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.applyInterType   *Generate pairs of interactions according to interaction types*

Description

A helper function to be used in combination with .getInteractions()

Usage

```
.applyInterType(I, pair, interType)
```

Arguments

I	Matrix: defining the interaction between each pair of species
pair	Numeric: a vector with a length of 2, indicating the 2 focusing species in the process of applying the interaction types
interType	Character: one of 'mutualism', 'commensalism', 'parasitism', 'amensalism', or 'competition'. Defining the interaction type

Value

A matrix of interaction types with one pair changed

.estimateAFromSimulations
Get the interspecies interaction matrix A using leave-one-out method

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Description

generate matrix A from the comparisons between simulations with one absent species and a simulation with complete species (leave-one-out)

Usage

```
.estimateAFromSimulations(
  simulations,
  simulations2,
  n_instances = 1,
  t_end = NULL,
  scale_off_diagonal = 0.1,
  diagonal = -0.5,
  connectance = 0.2
)
```

Arguments

simulations	A list of simulation(s) with complete species
simulations2	A list of simulation(s), each with one absent species
n_instances	Integer: number of instances to generate (default: n_instances = 1)
t_end	Numeric: end time of the simulation. If not identical with t_end in params_list, then it will overwrite t_end in each simulation (default: t_end = 1000)
scale_off_diagonal	
	Numeric: scale of the off-diagonal elements compared to the diagonal. Same to the parameter in function randomA. (default: scale_off_diagonal = 0.1)
diagonal	Values defining the strength of self-interactions. Input can be a number (will be applied to all species) or a vector of length n_species. Positive self-interaction values lead to exponential growth. Same to the parameter in function randomA. (default: diagonal = -0.5)

connectance   Numeric frequency of inter-species interactions. i.e. proportion of non-zero off-diagonal terms. Should be in the interval 0 <= connectance <= 1. Same to the parameter in function randomA. (default: `connectance = 0.2`)

Value

a matrix A with dimensions (n_species x n_species) where n_species equals to the number of elements in simulations2

.getInteractions   *Generate interactions according to five types of interactions and their weights*

Description

Generate interactions according to five types of interactions and their weights

Usage

```
.getInteractions(n_species, weights, connectance)
```

Arguments

n_species   Integer: defining the dimension of matrix of interaction

weights   Numeric: defining the weights of mutualism, commensalism, parasitism, amensalism, and competition in all interspecies interactions.

connectance   Numeric: defining the density of the interaction network. Ranging from 0 to 1

Value

A matrix of interactions with all interactions changed according to the weights and connectance.

.isPosInt   *Check whether a number is a positive integer*

Description

Check whether a number is a positive integer

Usage

```
.isPosInt(x, tol = .Machine$double.eps^0.5)
```

Arguments

x	Numeric number to test
tol	Numeric tolerance of detection

Value

A logical value: whether the number is a positive integer.

.replaceByZero	*Replace one element with zero in a list*

Description

If the list contains m elements, then lengths of each element must be m, too. This function is intended to generate a list of x0 (the initial community) with one missing species, to prepare the parameter simulations_compare in estimateAFromSimulations.

Usage

```
.replaceByZero(input_list)
```

Arguments

input_list	A list containing m elements, and lengths of each element must be m, too.

Value

A list of same dimension as input_list, but with 0 at specific positions in the elements of the list.

.simulationTimes	*Generate simulation times and the indices of time points to return in simulation functions.*

Description

Generate simulation times and the indices of time points to return in simulation functions.

Usage

```
.simulationTimes(t_start = 0, t_end = 1000, t_step = 0.1, t_store = 1000)
```

Arguments

t_start	Numeric scalar. Indicates the initial time of the simulation. (Default: 0)
t_end	Numeric scalar. Indicates the final time of the simulation (Default: 1000)
t_step	Numeric scalar. Indicates the interval between simulation steps (Default: 0.1)
t_store	Integer scalar. Indicates the number of evenly distributed time points to keep (Default: 100)

Value

lists containing simulation times (t_sys) and the indices to keep.

Examples

```
Time <- .simulationTimes(
    t_start = 0, t_end = 100, t_step = 0.5,
    t_store = 100
)
DefaultTime <- .simulationTimes(t_end = 1000)
```

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powerlawA	*Interaction matrix with Power-Law network adjacency matrix*

Description

N is the an Interspecific Interaction matrix with values drawn from a normal distribution H the interaction strength heterogeneity drawn from a power-law distribution with the parameter alpha, and G the adjacency matrix of with out-degree that reflects the heterogeneity of the powerlaw. A scaling factor s may be used to constrain the values of the interaction matrix to be within a desired range. Diagonal elements of A are defined by the parameter d.

