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treestats-package *Collection of phylogenetic tree statistics*

Description

The 'treestats' package contains a collection of phylogenetic tree statistics, implemented in C++ to ensure high speed.

Details

Given a phylogenetic tree as a phylo object, the 'treestats' package provides a wide range of individual functions returning the relevant statistic. In addition, there are three functions available that calculate a collection of statistics at once: calc_all_statistics (which calculates all currently implemented statistics of treestats), calc_balance_stats, which calculates all (im)balance related statistics and calc_brts_stats, which calculates all branching times and branch length related statistics. Furthermore, there are a number of additional tools available that allow for phylogenetic tree manipulation: make_unbalanced_tree, which creates an imbalanced tree in a stepwise fashion. Then there are two functions related to conversion from and to an ltable, an alternative notation method used in some simulations. These are l_to_phylo which is a C++ based version of DDD::L2phylo, which converts an ltable to a phylo object, and phylo_to_l, which is a C+ based version of DDD::phylo2L, which converts a phylo object to an ltable. Lastly, the treestats package also includes a faster, C++ based, implementation of ape::branching.times (the function branching_times), which yields the same sequence of branching times, but omits the branching names in favour of speed.

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References

Phylogenetic tree statistics: a systematic overview using the new R package 'treestats' Thijs Janzen, Rampal S. Etienne bioRxiv 2024.01.24.576848; doi: https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.01.24.576848

area_per_pair *Area per pair index*

Description

The area per pair index calculates the sum of the number of edges on the path between all two leaves. Instead, the area per pair index (APP) can also be derived from the Sackin (S) and total cophenetic index (TC): $APP = \frac{2}{n} \cdot S - \frac{4}{n(n-1)} \cdot TC$ $APP = 2/n * S - 4/(n(n-1)) * TC$

Usage

```
area_per_pair(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "yule", in which case the acquired result is divided by the expectation for the Yule model.

Value

Area per pair index

References

T. Araújo Lima, F. M. D. Marquitti, and M. A. M. de Aguiar. Measuring Tree Balance with Normalized Tree Area. arXiv e-prints, art. arXiv:2008.12867, 2020.

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average_leaf_depth *Average leaf depth statistic.*

Description

The average leaf depth statistic is a normalized version of the Sackin index, normalized by the number of tips.

Usage

```
average_leaf_depth(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "yule", in which case the statistic is divided by the expectation under the yule model, following Remark 1 in Coronado et al. 2020.

Value

average leaf depth statistic

References

M. Coronado, T., Mir, A., Rosselló, F. et al. On Sackin's original proposal: the variance of the leaves' depths as a phylogenetic balance index. BMC Bioinformatics 21, 154 (2020). https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-020-3405-1 K.-T. Shao and R. R. Sokal. Tree balance. Systematic Zoology, 39(3):266, 1990. doi: 10.2307/2992186.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
average_leaf_depth(simulated_tree)
```

avg_ladder *Average ladder index*

Description

Calculate the avgLadder index, from the phyloTop package. Higher values indicate more unbalanced trees. To calculate the average ladder index, first all potential ladders in the tree are calculated. A ladder is defined as a sequence of nodes where one of the daughter branches is a terminal branch, resulting in a 'ladder' like pattern. The average ladder index then represents the average length across all observed ladders in the tree.

Usage

```
avg_ladder(input_obj)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable

Value

average number of ladders

avg_vert_depth *Average vertex depth metric*

Description

The average vertex depth metric, measures the average path (in edges), between the tips and the root.

Usage

```
avg_vert_depth(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

Average depth (in number of edges)

References

C. Colijn and J. Gardy. Phylogenetic tree shapes resolve disease transmission patterns. Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health, 2014(1):96-108, 2014. ISSN 2050-6201. doi: 10.1093/emph/eou018.

b1 *B1 metric*

Description

Balance metric (in the case of a binary tree), which measures the sum across all internal nodes of one over the maximum depth of all attached tips to that node. When calculated on a binary tree, the b1 statistic is a true balance statistic (meaning that the caterpillar tree is the most extreme, unbalanced tree). However, the treestats package also supports calculation on non-binary trees.

Usage

```
b1(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the resulting statistic is divided by the number of tips in the tree, as a crude way of normalization.

Value

B1 statistic

References

K.-T. Shao and R. R. Sokal. Tree Balance. Systematic Zoology, 39(3):266, 1990. doi: 10.2307/2992186.

b2 *B2 metric*

Description

Balance metric that uses the Shannon-Wiener statistic of information content. The b2 measure is given by the sum over the depths of all tips, divided by 2^d, e.g. $\sum d_i/2^{d_i}$

Usage

```
b2(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "yule", when "yule" is chosen, the statistic is divided by the Yule expectation, following from theorem 3.7 in Bienvenu 2020.

Value

b2 statistic

References

K.-T. Shao and R. R. Sokal. Tree Balance. Systematic Zoology, 39(3):266, 1990. doi: 10.2307/2992186.

Bienvenu, François, Gabriel Cardona, and Celine Scornavacca. "Revisiting Shao and Sokal's $$ B_2 $$ B 2 index of phylogenetic balance." Journal of Mathematical Biology 83.5 (2021): 1-43.

`beta_statistic` *Aldous' beta statistic.*

Description

The Beta statistic fits a beta splitting model to each node, assuming that the number of extant descendants of each daughter branch is split following a beta distribution, such that the number of extant descendants x and y at a node follows $q(x, y) = s_n(\beta)^{-1} \frac{(\gamma(x+1+\beta)\gamma(y+1+\beta))}{\gamma(x+1)\gamma(y+1)}$, where $s_n(\beta)^{-1}$ is a normalizing constant. When this model is fit to a tree, different values of beta correspond to the expectation following from different diversification models, such that a beta of 0 corresponds to a Yule tree, a beta of $-3/2$ to a tree following from a PDA model. In general, negative beta values correspond to trees more unbalanced than Yule trees, and beta values larger than zero indicate trees more balanced than Yule trees. The lower bound of the beta splitting parameter is -2.

Usage

```
beta_statistic(
  phy,
  upper_lim = 10,
  algorithm = "COBYLA",
  abs_tol = 1e-04,
  rel_tol = 1e-06
)
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylogeny or ltable
`upper_lim`	Upper limit for beta parameter, default = 10.
`algorithm`	optimization algorithm used, default is "COBYLA" (Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations), also available are "subplex" and "simplex". Subplex and Simplex seem to have difficulties with unbalanced trees, e.g. if beta < 0.
`abs_tol`	absolute stopping criterion of optimization. Default is 1e-4.
`rel_tol`	relative stopping criterion of optimization. Default is 1e-6.

