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## Description

The **vegan** package provides tools for descriptive community ecology. It has most basic functions of diversity analysis, community ordination and dissimilarity analysis. Most of its multivariate tools can be used for other data types as well.

## Details

The functions in the **vegan** package contain tools for diversity analysis (see **vignette** vegandocs("diversity")), ordination and analysis of dissimilarities (see **vignette** vegandocs("intro")). Together with the **labdsv** package, the **vegan** package provides most standard tools of descriptive community analysis. Package **ade4** provides an alternative comprehensive package, and several other packages complement **vegan** and provide tools for deeper analysis in specific fields. Package **BiodiversityR** provides a GUI for a large subset of **vegan** functionality.

The **vegan** package is developed at R-Forge (http://vegan.r-forge.r-project.org). The R-Forge provides up-to-date information and mailing lists for help queries and bug reports. Bug reports can also be emailed to the function authors or to the package maintainers.

The **vegan** documents can be read with **vegandocs** function. In addition to **vignettes** of basic usage, you can read NEWS on the new features and bug fixes in the release version (vegandocs("NEWS")), and more technical and fine grained ChangeLog (vegandocs("Change")). Several frequently asked questions really are answered in the vegan FAQ (vegandocs("FAQ")). The discussion on design decisions can be read with vegandocs("decision"). A tutorial of the package at http://cc.oulu. fi/~jarioksa/opetus/metodi/vegantutor.pdf provides a more thorough introduction to the package.

To see the preferable citation of the package, type citation("vegan").

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## add1.cca

## Examples

```
### Example 1: Unconstrained ordination
## NMDS
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
ord <- metaMDS(varespec)</pre>
plot(ord, type = "t")
## Fit environmental variables
ef <- envfit(ord, varechem)</pre>
ef
plot(ef, p.max = 0.05)
### Example 2: Constrained ordination (RDA)
## The example uses formula interface to define the model
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
## No constraints: PCA
mod0 <- rda(dune ~ 1, dune.env)</pre>
mod0
plot(mod0)
## All environmental variables: Full model
mod1 <- rda(dune ~ ., dune.env)</pre>
mod1
plot(mod1)
## Automatic selection of variables by permutation P-values
mod <- ordistep(mod0, scope=formula(mod1))</pre>
mod
plot(mod)
## Permutation test for all variables
anova(mod)
## Permutation test of "type III" effects, or significance when a term
## is added to the model after all other terms
anova(mod, by = "margin")
## Plot only sample plots, use different symbols and draw SD ellipses
## for Managemenet classes
plot(mod, display = "sites", type = "n")
with(dune.env, points(mod, disp = "si", pch = as.numeric(Management)))
with(dune.env, legend("topleft", levels(Management), pch = 1:4,
  title = "Management"))
with(dune.env, ordiellipse(mod, Management, label = TRUE))
## add fitted surface of diversity to the model
ordisurf(mod, diversity(dune), add = TRUE)
### Example 3: analysis of dissimilarites a.k.a. non-parametric
### permutational anova
adonis(dune ~ ., dune.env)
adonis(dune ~ Management + Moisture, dune.env)
```

Add or Drop Single Terms to a Constrained Ordination Model

## Description

Compute all single terms that can be added to or dropped from a constrained ordination model.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cca'
add1(object, scope, test = c("none", "permutation"),
    pstep = 100, perm.max = 200, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
drop1(object, scope, test = c("none", "permutation"),
    pstep = 100, perm.max = 200, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	A constrained ordination object from cca, rda or capscale.
scope	A formula giving the terms to be considered for adding or dropping; see add1 for details.
test	Should a permutation test be added using anova.cca.
pstep	Number of permutations in one step, passed as argument step to anova.cca.
perm.max	Maximum number of permutation in anova.cca.
	Other arguments passed to add1.default, drop1.default, and anova.cca.

#### Details

With argument test = "none" the functions will only call add1.default or drop1.default. With argument test = "permutation" the functions will add test results from anova.cca. Function drop1.cca will call anova.cca with argument by = "margin". Function add1.cca will implement a test for single term additions that is not directly available in anova.cca.

Functions are used implicitly in step, ordiR2step and ordistep. The deviance.cca and deviance.rda used in step have no firm basis, and setting argument test = "permutation" may help in getting useful insight into validity of model building. Function ordistep calls alternately drop1.cca and add1.cca with argument test = "permutation" and selects variables by their permutation *P*-values. Meticulous use of add1.cca and drop1.cca will allow more judicious model building.

The default perm.max is set to a low value, because permutation tests can take a long time. It should be sufficient to give a impression on the significances of the terms, but higher values of perm.max should be used if P values really are important.

#### Value

Returns a similar object as add1 and drop1.

#### Author(s)

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#### adipart

## See Also

add1, drop1 and anova.cca for basic methods. You probably need these functions with step and ordistep. Functions deviance.cca and extractAIC.cca are used to produce the other arguments than test results in the output. Functions cca, rda and capscale produce result objects for these functions.

## Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
## Automatic model building based on AIC but with permutation tests
step(cca(dune ~ 1, dune.env), reformulate(names(dune.env)), test="perm")
## see ?ordistep to do the same, but based on permutation P-values
## Not run:
ordistep(cca(dune ~ 1, dune.env), reformulate(names(dune.env)), perm.max=200)
## End(Not run)
## Manual model building
## -- define the maximal model for scope
mbig <- rda(dune ~ ., dune.env)</pre>
## -- define an empty model to start with
m0 <- rda(dune ~ 1, dune.env)</pre>
## -- manual selection and updating
add1(m0, scope=formula(mbig), test="perm")
m0 <- update(m0, . ~ . + Management)</pre>
add1(m0, scope=formula(mbig), test="perm")
m0 <- update(m0, . ~ . + Moisture)</pre>
## -- included variables still significant?
drop1(m0, test="perm")
add1(m0, scope=formula(mbig), test="perm")
```

adipart

Additive Diversity Partitioning and Hierarchical Null Model Testing

## Description

In additive diversity partitioning, mean values of alpha diversity at lower levels of a sampling hierarchy are compared to the total diversity in the entire data set (gamma diversity). In hierarchical null model testing, a statistic returned by a function is evaluated according to a nested hierarchical sampling design (hiersimu).

## Usage

```
adipart(...)
## Default S3 method:
adipart(y, x, index=c("richness", "shannon", "simpson"),
    weights=c("unif", "prop"), relative = FALSE, nsimul=99, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
```

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```
adipart(formula, data, index=c("richness", "shannon", "simpson"),
    weights=c("unif", "prop"), relative = FALSE, nsimul=99, ...)
hiersimu(...)
## Default S3 method:
hiersimu(y, x, FUN, location = c("mean", "median"),
    relative = FALSE, drop.highest = FALSE, nsimul=99, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
hiersimu(formula, data, FUN, location = c("mean", "median"),
    relative = FALSE, drop.highest = FALSE, nsimul=99, ...)
```

## Arguments

У	A community matrix.
x	A matrix with same number of rows as in y, columns coding the levels of sampling hierarchy. The number of groups within the hierarchy must decrease from left to right. If x is missing, function performs an overall decomposition into alpha, beta and gamma diversities.
formula	A two sided model formula in the form $y \sim x$ , where y is the community data matrix with samples as rows and species as column. Right hand side (x) must grouping vaiables referring to levels of sampling hierarchy, terms from right to left will be treated as nested (first column is the lowest, last is the highest level, at least two levels specified). Interaction terms are not allowed.
data	A data frame where to look for variables defined in the right hand side of formula. If missing, variables are looked in the global environment.
index	Character, the diversity index to be calculated (see Details).
weights	Character, "unif" for uniform weights, "prop" for weighting proportional to sample abundances to use in weighted averaging of individual alpha values within strata of a given level of the sampling hierarchy.
relative	Logical, if TRUE then alpha and beta diversity values are given relative to the value of gamma for function $adipart$ .
nsimul	Number of permutations to use if matr is not of class 'permat'. If nsimul = 0, only the FUN argument is evaluated. It is thus possible to reuse the statistic values without using a null model.
FUN	A function to be used by hiersimu. This must be fully specified, because currently other arguments cannot be passed to this function via
location	Character, identifies which function (mean or median) is to be used to calculate location of the samples.
drop.highest	Logical, to drop the highest level or not. When FUN evaluates only arrays with at least 2 dimensions, highest level should be dropped, or not selected at all.
	Other arguments passed to functions, e.g. base of logarithm for Shannon diversity, or method, thin or burnin arguments for oecosimu.

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## Details

Additive diversity partitioning means that mean alpha and beta diversities add up to gamma diversity, thus beta diversity is measured in the same dimensions as alpha and gamma (Lande 1996). This additive procedure is then extended across multiple scales in a hierarchical sampling design with  $i = 1, 2, 3, \ldots, m$  levels of sampling (Crist et al. 2003). Samples in lower hierarchical levels are nested within higher level units, thus from i = 1 to i = m grain size is increasing under constant survey extent. At each level i,  $\alpha_i$  denotes average diversity found within samples.

At the highest sampling level, the diversity components are calculated as

$$\beta_m = \gamma - \alpha_m$$

For each lower sampling level as

$$\beta_i = \alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i$$

Then, the additive partition of diversity is

$$\gamma = \alpha_1 + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i$$

Average alpha components can be weighted uniformly (weight="unif") to calculate it as simple average, or proportionally to sample abundances (weight="prop") to calculate it as weighted average as follows

$$\alpha_i = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} D_{ij} w_{ij}$$

where  $D_{ij}$  is the diversity index and  $w_{ij}$  is the weight calculated for the *j*th sample at the *i*th sampling level.

The implementation of additive diversity partitioning in adipart follows Crist et al. 2003. It is based on species richness (S, not S - 1), Shannon's and Simpson's diversity indices stated as the index argument.

The expected diversity components are calculated nsimul times by individual based randomisation of the community data matrix. This is done by the "r2dtable" method in oecosimu by default.

hiersimu works almost in the same way as adipart, but without comparing the actual statistic values returned by FUN to the highest possible value (cf. gamma diversity). This is so, because in most of the cases, it is difficult to ensure additive properties of the mean statistic values along the hierarchy.

## Value

An object of class "adipart" or "hiersimu" with same structure as oecosimu objects.

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## References

Crist, T.O., Veech, J.A., Gering, J.C. and Summerville, K.S. (2003). Partitioning species diversity across landscapes and regions: a hierarchical analysis of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$ -diversity. *Am. Nat.*, **162**, 734–743.

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## See Also

See oecosimu for permutation settings and calculating *p*-values.

### Examples

```
## NOTE: 'nsimul' argument usually needs to be >= 99
## here much lower value is used for demonstration
data(mite)
data(mite.xy)
data(mite.env)
## Function to get equal area partitions of the mite data
cutter <- function (x, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 2.5)) {
    out <- rep(1, length(x))</pre>
   for (i in 2:(length(cut) - 1))
        out[which(x > cut[i] & x <= cut[(i + 1)])] <- i</pre>
    return(out)}
## The hierarchy of sample aggregation
levsm <- data.frame(</pre>
   l1=1:nrow(mite),
   l2=cutter(mite.xy$y, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 2.5)),
   13=cutter(mite.xy$y, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 5)),
    14=cutter(mite.xy$y, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 10)))
## Let's see in a map
par(mfrow=c(1,3))
plot(mite.xy, main="l1", col=as.numeric(levsm$l1)+1)
plot(mite.xy, main="12", col=as.numeric(levsm$12)+1)
plot(mite.xy, main="13", col=as.numeric(levsm$13)+1)
par(mfrow=c(1,1))
## Additive diversity partitioning
adipart(mite, index="richness", nsimul=19)
adipart(mite ~ ., levsm, index="richness", nsimul=19)
## Hierarchical null model testing
## diversity analysis (similar to adipart)
hiersimu(mite, FUN=diversity, relative=TRUE, nsimul=19)
hiersimu(mite ~., levsm, FUN=diversity, relative=TRUE, nsimul=19)
## Hierarchical testing with the Morisita index
morfun <- function(x) dispindmorisita(x)$imst</pre>
hiersimu(mite ~., levsm, morfun, drop.highest=TRUE, nsimul=19)
```

adonis

## Description

Analysis of variance using distance matrices — for partitioning distance matrices among sources of variation and fitting linear models (e.g., factors, polynomial regression) to distance matrices; uses a permutation test with pseudo-*F* ratios.

#### Usage

```
adonis(formula, data, permutations = 999, method = "bray",
    strata = NULL, contr.unordered = "contr.sum",
    contr.ordered = "contr.poly", ...)
```

## Arguments

formula	a typical model formula such as $Y \sim A + B*C$ , but where Y is either a dissimilarity object (inheriting from class "dist") or data frame or a matrix; A, B, and C may be factors or continuous variables. If a dissimilarity object is supplied, no species coefficients can be calculated (see Value below).	
data	the data frame from which A, B, and C would be drawn.	
permutations	number of replicate permutations used for the hypothesis tests ( $F$ tests).	
method	the name of any method used in vegdist to calculate pairwise distances if the left hand side of the formula was a data frame or a matrix.	
strata	groups (strata) within which to constrain permutations.	
contr.unordered, contr.ordered		
	contrasts used for the design matrix (default in R is dummy or treatment con- trasts for unordered factors).	
	Other arguments passed to vegdist.	

## Details

adonis is a function for the analysis and partitioning sums of squares using semimetric and metric distance matrices. Insofar as it partitions sums of squares of a multivariate data set, it is directly analogous to MANOVA (multivariate analysis of variance). M.J. Anderson (McArdle and Anderson 2001, Anderson 2001) refers to the method as "permutational manova" (formerly "nonparametric manova"). Further, as its inputs are linear predictors, and a response matrix of an arbitrary number of columns (2 to millions), it is a robust alternative to both parametric MANOVA and to ordination methods for describing how variation is attributed to different experimental treatments or uncontrolled covariates. It is also analogous to redundancy analysis (Legendre and Anderson 1999).

Typical uses of adon's include analysis of ecological community data (samples X species matrices) or genetic data where we might have a limited number of samples of individuals and thousands or millions of columns of gene expression data (e.g. Zapala and Schork 2006).

adonis is an alternative to AMOVA (nested analysis of molecular variance, Excoffier, Smouse, and Quattro, 1992; amova in the **ade4** package) for both crossed and nested factors.

If the experimental design has nestedness, then use strata to test hypotheses. For instance, imagine we are testing whether a plant community is influenced by nitrate amendments, and we have two replicate plots at each of two levels of nitrate (0, 10 ppm). We have replicated the experiment in three fields with (perhaps) different average productivity. In this design, we would need to specify strata = field so that randomizations occur only *within each field* and not across all fields . See example below.

Like AMOVA (Excoffier et al. 1992), adon's relies on a long-understood phenomenon that allows one to partition sums of squared deviations from a centroid in two different ways (McArdle and Anderson 2001). The most widely recognized method, used, e.g., for ANOVA and MANOVA, is to first identify the relevant centroids and then to calculated the squared deviations from these points. For a centered  $n \times p$  response matrix Y, this method uses the  $p \times p$  inner product matrix Y'Y. The less appreciated method is to use the  $n \times n$  outer product matrix YY'. Both AMOVA and adon's use this latter method. This allows the use of any semimetric (e.g. Bray-Curtis, aka Steinhaus, Czekanowski, and Sørensen) or metric (e.g. Euclidean) distance matrix (McArdle and Anderson 2001). Using Euclidean distances with the second method results in the same analysis as the first method.

Significance tests are done using F-tests based on sequential sums of squares from permutations of the raw data, and not permutations of residuals. Permutations of the raw data may have better small sample characteristics. Further, the precise meaning of hypothesis tests will depend upon precisely what is permuted. The strata argument keeps groups intact for a particular hypothesis test where one does not want to permute the data among particular groups. For instance, strata = B causes permutations among levels of A but retains data within levels of B (no permutation among levels of B). See permutations for additional details on permutation tests in Vegan.

The default contrasts are different than in R in general. Specifically, they use "sum" contrasts, sometimes known as "ANOVA" contrasts. See a useful text (e.g. Crawley, 2002) for a transparent introduction to linear model contrasts. This choice of contrasts is simply a personal pedagogical preference. The particular contrasts can be set to any contrasts specified in R, including Helmert and treatment contrasts.

Rules associated with formulae apply. See "An Introduction to R" for an overview of rules.

print.adonis shows the aov.tab component of the output.

#### Value

This function returns typical, but limited, output for analysis of variance (general linear models).

aov.tab	Typical AOV table showing sources of variation, degrees of freedom, sequential sums of squares, mean squares, $F$ statistics, partial $R^2$ and $P$ values, based on $N$ permutations.
coefficients	matrix of coefficients of the linear model, with rows representing sources of variation and columns representing species; each column represents a fit of a species abundance to the linear model. These are what you get when you fit one species to your predictors. These are NOT available if you supply the distance matrix in the formula, rather than the site x species matrix
coef.sites	matrix of coefficients of the linear model, with rows representing sources of variation and columns representing sites; each column represents a fit of a sites

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	distances (from all other sites) to the linear model. These are what you get when you fit distances of one site to your predictors.
f.perms	an $N$ by $m$ matrix of the null $F$ statistics for each source of variation based on $N$ permutations of the data. The distribution of a single term can be inspected with density.adonis function, or all terms simultaneously with densityplot.adonis.
model.matrix	The model.matrix for the right hand side of the formula.
terms	The terms component of the model.

#### Note

Anderson (2001, Fig. 4) warns that the method may confound location and dispersion effects: significant differences may be caused by different within-group variation (dispersion) instead of different mean values of the groups (see Warton et al. 2012 for a general analysis). However, it seems that adonis is less sensitive to dispersion effects than some of its alternatives (anosim, mrpp). Function betadisper is a sister function to adonis to study the differences in dispersion within the same geometric framework.

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## See Also

mrpp, anosim, mantel, varpart.

anosim

## Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
adonis(dune ~ Management*A1, data=dune.env, permutations=99)
### Example of use with strata, for nested (e.g., block) designs.
dat <- expand.grid(rep=gl(2,1), NO3=factor(c(0,10)),field=gl(3,1) )</pre>
dat
Agropyron <- with(dat, as.numeric(field) + as.numeric(NO3)+2) +rnorm(12)/2</pre>
Schizachyrium <- with(dat, as.numeric(field) - as.numeric(NO3)+2) +rnorm(12)/2</pre>
total <- Agropyron + Schizachyrium</pre>
library(lattice)
dotplot(total ~ NO3, dat, jitter.x=TRUE, groups=field,
        type=c('p','a'), xlab="NO3", auto.key=list(columns=3, lines=TRUE) )
Y <- data.frame(Agropyron, Schizachyrium)</pre>
mod <- metaMDS(Y)</pre>
plot(mod)
### Hulls show treatment
ordihull(mod, group=dat$N03, show="0")
ordihull(mod, group=dat$NO3, show="10", col=3)
### Spider shows fields
ordispider(mod, group=dat$field, lty=3, col="red")
### Correct hypothesis test (with strata)
adonis(Y ~ NO3, data=dat, strata=dat$field, perm=999)
### Incorrect (no strata)
adonis(Y ~ NO3, data=dat, perm=999)
```

anosim

Analysis of Similarities

#### Description

Analysis of similarities (ANOSIM) provides a way to test statistically whether there is a significant difference between two or more groups of sampling units.

## Usage

```
anosim(dat, grouping, permutations = 999, distance = "bray", strata)
```

#### Arguments

dat

Data matrix or data frame in which rows are samples and columns are response variable(s), or a dissimilarity object or a symmetric square matrix of dissimilarities.

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grouping	Factor for grouping observations.
permutations	Number of permutation to assess the significance of the ANOSIM statistic.
distance	Choice of distance metric that measures the dissimilarity between two observa- tions. See vegdist for options. This will be used if dat was not a dissimilarity structure or a symmetric square matrix.
strata	An integer vector or factor specifying the strata for permutation. If supplied, observations are permuted only within the specified strata.

## Details

Analysis of similarities (ANOSIM) provides a way to test statistically whether there is a significant difference between two or more groups of sampling units. Function anosim operates directly on a dissimilarity matrix. A suitable dissimilarity matrix is produced by functions dist or vegdist. The method is philosophically allied with NMDS ordination (monoMDS), in that it uses only the rank order of dissimilarity values.

If two groups of sampling units are really different in their species composition, then compositional dissimilarities between the groups ought to be greater than those within the groups. The anosim statistic R is based on the difference of mean ranks between groups  $(r_B)$  and within groups  $(r_W)$ :

$$R = (r_B - r_W) / (N(N - 1)/4)$$

The divisor is chosen so that R will be in the interval  $-1 \dots + 1$ , value 0 indicating completely random grouping.

The statistical significance of observed R is assessed by permuting the grouping vector to obtain the empirical distribution of R under null-model. See permutations for additional details on permutation tests in Vegan. The distribution of simulated values can be inspected with the density function.

The function has summary and plot methods. These both show valuable information to assess the validity of the method: The function assumes that all ranked dissimilarities within groups have about equal median and range. The plot method uses boxplot with options notch=TRUE and varwidth=TRUE.

#### Value

The function returns a list of class "anosim" with following items:

call	Function call.
statistic	The value of ANOSIM statistic $R$
signif	Significance from permutation.
perm	Permutation values of $R$ . The distribution of permutation values can be inspected with function density.anosim.
class.vec	Factor with value Between for dissimilarities between classes and class name for corresponding dissimilarity within class.
dis.rank	Rank of dissimilarity entry.
dissimilarity	The name of the dissimilarity index: the "method" entry of the dist object.

The anosim function can confound the differences between groups and dispersion within groups and the results can be difficult to interpret (cf. Warton et al. 2012). The function returns a lot of information to ease studying its performance. Most anosim models could be analysed with adonis which seems to be a more robust alternative.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen, with a help from Peter R. Minchin.

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## See Also

mrpp for a similar function using original dissimilarities instead of their ranks. dist and vegdist for obtaining dissimilarities, and rank for ranking real values. For comparing dissimilarities against continuous variables, see mantel. Function adonis is a more robust alternative that should preferred.

## Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
dune.dist <- vegdist(dune)
attach(dune.env)
dune.ano <- anosim(dune.dist, Management)
summary(dune.ano)
plot(dune.ano)</pre>
```

anova.cca

Permutation Test for Constrained Correspondence Analysis, Redundancy Analysis and Constrained Analysis of Principal Coordinates

#### Description

The function performs an ANOVA like permutation test for Constrained Correspondence Analysis (cca), Redundancy Analysis (rda) or distance-based Redundancy Analysis (dbRDA, capscale) to assess the significance of constraints.

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# Note

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## Usage

## Arguments

alphaTargeted Type I error rate.betaAccepted Type II error rate.stepNumber of permutations during one step.perm.maxMaximum number of permutations.bySetting by = "axis" will assess significance for each constrained axis, and setting by = "terms" will assess significance for each term (sequentially from first to last), and setting by = "margin" will assess the marginal effects of the terms (each marginal term analysed in a model with all other variables)Parameters passed to other functions. anova.cca passes all arguments to permutest.cca. In anova with by = "axis" you can use argument cutoff (defaults 1) which stops permutations after exceeding the given level.permutationsNumber of permutations for assessing significance of constraints.modelPermutation model (partial match).firstAssess only the significance of the first constrained eigenvalue; will be passed from anova.cca.strataAn integer vector or factor specifying the strata for permutation. If supplied, observations are permuted only within the specified strata.	object,x	A result object from cca.
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	strata	

## Details

Functions anova.cca and permutest.cca implement an ANOVA like permutation test for the joint effect of constraints in cca, rda or capscale. Functions anova.cca and permutest.cca differ in printout style and in interface. Function permutest.cca is the proper workhorse, but anova.cca passes all parameters to permutest.cca.

The default test is for the sum of all constrained eigenvalues. Setting first = TRUE will perform a test for the first constrained eigenvalue. Argument first can be set either in anova.cca or in permutest.cca. It is also possible to perform significance tests for each axis or for each term (constraining variable) using argument by in anova.cca. Setting by = "axis" will perform separate significance tests for each constrained axis. All previous constrained axes will be used as conditions ("partialled out") and a test for the first constrained eigenvalues is performed (Legendre et al. 2011).

You can stop permutation tests after exceeding a given significance level with argument cutoff to speed up calculations in large models. Setting by = "terms" will perform separate significance test for each term (constraining variable). The terms are assessed sequentially from first to last, and the order of the terms will influence their significances. Setting by = "margin" will perform separate significance test for each marginal term in a model with all other terms. The marginal test also accepts a scope argument for the drop. scope which can be a character vector of term labels that are analysed, or a fitted model of lower scope. The marginal effects are also known as "Type III" effects, but the current function only evaluates marginal terms. It will, for instance, ignore main effects that are included in interaction terms. In calculating pseudo-F, all terms are compared to the same residual of the full model. Permutations for all axes or terms will start from the same .Random. seed, and the seed will be advanced to the value after the longest permutation at the exit from the function.

In anova.cca the number of permutations is controlled by targeted "critical" P value (alpha) and accepted Type II or rejection error (beta). If the results of permutations differ from the targeted alpha at risk level given by beta, the permutations are terminated. If the current estimate of P does not differ significantly from alpha of the alternative hypothesis, the permutations are continued with step new permutations (at the first step, the number of permutations is step - 1). However, with by="terms" a fixed number of permutations will be used, and this is given by argument permutations, or if this is missing, by step.

Community data are permuted with choice model="direct", residuals after partial CCA/ RDA/ dbRDA with choice model="reduced" (default), and residuals after CCA/ RDA/ dbRDA under choice model="full". If there is no partial CCA/ RDA/ dbRDA stage, model="reduced" simply permutes the data and is equivalent to model="direct". The test statistic is "pseudo-F", which is the ratio of constrained and unconstrained total Inertia (Chi-squares, variances or something similar), each divided by their respective ranks. If there are no conditions ("partial" terms), the sum of all eigenvalues remains constant, so that pseudo-F and eigenvalues would give equal results. In partial CCA/ RDA/ dbRDA, the effect of conditioning variables ("covariables") is removed before permutation, and these residuals are added to the non-permuted fitted values of partial CCA (fitted values of X ~ Z). Consequently, the total Chi-square is not fixed, and test based on pseudo-F would differ from the test based on plain eigenvalues. CCA is a weighted method, and environmental data are re-weighted at each permutation step using permuted weights.

#### Value

Function permutest.cca returns an object of class "permutest.cca", which has its own print method. The distribution of permuted F values can be inspected with density.permutest.cca function. The function anova.cca calls permutest.cca, fills an anova table and uses print.anova for printing.

## Note

Some cases of anova need access to the original data on constraints (at least by = "term" and by = "margin"), and they may fail if data are unavailable.

The default permutation model changed from "direct" to "reduced" in **vegan** version 1.15-0, and you must explicitly set model = "direct" for compatibility with the old version.

Tests by = "terms" and by = "margin" are consistent only when model = "direct".

#### as.mlm.cca

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### References

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#### See Also

cca, rda, capscale to get something to analyse. Function drop1.cca calls anova.cca with by = "margin", and add1.cca an analysis for single terms additions, which can be used in automatic or semiautomatic model building (see deviance.cca).

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
vare.cca <- cca(varespec ~ Al + P + K, varechem)
## overall test
anova(vare.cca)
## Test for axes
anova(vare.cca, by="axis", perm.max=500)
## Sequential test for terms
anova(vare.cca, by="terms", permu=200)
## Marginal or Type III effects
anova(vare.cca, by="margin")
## Marginal test knows 'scope'
anova(vare.cca, by = "m", scope="P")
```

```
as.mlm.cca
```

Refit Constrained Ordination as a Multiple Response Linear Model

#### Description

Functions refit results of constrained ordination (cca, rda, capscale) as a multiple response linear model (lm). This allows finding influence statistics (influence.measures). This also allows deriving several other statistics, but most of these are biased and misleading, since refitting ignores a major component of variation in constrained ordination.

## Usage

as.mlm(x)

#### Arguments

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Constrained ordination result.

## Details

Popular algorithm for constrained ordination is based on iteration with regression where weighted averages of sites are used as dependent variables and constraints as independent variables. Statistics of linear regression are a natural by-product in this algorithm. Constrained ordination in **vegan** uses different algorithm, but to obtain linear regression statistics you can refit an ordination result as a multiple response linear model (1m). This regression ignores residual unconstrained variation in the data, and therefore estimates of standard error are strongly biased and much too low. You can get statistics like *t*-values of coefficients, but you should not use these because of this bias. Some useful information you can get with refitted models are statistics for detecting influential observations (influence.measures including cooks.distance, hatvalues).

## Value

Function returns an object of multiple response linear model of class "mlm" documented with lm.

## Note

You can use these functions to find *t*-values of coefficients using summary.mlm, but you should not do this because the method ignores unconstrained residual variation. You also can find several other statistics for (multiple response) linear models with similar bias. This bias is not a unique feature in **vegan** implementation, but also applies to implementations in other software.

Some statistics of linear models can be found without using these functions: coef.cca gives the regression coefficients, spenvcor the species-environment correlation, intersetcor the interset correlation, vif.cca the variance inflation factors.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

## See Also

cca, rda, capscale, cca.object, lm, summary.mlm, influence.measures.

#### Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
mod <- cca(varespec ~ Al + P + K, data=varechem)
lmod <- as.mlm(mod)
## Coefficients
lmod
coef(mod)
## Influential observations
influence.measures(lmod)
plot(mod, type = "n")
points(mod, cex = 10*hatvalues(lmod), pch=16, xpd = TRUE)
text(mod, display = "bp", col = "blue")</pre>
```

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#### Description

Tree counts in 1-hectare plots in the Barro Colorado Island.

## Usage

data(BCI)

## Format

A data frame with 50 plots (rows) of 1 hectare with counts of trees on each plot with total of 225 species (columns). Full Latin names are used for tree species.

## Details

Data give the numbers of trees at least 10 cm in diameter at breast height (1.3 m above the ground) in each one hectare square of forest. Within each one hectare square, all individuals of all species were tallied and are recorded in this table.

The data frame contains only the Barro Colorado Island subset of the original data.

The quadrats are located in a regular grid. See examples for the coordinates.

## Source

http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/full/295/5555/666/DC1

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## See Also

BCI.env in **BiodiversityR** package for environmental data (coordinates are given below in the examples).

#### Examples

```
data(BCI)
## UTM Coordinates (in metres)
UTM.EW <- rep(seq(625754, 626654, by=100), each=5)
UTM.NS <- rep(seq(1011569, 1011969, by=100), len=50)</pre>
```

# BCI

## Description

Beals smoothing replaces each entry in the community data with a probability of a target species occurring in that particular site, based on the joint occurrences of the target species with the species that actually occur in the site. Swan's (1970) degree of absence applies Beals smoothing to zero items so long that all zeros are replaced with smoothed values.

## Usage

```
beals(x, species = NA, reference = x, type = 0, include = TRUE)
swan(x, maxit = Inf)
```

#### Arguments

х	Community data frame or matrix.
species	Column index used to compute Beals function for a single species. The default (NA) indicates that the function will be computed for all species.
reference	Community data frame or matrix to be used to compute joint occurrences. By default, x is used as reference to compute the joint occurrences.
type	Numeric. Specifies if and how abundance values have to be used in function beals. See details for more explanation.
include	This logical flag indicates whether the target species has to be included when computing the mean of the conditioned probabilities. The original Beals (1984) definition is equivalent to include=TRUE, while the formulation of Münzbergová and Herben is equal to include=FALSE.
maxit	Maximum number of iterations. The default Inf means that iterations are con- tinued until there are no zeros or the number of zeros does not change. Probably only maxit = 1 makes sense in addition to the default.

## Details

Beals smoothing is the estimated probability  $p_{ij}$  that species j occurs at site i. It is defined as  $p_{ij} = \frac{1}{S_i} \sum_k \frac{N_{jk}I_{ik}}{N_k}$ , where  $S_i$  is the number of species at site i,  $N_{jk}$  is the number of joint occurrences of species j and k,  $N_k$  is the number of occurrences of species k, and I is the incidence (0 or 1) of species (this last term is usually omitted from the equation, but it is necessary). As  $N_{jk}$  can be interpreted as a mean of conditional probability, the beals function can be interpreted as a mean of conditioned probabilities (De Cáceres & Legendre 2008). The present function is generalized to abundance values (De Cáceres & Legendre 2008).

The type argument specifies if and how abundance values have to be used. type = 0 presence/absence mode. type = 1 abundances in reference (or x) are used to compute conditioned probabilities. type = 2 abundances in x are used to compute weighted averages of conditioned

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probabilities. type = 3 abundances are used to compute both conditioned probabilities and weighted averages.

Beals smoothing was originally suggested as a method of data transformation to remove excessive zeros (Beals 1984, McCune 1994). However, it is not a suitable method for this purpose since it does not maintain the information on species presences: a species may have a higher probability of occurrence at a site where it does not occur than at sites where it occurs. Moreover, it regularizes data too strongly. The method may be useful in identifying species that belong to the species pool (Ewald 2002) or to identify suitable unoccupied patches in metapopulation analysis (Münzbergová & Herben 2004). In this case, the function should be called with include=FALSE for cross-validation smoothing for species; argument species can be used if only one species is studied.

Swan (1970) suggested replacing zero values with degrees of absence of a species in a community data matrix. Swan expressed the method in terms of a similarity matrix, but it is equivalent to applying Beals smoothing to zero values, at each step shifting the smallest initially non-zero item to value one, and repeating this so many times that there are no zeros left in the data. This is actually very similar to extended dissimilarities (implemented in function stepacross), but very rarely used.

## Value

The function returns a transformed data matrix or a vector if Beals smoothing is requested for a single species.

## Author(s)

Miquel De Cáceres and Jari Oksanen

#### References

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## See Also

decostand for proper standardization methods, specpool for an attempt to assess the size of species pool. Function indpower assesses the power of each species to estimate the probabilities predicted by beals.

## Examples

```
data(dune)
## Default
x <- beals(dune)
## Remove target species
x <- beals(dune, include = FALSE)
## Smoothed values against presence or absence of species
pa <- decostand(dune, "pa")
boxplot(as.vector(x) ~ unlist(pa), xlab="Presence", ylab="Beals")
## Remove the bias of tarbet species: Yields lower values.
beals(dune, type =3, include = FALSE)
## Uses abundance information.
## Vector with beals smoothing values corresponding to the first species
## in dune.
beals(dune, species=1, include=TRUE)</pre>
```

betadisper

Multivariate homogeneity of groups dispersions (variances)

## Description

Implements Marti Anderson's PERMDISP2 procedure for the analysis of multivariate homogeneity of group dispersions (variances). betadi sper is a multivariate analogue of Levene's test for homogeneity of variances. Non-euclidean distances between objects and group centroids are handled by reducing the original distances to principal coordinates. This procedure has latterly been used as a means of assessing beta diversity. There are anova, scores, plot and boxplot methods.

TukeyHSD.betadisper creates a set of confidence intervals on the differences between the mean distance-to-centroid of the levels of the grouping factor with the specified family-wise probability of coverage. The intervals are based on the Studentized range statistic, Tukey's 'Honest Significant Difference' method.

## Usage

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#### Arguments

d	a distance structure such as that returned by dist, betadiver or vegdist.	
group	vector describing the group structure, usually a factor or an object that can be coerced to a factor using as.factor. Can consist of a factor with a single level (i.e., one group).	
type	the type of analysis to perform. Use the spatial median or the group centroid? The spatial median is now the default.	
bias.adjust	logical: adjust for small sample bias in beta diversity estimates?	
display	character; partial match to access scores for "sites" or "species".	
object, x	an object of class "betadisper", the result of a call to betadisper.	
choices, axes	the principal coordinate axes wanted.	
hull	logical; should the convex hull for each group be plotted?	
cex, ylab, xlab, main, sub		
	graphical parameters. For details, see plot.default.	
which	A character vector listing terms in the fitted model for which the intervals should be calculated. Defaults to the grouping factor.	
ordered	Logical; see TukeyHSD.	
conf.level	A numeric value between zero and one giving the family-wise confidence level to use.	
	arguments, including graphical parameters (for plot.betadisper and boxplot.betadisper), passed to other methods.	

## Details

One measure of multivariate dispersion (variance) for a group of samples is to calculate the average distance of group members to the group centroid or spatial median (both referred to as 'centroid' from now on unless stated otherwise) in multivariate space. To test if the dispersions (variances) of one or more groups are different, the distances of group members to the group centroid are subject to ANOVA. This is a multivariate analogue of Levene's test for homogeneity of variances if the distances between group members and group centroids is the Euclidean distance.

However, better measures of distance than the Euclidean distance are available for ecological data. These can be accommodated by reducing the distances produced using any dissimilarity coefficient to principal coordinates, which embeds them within a Euclidean space. The analysis then proceeds by calculating the Euclidean distances between group members and the group centroid on the basis of the principal coordinate axes rather than the original distances.

Non-metric dissimilarity coefficients can produce principal coordinate axes that have negative Eigenvalues. These correspond to the imaginary, non-metric part of the distance between objects. If negative Eigenvalues are produced, we must correct for these imaginary distances.

The distance to its centroid of a point is

$$z_{ij}^{c} = \sqrt{\Delta^{2}(u_{ij}^{+}, c_{i}^{+}) - \Delta^{2}(u_{ij}^{-}, c_{i}^{-})},$$

where  $\Delta^2$  is the squared Euclidean distance between  $u_{ij}$ , the principal coordinate for the *j*th point in the *i*th group, and  $c_i$ , the coordinate of the centroid for the *i*th group. The super-scripted '+' and '-' indicate the real and imaginary parts respectively. This is equation (3) in Anderson (2006). If the imaginary part is greater in magnitude than the real part, then we would be taking the square root of a negative value, resulting in NaN. From **vegan** 1.12-12 betadisper takes the absolute value of the real distance minus the imaginary distance, before computing the square root. This is in line with the behaviour of Marti Anderson's PERMDISP2 programme.

To test if one or more groups is more variable than the others, ANOVA of the distances to group centroids can be performed and parametric theory used to interpret the significance of F. An alternative is to use a permutation test. permutest.betadisper permutes model residuals to generate a permutation distribution of F under the Null hypothesis of no difference in dispersion between groups.

Pairwise comparisons of group mean dispersions can also be performed using permutest.betadisper. An alternative to the classical comparison of group dispersions, is to calculate Tukey's Honest Significant Differences between groups, via TukeyHSD.betadisper. This is a simple wrapper to TukeyHSD.aov. The user is directed to read the help file for TukeyHSD before using this function. In particular, note the statement about using the function with unbalanced designs.

The results of the analysis can be visualised using the plot and boxplot methods.

One additional use of these functions is in assessing beta diversity (Anderson *et al* 2006). Function betadiver provides some popular dissimilarity measures for this purpose.

As noted in passing by Anderson (2001) and in a related context by O'Neill (2000), estimates of dispersion around a central location (median or centroid) that is calculated from the same data will be biased downward. This bias matters most when comparing diversity among treatments with small, unequal numbers of samples. Setting bias.adjust=TRUE when using betadisper imposes a  $\sqrt{n/(n-1)}$  correction (Stier et al. 2012).

#### Value

The anova method returns an object of class "anova" inheriting from class "data.frame".

The scores method returns a list with one or both of the components "sites" and "centroids".

The plot function invisibly returns an object of class "ordiplot", a plotting structure which can be used by identify.ordiplot (to identify the points) or other functions in the ordiplot family.

The boxplot function invisibly returns a list whose components are documented in boxplot.

TukeyHSD.betadisper returns a list. See TukeyHSD for further details.

betadisper returns a list of class "betadisper" with the following components:

eig	numeric; the eigenvalues of the principal coordinates analysis.
vectors	matrix; the eigenvectors of the principal coordinates analysis.
distances	numeric; the Euclidean distances in principal coordinate space between the samples and their respective group centroid.
group	factor; vector describing the group structure

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centroids	matrix; the locations of the group centroids on the principal coordinates.
call	the matched function call.

#### Warning

Stewart Schultz noticed that the permutation test for type="centroid" had the wrong type I error and was anti-conservative. As such, the default for type has been changed to "median", which uses the spatial median as the group centroid. Tests suggests that the permutation test for this type of analysis gives the correct error rates.

## Note

If group consists of a single level or group, then the anova and permutest methods are not appropriate and if used on such data will stop with an error.

Missing values in either d or group will be removed prior to performing the analysis.

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

permutest.betadisper, anova.lm, scores, boxplot, TukeyHSD. Further measure of beta diversity can be found in betadiver.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
```

## Bray-Curtis distances between samples dis <- vegdist(varespec)

## First 16 sites grazed, remaining 8 sites ungrazed
groups <- factor(c(rep(1,16), rep(2,8)), labels = c("grazed","ungrazed"))</pre>

## Calculate multivariate dispersions

```
betadiver
```

```
mod <- betadisper(dis, groups)</pre>
mod
## Perform test
anova(mod)
## Permutation test for F
permutest(mod, pairwise = TRUE)
## Tukey's Honest Significant Differences
(mod.HSD <- TukeyHSD(mod))</pre>
plot(mod.HSD)
## Plot the groups and distances to centroids on the
## first two PCoA axes
plot(mod)
## can also specify which axes to plot, ordering respected
plot(mod, axes = c(3,1))
## Draw a boxplot of the distances to centroid for each group
boxplot(mod)
## simulate missing values in 'd' and 'group'
## using spatial medians
groups[c(2,20)] <- NA
dis[c(2, 20)] <- NA
mod2 <- betadisper(dis, groups) ## warnings</pre>
mod2
permutest(mod2, control = permControl(nperm = 100))
anova(mod2)
plot(mod2)
boxplot(mod2)
plot(TukeyHSD(mod2))
## Using group centroids
mod3 <- betadisper(dis, groups, type = "centroid")</pre>
mod3
permutest(mod3, control = permControl(nperm = 100))
anova(mod3)
plot(mod3)
boxplot(mod3)
plot(TukeyHSD(mod3))
## try out bias correction; compare with mod3
```

(mod3B <- betadisper(dis, groups, type = "median", bias.adjust=TRUE))</pre>

betadiver

Indices of beta Diversity

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#### betadiver

#### Description

The function estimates any of the 24 indices of beta diversity reviewed by Koleff et al. (2003). Alternatively, it finds the co-occurrence frequencies for triangular plots (Koleff et al. 2003).

## Usage

```
betadiver(x, method = NA, order = FALSE, help = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'betadiver'
plot(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'betadiver'
scores(x, triangular = TRUE, ...)
```

#### Arguments

х	Community data matrix, or the betadiver result for plot and scores functions.
method	The index of beta diversity as defined in Koleff et al. (2003), Table 1. You can use either the subscript of $\beta$ or the number of the index. See argument help below.
order	Order sites by increasing number of species. This will influence the configura- tion in the triangular plot and non-symmetric indices.
help	Show the numbers, subscript names and the defining equations of the indices and exit.
triangular	Return scores suitable for triangular plotting of proportions. If FALSE, returns a 3-column matrix of raw counts.
	Other arguments to functions.

#### Details

The most commonly used index of beta diversity is  $\beta_w = S/\alpha - 1$ , where S is the total number of species, and  $\alpha$  is the average number of species per site (Whittaker 1960). A drawback of this model is that S increases with sample size, but the expectation of  $\alpha$  remains constant, and so the beta diversity increases with sample size. A solution to this problem is to study the beta diversity of pairs of sites. If we denote the number of species shared between two sites as a and the numbers of unique species (not shared) as b and c, then S = a + b + c and  $\alpha = (2a + b + c)/2$  so that  $\beta_w = (b+c)/(2a+b+c)$ . This is the Sørensen dissimilarity as defined in **vegan** function vegdist with argument binary = TRUE. Many other indices are dissimilarity indices as well.

Function betadiver finds all indices reviewed by Koleff et al. (2003). All these indices could be found with function designdist, but the current function provides a conventional shortcut. The function only finds the indices. The proper analysis must be done with functions such as betadisper, adonis or mantel.

The indices are directly taken from Table 1 of Koleff et al. (2003), and they can be selected either by the index number or the subscript name used by Koleff et al. The numbers, names and defining equations can be seen using betadiver(help = TRUE). In all cases where there are two alternative forms, the one with the term -1 is used. There are several duplicate indices, and the number of distinct alternatives is much lower than 24 formally provided. The formulations used in functions differ occasionally from those in Koleff et al. (2003), but they are still mathematically equivalent. With method = NA, no index is calculated, but instead an object of class betadiver is returned. This is a list of elements a, b and c. Function plot can be used to display the proportions of these elements in triangular plot as suggested by Koleff et al. (2003), and scores extracts the triangular coordinates or the raw scores. Function plot returns invisibly the triangular coordinates as an "ordiplot" object.

#### Value

With method = NA, the function returns an object of class "betadisper" with elements a, b, and c. If method is specified, the function returns a "dist" object which can be used in any function analysing dissimilarities. For beta diversity, particularly useful functions are betadisper to study the betadiversity in groups, adonis for any model, and mantel to compare beta diversities to other dissimilarities or distances (including geographical distances). Although betadiver returns a "dist" object, some indices are similarities and cannot be used as such in place of dissimilarities, but that is a severe user error. Functions 10 ("j") and 11 ("sor") are two such similarity indices.

## Warning

Some indices return similarities instead of dissimilarities.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### References

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Koleff, P., Gaston, K.J. and Lennon, J.J. (2003) Measuring beta diversity for presence-absence data. *Journal of Animal Ecology* 72, 367–382.

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#### See Also

designdist for an alternative to implement all these functions, vegdist for some canned alternatives, and betadisper, adonis, mantel for analysing beta diversity objects. Functions nestedbetasor and nestedbetajac implement decomposition beta diversity measures (Sørensen and Jaccard) into turnover and nestedness components following Baselga (2010).

#### Examples

```
## Raw data and plotting
data(sipoo)
m <- betadiver(sipoo)
plot(m)
## The indices
betadiver(help=TRUE)
## The basic Whittaker index
d <- betadiver(sipoo, "w")</pre>
```

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## bgdispersal

```
## This should be equal to Sorensen index (binary Bray-Curtis in
## vegan)
range(d - vegdist(sipoo, binary=TRUE))
```

bgdispersal

#### Coefficients of Biogeographical Dispersal Direction

#### Description

This function computes coefficients of dispersal direction between geographically connected areas, as defined by Legendre and Legendre (1984), and also described in Legendre and Legendre (2012, section 13.3.4).

#### Usage

bgdispersal(mat, PAonly = FALSE, abc = FALSE)

#### Arguments

mat	Data frame or matrix containing a community composition data table (species presence-absence or abundance data).
PAonly	FALSE if the four types of coefficients, DD1 to DD4, are requested; TRUE if DD1 and DD2 only are sought (see Details).
abc	If TRUE, return tables a, b and c used in DD1 and DD2.

#### Details

The signs of the DD coefficients indicate the direction of dispersal, provided that the asymmetry is significant. A positive sign indicates dispersal from the first (row in DD tables) to the second region (column); a negative sign indicates the opposite. A McNemar test of asymmetry is computed from the presence-absence data to test the hypothesis of a significant asymmetry between the two areas under comparison.

In the input data table, the rows are sites or areas, the columns are taxa. Most often, the taxa are species, but the coefficients can be computed from genera or families as well. DD1 and DD2 only are computed for presence-absence data. The four types of coefficients are computed for quantitative data, which are converted to presence-absence for the computation of DD1 and DD2. PAonly = FALSE indicates that the four types of coefficients are requested. PAonly = TRUE if DD1 and DD2 only are sought.

## Value

Function bgdispersal returns a list containing the following matrices:

DD1	$DD1_{j,k} = (a(b-c))/((a+b+c)^2)$
DD2	$DD2_{j,k} = (2a(b-c))/((2a+b+c)(a+b+c))$ where a, b, and c have the same meaning as in the computation of binary similarity coefficients.
DD3	$DD3_{j,k} = W(A - B)/(A + B - W)^2$

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DD4	$DD4_{j,k}=2W(A-B)/((A+B)(A+B-W))$ where W = sum(pmin(vector1, vector2)), A = sum(vector1), B = sum(vector2)
McNemar	McNemar chi-square statistic of asymmetry (Sokal and Rohlf 1995): $2(b \log(b) + c \log(c) - (b+c) \log((b+c)/2))/q$ , where $q = 1 + 1/(2(b+c))$ (Williams correction for continuity)
prob.McNemar	probabilities associated with McNemar statistics, chi-square test. H0: no asymmetry in $(b - c)$ .

## Note

The function uses a more powerful alternative for the McNemar test than the classical formula. The classical formula was constructed in the spirit of Pearson's Chi-square, but the formula in this function was constructed in the spirit of Wilks Chi-square or the G statistic. Function mcnemar.test uses the classical formula. The new formula was introduced in **vegan** version 1.10-11, and the older implementations of bgdispersal used the classical formula.

## Author(s)

Pierre Legendre, Departement de Sciences Biologiques, Universite de Montreal

## References

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Legendre, P. and L. Legendre. 2012. *Numerical ecology*, 3rd English edition. Elsevier Science BV, Amsterdam.

Sokal, R. R. and F. J. Rohlf. 1995. *Biometry. The principles and practice of statistics in biological research.* 3rd edn. W. H. Freeman, New York.

## Examples

```
mat <- matrix(c(32,15,14,10,70,30,100,4,10,30,25,0,18,0,40,
0,0,20,0,0,0,0,4,0,30,20,0,0,0,0,25,74,42,1,45,89,5,16,16,20),
4, 10, byrow=TRUE)
bgdispersal(mat)
```

oenv

Best Subset of Environmental Variables with Maximum (Rank) Correlation with Community Dissimilarities

## Description

Function finds the best subset of environmental variables, so that the Euclidean distances of scaled environmental variables have the maximum (rank) correlation with community dissimilarities.

## bioenv

## Usage

## Arguments

COMM	Community data frame or a dissimilarity object or a square matrix that can be interpreted as dissimilarities.
env	Data frame of continuous environmental variables.
method	The correlation method used in cor.
index	The dissimilarity index used for community data (comm) in vegdist. This is ignored if comm are dissimilarities.
upto	Maximum number of parameters in studied subsets.
formula, data	Model formula and data.
trace	Trace the calculations
partial	Dissimilarities partialled out when inspecting variables in env.
	Other arguments passed to cor.

## Details

The function calculates a community dissimilarity matrix using vegdist. Then it selects all possible subsets of environmental variables, scales the variables, and calculates Euclidean distances for this subset using dist. Then it finds the correlation between community dissimilarities and environmental distances, and for each size of subsets, saves the best result. There are  $2^p - 1$  subsets of p variables, and an exhaustive search may take a very, very, very long time (parameter upto offers a partial relief).

The function can be called with a model formula where the LHS is the data matrix and RHS lists the environmental variables. The formula interface is practical in selecting or transforming environmental variables.

With argument partial you can perform "partial" analysis. The partializing item must be a dissimilarity object of class dist. The partial item can be used with any correlation method, but it is strictly correct only for Pearson.

Clarke & Ainsworth (1993) suggested this method to be used for selecting the best subset of environmental variables in interpreting results of nonmetric multidimensional scaling (NMDS). They recommended a parallel display of NMDS of community dissimilarities and NMDS of Euclidean distances from the best subset of scaled environmental variables. They warned against the use of Procrustes analysis, but to me this looks like a good way of comparing these two ordinations.

Clarke & Ainsworth wrote a computer program BIO-ENV giving the name to the current function. Presumably BIO-ENV was later incorporated in Clarke's PRIMER software (available for Windows). In addition, Clarke & Ainsworth suggested a novel method of rank correlation which is not available in the current function.

## Value

The function returns an object of class bioenv with a summary method.

#### Note

If you want to study the 'significance' of bioenv results, you can use function mantel or mantel.partial which use the same definition of correlation. However, bioenv standardizes environmental variables to unit standard deviation using function scale and you must do the same in mantel for comparable results. Further, bioenv selects variables to maximize the Mantel correlation, and significance tests based on *a priori* selection of variables are biased.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### References

Clarke, K. R & Ainsworth, M. 1993. A method of linking multivariate community structure to environmental variables. *Marine Ecology Progress Series*, 92, 205–219.

#### See Also

vegdist, dist, cor for underlying routines, monoMDS and metaMDS for ordination, procrustes for Procrustes analysis, protest for an alternative, and rankindex for studying alternatives to the default Bray-Curtis index.

## Examples

```
# The method is very slow for large number of possible subsets.
# Therefore only 6 variables in this example.
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
sol <- bioenv(wisconsin(varespec) ~ log(N) + P + K + Ca + pH + Al, varechem)
sol
summary(sol)
```

biplot.rda PCA biplot

## Description

Draws a PCA biplot with species scores indicated by biplot arrows

## Usage

## biplot.rda

#### Arguments

x	A rda result object.
choices	Axes to show.
scaling	Scaling for species and site scores. Either species (2) or site (1) scores are scaled by eigenvalues, and the other set of scores is left unscaled, or with 3 both are scaled symmetrically by square root of eigenvalues. With negative scaling values in rda, species scores are divided by standard deviation of each species and multiplied with an equalizing constant. Unscaled raw scores stored in the result can be accessed with scaling $= 0$ .
display	Scores shown. These must some of the alternatives "species" for species scores, and/or "sites" for site scores.
type	Type of plot: partial match to text for text labels, points for points, and none for setting frames only. If omitted, text is selected for smaller data sets, and points for larger. Can be of length 2 (e.g. type = $c("text", "points")$ ), in which case the first element describes how species scores are handled, and the second how site scores are drawn.
xlim, ylim	the x and y limits (min, max) of the plot.
col	Colours used for sites and species (in this order). If only one colour is given, it is used for both.
const	General scaling constant for scores.rda.
	Other parameters for plotting functions.

## Details

Produces a plot or biplot of the results of a call to rda. It is common for the "species" scores in a PCA to be drawn as biplot arrows that point in the direction of increasing values for that variable. The biplot.rda function provides a wrapper to plot.cca to allow the easy production of such a plot.

biplot.rda is only suitable for unconstrained models. If used on an ordination object with constraints, an error is issued.

If species scores are drawn using "text", the arrows are drawn from the origin to 0.85 \* species score, whilst the labels are drawn at the species score. If the type used is "points", then no labels are drawn and therefore the arrows are drawn from the origin to the actual species score.

## Value

The plot function returns invisibly a plotting structure which can be used by identify.ordiplot to identify the points or other functions in the ordiplot family.

## Author(s)

Gavin Simpson, based on plot.cca by Jari Oksanen.

## See Also

plot.cca, rda for something to plot, ordiplot for an alternative plotting routine and more support functions, and text, points and arrows for the basic routines.

## Examples

```
data(dune)
mod <- rda(dune, scale = TRUE)
biplot(mod, scaling = 3)
## different type for species and site scores
biplot(mod, scaling = 3, type = c("text", "points"))</pre>
```

capscale

[Partial] Constrained Analysis of Principal Coordinates or distancebased RDA

## Description

Constrained Analysis of Principal Coordinates (CAP) is an ordination method similar to Redundancy Analysis (rda), but it allows non-Euclidean dissimilarity indices, such as Manhattan or Bray–Curtis distance. Despite this non-Euclidean feature, the analysis is strictly linear and metric. If called with Euclidean distance, the results are identical to rda, but capscale will be much more inefficient. Function capscale is a constrained version of metric scaling, a.k.a. principal coordinates analysis, which is based on the Euclidean distance but can be used, and is more useful, with other dissimilarity measures. The function can also perform unconstrained principal coordinates analysis, optionally using extended dissimilarities.

#### Usage

capscale(formula, data, distance = "euclidean", sqrt.dist = FALSE, comm = NULL, add = FALSE, dfun = vegdist, metaMDSdist = FALSE, na.action = na.fail, subset = NULL, ...)

## Arguments

formula	Model formula. The function can be called only with the formula interface.
	Most usual features of formula hold, especially as defined in cca and rda. The
	LHS must be either a community data matrix or a dissimilarity matrix, e.g., from
	vegdist or dist. If the LHS is a data matrix, function vegdist will be used to
	find the dissimilarities. The RHS defines the constraints. The constraints can be
	continuous variables or factors, they can be transformed within the formula, and
	they can have interactions as in a typical formula. The RHS can have a special
	term Condition that defines variables to be "partialled out" before constraints,
	just like in rda or cca. This allows the use of partial CAP.
data	Data frame containing the variables on the right hand side of the model formula.
distance	The name of the dissimilarity (or distance) index if the LHS of the formula is a data frame instead of dissimilarity matrix.
sqrt.dist	Take square roots of dissimilarities. See section Notes below.

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COMM	Community data frame which will be used for finding species scores when the LHS of the formula was a dissimilarity matrix. This is not used if the LHS is a data frame. If this is not supplied, the "species scores" are the axes of initial metric scaling (cmdscale) and may be confusing.
add	Logical indicating if an additive constant should be computed, and added to the non-diagonal dissimilarities such that all eigenvalues are non-negative in the underlying Principal Co-ordinates Analysis (see cmdscale for details). This implements "correction method 2" of Legendre & Legendre (2012, p. 503). The negative eigenvalues are caused by using semi-metric or non-metric dis- similarities with basically metric cmdscale. They are harmless and ignored in capscale, but you also can avoid warnings with this option.
dfun	Distance or dissimilarity function used. Any function returning standard "dist" and taking the index name as the first argument can be used.
metaMDSdist	Use metaMDSdist similarly as in metaMDS. This means automatic data transfor- mation and using extended flexible shortest path dissimilarities (function stepacross) when there are many dissimilarities based on no shared species.
na.action	Handling of missing values in constraints or conditions. The default (na.fail) is to stop with missing values. Choices na.omit and na.exclude delete rows with missing values, but differ in representation of results. With na.omit only non-missing site scores are shown, but na.exclude gives NA for scores of missing observations. Unlike in rda, no WA scores are available for missing constraints or conditions.
subset	Subset of data rows. This can be a logical vector which is TRUE for kept ob-
	servations, or a logical expression which can contain variables in the working environment, data or species names of the community data (if given in the for- mula or as comm argument).

# Details

Canonical Analysis of Principal Coordinates (CAP) is simply a Redundancy Analysis of results of Metric (Classical) Multidimensional Scaling (Anderson & Willis 2003). Function capscale uses two steps: (1) it ordinates the dissimilarity matrix using cmdscale and (2) analyses these results using rda. If the user supplied a community data frame instead of dissimilarities, the function will find the needed dissimilarity matrix using vegdist with specified distance. However, the method will accept dissimilarity matrices from vegdist, dist, or any other method producing similar matrices. The constraining variables can be continuous or factors or both, they can have interaction terms, or they can be transformed in the call. Moreover, there can be a special term Condition just like in rda and cca so that "partial" CAP can be performed.

The current implementation differs from the method suggested by Anderson & Willis (2003) in three major points which actually make it similar to distance-based redundancy analysis (Legendre & Anderson 1999):

 Anderson & Willis used the orthonormal solution of cmdscale, whereas capscale uses axes weighted by corresponding eigenvalues, so that the ordination distances are the best approximations of original dissimilarities. In the original method, later "noise" axes are just as important as first major axes.

- 2. Anderson & Willis take only a subset of axes, whereas capscale uses all axes with positive eigenvalues. The use of subset is necessary with orthonormal axes to chop off some "noise", but the use of all axes guarantees that the results are the best approximation of original dissimilarities.
- 3. Function capscale adds species scores as weighted sums of (residual) community matrix (if the matrix is available), whereas Anderson & Willis have no fixed method for adding species scores.

With these definitions, function capscale with Euclidean distances will be identical to rda in eigenvalues and in site, species and biplot scores (except for possible sign reversal). However, it makes no sense to use capscale with Euclidean distances, since direct use of rda is much more efficient. Even with non-Euclidean dissimilarities, the rest of the analysis will be metric and linear.

The function can be also used to perform ordinary metric scaling a.k.a. principal coordinates analysis by using a formula with only a constant on the left hand side, or comm  $\sim 1$ . With metaMDSdist = TRUE, the function can do automatic data standardization and use extended dissimilarities using function stepacross similarly as in non-metric multidimensional scaling with metaMDS.

#### Value

The function returns an object of class capscale which is identical to the result of rda. At the moment, capscale does not have specific methods, but it uses cca and rda methods plot.cca, scores.rda etc. Moreover, you can use anova.cca for permutation tests of "significance" of the results.

### Note

The function produces negative eigenvalues with non-Euclidean dissimilarity indices. The non-Euclidean component of inertia is given under the title Imaginary in the printed output. The Total inertia is the sum of all eigenvalues, but the sum of all non-negative eigenvalues is given as Real Total (which is higher than the Total). The ordination is based only on the real dimensions with positive eigenvalues, and therefore the proportions of inertia components only apply to the Real Total and ignore the Imaginary component. Permutation tests with anova.cca use only the real solution of positive eigenvalues. Function adonis gives similar significance tests, but it also handles the imaginary dimensions (negative eigenvalues) and therefore its results may differ from permutation test results of capscale.

If the negative eigenvalues are disturbing, you can use argument add = TRUE passed to cmdscale, or, preferably, a distance measure that does not cause these warnings. Alternatively, after square root transformation of distances (argument sqrt.dist = TRUE) many indices do not produce negative eigenvalues.

The inertia is named after the dissimilarity index as defined in the dissimilarity data, or as unknown distance if such an information is missing. Function rda usually divides the ordination scores by number of sites minus one. In this way, the inertia is variance instead of sum of squares, and the eigenvalues sum up to variance. Many dissimilarity measures are in the range 0 to 1, so they have already made a similar division. If the largest original dissimilarity is less than or equal to 4 (allowing for stepacross), this division is undone in capscale and original dissimilarities are used. Keyword mean is added to the inertia in cases where division was made, e.g. in Euclidean and Manhattan distances. Inertia is based on squared index, and keyword squared is added to the name of distance, unless data were square root transformed (argument sqrt.dist = TRUE). If an additive constant

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was used, keyword euclidified is added to the the name of inertia, and the value of the constant is printed (argument add = TRUE).

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### References

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Gower, J.C. (1985). Properties of Euclidean and non-Euclidean distance matrices. *Linear Algebra and its Applications* 67, 81–97.

Legendre, P. & Anderson, M. J. (1999). Distance-based redundancy analysis: testing multispecies responses in multifactorial ecological experiments. *Ecological Monographs* 69, 1–24.

Legendre, P. & Legendre, L. (2012). Numerical Ecology. 3rd English Edition. Elsevier

# See Also

rda, cca, plot.cca, anova.cca, vegdist, dist, cmdscale.

The function returns similar result object as rda (see cca.object). This section for rda gives a more complete list of functions that can be used to access and analyse capscale results.

### Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
## Basic Analysis
vare.cap <- capscale(varespec ~ N + P + K + Condition(Al), varechem,</pre>
                     dist="bray")
vare.cap
plot(vare.cap)
anova(vare.cap)
## Avoid negative eigenvalues with additive constant
capscale(varespec ~ N + P + K + Condition(Al), varechem,
                     dist="bray", add =TRUE)
## Avoid negative eigenvalues by taking square roots of dissimilarities
capscale(varespec ~ N + P + K + Condition(Al), varechem,
                     dist = "bray", sqrt.dist= TRUE)
## Principal coordinates analysis with extended dissimilarities
capscale(varespec ~ 1, dist="bray", metaMDS = TRUE)
```

cascadeKM

# Description

This function is a wrapper for the kmeans function. It creates several partitions forming a cascade from a small to a large number of groups.