Usage

```
powerlawA(n_species, alpha = 3, stdev = 1, s = 0.1, d = -1, symmetric = FALSE)
```

Arguments

n_species	Integer scalar. Indicates the number of species.
alpha	Numeric scalar. Specifies the power-law distribution. Should be > 1. Larger values will give lower interaction strength heterogeneity, whereas values closer to 1 give strong heterogeneity in interaction strengths between the species. In other words, values of alpha close to 1 will give Strongly Interacting Species (SIS). (Default: 3.0)
stdev	Numeric scalar. Specifies the standard deviation of the normal distribution with mean 0 from which the elements of the nominal interspecific interaction matrix N are drawn. (Default: 1)

s	Numeric scalar. Specifies the scaling with which the final global interaction matrix A is multiplied. (Default: `0.1`)
d	Numeric scalar. Diagonal values, indicating self-interactions (use negative values for stability). (Default: `1.0`)
symmetric	Logical scalar. Whether a symmetric interaction matrix is returned. (Default: FALSE)

Value

The interaction matrix A with dimensions (n_species x n_species)

References

Gibson TE, Bashan A, Cao HT, Weiss ST, Liu YY (2016) On the Origins and Control of Community Types in the Human Microbiome. PLOS Computational Biology 12(2): e1004688. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1004

Examples

```
# Low interaction heterogeneity
A_low <- powerlawA(n_species = 10, alpha = 3)
# Strong interaction heterogeneity
A_strong <- powerlawA(n_species = 10, alpha = 1.01)
```

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randomA   *Generate random interaction matrix for GLV model*

Description

Generates a random interaction matrix for Generalized Lotka-Volterra (GLV) model.

Usage

```
randomA(
  n_species,
  names_species = NULL,
  diagonal = -0.5,
  connectance = 0.2,
  scale_off_diagonal = 0.1,
  mutualism = 1,
  commensalism = 1,
  parasitism = 1,
  amensalism = 1,
  competition = 1,
  interactions = NULL,
  symmetric = FALSE,
  list_A = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`n_species`	Integer: number of species
`names_species`	Character: names of species. If NULL, `paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species))` is used. (default: `names_species = NULL`)
`diagonal`	Numeric vector. Defines the strength of self-interactions. Input can be a number (will be applied to all species) or a vector of length n_species. Positive self-interaction values lead to exponential growth. (Default: `-0.5`)
`connectance`	Numeric scalar. Specifies the frequency of inter-species interactions. i.e. proportion of non-zero off-diagonal terms. Between `0` and `1`. (Default: `0.2`)
`scale_off_diagonal`	
	Numeric scalar. Indicates the scale of the off-diagonal elements compared to the diagonal. (Default: `0.1`)
`mutualism`	Numerical scalar. Specifies the relative proportion of interactions terms consistent with mutualism (positive <-> positive). (Default: `1`)
`commensalism`	Numeric scalar. Indicates the relative proportion of interactions terms consistent with commensalism (positive <-> neutral). (Default: `1`)
`parasitism`	Numeric scalar. Indicates the relative proportion of interactions terms consistent with parasitism (positive <-> negative). (Default: `1`)
`amensalism`	Numeric scalar. Indicates the relative proportion of interactions terms consistent with amensalism (neutral <-> negative). (Default: `1`)
`competition`	Numeric scalar. Indicates the relative proportion of interactions terms consistent with competition (negative <-> negative). (Default: `1`)
`interactions`	Numeric scalar. Indicates the values of the n_species^2 pairwise interaction strengths. Diagonal terms will be replaced by the 'diagonal' parameter. If NULL, interactions are drawn from `runif(n_species^2, min=0, max=abs(diagonal))`. Negative values are first converted to positive then the signs are defined by the relative weights of the biological interactions (i.e. mutualism, commensalism, parasitism, amensalism, competition). (Default: NULL)
`symmetric`	Logical scalar. whether the strength of mutualistic and competitive interactions are symmetric. This is implemented by overwrite a half of the matrix, so the proportions of interactions might deviate from expectations. (Default: FALSE)
`list_A`	List. A list of matrices generated by randomA. Used to support different groups of interactions. If NULL (by default), no group is considered. Otherwise the given list of matrices will overwrite values around the diagonal. (Default: NULL)

Value

randomA returns a matrix A with dimensions (n_species x n_species)

Examples

```
dense_A <- randomA(
    n_species = 10,
    scale_off_diagonal = 1,
```

```
        diagonal = -1.0,
        connectance = 0.9
    )

    sparse_A <- randomA(
        n_species = 10,
        diagonal = -1.0,
        connectance = 0.09
    )

    user_interactions <- rbeta(n = 10^2, .5, .5)
    user_A <- randomA(n_species = 10, interactions = user_interactions)

    competitive_A <- randomA(
        n_species = 10,
        mutualism = 0,
        commensalism = 0,
        parasitism = 0,
        amensalism = 0,
        competition = 1,
        connectance = 1,
        scale_off_diagonal = 1
    )

    parasitism_A <- randomA(
        n_species = 10,
        mutualism = 0,
        commensalism = 0,
        parasitism = 1,
        amensalism = 0,
        competition = 0,
        connectance = 1,
        scale_off_diagonal = 1,
        symmetric = TRUE
    )

    list_A <- list(dense_A, sparse_A, competitive_A, parasitism_A)
    groupA <- randomA(n_species = 40, list_A = list_A)
```

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randomE   *Generate random efficiency matrix*

Description

Generate random efficiency matrix for consumer resource model from Dirichlet distribution, where positive efficiencies indicate the consumption of resources, whilst negatives indicate that the species would produce the resource.

Usage

