

# Package ‘geodetector’

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**Title** Stratified Heterogeneity Measure, Dominant Driving Force  
Detection, Interaction Relationship Investigation

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**Description** Spatial stratified heterogeneity (SSH), referring to the within strata are more similar than the between strata, a model with global parameters would be confounded if input data is SSH. Note that the “spatial” here can be either geospatial or the space in mathematical meaning. Geographical detector is a novel tool to investigate SSH: (1) measure and find SSH of a variable Y; (2) test the power of determinant X of a dependent variable Y according to the consistency between their spatial distributions; and (3) investigate the interaction between two explanatory variables X1 and X2 to a dependent variable Y (Wang et al 2014 <[doi:10.1080/13658810802443457](https://doi.org/10.1080/13658810802443457)>, Wang, Zhang, and Fu 2016 <[doi:10.1016/j.ecolind.2016.02.000](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolind.2016.02.000)>)

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| CollectData | <i>CollectData</i> |
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### Description

Including data for neural-tube birth defects (NTD) Y and suspected and environmental factor data, "elevation", "soil type", and "watershed".

### Usage

```
data("CollectData")
```

### Format

A data frame with 185 observations on the following 4 variables.

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| DiseaseData_shp | <i>DiseaseData_shp</i> |
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### Description

Shapfile format data for the health effect layer.

### Usage

```
data("DiseaseData_shp")
```

### Format

A SpatialPolygonsDataFrame with 189 observations.

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ecological\_detector     *ecological\_detector*

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**Description**

This function identifies the impact differences between two factors X1 ~ X2.

**Usage**

```
ecological_detector(y_column, x_column_nn, tabledata)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| y_column    | The index or field name of explained variable column in input dataset.                   |
| x_column_nn | The index or field name of explanatory variable(s) in input dataset.                     |
| tabledata   | The dataset (dataframe) contains fields of explained variable and explanatory variables. |

**Value**

Results of ecological detector is the significance test of impact difference between two explanatory variables.

**Examples**

```
data(CollectData)
ecological_detector("incidence",c("soiltype","watershed"),CollectData)
ecological_detector("incidence",c("soiltype","watershed","elevation"),CollectData)
```

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Elevation\_shp     *Elevation\_shp*

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**Description**

Shapfile format data for the environmental factor layers, "elevation".

**Usage**

```
data("Elevation_shp")
```

**Format**

A SpatialPolygonsDataFrame with 7 observations.

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factor\_detector      *factor detector*

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### Description

The factor detector q-statistic measures the spatial stratified heterogeneity of a variable Y, or the determinant power of a covariate X of Y.

### Usage

```
factor_detector(y_column, x_column_nn, tabledata)
```

### Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| y_column    | The index or field name of explained variable in input dataset.                          |
| x_column_nn | The index or the field name(s) of explanatory variable(s) in input dataset.              |
| tabledata   | The dataset (dataframe) contains fields of explained variable and explanatory variables. |

### Value

Results of factor detector include q statistic and the corresponding p value.

### Examples

```
data(CollectData)
factor_detector("incidence", "soiltype", CollectData)
factor_detector(1, 2, CollectData)
factor_detector (1, c(2, 3, 4), CollectData)
factor_detector ("incidence", c("soiltype", "watershed"), CollectData)
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interaction\_detector      *interaction detector*

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### Description

This function reveals whether the risk factors X1 and X2 (and more X) have an interactive influence on a disease Y.

### Usage

```
interaction_detector(y_column, x_column_nn, tabledata)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| y_column    | The index or field name of explained variable in input dataset.                          |
| x_column_nn | The index or field name of explanatory variable(s) in input dataset.                     |
| tabledata   | The dataset (dataframe) contains fields of explained variable and explanatory variables. |

**Value**

Results of interaction detector include the interactive q statistic.

**Examples**

```
data(CollectData)
interaction_detector("incidence",c("soiltype","watershed"),CollectData)
interaction_detector("incidence",c("soiltype","watershed","elevation"),CollectData)
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| maps2dataframe | <i>maps2dataframe</i> |
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**Description**

This function transforms the information of variables from shapefiles to dataframe.

**Usage**

```
maps2dataframe(y_shp, x_shp_n, namescolumn)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| y_shp       | The shapefile( polygons or points) containing explained variable in its attribute table.   |
| x_shp_n     | Shapefiles( polygons or points) containing explained variable in their attribute tables.   |
| namescolumn | Field names which represent explained variable and explanatory variables, respectively. The order correspond with y_shp and x_shp_n. |

**Value**

dataframe transformed from shape files. If input data is shapefile format, the function named geoDetector can be used to transform from shapefile map to table format. Please note that, these shapefile layers should have the same projected coordinate system.

## Examples

```

library(maptools)

data(DiseaseData_shp)
data(SoilType_shp)
data(Watershed_shp)
data(Elevation_shp)
CollectData2<-maps2dataframe(DiseaseData_shp,c(SoilType_shp, Watershed_shp,
                                                Elevation_shp),namescolumn= c('incidence',
                                                'soiltype', 'watershed', 'elevation'))

factor_detector("incidence", "soiltype", CollectData2)
factor_detector(1,2,CollectData2)
factor_detector (1,c(2,3,4),CollectData2)
rst <- factor_detector ("incidence",c("soiltype", "watershed"),CollectData2)
interaction_detector("incidence", c("soiltype", "watershed"),CollectData2)
interaction_detector("incidence", c("soiltype", "watershed", "elevation"),CollectData2)

risk_detector("incidence", "soiltype", CollectData2)
risk_detector(1,2,CollectData2)
risk_detector(1,c(2,3,4),CollectData2)
risk_detector("incidence", c("soiltype"),CollectData2)

ecological_detector("incidence", c("soiltype", "watershed"),CollectData2)
ecological_detector("incidence", c("soiltype", "watershed", "elevation"),CollectData2)

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| risk_detector | <i>risk_detector</i> |
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## Description

This function calculates the average values in each stratum of explanatory variable (X), and presents if there exists difference between two strata.

## Usage

```
risk_detector(y_column, x_column_nn, tabledata)
```

## Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| y_column    | The index or field name of explained variable in input dataset.                          |
| x_column_nn | The index or field name of explanatory variable(s) in input dataset.                     |
| tabledata   | The dataset (dataframe) contains fields of explained variable and explanatory variables. |

## Value

Results of risk detector include the means of explained variable in each stratum derived from an explanatory variable and the t-test for difference between two strata.

**Examples**

```
data(CollectData)
risk_detector("incidence", "soiltype", CollectData)
risk_detector(1, 2, CollectData)
risk_detector(1, c(2, 3, 4), CollectData)
risk_detector("incidence", c("soiltype", "watershed", "elevation"), CollectData)
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| SoilType_shp | <i>SoilType_shp</i> |
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**Description**

Shapfile format data for the environmental factor layers, "soilType".

**Usage**

```
data("SoilType_shp")
```

**Format**

A SpatialPolygonsDataFrame with 6 observations.

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| Watershed_shp | <i>Watershed_shp</i> |
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**Description**

Shapfile format data for the environmental factor layers, "watershed".

**Usage**

```
data("Watershed_shp")
```

**Format**

A SpatialPolygonsDataFrame with 9 observations.

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