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glottobooster

Enhance glottolog data

## Description

This function restructures glottolog data, and optionally adds/removes data. If you want more flexibility in choosing which data to add/remove, you can use glottoboosterflex().

```
glottobooster(
  glottologdata = NULL,
  space = TRUE,
  addfamname = TRUE,
  addisolates = TRUE,
  L1only = TRUE,
  addfamsize = TRUE,
  addfamsize = TRUE
```

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## **Arguments**

glottologdata data from glottolog, can be downloaded with glottoget("glottolog").

space Return spatial object?

addfamname Add column with familiy names? addisolates Add column to identify isolates?

L1only Keep only L1 languages (remove bookkeeping, unclassifiable, sign languages,

etc.).

addfamsize Add column with family size? addfamsizerank Add column with family size rank?

#### **Details**

This function is used to generate 'glottobase' (the reference dataset used throughout the glottospace R package). The default options generate 'glottobase', which can be loaded directly using glottoget("glottobase").

#### Value

glottologdata object, either a spatial object (class: sf) or a data.frame.

## See Also

```
Other <glottobooster>: glottoboosterflex()
```

## **Examples**

```
glottologdata <- glottoget("glottolog")
glottobase <- glottobooster(glottologdata)</pre>
```

glottocheck

Quality check of glottodata or glottosubdata

## Description

This function first checks whether a dataset is glottodata or glottosubdata, and depending on the result calls glottocheck\_data or glottocheck\_subdata.

```
glottocheck(glottodata, diagnostic = TRUE, checkmeta = FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

glottodata User-provided glottodata

diagnostic If TRUE (default) a data viewer will be opened to show the levels of each vari-

able (including NAs), and a data coverage plot will be shown.

checkmeta Should metadata be checked as well?

#### **Details**

It subsequently checks whether:

• one column exists with the name "glottocode"

• there are rows without a glottocode (missing IDs)

• there are rows with duplicated glottocodes (duplicate IDs)

• all variables have at least two levels

· all glottocodes are valid

#### Value

Diagnostic messages highlighting potential issues with glottodata or glottosubdata.

#### **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata")
glottocheck(glottodata, diagnostic = FALSE)</pre>
```

glottoclean

Clean glottodata/glottosubdata

#### **Description**

This function cleans glottodata/glottosubdata and returns a simplified glottodata/glottosubdata object containing only the cleaned data table and a structure table.

## Usage

```
glottoclean(glottodata, tona = NULL, tofalse = NULL, totrue = NULL, id = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

glottodata (either a list or a data.frame)

tona Optional additional values to recode to NA (besides default)
tofalse Optional additional values to recode to FALSE (besides default)
totrue Optional additional values to recode to TRUE (besides default)

id By default, glottoclean looks for a column named 'glottocode', if the id is in a

different column, this should be specified.

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## **Details**

This function has some built in default values that are being recoded: For example, if column type is 'symm' or 'asymm', values such as "No" and 0 are recoded to FALSE Values such as "?" are recoded to NA.

#### Value

A cleaned-up and simplified version of the original glottodata object

## **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
glottodata <- glottoclean(glottodata)

glottosubdata <- glottoget("demosubdata", meta = TRUE)
glottosubdata <- glottoclean(glottosubdata)</pre>
```

glottocode\_exists

Check whether a set of glottocodes exist in glottolog

#### **Description**

Checks whether a set of glottocodes exist in glottolog (checked at the level of L1 languages)

#### Usage

```
glottocode_exists(glottocode)
```

## **Arguments**

glottocode

A glottocode or character vector of glottocodes

#### Value

A logical vector

## Examples

```
glottocode_exists(c("yucu1253"))
glottocode_exists(c("yucu1253", "abcd1234"))
```

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Convert a linguistic dataset into glottodata or glottosubdata

