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`abundtrans`*Species Abundance Data Transformation*

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**Description**

Transforms species abundances according to an arbitrary specified vector

**Usage**

```
abundtrans(comm, code, value)
```

**Arguments**

<code>comm</code>	the original community data.frame
<code>code</code>	a vector containing the set of values appearing in the original data.frame
<code>value</code>	a vector containing the set of respective values to substitute

**Details**

Performs a respective substitution to transform specific values in an initial data.frame to other specified values.

**Value**

a data.frame of transformed abundance data

**Note**

Vegetation data are often collected in arbitrary abundance schemes (e.g. Braun-Blanquet, Domin, etc.) which have no direct algebraic transformation (e.g. log). This function transforms coded abundances to arbitrary importance values as specified.

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**See Also**

[deconstand](#), [wisconsin](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
old <- c(0.2, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0)
new <- c(0.2, 0.5, 3.0, 15.0, 37.5, 62.5, 85.0, 97.5)
midpoint <- abundtrans(bryceveg, old, new)
```

abuocc

*Abundance/Occurrence Graphical Analysis***Description**

Calculates and plots summary statistics about species occurrences in a data frame

**Usage**

```
abuocc(comm,minabu=0,panel='all')
```

**Arguments**

comm	a community data.frame with samples as rows and species as columns
minabu	a minimum abundance threshold species must exceed to be included in the calculations (default=0)
panel	controls which of four graphs is drawn, and can be 'all' or integers 1-4

**Details**

This functions calculates and plots four data summaries about the occurrence of species:

Plots:

- 1) the number of samples each species occurs in on a log scale, sorted from maximum to minimum
- 2) the number of species in each sample plot (species richness) from highest to lowest
- 3) the mean abundance of non-zero values (on a log scale) as a function of the number of plots a species occurs in
- 4) the total abundance/sample as a function of the plot-level species richness

The third plot allows you to identify individual species with the mouse; the fourth plot allows you to identify individual sample units with the mouse.

**Value**

Returns an (invisible) list composed of:

spc.plt	number of species/sample
plt.spc	number of samples each species occurs in
mean	mean abundance of each species when present (excluding values smaller than minabu)

**Note**

It's common in niche theory analyses to calculate the rank abundances of taxa in a sample. This function is similar, but works on multiple samples simultaneously. The spc.plt vector in the returned list can be used anywhere species richness is desired. The plt.spc vector in the returned list can be used to mask out rare species in calculations of sample similarity using [dsvdis](#) among other purposes.

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**See Also**

[fisherfit](#), [prestonfit](#), [radfit](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # produces a data.frame called bryceveg
abuocc(bryceveg)
```

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as.dsvord

*Convert existing and external ordinations to dsv format*

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**Description**

This function updates ordinations from previous versions of labdsv and converts ordinations of class 'boral' from package boral, list output objects from package Rtsne, class 'metaMDS' objects from package vegan, or class 'ordiplot' objects from package vegan into objects of class 'dsvord' for plotting and comparison.

**Usage**

```
as.dsvord(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj                    an object of class nmms, pco, pca, boral, metaMDS, or ordiplot or an output list object from Rtsne

**Details**

as.dsvord calls internal format-specific conversion functions to produce an object of class 'dsvord' from the given input.

**Value**

an object of class 'dsvord', i.e. a list with items 'points' and 'type' (optionally more), and attributes 'call' and 'timestamp' and 'class'.

**Note**

LabDSV recently converted all ordination objects to a single class with an ancillary 'type' specification to differentiate ordination types.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run: data(bryceveg)
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray')
library(vegan)
demo.metaMDS <- metaMDS(bryceveg)
metamds.dsv <- as.dsvord(demo.metaMDS)
demo.ordi <- plot(demo.metaMDS)
ordip.dsv <- as.dsvord(demo.ordi)
library(boral)
demo.boral <- boral(bryceveg, row.eff='random')
boral.dsv <- as.dsvord(demo.boral)

## End(Not run)
```

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brycesite

*Site Data for Bryce Canyon National Park*


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**Description**

Environmental variables recorded at or calculated for each of 160 sample plots in Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, U.S.A.

