes on air or on land). By default, no filtering based on on_ground status is performed.

`squawkFilter`
: string or character vector specifying one or more squawk codes that will be used to filter the results of the query, returning only those that match the specified values. By default, no filtering based on call sign is performed. Each specified squawk code should be a 4-character string, containing only digits from 0 to 7. It should be noted that the meaning of most squawk codes is not universally defined. Only the three following codes are applicable worldwide: 7500 (hijacked aircraft), 7600 (radio failure) and 7700 (emergency situation). For additional details, see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_transponder_codes

`spiStatus`
: logical indicating if the results should be filtered to return only state vectors where the SPI (Special Purpose Identification) was turned on (TRUE) or not (FALSE). By default, no filtering based on emission of SPI pulse is performed. For details, see https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Order/FAA_Order_6365.1A.pdf

`alertStatus`
: logical indicating if the results should be filtered to return only state vectors with the alert flag on (TRUE) or not (FALSE). By default, no filtering based on the alert flag is performed. For details, see https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Order/FAA_Order_6

`username`
: string with the username to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. The user must have been granted access to the Impala shell.

`password`
: string with the password to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. The user must have been granted access to the Impala shell.

Value

An `openSkiesStateVectorSet` object with field `time_series=FALSE`, which contains all the state vectors that matched the query parameters. For details on the information stored in state vectors, see the documentation for `openSkiesStateVector` and `openSkiesStateVectorSet`.

References

https://opensky-network.org/impala-guide https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_transponder_codes
https://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Order/FAA_Order_6365.1A.pdf

Examples

```
# Obtain a list with the state vectors for all aircrafts that flew over the city
# of Seville the 21st of July, 2019 between 7 AM and 8 PM Spanish time.
# Note that the username and password should be substituted by your own,
# for which you should have received authorization to access the OpenSky
```

```
# Impala shell

## Not run:
state_vectors <- getIntervalStateVectors(startTime = "2019-07-21 07:00:00",
                                         endTime = "2019-07-21 20:00:00",
                                         timeZone = "Europe/Madrid",
                                         minLatitude = 37.362796,
                                         minLongitude = -6.019819,
                                         maxLatitude = 37.416954,
                                         maxLongitude = -5.939724,
                                         username="your_username",
                                         password="your_password")

# Group the state vectors into flights

flights <- state_vectors$split_into_flights()

# Plot the flight paths

paths <- vector(mode = "list", length = length(flights))

for(i in 1:length(flights)) {
  paths[[i]] <- flights[[i]]$state_vectors
}

plotRoutes(paths, pathColors = rainbow(length(flights)))

## End(Not run)
```

`getOSNCoverage` *Retrieve coverage of the OpenSky Network for a given day*

Description

Retrieves the coverage of the OpenSky Network across all regions for a given day. The date must be specified as a date-time string in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD).

Usage

```
getOSNCoverage(time, timeZone=Sys.timezone(), timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

`time`	date-time string indicating the day for which coverage should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-27\" and \"2011/03/27\". The exact time of the day can also be supplied in the date-time string, but coverage data is only available with single-day resolution.

`timeZone` string with the name of the time zone for startTime and endTime. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.

`timeOut` number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.

`maxQueryAttempts`
On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

A dataframe with three columns, named "latitude", "longitude" and "altitude". Each row represents an area of coverage data. The first two columns indicate the coordinates of the center of each area, which extends 0.1 degrees North and South and 0.15 degrees East and West from its center. The third column, "altitude", indicates the lowest altitude value received for any aircraft in the area. This provides an estimate of the coverage for that given area, with lower values indicating a better coverage since low-flying aircraft are more difficult to detect due to a higher chance that obstacles can block the line of sight between the aircraft and the receptors in the area.

The "altitude" values are obtained from the barometric altitude sensors, and therefore is prone to the same errors as such sensors (e.g., negative altitudes might be reported). Areas not covered by any of the rows in the dataframe do not have any coverage.

References

https://opensky-network.org/forum/questions/640-interpreting-the-response-from-the-coverage-api-endpoint

Examples

```
# Obtain a data frame with coverage of the OpenSky Network for the 13th of
# September, 2020.

