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|--------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| microbiome-package | <i>R package for microbiome studies</i> |
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## Description

Brief summary of the microbiome package

## Details

|           |                                       |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|
| Package:  | microbiome                            |
| Type:     | Package                               |
| Version:  | See sessionInfo() or DESCRIPTION file |
| Date:     | 2014-2017                             |
| License:  | FreeBSD                               |
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R package for microbiome studies

## Author(s)

Leo Lahti et al. <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

See citation('microbiome') <http://microbiome.github.io>

## Examples

```
citation('microbiome')
```

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|            |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| abundances | <i>Abundance Matrix from Phyloseq</i> |
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## Description

Retrieves the taxon abundance table from phyloseq-class object and ensures it is systematically returned as taxa x samples matrix.

## Usage

```
abundances(x, transform = "identity")
```

**Arguments**

**x** [phyloseq-class](#) object

**transform** Transformation to apply. The options include: 'compositional' (ie relative abundance), 'Z', 'log10', 'log10p', 'hellinger', 'identity', 'clr', 'alr', or any method from the `vegan::decostand` function.

**Value**

Abundance matrix (OTU x samples).

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
a <- abundances(dietswap)
# b <- abundances(dietswap, transform='compositional')
```

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|             |                                                           |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| add_besthit | Adds best_hist to a <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> Object |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Add the lowest classification for an OTU or ASV.

**Usage**

```
add_besthit(x, sep = ":")
```

**Arguments**

**x** [phyloseq-class](#) object

**sep** separator e.g. ASV161:Roseburia

**Details**

Most commonly it is observed that taxa names are either OTU ids or ASV ids. In such cases it is useful to know the taxonomic identity. For this purpose, `best_hist` identifies the best available taxonomic identity and adds it to the OTU ids or ASV ids. If genus and species columns are present in input the function internally combines the names.

**Value**

phyloseq-class object [phyloseq-class](#)

**Author(s)**

Contact: Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Example data
library(microbiome)
data(dietswap)
p0.f <- add_besthit(atlas1006, sep=":")

## End(Not run)
```

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add\_refseq

*Add refseq Slot for dada2 based phyloseq Object*

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**Description**

Utility to add refseq slot for dada2 based phyloseq Object. Here, the taxa\_names which are unique sequences, are stored in refseq slot of phyloseq. Sequence ids are converted to ids using tag option.

**Usage**

```
add_refseq(x, tag = "ASV")
```

**Arguments**

x [phyloseq-class](#) object with sequences as rownames.  
tag Provide name for Ids, Default="ASV".

**Value**

[phyloseq-class](#) object

**Author(s)**

Contact: Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
# ps <- add_refseq(p0, tag="ASV")
# ps
```

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|----------------|------------------------------|
| aggregate_rare | <i>Aggregate Rare Groups</i> |
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**Description**

Combining rare taxa.

**Usage**

```
aggregate_rare(x, level, detection, prevalence, include.lowest = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | phyloseq-class object                                                                                                                       |
| level          | Summarization level (from rank_names(pseq))                                                                                                 |
| detection      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                     |
| prevalence     | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]). The required prevalence is strictly greater by default. To include the limit, set include.lowest to TRUE. |
| include.lowest | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs. FALSE by default.                                                       |
| ...            | Arguments to pass.                                                                                                                          |

**Value**

phyloseq-class object

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
s <- aggregate_rare(dietswap, level = 'Phylum',
  detection = 0.1/100, prevalence = 5/100)
```

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|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| aggregate_taxa | <i>Aggregate Taxa</i> |
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### Description

Summarize phyloseq data into a higher phylogenetic level.

### Usage

```
aggregate_taxa(x, level, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|         |                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| x       | phyloseq-class object                       |
| level   | Summarization level (from rank_names(pseq)) |
| verbose | verbose                                     |

### Details

This provides a convenient way to aggregate phyloseq OTUs (or other taxa) when the phylogenetic tree is missing. Calculates the sum of OTU abundances over all OTUs that map to the same higher-level group. Removes ambiguous levels from the taxonomy table. Returns a phyloseq object with the summarized abundances.

### Value

Summarized phyloseq object

### Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

### References

See citation('microbiome')

### Examples

```
data(dietswap)
s <- aggregate_taxa(dietswap, 'Phylum')
```



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|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| alpha | <i>Global Ecosystem State Variables</i> |
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**Description**

Global indicators of the ecosystem state, including richness, evenness, diversity, and other indicators

**Usage**

```
alpha(x, index = "all", zeroes = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | A species abundance vector, or matrix (taxa/features x samples) with the absolute count data (no relative abundances), or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object |
| index  | Default is 'NULL', meaning that all available indices will be included. For specific options, see details.                                                      |
| zeroes | Include zero counts in the diversity estimation.                                                                                                                |

**Details**

This function returns various indices of the ecosystem state. The function is named alpha (global in some previous versions of this package) as these indices can be viewed as measures of alpha diversity. The function uses default choices for detection, prevalence and other parameters for simplicity and standardization. See the individual functions for more options. All indicators from the richness, diversity, evenness, dominance, and rarity functions are available. Some additional measures, such as Chao1 and ACE are available via [estimate\\_richness](#) function in the **phyloseq** package but not included here. The index names are given the prefix richness\_, evenness\_, diversity\_, dominance\_, or rarity\_ in the output table to avoid confusion between similarly named but different indices (e.g. Simpson diversity and Simpson dominance). All parameters are set to their default. To experiment with different parameterizations, see the more specific index functions (richness, diversity, evenness, dominance, rarity).

**Value**

A data.frame of samples x alpha diversity indicators

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**See Also**

dominance, rarity, `phyloseq::estimate_richness`

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- alpha(dietswap, index='shannon')
# d <- alpha(dietswap, index='all')
```

associate

*Cross Correlation Wrapper***Description**

Cross-correlate columns of the input matrices.

**Usage**

```
associate(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  method = "spearman",
  p.adj.threshold = Inf,
  cth = NULL,
  order = FALSE,
  n.signif = 0,
  mode = "table",
  p.adj.method = "fdr",
  verbose = FALSE,
  filter.self.correlations = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                          |                                                                                                                                           |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x                        | matrix (samples x features if annotation matrix)                                                                                          |
| y                        | matrix (samples x features if cross-correlated with annotations)                                                                          |
| method                   | association method ('pearson', or 'spearman' for continuous)                                                                              |
| p.adj.threshold          | q-value threshold to include features                                                                                                     |
| cth                      | correlation threshold to include features                                                                                                 |
| order                    | order the results                                                                                                                         |
| n.signif                 | minimum number of significant correlations for each element                                                                               |
| mode                     | Specify output format ('table' or 'matrix')                                                                                               |
| p.adj.method             | p-value multiple testing correction method. One of the methods in p.adjust function ('BH' and others; see help(p.adjust)). Default: 'fdr' |
| verbose                  | verbose                                                                                                                                   |
| filter.self.correlations | Filter out correlations between identical items.                                                                                          |

**Details**

The p-values in the output table depend on the method. For the spearman and pearson correlation values, the p-values are provided by the default method in the cor.test function.

**Value**

List with cor, pval, pval.adjusted

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(peerj32)
d1 <- peerj32$microbes[1:20, 1:10]
d2 <- peerj32$lipids[1:20, 1:10]
cc <- associate(d1, d2, method='pearson')
```

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atlas1006

*HITChip Atlas with 1006 Western Adults*

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**Description**

This data set contains genus-level microbiota profiling with HITChip for 1006 western adults with no reported health complications, reported in Lahti et al. (2014) <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms5344>.

**Usage**

```
data(atlas1006)
```

**Format**

The data set in [phyloseq-class](#) format.

**Details**

The data is also available for download from the Data Dryad <http://doi.org/10.5061/dryad.pk75d>.

**Value**

Loads the data set in R.

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Lahti et al. Tipping elements of the human intestinal ecosystem. Nature Communications 5:4344, 2014. To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

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baseline

*Pick Baseline Timepoint Samples*

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**Description**

Identify and select the baseline timepoint samples in a [phyloseq](#) object.

**Usage**

```
baseline(x, na.omit = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x       | phyloseq object. Assuming that the sample_data(x) has the fields 'time', 'sample' and 'subject'                                                                 |
| na.omit | Logical. Ignore samples with no time point information. If this is FALSE, the first sample for each subject is selected even when there is no time information. |

**Details**

Arranges the samples by time and picks the first sample for each subject. Compared to simple subsetting at time point zero, this checks NAs and possibility for multiple samples at the baseline, and guarantees that a single sample per subject is selected.

**Value**

Phyloseq object with only baseline time point samples selected.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(peerj32)
a <- baseline(peerj32$phyloseq)
```

bimodality

*Bimodality Analysis***Description**

Estimate bimodality scores.

**Usage**

```
bimodality(
  x,
  method = "potential_analysis",
  peak.threshold = 1,
  bw.adjust = 1,
  bs.iter = 100,
  min.density = 1,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>              | A vector, matrix, or a phyloseq object                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>method</code>         | bimodality quantification method ('potential_analysis', 'Sarle.finite.sample', or 'Sarle.asymptotic'). If method='all', then a data.frame with all scores is returned. |
| <code>peak.threshold</code> | Mode detection threshold                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>bw.adjust</code>      | Bandwidth adjustment                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>bs.iter</code>        | Bootstrap iterations                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>min.density</code>    | minimum accepted density for a maximum; as a multiple of kernel height                                                                                                 |
| <code>verbose</code>        | Verbose                                                                                                                                                                |

**Details**

- `Sarle.finite.sample` Coefficient of bimodality for finite sample. See SAS 2012.
- `Sarle.asymptotic` Coefficient of bimodality, used and described in Shade et al. (2014) and Ellison AM (1987).
- `potential_analysis` Repeats potential analysis (Livina et al. 2010) multiple times with bootstrap sampling for each row of the input data (as in Lahti et al. 2014) and returns the bootstrap score.

The coefficient lies in (0, 1).

The 'Sarle.asymptotic' version is defined as

$$b = (g^2 + 1)/k$$

. This is coefficient of bimodality from Ellison AM Am. J. Bot. 1987, for microbiome analysis it has been used for instance in Shade et al. 2014. The formula for 'Sarle.finite.sample' (SAS 2012):

$$b = \frac{g^2 + 1}{k + (3(n-1)^2)/((n-2)(n-3))}$$

where  $n$  is sample size and In both formulas,  $g$  is sample skewness and  $k$  is the  $k$ th standardized moment (also called the sample kurtosis, or excess kurtosis).

### Value

A list with following elements:

- scoreFraction of bootstrap samples where multiple modes are observed
- nmodesThe most frequently observed number of modes in bootstrap sampling results.
- resultsFull results of potential\_analysis for each row of the input matrix.

### Author(s)

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

### References

- Livina et al. (2010). Potential analysis reveals changing number of climate states during the last 60 kyr. *Climate of the Past*, 6, 77-82.
- Lahti et al. (2014). Tipping elements of the human intestinal ecosystem. *Nature Communications* 5:4344.
- Shade et al. mBio 5(4):e01371-14, 2014.
- AM Ellison, Am. J. Bot 74:1280-8, 1987.
- SAS Institute Inc. (2012). SAS/STAT 12.1 user's guide. Cary, NC.
- To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

### See Also

A classical test of multimodality is provided by `dip.test` in the **DIP** package.

### Examples

```
# In practice, use more bootstrap iterations
b <- bimodality(c(rnorm(100, mean=0), rnorm(100, mean=5)),
  method = "Sarle.finite.sample", bs.iter=5)
# The classical DIP test:
# quantifies unimodality. Values range between 0 to 1.
# dip.test(x, simulate.p.value=TRUE, B=200)$statistic
# Values less than 0.05 indicate significant deviation from unimodality.
# Therefore, to obtain an increasing multimodality score, use
# library(diptest)
# multimodality.dip <- apply(abundances(pseq), 1,
# function (x) {1 - unname(dip.test(x)$p.value)})
```

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|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| bimodality_sarle | <i>Sarle's Bimodality Coefficient</i> |
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**Description**

Sarle's bimodality coefficient.

**Usage**

```
bimodality_sarle(x, bs.iter = 1, type = "Sarle.finite.sample")
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                          |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| x       | Data vector for which bimodality will be quantified      |
| bs.iter | Bootstrap iterations                                     |
| type    | Score type ('Sarle.finite.sample' or 'Sarle.asymptotic') |

**Details**

The coefficient lies in (0, 1).

The 'Sarle.asymptotic' version is defined as

$$b = (g^2 + 1)/k$$

. This is coefficient of bimodality from Ellison AM Am. J. Bot. 1987, for microbiome analysis it has been used for instance in Shade et al. 2014.

The formula for 'Sarle.finite.sample' (SAS 2012):

$$b = \frac{g^2 + 1}{k + (3(n - 1)^2)/((n - 2)(n - 3))}$$

where n is sample size and

In both formulas,  $g$  is sample skewness and  $k$  is the kth standardized moment (also called the sample kurtosis, or excess kurtosis).