**Usage**

```
data(brycesite)
```

**Format**

a data.frame with sample units as rows and site variables as columns. Variables are:

**plotcode** = original plot codes  
**annrad** = annual direct solar radiation in Langleys  
**asp** = slope aspect in degrees  
**av** = aspect value =  $(1 + \cos(\text{asp} - 30)) / 2$   
**depth** = soil depth = "deep" or "shallow"  
**east** = UTM easting in meters  
**elev** = elevation in feet  
**grorad** = growing season radiation in Langleys  
**north** = UTM northing in meters  
**pos** = topographic position  
**quad** = USGS 7.5 minute quad sheet  
**slope** = percent slope

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bryceveg

*Bryce Canyon Vegetation Data*

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### Description

Estimates of cover class for all non-tree vascular plant species in 160  $375m^2$  circular sample plots. Species codes are first three letters of genus + first three letters of specific epithet.

### Usage

```
data(bryceveg)
```

### Format

a data.frame of 160 sample units (rows) and 169 species (columns). Cover is estimated in codes as follows:

**0.2** present in the stand but not the plot

**0.5** 0-1%

**1.0** 1-5%

**2.0** 5-25%

**3.0** 25-50%

**4.0** 50-75%

**5.0** 75-95%

**6.0** 95-100%

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calibrate

*Calculate fitted environmental attributes in an ordination*

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### Description

Fits a Generalized Additive Model (GAM) for each environmental variable in a data.frame against an ordination.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'  
calibrate(ord,site,dims=1:ncol(ord$points),  
          family='gaussian',gamma=1,keep.models=FALSE,...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>ord</code>	an ordination object of class <code>dsvord</code>
<code>site</code>	a matrix or <code>data.frame</code> with sample units as rows and environmental variables as columns
<code>dims</code>	the specific dimensions of the ordination to consider
<code>family</code>	the error distribution specifier for the GAM function
<code>gamma</code>	the gamma parameter to control fitting GAM models
<code>keep.models</code>	a switch to control saving the individual GAM models
<code>...</code>	arguments to pass

**Details**

The `calibrate` function sequentially and independently fits a GAM model for each environmental variable as a function of ordination coordinates, using the `family` and `gamma` specifiers supplied in the function call, or their defaults. The model fits two or three dimensional models; if the length of `dims` is greater than three the dimensions are truncated to the first three chosen.

**Value**

A list object with vector elements `aic`, `dev.expl`, `adj.rsq`, and fitted value matrix. Optionally, if `keep.models` is `TRUE`, a list with all of the GAM models fitted. List element `aic` gives the model AICs for each variable, `dev.expl` gives the deviance explained, `adj.rsq` gives the adjusted r-Squared, and `fitted` gives the expected value of each variable in each sample unit.

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**See Also**

[predict](#) for the complementary function that fits GAM models for species

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
dis.man <- dist(bryceveg,method="manhattan")
demo.nmnds <- nmnds(dis.man,k=4)
## Not run: res <- calibrate(demo.nmnds,brycesite[,c(2,4,7,12)],minocc=10)
```



**Description**

Compares the composition of modeled communities to real data using Bray-Curtis similarity

**Usage**

```
ccm(model, data)
```

**Arguments**

model	fitted data from a predictive model
data	actual data from the modeled communities

**Details**

The algorithm sweeps through the fitted values and data one sample unit at time calculating the similarity to the simulated community to the real community. The calculation is similarity, not dissimilarity, and results in a vector of length equal to the number of sample units.

The diverse matrix has the diversity of the data in the first column, and the diversity of the simulated or fitted data in the second column.

**Value**

A list object with two components:

sim	a vector of similarities of modeled communities to actual data
diverse	Shannon-Weaver diversity values for modeled and real data

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
bryceveg <- drospc(bryceveg, 4)
bryce.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray')
bryce.nmfs <- nmfs(bryce.bc)
## Not run: bryce.preds <- predict(bryce.nmfs, bryceveg)
## Not run: bryce.ccm <- ccm(bryceveg, bryce.preds$fitted)
## Not run: summary(bryce.ccm$sim)
## Not run: boxplot(bryce.ccm$diverse)
```

