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Description Indices for assessing riverscape fragmentation, including the Dendritic Connectivity Index, the Population Connectivity Index, the River Fragmentation Index, the Probability of Connectivity, and the Integral Index of connectivity. For a review, see Jumanı et al. (2020) <[doi:10.1088/1748-9326/abcb37](https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/abcb37)> and Baldan et al. (2022) <[doi:10.1016/j.envsoft.2022.105470](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.envsoft.2022.105470)> Functions to calculate temporal indices improvement when fragmentation due to barriers is reduced are also included.

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B_ij_fun	<i>Calculates B_ij: the functional contribution to dispersal probability I_ij</i>
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Description

Calculates B_ij: the functional contribution to dispersal probability I_ij

Usage

```
B_ij_fun(
  graph,
  field_B = "length",
  dir_distance_type = "symmetric",
  disp_type = "exponential",
  param_u,
  param_d,
  param,
  param_l
)
```

Arguments

graph	an object of class igraph. Can be both directed or undirected.
field_B	the 'graph' edge attribute to be used to calculate the distance. Default is "length".
dir_distance_type	how directionality in B_ij calculations is dealt with: "symmetric" (i.e. undirected graph) or "asymmetric" (i.e. directed graph). See details.
disp_type	the formula used to calculate the probabilities in the B_ij matrix. Use "exponential" for exponential decay, "threshold" for setting a distance threshold, or "leptokurtic" for leptokurtic dispersal.
param_u	the upstream dispersal parameter. Must be a numeric value. Only used if dir_distance_type = "asymmetric". See details.

param_d	the downstream dispersal parameter. Must be a numeric value. Only used if dir_distance_type = "asymmetric". See details.
param	the dispersal parameter. Must be a numeric value. Only used if dir_distance_type = "symmetric". See details.
param_l	the parameters for the leptokurtic dispersal mode. Must be a numeric vector of the type c(sigma_stat, sigma_mob, p). See details below.

Details

dir_distance_type = "symmetric" is to be used when the directionality of the river network is not relevant. The distance between reaches midpoints is calculated for each couple of reaches. dir_distance_type = "asymmetric" is to be used when the directionality is relevant. The distance between reaches midpoints is calculated for each couple of reaches and splitted between 'upstream travelled' distance and 'downstream travelled' distance. When disp_type = "leptokurtic" is selected, symmetric dispersal is assumed.

The 'param_u', 'param_d', and 'param' values are interpreted differently based on the formula used to relate distance (d_{ij}) and probability (B_{ij}). When disp_type = "exponential", those values are used as the base of the exponential dispersal kernel: $B_{ij} = \text{param}^{d_{ij}}$. When disp_type = "threshold", those values are used to define the maximum dispersal length: $B_{ij} = \text{ifelse}(d_{ij} < \text{param}, 1, 0)$.

When disp_type = "leptokurtic" is selected, a leptokurtic dispersal kernel is used to calculate B_{ij} . A leptokurtic dispersal kernel is a mixture of two zero-centered gaussian distributions with standard deviations sigma_stat (static part of the population), and sigma_mob (mobile part of the population). The probability of dispersal is calculated as: $B_{ij} = p F(0, \text{sigma_stat}, d_{ij}) + (1-p) F(0, \text{sigma_mob}, d_{ij})$ where F is the upper tail of the gaussian cumulative density function.

Value

a square matrix of size length(V(graph)) containing B_{ij} values. The matrix is organized with "from" nodes on the columns and "to" nodes on the rows

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- igraph::graph_from_literal(1--2, 2--5, 3--4, 4--5, 6--7, 7--10, 8--9, 9--10,
5--11, 11--12, 10--13, 13--12, 12--14, 14--15, 15--16)
E(g)$id_dam <- c("1", NA, "2", "3", NA, "4", NA, "5", "6", NA, NA, NA, NA, "7", NA)
E(g)$type <- ifelse(is.na(E(g)$id_dam), "joint", "dam")
V(g)$length <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 1, 7, 7, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9)
V(g)$HSI <- c(0.2, 0.1, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8)
V(g)$Id <- V(g)$name
E(g)$pass_u <- E(g)$pass_d <- ifelse(!is.na(E(g)$id_dam), 0.1, NA)
dist_mat <- B_ij_fun(g, param = 0.9)
```

c_ij_fun	<i>Calculates c_ij: the structural contribution to the dispersal probability I_ij</i>
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Description

Calculates c_ij: the structural contribution to the dispersal probability I_ij

Usage