**Value**

Bimodality score

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

- Shade et al. mBio 5(4):e01371-14, 2014.
- Ellison AM (1987) Am J Botany 74(8):1280-1288.
- SAS Institute Inc. (2012). SAS/STAT 12.1 user's guide. Cary, NC.
- To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

## See Also

Check the `dip.test` from the **DIP** package for a classical test of multimodality.

## Examples

```
# b <- bimodality_sarle(rnorm(50), type='Sarle.finite.sample')
```

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|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| boxplot_abundance | <i>Abundance Boxplot</i> |
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## Description

Plot phyloseq abundances.

## Usage

```
boxplot_abundance(
  d,
  x,
  y,
  line = NULL,
  violin = FALSE,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.points = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

|                          |                                                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <code>d</code>           | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object            |
| <code>x</code>           | Metadata variable to map to the horizontal axis. |
| <code>y</code>           | OTU to map on the vertical axis                  |
| <code>line</code>        | The variable to map on lines                     |
| <code>violin</code>      | Use violin version of the boxplot                |
| <code>na.rm</code>       | Remove NAs                                       |
| <code>show.points</code> | Include data points in the figure                |



**Details**

The directionality of change in paired boxplot is indicated by the colors of the connecting lines.

**Value**

A `ggplot` plot object

**Examples**

```
data(peerj32)
p <- boxplot_abundance(peerj32$phyloseq, x='time', y='Akkermansia',
  line='subject')
```

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|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| boxplot_alpha | <i>Alpha Boxplot</i> |
|---------------|----------------------|

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**Description**

Plot alpha index.

**Usage**

```
boxplot_alpha(
  x,
  x_var = NULL,
  index = NULL,
  violin = FALSE,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.points = TRUE,
  zeroes = TRUE,
  element.alpha = 0.5,
  element.width = 0.2,
  fill.colors = NA,
  outlier.fill = "grey50"
)
```

**Arguments**

|                          |                                                              |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>           | <code>phyloseq-class</code> object                           |
| <code>x_var</code>       | Metadata variable to map to the horizontal axis.             |
| <code>index</code>       | Alpha index to plot. See function <code>alpha</code> .       |
| <code>violin</code>      | Use violin version of the boxplot                            |
| <code>na.rm</code>       | Remove NAs                                                   |
| <code>show.points</code> | Include data points in the figure                            |
| <code>zeroes</code>      | Include zero counts in diversity estimation. Default is TRUE |

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>element.alpha</code> | Alpha value for plot elements. Controls the transparency of plots elements.                                                                                                           |
| <code>element.width</code> | Width value for plot elements. Controls the transparency of plots elements.                                                                                                           |
| <code>fill.colors</code>   | Specify a list of colors passed on to <code>ggplot2</code> <code>scale_fill_manual</code>                                                                                             |
| <code>outlier.fill</code>  | If using <code>boxplot</code> and <code>points</code> together how to deal with outliers. See <code>ggplot2</code> <code>outlier.fill</code> argument in <code>geom_elements</code> . |

### Details

A simple wrapper to visualize alpha diversity index.

### Value

A `ggplot` plot object

### Examples

```
data("dietswap")
p <- boxplot_alpha(dietswap, x_var = "sex", index="observed", violin=FALSE,
  na.rm=FALSE, show.points=TRUE, zeroes=TRUE,
  element.alpha=0.5, element.width=0.2,
  fill.colors= c("steelblue", "firebrick"),
  outlier.fill="white")

p
```

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chunk\_reorder

*Chunk Reorder*

---

### Description

Chunk re-order a vector so that specified newstart is first. Different than `relevel`.

### Usage

```
chunk_reorder(x, newstart = x[[1]])
```

### Details

Borrowed from **phyloseq** package as needed here and not exported there. Rewritten.

### Value

Reordered x

## Examples

```
# Typical use-case
# chunk_reorder(1:10, 5)
# # Default is to not modify the vector
# chunk_reorder(1:10)
# # Another example not starting at 1
# chunk_reorder(10:25, 22)
# # Should silently ignore the second element of `newstart`
# chunk_reorder(10:25, c(22, 11))
# # Should be able to handle `newstart` being the first argument already
# # without duplicating the first element at the end of `x`
# chunk_reorder(10:25, 10)
# all(chunk_reorder(10:25, 10) == 10:25)
# # This is also the default
# all(chunk_reorder(10:25) == 10:25)
# # An example with characters
# chunk_reorder(LETTERS, 'G')
# chunk_reorder(LETTERS, 'B')
# chunk_reorder(LETTERS, 'Z')
# # What about when `newstart` is not in `x`? Return x as-is, throw warning.
# chunk_reorder(LETTERS, 'g')
```

---

cmat2table

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*Convert Correlation Matrix into a Table*


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## Description

Arrange correlation matrices from associate into a table format.

## Usage

```
cmat2table(res, verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| res     | Output from associate |
| verbose | verbose               |

## Value

Correlation table

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(peerj32)
d1 <- peerj32$microbes[1:20, 1:10]
d2 <- peerj32$lipids[1:20, 1:10]
cc <- associate(d1, d2, mode='matrix', method='pearson')
cmat <- associate(d1, d2, mode='table', method='spearman')
```

---

collapse\_replicates      *Collapse Replicate Samples*


---

**Description**

Collapse samples, mostly meant for technical replicates.

**Usage**

```
collapse_replicates(
  x,
  method = "sample",
  replicate_id = NULL,
  replicate_fields = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

**x**                      [phyloseq-class](#) object

**method**                Collapsing method. Only random sampling ("sample") implemented.

**replicate\_id**        Replicate identifier. A character vector.

**replicate\_fields**        Metadata fields used to determine replicates.

**Value**

Collapsed phyloseq object.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
pseq <- collapse_replicates(atlas1006,
  method = "sample",
  replicate_fields = c("subject", "time"))
```

---

`core`*Core Microbiota*

---

**Description**

Filter the phyloseq object to include only prevalent taxa.

**Usage**

```
core(x, detection, prevalence, include.lowest = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>              | <code>phyloseq-class</code> object                                                                                                                       |
| <code>detection</code>      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                                  |
| <code>prevalence</code>     | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]). The required prevalence is strictly greater by default. To include the limit, set <code>include.lowest</code> to TRUE. |
| <code>include.lowest</code> | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs. FALSE by default.                                                                    |
| <code>...</code>            | Arguments to pass.                                                                                                                                       |

**Value**

Filtered phyloseq object including only prevalent taxa

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Salonen A, Salojarvi J, Lahti L, de Vos WM. The adult intestinal core microbiota is determined by analysis depth and health status. *Clinical Microbiology and Infection* 18(S4):16-20, 2012 To cite the microbiome R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

**See Also**

`core_members`, `rare_members`

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
# Detection threshold 0 (strictly greater by default);
# Prevalence threshold 50 percent (strictly greater by default)
pseq <- core(dietswap, 0, 50/100)
# Detection threshold 0 (strictly greater by default);
# Prevalence threshold exactly 100 percent; for this set
```

```
# include.lowest=TRUE, otherwise the required prevalence is
# strictly greater than 100
pseq <- core(dietswap, 0, 100/100, include.lowest = TRUE)
```

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|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| core_abundance | <i>Core Abundance</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|

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## Description

Calculates the community core abundance index.

## Usage

```
core_abundance(
  x,
  detection = 0.1/100,
  prevalence = 50/100,
  include.lowest = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|                |                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                                                                                       |
| detection      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                     |
| prevalence     | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]). The required prevalence is strictly greater by default. To include the limit, set include.lowest to TRUE. |
| include.lowest | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs. FALSE by default.                                                       |

## Details

The core abundance index gives the relative proportion of the core species (in [0,1]). The core taxa are defined as those that exceed the given population prevalence threshold at the given detection level.

## Value

A vector of core abundance indices

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

## See Also

rarity

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- core_abundance(dietswap, detection=0.1/100, prevalence=50/100)
```

core\_heatmap

*Core Heatmap***Description**

Core heatmap.

**Usage**

```
core_heatmap(x, dets, cols, min.prev, taxa.order)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x          | OTU matrix                                                                                                                                                                            |
| dets       | A vector or a scalar indicating the number of intervals in (0, log10(max(data))). The dets are calculated for relative abundancies.                                                   |
| cols       | colours for the heatmap                                                                                                                                                               |
| min.prev   | If minimum prevalence is set, then filter out those rows (taxa) and columns (dets) that never exceed this prevalence. This helps to zoom in on the actual core region of the heatmap. |
| taxa.order | Ordering of the taxa.                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Value**

Used for its side effects

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

A Salonen et al. The adult intestinal core microbiota is determined by analysis depth and health status. Clinical Microbiology and Infection 18(S4):16 20, 2012. To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

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|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| core_matrix | <i>Core Matrix</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|

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## Description

Creates the core matrix.

## Usage

```
core_matrix(x, prevalences = seq(0.1, 1, , 1), detections = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|             |                                                                      |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x           | <a href="#">phyloseq</a> object or a taxa x samples abundance matrix |
| prevalences | a vector of prevalence percentages in [0,1]                          |
| detections  | a vector of intensities around the data range                        |

## Value

Estimated core microbiota

## Author(s)

Contact: Jarkko Salojarvi <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

A Salonen et al. The adult intestinal core microbiota is determined by analysis depth and health status. Clinical Microbiology and Infection 18(S4):16 20, 2012. To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

## Examples

```
# Not exported
#data(peerj32)
#core <- core_matrix(peerj32$phyloseq)
```



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|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| core_members | <i>Core Taxa</i> |
|--------------|------------------|

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**Description**

Determine members of the core microbiota with given abundance and prevalences

**Usage**

```
core_members(x, detection = 1/100, prevalence = 50/100, include.lowest = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | phyloseq-class object                                                                                                                       |
| detection      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                     |
| prevalence     | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]). The required prevalence is strictly greater by default. To include the limit, set include.lowest to TRUE. |
| include.lowest | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs. FALSE by default.                                                       |

**Details**

For phyloseq object, lists taxa that are more prevalent with the given detection threshold. For matrix, lists columns that satisfy these criteria.

**Value**

Vector of core members

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

A Salonen et al. The adult intestinal core microbiota is determined by analysis depth and health status. Clinical Microbiology and Infection 18(S4):16 20, 2012. To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
# Detection threshold 1 (strictly greater by default);
# Note that the data (dietswap) is here in absolute counts
# (and not compositional, relative abundances)
# Prevalence threshold 50 percent (strictly greater by default)
a <- core_members(dietswap, 1, 50/100)
```

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`coverage`*Coverage Index*

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**Description**

Community coverage index.

**Usage**

```
coverage(x, threshold = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>         | A species abundance vector, or matrix (taxa/features x samples) with the absolute count data (no relative abundances), or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                                                        |
| <code>threshold</code> | Indicates the fraction of the ecosystem to be occupied by the N most abundant species (N is returned by this function). If the detection argument is a vector, then a data.frame is returned, one column for each detection threshold. |

**Details**

The coverage index gives the number of groups needed to have a given proportion of the ecosystem occupied (by default 0.5 ie 50

**Value**

A vector of coverage indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**See Also**

dominance, alpha

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- coverage(dietswap, threshold=0.5)
```

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|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| default_colors | <i>Default Colors</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|

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**Description**

Default colors for different variables.

**Usage**

```
default_colors(x, v = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                                        |
|---|----------------------------------------|
| x | Name of the variable type ("Phylum")   |
| v | Optional. Vector of elements to color. |

**Value**

Named character vector of default colors

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**References**

See citation("microbiome")

**Examples**

```
col <- default_colors("Phylum")
```

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|             |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| densityplot | <i>Density Plot</i> |
|-------------|---------------------|

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**Description**

Density visualization for data points overlaid on cross-plot.

**Usage**

```
densityplot(  
  x,  
  main = NULL,  
  x.ticks = 10,  
  rounding = 0,  
  add.points = TRUE,  
  col = "black",  
  adjust = 1,  
  size = 1,  
  legend = FALSE,  
  shading = TRUE,  
  shading.low = "white",  
  shading.high = "black",  
  point.opacity = 0.75  
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                                                |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | Data matrix to plot. The first two columns will be visualized as a cross-plot. |
| main          | title text                                                                     |
| x.ticks       | Number of ticks on the X axis                                                  |
| rounding      | Rounding for X axis tick values                                                |
| add.points    | Plot the data points as well                                                   |
| col           | Color of the data points. NAs are marked with darkgray.                        |
| adjust        | Kernel width adjustment                                                        |
| size          | point size                                                                     |
| legend        | plot legend TRUE/FALSE                                                         |
| shading       | Shading                                                                        |
| shading.low   | Color for shading low density regions                                          |
| shading.high  | Color for shading high density regions                                         |
| point.opacity | Transparency-level for points                                                  |

**Value**

ggplot2 object

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
# p <- densityplot(cbind(rnorm(100), rnorm(100)))
```

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dietswap

*Diet Swap Data*

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**Description**

The diet swap data set represents a study with African and African American groups undergoing a two-week diet swap. For details, see [dx.doi.org/10.1038/ncomms7342](https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms7342).