if(interactive()){
getOSNCoverage("2020-09-13", timeZone="Europe/London")
}
```

---

getRouteMetadata *Retrieve metadata for a specified route*

Description

Retrieves the available metadata for a specified flight route. These include the airports of origin and destination, the operator IATA code and the flight number.

Usage

```
getRouteMetadata(route, includeAirportsMetadata=FALSE, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

route	string with the call sign of a route (for example, "AAL683" for American Airlines flight number 683.
includeAirportsMetadata	logical indicating if the data about the origin and destination airports of the route should also be retrieved. If not, only the ICAO24 code of the airports will be included.
timeOut	number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.
maxQueryAttempts	On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

An object of class openSkiesRoute. See the openSkiesRoute documentation for details on the fields for the class.

References

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flight_number

Examples

```
# Obtain metadata for the route with call sign AAL683

if(interactive()){
getRouteMetadata("AAL683")
}
```

---

getSingleTimeStateVectors

Retrieve all state vectors received at a given time point

Description

Retrieves the list of all state vectors received from any or specified aircrafts at a single time point. A state vector is a collection of data elements that characterize the status of an aircraft at a given point during a flight (such as latitude, longitude, altitude, etc.)

The time point must be specified as a date-time string in any format that can be unambiguously converted to POSIXct (such as YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS). Results can be filtered to specific ranges of latitudes and/or longitudes. The extent of the data than can be accessed varies depending on if login details are provided: * For anonymous users: + If no aircraft is specified or multiple aircrafts are specified: historical data cannot be retrieved. If a time point was specified, it will be ignored, and data for current time will be returned. + If a single aircraft is specified, historical data can be retrieved. * For registered users: + If no aircraft is specified or multiple aircrafts are specified: historical data of up to 1 hour ago from current time can be retrieved. + If a single aircraft is specified, historical data can be retrieved.

Usage

```
getSingleTimeStateVectors(aircraft=NULL, time=NULL, timeZone=Sys.timezone(),
                          minLatitude=NULL, maxLatitude=NULL, minLongitude=NULL,
                           maxLongitude=NULL, username=NULL, password=NULL,
                           useImpalaShell=FALSE, timeOut=60, maxQueryAttempts=1)
```

Arguments

`aircraft`	string with the ICAO 24-bit address of an aircraft (for example, \"346190\" for Air Nostrum EC-NCD (ATR 72-600), or a character vector with multiple ICAO 24-bit addresses. In the default behavior, data is retrieved for any aircraft.
`time`	date-time string indicating the time point for which state vectors should be retrieved. Must be in a format that can be unambiguously converted into POSIXct time. Valid examples are \"2011-03-28 01:30:00\" and \"2011/03/28 01:30:00\". If no time point is specified, data is retrieved for current time.
`timeZone`	string with the name of the time zone for time. For details on supported time zones, see help(timezones). By default, the system time zone is used.
`minLatitude`	minimum latitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote south latitudes, and positive values denote north latitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.
`maxLatitude`	maximum latitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote south latitudes, and positive values denote north latitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.
`minLongitude`	minimum longitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote west longitudes, and positive values denote east longitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.
`maxLongitude`	maximum longitude to filter the retrieved state vectors. Must be a value between -180 and 180. Negative values denote west longitudes, and positive values denote east longitudes. By default, no filtering based on location is performed.
`username`	optional string with the username to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.

`password` optional string with the password to use for authentication for the OpenSky API. By default, no authentication is performed.

`useImpalaShell` logical indicating whether or not to use the OpenSky impala shell instead of the API to retrieve state vectors. If used, the provided username and password are used for the ssh connection. By default, the impala shell is not used.

`timeOut` number of seconds after which the query will time out and return a NULL result. In the default behavior, timeout will be reached after 60 seconds.

`maxQueryAttempts` On rare occassions, queries to the OpenSky Network live API can return malformed responses. This is the maximum number of attempts to obtain a properly formatted response when carrying out the requested query. It should be noted that the query will still terminate if a timeout is reached. In the default behavior, a single attempt will be performed. It is not recommended to change this to a very large number, since it can lead to long running times.

Value

If a single state vector matching the query conditions is found, an `openSkiesStateVector` object. If multiple state vectors matching the query conditions are found, an `openSkiesStateVectorSet` object with field `time_series=FALSE`. For details on the information stored in state vectors, see the documentation for `openSkiesStateVector` and `openSkiesStateVectorSet`.