```
c_ij_fun(
  graph,
  dir_fragmentation_type = "symmetric",
  pass_confluence = 1,
  pass_u = "pass_u",
  pass_d = "pass_d"
)
```

Arguments

graph	an object of class igraph. Can be both directed or undirected.
dir_fragmentation_type	how directionality in c_ij calculations is dealt with: "symmetric" (i.e. undirected graph) or "asymmetric" (i.e. directed graph). See details.
pass_confluence	a value in the range [0,1] that defines the passability of confluences (default is 1).
pass_u	the 'graph' edge attribute to be used as upstream passability. Default is "pass_u".
pass_d	the 'graph' edge attribute to be used as downstream passability. Default is "pass_d".

Details

dir_fragmentation_type = "symmetric" is to be used when the directionality of the river network is not relevant. The equivalent passability for each barrier is calculated as the product of upstream and downstream passabilities. dir_fragmentation_type = "asymmetric" is to be used when the directionality is relevant. The equivalent passability of each barrier is calculated as a function of the path connecting each couple of reaches and depends on the direction of the path. Check the package vignette for more details.

Value

a square matrix of size length(V(graph)) containing c_ij values. The matrix is organized with "from" nodes on the columns and "to" nodes on the rows

Examples

```

library(igraph)
g <- igraph::graph_from_literal(1--+2, 2--+5, 3--+4, 4--+5, 6--+7, 7--+10,
8--+9, 9--+10, 5--+11, 11--+12, 10--+13, 13--+12, 12--+14, 14--+15, 15--+16)
E(g)$id_dam <- c("1", NA, "2", "3", NA, "4", NA, "5", "6", NA, NA, NA, NA, "7", NA)
E(g)$type <- ifelse(is.na(E(g)$id_dam), "joint", "dam")
V(g)$length <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 1, 7, 7, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9)
V(g)$HSI <- c(0.2, 0.1, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8)
V(g)$Id <- V(g)$name
E(g)$pass_u <- E(g)$pass_d <- ifelse(!is.na(E(g)$id_dam),0.1,NA)
dist_mat <- c_ij_fun(g)

```

d_index_calculation	<i>Calculate Reach- and Catchment-scale index improvement for scenarios of barriers removal</i>
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Description

Calculate Reach- and Catchment-scale index improvement for scenarios of barriers removal

Usage