**Usage**

```
data(dietswap)
```

**Format**

The data set in [phyloseq-class](#) format.

**Details**

The data is also available for download from the Data Dryad repository <http://datadryad.org/resource/doi:10.5061/dryad.1mn1n>.

**Value**

Loads the data set in R.

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

**References**

O'Keefe et al. Nature Communications 6:6342, 2015. [dx.doi.org/10.1038/ncomms7342](https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms7342) To cite the microbiome R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

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divergence*Divergence within a Sample Group*

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**Description**

Quantify microbiota divergence (heterogeneity) within a given sample set with respect to a reference.

**Usage**

```
divergence(x, y, method = "bray")
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | phyloseq object or a vector                                                                                                                                                               |
| y      | Reference sample. A vector.                                                                                                                                                               |
| method | dissimilarity method: any method available via <code>phyloseq::distance</code> function. Note that some methods ("jsd" and 'unifrac' for instance) do not work with the group divergence. |

**Details**

Microbiota divergence (heterogeneity / spread) within a given sample set can be quantified by the average sample dissimilarity or beta diversity with respect to a given reference sample.

This measure is sensitive to sample size. Subsampling or bootstrapping can be applied to equalize sample sizes between comparisons.

**Value**

Vector with dissimilarities; one for each sample, quantifying the dissimilarity of the sample from the reference sample.

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

To cite this R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

**See Also**

the `vegdist` function from the **vegan** package provides many standard beta diversity measures

**Examples**

```
# Assess beta diversity among the African samples
# in a diet swap study (see \code{help(dietswap)} for references)
data(dietswap)
pseq <- subset_samples(dietswap, nationality == 'AFR')
reference <- apply(abundances(pseq), 1, median)
b <- divergence(pseq, reference, method = "bray")
```

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|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| diversity | <i>Diversity Index</i> |
|-----------|------------------------|

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**Description**

Various community diversity indices.

**Usage**

```
diversity(x, index = "all", zeroes = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | A species abundance vector, or matrix (taxa/features x samples) with the absolute count data (no relative abundances), or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object |
| index  | Diversity index. See details for options.                                                                                                                       |
| zeroes | Include zero counts in the diversity estimation.                                                                                                                |

**Details**

By default, returns all diversity indices. The available diversity indices include the following:

- `inverse_simpson` Inverse Simpson diversity:  $1/\lambda$  where  $\lambda = \sum(p^2)$  and  $p$  are relative abundances.
- `gini_simpson` Gini-Simpson diversity  $1 - \lambda$ . This is also called Gibbs–Martin, or Blau index in sociology, psychology and management studies.
- `shannon` Shannon diversity ie entropy
- `fisher` Fisher alpha; as implemented in the **vegan** package
- `coverage` Number of species needed to cover 50% of the ecosystem. For other quantiles, apply the function `coverage` directly.

**Value**

A vector of diversity indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

References

Beisel J-N. et al. A Comparative Analysis of Diversity Index Sensitivity. Internal Rev. Hydrobiol. 88(1):3-15, 2003. URL: [https://portais.ufg.br/up/202/o/2003-comparative\\_evennes\\_index.pdf](https://portais.ufg.br/up/202/o/2003-comparative_evennes_index.pdf)

Bulla L. An index of diversity and its associated diversity measure. Oikos 70:167–171, 1994

Magurran AE, McGill BJ, eds (2011) Biological Diversity: Frontiers in Measurement and Assessment (Oxford Univ Press, Oxford), Vol 12.

Smith B and Wilson JB. A Consumer’s Guide to Diversity Indices. Oikos 76(1):70-82, 1996.

See Also

dominance, richness, evenness, rarity, alpha

Examples

```
data(dietswap)
d <- alpha(dietswap, 'shannon')
```

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|           |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| dominance | <i>Dominance Index</i> |
|-----------|------------------------|

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Description

Calculates the community dominance index.

Usage

```
dominance(x, index = "all", rank = 1, relative = TRUE, aggregate = TRUE)
```

Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | A species abundance vector, or matrix (taxa/features x samples) with the absolute count data (no relative abundances), or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                                                                   |
| index     | If the index is given, it will override the other parameters. See the details below for description and references of the standard dominance indices. By default, this function returns the Berger-Parker index, ie relative dominance at rank 1. |
| rank      | Optional. The rank of the dominant taxa to consider.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| relative  | Use relative abundances (default: TRUE)                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| aggregate | Aggregate (TRUE; default) the top members or not. If aggregate=TRUE, then the sum of relative abundances is returned. Otherwise the relative abundance is returned for the single taxa with the indicated rank.                                   |



**Details**

The dominance index gives the abundance of the most abundant species. This has been used also in microbiomics context (Locey & Lennon (2016)). The following indices are provided:

- 'absolute' This is the most simple variant, giving the absolute abundance of the most abundant species (Magurran & McGill 2011). By default, this refers to the single most dominant species (rank=1) but it is possible to calculate the absolute dominance with rank n based on the abundances of top-n species by tuning the rank argument.
- 'relative' Relative abundance of the most abundant species. This is with rank=1 by default but can be calculated for other ranks.
- 'DBP' Berger–Parker index, a special case of relative dominance with rank 1; This also equals the inverse of true diversity of the infinite order.
- 'DMN' McNaughton's dominance. This is the sum of the relative abundance of the two most abundant taxa, or a special case of relative dominance with rank 2
- 'simpson' Simpson's index ( $\sum(p^2)$ ) where p are relative abundances has an interpretation as a dominance measure. Also the version ( $\sum(q * (q-1)) / S(S-1)$ ) based on absolute abundances q has been proposed by Simpson (1949) but not included here as it is not within [0,1] range, and it is highly correlated with the simpler Simpson dominance. Finally, it is also possible to calculate dominances up to an arbitrary rank by setting the rank argument
- 'core\_abundance' Relative proportion of the core species that exceed detection level 0.2% in over 50% of the samples
- 'gini' Gini index is calculated with the function `inequality`.

By setting `aggregate=FALSE`, the abundance for the single n'th most dominant taxa (n=rank) is returned instead the sum of abundances up to that rank (the default).

**Value**

A vector of dominance indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Kenneth J. Locey and Jay T. Lennon. Scaling laws predict global microbial diversity. PNAS 2016 113 (21) 5970-5975; doi:10.1073/pnas.1521291113.

Magurran AE, McGill BJ, eds (2011) Biological Diversity: Frontiers in Measurement and Assessment (Oxford Univ Press, Oxford), Vol 12

**See Also**

coverage, core\_abundance, rarity, alpha

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
# vector
d <- dominance(abundances(dietswap)[,1], rank=1, relative=TRUE)
# matrix
# d <- dominance(abundances(dietswap), rank=1, relative=TRUE)
# Phyloseq object
# d <- dominance(dietswap, rank=1, relative=TRUE)
```

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|          |                      |
|----------|----------------------|
| dominant | <i>Dominant taxa</i> |
|----------|----------------------|

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**Description**

Returns the dominant taxonomic group for each sample.

**Usage**

```
dominant(x, level = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                         |
|-------|-----------------------------------------|
| x     | A <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object |
| level | Optional. Taxonomic level.              |

**Value**

A vector of dominance indices

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
# vector
d <- dominant(dietswap)
```

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|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| estimate_stability | <i>Estimate Stability</i> |
|--------------------|---------------------------|

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**Description**

Quantify intermediate stability with respect to a given reference point.

**Usage**

```
estimate_stability(df, reference.point = NULL, method = "lm", spl.list)
```

**Arguments**

|                 |                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df              | Combined input data vector (samples x variables) and metadata data.frame (samples x features) with the 'data', 'subject' and 'time' field for each sample |
| reference.point | Optional. Calculate stability of the data w.r.t. this point. By default the intermediate range is used (min + (max - min)/2)                              |
| method          | 'lm' (linear model) or 'correlation'; the linear model takes time into account as a covariate                                                             |
| spl             | split object to speed up                                                                                                                                  |

**Details**

Decomposes each column in x into differences between consecutive time points. For each variable and time point we calculate for the data values: (i) the distance from reference point; (ii) distance from the data value at the consecutive time point. The 'correlation' method calculates correlation between these two variables. Negative correlations indicate that values closer to reference point tend to have larger shifts in the consecutive time point. The 'lm' method takes the time lag between the consecutive time points into account as this may affect the comparison and is not taken into account by the straightforward correlation. Here the coefficients of the following linear model are used to assess stability:  $\text{abs}(\text{change}) \sim \text{time} + \text{abs}(\text{start.reference.distance})$ . Samples with missing data, and subjects with less than two time point are excluded.

**Value**

A list with following elements: stability: estimated stability data; processed data set used in calculations

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

Examples

```
# df <- data.frame(list(
#       subject=rep(paste('subject', 1:50, sep='-'), each=2),
#       time=rep(1:2, 50),
#       data=rnorm(100)))
#s <- estimate_stability_single(df, reference.point=NULL, method='lm')
```

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|----------|-----------------------|
| evenness | <i>Evenness Index</i> |
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Description

Various community evenness indices.

Usage

```
evenness(x, index = "all", zeroes = TRUE, detection = 0)
```

Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | A species abundance vector, or matrix (taxa/features x samples) with the absolute count data (no relative abundances), or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object |
| index     | Evenness index. See details for options.                                                                                                                        |
| zeroes    | Include zero counts in the evenness estimation.                                                                                                                 |
| detection | Detection threshold                                                                                                                                             |

Details

By default, Pielou’s evenness is returned.

The available evenness indices include the following: 1) ‘camargo’: Camargo’s evenness (Camargo 1992) 2) ‘simpson’: Simpson’s evenness (inverse Simpson diversity / S) 3) ‘pielou’: Pielou’s evenness (Pielou, 1966), also known as Shannon or Shannon-Weaver/Wiener/Weiner evenness;  $H/\ln(S)$ . The Shannon-Weaver is the preferred term; see A tribute to Claude Shannon (1916 –2001) and a plea for more rigorous use of species richness, species diversity and the ‘Shannon–Wiener’ Index. Spellerberg and Fedor. *Alpha Ecology & Biogeography* (2003) 12, 177–197 4) ‘evan’: Smith and Wilson’s Evar index (Smith & Wilson 1996) 5) ‘bulla’: Bulla’s index (O) (Bulla 1994)

Desirable statistical evenness metrics avoid strong bias towards very large or very small abundances; are independent of richness; and range within [0,1] with increasing evenness (Smith & Wilson 1996). Evenness metrics that fulfill these criteria include at least camargo, simpson, smith-wilson, and bulla. Also see Magurran & McGill (2011) and Beisel et al. (2003) for further details.

Value

A vector of evenness indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

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**See Also**

coverage, core\_abundance, rarity, alpha

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
# phyloseq object
#d <- evenness(dietswap, 'pielou')
# matrix
#d <- evenness(abundances(dietswap), 'pielou')
# vector
d <- evenness(abundances(dietswap)[,1], 'pielou')
```

---

find\_optima

*Find Optima*


---

**Description**

Detect optima, excluding local optima below peak.threshold.

**Usage**

```
find_optima(f, peak.threshold = 0, bw = 1, min.density = 1)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>f</code>              | density                                                                |
| <code>peak.threshold</code> | Mode detection threshold                                               |
| <code>bw</code>             | bandwidth                                                              |
| <code>min.density</code>    | Minimum accepted density for a maximum; as a multiple of kernel height |

**Value**

A list with `min` (minima), `max` (maxima), and `peak.threshold` (minimum detection density)

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**References**

See `citation('microbiome')`

**Examples**

```
# Not exported
# o <- find_optima(rnorm(100), bw=1)
```

---

`gktau`

*gktau*

---

**Description**

Measure association between nominal (no order for levels) variables

**Usage**

```
gktau(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| <code>x</code> | first variable  |
| <code>y</code> | second variable |

## Details

Measure association between nominal (no order for levels) variables using Goodman and Kruskal tau. Code modified from the original source: [r-bloggers.com/measuring-associations-between-non-numeric-variables/](http://r-bloggers.com/measuring-associations-between-non-numeric-variables/). An important feature of this procedure is that it allows missing values in either of the variables x or y, treating 'missing' as an additional level. In practice, this is sometimes very important since missing values in one variable may be strongly associated with either missing values in another variable or specific non-missing levels of that variable. An important characteristic of Goodman and Kruskal's tau measure is its asymmetry: because the variables x and y enter this expression differently, the value of  $a(y,x)$  is not the same as the value of  $a(x,y)$ , in general. This stands in marked contrast to either the product-moment correlation coefficient or the Spearman rank correlation coefficient, which are both symmetric, giving the same association between x and y as that between y and x. The fundamental reason for the asymmetry of the general class of measures defined above is that they quantify the extent to which the variable x is useful in predicting y, which may be very different than the extent to which the variable y is useful in predicting x.