compspec

*Compositional Specificity Analysis***Description**

Calculates the mean similarity of all plots in which each species occurs

**Usage**

```
compspec(comm, dis, numitr=100, drop=FALSE, progress=FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'compspec'
plot(x, spc=NULL, pch=1, type='p', col=1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a data frame of community samples, samples as rows, species as columns
dis	an object of class 'dist' from <code>dist</code> , <code>dsvdis</code> or <code>vegdist</code>
numitr	the number of iterations to use to establish the quantiles of the distribution
drop	a switch to determine whether to drop species out when calculating their comp-spec value
progress	a switch to control printing out a progress bar
x	an object of class <code>compspec</code>
spc	an integer code to specify exactly which species drop-out to plot
pch	which glyph to plot for species
type	which type of plot
col	an integer or integer vector) to color the points
...	additional arguments to the plot function

**Value**

a list with several data.frames: 'vals' with species name, mean similarity, number of occurrences, and probability of observing as high a mean similarity as observed, and 'quantiles' with the distribution of the quantiles of mean similarity for given numbers of occurrences. If `drop=TRUE`, results specific to dropping out each species in turn are added to the list by species name.

**Note**

One measure of the habitat specificity of a species is the degree to which a species only occurs in communities that are similar to each other. This function calculates the mean similarity of all samples in which each species occurs, and compares that value to the distribution of mean similarities for randomly generated sets of the same size. The mean similarity of species which only occur once is set to 0, rather than NA.

If `drop=TRUE` each species is deleted in turn and a new dissimilarity matrix minus that species is calculated for the analysis. This eliminates the bias that part of the similarity of communities being analyzed is due to the known joint occurrence of the species being analyzed.

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**See Also**

indval, isamic

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis')
# returns a Bray/Curtis dissimilarity matrix
compspec(bryceveg, dis.bc)
```

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concov

*Constancy-Coverage Table for Ecological Community Data*

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**Description**

Produces a table of combined species constancy and importance

**Usage**

```
concov(comm, clustering, digits=1, width=5, typical=TRUE, thresh=10)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a community data.frame, samples as rows and species as columns
clustering	(1) an object of class 'clustering', class 'partana', or class 'partition', (2) a vector of integer cluster memberships, (3) a factor vector, or (4) a character vector
digits	the number of digits for the importance value of species
width	controls the formatting of columns
typical	an argument passed to <a href="#">importance</a> to control how mean abundance is calculated
thresh	a threshold parameter to control the suppression of small details in the output. Species must have $\geq$ thresh constancy in at least one type to appear in the output table

**Details**

concov calls [const](#) and [importance](#) and then combines the output in a single table.

**Value**

a data.frame with factors (combined constancy and coverage) as columns

**Note**

Constancy-coverage tables are an informative and concise representation of species in classified types. The output format [constancy(mean cover)] follows the convention of the US Forest Service vegetation classifications.

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**See Also**

[const](#), [importance](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
data(brycesite) # returns a site data.frame
## Not run: concov(bryceveg,brycesite$squad) # calculates the constancy
                                                # and coverage by USGS quad
## End(Not run)
```

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const

*Constancy Table*

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**Description**

For a classified set of vegetation samples, lists for each species the fraction of samples in each class the species occurs in.

**Usage**

```
const(comm, clustering, minval = 0, show = minval, digits = 2,
      sort = FALSE, spcord = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a data.frame of species abundances with samples as rows and species as columns
clustering	(1) an object of class 'clustering', class 'partana', or class 'partition', (2) a vector of numeric cluster memberships, (3) a factor vector, or (4) a character vector.
minval	the minimum constancy a species must have in at least one class to be included in the output
show	the minimum constancy a species must have to show a printed value
digits	the number of digits to report in the table
sort	a switch to control interactive re-ordering of the output table
spcord	a vector of integers to specify the order in which species should be listed in the table

**Details**

Produces a table with species as rows, and species constancy in clusters as columns.

The 'clustering' vector represents a classification of the samples that the table summarizes. It may result from a cluster analysis, partitioning an ordination, subjective partitioning of a vegetation table, or other source.

The 'minval' argument is used to emphasize the dominant species and suppress the rare species. Vegetation tables are often very sparse, and this argument simplifies making them more compact.

The 'digits' argument limits the reported precision of the calculations. Generally, relatively low precision is adequate and perhaps more realistic.

The 'spcord' argument specifies the order species are listed in a table. You can use the reverse of the number of occurrences to get dominant species at the top to rarer at the bottom, use fidelity values for the ordered clusters, or possibly the order of species centroids in an ordination.

**Value**

a data.frame with species as rows, classes as columns, with fraction of occurrence of species in classes.

**Note**

Constancy tables are often used in vegetation classification to calculate or present characteristic species for specific classes or types. 'const' may be combined with 'importance' and 'vegtab' to achieve a vegetation table-oriented analysis.

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**See Also**

[importance](#), [vegtab](#), [vegemite](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame called bryceveg
data(brycesite)
class <- cut(brycesite$elev,10,labels=FALSE)
const(bryceveg,class,minval=0.25)
```

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`convex`*Convex Data Transformation*

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**Description**

Calculates a convex data transformation for a given number of desired classes.

