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`as_discretization_method`*Cast into a discretization\_method object*

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## Description

Cast a character value into `discretization_method` object, using the list of possible methods in `spm_methods`.

## Usage

```
as_discretization_method(name, method)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'character,ANY'  
as_discretization_method(name)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'missing,function'  
as_discretization_method(method)
```

## Arguments

`name` **[character]** The name of the method.

`method` **[character]** If custom method, the function to use. See `spm_discretize` for more details.

## Value

An object of class `discretization_method`.

## See Also

`spm_methods`.

## Examples

```
as_discretization_method("tessellate_voronoi")
```

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borealis\_simulated      *Simulated biomass data*

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**Description**

Simulated biomass data for test and practice.

**Usage**

borealis\_simulated

**Format**

A data frame:

**year\_f** Year as a factor

**sfa** SFA ID number

**weight\_per\_km2** Simualated biomass in kg per km2

**temp\_at\_bottom** Simulated water temperature

**lon\_dec** Longitude

**lat\_dec** Latitude

**row** Row ID

**uniqueID** Unique ID for simulated observation

---

catch\_simulated      *Simulated catch data*

---

**Description**

Simulated catch data for test and practice.

**Usage**

catch\_simulated

**Format**

A data frame:

**year\_f** Year as a factor

**sfa** SFA ID number

**catch** Simualated catch in kg

**lon\_dec** Longitude

**lat\_dec** Latitude

**row** Row ID

**uniqueID** Unique ID for simulated observation

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```
discretization_method-class
      sspm discretization method class
```

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**Description**

This class encapsulates a name and a method (function) used for discretization.

**Slots**

name **[character]** Name of the discretization method.  
 method **[function]** Function used for discretization.

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```
method_func      Accessing OR replacing discretization_method model elements
```

---

**Description**

All methods described here allow to access the elements of contained in objects of class [discretization\\_method](#).

**Usage**

```
method_func(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'discretization_method'
method_func(sspm_object)

method_func(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'discretization_method'
method_func(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'discretization_method'
spm_name(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'discretization_method'
spm_name(object) <- value
```

**Arguments**

sspm\_object **[discretization\_method]** An object of class [discretization\\_method](#).  
 object **[discretization\_method]** An object of class [discretization\\_method](#).  
 value typically an array-like R object of a similar class as x.

**Value**

The object in the required slot.

**Examples**

```
method <- as_discretization_method("tessellate_voronoi")
method_func(method)
```

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plot

*Plot sspm objects*

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**Description**

Plot methods for a range of sspm objects.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary,missing'
plot(x, y, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,missing'
plot(
  x,
  y,
  ...,
  var = NULL,
  point_size = 1,
  line_size = 1,
  use_sf = FALSE,
  interval = FALSE,
  page = "first",
  nrow = 2,
  ncol = 2,
  log = FALSE,
  scales = "fixed",
  show_PI = TRUE,
  show_CI = TRUE
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit,missing'
plot(
  x,
  y,
  ...,
  point_size = 1,
  line_size = 1,
  train_test = FALSE,
```

```

biomass = NULL,
next_ts = FALSE,
smoothed_biomass = FALSE,
aggregate = FALSE,
interval = FALSE,
biomass_origin = NULL,
use_sf = FALSE,
page = "first",
nrow = 2,
ncol = 2,
log = FALSE,
scales = "fixed",
show_PI = TRUE,
show_CI = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

x	<b>[sspm_...]</b> An object from this package.
y	NOT USED (from generic).
...	NOT USED (from generic).
var	<b>[character]</b> (For <code>sspm_dataset</code> ) Variable to plot.
point_size	<b>[numeric]</b> Passed on to <code>ggplot</code> size parameter for point size.
line_size	<b>[numeric]</b> Passed on to <code>ggplot</code> size parameter for line size.
use_sf	<b>[logical]</b> Whether to produce a spatial plot.
interval	<b>[logical]</b> (For <code>sspm_fit</code> & <code>sspm_dataset</code> ) Whether to plot CI and PI intervals.
page	The page to draw
nrow	Number of rows per page
ncol	Number of columns per page
log	<b>[logical]</b> For productivity, whether to plot log productivity, (default to FALSE) for others, whether to plot on a log scale (default to TRUE).
scales	Are scales shared across all facets (the default, "fixed"), or do they vary across rows ("free_x"), columns ("free_y"), or both rows and columns ("free")?
show_PI	<b>[character]</b> Whether to show the PIs.
show_CI	<b>[character]</b> Whether to show the CIs.
train_test	<b>[logical]</b> (For <code>sspm_fit</code> ) Whether to plot a train/test pair plot.
biomass	<b>[character]</b> (For <code>sspm_fit</code> ) The biomass variable for predictions.
next_ts	<b>[logical]</b> (For <code>sspm_fit</code> ) Whether to plot a predictions for next timestep.
smoothed_biomass	<b>[logical]</b> (For <code>sspm_fit</code> ) Whether to plot a the smoothed biomass used for predictions.
aggregate	<b>[logical]</b> (For <code>sspm_fit</code> ) For biomass predictions only, whether to aggregate the data to the boundary level. Default to FALSE.
biomass_origin	<b>[character]</b> Biomass variable to plot (from original dataset, optionnal).

**Value**

A ggplot2 plot object.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# To plot a boundary object and visualize patches/points
plot(sspm_boundary)
# To plot a dataset variable
plot(biomass_smooth, var = "weight_per_km2", log = FALSE)
plot(biomass_smooth, var = "weight_per_km2", use_sf = TRUE)
# To plot a fitted model
# Test-train plot
plot(sspm_model_fit, train_test = TRUE, scales = "free")
# Timeseries plot
plot(sspm_model_fit, log = T, scales = 'free')
plot(sspm_model_fit, log = T, use_sf = TRUE)
plot(sspm_model_fit, biomass = "weight_per_km2_borealis", scales = "free")
plot(sspm_model_fit, biomass = "weight_per_km2_borealis", use_sf = TRUE)
plot(sspm_model_fit, biomass = "weight_per_km2_borealis",
      next_ts = TRUE, aggregate = TRUE, scales = "free", interval = T)

## End(Not run)
```

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predator\_simulated      *Simulated predator data*

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**Description**

Simulated predator data for test and practice.

**Usage**

```
predator_simulated
```

**Format**

A data frame:

**year\_f** Year as a factor  
**sfa** SFA ID number  
**weight\_per\_km2** Simualated biomass in kg per km2  
**lon\_dec** Longitude  
**lat\_dec** Latitude  
**row** Row ID  
**uniqueID** Unique ID for simulated observation



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predict	<i>Predict with a SPM model</i>
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### Description

Predict using a fitted SPM model on the whole data or on new data

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
predict(
  object,
  new_data = NULL,
  biomass = NULL,
  aggregate = FALSE,
  interval = FALSE,
  next_ts = FALSE,
  type = "response"
)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
predict(
  object,
  new_data = NULL,
  discrete = TRUE,
  type = "response",
  interval = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

object	<b>[sspm_fit]</b> Fit object to predict from.
new_data	<b>[data.frame]</b> New data to predict with.
biomass	<b>[character]</b> Biomass variable.
aggregate	<b>[logical]</b> For biomass predictions only, whether to aggregate the data to the boundary level. Default to FALSE.
interval	<b>[logical]</b> Whether or not to calculate confidence, and when possible, prediction intervals.
next_ts	<b>[logical]</b> For biomass, predict next timestep.
type	When this has the value "link" (default) the linear predictor (possibly with associated standard errors) is returned. When type="terms" each component of the linear predictor is returned separately (possibly with standard errors): this includes parametric model components, followed by each smooth component, but excludes any offset and any intercept. type="iterms" is the same, except

that any standard errors returned for smooth components will include the uncertainty about the intercept/overall mean. When `type="response"` predictions on the scale of the response are returned (possibly with approximate standard errors). When `type="lpmatrix"` then a matrix is returned which yields the values of the linear predictor (minus any offset) when postmultiplied by the parameter vector (in this case `se.fit` is ignored). The latter option is most useful for getting variance estimates for quantities derived from the model: for example integrated quantities, or derivatives of smooths. A linear predictor matrix can also be used to implement approximate prediction outside R (see example code, below).

`discrete` **[logical]** If `new_data` is `NULL`, whether to predict based on a discrete prediction matrix (default to `TRUE`).

### Value

A dataframe of predictions.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
# Predictions for a model fit (usually, productivity)
predict(sspm_model_fit)
# To get biomass predictions, provide the variable name
predict(sspm_model_fit, biomass = "weight_per_km2_borealis")
# To get the next timestep predictions
predict(sspm_model_fit, biomass = "weight_per_km2_borealis", next_ts = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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predict\_intervals      *GAM confidence and prediction intervals*

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### Description

Computes CI from posterior, and PI for Tweedie and scat gams.

### Usage