## Value

Dependency measure

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

## References

Code modified from the original source: <http://r-bloggers.com/measuring-associations-between-non-numeric-variables/>. To cite the microbiome R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

## Examples

```
data(peerj32)
v1 <- factor(peerj32$microbes[,1])
v2 <- factor(peerj32$meta$gender)
tc <- gktau(v1, v2)
```

---

group\_age

*Age Classes*

---

## Description

Cut age information to discrete factors.

**Usage**

```
group_age(
  x,
  breaks = "decades",
  n = 10,
  labels = NULL,
  include.lowest = TRUE,
  right = FALSE,
  dig.lab = 3,
  ordered_result = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>              | Numeric vector (age in years)                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>breaks</code>         | Class break points. Either a vector of breakpoints, or one of the predefined options ("years", "decades", "even").                                                                                           |
| <code>n</code>              | Number of groups for the <code>breaks = "even"</code> option.                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>labels</code>         | labels for the levels of the resulting category. By default, labels are constructed using "(a,b]" interval notation. If <code>labels = FALSE</code> , simple integer codes are returned instead of a factor. |
| <code>include.lowest</code> | logical, indicating if an 'x[i]' equal to the lowest (or highest, for <code>right = FALSE</code> ) 'breaks' value should be included.                                                                        |
| <code>right</code>          | logical, indicating if the intervals should be closed on the right (and open on the left) or vice versa.                                                                                                     |
| <code>dig.lab</code>        | integer which is used when labels are not given. It determines the number of digits used in formatting the break numbers.                                                                                    |
| <code>ordered_result</code> | logical: should the result be an ordered factor?                                                                                                                                                             |

**Details**

Regarding the `breaks` arguments, the "even" option aims to cut the samples in groups with approximately the same size (by quantiles). The "years" and "decades" options are self-explanatory.

**Value**

Factor of age groups.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')



**See Also**

base::cut

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
age.numeric <- meta(atlas1006)$age
age.factor <- group_age(age.numeric)
```

---

|           |                                      |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| group_bmi | <i>Body-Mass Index (BMI) Classes</i> |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Cut BMI information to standard discrete factors.

**Usage**

```
group_bmi(
  x,
  breaks = "standard",
  n = 10,
  labels = NULL,
  include.lowest = TRUE,
  right = FALSE,
  dig.lab = 3,
  ordered_result = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | Numeric vector (BMI)                                                                                                                                                                           |
| breaks         | Class break points. Either a vector of breakpoints, or one of the predefined options ("standard", "standard_truncated", "even").                                                               |
| n              | Number of groups for the breaks = "even" option.                                                                                                                                               |
| labels         | labels for the levels of the resulting category. By default, labels are constructed using "(a,b]" interval notation. If labels = FALSE, simple integer codes are returned instead of a factor. |
| include.lowest | logical, indicating if an 'x[i]' equal to the lowest (or highest, for right = FALSE) 'breaks' value should be included.                                                                        |
| right          | logical, indicating if the intervals should be closed on the right (and open on the left) or vice versa.                                                                                       |
| dig.lab        | integer which is used when labels are not given. It determines the number of digits used in formatting the break numbers.                                                                      |
| ordered_result | logical: should the result be an ordered factor?                                                                                                                                               |

**Details**

Regarding the breaks arguments, the "even" option aims to cut the samples in groups with approximately the same size (by quantiles). The "standard" option corresponds to standard obesity categories defined by the cutoffs <18.5 (underweight); <25 (lean); <30 (obese); <35 (severe obese); <40 (morbid obese); <45 (super obese). The standard\_truncated combines the severe, morbid and super obese into a single group.

**Value**

Factor of BMI groups.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**See Also**

base::cut

**Examples**

```
bmi.numeric <- range(rnorm(100, mean = 25, sd = 3))
bmi.factor <- group_bmi(bmi.numeric)
```

---

heat

*Association Heatmap*

---

**Description**

Visualizes n x m association table as heatmap.

**Usage**

```
heat(
  df,
  Xvar = names(df)[[1]],
  Yvar = names(df)[[2]],
  fill = names(df)[[3]],
  star = NULL,
  p.adj.threshold = 1,
  association.threshold = 0,
  step = 0.2,
  colours = c("darkblue", "blue", "white", "red", "darkred"),
  limits = NULL,
```

```

    legend.text = "",
    order.rows = TRUE,
    order.cols = TRUE,
    filter.significant = TRUE,
    star.size = NULL,
    plot.values = FALSE
  )

```

## Arguments

|                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>df</code>                    | Data frame. Each row corresponds to a pair of associated variables. The columns give variable names, association scores and significance estimates.                               |
| <code>Xvar</code>                  | X axis variable column name. For instance 'X'.                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>Yvar</code>                  | Y axis variable column name. For instance 'Y'.                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>fill</code>                  | Column to be used for heatmap coloring. For instance 'association'.                                                                                                               |
| <code>star</code>                  | Column to be used for cell highlighting. For instance 'p.adj'.                                                                                                                    |
| <code>p.adj.threshold</code>       | Significance threshold for the stars.                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>association.threshold</code> | Include only elements that have absolute association higher than this value                                                                                                       |
| <code>step</code>                  | color interval                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>colours</code>               | heatmap colours                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>limits</code>                | colour scale limits                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>legend.text</code>           | legend text                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>order.rows</code>            | Order rows to enhance visualization interpretability. If this is logical, then <code>hclust</code> is applied. If this is a vector then the rows are ordered using this index.    |
| <code>order.cols</code>            | Order columns to enhance visualization interpretability. If this is logical, then <code>hclust</code> is applied. If this is a vector then the rows are ordered using this index. |
| <code>filter.significant</code>    | Keep only the elements with at least one significant entry                                                                                                                        |
| <code>star.size</code>             | NULL Determine size of the highlight symbols                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>plot.values</code>           | Show values as text                                                                                                                                                               |

## Value

ggplot2 object

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(peerj32)
d1 <- peerj32$lipids[, 1:10]
d2 <- peerj32$microbes[, 1:10]
cc <- associate(d1, d2, method='pearson')
p <- heat(cc, 'X1', 'X2', 'Correlation', star='p.adj')
```

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|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| hitchip.taxonomy | <i>HITChip Taxonomy</i> |
|------------------|-------------------------|

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**Description**

HITChip taxonomy table.

**Usage**

```
data(hitchip.taxonomy)
```

**Format**

List with the element 'filtered', including a simplified version of the HITChip taxonomy.

**Value**

Loads the data set in R.

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Lahti et al. Tipping elements of the human intestinal ecosystem. Nature Communications 5:4344, 2014. To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

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|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| hotplot | <i>Univariate Bimodality Plot</i> |
|---------|-----------------------------------|

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**Description**

Coloured bimodality plot.

**Usage**

```
hotplot(  
  x,  
  taxon,  
  tipping.point = NULL,  
  lims = NULL,  
  shift = 0.001,  
  log10 = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                                     |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | phyloseq-class object                                               |
| taxon         | Taxonomic group to visualize.                                       |
| tipping.point | Indicate critical point for abundance variations to be highlighted. |
| lims          | Optional. Figure X axis limits.                                     |
| shift         | Small constant to avoid problems with zeroes in log10               |
| log10         | Use log10 abundances for the OTU table and tipping point            |

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)  
pseq <- subset_samples(atlas1006, DNA_extraction_method == 'r')  
pseq <- transform(pseq, 'compositional')  
# Set a tipping point manually  
tipp <- .3/100 # .3 percent relative abundance  
# Bimodality is often best visible at log10 relative abundances  
p <- hotplot(pseq, 'Dialister', tipping.point=tipp, log10=TRUE)
```

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*inequality**Gini Index*

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**Description**

Calculate Gini indices for a phyloseq object.

**Usage**

```
inequality(x)
```

**Arguments**

x [phyloseq-class](#) object

**Details**

Gini index is a common measure for relative inequality in economical income, but can also be used as a community diversity measure. Gini index is between [0,1], and increasing gini index implies increasing inequality.

**Value**

A vector of Gini indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Relative Distribution Methods in the Social Sciences. Mark S. Handcock and Martina Morris, Springer-Verlag, Inc., New York, 1999. ISBN 0387987789.

**See Also**

diversity, reldist::gini (inspired by that implementation but independently written here to avoid external dependencies)

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- inequality(dietswap)
```

---

intermediate\_stability

*Intermediate Stability*


---

## Description

Quantify intermediate stability with respect to a given reference point.

## Usage

```
intermediate_stability(
  x,
  reference.point = NULL,
  method = "correlation",
  output = "scores"
)
```

## Arguments

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>               | <b>phyloseq</b> object. Includes abundances (variables x samples) and sample_data data.frame (samples x features) with 'subject' and 'time' field for each sample.                                                                             |
| <code>reference.point</code> | Calculate stability of the data w.r.t. this point. By default the intermediate range is used ( $\min + (\max - \min)/2$ ). If a vector of points is provided, then the scores will be calculated for every point and a data.frame is returned. |
| <code>method</code>          | 'lm' (linear model) or 'correlation'; the linear model takes time into account as a covariate                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>output</code>          | Specify the return mode. Either the 'full' set of stability analysis outputs, or the 'scores' of intermediate stability.                                                                                                                       |

## Details

Decomposes each column in `x` into differences between consecutive time points. For each variable and time point we calculate for the data values: (i) the distance from reference point; (ii) distance from the data value at the consecutive time point. The 'correlation' method calculates correlation between these two variables. Negative correlations indicate that values closer to reference point tend to have larger shifts in the consecutive time point. The 'lm' method takes the time lag between the consecutive time points into account as this may affect the comparison and is not taken into account by the straightforward correlation. Here the coefficients of the following linear model are used to assess stability:  $\text{abs}(\text{change}) \sim \text{time} + \text{abs}(\text{start.reference.distance})$ . Samples with missing data, and subjects with less than two time point are excluded. The absolute count data `x` is logarithmized before the analysis with the  $\log_{10}(1 + x)$  trick to circumvent logarithmization of zeroes.

## Value

A list with following elements: stability: estimated stability data; processed data set used in calculations

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
x <- subset_samples(atlas1006, DNA_extraction_method == 'r')
x <- prune_taxa(c('Akkermansia', 'Dialister'), x)
res <- intermediate_stability(x, reference.point=NULL)
```

---

|                  |                              |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| is_compositional | <i>Test Compositionality</i> |
|------------------|------------------------------|

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**Description**

Test if phyloseq object is compositional.

**Usage**

```
is_compositional(x, tolerance = 1e-06)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| x         | phyloseq-class object                     |
| tolerance | Tolerance for detecting compositionality. |

**Details**

This function tests that the sum of abundances within each sample is almost zero, within the tolerance of 1e-6 by default.

**Value**

Logical TRUE/FALSE

**See Also**

transform

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
a <- is_compositional(dietswap)
b <- is_compositional(transform(dietswap, "identity"))
c <- is_compositional(transform(dietswap, "compositional"))
```



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|                     |                                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| log_modulo_skewness | <i>Log-Modulo Skewness Rarity Index</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Calculates the community rarity index by log-modulo skewness.

**Usage**

```
log_modulo_skewness(x, q = 0.5, n = 50)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x | Abundance matrix (taxa x samples) with counts                                                                                                                                                  |
| q | Arithmetic abundance classes are evenly cut up to to this quantile of the data. The assumption is that abundances higher than this are not common, and they are classified in their own group. |
| n | The number of arithmetic abundance classes from zero to the quantile cutoff indicated by q.                                                                                                    |

**Details**

The rarity index characterizes the concentration of species at low abundance. Here, we use the skewness of the frequency distribution of arithmetic abundance classes (see Magurran & McGill 2011). These are typically right-skewed; to avoid taking log of occasional negative skews, we follow Locey & Lennon (2016) and use the log-modulo transformation that adds a value of one to each measure of skewness to allow logarithmization.

**Value**

A vector of rarity indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Kenneth J. Locey and Jay T. Lennon. Scaling laws predict global microbial diversity. PNAS 2016 113 (21) 5970-5975; doi:10.1073/pnas.1521291113.

Magurran AE, McGill BJ, eds (2011) Biological Diversity: Frontiers in Measurement and Assessment (Oxford Univ Press, Oxford), Vol 12

**See Also**

core\_abundance, low\_abundance, alpha

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- log_modulo_skewness(dietswap)
```

---

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| low_abundance | <i>Low Abundance Index</i> |
|---------------|----------------------------|

---

**Description**

Calculates the concentration of low-abundance taxa below the indicated detection threshold.