**Usage**

```
convex(n, b=2, stand=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>n</code>	the desired number of values
<code>b</code>	the base of the exponential function
<code>stand</code>	a switch to control standardizing values to a maximum of 1.0

**Details**

Calculates a series of values where the difference between adjacent values is  $1/b$  the previous difference. With the default  $b=2$  you get an octave scale.

**Value**

a vector of numeric values

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**See Also**

`spcmax`, `samptot`, `abundtrans`, `hellinger`

**Examples**

```
convex(5, 2)
```

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`defactorize`*Change Factors in Data.frames to Character Vectors*

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**Description**

Looks at each column in a `data.frame`, and converts factors to character vectors.

**Usage**

```
defactorize(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df` a `data.frame`

**Details**

The function simply scans each column in a `data.frame` looking for factor columns. For each factor column it calls the `'as.character()'` function to convert the column to a character vector.

**Value**

Returns a `data.frame` where every factor column has been converted to a character vector.

**Note**

This function simplifies editing `data.frames` by allowing users to edit character columns (which have no levels constraints) and then converting the results to factors for modeling. It is often used in a cycle of

```
defactorize(df)
```

```
edit the columns as necessary to correct errors or simplify
```

```
factorize(df)
```

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**See Also**

[factorize](#)

**Examples**

```
data(brycesite)
brycesite <- defactorize(brycesite)
brycesite$quad[brycesite$quad=='bp'] <- 'BP'
brycesite <- factorize(brycesite)
```

dematrfify

*Create Three Column Database Form Data Frame from Sparse Data Frames*

---

**Description**

Takes a sparse matrix data frame (typical of ecological abundance data) and converts it into three column database format.

**Usage**

```
dematrfify(comm, filename, sep = ",", thresh = 0)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a sparse data.frame or matrix, with samples as rows and comm as columns
filename	the name of the filename to produce
sep	the separator to use in separating columns
thresh	the minimum abundance to be included in the output

**Details**

The routine is pure R code to convert data from sparse matrix form to three column database form for export or reduced storage

**Value**

a data.frame with the first column the sample ID, the second column the taxon ID, and the third column the abundance.

**Note**

Typically, large ecological data sets are characterized by sparse matrices of taxon abundance in samples with many zeros in the matrix. Because these datasets may be many columns wide, they are difficult to work with in text editors or spreadsheets, and require excessive amount of space for storage. The reduced three column form is suitable for input to databases, and more easily edited.

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**See Also**

[matrfify](#)



**Examples**

```
library(labdsv)
data(bryceveg)
x <- dematrfify(bryceveg)
```

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dga

*Direct Gradient Analysis*


---

**Description**

Direct gradient analysis is a graphical representation of the abundance distribution of (typically) species along opposing environmental gradients

**Usage**

```
dga(z, x, y, step=50, pres="+", abs="-", labcex=1,
    xlab = deparse(substitute(x)), ylab = deparse(substitute(y)),
    pch = 1, title = "", ...)
```

**Arguments**

z	the variable (typically a species abundance) to be plotted
x	the variable to use as the x axis
y	the variable to use as the y axis
step	controls the grid density fed to the GAM surface fitter
pres	the symbol to print when a species is present (presence/absence mode)
abs	the symbol to print when a species is absent (presence/absence mode)
labcex	the character size for contour labels
xlab	the x axis legend
ylab	the y axis legend
pch	the symbol to print in continuous abundance plots
title	the title to print
...	miscellaneous arguments to pass to par

**Details**

'dga' interpolates a grid of x,y values from the supplied data and fits a GAM (from [mgcv](#)) of the z variable to the grid. For presence/absence data (entered as a logical) it employs a binomial family, for species abundances a negative binomial is employed. The GAM surface is then represented by a contour map and abundance symbols as described above.

**Value**

a graph of the distribution of the z variable on a grid of x and y is displayed on the current active device.

**Note**

Direct gradient analysis was promoted by Robert Whittaker and followers as a preferred method of vegetation analysis.

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**See Also**

[gam](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame called bryceveg
x <- c(0.2,0.5,1.0,2.0,3.0,4.0,5.0,6.0)
y <- c(0.2,0.5,3.0,15.0,37.5,62.5,85.0,97.5)
cover <- abundtrans(bryceveg,x,y)
data(brycesite)
dga(round(cover$arcpat),brycesite$elev,brycesite$av)
```