References

https://opensky-network.org/apidoc/rest.html

Examples

```
# Obtain a list with the state vectors for all aircrafts currently flying over
# an area covering Switzerland.

getSingleTimeStateVectors(minLatitude=45.8389, maxLatitude=47.8229,
minLongitude=5.9962, maxLongitude=10.5226)

# Obtain the state vector for aircraft with ICAO 24-bit address 403003 for
# the 8th of October, 2020 at 16:50 London time.

if(interactive()){
getSingleTimeStateVectors(aircraft="403003", time="2020-10-08 16:50:00",
timeZone="Europe/London")
}
```

---

getVectorSetFeatures *Get positional features of an openSkiesStateVectorSet object*

Description

Retrieves positional features of an `openSkiesStateVectorSet` object. Features will be uniformly interpolated from the observed values.

Usage

```
getVectorSetFeatures(stateVectorSet, resamplingSize=15, method="fmm", fields=NULL)
```

Arguments

stateVectorSet	object of class openSkiesStateVectorSet for which positional features should be extracted.
resamplingSize	number of uniformly separated interpolation points at which the values of the position features should be calculated.
method	method to be used for interpolation. "linear" will result in linear interpolation, while "fmm", "periodic", or "natural" will result in different types of spline interpolation.
fields	character vector indicating the names of the fields of the openSkiesStateVector objects that should be included in the extracted positional features. In the default behavior, fields=NULL and only latitude and longitude values will be used.

Value

A vector with positional features of the provided openSkiesStateVectorSet object. The vector alternates values of longitude and latitude at each interpolated point, unless a character vector with valid names of fields of openSkiesStateVector objects is provided through fields, in which case values of the specified fields are alternated, in the specified order.

Examples

```
# Extract positional features for a time series of state vectors for the
# aircraft with ICAO 24-bit address 403003 for the 8th of October, 2020 between
# 16:50 and 16:53 (London time), with a time resolution of 1 minute.

if(interactive()){
vectors <- getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4ca7b3",
startTime="2020-11-04 10:30:00", endTime="2020-11-04 12:00:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

features <- getVectorSetFeatures(vectors)
}
```

---

getVectorSetListFeatures

Get positional features of a list of openSkiesStateVectorSet objects

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Description

Retrieves positional features of a list of openSkiesStateVectorSet objects. Features will be uniformly interpolated from the observed values for all the openSkiesStateVectorSet objects.

Usage

```
getVectorSetListFeatures(stateVectorSetList, resamplingSize=15, method="fmm",
                         scale=TRUE, fields=NULL)
```

Arguments

stateVectorSetList	list of objects of class openSkiesStateVectorSet for which positional features should be extracted.
resamplingSize	number of uniformly separated interpolation points at which the values of the position features should be calculated.
method	method to be used for interpolation. "linear" will result in linear interpolation, while "fmm", "periodic", or "natural" will result in different types of spline interpolation.
scale	logical indicating if the matrix of features should be scaled by applying the scale function. This can be desirable if the features are going to be used for clustering.
fields	character vector indicating the names of the fields of the openSkiesStateVector objects that should be included in the extracted positional features. In the default behavior, fields=NULL and only latitude and longitude values will be used.

Value

A matrix with positional features of the provided list of openSkiesStateVectorSet objects. Each row of the matrix represents a vector of features for each of the openSkiesStateVectorSet objects. Each vector alternates values of longitude and latitude at each interpolated point, unless a character vector with valid names of fields of openSkiesStateVector objects is provided through fields, in which case values of the specified fields are alternated, in the specified order.

Examples

```
# Extract positional features for a time series of state vectors for the
# aircraft with ICAO 24-bit address 403003 for the 8th of October, 2020 between
# 16:50 and 16:53 (London time), with a time resolution of 1 minute.

if(interactive()){
vectors1=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="345107",
startTime="2020-11-04 11:55:00", endTime="2020-11-04 13:10:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors2=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft = "4ca7b3",
startTime="2020-11-04 10:30:00", endTime="2020-11-04 12:00:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors_list=list(vectors1, vectors2)

features_matrix=getVectorSetListFeatures(vectors_list, scale=FALSE,
                                         fields=c("longitude", "latitude", "true_track"))
}
```

openSkiesAircraft *An* R6Class *object representing an aircraft*

Description

R6Class object representing an aircraft. Contains information about the ICAO 24-bit code of the aircraft, its registration code, its country of origin, its manufacturer and its operator. New instances can be manually created by providing values for at least the ICAO24 field. Alternatively, getAircraftMetadata will return an openSkiesAirport object corresponding to the airport with the provided ICAO 24-bit code.