**Usage**

```
low_abundance(x, detection = 0.2/100)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                         |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | phyloseq-class object                                                   |
| detection | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default). |

**Details**

The low\_abundance index gives the concentration of species at low abundance, or the relative proportion of rare species in [0,1]. The species that are below the indicated detection threshold are considered rare. Note that population prevalence is not considered. If the detection argument is a vector, then a data.frame is returned, one column for each detection threshold.

**Value**

A vector of indicators.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**See Also**

core\_abundance, rarity, global

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- low_abundance(dietswap, detection=0.2/100)
```

---

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| map_levels | <i>Map Taxonomic Levels</i> |
|------------|-----------------------------|

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## Description

Map taxa between hierarchy levels.

## Usage

```
map_levels(taxa = NULL, from, to, data)
```

## Arguments

|      |                                                                                                                        |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| taxa | taxa to convert; if NULL then considering all taxa in the tax.table                                                    |
| from | convert from taxonomic level                                                                                           |
| to   | convert to taxonomic level                                                                                             |
| data | Either a <a href="#">phyloseq</a> object or its <a href="#">taxonomyTable-class</a> , see the <b>phyloseq</b> package. |

## Value

mappings

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

See citation('microbiome')

## Examples

```
data(dietswap)
m <- map_levels('Akkermansia', from='Genus', to='Phylum',
  tax_table(dietswap))
m <- map_levels('Verrucomicrobia', from='Phylum', to='Genus',
  tax_table(dietswap))
```

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`merge_taxa2`*Merge Taxa*

---

## Description

Merge taxonomic groups into a single group.

## Usage

```
merge_taxa2(x, taxa = NULL, pattern = NULL, name = "Merged")
```

## Arguments

|                      |                                              |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>       | <code>phyloseq-class</code> object           |
| <code>taxa</code>    | A vector of taxa names to merge.             |
| <code>pattern</code> | Taxa that match this pattern will be merged. |
| <code>name</code>    | Name of the merged group.                    |

## Details

In some cases it is necessary to place certain OTUs or other groups into an "other" category. For instance, unclassified groups. This wrapper makes this easy. This function differs from `phyloseq::merge_taxa` by the last two arguments. Here, in `merge_taxa2` the user can specify the name of the new merged group. And the merging can be done based on common pattern in the name.

## Value

Modified phyloseq object

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

See citation('microbiome')

## Examples

```
data(dietswap)
s <- merge_taxa(dietswap, c())
```

---

|      |                                                 |
|------|-------------------------------------------------|
| meta | <i>Retrieve Phyloseq Metadata as Data Frame</i> |
|------|-------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

The output of the `phyloseq::sample_data()` function does not return `data.frame`, which is needed for many applications. This function retrieves the sample data as a `data.frame`

**Usage**

```
meta(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` a phyloseq object

**Value**

Sample metadata as a `data.frame`

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**See Also**

[sample\\_data](#) in the **phyloseq** package

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap); df <- meta(dietswap)
```

---

|               |                            |
|---------------|----------------------------|
| multimodality | <i>Multimodality Score</i> |
|---------------|----------------------------|

---

**Description**

Multimodality score based on bootstrapped potential analysis.

**Usage**

```
multimodality(  
  x,  
  peak.threshold = 1,  
  bw.adjust = 1,  
  bs.iter = 100,  
  min.density = 1,  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>              | A vector, or data matrix (variables x samples)                         |
| <code>peak.threshold</code> | Mode detection threshold                                               |
| <code>bw.adjust</code>      | Bandwidth adjustment                                                   |
| <code>bs.iter</code>        | Bootstrap iterations                                                   |
| <code>min.density</code>    | minimum accepted density for a maximum; as a multiple of kernel height |
| <code>verbose</code>        | Verbose                                                                |

**Details**

Repeats potential analysis (Livina et al. 2010) multiple times with bootstrap sampling for each row of the input data (as in Lahti et al. 2014) and returns the specified results.

**Value**

A list with following elements:

- `scoreFraction` of bootstrap samples with multiple observed modes
- `nmodes` The most frequently observed number of modes in bootstrap
- `results` Full results of `potential_analysis` for each row of the input matrix.

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**References**

- Livina et al. (2010). Potential analysis reveals changing number of climate states during the last 60 kyr. *Climate of the Past*, 6, 77-82.
- Lahti et al. (2014). Tipping elements of the human intestinal ecosystem. *Nature Communications* 5:4344.

**Examples**

```
#data(peerj32)
#s <- multimodality(t(peerj32$microbes[, c('Akermansia', 'Dialister'))))
```

---

neat*Neatmap Sorting*

---

## Description

Order matrix or phyloseq OTU table based on the neatmap approach.

## Usage

```
neat(  
  x,  
  arrange = "both",  
  method = "NMDS",  
  distance = "bray",  
  first.feature = NULL,  
  first.sample = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | A matrix or phyloseq object.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| arrange       | Order 'features', 'samples' or 'both' (for matrices). For matrices, it is assumed that the samples are on the columns and features are on the rows. For phyloseq objects, features are the taxa of the OTU table. |
| method        | Ordination method. Only NMDS implemented for now.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| distance      | Distance method. See <a href="#">vegdist</a> function from the <b>vegan</b> package.                                                                                                                              |
| first.feature | Optionally provide the name of the first feature to start the ordering                                                                                                                                            |
| first.sample  | Optionally provide the name of the first sample to start the ordering                                                                                                                                             |
| ...           | Arguments to pass.                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Details

Borrows elements from the heatmap implementation in the **phyloseq** package. The row/column sorting is not available there as a separate function. Therefore I implemented this function to provide an independent method for easy sample/taxon reordering for phyloseq objects. The ordering is cyclic so we can start at any point. The choice of the first sample may somewhat affect the overall ordering

## Value

Sorted matrix

## References

This function is partially based on code derived from the **phyloseq** package. However for the original neatmap approach for heatmap sorting, see (and cite): Rajaram, S., & Oono, Y. (2010). NeatMap–non-clustering heat map alternatives in R. BMC Bioinformatics, 11, 45.

## Examples

```
data(peerj32)
# Take subset to speed up example
x <- peerj32$microbes[1:10,1:10]
xo <- neat(x, 'both', method='NMDS', distance='bray')
```

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neatsort

*Neatmap Sorting*


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## Description

Sort samples or features based on the neatmap approach.

## Usage

```
neatsort(x, target, method = "NMDS", distance = "bray", first = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x        | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object or a matrix                                                                                                                                                           |
| target   | For <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> input, the target is either 'sites' (samples) or 'species' (features) (taxa/OTUs); for matrices, the target is 'rows' or 'cols'.                                         |
| method   | Ordination method. See <a href="#">ordinate</a> from <b>phyloseq</b> package. For matrices, only the NMDS method is available.                                                                              |
| distance | Distance method. See <a href="#">ordinate</a> from <b>phyloseq</b> package.                                                                                                                                 |
| first    | Optionally provide the name of the first sample/taxon to start the ordering (the ordering is cyclic so we can start at any point). The choice of the first sample may somewhat affect the overall ordering. |
| ...      | Arguments to be passed.                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Details

This function borrows elements from the heatmap implementation in the **phyloseq** package. The row/column sorting is there not available as a separate function at present, however, hindering reuse in other tools. Implemented in the microbiome package to provide an independent method for easy sample/taxon reordering for phyloseq objects.

## Value

Vector of ordered elements



## References

This function is partially based on code derived from the **phyloseq** package. For the original neatmap approach for heatmap sorting, see (and cite): Rajaram, S., & Oono, Y. (2010). NeatMap—non-clustering heat map alternatives in R. BMC Bioinformatics, 11, 45.

## Examples

```
data(peerj32)
pseq <- peerj32$phyloseq
# For Phyloseq
sort.otu <- neatsort(pseq, target='species')
# For matrix
# sort.rows <- neatsort(abundances(pseq), target='rows')
```

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overlap

*Overlap Measure*

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## Description

Quantify microbiota 'overlap' between samples.

## Usage

```
overlap(x, detection = 0)
```

## Arguments

x                    **phyloseq-class** object  
detection            Detection threshold.

## Value

Overlap matrix

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

Bashan, A., Gibson, T., Friedman, J. et al. Universality of human microbial dynamics. Nature 534, 259–262 (2016). <https://doi.org/10.1038/nature18301>

## Examples

```
data(atlas1006)
o <- overlap(atlas1006, detection = 0.1/100)
```

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peerj32

*Probiotics Intervention Data*

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## Description

The peerj32 data set contains high-through profiling data from 389 human blood serum lipids and 130 intestinal genus-level bacteria from 44 samples (22 subjects from 2 time points; before and after probiotic/placebo intervention). The data set can be used to investigate associations between intestinal bacteria and host lipid metabolism. For details, see <http://dx.doi.org/10.7717/peerj.32>.

## Usage

```
data(peerj32)
```

## Format

List of the following data matrices as described in detail in Lahti et al. (2013):

- lipids: Quantification of 389 blood serum lipids across 44 samples
- microbes: Quantification of 130 genus-like taxa across 44 samples
- meta: Sample metadata including time point, sex, subjectID, sampleID and treatment group (probiotic LGG / Placebo)
- phyloseq The microbiome data set converted into a [phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Value

Loads the data set in R.

## Author(s)

Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

## References

Lahti et al. (2013) PeerJ 1:e32 <http://dx.doi.org/10.7717/peerj.32>

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`plot_atlas`*Visualize Samples of a Microbiota Atlas*

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**Description**

Show all samples of a microbiota collection, colored by specific factor levels (x axis) and signal (y axis).

**Usage**

```
plot_atlas(pseq, x, y, ncol = 2)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                 |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <code>pseq</code> | phyloseq object                                 |
| <code>x</code>    | Sorting variable for X axis and sample coloring |
| <code>y</code>    | Signal variable for Y axis                      |
| <code>ncol</code> | Number of legend columns.                       |

**Details**

Arranges the samples based on the given grouping factor (x), and plots the signal (y) on the Y axis. The samples are randomly ordered within each factor level. The factor levels are ordered by standard deviation of the signal (y axis).

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**References**

See citation('microbiome'); Visualization inspired by Kilpinen et al. 2008, Genome Biology 9:R139.  
DOI: 10.1186/gb-2008-9-9-r139

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
p <- plot_atlas(atlas1006, 'DNA_extraction_method', 'diversity')
p <- plot_atlas(atlas1006, 'DNA_extraction_method', 'Bifidobacterium')
```

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|                  |                                   |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| plot_composition | <i>Taxonomic Composition Plot</i> |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|

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**Description**

Plot taxon abundance for samples.

**Usage**

```
plot_composition(
  x,
  sample.sort = NULL,
  otu.sort = NULL,
  x.label = "sample",
  plot.type = "barplot",
  verbose = FALSE,
  average_by = NULL,
  group_by = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x           | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| sample.sort | Order samples. Various criteria are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NULL or 'none': No sorting</li> <li>• A single character string: indicate the metadata field to be used for ordering. Or: if this string is found from the tax_table, then sort by the corresponding taxonomic group.</li> <li>• A character vector: sample IDs indicating the sample ordering.</li> <li>• 'neatmap' Order samples based on the neatmap approach. See <a href="#">neatsort</a>. By default, 'NMDS' method with 'bray' distance is used. For other options, arrange the samples manually with the function.</li> </ul> |
| otu.sort    | Order taxa. Same options as for the sample.sort argument but instead of metadata, taxonomic table is used. Also possible to sort by 'abundance'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| x.label     | Specify how to label the x axis. This should be one of the variables in sample_variables(x).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| plot.type   | Plot type: 'barplot' or 'heatmap'                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| verbose     | verbose (but not in sample/taxon ordering). The options are 'Z-OTU', 'Z-Sample', 'log10' and 'compositional'. See the <a href="#">transform</a> function.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| average_by  | Average the samples by the average_by variable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| group_by    | Group by this variable (in plot.type "barplot")                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ...         | Arguments to be passed (for <a href="#">neatsort</a> function)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Value**

A [ggplot](#) plot object.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data(atlas1006)
pseq <- atlas1006 %>%
  subset_samples(DNA_extraction_method == "r") %>%
  aggregate_taxa(level = "Phylum") %>%
  transform(transform = "compositional")
p <- plot_composition(pseq, sample.sort = "Firmicutes",
  otu.sort = "abundance", verbose = TRUE) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = default_colors("Phylum")[taxa(pseq)])
```

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plot\_core

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*Visualize OTU Core*


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**Description**

Core visualization (2D).

**Usage**

```
plot_core(
  x,
  prevalences = seq(0.1, 1, 0.1),
  detections = 20,
  plot.type = "lineplot",
  colours = NULL,
  min.prevalence = NULL,
  taxa.order = NULL,
  horizontal = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | A <a href="#">phyloseq</a> object or a core matrix                                                                                                                                                                                |
| prevalences    | a vector of prevalence percentages in [0,1]                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| detections     | a vector of intensities around the data range, or a scalar indicating the number of intervals in the data range.                                                                                                                  |
| plot.type      | Plot type ('lineplot' or 'heatmap')                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| colours        | colours for the heatmap                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| min.prevalence | If minimum prevalence is set, then filter out those rows (taxa) and columns (detections) that never exceed this prevalence. This helps to zoom in on the actual core region of the heatmap. Only affects the plot.type='heatmap'. |
| taxa.order     | Ordering of the taxa: a vector of names.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| horizontal     | Logical. Horizontal figure.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Value**

A list with three elements: the ggplot object and the data. The data has a different form for the lineplot and heatmap. Finally, the applied parameters are returned.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

A Salonen et al. The adult intestinal core microbiota is determined by analysis depth and health status. Clinical Microbiology and Infection 18(S4):16 20, 2012. To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
p <- plot_core(transform(dietswap, "compositional"),
  prevalences=seq(0.1, 1, .1), detections=seq(0.01, 1, length = 10))
```

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plot\_density

*Plot Density*


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**Description**

Plot abundance density across samples for a given taxon.

**Usage**

```
plot_density(
  x,
  variable = NULL,
  log10 = FALSE,
  adjust = 1,
  kernel = "gaussian",
  trim = FALSE,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  fill = "gray",
  tipping.point = NULL,
  xlim = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | phyloseq-class object or an OTU matrix (samples x phylotypes)                 |
| variable      | OTU or metadata variable to visualize                                         |
| log10         | Logical. Show log10 abundances or not.                                        |
| adjust        | see stat_density                                                              |
| kernel        | see stat_density                                                              |
| trim          | see stat_density                                                              |
| na.rm         | see stat_density                                                              |
| fill          | Fill color                                                                    |
| tipping.point | Optional. Indicate critical point for abundance variations to be highlighted. |
| xlim          | X axis limits                                                                 |

**Value**

A `ggplot` plot object.