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disana

*Dissimilarity Analysis*

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**Description**

Dissimilarity analysis is a graphical analysis of the distribution of values in a dissimilarity matrix

**Usage**

```
disana(x, panel='all')
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class 'dist' such as returned by <a href="#">dist</a> , <a href="#">dsvdis</a> , or <a href="#">vegdist</a>
panel	a switch to specify which panel of graphics should be displayed. Can be either an integer from 1 to 3, or the word 'all'.

**Details**

Calculates three vectors: the minimum, mean, and maximum dissimilarity for each sample in a dissimilarity matrix. By default it produces three plots: the sorted dissimilarity values, the sorted min, mean, and maximum dissimilarity for each sample, and the mean dissimilarity versus the minimum dissimilarity for each sample. Optionally, you can identify sample plots in the last panel with the mouse.

**Value**

Plots three graphs to the current graphical device, and returns an (invisible) list with four components:

min	the minimum dissimilarity of each sample to all others
mean	the mean dissimilarity of each sample to all others
max	the maximum dissimilarity of each sample to all others
plots	a vector of samples identified in the last panel

**Note**

Dissimilarity matrices are often large, and difficult to visualize directly. ‘disana’ is designed to highlight aspects of interest in these large matrices. If the first panel shows a long limb of constant maximum value, you should consider recalculating the dissimilarity with a step-across adjustment. The third panel is useful for identifying outliers, which are plots more than 0.5 dissimilar to their nearest neighbor.

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame called veg
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis')
disana(dis.bc)
```

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dropplt

*Dropping Plots with Missing Values From Taxon and Site Data Frames*

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**Description**

Looks for plots which have missing values in site or environment data, and deletes those plots from both the community and site data frames.

**Usage**

```
dropplt(comm,site,which=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a community data frame with samples as rows and species as columns
site	a site or environment data frame with samples as rows and variables as columns
which	a switch to specify specific plots to drop from both data.frames

**Details**

First looks to see that the row names of the community data frame and the site or environment data frame are identical. If not, it prints an error message and exits. If which is NULL, it then looks at the site or environment data frame for plots or samples that have missing values, and deletes those plots from both the community and site data frames. Alternatively, if which is a numeric scalar or vector it deletes the specified plots from both the community and site data.frames.

**Value**

produces a list with two components:

site                    the new site data frame

**Note**

This is a VERY heavy-handed approach to managing missing values. Most R routines (including most of the labdsv package functions) have ways of handling missing values that are fairly graceful. This function simply maintains the correspondence between the community and site data frames while eliminating ALL missing values, and all plots that have missing values.

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data frame called bryceveg
data(brycesite) # returns a data frame called brycesite
demo <- dropplt(bryceveg,brycesite)
newcomm <- demo$comm
newsite <- demo$site
```

---

drofspc

*Dropping Species with Few Occurrences*

---

**Description**

Eliminates species from the community data frame that occur fewer than or equal to a threshold number of occurrences.

**Usage**

```
drofspc(comm,minocc=0,minabu=0)
```

**Arguments**

comm                    a community data frame  
minocc                  the threshold number of occurrences to be dropped  
minabu                  the threshold minimum abundance to be dropped

**Details**

The function is useful for eliminating species (columns) from community data frames which never occur, which often happens if you eliminate plots, and those plots are the only ones that contain that species. In addition, many species are rare in data frames, and some algorithms (especially dissimilarity functions and table sorting routines) benefit from smaller, simpler data frames.

**Value**

Produces a new community data frame

**Note**

This is a heavy-handed approach to managing rare species in data.frames. It is often possible to write a mask (logical vector) that suppresses the influence of rare species and keeps the original data.frame intact, but this function simplifies data management for some purposes.