Usage

```
openSkiesAircraft
```

Fields

ICAO24 String with the ICAO 24-bit aicraft address associated to the aircraft in hexadecimal format

registration String with the aircraft registration code, also called tail number

origin_country String with the country where the aircraft is registered

last_state_vector An object of class openSkiesStateVector representing the last known state vector for the aircraft

state_vector_history An object of class openSkiesStateVectorSet representing the history of all known state vectors for the aircraft

manufacturer_name String with the name of the manufacturer of the aircraft

manufacturer_ICAO String with the ICAO code of the manufacturer of the aircraft

model String with the aicraft model

serial_number String with the serial number of the aircraft

line_number String with the line number of the aircraft. Usually only provided for Boeing aircrafts. Line numbers specify the order in which airframes of a particular product line were assembled.

ICAO_type_code String with the ICAO code for the model of aircraft

ICAO_aircraft_class String with the ICAO code for the type of aircraft. ICAO aircraft classes provide more general groups than ICAO type codes

owner String with the name of the registered aircraft owner

operator String with the name of the aircraft operator

operator_call_sign String with the callsign of the aircraft operator

operator_ICAO String with the ICAO code of the aircraft operator

operator_IATA String with the IATA code of the aircraft operator

first_flight_date String with the date when the first flight for the aircraft was registered. This information is usually not available when retrieving information from the OpenSky API

category_description String with physical information about the aircraft provided by the ADS-B emitter unit

Methods

`get_values(field, removeNAs=FALSE)` This method retrieves the value of `field` for all the state vectors stored in the `openSkiesStateVectorSet` object. If `removeNAs=TRUE` (by default, `removeNAs=FALSE`), missing values are removed from the output. Otherwise, NA is returned in place of missing items.

Examples

```
# Create an openSkiesAircraft object corresponding to the aircraft with
# ICAO 24-bit address 3922e2

if(interactive()){
test_aircraft <- getAircraftMetadata("3922e2")
test_aircraft
}
```

---

openSkiesAirport *An R6Class object representing an airport*

Description

R6Class object representing an airport. Contains information about the name of the airport, its IATA and ICAO codes, and its location. New instances can be manually created by providing values for at least the fields `name`, `city`, `country`, `longitude` and `latitude`. Alternatively, `getAirportMetadata` will return an `openSkiesAirport` object corresponding to the airport with the provided ICAO code.

Usage

```
openSkiesAirport
```

Fields

`name` String with the name of the airport

`ICAO` String with the ICAO code of the airport

`IATA` String with the IATA code of the airport

`longitude` Longitude of the position of the airport

`latitude` Latitude of the position of the airport

`altitude` Altitude of the position of the airport

`city` String with the name of the city where the airport is located

`municipality` String with the ISO 3166-2 code where the airport is located

`region` String with the name of the region where the airport is located

`country` String with the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 code of the country where the airport is located

`continent` String with the ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 code of the continent where the airport is located

`type` String with information about the type of airport

`website` String with the URL for the website of the airport

`wikipedia_entry` String with the URL for the Wikipedia entry of the airport

`reliable_position` Logical value indicating if the position of the airport is reliable

`GPS_code` String with the GPS code of the airport

Examples

```
# Create an openSkiesAirport object corresponding to Sevilla Airport

if(interactive()){
test_airport <- getAirportMetadata("LEZL")
test_airport
}
```

---

openSkiesFlight *An* R6Class *object representing a specific flight*

Description

R6Class object representing a specific flight performed by a certain aircraft. Contains information about the aircraft that performed the flight, the airports of origin and destination, the times of departure and arrival and the callsign under which the flight was performed. New instances can be manually created by providing values for at least the fields `ICAO24`, `departure_time` and `arrival_time`. Alternatively, `getAircraftFlights`, `getAirportDepartures`, `getAirportArrivals` `getIntervalFlights` will all return lists of `openSkiesFlight` objects corresponding to the flights that match the query conditions.