Value

Beta value

References

Aldous, David. "Probability distributions on cladograms." Random discrete structures. Springer, New York, NY, 1996. 1-18. Jones, Graham R. "Tree models for macroevolution and phylogenetic analysis." Systematic biology 60.6 (2011): 735-746.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 100, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
beta_statistic(balanced_tree) # should be approximately 10
beta_statistic(simulated_tree) # should be near 0
beta_statistic(unbalanced_tree) # should be approximately -2
```

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blum *Blum index of (im)balance.*

Description

The Blum index of imbalance (also known as the s-shape statistic (see sshape)) calculates the sum of $log(N-1)$ over all internal nodes, where N represents the total number of extant tips connected to that node. An alternative implementation can be found in the Castor R package.

Usage

```
blum(phy, normalization = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylogeny or ltable
normalization	because the Blum index sums over all nodes, the resulting statistic tends to be correlated with the number of extant tips. Normalization can be performed by dividing by the number of extant tips.

Value

Blum index of imbalance

References

M. G. B. Blum and O. Francois (2006). Which random processes describe the Tree of Life? A large-scale study of phylogenetic tree imbalance. Systematic Biology. 55:685-691.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
  balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
  unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
  blum(balanced_tree)
  blum(unbalanced_tree) # should be higher
```

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branching_times *Branching times of a tree*

Description

C++ based alternative to ape::branching.times.

Usage

```
branching_times(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

vector of branching times

---

calc_all_stats *Apply all available tree statistics to a single tree*

Description

this function applies all tree statistics available in this package to a single tree, being:

- gamma
- Sackin
- Colless
- corrected Colless
- quadratic Colless
- Aldous' beta statistic
- Blum
- crown age
- tree height
- Pigot's rho

- number of lineages
- nLTT with empty tree
- phylogenetic diversity
- avgLadder index
- cherries
- double cherries
- ILnumber
- pitchforks
- stairs
- stairs2
- laplacian spectrum
- B1
- B2
- area per pair (aPP)
- average leaf depth (aLD)
- I statistic
- ewColless
- max Delta Width (maxDelW)
- maximum of Depth
- variance of Depth
- maximum Width
- Rogers
- total Cophenetic distance
- symmetry Nodes
- mean of pairwise distance (mpd)
- variance of pairwise distance (vpd)
- Phylogenetic Species Variability (psv)
- mean nearest taxon distance (mntd)
- J statistic of entropy
- rquartet index
- Wiener index
- max betweenness
- max closeness
- diameter, without branch lenghts
- maximum eigen vector value
- mean branch length
- variance of branch length

- mean external branch length
- variance of external branch length
- mean internal branch length
- variance of internal branch length
- number of imbalancing steps
- j_one statistic
- treeness statistic
- branch weighted colless statistic
- minimum eigenvalue of the Laplacian matrix
- maximum eigenvalue of the Laplacian matrix
- minimum eigenvalue of the adjacency matrix
- maximum eigenvalue of the adjacency matrix
- mean of the sum of inverse branch lengths

For the Laplacian spectrum properties, four properties of the eigenvalue distribution are returned: 1) asymmetry, 2) peakedness, 3) log(principal eigenvalue) and 4) eigengap. Please notice that for some very small or very large trees, some of the statistics can not be calculated. The function will report an NA for this statistic, but will not break, to facilitate batch analysis of large numbers of trees.

Usage

```
calc_all_stats(phylo, normalize = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phylo	phylo object
normalize	if set to TRUE, results are normalized (if possible) under either the Yule expectation (if available), or the number of tips

Value

List with statistics

`calc_brts_stats` *Apply all tree statistics related to branching times to a single tree.*

Description

this function applies all tree statistics based on branching times to a single tree (more or less ignoring topology), being:

- gamma
- pigot's rho
- mean branch length
- nLTT with empty tree
- treeness
- var branch length
- mean internal branch length
- mean external branch length
- var internal branch length
- var external branch length
- mean of the sum of inverse branch lengths

Usage

```
calc_brts_stats(phylo)
```

Arguments

phylo	phylo object

Value

list with statistics

---

calc_topology_stats *Calculate all topology based statistics for a single tree*

Description

this function calculates all tree statistics based on topology available in this package for a single tree, being:

- area_per_pair
- average_leaf_depth
- avg_ladder
- avg_vert_depth
- b1
- b2
- beta

- blum
- cherries
- colless
- colless_corr
- colless_quad
- diameter
- double_cherries
- eigen_centrality
- ew_colless
- four_prong
- i_stat
- il_number
- imbalance_steps
- j_one
- max_betweenness
- max_closeness
- max_del_width
- max_depth
- max_ladder
- max_width
- mw_over_md
- pitchforks
- rogers
- root_imbalance
- rquartet
- sackin
- stairs
- stairs2
- symmetry_nodes
- tot_coph
- tot_internal_path
- tot_path_length
- var_depth

Usage

```
calc_topology_stats(phylo, normalize = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phylo	phylo object
normalize	if set to TRUE, results are normalized (if possible) under either the Yule expectation (if available), or the number of tips

Value

list with statistics

---

check_binary *Faster than the ape version*

Description

Fast Rcpp function to check if a tree is binary

Usage

```
check_binary(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

---

cherries *Cherry index*

Description

Calculate the number of cherries, from the phyloTop package. A cherry is a pair of sister tips.

Usage

```
cherries(input_obj, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none", "yule", or "pda", the found number of cherries is divided by the expected number, following McKenzie & Steel 2000.

Value

number of cherries

References

McKenzie, Andy, and Mike Steel. "Distributions of cherries for two models of trees." Mathematical biosciences 164.1 (2000): 81-92.

`colless` *Colless index of (im)balance.*

Description

The Colless index is calculated as the sum of $abs(L - R)$ over all nodes, where L (or R) is the number of extant tips associated with the L (or R) daughter branch at that node. Higher values indicate higher imbalance. Two normalizations are available, where a correction is made for tree size, under either a yule expectation, or a pda expectation.

Usage

```
colless(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylo object or ltable
`normalization`	A character string equals to "none" (default) for no normalization or one of "pda" or "yule".

Value

colless index

References

Colless D H. 1982. Review of: Phylogenetics: The Theory and Practice of Phylogenetic Systematics. Systematic Zoology 31:100-104.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
colless(balanced_tree)
colless(unbalanced_tree) # should be higher
```

colless_corr *Corrected Colless index of (im)balance.*

Description

The Corrected Colless index is calculated as the sum of $abs(L - R)$ over all nodes, corrected for tree size by dividing over $(n - 1) * (n - 2)$, where n is the number of nodes.

