

# Package ‘sspline’

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gwm

*Internal Data Used by map.world Function*

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**Description**

It stores longitudes and latitudes used for drawing the world map.

**Usage**

```
data(gwm)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 6920 observations on the following 2 variables.

**lon** longitudes on earth

**lat** latitudes on earth

**Source**

S Archive under <http://lib.stat.cmu.edu>

**Examples**

```
data(gwm)
```

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map.world

*World Map*

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**Description**

Sketch the continental boundary to give a rough idea of the position on the world.

**Usage**

```
map.world(add=FALSE, main="", ...)
```

**Arguments**

**add** a logical scalar, if TRUE, add a map to the existing plot; otherwise, plot a new world map

**main** a character vector, the main title of the plot

**...** other parameters needed to pass to the lines function

**Value**

NULL

**Author(s)**

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**References**

S Archive under <http://lib.stat.cmu.edu>

**Examples**

```
map.world(main = "The World Map")
```

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```
plot.smooth.sspline
```

*Plot a Smooth.sspline Object*

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**Description**

Plot a smoothing spherical spline using color to represent the function value.

**Usage**

```
plot.smooth.sspline(x, lon, lat, main="", xlab="Longitude",  
  ylab="Latitude", key.title="Temp\n(deg)", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a smooth.sspline object
lon	the longitudes on which the function values will be calculated
lat	the latitudes on which the function values will be calculated
main	the main title of the plot
xlab	the x-axis label of the main plot
ylab	the y-axis label of the main plot
key.title	the title for the colored key
...	other plotting parameters, such as <i>lwd</i> , <i>asp</i> , and ...

**Details**

It calls `predict.smooth.sspline` and `filled.contour`.

**Value**

NULL

**Note**

The longitudes and latitudes are measured in degrees.

**Author(s)**

Xianhong Xie

**See Also**[predict.smooth.sspline](#)**Examples**

```
data(WTdiff)

subdat <- WTdiff[sample(nrow(WTdiff), 200), 2:4]
attach(subdat)

splobj <- smooth.sspline(lon, lat, avgd)

plot(splobj, lon=seq(-180, 180, len=50), lat=seq(-90, 90, len=25),
      main="World Average Temperature Change")

detach(subdat)
```

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```
predict.smooth.sspline
```

*Spherical Smoothing Spline Prediction*

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**Description**

Make prediction on the sphere using the information got from a `smooth.sspline` object.

**Usage**

```
predict.smooth.sspline(object, lon, lat, grid=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	a <code>smooth.sspline</code> object
<code>lon</code>	the longitudes on which the prediction is to be made
<code>lat</code>	the latitudes on which the prediction is to be made
<code>grid</code>	whether the prediction is on a grid
<code>...</code>	other parameters, not used

### Details

It calls Fortran subroutine with the .Fortran interface.

### Value

If `grid = TRUE`, return a matrix with dimension `(length(lon), length(lat))`; otherwise, return a vector of length `= length(lon)`.

### Note

The longitudes and latitudes are measured in degrees.

### Author(s)

Xianhong Xie

### References

Grace Wahba (1981), *Spline Interpolation and Smoothing on the Sphere*, SIAM J. SCI. STAT. COMPUT.

### See Also

[smooth.sspline](#)

### Examples

```
data(WT9397)

subdat <- WT9397[sample(nrow(WT9397), 200), 2:4]
attach(subdat)

splobj <- smooth.sspline(lon, lat, avgt)

predict(splobj, lon=seq(-180,180,len=50), lat=seq(-90,90,len=25), grid=TRUE)

detach(subdat)
```

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```
print.smooth.sspline
```

*Display a Smooth.sspline Object*

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### Description

The print and summary methods for `smooth.sspline` object.

**Usage**

```
print.smooth.sspline(x, ...)
summary.smooth.sspline(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	smooth.sspline objects
object	smooth.sspline objects
...	other parameters, not used

**Value**

For `print.smooth.sspline`, a `smooth.sspline` object; for `summary.smooth.sspline`, NULL.

**Author(s)**

Xianhong Xie

**Examples**

```
data(WT6367)

subdat <- WT6367[sample(nrow(WT6367), 200), 2:4]
attach(subdat)

splobj <- smooth.sspline(lon, lat, avgt)

print(splobj)
summary(splobj)

detach(subdat)
```

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rmp

*Internal Data Used by map.world Function*

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**Description**

It stores vertex index info used for drawing the world map.

**Usage**

```
data(rmp)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 54 observations on the following variable.