## **Description**

Convert a linguistic dataset into glottodata or glottosubdata

#### Usage

```
glottoconvert(
  data,
  var,
  glottocodes = NULL,
  table = NULL,
  glottocolumn = NULL,
  glottosubcolumn = NULL,
  ref = NULL,
  page = NULL,
  remark = NULL,
  contributor = NULL,
  varnamecol = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

data

A dataset that should be converted into glottodata/glottosubdata. This will generally be an excel file loaded with glottoget().

The dataset will be converted into glottodata if:

- all data are stored in a single table, or
- the dataset contains several tables of which one is called 'glottodata', or
- a table argument is provided.

Otherwise, glottospace will attempt to convert the dataset into glottosubdata. This works if:

- table names are glottocodes, and
- an argument is provided to glottocodes, or the dataset contains a sample table from which glottocodes can be obtained.

Character string that distinguishes those columns which contain variable names.

Optional character vector of glottocodes. If no glottocodes are supplied, glottospace will search for them in the sample table.

In case dataset consists of multiple tables, indicate which table contains the data that should be converted.

glottocolumn

column name or column id with glottocodes (optional, provide if glottocodes are not stored in a column called 'glottocode')

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Column name or column id with glottosubcodes (optional, provide if glottosub-

codes are not stored in a column called 'glottosubcode')

ref Character string that distinguishes those columns which contain references.

page Character string that distinguishes those columns which contain page numbers.

remark Character string that distinguishes those columns which contain remarks.

contributor Character string that distinguishes those columns which contain contributors.

varnamecol In case the dataset contains a structure table, but the varnamecol is not called

'varname', its name should be specified.

#### Value

A glottodata or glottosubdata object (either a list or data.frame)

glottocreate

Generate empty glottodata or glottosubdata for a set of glottocodes.

#### **Description**

Creates glottodata/glottosubdata and optionally save it as excel file.

## Usage

```
glottocreate(
  glottocodes,
  variables,
  meta = TRUE,
  filename = NULL,
  simplify = TRUE,
  groups = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  levels = NULL,
  check = FALSE,
  maintainer = NULL,
  email = NULL,
  citation = NULL,
  url = NULL
```

## **Arguments**

glottocodes Character vector of glottocodes

variables Either a vector with variable names, or a single number indicating the total num-

ber of variable columns to be generated

meta Should metatables be created?

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filename	Optional name of excel file where to store glottodata
simplify	By default, if a glottodata table is created without metadata, the data will be returned as a data.frame (instead of placing the data inside a list of length 1)
groups	Character vector of group names (only for glottosubdata)
n	Optional, number of records to be assigned to each group (only for glottosubdata)
levels	Optional character vector with levels across all variables
check	Should glottocodes be checked? Default is FALSE because takes much time to run.
maintainer	Name of the person/organization maintaining the data (optional)
email	Email address of maintainer/contact person (optional)
citation	How to cite the data (optional)
url	Optional url linking to a webpage.

## **Details**

By default, glottodata will be created. In case a groups argument is provided, glottosubdata will be created.

glottodata has one table for all languages (and a number of metatables if meta = TRUE), with one row per glottocode. glottosubdata has one table for each language (and a number of metatables if meta = TRUE), with one row per glottosubcode.

Run glottoget("demodata") or glottoget("demosubdata") to see examples.

In case you already have your own dataset and want to convert it into glottodata, use: glottoconvert().

## Value

A glottodata or glottosubdata object (either with or without metadata). The output can be a list or a data.frame.

## **Examples**

```
# Creates glottodata table without metadata tables
glottocreate(glottocodes = c("yucu1253", "tani1257"),
variables = 3, meta = FALSE)

# Creates glottodata table with metadata tables (stored in a list):
glottocreate(glottocodes = c("yucu1253", "tani1257"), variables = 3)

# Creates glottosubdata table (stored in a list)
glottocreate(glottocodes = c("yucu1253", "tani1257"),
variables = 3, groups = c("a", "b") )
```

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glottocreate\_addtable Add a table to glottodata

## **Description**

Add a table to glottodata

## Usage

```
glottocreate_addtable(glottodata, table, name)
```

## **Arguments**

glottodata A glottodata table, or a list of glottodata tables

table A table to be added name A name for the table

#### Value

a glottodata object with structure table added to it.

## **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = FALSE)
structuretable <- glottocreate_structuretable(varnames = colnames(glottodata)[-1])
glottodata <- glottocreate_addtable(glottodata, table = structuretable, name = "structure")</pre>
```

glottodist

Calculate distances between languages

#### **Description**

Calculate distances between languages

## Usage

```
glottodist(glottodata)
```

#### **Arguments**

glottodata

glottodata or glottosubdata, either with or without structure table.