Usage

```
colless_corr(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	A character string equals to "none" (default) for no normalization or "yule", in which case the obtained index is divided by the Yule expectation.

Value

corrected colless index

References

Heard, Stephen B. "Patterns in tree balance among cladistic, phenetic, and randomly generated phylogenetic trees." Evolution 46.6 (1992): 1818-1826.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
colless_corr(balanced_tree)
colless_corr(unbalanced_tree) # should be higher
```

colless_quad *Quadratic Colless index of (im)balance.*

Description

The Quadratic Colless index is calculated as the sum of $(L - R)^2$ over all nodes.

Usage

```
colless_quad(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	A character string equals to "none" (default) for no normalization or "yule"

Value

quadratic colless index

References

Bartoszek, Krzysztof, et al. "Squaring within the Colless index yields a better balance index." Mathematical Biosciences 331 (2021): 108503.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
colless_quad(balanced_tree)
colless_quad(unbalanced_tree) # should be higher
```

---

create_fully_balanced_tree

Create a fully balanced tree

Description

This function takes an input phylogeny, and returns a phylogeny that is most ideally balanced tree, whilst having the same branching times as the original input tree. Please note that if the number of tips is not even or not a power of two, the tree may not have perfect balance, but the most ideal balance possible.

Usage

```
create_fully_balanced_tree(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

Value

phylo phylo object

Examples

```
phy <- ape::rphylo(n = 16, birth = 1, death = 0)
bal_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(phy)
treestats::colless(phy)
treestats::colless(bal_tree) # much lower
```

---

create_fully_unbalanced_tree

Create an unbalanced tree (caterpillar tree)

Description

This function takes an input phylogeny, and returns a phylogeny that is a perfectly imbalanced tree (e.g. a full caterpillar tree), that has the same branching times as the original input tree.

Usage

```
create_fully_unbalanced_tree(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

Value

phylo phylo object

Examples

```
phy <- ape::rphylo(n = 16, birth = 1, death = 0)
bal_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(phy)
treestats::colless(phy)
treestats::colless(bal_tree) # much higher
```

---

crown_age

Crown age of a tree.

Description

In a reconstructed tree, obtaining the crown age is fairly straightforward, and the function beautier::get_crown_age does a great job at it. However, in a non-ultrametric tree, that function no longer works. This function provides a functioning alternative.

Usage

```
crown_age(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

crown age

`diameter` *Diameter statistic*

Description

The Diameter of a tree is defined as the maximum length of a shortest path. When taking branch lengths into account, this is equal to twice the crown age. When the tree is unrooted, we add 1 to the unweighted diameter, to reflect traversing the (virtual) root.

Usage

```
diameter(phy, weight = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
weight	if TRUE, uses branch lengths.

Value

Diameter

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." PloS one 16.12 (2021): e0259877.

double_cherries *Double Cherry index*

Description

Calculate the number of double cherries, where a single cherry is a node connected to two tips, and a double cherry is a node connected to two cherry nodes.

Usage

```
double_cherries(input_obj)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable

Value

number of cherries

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." PloS one 16.12 (2021): e0259877.

eigen_centrality *Eigen vector centrality*

Description

Eigen vector centrality associates with each node v the positive value $e(v)$, such that: $\sum_e^v w(uv) * e(u) = \lambda * e(v)$. Thus, $e(v)$ is the Perron-Frobenius eigenvector of the adjacency matrix of the tree.

Usage

```
eigen_centrality(phy, weight = TRUE, scale = FALSE, use_rspectra = TRUE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
weight	if TRUE, uses branch lengths.
scale	if TRUE, the Eigenvector is rescaled
use_rspectra	boolean to indicate whether the helping package RSpectra should be used, which is faster, but returns fewer eigen values.

Value

List with the Eigen vector and the leading Eigen value

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." Plos one 16.12 (2021): e0259877.

`entropy_j` *Intensive quadratic entropy statistic J.*

Description

The intensive quadratic entropy statistic J is given by the average distance between two randomly chosen species, thus given by the sum of all pairwise distances, divided by S^2, where S is the number of tips of the tree.

Usage

```
entropy_j(phy)
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylo object or ltable

Value

intensive quadratic entropy statistic J

References

Izsák, János, and Laszlo Papp. "A link between ecological diversity indices and measures of biodiversity." Ecological Modelling 130.1-3 (2000): 151-156.

`ew_colless` *Equal weights Colless index of (im)balance.*

Description

The equal weights Colless index is calculated as the sum of $abs(L-R)/(L+R-2)$ over all nodes where $L+R>2$, where L (or R) is the number of extant tips associated with the L (or R) daughter branch at that node. Maximal imbalance is associated with a value of 1.0. The ew_colless index is not sensitive to tree size.

Usage

```
ew_colless(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

colless index

References

A. O. Mooers and S. B. Heard. Inferring Evolutionary Process from Phylogenetic Tree Shape. The Quarterly Review of Biology, 72(1), 1997. doi: 10.1086/419657.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
ew_colless(balanced_tree)
ew_colless(unbalanced_tree) # should be higher
```

---

four_prong *Four prong index*

Description

Calculate the number of 4-tip caterpillars. The function does accept non-binary trees, but four-prongs are only calculated on non-polytomous sub-trees with 4 tips, e.g. the 4-tip part has to be a caterpillar.

Usage

```
four_prong(input_obj)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable

Value

number of 4-tip caterpillars

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." PloS one 16.12 (2021): e0259877.

Rosenberg, Noah A. "The mean and variance of the numbers of r-pronged nodes and r-caterpillars in Yule-generated genealogical trees." Annals of Combinatorics 10 (2006): 129-146.

`gamma_statistic` *Gamma statistic*

Description

The gamma statistic measures the relative position of internal nodes within a reconstructed phylogeny. Under the Yule process, the gamma values of a reconstructed tree follow a standard normal distribution. If gamma > 0, the nodes are located more towards the tips of the tree, and if gamma < 0, the nodes are located more towards the root of the tree. Only available for ultrametric trees.

Usage

```
gamma_statistic(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

gamma statistic

References

Pybus, O. G. and Harvey, P. H. (2000) Testing macro-evolutionary models using incomplete molecular phylogenies. Proceedings of the Royal Society of London. Series B. Biological Sciences, 267, 2267–2272.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
gamma_statistic(simulated_tree) # should be around 0.
if (requireNamespace("DDD")) {
  ddd_tree <- DDD::dd_sim(pars = c(1, 0, 10), age = 7)$tes
  gamma_statistic(ddd_tree) # because of diversity dependence, should be < 0
}
```

ILnumber *ILnumber*

Description

The ILnumber is the number of internal nodes with a single tip child. Higher values typically indicate a tree that is more unbalanced.