```
randomE(
  n_species,
  n_resources,
  names_species = NULL,
  names_resources = NULL,
  mean_consumption = n_resources/4,
  mean_production = n_resources/6,
  maintenance = 0.5,
  trophic_levels = NULL,
  trophic_preferences = NULL,
  exact = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

n_species   Integer: number of species

n_resources   Integer: number of resources

names_species   Character: names of species. If NULL, paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species))
                 is used. (default: names_species = NULL)

names_resources

                 Character: names of resources. If NULL, paste0("res", seq_len(n_resources))
                 is used.

mean_consumption

                 Numeric scalar. Specifies the mean number of resources consumed by each
                 species drawn from a poisson distribution (Default: n_resources/4)

mean_production

                 Numeric scalar. Specifies the mean number of resources produced by each
                 species drawn from a poisson distribution (Default: n_resources/6)

maintenance   Numeric scalar. Specifies the proportion of resources that cannot be converted
                 into products between 0~1 the proportion of resources used to maintain the
                 living of microorganisms. 0 means all the resources will be used for the re-
                 production of microorganisms, and 1 means all the resources would be used
                 to maintain the living of organisms and no resources would be left for their
                 growth(reproduction). (Default: 0.5)

trophic_levels   Integer scalar. Indicates the number of species in microbial trophic levels. If
                 NULL, by default, microbial trophic levels would not be considered. (Default:
                 NULL)

trophic_preferences

                 List. Indicates the preferred resources and productions of each trophic level.
                 Positive values indicate the consumption of resources, whilst negatives indicate
                 that the species would produce the resource. (Default: NULL)

exact   Logical scalar. Whether to set the number of consumption/production to be
                 exact as mean_consumption/mean_production or to set them using a Poisson
                 distribution. (Default: FALSE) If length(trophic_preferences) is smaller
                 than length(trophic_levels), then NULL values would be appended to lower

trophic levels. If NULL, by default, the consumption preference will be defined randomly. (Default: `trophic_preferences = NULL`)

Value

randomE returns a matrix E with dimensions (n_species x n_resources), and each row represents a species.

Examples

```
# example with minimum parameters
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(n_species = 5, n_resources = 12)

# examples with specific parameters
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(
    n_species = 3, n_resources = 6,
    names_species = letters[1:3],
    names_resources = paste0("res", LETTERS[1:6]),
    mean_consumption = 3, mean_production = 1
)
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(
    n_species = 3, n_resources = 6,
    maintenance = 0.4
)
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(
    n_species = 3, n_resources = 6,
    mean_consumption = 3, mean_production = 1, maintenance = 0.4
)

# examples with microbial trophic levels
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(
    n_species = 10, n_resources = 15,
    trophic_levels = c(6, 3, 1),
    trophic_preferences = list(
        c(rep(1, 5), rep(-1, 5), rep(0, 5)),
        c(rep(0, 5), rep(1, 5), rep(-1, 5)),
        c(rep(0, 10), rep(1, 5))
    )
)
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(
    n_species = 10, n_resources = 15,
    trophic_levels = c(6, 3, 1),
    trophic_preferences = list(c(rep(1, 5), rep(-1, 5), rep(0, 5)), NULL, NULL)
)
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(
    n_species = 10, n_resources = 15,
    trophic_levels = c(6, 3, 1)
)
```

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rdirichlet   *Generate dirichlet random deviates*

Description

Generate dirichlet random deviates

Usage

```
rdirichlet(n, alpha)
```

Arguments

n	Number of random vectors to generate.
alpha	Vector containing shape parameters.

Value

a vector containing the Dirichlet density

Examples

```
dirichletExample <- rdirichlet(1, c(1, 2, 3))
```

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simulateConsumerResource

Consumer-resource model simulation

Description

Simulates time series with the consumer-resource model.