```
predict_intervals(object_fit, new_data, n = 1000, CI = TRUE, PI = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>object_fit</code>	<b>[gam OR bam]</b> The fit to use for predictions.
<code>new_data</code>	<b>[data.frame]</b> The data to predict onto.
<code>n</code>	<b>[numeric]</b> The number of simulations to run for parameters.
<code>CI</code>	<b>[logical]</b> Whether to compute the CI.
<code>PI</code>	<b>[logical]</b> Whether to compute the PI.
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to the quantile function.

**Value**

A data.frame with intervals.

**Examples**

```
gam1 <- gam(cyl ~ mpg, data=mtcars, family = tw)
predict_intervals(gam1)
```

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raw_formula	<i>Accessing OR replacing sspm_formula model elements</i>
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**Description**

All methods described here allow to access the elements of contained in objects of class [sspm\\_formula](#).

**Usage**

```
raw_formula(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_formula'
raw_formula(sspm_object)

raw_formula(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_formula'
raw_formula(object) <- value

translated_formula(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_formula'
translated_formula(sspm_object)

translated_formula(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_formula'
translated_formula(object) <- value

formula_vars(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_formula'
formula_vars(sspm_object)

formula_vars(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_formula'
formula_vars(object) <- value
```

```
formula_type(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_formula'
formula_type(sspm_object)

formula_type(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_formula'
formula_type(object) <- value

is_fitted(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_formula'
is_fitted(sspm_object)

is_fitted(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_formula'
is_fitted(object) <- value

spm_response(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_formula'
spm_response(sspm_object)

spm_response(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_formula'
spm_response(object) <- value

spm_lagged_vars(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_formula'
spm_lagged_vars(sspm_object)

spm_lagged_vars(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_formula'
spm_lagged_vars(object) <- value
```

### Arguments

sspm_object	[ <b>sspm_formula</b> ] An object of class <a href="#">sspm_formula</a> .
object	[ <b>sspm_formula</b> ] An object of class <a href="#">sspm_formula</a> .
value	typically an array-like R object of a similar class as x.

**Value**

The object in the required slot.

**Examples**

```
form <- new("sspm_formula",
  raw_formula = as.formula("weight_per_km2 ~ smooth_time()"),
  translated_formula = as.formula("weight_per_km2 ~ s(year_f,
    k = 24L, bs = 're', xt = list(penalty = pen_mat_time))),
  vars = list(pen_mat_time = matrix(),
    pen_mat_space = matrix()),
  response = "weight_per_km2")
translated_formula(form)
```

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sfa_boundaries	<i>SFA boundaries data</i>
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**Description**

SFA boundaries.

**Usage**

```
sfa_boundaries
```

**Format**

A data frame and sf object:

**sfa** SFA ID number

**geometry** sf geometry

**area** sf geometry area

**Source**

<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/ifmp-gmp/shrimp-crevette/shrimp-crevette-2018-002-eng.html>

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`smooth_time`*sspm Smoothing functions*

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**Description**

A full `sspm` formula contains calls to the smoothing terms `smooth_time()`, `smooth_space()`, `smooth_space_time()`.

**Usage**

```
smooth_time(  
  data_frame,  
  boundaries,  
  time,  
  type = "ICAR",  
  k = NULL,  
  bs = "re",  
  xt = NA,  
  is_spm = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

```
smooth_space(  
  data_frame,  
  boundaries,  
  time,  
  type = "ICAR",  
  k = NULL,  
  bs = "mrf",  
  xt = NULL,  
  is_spm = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

```
smooth_space_time(  
  data_frame,  
  boundaries,  
  time,  
  type = "ICAR",  
  k = c(NA, 30),  
  bs = c("re", "mrf"),  
  xt = list(NA, NULL),  
  is_spm = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

```
smooth_lag(  
  ...  
)
```

```
var,
data_frame,
boundaries,
time,
type = "LINPRED",
k = 5,
m = 1,
...
)

## S4 method for signature 'sf,sspm_discrete_boundary'
smooth_time(
  data_frame,
  boundaries,
  time,
  type = "ICAR",
  k = NULL,
  bs = "re",
  xt = NA,
  is_spm = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'sf,sspm_discrete_boundary'
smooth_space(
  data_frame,
  boundaries,
  time,
  type = "ICAR",
  k = NULL,
  bs = "mrf",
  xt = NULL,
  is_spm = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'sf,sspm_discrete_boundary'
smooth_space_time(
  data_frame,
  boundaries,
  time,
  type = "ICAR",
  k = c(NA, 30),
  bs = c("re", "mrf"),
  xt = list(NA, NULL),
  is_spm = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,sf,sspm_discrete_boundary'
smooth_lag(
  var,
  data_frame,
  boundaries,
  time,
  type = "LINPRED",
  k = 5,
  m = 1,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

data_frame	<b>[sf data.frame]</b> The data.
boundaries	<b>[sspm_boundary]</b> An object of class <code>sspm_discrete_boundary</code> .
time	<b>[character]</b> The time column.
type	<b>[character]</b> Type of smooth, currently only "ICAR" is supported.
k	<b>[numeric]</b> Size of the smooths and/or size of the lag.
bs	a two letter character string indicating the (penalized) smoothing basis to use. (eg "tp" for thin plate regression spline, "cr" for cubic regression spline). see <a href="#">smooth.terms</a> for an over view of what is available.
xt	Any extra information required to set up a particular basis. Used e.g. to set large data set handling behaviour for "tp" basis. If <code>xt\$sumConv</code> exists and is FALSE then the summation convention for matrix arguments is turned off.
is_spm	Whether or not an SPM is being fitted (used internally)
...	a list of variables that are the covariates that this smooth is a function of. Transformations whose form depends on the values of the data are best avoided here: e.g. $s(\log(x))$ is fine, but $s(I(x/sd(x)))$ is not (see <a href="#">predict.gam</a> ).
var	<b>[symbol]</b> Variable (only for <code>smooth_lag</code> ).
m	The order of the penalty for this term (e.g. 2 for normal cubic spline penalty with 2nd derivatives when using default t.p.r.s basis). NA signals autoinitialization. Only some smooth classes use this. The "ps" class can use a 2 item array giving the basis and penalty order separately.

### Value

A list of 2 lists:

- `args`, contains the arguments to be passed on to the mgcv smooths
- `vars`, contains variables relevant to the evaluation of the smooth.