Usage

```
ILnumber(input_obj, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the result is normalized by dividing by N - 2, where N is the number of tips.

Value

ILnumber

imbalance_steps *Imbalance steps index*

Description

Calculates the number of moves required to transform the focal tree into a fully imbalanced (caterpillar) tree. Higher value indicates a more balanced tree.

Usage

```
imbalance_steps(input_obj, normalization = FALSE)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable
normalization	if true, the number of steps taken is normalized by tree size, by dividing by the maximum number of moves required to move from a fully balanced to a fully imbalanced tree, which is $N - log2(N) - 1$, where N is the number of extant tips.

Value

required number of moves

inv_branch_dist *Sum of Inverse branch length*

Description

This statistic calculates per tip, the sum of the inverse of all branch lengths of the shortest path between the root and the tip.

Usage

```
inv_branch_dist(phy, add_one = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
add_one	should we take 1 / bl or 1 / (1 + bl) ? if TRUE, then 1 / (1 + bl) is used. Default: FALSE.

References

Williams, P. H., Alonso-Alonso, P., Arbetman, M., Françoso, E., Ghisbain, G., Huang, J., Orr, M. C., Ren, Z.-X., Streinzer, M., T hanoosing, C., Vandame, R., Waite, M., & Brace, S. (2026). Evolutionary Tree for All Bumblebee Species World-Wide Estimated by Combining Information from Fast-Evolving Genes, Slow-Evolving Genes, and Genomic Data (Apidae, Bombus). Insects, 17(6), 540. https://doi.org/10.3390/insects17060540

i_stat *Mean I statistic.*

Description

The mean I value is defined for all nodes with at least 4 tips connected, such that different topologies can be formed. Then, for each node, $I = (nm - nt/2)/(nt - 1 - nt/2)$, where nt is the total number of tips descending from that node, nm is the daughter branch leading to most tips, and $nt/2$ is the minimum size of the maximum branch, rounded up. Following Purvis et al 2002, we perform a correction on I, where we correct I for odd nt, such that $I' = I * (nt - 1)/nt$. This correction ensures that I is independent of nt. We report the mean value across all I' (again, following Purvis et al. 2002).

Usage

```
i_stat(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

average I value across all nodes

References

G. Fusco and Q. C. Cronk. A new method for evaluating the shape of large phylogenies. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 1995. doi: 10.1006/jtbi.1995.0136.

A. Purvis, A. Katzourakis, and P.-M. Agapow. Evaluating Phylogenetic Tree Shape: Two Modifications to Fusco & Cronks Method. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 2002. doi: 10.1006/jtbi.2001.2443.

`j_one` *$J^\wedge 1$ index.*

Description

The J^1 index calculates the Shannon Entropy of a tree, where at each node with two children, the Shannon Entropy is the sum of $p_i log_2(p_i)$ over the two children i, and p_i is $L/(L+R)$, where L and R represent the number of tips connected to the two daughter branches.

Usage

```
j_one(input_obj)
```

Arguments

`input_obj`	phylo object or ltable

Value

j^1 index

References

Jeanne Lemant, Cécile Le Sueur, Veselin Manojlović, Robert Noble, Robust, Universal Tree Balance Indices, Systematic Biology, Volume 71, Issue 5, September 2022, Pages 1210–1224

https://doi.org/10.1093/sysbio/syac027

laplacian_spectrum *Laplacian spectrum statistics, from RPANDA*

Description

Computes the distribution of eigenvalues for the modified graph Laplacian of a phylogenetic tree, and several summary statistics of this distribution. The modified graph Laplacian of a phylogeny is given by the difference between its' distance matrix (e.g. all pairwise distances between all nodes), and the degree matrix (e.g. the diagonal matrix where each diagonal element represents the sum of branch lengths to all other nodes). Each row of the modified graph Laplacian sums to zero. For a tree with n tips, there are at most $N = 2n - 1$ nodes, and hence the modified graph Laplacian is represented by a NxN matrix. Where RPANDA relies on the package igraph to calculate the modified graph Laplacian, the treestats package uses C++ to directly calculate the different entries in the matrix. This makes the treestats implementation slightly faster, although the bulk of computation occurs in estimating the eigen values, where RcppArmadillo generates a bit of speed up.

Usage

```
laplacian_spectrum(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phy

Value

list with five components: 1) eigenvalues the vector of eigen values, 2) principal_eigenvalue the largest eigenvalue of the spectral density distribution 3) asymmetry the skewness of the spectral density distribution 4) peak_height the largest y-axis value of the spectral density distribution and 5) eigengap the position of the largest difference between eigenvalues, giving the number of modalities in the tree.

References

Eric Lewitus, Helene Morlon, Characterizing and Comparing Phylogenies from their Laplacian Spectrum, Systematic Biology, Volume 65, Issue 3, May 2016, Pages 495–507, https://doi.org/10.1093/sysbio/syv116

list_statistics *Provides a list of all available statistics in the package*

Description

Provides a list of all available statistics in the package

Usage

```
list_statistics(only_balance_stats = FALSE)
```

Arguments

only_balance_stats	only return those statistics associated with measuring balance of a tree

Value

vector with names of summary statistics

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ltable_to_newick *Convert an L table to newick string*

Description

Convert an L table to newick string

Usage

```
ltable_to_newick(ltab, drop_extinct = TRUE)
```

Arguments

ltab	ltable
drop_extinct	should extinct species be dropped from the phylogeny?

Value

phylo object

---

l_to_phylo *Convert an L table to phylo object*

Description

Convert an L table to phylo object

Usage

```
l_to_phylo(ltab, drop_extinct = TRUE)
```

Arguments

ltab	ltable
drop_extinct	should extinct species be dropped from the phylogeny?

Value

phylo object

---

make_unbalanced_tree *Stepwise increase the imbalance of a tree*

Description

the goal of this function is to increasingly imbalance a tree, by changing the topology, one move at a time. It does so by re-attaching terminal branches to the root lineage, through the ltable. In effect, this causes the tree to become increasingly caterpillarlike. When started with a balanced tree, this allows for exploring the gradient between a fully balanced tree, and a fully unbalanced tree. Please note that the algorithm will try to increase imbalance, until a fully caterpillar like tree is reached, which may occur before unbal_steps is reached. Three methods are available: "youngest", reattaches branches in order of age, starting with the branch originating from the most recent branching event and working itself through the tree. "Random" picks a random branch to reattach. "Terminal" also picks a random branch, but only from terminal branches (e.g. branches that don't have any daughter lineages, which is maximized in a fully imbalanced tree).

Usage

```
make_unbalanced_tree(
  init_tree,
  unbal_steps,
  group_method = "any",
  selection_method = "random"
)
```

Arguments

init_tree	starting tree to work with
unbal_steps	number of imbalance generating steps
group_method	choice of "any" and "terminal"
selection_method	choice of "random", "youngest" and "oldest"

Value

phylo object

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 16, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
intermediate_tree <- make_unbalanced_tree(balanced_tree, 8)
colless(balanced_tree)
colless(intermediate_tree) # should be intermediate value
colless(unbalanced_tree) # should be highest colless value
```

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max_betweenness *Maximum betweenness centrality.*

Description

Betweenness centrality associates with each node v, the two nodes u, w, for which the shortest path between u and w runs through v, if the tree were re-rooted at node v. Then, we report the node with maximum betweenness centrality.