# Usage

```
cascadeKM(data, inf.gr, sup.gr, iter = 100, criterion = "calinski")
cIndexKM(y, x, index = "all")
## S3 method for class 'cascadeKM'
plot(x, min.g, max.g, grpmts.plot = TRUE,
    sortg = FALSE, gridcol = NA, ...)
```

# Arguments

data	The data matrix. The objects (samples) are the rows.
inf.gr	The number of groups for the partition with the smallest number of groups of the cascade (min).
sup.gr	The number of groups for the partition with the largest number of groups of the cascade (max).
iter	The number of random starting configurations for each value of $K$ .
criterion	The criterion that will be used to select the best partition. The default value is "calinski", which refers to the Calinski-Harabasz (1974) criterion. The simple structure index ("ssi") is also available. Other indices are available in function clustIndex (package cclust). In our experience, the two indices that work best and are most likely to return their maximum value at or near the optimal number of clusters are "calinski" and "ssi".
У	Object of class "kmeans" returned by a clustering algorithm such as kmeans
x	Data matrix where columns correspond to variables and rows to observations, or the plotting object in plot
index	The available indices are: "calinski" and "ssi". Type "all" to obtain both indices. Abbreviations of these names are also accepted.
min.g, max.g	The minimum and maximum numbers of groups to be displayed.
grpmts.plot	Show the plot (TRUE or FALSE).
sortg	Sort the objects as a function of their group membership to produce a more easily interpretable graph. See Details. The original object names are kept; they are used as labels in the output table x, although not in the graph. If there were no row names, sequential row numbers are used to keep track of the original order of the objects.

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gridcol	The colour of the grid lines in the plots. NA, which is the default value, removes the grid lines.
	Other parameters to the functions (ignored).

### Details

The function creates several partitions forming a cascade from a small to a large number of groups formed by kmeans. Most of the work is performed by function cIndex which is based on the clustIndex function (package cclust). Some of the criteria were removed from this version because computation errors were generated when only one object was found in a group.

The default value is "calinski", which refers to the well-known Calinski-Harabasz (1974) criterion. The other available index is the simple structure index "ssi" (Dolnicar et al. 1999). In the case of groups of equal sizes, "calinski" is generally a good criterion to indicate the correct number of groups. Users should not take its indications literally when the groups are not equal in size. Type "all" to obtain both indices. The indices are defined as:

- **calinski:** (SSB/(K-1))/(SSW/(n-K)), where *n* is the number of data points and *K* is the number of clusters. *SSW* is the sum of squares within the clusters while *SSB* is the sum of squares among the clusters. This index is simply an *F* (ANOVA) statistic.
- **ssi:** the "Simple Structure Index" multiplicatively combines several elements which influence the interpretability of a partitioning solution. The best partition is indicated by the highest SSI value.

In a simulation study, Milligan and Cooper (1985) found that the Calinski-Harabasz criterion recovered the correct number of groups the most often. We recommend this criterion because, if the groups are of equal sizes, the maximum value of "calinski" usually indicates the correct number of groups. Another available index is the simple structure index "ssi". Users should not take the indications of these indices literally when the groups are not equal in size and explore the groups corresponding to other values of K.

Function cascadeKM has a plot method. Two plots are produced. The graph on the left has the objects in abscissa and the number of groups in ordinate. The groups are represented by colours. The graph on the right shows the values of the criterion ("calinski" or "ssi") for determining the best partition. The highest value of the criterion is marked in red. Points marked in orange, if any, indicate partitions producing an increase in the criterion value as the number of groups increases; they may represent other interesting partitions.

If sortg=TRUE, the objects are reordered by the following procedure: (1) a simple matching distance matrix is computed among the objects, based on the table of K-means assignments to groups, from  $K = \min. g$  to  $K = \max. g$ . (2) A principal coordinate analysis (PCoA, Gower 1966) is computed on the centred distance matrix. (3) The first principal coordinate is used as the new order of the objects in the graph. A simplified algorithm is used to compute the first principal coordinate only, using the iterative algorithm described in Legendre & Legendre (2012). The full distance matrix among objects is never computed; this avoids the problem of storing it when the number of objects is large. Distance values are computed as they are needed by the algorithm.

#### Value

Function cascadeKM returns an object of class cascadeKM with items:

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partition	Table with the partitions found for different numbers of groups $K$ , from $K = inf.gr$ to $K = sup.gr$ .
results	Values of the criterion to select the best partition.
criterion	The name of the criterion used.
size	The number of objects found in each group, for all partitions (columns).

Function cIndex returns a vector with the index values. The maximum value of these indices is supposed to indicate the best partition. These indices work best with groups of equal sizes. When the groups are not of equal sizes, one should not put too much faith in the maximum of these indices, and also explore the groups corresponding to other values of K.

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### See Also

kmeans, clustIndex.

# Examples

```
# Partitioning a (10 x 10) data matrix of random numbers
mat <- matrix(runif(100),10,10)
res <- cascadeKM(mat, 2, 5, iter = 25, criterion = 'calinski')
toto <- plot(res)
# Partitioning an autocorrelated time series
vec <- sort(matrix(runif(30),30,1))
res <- cascadeKM(vec, 2, 5, iter = 25, criterion = 'calinski')
toto <- plot(res)</pre>
```

# Partitioning a large autocorrelated time series

```
# Note that we remove the grid lines
vec <- sort(matrix(runif(1000),1000,1))
res <- cascadeKM(vec, 2, 7, iter = 10, criterion = 'calinski')
toto <- plot(res, gridcol=NA)</pre>
```

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[Partial] [Constrained] Correspondence Analysis and Redundancy Analysis

# Description

Function cca performs correspondence analysis, or optionally constrained correspondence analysis (a.k.a. canonical correspondence analysis), or optionally partial constrained correspondence analysis. Function rda performs redundancy analysis, or optionally principal components analysis. These are all very popular ordination techniques in community ecology.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
cca(formula, data, na.action = na.fail, subset = NULL,
    ...)
## Default S3 method:
cca(X, Y, Z, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
rda(formula, data, scale=FALSE, na.action = na.fail,
    subset = NULL, ...)
## Default S3 method:
rda(X, Y, Z, scale=FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

formula	Model formula, where the left hand side gives the community data matrix, right hand side gives the constraining variables, and conditioning variables can be given within a special function Condition.
data	Data frame containing the variables on the right hand side of the model formula.
Х	Community data matrix.
Υ	Constraining matrix, typically of environmental variables. Can be missing.
Z	Conditioning matrix, the effect of which is removed ('partialled out') before next step. Can be missing.
scale	Scale species to unit variance (like correlations).
na.action	Handling of missing values in constraints or conditions. The default (na.fail) is to stop with missing value. Choice na.omit removes all rows with missing values. Choice na.exclude keeps all observations but gives NA for results that cannot be calculated. The WA scores of rows may be found also for missing values in constraints. Missing values are never allowed in dependent community data.

subset	Subset of data rows. This can be a logical vector which is TRUE for kept ob-
	servations, or a logical expression which can contain variables in the working
	environment, data or species names of the community data.
	Other arguments for print or plot functions (ignored in other functions).

# Details

Since their introduction (ter Braak 1986), constrained, or canonical, correspondence analysis and its spin-off, redundancy analysis, have been the most popular ordination methods in community ecology. Functions cca and rda are similar to popular proprietary software Canoco, although the implementation is completely different. The functions are based on Legendre & Legendre's (2012) algorithm: in cca Chi-square transformed data matrix is subjected to weighted linear regression on constraining variables, and the fitted values are submitted to correspondence analysis performed via singular value decomposition (svd). Function rda is similar, but uses ordinary, unweighted linear regression and unweighted SVD. Legendre & Legendre (2012), Table 11.5 (p. 650) give a skeleton of the RDA algorithm of vegan. The algorithm of CCA is similar, but involves standardization by row and column weights.

The functions can be called either with matrix-like entries for community data and constraints, or with formula interface. In general, the formula interface is preferred, because it allows a better control of the model and allows factor constraints.

In the following sections, X, Y and Z, although referred to as matrices, are more commonly data frames.

In the matrix interface, the community data matrix X must be given, but the other data matrices may be omitted, and the corresponding stage of analysis is skipped. If matrix Z is supplied, its effects are removed from the community matrix, and the residual matrix is submitted to the next stage. This is called 'partial' correspondence or redundancy analysis. If matrix Y is supplied, it is used to constrain the ordination, resulting in constrained or canonical correspondence analysis, or redundancy analysis. Finally, the residual is submitted to ordinary correspondence analysis (or principal components analysis). If both matrices Z and Y are missing, the data matrix is analysed by ordinary correspondence analysis (or principal components analysis).

Instead of separate matrices, the model can be defined using a model formula. The left hand side must be the community data matrix (X). The right hand side defines the constraining model. The constraints can contain ordered or unordered factors, interactions among variables and functions of variables. The defined contrasts are honoured in factor variables. The constraints can also be matrices (but not data frames). The formula can include a special term Condition for conditioning variables ("covariables") "partialled out" before analysis. So the following commands are equivalent:  $cca(X, Y, Z), cca(X \sim Y + Condition(Z))$ , where Y and Z refer to constraints and conditions matrices respectively.

Constrained correspondence analysis is indeed a constrained method: CCA does not try to display all variation in the data, but only the part that can be explained by the used constraints. Consequently, the results are strongly dependent on the set of constraints and their transformations or interactions among the constraints. The shotgun method is to use all environmental variables as constraints. However, such exploratory problems are better analysed with unconstrained methods such as correspondence analysis (decorana, corresp) or non-metric multidimensional scaling (metaMDS) and environmental interpretation after analysis (envfit, ordisurf). CCA is a good choice if the user has clear and strong *a priori* hypotheses on constraints and is not interested in the major structure in the data set. CCA is able to correct the curve artefact commonly found in correspondence analysis by forcing the configuration into linear constraints. However, the curve artefact can be avoided only with a low number of constraints that do not have a curvilinear relation with each other. The curve can reappear even with two badly chosen constraints or a single factor. Although the formula interface makes easy to include polynomial or interaction terms, such terms often produce curved artefacts (that are difficult to interpret), these should probably be avoided.

According to folklore, rda should be used with "short gradients" rather than cca. However, this is not based on research which finds methods based on Euclidean metric as uniformly weaker than those based on Chi-squared metric. However, standardized Euclidean distance may be an appropriate measures (see Hellinger standardization in decostand in particular).

Partial CCA (pCCA; or alternatively partial RDA) can be used to remove the effect of some conditioning or "background" or "random" variables or "covariables" before CCA proper. In fact, pCCA compares models cca(X ~ Z) and cca(X ~ Y + Z) and attributes their difference to the effect of Y cleansed of the effect of Z. Some people have used the method for extracting "components of variance" in CCA. However, if the effect of variables together is stronger than sum of both separately, this can increase total Chi-square after "partialling out" some variation, and give negative "components of variance". In general, such components of "variance" are not to be trusted due to interactions between two sets of variables.

The functions have summary and plot methods which are documented separately (see plot.cca, summary.cca).

### Value

Function cca returns a huge object of class cca, which is described separately in cca.object.

Function rda returns an object of class rda which inherits from class cca and is described in cca.object. The scaling used in rda scores is described in a separate vignette with this package.

# Author(s)

The responsible author was Jari Oksanen, but the code borrows heavily from Dave Roberts (http://labdsv.nr.usu.edu/).

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# See Also

This help page describes two constrained ordination functions, cca and rda. A related method, distance-based redundancy analysis (dbRDA) is described separately (capscale). All these functions return similar objects (described in cca.object). There are numerous support functions that can be used to access the result object. In the list below, functions of type cca will handle all three constrained ordination objects, and functions of rda only handle rda and capscale results.

The main plotting functions are plot.cca for all methods, and biplot.rda for RDA and dbRDA. However, generic **vegan** plotting functions can also handle the results. The scores can be accessed and scaled with scores.cca, and summarized with summary.cca. The eigenvalues can be accessed with eigenvals.cca and the regression coefficients for constraints with coef.cca. The eigenvalues can be plotted with screeplot.cca, and the (adjusted)  $R^2$  can be found with RsquareAdj.rda. The scores can be also calculated for new data sets with predict.cca which allows adding points to ordinations. The values of constraints can be inferred from ordination and community composition with calibrate.cca.

Diagnostic statistics can be found with goodness.cca, inertcomp, spenvcor, intersetcor, tolerance.cca, and vif.cca. Function as.mlm.cca refits the result object as a multiple lm object, and this allows finding influence statistics (lm.influence, cooks.distance etc.).

Permutation based significance for the overall model, single constraining variables or axes can be found with anova.cca. Automatic model building with R step function is possible with deviance.cca, add1.cca and drop1.cca. Functions ordistep and ordiR2step (for RDA) are special functions for constrained ordination. Randomized data sets can be generated with simulate.cca.

Separate methods based on constrained ordination model are principal response curves (prc) and variance partioning between several components (varpart).

Design decisions are explained in vignette 'decision-vegan' which also can be accessed with vegandocs.

Package ade4 provides alternative constrained ordination functions cca and pcaiv.

# Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
## Common but bad way: use all variables you happen to have in your
## environmental data matrix
vare.cca <- cca(varespec, varechem)</pre>
vare.cca
plot(vare.cca)
## Formula interface and a better model
vare.cca <- cca(varespec ~ Al + P*(K + Baresoil), data=varechem)</pre>
vare.cca
plot(vare.cca)
## 'Partialling out' and 'negative components of variance'
cca(varespec ~ Ca, varechem)
cca(varespec ~ Ca + Condition(pH), varechem)
## RDA
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
dune.Manure <- rda(dune ~ Manure, dune.env)</pre>
plot(dune.Manure)
```

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# cca.object

## For further documentation: ## Not run: vegandocs("decision")

## End(Not run)

cca.object

Result Object from Constrained Ordination with cca, rda or capscale

# Description

Ordination methods cca, rda and capscale return similar result objects. Function capscale inherits from rda and rda inherits from cca. This inheritance structure is due to historic reasons: cca was the first of these implemented in vegan. Hence the nomenclature in cca.object reflects cca. This help page describes the internal structure of the cca object for programmers.

# Value

A cca object has the following elements:

call colsum, rowsum,	rowsum.excluded
	Column and row sums in cca. In rda, item colsum contains standard deviations of species and rowsum is NA. If some data were removed in na.action, the row sums of excluded observations are in item rowsum.excluded in cca (but not in rda). The rowsum.excluded add to the total (one) of rowsum.
grand.total	Grand total of community data in cca and NA in rda.
inertia	Text used as the name of inertia.
method	Text used as the name of the ordination method.
terms	The terms component of the formula. This is missing if the ordination was not called with formula.
terminfo	Further information on terms with three subitems: terms which is like the terms component above, but lists conditions and constraints similarly; xlev which lists the factor levels, and ordered which is TRUE to ordered factors. This is produced by <b>vegan</b> internal function ordiTerminfo, and it is needed in predict.cca with newdata. This is missing if the ordination was not called with formula.
tot.chi	Total inertia or the sum of all eigenvalues.
na.action	The result of na.action if missing values in constraints were handled by na.omit or na.exclude (or NULL if there were no missing values). This is a vector of in- dices of missing value rows in the original data and a class of the action, usually either "omit" or "exclude".
pCCA, CCA, CA	Actual ordination results for conditioned (partial), constrained and unconstrained components of the model. If constraints or conditions are not given, the corresponding components CCA and pCCA are NULL. If they are specified but have zero rank and zero eigenvalue (e.g., due to aliasing), they have a standard structure

like described below, but the result scores have zero columns, but the correct number of rows. The residual component is never NULL, and if there is no residual variation (like in overdefined model), its scores have zero columns. The standard print command does not show NULL components, but it prints zeros for zeroed components. Items pCCA, CCA and CA contain following items:

- alias The names of the aliased constraints or conditions. Function alias.cca does not access this item directly, but it finds the aliased variables and their defining equations from the QR item.
- biplot Biplot scores of constraints. Only in CCA.
- centroids (Weighted) centroids of factor levels of constraints. Only in CCA. Missing if the ordination was not called with formula.
- eig Eigenvalues of axes. In CCA and CA.
- envcentre (Weighted) means of the original constraining or conditioning variables. In pCCA and in CCA.
- Fit The fitted values of standardized data matrix after fitting conditions. Only in pCCA.
- QR The QR decomposition of explanatory variables as produced by qr. The constrained ordination algorithm is based on QR decomposition of constraints and conditions (environmental data). The environmental data are first centred in rda or weighted and centred in cca. The QR decomposition is used in many functions that access cca results, and it can be used to find many items that are not directly stored in the object. For examples, see coef.cca, coef.rda, vif.cca, permutest.cca, predict.cca, predict.rda, calibrate.cca. For possible uses of this component, see qr. In pCCA and CCA.
- rank The rank of the ordination component.
- qrank The rank of the constraints which is the difference of the ranks of QR decompositions in pCCA and CCA components. Only in CCA.
- tot.chi Total inertia or the sum of all eigenvalues of the component.
- imaginary.chi, imaginary.rank The sum and rank (number) of negative eigenvalues in capscale. Only in CA and only if negative eigenvalues were found in capscale.
- u (Weighted) orthonormal site scores. Please note that scaled scores are not stored in the cca object, but they are made when the object is accessed with functions like scores.cca, summary.cca or plot.cca, or their rda variants. Only in CCA and CA. In the CCA component these are the so-called linear combination scores.
- u.eig u scaled by eigenvalues. There is no guarantee that any .eig variants of scores will be kept in the future releases.
- V (Weighted) orthonormal species scores. If missing species were omitted from the analysis, this will contain attribute na.action that lists the omitted species. Only in CCA and CA.
- v.eig v weighted by eigenvalues.
- wa Site scores found as weighted averages (cca) or weighted sums (rda) of v with weights Xbar, but the multiplying effect of eigenvalues removed. These often are known as WA scores in cca. Only in CCA.

- wa.eig The direct result of weighted averaging or weighted summation (matrix multiplication) with the resulting eigenvalue inflation.
- Xbar The standardized data matrix after previous stages of analysis. In CCA this is after possible pCCA or after partialling out the effects of conditions, and in CA after both pCCA and CCA. In cca the standardization is Chi-square, and in rda centring and optional scaling by species standard deviations using function scale.

## NA Action and Subset

If the constraints had missing values or subsets, and na.action was set to na.exclude or na.omit, the result will have some extra items:

subset subset evaluated as a logical vector (TRUE for included cases).

- na.action The object returned by na.action which is a named vector of indices of removed items. The class of the vector is either "omit" or "exclude" as set by na.action. The na.action is applied after subset so that the indices refer to the subset data.
- residuals.zombie A zombie vector of the length of number of rows in the residual ordination. R versions before 2.13.0 may use this vector to find the number of valid observations, and it is provided for their use although this is useless in R 2.13.0 and in **vegan**. Currently R uses nobs.cca to find the number of observations.
- rowsum.excluded Row sums of removed observations. Only in cca.
- CCA\$wa.excluded The WA scores for sites (found from community data) in constrained ordination if na.action was na.exclude and the scores could be calculated. The scores cannot be found for capscale and in partial ordination.
- CA\$u.excluded Row scores for sites in unconstrained ordination with identical conditions as above.

## capscale

Function capscale may add some items depending on its arguments:

metaMDSdist The data set name if metaMDSdist = TRUE.

- ac Additive constant used if add = TRUE.
- adjust Adjustment of dissimilarities: see capscale, section "Notes".

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

## References

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### See Also

The description here provides a hacker's interface. User level functions for further analysis and handling of cca objects are described in this section in cca. Also for a hacker interface, it may be better to use following low level functions to access the results: scores.cca (which also scales results), predict.cca (which can also use newdata), fitted.cca, residuals.cca, alias.cca, coef.cca, model.frame.cca, model.matrix.cca, deviance.cca, eigenvals.cca, RsquareAdj.cca, weights.cca, nobs.cca, or rda variants of these functions. You can use as.mlm to cast a cca.object into result of multiple response linear model (lm) in order to more easily find some statistics (which in principle could be directly found from the cca object as well).

This section in cca gives a more complete list of methods to handle the constrained ordination result object.

## Examples

```
# Some species will be missing in the analysis, because only a subset
# of sites is used below.
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- cca(dune[1:15,] ~ ., dune.env[1:15,])</pre>
# Look at the names of missing species
attr(mod$CCA$v, "na.action")
# Look at the names of the aliased variables:
mod$CCA$alias
# Access directly constrained weighted orthonormal species and site
# scores, constrained eigenvalues and margin sums.
spec <- mod$CCA$v</pre>
sites <- mod$CCA$u
eig <- mod$CCA$eig</pre>
rsum <- mod$rowsum</pre>
csum <- mod$colsum
```

```
CCorA
```

Canonical Correlation Analysis

### Description

Canonical correlation analysis, following Brian McArdle's unpublished graduate course notes, plus improvements to allow the calculations in the case of very sparse and collinear matrices, and permutation test of Pillai's trace statistic.

#### Usage

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# **CCorA**

# Arguments

Y	Left matrix (object class: matrix or data.frame).
Х	Right matrix (object class: matrix or data.frame).
stand.Y	Logical; should Y be standardized?
stand.X	Logical; should X be standardized?
nperm	Numeric; number of permutations to evaluate the significance of Pillai's trace, e.g. nperm=99 or nperm=999.
х	CCoaR result object.
plot.type	A character string indicating which of the following plots should be produced: "objects", "variables", "ov" (separate graphs for objects and variables), or "biplots". Any unambiguous subset containing the first letters of these names can be used instead of the full names.
xlabs	Row labels. The default is to use row names, NULL uses row numbers instead, and NA suppresses plotting row names completely.
plot.axes	A vector with 2 values containing the order numbers of the canonical axes to be plotted. Default: first two axes.
int	Radius of the inner circles plotted as visual references in the plots of the variables. Default: int=0.5. With int=0, no inner circle is plotted.
col.Y	Color used for objects and variables in the first data table (Y) plots. In biplots, the objects are in black.
col.X	Color used for objects and variables in the second data table (X) plots.
cex	A vector with 2 values containing the size reduction factors for the object and variable names, respectively, in the plots. Default values: $cex=c(0.7, 0.9)$ .
	Other arguments passed to these functions. The function biplot.CCorA passes graphical arguments to biplot and biplot.default. CCorA currently ignores extra arguments.

# Details

Canonical correlation analysis (Hotelling 1936) seeks linear combinations of the variables of Y that are maximally correlated to linear combinations of the variables of X. The analysis estimates the relationships and displays them in graphs. Pillai's trace statistic is computed and tested parametrically (F-test); a permutation test is also available.

Algorithmic note – The blunt approach would be to read the two matrices, compute the covariance matrices, then the matrix S12 %% inv(S22) %% t(S12) %% inv(S11). Its trace is Pillai's trace statistic. This approach may fail, however, when there is heavy multicollinearity in very sparse data matrices. The safe approach is to replace all data matrices by their PCA object scores.

The function can produce different types of plots depending on the option chosen: "objects" produces two plots of the objects, one in the space of Y, the second in the space of X; "variables" produces two plots of the variables, one of the variables of Y in the space of Y, the second of the variables of X in the space of X; "ov" produces four plots, two of the objects and two of the variables; "biplots" produces two biplots, one for the first matrix (Y) and one for second matrix (X) solutions. For biplots, the function passes all arguments to biplot.default; consult its help page for configuring biplots.

Function CCorA returns a list containing the following elements:

Pillai	Pillai's trace statistic = sum of the canonical eigenvalues.
Eigenvalues	Canonical eigenvalues. They are the squares of the canonical correlations.
CanCorr	Canonical correlations.
Mat.ranks	Ranks of matrices Y and X.
RDA.Rsquares	Bimultivariate redundancy coefficients (R-squares) of RDAs of YIX and XIY.
RDA.adj.Rsq	RDA.Rsquares adjusted for n and the number of explanatory variables.
nperm	Number of permutations.
p.Pillai	Parametric probability value associated with Pillai's trace.
p.perm	Permutational probability associated with Pillai's trace.
Су	Object scores in Y biplot.
Cx	Object scores in X biplot.
corr.Y.Cy	Scores of Y variables in Y biplot, computed as cor(Y,Cy).
corr.X.Cx	Scores of X variables in X biplot, computed as cor(X,Cx).
corr.Y.Cx	cor(Y,Cy) available for plotting variables Y in space of X manually.
corr.X.Cy	cor(X,Cx) available for plotting variables X in space of Y manually.
call	Call to the CCorA function.

# Author(s)

Pierre Legendre, Departement de Sciences Biologiques, Universite de Montreal. Implemented in **vegan** with the help of Jari Oksanen.

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Legendre, P. 2005. Species associations: the Kendall coefficient of concordance revisited. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological, and Environmental Statistics* **10**: 226-245.

# Examples

```
# Example using two mite groups. The mite data are available in vegan
data(mite)
# Two mite species associations (Legendre 2005, Fig. 4)
group.1 <- c(1,2,4:8,10:15,17,19:22,24,26:30)
group.2 <- c(3,9,16,18,23,25,31:35)
# Separate Hellinger transformations of the two groups of species
mite.hel.1 <- decostand(mite[,group.1], "hel")
mite.hel.2 <- decostand(mite[,group.2], "hel")
rownames(mite.hel.1) = paste("S",1:nrow(mite),sep="")
rownames(mite.hel.2) = paste("S",1:nrow(mite),sep="")
out <- CCorA(mite.hel.1, mite.hel.2)
out
```

# clamtest

```
clamtest
```

```
Multinomial Species Classification Method (CLAM)
```

# Description

The CLAM statistical approach for classifying generalists and specialists in two distinct habitats is described in Chazdon et al. (2011).

# Usage

```
clamtest(comm, groups, coverage.limit = 10, specialization = 2/3,
    npoints = 20, alpha = 0.05/20)
## S3 method for class 'clamtest'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'clamtest'
plot(x, xlab, ylab, main, pch = 21:24, col.points = 1:4,
    col.lines = 2:4, lty = 1:3, position = "bottomright", ...)
```

#### Arguments

comm	Community matrix, consisting of counts.
groups	A vector identifying the two habitats. Must have exactly two unique values or levels. Habitat IDs in the grouping vector must match corresponding rows in the community matrix comm.
coverage.limit	Integer, below this limit the sample coverage based correction is applied to rare species. Sample coverage is calculated separately for the two habitats. Sample relative abundances are used for species with higher than or equal to coverage.limit total counts per habitat.
specialization	Numeric, specialization threshold value between 0 and 1. The value of $2/3$ represents 'supermajority' rule, while a value of $1/2$ represents a 'simple majority' rule to assign shared species as habitat specialists.
npoints	Integer, number of points used to determine the boundary lines in the plots.

alpha	Numeric, nominal significance level for individual tests. The default value re- duces the conventional limit of 0.05 to account for overdispersion and multiple testing for several species simultaneously. However, the is no firm reason for exactly this limit.
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x, object	Fitted model object of class "clamtest".
xlab, ylab	Labels for the plot axes.
main	Main title of the plot.
pch, col.points	6
	Symbols and colors used in plotting species groups.
lty, col.lines	Line types and colors for boundary lines in plot to separate species groups.
position	Position of figure legend, see legend for specification details. Legend not shown if position = NULL.
	Additional arguments passed to methods.

### Details

The method uses a multinomial model based on estimated species relative abundance in two habitats (A, B). It minimizes bias due to differences in sampling intensities between two habitat types as well as bias due to insufficient sampling within each habitat. The method permits a robust statistical classification of habitat specialists and generalists, without excluding rare species *a priori* (Chazdon et al. 2011). Based on a user-defined specialization threshold, the model classifies species into one of four groups: (1) generalists; (2) habitat A specialists; (3) habitat B specialists; and (4) too rare to classify with confidence.

#### Value

A data frame (with class attribute "clamtest"), with columns:

- Species: species name (column names from comm),
- Total\_\*A\*: total count in habitat A,
- Total\_\*B\*: total count in habitat B,
- Classes: species classification, a factor with levels Generalist, Specialist\_\*A\*, Specialist\_\*B\*, and Too\_rare.

\*A\* and \*B\* are placeholders for habitat names/labels found in the data.

The summary method returns descriptive statistics of the results. The plot method returns values invisibly and produces a bivariate scatterplot of species total abundances in the two habitats. Symbols and boundary lines are shown for species groups.

## Note

The code was tested against standalone CLAM software provided on the website of Anne Chao (http://chao.stat.nthu.edu.tw/softwarece.html); minor inconsistencies were found, especially for finding the threshold for 'too rare' species. These inconsistencies are probably due to numerical differences between the two implementation. The current R implementation uses root finding for iso-lines instead of iterative search.

The original method (Chazdon et al. 2011) has two major problems:

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- 1. It assumes that the error distribution is multinomial. This is a justified choice if individuals are freely distributed, and there is no over-dispersion or clustering of individuals. In most ecological data, the variance is much higher than multinomial assumption, and therefore test statistic are too optimistic.
- 2. The original authors suggest that multiple testing adjustment for multiple testing should be based on the number of points (npoints) used to draw the critical lines on the plot, whereas the adjustment should be based on the number tests (i.e, tested species). The function uses the same numerical values as the original paper, but there is no automatic connection between npoints and alpha arguments, but you must work out the adjustment yourself.

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# References

Chazdon, R. L., Chao, A., Colwell, R. K., Lin, S.-Y., Norden, N., Letcher, S. G., Clark, D. B., Finegan, B. and Arroyo J. P.(2011). A novel statistical method for classifying habitat generalists and specialists. *Ecology* **92**, 1332–1343.

#### Examples

```
data(mite)
data(mite.env)
sol <- clamtest(mite, mite.env$Shrub=="None", alpha=0.005)
summary(sol)
head(sol)
plot(sol)</pre>
```

contribdiv

Contribution Diversity Approach

# Description

The contribution diversity approach is based in the differentiation of within-unit and among-unit diversity by using additive diversity partitioning and unit distinctiveness.

## Usage

```
contribdiv(comm, index = c("richness", "simpson"),
        relative = FALSE, scaled = TRUE, drop.zero = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'contribdiv'
plot(x, sub, xlab, ylab, ylim, col, ...)
```

#### Arguments

comm	The community data matrix with samples as rows and species as column.	
index	Character, the diversity index to be calculated.	
relative	Logical, if TRUE then contribution diversity values are expressed as their signed deviation from their mean. See details.	
scaled	Logical, if TRUE then relative contribution diversity values are scaled by the sum of gamma values (if index = "richness") or by sum of gamma values times the number of rows in comm (if index = "simpson"). See details.	
drop.zero	Logical, should empty rows dropped from the result? If empty rows are not dropped, their corresponding results will be NAs.	
x	An object of class "contribdiv".	
sub, xlab, ylab, ylim, col		
	Graphical arguments passed to plot.	
	Other arguments passed to plot.	

# Details

This approach was proposed by Lu et al. (2007). Additive diversity partitioning (see adipart for more references) deals with the relation of mean alpha and the total (gamma) diversity. Although alpha diversity values often vary considerably. Thus, contributions of the sites to the total diversity are uneven. This site specific contribution is measured by contribution diversity components. A unit that has e.g. many unique species will contribute more to the higher level (gamma) diversity than another unit with the same number of species, but all of which common.

Distinctiveness of species j can be defined as the number of sites where it occurs  $(n_j)$ , or the sum of its relative frequencies  $(p_j)$ . Relative frequencies are computed sitewise and  $sum_j p_i js$  at site i sum up to 1.

The contribution of site *i* to the total diversity is given by  $alpha_i = sum_j(1/n_ij)$  when dealing with richness and  $alpha_i = sum(p_{ij} * (1 - p_{ij}))$  for the Simpson index.

The unit distinctiveness of site *i* is the average of the species distinctiveness, averaging only those species which occur at site *i*. For species richness:  $alpha_i = mean(n_i)$  (in the paper, the second equation contains a typo, *n* is without index). For the Simpson index:  $alpha_i = mean(n_i)$ .

The Lu et al. (2007) gives an in-depth description of the different indices.

#### Value

An object of class "contribdiv" in heriting from data frame.

Returned values are alpha, beta and gamma components for each sites (rows) of the community matrix. The "diff.coef" attribute gives the differentiation coefficient (see Examples).

## Author(s)

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# decorana

### References

Lu, H. P., Wagner, H. H. and Chen, X. Y. 2007. A contribution diversity approach to evaluate species diversity. *Basic and Applied Ecology*, 8, 1–12.

## See Also

adipart, diversity

### Examples

```
## Artificial example given in
## Table 2 in Lu et al. 2007
x <- matrix(c(</pre>
1/3,1/3,1/3,0,0,0,
0,0,1/3,1/3,1/3,0,
0,0,0,1/3,1/3,1/3),
3, 6, byrow = TRUE,
dimnames = list(LETTERS[1:3],letters[1:6]))
х
## Compare results with Table 2
contribdiv(x, "richness")
contribdiv(x, "simpson")
## Relative contribution (C values), compare with Table 2
(cd1 <- contribdiv(x, "richness", relative = TRUE, scaled = FALSE))</pre>
(cd2 <- contribdiv(x, "simpson", relative = TRUE, scaled = FALSE))</pre>
## Differentiation coefficients
attr(cd1, "diff.coef") # D_ST
attr(cd2, "diff.coef") # D_DT
## BCI data set
data(BCI)
opar <- par(mfrow=c(2,2))</pre>
plot(contribdiv(BCI, "richness"), main = "Absolute")
plot(contribdiv(BCI, "richness", relative = TRUE), main = "Relative")
plot(contribdiv(BCI, "simpson"))
plot(contribdiv(BCI, "simpson", relative = TRUE))
par(opar)
```

decorana

Detrended Correspondence Analysis and Basic Reciprocal Averaging

### Description

Performs detrended correspondence analysis and basic reciprocal averaging or orthogonal correspondence analysis.

# Usage

```
decorana(veg, iweigh=0, iresc=4, ira=0, mk=26, short=0,
        before=NULL, after=NULL)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
plot(x, choices=c(1,2), origin=TRUE,
     display=c("both","sites","species","none"),
     cex = 0.8, cols = c(1,2), type, xlim, ylim, ...)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
text(x, display = c("sites", "species"), labels,
     choices = 1:2, origin = TRUE, select, ...)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
points(x, display = c("sites", "species"),
       choices=1:2, origin = TRUE, select, ...)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
summary(object, digits=3, origin=TRUE,
       display=c("both", "species", "sites", "none"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.decorana'
print(x, head = NA, tail = head, ...)
downweight(veg, fraction = 5)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
scores(x, display=c("sites","species"), choices=1:4,
      origin=TRUE, ...)
```

# Arguments

veg	Community data, a matrix-like object.
iweigh	Downweighting of rare species (0: no).
iresc	Number of rescaling cycles (0: no rescaling).
ira	Type of analysis (0: detrended, 1: basic reciprocal averaging).
mk	Number of segments in rescaling.
short	Shortest gradient to be rescaled.
before	Hill's piecewise transformation: values before transformation.
after	Hill's piecewise transformation: values after transformation – these must correspond to values in before.
x, object	A decorana result object.
choices	Axes shown.
origin	Use true origin even in detrended correspondence analysis.
display	Display only sites, only species, both or neither.

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cex	Plot character size.
cols	Colours used for sites and species.
type	Type of plots, partial match to "text", "points" or "none".
labels	Optional text to be used instead of row names.
select	Items to be displayed. This can either be a logical vector which is TRUE for displayed items or a vector of indices of displayed items.
xlim, ylim	the x and y limits (min,max) of the plot.
digits	Number of digits in summary output.
head, tail	Number of rows printed from the head and tail of species and site scores. Default NA prints all.
fraction	Abundance fraction where downweighting begins.
	Other arguments for plot function.

# Details

In late 1970s, correspondence analysis became the method of choice for ordination in vegetation science, since it seemed better able to cope with non-linear species responses than principal components analysis. However, even correspondence analysis can produce an arc-shaped configuration of a single gradient. Mark Hill developed detrended correspondence analysis to correct two assumed 'faults' in correspondence analysis: curvature of straight gradients and packing of sites at the ends of the gradient.

The curvature is removed by replacing the orthogonalization of axes with detrending. In orthogonalization successive axes are made non-correlated, but detrending should remove all systematic dependence between axes. Detrending is performed using a five-segment smoothing window with weights (1,2,3,2,1) on mk segments — which indeed is more robust than the suggested alternative of detrending by polynomials. The packing of sites at the ends of the gradient is undone by rescaling the axes after extraction. After rescaling, the axis is supposed to be scaled by 'SD' units, so that the average width of Gaussian species responses is supposed to be one over whole axis. Other innovations were the piecewise linear transformation of species abundances and downweighting of rare species which were regarded to have an unduly high influence on ordination axes.

It seems that detrending actually works by twisting the ordination space, so that the results look non-curved in two-dimensional projections ('lolly paper effect'). As a result, the points usually have an easily recognized triangular or diamond shaped pattern, obviously an artefact of detrending. Rescaling works differently than commonly presented, too. decorana does not use, or even evaluate, the widths of species responses. Instead, it tries to equalize the weighted variance of species scores on axis segments (parameter mk has only a small effect, since decorana finds the segment number from the current estimate of axis length). This equalizes response widths only for the idealized species packing model, where all species initially have unit width responses and equally spaced modes.

The summary method prints the ordination scores, possible prior weights used in downweighting, and the marginal totals after applying these weights. The plot method plots species and site scores. Classical decorana scaled the axes so that smallest site score was 0 (and smallest species score was negative), but summary, plot and scores use the true origin, unless origin = FALSE.

In addition to proper eigenvalues, the function also reports 'decorana values' in detrended analysis. These 'decorana values' are the values that the legacy code of decorana returns as 'eigenvalues'. They are estimated internally during iteration, and it seems that detrending interferes the estimation so that these values are generally too low and have unclear interpretation. Moreover, 'decorana values' are estimated before rescaling which will change the eigenvalues. The proper eigenvalues are estimated after extraction of the axes and they are the ratio of biased weighted variances of site and species scores even in detrended and rescaled solutions. The 'decorana values' are provided only for the compatibility with legacy software, and they should not be used.

# Value

decorana returns an object of class "decorana", which has print, summary and plot methods.

### Note

decorana uses the central numerical engine of the original Fortran code (which is in the public domain), or about 1/3 of the original program. I have tried to implement the original behaviour, although a great part of preparatory steps were written in R language, and may differ somewhat from the original code. However, well-known bugs are corrected and strict criteria used (Oksanen & Minchin 1997).

Please note that there really is no need for piecewise transformation or even downweighting within decorana, since there are more powerful and extensive alternatives in R, but these options are included for compliance with the original software. If a different fraction of abundance is needed in downweighting, function downweight must be applied before decorana. Function downweight indeed can be applied prior to correspondence analysis, and so it can be used together with cca, too.

The function finds only four axes: this is not easily changed.

#### Author(s)

Mark O. Hill wrote the original Fortran code, the R port was by Jari Oksanen.

## References

Hill, M.O. and Gauch, H.G. (1980). Detrended correspondence analysis: an improved ordination technique. *Vegetatio* **42**, 47–58.

Oksanen, J. and Minchin, P.R. (1997). Instability of ordination results under changes in input data order: explanations and remedies. *Journal of Vegetation Science* **8**, 447–454.

### See Also

For unconstrained ordination, non-metric multidimensional scaling in monoMDS may be more robust (see also metaMDS). Constrained (or 'canonical') correspondence analysis can be made with cca. Orthogonal correspondence analysis can be made with corresp, or with decorana or cca, but the scaling of results vary (and the one in decorana corresponds to scaling = -1 in cca.). See predict.decorana for adding new points to an ordination.

# Examples

```
data(varespec)
vare.dca <- decorana(varespec)
vare.dca</pre>
```

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```
summary(vare.dca)
plot(vare.dca)
### the detrending rationale:
gaussresp <- function(x,u) exp(-(x-u)^{2/2})
x <- seq(0,6,length=15) ## The gradient</pre>
u <- seq(-2,8,len=23) ## The optima
pack <- outer(x,u,gaussresp)</pre>
matplot(x, pack, type="l", main="Species packing")
opar <- par(mfrow=c(2,2))</pre>
plot(scores(prcomp(pack)), asp=1, type="b", main="PCA")
plot(scores(decorana(pack, ira=1)), asp=1, type="b", main="CA")
plot(scores(decorana(pack)), asp=1, type="b", main="DCA")
plot(scores(cca(pack ~ x), dis="sites"), asp=1, type="b", main="CCA")
### Let's add some noise:
noisy <- (0.5 + runif(length(pack)))*pack</pre>
par(mfrow=c(2,1))
matplot(x, pack, type="1", main="Ideal model")
matplot(x, noisy, type="1", main="Noisy model")
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
plot(scores(prcomp(noisy)), type="b", main="PCA", asp=1)
plot(scores(decorana(noisy, ira=1)), type="b", main="CA", asp=1)
plot(scores(decorana(noisy)), type="b", main="DCA", asp=1)
plot(scores(cca(noisy ~ x), dis="sites"), asp=1, type="b", main="CCA")
par(opar)
```

decostand

Standardization Methods for Community Ecology

### Description

The function provides some popular (and effective) standardization methods for community ecologists.

### Usage

```
decostand(x, method, MARGIN, range.global, logbase = 2, na.rm=FALSE, ...)
```

wisconsin(x)

#### Arguments

Х	Community data, a matrix-like object.
method	Standardization method. See Details for available options.
MARGIN	Margin, if default is not acceptable. $1 = rows$ , and $2 = columns of x$ .
range.global	Matrix from which the range is found in method = "range". This allows using same ranges across subsets of data. The dimensions of MARGIN must match with x.

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logbase	The logarithm base used in method = " $log$ ".
na.rm	Ignore missing values in row or column standardizations.
	Other arguments to the function (ignored).

### Details

The function offers following standardization methods for community data:

- total: divide by margin total (default MARGIN = 1).
- max: divide by margin maximum (default MARGIN = 2).
- freq: divide by margin maximum and multiply by the number of non-zero items, so that the average of non-zero entries is one (Oksanen 1983; default MARGIN = 2).
- normalize: make margin sum of squares equal to one (default MARGIN = 1).
- range: standardize values into range 0 ... 1 (default MARGIN = 2). If all values are constant, they will be transformed to 0.
- standardize: scale x to zero mean and unit variance (default MARGIN = 2).
- pa: scale x to presence/absence scale (0/1).
- chi.square: divide by row sums and square root of column sums, and adjust for square root of matrix total (Legendre & Gallagher 2001). When used with the Euclidean distance, the distances should be similar to the Chi-square distance used in correspondence analysis. However, the results from cmdscale would still differ, since CA is a weighted ordination method (default MARGIN = 1).
- hellinger: square root of method = "total" (Legendre & Gallagher 2001).
- log: logarithmic transformation as suggested by Anderson et al. (2006):  $\log_b(x) + 1$  for x > 0, where b is the base of the logarithm; zeros are left as zeros. Higher bases give less weight to quantities and more to presences, and logbase = Inf gives the presence/absence scaling. Please note this is *not*  $\log(x + 1)$ . Anderson et al. (2006) suggested this for their (strongly) modified Gower distance (implemented as method = "altGower" in vegdist), but the standardization can be used independently of distance indices.

Standardization, as contrasted to transformation, means that the entries are transformed relative to other entries.

All methods have a default margin. MARGIN=1 means rows (sites in a normal data set) and MARGIN=2 means columns (species in a normal data set).

Command wisconsin is a shortcut to common Wisconsin double standardization where species (MARGIN=2) are first standardized by maxima (max) and then sites (MARGIN=1) by site totals (tot).

Most standardization methods will give nonsense results with negative data entries that normally should not occur in the community data. If there are empty sites or species (or constant with method = "range"), many standardization will change these into NaN.

#### Value

Returns the standardized data frame, and adds an attribute "decostand" giving the name of applied standardization "method".

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## Note

Common transformations can be made with standard R functions.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen and Etienne Laliberté (method = "log").

# References

Anderson, M.J., Ellingsen, K.E. & McArdle, B.H. (2006) Multivariate dispersion as a measure of beta diversity. *Ecology Letters* **9**, 683–693.

Legendre, P. & Gallagher, E.D. (2001) Ecologically meaningful transformations for ordination of species data. *Oecologia* **129**, 271–280.

Oksanen, J. (1983) Ordination of boreal heath-like vegetation with principal component analysis, correspondence analysis and multidimensional scaling. *Vegetatio* **52**, 181–189.

### Examples

```
data(varespec)
sptrans <- decostand(varespec, "max")
apply(sptrans, 2, max)
sptrans <- wisconsin(varespec)
## Chi-square: PCA similar but not identical to CA.</pre>
```

```
## Use wcmdscale for weighted analysis and identical results.
sptrans <- decostand(varespec, "chi.square")
plot(procrustes(rda(sptrans), cca(varespec)))</pre>
```

density.adonis Kernel Density Estimation for Permutation Results in Vegan

# Description

The density functions can directly access the permutation results of **vegan** functions, and plot can display the densities. The densityplot method can access and display the permutation results of functions that return permutations of several statistics simultaneously.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'adonis'
density(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'vegandensity'
plot(x, main = NULL, xlab = NULL, ylab = "Density",
   type = "1", zero.line = TRUE, obs.line = TRUE, ...)
```

#### Arguments

х	The object to be handled. For density and densityplot this is an object con- taining permutations. For plot this is a result of <b>vegan</b> density function.	
main, xlab, ylab, type, zero.line		
	Arguments of plot.density and densityplot functions.	
obs.line	Draw vertical line for the observed statistic. Logical value TRUE draws a red line, and FALSE draws nothing. Alternatively, obs.line can be a definition of the colour used for the line, either as a numerical value from the palette or as the name of the colour, or other normal definition of the colour.	
	Other arguments passed to the function. In density these are passed to density.default.	

# Details

The density and densityplot function can directly access permutation results of most **vegan** functions. The density function is identical to density.default and takes all its arguments, but adds the observed statistic to the result as item "observed". The observed statistic is also put among the permuted values so that the results are consistent with significance tests. The plot method is similar to the default plot.density, but can also add the observed statistic to the graph as a vertical line. The densityplot function is based on the same function in the **lattice** package (see densityplot).

The density methods are available for **vegan** functions adonis, anosim, mantel, mantel.partial, mrpp, permutest.cca, and protest. The density function for oecosimu is documented separately, and it is also used for adipart, hiersimu and multipart.

All **vegan** density functions return an object of class "vegandensity" inheriting from density, and can be plotted with its plot method. This is identical to the standard plot of density objects, but can also add a vertical line for the observed statistic.

Functions that can return several permuted statistics simultaenously also have densityplot method (adonis, oecosimu and diversity partioning functions based on oecosimu). The standard density can only handle univariate data, and a warning is issued if the function is used for a model with several observed statistics. The densityplot method is available for adonis and oecosimu (documented separately). NB, there is no density method for anova.cca, but only for permutest.cca.

## Value

The density function returns the standard density result object with one new item: "observed" for the observed value of the statistic. The functions have a specific plot method, but otherwise they use methods for density.default, such as print and lines.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

### See Also

density.default.

# designdist

# Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- adonis(dune ~ Management, data = dune.env)
plot(density(mod))
library(lattice)
mod <- adonis(dune ~ Management * Moisture, dune.env)
densityplot(mod)</pre>
```

designdist

Design your own Dissimilarities

# Description

You can define your own dissimilarities using terms for shared and total quantities, number of rows and number of columns. The shared and total quantities can be binary, quadratic or minimum terms. In binary terms, the shared component is number of shared species, and totals are numbers of species on sites. The quadratic terms are cross-products and sums of squares, and minimum terms are sums of parallel minima and row totals.