**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Not meant to be used directly
smooth_time(borealis_data, bounds_voronoi, time = "year")

## End(Not run)
```

---

 spm

*Fit an SPM model*


---

**Description**

Fit an spm model to a sspm object

**Usage**

```
spm(sspm_object, formula, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm,missing'
spm(sspm_object, formula, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm,formula'
spm(sspm_object, formula, ...)
```

**Arguments**

sspm_object	<b>[sspm_dataset]</b> An object of class <code>sspm_dataset</code> .
formula	<b>[formula]</b> A formula definition of the form <code>response ~ smoothing_terms + ...</code>
...	Arguments passed on to <code>mgcv::bam</code>
family	This is a family object specifying the distribution and link to use in fitting etc. See <code>glm</code> and <code>family</code> for more details. The extended families listed in <code>family.mgcv</code> can also be used.
data	A data frame or list containing the model response variable and covariates required by the formula. By default the variables are taken from <code>environment(formula)</code> : typically the environment from which <code>gam</code> is called.
weights	prior weights on the contribution of the data to the log likelihood. Note that a weight of 2, for example, is equivalent to having made exactly the same observation twice. If you want to reweight the contributions of each datum without changing the overall magnitude of the log likelihood, then you should normalize the weights (e.g. <code>weights &lt;- weights/mean(weights)</code> ).
subset	an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.
na.action	a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain 'NA's. The default is set by the 'na.action' setting of 'options', and is 'na.fail' if that is unset. The "factory-fresh" default is 'na.omit'.

- offset** Can be used to supply a model offset for use in fitting. Note that this offset will always be completely ignored when predicting, unlike an offset included in formula (this used to conform to the behaviour of `lm` and `glm`).
- method** The smoothing parameter estimation method. "GCV.Cp" to use GCV for unknown scale parameter and Mallows' Cp/UBRE/AIC for known scale. "GACV.Cp" is equivalent, but using GACV in place of GCV. "REML" for REML estimation, including of unknown scale, "P-REML" for REML estimation, but using a Pearson estimate of the scale. "ML" and "P-ML" are similar, but using maximum likelihood in place of REML. Default "fREML" uses fast REML computation.
- control** A list of fit control parameters to replace defaults returned by `gam.control`. Any control parameters not supplied stay at their default values.
- select** Should selection penalties be added to the smooth effects, so that they can in principle be penalized out of the model? See `gamma` to increase penalization. Has the side effect that smooths no longer have a fixed effect component (improper prior from a Bayesian perspective) allowing REML comparison of models with the same fixed effect structure.
- scale** If this is positive then it is taken as the known scale parameter. Negative signals that the scale parameter is unknown. 0 signals that the scale parameter is 1 for Poisson and binomial and unknown otherwise. Note that (RE)ML methods can only work with scale parameter 1 for the Poisson and binomial cases.
- gamma** Increase above 1 to force smoother fits. `gamma` is used to multiply the effective degrees of freedom in the GCV/UBRE/AIC score (so  $\log(n)/2$  is BIC like).  $n/\text{gamma}$  can be viewed as an effective sample size, which allows it to play a similar role for RE/ML smoothing parameter estimation.
- knots** this is an optional list containing user specified knot values to be used for basis construction. For most bases the user simply supplies the knots to be used, which must match up with the `k` value supplied (note that the number of knots is not always just `k`). See `tprs` for what happens in the "tp"/"ts" case. Different terms can use different numbers of knots, unless they share a covariate.
- sp** A vector of smoothing parameters can be provided here. Smoothing parameters must be supplied in the order that the smooth terms appear in the model formula. Negative elements indicate that the parameter should be estimated, and hence a mixture of fixed and estimated parameters is possible. If smooths share smoothing parameters then `length(sp)` must correspond to the number of underlying smoothing parameters. Note that `discrete=TRUE` may result in re-ordering of variables in tensor product smooths for improved efficiency, and `sp` must be supplied in re-ordered order.
- min.sp** Lower bounds can be supplied for the smoothing parameters. Note that if this option is used then the smoothing parameters `full.sp`, in the returned object, will need to be added to what is supplied here to get the smoothing parameters actually multiplying the penalties. `length(min.sp)` should always be the same as the total number of penalties (so it may be longer than `sp`, if smooths share smoothing parameters).

- `paraPen` optional list specifying any penalties to be applied to parametric model terms. [gam.models](#) explains more.
- `chunk.size` The model matrix is created in chunks of this size, rather than ever being formed whole. Reset to  $4 * p$  if `chunk.size` <  $4 * p$  where  $p$  is the number of coefficients.
- `rho` An AR1 error model can be used for the residuals (based on dataframe order), of Gaussian-identity link models. This is the AR1 correlation parameter. Standardized residuals (approximately uncorrelated under correct model) returned in `std.rsd` if non zero. Also usable with other models when `discrete=TRUE`, in which case the AR model is applied to the working residuals and corresponds to a GEE approximation.
- `AR.start` logical variable of same length as data, TRUE at first observation of an independent section of AR1 correlation. Very first observation in data frame does not need this. If NULL then there are no breaks in AR1 correlation.
- `discrete` with `method="fREML"` it is possible to discretize covariates for storage and efficiency reasons. If `discrete` is TRUE, a number or a vector of numbers for each smoother term, then discretization happens. If numbers are supplied they give the number of discretization bins. Parametric terms use the maximum number specified.
- `cluster` bam can compute the computationally dominant QR decomposition in parallel using [parLapply](#) from the `parallel` package, if it is supplied with a cluster on which to do this (a cluster here can be some cores of a single machine). See details and example code.
- `nthreads` Number of threads to use for non-cluster computation (e.g. combining results from cluster nodes). If NA set to  $\max(1, \text{length}(\text{cluster}))$ . See details.
- `gc.level` to keep the memory footprint down, it can help to call the garbage collector often, but this takes a substantial amount of time. Setting this to zero means that garbage collection only happens when R decides it should. Setting to 2 gives frequent garbage collection. 1 is in between. Not as much of a problem as it used to be, but can really matter for very large datasets.
- `use chol` By default bam uses a very stable QR update approach to obtaining the QR decomposition of the model matrix. For well conditioned models an alternative accumulates the crossproduct of the model matrix and then finds its Choleski decomposition, at the end. This is somewhat more efficient, computationally.
- `samfrac` For very large sample size Generalized additive models the number of iterations needed for the model fit can be reduced by first fitting a model to a random sample of the data, and using the results to supply starting values. This initial fit is run with sloppy convergence tolerances, so is typically very low cost. `samfrac` is the sampling fraction to use. 0.1 is often reasonable.
- `coef` initial values for model coefficients
- `drop.unused.levels` by default unused levels are dropped from factors before fitting. For some smooths involving factor variables you might want to turn this off. Only do so if you know what you are doing.
- `G` if not NULL then this should be the object returned by a previous call to bam with `fit=FALSE`. Causes all other arguments to be ignored except `sp`,

chunk.size, gamma, nthreads, cluster, rho, gc.level, samfrac, use.chol, method and scale (if >0).

fit if FALSE then the model is set up for fitting but not estimated, and an object is returned, suitable for passing as the G argument to bam.

drop.intercept Set to TRUE to force the model to really not have the a constant in the parametric model part, even with factor variables present.

in.out If supplied then this is a two item list of initial values. sp is initial smoothing parameter estimates and scale the initial scale parameter estimate (set to 1 if family does not have one).

## Value

An object of type `sspm_fit`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
sspm_model_fit <- sspm_model %>%
  spm(log_productivity ~ sfa +
    weight_per_km2_all_predators_lag_1 +
    smooth_space(by = weight_per_km2_borealis_with_catch) +
    smooth_space(),
    family = mgcv::scat)

## End(Not run)
```

---

spm\_aggregate

*Aggregate a dataset or fit data variable based on a boundary*

---

## Description

Aggregate the data contained in a dataset or fit based on the discretized boundaries, using a function and a filling value.