Usage

```
max_betweenness(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", if tips is chosen, the obtained maximum betweenness is normalized by the total amount of node pair combinations considered, e.g. (n-2)*(n-1), where n is the number of tips.

Value

Maximum Betweenness

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." Plos one 16.12 (2021): e0259877.

max_closeness *Maximum closeness*

Description

Closeness is defined as 1 / Farness, where Farness is the sum of distances from a node to all the other nodes in the tree. Here, we return the node with maximum closeness.

Usage

```
max_closeness(phy, weight = TRUE, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
weight	if TRUE, uses branch lengths.
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case an arbitrary post-hoc correction is performed by dividing by the expectation of n log(n), where n is the number of tips.

Value

Maximum Closeness

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." Plos one 16.12 (2021): e0259877. Wang W, Tang CY. Distributed computation of classic and exponential closeness on tree graphs. Proceedings of the American Control Conference. IEEE; 2014. p. 2090–2095.

max_del_width *Maximum difference of widths of a phylogenetic tree*

Description

Calculates the maximum difference of widths of a phylogenetic tree. First, the widths are calculated by collecting the depth of each node and tip across the entire tree, where the depth represents the distance (in nodes) to the root. Then, the width represents the number of occurrences of each possible depth. Then, we take the difference between each consecutive width, starting with the first width. The maximum difference is then returned - whereas the original statistic designed by Colijn and Gardy used the absolute maximum difference, we here use the modified version as introduced in Fischer 2023: this returns the maximum value, without absoluting negative widths. This ensures that this metric is a proper (im)balance metric, following Fischer 2023.

Usage

```
max_del_width(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylogeny or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the resulting statistic is divided by the number of tips in the tree.

Value

maximum difference of widths

References

C. Colijn and J. Gardy. Phylogenetic tree shapes resolve disease transmission patterns. Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health, 2014(1):96-108, 2014. ISSN 2050-6201. doi: 10.1093/emph/eou018.

Fischer, M., Herbst, L., Kersting, S., Kühn, A. L., & Wicke, K. (2023). Tree Balance Indices: A Comprehensive Survey.

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max_depth *Maximum depth metric*

Description

The maximum depth metric, measures the maximal path (in edges), between the tips and the root.

Usage

```
max_depth(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the resulting statistic is divided by the number of tips in the tree.

Value

Maximum depth (in number of edges)

References

C. Colijn and J. Gardy. Phylogenetic tree shapes resolve disease transmission patterns. Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health, 2014(1):96-108, 2014. ISSN 2050-6201. doi: 10.1093/emph/eou018.

max_ladder *Maximum ladder index*

Description

Calculate the maximum ladder index, from the phyloTop package. Higher values indicate more unbalanced trees. To calculate the maximum ladder index, first all potential ladders in the tree are calculated. A ladder is defined as a sequence of nodes where one of the daughter branches is a terminal branch, resulting in a 'ladder' like pattern. The maximum ladder index then represents the longest ladder found among all observed ladders in the tree.

Usage

```
max_ladder(input_obj)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable

Value

longest ladder in the tree

max_width *Maximum width of branch depths.*

Description

Calculates the maximum width, this is calculated by first collecting the depth of each node and tip across the entire tree, where the depth represents the distance (in nodes) to the root. Then, the width represents the number of occurrences of each possible depth. The maximal width then returns the maximum number of such occurences.

Usage

```
max_width(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylogeny or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the resulting statistic is divided by the number of tips in the tree.

Value

maximum width

References

C. Colijn and J. Gardy. Phylogenetic tree shapes resolve disease transmission patterns. Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health, 2014(1):96-108, 2014. ISSN 2050-6201. doi: 10.1093/emph/eou018.

`mean_branch_length` *Mean branch length of a tree*

Description

Mean branch length of a tree, including extinct branches.

Usage

```
mean_branch_length(phy)
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylo object or Ltable

Value

mean branch length

`mean_branch_length_ext`
Mean length of external branch lengths of a tree

Description

Mean length of external branch lengths of a tree, e.g. of branches leading to a tip.

Usage

```
mean_branch_length_ext(phy)
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylo object or Ltable

Value

mean of external branch lengths

mean_branch_length_int

Mean length of internal branches of a tree

Description

Mean length of internal branches of a tree, e.g. of branches not leading to a tip.

Usage

```
mean_branch_length_int(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or Ltable

Value

mean of internal branch lengths

mean_i

Mean I statistic.

Description

The mean I value is defined for all nodes with at least 4 tips connected, such that different topologies can be formed. Then, for each node, $I = (nm - nt/2)/(nt - 1 - nt/2)$, where nt is the total number of tips descending from that node, nm is the daughter branch leading to most tips, and $nt/2$ is the minimum size of the maximum branch, rounded up. Following Purvis et al 2002, we perform a correction on I, where we correct I for odd nt, such that $I' = I * (nt - 1)/nt$. This correction ensures that I is independent of nt. We report the mean value across all I' (again, following Purvis et al. 2002).

Usage

```
mean_i(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

average I value across all nodes

References

G. Fusco and Q. C. Cronk. A new method for evaluating the shape of large phylogenies. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 1995. doi: 10.1006/jtbi.1995.0136.

A. Purvis, A. Katzourakis, and P.-M. Agapow. Evaluating Phylogenetic Tree Shape: Two Modifications to Fusco & Cronks Method. Journal of Theoretical Biology, 2002. doi: 10.1006/jtbi.2001.2443.

`mean_pair_dist` *Mean Pairwise distance*

Description

Fast function using C++ to calculate the mean pairwise distance, using the fast algorithm by Constantinos, Sandel & Cheliotis (2012).

