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`platemodel-class` *Class of objects representing plate tectonic models*

Description

Meta-object containing paths to a unique plate tectonic model

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'platemodel'
initialize(.Object, path = NULL, rotation = NULL, polygons = NULL)
```

Arguments

`.Object`	Constructor argument (not needed).
`path`	(`character`) Path to a .mod unique plate model object.
`rotation`	(`character`) If `path` is `NULL`, the path to the rotation file-part of the model.
`polygons`	(`character`) If `path` is `NULL`, the path to the plate polygon file-part of the model.

Value

A `platemodel` class object.

Examples

```
# path to provided archive
archive <- file.path(
  system.file("extdata", package="rgplates"),
  "paleomap_model_v19o_r1c.zip")
# extract to temporary directory
unzip(archive, exdir=tempdir())
# path to the combined model/rotation file
path <- file.path(tempdir(),
  "paleomap_model_v19o_r1c/paleomap_model_v19o_r1c.mod")
# register in R - to be used in reconstruct()
model <- platemodel(path)
```

reconstruct *Reconstruct geographic features*

Description

Reconstruct the geographic locations from present day coordinates and spatial objects back to their paleo-positions. Each location will be assigned a plate id and moved back in time using the chosen reconstruction model.

Usage

```
reconstruct(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
reconstruct(
  x,
  age,
  model = "PALEOMAP",
  listout = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  enumerate = TRUE,
  chunk = 200,
  reverse = FALSE,
  path.gplates = NULL,
  cleanup = TRUE,
  dir = NULL,
  plateperiod = FALSE
)

## S4 method for signature 'data.frame'
reconstruct(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'numeric'
reconstruct(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'character'
reconstruct(
  x,
  age,
  model = "PALEOMAP",
  listout = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  path.gplates = NULL,
  cleanup = TRUE,
  dir = NULL,
  plateperiod = FALSE
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'SpatialPolygonsDataFrame'
reconstruct(
  x,
  age,
  model = "PALEOMAP",
  listout = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  path.gplates = NULL,
  cleanup = TRUE,
  dir = NULL,
  plateperiod = FALSE
)

## S4 method for signature 'SpatialLinesDataFrame'
reconstruct(
  x,
  age,
  model = "PALEOMAP",
  listout = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  path.gplates = NULL,
  cleanup = TRUE,
  dir = NULL,
  plateperiod = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

x	are the features to be reconstructed. Can be a vector with longitude and latitude representing a single point or a matrix/dataframe with the first column as longitude and second column as latitude, or a SpatialPolygonsDataFrame class object. The character strings "plates" and "coastlines" return static plates and rotated present-day coastlines, respectively.
...	arguments passed to class-specific methods.
age	(numeric)is the age in Ma at which the points will be reconstructed
model	(character or platemodel) The reconstruction model. The class of this argument selects the submodule used for reconstruction, a character value will invoke the remote reconstruction submodule and will submit x to the GPlates Web Service. A platemodel class object will call the local-reconstruction submodule. The default is "PALEOMAP". See details for available models.
listout	(logical)If multiple ages are given, the output can be returned as a list if listout = TRUE.
verbose	(logical) Should call URLs (remote submodule) or console feedback (local-submodule) be printed?
enumerate	(logical) Should be all coordinate/age combinations be enumerated and reconstructed (set to TRUE by default)? FALSE is applicable only if the number of rows

	in x is equal to the number elementes in age. Then a point will be reconstructed to the age that has the same index in age as the row of the coordinates in x. List output is not available in this case.
chunk	(numeric) Argument of the remote reconstruction submodule. Single integer, the number of coordinates that will be queried from the GPlates in a single go.
reverse	(logical) Argument of the remote reconstruction submodule. The flag to control the direction of reconstruction. If reverse = TRUE, the function will calculate the present-day coordinates of the given paleo-coordinates.
path.gplates	(character) Argument of the local reconstruction submodule. In case the GPlates executable file is not found at the coded default location, the full path to the executable (gplates-<ver>.exe on Windows) can be entered here.
cleanup	(logical) Argument of the local reconstruction submodule. Should the temporary files be deleted immediately after reconstructions?
dir	(character) Argument of the local reconstruction submodule. Directory where the temporary files of the reconstruction are stored (defaults to a temporary directory created by R). Remember to toggle cleanup if you want to see the files.
plateperiod	(logical) Argument of the local reconstuction submodule. Should the durations of the plates be forced on the partitioned feature? If these are set to TRUE and the plate duration estimates are long, then you might lose some data.

Details

The function implements two reconstruction submodules, which are selected with the model argument:

If model is a character entry, then the reconstruct() function uses the GPlates Web Service (https://gws.gplates.org/, remote reconstruction submodule). The available reconstruction models for this submodule are:

- "SETON2012" (Seton et al., 2012) for coastlines and plate polygons.
- "MULLER2016" (Muller et al., 2016) for coastlines and plate polygons.
- "GOLONKA" (Wright et al. 2013) for coastlines only.
- "PALEOMAP" (Scotese and Wright, 2018) for coastlines and plate polygons.
- "MATTHEWS2016" (Matthews et al., 2016) for coastlines and plate polygons.

If model is a platemodel class object, then the function will try to use the GPLates desktop application (https://www.gplates.org/) to reconstruct the coordinates (local reconstruction submodule). Plate models are available in chronosphere with the fetch function. See datasets for the available models. The function will try to find the main GPlates executable in its default installation directory. If this does not succeed, use path.gplates to enter the full path to the GPlates executable as a character string.

Value

A numeric matrix if x is a numeric, matrix or data.frame, or Spatial* class objects, depending on input. NULL in case no model is specified.

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Examples

```
# With the web service (GPlates Web Service was offline at submission)
# simple matrices
# replace model with desired choice
reconstruct(matrix(c(95, 54), nrow=1), 140, model=NULL)

# points reconstruction
xy <-cbind(long=c(95,142), lat=c(54, -33))
reconstruct(xy, 140, model=NULL)
```

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Details

This is still the Beta version. As is R, this is free software and comes with ABSOLUTELY NO WARRANTY. Nevertheless, notes about found bugs and suggestions are more than welcome.

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