Usage

```
simulateConsumerResource(
  n_species,
  n_resources,
  names_species = NULL,
  names_resources = NULL,
  E = NULL,
  x0 = NULL,
  resources = NULL,
  resources_dilution = NULL,
  growth_rates = NULL,
  monod_constant = NULL,
```

```
    sigma_drift = 0.001,
    sigma_epoch = 0.1,
    sigma_external = 0.3,
    sigma_migration = 0.01,
    epoch_p = 0.001,
    t_external_events = NULL,
    t_external_durations = NULL,
    stochastic = FALSE,
    migration_p = 0.01,
    metacommunity_probability = NULL,
    error_variance = 0,
    norm = FALSE,
    t_end = 1000,
    trophic_priority = NULL,
    inflow_rate = 0,
    outflow_rate = 0,
    volume = 1000,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

`n_species`	Integer: number of species
`n_resources`	Integer: number of resources
`names_species`	Character: names of species. If NULL, `paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species))` is used. (default: `names_species = NULL`)
`names_resources`	
	Character: names of resources. If NULL, `paste0("res", seq_len(n_resources))` is used.
`E`	`Matrix`. Defines the efficiency of resource-to-biomass conversion (positive values) and the relative conversion of metabolic by-products (negative values). If NULL, `randomE(n_species, n_resources)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`x0`	Numeric scalar. Specifies the initial abundances of simulated species. If NULL, `runif(n = n_species, min = 0.1, max = 10)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`resources`	Numeric scalar. Specifies the initial concentrations of resources. If NULL, `runif(n = n_resources, min = 1, max = 100)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`resources_dilution`	
	Numeric scalar. Specifies the concentrations of resources in the continuous inflow (applicable when inflow_rate > 0). If NULL, `resources` is used. (Default: NULL)
`growth_rates`	Numeric vector. Specifies the maximum growth rates(mu) of species. If NULL, `rep(1, n_species)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`monod_constant`	`Matrix`. Specifies the constant of additive monod growth of n_species consuming n_resources. If NULL, `matrix(rgamma(n = n_species*n_resources, shape = 50*max(resources), rate = 1), nrow = n_species)` is used. (Default: NULL)

sigma_drift   Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied in each time
                     step (t_step) (default: `sigma_drift = 0.001`)

sigma_epoch   Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied to random
                     periods of the community composition with frequency defined by the epoch_p
                     parameter (default: `sigma_epoch = 0.1`)

sigma_external   Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied to user-
                     defined external events/disturbances (default: `sigma_external = 0.3`)

sigma_migration
                     Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed variable that defines the
                     intensity of migration at each time step (t_step) (default: `sigma_migration =
                     0.01`)

epoch_p   Numeric: the probability/frequency of random periodic changes introduced to
                     the community composition (default: `epoch_p = 0.001`)

t_external_events
                     Numeric: the starting time points of defined external events that introduce ran-
                     dom changes to the community composition (default: `t_external_events =
                     NULL`)

t_external_durations
                     Numeric: respective duration of the external events that are defined in the 't_external_events'
                     (times) and sigma_external (std). (default: `t_external_durations = NULL`)

stochastic   Logical: whether to introduce noise in the simulation. If False, sigma_drift,
                     sigma_epoch, and sigma_external are ignored. (default: `stochastic = FALSE`)

migration_p   Numeric: the probability/frequency of migration from a metacommunity. (de-
                     fault: `migration_p = 0.01`)

metacommunity_probability
                     Numeric: Normalized probability distribution of the likelihood that species from
                     the metacommunity can enter the community during the simulation. If NULL,
                     `rdirichlet(1, alpha = rep(1,n_species))` is used. (default: `metacommunity_probability
                     = NULL`)

error_variance   Numeric: the variance of measurement error. By default it equals to 0, indicating
                     that the result won't contain any measurement error. This value should be non-
                     negative. (default: `error_variance = 0`)

norm   Logical: whether the time series should be returned with the abundances as
                     proportions (norm = TRUE) or the raw counts (default: `norm = FALSE`) (default:
                     `norm = FALSE`)

t_end   Numeric: the end time of the simulationTimes, defining the modeled time length
                     of the community. (default: `t_end = 1000`)

trophic_priority
                     `Matrix`. Defines the orders of resources to be consumed by each species. If
                     NULL, by default, this feature won't be turned on, and species will consume all
                     resources simultaneously to grow. The dimension should be identical to matrix
                     E. (Default: `NULL`)

inflow_rate   outflow_rate Numeric scalar. The inflow of a culture process. By default,
                     inflow_rate and is 0, indicating a batch culture process. When larger than 0, we
                     can simulate a continuous culture(e.g. chemostat).

outflow_rate	Numeric scalar. outflow rate of a culture process By default, outflow_rate is 0, indicating a batch culture process. When larger than 0, we can simulate a continuous culture(e.g. chemostat).
volume	Numeric scalar. Indicates the volume of the continuous cultivation. This parameter is important for simulations where inflow_rate or outflow_rate are not 0. (Default: 1000)
...	additional parameters, see [utils](#) to know more.

Value

an TreeSummarizedExperiment class object

Examples

```
n_species <- 2
n_resources <- 4
tse <- simulateConsumerResource(
    n_species = n_species,
    n_resources = n_resources
)

## Not run:
# example with user-defined values (names_species, names_resources, E, x0,
# resources, growth_rates, error_variance, t_end, t_step)

ExampleE <- randomE(
    n_species = n_species, n_resources = n_resources,
    mean_consumption = 3, mean_production = 1, maintenance = 0.4
)
ExampleResources <- rep(100, n_resources)
tse1 <- simulateConsumerResource(
    n_species = n_species,
    n_resources = n_resources, names_species = letters[seq_len(n_species)],
    names_resources = paste0("res", LETTERS[seq_len(n_resources)]), E = ExampleE,
    x0 = rep(0.001, n_species), resources = ExampleResources,
    growth_rates = runif(n_species),
    error_variance = 0.01,
    t_end = 5000,
    t_step = 1
)

# example with trophic levels
n_species <- 10
n_resources <- 15
ExampleEfficiencyMatrix <- randomE(
    n_species = 10, n_resources = 15,
    trophic_levels = c(6, 3, 1),
    trophic_preferences = list(
        c(rep(1, 5), rep(-1, 5), rep(0, 5)),
        c(rep(0, 5), rep(1, 5), rep(-1, 5)),
        c(rep(0, 10), rep(1, 5))
    )
```

```
)
ExampleResources <- c(rep(500, 5), rep(200, 5), rep(50, 5))
tse2 <- simulateConsumerResource(
    n_species = n_species,
    n_resources = n_resources,
    names_species = letters[1:n_species],
    names_resources = paste0(
        "res", LETTERS[1:n_resources]
    ),
    E = ExampleEfficiencyMatrix,
    x0 = rep(0.001, n_species),
    resources = ExampleResources,
    growth_rates = rep(1, n_species),
    # error_variance = 0.001,
    t_end = 5000, t_step = 1
)