Usage

```
mean_pair_dist(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylo object or ltable
`normalization`	"none" or "tips", in which case the obtained mean pairwise distance is normalized by the factor 2log(n), where n is the number of tips.

Value

Mean pairwise distance

References

Webb, C., D. Ackerly, M. McPeek, and M. Donoghue. 2002. Phylogenies and community ecology. Annual Review of Ecology and Systematics 33:475-505.

Tsirogiannis, Constantinos, Brody Sandel, and Dimitris Cheliotis. "Efficient computation of popular phylogenetic tree measures." Algorithms in Bioinformatics: 12th International Workshop, WABI 2012, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 10-12, 2012. Proceedings 12. Springer Berlin Heidelberg, 2012.

minmax_adj *Adjancency Matrix properties*

Description

Calculates the eigenvalues of the Adjancency Matrix, where the Adjacency matrix is a square matrix indicate whether pairs of vertices are adjacent or not on a graph - here, entries in the matrix indicate connections between nodes (and betweens nodes and tips). Entries in the adjacency matrix are weighted by branch length. Then, using the adjacency matrix, we calculate the spectral properties of the matrix, e.g. the minimum positive and maximum positive eigenvalues of the matrix. When the R package **RSpectra** is available, a faster calculation can be used, which does not calculate all eigenvalues, but only the maximum and minimum. As such, when using this option, the vector of all eigenvalues is not returned.

Usage

```
minmax_adj(phy, use_rspectra = TRUE, force_min = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
use_rspectra	boolean to indicate whether the helping package RSpectra should be used, in which case only the minimum and maximum values are returned
force_min	boolean to indicate whether or not to also calculate the minimum positive eigenvalue if the tree is larger than 23170 tips. Default is FALSE, as this can be very slow, but in some cases might be of interest.

Value

List with the minimum and maximum eigenvalues

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." Plos one 16.12 (2021): e0259877.

minmax_laplace *Laplacian Matrix properties*

Description

Calculates the eigenvalues of the Laplacian Matrix, where the Laplacian matrix is the matrix representation of a graph, in this case a phylogeny. When the R package **RSpectra** is available, a faster calculation can be used, which does not calculate all eigenvalues, but only the maximum and minimum. As such, when using this option, the vector of all eigenvalues is not returned.

Usage

```
minmax_laplace(phy, use_rspectra = TRUE, force_min = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
use_rspectra	boolean to indicate whether the helping package RSpectra should be used, in which case only the minimum and maximum values are returned, and not the full list of eigenvalues, which makes the computation much faster.
force_min	boolean to indicate whether or not to also calculate the minimum positive eigenvalue if the tree is larger than 23170 tips. Default is FALSE, as this can be very slow, but in some cases might be of interest.

Value

List with the minimum and maximum eigenvalues

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." Plos one 16.12 (2021): e0259877.

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mntd *Mean Nearest Taxon distance*

Description

Per tip, evaluates the shortest distance to another tip, then takes the average across all tips.

Usage

```
mntd(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

Mean Nearest Taxon Distance.

References

Webb, C., D. Ackerly, M. McPeek, and M. Donoghue. 2002. Phylogenies and community ecology. Annual Review of Ecology and Systematics 33:475-505.

mw_over_md *Maximum width of branch depths divided by the maximum depth*

Description

Calculates the maximum width divided by the maximum depth.

Usage

```
mw_over_md(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylogeny or ltable

References

C. Colijn and J. Gardy. Phylogenetic tree shapes resolve disease transmission patterns. Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health, 2014(1):96-108, 2014. ISSN 2050-6201. doi: 10.1093/emph/eou018.

nLTT *Normalized LTT statistic*

Description

The nLTT statistic calculates the sum of absolute differences in the number of lineages over time, where both the number of lineages and the time are normalized. The number of lineages is normalized by the number of extant tips, whereas the time is normalized by the crown age. The nLTT can only be calculated for reconstructed trees. Only use the treestats version if you are very certain about the input data, and are certain that performing nLTT is valid (e.g. your tree is ultrametric etc). If you are less certain, use the nLTT function from the nLTT package.

Usage

```
nLTT(phy, ref_tree)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
ref_tree	reference tree to compare with (should be same type as phy)

Value

number of lineages

References

Janzen, T., Höhna, S. and Etienne, R.S. (2015), Approximate Bayesian Computation of diversification rates from molecular phylogenies: introducing a new efficient summary statistic, the nLTT. Methods Ecol Evol, 6: 566-575. https://doi.org/10.1111/2041-210X.12350

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
reference_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 0.2, death = 0)
nLTT(simulated_tree, reference_tree)
nLTT(simulated_tree, simulated_tree) # should be zero.
```

---

nLTT_base *Reference nLTT statistic*

Description

The base nLTT statistic can be used as a semi stand-alone statistic for phylogenetic trees. However, please note that although this provides a nice way of checking the power of the nLTT statistic without directly comparing two trees, the nLTT_base statistic is not a substitute for directly comparing two phylogenetic trees. E.g. one would perhaps naively assume that $nLTT(A, B) = |nLTT(A, base) - nLTT(B, base)$. Indeed, in some cases this may hold true (when, for instance, all normalized lineages of A are less than all normalized lineages of B), but once the nLTT curve of A intersects the nLTT curve of B, this no longer applies.

Usage

```
nLTT_base(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

Value

number of lineages

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
nLTT_base(simulated_tree)
```

number_of_lineages *Number of tips of a tree, including extinct tips.*

Description

Number of tips of a tree, including extinct tips.

Usage

```
number_of_lineages(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

Value

number of lineages

phylogenetic_diversity *Phylogenetic diversity at time point t*

Description

The phylogenetic diversity at time t is given by the total branch length of the tree reconstructed up until time point t. Time is measured increasingly, with the crown age equal to 0. Thus, the time at the present is equal to the crown age.