Usage

```
openSkiesFlight
```

Fields

`ICAO24` String with the ICAO 24-bit aicraft address associated to the aircraft in hexadecimal format

`call_sign` String with callsign under which the flight was performed

`state_vectors` Object of class `openSkiesStateVectorSet` with field `time_series = TRUE` containing the state vectors received from the aircraft during the flight

`origin_airport` String with the ICAO 4-letter code of the airport of origin

`destination_airport` String with the ICAO 4-letter code of the destination airport

`departure_time` String with the date and time at which the aircraft took off

`arrival_time` String with the date and time at which the aircraft arrived at its destination

Methods

`get_moment_state_vector(time, includeFuture = TRUE)` This method retrieves the state vector closest with the timestamp closest to the provided time, which must be supplied as a datetime string. In the default behaviour, `includeFuture=TRUE` and the retrieved vector will be the one with the closest timestamp, regardless of if this is earlier or later than the provided time. If `includeFuture=FALSE`, the closest earlier state vector will be retrieved. ,

`get_duration()` This method returns the duration of the flight in seconds ,

`distance_to_flight(flight, numberSamples=15, samplesAggregationMethod="concatenated", method="euclid` This method calculates the distance to the provided flight, which must be another object of class openSkiesFlight. Both openSkiesFlight objects will be resampled to the number of points specified by `numberSamples`. If `samplesAggregationMethod="concatenated"`, a vector of values indicating the distance between the flights at each point is returned. If `samplesAggregationMethod="average"`, the average distance is returned. By default, `method="euclidean"` and euclidean distances are calculated. Other possible values of `method` are all values accepted by `dist`. By default, `additionalFields=NULL`, and only latitude and longitude values will be included in the features vectors used to calculate distances. Additional fields can be specified by providing their names as a character vector through `additionalFields`. The names should be valid names of fields of `openSkiesStateVector` objects.

`detect_phases(time_window, use_baro_altitude = FALSE)` This method detects the phases of the flight, applying the `findFlightPhases` function. A time window will be applied to calculate mean values of altitude, vertical rate and speed. Its length is provided in seconds through the `time_window` argument. Setting this value to 1 effectively disables the usage of a time window. By default, `use_baro_altitude=FALSE` and geo altitude values will be used to calculate the flight phases. If `use_baro_altitude=TRUE`, barometric altitude values will be used instead.

Examples

```
# Create a list of openSkiesFlight objects corresponding to all the flights that
# landed at Frankfurt International Airport on the 29th of January, 2018 between
# 12 PM and 1 PM

if(interactive()){
test_flights <- getAirportArrivals(airport="EDDF", startTime="2018-01-29 12:00:00",
endTime="2018-01-29 13:00:00", timeZone="Europe/Berlin")
test_flights
}
```

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openSkiesRoute *An* `R6Class` *object representing a flight route*

Description

`R6Class` object representing a flight route, usually operated by a commercial airline. Contains information about the callsign under which the route is operated, the operator itself and the airports of origin and destination. New instances can be manually created by providing values for at least the fields

call_sign, origin_airport and destination_airport. Alternatively, getRouteMetadata will return an openSkiesRoute object corresponding to the route with the provided callsign.

Usage

```
openSkiesRoute
```

Fields

call_sign String with callsign of the route

origin_airport String with the ICAO 4-letter code of the airport of origin

destination_airport String with the ICAO 4-letter code of the destination airport

operator_IATA String with the IATA code for the operator of the route

flight_number String with the flight number for the route. The callsign is usually composed of an airline identifier and the flight number

Examples

```
# Create an openSkiesRoute object corresponding to the American Airlines route
# with callsign AAL683

if(interactive()){
test_route <- getRouteMetadata("AAL683")
test_route
}
```

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openSkiesStateVector *An R6Class object representing an aircraft state vector*

Description

R6Class object representing an aircraft state vector. Contains information about status at a given timepoint of an aircraft, including its position, altitude and velocity. New instances can be manually created by providing values for at least the ICAO24, longitude and latitude fields. Alternatively, getSingleTimeStateVectors will return an openSkiesStateVector object if a single state vector matching the query conditions is found.