### Usage

designdist(x, method = "(A+B-2\*J)/(A+B)", terms = c("binary", "quadratic", "minimum"), abcd = FALSE, name)

# Arguments

х	Input data.
method	Equation for your dissimilarities. This can use terms J for shared quantity, A and B for totals, N for the number of rows (sites) and P for the number of columns (species). The equation can also contain any R functions that accepts vector arguments and returns vectors of the same length.
terms	How shared and total components are found. For vectors x and y the "quadratic" terms are $J = sum(x*y)$ , $A = sum(x^2)$ , $B = sum(y^2)$ , and "minimum" terms are $J = sum(pmin(x,y))$ , $A = sum(x)$ and $B = sum(y)$ , and "binary" terms are either of these after transforming data into binary form (shared number of species, and number of species for each row).
abcd	Use 2x2 contingency table notation for binary data: $a$ is the number of shared species, $b$ and $c$ are the numbers of species occurring only one of the sites but not in both, and $d$ is the number of species that occur on neither of the sites.
name	The name you want to use for your index. The default is to combine the method equation and terms argument.

### Details

Most popular dissimilarity measures in ecology can be expressed with the help of terms J, A and B, and some also involve matrix dimensions N and P. Some examples you can define in designdist are:

A+B-2*J	"quadratic"	squared Euclidean
A+B-2*J	"minimum"	Manhattan
(A+B-2*J)/(A+B)	"minimum"	Bray-Curtis
(A+B-2*J)/(A+B)	"binary"	Sørensen
(A+B-2*J)/(A+B-J)	"binary"	Jaccard
(A+B-2*J)/(A+B-J)	"minimum"	Ružička
(A+B-2*J)/(A+B-J)	"quadratic"	(dis)similarity ratio
1-J/sqrt(A*B)	"binary"	Ochiai
1-J/sqrt(A*B)	"quadratic"	cosine complement
1-phyper(J-1, A, P-A, B)	"binary"	Raup-Crick (but see raupcrick)

The function designdist can implement most dissimilarity indices in vegdist or elsewhere, and it can also be used to implement many other indices, amongst them, most of those described in Legendre & Legendre (2012). It can also be used to implement all indices of beta diversity described in Koleff et al. (2003), but there also is a specific function betadiver for the purpose.

If you want to implement binary dissimilarities based on the 2x2 contingency table notation, you can set abcd = TRUE. In this notation a = J, b = A-J, c = B-J, d = P-A-B+J. This notation is often used instead of the more more tangible default notation for reasons that are opaque to me.

# Value

designdist returns an object of class dist.

### Note

designdist does not use compiled code, and may be slow or use plenty of memory in large data sets. It is very easy to make errors when defining a function by hand. If an index is available in a function using compiled code, it is better to use the canned alternative.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

## References

Koleff, P., Gaston, K.J. and Lennon, J.J. (2003) Measuring beta diversity for presence–absence data. *J. Animal Ecol.* **72**, 367–382.

Legendre, P. and Legendre, L. (2012) Numerical Ecology. 3rd English ed. Elsevier

## See Also

vegdist, betadiver, dist.

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# deviance.cca

## Examples

```
## Arrhenius dissimilarity: the value of z in the species-area model
## S = c*A^z when combining two sites of equal areas, where S is the
## number of species, A is the area, and c and z are model parameters.
## The A below is not the area (which cancels out), but number of
## species in one of the sites, as defined in designdist().
data(BCI)
dis <- designdist(BCI, "(log(A+B-J)-log(A+B)+log(2))/log(2)")
## This can be used in clustering or ordination...
ordiplot(cmdscale(dis))
## ... or in analysing beta diversity (without gradients)
summary(dis)
```

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Statistics Resembling Deviance and AIC for Constrained Ordination

# Description

The functions extract statistics that resemble deviance and AIC from the result of constrained correspondence analysis cca or redundancy analysis rda. These functions are rarely needed directly, but they are called by step in automatic model building. Actually, cca and rda do not have AIC and these functions are certainly wrong.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cca'
deviance(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
extractAIC(fit, scale = 0, k = 2, ...)
```

### Arguments

object	the result of a constrained ordination (cca or rda).
fit	fitted model from constrained ordination.
scale	optional numeric specifying the scale parameter of the model, see scale in step.
k	numeric specifying the "weight" of the <i>equivalent degrees of freedom</i> (=:edf) part in the AIC formula.
	further arguments.

## Details

The functions find statistics that resemble deviance and AIC in constrained ordination. Actually, constrained ordination methods do not have a log-Likelihood, which means that they cannot have AIC and deviance. Therefore you should not use these functions, and if you use them, you should not trust them. If you use these functions, it remains as your responsibility to check the adequacy of the result.

The deviance of cca is equal to the Chi-square of the residual data matrix after fitting the constraints. The deviance of rda is defined as the residual sum of squares. The deviance function of rda is also used for capscale. Function extractAIC mimics extractAIC.lm in translating deviance to AIC.

There is little need to call these functions directly. However, they are called implicitly in step function used in automatic selection of constraining variables. You should check the resulting model with some other criteria, because the statistics used here are unfounded. In particular, the penalty k is not properly defined, and the default k = 2 is not justified theoretically. If you have only continuous covariates, the step function will base the model building on magnitude of eigenvalues, and the value of k only influences the stopping point (but the variables with the highest eigenvalues are not necessarily the most significant in permutation tests in anova.cca). If you also have multiclass factors, the value of k will have a capricious effect in model building. The step function will pass arguments to add1.cca and drop1.cca, and setting test = "permutation" will provide permutation tests of each deletion and addition which can help in judging the validity of the model building.

#### Value

The deviance functions return "deviance", and extractAIC returns effective degrees of freedom and "AIC".

## Note

These functions are unfounded and untested and they should not be used directly or implicitly. Moreover, usual caveats in using step are very valid.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# References

Godínez-Domínguez, E. & Freire, J. (2003) Information-theoretic approach for selection of spatial and temporal models of community organization. *Marine Ecology Progress Series* **253**, 17–24.

#### See Also

cca, rda, anova.cca, step, extractAIC, add1.cca, drop1.cca.

### Examples

# The deviance of correspondence analysis equals Chi-square
data(dune)
data(dune.env)

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```
chisq.test(dune)
deviance(cca(dune))
# Stepwise selection (forward from an empty model "dune ~ 1")
ord <- cca(dune ~ ., dune.env)
step(cca(dune ~ 1, dune.env), scope = formula(ord))
```

dispindmorisita Morisita index of intraspecific aggregation

### Description

Calculates the Morisita index of dispersion, standardized index values, and the so called clumpedness and uniform indices.

### Usage

dispindmorisita(x, unique.rm = FALSE, crit = 0.05, na.rm = FALSE)

# Arguments

х	community data matrix, with sites (samples) as rows and species as columns.
unique.rm	logical, if TRUE, unique species (occurring in only one sample) are removed from the result.
crit	two-sided p-value used to calculate critical Chi-squared values.
na.rm	logical. Should missing values (including NaN) be omitted from the calculations?

### Details

The Morisita index of dispersion is defined as (Morisita 1959, 1962):

Imor = n \* (sum(xi^2) - sum(xi)) / (sum(xi)^2 - sum(xi))

where xi is the count of individuals in sample *i*, and *n* is the number of samples (i = 1, 2, ..., n). *Imor* has values from 0 to *n*. In uniform (hyperdispersed) patterns its value falls between 0 and 1, in clumped patterns it falls between 1 and *n*. For increasing sample sizes (i.e. joining neighbouring quadrats), *Imor* goes to *n* as the quadrat size approaches clump size. For random patterns, *Imor* = 1 and counts in the samples follow Poisson frequency distribution.

The deviation from random expectation (null hypothesis) can be tested using critical values of the Chi-squared distribution with n - 1 degrees of freedom. Confidence intervals around 1 can be calculated by the clumped *Mclu* and uniform *Muni* indices (Hairston et al. 1971, Krebs 1999) (Chi2Lower and Chi2Upper refers to e.g. 0.025 and 0.975 quantile values of the Chi-squared distribution with n - 1 degrees of freedom, respectively, for crit = 0.05):

```
Mclu = (Chi2Lower - n + sum(xi)) / (sum(xi) - 1)
Muni = (Chi2Upper - n + sum(xi)) / (sum(xi) - 1)
```

Smith-Gill (1975) proposed scaling of Morisita index from [0, n] interval into [-1, 1], and setting up -0.5 and 0.5 values as confidence limits around random distribution with rescaled value 0. To

rescale the Morisita index, one of the following four equations apply to calculate the standardized index *Imst*:

(a) Imor >= Mclu > 1: Imst = 0.5 + 0.5 (Imor - Mclu) / (n - Mclu),
(b) Mclu > Imor >= 1: Imst = 0.5 (Imor - 1) / (Mclu - 1),
(c) 1 > Imor > Muni: Imst = -0.5 (Imor - 1) / (Muni - 1),
(d) 1 > Muni > Imor: Imst = -0.5 + 0.5 (Imor - Muni) / Muni.

## Value

Returns a data frame with as many rows as the number of columns in the input data, and with four columns. Columns are: imor the unstandardized Morisita index, mclu the clumpedness index, muni the uniform index, imst the standardized Morisita index, pchisq the Chi-squared based probability for the null hypothesis of random expectation.

# Note

A common error found in several papers is that when standardizing as in the case (b), the denominator is given as Muni - 1. This results in a hiatus in the [0, 0.5] interval of the standardized index. The root of this typo is the book of Krebs (1999), see the Errata for the book (Page 217, http://www.zoology.ubc.ca/~krebs/downloads/errors\_2nd\_printing.pdf).

#### Author(s)

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# Examples

```
data(dune)
x <- dispindmorisita(dune)
x
y <- dispindmorisita(dune, unique.rm = TRUE)
y
dim(x) ## with unique species
dim(y) ## unique species removed</pre>
```

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### Description

Function distconnected finds groups that are connected disregarding dissimilarities that are at or above a threshold or NA. The function can be used to find groups that can be ordinated together or transformed by stepacross. Function no.shared returns a logical dissimilarity object, where TRUE means that sites have no species in common. This is a minimal structure for distconnected or can be used to set missing values to dissimilarities.

## Usage

distconnected(dis, toolong = 1, trace = TRUE)

no.shared(x)

### Arguments

dis	Dissimilarity data inheriting from class dist or a an object, such as a matrix, that can be converted to a dissimilarity matrix. Functions vegdist and dist are some functions producing suitable dissimilarity data.
toolong	Shortest dissimilarity regarded as NA. The function uses a fuzz factor, so that dissimilarities close to the limit will be made NA, too. If toolong = $0$ (or negative), no dissimilarity is regarded as too long.
trace	Summarize results of distconnected
х	Community data.

# Details

Data sets are disconnected if they have sample plots or groups of sample plots which share no species with other sites or groups of sites. Such data sets cannot be sensibly ordinated by any unconstrained method because these subsets cannot be related to each other. For instance, correspondence analysis will polarize these subsets with eigenvalue 1. Neither can such dissimilarities be transformed with stepacross, because there is no path between all points, and result will contain NAs. Function distconnected will find such subsets in dissimilarity matrices. The function will return a grouping vector that can be used for sub-setting the data. If data are connected, the result vector will be all 1s. The connectedness between two points can be defined either by a threshold toolong or using input dissimilarities with NAs.

Function no.shared returns a dist structure having value TRUE when two sites have nothing in common, and value FALSE when they have at least one shared species. This is a minimal structure that can be analysed with distconnected. The function can be used to select dissimilarities with no shared species in indices which do not have a fixed upper limit.

Function distconnected uses depth-first search (Sedgewick 1990).

### Value

Function distconnected returns a vector for observations using integers to identify connected groups. If the data are connected, values will be all 1. Function no.shared returns an object of class dist.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# References

Sedgewick, R. (1990). Algorithms in C. Addison Wesley.

# See Also

vegdist or dist for getting dissimilarities, stepacross for a case where you may need distconnected, and for connecting points spantree.

# Examples

```
## There are no disconnected data in vegan, and the following uses an
## extremely low threshold limit for connectedness. This is for
## illustration only, and not a recommended practice.
data(dune)
dis <- vegdist(dune)
gr <- distconnected(dis, toolong=0.4)
# Make sites with no shared species as NA in Manhattan dissimilarities
dis <- vegdist(dune, "manhattan")
is.na(dis) <- no.shared(dune)</pre>
```

diversity

Ecological Diversity Indices and Rarefaction Species Richness

#### Description

Shannon, Simpson, and Fisher diversity indices and rarefied species richness for community ecologists.

### Usage

```
diversity(x, index = "shannon", MARGIN = 1, base = exp(1))
rarefy(x, sample, se = FALSE, MARGIN = 1)
rrarefy(x, sample)
drarefy(x, sample)
rarecurve(x, step = 1, sample, xlab = "Sample Size", ylab = "Species",
    label = TRUE, ...)
fisher.alpha(x, MARGIN = 1, se = FALSE, ...)
specnumber(x, groups, MARGIN = 1)
```

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#### Arguments

х	Community data, a matrix-like object or a vector.
index	Diversity index, one of "shannon", "simpson" or "invsimpson".
MARGIN	Margin for which the index is computed.
base	The logarithm base used in shannon.
sample	Subsample size for rarefying community, either a single value or a vector.
se	Estimate standard errors.
step	Step size for sample sizes in rarefaction curves.
xlab, ylab	Axis labels in plots of rarefaction curves.
label	Label rarefaction curves by rownames of x (logical).
groups	A grouping factor: if given, finds the total number of species in each group.
	Parameters passed to nlm, or to plot, lines and ordilabel in rarecurve.

#### Details

Shannon or Shannon–Weaver (or Shannon–Wiener) index is defined as  $H' = -\sum_i p_i \log_b p_i$ , where  $p_i$  is the proportional abundance of species *i* and *b* is the base of the logarithm. It is most popular to use natural logarithms, but some argue for base b = 2 (which makes sense, but no real difference).

Both variants of Simpson's index are based on  $D = \sum p_i^2$ . Choice simpson returns 1 - D and invsimpson returns 1/D.

Function rarefy gives the expected species richness in random subsamples of size sample from the community. The size of sample should be smaller than total community size, but the function will silently work for larger sample as well and return non-rarefied species richness (and standard error = 0). If sample is a vector, rarefaction of all observations is performed for each sample size separately. Rarefaction can be performed only with genuine counts of individuals. The function rarefy is based on Hurlbert's (1971) formulation, and the standard errors on Heck et al. (1975).

Function rrarefy generates one randomly rarefied community data frame or vector of given sample size. The sample can be a vector giving the sample sizes for each row, and its values must be less or equal to observed number of individuals. The random rarefaction is made without replacement so that the variance of rarefied communities is rather related to rarefaction proportion than to to the size of the sample.

Function drarefy returns probabilities that species occur in a rarefied community of size sample. The sample can be a vector giving the sample sizes for each row.

Function rarecurve draws a rarefaction curve for each row of the input data. The rarefaction curves are evaluated using the interval of step sample sizes, always including 1 and total sample size. If sample is specified, a vertical line is drawn at sample with horizontal lines for the rarefied species richnesses.

fisher.alpha estimates the  $\alpha$  parameter of Fisher's logarithmic series (see fisherfit). The estimation is possible only for genuine counts of individuals. The function can optionally return standard errors of  $\alpha$ . These should be regarded only as rough indicators of the accuracy: the confidence limits of  $\alpha$  are strongly non-symmetric and the standard errors cannot be used in Normal inference.

Function specnumber finds the number of species. With MARGIN = 2, it finds frequencies of species. If groups is given, finds the total number of species in each group (see example on finding one kind of beta diversity with this option).

Better stories can be told about Simpson's index than about Shannon's index, and still grander narratives about rarefaction (Hurlbert 1971). However, these indices are all very closely related (Hill 1973), and there is no reason to despise one more than others (but if you are a graduate student, don't drag me in, but obey your Professor's orders). In particular, the exponent of the Shannon index is linearly related to inverse Simpson (Hill 1973) although the former may be more sensitive to rare species. Moreover, inverse Simpson is asymptotically equal to rarefied species richness in sample of two individuals, and Fisher's  $\alpha$  is very similar to inverse Simpson.

#### Value

A vector of diversity indices or rarefied species richness values. With a single sample and se = TRUE, function rarefy returns a 2-row matrix with rarefied richness (S) and its standard error (se). If sample is a vector in rarefy, the function returns a matrix with a column for each sample size, and if se = TRUE, rarefied richness and its standard error are on consecutive lines.

Function rarecurve returns invisible list of rarefy results corresponding each drawn curve.

With option se = TRUE, function fisher.alpha returns a data frame with items for  $\alpha$  (alpha), its approximate standard errors (se), residual degrees of freedom (df.residual), and the code returned by nlm on the success of estimation.

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen and Bob O'Hara (fisher.alpha).

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### See Also

Function renyi for generalized Rényi diversity and Hill numbers.

### Examples

```
data(BCI)
H <- diversity(BCI)
simp <- diversity(BCI, "simpson")
invsimp <- diversity(BCI, "inv")
## Unbiased Simpson of Hurlbert 1971 (eq. 5):
unbias.simp <- rarefy(BCI, 2) - 1
## Fisher alpha</pre>
```

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```
alpha <- fisher.alpha(BCI)</pre>
## Plot all
pairs(cbind(H, simp, invsimp, unbias.simp, alpha), pch="+", col="blue")
## Species richness (S) and Pielou's evenness (J):
S <- specnumber(BCI) ## rowSums(BCI > 0) does the same...
J <- H/log(S)
## beta diversity defined as gamma/alpha - 1:
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
alpha <- with(dune.env, tapply(specnumber(dune), Management, mean))</pre>
gamma <- with(dune.env, specnumber(dune, Management))</pre>
gamma/alpha - 1
## Rarefaction
(raremax <- min(rowSums(BCI)))</pre>
Srare <- rarefy(BCI, raremax)</pre>
plot(S, Srare, xlab = "Observed No. of Species", ylab = "Rarefied No. of Species")
abline(0, 1)
rarecurve(BCI, step = 20, sample = raremax, col = "blue", cex = 0.6)
```

```
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```

Vegetation and Environment in Dutch Dune Meadows.

#### Description

The dune meadow vegetation data, dune, has cover class values of 30 species on 20 sites. The corresponding environmental data frame dune.env has following entries:

#### Usage

data(dune)
data(dune.env)

#### Format

For dune, a data frame of observations of 30 species at 20 sites.

For dune.env, a data frame of 20 observations on the following 5 variables:

A1: a numeric vector of thickness of soil A1 horizon.

**Moisture:** an ordered factor with levels: 1 < 2 < 4 < 5.

**Management:** a factor with levels: BF (Biological farming), HF (Hobby farming), NM (Nature Conservation Management), and SF (Standard Farming).

Use: an ordered factor of land-use with levels: Hayfield < Haypastu < Pasture.

**Manure:** an ordered factor with levels: 0 < 1 < 2 < 3 < 4.

# Source

Jongman, R.H.G, ter Braak, C.J.F & van Tongeren, O.F.R. (1987). *Data Analysis in Community and Landscape Ecology*. Pudoc, Wageningen.

### Examples

data(dune)

data(dune.env)

dune.taxon

# Taxonomic Classification of Dune Meadow Species

### Description

Classification table of the species in the dune data set.

# Usage

```
data(dune.taxon)
```

# Format

A data frame with 30 species (rows) classified into five taxonomic levels (columns).

### Details

The classification of vascular plants is adapted from AGP (2003), and that of mosses from Hill et al. (2006).

#### Note

The data set was made to demonstrate taxondive, and will probably be removed after a better example is found.

# References

AGP [Angiosperm Phylogeny Group] (2003) An update of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group classification for the orders and families of flowering plants: AGP II. *Bot. J. Linnean Soc.* **141**: 399–436.

Hill, M.O et al. (2006) An annotated checklist of the mosses of Europe and Macaronesia. J. Bryology 28: 198–267.

# Examples

data(dune.taxon)

eigenvals

#### Description

Function extracts eigenvalues from an object that has them. Many multivariate methods return such objects.

#### Usage

```
eigenvals(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
eigenvals(x, constrained = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'eigenvals'
summary(object, ...)
```

#### Arguments

х	An object from which to extract eigenvalues.
object	An eigenvals result object.
constrained	Return only constrained eigenvalues.
	Other arguments to the functions (usually ignored)

#### Details

This is a generic function that has methods for cca, wcmdscale, pcnm, prcomp, princomp, dudi (of **ade4**), and pca and pco (of **labdsv**) result objects. The default method also extracts eigenvalues if the result looks like being from eigen or svd. Functions prcomp and princomp contain square roots of eigenvalues that all called standard deviations, but eigenvals function returns their squares. Function svd contains singular values, but function eigenvals returns their squares. For constrained ordination methods cca, rda and capscale the function returns the both constrained and unconstrained eigenvalues concatenated in one vector, but the partial component will be ignored. However, with argument constrained = TRUE only constrained eigenvalues are returned.

The summary of eigenvals result returns eigenvalues, proportion explained and cumulative proportion explained. The result object can have some negative eigenvalues (wcmdscale, capscale, pcnm) which correspond to imaginary axes of Euclidean mapping of non-Euclidean distances (Gower 1985). In these cases, the sum of absolute values of eigenvalues is used in calculating the proportions explained, and real axes (corresponding to positive eigenvalues) will only explain a part of total variation (Mardia et al. 1979, Gower 1985).

# Value

An object of class "eigenvals" which is a vector of eigenvalues.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen.

### References

Gower, J. C. (1985). Properties of Euclidean and non-Euclidean distance matrices. *Linear Algebra and its Applications* 67, 81–97.

Mardia, K. V., Kent, J. T. and Bibby, J. M. (1979). Chapter 14 of *Multivariate Analysis*, London: Academic Press.

#### See Also

eigen, svd, prcomp, princomp, cca, rda, capscale, wcmdscale, cca.object.

#### Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
mod <- cca(varespec ~ Al + P + K, varechem)
ev <- eigenvals(mod)
ev
summary(ev)</pre>
```

envfit

#### Fits an Environmental Vector or Factor onto an Ordination

#### Description

The function fits environmental vectors or factors onto an ordination. The projections of points onto vectors have maximum correlation with corresponding environmental variables, and the factors show the averages of factor levels.

### Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
envfit(ord, env, permutations = 999, strata, choices=c(1,2),
    display = "sites", w = weights(ord), na.rm = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
envfit(formula, data, ...)
## S3 method for class 'envfit'
plot(x, choices = c(1,2), labels, arrow.mul, at = c(0,0),
    axis = FALSE, p.max = NULL, col = "blue", bg, add = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'envfit'
scores(x, display, choices, ...)
vectorfit(X, P, permutations = 0, strata, w, ...)
factorfit(X, P, permutations = 0, strata, w, ...)
```

# envfit

# Arguments

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ord	An ordination object or other structure from which the ordination scores can be extracted (including a data frame or matrix of scores).
env	Data frame, matrix or vector of environmental variables. The variables can be of mixed type (factors, continuous variables) in data frames.
Х	Matrix or data frame of ordination scores.
Ρ	Data frame, matrix or vector of environmental variable(s). These must be con- tinuous for vectorfit and factors or characters for factorfit.
permutations	Number of permutations for assessing significance of vectors or factors. Set to 0 to skip permutations.
formula, data	Model formula and data.
na.rm	Remove points with missing values in ordination scores or environmental variables. The operation is casewise: the whole row of data is removed if there is a missing value and $na.rm = TRUE$ .
x	A result object from envfit.
choices	Axes to plotted.
labels	Change plotting labels. The argument should be a list with elements vectors and factors which give the new plotting labels. If either of these elements is omitted, the default labels will be used. If there is only one type of elements (only vectors or only factors), the labels can be given as vector. The default labels can be displayed with labels command.
arrow.mul	Multiplier for vector lengths. The arrows are automatically scaled similarly as in plot.cca if this is not given and add = TRUE.
at	The origin of fitted arrows in the plot. If you plot arrows in other places then origin, you probably have to specify arrrow.mul.
axis	Plot axis showing the scaling of fitted arrows.
p.max	Maximum estimated $P$ value for displayed variables. You must calculate $P$ values with setting permutations to use this option.
col	Colour in plotting.
bg	Background colour for labels. If bg is set, the labels are displayed with ordilabel instead of text. See Examples for using semitransparent background.
add	Results added to an existing ordination plot.
strata	An integer vector or factor specifying the strata for permutation. If supplied, observations are permuted only within the specified strata.
display	In fitting functions these are ordinary site scores or linear combination scores ("lc") in constrained ordination (cca, rda, capscale). In scores function they are either "vectors" or "factors" (with synonyms "bp" or "cn", resp.).
W	Weights used in fitting (concerns mainly cca and decorana results which have nonconstant weights).
	Parameters passed to scores.

### Details

Function envfit finds vectors or factor averages of environmental variables. Function plot.envfit adds these in an ordination diagram. If X is a data.frame, envfit uses factorfit for factor variables and vectorfit for other variables. If X is a matrix or a vector, envfit uses only vectorfit. Alternatively, the model can be defined a simplified model formula, where the left hand side must be an ordination result object or a matrix of ordination scores, and right hand side lists the environmental variables. The formula interface can be used for easier selection and/or transformation of environmental variables. Only the main effects will be analysed even if interaction terms were defined in the formula.

The printed output of continuous variables (vectors) gives the direction cosines which are the coordinates of the heads of unit length vectors. In plot these are scaled by their correlation (square root of the column r2) so that "weak" predictors have shorter arrows than "strong" predictors. You can see the scaled relative lengths using command scores. The plotted (and scaled) arrows are further adjusted to the current graph using a constant multiplier: this will keep the relative r2-scaled lengths of the arrows but tries to fill the current plot. You can see the multiplier using vegan:::ordiArrowMul(result\_of\_envfit), and set it with the argument arrow.mul.

Functions vectorfit and factorfit can be called directly. Function vectorfit finds directions in the ordination space towards which the environmental vectors change most rapidly and to which they have maximal correlations with the ordination configuration. Function factorfit finds averages of ordination scores for factor levels. Function factorfit treats ordered and unordered factors similarly.

If permutations > 0, the 'significance' of fitted vectors or factors is assessed using permutation of environmental variables. The goodness of fit statistic is squared correlation coefficient  $(r^2)$ . For factors this is defined as  $r^2 = 1 - ss_w/ss_t$ , where  $ss_w$  and  $ss_t$  are within-group and total sums of squares. See permutations for additional details on permutation tests in Vegan.

User can supply a vector of prior weights w. If the ordination object has weights, these will be used. In practise this means that the row totals are used as weights with cca or decorana results. If you do not like this, but want to give equal weights to all sites, you should set w = NULL. The weighted fitting gives similar results to biplot arrows and class centroids in cca. For complete similarity between fitted vectors and biplot arrows, you should set display = "lc" (and possibly scaling = 2).

The lengths of arrows for fitted vectors are automatically adjusted for the physical size of the plot, and the arrow lengths cannot be compared across plots. For similar scaling of arrows, you must explicitly set the arrow.mul argument in the plot command.

The results can be accessed with scores.envfit function which returns either the fitted vectors scaled by correlation coefficient or the centroids of the fitted environmental variables.

### Value

Functions vectorfit and factorfit return lists of classes vectorfit and factorfit which have a print method. The result object have the following items:

arrows	Arrow endpoints from vectorfit. The arrows are scaled to unit length.
centroids	Class centroids from factorfit.
r	Goodness of fit statistic: Squared correlation coefficient
permutations	Number of permutations.

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pvals Empirical P-values for each variable.

Function envfit returns a list of class envfit with results of vectorfit and envfit as items.

Function plot.envfit scales the vectors by correlation.

#### Note

Fitted vectors have become the method of choice in displaying environmental variables in ordination. Indeed, they are the optimal way of presenting environmental variables in Constrained Correspondence Analysis cca, since there they are the linear constraints. In unconstrained ordination the relation between external variables and ordination configuration may be less linear, and therefore other methods than arrows may be more useful. The simplest is to adjust the plotting symbol sizes (cex, symbols) by environmental variables. Fancier methods involve smoothing and regression methods that abound in R, and ordisurf provides a wrapper for some.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen. The permutation test derives from the code suggested by Michael Scroggie.

#### See Also

A better alternative to vectors may be ordisurf.

# Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
librarv(MASS)
ord <- metaMDS(varespec)</pre>
(fit <- envfit(ord, varechem, perm = 999))</pre>
scores(fit, "vectors")
plot(ord)
plot(fit)
plot(fit, p.max = 0.05, col = "red")
## Adding fitted arrows to CCA. We use "lc" scores, and hope
## that arrows are scaled similarly in cca and envfit plots
ord <- cca(varespec ~ Al + P + K, varechem)
plot(ord, type="p")
fit <- envfit(ord, varechem, perm = 999, display = "lc")</pre>
plot(fit, p.max = 0.05, col = "red")
## Class variables, formula interface, and displaying the
## inter-class variability with 'ordispider', and semitransparent
## white background for labels (semitransparent colours are not
## supported by all graphics devices)
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
attach(dune.env)
ord <- cca(dune)</pre>
fit <- envfit(ord ~ Moisture + A1, dune.env, perm = 0)</pre>
plot(ord, type = "n")
ordispider(ord, Moisture, col="skyblue")
```

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```
points(ord, display = "sites", col = as.numeric(Moisture), pch=16)
plot(fit, cex=1.2, axis=TRUE, bg = rgb(1, 1, 1, 0.5))
## Use shorter labels for factor centroids
labels(fit)
plot(ord)
plot(fit, labels=list(factors = paste("M", c(1,2,4,5), sep = "")),
        bg = rgb(1,1,0,0.5))
```

```
eventstar
```

Scale Parameter at the Minimum of the Tsallis Evenness Profile

#### Description

The function eventstar finds the minimum  $(q^*)$  of the evenness profile based on the Tsallis entropy. This scale factor of the entropy represents a specific weighting of species relative frequencies that leads to minimum evenness of the community (Mendes et al. 2008).

# Usage

eventstar(x, qmax = 5)

#### Arguments

х	A community matrix or a numeric vector.
qmax	Maximum scale parameter of the Tsallis entropy to be used in finding the mini- mum of Tsallis based evenness in the range $c(0, -amax)$
	mum of Tsallis based evenness in the range c(0, qmax).

# Details

The function eventstar finds a characteristic value of the scale parameter q of the Tsallis entropy corresponding to minimum of the evenness (equitability) profile based on Tsallis entropy. This value was proposed by Mendes et al. (2008) as  $q^*$ .

The  $q^*$  index represents the scale parameter of the one parameter Tsallis diversity family that leads to the greatest deviation from the maximum equitability given the relative abundance vactor of a community.

The value of  $q^*$  is found by identifying the minimum of the evenness profile over scaling factor q by one-dimensional minimization. Because evenness profile is known to be a convex function, it is guaranteed that underlying optimize function will find a unique solution if it is in the range c(0, qmax).

The scale parameter value  $q^*$  is used to find corresponding values of diversity  $(H_{q^*})$ , evenness  $(H_{q^*}(\max))$ , and numbers equivalent  $(D_{q^*})$ . For calculation details, see tsallis and Examples below.

Mendes et al. (2008) advocated the use of  $q^*$  and corresponding diversity, evenness, and Hill numbers, because it is a unique value representing the diversity profile, and is is positively associated with rare species in the community, thus it is a potentially useful indicator of certain relative abundance distributions of the communities.

#### eventstar

#### Value

A data frame with columns:

- qstar scale parameter value q\* corresponding to minimum value of Tsallis based evenness profile.
- Estar Value of evenness based on normalized Tsallis entropy at  $q^*$ .
- Hstar Value of Tsallis entropy at  $q^*$ .
- Dstar Value of Tsallis entropy at q\* converted to numbers equivalents (also called as Hill numbers, effective number of species, 'true' diversity; cf. Jost 2007).

See tsallis for calculation details.

# Note

Values for  $q^*$  found by Mendes et al. (2008) ranged from 0.56 and 1.12 presenting low variability, so an interval between 0 and 5 should safely encompass the possibly expected  $q^*$  values in practice, but profiling the evenness and changing the value of the qmax argument is advised if output values near the range limits are found.

### Author(s)

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#### See Also

Tsallis entropy: tsallis

# Examples

```
data(BCI)
(x <- eventstar(BCI[1:5,]))
## profiling
y <- as.numeric(BCI[10,])
(z <- eventstar(y))
q <- seq(0, 2, 0.05)
Eprof <- tsallis(y, scales=q, norm=TRUE)
Hprof <- tsallis(y, scales=q)
Dprof <- tsallis(y, scales=q, hill=TRUE)
opar <- par(mfrow=c(3,1))
plot(q, Eprof, type="1", main="Evenness")</pre>
```

```
abline(v=z$qstar, h=tsallis(y, scales=z$qstar, norm=TRUE), col=2)
plot(q, Hprof, type="1", main="Diversity")
abline(v=z$qstar, h=tsallis(y, scales=z$qstar), col=2)
plot(q, Dprof, type="1", main="Effective number of species")
abline(v=z$qstar, h=tsallis(y, scales=z$qstar, hill=TRUE), col=2)
par(opar)
```

fisherfit	Fit Fisher's Logseries and Preston's Lognormal Model to Abundance
	Data

### Description

Function fisherfit fits Fisher's logseries to abundance data. Function prestonfit groups species frequencies into doubling octave classes and fits Preston's lognormal model, and function prestondistr fits the truncated lognormal model without pooling the data into octaves.

#### Usage

```
fisherfit(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fisherfit'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fisherfit'
profile(fitted, alpha = 0.01, maxsteps = 20, del = zmax/5,
    ...)
prestonfit(x, tiesplit = TRUE, ...)
prestondistr(x, truncate = -1, ...)
## S3 method for class 'prestonfit'
plot(x, xlab = "Frequency", ylab = "Species", bar.col = "skyblue",
    line.col = "red", lwd = 2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'prestonfit'
lines(x, line.col = "red", lwd = 2, ...)
veiledspec(x, ...)
as.fisher(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fisher'
plot(x, xlab = "Frequency", ylab = "Species", bar.col = "skyblue",
             kind = c("bar", "hiplot", "points", "lines"), add = FALSE, ...)
as.preston(x, tiesplit = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'preston'
plot(x, xlab = "Frequency", ylab = "Species", bar.col = "skyblue", ...)
## S3 method for class 'preston'
lines(x, xadjust = 0.5, ...)
```

#### Arguments

#### х

Community data vector for fitting functions or their result object for plot functions.

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object, fitted	Fitted model.
parm	Not used.
level	The confidence level required.
alpha	The extend of profiling as significance.
maxsteps	Maximum number of steps in profiling.
del	Step length.
tiesplit	Split frequencies 1, 2, 4, 8 etc between adjacent octaves.
truncate	Truncation point for log-Normal model, in log2 units. Default value $-1$ corresponds to the left border of zero Octave. The choice strongly influences the fitting results.
xlab, ylab	Labels for x and y axes.
bar.col	Colour of data bars.
line.col	Colour of fitted line.
lwd	Width of fitted line.
kind	Kind of plot to drawn: "bar" is similar bar plot as in plot.fisherfit, "hiplot" draws vertical lines as with plot(, type="h"), and "points" and "lines" are obvious.
add	Add to an existing plot.
xadjust	Adjustment of horizontal positions in octaves.
	Other parameters passed to functions. Ignored in prestonfit and tiesplit passed to as.preston in prestondistr.

# Details

In Fisher's logarithmic series the expected number of species f with n observed individuals is  $f_n = \alpha x^n/n$  (Fisher et al. 1943). The estimation follows Kempton & Taylor (1974) and uses function nlm. The estimation is possible only for genuine counts of individuals. The parameter  $\alpha$  is used as a diversity index, and  $\alpha$  and its standard error can be estimated with a separate function fisher.alpha. The parameter x is taken as a nuisance parameter which is not estimated separately but taken to be  $n/(n + \alpha)$ . Helper function as fisher transforms abundance data into Fisher frequency table.

Function fisherfit estimates the standard error of  $\alpha$ . However, the confidence limits cannot be directly estimated from the standard errors, but you should use function confint based on profile likelihood. Function confint uses function confint.glm of the **MASS** package, using profile.fisherfit for the profile likelihood. Function profile.fisherfit follows profile.glm and finds the  $\tau$  parameter or signed square root of two times log-Likelihood profile. The profile can be inspected with a plot function which shows the  $\tau$  and a dotted line corresponding to the Normal assumption: if standard errors can be directly used in Normal inference these two lines are similar.

Preston (1948) was not satisfied with Fisher's model which seemed to imply infinite species richness, and postulated that rare species is a diminishing class and most species are in the middle of frequency scale. This was achieved by collapsing higher frequency classes into wider and wider "octaves" of doubling class limits: 1, 2, 3–4, 5–8, 9–16 etc. occurrences. It seems that Preston regarded frequencies 1, 2, 4, *etc.*. as "tied" between octaves (Williamson & Gaston 2005). This

means that only half of the species with frequency 1 are shown in the lowest octave, and the rest are transferred to the second octave. Half of the species from the second octave are transferred to the higher one as well, but this is usually not as large a number of species. This practise makes data look more lognormal by reducing the usually high lowest octaves. This can be achieved by setting argument tiesplit = TRUE. With tiesplit = FALSE the frequencies are not split, but all ones are in the lowest octave, all twos in the second, etc. Williamson & Gaston (2005) discuss alternative definitions in detail, and they should be consulted for a critical review of log-Normal model.

Any logseries data will look like lognormal when plotted in Preston's way. The expected frequency f at abundance octave o is defined by  $f_o = S_0 \exp(-(\log_2(o) - \mu)^2/2/\sigma^2))$ , where  $\mu$  is the location of the mode and  $\sigma$  the width, both in  $\log_2$  scale, and  $S_0$  is the expected number of species at mode. The lognormal model is usually truncated on the left so that some rare species are not observed. Function prestonfit fits the truncated lognormal model as a second degree logpolynomial to the octave pooled data using Poisson (when tiesplit = FALSE) or quasi-Poisson (when tiesplit = TRUE) error. Function prestondistr fits left-truncated Normal distribution to  $\log_2$  transformed non-pooled observations with direct maximization of log-likelihood. Function prestondistr is modelled after function fitdistr which can be used for alternative distribution models.

The functions have common print, plot and lines methods. The lines function adds the fitted curve to the octave range with line segments showing the location of the mode and the width (sd) of the response. Function as.preston transforms abundance data to octaves. Argument tiesplit will not influence the fit in prestondistr, but it will influence the barplot of the octaves.

The total extrapolated richness from a fitted Preston model can be found with function veiledspec. The function accepts results both from prestonfit and from prestondistr. If veiledspec is called with a species count vector, it will internally use prestonfit. Function specpool provides alternative ways of estimating the number of unseen species. In fact, Preston's lognormal model seems to be truncated at both ends, and this may be the main reason why its result differ from lognormal models fitted in Rank-Abundance diagrams with functions rad.lognormal.

# Value

The function prestonfit returns an object with fitted coefficients, and with observed (freq) and fitted (fitted) frequencies, and a string describing the fitting method. Function prestondistr omits the entry fitted. The function fisherfit returns the result of nlm, where item estimate is  $\alpha$ . The result object is amended with the following items:

df.residuals	Residual degrees of freedom.
nuisance	Parameter x.
fisher	Observed data from as.fisher.

### Author(s)

Bob O'Hara (fisherfit) and Jari Oksanen.

## References

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# See Also

diversity, fisher.alpha, radfit, specpool. Function fitdistr of **MASS** package was used as the model for prestondistr. Function density can be used for smoothed "non-parametric" estimation of responses, and qqplot is an alternative, traditional and more effective way of studying concordance of observed abundances to any distribution model.

### Examples

```
data(BCI)
mod <- fisherfit(BCI[5,])</pre>
mod
plot(profile(mod))
confint(mod)
# prestonfit seems to need large samples
mod.oct <- prestonfit(colSums(BCI))</pre>
mod.ll <- prestondistr(colSums(BCI))</pre>
mod.oct
mod.11
plot(mod.oct)
lines(mod.ll, line.col="blue3") # Different
## Smoothed density
den <- density(log2(colSums(BCI)))</pre>
lines(den$x, ncol(BCI)*den$y, lwd=2) # Fairly similar to mod.oct
## Extrapolated richness
veiledspec(mod.oct)
veiledspec(mod.ll)
```

goodness.cca	Diagnostic Tools for [Constrained] Ordination (CCA, RDA, DCA, CA, PCA)
goodness.cca	

#### Description

Functions goodness and inertcomp can be used to assess the goodness of fit for individual sites or species. Function vif.cca and alias.cca can be used to analyse linear dependencies among constraints and conditions. In addition, there are some other diagnostic tools (see 'Details').

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cca'
goodness(object, display = c("species", "sites"), choices,
    model = c("CCA", "CA"), statistic = c("explained", "distance"),
    summarize = FALSE, ...)
inertcomp(object, display = c("species", "sites"),
    statistic = c("explained", "distance"), proportional = FALSE)
spenvcor(object)
intersetcor(object)
vif.cca(object)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
alias(object, names.only = FALSE, ...)
```

# Arguments

object	A result object from cca, rda, capscale or decorana.
display	Display "species" or "sites".
choices	Axes shown. Default is to show all axes of the "model".
model	Show constrained ("CCA") or unconstrained ("CA") results.
statistic	Statistic used: "explained" gives the cumulative percentage accounted for, "distance" shows the residual distances. Distances are not available for sites in constrained or partial analyses.
summarize	Show only the accumulated total.
proportional	Give the inertia components as proportional for the corresponding total.
names.only	Return only names of aliased variable(s) instead of defining equations.
	Other parameters to the functions.

# Details

Function goodness gives the diagnostic statistics for species or sites. The alternative statistics are the cumulative proportion of inertia accounted for by the axes, and the residual distance left unaccounted for. The conditional ("partialled out") constraints are always regarded as explained and included in the statistics.

Function inertcomp decomposes the inertia into partial, constrained and unconstrained components for each site or species. Instead of inertia, the function can give the total dispersion or distances from the centroid for each component.

Function spenvcor finds the so-called "species – environment correlation" or (weighted) correlation of weighted average scores and linear combination scores. This is a bad measure of goodness of ordination, because it is sensitive to extreme scores (like correlations are), and very sensitive to overfitting or using too many constraints. Better models often have poorer correlations. Function ordispider can show the same graphically.

Function intersetcor finds the so-called "interset correlation" or (weighted) correlation of weighted averages scores and constraints. The defined contrasts are used for factor variables. This is a bad measure since it is a correlation. Further, it focuses on correlations between single contrasts and single axes instead of looking at the multivariate relationship. Fitted vectors (envfit) provide a better

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alternative. Biplot scores (see scores.cca) are a multivariate alternative for (weighted) correlation between linear combination scores and constraints.

Function vif.cca gives the variance inflation factors for each constraint or contrast in factor constraints. In partial ordination, conditioning variables are analysed together with constraints. Variance inflation is a diagnostic tool to identify useless constraints. A common rule is that values over 10 indicate redundant constraints. If later constraints are complete linear combinations of conditions or previous constraints, they will be completely removed from the estimation, and no biplot scores or centroids are calculated for these aliased constraints. A note will be printed with default output if there are aliased constraints. Function alias will give the linear coefficients defining the aliased constraints, or only their names with argument names.only = TRUE.

### Value

The functions return matrices or vectors as is appropriate.

### Note

It is a common practise to use goodness statistics to remove species from ordination plots, but this may not be a good idea, as the total inertia is not a meaningful concept in cca, in particular for rare species.

Function vif is defined as generic in package **car** (vif), but if you have not loaded that package you must specify the call as vif.cca. Variance inflation factor is useful diagnostic tool for detecting nearly collinear constraints, but these are not a problem with algorithm used in this package to fit a constrained ordination.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen. The vif.cca relies heavily on the code by W. N. Venables. alias.cca is a simplified version of alias.lm.

# References

Greenacre, M. J. (1984). Theory and applications of correspondence analysis. Academic Press, London.

Gross, J. (2003). Variance inflation factors. R News 3(1), 13–15.

## See Also

cca, rda, capscale, decorana, vif.

# Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- cca(dune ~ A1 + Management + Condition(Moisture), data=dune.env)
goodness(mod)
goodness(mod, summ = TRUE)
# Inertia components
inertcomp(mod, prop = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
inertcomp(mod, stat="d")
# vif.cca
vif.cca(mod)
# Aliased constraints
mod <- cca(dune ~ ., dune.env)
mod
vif.cca(mod)
alias(mod)
with(dune.env, table(Management, Manure))
# The standard correlations (not recommended)
spenvcor(mod)
intersetcor(mod)</pre>
```

goodness.metaMDS	Goodness of Fit and Shepard Plot for Nonmetric Multidimensional
	Scaling

## Description

Function goodness.metaMDS find goodness of fit measure for points in nonmetric multidimensional scaling, and function stressplot makes a Shepard diagram.

### Usage

### Arguments

object	A result object from metaMDS, monoMDS or isoMDS.
dis	Dissimilarities. This should not be used with metaMDS or monoMDS, but must be used with isoMDS.
pch	Plotting character for points. Default is dependent on the number of points.
p.col, l.col	Point and line colours.
lwd	Line width. For monoMDS the default is $lwd = 1$ if more than two lines are drawn, and $lwd = 2$ otherwise.
	Other parameters to functions, e.g. graphical parameters.

# Details

Function goodness.metaMDS finds a goodness of fit statistic for observations (points). This is defined so that sum of squared values is equal to squared stress. Large values indicate poor fit. The absolute values of the goodness statistic depend on the definition of the stress: isoMDS expresses

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stress in percents, and therefore its goodness values are 100 times higher than those of monoMDS which expresses the stress as a proportion.

Function stressplot draws a Shepard diagram which is a plot of ordination distances and monotone or linear fit line against original dissimilarities. In addition, it displays two correlation-like statistics on the goodness of fit in the graph. The nonmetric fit is based on stress S and defined as  $R^2 = 1 - S^2$ . The "linear fit" is the squared correlation between fitted values and ordination distances. For monoMDS, the "linear fit" and  $R^2$  from "stress type 2" are equal.

Both functions can be used with metaMDS, monoMDS and isoMDS. The original dissimilarities should not be given for monoMDS or metaMDS results (the latter tries to reconstruct the dissimilarities using metaMDSredist if isoMDS was used as its engine). With isoMDS the dissimilarities must be given. In either case, the functions inspect that dissimilarities are consistent with current ordination, and refuse to analyse inconsistent dissimilarities. Function goodness.metaMDS is generic in **vegan**, but you must spell its name completely with isoMDS which has no class.

# Value

Function goodness returns a vector of values. Function stressplot returns invisibly an object with itmes for original dissimilarities, ordination distances and fitted values.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen.

### See Also

metaMDS, monoMDS, isoMDS, Shepard.

### Examples

```
data(varespec)
mod <- metaMDS(varespec)
stressplot(mod)
gof <- goodness(mod)
gof
plot(mod, display = "sites", type = "n")
points(mod, display = "sites", cex = 2*gof/mean(gof))</pre>
```

humpfit

No-interaction Model for Hump-backed Species Richness vs. Biomass

### Description

Function humpfit fits a no-interaction model for species richness vs. biomass data (Oksanen 1996). This is a null model that produces a hump-backed response as an artifact of plant size and density.

# Usage

# Arguments

mass	Biomass.
spno	Species richness.
start	Vector of starting values for all three parameters.
family	Family of error distribution. Any family can be used, but the link function is always Fisher's diversity model, and other link functions are silently ignored.
x, object, fitt	ed
	Result object of humpfit
newdata	Values of mass used in predict. The original data values are used if missing.
xlab,ylab	Axis labels in plot
lwd	Line width
l.col, p.col	Line and point colour in plot
type	Type of plot: "p" for observed points, "l" for fitted lines, "b" for both, and "n" for only setting axes.
segments	Number of segments used for fitted lines.
parm	Profiled parameters.
alpha, maxsteps, del	
	Parameters for profiling range and density.
	Other parameters to functions.

# Details

The no-interaction model assumes that the humped species richness pattern along biomass gradient is an artifact of plant size and density (Oksanen 1996). For low-biomass sites, it assumes that plants have a fixed size, and biomass increases with increasing number of plants. When the sites becomes crowded, the number of plants and species richness reaches the maximum. Higher biomass is reached by increasing the plant size, and then the number of plants and species richness will

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decrease. At biomasses below the hump, plant number and biomass are linearly related, and above the hump, plant number is proportional to inverse squared biomass. The number of plants is related to the number of species by the relationship (link function) from Fisher's log-series (Fisher et al. 1943).

The parameters of the model are:

- 1. hump: the location of the hump on the biomass gradient.
- 2. scale: an arbitrary multiplier to translate the biomass into virtual number of plants.
- 3. alpha: Fisher's  $\alpha$  to translate the virtual number of plants into number of species.

The parameters scale and alpha are intermingled and this function should not be used for estimating Fisher's  $\alpha$ . Probably the only meaningful and interesting parameter is the location of the hump.

Function may be very difficult to fit and easily gets trapped into local solutions, or fails with non-Poisson families, and function profile should be used to inspect the fitted models. If you have loaded package **MASS**, you can use functions plot.profile, pairs.profile for graphical inspection of the profiles, and confint.profile.glm for the profile based confidence intervals.

The original model intended to show that there is no need to speculate about 'competition' and 'stress' (Al-Mufti et al. 1977), but humped response can be produced as an artifact of using fixed plot size for varying plant sizes and densities.

#### Value

The function returns an object of class "humpfit" inheriting from class "glm". The result object has specific summary, predict, plot, points and lines methods. In addition, it can be accessed by the following methods for glm objects: AIC, extractAIC, deviance, coef, residuals.glm (except type = "partial"), fitted, and perhaps some others. In addition, function ellipse.glm (package ellipse) can be used to draw approximate confidence ellipses for pairs of parameters, if the normal assumptions look appropriate.

#### Note

The function is a replacement for the original GLIM4 function at the archive of Journal of Ecology. There the function was represented as a mixed glm with one non-linear parameter (hump) and a special one-parameter link function from Fisher's log-series. The current function directly applies non-linear maximum likelihood fitting using function nlm. Some expected problems with the current approach are:

- The function is discontinuous at hump and may be difficult to optimize in some cases (the lines will always join, but the derivative jumps).
- The function does not try very hard to find sensible starting values and can fail. The user may supply starting values in argument start if fitting fails.
- The estimation is unconstrained, but both scale and alpha should always be positive. Perhaps they should be fitted as logarithmic. Fitting Gamma family models might become easier, too.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### References

Al-Mufti, M.M., Sykes, C.L, Furness, S.B., Grime, J.P & Band, S.R. (1977) A quantitative analysis of shoot phenology and dominance in herbaceous vegetation. *Journal of Ecology* 65,759–791.

Fisher, R.A., Corbet, A.S. & Williams, C.B. (1943) The relation between the number of species and the number of individuals in a random sample of of an animal population. *Journal of Animal Ecology* 12, 42–58.

Oksanen, J. (1996) Is the humped relationship between species richness and biomass an artefact due to plot size? *Journal of Ecology* 84, 293–295.

#### See Also

fisherfit, profile.glm, confint.glm.

### Examples

```
##
## Data approximated from Al-Mufti et al. (1977)
##
mass <- c(140,230,310,310,400,510,610,670,860,900,1050,1160,1900,2480)
spno <- c(1, 4, 3, 9, 18, 30, 20, 14, 3, 2, 3, 2, 5, 2)
sol <- humpfit(mass, spno)
summary(sol) # Almost infinite alpha...
plot(sol)
# confint is in MASS, and impicitly calls profile.humpfit.
# Parameter 3 (alpha) is too extreme for profile and confint, and we
# must use only "hump" and "scale".
library(MASS)
plot(profile(sol, parm=1:2))
confint(sol, parm=c(1,2))</pre>
```

indpower

Indicator Power of Species

# Description

Indicator power calculation of Halme et al. (2009) or the congruence between indicator and target species.

# Usage

indpower(x, type = 0)

### Arguments

x	Community data frame or matrix.
type	The type of statistic to be returned. See Details for explanation.

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#### Details

Halme et al. (2009) described an index of indicator power defined as  $IP_I = \sqrt{a \times b}$ , where  $a = S/O_I$  and  $b = 1 - (O_T - S)/(N - O_I)$ . N is the number of sites, S is the number of shared occurrences of the indicator (I) and the target (T) species.  $O_I$  and  $O_T$  are number of occurrences of the indicator and target species. The type argument in the function call enables to choose which statistic to return. type = 0 returns  $IP_I$ , type = 1 returns a, type = 2 returns b. Total indicator power (TIP) of an indicator species is the column mean (without its own value, see examples). Halme et al. (2009) explain how to calculate confidence intervals for these statistics, see Examples.

# Value

A matrix with indicator species as rows and target species as columns (this is indicated by the first letters of the row/column names).

### Author(s)

Peter Solymos

# References

Halme, P., Mönkkönen, M., Kotiaho, J. S, Ylisirniö, A-L. 2009. Quantifying the indicator power of an indicator species. *Conservation Biology* 23: 1008–1016.

#### See Also

indval (package **labdsv**) for the indicator species analysis of Dufrêne & Legendre. Function beals estimates individual cell probabilities of species occurrences.