Usage

```
phylogenetic_diversity(input_obj, t = 0, extinct_tol = NULL)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or Ltable
t	time point at which to measure phylogenetic diversity, alternatively a vector of time points can also be provided. Time is measured with 0 being the present.
extinct_tol	tolerance to determine if a lineage is extinct at time t. Default is 1/100 * smallest branch length of the tree.

Value

phylogenetic diversity, or vector of phylogenetic diversity measures if a vector of time points is used as input.

References

Faith, Daniel P. "Conservation evaluation and phylogenetic diversity." Biological conservation 61.1 (1992): 1-10.

`phylo_to_l` *Function to generate an ltable from a phy object.*

Description

This function is a C++ implementation of the function DDD::phylo2L. An L table summarises a phylogeny in a table with four columns, being: 1) time at which a species is born, 2) label of the parent of the species, where positive and negative numbers indicate whether the species belongs to the left or right crown lineage, 3) label of the daughter species itself (again positive or negative depending on left or right crown lineage), and the last column 4) indicates the time of extinction of a species, or -1 if the species is extant.

Usage

```
phylo_to_l(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

Value

ltable (see description)

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 4, birth = 1, death = 0)
ltable <- phylo_to_l(simulated_tree)
reconstructed_tree <- DDD::L2phylo(ltable)
old_par <- par()
par(mfrow = c(1, 2))
# trees should be more or less similar, although labels may not match, and
# rotations might cause (initial) visual mismatches
plot(simulated_tree)
plot(reconstructed_tree)
par(old_par)
```

pigot_rho *Pigot's rho*

Description

Calculates the change in rate between the first half and the second half of the extant phylogeny. $\rho = (r2 - r1)/(r1 + r2)$, where r reflects the rate in either the first or second half. The rate within a half is given by $(log(n2) - log(n1)/t$, where n2 is the number of lineages at the end of the half, and n1 the number of lineages at the start of the half. Rho varies between -1 and 1, with a 0 indicating a constant rate across the phylogeny, a $\rho < 0$ indicating a slow down and a $rho > 0$ indicating a speed up of speciation. In contrast to the Gamma statistic, Pigot's rho is not sensitive to tree size.

Usage

```
pigot_rho(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

Value

rho

References

Alex L. Pigot, Albert B. Phillimore, Ian P. F. Owens, C. David L. Orme, The Shape and Temporal Dynamics of Phylogenetic Trees Arising from Geographic Speciation, Systematic Biology, Volume 59, Issue 6, December 2010, Pages 660–673, https://doi.org/10.1093/sysbio/syq058

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
pigot_rho(simulated_tree) # should be around 0.
ddd_tree <- DDD::dd_sim(pars = c(1, 0, 10), age = 7)$tes
pigot_rho(ddd_tree) # because of diversity dependence, should be < 0
```

pitchforks *Number of pitchforks*

Description

Pitchforks are a clade with three tips, as introduced in the phyloTop package.

Usage

```
pitchforks(input_obj, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the found number of pitchforks is divided by the expected number.

Value

number of pitchforks

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psv *Phylogenetic Species Variability.*

Description

The phylogenetic species variability is bounded in [0, 1]. The psv quantifies how phylogenetic relatedness decrease the variance of a (neutral) trait shared by all species in the tree. As species become more related, the psv tends to 0. Please note that the psv is a special case of the Mean Pair Distance (see appendix of Tucker et al. 2017 for a full derivation), and thus correlates directly.

Usage

```
psv(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the obtained mean pairwise distance is normalized by the factor 2log(n), where n is the number of tips.

Value

Phylogenetic Species Variability

References

Helmus M.R., Bland T.J., Williams C.K. & Ives A.R. (2007) Phylogenetic measures of biodiversity. American Naturalist, 169, E68-E83

Tucker, Caroline M., et al. "A guide to phylogenetic metrics for conservation, community ecology and macroecology." Biological Reviews 92.2 (2017): 698-715.

rebase_ltable *rebase ltable*

Description

a function to modify an ltable, such that the longest path in the phylogeny is a crown lineage.

Usage

```
rebase_ltable(ltable)
```

Arguments

ltable	ltable

Value

modified ltable

rogers *Rogers J index of (im)balance.*

Description

The Rogers index is calculated as the total number of internal nodes that are unbalanced, e.g. for which both daughter nodes lead to a different number of extant tips. in other words, the number of nodes where $L! = R$ (where L(R) is the number of extant tips of the Left (Right) daughter node).

Usage

```
rogers(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the resulting statistic is divided by the number of tips - 2 (e.g. the maximum value of the rogers index for a tree).

Value

Rogers index

References

J. S. Rogers. Central Moments and Probability Distributions of Three Measures of Phylogenetic Tree Imbalance. Systematic Biology, 45(1):99-110, 1996. doi: 10.1093/sysbio/45.1.99.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
rogers(balanced_tree)
rogers(unbalanced_tree) # should be higher
```

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root_imbalance *Root imbalance*

Description

Measures the distribution of tips over the two crown lineages, e.g. $n1/(n1 + n2)$, where n1 is the number of tips connected to crown lineage 1 and n2 is the number of tips connected to crown lineage 2. We always take n1 > n2, thus root imbalance is always in [0.5, 1]. Root imbalance is also calculated for polytomous trees, as long as there is no polytomy at the root.

Usage

```
root_imbalance(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

Root imbalance

References

Guyer, Craig, and Joseph B. Slowinski. "Adaptive radiation and the topology of large phylogenies." Evolution 47.1 (1993): 253-263.

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rquartet *Rquartet index.*

Description

The rquartet index counts the number of potential fully balanced rooted subtrees of 4 tips in the tree. The function in treestats assumes a bifurcating tree. For trees with polytomies, we use treebalance::rquartedI, which can also take polytomies into account.

Usage

```
rquartet(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	The index can be normalized by the expectation under the Yule ("yule") or PDA model ("pda").

Value

rquartet index

References

T. M. Coronado, A. Mir, F. Rosselló, and G. Valiente. A balance index for phylogenetic trees based on rooted quartets. Journal of Mathematical Biology, 79(3):1105-1148, 2019. doi: 10.1007/s00285-019-01377-w.

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sackin *Sackin index of (im)balance.*

Description

The Sackin index is calculated as the sum of ancestors for each of the tips. Higher values indicate higher imbalance. Two normalizations are available, where a correction is made for tree size, under either a Yule expectation, or a pda expectation.

Usage

```
sackin(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylogeny or ltable
normalization	normalization, either 'none' (default), "yule" or "pda".

Value

Sackin index

References

M. J. Sackin (1972). "Good" and "Bad" Phenograms. Systematic Biology. 21:225-226.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
sackin(balanced_tree)
sackin(unbalanced_tree) # should be much higher
```

sshape *s shape statistic of (im)balance.*

Description

The s shape statistic of imbalance (also known as the Blum statistic, see blum) calculates the sum of $log(N-1)$ over all internal nodes, where N represents the total number of extant tips connected to that node. An alternative implementation can be found in the Castor R package.

Usage

```
sshape(phy, normalization = FALSE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylogeny or ltable
normalization	because the sshape statistic sums over all nodes, the resulting statistic tends to be correlated with the number of extant tips. Normalization can be performed by dividing by the number of extant tips.

Value

s shape statistic of imbalance

References

M. G. B. Blum and O. Francois (2006). Which random processes describe the Tree of Life? A large-scale study of phylogenetic tree imbalance. Systematic Biology. 55:685-691.