Usage

```
openSkiesStateVector
```

Fields

`ICAO24` String with the ICAO 24-bit aicraft address associated to the aircraft in hexadecimal format

`call_sign` String with the callsign assigned to the aircraft

`origin_country` String with the country where the aircraft is registered

`requested_time` String with the time point for which the state vector was requested

`last_position_update_time` String with the time at which the last position update for the aircraft was received, or NULL if no position update had been received in the past 15 s

`last_any_update_time` String with the time at which the last update (of any type) for the aircraft was received

`longitude` Longitude value for the position of the aircraft

`latitude` Latitude value for the position of the aircraft

`baro_altitude` Barometric altitude of the aircraft in meters

`geo_altitude` Geometric altitude of the aircraft in meters

`on_ground` Logical indicating if the aircraft is at a surface position

`velocity` velocity of the aircraft over the ground in meters/second

`true_track` True track angle in degrees of the current aircraft course. Measured clockwise from the North (0º)

`vertical_rate` Vertical movement rate of the aircraft in meters/second. Positive means the aircraft is climbing, and negative means it is descending

`squawk` String with the squawk code for the aircraft transponder

`special_purpose_indicator` Logical indicating if the transponder of the aircraft has emitted a Special Purpose Indicator pulse

`position_source` String with the source of the position information for this state vector. Can be ADS-B (Automatic Dependent Surveillance–Broadcast), ASTERIX (All Purpose Structured Eurocontrol Surveillance Information Exchange) or MLA (Multilateration)

Examples

```
# Obtain the state vector for aircraft with ICAO 24-bit address 403003 for
# the 8th of October, 2020 at 16:50 London time.

if(interactive()){
test_stateVector <- getSingleTimeStateVectors(aircraft="403003",
time="2020-10-08 16:50:00", timeZone="Europe/London")
test_stateVector
}
```

openSkiesStateVectorSet *An R6Class object representing an ensemble of aircraft state vectors*

Description

R6Class object representing an ensemble of aircraft state vectors. Contains a list of objects of class openSkiesStateVector. The ensemble can either represent a time series of state vectors of a single aircraft, or represent state vectors corresponding to multiple different aircrafts. For details on the information stored in each state vector, see the documentation for the openSkiesStateVector class. New instances can be manually created by providing a list of openSkiesStateVector objects. Alternatively, getSingleTimeStateVectors and getAircraftStateVectorsSeries will return an openSkiesStateVectorSet object if multiple state vectors matching the query conditions are found.

Usage

```
openSkiesStateVectorSet
```

Fields

`state_vectors` List of openSkiesStateVector objects

`time_series` Logical indicating if the openSkiesStateVectorSet object represents a time series of state vectors of a single aircraft.

Methods

`add_state_vector(state_vector)` This method adds a new state vector to the openSkiesAircraft object, which will be set as the new `last_state_vector` and will be added to `state_vector_history`. `state_vector` should be an openSkiesStateVector object

`get_values(fields, removeNAs=FALSE, unwrapAngles=FALSE)` This method retrieves all the values for the specified fields in the ensemble of openSkiesStateVector objects. One or several field names can be provided through the `fields` argument. The values will be returned as a vector if a single field was provided, or as a data frame if multiple fields were provided. Field names should match those of the fields of openSkiesStateVector objects. If `removeNAs=TRUE`, NA values will be omitted from the output (if multiple fields were provided, only state vectors for which all of the fields were NA will be omitted). If `unwrapAngles=TRUE` and values for the `true_track` field were requested, the values will be unwrapped to be a smooth succession of values without sudden discontinuities when crossing from 360º to 0º (this will likely make multiple values become higher than 360).

`get_uniform_interpolation(n, fields, method="fmm")` This method obtains a data frame with an interpolation of the specified fields along the route represented by the state vector set across n evenly distributed points. `fields` should be a character vector with the name of the fields that will be interpolated. Only numeric fields are accepted. `method` represents the interpolation method. "linear" will result in linear interpolation, while "fmm", "periodic", or "natural" will result in different types of spline interpolation.