```

d_index_calculation(
  graph,
  ...,
  barriers_metadata,
  id_barrier = "id_barrier",
  pass_u_updated = "pass_u_updated",
  pass_d_updated = "pass_d_updated",
  mode = "leave_one_out",
  parallel = TRUE,
  ncores
)

```

Arguments

graph	an object of class 'igraph'. Can be both directed or undirected.
...	other arguments passed to the function 'index_calculation'
barriers_metadata	data.frame that must contain a column having the same name as the 'id_barrier' attribute of the graph, and two columns with the corresponding upstream and downstream improved passabilities (see 'pass_u_updated' and 'pass_d_updated' parameters).
id_barrier	graph edges attribute used to label barriers. Default is "id_barrier". Must be of type character.

<code>pass_u_updated</code>	field in <code>barrier_metadata</code> where updated value for upstream passability is stored (recommended values higher than the original passability).
<code>pass_d_updated</code>	field in <code>barrier_metadata</code> where updated value for downstream passability is stored (recommended values higher than the original passability).
<code>mode</code>	currently only "leave_one_out" is implemented.
<code>parallel</code>	logical value to flag if parallel option is to be used.
<code>ncores</code>	define how many cores are used in parallel processing. Active only when <code>parallel = TRUE</code>

Details

Setting `c_ij_flag = FALSE` (see `index_calculation` arguments) removes from the calculations the effect of barriers, i.e. the `c_ij` contribution is not used in the calculation of the index. Setting `B_ij_flag = FALSE` (see `index_calculation` arguments) removes from the calculations the effect of movement/dispersal, i.e. the `B_ij` contribution is not used in the calculation of the index. Note that it is not possible to set both `c_ij_flag = FALSE` and `B_ij_flag = FALSE`.

The setting `dir_distance_type = "symmetric"` (see `index_calculation` arguments) is to be used when the directionality of the river network is not relevant. The distance between reaches midpoints is calculated for each couple of reaches. The setting `dir_distance_type = "asymmetric"` (see `index_calculation` arguments) is to be used when the directionality is relevant. The distance between reaches midpoints is calculated for each couple of reaches and splitted between 'upstream travelled' distance and 'downstream travelled' distance

The 'param_u', 'param_d', and 'param' values are interpreted differently based on the formula used to relate distance and probability. When `disp_type = "exponential"` (see `index_calculation` arguments), those values are used as the base of the exponential dispersal kernel: $B_{ij} = \text{param}^{d_{ij}}$. When `disp_type = "threshold"` (see `index_calculation` arguments), those values are used to define the maximum dispersal length: $B_{ij} = \text{ifelse}(d_{ij} < \text{param}, 1, 0)$.

Value

returns a `data.frame` containing the percent improvement of the index for each barrier present in the 'barriers_metadata' variable. If `index_type = "full"` (see `index_calculation` arguments), the `data.frame` is organized by 'id_barrier'. If `index_type = "reach"` (see `index_calculation` arguments), the `data.frame` is organized by 'id_barrier' and 'name'. In both cases, both numerator and denominator used in the index calculations are reported in the columns 'num' and 'den'. The column 'd_index' contains the relative index improvement when each barrier is removed.

References

Baldan, D., Cunillera-Montcusí, D., Funk, A., & Hein, T. (2022). Introducing 'riverconn': an R package to assess river connectivity indices. *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 156, 105470.

Examples

```
library(igraph)
library(igraph)
g <- igraph::graph_from_literal(1--2, 2--4, 3--2, 4--6, 6--7, 5--6, 7--8, 9--5, 10--5 )
E(g)$id_dam <- c(NA, NA, "1", NA, NA, "2", NA, NA, NA)
```

```

E(g)$type <- ifelse(is.na(E(g)$id_dam), "joint", "dam")
V(g)$length <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 1, 2, 1)
V(g)$Id <- V(g)$name
E(g)$pass_u <- E(g)$pass_d <- ifelse(!is.na(E(g)$id_dam), 0.1, NA)
dams_metadata <- data.frame("id_dam" = c("1", "2"),
"pass_u_updated" = c(1, 1), "pass_d_updated" = c(1, 1))
d_index <- d_index_calculation(g, barriers_metadata = dams_metadata,
id_barrier = "id_dam", parallel = FALSE, param = 0.6)

```

index_calculation	<i>Reach- and Catchment-scale indices of connectivity</i>
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Description

Reach- and Catchment-scale indices of connectivity

Usage