Examples

```
simulated_tree <- ape::rphylo(n = 10, birth = 1, death = 0)
  balanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_balanced_tree(simulated_tree)
  unbalanced_tree <- treestats::create_fully_unbalanced_tree(simulated_tree)
  sshape(balanced_tree)
  sshape(unbalanced_tree) # should be higher
```

stairs *Stairs index*

Description

Calculates the staircase-ness measure, from the phyloTop package. The staircase-ness reflects the number of subtrees that are imbalanced, e.g. subtrees where the left child has more extant tips than the right child, or vice versa.

Usage

```
stairs(input_obj)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable

Value

number of stairs

References

Norström, Melissa M., et al. "Phylotempo: a set of r scripts for assessing and visualizing temporal clustering in genealogies inferred from serially sampled viral sequences." Evolutionary Bioinformatics 8 (2012): EBO-S9738.

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stairs2 *Stairs2 index*

Description

Calculates the stairs2 measure, from the phyloTop package. The stairs2 reflects the imbalance at each node, where it represents the average across measure at each node, the measure being $min(L, R)/max(L, R)$, where L and R reflect the number of tips connected at the left (L) and right (R) daughter.

Usage

```
stairs2(input_obj)
```

Arguments

input_obj	phylo object or ltable

Value

number of stairs

References

Norström, Melissa M., et al. "Phylotempo: a set of r scripts for assessing and visualizing temporal clustering in genealogies inferred from serially sampled viral sequences." Evolutionary Bioinformatics 8 (2012): EBO-S9738.

sym_nodes *Symmetry nodes metric*

Description

Balance metric that returns the total number of internal nodes that are not-symmetric (confusingly enough). A node is considered symmetric when both daughter trees have the same topology, measured as having the same sum of depths, where depth is measured as the distance from the root to the node/tip.

Usage

```
sym_nodes(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "tips", in which case the resulting statistic is divided by the number of tips - 2 (e.g. the maximum value of the symmetry nodes index for a tree).

Value

Maximum depth (in number of edges)

References

S. J. Kersting and M. Fischer. Measuring tree balance using symmetry nodes — A new balance index and its extremal properties. Mathematical Biosciences, page 108690, 2021. ISSN 0025-5564. doi:https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mbs.2021.108690

tot_coph *Total cophenetic index.*

Description

The total cophenetic index is the sum of the depth of the last common ancestor of all pairs of leaves.

Usage

```
tot_coph(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "yule", when "yule" is chosen, the statistic is divided by the Yule expectation

Value

Total cophenetic index

References

A. Mir, F. Rosselló, and L. Rotger. A new balance index for phylogenetic trees. Mathematical Bio-sciences, 241(1):125-136, 2013. doi: 10.1016/j.mbs.2012.10.005.

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tot_internal_path *Total internal path length*

Description

The total internal path length describes the sums of the depths of all inner vertices of the tree.

Usage

```
tot_internal_path(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

Total internal path length

References

Knuth, Donald E. The Art of Computer Programming: Fundamental Algorithms, volume 1. Addison-Wesley Professional, 1997.

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tot_path_length *Total path length*

Description

The total path length describes the sums of the depths of all vertices of the tree. This can also be calculated as the sum of the total internal path and the sackin index.

Usage

```
tot_path_length(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

Total path length

References

C. Colijn and J. Gardy. Phylogenetic tree shapes resolve disease transmission patterns. Evolution, Medicine, and Public Health, 2014(1):96-108, 2014. ISSN 2050-6201. doi: 10.1093/emph/eou018.

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treeness *Treeness statistic*

Description

Calculates the fraction of tree length on internal branches, also known as treeness or stemminess

Usage

```
treeness(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or Ltable

Value

sum of all internal branch lengths (e.g. branches not leading to a tip) divided by the sum over all branch lengths.

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tree_height *Height of a tree.*

Description

In a reconstructed tree, obtaining the tree height is fairly straightforward, and the function beautier::get_crown_age does a great job at it. However, in a non-ultrametric tree, that function no longer works. Alternatively, taking the maximum value of adephylo::distRoot will also yield the tree height (including the root branch), but will typically perform many superfluous calculations and thus be slow.

Usage

```
tree_height(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object

Value

crown age

`var_branch_length` *Variance of branch lengths of a tree*

Description

Variance of branch lengths of a tree, including extinct branches.

Usage

```
var_branch_length(phy)
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylo object or Ltable

Value

variance of branch lengths

`var_branch_length_ext` *Variance of external branch lengths of a tree*

Description

Variance of external branch lengths of a tree, e.g. of branches leading to a tip.

Usage

```
var_branch_length_ext(phy)
```

Arguments

`phy`	phylo object or Ltable

Value

variance of external branch lengths

var_branch_length_int *Variance of internal branch lengths of a tree*

Description

Variance of internal branch lengths of a tree, e.g. of branches not leading to a tip.

Usage

```
var_branch_length_int(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or Ltable

Value

variance of internal branch lengths

var_leaf_depth *Variance of leaf depth statistic*

Description

The variance of leaf depth statistic returns the variance of depths across all tips, where depth of a tip indicates the distance of the tip to the root.

Usage

```
var_leaf_depth(phy, normalization = "none")
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	"none" or "yule", when "yule" is chosen, the statistic is divided by the Yule expectation

Value

Variance of leaf depths

References

T. M. Coronado, A. Mir, F. Rosselló, and L. Rotger. On Sackin's original proposal: the variance of the leaves' depths as a phylogenetic balance index. BMC Bioinformatics, 21(1), 2020. doi: 10.1186/s12859-020-3405-1.

var_pair_dist *Variance of all pairwise distances.*

Description

After calculating all pairwise distances between all tips, this function takes the variance across these values.

Usage

```
var_pair_dist(phy)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable

Value

Variance in pairwise distance

References

Webb, C., D. Ackerly, M. McPeek, and M. Donoghue. 2002. Phylogenies and community ecology. Annual Review of Ecology and Systematics 33:475-505.

wiener *Wiener index*

Description

The Wiener index is defined as the sum of all shortest path lengths between pairs of nodes in a tree.

Usage

```
wiener(phy, normalization = FALSE, weight = TRUE)
```

Arguments

phy	phylo object or ltable
normalization	if TRUE, the Wiener index is normalized by the number of nodes, e.g. by choose(n, 2), where n is the number of nodes.
weight	if TRUE, branch lenghts are used.

Value

Wiener index

References

Chindelevitch, Leonid, et al. "Network science inspires novel tree shape statistics." Plos one 16.12 (2021): e0259877. Mohar, B., Pisanski, T. How to compute the Wiener index of a graph. J Math Chem 2, 267–277 (1988)

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