## Usage

```
spm_aggregate(
  sspm_object,
  boundaries,
  level = "patch",
  type = "data",
  variable,
  fun,
  group_by = "spacetime",
  fill = FALSE,
  apply_to_df = FALSE,
  ...
```

```

)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,missing'
spm_aggregate(
  sspm_object,
  boundaries,
  level = "patch",
  type = "data",
  variable,
  fun,
  group_by = "spacetime",
  fill = FALSE,
  apply_to_df = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_aggregate(
  sspm_object,
  boundaries,
  level = "patch",
  type = "data",
  variable,
  fun,
  group_by = "spacetime",
  fill = FALSE,
  apply_to_df = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

sspm_object	[ <b>sspm_dataset</b> or <b>sspm_fit</b> ] The dataset object.
boundaries	[ <b>sspm_discrete_boundary</b> ] The boundaries object (optional).
level	[ <b>character</b> ] The aggregation level, "patch" or "boundary".
type	[ <b>character</b> ] The targeted type of aggregation, one of "data" for base data or "smoothed" for smoothed data.
variable	[ <b>character</b> ] Variable to aggregate (ignored in case apply_to_df is TRUE).
fun	[ <b>function</b> ] Function to use to aggregate data.
group_by	[ <b>character</b> ] One of time, space and spacetime.
fill	[ <b>logical OR numeric OR function</b> ] Whether to complete the incomplete cases, default to FALSE for no completion.
apply_to_df	[ <b>logical</b> ] Whether fun applied to the data frame group or to variable, default to FALSE.
...	More arguments passed onto fun

**Value**

Updated sspm\_dataset or sspm\_fit.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
spm_aggregate(sspm_object = catch,
              boundaries = spm_boundaries(biomass),
              variable = catch_variable,
              fun = fun, group_by = group_by,
              fill = fill, apply_to_df = apply_to_df,
              na.rm = TRUE, ...)

## End(Not run)
```

---

spm\_aggregate\_catch     *Update biomass value from catch data*

---

**Description**

Aggregate the catch data contained in a catch dataset and update the biomass dataset with the subtracted catch.

**Usage**

```
spm_aggregate_catch(
  biomass,
  catch,
  biomass_variable,
  catch_variable,
  corrections = NULL,
  fun = sum,
  group_by = "spacetime",
  fill,
  apply_to_df = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,sspm_dataset,character,character'
spm_aggregate_catch(
  biomass,
  catch,
  biomass_variable,
  catch_variable,
  corrections = NULL,
  fun = sum,
```

```

    group_by = "spacetime",
    fill,
    apply_to_df = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

biomass	<b>[sspm_dataset (smoothed)]</b> The dataset containing the biomass variable.
catch	<b>[sspm_dataset]</b> The dataset containing the catch variable.
biomass_variable	<b>[character]</b> The biomass variab of biomass.
catch_variable	<b>[character]</b> The catch column of catch.
corrections	<b>[data.frame]</b> Optional landings corrections.
fun	<b>[function]</b> Function to use to aggregate data.
group_by	<b>[character]</b> One of time, space and spacetime.
fill	<b>[logical OR numeric OR function]</b> Whether to complete the incomplete cases, default to FALSE for no completion.
apply_to_df	<b>[logical]</b> Wether fun applied to the data frame group or to variable, default to FALSE.
...	More arguments passed onto fun

### Value

Updated sspm\_dataset.

### Examples

```

## Not run:
spm_aggregate_catch(biomass = biomass_smooth, catch = catch_dataset,
                    biomass_variable = "weight_per_km2",
                    catch_variable = "catch",
                    fill = mean)

## End(Not run)

```

---

spm\_as\_boundary

*Create a sspm\_boundary object*

---

### Description

Create a sspm\_boundary object. A boundary object serves as a basis to encode the spatial extent of the model.

**Usage**

```
spm_as_boundary(  
  boundaries,  
  boundary,  
  patches = NULL,  
  points = NULL,  
  boundary_area = NULL,  
  patch_area = NULL  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'missing,ANY,ANY,ANY'  
spm_as_boundary(  
  boundaries,  
  boundary,  
  patches = NULL,  
  points = NULL,  
  boundary_area = NULL,  
  patch_area = NULL  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,missing,ANY,ANY'  
spm_as_boundary(  
  boundaries,  
  boundary,  
  patches = NULL,  
  points = NULL,  
  boundary_area = NULL,  
  patch_area = NULL  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'sf,character,missing,missing'  
spm_as_boundary(  
  boundaries,  
  boundary,  
  patches = NULL,  
  points = NULL,  
  boundary_area = NULL,  
  patch_area = NULL  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'sf,character,ANY,ANY'  
spm_as_boundary(  
  boundaries,  
  boundary,  
  patches = NULL,  
  points = NULL,  
  boundary_area = NULL,  
  patch_area = NULL  
)
```



)

### Arguments

boundaries	[sf] The sf object to cast.
boundary	[character] The column that contains the possible subdivisions of the boundaries.
patches	[sf] Patches resulting from discretization.
points	[sf] Sample points used for discretization.
boundary_area	[character] The column that contains the area of the subdivisions (optional).
patch_area	[character] The column that contains the area of the patches (optional).

### Value

An object of class `sspm_boundary` or `sspm_discrete_boundary`.

### Examples

```
sfa_boundaries
bounds <- spm_as_boundary(boundaries = sfa_boundaries,
                          boundary = "sfa")
plot(bounds)
```

---

spm\_as\_dataset

*Create a sspm\_dataset dataset structure*

---

### Description

This casts a `data.frame` or `sf` object into an object of class `sspm_dataset`. This object is the format the package uses to manage and manipulate the modeling data.

### Usage

```
spm_as_dataset(data, name, time, uniqueID, coords = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'data.frame,ANY,ANY,ANY,missingOrNULL'
spm_as_dataset(
  data,
  name,
  time,
  uniqueID,
  coords,
  crs = NULL,
  boundaries = NULL,
  biomass = NULL,
```

```
density = NULL,
biomass_units = NULL,
density_units = NULL
)

## S4 method for signature 'data.frame,ANY,ANY,ANY,list'
spm_as_dataset(
  data,
  name,
  time,
  uniqueID,
  coords,
  crs = NULL,
  boundaries = NULL,
  biomass = NULL,
  density = NULL,
  biomass_units = "kg",
  density_units = "kg/km^2"
)

## S4 method for signature 'data.frame,ANY,ANY,ANY,character'
spm_as_dataset(
  data,
  name,
  time,
  uniqueID,
  coords,
  crs = NULL,
  boundaries = NULL,
  biomass = NULL,
  density = NULL,
  biomass_units = "kg",
  density_units = "kg/km^2"
)

## S4 method for signature 'sf,ANY,ANY,ANY,ANY'
spm_as_dataset(
  data,
  name,
  time,
  uniqueID,
  coords,
  crs = NULL,
  boundaries = NULL,
  biomass = NULL,
  density = NULL,
  biomass_units = "kg",
  density_units = "kg/km^2"
)
```

)

**Arguments**

data	<b>[data.frame OR sf]</b> The dataset.
name	<b>[character]</b> The name of the dataset, default to "Biomass".
time	<b>[character]</b> The column of data for the temporal dimensions (i.e. year).
uniqueID	<b>[character]</b> The column of data that is unique for all rows of the data matrix.
coords	<b>[character]</b> The column of data for longitude and latitude of the observations.
...	Arguments passed onto methods.
crs	Coordinate reference system, passed onto <a href="#">st_as_sf</a> .
boundaries	<b>[sspm_boundary]</b> An object of class <a href="#">sspm_discrete_boundary</a> .
biomass	<b>[character]</b> Columns to be encoded as biomasses (required).
density	<b>[character]</b> Columns to be encoded as densities (optionnal).
biomass_units	<b>[character]</b> Units for biomass columns, default to "kg".
density_units	<b>[character]</b> Units for density columns, default to "kg/km^2".

**Value**

An object of class [sspm\\_dataset](#).

**Examples**