`get_time_points_interpolation(fields, time_field, timestamps, method="fmm")` This method obtains a data frame with an interpolation of the specified fields along the route represented by the state vector set across the specified timestamps. `fields` should be a character vector with the name of the fields that will be interpolated. Only numeric fields are accepted. `method` represents the interpolation method. "linear" will result in linear interpolation, while "fmm", "periodic", or "natural" will result in different types of spline interpolation. `time_field` indicates the name of the field of the openSkiesStateVectorSet object from which the timestamps of the original state vectors will be retrieved. Possible values are `c("requested_time", "last_position_update_time", "last_any_update_time")`. The time points at which the interpolations should be calculated should be provided as a vector through the `timestamps` argument.

`sort_by_field(field, decreasing=FALSE)` This method sorts the state vectors of the openSkiesStateVectorSet object by the values of the field provided through `field`. By default, `decreasing=FALSE` and the state vectors will be sorted by increasing order of `field`. If `decreasing=TRUE`, decreasing order will be used.

`split_into_flights(timeOnLandThreshold=300, timeDiffThreshold=1800)` This method automatically detects different flights contained in the openSkiesStateVectorSet object and returns a list of objects of class `openSkiesFlight`. Separate flights are detected based on two conditions: either the aircraft staying on ground for a given amount of time, or the aircraft not sending any status update for a given period. The thresholds are controlled, respectively, through the `timeOnLandThreshold` and `timeDiffThreshold` arguments. In both cases, the value should be provided in seconds.

`remove_redundants(updateType="position")` This method removes redundant state vectors, i.e., those that do not contain updated information with respect to older state vectors. What is considered as a redundant state vector is defined by the `updateType` argument. If `updateType="position"`, which is also the default behavior, state vectors for which there was no update of positional information will be considered as redundant (even if there might have been an update of other information). If `updateType="any"`, only state vectors for which no information was updated (positional or any other) will be considered as redundant. It should be noted that applying this method will also sort the state vectors from older to more recent. The method is intended to be applied to time series, and therefore a warning will be given if it is applied on an `openSkiesStateVectorSet` with field `time_series=FALSE`.

Examples

```
# Obtain a time series of state vectors for the aircraft with ICAO 24-bit
# address 403003 for the 8th of October, 2020 between 16:50 and 16:53 (London
# time), with a time resolution of 1 minute.

if(interactive()){
test_stateVectorSet <- getAircraftStateVectorsSeries("403003", startTime="2020-10-08 16:50:00",
endTime="2020-10-08 16:52:00", timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=60)
test_stateVectorSet
}
```

plotPlanes *Plot the location of a set of aircrafts*

Description

Draws the location of a set of aircrafts given in their state vectors on a ggmap object. The planes will be oriented according to the path they are following.

Usage

```
plotPlanes(stateVectors, ggmapObject=NULL, plotResult=TRUE, paddingFactor=0.2,
           iconSize=1)
```

Arguments

stateVectors	list of state vectors. Each state vector must be represented by a list with, at least, fields "longitude", "latitude" and "trueTrack".
ggmapObject	optional ggmap object on which the route will be drawn. By default, a new ggmap object will be created, covering the necessary space plus an amount of padding determined by the paddingFactor argument.
plotResult	whether or not the resulting ggmap object with the added route should be plotted.
paddingFactor	amount of padding to add to the map if no ggmap object is provided. The added padding will be equal to paddingFactor multiplied by the height and width of the map (determined by the difference between the maximum and minimum longitudes/latitudes).
iconSize	scaling factor for the size of the plane icons.

Value

A ggmap object with added paths and points representing the route.

Examples

```
# Plot the position of aircrafts currently flying over an area covering
# Switzerland.

if(interactive()){
vectors <- getSingleTimeStateVectors(minLatitude=45.8389, maxLatitude=47.8229,
                                     minLongitude=5.9962, maxLongitude=10.5226)

plotPlanes(vectors)
}
```

plotRoute *Plot a single aircraft route*

Description

Draws a given route on a ggmap object. The route must be given as an object of class openSkiesStateVectorSet with field time_series=TRUE.