# example with trophic priority
n_species <- 4
n_resources <- 6
ExampleE <- randomE(
    n_species = n_species,
    n_resources = n_resources,
    mean_consumption = n_resources,
    mean_production = 0
)
ExampleTrophicPriority <- t(apply(
    matrix(sample(n_species * n_resources),
        nrow = n_species
    ),
    1, order
))
# make sure that for non-consumables resources for each species,
# the priority is 0 (smaller than any given priority)
ExampleTrophicPriority <- (ExampleE > 0) * ExampleTrophicPriority
tse3 <- simulateConsumerResource(
    n_species = n_species,
    n_resources = n_resources,
    E = ExampleE,
    trophic_priority = ExampleTrophicPriority,
    t_end = 2000
)

## End(Not run)
```

---

simulateEventTimes   *Generate a vector of event times*

Description

Generate a vector of event times

Usage

```
simulateEventTimes(t_events = NULL, t_duration = NULL, t_end = 1000, ...)
```

Arguments

t_events	Numeric vector; starting time of the events
t_duration	Numeric vector; duration of the events
t_end	Numeric: end time of the simulation
...	: additional parameters to pass to simulationTimes, including t_start, t_step, and t_store.

Value

A vector of time points in the simulation

Examples

```
tEvent <- simulateEventTimes(
    t_events = c(10, 50, 100),
    t_duration = c(1, 2, 3),
    t_end = 100,
    t_store = 100,
    t_step = 1
)
```

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simulateGLV   *Generalized Lotka-Volterra (gLV) simulation*

Description

Simulates time series with the generalized Lotka-Volterra model.

Usage

```
simulateGLV(
  n_species,
  names_species = NULL,
  A = NULL,
  x0 = NULL,
  growth_rates = NULL,
  sigma_drift = 0.001,
  sigma_epoch = 0.1,
  sigma_external = 0.3,
```

```
    sigma_migration = 0.01,
    epoch_p = 0.001,
    t_external_events = NULL,
    t_external_durations = NULL,
    stochastic = TRUE,
    migration_p = 0.01,
    metacommunity_probability = NULL,
    error_variance = 0,
    norm = FALSE,
    t_end = 1000,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

n_species	Integer: number of species
names_species	Character: names of species. If NULL, paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species)) is used. (default: names_species = NULL)
A	Matrix. Interaction matrix defining the positive and negative interactions between n_species. If NULL, randomA(n_species) is used. (Default: NULL)
x0	Numeric scalar. Indicates the initial abundances of simulated species. If NULL, runif(n = n_species, min = 0, max = 1) is used. (Default: NULL)
growth_rates	Numeric scalar. Indicates the growth rates of simulated species. If NULL, runif(n = n_species, min = 0, max = 1) is used. (Default: NULL)
sigma_drift	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied in each time step (t_step) (default: sigma_drift = 0.001)
sigma_epoch	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied to random periods of the community composition with frequency defined by the epoch_p parameter (default: sigma_epoch = 0.1)
sigma_external	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied to user-defined external events/disturbances (default: sigma_external = 0.3)
sigma_migration	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed variable that defines the intensity of migration at each time step (t_step) (default: sigma_migration = 0.01)
epoch_p	Numeric: the probability/frequency of random periodic changes introduced to the community composition (default: epoch_p = 0.001)
t_external_events	Numeric: the starting time points of defined external events that introduce random changes to the community composition (default: t_external_events = NULL)
t_external_durations	Numeric: respective duration of the external events that are defined in the 't_external_events' (times) and sigma_external (std). (default: t_external_durations = NULL)
stochastic	Logical: whether to introduce noise in the simulation. If False, sigma_drift, sigma_epoch, and sigma_external are ignored. (default: stochastic = FALSE)

migration_p   Numeric: the probability/frequency of migration from a metacommunity. (default: `migration_p = 0.01`)

metacommunity_probability

   Numeric: Normalized probability distribution of the likelihood that species from the metacommunity can enter the community during the simulation. If NULL, `rdirichlet(1, alpha = rep(1,n_species))` is used. (default: `metacommunity_probability = NULL`)

error_variance   Numeric: the variance of measurement error. By default it equals to 0, indicating that the result won't contain any measurement error. This value should be non-negative. (default: `error_variance = 0`)

norm   Logical: whether the time series should be returned with the abundances as proportions (`norm = TRUE`) or the raw counts (default: `norm = FALSE`) (default: `norm = FALSE`)

t_end   Numeric: the end time of the simulationTimes, defining the modeled time length of the community. (default: `t_end = 1000`)

...   additional parameters, see utils to know more.

Details

Simulates a community time series using the generalized Lotka-Volterra model, defined as dx/dt = x(b+Ax), where x is the vector of species abundances, diag(x) is a diagonal matrix with the diagonal values set to x. A is the interaction matrix and b is the vector of growth rates.