```

index_calculation(
  graph,
  weight = "length",
  nodes_id = "name",
  index_type = "full",
  index_mode = "to",
  c_ij_flag = TRUE,
  B_ij_flag = TRUE,
  dir_fragmentation_type = "symmetric",
  pass_confluence = 1,
  pass_u = "pass_u",
  pass_d = "pass_d",
  field_B = "length",
  dir_distance_type = "symmetric",
  disp_type = "exponential",
  param_u,
  param_d,
  param,
  param_l
)

```

Arguments

graph	an object of class igraph. Can be both directed or undirected.
weight	graph vertex attribute used to assign weights to the reaches (nodes/vertices). Should not be also an edge attribute. Default is "length".

nodes_id	graph vertex attribute used to univoquely label reaches (nodes/vertices). Should not be also an edge attribute. Default is "name". The graph attribute must be a character vector. Used to label the results when index_type = "reach"
index_type	indicates if the index should be calculated for the whole catchment (index_type = "full"), for each reach (index_type = "reach"), or for each barrier (index_type = "sum")
index_mode	indicates if reach index should be calculated based on inbound links ("to") or outbound links ("from"). Only active when index_type = "reach".
c_ij_flag	include the presence of barriers in the calculations (c_ij term).
B_ij_flag	include dispersal/movement among reaches in the calculations (B_ij term).
dir_fragmentation_type	how directionality in c_ij calculations is dealt with: "symmetric" (i.e. undirected graph) or "asymmetric" (i.e. directed graph). See details below.
pass_confluence	a value in the range [0,1] that defines the passability of confluences (default is 1).
pass_u	the 'graph' edge attribute to be used as upstream passability. Default is "pass_u".
pass_d	the 'graph' edge attribute to be used as downstream passability. Default is "pass_d".
field_B	the 'graph' vertex attribute to be used to calculate the distance. Should not be also an edge attribute. Default is "length".
dir_distance_type	how directionality in B_ij calculations is dealt with: "symmetric" (i.e. undirected graph) or "asymmetric" (i.e. directed graph). See details.
disp_type	the formula used to calculate the probabilities in the B_ij matrix. Use "exponential" for exponential decay, "threshold" for setting a distance threshold, or "leptokurtic" for leptokurtic dispersal.
param_u	upstream dispersal parameter. Must be a numeric value. Only used if dir_distance_type = "asymmetric". See details below.
param_d	downstream dispersal parameter. Must be a numeric value. Only used if dir_distance_type = "asymmetric". See below for details.
param	dispersal parameter. Must be a numeric value. Only used if dir_distance_type = "symmetric". See details below.
param_l	the parameters for the leptokurtic dispersal mode. Must be a numeric vector of the type c(sigma_stat, sigma_mob, p). See details below.

Details

Setting `c_ij_flag = FALSE` removes from the calculations the effect of barriers, i.e. the `c_ij` contribution is not used in the calculation of the index. Setting `B_ij_flag = FALSE` removes from the calculations the effect of movement/dispersal, i.e. the `B_ij` contribution is not used in the calculation of the index. Note that it is not possible to set both `c_ij_flag = FALSE` and `B_ij_flag = FALSE`.

The setting `dir_distance_type = "symmetric"` is to be used when the directionality of the river network is not relevant. The distance between reaches midpoints is calculated for each couple of

reaches. The setting `dir_distance_type = "asymmetric"` is to be used when the directionality is relevant. The distance between reaches midpoints is calculated for each couple of reaches and split between 'upstream travelled' distance and 'downstream travelled' distance. When `disp_type = "leptokurtic"` is selected, symmetric dispersal is assumed.

The 'param_u', 'param_d', and 'param' values are interpreted differently based on the formula used to relate distance (d_{ij}) and probability (B_{ij}). When `disp_type = "exponential"`, those values are used as the base of the exponential dispersal kernel: $B_{ij} = \text{param}^{d_{ij}}$. When `disp_type = "threshold"`, those values are used to define the maximum dispersal length: $B_{ij} = \text{ifelse}(d_{ij} < \text{param}, 1, 0)$.

When `disp_type = "leptokurtic"` is selected, a leptokurtic dispersal kernel is used to calculate B_{ij} . A leptokurtic dispersal kernel is a mixture of two zero-centered gaussian distributions with standard deviations `sigma_stat` (static part of the population), and `sigma_mob` (mobile part of the population). The probability of dispersal is calculated as: $B_{ij} = p F(0, \text{sigma_stat}, d_{ij}) + (1-p) F(0, \text{sigma_mob}, d_{ij})$ where F is the upper tail of the gaussian cumulative density function.

Value

If `index_type = "full"`, returns a numeric value with the index value (column 'index'). if `index_type = c("reach", "sum")`, returns a data frame with the index value (column 'index') for each reach (the field specified in 'nodes_id' is used for reach identification in the data frame). In both cases, both numerator and denominator used in the index calculations are reported in the columns 'num' and 'den'.

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- Jumani, S., Deitch, M. J., Kaplan, D., Anderson, E. P., Krishnaswamy, J., Lecours, V., & Whiles, M. R. (2020). River fragmentation and flow alteration metrics: a review of methods and directions for future research. *Environmental Research Letters*, 15(12), 123009.
- Radinger, J., & Wolter, C. (2014). Patterns and predictors of fish dispersal in rivers. *Fish and fisheries*, 15(3), 456-473.

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- igraph::graph_from_literal(1--2, 2--5, 3--4, 4--5, 6--7,
7--10, 8--9, 9--10, 5--11, 11--12, 10--13, 13--12, 12--14, 14--15, 15--16)
E(g)$id_dam <- c("1", NA, "2", "3", NA, "4", NA, "5", "6", NA, NA, NA, NA, "7", NA)
E(g)$type <- ifelse(is.na(E(g)$id_dam), "joint", "dam")
V(g)$length <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 1, 5, 1, 7, 7, 3, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9)
V(g)$HSI <- c(0.2, 0.1, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.8)
V(g)$Id <- V(g)$name
E(g)$pass_u <- E(g)$pass_d <- ifelse(!is.na(E(g)$id_dam), 0.1, NA)
index <- index_calculation(g, param = 0.9)
```

```
set_graph_directionality
```