#### Examples

```
data(dune)
## IP values
ip <- indpower(dune)</pre>
## and TIP values
diag(ip) <- NA</pre>
(TIP <- rowMeans(ip, na.rm=TRUE))</pre>
## p value calculation for a species
## from Halme et al. 2009
## i is ID for the species
i <- 1
fun <- function(x, i) indpower(x)[i,-i]</pre>
## 'c0' randomizes species occurrences
os <- oecosimu(dune, fun, "c0", i=i, nsimul=99)</pre>
## get z values from oecosimu output
z <- os$oecosimu$z
## p-value
(p <- sum(z) / sqrt(length(z)))</pre>
## 'heterogeneity' measure
(chi2 <- sum((z - mean(z))^2))</pre>
pchisq(chi2, df=length(z)-1)
```

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```
## Halme et al.'s suggested output
out <- c(TIP=TIP[i],
    significance=p,
    heterogeneity=chi2,
    minIP=min(fun(dune, i=i)),
    varIP=sd(fun(dune, i=i)^2))
out
```

isomap

Isometric Feature Mapping Ordination

### Description

The function performs isometric feature mapping which consists of three simple steps: (1) retain only some of the shortest dissimilarities among objects, (2) estimate all dissimilarities as shortest path distances, and (3) perform metric scaling (Tenenbaum et al. 2000).

#### Usage

```
isomap(dist, ndim=10, ...)
isomapdist(dist, epsilon, k, path = "shortest", fragmentedOK =FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'isomap'
summary(object, axes = 4, ...)
## S3 method for class 'isomap'
plot(x, net = TRUE, n.col = "gray", type = "points", ...)
rgl.isomap(x, web = "white", ...)
```

### Arguments

dist	Dissimilarities.
ndim	Number of axes in metric scaling (argument k in cmdscale).
epsilon	Shortest dissimilarity retained.
k	Number of shortest dissimilarities retained for a point. If both epsilon and k are given, epsilon will be used.
path	Method used in stepacross to estimate the shortest path, with alternatives "shortest" and "extended".
fragmented0K	What to do if dissimilarity matrix is fragmented. If TRUE, analyse the largest connected group, otherwise stop with error.
x, object	An isomap result object.
axes	Number of axes displayed.
net	Draw the net of retained dissimilarities.
n.col	Colour of drawn net segments.
type	Plot observations either as "points", "text" or use "none" to plot no ob- servations. The "text" will use ordilabel if net = TRUE and ordiplot if net = FALSE, and pass extra arguments to these functions.
web	Colour of the web in <b>rgl</b> graphics.
	Other parameters passed to functions.

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#### Details

The function isomap first calls function isomapdist for dissimilarity transformation, and then performs metric scaling for the result. All arguments to isomap are passed to isomapdist. The functions are separate so that the isompadist transformation could be easily used with other functions than simple linear mapping of cmdscale.

Function isomapdist retains either dissimilarities equal or shorter to epsilon, or if epsilon is not given, at least k shortest dissimilarities for a point. Then a complete dissimilarity matrix is reconstructed using stepacross using either flexible shortest paths or extended dissimilarities (for details, see stepacross).

De'ath (1999) actually published essentially the same method before Tenenbaum et al. (2000), and De'ath's function is available in xdiss in package **mvpart**. The differences are that isomap introduced the k criterion, whereas De'ath only used epsilon criterion. In practice, De'ath also retains higher proportion of dissimilarities than typical isomap.

The plot function uses internally ordiplot, except that it adds text over net using ordilabel. The plot function passes extra arguments to these functions. In addition, function rgl.isomap can make dynamic 3D plots that can be rotated on the screen. The functions is based on ordirgl, but it adds the connecting lines. The function passes extra arguments to scores or ordirgl functions so that you can select axes, or define colours and sizes of points.

# Value

Function isomapdist returns a dissimilarity object similar to dist. Function isomap returns an object of class isomap with plot and summary methods. The plot function returns invisibly an object of class ordiplot. Function scores can extract the ordination scores.

### Note

Tenenbaum et al. (2000) justify i somap as a tool of unfolding a manifold (e.g. a 'Swiss Roll'). Even with a manifold structure, the sampling must be even and dense so that dissimilarities along a manifold are shorter than across the folds. If data do not have such a manifold structure, the results are very sensitive to parameter values.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### References

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Tenenbaum, J.B., de Silva, V. & Langford, J.C. (2000) A global network framework for nonlinear dimensionality reduction. *Science* 290, 2319–2323.

#### See Also

The underlying functions that do the proper work are stepacross, distconnected and cmdscale. Package **mvpart** provides a parallel (but a bit different) implementation (xdiss). Moreover, **vegan**  function metaMDS may trigger stepacross transformation, but usually only for longest dissimilarities. The plot method of **vegan** minimum spanning tree function (spantree) has even more extreme way of isomapping things.

### Examples

```
## The following examples also overlay minimum spanning tree to
## the graphics in red.
op <- par(mar=c(4,4,1,1)+0.2, mfrow=c(2,2))
data(BCI)
dis <- vegdist(BCI)</pre>
tr <- spantree(dis)</pre>
pl <- ordiplot(cmdscale(dis), main="cmdscale")</pre>
lines(tr, pl, col="red")
ord <- isomap(dis, k=3)</pre>
ord
pl <- plot(ord, main="isomap k=3")</pre>
lines(tr, pl, col="red")
pl <- plot(isomap(dis, k=5), main="isomap k=5")</pre>
lines(tr, pl, col="red")
pl <- plot(isomap(dis, epsilon=0.45), main="isomap epsilon=0.45")</pre>
lines(tr, pl, col="red")
par(op)
## The following command requires user interaction
## Not run:
rgl.isomap(ord, size=4, color="hotpink")
## End(Not run)
```

kendall.global Kendall coefficient of concordance

### Description

Function kendall.global computes and tests the coefficient of concordance among several judges (variables, species) through a permutation test.

Function kendall.post carries out *a posteriori* tests of the contributions of individual judges (variables, species) to the overall concordance of their group through permutation tests.

If several groups of judges are identified in the data table, coefficients of concordance (kendall.global) or a posteriori tests (kendall.post) will be computed for each group separately. Use in ecology: to identify significant species associations.

# Usage

```
kendall.global(Y, group, nperm = 999, mult = "holm")
kendall.post(Y, group, nperm = 999, mult = "holm")
```

#### kendall.global

#### Arguments

Y	Data file (data frame or matrix) containing quantitative or semiquantitative data. Rows are objects and columns are judges (variables). In community ecology, that table is often a site-by-species table.
group	A vector defining how judges should be divided into groups. See example below. If groups are not explicitly defined, all judges in the data file will be considered as forming a single group.
nperm	Number of permutations to be performed. Default is 999.
mult	Correct P-values for multiple testing using the alternatives described in p.adjust and in addition "sidak" (see Details). The Bonferroni correction is overly con- servative; it is not recommended. It is included to allow comparisons with the other methods.

## Details

Y must contain quantitative data. They will be transformed to ranks within each column before computation of the coefficient of concordance.

The search for species associations described in Legendre (2005) proceeds in 3 steps:

(1) Correlation analysis of the species. A possible method is to compute Ward's agglomerative clustering of a matrix of correlations among the species. In detail: (1.1) compute a Pearson or Spearman correlation matrix (correl.matrix) among the species; (1.2) turn it into a distance matrix: mat.D = as.dist(1-correl.matrix); (1.3) carry out Ward's hierarchical clustering of that matrix using hclust: clust.ward = hclust(mat.D, "ward"); (1.4) plot the dendrogram: plot(clust.ward, hang=-1); (1.5) cut the dendrogram in two groups, retrieve the vector of species membership: group.2 = cutree(clust.ward, k=2). (1.6) After steps 2 and 3 below, you may have to come back and try divisions of the species into k = 3, 4, 5, ... groups.

(2) Compute global tests of significance of the 2 (or more) groups using the function kendall.global and the vector defining the groups. Groups that are not globally significant must be refined or abandoned.

(3) Compute a posteriori tests of the contribution of individual species to the concordance of their group using the function kendall.post and the vector defining the groups. If some species have negative values for "Spearman.mean", this means that these species clearly do not belong to the group, hence that group is too inclusive. Go back to (1.5) and cut the dendrogram more finely. The left and right groups can be cut separately, independently of the levels along the dendrogram; write your own vector of group membership if cutree does not produce the desired groups.

The corrections used for multiple testing are applied to the list of P-values (P); they take into account the number of tests (k) carried out simultaneously (number of groups in kendall.global, or number of species in kendall.post). The corrections are performed using function p.adjust; see that function for the description of the correction methods. In addition, there is Šidák correction which defined as  $P_{corr} = 1 - (1 - P)^k$ .

#### Value

A table containing the following information in rows. The columns correspond to the groups of "judges" defined in vector "group". When function Kendall.post is used, there are as many tables as the number of predefined groups.

W	Kendall's coefficient of concordance, W.	
F	F statistic. $F = W^{*}(m-1)/(1-W)$ where m is the number of judges.	
Prob.F	Probability associated with the F statistic, computed from the F distribution with $nu1 = n-1-(2/m)$ and $nu2 = nu1*(m-1)$ ; n is the number of objects.	
Corrected prob	.F	
	Probabilities associated with F, corrected using the method selected in parameter mult. Shown only if there are more than one group.	
Chi2	Friedman's chi-square statistic (Friedman 1937) used in the permutation test of W.	
Prob.perm	Permutational probabilities, uncorrected.	
Corrected prob.perm		
	Permutational probabilities corrected using the method selected in parameter mult. Shown only if there are more than one group.	
Spearman.mean	Mean of the Spearman correlations between the judge under test and all the other judges in the same group.	
W.per.species	Contribution of the judge under test to the overall concordance statistic for that group.	

#### Author(s)

F. Guillaume Blanchet, University of Alberta, and Pierre Legendre, Université de Montréal

# References

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#### See Also

cor, friedman.test, hclust, cutree, kmeans, cascadeKM, indval

# Examples

```
data(mite)
mite.hel <- decostand(mite, "hel")
# Reproduce the results shown in Table 2 of Legendre (2005), a single group
mite.small <- mite.hel[c(4,9,14,22,31,34,45,53,61,69),c(13:15,23)]</pre>
```

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```
kendall.global(mite.small, nperm=49)
kendall.post(mite.small, mult="holm", nperm=49)
# Reproduce the results shown in Tables 3 and 4 of Legendre (2005), 2 groups
group <-c(1,1,2,1,1,1,1,2,1,1,1,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2)
kendall.global(mite.hel, group=group, nperm=49)
kendall.post(mite.hel, group=group, mult="holm", nperm=49)
# NOTE: 'nperm' argument usually needs to be larger than 49.
# It was set to this low value for demonstration purposes.</pre>
```

linestack

Plots One-dimensional Diagrams without Overwriting Labels

#### Description

Function linestack plots vertical one-dimensional plots for numeric vectors. The plots are always labelled, but the labels are moved vertically to avoid overwriting.

# Usage

linestack(x, labels, cex = 0.8, side = "right", hoff = 2, air = 1.1, at = 0, add = FALSE, axis = FALSE, ...)

### Arguments

х	Numeric vector to be plotted.
labels	Text labels used instead of default (names of x).
cex	Size of the labels.
side	Put labels to the "right" or "left" of the axis.
hoff	Distance from the vertical axis to the label in units of the width of letter "m".
air	Multiplier to string height to leave empty space between labels.
at	Position of plot in horizontal axis.
add	Add to an existing plot.
axis	Add axis to the plot.
	Other graphical parameters to labels.

# Value

The function returns invisibly the shifted positions of labels in user coordinates.

# Note

The function always draws labelled diagrams. If you want to have unlabelled diagrams, you can use, e.g., plot, stripchart or rug.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### Examples

```
## First DCA axis
data(dune)
ord <- decorana(dune)
linestack(scores(ord, choices=1, display="sp"))
linestack(scores(ord, choices=1, display="si"), side="left", add=TRUE)
title(main="DCA axis 1")</pre>
```

make.cepnames

Abbreviates a Botanical or Zoological Latin Name into an Eightcharacter Name

# Description

A standard CEP name has four first letters of the generic name and four first letters of the specific epithet of a Latin name. The last epithet, that may be a subspecific name, is used in the current function. If the name has only one component, it is abbreviated to eight characters (see abbreviate). The returned names are made unique with function make.unique which adds numbers to the end of CEP names if needed.

#### Usage

make.cepnames(names, seconditem = FALSE)

#### Arguments

names	The names to be formatted into CEP names.
seconditem	Take always the second item of the original name to the abbreviated name in- stead of the last original item (default).

# Details

Cornell Ecology Programs (CEP) used eight-letter abbreviations for species and site names. In species, the names were formed by taking four first letters of the generic name and four first letters of the specific or subspecific epithet. The current function first makes valid R names using make.names, and then splits these into elemets. The CEP name is made by taking the four first letters of the first element, and four first letters of the last (default) or the second element (with seconditem = TRUE). If there was only one name element, it is abbreviated to eight letters. Finally, the names are made unique which may add numbers to duplicated names.

The CEP names were originally used, because old FORTRAN IV did not have CHARACTER data type, but text had to be stored in numerical variables, which in popular computers could hold four characters. In modern times, there is no reason for this limitation, but ecologists are used to these names, and they may be practical to avoid congestion in ordination plots.

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# Value

Function returns CEP names.

### Note

The function is simpleminded and rigid. You must write a better one if you need.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# See Also

make.names, strsplit, substring, paste, abbreviate.

# Examples

```
make.cepnames(c("Aa maderoi", "Poa sp.", "Cladina rangiferina",
"Cladonia cornuta", "Cladonia cornuta var. groenlandica",
"Cladonia rangiformis", "Bryoerythrophyllum"))
data(BCI)
colnames(BCI) <- make.cepnames(colnames(BCI))</pre>
```

mantel

Mantel and Partial Mantel Tests for Dissimilarity Matrices

### Description

Function mantel finds the Mantel statistic as a matrix correlation between two dissimilarity matrices, and function mantel.partial finds the partial Mantel statistic as the partial matrix correlation between three dissimilarity matrices. The significance of the statistic is evaluated by permuting rows and columns of the first dissimilarity matrix.

### Usage

```
mantel(xdis, ydis, method="pearson", permutations=999, strata,
    na.rm = FALSE)
mantel.partial(xdis, ydis, zdis, method = "pearson", permutations = 999,
    strata, na.rm = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

xdis, ydis, zdis	
	Dissimilarity matrices or a dist objects.
method	Correlation method, as accepted by cor: "pearson", "spearman" or "kendall".
permutations	Number of permutations in assessing significance.

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strata	An integer vector or factor specifying the strata for permutation. If supplied, observations are permuted only within the specified strata.
na.rm	Remove missing values in calculation of Mantel correlation. Use this option with care: Permutation tests can be biased, in particular if two matrices had missing values in matching positions.

# Details

Mantel statistic is simply a correlation between entries of two dissimilarity matrices (some use cross products, but these are linearly related). However, the significance cannot be directly assessed, because there are N(N-1)/2 entries for just N observations. Mantel developed asymptotic test, but here we use permutations of N rows and columns of dissimilarity matrix. See permutations for additional details on permutation tests in Vegan.

Partial Mantel statistic uses partial correlation conditioned on the third matrix. Only the first matrix is permuted so that the correlation structure between second and first matrices is kept constant. Although mantel.partial silently accepts other methods than "pearson", partial correlations will probably be wrong with other methods.

The function uses **cor**, which should accept alternatives pearson for product moment correlations and spearman or kendall for rank correlations.

#### Value

The function returns a list of class mantel with following components:

Call	Function call.
method	Correlation method used, as returned by cor.test.
statistic	The Mantel statistic.
signif	Empirical significance level from permutations.
perm	A vector of permuted values. The distribution of permuted values can be in- spected with density.mantel function.
permutations	Number of permutations.

#### Note

Legendre & Legendre (2012, Box 10.4) warn against using partial Mantel correlations.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# References

The test is due to Mantel, of course, but the current implementation is based on Legendre and Legendre.

Legendre, P. and Legendre, L. (2012) Numerical Ecology. 3rd English Edition. Elsevier.

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#### See Also

cor for correlation coefficients, protest ("Procrustes test") for an alternative with ordination diagrams, anosim and mrpp for comparing dissimilarities against classification. For dissimilarity matrices, see vegdist or dist. See bioenv for selecting environmental variables.

### Examples

```
## Is vegetation related to environment?
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
veg.dist <- vegdist(varespec) # Bray-Curtis
env.dist <- vegdist(scale(varechem), "euclid")
mantel(veg.dist, env.dist)
mantel(veg.dist, env.dist, method="spear")</pre>
```

mantel.correlog

# Mantel Correlogram

#### Description

Function mantel.correlog computes a multivariate Mantel correlogram. Proposed by Sokal (1986) and Oden and Sokal (1986), the method is also described in Legendre and Legendre (2012, pp. 819–821).

# Usage

```
mantel.correlog(D.eco, D.geo=NULL, XY=NULL, n.class=0, break.pts=NULL,
cutoff=TRUE, r.type="pearson", nperm=999, mult="holm", progressive=TRUE)
## S3 method for class 'mantel.correlog'
plot(x, alpha=0.05, ...)
```

#### Arguments

D.eco	An ecological distance matrix, with class either dist or matrix.
D.geo	A geographic distance matrix, with class either dist or matrix. Provide either D.geo or XY. Default: D.geo=NULL.
ХҮ	A file of Cartesian geographic coordinates of the points. Default: XY=NULL.
n.class	Number of classes. If n.class=0, the Sturges equation will be used unless break points are provided.
break.pts	Vector containing the break points of the distance distribution. Provide (n.class+1) breakpoints, that is, a list with a beginning and an ending point. Default: break.pts=NULL.
cutoff	For the second half of the distance classes, cutoff = TRUE limits the correl- ogram to the distance classes that include all points. If cutoff = FALSE, the correlogram includes all distance classes.

r.type	Type of correlation in calculation of the Mantel statistic. Default: r.type="pearson". Other choices are r.type="spearman" and r.type="kendall", as in functions cor and mantel.
nperm	Number of permutations for the tests of significance. Default: nperm=999. For large data files, permutation tests are rather slow.
mult	Correct P-values for multiple testing. The correction methods are "holm" (de- fault), "hochberg", "sidak", and other methods available in the p.adjust function: "bonferroni" (best known, but not recommended because it is overly conservative), "hommel", "BH", "BY", "fdr", and "none".
progressive	Default: progressive=TRUE for progressive correction of multiple-testing, as described in Legendre and Legendre (1998, p. 721). Test of the first distance class: no correction; second distance class: correct for 2 simultaneous tests; distance class k: correct for k simultaneous tests. progressive=FALSE: correct all tests for n.class simultaneous tests.
x	Output of mantel.correlog.
alpha	Significance level for the points drawn with black symbols in the correlogram. Default: alpha=0.05.
	Other parameters passed from other functions.

# Details

A correlogram is a graph in which spatial correlation values are plotted, on the ordinate, as a function of the geographic distance classes among the study sites along the abscissa. In a Mantel correlogram, a Mantel correlation (Mantel 1967) is computed between a multivariate (e.g. multi-species) distance matrix of the user's choice and a design matrix representing each of the geographic distance classes in turn. The Mantel statistic is tested through a permutational Mantel test performed by vegan's mantel function.

When a correction for multiple testing is applied, more permutations are necessary than in the nocorrection case, to obtain significant p-values in the higher correlogram classes.

The print.mantel.correlog function prints out the correlogram. See examples.

## Value

mantel.res	A table with the distance classes as rows and the class indices, number of dis- tances per class, Mantel statistics (computed using Pearson's r, Spearman's r, or Kendall's tau), and p-values as columns. A positive Mantel statistic indicates positive spatial correlation. An additional column with p-values corrected for multiple testing is added unless mult="none".
n.class	The n umber of distance classes.
break.pts	The break points provided by the user or computed by the program.
mult	The name of the correction for multiple testing. No correction: mult="none".
progressive	A logical (TRUE, FALSE) value indicating whether or not a progressive correction for multiple testing was requested.
n.tests	The number of distance classes for which Mantel tests have been computed and tested for significance.
call	The function call.

### mantel.correlog

## Author(s)

Pierre Legendre, Université de Montréal

### References

Legendre, P. and L. Legendre. 2012. Numerical ecology, 3rd English edition. Elsevier Science BV, Amsterdam.

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Sturges, H. A. 1926. The choice of a class interval. Journal of the American Statistical Association 21: 65–66.

#### Examples

```
# Mite data available in "vegan"
data(mite)
data(mite.xy)
mite.hel <- decostand(mite, "hellinger")</pre>
# Detrend the species data by regression on the site coordinates
mite.hel.resid <- resid(lm(as.matrix(mite.hel) ~ ., data=mite.xy))</pre>
# Compute the detrended species distance matrix
mite.hel.D <- dist(mite.hel.resid)</pre>
# Compute Mantel correlogram with cutoff, Pearson statistic
mite.correlog <- mantel.correlog(mite.hel.D, XY=mite.xy, nperm=49)</pre>
summary(mite.correlog)
mite.correlog
# or: print(mite.correlog)
# or: print.mantel.correlog(mite.correlog)
plot(mite.correlog)
# Compute Mantel correlogram without cutoff, Spearman statistic
mite.correlog2 <- mantel.correlog(mite.hel.D, XY=mite.xy, cutoff=FALSE,</pre>
   r.type="spearman", nperm=49)
summary(mite.correlog2)
mite.correlog2
plot(mite.correlog2)
# NOTE: 'nperm' argument usually needs to be larger than 49.
```

# It was set to this low value for demonstration purposes.

MDSrotate

### Description

Function rotates a multidimensional scaling result so that its first dimension is parallel to an external (environmental variable). The function can handle the results from metaMDS or monoMDS functions.

# Usage

```
MDSrotate(object, vec, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

# Arguments

object	A result object from metaMDS or monoMDS.
vec	A continuous environmental variable (vector of the same length as the number of points).
na.rm	Remove missing values from the continuous variable vec.
	Other arguments (ignored).

# Details

The orientation and rotation are undefined in multidimensional scaling. Functions metaMDS and metaMDS can rotate their solutions to principal components so that the dispersion of the points is highest on the first dimension. Sometimes a different rotation is more intuitive, and MDSrotate allows rotation of the result so that the first axis is parallel to a given external variable.

# Value

Function returns the original ordination result, but with rotated scores (both site and species if available), and the pc attribute of scores set to FALSE.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### See Also

metaMDS, monoMDS.

### Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
mod <- monoMDS(vegdist(varespec))
mod <- with(varechem, MDSrotate(mod, pH))
plot(mod)
ef <- envfit(mod ~ pH, varechem, permutations = 0)</pre>
```

#### metaMDS

```
plot(ef)
ordisurf(mod ~ pH, varechem, knots = 1, add = TRUE)
```

metaMDS

Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling with Stable Solution from Random Starts, Axis Scaling and Species Scores

#### Description

Function metaMDS performs Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS), and tries to find a stable solution using several random starts. In addition, it standardizes the scaling in the result, so that the configurations are easier to interpret, and adds species scores to the site ordination. The metaMDS function does not provide actual NMDS, but it calls another function for the purpose. Currently monoMDS is the default choice, and it is also possible to call the isoMDS (MASS package).

#### Usage

```
metaMDS(comm, distance = "bray", k = 2, trymax = 20,
    engine = c("monoMDS", "isoMDS"), autotransform =TRUE,
    noshare = (engine == "isoMDS"), wascores = TRUE, expand = TRUE,
    trace = 1, plot = FALSE, previous.best, ...)
## S3 method for class 'metaMDS'
plot(x, display = c("sites", "species"), choices = c(1, 2),
    type = "p", shrink = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'metaMDS'
points(x, display = c("sites", "species"),
    choices = c(1,2), shrink = FALSE, select, ...)
## S3 method for class 'metaMDS'
text(x, display = c("sites", "species"), labels,
    choices = c(1,2), shrink = FALSE, select, ...)
## S3 method for class 'metaMDS'
scores(x, display = c("sites", "species"), shrink = FALSE,
    choices, ...)
metaMDSdist(comm, distance = "bray", autotransform = TRUE,
   noshare = TRUE, trace = 1, commname, zerodist = "ignore",
    distfun = vegdist, ...)
metaMDSiter(dist, k = 2, trymax = 20, trace = 1, plot = FALSE,
    previous.best, engine = "monoMDS", maxit = 200, ...)
initMDS(x, k=2)
postMDS(X, dist, pc=TRUE, center=TRUE, halfchange, threshold=0.8,
    nthreshold=10, plot=FALSE, ...)
metaMDSredist(object, ...)
```

#### Arguments

comm

Community data. Alternatively, dissimilarities either as a dist structure or as a symmetric square matrix. In the latter case all other stages are skipped except random starts and centring and pc rotation of axes.

distance	Dissimilarity index used in vegdist.
k	Number of dimensions. NB., the number of points $n$ should be $n > 2k + 1$ , and preferably higher in non-metric MDS.
trymax	Maximum number of random starts in search of stable solution.
engine	The function used for MDS. The default is to use the monoMDS function in <b>vegan</b> , but for backward compatibility it is also possible to use <i>isoMDS</i> of <b>MASS</b> .
autotransform	Use simple heuristics for possible data transformation of typical community data (see below). If you do not have community data, you should probably set autotransform = FALSE.
noshare	Triggering of calculation step-across or extended dissimilarities with function stepacross. The argument can be logical or a numerical value greater than zero and less than one. If TRUE, extended dissimilarities are used always when there are no shared species between some sites, if FALSE, they are never used. If noshare is a numerical value, stepacross is used when the proportion of site pairs with no shared species exceeds noshare. The number of pairs with no shared species is found with no.shared function, and noshare has no effect if input data were dissimilarities instead of community data.
wascores	Calculate species scores using function wascores.
expand	Expand weighted averages of species in wascores.
trace	Trace the function; trace = 2 or higher will be more voluminous.
plot	Graphical tracing: plot interim results. You may want to set $par(ask = TRUE)$ with this option.
previous.best	Start searches from a previous solution.
х	metaMDS result (or a dissimilarity structure for initMDS.
choices	Axes shown.
type	Plot type: "p" for points, "t" for text, and "n" for axes only.
display	Display "sites" or "species".
shrink	Shrink back species scores if they were expanded originally.
labels	Optional test to be used instead of row names.
select	Items to be displayed. This can either be a logical vector which is TRUE for displayed items or a vector of indices of displayed items.
Х	Configuration from multidimensional scaling.
commname	The name of comm: should not be given if the function is called directly.
zerodist	Handling of zero dissimilarities: either "fail" or "add" a small positive value, or "ignore". monoMDS accepts zero dissimilarities and the default is zerodist = "ignore", but with isoMDS you may need to set zerodist = "add".
distfun	Dissimilarity function. Any function returning a dist object and accepting argument method can be used (but some extra arguments may cause name conflicts).
maxit	Maximum number of iterations in the single NMDS run; passed to the engine function monoMDS or isoMDS.
dist	Dissimilarity matrix used in multidimensional scaling.

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рс	Rotate to principal components.
center	Centre the configuration.
halfchange	Scale axes to half-change units. This defaults TRUE when dissimilarities were evaluated within metaMDS and the dissimilarity index has an upper limit of 1. If FALSE, the ordination dissimilarities are scaled to the same range as the input dissimilarities.
threshold	Largest dissimilarity used in half-change scaling.
nthreshold	Minimum number of points in half-change scaling.
object	A result object from metaMDS.
	Other parameters passed to functions. Function metaMDS passes all arguments to its component functions metaMDSdist, metaMDSiter, postMDS, and to distfun and engine.

#### Details

Non-metric Multidimensional Scaling (NMDS) is commonly regarded as the most robust unconstrained ordination method in community ecology (Minchin 1987). Function metaMDS is a wrapper function that calls several other functions to combine Minchin's (1987) recommendations into one command. The complete steps in metaMDS are:

- Transformation: If the data values are larger than common abundance class scales, the function performs a Wisconsin double standardization (wisconsin). If the values look very large, the function also performs sqrt transformation. Both of these standardizations are generally found to improve the results. However, the limits are completely arbitrary (at present, data maximum 50 triggers sqrt and > 9 triggers wisconsin). If you want to have a full control of the analysis, you should set autotransform = FALSE and standardize and transform data independently. The autotransform is intended for community data, and for other data types, you should set autotransform = FALSE. This step is perfomed using metaMDSdist.
- 2. Choice of dissimilarity: For a good result, you should use dissimilarity indices that have a good rank order relation to ordering sites along gradients (Faith et al. 1987). The default is Bray-Curtis dissimilarity, because it often is the test winner. However, any other dissimilarity index in vegdist can be used. Function rankindex can be used for finding the test winner for you data and gradients. The default choice may be bad if you analyse other than community data, and you should probably select an appropriate index using argument distance. This step is performed using metaMDSdist.
- 3. Step-across dissimilarities: Ordination may be very difficult if a large proportion of sites have no shared species. In this case, the results may be improved with stepacross dissimilarities, or flexible shortest paths among all sites. The default NMDS engine is monoMDS which is able to break tied values at the maximum dissimilarity, and this often is sufficient to handle cases with no shared species, and therefore the default is not to use stepacross with monoMDS. Function isoMDS does not handle tied values adequately, and therefore the default is to use stepacross always when there are sites with no shared species with engine = "isoMDS". The stepacross is triggered by option noshare. If you do not like manipulation of original distances, you should set noshare = FALSE. This step is skipped if input data were dissimilarities instead of community data. This step is performed using metaMDSdist.

- 4. NMDS with random starts: NMDS easily gets trapped into local optima, and you must start NMDS several times from random starts to be confident that you have found the global solution. The strategy in metaMDS is to first run NMDS starting with the metric scaling (cmdscale which usually finds a good solution but often close to a local optimum), or use the previous.best solution if supplied, and take its solution as the standard (Run 0). Then metaMDS starts NMDS from several random starts (maximum number is given by trymax). Function monoMDS defaults random starts, but isoMDS defaults to cmdscale, and there random starts are generated by initMDS. If a solution is better (has a lower stress) than the previous standard, it is taken as the new standard. If the solution is better or close to a standard, metaMDS compares two solutions using Procrustes analysis (function procrustes with option symmetric = TRUE). If the solutions are very similar in their Procrustes rmse and the largest residual is very small, the solutions are regarded as convergent and the better one is taken as the new standard. Please note that the conditions are stringent, and you may have found good and relatively stable solutions although the function is not yet satisfied. Setting trace = TRUE will monitor the final stresses, and plot = TRUE will display Procrustes overlay plots from each comparison. This step is performed using metaMDSiter. This is the only step performed if input data (comm) were dissimilarities.
- 5. Scaling of the results: metaMDS will run postMDS for the final result. Function postMDS provides the following ways of "fixing" the indeterminacy of scaling and orientation of axes in NMDS: Centring moves the origin to the average of the axes; Principal components rotate the configuration so that the variance of points is maximized on first dimension (with function MDSrotate you can alternatively rotate the configuration so that the first axis is parallel to an environmental variable); Half-change scaling scales the configuration so that one unit means halving of community similarity from replicate similarity. Half-change scaling is based on closer dissimilarities where the relation between ordination distance and community dissimilarity is rather linear (the limit is set by argument threshold). If there are enough points below this threshold (controlled by the parameter nthreshold), dissimilarity, and half-change is the distance where similarity halves according to linear regression. Obviously the method is applicable only for dissimilarity indices scaled to 0...1, such as Kulczynski, Bray-Curtis and Canberra indices. If half-change scaling is not used, the ordination is scaled to the same range as the original dissimilarities.
- 6. Species scores: Function adds the species scores to the final solution as weighted averages using function wascores with given value of parameter expand. The expansion of weighted averages can be undone with shrink = TRUE in plot or scores functions, and the calculation of species scores can be suppressed with wascores = FALSE.

#### Value

Function metaMDS returns an object of class metaMDS. The final site ordination is stored in the item points, and species ordination in the item species, and the stress in item stress (NB, the scaling of the stress depends on the engine: isoMDS uses percents, and monoMDS proportions in the range 0...1). The other items store the information on the steps taken and the items returned by the engine function. The object has print, plot, points and text methods. Functions metaMDSdist and metaMDSredist return vegdist objects. Function initMDS returns a random configuration which is intended to be used within isoMDS only. Functions metaMDSiter and postMDS returns the result of NMDS with updated configuration.

#### metaMDS

### Warning

metaMDS uses monoMDS as its NMDS engine from **vegan** version 2.0-0, when it replaced the isoMDS function. You can set argument engine to select the old engine.

#### Note

Function metaMDS is a simple wrapper for an NMDS engine (either monoMDS or isoMDS) and some support functions (metaMDSdist, stepacross, metaMDSiter, initMDS, postMDS, wascores). You can call these support functions separately for better control of results. Data transformation, dissimilarities and possible stepacross are made in function metaMDSdist which returns a dissimilarity result. Iterative search (with starting values from initMDS, and species scores added by wascores. If you want to be more certain of reaching a global solution, you can compare results from several independent runs. You can also continue analysis from previous results or from your own configuration. Function may not save the used dissimilarity matrix (monoMDS does), but metaMDSredist tries to reconstruct the used dissimilarities with original data transformation and possible stepacross.

The metaMDS function was designed to be used with community data. If you have other type of data, you should probably set some arguments to non-default values: probably at least wascores, autotransform and noshare should be FALSE. If you have negative data entries, metaMDS will set the previous to FALSE with a warning.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

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#### See Also

monoMDS (and isoMDS), decostand, wisconsin, vegdist, rankindex, stepacross, procrustes, wascores, MDSrotate, ordiplot.

```
## The recommended way of running NMDS (Minchin 1987)
##
data(dune)
# Global NMDS using monoMDS
sol <- metaMDS(dune)
sol
plot(sol, type="t")
## Start from previous best solution
sol <- metaMDS(dune, previous.best = sol)
## Local NMDS and stress 2 of monoMDS</pre>
```

```
sol2 <- metaMDS(dune, model = "local", stress=2)
sol2
## Use Arrhenius exponent 'z' as a binary dissimilarity measure
sol <- metaMDS(dune, distfun = betadiver, distance = "z")
sol</pre>
```

mite

### Oribatid Mite Data with Explanatory Variables

#### Description

Oribatid mite data. 70 soil cores collected by Daniel Borcard in 1989. See Borcard et al. (1992, 1994) for details.

#### Usage

```
data(mite)
data(mite.env)
data(mite.pcnm)
data(mite.xy)
```

### Format

There are three linked data sets: mite that contains the data on 35 species of Oribatid mites, mite.env that contains environmental data in the same sampling sites, mite.xy that contains geographic coordinates, and mite.pcnm that contains 22 PCNM base functions (columns) computed from the geographic coordinates of the 70 sampling sites (Borcard & Legendre 2002). The whole sampling area was 2.5 m x 10 m in size.

The fields in the environmental data are:

**SubsDens** Substrate density (g/L)

WatrCont Water content of the substrate (g/L)

Substrate Substrate type, factor with levels Sphagn1, Sphagn2 Sphagn3 Sphagn Litter Barepeat Interface

Shrub Shrub density, an ordered factor with levels 1 < 2 < 3

**Topo** Microtopograhy, a factor with levels Blanket and Hummock

### Source

Pierre Legendre

#### model.matrix.cca

#### References

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### Examples

data(mite)

model.matrix.cca Reconstruct Model Frame and Model Matrices of Constrained Ordination

## Description

Function model.frame.cca reconstructs a data.frame with the variables used in the constrained ordination method (cca, rda or capscale. Function model.matrix.cca creates a list of design matrices used in constrained ordination. The items of the list are called Conditions and Constraints. If either partial (Conditions) or constrained component was missing, a single matrix is returned.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cca'
model.frame(formula, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
model.matrix(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

formula, object

A constrained ordination result object from which the needed information is extracted.

... Other arguments passed to the default method of the function.

#### Details

The constrained ordination method objects do not save data on model frame or design matrix, and the functions must reconstruct the information in the session. This will fail if the data sets and variables of the original model are unavailable.

### Value

Returns a data frame (model.frame) or an unnnamed matrix or a list of two matrices called Constraints and Conditions (model.matrix).

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### See Also

model.frame, model.matrix.

### Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- cca(dune ~ poly(A1, 2) + Management + Use, dune.env)
model.frame(mod)
model.matrix(mod)</pre>
```

monoMDS

Global and Local Non-metric Multidimensional Scaling and Linear and Hybrid Scaling

#### Description

Function implements Kruskal's (1964a,b) non-metric multidimensional scaling (NMDS) using monotone regression and primary ("weak") treatment of ties. In addition to traditional global NMDS, the function implements local NMDS, linear and hybrid multidimensional scaling.

### Usage

```
monoMDS(dist, y, k = 2, model = c("global", "local", "linear", "hybrid"),
    threshold = 0.8, maxit = 200, weakties = TRUE, stress = 1,
    scaling = TRUE, pc = TRUE, smin = 1e-4, sfgrmin = 1e-7,
    sratmax=0.99999, ...)
## S3 method for class 'monoMDS'
scores(x, choices = NA, ...)
## S3 method for class 'monoMDS'
plot(x, choices = c(1,2), type = "t", ...)
```

### Arguments

dist	Input dissimilarities.
У	Starting configuration. A random configuration will be generated if this is miss- ing.

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k	Number of dimensions. NB., the number of points $n$ should be $n > 2k + 1$ , and preferably higher in non-metric MDS.
model	MDS model: "global" is normal non-metric MDS with a monotone regression, "local" is non-metric MDS with separate regressions for each point, "linear" uses linear regression, and "hybrid" uses linear regression for dissimilarities below a threshold in addition to monotone regression. See Details.
threshold	Dissimilarity below which linear regression is used alternately with monotone regression.
maxit	Maximum number of iterations.
weakties	Use primary or weak tie treatment, where equal observed dissimilarities are al- lowed to have different fitted values. if FALSE, then secondary (strong) tie treat- ment is used, and tied values are not broken.
stress	Use stress type 1 or 2 (see Details).
scaling	Scale final scores to unit root mean squares.
рс	Rotate final scores to principal components.
smin, sfgrmin,	sratmax
	Convergence criteria: iterations stop when stress drops below smin, scale factor of the gradient drops below sfgrmin, or stress ratio goes over sratmax (but is still $< 1$ ).
x	A monoMDS result.
choices	Dimensions returned or plotted. The default NA returns all dimensions.
type	The type of the plot: "t" for text, "p" for points, and "n" for none.
	Other parameters to the functions (ignored in monoMDS, passed to graphical func- tions in plot.).

There are several versions of non-metric multidimensional scaling in R, but monoMDS offers the following unique combination of features:

- "Weak" treatment of ties (Kruskal 1964a,b), where tied dissimilarities can be broken in monotone regression. This is especially important for cases where compared sites share no species and dissimilarities are tied to their maximum value of one. Breaking ties allows these points to be at different distances and can help in recovering very long coenoclines (gradients). Function smacofSym (smacof package) also has adequate tie treatment.
- Handles missing values in a meaningful way.
- Offers "local" and "hybrid" scaling in addition to usual "global" NMDS (see below).
- Uses fast compiled code (i soMDS of the MASS package also uses compiled code).

Function monoMDS uses Kruskal's (1964b) original monotone regression to minimize the stress. There are two alternatives of stress: Kruskal's (1964a,b) original or "stress 1" and an alternative version or "stress 2" (Sibson 1972). Both of these stresses can be expressed with a general formula

$$s^{2} = \frac{\sum (d - \hat{d})^{2}}{\sum (d - d_{0})^{2}}$$

where d are distances among points in ordination configuration,  $\hat{d}$  are the fitted ordination distances, and  $d_0$  are the ordination distances under null model. For "stress 1"  $d_0 = 0$ , and for "stress 2"  $d_0 = \bar{d}$  or mean distances. "Stress 2" can be expressed as  $s^2 = 1 - R^2$ , where  $R^2$  is squared correlation between fitted values and ordination distances, and so related to the "linear fit" of stressplot.

Function monoMDS can fit several alternative NMDS variants that can be selected with argument model. The default model = "global" fits global NMDS, or Kruskal's (1964a,b) original NMDS similar to isoMDS (MASS) or smacofSym (smacof). Alternative model = "local" fits local NMDS where independent monotone regression is used for each point (Sibson 1972). Alternative model = "linear" fits a linear MDS. This fits a linear regression instead of monotone, and is not identical to metric scaling or principal coordinates analysis (cmdscale) that performs an eigenvector decomposition of dissimilarities (Gower 1966). Alternative model = "hybrid" implements hybrid MDS that uses monotone regression for all points and linear regression for dissimilarities below or at a threshold dissimilarity in alternating steps (Faith et al. 1987). Function stressplot can be used to display the kind of regression in each model.

Scaling, orientation and direction of the axes is arbitrary. However, the function always centres the axes, and the default scaling is to scale the configuration of unit root mean square and to rotate the axes (argument pc) to principal components so that the first dimension shows the major variation. It is possible to rotate the solution so that the first axis is parallel to a given environmental variable using fuction metaMDSrotate.

### Value

Returns an object of class "monoMDS". The final scores are returned in item points (function scores extracts these results), and the stress in item stress. In addition, there is a large number of other items (but these may change without notice in the future releases).

#### Note

This is the default NMDS function used in metaMDS. Function metaMDS adds support functions so that NMDS can be run like recommended by Minchin (1987).

### Author(s)

Peter R. Michin (Fortran core) and Jari Oksanen (R interface).

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## MOStest

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#### See Also

metaMDS for the **vegan** way of running NMDS, and isoMDS and smacofSym for some alternative implementations of NMDS.

### Examples

```
data(dune)
dis <- vegdist(dune)
m <- monoMDS(dis, model = "loc")
m
plot(m)</pre>
```

MOStest

Mitchell-Olds \& Shaw Test for the Location of Quadratic Extreme

## Description

Mitchell-Olds & Shaw test concerns the location of the highest (hump) or lowest (pit) value of a quadratic curve at given points. Typically, it is used to study whether the quadratic hump or pit is located within a studied interval. The current test is generalized so that it applies generalized linear models (glm) with link function instead of simple quadratic curve. The test was popularized in ecology for the analysis of humped species richness patterns (Mittelbach et al. 2001), but it is more general. With logarithmic link function, the quadratic response defines the Gaussian response model of ecological gradients (ter Braak & Looman 1986), and the test can be used for inspecting the location of Gaussian optimum within a given range of the gradient. It can also be used to replace Tokeshi's test of "bimodal" species frequency distribution.

#### Usage

```
MOStest(x, y, interval, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MOStest'
plot(x, which = c(1,2,3,6), ...)
fieller.MOStest(object, level = 0.95)
## S3 method for class 'MOStest'
profile(fitted, alpha = 0.01, maxsteps = 10, del = zmax/5, ...)
## S3 method for class 'MOStest'
confint(object, parm = 1, level = 0.95, ...)
```

### Arguments

х	The independent variable or plotting object in plot.
У	The dependent variable.
interval	The two points at which the test statistic is evaluated. If missing, the extremes of x are used.

which	Subset of plots produced. Values which=1 and 2 define plots specific to MOStest (see Details), and larger values select graphs of plot.lm (minus 2).
object, fitted	A result object from MOStest.
level	The confidence level required.
alpha	Maximum significance level allowed.
maxsteps	Maximum number of steps in the profile.
del	A step length parameter for the profile (see code).
parm	Ignored.
	Other variables passed to functions. Function MOStest passes these to $glm$ so that these can include family. The other functions pass these to underlying graphical functions.

The function fits a quadratic curve  $\mu = b_0 + b_1 x + b_2 x^2$  with given family and link function. If  $b_2 < 0$ , this defines a unimodal curve with highest point at  $u = -b_1/(2b_2)$  (ter Braak & Looman 1986). If  $b_2 > 0$ , the parabola has a minimum at u and the response is sometimes called "bimodal". The null hypothesis is that the extreme point u is located within the interval given by points  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . If the extreme point u is exactly at  $p_1$ , then  $b_1 = 0$  on shifted axis  $x - p_1$ . In the test, origin of x is shifted to the values  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ , and the test statistic is based on the differences of deviances between the original model and model where the origin is forced to the given location using the standard anova.glm function (Oksanen et al. 2001). Mitchell-Olds & Shaw (1987) used the first degree coefficient with its significance as estimated by the summary.glm function. This give identical results with Normal error, but for other error distributions it is preferable to use the test based on differences in deviances in fitted models.

The test is often presented as a general test for the location of the hump, but it really is dependent on the quadratic fitted curve. If the hump is of different form than quadratic, the test may be insignificant.

Because of strong assumptions in the test, you should use the support functions to inspect the fit. Function plot(..., which=1) displays the data points, fitted quadratic model, and its approximate 95% confidence intervals (2 times SE). Function plot with which = 2 displays the approximate confidence interval of the polynomial coefficients, together with two lines indicating the combinations of the coefficients that produce the evaluated points of x. Moreover, the cross-hair shows the approximate confidence intervals for the polynomial coefficients ignoring their correlations. Higher values of which produce corresponding graphs from plot.lm. That is, you must add 2 to the value of which in plot.lm.

Function fieller.MOStest approximates the confidence limits of the location of the extreme point (hump or pit) using Fieller's theorem following ter Braak & Looman (1986). The test is based on quasideviance except if the family is poisson or binomial. Function profile evaluates the profile deviance of the fitted model, and confint finds the profile based confidence limits following Oksanen et al. (2001).

The test is typically used in assessing the significance of diversity hump against productivity gradient (Mittelbach et al. 2001). It also can be used for the location of the pit (deepest points) instead of the Tokeshi test. Further, it can be used to test the location of the the Gaussian optimum in ecological gradient analysis (ter Braak & Looman 1986, Oksanen et al. 2001).

## MOStest

### Value

The function is based on glm, and it returns the result of object of glm amended with the result of the test. The new items in the MOStest are:

isHump	TRUE if the response is a hump.
isBracketed	TRUE if the hump or the pit is bracketed by the evaluated points.
hump	Sorted vector of location of the hump or the pit and the points where the test was evaluated.
coefficients	Table of test statistics and their significances.

#### Note

Function fieller.MOStest is based on package **optgrad** in the Ecological Archives (http://www. esapubs.org/archive/ecol/E082/015/default.htm) accompanying Oksanen et al. (2001). The Ecological Archive package **optgrad** also contains profile deviance method for the location of the hump or pit, but the current implementation of profile and confint rather follow the example of profile.glm and confint.glm in the **MASS** package.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

The no-interaction model can be fitted with humpfit.

```
## The Al-Mufti data analysed in humpfit():
mass <- c(140,230,310,310,400,510,610,670,860,900,1050,1160,1900,2480)
spno <- c(1, 4, 3, 9, 18, 30, 20, 14, 3, 2, 3, 2, 5, 2)
mod <- MOStest(mass, spno)
## Insignificant
mod
## ... but inadequate shape of the curve
op <- par(mfrow=c(2,2), mar=c(4,4,1,1)+.1)</pre>
```

```
## Looks rather like log-link with Poisson error and logarithmic biomass
mod <- MOStest(log(mass), spno, family=quasipoisson)
mod
plot(mod)
par(op)
## Confidence Limits
fieller.MOStest(mod)
confint(mod)
plot(profile(mod))
```

mrpp

Multi Response Permutation Procedure and Mean Dissimilarity Matrix

## Description

Multiple Response Permutation Procedure (MRPP) provides a test of whether there is a significant difference between two or more groups of sampling units. Function meandist finds the mean within and between block dissimilarities.

### Usage

```
mrpp(dat, grouping, permutations = 999, distance = "euclidean",
    weight.type = 1, strata)
meandist(dist, grouping, ...)
## S3 method for class 'meandist'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'meandist'
plot(x, kind = c("dendrogram", "histogram"), cluster = "average",
    ylim, axes = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

dat	data matrix or data frame in which rows are samples and columns are response variable(s), or a dissimilarity object or a symmetric square matrix of dissimilarities.
grouping	Factor or numeric index for grouping observations.
permutations	Number of permutations to assess the significance of the MRPP statistic, delta.
distance	Choice of distance metric that measures the dissimilarity between two observa- tions . See vegdist for options. This will be used if dat was not a dissimilarity structure of a symmetric square matrix.
weight.type	choice of group weights. See Details below for options.
strata	An integer vector or factor specifying the strata for permutation. If supplied, observations are permuted only within the specified strata.
dist	A dist object of dissimilarities, such as produced by functions dist, vegdist or designdist

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object, x	A meandist result object.
kind	Draw a dendrogram or a histogram; see Details.
cluster	A clustering method for the hclust function for kind = "dendrogram". Any hclust method can be used, but perhaps only "average" and "single" make sense.
ylim	Limits for vertical axes (optional).
axes	Draw scale for the vertical axis.
	Further arguments passed to functions.

Multiple Response Permutation Procedure (MRPP) provides a test of whether there is a significant difference between two or more groups of sampling units. This difference may be one of location (differences in mean) or one of spread (differences in within-group distance; cf. Warton et al. 2012). Function mrpp operates on a data.frame matrix where rows are observations and responses data matrix. The response(s) may be uni- or multivariate. The method is philosophically and mathematically allied with analysis of variance, in that it compares dissimilarities within and among groups. If two groups of sampling units are really different (e.g. in their species composition), then average of the within-group compositional dissimilarities ought to be less than the average of the dissimilarities between two random collection of sampling units drawn from the entire population.

The mrpp statistic  $\delta$  is the overall weighted mean of within-group means of the pairwise dissimilarities among sampling units. The choice of group weights is currently not clear. The mrpp function offers three choices: (1) group size (n), (2) a degrees-of-freedom analogue (n - 1), and (3) a weight that is the number of unique distances calculated among n sampling units (n(n - 1)/2).

The mrpp algorithm first calculates all pairwise distances in the entire dataset, then calculates  $\delta$ . It then permutes the sampling units and their associated pairwise distances, and recalculates  $\delta$  based on the permuted data. It repeats the permutation step permutations times. The significance test is the fraction of permuted deltas that are less than the observed delta, with a small sample correction. The function also calculates the change-corrected within-group agreement  $A = 1 - \delta/E(\delta)$ , where  $E(\delta)$  is the expected  $\delta$  assessed as the average of dissimilarities.

If the first argument dat can be interpreted as dissimilarities, they will be used directly. In other cases the function treats dat as observations, and uses vegdist to find the dissimilarities. The default distance is Euclidean as in the traditional use of the method, but other dissimilarities in vegdist also are available.

Function meandist calculates a matrix of mean within-cluster dissimilarities (diagonal) and betweencluster dissimilarities (off-diagonal elements), and an attribute n of grouping counts. Function summary finds the within-class, between-class and overall means of these dissimilarities, and the MRPP statistics with all weight.type options and the Classification Strength, CS (Van Sickle and Hughes, 2000). CS is defined for dissimiliraties as  $\overline{B} - \overline{W}$ , where  $\overline{B}$  is the mean between cluster dissimilarity and  $\overline{W}$  is the mean within cluster dissimilarity with weight.type = 1. The function does not perform significance tests for these statistics, but you must use mrpp with appropriate weight.type. There is currently no significance test for CS, but mrpp with weight.type = 1 gives the correct test for  $\overline{W}$  and a good approximation for CS. Function plot draws a dendrogram or a histogram of the result matrix based on the within-group and between group dissimilarities. The dendrogram is found with the method given in the cluster argument using function hclust. The terminal segments hang to within-cluster dissimilarity. If some of the clusters are more heterogeneous than the combined class, the leaf segment are reversed. The histograms are based on dissimilarites, but ore otherwise similar to those of Van Sickle and Hughes (2000): horizontal line is drawn at the level of mean between-cluster dissimilarity and vertical lines connect within-cluster dissimilarities to this line.

## Value

The function returns a list of class mrpp with following items:

call	Function call.
delta	The overall weighted mean of group mean distances.
E.delta	expected delta, under the null hypothesis of no group structure. This is the mean of original dissimilarities.
CS	Classification strength (Van Sickle and Hughes, 2000). Currently not implemented and always NA.
n	Number of observations in each class.
classdelta	Mean dissimilarities within classes. The overall $\delta$ is the weighted average of these values with given weight.type
Pvalue	Significance of the test.
A	A chance-corrected estimate of the proportion of the distances explained by group identity; a value analogous to a coefficient of determination in a linear model.
distance	Choice of distance metric used; the "method" entry of the dist object.
weight.type	The choice of group weights used.
boot.deltas	The vector of "permuted deltas," the deltas calculated from each of the permuted datasets. The distribution of this item can be inspected with density.mrpp function.
permutations	The number of permutations used.

### Note

This difference may be one of location (differences in mean) or one of spread (differences in withingroup distance). That is, it may find a significant difference between two groups simply because one of those groups has a greater dissimilarities among its sampling units. Most mrpp models can be analysed with adonis which seems not suffer from the same problems as mrpp and is a more robust alternative.

## Author(s)

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mrpp

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#### See Also

anosim for a similar test based on ranks, and mantel for comparing dissimilarities against continuous variables, and vegdist for obtaining dissimilarities, adonis is a more robust alternative in most cases.

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
dune.mrpp <- mrpp(dune, dune.env$Management)</pre>
dune.mrpp
# Save and change plotting parameters
def.par <- par(no.readonly = TRUE)</pre>
layout(matrix(1:2,nr=1))
plot(dune.ord <- metaMDS(dune), type="text", display="sites" )</pre>
ordihull(dune.ord, dune.env$Management)
with(dune.mrpp, {
 fig.dist <- hist(boot.deltas, xlim=range(c(delta,boot.deltas)),</pre>
                  main="Test of Differences Among Groups")
 abline(v=delta);
 text(delta, 2*mean(fig.dist$counts), adj = -0.5,
     expression(bold(delta)), cex=1.5 ) }
)
par(def.par)
## meandist
dune.md <- with(dune.env, meandist(vegdist(dune), Management))</pre>
dune.md
summary(dune.md)
plot(dune.md)
plot(dune.md, kind="histogram")
```

mso

Functions for performing and displaying a spatial partitioning of cca or rda results

## Description

The function mso adds an attribute vario to an object of class "cca" that describes the spatial partitioning of the cca object and performs an optional permutation test for the spatial independence of residuals. The function plot.mso creates a diagnostic plot of the spatial partitioning of the "cca" object.

#### Usage

mso(object.cca, object.xy, grain = 1, round.up = FALSE, permutations = FALSE)
msoplot(x, alpha = 0.05, explained = FALSE, ylim = NULL, legend = "topleft", ...)

## Arguments

object.cca	An object of class cca, created by the cca or rda function.
object.xy	A vector, matrix or data frame with the spatial coordinates of the data repre- sented by object.cca. Must have the same number of rows as object.cca\$CA\$Xbar (see cca.object).
grain	Interval size for distance classes.
round.up	Determines the choice of breaks. If false, distances are rounded to the nearest multiple of grain. If true, distances are rounded to the upper multiple of grain.
permutations	If false, suppresses the permutation test. If an integer, determines the number of permutations for the Mantel test of spatial independence of residual inertia.
x	A result object of mso.
alpha	Significance level for the two-sided permutation test of the Mantel statistic for spatial independence of residual inertia and for the point-wise envelope of the variogram of the total variance. A Bonferroni-type correction can be achieved by dividing the overall significance value (e.g. 0.05) by the number of distance classes.
explained	If false, suppresses the plotting of the variogram of explained variance.
ylim	Limits for y-axis.
legend	The x and y co-ordinates to be used to position the legend. They can be specified by keyword or in any way which is accepted by legend.
	Other arguments passed to functions.

The Mantel test is an adaptation of the function mantel of the **vegan** package to the parallel testing of several distance classes. It compares the mean inertia in each distance class to the pooled mean inertia of all other distance classes.

If there are explanatory variables (RDA, CCA, pRDA, pCCA) and a significance test for residual autocorrelation was performed when running the function mso, the function plot.mso will print an estimate of how much the autocorrelation (based on significant distance classes) causes the global error variance of the regression analysis to be underestimated

### Value

The function mso returns an amended cca or rda object with the additional attributes grain, H, H.test and vario.

grain	The grain attribute defines the interval size of the distance classes .
Н	H is an object of class 'dist' and contains the geographic distances between observations.
H.test	H.test contains a set of dummy variables that describe which pairs of observa- tions (rows = elements of object\$H) fall in which distance class (columns).
vario	The vario attribute is a data frame that contains some or all of the following components for the rda case (cca case in brackets):
	H Distance class as multiples of grain.
	Dist Average distance of pairs of observations in distance class H.
	<b>n</b> Number of unique pairs of observations in distance class H.
	All Empirical (chi-square) variogram of total variance (inertia).
	Sum Sum of empirical (chi-square) variograms of explained and residual variance (inertia).
	CA Empirical (chi-square) variogram of residual variance (inertia).
	CCA Empirical (chi-square) variogram of explained variance (inertia).
	pCCA Empirical (chi-square) variogram of conditioned variance (inertia).
	se Standard error of the empirical (chi-square) variogram of total variance (in- ertia).
	CA.signif P-value of permutation test for spatial independence of residual variance (inertia).

### Note

The function is based on the code published in the Ecological Archives E085-006 (http://www.esapubs.org/archive/ecol/E085/006/default.htm).

## Author(s)

The responsible author was Helene Wagner.

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### References

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## See Also

Function cca and rda, cca.object.