Value

`simulateGLV` returns a TreeSummarizedExperiment class object

Examples

```
# generate a random interaction matrix
ExampleA <- randomA(n_species = 4, diagonal = -1)

# run the model with default values (only stochastic migration considered)
tse <- simulateGLV(n_species = 4, A = ExampleA)

# run the model with two external disturbances at time points 240 and 480
# with durations equal to 1 (10 time steps when t_step by default is 0.1).
ExampleGLV <- simulateGLV(
    n_species = 4, A = ExampleA,
    t_external_events = c(0, 240, 480), t_external_durations = c(0, 1, 1)
)

# run the model with no perturbation nor migration
set.seed(42)
tse1 <- simulateGLV(
    n_species = 4, A = ExampleA, stochastic = FALSE,
    sigma_migration = 0
)
```

```
# run the model with no perturbation nor migration but with measurement error
set.seed(42)
tse2 <- simulateGLV(
    n_species = 4, A = ExampleA, stochastic = FALSE,
    error_variance = 0.001, sigma_migration = 0
)
```

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simulateHubbell   *Hubbell's neutral model simulation*

Description

Neutral species abundances simulation according to the Hubbell model.

Usage

```
simulateHubbell(
  n_species,
  M,
  carrying_capacity = 1000,
  k_events = 10,
  migration_p = 0.02,
  t_skip = 0,
  t_end,
  norm = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

n_species	Integer scalar. Specifies the amount of different species initially in the local community.
M	Integer scalar. Specifies the amount of different species in the metacommunity, including those of the local community
carrying_capacity	
	Integer scalar. Indicates the fixed amount of individuals in the local community. (Default: 1000)
k_events	Inteer scalar. Indicates the fixed amount of deaths of local community individuals in each generation (Default: 10)
migration_p	Numeric scalar. The immigration rate; specifies the probability that a death in the local community is replaced by a migrant of the metacommunity rather than by the birth of a local community member (Default: 0.02)
t_skip	Integer scalar. Indicates the number of generations that should not be included in the outputted species abundance matrix. (Default: 0)
t_end	Integer scalar. Indicates the number of simulations to be simulated
norm	Logical scalar. Whether the time series should be returned with the abundances as proportions (norm = TRUE) or the raw counts. (Default: FALSE)

Value

simulateHubbell returns a TreeSummarizedExperiment class object

References

Rosindell, James et al. "The unified neutral theory of biodiversity and biogeography at age ten."
Trends in ecology & evolution vol. 26,7 (2011).

Examples

```
tse <- simulateHubbell(
    n_species = 8, M = 10, carrying_capacity = 1000, k_events = 50,
    migration_p = 0.02, t_end = 100
)
```

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simulateHubbellRates   *Hubbell's neutral model simulation applied to time series*

Description

Neutral species abundances simulation according to the Hubbell model. This model shows that
losses in society can be replaced either by the birth of individuals or by immigration depending on
their probabilities. The specific time between the events of birth or migration is calculated and time
effect is considered to determine the next event.

Usage

```
simulateHubbellRates(
  n_species = NULL,
  x0 = NULL,
  names_species = NULL,
  migration_p = 0.01,
  metacommunity_probability = NULL,
  k_events = 1,
  growth_rates = NULL,
  error_variance = 0,
  norm = FALSE,
  t_end = 1000,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

n_species	Integer: number of species
x0	Numeric scalar. Indicates the initial species composition. If NULL, rep(100, n_species) is used.

names_species   Character: names of species. If NULL, paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species))
                 is used. (default: names_species = NULL)

migration_p   Numeric: the probability/frequency of migration from a metacommunity. (de-
                 fault: migration_p = 0.01)

metacommunity_probability
                 Numeric: Normalized probability distribution of the likelihood that species from
                 the metacommunity can enter the community during the simulation. If NULL,
                 rdirichlet(1, alpha = rep(1,n_species)) is used. (default: metacommunity_probability
                 = NULL)

k_events   Integer scalar. Indicates the number of events to simulate before updating
                 the sampling distributions. (Default: 1)

growth_rates   Numeric scalar. Indicates the maximum growth rates(mu) of species. If NULL,
                 rep(1, n_species) is used. (Default: NULL)

error_variance   Numeric: the variance of measurement error. By default it equals to 0, indicating
                 that the result won't contain any measurement error. This value should be non-
                 negative. (default: error_variance = 0)

norm   Logical: whether the time series should be returned with the abundances as
                 proportions (norm = TRUE) or the raw counts (default: norm = FALSE) (default:
                 norm = FALSE)

t_end   Numeric: the end time of the simulationTimes, defining the modeled time length
                 of the community. (default: t_end = 1000)

...   additional parameters, see utils to know more.

Value

simulateHubbellRates returns a TreeSummarizedExperiment class object

References

Rosindell, James et al. "The unified neutral theory of biodiversity and biogeography at age ten."
Trends in ecology & evolution vol. 26,7 (2011).