```
data(borealis_simulated, package = "sspm")
biomass_dataset <- spm_as_dataset(data.frame(borealis_simulated), name = "borealis",
                                     density = "weight_per_km2",
                                     time = "year_f",
                                     coords = c('lon_dec', 'lat_dec'),
                                     uniqueID = "uniqueID")

biomass_dataset
```

---

 spm\_boundaries,sspm\_boundary-method

*Accessing OR replacing sspm\_boundary model elements*

---

**Description**

All methods described here allow to access the elements of contained in objects of class [sspm\\_boundary](#).

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary'
spm_boundaries(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_boundary'
spm_boundaries(object) <- value

spm_discret_method(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_discret_method(sspm_object)

spm_discret_method(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_discret_method(object) <- value

spm_patches(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_patches(sspm_object)

spm_patches(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_patches(object) <- value

spm_points(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_points(sspm_object)

spm_points(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_points(object) <- value

spm_boundary(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary'
spm_boundary(sspm_object)

spm_boundary(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_boundary'
spm_boundary(object) <- value

spm_boundary_area(sspm_object)
```

```

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary'
spm_boundary_area(sspm_object)

spm_boundary_area(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_boundary'
spm_boundary_area(object) <- value

spm_patches_area(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_patches_area(sspm_object)

spm_patches_area(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_patches_area(object) <- value

```

### Arguments

sspm\_object     **[sspm\_boundary]** An object of class [sspm\\_boundary](#).  
 object           **[sspm\_boundary]** An object of class [sspm\\_boundary](#).  
 value            typically an array-like R object of a similar class as x.

### Value

The object in the required slot.

### Examples

```

data(borealis_simulated, package = "sspm")
biomass_dataset <- spm_as_dataset(data.frame(borealis_simulated), name = "borealis",
                                   density = "weight_per_km2",
                                   time = "year_f",
                                   coords = c('lon_dec', 'lat_dec'),
                                   uniqueID = "uniqueID")

spm_boundaries(biomass_dataset)

```

### Description

All methods described here allow to access the elements of contained in objects of class [sspm\\_dataset](#).

**Usage**

```
spm_data(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_data(sspm_object)

spm_data(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_data(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_name(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_name(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_unique_ID(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_unique_ID(object) <- value

spm_coords_col(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_coords_col(sspm_object)

spm_coords_col(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_coords_col(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_time(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_time(object) <- value

spm_biomass_vars(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_biomass_vars(sspm_object)

spm_biomass_vars(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_biomass_vars(object) <- value
```

```
spm_density_vars(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_density_vars(sspm_object)

spm_density_vars(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_density_vars(object) <- value

spm_formulas(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_formulas(sspm_object)

spm_formulas(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_formulas(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_smoothed_data(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_smoothed_data(object) <- value

spm_smoothed_fit(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_smoothed_fit(sspm_object)

spm_smoothed_fit(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_smoothed_fit(object) <- value

spm_smoothed_vars(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_smoothed_vars(sspm_object)

spm_smoothed_vars(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_smoothed_vars(object) <- value

is_mapped(sspm_object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
is_mapped(sspm_object)

is_mapped(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
is_mapped(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_boundaries(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_dataset'
spm_boundaries(object) <- value
```

### Arguments

`sspm_object`     **[sspm\_dataset]** An object of class `sspm_dataset`.  
`object`           **[sspm\_dataset]** An object of class `sspm_dataset`.  
`value`            typically an array-like R object of a similar class as `x`.

### Value

The object in the required slot.

### Examples

```
data(borealis_simulated, package = "sspm")
biomass_dataset <- spm_as_dataset(data.frame(borealis_simulated), name = "borealis",
                                     density = "weight_per_km2",
                                     time = "year_f",
                                     coords = c('lon_dec', 'lat_dec'),
                                     uniqueID = "uniqueID")

spm_data(biomass_dataset)
```

---

`spm_discretize`            *Discretize a spm model object*

---

### Description

Discretize a `sspm` model object with a function from a `discretization_method` object class. This function divides the boundary polygons into smaller patches.



**Usage**

```

spm_discretize(boundary_object, method = "tessellate_voronoi", with = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary,missing,ANY'
spm_discretize(boundary_object, method = "tessellate_voronoi", with = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary,ANY,missing'
spm_discretize(boundary_object, method = "tessellate_voronoi", with = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary,character,ANY'
spm_discretize(boundary_object, method = "tessellate_voronoi", with = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary,function,ANY'
spm_discretize(boundary_object, method = "tessellate_voronoi", with = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_boundary,discretization_method,ANY'
spm_discretize(boundary_object, method = "tessellate_voronoi", with = NULL, ...)

```

**Arguments**

boundary_object	[ <b>sspm</b> ] An object of class <a href="#">sspm_boundary</a> .
method	[ <b>character OR method</b> ] Either a character from the list of available methods (see <a href="#">spm_methods</a> for the list) <b>OR</b> an object of class <a href="#">discretization_method</a> .
with	[ <b>sspm_dataset OR sf</b> ] Either an object of class <a href="#">sspm_dataset</a> or a set of custom points.
...	[ <b>named list</b> ] Further arguments to be passed onto the function used in method.

**Details**

Custom discretization functions can be written. The function must:

1. Accept at least 1 argument: **boundaries** (the sf boundary object), and optionally **with** (can be NULL) a separate object to be used for discretization and **boundary**, the boundary column of **boundaries** (these last 2 arguments are passed and cannot be overwritten but could be ignored).
2. Returns a named list with 2 elements: patches. an sf object that stores the discretized polygons, and points, an sf object that stores the points that were used for discretization.

**Value**

An object of class [sspm\\_discrete\\_boundary](#) (the updated and discretized [sspm](#) object given as input).

**Examples**

```

# Voronoi tessellation
sfa_boundaries
bounds <- spm_as_boundary(boundaries = sfa_boundaries,

```

```

        boundary = "sfa")
biomass_dataset <- spm_as_dataset(data.frame(borealis_simulated), name = "borealis",
                                density = "weight_per_km2",
                                time = "year_f",
                                coords = c('lon_dec', 'lat_dec'),
                                uniqueID = "uniqueID")

bounds_voronoi <- bounds %>%
  spm_discretize(method = "tessellate_voronoi",
                with = biomass_dataset,
                nb_samples = 10)

# Custom method
custom_func <- function(boundaries, ...){
  args <- list(...)
  # Can access passed arguments with args$arg_name
  # Do your custom discretization
  # Careful: must return sf objects!
  return(list(patches = c(),
              points = c())
          )
}

```

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spm\_lag

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*Create lagged columns in a sspm smoothed data slot*


---

## Description

This function is a wrapper around [lag](#) (note that not all arguments are supported). The default value for the lag is the mean of the series.

## Usage

```
spm_lag(sspm_object, vars, n = 1, default = "mean", ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
spm_lag(sspm_object, vars, n = 1, default = "mean", ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_lag(sspm_object, vars, n = 1, default = "mean", ...)
```

## Arguments

sspm_object	<b>[sspm_dataset]</b> An object of class <code>sspm_dataset</code> .
vars	<b>[character]</b> Names of the variables to lag.
n	Positive integer of length 1, giving the number of positions to lag or lead by
default	The value used to pad x back to its original size after the lag or lead has been applied. The default, NULL, pads with a missing value. If supplied, this must be a vector with size 1, which will be cast to the type of x.