#### Examples

```
## Reconstruct worked example of Wagner (submitted):
X <- matrix(c(1, 2, 3, 2, 1, 0), 3, 2)
Y <- c(3, -1, -2)
tmat <- c(1:3)
## Canonical correspondence analysis (cca):
Example.cca <- cca(X, Y)</pre>
Example.cca <- mso(Example.cca, tmat)</pre>
msoplot(Example.cca)
Example.cca$vario
## Correspondence analysis (ca):
Example.ca <- mso(cca(X), tmat)</pre>
msoplot(Example.ca)
## Unconstrained ordination with test for autocorrelation
## using oribatid mite data set as in Wagner (2004)
data(mite)
data(mite.env)
data(mite.xy)
mite.cca <- cca(log(mite + 1))</pre>
mite.cca <- mso(mite.cca, mite.xy, grain = 1, permutations = 100)</pre>
msoplot(mite.cca)
mite.cca
## Constrained ordination with test for residual autocorrelation
## and scale-invariance of species-environment relationships
mite.cca <- cca(log(mite + 1) ~ SubsDens + WatrCont + Substrate + Shrub + Topo, mite.env)</pre>
mite.cca <- mso(mite.cca, mite.xy, permutations = 100)</pre>
msoplot(mite.cca)
mite.cca
```

multipart

Multiplicative Diversity Partitioning

#### Description

In multiplicative diversity partitioning, mean values of alpha diversity at lower levels of a sampling hierarchy are compared to the total diversity in the entire data set or the pooled samples (gamma diversity).

### multipart

### Usage

```
multipart(...)
## Default S3 method:
multipart(y, x, index=c("renyi", "tsallis"), scales = 1,
    global = FALSE, relative = FALSE, nsimul=99, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
multipart(formula, data, index=c("renyi", "tsallis"), scales = 1,
    global = FALSE, relative = FALSE, nsimul=99, ...)
```

### Arguments

У	A community matrix.
x	A matrix with same number of rows as in y, columns coding the levels of sam- pling hierarchy. The number of groups within the hierarchy must decrease from left to right. If x is missing, two levels are assumed: each row is a group in the first level, and all rows are in the same group in the second level.
formula	A two sided model formula in the form $y \sim x$ , where y is the community data matrix with samples as rows and species as column. Right hand side (x) must grouping vaiables referring to levels of sampling hierarchy, terms from right to left will be treated as nested (first column is the lowest, last is the highest level, at least two levels specified). Interaction terms are not allowed.
data	A data frame where to look for variables defined in the right hand side of formula. If missing, variables are looked in the global environment.
index	Character, the entropy index to be calculated (see Details).
relative	Logical, if TRUE then beta diversity is standardized by its maximum (see Details).
scales	Numeric, of length 1, the order of the generalized diversity index to be used.
global	Logical, indicates the calculation of beta diversity values, see Details.
nsimul	Number of permutation to use if matr is not of class 'permat'. If nsimul = 0, only the FUN argument is evaluated. It is thus possible to reuse the statistic values without using a null model.
	Other arguments passed to oecosimu, i.e. method, thin or burnin.

#### Details

Multiplicative diversity partitioning is based on Whittaker's (1972) ideas, that has recently been generalised to one parametric diversity families (i.e. Rényi and Tsallis) by Jost (2006, 2007). Jost recommends to use the numbers equivalents (Hill numbers), instead of pure diversities, and proofs, that this satisfies the multiplicative partitioning requirements.

The current implementation of multipart calculates Hill numbers based on the functions renyi and tsallis (provided as index argument). If values for more than one scales are desired, it should be done in separate runs, because it adds extra dimensionality to the implementation, which has not been resolved efficiently.

Alpha diversities are then the averages of these Hill numbers for each hierarchy levels, the global gamma diversity is the alpha value calculated for the highest hierarchy level. When global = TRUE, beta is calculated relative to the global gamma value:

$$\beta_i = \gamma / \alpha_i$$

when global = FALSE, beta is calculated relative to local gamma values (local gamma means the diversity calculated for a particular cluster based on the pooled abundance vector):

$$\beta_i j = \alpha_{(i+1)j} / mean(\alpha_{ij})$$

where j is a particular cluster at hierarchy level i. Then beta diversity value for level i is the mean of the beta values of the clusters at that level,  $\beta_i = mean(\beta_{ij})$ .

If relative = TRUE, the respective beta diversity values are standardized by their maximum possible values  $(mean(\beta_{ij})/\beta_{max,ij})$  given as  $\beta_{max,ij} = n_j$  (the number of lower level units in a given cluster j).

The expected diversity components are calculated nsimul times by individual based randomisation of the community data matrix. This is done by the "r2dtable" method in oecosimu by default.

#### Value

An object of class 'multipart' with same structure as 'oecosimu' objects.

#### Author(s)

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### References

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#### See Also

See adipart for additive diversity partitioning, hiersimu for hierarchical null model testing and oecosimu for permutation settings and calculating *p*-values.

```
## NOTE: 'nsimul' argument usually needs to be >= 99
## here much lower value is used for demonstration
data(mite)
data(mite.axy)
data(mite.env)
## Function to get equal area partitions of the mite data
cutter <- function (x, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 2.5)) {
    out <- rep(1, length(x))</pre>
```

#### nestedtemp

```
for (i in 2:(length(cut) - 1))
        out[which(x > cut[i] & x <= cut[(i + 1)])] <- i
    return(out))
## The hierarchy of sample aggregation
levsm <- data.frame(
    l1=1:nrow(mite),
    l2=cutter(mite.xy$y, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 2.5)),
    l3=cutter(mite.xy$y, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 5)),
    l4=cutter(mite.xy$y, cut = seq(0, 10, by = 10)))
## Multiplicative diversity partitioning
multipart(mite, levsm, index="renyi", scales=1, nsimul=19)
multipart(mite ~ ., levsm, index="renyi", scales=1, nsimul=19, relative=TRUE)
multipart(mite ~ ., levsm, index="renyi", scales=1, nsimul=19, global=TRUE)</pre>
```

```
nestedtemp
```

Nestedness Indices for Communities of Islands or Patches

#### Description

Patches or local communities are regarded as nested if they all could be subsets of the same community. In general, species poor communities should be subsets of species rich communities, and rare species should only occur in species rich communities.

#### Usage

```
nestedchecker(comm)
nestedn0(comm)
nesteddisc(comm, niter = 200)
nestedtemp(comm, ...)
nestednodf(comm, order = TRUE, weighted = FALSE)
nestedbetasor(comm)
nestedbetajac(comm)
## S3 method for class 'nestedtemp'
plot(x, kind = c("temperature", "incidence"),
    col=rev(heat.colors(100)), names = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'nestednodf'
plot(x, col = "red", names = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

comm	Community data.
niter	Number of iterations to reorder tied columns.
x	Result object for a plot.
col	Colour scheme for matrix temperatures.
kind	The kind of plot produced.

names	Label columns and rows in the plot using names in comm. If it is a logical vector of length 2, row and column labels are returned accordingly.
order	Order rows and columns by frequencies.
weighted	Use species abundances as weights of interactions.
	Other arguments to functions.

The nestedness functions evaluate alternative indices of nestedness. The functions are intended to be used together with Null model communities and used as an argument in oecosimu to analyse the non-randomness of results.

Function nestedchecker gives the number of checkerboard units, or 2x2 submatrices where both species occur once but on different sites (Stone & Roberts 1990).

Function nestedn0 implements nestedness measure N0 which is the number of absences from the sites which are richer than the most pauperate site species occurs (Patterson & Atmar 1986).

Function nesteddisc implements discrepancy index which is the number of ones that should be shifted to fill a row with ones in a table arranged by species frequencies (Brualdi & Sanderson 1999). The original definition arranges species (columns) by their frequencies, but did not have any method of handling tied frequencies. The nesteddisc function tries to order tied columns to minimize the discrepancy statistic but this is rather slow, and with a large number of tied columns there is no guarantee that the best ordering was found (argument niter gives the maximum number of tried orders). In that case a warning of tied columns will be issued.

Function nestedtemp finds the matrix temperature which is defined as the sum of "surprises" in arranged matrix. In arranged unsurprising matrix all species within proportion given by matrix fill are in the upper left corner of the matrix, and the surprise of the absence or presences is the diagonal distance from the fill line (Atmar & Patterson 1993). Function tries to pack species and sites to a low temperature (Rodríguez-Gironés & Santamaria 2006), but this is an iterative procedure, and the temperatures usually vary among runs. Function nestedtemp also has a plot method which can display either incidences or temperatures of the surprises. Matrix temperature was rather vaguely described (Atmar & Patterson 1993), but Rodríguez-Gironés & Santamaria (2006) are more explicit and their description is used here. However, the results probably differ from other implementations, and users should be cautious in interpreting the results. The details of calculations are explained in the vignette *Design decisions and implementation* that you can read using functions vignette or vegandocs. Function nestedness in the **bipartite** package is a direct port of the BINMATNEST programme of Rodríguez-Gironés & Santamaria (2006).

Function nestednodf implements a nestedness metric based on overlap and decreasing fill (Almeida-Neto et al., 2008). Two basic properties are required for a matrix to have the maximum degree of nestedness according to this metric: (1) complete overlap of 1's from right to left columns and from down to up rows, and (2) decreasing marginal totals between all pairs of columns and all pairs of rows. The nestedness statistic is evaluated separately for columns (N columns) for rows (N rows) and combined for the whole matrix (NODF). If you set order = FALSE, the statistic is evaluated with the current matrix ordering allowing tests of other meaningful hypothesis of matrix structure than default ordering by row and column totals (breaking ties by total abundances when weighted = TRUE) (see Almeida-Neto et al. 2008). With weighted = TRUE, the function finds the weighted version of the index (Almeida-Neto & Ulrich, 2011). However, this requires quantitative null models for adequate testing.

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Functions nestedbetasor and nestedbetajac find multiple-site dissimilarities and decompose these into components of turnover and nestedness following Baselga (2010). This can be seen as a decomposition of beta diversity (see betadiver). Function nestedbetasor uses Sørensen dissimilarity and the turnover component is Simpson dissimilarity (Baselga 2010), and nestedbetajac uses analogous methods with the Jaccard index. The functions return a vector of three items: turnover, nestedness and their sum which is the multiple Sørensen or Jaccard dissimilarity. The last one is the total beta diversity (Baselga 2010). The functions will treat data as presence/absence (binary) and they can be used with binary null models (see commsimulator). The overall dissimilarity is constant in all null models that fix species (column) frequencies ("co"), and all components are constant if row columns are also fixed (e.g., model "quasiswap"), and the functions are not meaningful with these null models.

### Value

The result returned by a nestedness function contains an item called statistic, but the other components differ among functions. The functions are constructed so that they can be handled by oecosimu.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen and Gustavo Carvalho (nestednodf).

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### See Also

In general, the functions should be used with oecosimu which generates Null model communities to assess the non-randomness of nestedness patterns.

## Examples

```
data(sipoo)
## Matrix temperature
out <- nestedtemp(sipoo)
out
plot(out)
plot(out, kind="incid")
## Use oecosimu to assess the non-randomness of checker board units
nestedchecker(sipoo)
oecosimu(sipoo, nestedchecker, "quasiswap")
## Another Null model and standardized checkerboard score
oecosimu(sipoo, nestedchecker, "r00", statistic = "C.score")</pre>
```

```
nobs.adonis
```

Extract the Number of Observations from a vegan Fit.

### Description

Extract the number of 'observations' from a vegan model fit.

## Usage

## S3 method for class 'adonis'
nobs(object, ...)

#### Arguments

object	A fitted model object.
	Further arguments to be passed to methods.

## Details

Function nobs is generic in R version 2.13.0, and **vegan** provides methods for objects from adonis, betadisper, cca and other related methods, CCorA, decorana, isomap, metaMDS, pcnm, procrustes, radfit, varpart and wcmdscale.

### Value

A single number, normally an interger, giving the number of observations.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

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### Description

oecosimu

Null models generate random communities with different criteria to study the significance of nestedness or other community patterns. The function only simulates binary (presence/absence) models with constraint for total number of presences, and optionally for numbers of species and/or species frequencies.

### Usage

```
oecosimu(comm, nestfun, method, nsimul = 99, burnin = 0, thin = 1,
    statistic = "statistic", alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"),
    ...)
commsimulator(x, method, thin=1)
## S3 method for class 'oecosimu'
as.ts(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'oecosimu'
density(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'oecosimu'
density(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'oecosimu'
densityplot(x, data, xlab = "Simulated", ...)
```

#### Arguments

comm	Community data.
х	Community data for commsimulator, or an oecosimu result object for as.ts, as.mcmc, density and densityplot.
nestfun	Function to analyse nestedness. Some functions are provided in <b>vegan</b> , but any function can be used if it accepts the community as the first argument, and returns either a plain number or the result in list item with the name defined in argument statistic. See Examples for defining your own functions.
method	Null model method. See details.
nsimul	Number of simulated null communities.
burnin	Number of null communities discarded before proper analysis in sequential methods "swap" and "tswap".
thin	Number of discarded null communities between two evaluations of nestedness statistic in sequential methods "swap" and "tswap".
statistic	The name of the statistic returned by nestedfun
alternative	a character string specifying the alternative hypothesis, must be one of "two.sided" (default), "greater" or "less". Please note that the <i>p</i> -value of two-sided test is approximately two times higher than in the corresponding one-sided test ("greater" or "less" depending on the sign of the difference).

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data	Ignored argument of the generic function.
xlab	Label of the x-axis.
	Other arguments to functions.

#### Details

Function oecosimu is a wrapper that evaluates a nestedness statistic using function given by nestfun, and then simulates a series of null models using commsimulator or other functions (depending on method argument), and evaluates the statistic on these null models. The **vegan** packages contains some nestedness functions that are described separately (nestedchecker, nesteddisc, nestedno, nestedtemp), but many other functions can be used as long as they are meaningful with binary or quantitative community models. An applicable function must return either the statistic as a plain number, or as a list element "statistic" (like chisq.test), or in an item whose name is given in the argument statistic. The statistic can be a single number (like typical for a nestedness index), or it can be a vector. The vector indices can be used to analyse site (row) or species (column) properties, see treedive for an example. Raup-Crick index (raupcrick) gives an example of using a dissimilarities index.

Function commsimulator implements binary (presence/absence) null models for community composition. The implemented models are r00 which maintains the number of presences but fills these anywhere so that neither species (column) nor site (row) totals are preserved. Methods r0, r1 and r2 maintain the site (row) frequencies. Method r0 fills presences anywhere on the row with no respect to species (column) frequencies, r1 uses column marginal frequencies as probabilities, and r2 uses squared column sums. Methods r1 and r2 try to simulate original species frequencies, but they are not strictly constrained. All these methods are reviewed by Wright et al. (1998). Method c0 maintains species frequencies, but does not honour site (row) frequencies (Jonsson 2001).

The other methods maintain both row and column frequencies. Methods swap and tswap implement sequential methods, where the matrix is changed only little in one step, but the changed matrix is used as an input if the next step. Methods swap and tswap inspect random 2x2 submatrices and if they are checkerboard units, the order of columns is swapped. This changes the matrix structure, but does not influence marginal sums (Gotelli & Entsminger 2003). Method swap inspects submatrices so long that a swap can be done. Miklós & Podani (2004) suggest that this may lead into biased sequences, since some columns or rows may be more easily swapped, and they suggest trying a fixed number of times and doing zero to many swaps at one step. This method is implemented by method tswap or trial swap. Function commsimulator makes only one trial swap in time (which probably does nothing), but oecosimu estimates how many submatrices are expected before finding a swappable checkerboard, and uses that ratio to thin the results, so that on average one swap will be found per step of tswap. However, the checkerboard frequency probably changes during swaps, but this is not taken into account in estimating the thin. One swap still changes the matrix only little, and it may be useful to thin the results so that the statistic is only evaluated after burnin steps (and thinned).

Methods quasiswap and backtracking are not sequential, but each call produces a matrix that is independent of previous matrices, and has the same marginal totals as the original data. The recommended method is quasiswap which is much faster because it is implemented in C. Method backtracking is provided for comparison, but it is so slow that it may be dropped from future releases of **vegan** (or also implemented in C). Method quasiswap (Miklós & Podani 2004) implements a method where matrix is first filled honouring row and column totals, but with integers that may be larger than one. Then the method inspects random 2x2 matrices and performs a quasiswap

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on them. Quasiswap is similar to ordinary swap, but it also can reduce numbers above one to ones maintaining marginal totals. Method backtracking implements a filling method with constraints both for row and column frequencies (Gotelli & Entsminger 2001). The matrix is first filled randomly using row and column frequencies as probabilities. Typically row and column sums are reached before all incidences are filled in. After that begins "backtracking", where some of the points are removed, and then filling is started again, and this backtracking is done so may times that all incidences will be filled into matrix. The quasi swap method is not sequential, but it produces a random incidence matrix with given marginal totals.

Function as.ts transforms the simulated results of sequential methods into a time series or a ts object. This allows using analytic tools for time series in studying the sequences (see examples). Function as.mcmc transforms the simulated results of sequential methods into an mcmc object of the **coda** package. The **coda** package provides functions for the analysis of stationarity, adequacy of sample size, autocorrelation, need of burn-in and much more for sequential methods. Please consult the documentation of **coda** package.

Function density provides an interface to the standard density function for the simulated values. Function densityplot is an interface to the densityplot function of the lattice package. The density can be used meaningfully only for single statistics and must be plotted separately. The densityplot function can handle multiple statistics, and it plots the results directly. In addition to the density, the densityplot also shows the observed value of the statistic (provided it is within the graph limits). The densityplot function is defined as a generic function in the lattice package and you must either load the lattice library before calling densityplot, or use the longer form densityplot.oecosimu when you first time call the function.

As a result of method = "r2dtable" in oecosimu, quantitative community null models are used to evaluate the statistic. This setting uses the r2dtable function to generate random matrices with fixed row and column totals (hypergeometric distribution). This null model is used in diversity partitioning function (see adipart).

The method argument can be a function with first argument taking the community matrix, and optionally with burnin and thin argument. The function must return a matrix-like object with same dimensions. But be careful, blindly applying permuted matrices for null model testing can be dangerous.

### Value

Function oecosimu returns the result of nestfun added with a component called oecosimu. The oecosimu component contains the simulated values of the statistic (item simulated), the name of the method, P value (with given alternative), z-value of the statistic based on simulation (also known as standardized effect size), and the mean of simulations.

#### Note

Functions commsimulator and oecosimu do not have default nestfun nor default method, because there is no clear natural choice. If you use these methods, you must be able to choose your own strategy. The choice of nestedness index is difficult because the functions seem to imply very different concepts of structure and randomness. The choice of swapping method is also problematic. Method r00 has some heuristic value of being really random. However, it produces null models which are different from observed communities in most respects, and a "significant" result may simply mean that not all species are equally common (r0 is similar with this respect). It is also difficult to find justification for r2. The methods maintaining both row and column totals only study the community relations, but they can be very slow. Moreover, they regard marginal totals as constraints instead of results of occurrence patterns. You should evaluate timings in small trials (one cycle) before launching an extensive simulation. One swap is fast, but it changes data only little, and you may need long burnin and strong thinning in large matrices. You should plot the simulated values to see that they are more or less stationary and there is no trend. Method quasiswap is implemented in C and it is much faster than backtrack. Method backtrack may be removed from later releases of **vegan** because it is slow, but it is still included for comparison.

If you wonder about the name of oecosimu, look at journal names in the References (and more in nestedtemp).

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r2dtable generates table with given marginals but with entries above one. Functions permatfull and permatswap generate Null models for count data. Function rndtaxa (labdsv package) randomizes a community table. See also nestedtemp (that also discusses other nestedness functions) and treedive for another application.

```
## Use the first eigenvalue of correspondence analysis as an index
## of structure: a model for making your own functions.
data(sipoo)
out <- oecosimu(sipoo, decorana, "swap", burnin=100, thin=10, statistic="evals")
out
## Inspect the swap sequence as a time series object
plot(as.ts(out))
lag.plot(as.ts(out))
acf(as.ts(out))
## Density plot: needs lattice
require(lattice)
densityplot(out, as.table = TRUE)
## Use quantitative null models to compare</pre>
```

### ordiarrows

```
## mean Bray-Curtis dissimilarities
data(dune)
meandist <- function(x) mean(vegdist(x, "bray"))
mbc1 <- oecosimu(dune, meandist, "r2dtable")
mbc1
## Define a custom function that shuffles
## cells in each rows
f <- function(x) {
    apply(x, 2, function(z) sample(z, length(z)))
}
mbc2 <- oecosimu(as.matrix(dune), meandist, f)
mbc2</pre>
```

ordiarrows

```
Add Arrows and Line Segments to Ordination Diagrams
```

## Description

Functions to add arrows, line segments, regular grids of points. The ordination diagrams can be produced by vegan plot.cca, plot.decorana or ordiplot.

## Usage

### Arguments

ord	An ordination object or an ordiplot object.
groups	Factor giving the groups for which the graphical item is drawn.
levels, replica	ates
	Alternatively, regular groups can be defined with arguments levels and replicates, where levels gives the number of groups, and replicates the number of successive items at the same group.
order.by	Order points by increasing order of this variable within groups. Reverse sign of the variable for decreasing ordering.
display	Item to displayed.
show.groups	Show only given groups. This can be a vector, or TRUE if you want to show items for which condition is TRUE. This argument makes it possible to use different colours and line types for groups. The default is to show all groups.

label	Label the groups by their names. In ordiellipse, ordihull and ordispider the the group name is in the centroid of the object, in ordiarrows in the start of the arrow, and in ordisegments at both ends. ordiellipse and ordihull use standard text, and others use ordilabel.
startmark	plotting character used to mark the first item. The default is to use no mark, and for instance, startmark = 1 will draw a circle. For other plotting characters, see pch in points.
col	Colour of lines in ordigrid. This argument is also passed to other functions to change the colour of lines.
lty, lwd	Line type, line width used for levels and replicates in ordigrid.
	Parameters passed to graphical functions such as lines, segments, arrows, or to scores to select axes and scaling etc.

Function ordiarrows draws arrows and ordisegments draws line segments between successive items in the groups. Function ordigrid draws line segments both within the groups and for the corresponding items among the groups.

## Note

These functions add graphical items to ordination graph: You must draw a graph first.

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

### See Also

The functions pass parameters to basic graphical functions, and you may wish to change the default values in arrows, lines and segments. You can pass parameters to scores as well.

```
example(pyrifos)
mod <- rda(pyrifos)
plot(mod, type = "n")
## Annual succession by ditches
ordiarrows(mod, ditch, label = TRUE)
## Show only control and highest Pyrifos treatment
plot(mod, type = "n")
ordiarrows(mod, ditch, label = TRUE,
    show.groups = c("2", "3", "5", "11"))
ordiarrows(mod, ditch, label = TRUE, show = c("6", "9"),
    col = 2)
legend("topright", c("Control", "Pyrifos 44"), lty = 1, col = c(1,2))</pre>
```

#### Description

Functions to add convex hulls, 'spider' graphs, ellipses or cluster dendrogram to ordination diagrams. The ordination diagrams can be produced by vegan plot.cca, plot.decorana or ordiplot.

## Usage

```
ordihull(ord, groups, display = "sites", draw = c("lines","polygon", "none"),
        col = NULL, alpha = 127, show.groups, label = FALSE, ...)
ordiellipse(ord, groups, display="sites", kind = c("sd","se"), conf,
        draw = c("lines","polygon", "none"), w = weights(ord, display),
        col = NULL, alpha = 127, show.groups, label = FALSE, ...)
ordispider(ord, groups, display="sites", w = weights(ord, display),
        show.groups, label = FALSE, ...)
ordicluster(ord, cluster, prune = 0, display = "sites",
        w = weights(ord, display), ...)
## S3 method for class 'ordihull'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ordiellipse'
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

ord	An ordination object or an ordiplot object.
groups	Factor giving the groups for which the graphical item is drawn.
display	Item to displayed.
draw	Use either lines or polygon to draw the lines. Graphical parameters are passed to both. The main difference is that polygons may be filled and non-transparent. With none nothing is drawn, but the function returns the invisible plotting data.
col	Colour of hull or ellipse lines (if draw = "lines") or their fills (if draw = "polygon") in ordihull and ordiellipse. When draw = "polygon", the colour of bor- dering lines can be set with argument border of the polygon function. For other functions the effect depends on the underlining functions this argument is passed to.
alpha	Transparency of the fill colour with draw = "polygon" in ordihull and ordiellipse. The argument takes precedence over possible transparency def- initions of the colour. The value must be in range 0255, and low values are more transparent. Transparency is not available in all graphics devices or file formats.
show.groups	Show only given groups. This can be a vector, or TRUE if you want to show items for which condition is TRUE. This argument makes it possible to use different colours and line types for groups. The default is to show all groups.

label	Label the groups by their names in the centroid of the object. ordiellipse and ordihull use standard text, and others use ordilabel.
W	Weights used to find the average within group. Weights are used automatically for cca and decorana results, unless undone by the user. w=NULL sets equal weights to all points.
kind	Whether standard deviations of points (sd) or standard deviations of their (weighted) averages (se) are used.
conf	Confidence limit for ellipses, e.g. 0.95. If given, the corresponding sd or se is multiplied with the corresponding value found from the Chi-squared distribution with 2df.
cluster	Result of hierarchic cluster analysis, such as hclust or agnes.
prune	Number of upper level hierarchies removed from the dendrogram. If prune $> 0$ , dendrogram will be disconnected.
object	A result object from ordihull or ordiellipse. The result is invisible, but it can be saved, and used for summaries (areas etc. of hulls and ellipses).
	Parameters passed to graphical functions or to scores to select axes and scaling etc.

Function ordihull draws lines or polygons for the convex hulls found by function chull encircling the items in the groups.

Function ordiellipse draws lines or polygons for dispersion ellipses using either standard deviation of point scores or standard error of the (weighted) average of scores, and the (weighted) correlation defines the direction of the principal axis of the ellipse. An ellipsoid hull can be drawn with function ellipsoidhull of package **cluster**.

Function ordispider draws a 'spider' diagram where each point is connected to the group centroid with segments. Weighted centroids are used in the correspondence analysis methods cca and decorana or if the user gives the weights in the call. If ordispider is called with cca or rda result without groups argument, the function connects each 'WA' scores to the corresponding 'LC' score. If the argument is a (invisible) ordihull object, the function will connect the points of the hull to their centroid.

Function ordicluster overlays a cluster dendrogram onto ordination. It needs the result from a hierarchic clustering such as hclust or agnes, or other with a similar structure. Function ordicluster connects cluster centroids to each other with line segments. Function uses centroids of all points in the clusters, and is therefore similar to average linkage methods.

### Value

Functions ordihull, ordiellipse and ordispider return the invisible plotting structure.

Function ordispider return the coordinates to which each point is connected (centroids or 'LC' scores).

Function ordihull returns a list of coordinates of the hulls (which can be extracted with scores), and ordiellipse returns a list of covariance matrices and scales used in drawing the ellipses. These result objects have a summary method that returns the coordinates of the centres of the ellipses or

## ordihull

hulls and their surface areas in user units. With draw = "none" only the result object is returned and nothing is drawn.

#### Note

These functions add graphical items to ordination graph: You must draw a graph first. To draw line segments, grids or arrows, see ordisegments, ordigrid andordiarrows.

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

### See Also

The functions pass parameters to basic graphical functions, and you may wish to change the default values in lines, segments and polygon. You can pass parameters to scores as well. Underlying function for ordihull is chull.

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- cca(dune ~ Management, dune.env)</pre>
attach(dune.env)
## pass non-graphical arguments without warnings
plot(mod, type="n", scaling = 3)
## Catch the invisible result of ordihull...
pl <- ordihull(mod, Management, scaling = 3, label = TRUE)</pre>
## ... and find centres and areas of the hulls
summary(pl)
## use ordispider to label and mark the hull
plot(mod, type = "n")
pl <- ordihull(mod, Management, scaling = 3)</pre>
ordispider(pl, col="red", lty=3, label = TRUE )
## ordispider to connect WA and LC scores
plot(mod, dis=c("wa","lc"), type="p")
ordispider(mod)
## Other types of plots
plot(mod, type = "p", display="sites")
ordicluster(mod, hclust(vegdist(dune)), prune=3, col = "blue")
plot(mod, type="n", display = "sites")
text(mod, display="sites", labels = as.character(Management))
pl <- ordiellipse(mod, Management, kind="se", conf=0.95, lwd=2, draw = "polygon",
  col="skyblue", border = "blue")
summary(pl)
```

```
ordilabel
```

## Description

Function ordilabel is similar to text, but the text is on an opaque label. This can help in crowded ordination plots: you still cannot see all text labels, but at least the uppermost are readable. Argument priority helps to make the most important labels visible.

## Usage

## Arguments

х	An ordination object an any object known to scores.
display	Kind of scores displayed (passed to scores).
labels	Optional text used in plots. If this is not given, the text is found from the ordi- nation object.
choices	Axes shown (passed to scores).
priority	Vector of the same length as the number of labels. The items with high priority will be plotted uppermost.
select	Items to be displayed. This can either be a logical vector which is TRUE for displayed items or a vector of indices of displayed items.
cex	Character expansion for the text (passed to text).
fill	Background colour of the labels (the col argument of polygon).
border	The colour and visibility of the border of the label as defined in polygon).
col	Text colour. Default NULL will give the value of border or par("fg") if border is NULL.
xpd	Draw labels also outside the plot region (see par).
	Other arguments (passed to text).

### Details

The function may be useful with crowded ordination plots, in particular together with argument priority. You will not see all text labels, but at least some are readable. Other alternatives to crowded plots are identify.ordiplot, orditorp and orditkplot.

### Author(s)

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# ordiplot

## See Also

scores, polygon, text. The function is modelled after s.label in ade4 package.

#### Examples

```
data(dune)
ord <- cca(dune)
plot(ord, type = "n")
ordilabel(ord, dis="sites", cex=1.2, font=3, fill="hotpink", col="blue")
## You may prefer separate plots, but here species as well
ordilabel(ord, dis="sp", font=2, priority=colSums(dune))</pre>
```

ordiplot

Alternative plot and identify Functions for Ordination

# Description

Ordination plot function especially for congested plots. Function ordiplot always plots only unlabelled points, but identify.ordiplot can be used to add labels to selected site, species or constraint points. Function identify.ordiplot can be used to identify points from plot.cca, plot.decorana, plot.procrustes and plot.rad as well.

### Usage

ord	A result from an ordination.
choices	Axes shown.
type	The type of graph which may be "points", "text" or "none" for any ordination method.
display	Display only "sites" or "species". The default for most methods is to display both, but for cca, rda and capscale it is the same as in plot.cca.
xlim, ylim	the x and y limits (min,max) of the plot.
cex	Character expansion factor for points and text.
	Other graphical parameters.
x	A result object from ordiplot.

what	Items identified in the ordination plot. The types depend on the kind of plot used. Most methods know sites and species, functions cca and rda know in addi- tion constraints (for 'LC' scores), centroids and biplot, and plot.procrustes ordination plot has heads and points.
labels	Optional text used for labels. Row names will be used if this is missing.
select	Items to be displayed. This can either be a logical vector which is TRUE for displayed items or a vector of indices of displayed items.

#### Details

Function ordiplot draws an ordination diagram using black circles for sites and red crosses for species. It returns invisibly an object of class ordiplot which can be used by identify.ordiplot to label selected sites or species, or constraints in cca and rda.

The function can handle output from several alternative ordination methods. For cca, rda and decorana it uses their plot method with option type = "points". In addition, the plot functions of these methods return invisibly an ordiplot object which can be used by identify.ordiplot to label points. For other ordinations it relies on scores to extract the scores.

For full user control of plots, it is best to call ordiplot with type = "none" and save the result, and then add sites and species using points.ordiplot or text.ordiplot which both pass all their arguments to the corresponding default graphical functions.

### Value

Function ordiplot returns invisibly an object of class ordiplot with items sites, species and constraints (if these are available in the ordination object). Function identify.ordiplot uses this object to label the point.

### Note

The purpose of these functions is to provide similar functionality as the plot, plotid and specid methods in library labdsv. The functions are somewhat limited in parametrization, but you can call directly the standard identify and plot functions for a better user control.

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### See Also

identify for basic operations, plot.cca, plot.decorana, plot.procrustes which also produce objects for identify.ordiplot and scores for extracting scores from non-vegan ordinations.

# Examples

```
# Draw a plot for a non-vegan ordination (cmdscale).
data(dune)
dune.dis <- vegdist(wisconsin(dune))</pre>
dune.mds <- cmdscale(dune.dis, eig = TRUE)</pre>
dune.mds$species <- wascores(dune.mds$points, dune, expand = TRUE)</pre>
```

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```
fig <- ordiplot(dune.mds, type = "none")
points(fig, "sites", pch=21, col="red", bg="yellow")
text(fig, "species", col="blue", cex=0.9)
# Default plot of the previous using identify to label selected points
## Not run:
fig <- ordiplot(dune.mds)
identify(fig, "spec")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

ordiplot3d

Three-Dimensional and Dynamic Ordination Graphics

# Description

Function ordiplot3d displays three-dimensional ordination graphics using scatterplot3d. Function ordirgl displays three-dimensional dynamic ordination graphs which can be rotated and zoomed into using rgl package. Both work with all ordination results form vegan and all ordination results known by scores function.

### Usage

object	An ordination result or any object known by scores.
display	Display "sites" or "species" or other ordination object recognized by scores.
choices	Selected three axes.
arr.len	'Length' (width) of arrow head passed to arrows function.
arr.col	Colour of biplot arrows and centroids of environmental variables.
type	The type of plots: "p" for points or "t" for text labels.
ax.col	Axis colour (concerns only the crossed axes through the origin).
text	Text to override the default with type $=$ "t".
envfit	Fitted environmental variables from envfit displayed in the graph.

xlab, ylab, zla	ab
	Axis labels passed to scatterplot3d. If missing, labels are taken from the ordination result. Set to NA to suppress labels.
justify, adj	Text justification passed to rgl.texts. One of these is used depending on the version of <b>rgl</b> installed.
groups	Factor giving the groups for which the graphical item is drawn.
W	Weights used to find the average within group. Weights are used automatically for cca and decorana results, unless undone by the user. w=NULL sets equal weights to all points.
	Other parameters passed to graphical functions.

#### Details

Both function display three-dimensional ordination graphics. Function ordiplot3d plots static scatter diagrams using scatterplot3d. Function ordirgl plots dynamic graphics using OpenGL in rgl. Both functions use most default settings of underlying graphical functions, and you must consult their help pages to change graphics to suit your taste (see scatterplot3d, rgl, rgl, points, rgl, texts). Both functions will display only one selected set of scores, typically either "sites" or "species", but for instance cca also has "lc" scores. In constrained ordination (cca, rda, capscale), biplot arrows and centroids are always displayed similarly as in two-dimensional plotting function plot.cca. Alternatively, it is possible to display fitted environmental vectors or class centroids from envfit in both graphs. These are displayed similarly as the results of constrained ordination, and they can be shown only for non-constrained ordination. The user must remember to specify at least three axes in envfit if the results are used with these functions.

Function ordiplot3d plots only points. However, it returns invisibly an object inheriting from ordiplot so that you can use identify.ordiplot to identify "points" or "arrows". The underlying scatterplot3d function accepts type = "n" so that only the axes, biplot arrows and centroids of environmental variables will be plotted, and the ordination scores can be added with text.ordiplot or points.ordiplot. Further, you can use any functions from the ordihull family with the invisible result of ordiplot3d, but you must remember to specify the display as "points" or "arrows". To change the viewing angle, orientation etc. you must see scatterplot3d. Only one kind of scores will be plotted. See Examples for plotting both species and site scores.

Function ordigl makes a dynamic three-dimensional graph that can be rotated with mouse, and zoomed into with mouse buttons or wheel (but Mac users with one-button mouse should see rgl.viewpoint), or try ctrl-button. MacOS X users must start X11 before calling rgl commands. Function ordirgl uses default settings, and you should consult the underlying functions rgl.points, rgl.texts to see how to control the graphics. Function ordirgl always cleans its graphic window before drawing. Functions orglpoints adds points and orgltext adds text to existing ordirgl windows. In addition, function orglsegments combines points within "groups" with line segments similarly as ordisegments. Function orglspider works similarly as ordispider: it connects points to their weighted centroid within "groups", and in constrained ordination it can connect "wa" or weighted averages scores to corresponding "lc" or linear combination scores if "groups" is missing. In addition, basic rgl functions rgl.points, rgl.texts, rgl.lines and many others can be used.

#### Value

Function ordiplot3d returns invisibly an object of class "ordiplot3d" inheriting from ordiplot. The return object will contain the coordinates projected onto two dimensions for points, and the

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projected coordinates of origin, and possibly the projected coordinates of the heads of arrows and centroids of environmental variables. Functions like identify.ordiplot, points.ordiplot, text.ordiplot can use this result, as well as ordihull and other functions documented with the latter. The result will also contain the object returned by scatterplot3d, including function xyz.convert which projects three-dimensional coordinates onto the plane used in the current plot (see Examples). In addition, there is a function envfit.convert that projects a three-dimensional envfit object to the current plot.

Function ordirgl returns nothing.

# Warning

Function ordirgl uses OpenGL package rgl which may not be functional in all platforms, and can crash R in some: use save.image before trying ordirgl. Mac users must start X11 (and first install X11 and some other libraries) before being able to use rgl. It seems that rgl.texts does not always position the text like supposed, and it may be safe to verify text location with corresponding points.

Function ordiplot3d is based on scatterplot3d which does not allow exactly setting equal aspect ratio for axes. The function tries to circumvent this by setting equal plotting ranges for all axes so that the plot should be a cube. Depending on the dimensions of plotting device, this may fail, and the user should verify that the axes are approximately equal.

Please note that scatterplot3d sets internally some graphical parameters (such as mar for margins) and does not honour default settings. It is advisable to study carefully the documentation and examples of scatterplot3d.

# Note

The user interface of **rgl** changed in version 0.65, but the ordirgl functions do not yet fully use the new capabilities. However, they should work both in old and new versions of **rgl**.

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

## See Also

```
scatterplot3d, rgl, rgl.points, rgl.texts, rgl.viewpoint, ordiplot, identify.ordiplot,
text.ordiplot, points.ordiplot, ordihull, plot.cca, envfit.
```

## Examples

```
## Examples are not run, because they need non-standard packages
## 'scatterplot3d' and 'rgl' (and the latter needs user interaction).
#####
### Default 'ordiplot3d'
## Not run:
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
ord <- cca(dune ~ A1 + Moisture, dune.env)
ordiplot3d(ord)</pre>
```

```
### A boxed 'pin' version
ordiplot3d(ord, type = "h")
### More user control
pl <- ordiplot3d(ord, scaling = 3, angle=15, type="n")</pre>
points(pl, "points", pch=16, col="red", cex = 0.7)
### identify(pl, "arrows", col="blue") would put labels in better positions
text(pl, "arrows", col="blue", pos=3)
text(pl, "centroids", col="blue", pos=1, cex = 1)
### Add species using xyz.convert function returned by ordiplot3d
sp <- scores(ord, choices=1:3, display="species", scaling=3)</pre>
text(pl$xyz.convert(sp), rownames(sp), cex=0.7, xpd=TRUE)
### Two ways of adding fitted variables to ordination plots
ord <- cca(dune)
ef <- envfit(ord ~ Moisture + A1, dune.env, choices = 1:3)
### 1. use argument 'envfit'
ordiplot3d(ord, envfit = ef)
### 2. use returned envfit.convert function for better user control
pl3 <- ordiplot3d(ord)</pre>
plot(pl3$envfit.convert(ef), at = pl3$origin)
### envfit.convert() also handles different 'choices' of axes
pl3 <- ordiplot3d(ord, choices = c(1,3,2))
plot(pl3$envfit.convert(ef), at = pl3$origin)
### ordirgl
ordirgl(ord, size=2)
ordirgl(ord, display = "species", type = "t")
rgl.quit()
## End(Not run)
```

ordipointlabel Ordination Plots with Points and Optimized Locations for Text

### Description

The function ordipointlabel produces ordination plots with points and text label to the points. The points are in the exact location given by the ordination, but the function tries to optimize the location of the text labels to minimize overplotting text. The function may be useful with moderately crowded ordination plots.

### Usage

```
ordipointlabel(x, display = c("sites", "species"), choices = c(1, 2),
    col = c(1, 2),    pch = c("o", "+"), font = c(1, 1),
    cex = c(0.8, 0.8), add = FALSE, select, ...)
```

x	A result object from ordination.
display	Scores displayed in the plot.

choices	Axes shown.
col, pch, font	, cex
	Colours, point types, font style and character expansion for each kind of scores displayed in the plot. These should be vectors of the same length as the number of items in display.
add	Add to an existing plot.
select	Items to be displayed. This can either be a logical vector which is TRUE for displayed items or a vector of indices of displayed items. select is only used if a single set of scores is being plotted (i.e. length(display) == 1), otherwise it is ignored and a warning issued. If a logical vector is used, it must have the same length as the scores plotted.
	Other arguments passed to points and text.

# Details

The function uses simulated annealing (optim, method = "SANN") to optimize the location of the text labels to the points. There are eight possible locations: up, down, sides and corners. There is a weak preference to text right above the point, and a weak avoidance of corner positions. The exact locations and the goodness of solution varies between runs, and there is no guarantee of finding the global optimum. The optimization can take a long time in difficult cases with a high number of potential overlaps. Several sets of scores can be displayed in one plot.

The function is modelled after pointLabel in **maptools** package (which has chained dependencies of S4 packages).

## Value

The function returns invisibly an object of class ordipointlabel with items xy for coordinates of points, labels for coordinates of labels, items pch, cex and font for graphical parameters of each point or label. In addition, it returns the result of optim as an attribute "optim". The unit of overlap is the area of character "m", and with variable cex it is the smallest alternative. The result object inherits from orditkplot result, and can be replotted with its plot command. It may be possible to further edit the result object with orditkplot, but for good results it is necessary that the points span the whole horizontal axis without empty margins.

# Note

The function is designed for ordination graphics, and the optimization works properly with plots of isometric aspect ratio.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# References

See pointLabel for references.

## See Also

pointLabel for the model implementation, and optim for the optimization.

### Examples

```
data(dune)
ord <- cca(dune)
ordipointlabel(ord)</pre>
```

ordiresids

Plots of Residuals and Fitted Values for Constrained Ordination

# Description

The function provides plot.lm style diagnostic plots for the results of constrained ordination from cca, rda and capscale. Normally you do not need these plots, because ordination is descriptive and does not make assumptions on the distribution of the residuals. However, if you permute residuals in significance tests (anova.cca), you may be interested in inspecting that the residuals really are exchangeable and independent of fitted values.

# Usage

```
ordiresids(x, kind = c("residuals", "scale", "qqmath"),
    residuals = "working", type = c("p", "smooth", "g"),
    formula, ...)
```

#### Arguments

х	Ordination result from cca, rda or capscale.
kind	The type of plot: "residuals" plot residuals against fitted values, "scale" the square root of absolute residuals against fitted values, and "qqmath" the residuals against expected distribution (defaults qnorm), unless defined differently in the formula argument).
residuals	The kind of residuals and fitted values. The argument is passed on to fitted.cca with alternatives "working" and "response".
type	The type of plot. The argument is passed on to lattice functions.
formula	Formula to override the default plot. The formula can contain items Fitted, Residuals, Species and Sites (provided that names of species and sites are available in the ordination result).
	Other arguments passed to lattice functions.

# Details

The default plots are similar as in plot.lm, but they use Lattice functions xyplot and qqmath. The alternatives have default formulae but these can be replaced by the user. The elements available in formula or in the groups argument are Fitted, Residuals, Species and Sites.

### ordistep

# Value

The function return a Lattice object that can displayed as plot.

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# See Also

plot.lm, Lattice, xyplot, qqmath.

# Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
mod <- cca(varespec ~ Al + P + K, varechem)
ordiresids(mod)</pre>
```

```
ordistep
```

Choose a Model by Permutation Tests in Constrained Ordination

### Description

Automatic stepwise model building for constrained ordination methods (cca, rda, capscale). The function ordistep is modelled after step and can do forward, backward and stepwise model selection using permutation tests. Function ordiR2step performs forward model choice solely on adjusted  $R^2$  and P-value, for ordination objects created by rda or capscale.

## Usage

```
ordistep(object, scope, direction = c("both", "backward", "forward"),
    Pin = 0.05, Pout = 0.1, pstep = 100, perm.max = 1000, steps = 50,
    trace = TRUE, ...)
ordiR2step(object, scope, direction = c("both", "forward"),
    Pin = 0.05, R2scope = TRUE, pstep = 100, perm.max = 1000,
    trace = TRUE, ...)
```

object	In ordistep, an ordination object inheriting from cca or rda. In ordiR2step, the object must inherit from rda, that is, it must have been computed using rda or capscale.
scope	Defines the range of models examined in the stepwise search. This should be either a single formula, or a list containing components upper and lower, both formulae. See step for details. In ordiR2step, this defines the upper scope; it can also be an ordination object from with the model is extracted.

direction	The mode of stepwise search, can be one of "both", "backward", or "forward", with a default of "both". If the scope argument is missing, the default for direction is "backward".
Pin, Pout	Limits of permutation $P\text{-values}$ for adding (Pin) a term to the model, or dropping (Pout) from the model. Term is added if $P\leq \text{Pin},$ and removed if $P>$ Pout.
R2scope	Use adjusted $R^2$ as the stopping criterion: only models with lower adjusted $R^2$ than scope are accepted.
pstep	Number of permutations in one step. See add1.cca.
perm.max	Maximum number of permutation in anova.cca.
steps	Maximum number of iteration steps of dropping and adding terms.
trace	If positive, information is printed during the model building. Larger values may give more information.
	Any additional arguments to add1.cca and drop1.cca.

## Details

The basic functions for model choice in constrained ordination are add1.cca and drop1.cca. With these functions, ordination models can be chosen with standard R function step which bases the term choice on AIC. AIC-like statistics for ordination are provided by functions deviance.cca and extractAIC.cca (with similar functions for rda). Actually, constrained ordination methods do not have AIC, and therefore the step may not be trusted. This function provides an alternative using permutation *P*-values.

Function ordistep defines the model, scope of models considered, and direction of the procedure similarly as step. The function alternates with drop and add steps and stops when the model was not changed during one step. The – and + signs in the summary table indicate which stage is performed. The number of permutations is selected adaptively with respect to the defined decision limit. It is often sensible to have Pout > Pin in stepwise models to avoid cyclic adds and drops of single terms.

Function ordiR2step builds model so that it maximizes adjusted  $R^2$  (function RsquareAdj) at every step, and stopping when the adjusted  $R^2$  starts to decrease, or the adjusted  $R^2$  of the scope is exceeded, or the selected permutation P-value is exceeded (Blanchet et al. 2008). The second criterion is ignored with option R2step = FALSE, and the third criterion can be ignored setting Pin = 1 (or higher). The direction has choices "forward" and "both", but it is very excepctional that a term is dropped with the adjusted  $R^2$  criterion. Function uses adjusted  $R^2$  as the criterion, and it cannot be used if the criterion cannot be calculated. Therefore it is unavailable for cca. Adjusted  $R^2$  cannot be calculated if the number of predictors is higher than the number of observations, but such models can be analysed with R2scope = FALSE.

Functions ordistep (based on P values) and ordiR2step (based on adjusted  $R^2$  and hence on eigenvalues) can select variables in different order.

# Value

Functions return the selected model with one additional component, anova, which contains brief information of steps taken. You can suppress voluminous output during model building by setting trace = FALSE, and find the summary of model history in the anova item.

### ordistep

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# References

Blanchet, F. G., Legendre, P. & Borcard, D. (2008) Forward selection of explanatory variables. *Ecology* 89, 2623–2632.

## See Also

The function handles constrained ordination methods cca, rda and capscale. The underlying functions are add1.cca and drop1.cca, and the function is modelled after standard step (which also can be used directly but uses AIC for model choice, see extractAIC.cca). Function ordiR2step builds upon RsquareAdj.

## Examples

## See add1.cca for another example

```
### Dune data
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod0 <- rda(dune ~ 1, dune.env) # Model with intercept only</pre>
mod1 <- rda(dune ~ ., dune.env) # Model with all explanatory variables</pre>
## With scope present, the default direction is "both"
ordistep(mod0, scope = formula(mod1), perm.max = 200)
## Example without scope. Default direction is "backward"
ordistep(mod1, perm.max = 200)
## Example of ordistep, forward
## Not run:
ordistep(mod0, scope = formula(mod1), direction="forward", perm.max = 200)
## End(Not run)
### Mite data
data(mite)
data(mite.env)
mite.hel = decostand(mite, "hel")
mod0 <- rda(mite.hel ~ 1, mite.env) # Model with intercept only</pre>
mod1 <- rda(mite.hel ~ ., mite.env) # Model with all explanatory variables</pre>
## Example of ordiR2step with default direction = "both"
## (This never goes "backward" but evaluates included terms.)
step.res <- ordiR2step(mod0, mod1, perm.max = 200)</pre>
step.res$anova # Summary table
## Example of ordiR2step with direction = "forward"
## Not run:
step.res <- ordiR2step(mod0, scope = formula(mod1), direction="forward")</pre>
```

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```
step.res$anova # Summary table
## End(Not run)
```

ordisurf

Fit and Plot Smooth Surfaces of Variables on Ordination.

# Description

Function ordisurf fits a smooth surface for given variable and plots the result on ordination diagram.

# Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
ordisurf(x, y, choices=c(1, 2), knots=10, family="gaussian", col="red",
    thinplate = TRUE, add = FALSE, display = "sites",
    w = weights(x), main, nlevels = 10, levels, labcex = 0.6,
    bubble = FALSE, cex = 1, select = FALSE, method = "GCV.Cp",
    gamma = 1, plot = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
ordisurf(formula, data, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ordisurf'
calibrate(object, newdata, ...)
## S3 method for class 'ordisurf'
plot(x, what = c("contour","persp","gam"),
    add = FALSE, bubble = FALSE, col = "red", cex = 1,
    nlevels = 10, levels, labcex = 0.6, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	For ordisurf an ordination configuration, either a matrix or a result known by scores. For plot.ordisurf and object of class "ordisurf" as returned by ordisurf.
У	Variable to be plotted.
choices	Ordination axes.
knots	Number of initial knots in gam (one more than degrees of freedom). If knots = 0 or knots = 1 the function will fit a linear trend surface, and if knots = 2 the function will fit a quadratic trend surface instead of a smooth surface.
family	Error distribution in gam.
col	Colour of contours.
thinplate	Use thinplate splines in gam.

add	Add contours on an existing diagram or draw a new plot.
display	Type of scores known by scores: typically "sites" for ordinary site scores or "lc" for linear combination scores.
W	Prior weights on the data. Concerns mainly cca and decorana results which have nonconstant weights.
main	The main title for the plot, or as default the name of plotted variable in a new plot.
nlevels, levels	
	Either a vector of levels for which contours are drawn, or suggested number of contours in nlevels if levels are not supplied.
labcex	Label size in contours. Setting this zero will suppress labels.
bubble	Use "bubble plot" for points, or vary the point diameter by the value of the plotted variable. If bubble is numeric, its value is used for the maximum symbol size (as in cex), or if bubble = TRUE, the value of cex gives the maximum. The minimum size will always be cex = $0.4$ . The option only has an effect if add = FALSE.
cex	Character expansion of plotting symbols.
select	Logical; specify gam argument "select". If this is TRUE then gam can add an extra penalty to each term so that it can be penalized to zero. This means that the smoothing parameter estimation that is part of fitting can completely remove terms from the model. If the corresponding smoothing parameter is estimated as zero then the extra penalty has no effect.
method	character; the smoothing parameter estimation method. Options allowed are: "GCV.Cp" uses GCV for models with unknown scale parameter and Mallows' Cp/UBRE/AIC for models with known scale; "GACV.Cp" as for "GCV.Cp" but uses GACV (Generalised Approximate CV) instead of GCV; "REML" and "ML" use restricted maximum likelihood or maximum likelihood estimation for both known and unknown scale; and "P-REML" and "P-ML" use REML or ML esti- mation but use a Pearson estimate of the scale.
gamma	Multiplier to inflate model degrees of freedom in GCV or UBRE/AIC score by. This effectively places an extra penalty on complex models. An oft used value if gamma = 1.4.
plot	logical; should any plotting be done by ordisurf? Useful if all you want is the fitted response surface model.
formula, data	Alternative definition of the fitted model as $x \sim y$ , or left-hand side is the ordi- nation x and right-hand side the single fitted continuous variable y. The variable y must be in the working environment or in the data frame or environment given by data. All other arguments of are passed to the default method.
object	An ordisurf result object.
newdata	Coordinates in two-dimensional ordination for new points.
what	character; what type of plot to produce. "contour" produces a contour plot of the response surface, see contour for details. "persp" produces a perspective plot of the same, see persp for details. "gam" plots the fitted GAM model, an object that inherits from class "gam" returned by ordisurf, see plot.gam.
	Other parameters passed to gam, or to the graphical functions. See Note below for exceptions.

## Details

Function ordisurf fits a smooth surface using thinplate splines (Wood 2003) in gam, and uses predict.gam to find fitted values in a regular grid. The smooth surface can be fitted with an extra penalty that allows the entire smoother to be penalized back to 0 degrees of freedom, effectively removing the term from the model (see Marra & Wood, 2011). The addition of this extra penalty is invoked by setting argument select to TRUE. The function plots the fitted contours with convex hull of data points either over an existing ordination diagram or draws a new plot. If select = TRUE and the smooth is effectively penalised out of the model, no contours will be plotted.

gam determines the degree of smoothness for the fitted response surface during model fitting. Argument method controls how gam performs this smoothness selection. See gam for details of the available options. Using "REML" or "ML" yields p-values for smooths with the best coverage properties if such things matter to you.

The function uses scores to extract ordination scores, and x can be any result object known by that function.

User can supply a vector of prior weights w. If the ordination object has weights, these will be used. In practise this means that the row totals are used as weights with cca or decorana results. If you do not like this, but want to give equal weights to all sites, you should set w = NULL. The behaviour is consistent with envfit. For complete accordance with constrained cca, you should set display = "lc" (and possibly scaling = 2).

Function calibrate returns the fitted values of the response variable. The newdata must be coordinates of points for which the fitted values are desired. The function is based on predict.gam and will pass extra arguments to that function.

#### Value

Function is usually called for its side effect of drawing the contour plot. The function returns the result object of class "ordisurf" that inherits from gam used internally to fit the surface, but adds an item grid that contains the data for the grid surface. The item grid has elements x and y which are vectors of axis coordinates, and element z that is a matrix of fitted values for contour. The values outside the convex hull of observed points are NA in z. The gam component of the result can be used for further analysis like predicting new values (see predict.gam).

#### Note

The default is to use thinplate splines. These make sense in ordination as they have equal smoothing in all directions and are rotation invariant.

Graphical arguments supplied to plot.ordisurf are passed on to the underlying plotting functions, contour, persp, and plot.gam. The exception to this is that arguments col and cex can not currently be passed to plot.gam because of a bug in the way that function evaluates arguments when arranging the plot.

A work-around is to call plot.gam directly on the result of a call to ordisurf. See the Examples for an illustration of this.

# Author(s)

Dave Roberts, Jari Oksanen and Gavin L. Simpson

### orditkplot

## References

Marra, G.P & Wood, S.N. (2011) Practical variable selection for generalized additive models. *Comput. Stat. Data Analysis* 55, 2372–2387.

Wood, S.N. (2003) Thin plate regression splines. J. R. Statist. Soc. B 65, 95-114.

# See Also

For basic routines gam, and scores. Function envfit provides a more traditional and compact alternative.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
vare.dist <- vegdist(varespec)
vare.mds <- monoMDS(vare.dist)
with(varechem, ordisurf(vare.mds, Baresoil, bubble = 5))</pre>
```

```
## Cover of Cladina arbuscula
fit <- with(varespec, ordisurf(vare.mds, Cla.arb, family=quasipoisson))
## Get fitted values
calibrate(fit)</pre>
```

```
## Plot method
plot(fit, what = "contour")
```

```
## Plotting the "gam" object
plot(fit, what = "gam") ## 'col' and 'cex' not passed on
## or via plot.gam directly
plot.gam(fit, cex = 2, pch = 1, col = "blue")
## 'col' effects all objects drawn...
```

orditkplot

Ordination Plot with Movable Labels

# Description

Function orditkplot produces an editable ordination plot with points and labels. The labels can be moved with mouse, and the edited plot can be saved as an encapsulated postscript file or exported via R plot function to other graphical formats, or saved in the R session for further processing.