Examples

```
set.seed(42)
tse <- simulateHubbellRates(n_species = 5)

miaViz::plotSeries(tse, assay.type = "counts",
    time.col = "time", colour.by  = "rownames")

# no migration, all stochastic birth and death
set.seed(42)
tse1 <- simulateHubbellRates(n_species = 5, migration_p = 0)

# all migration, no stochastic birth and death
set.seed(42)
tse2 <- simulateHubbellRates(
    n_species = 5,
```

```
        migration_p = 1,
        metacommunity_probability = c(0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3),
        t_end = 20,
        t_store = 200
)

# all migration, no stochastic birth and death, but with measurement errors
set.seed(42)
tse3 <- simulateHubbellRates(
        n_species = 5,
        migration_p = 1,
        metacommunity_probability = c(0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3),
        t_end = 20,
        t_store = 200,
        error_variance = 100
)

# model with specified inputs
set.seed(42)
tse4 <- simulateHubbellRates(
        n_species = 5,
        migration_p = 0.1,
        metacommunity_probability = c(0.1, 0.15, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3),
        t_end = 200,
        t_store = 1000,
        k_events = 5,
        growth_rates = c(1.1, 1.05, 1, 0.95, 0.9)
)
```

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simulateRicker   *Generate time series with the Ricker model*

Description

The Ricker model is a discrete version of the generalized Lotka-Volterra model and is implemented here as proposed by Fisher and Mehta in PLoS ONE 2014.

Usage

```
simulateRicker(
  n_species,
  A,
  names_species = NULL,
  x0 = runif(n_species),
  carrying_capacities = runif(n_species),
  error_variance = 0.05,
  explosion_bound = 10^8,
  t_end = 1000,
```

```
  norm = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

n_species	Integer: number of species
A	interaction matrix
names_species	Character: names of species. If NULL, paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species)) is used. (default: names_species = NULL)
x0	Numeric scalar. Indicates the initial abundances of simulated species. If NULL, runif(n = n_species, min = 0, max = 1) is used.
carrying_capacities	
	Numeric scalar. Indicates carrying capacities. If NULL, runif(n = n_species, min = 0, max = 1) is used.
error_variance	Numeric scalar. Specifies the variance of measurement error. By default it equals to 0, indicating that the result won't contain any measurement error. This value should be non-negative. (Default: 0.05)
explosion_bound	
	Numeric scalar. Specifies the boundary for explosion. (Default: 10^8)
t_end	Integer scalar. Indicates simulations to be simulated
norm	Logical scalar. Whether normalised abundances (proportions in each generation) is returned. (Default: FALSE)
...	additional parameters, see [utils](#) to know more.

Value

simulateRicker returns a TreeSummarizedExperiment class object

References

Fisher & Mehta (2014). Identifying Keystone Species in the Human Gut Microbiome from Metagenomic Timeseries using Sparse Linear Regression. PLoS One 9:e102451

Examples

```
A <- powerlawA(10, alpha = 1.01)
tse <- simulateRicker(n_species = 10, A, t_end = 100)
```

simulateSOI   *Self-Organised Instability model (SOI) simulation*

Description

Generate time-series with The Self-Organised Instability (SOI) model. Implements a K-leap method for accelerating stochastic simulation.

Usage

```
simulateSOI(
  n_species,
  x0 = NULL,
  names_species = NULL,
  carrying_capacity = 1000,
  A = NULL,
  k_events = 5,
  t_end = 1000,
  metacommunity_probability = runif(n_species, min = 0.1, max = 0.8),
  death_rates = runif(n_species, min = 0.01, max = 0.08),
  norm = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

n_species	Integer: number of species
x0	Numeric scalar. Specifies initial community abundances If NULL, based on migration rates. (Default: NULL)
names_species	Character: names of species. If NULL, paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species)) is used. (default: names_species = NULL)
carrying_capacity	
	Integer scalar. Indicates community size, number of available sites (individuals). (Default: 1000)
A	Matrix. Defines the positive and negative interactions between n_species. If NULL, powerlawA(n_species) is used. (Default: NULL)
k_events	Integer scalar. Indicates the number of transition events that are allowed to take place during one leap. Higher values reduce runtime, but also accuracy of the simulation. (Default: 5).
t_end	Numeric scalar. Specifies the end time of the simulation, defining the modeled time length of the community. (Default: 1000)
metacommunity_probability	
	Numeric scalar: Indicates the normalized probability distribution of the likelihood that species from the metacommunity can enter the community during the simulation. (Default: runif(n_species, min = 0.1, max = 0.8))

| death_rates | Numeric scalar. Indicates the death rates of each species. (Default: runif(n_species, min = 0.01, max = 0.08)) |
| norm | Logical scalar. Whether the time series should be returned with the abundances as proportions (norm = TRUE) or the raw counts. (Default: FALSE) |

Value

simulateSOI returns a TreeSummarizedExperiment class object

Examples

```
# Generate interaction matrix
A <- miaSim::powerlawA(10, alpha = 1.2)
# Simulate data from the SOI model
tse <- simulateSOI(
    n_species = 10, carrying_capacity = 1000, A = A,
    k_events = 5, x0 = NULL, t_end = 150, norm = TRUE
)
```