... a list of variables that are the covariates that this smooth is a function of. Transformations whose form depends on the values of the data are best avoided here: e.g.  $s(\log(x))$  is fine, but  $s(I(x/sd(x)))$  is not (see [predict.gam](#)).

### Value

Updated `sspm_object`.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
sspm_model <- sspm_model %>%
  spm_lag(vars = c("weight_per_km2_borealis_with_catch",
                  "weight_per_km2_all_predators"),
          n = 1)

## End(Not run)
```

---

spm\_methods

*Get the list of available discretization methods*

---

### Description

Currently, only one discretization method is supported: \* "tesselate\_voronoi" Voronoi tessellation using the function [tesselate\\_voronoi](#).

### Usage

```
spm_methods()
```

### Details

You can create your own method (tutorial TBD).

### Value

A character vector of all available discretization methods.

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spm_name	<i>Accessing OR replacing sspm model elements</i>
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**Description**

All methods described here allow to access the elements of contained in objects of the different classes of the package.

**Usage**

```
spm_name(sspm_object)

spm_name(object) <- value

spm_datasets(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
spm_datasets(sspm_object)

spm_datasets(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm'
spm_datasets(object) <- value

spm_boundaries(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
spm_boundaries(sspm_object)

spm_boundaries(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm'
spm_boundaries(object) <- value

spm_smoothed_data(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
spm_smoothed_data(sspm_object)

spm_smoothed_data(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm'
spm_smoothed_data(object) <- value

spm_time(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
```

```

spm_time(sspm_object)

spm_time(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm'
spm_time(object) <- value

is_split(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
is_split(sspm_object)

is_split(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm'
is_split(object) <- value

spm_unique_ID(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
spm_unique_ID(sspm_object)

spm_unique_ID(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm'
spm_unique_ID(object) <- value

```

### Arguments

**sspm\_object**      **[sspm OR adjacent]** An object of class [sspm](#) or others derivative classes.  
**object**            **[sspm OR adjacent]** An object of class [sspm](#) or others derivative classes.  
**value**             typically an array-like R object of a similar class as x.

### Value

The object in the required slot.

### Examples

```

data(borealis_simulated, package = "sspm")
biomass_dataset <- spm_as_dataset(data.frame(borealis_simulated), name = "borealis",
                                   density = "weight_per_km2",
                                   time = "year_f",
                                   coords = c('lon_dec', 'lat_dec'),
                                   uniqueID = "uniqueID")

spm_name(biomass_dataset)

```

---

 spm\_smooth

*Smooth a variable in a sspm dataset*


---

## Description

With a formula, smooth a variable in a sspm dataset. See Details for more explanations.

## Usage

```
spm_smooth(
  sspm_object,
  formula,
  boundaries,
  keep_fit = TRUE,
  predict = TRUE,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,formula,sspm_discrete_boundary'
spm_smooth(
  sspm_object,
  formula,
  boundaries,
  keep_fit = TRUE,
  predict = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

sspm_object	<b>[sspm_dataset]</b> An object of class <a href="#">sspm_dataset</a> .
formula	<b>[formula]</b> A formula definition of the form response ~ smoothing_terms + ...
boundaries	<b>[sspm_boundary]</b> An object of class <a href="#">sspm_discrete_boundary</a> .
keep_fit	<b>[logical]</b> Whether or not to keep the fitted values and model (default to TRUE, set to FALSE to reduce memory footprint).
predict	<b>[logical]</b> Whether or not to generate the smoothed predictions (necessary to fit the final SPM model, default to TRUE).
...	Arguments passed on to <a href="#">mgcv::bam</a>
family	This is a family object specifying the distribution and link to use in fitting etc. See <a href="#">glm</a> and <a href="#">family</a> for more details. The extended families listed in <a href="#">family.mgcv</a> can also be used.
data	A data frame or list containing the model response variable and covariates required by the formula. By default the variables are taken from <code>environment(formula)</code> : typically the environment from which <code>gam</code> is called.

- weights** prior weights on the contribution of the data to the log likelihood. Note that a weight of 2, for example, is equivalent to having made exactly the same observation twice. If you want to reweight the contributions of each datum without changing the overall magnitude of the log likelihood, then you should normalize the weights (e.g. `weights <- weights/mean(weights)`).
- subset** an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.
- na.action** a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain 'NA's. The default is set by the 'na.action' setting of 'options', and is 'na.fail' if that is unset. The "factory-fresh" default is 'na.omit'.
- offset** Can be used to supply a model offset for use in fitting. Note that this offset will always be completely ignored when predicting, unlike an offset included in `formula` (this used to conform to the behaviour of `lm` and `glm`).
- method** The smoothing parameter estimation method. "GCV.Cp" to use GCV for unknown scale parameter and Mallows' Cp/UBRE/AIC for known scale. "GACV.Cp" is equivalent, but using GACV in place of GCV. "REML" for REML estimation, including of unknown scale, "P-REML" for REML estimation, but using a Pearson estimate of the scale. "ML" and "P-ML" are similar, but using maximum likelihood in place of REML. Default "fREML" uses fast REML computation.
- control** A list of fit control parameters to replace defaults returned by `gam.control`. Any control parameters not supplied stay at their default values.
- select** Should selection penalties be added to the smooth effects, so that they can in principle be penalized out of the model? See `gamma` to increase penalization. Has the side effect that smooths no longer have a fixed effect component (improper prior from a Bayesian perspective) allowing REML comparison of models with the same fixed effect structure.
- scale** If this is positive then it is taken as the known scale parameter. Negative signals that the scale parameter is unknown. 0 signals that the scale parameter is 1 for Poisson and binomial and unknown otherwise. Note that (RE)ML methods can only work with scale parameter 1 for the Poisson and binomial cases.
- gamma** Increase above 1 to force smoother fits. `gamma` is used to multiply the effective degrees of freedom in the GCV/UBRE/AIC score (so  $\log(n)/2$  is BIC like).  $n/\text{gamma}$  can be viewed as an effective sample size, which allows it to play a similar role for RE/ML smoothing parameter estimation.
- knots** this is an optional list containing user specified knot values to be used for basis construction. For most bases the user simply supplies the knots to be used, which must match up with the `k` value supplied (note that the number of knots is not always just `k`). See `tprs` for what happens in the "tp"/"ts" case. Different terms can use different numbers of knots, unless they share a covariate.
- sp** A vector of smoothing parameters can be provided here. Smoothing parameters must be supplied in the order that the smooth terms appear in the model formula. Negative elements indicate that the parameter should be estimated, and hence a mixture of fixed and estimated parameters is possible. If smooths share smoothing parameters then `length(sp)` must

correspond to the number of underlying smoothing parameters. Note that `discrete=TRUE` may result in re-ordering of variables in tensor product smooths for improved efficiency, and `sp` must be supplied in re-ordered order.