# Usage

```
orditkplot(x, display = "species", choices = 1:2, width, xlim, ylim,
    tcex = 0.8, tcol, pch = 1, pcol, pbg, pcex = 0.7, labels, ...)
## S3 method for class 'orditkplot'
plot(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'orditkplot'
points(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'orditkplot'
text(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'orditkplot'
scores(x, display, ...)
```

# Arguments

X	An ordination result or any other object that scores can handle, or for the plot function the object dumped from the interactive orditkplot session.
display	Type of scores displayed. For ordination scores this typically is either "species" or "sites", and for orditkplot result it is either "points" or "labels".
choices	Axes displayed.
width	Width of the plot in inches; defaults to the current width of the graphical device.
xlim, ylim	x and y limits for plots: points outside these limits will be completely removed.
tcex	Character expansion for text labels.
tcol	Colour of text labels.
pch, pcol, pbg	Point type and outline and fill colours. Defaults pcol="black" and pbg="transparent". Argument pbg has an effect only in filled plotting characters pch = 21 to 25.
pcex	Expansion factor for point size.
labels	Labels used instead of row names.
	Other arguments passed to the function. These can be graphical parameters (see par) used in the plot, or extra arguments to scores. These arguments are ignored in plot, but honoured in text and points.

# Details

Function orditkplot uses **tcltk** package to draw Tcl/Tk based ordination graphics with points and labels. The function opens an editable canvas with fixed points, but the labels can be dragged with mouse to better positions or edited. In addition, it is possible to zoom to a part of the graph.

The function knows the following mouse operations:

- Left mouse button can be used to move labels to better positions. A line will connect a label to the corresponding point.
- **Double clicking left mouse button** opens a window where the label can be edited. After editing the label, hit the Return key.
- **Right mouse button** (or alternatively, Shift-Mouse button with one-button mouse) can be used for zooming to a part of the graph. Keeping the mouse button down and dragging will draw a box of the zoomed area, and after releasing the button, a new plot window will be created (this is still preliminary: all arguments are not passed to the new plot).

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In addition there are buttons for the following tasks: **Copy to EPS** copies the current plot to an encapsulated postscript (eps) file using standard Tcl/Tk utilities. The faithfulness of this copy is system dependent. Button **Export plot** uses plot.orditkplot function to redraw the plot into graphical file formats. Depending on the system, the following graphical formats may be available: eps, pdf, png, jpeg or bmp. The file type is deduced from the file suffix or the selection of the file type in the dialogue box. Alternatively, the same dialogue can be used to save the plot to an editable xfig file. Button **Dump to R** writes the edited coordinates of labels and points to the R session for further processing, and the plot.orditkplot function can be used to display the results. For faithful replication of the plot, the graph must have similar dimensions as the orditkplot canvas had originally. The plot function cannot be configured, but it uses the same settings as the original Tcl/Tk plot. However, points and text functions are fully configurable, and unaware of the original Tcl/Tk plot settings (probably you must set cex at least to get a decent plot). Finally, button **Dismiss** closes the window.

The produced plot will have equal aspect ratio. The width of the horizontal axis is fixed, but vertical axes will be scaled to needed height, and you can use scrollbar to move vertically if the whole canvas does not fit the window. If you use dumped labels in ordinary R plots, your plot must have the same dimensions as the orditkplot canvas to have identical location of the labels.

The function only displays one set of scores. However, you can use ordipointlabel to produce a result object that has different points and text types for several sets of scores and this can further edited with orditkplot. For a good starting solution you need to scale the ordipointlabel result so that the points span over the whole horizontal axis.

The plot is a Tcl/Tk canvas, but the function tries to replicate standard graphical device of the platform, and it honours several graphical parameters (see par). Many of the graphical parameters can be given on the command line, and they will be passed to the function without influencing other graphical devices in R. At the moment, the following graphical parameters are honoured: pch bg, cex, cex.axis, cex.lab, col (for labels), col.axis, col.lab, family (for font faces), fg, font, font.axis, font.lab, lheight, lwd (for the box), mar, mex, mgp, ps, tcl. These can be set with par, and they also will influence other plots similarly.

The tkcanvas text cannot be rotated, and therefore vertical axis is not labelled, and las parameter will not be honoured in the Tcl/Tk plot, but it will be honoured in the exported R plots and in plot.orditkplot.

### Value

Function returns nothing useful directly, but you can save the edited graph to a file or dump the edited positions to an R session for further processing and plotting.

#### Note

You need **tcltk** package and R must have been configured with capabilities for tcltk when building the binary. Depending on your OS, you may need to start X11 and set the display before loading **tcltk** and starting the function (for instance, with Sys.setenv("DISPLAY"=":0")). See tcltk-package.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

## See Also

Function ordipointlabel is an automatic procedure with similar goals of avoiding overplotting. See ordiplot, plot.cca, ordirgl and orditorp for alternative ordination plots, and scores for extracting ordination scores.

# Examples

```
## The example needs user interaction and is not executed directly.
## It should work when pasted to the window.
## Not run:
data(varespec)
ord <- cca(varespec)
## Do something with the graph and end by clicking "Dismiss"
orditkplot(ord, mar = c(4,4,1,1)+.1, font=3)
## Use ordipointlabel to produce a plot that has both species and site
## scores in different colors and plotting symbols
pl <- ordipointlabel(ord)
orditkplot(pl)</pre>
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

orditorp

Add Text or Points to Ordination Plots

# Description

The function adds text or points to ordination plots. Text will be used if this can be done without overwriting other text labels, and points will be used otherwise. The function can help in reducing clutter in ordination graphics, but manual editing may still be necessary.

# Usage

```
orditorp(x, display, labels, choices = c(1, 2), priority,
    select, cex = 0.7, pcex, col = par("col"), pcol,
    pch = par("pch"), air = 1, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A result object from ordination or an ordiplot result.
display	Items to be displayed in the plot. Only one alternative is allowed. Typically this is "sites" or "species".
labels	Optional text used for labels. Row names will be used if this is missing.
choices	Axes shown.
priority	Text will be used for items with higher priority if labels overlap. This should be vector of the same length as the number of items plotted.

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select	Items to be displayed. This can either be a logical vector which is TRUE for displayed items or a vector of indices of displayed items. If a logical vector is used, it must have the same length as the scores plotted.
cex, pcex	Text and point sizes, see plot.default
col, pcol	Text and point colours, see plot.default.
pch	Plotting character, see points.
air	Amount of empty space between text labels. Values <1 allow overlapping text.
	Other arguments to scores (and its various methods), text and points.

# Details

Function orditorp will add either text or points to an existing plot. The items with high priority will be added first and text will be used if this can be done without overwriting previous labels, and points will be used otherwise. If priority is missing, labels will be added from the outskirts to the centre. Function orditorp can be used with most ordination results, or plotting results from ordiplot or ordination plot functions (plot.cca, plot.decorana, plot.metaMDS).

Arguments can be passed to the relevant scores method for the ordination object (x) being drawn. See the relevant scores help page for arguments that can be used.

# Value

The function returns invisibly a logical vector where TRUE means that item was labelled with text and FALSE means that it was marked with a point. The returned vector can be used as the select argument in ordination text and points functions.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# Examples

```
## A cluttered ordination plot :
data(BCI)
mod <- cca(BCI)</pre>
plot(mod, dis="sp", type="t")
# Now with orditorp and abbreviated species names
cnam <- make.cepnames(names(BCI))</pre>
plot(mod, dis="sp", type="n")
stems <- colSums(BCI)</pre>
orditorp(mod, "sp", label = cnam, priority=stems, pch="+", pcol="grey")
## show select in action
set.seed(1)
take <- sample(ncol(BCI), 50)</pre>
plot(mod, dis="sp", type="n")
stems <- colSums(BCI)</pre>
orditorp(mod, "sp", label = cnam, priority=stems, select = take,
         pch="+", pcol="grey")
```

```
ordixyplot
```

# Description

Functions ordicloud, ordisplom and ordixyplot provide an interface to plot ordination results using Trellis functions cloud, splom and xyplot in package **lattice**.

### Usage

```
ordixyplot(x, data = NULL, formula, display = "sites", choices = 1:3,
    panel = "panel.ordi", aspect = "iso", envfit,
    type = c("p", "biplot"), ...)
ordisplom(x, data=NULL, formula = NULL, display = "sites", choices = 1:3,
    panel = "panel.ordi", type = "p", ...)
ordicloud(x, data = NULL, formula, display = "sites", choices = 1:3,
    panel = "panel.ordi3d", prepanel = "prepanel.ordi3d", ...)
```

x	An ordination result that scores knows: any ordination result in <b>vegan</b> and many others.	
data	Optional data to amend ordination results. The ordination results are found from x, but you may give here data for other variables needed in plots. Typically these are environmental data.	
formula	Formula to define the plots. A default formula will be used if this is omitted. The ordination axes must be called by the same names as in the ordination re- sults (and these names vary among methods). In ordisplom, special character . refers to the ordination result.	
display	The kind of scores: an argument passed to scores.	
choices	The axes selected: an argument passed to scores.	
panel, prepanel		
	The names of the panel and prepanel functions.	
aspect	The aspect of the plot (passed to the <b>lattice</b> function).	
envfit	Result of envfit function displayed in ordixyplot. Please note that this needs same choices as ordixyplot.	
type	The type of plot. This knows the same alternatives as panel.xyplot. In ad- dition ordixyplot has alternatives "biplot" and "arrows". The first dis- plays fitted vectors and factor centroids of envfit, or in constrained ordina- tion, the biplot arrows and factor centroids if envfit is not given. The sec- ond (type = "arrows") is a trellis variant of ordiarrows and draws arrows by groups. The line parameters are controlled by trellis.par.set for superpose.line, and the user can set length, angle and ends parameters of panel.arrows.	
•••	Arguments passed to scores methods or lattice functions.	

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### Details

The functions provide an interface to the corresponding **lattice** functions. All graphical parameters are passed to the **lattice** function so that these graphs are extremely configurable. See Lattice and xyplot, splom and cloud for details, usage and possibilities.

The argument x must always be an ordination result. The scores are extracted with **vegan** function scores so that these functions work with all **vegan** ordinations and many others.

The formula is used to define the models. All functions have simple default formulae which are used if formula is missing. If formula is omitted in ordisplom it produces a pairs plot of ordination axes and variables in data. If formula is given, ordination results must be referred to as . and other variables by their names. In other functions, the formula must use the names of ordination scores and names of data.

The ordination scores are found from x, and data is optional. The data should contain other variables than ordination scores to be used in plots. Typically, they are environmental variables (typically factors) to define panels or plot symbols.

The proper work is done by the panel function. The layout can be changed by defining own panel functions. See panel.xyplot, panel.splom and panel.cloud for details and survey of possibilities.

Ordination graphics should always be isometric: same scale should be used in all axes. This is controlled (and can be changed) with argument aspect in ordixyplot. In ordicloud the isometric scaling is defined in panel and prepanel functions. You must replace these functions if you want to have non-isometric scaling of graphs. You cannot select isometric scaling in ordisplom.

## Value

The function return Lattice objects of class "trellis".

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# See Also

Lattice, xyplot, splom, cloud, panel.splom, panel.cloud

### Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
ord <- cca(dune)
## Pairs plots
ordisplom(ord)
ordisplom(ord, data=dune.env, choices=1:2)
ordisplom(ord, data=dune.env, form = ~ . | Management, groups=Manure)
## Scatter plot
ordixyplot(ord, data=dune.env, form = CA1 ~ CA2 | Management,
groups=Manure)
## Choose a different scaling
ordixyplot(ord, scaling = 3)
```

pcnm

pcnm

Principal Coordinates of Neighbourhood Matrix

# Description

This function computed classical PCNM by the principal coordinate analysis of a truncated distance matrix. These are commonly used to transform (spatial) distances to rectangular data that suitable for constrained ordination or regression.

### Usage

pcnm(dis, threshold, w, dist.ret = FALSE)

#### Arguments

dis	A distance matrix.
threshold	A threshold value or truncation distance. If missing, minimum distance giving connected network will be used. This is found as the longest distance in the minimum spanning tree of dis.
W	Prior weights for rows.
dist.ret	Return the distances used to calculate the PCNMs.

## Details

Principal Coordinates of Neighbourhood Matrix (PCNM) map distances between rows onto rectangular matrix on rows using a truncation threshold for long distances (Borcard & Legendre 2002). If original distances were Euclidean distances in two dimensions (like normal spatial distances), they could be mapped onto two dimensions if there is no truncation of distances. Because of truncation, there will be a higher number of principal coordinates. The selection of truncation distance has a huge influence on the PCNM vectors. The default is to use the longest distance to keep data connected. The distances above truncation threshold are given an arbitrary value of 4 times threshold. For regular data, the first PCNM vectorsshow a wide scale variation and later PCNM vectors show smaller scale variation (Borcard & Legendre 2002), but for irregular data the intepretation is not as clear.

The PCNM functions are used to express distances in rectangular form that is similar to normal explanatory variables used in, e.g., constrained ordination (rda, cca and capscale) or univariate regression (lm) together with environmental variables (row weights should be supplied with cca;

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see Examples). This is regarded as a more powerful method than forcing rectangular environmental data into distances and using them in partial mantel analysis (mantel.partial) together with geographic distances (Legendre et al. 2008, but see Tuomisto & Ruokolainen 2008).

The function is based on pcnm function in Dray's unreleased **spacemakeR** package. The differences are that the current function usesr **spantree** as an internal support function. The current function also can use prior weights for rows by using weighted metric scaling of wcmdscale. The use of row weights allows finding orthonormal PCNMs also for correspondence analysis (e.g., cca).

### Value

A list of the following elements:

values	Eigenvalues obtained by the principal coordinates analysis.
vectors	Eigenvectors obtained by the principal coordinates analysis. They are scaled to unit norm. The vectors can be extracted with scores function. The default is to return all PCNM vectors, but argument choices selects the given vectors.
threshold	Truncation distance.
dist	The distance matrix where values above threshold are replaced with arbitrary value of four times the threshold. String "pcnm" is added to the method attribute, and new attribute threshold is added to the distances. This is returned only when dist.ret = TRUE.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen, based on the code of Stephane Dray.

## References

Borcard D. and Legendre P. (2002) All-scale spatial analysis of ecological data by means of principal coordinates of neighbour matrices. *Ecological Modelling* **153**, 51–68.

Legendre, P., Bordard, D and Peres-Neto, P. (2008) Analyzing or explaining beta diversity? Comment. *Ecology* **89**, 3238–3244.

Tuomisto, H. & Ruokolainen, K. (2008) Analyzing or explaining beta diversity? A reply. *Ecology* **89**, 3244–3256.

#### See Also

spantree.

## Examples

```
## Example from Borcard & Legendre (2002)
data(mite.xy)
pcnm1 <- pcnm(dist(mite.xy))
op <- par(mfrow=c(1,3))
## Map of PCNMs in the sample plot
ordisurf(mite.xy, scores(pcnm1, choi=1), bubble = 4, main = "PCNM 1")
ordisurf(mite.xy, scores(pcnm1, choi=2), bubble = 4, main = "PCNM 2")
ordisurf(mite.xy, scores(pcnm1, choi=3), bubble = 4, main = "PCNM 3")</pre>
```

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```
par(op)
## Plot first PCNMs against each other
ordisplom(pcnm1, choices=1:4)
## Weighted PCNM for CCA
data(mite)
rs <- rowSums(mite)/sum(mite)
pcnmw <- pcnm(dist(mite.xy), w = rs)
ord <- cca(mite ~ scores(pcnmw))
## Multiscale ordination: residual variance should have no distance
## trend
msoplot(mso(ord, mite.xy))</pre>
```

permat

Matrix Permutation Algorithms for Presence-Absence and Count Data

#### Description

Individual (for count data) or incidence (for presence-absence data) based null models can be generated for community level simulations. Options for preserving characteristics of the original matrix (rows/columns sums, matrix fill) and restricted permutations (based on strata) are discussed in the Details section.

## Usage

```
permatfull(m, fixedmar = "both", shuffle = "both", strata = NULL,
    mtype = "count", times = 99)
permatswap(m, method = "quasiswap", fixedmar="both", shuffle = "both",
    strata = NULL, mtype = "count", times = 99, burnin = 0, thin = 1)
## S3 method for class 'permat'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)
## S3 method for class 'permat'
summary(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.permat'
print(x, digits = 2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'permat'
plot(x, type = "bray", ylab, xlab, col, lty,
    lowess = TRUE, plot = TRUE, text = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'permat'
lines(x, type = "bray", ...)
## S3 method for class 'permat'
as.ts(x, type = "bray", ...)
## S3 method for class 'permat'
as.mcmc(x)
```

#### Arguments

#### m

A community data matrix with plots (samples) as rows and species (taxa) as columns.

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fixedmar	character, stating which of the row/column sums should be preserved ("none", "rows", "columns"	
strata	Numeric vector or factor with length same as nrow(m) for grouping rows within strata for restricted permutations. Unique values or levels are used.	
mtype	Matrix data type, either "count" for count data, or "prab" for presence-absence type incidence data.	
times	Number of permuted matrices.	
method	Character for method used for the swap algorithm ("swap", "tswap", "quasiswap", "backtrack") as described for function commsimulator. If mtype="count" the "quasiswap", "swap", "swsh" and "abuswap" methods are available (see details).	
shuffle	Character, indicating whether individuals ("ind"), samples ("samp") or both ("both") should be shuffled, see details.	
burnin	Number of null communities discarded before proper analysis in sequential ("swap", "tswap") methods.	
thin	Number of discarded permuted matrices between two evaluations in sequential ("swap", "tswap") methods.	
x, object	Object of class "permat"	
digits	Number of digits used for rounding.	
ylab, xlab, col, lty		
	graphical parameters for the plot method.	
type	Character, type of plot to be displayed: "bray" for Bray-Curtis dissimilarities, "chisq" for Chi-squared values.	
lowess, plot, text		
	Logical arguments for the plot method, whether a locally weighted regression curve should be drawn, the plot should be drawn, and statistic values should be printed on the plot.	
	Other arguments passed to methods.	

# Details

The function permatfull is useful when matrix fill is allowed to vary, and matrix type is count. The fixedmar argument is used to set constraints for permutation. If none of the margins are fixed, cells are randomised within the matrix. If rows or columns are fixed, cells within rows or columns are randomised, respectively. If both margins are fixed, the r2dtable function is used that is based on Patefield's (1981) algorithm. For presence absence data, matrix fill should be necessarily fixed, and permatfull is a wrapper for the function commsimulator. The r00, r0, c0, quasiswap algorithms of commsimulator are used for "none", "rows", "columns", "both" values of the fixedmar argument, respectively

The shuffle argument only have effect if the mtype = "count" and permatfull function is used with "none", "rows", "columns" values of fixedmar. All other cases for count data are individual based randomisations. The "samp" and "both" options result fixed matrix fill. The "both" option means that individuals are shuffled among non zero cells ensuring that there are no cell with zeros as a result, then cell (zero and new valued cells) are shuffled.

The function permatswap is useful when with matrix fill (i.e. the proportion of empty cells) and row/columns sums should be kept constant. permatswap uses different kinds of swap algorithms,

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and row and columns sums are fixed in all cases. For presence-absence data, the swap and tswap methods of commsimulator can be used. For count data, a special swap algorithm ('swapcount') is implemented that results in permuted matrices with fixed marginals and matrix fill at the same time.

The 'quasiswapcount' algorithm (method="quasiswap" and mtype="count") uses the same trick as Carsten Dormann's swap.web function in the package **bipartite**. First, a random matrix is generated by the r2dtable function retaining row and column sums. Then the original matrix fill is reconstructed by sequential steps to increase or decrease matrix fill in the random matrix. These steps are based on swapping 2x2 submatrices (see 'swapcount' algorithm for details) to maintain row and column totals. This algorithm generates independent matrices in each step, so burnin and thin arguments are not considered. This is the default method, because this is not sequential (as swapcount is) so independence of subsequent matrices does not have to be checked.

The swapcount algorithm (method="swap" and mtype="count") tries to find 2x2 submatrices (identified by 2 random row and 2 random column indices), that can be swapped in order to leave column and row totals and fill unchanged. First, the algorithm finds the largest value in the submatrix that can be swapped (d) and whether in diagonal or antidiagonal way. Submatrices that contain values larger than zero in either diagonal or antidiagonal position can be swapped. Swap means that the values in diagonal or antidiagonal positions are decreased by d, while remaining cells are increased by d. A swap is made only if fill doesn't change. This algorithm is sequential, subsequent matrices are not independent, because swaps modify little if the matrix is large. In these cases many burnin steps and thinning is needed to get independent random matrices. Although this algorithm is implemented in C, large burnin and thin values can slow it down considerably. WARNING: according to simulations, this algorithm seems to be biased and non random, thus its use should be avoided!

The algorithm "swsh" in the function permatswap is a hybrid algorithm. First, it makes binary quasiswaps to keep row and column incidences constant, then non-zero values are modified according to the shuffle argument (only "samp" and "both" are available in this case, because it is applied only on non-zero values).

The algorithm "abuswap" produces two kinds of null models (based on fixedmar="columns" or fixedmar="rows") as described in Hardy (2008; randomization scheme 2x and 3x, respectively). These preserve column and row occurrences, and column or row sums at the same time.

Constraints on row/column sums, matrix fill, total sum and sums within strata can be checked by the summary method. plot method is for visually testing the randomness of the permuted matrices, especially for the sequential swap algorithms. If there are any tendency in the graph, higher burnin and thin values can help for sequential methods. New lines can be added to existing plot with the lines method.

Unrestricted and restricted permutations: if strata is NULL, functions perform unrestricted permutations. Otherwise, it is used for restricted permutations. Each strata should contain at least 2 rows in order to perform randomization (in case of low row numbers, swap algorithms can be rather slow). If the design is not well balanced (i.e. same number of observations within each stratum), permuted matrices may be biased because same constraints are forced on submatrices of different dimensions. This often means, that the number of potential permutations will decrease with their dimensions. So the more constraints we put, the less randomness can be expected.

The plot method is useful for graphically testing for trend and independence of permuted matrices. This is especially important when using sequential algorithms ("swap", "tswap", "abuswap").

The as.ts method can be used to extract Bray-Curtis dissimilarities or Chi-squared values as time series. This can further used in testing independence (see Examples). The method as.mcmc is useful

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for accessing diagnostic tools available in the coda package.

### Value

Functions permatfull and permatswap return an object of class "permat" containing the the function call (call), the original data matrix used for permutations (orig) and a list of permuted matrices with length times (perm).

The summary method returns various statistics as a list (including mean Bray-Curtis dissimilarities calculated pairwise among original and permuted matrices, Chi-square statistics, and check results of the constraints; see Examples). Note that when strata is used in the original call, summary calculation may take longer.

The plot creates a plot as a side effect.

The as.ts method returns an object of class "ts".

### Author(s)

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#### References

Original references for presence-absence algorithms are given on help page of commsimulator.

Hardy, O. J. (2008) Testing the spatial phylogenetic structure of local communities: statistical performances of different null models and test statistics on a locally neutral community. Journal of Ecology 96, 914–926.

Patefield, W. M. (1981) Algorithm AS159. An efficient method of generating r x c tables with given row and column totals. Applied Statistics 30, 91–97.

#### See Also

For other functions to permute matrices: commsimulator, r2dtable, sample, swap.web.

For the use of these permutation algorithms: oecosimu, adipart, hiersimu.

For time-series diagnostics: Box.test, lag.plot, tsdiag, ar, arima

### Examples

```
## A simple artificial community data matrix.
m <- matrix(c(
    1,3,2,0,3,1,
    0,2,1,0,2,1,
    0,0,1,2,0,3,
    0,0,0,1,4,3
    ), 4, 6, byrow=TRUE)
## Using the quasiswap algorithm to create a
## list of permuted matrices, where
## row/columns sums and matrix fill are preserved:
x1 <- permatswap(m, "quasiswap")
summary(x1)
## Unrestricted permutation retaining
```

```
## row/columns sums but not matrix fill:
x2 <- permatfull(m)</pre>
summary(x2)
## Unrestricted permutation of presence-absence type
## not retaining row/columns sums:
x3 <- permatfull(m, "none", mtype="prab")</pre>
x3$orig ## note: original matrix is binarized!
summary(x3)
## Restricted permutation,
## check sums within strata:
x4 <- permatfull(m, strata=c(1,1,2,2))</pre>
summary(x4)
## NOTE: 'times' argument usually needs to be >= 99
## here much lower value is used for demonstration
## Not sequential algorithm
data(BCI)
a <- permatswap(BCI, "quasiswap", times=19)</pre>
## Sequential algorithm
b <- permatswap(BCI, "abuswap", fixedmar="col",</pre>
    burnin=0, thin=100, times=19)
opar <- par(mfrow=c(2,2))</pre>
plot(a, main="Not sequential")
plot(b, main="Sequential")
plot(a, "chisq")
plot(b, "chisq")
par(opar)
## Extract Bray-Curtis dissimilarities
## as time series
bc <- as.ts(b)</pre>
## Lag plot
lag.plot(bc)
## First order autoregressive model
mar <- arima(bc, c(1,0,0))</pre>
mar
## Ljung-Box test of residuals
Box.test(mar$residuals)
## Graphical diagnostics
tsdiag(mar)
```

permutations

Permutation tests in Vegan

#### Description

Unless stated otherwise, vegan currently provides for two types of permutation test:

- 1. Free permutation of DATA, also known as randomisation, and
- 2. Free permutation of DATA within the levels of a factor variable.

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We use *DATA* to mean either the observed data themselves or some function of the data, for example the residuals of an ordination model in the presence of covariables.

The second type of permutation test above is available if the function providing the test accepts an argument strata or passes additional arguments (via ...) to permuted.index.

The Null hypothesis for these two types of permutation test assumes free exchangeability of *DATA* (within the levels of strata if specified). Dependence between observations, such as that which arises due to spatial or temporal autocorrelation, or more-complicated experimental designs, such as split-plot designs, violates this fundamental assumption of the test and requires restricted permutation test designs. The next major version of Vegan will include infrastructure to handle these more complicated permutation designs.

Again, unless otherwise stated in the help pages for specific functions, permutation tests in Vegan all follow the same format/structure:

- 1. An appropriate test statistic is chosen. Which statistic is chosen should be described on the help pages for individual functions.
- 2. The value of the test statistic is evaluate for the observed data and analysis/model and recorded. Denote this value  $x_0$ .
- 3. The *DATA* are randomly permuted according to one of the above two schemes, and the value of the test statistic for this permutation is evaluated and recorded.
- 4. Step 3 is repeated a total of n times, where n is the number of permutations requested. Denote these values as  $x_i$ , where i = 1, ..., n
- 5. The values of the test statistic for the n permutations of the *DATA* are added to the value of the test statistic for the observed data. These n + 1 values represent the *Null* or *randomisation* distribution of the test statistic. The observed value for the test statistic is included in the Null distribution because under the Null hypothesis being tested, the observed value is just a typical value of the test statistic, inherently no different from the values obtained via permutation of *DATA*.
- 6. The number of times that a value of the test statistic in the Null distribution is equal to or greater than the value of the test statistic for the observed data is recorded. Note the point mentioned in step 5 above; the Null distribution includes the **observed** value of the test statistic. Denote this count as N.
- 7. The permutation p-value is computed as

$$p = \frac{N}{n+1}$$

The above description illustrates why the default number of permutations specified in Vegan functions takes values of 199 or 999 for example. Once the observed value of the test statistic is added to this number of random permutations of *DATA*, pretty p-values are achievable because n+1 becomes 200 or 1000, for example.

The minimum achievable p-value is

$$p_{\min} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

A more common definition, in ecological circles, for N would be the number of  $x_i$  greater than or equal to  $x_0$ . The permutation p-value would then be defined as

$$p = \frac{N+1}{n+1}$$

The + 1 in the numerator of the above equation represents the observed statistic  $x_0$ . The minimum p-value would then be defined as

$$p_{\min} = \frac{0+1}{n+1}$$

However this definition discriminates between the observed statistic and the other  $x_i$ . Under the Null hypothesis there is no such distinction, hence we prefer the definition used in the numbered steps above.

One cannot simply increase the number of permutations (n) to achieve a potentially lower p-value unless the number of observations available permits such a number of permutations. This is unlikely to be a problem for all but the smallest data sets when free permutation (randomisation) is valid, but in designs where strata is specified and there are a low number of observations within each level of strata, there may not be as many actual permutations of the data as you might want.

It is currently the responsibility of the user to determine the total number of possible permutations for their *DATA*. No checks are made within Vegan functions to ensure a sensible number of permutations is chosen.

Limits on the total number of permutations of *DATA* are more severe in temporally or spatially ordered data or experimental designs with low replication. For example, a time series of n = 100 observations has just 100 possible permutations **including** the observed ordering.

In situations where only a low number of permutations is possible due to the nature of *DATA* or the experimental design, enumeration of all permutations becomes important and achievable computationally. Currently, Vegan does not include functions to perform complete enumeration of the set of possible permutations. The next major release of Vegan will include such functionality, however.

#### Author(s)

Gavin Simpson

## See Also

permutest, permuted.index

permutest.betadisper *Permutation test of multivariate homogeneity of groups dispersions* (variances)

## Description

Implements a permutation-based test of multivariate homogeneity of group dispersions (variances) for the results of a call to betadisper.

# Usage

### permutest.betadisper

#### Arguments

х	an object of class "betadisper", the result of a call to betadisper.
pairwise	logical; perform pairwise comparisons of group means?
control	a list of control values for the permutations to replace the default values returned by the function permControl
	Arguments passed to other methods.

# Details

To test if one or more groups is more variable than the others, ANOVA of the distances to group centroids can be performed and parametric theory used to interpret the significance of F. An alternative is to use a permutation test. permutest.betadisper permutes model residuals to generate a permutation distribution of F under the Null hypothesis of no difference in dispersion between groups.

Pairwise comparisons of group mean dispersions can be performed by setting argument pairwise to TRUE. A classical t test is performed on the pairwise group dispersions. This is combined with a permutation test based on the t statistic calculated on pairwise group dispersions. An alternative to the classical comparison of group dispersions, is to calculate Tukey's Honest Significant Differences between groups, via TukeyHSD.betadisper.

# Value

permutest.betadisper returns a list of class "permutest.betadisper" with the following components:

tab	the ANOVA table which is an object inheriting from class "data.frame".
pairwise	a list with components observed and permuted containing the observed and permuted p-values for pairwise comparisons of group mean distances (dispersions or variances).
groups	character; the levels of the grouping factor.
control	a list, the result of a call to permControl.

#### Author(s)

Gavin L. Simpson

### References

Anderson, M.J. (2006) Distance-based tests for homogeneity of multivariate dispersions. *Biometrics* 62(1), 245–253.

Anderson, M.J., Ellingsen, K.E. & McArdle, B.H. (2006) Multivariate dispersion as a measure of beta diversity. *Ecology Letters* **9**(6), 683–693.

### See Also

For the main fitting function see betadisper. For an alternative approach to determining which groups are more variable, see TukeyHSD.betadisper.

# Examples

data(varespec)

```
## Bray-Curtis distances between samples
dis <- vegdist(varespec)
## First 16 sites grazed, remaining 8 sites ungrazed
groups <- factor(c(rep(1,16), rep(2,8)), labels = c("grazed","ungrazed"))
## Calculate multivariate dispersions
mod <- betadisper(dis, groups)
mod
## Perform test
anova(mod)
## Permutation test for F
permutest(mod, pairwise = TRUE)
## Tukey's Honest Significant Differences
(mod.HSD <- TukeyHSD(mod))
plot(mod.HSD)
```

plot.cca

Plot or Extract Results of Constrained Correspondence Analysis or Redundancy Analysis

## Description

Functions to plot or extract results of constrained correspondence analysis (cca), redundancy analysis (rda) or constrained analysis of principal coordinates (capscale).

#### Usage

# plot.cca

```
## S3 method for class 'cca'
summary(object, scaling = 2, axes = 6, display = c("sp", "wa",
        "lc", "bp", "cn"), digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3), ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.cca'
print(x, digits = x$digits, head = NA, tail = head, ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.cca'
head(x, n = 6, tail = 0, ...)
## S3 method for class 'summary.cca'
tail(x, n = 6, head = 0, ...)
```

x, object	A cca result object.
choices	Axes shown.
display	Scores shown. These must include some of the alternatives species or sp for species scores, sites or wa for site scores, lc for linear constraints or "LC scores", or bp for biplot arrows or cn for centroids of factor constraints instead of an arrow.
scaling	Scaling for species and site scores. Either species (2) or site (1) scores are scaled by eigenvalues, and the other set of scores is left unscaled, or with 3 both are scaled symmetrically by square root of eigenvalues. Corresponding negative val- ues can be used in cca to additionally multiply results with $\sqrt{(1/(1 - \lambda))}$ . This scaling is know as Hill scaling (although it has nothing to do with Hill's rescal- ing of decorana). With corresponding negative values inrda, species scores are divided by standard deviation of each species and multiplied with an equal- izing constant. Unscaled raw scores stored in the result can be accessed with scaling = 0.
type	Type of plot: partial match to text for text labels, points for points, and none for setting frames only. If omitted, text is selected for smaller data sets, and points for larger.
xlim, ylim	the x and y limits (min,max) of the plot.
labels	Optional text to be used instead of row names.
arrow.mul	Factor to expand arrows in the graph. Arrows will be scaled automatically to fit the graph if this is missing.
head.arrow	Default length of arrow heads.
select	Items to be displayed. This can either be a logical vector which is TRUE for displayed items or a vector of indices of displayed items.
const	General scaling constant to rda scores. The default is to use a constant that gives biplot scores, that is, scores that approximate original data (see vignette 'decision-vegan.pdf' with vegandocs for details and discussion). If const is a vector of two items, the first is used for species, and the second item for site scores.
axis.bp	Draw axis for biplot arrows.
axes	Number of axes in summaries.
digits	Number of digits in output.

n, head, tai	Number of rows printed from the head and tail of species and site scores. Default NA prints all.
	Parameters passed to other functions.

# Details

Same plot function will be used for cca and rda. This produces a quick, standard plot with current scaling.

The plot function sets colours (col), plotting characters (pch) and character sizes (cex) to certain standard values. For a fuller control of produced plot, it is best to call plot with type="none" first, and then add each plotting item separately using text.cca or points.cca functions. These use the default settings of standard text and points functions and accept all their parameters, allowing a full user control of produced plots.

Environmental variables receive a special treatment. With display="bp", arrows will be drawn. These are labelled with text and unlabelled with points. The basic plot function uses a simple (but not very clever) heuristics for adjusting arrow lengths to plots, but the user can give the expansion factor in mul.arrow. With display="cn" the centroids of levels of factor variables are displayed (these are available only if there were factors and a formula interface was used in cca or rda). With this option continuous variables still are presented as arrows and ordered factors as arrows and centroids.

If you want to have still a better control of plots, it is better to produce them using primitive plot commands. Function scores helps in extracting the needed components with the selected scaling.

Function summary lists all scores and the output can be very long. You can suppress scores by setting axes = 0 or display = NA or display = NULL. You can display some first or last (or both) rows of scores by using head or tail or explicit print command for the summary.

Palmer (1993) suggested using linear constraints ("LC scores") in ordination diagrams, because these gave better results in simulations and site scores ("WA scores") are a step from constrained to unconstrained analysis. However, McCune (1997) showed that noisy environmental variables (and all environmental measurements are noisy) destroy "LC scores" whereas "WA scores" were little affected. Therefore the plot function uses site scores ("WA scores") as the default. This is consistent with the usage in statistics and other functions in R (1da, cancor).

## Value

The plot function returns invisibly a plotting structure which can be used by function identify.ordiplot to identify the points or other functions in the ordiplot family.

### Note

Package **ade4** has function **cca** which returns constrained correspondence analysis of the same class as the **vegan** function. If you have results of **ade4** in your working environment, **vegan** functions may try to handle them and fail with cryptic error messages. However, there is a simple utility function ade2vegancca which tries to translate **ade4** cca results to **vegan** cca results so that some **vegan** functions may work partially with **ade4** objects (with a warning).

### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

See Also

prc

cca, rda and capscale for getting something to plot, ordiplot for an alternative plotting routine and more support functions, and text, points and arrows for the basic routines.

## Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- cca(dune ~ A1 + Moisture + Management, dune.env)
plot(mod, type="n")
text(mod, dis="cn")
points(mod, pch=21, col="red", bg="yellow", cex=1.2)
text(mod, "species", col="blue", cex=0.8)
## Limited output of 'summary'
head(summary(mod), tail=2)
## Read description of scaling in RDA in vegan:
## Not run: vegandocs("decision")
```

prc

Principal Response Curves for Treatments with Repeated Observations

### Description

Principal Response Curves (PRC) are a special case of Redundancy Analysis (rda) for multivariate responses in repeated observation design. They were originally suggested for ecological communities. They should be easier to interpret than traditional constrained ordination. They can also be used to study how the effects of a factor A depend on the levels of a factor B, that is A + A:B, in a multivariate response experiment.

### Usage

response	Multivariate response data. Typically these are community (species) data. If the data are counts, they probably should be log transformed prior to the analysis.
treatment	A factor for treatments.
time	An unordered factor defining the observations times in the repeated design.
object, x	An prc result object.

axis	Axis shown (only one axis can be selected).
scaling	Scaling of species scores, identical to the scaling in scores.rda.
digits	Number of significant digits displayed.
species	Display species scores.
select	Vector to select displayed species. This can be a vector of indices or a logical vector which is TRUE for the selected species
type	Type of plot: "1" for lines, "p" for points or "b" for both.
xlab, ylab	Text to replace default axis labels.
ylim	Limits for the vertical axis.
lty, col, pch	Line type, colour and plotting characters (defaults supplied).
legpos	The position of the legend. A guess is made if this is not supplied, and NA will suppress legend.
cex	Character expansion for symbols and species labels.
	Other parameters passed to functions.

### Details

PRC is a special case of rda with a single factor for treatment and a single factor for time points in repeated observations. In **vegan**, the corresponding rda model is defined as rda(response ~ treatment \* time + Condition(time)). Since the time appears twice in the model formula, its main effects will be aliased, and only the main effect of treatment and interaction terms are available, and will be used in PRC. Instead of usual multivariate ordination diagrams, PRC uses canonical (regression) coefficients and species scores for a single axis. All that the current functions do is to provide a special summary and plot methods that display the rda results in the PRC fashion. The current version only works with default contrasts (contr.treatment) in which the coefficients are contrasts against the first level, and the levels must be arranged so that the first level is the control (or a baseline). If necessary, you must change the baseline level with function relevel.

Function summary prints the species scores and the coefficients. Function plot plots coefficients against time using matplot, and has similar defaults. The graph (and PRC) is meaningful only if the first treatment level is the control, as the results are contrasts to the first level when unordered factors are used. The plot also displays species scores on the right vertical axis using function linestack. Typically the number of species is so high that not all can be displayed with the default settings, but users can reduce character size or padding (air) in linestack, or select only a subset of the species. A legend will be displayed unless suppressed with legpos = NA, and the functions tries to guess where to put the legend if legpos is not supplied.

#### Value

The function is a special case of rda and returns its result object (see cca.object). However, a special summary and plot methods display returns differently than in rda.

### Warning

The first level of treatment must be the control: use function relevel to guarantee the correct refence level. The current version will ignore user setting of contrasts and always use treatment contrasts (contr.treatment). The time must be an unordered factor.

## predict.cca

#### Author(s)

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## References

van den Brink, P.J. & ter Braak, C.J.F. (1999). Principal response curves: Analysis of timedependent multivariate responses of biological community to stress. Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, 18, 138–148.

# See Also

rda, anova.cca.

#### Examples

predict.cca	Prediction Tools for [Constrained] Ordination (CCA, RDA, DCA, CA,
	PCA)

## Description

Function predict can be used to find site and species scores or estimates of the response data with new data sets, Function calibrate estimates values of constraints with new data set. Functions fitted and residuals return estimates of response data.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cca'
fitted(object, model = c("CCA", "CA", "pCCA"),
   type = c("response", "working"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'capscale'
fitted(object, model = c("CCA", "CA", "pCCA", "Imaginary"),
   type = c("response", "working"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
```

```
residuals(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
predict(object, newdata, type = c("response", "wa", "sp", "lc", "working"),
    rank = "full", model = c("CCA", "CA"), scaling = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
calibrate(object, newdata, rank = "full", ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
coef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
predict(object, newdata, type = c("response", "sites", "species"),
    rank = 4, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	A result object from cca, rda, capscale or decorana.
model	Show constrained ("CCA"), unconstrained ("CA") or conditioned "partial" ("pCCA") results. For fitted method of capscale this can also be "Imaginary" for imaginary components with negative eigenvalues.
newdata	New data frame to be used in prediction or in calibration. Usually this a new community data frame, but with type = "lc" and for constrained component with type = "response" and type = "working" it must be a data frame of constraints. The newdata must have the same number of rows as the original community data for a cca result with type = "response" or type = "working". If the original model had row or column names, then new data must contain rows or columns with the same names (row names for species scores, column names for "wa" scores and constraint names of "lc" scores). In other cases the rows or columns must match directly.
type	The type of prediction, fitted values or residuals: "response" scales results so that the same ordination gives the same results, and "working" gives the values used internally, that is after Chi-square standardization in cca and scaling and centring in rda. In capscale the "response" gives the dissimilarities, and "working" the scaled scores that produce the dissimilarities as Euclidean distances. Alternative "wa" gives the site scores as weighted averages of the community data, "lc" the site scores as linear combinations of environmental data, and "sp" the species scores. In predict.decorana the alternatives are scores for "sites" or "species".
rank	The rank or the number of axes used in the approximation. The default is to use all axes (full rank) of the "model" or all available four axes in predict.decorana.
scaling	Scaling or predicted scores with the same meaning as in cca, rda and capscale.
	Other parameters to the functions.

## Details

Function fitted gives the approximation of the original data matrix or dissimilarities from the ordination result either in the scale of the response or as scaled internally by the function. Function residuals gives the approximation of the original data from the unconstrained ordination. With argument type = "response" the fitted.cca and residuals.cca function both give

the same marginal totals as the original data matrix, and fitted and residuals do not add up to the original data. Functions fitted.capscale and residuals.capscale give the dissimilarities with type = "response", but these are not additive, but the "working" scores are additive. All variants of fitted and residuals are defined so that for model mod <-  $cca(y \sim x), cca(fitted(mod))$  is equal to constrained ordination, and cca(residuals(mod)) is equal to unconstrained part of the ordination.

Function predict can find the estimate of the original data matrix or dissimilarities (type = "response") with any rank. With rank = "full" it is identical to fitted. In addition, the function can find the species scores or site scores from the community data matrix for cca or rda. The function can be used with new data, and it can be used to add new species or site scores to existing ordinations. The function returns (weighted) orthonormal scores by default, and you must specify explicit scaling to add those scores to ordination diagrams. With type = "wa" the function finds the site scores from species scores. In that case, the new data can contain new sites, but species must match in the original and new data. With type="sp" the function finds species scores from site constraints (linear combination scores). In that case the new data can contain new species, but sites must match in the original and new data. With type = "lc" the function finds the linear combination scores for sites from environmental data. In that case the new data frame must contain all constraining and conditioning environmental variables of the model formula. With type = "response" or type = "working" the new data must contain environmental variables if constrained component is desired, and community data matrix if residual or unconstrained component is desired. With these types, the function uses newdata to find new "lc" (constrained) or "wa" scores (unconstrained) and then finds the response or working data from these new row scores and species scores. The original site (row) and species (column) weights are used for type = "response" and type = "working" in correspondence analysis (cca) and therefore the number of rows must match in the original data and newdata.

If a completely new data frame is created, extreme care is needed defining variables similarly as in the original model, in particular with (ordered) factors. If ordination was performed with the formula interface, the newdata can be a data frame or matrix, but extreme care is needed that the columns match in the original and newdata.

Function calibrate.cca finds estimates of constraints from community ordination or "wa" scores from cca, rda and capscale. This is often known as calibration, bioindication or environmental reconstruction. Basically, the method is similar to projecting site scores onto biplot arrows, but it uses regression coefficients. The function can be called with newdata so that cross-validation is possible. The newdata may contain new sites, but species must match in the original and new data. The function does not work with 'partial' models with Condition term, and it cannot be used with newdata for capscale results. The results may only be interpretable for continuous variables.

Function coef will give the regression coefficients from centred environmental variables (constraints and conditions) to linear combination scores. The coefficients are for unstandardized environmental variables. The coefficients will be NA for aliased effects.

Function predict.decorana is similar to predict.cca. However, type = "species" is not available in detrended correspondence analysis (DCA), because detrending destroys the mutual reciprocal averaging (except for the first axis when rescaling is not used). Detrended CA does not attempt to approximate the original data matrix, so type = "response" has no meaning in detrended analysis (except with rank = 1).

The functions return matrices, vectors or dissimilarities as is appropriate.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen.

## References

Greenacre, M. J. (1984). Theory and applications of correspondence analysis. Academic Press, London.

# See Also

cca, rda, capscale, decorana, vif, goodness.cca.

# Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- cca(dune ~ A1 + Management + Condition(Moisture), data=dune.env)</pre>
# Definition of the concepts 'fitted' and 'residuals'
mod
cca(fitted(mod))
cca(residuals(mod))
# Remove rare species (freq==1) from 'cca' and find their scores
# 'passively'.
freq <- specnumber(dune, MARGIN=2)</pre>
freq
mod <- cca(dune[, freq>1] ~ A1 + Management + Condition(Moisture), dune.env)
predict(mod, type="sp", newdata=dune[, freq==1], scaling=2)
# New sites
predict(mod, type="lc", new=data.frame(A1 = 3, Management="NM", Moisture="2"), scal=2)
# Calibration and residual plot
mod <- cca(dune ~ A1 + Moisture, dune.env)</pre>
pred <- calibrate(mod)</pre>
pred
with(dune.env, plot(A1, pred[,"A1"] - A1, ylab="Prediction Error"))
abline(h=0)
```

procrustes

Procrustes Rotation of Two Configurations and PROTEST

## Description

Function procrustes rotates a configuration to maximum similarity with another configuration. Function protest tests the non-randomness ('significance') between two configurations.

## procrustes

## Usage

```
procrustes(X, Y, scale = TRUE, symmetric = FALSE, scores = "sites", ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
summary(object, digits = getOption("digits"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
plot(x, kind=1, choices=c(1,2), to.target = TRUE,
    type = "p", xlab, ylab, main, ar.col = "blue", len=0.05,
    cex = 0.7, ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
points(x, display = c("target", "rotated"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
text(x, display = c("target", "rotated"), labels, ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
lines(x, type = c("segments", "arrows"), choices = c(1, 2), ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
residuals(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
fitted(object, truemean = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'procrustes'
predict(object, newdata, truemean = TRUE, ...)
protest(X, Y, scores = "sites", permutations = 999, strata, ...)
```

## Arguments

Х	Target matrix
Υ	Matrix to be rotated.
scale	Allow scaling of axes of Y.
symmetric	Use symmetric Procrustes statistic (the rotation will still be non-symmetric).
scores	Kind of scores used. This is the display argument used with the corresponding scores function: see scores, scores.cca and scores.cca for alternatives.
x, object	An object of class procrustes.
digits	Number of digits in the output.
kind	For plot function, the kind of plot produced: kind = 1 plots shifts in two con- figurations, kind = 0 draws a corresponding empty plot, and kind = 2 plots an impulse diagram of residuals.
choices	Axes (dimensions) plotted.
xlab, ylab	Axis labels, if defaults unacceptable.
main	Plot title, if default unacceptable.
display	Show only the "target" or "rotated" matrix as points.
to.target	Draw arrows to point to target.
type	The type of plot drawn. In plot, the type can be "points" or "text" to select the marker for the tail of the arrow, or "none" for drawing an empty plot. In lines the type selects either arrows or line segments to connect target and rotated configuration.

truemean	Use the original range of target matrix instead of centring the fitted values. Function plot.procrustes needs truemean = FALSE.
newdata	Matrix of coordinates to be rotated and translated to the target.
permutations	Number of permutation to assess the significance of the symmetric Procrustes statistic.
strata	An integer vector or factor specifying the strata for permutation. If supplied, observations are permuted only within the specified strata.
ar.col	Arrow colour.
len	Width of the arrow head.
labels	Character vector of text labels. Rownames of the result object are used as default.
cex	Character expansion for points or text.
	Other parameters passed to functions. In procrustes and protest parameters are passed to scores, in graphical functions to underlying graphical functions.

### Details

Procrustes rotation rotates a matrix to maximum similarity with a target matrix minimizing sum of squared differences. Procrustes rotation is typically used in comparison of ordination results. It is particularly useful in comparing alternative solutions in multidimensional scaling. If scale=FALSE, the function only rotates matrix Y. If scale=TRUE, it scales linearly configuration Y for maximum similarity. Since Y is scaled to fit X, the scaling is non-symmetric. However, with symmetric=TRUE, the configurations are scaled to equal dispersions and a symmetric version of the Procrustes statistic is computed.

Instead of matrix, X and Y can be results from an ordination from which scores can extract results. Function procrustes passes extra arguments to scores, scores.cca etc. so that you can specify arguments such as scaling.

Function plot plots a procrustes object and returns invisibly an ordiplot object so that function identify.ordiplot can be used for identifying points. The items in the ordiplot object are called heads and points with kind=1 (ordination diagram) and sites with kind=2 (residuals). In ordination diagrams, the arrow heads point to the target configuration if to.target = TRUE, and to rotated configuration if to.target = FALSE. Target and original rotated axes are shown as cross hairs in two-dimensional Procrustes analysis, and with a higher number of dimensions, the rotated axes are projected onto plot with their scaled and centred range. Function plot passes parameters to underlying plotting functions. For full control of plots, you can draw the axes using plot with kind = 0, and then add items with points or lines. These functions pass all parameters to the underlying functions so that you can select the plotting characters, their size, colours etc., or you can select the width, colour and type of line segments or arrows, or you can select the orientation and head width of arrows.

Function residuals returns the pointwise residuals, and fitted the fitted values, either centred to zero mean (if truemean=FALSE) or with the original scale (these hardly make sense if symmetric = TRUE). In addition, there are summary and print methods.

If matrix X has a lower number of columns than matrix Y, then matrix X will be filled with zero columns to match dimensions. This means that the function can be used to rotate an ordination configuration to an environmental variable (most practically extracting the result with the fitted

function). Function predict can be used to add new rotated coordinates to the target. The predict function will always translate coordinates to the original non-centred matrix. The function canot be used with newdata for symmetric analysis.

Function protest performs symmetric Procrustes analysis repeatedly to estimate the 'significance' of the Procrustes statistic. Function protest uses a correlation-like statistic derived from the symmetric Procrustes sum of squares ss as  $r = \sqrt{1 - ss}$ , and also prints the sum of squares of the symmetric analysis, sometimes called  $m_{12}^2$ . Function protest has own print method, but otherwise uses procrustes methods. Thus plot with a protest object yields a "Procrustean superimposition plot."

# Value

Function procrustes returns an object of class procrustes with items. Function protest inherits from procrustes, but amends that with some new items:

Yrot	Rotated matrix Y.
Х	Target matrix.
SS	Sum of squared differences between X and Yrot.
rotation	Orthogonal rotation matrix.
translation	Translation of the origin.
scale	Scaling factor.
xmean	The centroid of the target.
symmetric	Type of ss statistic.
call	Function call.
t0	This and the following items are only in class protest: Procrustes correlation from non-permuted solution.
t	Procrustes correlations from permutations. The distribution of these correlations can be inspected with density.protest function.
signif	'Significance' of t
permutations	Number of permutations.
strata	The name of the stratifying variable.
stratum.values	Values of the stratifying variable.

# Note

The function protest follows Peres-Neto & Jackson (2001), but the implementation is still after Mardia *et al.* (1979).

## Author(s)

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## References

Mardia, K.V., Kent, J.T. and Bibby, J.M. (1979). Multivariate Analysis. Academic Press.

Peres-Neto, P.R. and Jackson, D.A. (2001). How well do multivariate data sets match? The advantages of a Procrustean superimposition approach over the Mantel test. *Oecologia* 129: 169-178.