#### Value

object of class dist

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## **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
glottodist <- glottodist(glottodata = glottodata)

glottosubdata <- glottoget("demosubdata", meta = TRUE)
glottodist <- glottodist(glottodata = glottosubdata)</pre>
```

glottofilter

Filter glottodata by language, glottocode, etc.

## **Description**

By default, the glottolog data will be used to filter from. But in case the user provides glottodata, this will be used.

## Usage

```
glottofilter(
  glottodata = NULL,
  glottocode = NULL,
  location = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  family = NULL,
  family_id = NULL,
  continent = NULL,
  country = NULL,
  sovereignty = NULL,
 macroarea = NULL,
  expression = NULL,
  isocodes = NULL,
  colname = NULL,
  select = NULL,
  drop = NULL
```

#### **Arguments**

glottodata	A glottodata table
glottocode	A character vector of glottocodes
location	A character vector with a location (either a continent, country, macroarea, or sovereignty)
name	A character vector of language names
family	A character vector of language families
familv_id	A character vector of language family IDs

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continent	A character vector of continents
country	A character vector of countries

sovereignty Sovereignty

macroarea Glottolog macroarea expression A regular expression

isocodes A character vector of iso639p3codes

colname A column name

select Character vector of things to select (only if colname is provided)
drop Character vector of things to drop (only if colname is provided)

#### Value

A subset of the original glottodata table (data.frame or sf) containing only filtered languages.

#### See Also

glottofiltermap()

## **Examples**

```
points <- glottofilter(location = "Australia")
points <- glottofilter(glottocode = "wari1268")
points <- glottofilter(family = "Indo-European")
points <- glottofilter(continent = "South America")
points <- glottofilter(family = "Indo-European", continent = "South America")
points <- glottofilter(country = c("Colombia", "Venezuela"))
points <- glottofilter(expression = family %in% c("Arawakan", "Tucanoan"))
points <- glottofilter(expression = family_size > 2)
points <- glottofilter(colname = "family", drop = "Indo-European")</pre>
```

glottofiltermap

Filter languages from a map

#### **Description**

Select languages by drawing or clicking on a map

```
glottofiltermap(glottodata = NULL, mode = NULL, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

```
glottodata Spatial glottodata object
mode Either "draw" or "click"
... Additional arguments to pass to glottofilter
```

#### Value

A set of languages selected from the original glottodata object

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
selected <- glottofiltermap()
glottomap(selected)

glottofiltermap(continent = "South America")
glottofiltermap(country = "Netherlands")

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

glottoget

Get glottodata from local path or online global databases

#### **Description**

Load locally stored glottodata, download databases from online sources, or load built-in demo data

## Usage

```
glottoget(
  glottodata = NULL,
  meta = FALSE,
  download = FALSE,
  dirpath = NULL,
  url = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

glottodata options are:

- A filepath to locally stored glottodata or glottosubdata with file extension (.xlsx .xls .gpkg .shp). See also: options meta and simplify.
- "glottobase" Default option, an spatially enhanced version of glottolog. See glottobooster for details. If glottodata = NULL, "glottobase" will be loaded.
- "wals" This is a spatially enhanced version of WALS.

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 "dplace" - Not yet supported. This is a spatially enhanced version of D-PLACE.

- "glottolog" This is a restructured (non-spatial) version of glottolog.
- "glottospace" A simple dataset with glottocodes and a geometry column. This is a subset of all languages in glottolog with spatial coordinates.
- "demodata" Built-in artificial glottodata (included for demonstration and testing).
- "demosubdata" Built-in artificial glottosubdata (included for demonstration and testing)

In case 'glottodata' is demodata/demosubdata: by default, meta sheets are not loaded. Use meta=TRUE if you want to include them.

download By default internally stored versions of global databases are used. Specify download = TRUE in case you want to download the latest version from a remote

server.

dirpath Optional, if you want to store a global CLDF dataset in a specific directory, or

load it from a specific directory.

url Zenodo url, something like this: "https://zenodo.org/api/records/3260727"

#### Value

A glottodata or glottosubdata object (a data.frame or list, depending on which glottodata is requested)

## See Also

```
Other <glottodata>: glottosave()
```

#### **Examples**

```
glottoget("glottolog")
```

glottojoin

Join glottodata with other objects, datasets, or databases.

## **Description**

Join glottodata with other objects, datasets, or databases.