Create directed river graph based on outlet flag

Description

The input graph can be either directed or undirected. If directed, then it is made undirected before directionality is assigned.

Usage

```
set_graph_directionality(graph, field_name = "name", outlet_name)
```

Arguments

graph	an 'igraph' object representing a river structure where reaches are nodes and confluences (or fragmentation items) are links.
field_name	a character value that flags the vertices attribute used to designate the outlet. Each vertex must have a unique value for this field.
outlet_name	a character value corresponding to the 'field_name' attribute

Value

an object of class 'igraph' containing a directed graph.

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- igraph::graph_from_literal(1-2, 2-4, 3-2, 4-6, 6-7, 5-6, 7-8, 9-5, 10-5 )
g1 <- set_graph_directionality(g, field_name = "name", "8")
```

```
t_index_calculation
```

Calculates time-dependent index when nodes weights or barriers passability are changing

Description

Calculates time-dependent index when nodes weights or barriers passability are changing

Usage

```
t_index_calculation(
  graph = graph,
  ...,
  barriers_metadata,
  id_barrier = "id_barrier",
  year = "year",
  pass_u = "pass_u",
  pass_d = "pass_d",
  weights_metadata,
  weight = "length",
  nodes_id = "name",
  parallel = TRUE,
  ncores
)
```

Arguments

graph	an object of class <code>igraph</code> . Can be both directed or undirected.
...	other arguments passed to the function <code>index_calculation</code>
barriers_metadata	data.frame that must contain a column having the same name as the <code>'id_barrier'</code> attribute of the <code>graph</code> , and two columns with the corresponding upstream and downstream improved passabilities (see <code>pass_u</code> and <code>pass_d</code>), and a column with the year passability was changed. This data frame can be obtained from easily-formatted data with the function <code>t_passability_sequencer</code> .
id_barrier	graph edges attribute used to label barriers. Default is <code>"id_barrier"</code> . It should be present in the <code>'barriers metadata'</code> input as well.
year	field of the <code>'barriers metadata'</code> where temporal information on the changes in passability is stored.
pass_u	field of the <code>'barriers metadata'</code> where temporal-dependent upstream passability is stored.
pass_d	field of the <code>'barriers metadata'</code> where temporal-dependent downstream passability is stored.
weights_metadata	data.frame that must contain a column having the same name as the <code>'nodes_id'</code> attribute of the <code>graph</code> , a column with the corresponding weight information (see <code>'weight'</code> parameter), and a column with the year weight was changed. This data frame can be obtained from easily-formatted data with the function <code>t_weight_sequencer</code> .
weight	param weight graph vertex attribute used to assign weights to the reaches (nodes). Default is <code>"length"</code> .
nodes_id	graph vertex attribute used to uniquely label reaches (nodes). Default is <code>"name"</code> .
parallel	logical value to flag if parallel option is to be used.
ncores	define how many cores are used in parallel processing. Active only when <code>parallel = TRUE</code>

Value

a data.frame with a 'year' field and related connectivity index. If index_type = "reach", the data.frame is organized by 'year' and 'name'.

References

Baldan, D., Cunillera-Montcusí, D., Funk, A., & Hein, T. (2022). Introducing 'riverconn': an R package to assess river connectivity indices. *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 156, 105470.

Examples