## See Also

monoMDS, for obtaining objects for procrustes, and mantel for an alternative to protest without need of dimension reduction.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
vare.dist <- vegdist(wisconsin(varespec))
mds.null <- monoMDS(vare.dist, y = cmdscale(vare.dist))
mds.alt <- monoMDS(vare.dist)
vare.proc <- procrustes(mds.alt, mds.null)
vare.proc
summary(vare.proc)
plot(vare.proc)
plot(vare.proc, kind=2)
residuals(vare.proc)
```

pyrifos

Response of Aquatic Invertebrates to Insecticide Treatment

#### Description

The data are log transformed abundances of aquatic invertebrate in twelve ditches studied in eleven times before and after an insecticide treatment.

## Usage

data(pyrifos)

# Format

A data frame with 132 observations on the log-transformed (log(10\*x + 1)) abundances of 178 species. There are only twelve sites (ditches, mesocosms), but these were studied repeatedly in eleven occasions. The treatment levels, treatment times, or ditch ID's are not in the data frame, but the data are very regular, and the example below shows how to obtain these external variables.

## radfit

#### Details

This data set was obtained from an experiment in outdoor experimental ditches. Twelve mesocosms were allocated at random to treatments; four served as controls, and the remaining eight were treated once with the insecticide chlorpyrifos, with nominal dose levels of 0.1, 0.9, 6, and 44  $\mu$ g/ L in two mesocosms each. The example data set invertebrates. Sampling was done 11 times, from week -4 pre-treatment through week 24 post-treatment, giving a total of 132 samples (12 mesocosms times 11 sampling dates), see van den Brink & ter Braak (1999) for details. The data set contains only the species data, but the example below shows how to obtain the treatment, time and ditch ID variables.

#### Source

CANOCO 4 example data, with the permission of Cajo J. F. ter Braak.

#### References

van den Brink, P.J. & ter Braak, C.J.F. (1999). Principal response curves: Analysis of timedependent multivariate responses of biological community to stress. Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, 18, 138–148.

## Examples

```
data(pyrifos)
ditch <- gl(12, 1, length=132)
week <- gl(11, 12, labels=c(-4, -1, 0.1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 15, 19, 24))
dose <- factor(rep(c(0.1, 0, 0, 0.9, 0, 44, 6, 0.1, 44, 0.9, 0, 6), 11))</pre>
```

radfit

Rank – Abundance or Dominance / Diversity Models

## Description

Functions construct rank – abundance or dominance / diversity or Whittaker plots and fit brokenstick, pre-emption, log-Normal, Zipf and Zipf-Mandelbrot models of species abundance.

## Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
radfit(x, ...)
rad.null(x, family=poisson, ...)
rad.preempt(x, family = poisson, ...)
rad.lognormal(x, family = poisson, ...)
rad.zipf(x, family = poisson, ...)
rad.zipfbrot(x, family = poisson, ...)
## S3 method for class 'radline'
predict(object, newdata, total, ...)
## S3 method for class 'radfit'
plot(x, BIC = FALSE, legend = TRUE, ...)
```

# Arguments

x	Data frame, matrix or a vector giving species abundances, or an object to be plotted.
family	Error distribution (passed to glm). All alternatives accepting link = "log" in family can be used, although not all make sense.
object	A fitted result object.
newdata	Ranks used for ordinations. All models can interpolate to non-integer "ranks" (although this may be approximate), but extrapolation may fail
total	The new total used for predicting abundance. Observed total count is used if this is omitted.
order.by	A vector used for ordering sites in plots.
BIC	Use Bayesian Information Criterion, BIC, instead of Akaike's AIC. The penalty in BIC is $k = \log(S)$ where S is the number of species, whereas AIC uses $k = 2$ .
model	Show only the specified model. If missing, AIC is used to select the model. The model names (which can be abbreviated) are Null, Preemption, Lognormal, Zipf, Mandelbrot.
legend	Add legend of line colours.
as.table	Arrange panels starting from upper left corner (passed to xyplot).
xlab,ylab	Labels for x and y axes.
type	Type of the plot, "b" for plotting both observed points and fitted lines, "p" for only points, "1" for only fitted lines, and "n" for only setting the frame.
log	
	Use logarithmic scale for given axis. The default $\log = "y"$ gives the traditional plot of community ecology where the pre-emption model is a straight line, and with $\log = "xy"$ Zipf model is a straight line. With $\log = ""$ both axes are in the original arithmetic scale.

## radfit

## Details

Rank–Abundance Dominance (RAD) or Dominance/Diversity plots (Whittaker 1965) display logarithmic species abundances against species rank order. These plots are supposed to be effective in analysing types of abundance distributions in communities. These functions fit some of the most popular models mainly following Wilson (1991).

Functions rad.null, rad.preempt, rad.lognormal, rad.zipf and zipfbrot fit the individual models (described below) for a single vector (row of data frame), and function radfit fits all models. The argument of the function radfit can be either a vector for a single community or a data frame where each row represents a distinct community.

Function rad.null fits a brokenstick model where the expected abundance of species at rank r is  $a_r = (J/S) \sum_{x=r}^{S} (1/x)$  (Pielou 1975), where J is the total number of individuals (site total) and S is the total number of species in the community. This gives a Null model where the individuals are randomly distributed among observed species, and there are no fitted parameters. Function rad.preempt fits the niche preemption model, a.k.a. geometric series or Motomura model, where the expected abundance a of species at rank r is  $a_r = J\alpha(1-\alpha)^{r-1}$ . The only estimated parameter is the preemption coefficient  $\alpha$  which gives the decay rate of abundance per rank. The niche preemption model is a straight line in a RAD plot. Function rad.lognormal fits a log-Normal model which assumes that the logarithmic abundances are distributed Normally, or  $a_r = \exp(\log \mu + \log \sigma N)$ , where N is a Normal deviate. Function rad.zipf fits the Zipf model  $a_r = Jp_1r^{\gamma}$  where  $p_1$  is the fitted proportion of the most abundant species, and  $\gamma$  is a decay coefficient. The Zipf-Mandelbrot model (rad.zipfbrot) adds one parameter:  $a_r = Jc(r + \beta)^{\gamma}$  after which  $p_1$  of the Zipf model changes into a meaningless scaling constant c.

Log-Normal and Zipf models are generalized linear models (glm) with logarithmic link function. Zipf-Mandelbrot adds one nonlinear parameter to the Zipf model, and is fitted using nlm for the nonlinear parameter and estimating other parameters and log-Likelihood with glm. Preemption model is fitted as a purely nonlinear model. There are no estimated parameters in the Null model.

The default family is poisson which is appropriate only for genuine counts (integers), but other families that accept link = "log" can be used. Families Gamma or gaussian may be appropriate for abundance data, such as cover. The "best" model is selected by AIC. Therefore "quasi" families such as quasipoisson cannot be used: they do not have AIC nor log-Likelihood needed in non-linear models.

All these functions have their own plot functions. When radfit was applied for a data frame, plot uses Lattice graphics, and other plot functions use ordinary graphics. The ordinary graphics functions return invisibly an ordiplot object for observed points, and function identify.ordiplot can be used to label selected species. Alternatively, radlattice uses Lattice graphics to display each radfit model of a single site in a separate panel together with their AIC or BIC values.

Function as.rad is a base function to construct ordered RAD data. Its plot is used by other RAD plot functions which pass extra arguments (such as xlab and log) to this function.

#### Value

Functions rad.null, rad.preempt, rad.lognormal, zipf and zipfbrot fit each a single RAD model to a single site. The result object has class "radline" and inherits from glm, and can be handled by some (but not all) glm methods.

Function radfit fits all models either to a single site or to all rows of a data frame or a matrix. When fitted to a single site, the function returns an object of class "radfit" with items y (observed values), family, and models which is a list of fitted "radline" models. When applied for a data frame or matrix, radfit function returns an object of class "radfit.frame" which is a list of "radfit" objects, each item names by the corresponding row name.

All result objects ("radline", "radfit", "radfit.frame") can be accessed with same method functions. The following methods are available: AIC, coef, deviance, logLik. In addition the fit results can be accessed with fitted, predict and residuals (inheriting from residuals.glm).The graphical functions were discussed above in Details.

#### Note

The RAD models are usually fitted for proportions instead of original abundances. However, nothing in these models seems to require division of abundances by site totals, and original observations are used in these functions. If you wish to use proportions, you must standardize your data by site totals, e.g. with decostand and use appropriate family such as Gamma.

The lognormal model is fitted in a standard way, but I do think this is not quite correct – at least it is not equivalent to fitting Normal density to log abundances like originally suggested (Preston 1948).

Some models may fail. In particular, estimation of the Zipf-Mandelbrot model is difficult. If the fitting fails, NA is returned.

Wilson (1991) defined preemption model as  $a_r = Jp_1(1-\alpha)^{r-1}$ , where  $p_1$  is the fitted proportion of the first species. However, parameter  $p_1$  is completely defined by  $\alpha$  since the fitted proportions must add to one, and therefore I handle preemption as a one-parameter model.

Veiled log-Normal model was included in earlier releases of this function, but it was removed because it was flawed: an implicit veil line also appears in the ordinary log-Normal. The latest release version with rad.veil was 1.6-10.

#### Author(s)

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## See Also

fisherfit and prestonfit. An alternative approach is to use qqnorm or qqplot with any distribution. For controlling graphics: Lattice, xyplot, lset.

# Examples

```
data(BCI)
mod <- rad.lognormal(BCI[5,])
mod</pre>
```

# rankindex

```
plot(mod)
mod <- radfit(BCI[1,])
## Standard plot overlaid for all models
## Pre-emption model is a line
plot(mod)
## log for both axes: Zipf model is a line
plot(mod, log = "xy")
## Lattice graphics separately for each model
radlattice(mod)
# Take a subset of BCI to save time and nerves
mod <- radfit(BCI[3:5,])
mod
plot(mod, pch=".")</pre>
```

```
rankindex
```

Compares Dissimilarity Indices for Gradient Detection

## Description

Rank correlations between dissimilarity indices and gradient separation.

# Usage

#### Arguments

grad	The gradient variable or matrix.
veg	The community data matrix.
indices	Dissimilarity indices compared, partial matches to alternatives in vegdist. Alternatively, it can be a (named) list of functions returning objects of class 'dist'.
stepacross	Use stepacross to find a shorter path dissimilarity. The dissimilarities for site pairs with no shared species are set NA using no.shared so that indices with no fixed upper limit can also be analysed.
method	Correlation method used.
	Other parameters to stepacross.

## Details

A good dissimilarity index for multidimensional scaling should have a high rank-order similarity with gradient separation. The function compares most indices in vegdist against gradient separation using rank correlation coefficients in cor.test. The gradient separation between each point is assessed as Euclidean distance for continuous variables, and as Gower metric for mixed data using function daisy when grad has factors.

The indices argument can accept any dissimilarity indices besides the ones calculated by the vegdist function. For this, the argument value should be a (possibly named) list of functions. Each function must return a valid 'dist' object with dissimilarities, similarities are not accepted and should be converted into dissimilarities beforehand.

## Value

Returns a named vector of rank correlations.

## Note

There are several problems in using rank correlation coefficients. Typically there are very many ties when n(n-1)/2 gradient separation values are derived from just n observations. Due to floating point arithmetics, many tied values differ by machine epsilon and are arbitrarily ranked differently by rank used in cor.test. Two indices which are identical with certain transformation or standardization may differ slightly (magnitude  $10^{-15}$ ) and this may lead into third or fourth decimal instability in rank correlations. Small differences in rank correlations should not be taken too seriously. Probably this method should be replaced with a sounder method, but I do not yet know which... You may experiment with mantel, anosim or even protest.

Earlier version of this function used method = "kendall", but that is far too slow in large data sets.

The functions returning dissimilarity objects should be self contained, because the ... argument passes additional parameters to stepacross and not to the functions supplied via the indices argument.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen, with additions from Peter Solymos

## References

Faith, F.P., Minchin, P.R. and Belbin, L. (1987). Compositional dissimilarity as a robust measure of ecological distance. *Vegetatio* 69, 57-68.

#### See Also

vegdist, stepacross, no.shared, monoMDS, cor, Machine, and for alternatives anosim, mantel and protest.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
## The next scales all environmental variables to unit variance.
## Some would use PCA transformation.
rankindex(scale(varechem), varespec)
rankindex(scale(varechem), wisconsin(varespec))
## Using non vegdist indices as functions
funs <- list(Manhattan=function(x) dist(x, "manhattan"),
    Gower=function(x) cluster:::daisy(x, "gower"),
    Ochiai=function(x) designdist(x, "1-J/sqrt(A*B)"))
rankindex(scale(varechem), varespec, funs)
```

raupcrick

# Description

Function finds the Raup-Crick dissimilarity which is a probability of number of co-occurring species with species occurrence probabilities proportional to species frequencies.

## Usage

```
raupcrick(comm, null = "r1", nsimul = 999, chase = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

comm	Community data which will be treated as presence/absence data.
null	Null model used as the method in oecosimu.
nsimul	Number of null communities for assessing the dissimilarity index.
chase	Use the Chase et al. (2011) method of tie handling (not recommended except for comparing the results against the Chase script).

## Details

Raup-Crick index is the probability that compared sampling units have non-identical species composition. This probability can be regarded as a dissimilarity, although it is not metric: identical sampling units can have dissimilarity slightly above 0, the dissimilarity can be nearly zero over a range of shared species, and sampling units with no shared species can have dissimilarity slightly below 1. Moreover, communities sharing rare species appear as more similar (lower probability of finding rare species together), than communities sharing the same number of common species.

The function will always treat the data as binary (presence/ absence).

The probability is assessed using simulation with oecosimu where the test statistic is the observed number of shared species between sampling units evaluated against a community null model (see Examples). The default null model is "r1" where the probability of selecting species is proportional to the species frequencies.

The vegdist function implements a variant of the Raup-Crick index with equal sampling probabilities for species using exact analytic equations without simulation. This corresponds to null model "r0" which also can be used with the current function. All other null model methods of oecosimu can be used with the current function, but they are new unpublished methods.

# Value

The function returns an object inheriting from dist which can be interpreted as a dissimilarity matrix.

The test statistic is the number of shared species, and this is typically tied with a large number of simulation results. The tied values are handled differently in the current function and in the function published with Chase et al. (2011). In **vegan**, the index is the number of simulated values that are smaller *or equal* than the observed value, but smaller than observed value is used by Chase et al. (2011) with option split = FALSE in their script; this can be achieved with chase = TRUE in **vegan**. Chase et al. (2011) script with split = TRUE uses half of tied simulation values to calculate a distance measure, and that choice cannot be directly reproduced in vegan (it is the average of **vegan** raupcrick results with chase = TRUE and chase = FALSE).

#### Author(s)

The function was developed after Brian Inouye contacted us and informed us about the method in Chase et al. (2011), and the function takes its idea from the code that was published with their paper. The current function was written by Jari Oksanen.

#### References

Chase, J.M., Kraft, N.J.B., Smith, K.G., Vellend, M. and Inouye, B.D. (2011). Using null models to disentangle variation in community dissimilarity from variation in  $\alpha$ -diversity. *Ecosphere* 2:art24 [doi:10.1890/ES10-00117.1]

## See Also

The function is based on oecosimu. Function vegdist with method = "raup" implements a related index but with equal sampling densities of species, and designdist demonstrates its calculation.

## Examples

```
## data set with variable species richness
data(sipoo)
## default raupcrick
dr1 <- raupcrick(sipoo)</pre>
## use null model "r0" of oecosimu
dr0 <- raupcrick(sipoo, null = "r0")</pre>
## vegdist(..., method = "raup") corresponds to 'null = "r0"'
d <- vegdist(sipoo, "raup")</pre>
op <- par(mfrow=c(2,1), mar=c(4,4,1,1)+.1)
plot(dr1 ~ d, xlab = "Raup-Crick with Null R1", ylab="vegdist")
plot(dr0 ~ d, xlab = "Raup-Crick with Null R0", ylab="vegdist")
par(op)
## The calculation is essentially as in the following oecosimu() call,
## except that designdist() is replaced with faster code
## Not run:
oecosimu(sipoo, function(x) designdist(x, "J", "binary"), method = "r1")
## End(Not run)
```

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# Note

# Description

read.cep reads a file formatted by relaxed strict CEP format used by Canoco software, among others.

## Usage

```
read.cep(file, maxdata=10000, positive=TRUE, trace=FALSE, force=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

file	File name (character variable).
maxdata	Maximum number of non-zero entries.
positive	Only positive entries, like in community data.
trace	Work verbosely.
force	Run function, even if R refuses first.

#### Details

Cornell Ecology Programs (CEP) introduced several data formats designed for punched cards. One of these was the 'condensed strict' format which was adopted by popular software DECORANA and TWINSPAN. Later, Cajo ter Braak wrote Canoco based on DECORANA, where he adopted the format, but relaxed it somewhat (that's why I call it a 'relaxed strict' format). Further, he introduced a more ordinary 'free' format, and allowed the use of classical Fortran style 'open' format with fixed field widths. This function should be able to deal with all these Canoco formats, whereas it cannot read many of the traditional CEP alternatives.

All variants of CEP formats have:

- Two or three title cards, most importantly specifying the format (or word FREE) and the number of items per record (number of species and sites for FREE format).
- Data in one of three accepted formats:
  - 1. Condensed format: First number on the line is the site identifier, and it is followed by pairs ('couplets') of numbers identifying the species and its abundance (an integer and a floating point number).
  - 2. Open Fortran format, where the first number on the line must be the site number, followed by abundance values in fields of fixed widths. Empty fields are interpreted as zeros.
  - 3. 'Free' format, where the numbers are interpreted as abundance values. These numbers must be separated by blank space, and zeros must be written as zeros.
- Species and site names, given in Fortran format (10A8): Ten names per line, eight columns for each.

With option positive = TRUE the function removes all lines and columns with zero or negative marginal sums. In community data with only positive entries, this removes empty sites and species. If data entries can be negative, this ruins data, and such data sets should be read in with option positive = FALSE.

# Value

Returns a data frame, where columns are species and rows are sites. Column and row names are taken from the CEP file, and changed into unique R names by make.names after stripping the blanks.

## Note

The function relies on smooth linking of Fortran file IO in R session. This is not guaranteed to work, and therefore the function may not work in *your* system, but it can crash the R session. Therefore the default is that the function does not run. If you still want to try:

- 1. Save your session
- 2. Run read.cep() with switch force=TRUE

If you transfer files between operating systems or platforms, you should always check that your file is formatted to your current platform. For instance, if you transfer files from Windows to Linux, you should change the files to unix format, or your session may crash when Fortran program tries to read the invisible characters that Windows uses at the end of each line.

If you compiled vegan using gfortran, the input is probably corrupted. You either should compile vegan with other FORTRAN compilers or not to use read.cep. The problems still persist in gfortran 4.01.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

## References

Ter Braak, C.J.F. (1984–): CANOCO – a FORTRAN program for *canonical community ordination* by [partial] [detrended] [canonical] correspondence analysis, principal components analysis and redundancy analysis. *TNO Inst. of Applied Computer Sci., Stat. Dept. Wageningen, The Netherlands.* 

## Examples

```
## Provided that you have the file 'dune.spe'
## Not run:
theclassic <- read.cep("dune.spe", force=T)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

renyi

# Description

Function renyi find Rényi diversities with any scale or the corresponding Hill number (Hill 1973). Function renyiaccum finds these statistics with accumulating sites.

# Usage

```
renyi(x, scales = c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, Inf), hill = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'renyi'
plot(x, ...)
renyiaccum(x, scales = c(0, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, Inf), permutations = 100,
    raw = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'renyiaccum'
plot(x, what = c("mean", "Qnt 0.025", "Qnt 0.975"), type = "1",
    ...)
## S3 method for class 'renyiaccum'
persp(x, theta = 220, col = heat.colors(100), zlim, ...)
rgl.renyiaccum(x, rgl.height = 0.2, ...)
```

# Arguments

х	Community data matrix or plotting object.
scales	Scales of Rényi diversity.
hill	Calculate Hill numbers.
permutations	Number of random permutations in accumulating sites.
raw	if FALSE then return summary statistics of permutations, and if TRUE then returns the individual permutations.
what	Items to be plotted.
type	Type of plot, where type = " $1$ " means lines.
theta	Angle defining the viewing direction (azimuthal) in persp.
col	Colours used for surface. Single colour will be passed on, and vector colours will be selected by the midpoint of a rectangle in persp.
zlim	Limits of vertical axis.
rgl.height	Scaling of vertical axis.
	Other arguments which are passed to renyi and to graphical functions.

## Details

Common diversity indices are special cases of Rényi diversity

$$H_a = \frac{1}{1-a} \log \sum p_i^a$$

where a is a scale parameter, and Hill (1975) suggested to use so-called "Hill numbers" defined as  $N_a = \exp(H_a)$ . Some Hill numbers are the number of species with a = 0,  $\exp(H')$  or the exponent of Shannon diversity with a = 1, inverse Simpson with a = 2 and  $1/\max(p_i)$  with  $a = \infty$ . According to the theory of diversity ordering, one community can be regarded as more diverse than another only if its Rényi diversities are all higher (Tóthmérész 1995).

The plot method for renyi uses **lattice** graphics, and displays the diversity values against each scale in separate panel for each site together with minimum, maximum and median values in the complete data.

Function renyiaccum is similar to specaccum but finds Rényi or Hill diversities at given scales for random permutations of accumulated sites. Its plot function uses **lattice** function xyplot to display the accumulation curves for each value of scales in a separate panel. In addition, it has a persp method to plot the diversity surface against scale and number and sites. Dynamic graphics with rgl.renyiaccum use **rgl** package, and produces similar surface as persp with a mesh showing the empirical confidence levels.

## Value

Function renyi returns a data frame of selected indices. Function renyiaccum with argument raw = FALSE returns a three-dimensional array, where the first dimension are the accumulated sites, second dimension are the diversity scales, and third dimension are the summary statistics mean, stdev, min, max, Qnt 0.025 and Qnt 0.975. With argument raw = TRUE the statistics on the third dimension are replaced with individual permutation results.

#### Author(s)

Roeland Kindt <r.kindt@cgiar.org> and Jari Oksanen

#### References

#### http://www.worldagroforestry.org/resources/databases/tree-diversity-analysis

Hill, M.O. (1973). Diversity and evenness: a unifying notation and its consequences. *Ecology* 54, 427–473.

Kindt R, Van Damme P, Simons AJ. 2006. Tree diversity in western Kenya: using profiles to characterise richness and evenness. *Biodiversity and Conservation* 15: 1253-1270.

Tóthmérész, B. (1995). Comparison of different methods for diversity ordering. *Journal of Vegetation Science* 6, 283–290.

## See Also

diversity for diversity indices, and specaccum for ordinary species accumulation curves, and xyplot, persp and rgl for controlling graphics.

## RsquareAdj

# Examples

```
data(BCI)
i <- sample(nrow(BCI), 12)
mod <- renyi(BCI[i,])
plot(mod)
mod <- renyiaccum(BCI[i,])
plot(mod, as.table=TRUE, col = c(1, 2, 2))
persp(mod)</pre>
```

RsquareAdj

Adjusted R-square

## Description

The functions finds the adjusted R-square.

## Usage

## Default S3 method: RsquareAdj(x, n, m, ...) ## S3 method for class 'rda' RsquareAdj(x, ...)

## Arguments

x	Unadjusted R-squared or an object from which the terms for evaluation or adjusted R-squared can be found.
n, m	Number of observations and number of degrees of freedom in the fitted model.
	Other arguments (ignored).

## Details

The default method finds the adjusted R-squared from the unadjusted R-squared, number of observations, and number of degrees of freedom in the fitted model. The specific methods find this information from the fitted result object. There are specific methods for rda, cca, lm and glm. Adjusted, or even unadjusted, R-squared may not be available in some cases, and then the functions will return NA. There is no adjusted R-squared in cca, in partial rda, and R-squared values are available only for gaussian models in glm.

The raw  $R^2$  of partial rda gives the proportion explained after removing the variation due to conditioning (partial) terms; Legendre et al. (2011) call this semi-partial  $R^2$ . The adjusted  $R^2$  is found as the difference of adjusted  $R^2$  values of joint effect of partial and constraining terms and partial term alone, and it is the same as the adjusted  $R^2$  of component [a] = X1|X2 in two-component variation partition in varpart.

#### Value

The functions return a list of items r.squared and adj.r.squared.

# References

Legendre, P., Oksanen, J. and ter Braak, C.J.F. (2011). Testing the significance of canonical axes in redundancy analysis. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* 2, 269–277.

Peres-Neto, P., P. Legendre, S. Dray and D. Borcard. 2006. Variation partitioning of species data matrices: estimation and comparison of fractions. *Ecology* 87, 2614–2625.

# See Also

varpart uses RsquareAdj.

## Examples

```
data(mite)
data(mite.env)
## rda
m <- rda(decostand(mite, "hell") ~ ., mite.env)
RsquareAdj(m)
## default method
RsquareAdj(0.8, 20, 5)</pre>
```

scores

Get Species or Site Scores from an Ordination

#### Description

Function to access either species or site scores for specified axes in some ordination methods. The scores function is generic in **vegan**, and **vegan** ordination functions have their own scores functions that are documented separately with the method (see e.g. scores.cca, scores.metaMDS, scores.decorana). This help file documents the default scores method that is only used for non-**vegan** ordination objects.

# Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
scores(x, choices, display=c("sites", "species"), ...)
```

# Arguments

х	An ordination result.
choices	Ordination axes. If missing, default method returns all axes.
display	Partial match to access scores for sites or species.
	Other parameters (unused).

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#### Details

Function scores is a generic method in **vegan**. Several **vegan** functions have their own scores methods with their own defaults and with some new arguments. This help page describes only the default method. For other methods, see, e.g., scores.cca, scores.rda, scores.decorana.

All **vegan** ordination functions should have a scores method which should be used to extract the scores instead of directly accessing them. Scaling and transformation of scores should also happen in the scores function. If the scores function is available, the results can be plotted using ordiplot, ordixyplot etc., and the ordination results can be compared in procrustes analysis.

The scores.default function is used to extract scores from non-**vegan** ordination results. Many standard ordination methods of libraries do not have a specific class, and no specific method can be written for them. However, scores.default guesses where some commonly used functions keep their site scores and possible species scores.

If x is a matrix, scores.default returns the chosen columns of that matrix, ignoring whether species or sites were requested (do not regard this as a bug but as a feature, please). Currently the function seems to work at least for isoMDS, prcomp, princomp and some **ade4** objects. It may work in other cases or fail mysteriously.

## Value

The function returns a matrix of scores.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

## See Also

Specific scores functions include (but are not limited to) scores.cca, scores.rda, scores.decorana, scores.envfit, scores.metaMDS, scores.monoMDS and scores.pcnm. These have somewhat different interface – scores.cca in particular – but all work with keywords display="sites" and return a matrix. However, they may also return a list of matrices, and some other scores methods will have quite different arguments.

#### Examples

```
data(varespec)
vare.pca <- prcomp(varespec)
scores(vare.pca, choices=c(1,2))</pre>
```

screeplot.cca Screeplots for Ordination Results and Broken Stick Distributions

## Description

Screeplot methods for plotting variances of ordination axes/components and overlaying broken stick distributions. Also, provides alternative screeplot methods for princomp and prcomp.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cca'
screeplot(x, bstick = FALSE, type = c("barplot", "lines"),
         npcs = min(10, if (is.null(x$CCA) || x$CCA$rank == 0) x$CA$rank else x$CCA$rank),
         ptype = "o", bst.col = "red", bst.lty = "solid",
         xlab = "Component", ylab = "Inertia",
         main = deparse(substitute(x)), legend = bstick,
         ...)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
screeplot(x, bstick = FALSE, type = c("barplot", "lines"),
         npcs = 4,
         ptype = "o", bst.col = "red", bst.lty = "solid",
         xlab = "Component", ylab = "Inertia",
         main = deparse(substitute(x)),
         ...)
## S3 method for class 'prcomp'
screeplot(x, bstick = FALSE, type = c("barplot", "lines"),
         npcs = min(10, length(x$sdev)),
         ptype = "o", bst.col = "red", bst.lty = "solid",
         xlab = "Component", ylab = "Inertia",
         main = deparse(substitute(x)), legend = bstick,
         ...)
## S3 method for class 'princomp'
screeplot(x, bstick = FALSE, type = c("barplot", "lines"),
         npcs = min(10, length(x$sdev)),
         ptype = "o", bst.col = "red", bst.lty = "solid",
         xlab = "Component", ylab = "Inertia",
         main = deparse(substitute(x)), legend = bstick,
         ...)
bstick(n, ...)
## Default S3 method:
bstick(n, tot.var = 1, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
bstick(n, ...)
## S3 method for class 'prcomp'
bstick(n, ...)
## S3 method for class 'princomp'
bstick(n, ...)
## S3 method for class 'decorana'
```

## screeplot.cca

bstick(n, ...)

#### Arguments

х	an object from which the component variances can be determined.
bstick	logical; should the broken stick distribution be drawn?
npcs	the number of components to be plotted.
type	the type of plot.
ptype	if type == "lines" or bstick = TRUE, a character indicating the type of plot- ting used for the lines; actually any of the types as in plot.default.
bst.col, bst.lty	
	the colour and line type used to draw the broken stick distribution.
xlab, ylab, main	
	graphics parameters.
legend	logical; draw a legend?
n	an object from which the variances can be extracted or the number of variances (components) in the case of bstick.default.
tot.var	the total variance to be split.
	arguments passed to other methods.

## Details

The functions provide screeplots for most ordination methods in **vegan** and enhanced versions with broken stick for prcomp and princomp.

Function bstick gives the brokenstick values which are ordered random proportions, defined as  $p_i = (tot/n) \sum_{x=i}^{n} (1/x)$  (Legendre & Legendre 2012), where *tot* is the total and *n* is the number of brokenstick components (cf. radfit). Broken stick has been recommended as a stopping rule in principal component analysis (Jackson 1993): principal components should be retained as long as observed eigenvalues are higher than corresponding random broken stick components.

The bstick function is generic. The default needs the number of components and the total, and specific methods extract this information from ordination results. There also is a bstick method for cca. However, the broken stick model is not strictly valid for correspondence analysis (CA), because eigenvalues of CA are defined to be  $\leq 1$ , whereas brokenstick components have no such restrictions. The brokenstick components are not available for decorana where the sum of eigenvalues (total inertia) is unknown, and the eigenvalues of single axes are not additive in detrended analysis.

## Value

Function screeplot draws a plot on the currently active device, and returns invisibly the xy. coords of the points or bars for the eigenvalues.

Function bstick returns a numeric vector of broken stick components.

## Note

Function screeplot is generic from R version 2.5.0. In these versions you can use plain screeplot command without suffices cca, prcomp etc.

# Author(s)

Gavin L. Simpson

# References

Jackson, D. A. (1993). Stopping rules in principal components analysis: a comparison of heuristical and statistical approaches. *Ecology* 74, 2204–2214.

Legendre, P. and Legendre, L. (2012) Numerical Ecology. 3rd English ed. Elsevier.

# See Also

cca, decorana, princomp and prcomp for the ordination functions, and screeplot for the stock version.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
vare.pca <- rda(varespec, scale = TRUE)
bstick(vare.pca)
screeplot(vare.pca, bstick = TRUE, type = "lines")</pre>
```

simper

Similarity Percentages

# Description

Discriminating species between two groups using Bray-Curtis dissimilarities

#### Usage

# Arguments

comm	Community data matrix.
group	Factor describing the group structure. Must have at least 2 levels.
object	an object returned by simper.
ordered	Logical; Should the species be ordered by their average contribution?
digits	Number of digits in output.
	Parameters passed to other functions.

#### simper

#### Details

Similarity percentage, simper (Clarke 1993) is based on the decomposition of Bray-Curtis dissimilarity index (see vegdist, designdist). The contribution of individual species i to the overall Bray-Curtis dissimilarity  $d_{jk}$  is given by

$$d_{ijk} = \frac{|x_{ij} - x_{ik}|}{\sum_{i=1}^{S} (x_{ij} + x_{ik})}$$

where x is the abundance of species i in sampling units j and k. The overall index is the sum of the individual contributions over all S species  $d_{jk} = \sum_{i=1}^{S} d_{ijk}$ .

The simper functions performs pairwise comparisons of groups of sampling units and finds the average contributions of each species to the average overall Bray-Curtis dissimilarity.

The function displays most important species for each pair of groups. These species contribute at least to 70 % of the differences between groups. The function returns much more extensive results which can be accessed directly from the result object (see section Value). Function summary transforms the result to a list of data frames. With argument ordered = TRUE the data frames also include the cumulative contributions and are ordered by species contribution.

The results of simper can be very difficult to interpret. The method very badly confounds the mean between group differences and within group variation, and seems to single out variable species instead of distinctive species (Warton et al. 2012). Even if you make groups that are copies of each other, the method will single out species with high contribution, but these are not contributions to non-existing between-group differences but to within-group variation in species abundance.

## Value

A list of class "simper" with following items:

species	The species names.
average	Average contribution to overall dissimilarity.
overall	The overall between-group dissimilarity.
sd	Standard deviation of contribution.
ratio	Average to sd ratio.
ava, avb	Average abundances per group.
ord	An index vector to order vectors by their contribution or order cusum back to the original data order.
cusum	Ordered cumulative contribution.

#### Author(s)

Eduard Szöcs <szoe8822@uni-landau.de>

## References

Clarke, K.R. 1993. Non-parametric multivariate analyses of changes in community structure. *Australian Journal of Ecology*, 18, 117–143.

Warton, D.I., Wright, T.W., Wang, Y. 2012. Distance-based multivariate analyses confound location and dispersion effects. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*, 3, 89–101.

# Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
(sim <- with(dune.env, simper(dune, Management)))
summary(sim)</pre>
```

simulate.rda

Simulate Responses with Gaussian Error or Permuted Residuals for Constrained Ordination

## Description

Function simulates a response data frame so that it adds Gaussian error to the fitted responses of Redundancy Analysis (rda), Constrained Correspondence Analysis (cca) or distance-based RDA (capscale). The function is a special case of generic simulate, and works similarly as simulate.lm.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rda'
simulate(object, nsim = 1, seed = NULL, indx = NULL, rank = "full", ...)
```

#### Arguments

object	an object representing a fitted rda model.
nsim	number of response vectors to simulate. (Not yet used, and values above 1 will give an error).
seed	an object specifying if and how the random number generator should be initial- ized ('seeded'). See simulate for details.
indx	Index of residuals added to the fitted values, such as produced by permuted.index, shuffle or sample. The index can have duplicate entries so that bootstrapping is allowed. If null, parametric simulation is used and Gaussian error is added to the fitted values.
rank	The rank of the constrained component: passed to predict.rda or predict.cca.
	additional optional arguments (ignored).

## Details

The implementation follows "lm" method of simulate, and adds Gaussian (Normal) error to the fitted values (fitted.rda) using function rnorm. The standard deviations are estimated independently for each species (column) from the residuals after fitting the constraints. Alternatively, the function can take a permutation index that is used to add permuted residuals (unconstrained component) to the fitted values. Raw data are used in rda. Internal Chi-square transformed data in cca within the function, but the returned data frame is similar to the original input data. The simulation is performed on internal metric scaling data in capscale, but the function returns the Euclidean distances calculated from the simulated data. The simulation uses only the real components, and the imaginary dimensions are ignored.

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## Value

Returns a data frame with similar additional arguments on random number seed as simulate.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# See Also

simulate for the generic case and for lm objects. Functions fitted.rda and fitted.cca return fitted values without the error component.

## Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- rda(dune ~ Moisture + Management, dune.env)
## One simulation
update(mod, simulate(mod) ~ .)
## An impression of confidence regions of site scores
plot(mod, display="sites")
for (i in 1:5) lines(procrustes(mod, update(mod, simulate(mod) ~ .)), col="blue")</pre>
```

sipoo

Birds in the Archipelago of Sipoo (Sibbo)

# Description

Land birds on islands covered by coniferous forest in the Sipoo archipelago, southern Finland (landbridge/ oceanic distinction unclear from source).

## Usage

data(sipoo)

## Format

A data frame with 18 sites and 50 species (Simberloff & Martin, 1991, Appendix 3). The species are referred by 4+4 letter abbreviation of their Latin names (but using five letters in two species names to make these unique). The example gives the areas of the studies islands in hectares.

## Source

http://www.aics-research.com/nested/

# References

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# Examples

```
data(sipoo)
## Areas of the islands in hectares
sipoo.area <- c(1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1, 3.5, 5.8, 6, 6.1, 6.5, 11.4, 13,
14.5, 16.1 ,17.5, 28.7, 40.5, 104.5, 233)</pre>
```

```
spantree
```

## Minimum Spanning Tree

# Description

Function spantree finds a minimum spanning tree connecting all points, but disregarding dissimilarities that are at or above the threshold or NA.

# Usage

```
spantree(d, toolong = 0)
## S3 method for class 'spantree'
cophenetic(x)
spandepth(x)
## S3 method for class 'spantree'
plot(x, ord, cex = 0.7, type = "p", labels, dlim,
    FUN = sammon, ...)
## S3 method for class 'spantree'
lines(x, ord, display="sites", ...)
```

# Arguments

d	Dissimilarity data inheriting from class dist or a an object, such as a matrix, that can be converted to a dissimilarity matrix. Functions vegdist and dist are some functions producing suitable dissimilarity data.
toolong	Shortest dissimilarity regarded as NA. The function uses a fuzz factor, so that dis- similarities close to the limit will be made NA, too. If toolong = 0 (or negative), no dissimilarity is regarded as too long.
х	A spantree result object.
ord	An ordination configuration, or an ordination result known by scores.
cex	Character expansion factor.
type	Observations are plotted as points with type="p" or type="b", or as text label with type="t". The tree (lines) will always be plotted.
labels	Text used with type="t" or node names if this is missing.
dlim	A ceiling value used to highest cophenetic dissimilarity.
FUN	Ordination function to find the configuration from cophenetic dissimilarities.
display	Type of scores used for ord.
	Other parameters passed to functions.

#### spantree

## Details

Function spantree finds a minimum spanning tree for dissimilarities (there may be several minimum spanning trees, but the function finds only one). Dissimilarities at or above the threshold toolong and NAs are disregarded, and the spanning tree is found through other dissimilarities. If the data are disconnected, the function will return a disconnected tree (or a forest), and the corresponding link is NA. Connected subtrees can be identified using distconnected.

Function cophenetic finds distances between all points along the tree segments. Function spandepth returns the depth of each node. The nodes of a tree are either leaves (with one link) or internal nodes (more than one link). The leaves are recursively removed from the tree, and the depth is the layer at with the leaf was removed. In disconnected spantree object (in a forest) each tree is analysed separately and disconnected nodes not in any tree have depth zero.

Function plot displays the tree over a supplied ordination configuration, and lines adds a spanning tree to an ordination graph. If configuration is not supplied for plot, the function ordinates the cophenetic dissimilarities of the spanning tree and overlays the tree on this result. The default ordination function is sammon (package MASS), because Sammon scaling emphasizes structure in the neighbourhood of nodes and may be able to beautifully represent the tree (you may need to set dlim, and sometimes the results will remain twisted). These ordination methods do not work with disconnected trees, but you must supply the ordination configuration. Function lines will overlay the tree in an existing plot.

Function spantree uses Prim's method implemented as priority-first search for dense graphs (Sedgewick 1990). Function cophenetic uses function stepacross with option path = "extended". The spantree is very fast, but cophenetic is slow in very large data sets.

## Value

Function spantree returns an object of class spantree which is a list with two vectors, each of length n-1. The number of links in a tree is one less the number of observations, and the first item is omitted. The items are

kid	The child node of the parent, starting from parent number two. If there is no link from the parent, value will be NA and tree is disconnected at the node.
dist	Corresponding distance. If kid = NA, then dist = $0$ .
labels	Names of nodes as found from the input dissimilarities.
call	The function call.

#### Note

In principle, minimum spanning tree is equivalent to single linkage clustering that can be performed using hclust or agnes. However, these functions combine clusters to each other and the information of the actually connected points (the "single link") cannot be recovered from the result. The graphical output of a single linkage clustering plotted with ordicluster will look very different from an equivalent spanning tree plotted with lines.spantree.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

### References

Sedgewick, R. (1990). Algorithms in C. Addison Wesley.

# See Also

vegdist or dist for getting dissimilarities, and hclust or agnes for single linkage clustering.

# Examples

```
data(dune)
dis <- vegdist(dune)
tr <- spantree(dis)
## Add tree to a metric scaling
plot(tr, cmdscale(dis), type = "t")
## Find a configuration to display the tree neatly
plot(tr, type = "t")
## Depths of nodes
depths <- spandepth(tr)
plot(tr, type = "t", label = depths)
```

specaccum

Species Accumulation Curves

#### Description

Function specaccum finds species accumulation curves or the number of species for a certain number of sampled sites or individuals.

## Usage

```
specaccum(comm, method = "exact", permutations = 100,
          conditioned =TRUE, gamma = "jack1", ...)
## S3 method for class 'specaccum'
plot(x, add = FALSE, ci = 2, ci.type = c("bar", "line", "polygon"),
    col = par("fg"), ci.col = col, ci.lty = 1, xlab,
    ylab = x$method, ylim, xvar = c("sites", "individuals"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'specaccum'
boxplot(x, add = FALSE, ...)
fitspecaccum(object, model, method = "random", ...)
## S3 method for class 'fitspecaccum'
plot(x, col = par("fg"), lty = 1, xlab = "Sites",
    ylab = x$method, ...)
## S3 method for class 'specaccum'
predict(object, newdata, interpolation = c("linear", "spline"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'fitspecaccum'
predict(object, newdata, ...)
```

## specaccum

## Arguments

comm	Community data set.
method	Species accumulation method (partial match). Method "collector" adds sites in the order they happen to be in the data, "random" adds sites in random or- der, "exact" finds the expected (mean) species richness, "coleman" finds the expected richness following Coleman et al. 1982, and "rarefaction" finds the mean when accumulating individuals instead of sites.
permutations	Number of permutations with method = "random".
conditioned	Estimation of standard deviation is conditional on the empirical dataset for the exact SAC
gamma	Method for estimating the total extrapolated number of species in the survey area by function specpool
x	A specaccum result object
add	Add to an existing graph.
ci	Multiplier used to get confidence intervals from standard deviation (standard error of the estimate). Value ci = 0 suppresses drawing confidence intervals.
ci.type	Type of confidence intervals in the graph: "bar" draws vertical bars, "line" draws lines, and "polygon" draws a shaded area.
col	Colour for drawing lines.
ci.col	Colour for drawing lines or filling the "polygon".
ci.lty	Line type for confidence intervals or border of the "polygon".
xlab,ylab	Labels for x (defaults xvar) and y axis.
ylim	the y limits of the plot.
xvar	Variable used for the horizontal axis: "individuals" can be used only with method = "rarefaction".
object	Either a community data set or fitted specaccum model.
model	Nonlinear regression model (nls). See Details.
lty	line type code (see par.
newdata	Optional data used in prediction interpreted as number of sampling units (sites). If missing, fitted values are returned.
interpolation	Interpolation method used with newdata.
	Other parameters to functions.

#### Details

Species accumulation curves (SAC) are used to compare diversity properties of community data sets using different accumulator functions. The classic method is "random" which finds the mean SAC and its standard deviation from random permutations of the data, or subsampling without replacement (Gotelli & Colwell 2001). The "exact" method finds the expected SAC using the method that was independently developed by Ugland et al. (2003), Colwell et al. (2004) and Kindt et al. (2006). The unconditional standard deviation for the exact SAC represents a moment-based estimation that is not conditioned on the empirical data set (sd for all samples > 0), unlike the conditional standard

deviation that was developed by Jari Oksanen (not published, sd=0 for all samples). The unconditional standard deviation is based on an estimation of the total extrapolated number of species in the survey area (a.k.a. gamma diversity), as estimated by function specpool. Method "coleman" finds the expected SAC and its standard deviation following Coleman et al. (1982). All these methods are based on sampling sites without replacement. In contrast, the method = "rarefaction" finds the expected species richness and its standard deviation by sampling individuals instead of sites. It achieves this by applying function rarefy with number of individuals corresponding to average number of individuals per site.

The function has a plot method. In addition, method = "random" has summary and boxplot methods.

Function predict can return the values corresponding to newdata using linear (approx) or spline (spline) interpolation. The function cannot extrapolate with linear interpolation, and with spline the type and sensibility of the extrapolation depends on argument method which is passed to spline. If newdata is not given, the function returns the values corresponding to the data.

Function fitspecaccum fits a nonlinear (nls) self-starting species accumulation model. The input object can be a result of specaccum or a community in data frame. In the latter case the function first fits a specaccum model and then proceeds with fitting the a nonlinear model. The function can apply a limited set of nonlinear regression models suggested for species-area relationship (Dengler 2009). All these are selfStart models. The permissible alternatives are "arrhenius" (SSarrhenius), "gleason" (SSgleason), "gitay" (SSgitay), "lomolino" (SSlomolino) of vegan package. In addition the following standard R models are available: "asymp" (SSasymp), "gompertz" (SSgompertz), "michaelis-menten") (SSmicmen), "logis" (SSlogis), "weibull" (SSweibull). See these functions for model specification and details.

Function predict uses predict.nls, and you can pass all arguments to that function. In addition, fitted, residuals and coef work on the result object.

Nonlinear regression may fail for any reason, and some of the fitspecaccum models are fragile and may not succeed.

## Value

Function specaccum returns an object of class "specaccum", and fitspecaccum a model of class "fitspecaccum" that adds a few items to the "specaccum" (see the end of the list below):

call	Function call.
method	Accumulator method.
sites	Number of sites. For method = "rarefaction" this is the number of sites corresponding to a certain number of individuals and generally not an integer, and the average number of individuals is also returned in item individuals.
richness	The number of species corresponding to number of sites. With method = "collector" this is the observed richness, for other methods the average or expected richness.
sd	The standard deviation of SAC (or its standard error). This is NULL in method = "collector", and it is estimated from permutations in method = "random", and from analytic equations in other methods.
perm	Permutation results with method = "random" and NULL in other cases. Each column in perm holds one permutation.

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fitted, residu	als, coefficients
	Only in fitspecacum: fitted values, residuals and nonlinear model coefficients.
	For method = "random" these are matrices with a column for each random accumulation.
models	Only in fitspecaccum: list of fitted nls models (see Examples on accessing these models).

## Note

The SAC with method = "exact" was developed by Roeland Kindt, and its standard deviation by Jari Oksanen (both are unpublished). The method = "coleman" underestimates the SAC because it does not handle properly sampling without replacement. Further, its standard deviation does not take into account species correlations, and is generally too low.

# Author(s)

Roeland Kindt <r.kindt@cgiar.org> and Jari Oksanen.

# References

Coleman, B.D, Mares, M.A., Willis, M.R. & Hsieh, Y. (1982). Randomness, area and species richness. *Ecology* 63: 1121–1133.

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## See Also

rarefy and rrarefy are related individual based models. Other accumulation models are poolaccum for extrapolated richness, and renyiaccum and tsallisaccum for diversity indices. Underlying graphical functions are boxplot, matlines, segments and polygon.

# Examples

```
data(BCI)
sp1 <- specaccum(BCI)
sp2 <- specaccum(BCI, "random")
sp2
summary(sp2)</pre>
```

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```
plot(sp1, ci.type="poly", col="blue", lwd=2, ci.lty=0, ci.col="lightblue")
boxplot(sp2, col="yellow", add=TRUE, pch="+")
## Fit Lomolino model to the exact accumulation
mod1 <- fitspecaccum(sp1, "lomolino")
coef(mod1)
fitted(mod1)
plot(sp1)
## Add Lomolino model using argument 'add'
plot(mod1, add = TRUE, col=2, lwd=2)
## Fit Arrhenius models to all random accumulations
mods <- fitspecaccum(sp2, "arrh")
plot(mods, col="hotpink")
boxplot(sp2, col = "yellow", border = "blue", lty=1, cex=0.3, add= TRUE)
## Use nls() methods to the list of models
sapply(mods$models, AIC)
```

specpool

Extrapolated Species Richness in a Species Pool

## Description

The functions estimate the extrapolated species richness in a species pool, or the number of unobserved species. Function specpool is based on incidences in sample sites, and gives a single estimate for a collection of sample sites (matrix). Function estimateR is based on abundances (counts) on single sample site.

#### Usage

```
specpool(x, pool)
estimateR(x, ...)
specpool2vect(X, index = c("jack1","jack2", "chao", "boot","Species"))
poolaccum(x, permutations = 100, minsize = 3)
estaccumR(x, permutations = 100)
## S3 method for class 'poolaccum'
summary(object, display, alpha = 0.05, ...)
## S3 method for class 'poolaccum'
plot(x, alpha = 0.05, type = c("1","g"), ...)
```

## Arguments

х	Data frame or matrix with species data or the analysis result for plot function.
pool	A vector giving a classification for pooling the sites in the species data. If miss- ing, all sites are pooled together.
X, object	A specpool result object.
index	The selected index of extrapolated richness.
permutations	Number of permutations of sampling order of sites.
minsize	Smallest number of sampling units reported.

display	Indices to be displayed.
alpha	Level of quantiles shown. This proportion will be left outside symmetric limits.
type	Type of graph produced in xyplot.
	Other parameters (not used).

#### Details

Many species will always remain unseen or undetected in a collection of sample plots. The function uses some popular ways of estimating the number of these unseen species and adding them to the observed species richness (Palmer 1990, Colwell & Coddington 1994).

The incidence-based estimates in specpool use the frequencies of species in a collection of sites. In the following,  $S_P$  is the extrapolated richness in a pool,  $S_0$  is the observed number of species in the collection,  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are the number of species occurring only in one or only in two sites in the collection,  $p_i$  is the frequency of species *i*, and *N* is the number of sites in the collection. The variants of extrapolated richness in specpool are:

Chao	$S_P = S_0 + a1^2/(2*a2)$
First order jackknife	$S_P = S_0 + a_1 \frac{N-1}{N}$
Second order jackknife	$S_P = S_0 + a_1 \frac{2N-3}{N} - a_2 \frac{(N-2)^2}{N(N-1)}$
Bootstrap	$S_P = S_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{S_0} (1 - p_i)^N$

The abundance-based estimates in estimateR use counts (frequencies) of species in a single site. If called for a matrix or data frame, the function will give separate estimates for each site. The two variants of extrapolated richness in estimateR are Chao (unbiased variant) and ACE. In the Chao estimate  $a_i$  refers to number of species with abundance *i* instead of incidence:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Chao} & S_P = S_0 + \frac{a_1(a_1-1)}{2(a_2+1)} \\ \text{ACE} & S_P = S_{abund} + \frac{S_{rare}}{C_{ace}} + \frac{a_1}{C_{ace}} \gamma_{ace}^2 \\ \text{where} & C_{ace} = 1 - \frac{a_1}{N_{rare}} \\ & \gamma_{ace}^2 = \max \left[ \frac{S_{rare} \sum_{i=1}^{10} i(i-1)a_i}{C_{ace} N_{rare}(N_{rare}-1)} - 1, 0 \right] \end{array}$$

Here  $a_i$  refers to number of species with abundance *i* and  $S_{rare}$  is the number of rare species,  $S_{abund}$  is the number of abundant species, with an arbitrary threshold of abundance 10 for rare species, and  $N_{rare}$  is the number of individuals in rare species.

Functions estimate the standard errors of the estimates. These only concern the number of added species, and assume that there is no variance in the observed richness. The equations of standard errors are too complicated to be reproduced in this help page, but they can be studied in the R source code of the function. The standard error are based on the following sources: Chao (1987) for the Chao estimate and Smith and van Belle (1984) for the first-order Jackknife and the bootstrap (second-order jackknife is still missing). The variance estimator of  $S_{ace}$  was developed by Bob O'Hara (unpublished).

Functions poolaccum and estaccumR are similar to specaccum, but estimate extrapolated richness indices of specpool or estimateR in addition to number of species for random ordering of sampling units. Function specpool uses presence data and estaccumR count data. The functions share

summary and plot methods. The summary returns quantile envelopes of permutations corresponding the given level of alpha and standard deviation of permutations for each sample size. The plot function shows the mean and envelope of permutations with given alpha for models. The selection of models can be restricted and order changes using the display argument in summary or plot. For configuration of plot command, see xyplot

## Value

Function specpool returns a data frame with entries for observed richness and each of the indices for each class in pool vector. The utility function specpool2vect maps the pooled values into a vector giving the value of selected index for each original site. Function estimateR returns the estimates and their standard errors for each site. Functions poolaccum and estimateR return matrices of permutation results for each richness estimator, the vector of sample sizes and a table of means of permutations for each estimator.

# Note

The functions are based on assumption that there is a species pool: The community is closed so that there is a fixed pool size  $S_P$ . Such cases may exist, although I have not seen them yet. All indices are biased for open communities.

See http://viceroy.eeb.uconn.edu/EstimateS for a more complete (and positive) discussion and alternative software for some platforms.

#### Author(s)

Bob O'Hara (estimateR) and Jari Oksanen.

# References

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Smith, E.P & van Belle, G. (1984). Nonparametric estimation of species richness. *Biometrics* 40, 119–129.

# See Also

veiledspec, diversity, beals, specaccum.

## Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
attach(dune.env)
pool <- specpool(dune, Management)
pool
op <- par(mfrow=c(1,2))</pre>
```

# SSarrhenius

```
boxplot(specnumber(dune) ~ Management, col="hotpink", border="cyan3",
notch=TRUE)
boxplot(specnumber(dune)/specpool2vect(pool) ~ Management, col="hotpink",
border="cyan3", notch=TRUE)
par(op)
data(BCI)
## Accumulation model
pool <- poolaccum(BCI)
summary(pool, display = "chao")
plot(pool)
## Quantitative model
estimateR(BCI[1:5,])
```

SSarrhenius

Self-Starting nls Species-Area Models

# Description

These functions provide self-starting species-area models for non-linear regression (nls). They can also be used for fitting species accumulation models in fitspecaccum. These models (and many more) are reviewed by Dengler (2009).

## Usage

```
SSarrhenius(area, k, z)
SSgleason(area, k, slope)
SSgitay(area, k, slope)
SSlomolino(area, Asym, xmid, slope)
```

#### Arguments

area Area or size of the sample: the independent variable.k, z, slope, Asym, xmid Estimated model parameters: see Details.

## Details

All these functions are assumed to be used for species richness (number of species) as the independent variable, and area or sample size as the independent variable. Basically, these define least squares models of untransformed data, and will differ from models for transformed species richness or models with non-Gaussian error.

The Arrhenius model (SSarrhenius) is the expression k\*area^z. This is the most classical model that can be found in any textbook of ecology (and also in Dengler 2009). Parameter z is the steepness of the species-area curve, and k is the expected number of species in a unit area.

The Gleason model (SSgleason) is a linear expression k + slope\*log(area) (Dengler 200). This is a linear model, and starting values give the final estimates; it is provided to ease comparison with other models.

The Gitay model (SSgitay) is a quadratic logarithmic expression (k + slope\*log(area))^2 (Gitay et al. 1991, Dengler 2009). Parameter slope is the steepness of the species-area curve, and k is the square root of expected richness in a unit area.

The Lomolino model (SSlomolino) is Asym/(1 + slope^log(xmid/area)) (Lomolino 2000, Dengler 2009). Parameter Asym is the asymptotic maximum number of species, slope is the maximum slope of increse of richness, and xmid is the area where half of the maximum richess is achieved.

In addition to these models, several other models studied by Dengler (2009) are available in standard R self-starting models: Michaelis-Menten (SSmicmen), Gompertz (SSgompertz), logistic (SSlogis), Weibull (SSweibull), and some others that may be useful.

## Value

Numeric vector of the same length as area. It is the value of the expression of each model. If all arguments are names of objects the gradient matrix with respect to these names is attached as an attribute named gradient.

# Author(s)

Jari Oksanen.

# References

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Gitay, H., Roxburgh, S.H. & Wilson, J.B. (1991) Species-area relationship in a New Zealand tussock grassland, with implications for nature reserve design and for community structure. *Journal of Vegetation Science* 2, 113–118.

Lomolino, M. V. (2000) Ecology's most general, yet protean pattern: the species-area relationship. *Journal of Biogeography* 27, 17–26.

## See Also

nls, fitspecaccum.