```
glottojoin(glottodata, with = NULL, id = NULL, rm.na = FALSE, type = "left")
```

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#### **Arguments**

glottodata	glottodata or glottosubdata
with	Optional: glottodata (class data.frame), a dist object (class dist), or the name of a glottodatabase ("glottobase" or "glottospace")
id	By default, data is joined by a column named "glottocode" or "glottosubcode". In case you want to join using another column, the column name should be specified.
rm.na	Only used when joining with a dist object. By default NAs are kept.
type	In case two glottodata objects are joined, you can specify the type of join: "left" (default), "right", "full", or "inner"

#### Value

glottodata or glottosubdata, either with or without metatables. Object is returned as a data.frame or list, depending on the input.

#### See Also

glottosplit

#### **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata")
glottodata_space <- glottojoin(glottodata, with = "glottospace")
glottodata_base <- glottojoin(glottodata, with = "glottobase")

# Join with a dist object
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
dist <- glottodist(glottodata)
glottodata_dist <- glottojoin(glottodata, with = dist)

# Join glottosubdata tables:
glottosubdata <- glottocreate(glottocodes = c("yucu1253", "tani1257"),
variables = 3, groups = c("a", "b"), n = 2, meta = FALSE)
glottodatatable <- glottojoin(glottodata = glottosubdata)</pre>
```

glottomap Create static and dynamic maps from glottodata, or select languages from a map

## Description

With this function you can easily create static and dynamic maps from glottodata (by setting type to 'static' or 'dynamic'). Alternatively, by specifying type = "filter", you can select languages by drawing/clicking on a map.

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## Usage

```
glottomap(
  glottodata = NULL,
  color = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  type = NULL,
  ptsize = NULL,
  alpha = NULL,
  lbsize = NULL,
  palette = NULL,
  rivers = FALSE,
  nclass = NULL,
  numcat = FALSE,
  filename = NULL,
  projection = NULL,
  mode = NULL,
)
```

## Arguments

glottodata	Optional, user-provided glottodata. In case no glottodata is provided, you can pass arguments directly to glottofilter.
color	glottovar, column name, or column index to be used to color features (optional). Run glottovars() to see glottovars
label	glottovar, column name, or column index to be used to label features (optional). Run glottovars() to see glottovars
type	One of: "static", "dynamic", or "filter". Default is "static".
ptsize	Size of points between 0 and 1
alpha	Transparency of points between 0 (very transparent) and 1 (not transparent)
lbsize	Size of labels between 0 and 1
palette	Color palette, see glottocolpal("all") for possible options, and run glottocolpal("turbo") to see what it looks like (replace it with palette name). Alternatively, you could also run tmaptools::palette_explorer(), RColorBrewer::display.brewer.all(), ?viridisLite::viridis, or scales::show_col(viridisLite::viridis(n=20))
rivers	Do you want to plot rivers (only for static maps)?
nclass	Preferred number of classes (default is 5)
numcat	Do numbers represent categories? For example, if your dataset consists of 0 and 1, you might want to set this to TRUE.
filename	Optional filename if you want to save resulting map
projection	For static maps, you can choose one of the following: 'eqarea' (equal-area Eckert IV, default), 'pacific' (Pacific-centered), or any other Coordinate Reference System, specified using an EPSG code (https://epsg.io/).
mode	In case type = "filter", you can set mode to either "draw" or "click".
	Additional parameters to glottofilter

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#### Value

a map created from a glotto(sub)data object and can be saved with glottosave()

#### **Examples**

```
glottomap(country = "Netherlands")

glottopoints <- glottofilter(continent = "South America")
glottopols <- glottospace(glottopoints, method = "voronoi")
glottomap(glottodata = glottopols, color = "family_size_rank")
glottomap(glottodata = glottopols, color = "family", palette = "turbo",
type = "dynamic", label = "name")

glottodata <- glottoget()
families <- dplyr::count(glottodata, family, sort = TRUE)

# highlight 10 largest families:
glottodata <- glottospotlight(glottodata = glottodata, spotcol =
"family", spotlight = families$family[1:10], spotcontrast = "family", bgcontrast = "family")

# Or, place 10 largest families in background
glottodata <- glottospotlight(glottodata = glottodata, spotcol =
"family", spotlight = families$family[-c(1:10)], spotcontrast = "family", bgcontrast = "family")
glottomap(glottodata, color = "color")</pre>
```

glottonmds

Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling for a glottodist object