**inc** a numeric vector

**Source**

S Archive under <http://lib.stat.cmu.edu>

**Examples**

```
data(rmp)
```

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```
smooth.sspline      Smoothing Spline on the Sphere
```

---

**Description**

It fits a smoothing splines on the sphere with the smoothing parameter chosen by the generalized cross validation (GCV) criteria or given by the user.

**Usage**

```
smooth.sspline(lon, lat, y, m = 2, smth = 0, lambda = 0)
```

**Arguments**

lon	numeric vector, the longitudes
lat	numeric vector, the latitudes
y	numeric vector, the observations at (lon, lat)
m	integer, order of smoothing, takes value from 1 to 10. Default to 2
smth	method for choosing the smoothing parameter: 0, gcv method; 1, user specified. Default to 0
lambda	used only when smth = 1.

**Details**

It calls Fortran subroutine with the .Fortran interface.

**Value**

A `smooth.sspline` object with the components

lon	the original longitude
lat	the original latitude
obs	the original observation
lambda	the lambda that minimizes the gcv score
gcv	the corresponding gcv value at lambda
varhat	the estimated variance
c	the coefficient vector c for the estimated function
d	the coefficient d for the estimated function
yhat	the estimated (smoothed) observation
call	the call to <code>smooth.sspline</code>

**Note**

The longitudes and latitudes are measured in degrees.

**Author(s)**

Xianhong Xie

**References**

Grace Wahba (1981), *Spline Interpolation and Smoothing on the Sphere*, SIAM J. SCI. STAT. COMPUT.

**Examples**

```
data(WTdiff)

subdat <- WTdiff[sample(nrow(WTdiff), 200), 2:4]
attach(subdat)

smooth.sspline(lon, lat, avgd)

detach(subdat)
```

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station

*Distribution of the Stations on the World*

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**Description**

It gives a simple illumination on how the given (lon, lat) pairs distributes on the world.

**Usage**

```
station(lon=NULL, lat=NULL, pch=24, col="blue", bg="red", ...)
```

**Arguments**

lon	numeric, the longitudes
lat	numeric, the latitudes
pch	the plotting symbol
col	color value or name, the color used to draw the symbol
bg	color value or name, the color used to fill the symbol
...	other plotting parameters

**Details**

It calls the map.world to draw a world map.

**Value**

NULL

**Note**

The longitudes and latitudes are measured in degrees.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[map.world](#)

**Examples**

```
data(WTdiff)
subdat <- WTdiff[sample(nrow(WTdiff), 200), 2:3]
attach(subdat)

station(lon, lat)

detach(subdat)
```

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WT6367

*World Average Winter Temperature from 1963-1967*

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**Description**

The WT6367 data frame has 1391 rows and 4 columns. It contains the average temperature from 1963 to 1967 for those stations having non-missing observations on the winter (Dec-Feb) for ten years (1963-1967 and 1993-1997).

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**recid** a numeric vector containing the coded information of the stations (length 11). The first three digits represent the country code; the next five digits, the station number; the last three digits, whether a station is a WMO station or close to one.

**lon** a numeric vector containing the longitudes (in degrees) of the stations.

**lat** a numeric vector containing the latitudes (in degrees) of the stations.

**avgt** a numeric vector containing the average temperatures for the stations (rounded to the second decimal point).

**Source**

The Global Historical Climatology Network (GHCN)

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/res40.pl?page=ghcn.html>

**Examples**

```
data(WT6367)

## Fit a smoothing spherical spline with part of the data
subdat <- WT6367[sample(nrow(WT6367), 200), 2:4]
attach(subdat)

smooth.sspline(lon, lat, avgt)

detach(subdat)
```

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WT9397

*World Average Winter Temperature from 1993-1997*

---

**Description**

The WT9397 data frame has 1391 rows and 4 columns. It contains the average temperature from 1993 to 1997 for those stations having non-missing observations on the winter (Dec-Feb) for ten years (1963-1967 and 1993-1997).

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**rcid** a numeric vector containing the coded information of the stations (length 11). The first three digits represent the country code; the next five digits, the station number; the last three digits, whether a station is a WMO station or close to one.

**lon** a numeric vector containing the longitudes (in degrees) of the stations.

**lat** a numeric vector containing the latitudes (in degrees) of the stations.

**avgt** a numeric vector containing the average temperatures for the stations (rounded to the second decimal point).

**Source**

The Global Historical Climatology Network (GHCN)

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/res40.pl?page=ghcn.html>

**Examples**

```
data(WT9397)

## Fit a smoothing spherical spline with part of the data
subdat <- WT9397[sample(nrow(WT9397), 200), 2:4]
attach(subdat)

smooth.sspline(lon, lat, avgt)

detach(subdat)
```

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WTdiff	<i>World Average Winter Temperature Change (1963-1967 Vs 1993-1997)</i>
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**Description**

The `WTdiff` data frame has 1391 rows and 4 columns. It contains the average temperature change from 1963-1967 to 1993-1997 for those stations having non-missing observations on the winter (Dec-Feb) for ten years (1963-1967 and 1993-1997).

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

- recid** a numeric vector containing the coded information of the stations (length 11). The first three digits represent the country code; the next five digits, the station number; the last three digits, whether a station is a WMO station or close to one.
- lon** a numeric vector containing the longitudes (in degrees) of the stations.
- lat** a numeric vector containing the latitudes (in degrees) of the stations.
- avgd** a numeric vector containing the average temperature change from 1963-1967 to 1993-1997 for the stations.

**Source**

The Global Historical Climatology Network (GHCN)  
<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cgi-bin/res40.pl?page=ghcn.html>

**Examples**

```
data(WTdiff)

## Fit a smoothing spherical spline with part of the data
subdat <- WTdiff[sample(nrow(WTdiff), 200), 2:4]
attach(subdat)

smooth.sspline(lon, lat, avgd)

detach(subdat)
```

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