Usage

```
plotRoute(stateVectorSet, pathColor="blue", ggmapObject=NULL, plotResult=TRUE,
          paddingFactor=0.2, lineSize=1, lineAlpha=0.5, pointSize=0.3,
          pointAlpha=0.8, arrowLength=0.3)
```

Arguments

stateVectorSet	object of class openSkiesStateVectorSet with field time_series=TRUE with positional information of an aircraft along different timepoints.
pathColor	color of the path and points that will be used to draw the route. Must be a value accepted by ggmap's color attributes.
ggmapObject	optional ggmap object on which the route will be drawn. By default, a new ggmap object will be created, covering the necessary space plus an amount of padding determined by the paddingFactor argument.
plotResult	whether or not the resulting ggmap object with the added route should be plotted.
paddingFactor	amount of padding to add to the map if no ggmap object is provided. The added padding will be equal to paddingFactor multiplied by the height and width of the map (determined by the difference between the maximum and minimum longitudes/latitudes).
lineSize	width of the line that connects the points of the route in the plot.
lineAlpha	opacity of the line that connects the points of the route in the plot.
pointSize	size of the points of the route in the plot.
pointAlpha	opacity of the points of the route in the plot.
arrowLength	length of the segment arrows in centimeters.

Value

A ggmap object with added paths and points representing the route.

Examples

```
# Plot the route followed by the aircraft with ICAO address 4ca7b3
# during the 4th of November, 2020.

if(interactive()){
vectors <- getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="4ca7b3",
```

```
startTime="2020-11-04 10:30:00", endTime="2020-11-04 12:00:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

plotRoute(vectors)
}
```

`plotRoutes` *Plot several aircraft routes*

Description

Draws the given routes on a ggmap object. The routes must be given as a list of objects of class `openSkiesStateVectorSet`, all of them with field `time_series=TRUE`.

Usage

```
plotRoutes(stateVectorSetList, pathColors="blue", ggmapObject=NULL,
plotResult=TRUE, paddingFactor=0.2, lineSize=1, lineAlpha=0.5, pointSize=0.3,
pointAlpha=0.8, includeArrows=FALSE, arrowLength=0.3, literalColors=TRUE)
```

Arguments

`stateVectorSetList`	list of objects of class `openSkiesStateVectorSet` with field `time_series=TRUE`, each of them containing positional information of given aircraft along different timepoints.
`pathColors`	If `literalColors=TRUE`, vector with the colors of the paths and points that will be used to draw the routes. If the number of routes is greater than the number of colors, these will be rotated. Each color must be a value accepted by ggmap's color attributes. Alternatively, if `literalColors=FALSE`, a factor defining a certain feature for each route, in which case a color will be assigned for each level of the factor.
`ggmapObject`	optional ggmap object on which the routes will be drawn. By default, a new ggmap object will be created, covering the necessary space plus an amount of padding determined by the paddingFactor argument.
`plotResult`	wether or not the resulting ggmap object with the added routes should be plotted.
`paddingFactor`	amount of padding to add to the map if no ggmap object is provided. The added padding will be equal to paddingFactor multiplied by the height and width of the map (determined by the difference between the maximum and minimum longitudes/latitudes).
`lineSize`	width of the line that connects the points of the routes in the plot.
`lineAlpha`	opacity of the line that connects the points of the routes in the plot.
`pointSize`	size of the points of the routes in the plot.
`pointAlpha`	opacity of the points of the routes in the plot.

includeArrows	logical indicating if arrows showing the direction of the flight should be added to the plot. The default value of FALSE can speed up the generation of the plot considerably when a large amount of routes are plotted.
arrowLength	length of the segment arrows in centimeters.
literalColors	logical indicating if the values provided through pathColors should be interpreted as color names/codes. By default, TRUE. If set to FALSE, pathColors will be interpreted as a factor, and a color for each different value will be automatically assigned.

Value

A ggmap object with added paths and points representing the routes.

References

https://opensky-network.org/apidoc/rest

Examples

```
# Plot the routes followed by two aircrafts departing from Sevilla airport the
# 4th of November, 2020.

if(interactive()){
vectors1=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft="345107",
startTime="2020-11-04 11:55:00", endTime="2020-11-04 13:10:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

vectors2=getAircraftStateVectorsSeries(aircraft = "4ca7b3",
startTime="2020-11-04 10:30:00", endTime="2020-11-04 12:00:00",
timeZone="Europe/London", timeResolution=300)

plotRoutes(list(vectors1, vectors2), pathColors=c("red", "blue"))
}
```

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