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simulateStochasticLogistic

Stochastic Logistic simulation

Description

Simulates time series with the (stochastic) logistic model

Usage

```
simulateStochasticLogistic(
  n_species,
  names_species = NULL,
  growth_rates = NULL,
  carrying_capacities = NULL,
  death_rates = NULL,
  x0 = NULL,
  sigma_drift = 0.001,
  sigma_epoch = 0.1,
  sigma_external = 0.3,
  sigma_migration = 0.01,
  epoch_p = 0.001,
  t_external_events = NULL,
  t_external_durations = NULL,
  migration_p = 0.01,
  metacommunity_probability = NULL,
  stochastic = TRUE,
  error_variance = 0,
```

```
    norm = FALSE,
    t_end = 1000,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

`n_species`	Integer: number of species
`names_species`	Character: names of species. If NULL, `paste0("sp", seq_len(n_species))` is used. (default: `names_species = NULL`)
`growth_rates`	Numeric scalar. Specifies the growth rates of simulated species. If NULL, `runif(n = n_species, min = 0.1, max = 0.2)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`carrying_capacities`	
	Numeric scalar. Indicates the max population of species supported in the community. If NULL, `runif(n = n_species, min = 1000, max = 2000)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`death_rates`	Numeric scalar. Indicates the death rates of each species. If NULL, `runif(n = n_species, min = 0.0005, max = 0.0025)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`x0`	Numeric scalar. Indicates the initial abundances of simulated species. If NULL, `runif(n = n_species, min = 0.1, max = 10)` is used. (Default: NULL)
`sigma_drift`	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied in each time step (t_step) (default: `sigma_drift = 0.001`)
`sigma_epoch`	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied to random periods of the community composition with frequency defined by the epoch_p parameter (default: `sigma_epoch = 0.1`)
`sigma_external`	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed noise applied to user-defined external events/disturbances (default: `sigma_external = 0.3`)
`sigma_migration`	
	Numeric: standard deviation of a normally distributed variable that defines the intensity of migration at each time step (t_step) (default: `sigma_migration = 0.01`)
`epoch_p`	Numeric: the probability/frequency of random periodic changes introduced to the community composition (default: `epoch_p = 0.001`)
`t_external_events`	
	Numeric: the starting time points of defined external events that introduce random changes to the community composition (default: `t_external_events = NULL`)
`t_external_durations`	
	Numeric: respective duration of the external events that are defined in the 't_external_events' (times) and sigma_external (std). (default: `t_external_durations = NULL`)
`migration_p`	Numeric: the probability/frequency of migration from a metacommunity. (default: `migration_p = 0.01`)
`metacommunity_probability`	
	Numeric: Normalized probability distribution of the likelihood that species from the metacommunity can enter the community during the simulation. If NULL,

```
rdirichlet(1, alpha = rep(1,n_species)) is used. (default: metacommunity_probability
= NULL)
```

stochastic   Logical scalar. Whether to introduce noise in the simulation. If False, sigma_drift,
                   sigma_epoch, and sigma_external are ignored. (Default: TRUE)

error_variance   Numeric: the variance of measurement error. By default it equals to 0, indicating
                   that the result won't contain any measurement error. This value should be non-
                   negative. (default: `error_variance = 0`)

norm   Logical: whether the time series should be returned with the abundances as
                   proportions (`norm = TRUE`) or the raw counts (default: `norm = FALSE`) (default:
                   `norm = FALSE`)

t_end   Numeric: the end time of the simulationTimes, defining the modeled time length
                   of the community. (default: `t_end = 1000`)

...   additional parameters, see utils to know more.

Details

The change rate of the species was defined as `dx/dt = b*x*(1-(x/k))*rN - dr*x`, where b is the
vector of growth rates, x is the vector of initial species abundances, k is the vector of maximum
carrying capacities, rN is a random number ranged from 0 to 1 which changes in each time step,
dr is the vector of constant death rates. Also, the vectors of initial dead species abundances can be
set. The number of species will be set to 0 if the dead species abundances surpass the alive species
abundances.

Value

simulateStochasticLogistic returns a TreeSummarizedExperiment class object

Examples

```
# Example of logistic model without stochasticity, death rates, or external
# disturbances
set.seed(42)
tse <- simulateStochasticLogistic(
    n_species = 5,
    stochastic = FALSE, death_rates = rep(0, 5)
)

# Adding a death rate
set.seed(42)
tse1 <- simulateStochasticLogistic(
    n_species = 5,
    stochastic = FALSE, death_rates = rep(0.01, 5)
)

# Example of stochastic logistic model with measurement error
set.seed(42)
tse2 <- simulateStochasticLogistic(
    n_species = 5,
    error_variance = 1000
```

```
)

# example with all the initial parameters defined by the user
set.seed(42)
tse3 <- simulateStochasticLogistic(
    n_species = 2,
    names_species = c("species1", "species2"),
    growth_rates = c(0.2, 0.1),
    carrying_capacities = c(1000, 2000),
    death_rates = c(0.001, 0.0015),
    x0 = c(3, 0.1),
    sigma_drift = 0.001,
    sigma_epoch = 0.3,
    sigma_external = 0.5,
    sigma_migration = 0.002,
    epoch_p = 0.001,
    t_external_events = c(100, 200, 300),
    t_external_durations = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3),
    migration_p = 0.01,
    metacommunity_probability = miaSim::rdirichlet(1, alpha = rep(1, 2)),
    stochastic = TRUE,
    error_variance = 0,
    norm = FALSE, # TRUE,
    t_end = 400,
    t_start = 0, t_step = 0.01,
    t_store = 1500
)
```

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