**Examples**

```
# Load gut microbiota data on 1006 western adults
# (see help(atlas1006) for references and details)
data(dietswap)
# Use compositional abundances instead of absolute signal
pseq.rel <- transform(dietswap, 'compositional')
# Population density for Dialister spp.; with log10 on the abundance (X)
# axis
library(ggplot2)
p <- plot_density(pseq.rel, variable='Dialister') + scale_x_log10()
```

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|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| plot_frequencies | <i>Plot Frequencies</i> |
|------------------|-------------------------|

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**Description**

Plot relative frequencies within each Group for the levels of the given factor.

**Usage**

```
plot_frequencies(x, Groups, Factor)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| x      | data.frame                     |
| Groups | Name of the grouping variable  |
| Factor | Name of the frequency variable |

**Details**

For table with the indicated frequencies, see the returned phyloseq object.

**Value**

`ggplot` plot object.

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
p <- plot_frequencies(meta(dietswap), 'group', 'sex')
```

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|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| plot_landscape | <i>Landscape Plot</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------|

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**Description**

Wrapper for visualizing sample similarity landscape ie. sample density in various 2D projections.

**Usage**

```
plot_landscape(
  x,
  method = "PCoA",
  distance = "bray",
  transformation = "identity",
  col = NULL,
  main = NULL,
  x.ticks = 10,
  rounding = 0,
  add.points = TRUE,
  adjust = 1,
  size = 1,
  legend = FALSE,
  shading = TRUE,
  shading.low = "#ebf4f5",
  shading.high = "#e9b7ce",
  point.opacity = 0.75
)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | <code>phyloseq-class</code> object or a data matrix (samples x features; eg. samples vs. OTUs). If the input x is a 2D matrix then it is plotted as is. |
| method | Ordination method, see <code>phyloseq::plot_ordination</code> ; or "PCA", or "t-SNE" (from the <b>Rtsne</b> package)                                    |



|                |                                                                                                                     |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| distance       | Ordination distance, see phyloseq::plot_ordination; for method = "PCA", only euclidean distance is implemented now. |
| transformation | Transformation applied on the input object x                                                                        |
| col            | Variable name to highlight samples (points) with colors                                                             |
| main           | title text                                                                                                          |
| x.ticks        | Number of ticks on the X axis                                                                                       |
| rounding       | Rounding for X axis tick values                                                                                     |
| add.points     | Plot the data points as well                                                                                        |
| adjust         | Kernel width adjustment                                                                                             |
| size           | point size                                                                                                          |
| legend         | plot legend TRUE/FALSE                                                                                              |
| shading        | Add shading in the background.                                                                                      |
| shading.low    | Color for shading low density regions                                                                               |
| shading.high   | Color for shading high density regions                                                                              |
| point.opacity  | Transparency-level for points                                                                                       |

### Details

For consistent results, set random seed (set.seed) before function call. Note that the distance and transformation arguments may have a drastic effect on the outputs.

### Value

A `ggplot` plot object.

### Examples

```
data(dietswap)

# PCoA
p <- plot_landscape(transform(dietswap, "compositional"),
  distance = "bray", method = "PCoA")

p <- plot_landscape(dietswap, method = "t-SNE", distance = "bray",
  transformation = "compositional")

# PCA
p <- plot_landscape(dietswap, method = "PCA", transformation = "clr")
```

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|                 |                                          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|
| plot_regression | <i>Visually Weighted Regression Plot</i> |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------|

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## Description

Draw regression curve with smoothed error bars with Visually-Weighted Regression by Solomon M. Hsiang; see <http://www.fight-entropy.com/2012/07/visually-weighted-regression.html> The R is modified from Felix Schonbrodt's original code <http://www.nicebread.de/visually-weighted-watercolor-plots-new-variants-please-vote>

## Usage

```
plot_regression(
  formula,
  data,
  B = 1000,
  shade = TRUE,
  shade.alpha = 0.1,
  spag = FALSE,
  mweight = TRUE,
  show.lm = FALSE,
  show.median = TRUE,
  median.col = "white",
  show.CI = FALSE,
  method = loess,
  slices = 200,
  ylim = NULL,
  quantize = "continuous",
  show.points = TRUE,
  color = NULL,
  pointsize = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

|             |                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| formula     | formula                                                                                                                                                  |
| data        | data                                                                                                                                                     |
| B           | number bootstrapped smoothers                                                                                                                            |
| shade       | plot the shaded confidence region?                                                                                                                       |
| shade.alpha | shade.alpha: should the CI shading fade out at the edges? (by reducing alpha; 0=no alpha decrease, 0.1=medium alpha decrease, 0.5=strong alpha decrease) |
| spag        | plot spaghetti lines?                                                                                                                                    |
| mweight     | visually weight the median smoother                                                                                                                      |
| show.lm     | plot the linear regression line                                                                                                                          |

|             |                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| show.median | show median smoother                                                                                                                                 |
| median.col  | median color                                                                                                                                         |
| show.CI     | should the 95% CI limits be plotted?                                                                                                                 |
| method      | the fitting function for the spaghettis; default: loess                                                                                              |
| slices      | number of slices in x and y direction for the shaded region. Higher numbers make a smoother plot, but takes longer to draw. I wouldn't go beyond 500 |
| ylim        | restrict range of the watercoloring                                                                                                                  |
| quantize    | either 'continuous', or 'SD'. In the latter case, we get three color regions for 1, 2, and 3 SD (an idea of John Mashey)                             |
| show.points | Show points.                                                                                                                                         |
| color       | Point colors                                                                                                                                         |
| pointsize   | Point sizes                                                                                                                                          |
| ...         | further parameters passed to the fitting function, in the case of loess, for example, 'span=.9', or 'family='symmetric''                             |

**Value**

ggplot2 object

**Author(s)**

Based on the original version from F. Schonbrodt. Modified by Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
pseq <- subset_samples(atlas1006,
  DNA_extraction_method == 'r' &
  sex == "female" &
  nationality == "UKIE",
  B=10, slices=10 # non-default used here to speed up examples
)
p <- plot_regression(diversity ~ age, meta(pseq)[1:20,], slices=10, B=10)
```

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|                      |                                                    |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| plot_taxa_prevalence | <i>Visualize Prevalence Distributions for Taxa</i> |
|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Create taxa prevalence plots at various taxonomic levels.

**Usage**

```
plot_taxa_prevalence(x, level, detection = 0)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | phyloseq-class object, OTU data must be counts and not relative abundance or other transformed data. |
| level     | Phylum/Order/Class/Family                                                                            |
| detection | Detection threshold for presence (prevalance)                                                        |

**Details**

This helps to obtain first insights into how is the taxa distribution in the data. It also gives an idea about the taxonomic affiliation of rare and abundant taxa in the data. This may be helpful for data filtering or other downstream analysis.

**Value**

A `ggplot` plot object.

**Author(s)**

Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
# Pick data subset just to speed up example
p0 <- subset_samples(atlas1006, DNA_extraction_method == "r")
p0 <- prune_taxa(taxa(p0)[grep("Bacteroides", taxa(p0))], p0)
# Detection threshold (0 by default; higher especially with HITChip)
p <- plot_taxa_prevalence(p0, 'Phylum', detection = 1)
print(p)
```

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`plot_tipping`*Variation Line Plot*

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## Description

Plot variation in taxon abundance for many subjects.

## Usage

```
plot_tipping(  
  x,  
  taxon,  
  tipping.point = NULL,  
  lims = NULL,  
  shift = 0.001,  
  xlim = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

|                            |                                                                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>             | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                         |
| <code>taxon</code>         | Taxonomic group to visualize.                                                 |
| <code>tipping.point</code> | Optional. Indicate critical point for abundance variations to be highlighted. |
| <code>lims</code>          | Optional. Figure X axis limits.                                               |
| <code>shift</code>         | Small constant to avoid problems with zeroes in log10                         |
| <code>xlim</code>          | Horizontal axis limits                                                        |

## Details

Assuming the `sample_data(x)` has 'subject' field and some subjects have multiple time points.

## Value

[ggplot](#) object

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

## References

See `citation('microbiome')`

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
pseq <- subset_samples(atlas1006, DNA_extraction_method == 'r')
pseq <- transform(pseq, 'compositional')
p <- plot_tipping(pseq, 'Dialister', tipping.point=1)
```

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potential\_analysis      *Bootstrapped Potential Analysis*

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**Description**

Analysis of multimodality based on bootstrapped potential analysis of Livina et al. (2010) as described in Lahti et al. (2014).

**Usage**

```
potential_analysis(
  x,
  peak.threshold = 0,
  bw.adjust = 1,
  bs.iter = 100,
  min.density = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                        |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | Input data vector                                                      |
| peak.threshold | Mode detection threshold                                               |
| bw.adjust      | Bandwidth adjustment                                                   |
| bs.iter        | Bootstrap iterations                                                   |
| min.density    | minimum accepted density for a maximum; as a multiple of kernel height |

**Value**

List with following elements:

- **modes**Number of modes for the input data vector (the most frequent number of modes from bootstrap)
- **minima**Average of potential minima across the bootstrap samples (for the most frequent number of modes)
- **maxima**Average of potential maxima across the bootstrap samples (for the most frequent number of modes)
- **unimodality.support**Fraction of bootstrap samples exhibiting unimodality
- **bws**Bandwidths

## References

- Livina et al. (2010). Potential analysis reveals changing number of climate states during the last 60 kyr. *Climate of the Past*, 6, 77-82.
- Lahti et al. (2014). Tipping elements of the human intestinal ecosystem. *Nature Communications* 5:4344.

## See Also

plot\_potential

## Examples

```
# Example data; see help(peerj32) for details
data(peerj32)

# Log10 abundance of Dialister
x <- abundances(transform(peerj32$phyloseq, "clr"))['Dialister',]

# Bootstrapped potential analysis
# In practice, use more bootstrap iterations
# res <- potential_analysis(x, peak.threshold=0, bw.adjust=1,
#   bs.iter=9, min.density=1)
```

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potential\_univariate    *Potential Analysis for Univariate Data*

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## Description

One-dimensional potential estimation for univariate timeseries.