- `min.sp` Lower bounds can be supplied for the smoothing parameters. Note that if this option is used then the smoothing parameters `full.sp`, in the returned object, will need to be added to what is supplied here to get the smoothing parameters actually multiplying the penalties. `length(min.sp)` should always be the same as the total number of penalties (so it may be longer than `sp`, if smooths share smoothing parameters).
- `paraPen` optional list specifying any penalties to be applied to parametric model terms. [gam.models](#) explains more.
- `chunk.size` The model matrix is created in chunks of this size, rather than ever being formed whole. Reset to  $4 * p$  if `chunk.size < 4 * p` where  $p$  is the number of coefficients.
- `rho` An AR1 error model can be used for the residuals (based on dataframe order), of Gaussian-identity link models. This is the AR1 correlation parameter. Standardized residuals (approximately uncorrelated under correct model) returned in `std.rsd` if non zero. Also usable with other models when `discrete=TRUE`, in which case the AR model is applied to the working residuals and corresponds to a GEE approximation.
- `AR.start` logical variable of same length as data, TRUE at first observation of an independent section of AR1 correlation. Very first observation in data frame does not need this. If NULL then there are no breaks in AR1 correlation.
- `discrete` with `method="FREML"` it is possible to discretize covariates for storage and efficiency reasons. If `discrete` is TRUE, a number or a vector of numbers for each smoother term, then discretization happens. If numbers are supplied they give the number of discretization bins. Parametric terms use the maximum number specified.
- `cluster` `bam` can compute the computationally dominant QR decomposition in parallel using [parLapply](#) from the `parallel` package, if it is supplied with a cluster on which to do this (a cluster here can be some cores of a single machine). See details and example code.
- `nthreads` Number of threads to use for non-cluster computation (e.g. combining results from cluster nodes). If NA set to  $\max(1, \text{length}(\text{cluster}))$ . See details.
- `gc.level` to keep the memory footprint down, it can help to call the garbage collector often, but this takes a substantial amount of time. Setting this to zero means that garbage collection only happens when R decides it should. Setting to 2 gives frequent garbage collection. 1 is in between. Not as much of a problem as it used to be, but can really matter for very large datasets.
- `use.chol` By default `bam` uses a very stable QR update approach to obtaining the QR decomposition of the model matrix. For well conditioned models an alternative accumulates the crossproduct of the model matrix and then finds its Choleski decomposition, at the end. This is somewhat more efficient, computationally.
- `samfrac` For very large sample size Generalized additive models the number of



iterations needed for the model fit can be reduced by first fitting a model to a random sample of the data, and using the results to supply starting values. This initial fit is run with sloppy convergence tolerances, so is typically very low cost. `samfrac` is the sampling fraction to use. 0.1 is often reasonable.

- `coef` initial values for model coefficients
- `drop.unused.levels` by default unused levels are dropped from factors before fitting. For some smooths involving factor variables you might want to turn this off. Only do so if you know what you are doing.
- `G` if not NULL then this should be the object returned by a previous call to `bam` with `fit=FALSE`. Causes all other arguments to be ignored except `sp`, `chunk.size`, `gamma`, `nthreads`, `cluster`, `rho`, `gc.level`, `samfrac`, `use.chol`, `method` and `scale` (if >0).
- `fit` if FALSE then the model is set up for fitting but not estimated, and an object is returned, suitable for passing as the `G` argument to `bam`.
- `drop.intercept` Set to TRUE to force the model to really not have the a constant in the parametric model part, even with factor variables present.
- `in.out` If supplied then this is a two item list of initial values. `sp` is initial smoothing parameter estimates and `scale` the initial scale parameter estimate (set to 1 if family does not have one).

## Details

This functions allows to specify a model formula for a given discrete `sspm` object. The formula makes use of specific smoothing terms `smooth_time()`, `smooth_space()`, `smooth_space_time()`. The formula can also contain fixed effects and custom smooths, and can make use of specific smoothing terms `smooth_time()`, `smooth_space()`, `smooth_space_time()`.

## Value

An updated `sspm_dataset`.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
biomass_smooth <- biomass_dataset %>%
  spm_smooth(weight_per_km2 ~ sfa + smooth_time(by = sfa) +
             smooth_space() +
             smooth_space_time(),
             boundaries = bounds_voronoi,
             family = tw)

## End(Not run)
```

---

spm_smooth_methods	<i>Get the list of available smoothing methods</i>
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---

### Description

Currently, only one smoothing method is supported: \* "ICAR": Intrinsic Conditional Auto-Regressive models. \* "LINPRED": LINear PREDictors (lag smooths).

### Usage

```
spm_smooth_methods()
```

### Value

A character vector of all available smoothing methods.

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spm_split	<i>Split data in test and train sets</i>
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### Description

Split data before fitting spm.

### Usage

```
spm_split(sspm_object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm'
spm_split(sspm_object, ...)
```

### Arguments

sspm\_object     **[sspm]** An object of class [sspm](#).  
 ...             **[expression]** Expression to evaluate to split data.

### Value

The updated sspm object.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
sspm_model <- sspm_model %>%
  spm_split(year_f %in% c(1990:2017))

## End(Not run)
```

---

spm\_unique\_ID,sspm\_fit-method  
*Accessing OR replacing sspm\_fit model elements*

---

## Description

All methods described here allow to access the elements of contained in objects of class [sspm\\_fit](#).

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_unique_ID(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_unique_ID(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_time(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_time(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_formulas(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_formulas(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_smoothed_data(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_smoothed_data(object) <- value

spm_get_fit(sspm_object)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_get_fit(sspm_object)

spm_get_fit(object) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_get_fit(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_boundaries(sspm_object)
```

```
## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_boundaries(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_boundary(sspm_object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'sspm_fit'
spm_boundary(object) <- value
```

### Arguments

`sspm_object`      [**sspm\_fit**] An object of class `sspm_fit`.  
`object`            [**sspm\_fit**] An object of class `sspm_fit`.  
`value`             typically an array-like R object of a similar class as x.

### Value

The object in the required slot.

### Examples

```
data(borealis_simulated, package = "sspm")
biomass_dataset <- spm_as_dataset(data.frame(borealis_simulated), name = "borealis",
                                     density = "weight_per_km2",
                                     time = "year_f",
                                     coords = c('lon_dec', 'lat_dec'),
                                     uniqueID = "uniqueID")

spm_formulas(biomass_dataset)
```

---

sspm

*Create a sspm model object*

---

### Description

Create a `sspm_model` object.

### Usage

```
sspm(biomass, predictors)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,missing'
sspm(biomass, predictors)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,sspm_dataset'
sspm(biomass, predictors)

## S4 method for signature 'sspm_dataset,list'
sspm(biomass, predictors)
```

**Arguments**

biomass            **[spsm\_dataset (smoothed)]** The dataset containing the biomass variable.  
 predictors        **[list OF spsm\_dataset (smoothed)]** The list of predictor datasets.

**Value**

An object of class `spsm`.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
spsm_model <- spsm(biomass = biomass_smooth_w_catch,
                  predictors = predator_smooth)

## End(Not run)
```

---

spsm-class

*spsm model class*


---

**Description**

The `spsm` model object, made from biomass, predictor and catch data.

**Slots**

datasets **[list]** List of `spsm_dataset` that define variables in the SPM model.  
 time **[character]** The column of data that represents the temporal dimension of the dataset.  
 uniqueID **[character]** The column of datasets that is unique for all rows of the data matrix.  
 boundaries **[sf]** Spatial boundaries (polygons).  
 smoothed\_data **[ANY (sf)]** The smoothed data.  
 smoothed\_vars **[character]** A vector storing the smoothed vars.  
 is\_split **[logical]** Whether this object has been split into train/test sets.

---

sspm\_boundary-class    *sspm boundary structure*

---

### Description

One of the first steps in the sspm workflow is to create one or more object(s) of class sspm\_boundary from an sf object.

### Slots

boundaries [**sf**] Spatial boundaries (polygons).

boundary [**character**] The column of data that represents the spatial boundaries.

boundary\_area [**character**] The column of data that represents the area of spatial boundaries.

---

sspm\_dataset-class    *sspm dataset structure*

---

### Description

One of the first step in the sspm workflow is to create one or more object(s) of class sspm\_dataset from a data.frame, tibble or sf object.