# Examples

```
## Get species area data: sipoo.area gives the areas of islands
example(sipoo)
S <- specnumber(sipoo)
plot(S ~ sipoo.area, xlab = "Island Area (ha)", ylab = "Number of Species",
    ylim = c(1, max(S)))
## The Arrhenius model
marr <- nls(S ~ SSarrhenius(sipoo.area, k, z))
marr
## confidence limits from profile likelihood
confint(marr)
## draw a line
xtmp <- seq(min(sipoo.area), max(sipoo.area), len=51)
lines(xtmp, predict(marr, newdata=data.frame(sipoo.area = xtmp)), lwd=2)</pre>
```

#### stepacross

```
## The normal way is to use linear regression on log-log data,
## but this will be different from the previous:
mloglog <- lm(log(S) ~ log(sipoo.area))</pre>
mloglog
lines(xtmp, exp(predict(mloglog, newdata=data.frame(sipoo.area=xtmp))),
  lty=2)
## Gleason: log-linear
mgle <- nls(S ~ SSgleason(sipoo.area, k, slope))</pre>
lines(xtmp, predict(mgle, newdata=data.frame(sipoo.area=xtmp)),
 lwd=2, col=2)
## Gitay: quadratic of log-linear
mgit <- nls(S ~ SSgitay(sipoo.area, k, slope))</pre>
lines(xtmp, predict(mgit, newdata=data.frame(sipoo.area=xtmp)),
 1wd=2, col = 3)
## Lomolino: using original names of the parameters (Lomolino 2000):
mlom <- nls(S ~ SSlomolino(sipoo.area, Smax, A50, Hill))</pre>
mlom
lines(xtmp, predict(mlom, newdata=data.frame(sipoo.area=xtmp)),
 1wd=2, col = 4)
## One canned model of standard R:
mmic <- nls(S ~ SSmicmen(sipoo.area, slope, Asym))</pre>
lines(xtmp, predict(mmic, newdata = data.frame(sipoo.area=xtmp)),
 1wd = 2, col = 5)
legend("bottomright", c("Arrhenius", "log-log linear", "Gleason", "Gitay",
  "Lomolino", "Michaelis-Menten"), col=c(1,1,2,3,4,5), lwd=c(2,1,2,2,2,2),
  lty=c(1,2,1,1,1,1))
## compare models (AIC)
allmods <- list(Arrhenius = marr, Gleason = mgle, Gitay = mgit,
  Lomolino = mlom, MicMen= mmic)
sapply(allmods, AIC)
```

stepacross

Stepacross as Flexible Shortest Paths or Extended Dissimilarities

#### Description

Function stepacross tries to replace dissimilarities with shortest paths stepping across intermediate sites while regarding dissimilarities above a threshold as missing data (NA). With path = "shortest" this is the flexible shortest path (Williamson 1978, Bradfield & Kenkel 1987), and with path = "extended" an approximation known as extended dissimilarities (De'ath 1999). The use of stepacross should improve the ordination with high beta diversity, when there are many sites with no species in common.

## Usage

```
stepacross(dis, path = "shortest", toolong = 1, trace = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

dis	Dissimilarity data inheriting from class dist or a an object, such as a matrix, that can be converted to a dissimilarity matrix. Functions vegdist and dist are some functions producing suitable dissimilarity data.
path	The method of stepping across (partial match) Alternative "shortest" finds the shortest paths, and "extended" their approximation known as extended dissimilarities.
toolong	Shortest dissimilarity regarded as NA. The function uses a fuzz factor, so that dissimilarities close to the limit will be made NA, too.
trace	Trace the calculations.
	Other parameters (ignored).

# Details

Williamson (1978) suggested using flexible shortest paths to estimate dissimilarities between sites which have nothing in common, or no shared species. With path = "shortest" function stepacross replaces dissimilarities that are toolong or longer with NA, and tries to find shortest paths between all sites using remaining dissimilarities. Several dissimilarity indices are semi-metric which means that they do not obey the triangle inequality  $d_{ij} \leq d_{ik} + d_{kj}$ , and shortest path algorithm can replace these dissimilarities as well, even when they are shorter than toolong.

De'ath (1999) suggested a simplified method known as extended dissimilarities, which are calculated with path = "extended". In this method, dissimilarities that are toolong or longer are first made NA, and then the function tries to replace these NA dissimilarities with a path through single stepping stone points. If not all NA could be replaced with one pass, the function will make new passes with updated dissimilarities as long as all NA are replaced with extended dissimilarities. This mean that in the second and further passes, the remaining NA dissimilarities are allowed to have more than one stepping stone site, but previously replaced dissimilarities are not updated. Further, the function does not consider dissimilarities shorter than toolong, although some of these could be replaced with a shorter path in semi-metric indices, and used as a part of other paths. In optimal cases, the extended dissimilarities are equal to shortest paths, but they may be longer.

As an alternative to defining too long dissimilarities with parameter toolong, the input dissimilarities can contain NAs. If toolong is zero or negative, the function does not make any dissimilarities into NA. If there are no NAs in the input and toolong = 0, path = "shortest" will find shorter paths for semi-metric indices, and path = "extended" will do nothing. Function no.shared can be used to set dissimilarities to NA.

If the data are disconnected or there is no path between all points, the result will contain NAs and a warning is issued. Several methods cannot handle NA dissimilarities, and this warning should be taken seriously. Function disconnected can be used to find connected groups and remove rare outlier observations or groups of observations.

Alternative path = "shortest" uses Dijkstra's method for finding flexible shortest paths, implemented as priority-first search for dense graphs (Sedgewick 1990). Alternative path = "extended" follows De'ath (1999), but implementation is simpler than in his code.

# Value

Function returns an object of class dist with extended dissimilarities (see functions vegdist and dist). The value of path is appended to the method attribute.

#### stepacross

## Note

The function changes the original dissimilarities, and not all like this. It may be best to use the function only when you really *must*: extremely high beta diversity where a large proportion of dissimilarities are at their upper limit (no species in common).

Semi-metric indices vary in their degree of violating the triangle inequality. Morisita and Horn-Morisita indices of vegdist may be very strongly semi-metric, and shortest paths can change these indices very much. Mountford index violates basic rules of dissimilarities: non-identical sites have zero dissimilarity if species composition of the poorer site is a subset of the richer. With Mountford index, you can find three sites i, j, k so that  $d_{ik} = 0$  and  $d_{jk} = 0$ , but  $d_{ij} > 0$ . The results of stepacross on Mountford index can be very weird. If stepacross is needed, it is best to try to use it with more metric indices only.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

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## See Also

Function distconnected can find connected groups in disconnected data, and function no.shared can be used to set dissimilarities as NA. See swan for an alternative approach. Function stepacross is an essential component in isomap and cophenetic.spantree.

## Examples

```
# There are no data sets with high beta diversity in vegan, but this
# should give an idea.
data(dune)
dis <- vegdist(dune)
edis <- stepacross(dis)
plot(edis, dis, xlab = "Shortest path", ylab = "Original")
## Manhattan distance have no fixed upper limit.
dis <- vegdist(dune, "manhattan")
is.na(dis) <- no.shared(dune)
dis <- stepacross(dis, toolong=0)</pre>
```

```
taxondive
```

## Description

Function finds indices of taxonomic diversity and distinctness, which are averaged taxonomic distances among species or individuals in the community (Clarke & Warwick 1998, 2001)

#### Usage

```
taxondive(comm, dis, match.force = FALSE)
taxa2dist(x, varstep = FALSE, check = TRUE, labels)
```

# Arguments

comm	Community data.
dis	Taxonomic distances among taxa in comm. This should be a dist object or a symmetric square matrix.
match.force	Force matching of column names in comm and labels in dis. If FALSE, matching only happens when dimensions differ, and in that case the species must be in identical order in both.
x	Classification table with a row for each species or other basic taxon, and columns for identifiers of its classification at higher levels.
varstep	Vary step lengths between successive levels relative to proportional loss of the number of distinct classes.
check	If TRUE, remove all redundant levels which are different for all rows or constant for all rows and regard each row as a different basal taxon (species). If FALSE all levels are retained and basal taxa (species) also must be coded as variables (columns). You will get a warning if species are not coded, but you can ignore this if that was your intention.
labels	The labels attribute of taxonomic distances. Row names will be used if this is not given. Species will be matched by these labels in comm and dis in taxondive if these have different dimensions.

# Details

Clarke & Warwick (1998, 2001) suggested several alternative indices of taxonomic diversity or distinctness. Two basic indices are called taxonomic diversity ( $\Delta$ ) and distinctness ( $\Delta^*$ ):

$$\Delta = (\sum \sum_{i < j} \omega_{ij} x_i x_j) / (n(n-1)/2)$$
$$\Delta^* = (\sum \sum_{i < j} \omega_{ij} x_i x_j) / (\sum \sum_{i < j} x_i x_j)$$

The equations give the index value for a single site, and summation goes over species i and j. Here  $\omega$  are taxonomic distances among taxa, and x are species abundances, and n is the total abundance for a site. With presence/absence data both indices reduce to the same index  $\Delta^+$ , and for this index

## taxondive

Clarke & Warwick (1998) also have an estimate of its standard deviation. Clarke & Warwick (2001) presented two new indices:  $s\Delta^+$  is the product of species richness and  $\Delta^+$ , and index of variation in taxonomic distinctness ( $\Lambda^+$ ) defined as

$$\Lambda^{+} = \left(\sum_{i < j} \omega_{ij}^{2}\right) / (n(n-1)/2) - (\Delta^{+})^{2}$$

The dis argument must be species dissimilarities. These must be similar to dissimilarities produced by dist. It is customary to have integer steps of taxonomic hierarchies, but other kind of dissimilarities can be used, such as those from phylogenetic trees or genetic differences. Further, the dis need not be taxonomic, but other species classifications can be used.

Function taxa2dist can produce a suitable dist object from a classification table. Each species (or basic taxon) corresponds to a row of the classification table, and columns give the classification at different levels. With varstep = FALSE the successive levels will be separated by equal steps, and with varstep = TRUE the step length is relative to the proportional decrease in the number of classes (Clarke & Warwick 1999). With check = TRUE, the function removes classes which are distinct for all species or which combine all species into one class, and assumes that each row presents a distinct basic taxon. The function scales the distances so that longest path length between taxa is 100 (not necessarily when check = FALSE).

Function plot.taxondive plots  $\Delta^+$  against Number of species, together with expectation and its approximate 2\*sd limits. Function summary.taxondive finds the z values and their significances from Normal distribution for  $\Delta^+$ .

#### Value

Function returns an object of class taxondive with following items:

Species	Number of species for each site.
D, Dstar, Dplu	s, SDplus, Lambda
	$\Delta, \Delta^*, \Delta^+, s\Delta^+$ and $\Lambda^+$ for each site.
sd.Dplus	Standard deviation of $\Delta^+$ .
ED, EDstar, ED	plus

Expected values of corresponding statistics.

Function taxa2dist returns an object of class "dist", with an attribute "steps" for the step lengths between successive levels.

## Note

The function is still preliminary and may change. The scaling of taxonomic dissimilarities influences the results. If you multiply taxonomic distances (or step lengths) by a constant, the values of all Deltas will be multiplied with the same constant, and the value of  $\Lambda^+$  by the square of the constant.

#### Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

# References

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# See Also

diversity.

## Examples

```
## Preliminary: needs better data and some support functions
data(dune)
data(dune.taxon)
# Taxonomic distances from a classification table with variable step lengths.
taxdis <- taxa2dist(dune.taxon, varstep=TRUE)
plot(hclust(taxdis), hang = -1)
# Indices
mod <- taxondive(dune, taxdis)
mod
summary(mod)
plot(mod)</pre>
```

```
tolerance
```

Species tolerances and sample heterogeneities

# Description

Species tolerances and sample heterogeneities.

## Usage

```
tolerance(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'cca'
tolerance(x, choices = 1:2, which = c("species", "sites"),
        scaling = 2, useN2 = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

Х	object of class "cca".
choices	numeric; which ordination axes to compute tolerances and heterogeneities for. Defaults to axes 1 and 2.

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which	character; one of "species" or "sites", indicating whether species tolerances or sample heterogeneities respectively are computed.
scaling	numeric; the ordination scaling to use.
useN2	logical; should the bias in the tolerances / heterogeneities be reduced via scaling by Hill's N2?
	arguments passed to other methods.

# Details

Function to compute species tolerances and site heterogeneity measures from unimodal ordinations (CCA & CA). Implements Eq 6.47 and 6.48 from the Canoco 4.5 Reference Manual (pages 178-179).

#### Value

Matrix of tolerances/heterogeneities with some additional attributes.

# Author(s)

Gavin L. Simpson

## Examples

```
data(dune)
data(dune.env)
mod <- cca(dune ~ ., data = dune.env)</pre>
```

## defaults to species tolerances
tolerance(mod)

## sample heterogeneities for CCA axes 1:6
tolerance(mod, which = "sites", choices = 1:6)

treedive

Functional Diversity estimated from a Species Dendrogram

# Description

Functional diversity is defined as the total branch length in a trait dendrogram connecting all species, but excluding the unnecessary root segments of the tree (Petchey and Gaston 2006).

# Usage

```
treedive(comm, tree, match.force = FALSE)
treeheight(tree)
treedist(x, tree, relative = TRUE, match.force = FALSE, ...)
```

#### Arguments

comm, x	Community data frame or matrix.
tree	A dendrogram which for treedive must be for species (columns).
match.force	Force matching of column names in data (comm, $x$ ) and labels in tree. If FALSE, matching only happens when dimensions differ (with a warning or message). The order of data must match to the order in tree if matching by names is not done.
relative	Use distances relative to the height of combined tree.
	Other arguments passed to functions (ignored).

## Details

Function treeheight finds the sum of lengths of connecting segments in a dendrogram produced by hclust, or other dendrogram that can be coerced to a correct type using as.hclust. When applied to a clustering of species traits, this is a measure of functional diversity (Petchey and Gaston 2002, 2006).

Function treedive finds the treeheight for each site (row) of a community matrix. The function uses a subset of dendrogram for those species that occur in each site, and excludes the tree root if that is not needed to connect the species (Petchey and Gaston 2006). The subset of the dendrogram is found by first calculating cophenetic distances from the input dendrogram, then reconstructing the dendrogram for the subset of the cophenetic distance matrix for species occurring in each site. Diversity is 0 for one species, and NA for empty communities.

Function treedist finds the dissimilarities among trees. Pairwise dissimilarity of two trees is found by combining species in a common tree and seeing how much of the tree height is shared and how much is unique. With relative = FALSE the dissimilarity is defined as  $2(A \cup B) - A - B$ , where A and B are heights of component trees and  $A \cup B$  is the height of the combined tree. With relative = TRUE the dissimilarity is  $(2(A \cup B) - A - B)/(A \cup B)$ . Although the latter formula is similar to Jaccard dissimilarity (see vegdist, designdist), it is not in the range  $0 \dots 1$ , since combined tree can add a new root. When two zero-height trees are combined into a tree of above zero height, the relative index attains its maximum value 2. The dissimilarity is zero from a combined zero-height tree.

The functions need a dendrogram of species traits as an input. If species traits contain factor or ordered factor variables, it is recommended to use Gower distances for mixed data (function daisy in package **cluster**), and usually the recommended clustering method is UPGMA (method = "average" in function hclust) (Podani and Schmera 2006).

It is possible to analyse the non-randomness of functional diversity using oecosimu. This needs specifying an adequate Null model, and the results will change with this choice.

# Value

A vector of diversity values or a single tree height, or a dissimilarity structure that inherits from dist and can be used similarly.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

tsallis

## References

Lozupone, C. and Knight, R. 2005. UniFrac: a new phylogenetic method for comparing microbial communities. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 71, 8228–8235.

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Podani J. and Schmera, D. 2006. On dendrogram-based methods of functional diversity. *Oikos* 115, 179–185.

# See Also

Function treedive is similar to the phylogenetic diversity function pd in **picante**, but excludes tree root if that is not needed to connect species. Function treedist is similar to the phylogenetic similarity phylosor in **picante**, but excludes unneeded tree root and returns distances instead of similarities.

taxondive is something very similar from another world.

# Examples

```
## There is no data set on species properties yet, and therefore
## the example uses taxonomy
data(dune)
data(dune.taxon)
d <- taxa2dist(dune.taxon, varstep=TRUE)
cl <- hclust(d, "aver")
treedive(dune, cl)
## Significance test using Null model communities.
## The current choice fixes only site totals.
oecosimu(dune, treedive, "r0", tree = cl)
## Clustering of tree distances
dtree <- treedist(dune, cl)
plot(hclust(dtree, "aver"))</pre>
```

tsallis

Tsallis Diversity and Corresponding Accumulation Curves

## Description

Function tsallis find Tsallis diversities with any scale or the corresponding evenness measures. Function tsallisaccum finds these statistics with accumulating sites.

# Usage

```
tsallis(x, scales = seq(0, 2, 0.2), norm = FALSE, hill = FALSE)
tsallisaccum(x, scales = seq(0, 2, 0.2), permutations = 100, raw = FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tsallisaccum'
persp(x, theta = 220, phi = 15, col = heat.colors(100), zlim, ...)
```

#### Arguments

х	Community data matrix or plotting object.
scales	Scales of Tsallis diversity.
norm	Logical, if TRUE diversity values are normalized by their maximum (diversity value at equiprobability conditions).
hill	Calculate Hill numbers.
permutations	Number of random permutations in accumulating sites.
raw	If FALSE then return summary statistics of permutations, and if TRUE then re- turns the individual permutations.
theta, phi	angles defining the viewing direction. theta gives the azimuthal direction and phi the colatitude.
col	Colours used for surface.
zlim	Limits of vertical axis.
	Other arguments which are passed to tsallis and to graphical functions.

# Details

The Tsallis diversity (also equivalent to Patil and Taillie diversity) is a one-parametric generalised entropy function, defined as:

$$H_q = \frac{1}{q-1} (1 - \sum_{i=1}^{S} p_i^q)$$

where q is a scale parameter, S the number of species in the sample (Tsallis 1988, Tothmeresz 1995). This diversity is concave for all q > 0, but non-additive (Keylock 2005). For q = 0 it gives the number of species minus one, as q tends to 1 this gives Shannon diversity, for q = 2 this gives the Simpson index (see function diversity).

If norm = TRUE, tsallis gives values normalized by the maximum:

$$H_q(max) = \frac{S^{1-q} - 1}{1-q}$$

where S is the number of species. As q tends to 1, maximum is defined as ln(S).

If hill = TRUE, tsallis gives Hill numbers (numbers equivalents, see Jost 2007):

$$D_q = (1 - (q - 1)H)^{1/(1-q)}$$

Details on plotting methods and accumulating values can be found on the help pages of the functions renyi and renyiaccum.

# Value

Function tsallis returns a data frame of selected indices. Function tsallisaccum with argument raw = FALSE returns a three-dimensional array, where the first dimension are the accumulated sites, second dimension are the diversity scales, and third dimension are the summary statistics mean, stdev, min, max, Qnt 0.025 and Qnt 0.975. With argument raw = TRUE the statistics on the third dimension are replaced with individual permutation results.

# varespec

# Author(s)

Péter Sólymos, <solymos@ualberta.ca>, based on the code of Roeland Kindt and Jari Oksanen written for renyi

# References

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Jost, L (2007) Partitioning diversity into independent alpha and beta components. *Ecology* **88**, 2427–2439.

# See Also

Plotting methods and accumulation routines are based on functions renyi and renyiaccum. An object of class 'tsallisaccum' can be used with function rgl.renyiaccum as well. See also settings for persp.

# Examples

```
data(BCI)
i <- sample(nrow(BCI), 12)
x1 <- tsallis(BCI[i,])
x1
diversity(BCI[i,],"simpson") == x1[["2"]]
plot(x1)
x2 <- tsallis(BCI[i,],norm=TRUE)
x2
plot(x2)
mod1 <- tsallisaccum(BCI[i,])
plot(mod1, as.table=TRUE, col = c(1, 2, 2))
persp(mod1)
mod2 <- tsallisaccum(BCI[i,], norm=TRUE)
persp(mod2,theta=100,phi=30)
```

varespec

Vegetation and environment in lichen pastures

# Description

The varespec data frame has 24 rows and 44 columns. Columns are estimated cover values of 44 species. The variable names are formed from the scientific names, and are self explanatory for anybody familiar with the vegetation type. The varechem data frame has 24 rows and 14 columns, giving the soil characteristics of the very same sites as in the varespec data frame. The chemical measurements have obvious names. Baresoil gives the estimated cover of bare soil, Humdepth the thickness of the humus layer.

## Usage

```
data(varechem)
data(varespec)
```

## References

Väre, H., Ohtonen, R. and Oksanen, J. (1995) Effects of reindeer grazing on understorey vegetation in dry Pinus sylvestris forests. *Journal of Vegetation Science* 6, 523–530.

# Examples

data(varespec)
data(varechem)

varpart

*Partition the Variation of Community Matrix by 2, 3, or 4 Explanatory Matrices* 

# Description

The function partitions the variation of response table Y with respect to two, three, or four explanatory tables, using redundancy analysis ordination (RDA). If Y contains a single vector, partitioning is by partial regression. Collinear variables in the explanatory tables do NOT have to be removed prior to partitioning.

# Usage

varpart(Y, X, ..., data, transfo, scale = FALSE)
showvarparts(parts, labels, ...)
## S3 method for class 'varpart234'
plot(x, cutoff = 0, digits = 1, ...)

## Arguments

Y

Data frame or matrix containing the response data table. In community ecology, that table is often a site-by-species table.

## varpart

Х		Two to four explanatory models, variables or tables. These can be defined in three alternative ways: (1) one-sided model formulae beginning with ~ and then defining the model, (2) name of a single numeric variable, or (3) name of data frame or matrix with numeric variables. The model formulae can have factors, interaction terms and transformations of variables. The names of the variables in the model formula are found in data frame given in data argument, and if not found there, in the user environment. Single numeric variables, data frames or matrices are found in the user environment. All entries till the next argument (data or transfo) are interpreted as explanatory models, and the names of these arguments cannot be abbreviated nor omitted.
d	ata	The data frame with the variables used in the formulae in X.
t	ransfo	Transformation for Y (community data) using decostand. All alternatives in decostand can be used, and those preserving Euclidean metric include "hellinger", "chi.square", "total", "norm".
s	cale	Should the columns of Y be standardized to unit variance
р	arts	Number of explanatory tables (circles) displayed.
1	abels	Labels used for displayed fractions. Default is to use the same letters as in the printed output.
х		The varpart result.
с	utoff	The values below cutoff will not be displayed.
d	igits	The number of significant digits; the number of decimal places is at least one higher.
		Other parameters passed to functions.

# Details

The functions partition the variation in Y into components accounted for by two to four explanatory tables and their combined effects. If Y is a multicolumn data frame or matrix, the partitioning is based on redundancy analysis (RDA, see rda), and if Y is a single variable, the partitioning is based on linear regression. A simplified, fast version of RDA is used (function simpleRDA2). The actual calculations are done in functions varpart2 to varpart4, but these are not intended to be called directly by the user.

The function primarily uses adjusted R squares to assess the partitions explained by the explanatory tables and their combinations, because this is the only unbiased method (Peres-Neto et al., 2006). The raw R squares for basic fractions are also displayed, but these are biased estimates of variation explained by the explanatory table.

The identifiable fractions are designated by lower case alphabets. The meaning of the symbols can be found in the separate document "partitioning.pdf" (which can be read using vegandocs), or can be displayed graphically using function showvarparts.

A fraction is testable if it can be directly expressed as an RDA model. In these cases the printed output also displays the corresponding RDA model using notation where explanatory tables after | are conditions (partialled out; see rda for details). Although single fractions can be testable, this does not mean that all fractions simultaneously can be tested, since there number of testable fractions is higher than the number of estimated models.

An abridged explanation of the alphabetic symbols for the individual fractions follows, but computational details should be checked in "partitioning.pdf" (readable with vegandocs) or in the source code.

With two explanatory tables, the fractions explained uniquely by each of the two tables are [a] and [c], and their joint effect is [b] following Borcard et al. (1992).

With three explanatory tables, the fractions explained uniquely by each of the three tables are [a] to [c], joint fractions between two tables are [d] to [f], and the joint fraction between all three tables is [g].

With four explanatory tables, the fractions explained uniquely by each of the four tables are [a] to [d], joint fractions between two tables are [e] to [j], joint fractions between three variables are [k] to [n], and the joint fraction between all four tables is [o].

There is a plot function that displays the Venn diagram and labels each intersection (individual fraction) with the adjusted R squared if this is higher than cutoff. A helper function showvarpart displays the fraction labels.

## Value

Function varpart returns an object of class "varpart" with items scale and transfo (can be missing) which hold information on standardizations, tables which contains names of explanatory tables, and call with the function call. The function varpart calls function varpart2, varpart3 or varpart4 which return an object of class "varpart234" and saves its result in the item part. The items in this object are:

SS.Y	Sum of squares of matrix Y.
n	Number of observations (rows).
nsets	Number of explanatory tables
bigwarning	Warnings on collinearity.
fract	Basic fractions from all estimated constrained models.
indfract	$Individual\ fractions\ or\ all\ possible\ subsections\ in\ the\ Venn\ diagram\ (see\ showvarparts).$
contr1	Fractions that can be found after conditioning on single explanatory table in models with three or four explanatory tables.
contr2	Fractions that can be found after conditioning on two explanatory tables in mod- els with four explanatory tables.

#### **Fraction Data Frames**

Items fract, indfract, contr1 and contr2 are all data frames with items:

- DfDegrees of freedom of numerator of the *F*-statistic for the fraction.
- R.squareRaw R-squared. This is calculated only for fract and this is NA in other items.
- Adj.R.squareAdjusted R-squared.
- TestableIf the fraction can be expressed as a (partial) RDA model, it is directly Testable, and this field is TRUE. In that case the fraction label also gives the specification of the testable RDA model.

#### varpart

## Note

You can use command vegandocs to display document "partitioning.pdf" which presents Venn diagrams showing the fraction names in partitioning the variation of Y with respect to 2, 3, and 4 tables of explanatory variables, as well as the equations used in variation partitioning.

The functions frequently give negative estimates of variation. Adjusted R-squares can be negative for any fraction; unadjusted R squares of testable fractions always will be non-negative. Non-testable fractions cannot be found directly, but by subtracting different models, and these subtraction results can be negative. The fractions are orthogonal, or linearly independent, but more complicated or nonlinear dependencies can cause negative non-testable fractions.

The current function will only use RDA in multivariate partitioning. It is much more complicated to estimate the adjusted R-squares for CCA, and unbiased analysis of CCA is not currently implemented.

## Author(s)

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(a) References on variation partitioning

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Legendre, P. & L. Legendre. 2012. Numerical ecology, 3rd English edition. Elsevier Science BV, Amsterdam.

(b) Reference on transformations for species data

Legendre, P. and E. D. Gallagher. 2001. Ecologically meaningful transformations for ordination of species data. Oecologia 129: 271–280.

(c) Reference on adjustment of the bimultivariate redundancy statistic

Peres-Neto, P., P. Legendre, S. Dray and D. Borcard. 2006. Variation partitioning of species data matrices: estimation and comparison of fractions. Ecology 87: 2614–2625.

## See Also

For analysing testable fractions, see rda and anova.cca. For data transformation, see decostand. Function inertcomp gives (unadjusted) components of variation for each species or site separately.

# Examples

```
data(mite)
data(mite.env)
data(mite.pcnm)
## See detailed documentation:
## Not run:
vegandocs("partition")
```

```
## End(Not run)
# Two explanatory matrices -- Hellinger-transform Y
# Formula shortcut "~ ." means: use all variables in 'data'.
mod <- varpart(mite, ~ ., mite.pcnm, data=mite.env, transfo="hel")</pre>
mod
## argument 'bg' is passed to circle drawing, and the following
## defines semitransparent colours
col2 <- rgb(c(1,1),c(1,0), c(0,1), 0.3)
showvarparts(2, bg = col2)
plot(mod, bg = col2)
# Alternative way of to conduct this partitioning
# Change the data frame with factors into numeric model matrix
mm <- model.matrix(~ SubsDens + WatrCont + Substrate + Shrub + Topo, mite.env)[,-1]</pre>
mod <- varpart(decostand(mite, "hel"), mm, mite.pcnm)</pre>
# Test fraction [a] using partial RDA:
aFrac <- rda(decostand(mite, "hel"), mm, mite.pcnm)</pre>
anova(aFrac, step=200, perm.max=200)
# RsquareAdj gives the same result as component [a] of varpart
RsquareAdj(aFrac)
# Three explanatory matrices
mod <- varpart(mite, ~ SubsDens + WatrCont, ~ Substrate + Shrub + Topo,</pre>
   mite.pcnm, data=mite.env, transfo="hel")
mod
showvarparts(3)
plot(mod)
# An alternative formulation of the previous model using
# matrices mm1 amd mm2 and Hellinger transformed species data
mm1 <- model.matrix(~ SubsDens + WatrCont, mite.env)[,-1]</pre>
mm2 <- model.matrix(~ Substrate + Shrub + Topo, mite.env)[, -1]</pre>
mite.hel <- decostand(mite, "hel")</pre>
mod <- varpart(mite.hel, mm1, mm2, mite.pcnm)</pre>
# Use RDA to test fraction [a]
# Matrix can be an argument in formula
rda.result <- rda(mite.hel ~ mm1 + Condition(mm2) +</pre>
   Condition(as.matrix(mite.pcnm)))
anova(rda.result, step=200, perm.max=200)
# Four explanatory tables
mod <- varpart(mite, ~ SubsDens + WatrCont, ~Substrate + Shrub + Topo,</pre>
  mite.pcnm[,1:11], mite.pcnm[,12:22], data=mite.env, transfo="hel")
mod
plot(mod)
# Show values for all partitions by putting 'cutoff' low enough:
plot(mod, cutoff = -Inf, cex = 0.7)
```

vegan-deprecated Deprecated Functions in vegan package

# vegandocs

## Description

These functions are provided for compatibility with older versions of **vegan** only, and may be defunct as soon as the next release.

# Usage

```
metaMDSrotate(object, vec, na.rm = FALSE, ...)
```

# Arguments

object	A result object from metaMDS.
vec	A continuous site variable (vector).
na.rm	Remove missing values from continuous variable vec.
	Other parameters passed to functions.

# Details

Function metaMDSrotate is replaced with MDSrotate which can handle monoMDS results in addition to metaMDS.

# See Also

Deprecated

vegandocs

Display Package Documentation

# Description

Display NEWS, vignettes, other special documents or ChangeLog in vegan, or vignettes in permute.

## Usage

```
vegandocs(doc = c("NEWS", "ONEWS", "ChangeLog", "FAQ-vegan.pdf",
    "intro-vegan.pdf", "diversity-vegan.pdf", "decision-vegan.pdf",
    "partitioning.pdf", "permutations.pdf"))
```

# Arguments

doc The name of the document (partial match, case sensitive).

## Details

You can read the following documents with this function:

- NEWS: most important new functions, features, fixes etc. from the user's point of view. These can be also read using R command news as news(package = "vegan").
- ONEWS: old news about vegan version 1.\* before September 2011.
- ChangeLog: similar to news, but intended for developers wit more fine grained comments on internal changes.
- FAQ-vegan: Frequently Asked Questions. Consult here before writing to Mail groups.
- intro-vegan: a vignette demonstrating a simple, standard ordination analysis. This can be also read using vignette("intro-vegan", package="vegan").
- diversity-vegan: a vignette describing (most) diversity analyses in vegan. This can be also read using vignette("diversity-vegan", package="vegan").
- decision-vegan: a vignette discussing design decisions in vegan. Currently this discusses
  implementing nestedness temperature (nestedtemp), backtracking algorithm in community
  null models (commsimulator), scaling of RDA results, and why WA scores are used as default
  instead of LC scores in constrained ordination.
- partitioning: Detailed description of variation partitioning schemes used in varpart.
- permutations: a vignette in the **permute** package giving an introduction to restricted permutation schemes. You can also read this using vignette("permutations", package="permute").

#### Note

Function vignette only works with vignettes processed by R, but the current function also shows other pdf documents. You can extract R code from vignettes, but not from other documents (see Examples).

The permutations.pdf document is in the permute package.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

vignette, news.

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
## Read NEWS
vegandocs()
## Alternatively (perhaps with different formatting)
news(package="vegan")
## Read a vignette
vegandocs("intro")
## with vignette()
vignette("intro-vegan", package="vegan")
```

vegdist

```
## extract R code
vig <- vignette("intro-vegan", package="vegan")
edit(vig)
##
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

vegdist

#### Dissimilarity Indices for Community Ecologists

## Description

The function computes dissimilarity indices that are useful for or popular with community ecologists. All indices use quantitative data, although they would be named by the corresponding binary index, but you can calculate the binary index using an appropriate argument. If you do not find your favourite index here, you can see if it can be implemented using designdist. Gower, Bray–Curtis, Jaccard and Kulczynski indices are good in detecting underlying ecological gradients (Faith et al. 1987). Morisita, Horn–Morisita, Binomial, Cao and Chao indices should be able to handle different sample sizes (Wolda 1981, Krebs 1999, Anderson & Millar 2004), and Mountford (1962) and Raup-Crick indices for presence–absence data should be able to handle unknown (and variable) sample sizes.

## Usage

# Arguments

х	Community data matrix.
method	Dissimilarity index, partial match to "manhattan", "euclidean", "canberra", "bray", "kulczynski", "jaccard", "gower", "altGower", "morisita", "horn", "mountford", "raup", "binomial", "chao" or "cao".
binary	Perform presence/absence standardization before analysis using decostand.
diag	Compute diagonals.
upper	Return only the upper diagonal.
na.rm	Pairwise deletion of missing observations when computing dissimilarities.
	Other parameters. These are ignored, except in method ="gower" which accepts range.global parameter of decostand.

## Details

Jaccard ("jaccard"), Mountford ("mountford"), Raup-Crick ("raup"), Binomial and Chao indices are discussed later in this section. The function also finds indices for presence/ absence data by setting binary = TRUE. The following overview gives first the quantitative version, where  $x_{ij}$  $x_{ik}$  refer to the quantity on species (column) *i* and sites (rows) *j* and *k*. In binary versions *A* and B are the numbers of species on compared sites, and J is the number of species that occur on both compared sites similarly as in designdist (many indices produce identical binary versions):

vegdist

	$1 \sqrt{\sum (n - n)^2}$
euclidean	$d_{jk} = \sqrt{\sum_{i} (x_{ij} - x_{ik})^2}$ binary: $\sqrt{A + B - 2J}$
manhattan	$d_{jk} = \sum_{i}  x_{ij} - x_{ik} $
	binary: $A + B - 2J$
gower	$d_{jk} = (1/M) \sum_{i} \frac{ x_{ij} - x_{ik} }{\max x_i - \min x_i}$
	binary: $(A + B - 2J)/M$ ,
	where $M$ is the number of columns (excluding missing values)
altGower	$d_{jk} = (1/NZ)\sum_{i}  x_{ij} - x_{ik} $
	where $NZ$ is the number of non-zero columns excluding double-zeros (Anderson et al. 2006).
	binary: $\frac{A+B-2J}{A+B-J}$
canberra	$d_{jk} = \frac{1}{NZ} \sum_{i} \frac{ x_{ij} - x_{ik} }{x_{ii} + x_{ik}}$
	where $NZ \simeq i x_{ij} + x_{ik}$ where $NZ$ is the number of non-zero entries.
	$\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} \frac{A+B-J}{2}$
bray	binary: $\frac{A+B-2J}{A+B-J}$ $d_{jk} = \frac{\sum_{i}  x_{ij} - x_{ik} }{\sum_{i} (x_{ij} + x_{ik})}$
	binary: $\frac{A+B-2J}{A+B}$
kulczynski	$d_{jk} = 1 - 0.5\left(\frac{\sum_{i} \min(x_{ij}, x_{ik})}{\sum_{i} x_{ij}} + \frac{\sum_{i} \min(x_{ij}, x_{ik})}{\sum_{i} x_{ik}}\right)$
	binary: $1 - (J/A + J/B)/2$
morisita	$d_{jk} = 1 - \frac{2\sum_{i} x_{ij} x_{ik}}{(\lambda_j + \lambda_k) \sum_{i} x_{ij} \sum_{i} x_{ij}}$ , where
	$\lambda_j = \frac{\sum_i x_{ij}(x_{ij}-1)}{\sum_i x_{ij} \sum_i (x_{ij}-1)}$
	binary: cannot be calculated
horn	Like morisita, but $\lambda_j = \sum_i x_{ij}^2/(\sum_i x_{ij})^2$
	binary: $\frac{A+B-2J}{A+B}$
binomial	$d_{jk} = \sum_{i} [x_{ij} \log(\frac{x_{ij}}{n_i}) + x_{ik} \log(\frac{x_{ik}}{n_i}) - n_i \log(\frac{1}{2})]/n_i,$
	where $n_i = x_{ij} + x_{ik}$
	binary: $\log(2) \times (A + B - 2J)$
сао	$d_{jk} = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i} \log\left(\frac{n_i}{2}\right) - (x_{ij}\log(x_{ik}) + x_{ik}\log(x_{ij}))/n_i,$
	where S is the number of species in compared sites and $n_i = x_{ij} + x_{ik}$

Jaccard index is computed as 2B/(1+B), where B is Bray–Curtis dissimilarity.

Binomial index is derived from Binomial deviance under null hypothesis that the two compared communities are equal. It should be able to handle variable sample sizes. The index does not have a fixed upper limit, but can vary among sites with no shared species. For further discussion, see Anderson & Millar (2004).

Cao index or CYd index (Cao et al. 1997) was suggested as a minimally biased index for high beta diversity and variable sampling intensity. Cao index does not have a fixed upper limit, but can vary among sites with no shared species. The index is intended for count (integer) data, and it is undefined for zero abundances; these are replaced with arbitrary value 0.1 following Cao et al. (1997). Cao et al. (1997) used  $\log_{10}$ , but the current function uses natural logarithms so that the values are approximately 2.30 times higher than with 10-based logarithms. Anderson & Thompson (2004) give an alternative formulation of Cao index to highlight its relationship with Binomial index (above).

Mountford index is defined as  $M = 1/\alpha$  where  $\alpha$  is the parameter of Fisher's logseries assuming that the compared communities are samples from the same community (cf. fisherfit,

fisher.alpha). The index M is found as the positive root of equation  $\exp(aM) + \exp(bM) = 1 + \exp[(a + b - j)M]$ , where j is the number of species occurring in both communities, and a and b are the number of species in each separate community (so the index uses presence-absence information). Mountford index is usually misrepresented in the literature: indeed Mountford (1962) suggested an approximation to be used as starting value in iterations, but the proper index is defined as the root of the equation above. The function vegdist solves M with the Newton method. Please note that if either a or b are equal to j, one of the communities could be a subset of other, and the dissimilarity is 0 meaning that non-identical objects may be regarded as similar and the index is non-metric. The Mountford index is in the range  $0 \dots \log(2)$ , but the dissimilarities are divided by  $\log(2)$  so that the results will be in the conventional range  $0 \dots 1$ .

Raup-Crick dissimilarity (method = "raup") is a probabilistic index based on presence/absence data. It is defined as 1 - prob(j), or based on the probability of observing at least j species in shared in compared communities. The current function uses analytic result from hypergeometric distribution (phyper) to find the probabilities. This probability (and the index) is dependent on the number of species missing in both sites, and adding all-zero species to the data or removing missing species from the data will influence the index. The probability (and the index) may be almost zero or almost one for a wide range of parameter values. The index is nonmetric: two communities with no shared species may have a dissimilarity slightly below one, and two identical communities may have dissimilarity slightly above zero. The index uses equal occurrence probabilities for all species, but Raup and Crick originally suggested that sampling probabilities should be proportional to species frequencies (Chase et al. 2011). A simulation approach with unequal species sampling probabilities is implemented in raupcrick function following Chase et al. (2011).

Chao index tries to take into account the number of unseen species pairs, similarly as in method = "chao" in specpool. Function vegdist implements a Jaccard type index defined as  $d_{jk} = 1 - U_j U_k / (U_j + U_k - U_j U_k)$ , where  $U_j = C_j / N_j + (N_k - 1) / N_k \times a_1 / (2a_2) \times S_j / N_j$ , and similarly for  $U_k$ . Here  $C_j$  is the total number of individuals in the species of site j that are shared with site k,  $N_j$  is the total number of individuals at site j,  $a_1$  (and  $a_2$ ) are the number of species occurring in site j that have only one (or two) individuals in site k, and  $S_j$  is the total number of individuals in the species present at site j that occur with only one individual in site k (Chao et al. 2005).

Morisita index can be used with genuine count data (integers) only. Its Horn–Morisita variant is able to handle any abundance data.

Euclidean and Manhattan dissimilarities are not good in gradient separation without proper standardization but are still included for comparison and special needs.

Bray–Curtis and Jaccard indices are rank-order similar, and some other indices become identical or rank-order similar after some standardizations, especially with presence/absence transformation of equalizing site totals with decostand. Jaccard index is metric, and probably should be preferred instead of the default Bray-Curtis which is semimetric.

The naming conventions vary. The one adopted here is traditional rather than truthful to priority. The function finds either quantitative or binary variants of the indices under the same name, which correctly may refer only to one of these alternatives For instance, the Bray index is known also as Steinhaus, Czekanowski and Sørensen index. The quantitative version of Jaccard should probably called Ružička index. The abbreviation "horn" for the Horn–Morisita index is misleading, since there is a separate Horn index. The abbreviation will be changed if that index is implemented in vegan.

## vegdist

# Value

Should provide a drop-in replacement for dist and return a distance object of the same type.

## Note

The function is an alternative to dist adding some ecologically meaningful indices. Both methods should produce similar types of objects which can be interchanged in any method accepting either. Manhattan and Euclidean dissimilarities should be identical in both methods. Canberra index is divided by the number of variables in vegdist, but not in dist. So these differ by a constant multiplier, and the alternative in vegdist is in range (0,1). Function daisy (package **cluster**) provides alternative implementation of Gower index that also can handle mixed data of numeric and class variables. There are two versions of Gower distance ("gower", "altGower") which differ in scaling: "gower" divides all distances by the number of observations (rows) and scales each column to unit range, but "altGower" omits double-zeros and divides by the number of pairs with at least one above-zero value, and does not scale columns (Anderson et al. 2006). You can use decostand to add range standardization to "altGower" (see Examples). Gower (1971) suggested omitting double zeros for presences, but it is often taken as the general feature of the Gower distances. See Examples for implementing the Anderson et al. (2006) variant of the Gower index.

Most dissimilarity indices in vegdist are designed for community data, and they will give misleading values if there are negative data entries. The results may also be misleading or NA or NaN if there are empty sites. In principle, you cannot study species composition without species and you should remove empty sites from community data.

# Author(s)

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#### See Also

Function designdist can be used for defining your own dissimilarity index. Alternative dissimilarity functions include dist in base R, daisy (package **cluster**), and dsvdis (package **labdsv**). Function betadiver provides indices intended for the analysis of beta diversity.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
vare.dist <- vegdist(varespec)
# Orlóci's Chord distance: range 0 .. sqrt(2)
vare.dist <- vegdist(decostand(varespec, "norm"), "euclidean")
# Anderson et al. (2006) version of Gower
vare.dist <- vegdist(decostand(varespec, "log"), "altGower")
# Range standardization with "altGower" (that excludes double-zeros)
vare.dist <- vegdist(decostand(varespec, "range"), "altGower")</pre>
```

vegemite

Display Compact Ordered Community Tables

# Description

Functions vegemite and tabasco display compact community tables. Function vegemite prints text tables where species are rows, and each site takes only one column without spaces. Function tabasco provides interface for heatmap for a colour image of the data. The community table can be ordered by explicit indexing, by environmental variables or results from an ordination or cluster analysis.

#### Usage

```
vegemite(x, use, scale, sp.ind, site.ind, zero=".", select ,...)
tabasco(x, use, sp.ind = NULL, site.ind = NULL, select,
    Rowv = TRUE, Colv = TRUE, ...)
coverscale(x, scale=c("Braun.Blanquet", "Domin", "Hult", "Hill", "fix","log"),
    maxabund)
```

## vegemite

## Arguments

х	Community data.
use	Either a vector, or an object from cca, decorana <i>etc</i> . or hclust or a dendrogram for ordering sites and species.
sp.ind, site.ind	
	Species and site indices. In tabasco, these can also be hclust tree, agnes clusterings or dendrograms.
zero	Character used for zeros.
select	Select a subset of sites. This can be a logical vector (TRUE for selected sites), or a vector of indices of selected sites. The order of indices does not influence results, but you must specify use or site.ind to reorder sites.
Rowv, Colv	Re-order dendrograms for the rows (sites) or columns (species) of x. If the Rowv = TRUE, row dendrograms are ordered by the first axis of correspondence analysis, and when $Colv = TRUE$ column dendrograms by the weighted average (wascores) of the row order. Alternatively, the arguments can be vectors that are used to reorder the dendrogram.
scale	Cover scale used (can be abbreviated).
maxabund	Maximum abundance used with scale = "log". Data maximum in the selected subset will be used if this is missing.
	Arguments passed to coverscale (i.e., maxabund) in vegemite and to heatmap in tabasco.

## Details

The function vegemite prints a traditional community table. The display is transposed, so that species are in rows and sites in columns. The table is printed in compact form: only one character can be used for abundance, and there are no spaces between columns. Species with no occurrences are dropped from the table.

Function tabasco produces a similar table as vegemite using heatmap, where abundances are coded by colours. The function can also display dendrograms for sites (columns) or species if these are given as an argument (use for sites, sp.ind for species).

The parameter use will be used to re-order output. The use can be a vector or an object from hclust or agnes, a dendrogram or any ordination result recognized by scores (all ordination methods in vegan and some of those not in vegan). The hclust, agnes and dendrogram must be for sites. The dendrogram is displayed above the sites in tabasco, but is not shown in vegemite. No dendrogram for species is displayed, except when given in sp.ind.

If use is a vector, it is used for ordering sites. If use is an object from ordination, both sites and species are arranged by the first axis (provided that results are available both also for species). When use is an object from hclust, agnes or a dendrogram, the sites are ordered similarly as in the cluster dendrogram. Function tabasco re-orders the dendrogram if Rowv = TRUE or Rowv is a vector. Such re-ordering is not available for vegemite, but it can be done by hand using reorder.dendrogram. In all cases where species scores are missing, species are ordered by their weighted averages (wascores) on site order.

Species and sites can be ordered explicitly giving their indices or names in parameters sp.ind and site.ind. If these are given, they take precedence over use. A subset of sites can be displayed using argument select, but this cannot be used to order sites, but you still must give use or site.ind. However, tabasco makes two exceptions: site.ind and select cannot be used when use is a dendrogram (clustering result). In addition, the sp.ind can be an hclust tree, agnes clustering or a dendrogram, and in that case the dendrogram is plotted on the left side of the heatmap. Phylogenetic trees cannot be directly used, as.hclust.phylo (package **ape**) can transform these to hclust trees.

If scale is given, vegemite calls coverscale to transform percent cover scale or some other scales into traditional class scales used in vegetation science (coverscale can be called directly, too). Braun-Blanquet and Domin scales are actually not strict cover scales, and the limits used for codes r and + are arbitrary. Scale Hill may be inappropriately named, since Mark O. Hill probably never intended this as a cover scale. However, it is used as default 'cut levels' in his TWINSPAN, and surprisingly many users stick to this default, and this is a *de facto* standard in publications. All traditional scales assume that values are cover percentages with maximum 100. However, non-traditional alternative log can be used with any scale range. Its class limits are integer powers of 1/2 of the maximum (argument maxabund), with + used for non-zero entries less than 1/512 of the maximum (log stands alternatively for logarithmic or logical). Scale fix is intended for 'fixing' 10-point scales: it truncates scale values to integers, and replaces 10 with X and positive values below 1 with +.

#### Value

The functions are used mainly to display a table, but they return (invisibly) a list with items:

species	Ordered species indices
sites	Ordered site indices

These items can be used as arguments sp.ind and site.ind to reproduce the table. In addition to the proper table, vegemite prints the numbers of species and sites and the name of the used cover scale at the end.

#### Note

The name vegemite was chosen because the output is so compact, and the tabasco because it is just as compact, but uses heat colours.

## Author(s)

Jari Oksanen

#### References

The cover scales are presented in many textbooks of vegetation science; I used:

Shimwell, D.W. (1971) The Description and Classification of Vegetation. Sidgwick & Jackson.

#### wascores

#### See Also

cut and approx for making your own 'cover scales' for vegemite. Function tabasco is based on heatmap which in turn is based on image. Both functions order species with weighted averages using wascores.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
## Print only more common species
freq <- apply(varespec > 0, 2, sum)
vegemite(varespec, scale="Hult", sp.ind = freq > 10)
## Order by correspondence analysis, use Hill scaling and layout:
dca <- decorana(varespec)</pre>
vegemite(varespec, dca, "Hill", zero="-")
## Show one class from cluster analysis, but retain the ordering above
clus <- hclust(vegdist(varespec))</pre>
cl <- cutree(clus, 3)</pre>
sel <- vegemite(varespec, use=dca, select = cl == 3, scale="Br")</pre>
## Re-create previous
vegemite(varespec, sp=sel$sp, site=sel$site, scale="Hult")
## Re-order clusters by ordination
clus <- as.dendrogram(clus)</pre>
clus <- reorder(clus, scores(dca, choices=1, display="sites"), agglo.FUN = mean)</pre>
vegemite(varespec, clus, scale = "Hult")
## Abundance values have such a wide range that they must be rescaled
## or all abundances will not be shown in tabasco
tabasco(decostand(varespec, "log"), dca)
## Classification trees for species
data(dune, dune.taxon)
taxontree <- hclust(taxa2dist(dune.taxon))</pre>
plotree <- hclust(vegdist(dune), "average")</pre>
```

wascores

## Automatic reordering of clusters
tabasco(dune, plotree, sp.ind = taxontree)

tabasco(dune, plotree, sp.ind = taxontree, Colv = FALSE)

sptree <- hclust(vegdist(t(dune), "raup"), "average")</pre>

## Species cluster: most dissimilarity indices do a bad job when ## comparing rare and common species, but Raup-Crick makes sense

## No reordering of taxonomy

tabasco(dune, plotree, sptree)

Weighted Averages Scores for Species

#### Description

Computes Weighted Averages scores of species for ordination configuration or for environmental variables.

## Usage

```
wascores(x, w, expand=FALSE)
eigengrad(x, w)
```

#### Arguments

х	Environmental variables or ordination scores.
W	Weights: species abundances.
expand	Expand weighted averages so that they have the same weighted variance as the corresponding environmental variables.

# Details

Function wascores computes weighted averages. Weighted averages 'shrink': they cannot be more extreme than values used for calculating the averages. With expand = TRUE, the function 'dehsrinks' the weighted averages by making their biased weighted variance equal to the biased weighted variance of the corresponding environmental variable. Function eigengrad returns the inverses of squared expansion factors or the attribute shrinkage of the wascores result for each environmental gradient. This is equal to the constrained eigenvalue of cca when only this one gradient was used as a constraint, and describes the strength of the gradient.

## Value

Function wascores returns a matrix where species define rows and ordination axes or environmental variables define columns. If expand = TRUE, attribute shrinkage has the inverses of squared expansion factors or cca eigenvalues for the variable. Function eigengrad returns only the shrinkage attribute.

#### Author(s)

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# See Also

monoMDS, cca.

## Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)
vare.dist <- vegdist(wisconsin(varespec))
vare.mds <- monoMDS(vare.dist)
vare.points <- postMDS(vare.mds$points, vare.dist)
vare.wa <- wascores(vare.points, varespec)
plot(scores(vare.points), pch="+", asp=1)
text(vare.wa, rownames(vare.wa), cex=0.8, col="blue")
## Omit rare species (frequency <= 4)
freq <- apply(varespec>0, 2, sum)
plot(scores(vare.points), pch="+", asp=1)
text(vare.wa[freq > 4,], rownames(vare.wa)[freq > 4],cex=0.8,col="blue")
```

# wcmdscale

```
## Works for environmental variables, too.
wascores(varechem, varespec)
## And the strengths of these variables are:
eigengrad(varechem, varespec)
```

wcmdscale

Weighted Classical (Metric) Multidimensional Scaling

# Description

Weighted classical multidimensional scaling, also known as weighted *principal coordinates analysis*.

# Usage

```
wcmdscale(d, k, eig = FALSE, add = FALSE, x.ret = FALSE, w)
## S3 method for class 'wcmdscale'
plot(x, choices = c(1, 2), type = "t", ...)
## S3 method for class 'wcmdscale'
scores(x, choices = NA, ...)
```

# Arguments

d	a distance structure such as that returned by dist or a full symmetric matrix containing the dissimilarities.
k	the dimension of the space which the data are to be represented in; must be in $\{1, 2, \ldots, n-1\}$ . If missing, all dimensions with above zero eigenvalue.
eig	indicates whether eigenvalues should be returned.
add	logical indicating if an additive constant $c*$ should be computed, and added to the non-diagonal dissimilarities such that all $n-1$ eigenvalues are non-negative. Not implemented.
x.ret	indicates whether the doubly centred symmetric distance matrix should be re- turned.
w	Weights of points.
x	The wcmdscale result object when the function was called with options eig = TRUE or x.ret = TRUE (See Details).
choices	Axes to be returned; NA returns all real axes.
type	Type of graph which may be "t"ext, "p"oints or "n"one.
	Other arguments passed to graphical functions.

# Details

Function wcmdscale is based on function cmdscale (package stats of base R), but it uses point weights. Points with high weights will have a stronger influence on the result than those with low weights. Setting equal weights w = 1 will give ordinary multidimensional scaling.

With default options, the function returns only a matrix of scores scaled by eigenvalues for all real axes. If the function is called with eig = TRUE or x.ret = TRUE, the function returns an object of class "wcmdscale" with print, plot, scores, eigenvals and stressplot methods, and described in section Value.

# Value

If eig = FALSE and x.ret = FALSE (default), a matrix with k columns whose rows give the coordinates of points corresponding to positive eignenvalues. Otherwise, an object of class wcmdscale containing the components that are mostly similar as in cmdscale:

points	a matrix with k columns whose rows give the coordinates of the points chosen to represent the dissimilarities.
eig	the $n-1$ eigenvalues computed during the scaling process if eig is true.
x	the doubly centred and weighted distance matrix if x.ret is true.
GOF	Goodness of fit statistics for k axes. The first value is based on the sum of absolute values of all eigenvalues, and the second value is based on the sum of positive eigenvalues
weights	Weights.
negaxes	A matrix of scores for axes with negative eigenvalues scaled by the absolute eigenvalues similarly as points. This is NULL if there are no negative eigenvalues or k was specified, and would not include negative eigenvalues.
call	Function call.

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# See Also

The function is modelled after cmdscale, but adds weights (hence name) and handles negative eigenvalues differently. Other multidimensional scaling methods are monoMDS, and isoMDS and sammon in package MASS.

# Examples

```
## Correspondence analysis as a weighted principal coordinates
## analysis of Euclidean distances of Chi-square transformed data
data(dune)
rs <- rowSums(dune)/sum(dune)</pre>
```

# wcmdscale

```
d <- dist(decostand(dune, "chi"))</pre>
ord <- wcmdscale(d, w = rs, eig = TRUE)</pre>
## Ordinary CA
ca <- cca(dune)</pre>
## Eigevalues are numerically similar
ca$CA$eig - ord$eig
## Configurations are similar when site scores are scaled by
## eigenvalues in CA
procrustes(ord, ca, choices=1:19, scaling = 1)
plot(procrustes(ord, ca, choices=1:2, scaling=1))
## Reconstruction of non-Euclidean distances with negative eigenvalues
d <- vegdist(dune)</pre>
ord <- wcmdscale(d, eig = TRUE)</pre>
## Only positive eigenvalues:
cor(d, dist(ord$points))
## Correction with negative eigenvalues:
cor(d, sqrt(dist(ord$points)^2 - dist(ord$negaxes)^2))
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