## Usage

```
potential_univariate(
  x,
  std = 1,
  bw = "nrd",
  weights = c(),
  grid.size = NULL,
  peak.threshold = 1,
  bw.adjust = 1,
  density.smoothing = 0,
  min.density = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x                 | Univariate data (vector) for which the potentials shall be estimated                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| std               | Standard deviation of the noise (defaults to 1; this will set scaled potentials)                                                                                                                                                                                |
| bw                | kernel bandwidth estimation method                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| weights           | optional weights in ksdensity (used by potential_slidingaverages).                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| grid.size         | Grid size for potential estimation. of density kernel height $d_{\text{norm}}(0, \text{sd}=\text{bandwidth})/N$                                                                                                                                                 |
| peak.threshold    | Mode detection threshold                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| bw.adjust         | The real bandwidth will be $\text{bw.adjust} \times \text{bw}$ ; defaults to 1                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| density.smoothing | Add a small constant density across the whole observation range to regularize density estimation (and to avoid zero probabilities within the observation range). This parameter adds uniform density across the observation range, scaled by density.smoothing. |
| min.density       | minimum accepted density for a maximum; as a multiple of kernel height                                                                                                                                                                                          |

**Value**

potential\_univariate returns a list with the following elements:

- xi the grid of points on which the potential is estimated
- pot The estimated potential:  $-\log(f) \times \text{std}^2/2$ , where f is the density.
- density Density estimate corresponding to the potential.
- min.inds indices of the grid points at which the density has minimum values; (-potentials; neglecting local optima)
- max.inds indices the grid points at which the density has maximum values; (-potentials; neglecting local optima)
- bw bandwidth of kernel used
- min.points grid point values at which the density has minimum values; (-potentials; neglecting local optima)
- max.points grid point values at which the density has maximum values; (-potentials; neglecting local optima)

**Author(s)**

Based on Matlab code from Egbert van Nes modified by Leo Lahti. Extended from the initial version in the **earlywarnings** R package.

**References**

- Livina et al. (2010). Potential analysis reveals changing number of climate states during the last 60 kyr. *Climate of the Past*, 6, 77-82.
- Lahti et al. (2014). Tipping elements of the human intestinal ecosystem. *Nature Communications* 5:4344.



**Examples**

```
# res <- potential_univariate(x)
```

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|            |                       |
|------------|-----------------------|
| prevalence | <i>OTU Prevalence</i> |
|------------|-----------------------|

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**Description**

Simple prevalence measure.

**Usage**

```
prevalence(
  x,
  detection = 0,
  sort = FALSE,
  count = FALSE,
  include.lowest = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>              | A vector, data matrix or <a href="#">phyloseq</a> object                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>detection</code>      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>sort</code>           | Sort the groups by prevalence                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>count</code>          | Logical. Indicate prevalence as fraction of samples (in percentage [0, 1]; default); or in absolute counts indicating the number of samples where the OTU is detected (strictly) above the given abundance threshold. |
| <code>include.lowest</code> | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs. FALSE by default.                                                                                                                                 |

**Details**

For vectors, calculates the fraction (`count=FALSE`) or number (`count=TRUE`) of samples that exceed the detection. For matrices, calculates this for each matrix column. For `phyloseq` objects, calculates this for each OTU. The relative prevalence (`count=FALSE`) is simply the absolute prevalence (`count=TRUE`) divided by the number of samples.

**Value**

For each OTU, the fraction of samples where a given OTU is detected. The output is readily given as a percentage.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

## References

A Salonen et al. The adult intestinal core microbiota is determined by analysis depth and health status. *Clinical Microbiology and Infection* 18(S4):16 20, 2012. To cite the microbiome R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

## Examples

```
data(peerj32)
pr <- prevalence(peerj32$phyloseq, detection=0, sort=TRUE, count=TRUE)
```

---

psmelt2

*Convert [phyloseq-class](#) object to long data format*

---

## Description

An alternative to `psmelt` function from [phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Usage

```
psmelt2(x, sample.column = NULL, feature.column = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|                             |                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>              | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                             |
| <code>sample.column</code>  | A single character string specifying name of the column to hold sample names.     |
| <code>feature.column</code> | A single character string specifying name of the column to hold OTU or ASV names. |

## Value

A tibble in long format

## Author(s)

Contact: Sudarshan A. Shetty <[sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com](mailto:sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com)>

## Examples

```
data("dietswap")
ps.melt <- psmelt2(dietswap, sample.column="SampleID",
                  feature.column="Feature")
head(ps.melt)
```

---

`quiet`*Quiet Output*

---

**Description**

Suppress all output from an expression. Works cross-platform.

**Usage**

```
quiet(expr, all = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>expr</code> | Expression to run.                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>all</code>  | If TRUE then suppress warnings and messages as well; otherwise, only suppress printed output (such as from <code>print</code> or <code>cat</code> ). |

**Value**

Used for its side effects.

**Author(s)**

Adapted from <https://gist.github.com/daattali/6ab55aee6b50e8929d89>

**Examples**

```
quiet(1 + 1)
```

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`radial_theta`*Radial Theta Function*

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**Description**

Adapted from **NeatMap** and **phyloseq** packages but not exported and hence not available via `phyloseq`. Completely rewritten to avoid license conflicts. Vectorized to gain efficiency; only calculates theta and omits `r`.

**Usage**

```
radial_theta(x)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| <code>x</code> | position parameter |
|----------------|--------------------|

**Value**

theta

rare

*Rare Microbiota***Description**

Filter the phyloseq object to include only rare (non-core) taxa.

**Usage**

```
rare(x, detection, prevalence, include.lowest = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | phyloseq-class object                                                                                     |
| detection      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                   |
| prevalence     | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]; strictly greater by default)                                             |
| include.lowest | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs in core calculation. FALSE by default. |
| ...            | Arguments to pass.                                                                                        |

**Value**

Filtered phyloseq object including only rare taxa

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Salonen A, Salojarvi J, Lahti L, de Vos WM. The adult intestinal core microbiota is determined by analysis depth and health status. *Clinical Microbiology and Infection* 18(S4):16-20, 2012 To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

**See Also**

core\_members

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
# Detection threshold 0 (strictly greater by default);
# Prevalence threshold 50 percent (strictly greater by default)
pseq <- rare(dietswap, 0, 50/100)
```

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|                |                                        |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|
| rare_abundance | <i>Rare (Non-Core) Abundance Index</i> |
|----------------|----------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Calculates the rare abundance community index.

**Usage**

```
rare_abundance(  
  x,  
  detection = 0.1/100,  
  prevalence = 50/100,  
  include.lowest = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                                                                                       |
| detection      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                     |
| prevalence     | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]). The required prevalence is strictly greater by default. To include the limit, set include.lowest to TRUE. |
| include.lowest | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs. FALSE by default.                                                       |

**Details**

This index gives the relative proportion of rare species (ie. those that are not part of the core microbiota) in the interval [0,1]. This is the complement (1-x) of the core abundance. The rarity function provides the abundance of the least abundant taxa within each sample, regardless of the population prevalence.

**Value**

A vector of indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**See Also**

core\_abundance, rarity, diversity

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)  
d <- rare_abundance(dietswap, detection=0.1/100, prevalence=50/100)
```

---

|              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|
| rare_members | <i>Rare Taxa</i> |
|--------------|------------------|

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## Description

Determine members of the rare microbiota with given abundance and prevalence threshold.

## Usage

```
rare_members(x, detection = 1/100, prevalence = 50/100, include.lowest = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                |                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x              | phyloseq-class object                                                                                                                       |
| detection      | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                     |
| prevalence     | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]). The required prevalence is strictly greater by default. To include the limit, set include.lowest to TRUE. |
| include.lowest | Include the lower boundary of the detection and prevalence cutoffs. FALSE by default.                                                       |

## Details

For phyloseq object, lists taxa that are less prevalent than the given prevalence threshold. Optionally, never exceeds the given abundance threshold (by default, all abundances accepted). For matrix, lists columns that satisfy these criteria.

## Value

Vector of rare taxa

## Author(s)

Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

To cite the microbiome R package, see citation('microbiome')

## See Also

core\_members

## Examples

```
data(dietswap)
# Detection threshold: the taxa never exceed the given detection threshold
# Prevalence threshold 20 percent (strictly greater by default)
a <- rare_members(dietswap, detection=100/100, prevalence=20/100)
```

---

|        |                     |
|--------|---------------------|
| rarity | <i>Rarity Index</i> |
|--------|---------------------|

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**Description**

Calculates the community rarity index.

**Usage**

```
rarity(x, index = "all", detection = 0.2/100, prevalence = 20/100)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x          | phyloseq-class object                                                                                                                              |
| index      | If the index is given, it will override the other parameters. See the details below for description and references of the standard rarity indices. |
| detection  | Detection threshold for absence/presence (strictly greater by default).                                                                            |
| prevalence | Prevalence threshold (in [0, 1]). The required prevalence is strictly greater by default. To include the limit, set include.lowest to TRUE.        |

**Details**

The rarity index characterizes the concentration of species at low abundance.

The following rarity indices are provided:

- **log\_modulo\_skewness** Quantifies the concentration of the least abundant species by the log-modulo skewness of the arithmetic abundance classes (see Magurran & McGill 2011). These are typically right-skewed; to avoid taking log of occasional negative skews, we follow Locey & Lennon (2016) and use the log-modulo transformation that adds a value of one to each measure of skewness to allow logarithmization. The values  $q=0.5$  and  $n=50$  are used here.
- **low\_abundance** Relative proportion of the least abundant species, below the detection level of 0.2%. The least abundant species are determined separately for each sample regardless of their prevalence.
- **rare\_abundance** Relative proportion of the non-core species, exceed the given detection level (default 20 at the given prevalence (default 20 This is complement of the core with the same thresholds.

**Value**

A vector of rarity indices

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

Kenneth J. Locey and Jay T. Lennon. Scaling laws predict global microbial diversity. PNAS 2016 113 (21) 5970-5975; doi:10.1073/pnas.1521291113.

Magurran AE, McGill BJ, eds (2011) Biological Diversity: Frontiers in Measurement and Assessment (Oxford Univ Press, Oxford), Vol 12

**See Also**

alpha, log\_modulo\_skewness, rare\_abundance, low\_abundance

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- rarity(dietswap, index='low_abundance')
# d <- rarity(dietswap, index='all')
```

---

readcount

*Total Read Count*

---

**Description**

Total Read Count

**Usage**

```
readcount(x)
```

**Arguments**

x [phyloseq-class](#) object

**Value**

Vector of read counts.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
d <- readcount(dietswap)
```



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|                    |                                              |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| read_biom2phyloseq | <i>Read BIOM File into a Phyloseq Object</i> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|

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## Description

Read biom and mapping files into a [phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Usage

```
read_biom2phyloseq(
  biom.file = NULL,
  taxonomy.file = NULL,
  metadata.file = NULL,
  sep = ",",
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| biom.file     | A biom file with '.biom' extension                                              |
| taxonomy.file | NULL the latest version has taxonomic information within the biom               |
| metadata.file | A simple metadata/mapping file with .csv extension                              |
| sep           | Separator of the metadata file in case it isn't comma-delimited. Default is "," |
| ...           | Arguments to pass for import_biom                                               |

## Details

Biom file and mapping files will be converted to [phyloseq-class](#).

## Value

[phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Author(s)

Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
p0 <- read_biom2phyloseq()
#biom.file <- qiita1629.biom"
#meta.file <- qiita1629_mapping.csv"
#p0 <- read_biom2phyloseq(biom.file = biom.file,
#                          metadata.file = meta.file,
#                          taxonomy.file = NULL)
```

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|                   |                                                      |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| read_csv2phyloseq | <i>Read Simple OTU Tables into a Phyloseq Object</i> |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

Read simple OTU tables, mapping and taxonomy files into a [phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Usage

```
read_csv2phyloseq(  
  otu.file = NULL,  
  taxonomy.file = NULL,  
  metadata.file = NULL,  
  sep = ",",  
)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                    |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| otu.file      | A simple otu_table with '.csv' extension           |
| taxonomy.file | A simple taxonomy file with '.csv' extension       |
| metadata.file | A simple metadata/mapping file with .csv extension |
| sep           | CSV file separator                                 |

## Details

Simple OTU tables, mapping and taxonomy files will be converted to [phyloseq-class](#).

## Value

[phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Author(s)

Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
# NOTE: the system.file command reads these example files from the  
# microbiome R package. To use your own local files, simply write  
# otu.file <- "/path/to/my/file.csv" etc.  
  
#otu.file <-  
#  system.file("extdata/qiita1629_otu_table.csv",  
#    package='microbiome')  
  
#tax.file <- system.file("extdata/qiita1629_taxonomy_table.csv",  
#    package='microbiome')
```

```
#meta.file <- system.file("extdata/qiita1629_mapping_subset.csv",  
#   package='microbiome')  
  
#p0 <- read_csv2phyloseq(  
#   otu.file=otu.file,  
#   taxonomy.file=tax.file,  
#   metadata.file=meta.file)
```

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read\_mothur2phyloseq    *Read Mothur Output into a Phyloseq Object*

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## Description

Read mothur shared and consensus taxonomy files into a [phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Usage

```
read_mothur2phyloseq(shared.file, consensus.taxonomy.file, mapping.file = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| shared.file             | A <b>shared file</b> produced by <i>mothur</i> . Identified from the .shared extension                                                                                                                        |
| consensus.taxonomy.file | Consensus taxonomy file produced by <i>mothur</i> . Identified from with the .taxonomy extension. See <a href="http://www.mothur.org/wiki/ConTaxonomy_file">http://www.mothur.org/wiki/ConTaxonomy_file</a> . |
| mapping.file            | Metadata/mapping file with .csv extension                                                                                                                                                                     |

## Details

Mothur shared and consensus taxonomy files will be converted to [phyloseq-class](#).

## Value

[phyloseq-class](#) object.