### Slots

name [**character**] The name of the dataset, default to "Biomass".

data [**data.frame OR sf OR tibble**] The dataset.

biomass [**character**] The biomass columns of data.

density [**character**] The biomass density columns of data.

time [**character**] The column of data that represents the temporal dimension of the dataset.

coords [**character**] The columns of data that represent the spatial dimension of the dataset: the two columns for longitude and latitude of the observations.

uniqueID [**character**] The column of data that is unique for all rows of the data matrix.

boundaries [**sspm\_discrete\_boundary**] Spatial boundaries (polygons).

formulas [**list**] List of [sspm\\_formula](#) objects that specifies the smoothed variables.

smoothed\_data [**ANY (sf)**] The smoothed data.

smoothed\_vars [**character**] A vector storing the smoothed vars.

smoothed\_fit [**list**] The fit from smoothing the data

is\_mapped [**logical**] Whether the dataset has been mapped to boundaries (used internally).

---

sspm\_discrete\_boundary-class  
*sspm discrete boundary structure*

---

### Description

One of the first steps in the sspm workflow is to create one or more object(s) of class `sspm_boundary` from an `sf` object.

### Slots

`boundaries` [**sf**] Spatial boundaries (polygons).  
`boundary` [**character**] The column of data that represents the spatial boundaries.  
`boundary_area` [**character**] The column of data that represents the area of spatial boundaries.  
`method` [**discretization\_method**] (*if discrete*) discretization method used.  
`patches` [**sf**] (*if discrete*) Patches resulting from discretization.  
`points` [**sf or NULL**] (*if discrete*) Sample points used for discretization.  
`patches_area` [**character**] The column of data that represents the area of patches.

---

`sspm_fit`-class      *sspm fit*

---

### Description

The fit object for a sspm model

### Slots

`smoothed_data` [**ANY (sf)**] The smoothed data.  
`time` [**character**] The column of `smoothed_data` that represents the temporal dimension of the dataset.  
`uniqueID` [**character**] The column of `smoothed_data` that is unique for all rows of the data matrix.  
`formula` [**list**] The `sspm_formula` object that specifies the spm model.  
`boundaries` [**sf**] Spatial boundaries (polygons).  
`fit` [**bam**] The fit of the spm model.

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sspm_formula-class	<i>sspm formula object</i>
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### Description

This class is a wrapper around the `formula` class. It is not intended for users to directly manipulate and create new objects.

### Slots

`raw_formula` [**formula**] The raw formula call  
`translated_formula` [**formula**] The translated formula call ready to be evaluated.  
`vars` [**list**] List of relevant variables for the evaluation of the different smooths.  
`lag_vars` Smooth lag variables used for predictions  
`response` [**character**] The response variable in the formula.  
`is_fitted` [**logical**] Whether this formula has already been fitted.

### See Also

See the `mgcv` function for defining smooths: [s\(\)](#).

---

summary	<i>Summarises sspm_fit objects</i>
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### Description

Summarises a `sspm_fit` object, both in terms of productivity and biomass.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'sspm_fit'
summary(object, biomass = NULL)
```

### Arguments

`object` [**sspm\_...**] An object from this package.  
`biomass` [**character**] Biomass variable.

### Value

Nothing is returned, but a summary is printed.



**Examples**

```
## Not run:
summary(sspm_model_fit)
summary(sspm_model_fit, biomass = "weight_per_km2_borealis")

## End(Not run)
```

---

tessellate_voronoi	<i>Perform voronoi tessellation</i>
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---

**Description**

Generates voronoi polygons by first performing stratified sampling across boundary polygons, then by running the voronoisation with [st\\_voronoi\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
tessellate_voronoi(
  boundaries,
  with,
  boundary = "sfa",
  sample_surface = FALSE,
  sample_points = TRUE,
  nb_samples = NULL,
  min_size = 1500,
  stratify = TRUE,
  seed = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

boundaries	<b>[sf]</b> The boundaries to be used.
with	<b>[sf]</b> A set of data points to use for voronoisation.
boundary	<b>[character]</b> The column in boundaries that is to be used for the stratified sampling.
sample_surface	<b>[logical]</b> Whether to sample the surfaces in boundaries, Default to FALSE.
sample_points	<b>[logical]</b> Whether to sample points from with or to take all points in with. Default to TRUE.
nb_samples	<b>[named character vector]</b> The number of samples to draw by boundary polygons (must bear the levels of boundary as names or be a single value to be applied to each level).
min_size	<b>[numeric]</b> The minimum size for a polygon above which it will be merged (in km <sup>2</sup> ).
stratify	<b>[logical]</b> Whether the discretization happens within the boundaries or whether the whole area is to be used (default to TRUE).
seed	<b>[numeric]</b> Passed onto <a href="#">set.seed()</a> , important for reproducibility of sampling.

**Value**

A named list with three elements (each an sf object): \* patches, the voronoi polygons generated  
\* points, the points used for the tessellation.

**Examples**

```
data(borealis_simulated, package = "sspm")
data(sfa_boundaries, package = "sspm")
tesselate_voronoi(sfa_boundaries, with = borealis, sample_surface = TRUE,
                 boundary = "sfa", nb_samples = 10)
```

---

triangulate\_delaunay *Perform delaunay triangulation*

---

**Description**

Generates delaunay triangles with [ct\\_triangulate\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
triangulate_delaunay(
  boundaries,
  with = NULL,
  boundary = "sfa",
  sample_surface = FALSE,
  sample_points = FALSE,
  nb_samples = NULL,
  min_size = 1000,
  seed = 1,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

boundaries	<b>[sf]</b> The boundaries to be used.
with	<b>[sf]</b> A set of data points to use for voronoiisation.
boundary	<b>[character]</b> The column in boundaries that is to be used for the stratified sampling.
sample_surface	<b>[logical]</b> Whether to sample the surfaces in boundaries, Default to FALSE.
sample_points	<b>[logical]</b> Whether to sample points from with or to take all points in with. Default to TRUE.
nb_samples	<b>[named character vector]</b> The number of samples to draw by boundary polygons (must bear the levels of boundary as names or be a single value to be applied to each level).

min_size	<b>[numeric]</b> The minimum size for a triangle above which it will be merged (in km <sup>2</sup> ).
seed	<b>[numeric]</b> Passed onto <code>set.seed()</code> , important for reproducibility of sampling.
...	Arguments passed on to <code>RTriangle::triangulate</code>
	p Planar straight line graph object; see <code>pslg</code> .
	a Maximum triangle area. If specified, triangles cannot be larger than this area.
	q Minimum triangle angle in degrees.
	Y If TRUE prohibits the insertion of Steiner points on the mesh boundary.
	j If TRUE jettisons vertices that are not part of the final triangulation from the output.
	D If TRUE produce a conforming Delaunay triangulation. This ensures that all the triangles in the mesh are truly Delaunay, and not merely constrained Delaunay. This option invokes Ruppert's original algorithm, which splits every subsegment whose diametral circle is encroached. It usually increases the number of vertices and triangles.
	S Specifies the maximum number of added Steiner points. If set to <code>Inf</code> , there is no limit on the number of Steiner points added - but this can lead to huge amounts of memory being allocated.
	V Verbosity level. Specify higher values for more detailed information about what the Triangle library is doing.
	Q If TRUE suppresses all explanation of what the Triangle library is doing, unless an error occurs.

**Value**

A named list with three elements (each an `sf` object): `* patches`, the voronoi polygons generated  
`* points`, the points used for the tessellation.

**Examples**

```
data(borealis_simulated, package = "sspm")
data(sfa_boundaries, package = "sspm")
triangulate_delaunay(sfa_boundaries, with = borealis, sample_surface = TRUE,
                    boundary = "sfa", nb_samples = 10)
```

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\$,sspm\_boundary-method

*Extract methods*

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**Description**

WIP extract variables from `sspm` objects



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