#### **Description**

Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling for a glottodist object

## Usage

```
glottonmds(glottodist = NULL, k = NULL, rm.na = FALSE, row2id = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

glottodist A glottodist object

k Number of dimensions. Either 2 or 3 for nmds.

rm.na Whether na's should be removed (default is FALSE)

row2id In case of nmds, specify what each row contains (either 'glottocode' or 'glottosubcode')

#### Value

a glottonmds object

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## Description

This function offers different types of visualizations for linguistic data and linguistic distances.

## Usage

```
glottoplot(
  glottodata = NULL,
  glottodist = NULL,
  type = NULL,
  glottonmds = NULL,
  color = NULL,
  ptsize = NULL,
  label = NULL,
  filename = NULL,
  palette = NULL,
  k = NULL,
  rm.na = FALSE,
  row2id = NULL,
  preventoverlap = FALSE,
  alpha = NULL,
  colorvec = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

glottodata	glottodata table
glottodist	A dist object created with glottodist
type	The type of plot: "heatmap", "nmds", or "missing". Default is heatmap if nothing is provided.
glottonmds	A glottonmds object created with glottonmds
color	Name of variable to be used to color features (optional). Run glottovars() to see the options.
ptsize	Size of points between 0 and 1 (optional)
label	Name of variable to be used to label features (optional). Run glottovars() to see the options.
filename	Optional filename if output should be saved.
palette	Name of color palette, use glottocolpal("all") to see the options
k	Number of dimensions. Either 2 or 3 for nmds.
rm.na	Whether na's should be removed (default is FALSE)

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row2id In case of nmds, specify what each row contains (either 'glottocode' or 'glotto-

subcode')

preventoverlap For nmds with 2 dimensions, should overlap between data points be prevented?

alpha For nmds with 2 dimensions: Transparency of points between 0 (very transpar-

ent) and 1 (not transparent)

colorvec Vector specifying colors for individual values and legend order (non-matching

values are omitted), for example: c("Arawakan" = "rosybrown1", "Yucuna" = "red", "Tucanoan" = "lightskyblue1", "Tanimuca-Retuarã" = "blue", "Naduhup"

= "gray70", "Kakua-Nukak" = "gray30") See the 'values' argument in ggplot2::scale\_color\_manual()

for details.

#### Value

a visualization of a glotto(sub)data, glottodist or glottonmds object, which can be saved with glottosave()

## **Examples**

```
# Plot glottodist as nmds:
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
glottodist <- glottodist(glottodata = glottodata)
glottoplot(glottodist = glottodist, type = "nmds",
    k = 3, color = "family", label = "name", row2id = "glottocode")
# To create a stress/scree plot, you can run:
# goeveg::dimcheckMDS(matrix = as.matrix(glottodist), k = k)
# Plot missing data:
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
glottodata <- glottosimplify(glottodata)
glottoplot(glottodata = glottodata, type = "missing")</pre>
```

glottosave

Save glottodata, maps and plots

## Description

If no filename is provided, the name of the glottodata object will be used.

```
glottosave(glottodata, filename = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

glottodata User-provided glottodata

filename Filename either with or without file extension

#### **Details**

If no file extension is provided, a sensible default file extension is chosen. Dynamic maps (tmap) are saved in .html format, static maps (tmap) are saved as .png. Spatial data (sf) are saved as geopackage (.GPKG) by default, but .shp is also possible.

#### Value

No object is returned, it will be save locally at the specified location

#### See Also

```
glottoget_glottodata
Other <glottodata>: glottoget()
```

#### **Examples**

glottosearch

Search within glottodata for languages, glottocodes, etc.

## Description

Search within glottodata for languages, glottocodes, etc.

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#### Usage

```
glottosearch(
  search,
  glottodata = NULL,
  partialmatch = TRUE,
  columns = NULL,
  tolerance = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

search Character string to search for, this can be the name of a language, a family, a

glottocode, isocode.