## Author(s)

Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
#otu.file <- system.file(  
#"extdata/Baxter_FITs_Microbiome_2016_fit.final.tx.1.subsample.shared",  
#   package='microbiome')  
  
#tax.file <- system.file(  
#"extdata/Baxter_FITs_Microbiome_2016_fit.final.tx.1.cons.taxonomy",  
#   package='microbiome')
```

```
#meta.file <- system.file(
#"extdata/Baxter_FITs_Microbiome_2016_mapping.csv",
#  package='microbiome')

#p0 <- read_mothur2phyloseq(
#  shared.file=otu.file,
#  consensus.taxonomy.file=tax.file,
#  mapping.file=meta.file)
```

---

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| read_phyloseq | <i>Import phyloseq Data</i> |
|---------------|-----------------------------|

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## Description

Read the otu, taxonomy and metadata from various formats.

## Usage

```
read_phyloseq(
  otu.file = NULL,
  taxonomy.file = NULL,
  metadata.file = NULL,
  type = c("simple", "mothur", "biom"),
  sep = ",",
)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                         |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| otu.file      | File containing the OTU table (for mothur this is the file with the .shared extension)  |
| taxonomy.file | (for mothur this is typically the consensus taxonomy file with the .taxonomy extension) |
| metadata.file | File containing samples x variables metadata.                                           |
| type          | Input data type: 'mothur' or 'simple' or 'biom' type.                                   |
| sep           | CSV file separator                                                                      |

## Details

See `help(read_mothur2phyloseq)` for details on the Mothur input format; and `help(read_biom2phyloseq)` for details on the biom format. The simple format refers to the set of CSV files.

## Value

`phyloseq-class` object

**Author(s)**

Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
# pseq <- read_phyloseq(otu.file,
#                       taxonomy.file,
#                       metadata.file,
#                       type=c('mothur', 'simple', 'biom'))
```

---

remove\_samples

*Exclude Samples*


---

**Description**

Filter out selected samples from a phyloseq object.

**Usage**

```
remove_samples(samples = NULL, x)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                       |
|---------|---------------------------------------|
| samples | Names of samples to be removed.       |
| x       | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object |

**Details**

This complements the phyloseq function `prune_samples` by providing a way to exclude given groups from a phyloseq object.

**Value**

Filtered phyloseq object.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

To cite the microbiome R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

**See Also**

`phyloseq::prune_samples`, `phyloseq::subset_samples`

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
pseq <- remove_samples(c("Sample-182", "Sample-222"), dietswap)
```

remove\_taxa

*Exclude Taxa***Description**

Filter out selected taxa from a phyloseq object.

**Usage**

```
remove_taxa(taxa = NULL, x)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| taxa | Names of taxa to be removed.          |
| x    | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object |

**Details**

This complements the phyloseq function `prune_taxa` by providing a way to exclude given groups from a phyloseq object.

**Value**

Filtered phyloseq object.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

To cite the microbiome R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

**See Also**

`phyloseq::prune_taxa`, `phyloseq::subset_taxa`

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
pseq <- remove_taxa(c("Akkermansia", "Dialister"), dietswap)
```

---

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| richness | <i>Richness Index</i> |
|----------|-----------------------|

---

## Description

Community richness index.

## Usage

```
richness(x, index = c("observed", "chao1"), detection = 0)
```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | A species abundance vector, or matrix (taxa/features x samples) with the absolute count data (no relative abundances), or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object |
| index     | "observed" or "chao1"                                                                                                                                           |
| detection | Detection threshold. Used for the "observed" index.                                                                                                             |

## Details

By default, returns the richness for multiple detection thresholds defined by the data quantiles. If the detection argument is provided, returns richness with that detection threshold. The "observed" richness corresponds to index="observed", detection=0.

## Value

A vector of richness indices

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <[microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com](mailto:microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com)>

## See Also

[alpha](#)

## Examples

```
data(dietswap)
d <- richness(dietswap, detection=0)
```

---

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| spreadplot | <i>Abundance Spread Plot</i> |
|------------|------------------------------|

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## Description

Visualize abundance spread for OTUs

## Usage

```
spreadplot(x, trunc = 0.001/100, alpha = 0.15, width = 0.35)
```

## Arguments

|       |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object; or a data.frame with fields "otu" (otu name); "sample" (sample name); and "abundance" (otu abundance in the given sample) |
| trunc | Truncate abundances lower than this to zero                                                                                                                      |
| alpha | Alpha level for point transparency                                                                                                                               |
| width | Width for point spread                                                                                                                                           |

## Value

ggplot2 object

## Author(s)

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

## References

See citation('microbiome')

## Examples

```
data(dietswap)
p <- spreadplot(transform(dietswap, "compositional"))
```



|                    |                                  |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| summarize_phyloseq | <i>Summarize phyloseq object</i> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|

### Description

Prints basic information of data.

## Usage

```
summarize_phyloseq(x)
```

## Arguments

- x Input is a `phyloseq-class` object.

## Details

The `summarize_phyloseq` function will give information on whether data is compositional or not, reads (min, max, median, average), sparsity, presence of singletons and sample variables.

## Value

Prints basic information of `phyloseq-class` object.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

## Examples

```
data(dietswap)
summarize_phyloseq(dietswap)
```

| taxa | <i>Taxa Names</i> |
|------|-------------------|
|------|-------------------|

### Description

List the names of taxonomic groups in a phyloseq object.

## Usage

taxa(x)

## Arguments

x      phyloseq-class object

**Details**

A handy shortcut for `phyloseq::taxa_names`, with a potential to add to add some extra tweaks later.

**Value**

A vector with taxon names.

**Author(s)**

Contact: Leo Lahti <microbiome-admin@googlegroups.com>

**References**

To cite the microbiome R package, see `citation('microbiome')`

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
x <- taxa(dietswap)
```

---

TibbleUtilites

*Utilities For [phyloseq-class](#) Slots to Tibbles*

---

**Description**

Utility to convert phyloseq slots to tibbles.

**Usage**

```
otu_tibble(x, column.id = "FeatureID")

tax_tibble(x, column.id = "FeatureID")

sample_tibble(x, column.id = "SampleID")

combine_otu_tax(x, column.id = "FeatureID")
```

**Arguments**

`x` [phyloseq-class](#) object.

`column.id` Provide name for the column which will hold the rownames. of slot.

**Details**

Convert different phyloseq slots into tibbles. `otu_tibble` gets the `otu_table` in tibble format. `tax_tibble` gets the `taxa_table` in tibble format. `combine_otu_tax` combines `otu_table` and `taxa_table` into one tibble.

**Value**

A tibble

**Author(s)**

Contact: Sudarshan A. Shetty <sudarshanshetty9@gmail.com>

**Examples**

```
library(microbiome)
data("dietswap")
otu_tib <- otu_tibble(dietswap, column.id="FeatureID")
tax_tib <- tax_tibble(dietswap, column.id="FeatureID")
sample_tib <- sample_tibble(dietswap, column.id="SampleID")
otu_tax <- combine_otu_tax(dietswap, column.id = "FeatureID")
head(otu_tax)
```

---

timesplit

*Time Split*


---

**Description**

For each subject, return temporally consecutive sample pairs together with the corresponding time difference.

**Usage**

```
timesplit(x)
```

**Arguments**

**x** **phyloseq** object.

**Value**

data.frame

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
x <- timesplit(subset_samples(atlas1006,
  DNA_extraction_method == 'r' & sex == "male"))
```

---

|                |                                               |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| time_normalize | <i>Normalize Phyloseq Metadata Time Field</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Shift the time field in phyloseq sample\_data such that the first time point of each subject is always 0.

**Usage**

```
time_normalize(x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                                                                                        |
|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x | phyloseq object. The sample_data(x) should contain the following fields: subject, time |
|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

Phyloseq object with a normalized time field

**Examples**

```
data(peerj32)
pseq <- time_normalize(peerj32$phyloseq)
```

---

|           |                                         |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------|
| time_sort | <i>Temporal Sorting Within Subjects</i> |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Within each subject, sort samples by time and calculate distance from the baseline point (minimum time).

**Usage**

```
time_sort(x)
```

**Arguments**

|   |                                                                                                             |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x | A metadata data.frame including the following columns: time, subject, sample, signal. Or a phyloseq object. |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

A list with sorted metadata (data.frame) for each subject.

**Author(s)**

Leo Lahti <leo.lahti@iki.fi>

**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
data(atlas1006)
pseq <- subset_samples(atlas1006, DNA_extraction_method == "r")
ts <- time_sort(meta(pseq))
```

---

|     |                             |
|-----|-----------------------------|
| top | <i>Identify Top Entries</i> |
|-----|-----------------------------|

---

**Description**

Identify top entries in a vector or given field in data frame.

**Usage**

```
top(
  x,
  field = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  output = "vector",
  round = NULL,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  include.rank = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| x            | data.frame, matrix, or vector                         |
| field        | Field or column to check for a data.frame or matrix   |
| n            | Number of top entries to show                         |
| output       | Output format: vector or data.frame                   |
| round        | Optional rounding                                     |
| na.rm        | Logical. Remove NA before calculating the statistics. |
| include.rank | Include ranking if the output is data.frame. Logical. |

**Value**

Vector of top counts, named by the corresponding entries

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
p <- top(meta(dietswap), "group", 10)
```

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top\_taxa

*Top Taxa*


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**Description**

Return n most abundant taxa (based on total abundance over all samples), sorted by abundance

**Usage**

```
top_taxa(x, n = ntaxa(x))
```

**Arguments**

|   |                                             |
|---|---------------------------------------------|
| x | phyloseq object                             |
| n | Number of top taxa to return (default: all) |

**Value**

Character vector listing the top taxa

**Examples**

```
data(dietswap)
topx <- top_taxa(dietswap, n=10)
```

transform

*Data Transformations for phyloseq Objects***Description**

Standard transforms for [phyloseq-class](#).

**Usage**

```
transform(
  x,
  transform = "identity",
  target = "OTU",
  shift = 0,
  scale = 1,
  log10 = TRUE,
  reference = 1,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object                                                                                                                                                                                |
| transform | Transformation to apply. The options include: 'compositional' (ie relative abundance), 'Z', 'log10', 'log10p', 'hellinger', 'identity', 'clr', 'alr', or any method from the <code>vegan::decostand</code> function. |
| target    | Apply the transform for 'sample' or 'OTU'. Does not affect the log transform.                                                                                                                                        |
| shift     | A constant indicating how much to shift the baseline abundance (in <code>transform='shift'</code> )                                                                                                                  |
| scale     | Scaling constant for the abundance values when <code>transform = "scale"</code> .                                                                                                                                    |
| log10     | Used only for Z transformation. Apply log10 before Z.                                                                                                                                                                |
| reference | Reference feature for the alr transformation.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| ...       | arguments to be passed                                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Details**

In transformation typ, the 'compositional' abundances are returned as relative abundances in [0, 1] (convert to percentages by multiplying with a factor of 100). The Hellinger transform is square root of the relative abundance but instead given at the scale [0,1]. The log10p transformation refers to  $\log_{10}(1 + x)$ . The log10 transformation is applied as  $\log_{10}(1 + x)$  if the data contains zeroes. CLR transform applies a pseudocount of  $\min(\text{relative abundance})/2$  to exact zero relative abundance entries in OTU table before taking logs.

**Value**

Transformed [phyloseq](#) object

**Examples**

```

data(dietswap)
x <- dietswap

# No transformation
xt <- transform(x, 'identity')

# OTU relative abundances
# xt <- transform(x, 'compositional')

# Z-transform for OTUs
# xt <- transform(x, 'Z', 'OTU')

# Z-transform for samples
# xt <- transform(x, 'Z', 'sample')

# Log10 transform (log10(1+x) if the data contains zeroes)
# xt <- transform(x, 'log10')

# Log10p transform (log10(1+x) always)
# xt <- transform(x, 'log10p')

# CLR transform
# Note that small pseudocount is added if data contains zeroes
xt <- microbiome::transform(x, 'clr')

# ALR transform
# The pseudocount must be specified explicitly
# The reference feature is 1 by default
xt <- microbiome::transform(x, 'alr', shift=1, reference=1)

# Shift the baseline
# xt <- transform(x, 'shift', shift=1)

# Scale
# xt <- transform(x, 'scale', scale=1)

```

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ztransform

*Z Transformation*


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**Description**

Z transform for matrices

**Usage**

```
ztransform(x, which, log10 = TRUE)
```



**Arguments**

|                    |                                     |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>     | a matrix                            |
| <code>which</code> | margin                              |
| <code>log10</code> | apply log10 transformation before Z |

**Details**

Performs centering (to zero) and scaling (to unit variance) across samples for each taxa.

**Value**

Z-transformed matrix

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**References**

See citation('microbiome')

**Examples**

```
#data(peerj32)
#pseqz <- ztransform(abundances(peerj32$phyloseq))
```

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