```
library(igraph)
g <- igraph::graph_from_literal(1--+2, 2--+4, 3--+2, 4--+6, 6--+5)
E(g)$id_barrier <- c(NA, NA, "1", NA, NA)
E(g)$type <- ifelse(is.na(E(g)$id_barrier), "joint", "dam")
V(g)$length <- c(1, 1, 2, 3, 4,5)
V(g)$Id <- V(g)$name
E(g)$pass_u <- E(g)$pass_d <- ifelse(!is.na(E(g)$id_barrier),0.1,NA)
barriers_data <- data.frame("id_barrier" = c("1"),
  "year_c" = 2000, "pass_c_u" = 0.1, "pass_c_d" = 0.4)
seq_ops <- c("c")
barriers_metadata <- t_passability_sequencer(barriers_data, seq_ops)
weights_dataframe <- data.frame("name" = seq(1,6) %>% as.character,
  "length_1999" = c(1, 1, 2, 3, 4,5))
weights_metadata <- t_weights_sequencer(weights_dataframe, weight = "length")
t_index <- t_index_calculation(g, barriers_metadata = barriers_metadata,
  weights_metadata = weights_metadata, weight = "length", parallel = FALSE, B_ij_flag = FALSE)
```

t_passability_sequencer

Create the time-dependent metadata for barriers

Description

Create the time-dependent metadata for barriers

Usage

```
t_passability_sequencer(passability_information, seq_ops)
```

Arguments

passability_information	a data frame in wide format. Must contain an 'id_barrier' column. Each change in passability is listed in a group of 3 columns: 'year_op', 'pass_op_u', and 'pass_op_d', listing the year the operation (op) took place, and the related upstream and downstream passabilities. In case the passability did not change, a NA value should be used. See details.
seq_ops	A character vector with the temporal sequence of operations. It should contain all the operation strings in the 'passability_information' data frame.

Details

This function is meant to help processing data the way they can be obtained from a database, or the way they are stored in a spreadsheet. The substring 'op' in the fields 'year_op', 'pass_op_u', and 'pass_op_d' is used to identify each operation and to relate it to the relative passability parameters. For example, c can be used for construction, and fp for the implementation of a fish pass. In this case, passability_information will have the fields 'year_c', 'pass_c_u', and 'pass_c_d', 'year_fp', 'pass_fp_u', and 'pass_fp_d'. Then, the input seq_ops = c("c", "fp"), meaning that first the operation named 'c' occurred, and then the operation named 'fp' occurred.

Value

a dataframe in a long format that can be used as input to the tDCI function.

Examples

```
barriers_data <- data.frame("id_barrier" = c("1", "2"),
  "year_c" = c(1950, 1990), "pass_c_u" = c(0.1, 0.1), "pass_c_d" = c(0.4, 0.4),
  "year_fp" = c(2000, 2010), "pass_fp_u" = c(0.5, 0.5), "pass_fp_d" = c(0.8, 0.8))
seq_ops <- c("c", "fp")
t_metadata <- t_passability_sequencer(barriers_data, seq_ops)
```

t_weights_sequencer *Create the time-dependent weights data*

Description

Create the time-dependent weights data

Usage

```
t_weights_sequencer(weights_information, weight = "length", nodes_id = "name")
```

Arguments

<code>weights_information</code>	a data.frame that must contain a 'nodes_id' column and several 'weight' columns. Weight columns are named with the string contained in the 'weight' input and the relative year (4 digits format), separated by an underscore (e.g. when <code>weight = "length"</code> , the names of the 'weight' columns will be: 'weight_1990', 'weight_2000', 'weight_2020', etc.).
<code>weight</code>	a character object containing the label of the columns whose weight change with time
<code>nodes_id</code>	a character object containing the label of the columns that uniquely identify reaches.

Value

a data frame with columns 'name', 'year', and 'weight' to be used in the function `t_index_calculation`

Examples

```
weights_dataframe <- data.frame("id" = c("1", "2", "3", "4", "5"),
  "weight_1900" = c(10, 15, 100, 50, 40),
  "weight_1950" = c(11, 16, 90, 55, 45),
  "weight_2000" = c(13, 19, 80, 49, 44))
weights_metadata <- t_weights_sequencer(weights_dataframe, weight = "weight", nodes_id = "id")
```

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