glottodata Any linguistic or cultural dataset. Default is to search within glottobase.

partialmatch By default, partial matches will be returned as well. In case you only want exact

matches, this argument should be set to FALSE.

columns By default, the entire dataset is searched, but optionally the search can be limited

to specific columns.

tolerance In case partialmatch is TRUE: what is the maximum difference between search

term and match? Default is 0.1

#### Value

A subset of glottodata that matches search conditions (object returned as a data.frame/tibble)

## **Examples**

```
glottosearch(search = "Yucuni")
glottosearch(search = "Yucuni", columns = "name")
glottosearch(search = "Yucuni", columns = c("name", "family"))
```

glottosimplify

Simplify glottodata structures

## **Description**

With glottosimplify, the structure of a glottodata object is simplified by removing tables and properties

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#### Usage

```
glottosimplify(
  glottodata,
  droplist = TRUE,
  dropmeta = TRUE,
  dropspatial = TRUE,
  submerge = TRUE,
  dropunits = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

glottodata glottodata or glottosubdata.

droplist By default, if only one sheet is loaded, the data will be returned as a data.frame

(instead of placing the data inside a list of length 1)

dropmeta By default all metadata is removed.

dropspatial By default spatial properties are removed.

submerge By default, glottosubdata tables are merged into a single glottodata table.

dropunits By default units are kept.

#### Value

a simplified version of the original dataset, either a data.frame/tibble or a list (depending on the selected options)

#### **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
glottosimplify(glottodata)</pre>
```

glottospace

Make glottodata spatial and generate language polygons from points.

## Description

This function takes glottodata (either with or without metadata) and turns it into spatial points or polygons.

## Usage

```
glottospace(glottodata, method = NULL, radius = NULL)
```

## Arguments

glottodata A glottodata table, or list of a glottodata table and metadata table(s)

method Interpolation method, either "buffer" or "voronoi" (synonymous with "thiessen")

radius In case interpolation method "buffer", the radius in km.

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## Value

A spatial version of glottodata. In case glottodata has metadata, only glottodata will be converted to spatial (but all metadata tables are kept). Object returned as sf object, or a list of which the first element is an sf object, depending on the input.

#### **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
glottospacedata <- glottospace(glottodata, method = "voronoi")</pre>
```

glottosplitmergemeta Split or merge metadata from glottodata (or glottosubdata)

## **Description**

Usually, you will run this function twice, once to split metadata from glottodata, and a second time to join it again.

#### **Usage**

```
glottosplitmergemeta(glottodata, splitted = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

glottodata glottodata

splitted if provided, the second element of the list will be joined with glottodata

#### Value

A list of length 2 in case only glottodata is provided, and a merged glottodata object otherwise.

## See Also

```
glottojoin
glottosimplify
```

#### **Examples**

```
glottodata <- glottoget("demodata", meta = TRUE)
splitted <- glottosplitmergemeta(glottodata)
merged <- glottosplitmergemeta(glottodata = glottodata, splitted = splitted)</pre>
```

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## **Description**

This function creates two separate color scales: one for points to highlight, and a second for the remaining background points. It also creates a legend. This is useful for preparing the data for visualizations such as maps or other plots.

## Usage

```
glottospotlight(
  glottodata,
  spotcol,
  spotlight,
  spotcontrast = NULL,
  spotpal = NULL,
  bgcontrast = NULL,
  bgpal = NULL
```

#### **Arguments**

glottodata	User-provided glottodata
spotcol	Name of the column that contains the data to put in the spotlights (as well as remaining background data).
spotlight	Selection of data to put in the spotlights.
spotcontrast	Optional column to contrast between data points in the spotlight.
spotpal	color palette for spotligbht points
bgcontrast	Optional column to contrast between background data points
bgpal	color palette for background points (default is grays)

## Value

A glottodata object with columns added to be used in visualization.

## Examples

```
glottodata <- glottofilter(country = c("Netherlands", "Germany", "Belgium") )
glottodata <- glottospotlight(glottodata = glottodata, spotcol = "country",
spotlight = "Netherlands", spotcontrast = "name")
glottomap(glottodata, color = "color")</pre>
```

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