**Author(s)**

David W. Roberts <droboters@montana.edu>

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data frame called bryceveg
newveg <- dropspc(bryceveg,5) # deletes species which
                             # occur 5 or fewer times
```

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dsvdis

*Dissimilarity Indices and Distance Measures*


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**Description**

This function provides a set of alternative dissimilarity indices and distance metrics for classification and ordination, including weighting by species (columns) and shortest-path adjustment for dissimilarity indices.

**Usage**

```
dsvdis(x, index, weight=rep(1, ncol(x)), step=0.0,
       diag=FALSE, upper=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a matrix of observations, samples as rows and variables as columns
index	a specific dissimilarity or distance index (see details below)
weight	a vector of weights for species (columns)
step	a threshold dissimilarity to initiate shortest-path adjustment (0.0 is a flag for no adjustment)
diag	a switch to control returning the diagonal (default=FALSE)
upper	a switch to control returning the upper (TRUE) or lower (FALSE) triangle

## Details

The function calculates dissimilarity or distance between rows of a matrix of observations according to a specific index. Three indices convert the data to presence/absence automatically. In contingency table notation, they are:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{steinhaus} & 1 - a/(a + b + c) \\ \text{sorensen} & 1 - 2a/(2a + b + c) \\ \text{ochiai} & 1 - a/\sqrt{(a + b) * (a + c)} \end{array}$$

Others are quantitative. For variable  $i$  in samples  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{ruzicka} & 1 - \sum \min(x_i, y_i) / \sum \max(x_i, y_i) \\ \text{bray/curtis} & 1 - \sum [2 * \min(x_i, y_i)] / \sum x_i + y_i \\ \text{roberts} & 1 - [(x_i + y_i) * \min(x_i, y_i) / \max(x_i, y_i)] / (x_i + y_i) \\ \text{chisq} & (exp - obs) / \sqrt{exp} \end{array}$$

The weight argument allows the assignment of weights to individual species in the calculation of plot-to-plot similarity. The weights can be assigned by life-form, indicator value, or for other investigator specific reasons. For the presence/absence indices the weights should be integers; for the quantitative indices the weights should be in the interval [0,1]. The default (`rep(1,ncol(x))`) is to set all species = 1.

The threshold dissimilarity 'step' sets all values greater than or equal to "step" to 9999.9 and then solves for the shortest path distance connecting plots to other non-9999.9 values in the matrix. Step = 0.0 (the default) is a flag for "no shortest-path correction".

## Value

Returns an object of class "dist", equivalent to that from `dist`.

## Note

Ecologists have spent a great deal of time and effort examining the properties of different dissimilarity indices and distances for ecological data. Many of these indices should have more general application however. Dissimilarity indices are bounded [0,1], so that samples with no attributes in common cannot be more dissimilar than 1.0, regardless of their separation along hypothetical or real gradients. The shortest-path adjustment provides a partial solution. Pairs of samples more dissimilar than a specified threshold are set to 9999.9, and the algorithm solves for their actual dissimilarity from the transitive closure of the triangle inequality. Essentially, the dissimilarity is replaced by the shortest connected path between points less than the threshold apart. In this way it is possible to obtain dissimilarities much greater than 1.0.

The chi-square distance is not usually employed directly in cluster analysis or ordination, but is provided so that you can calculate correspondence analysis as a principal coordinates analysis (using `cmdscale`) from a simple distance matrix.

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**See Also**

dist, [vegdist](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame called "bryceveg"
dis.ochiai <- dsvdis(bryceveg, index="ochiai")
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, index="bray/curtis")
```

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dsvls

*LabDSV Object ls() Command*

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**Description**

The function searches through all the objects in the specified environment, and determines which ones have specific meaning in LabDSV. It then produces an output of a summary of every known LabDSV object sorted by type.

**Usage**

```
dsvls(frame=NULL, opt='full')
```

**Arguments**

frame	an environment; if null substitutes parent.frame()
opt	a switch for 'full' or 'brief' output

**Value**

Prints output to the console

**Note**

It's common that after a while the number of objects in your workspace can get large, and even with disciplined naming of objects the list can get overwhelming. `dsvls()` attempts to organize and report on the objects LabDSV understands.

**Author(s)**

David W. Roberts <drobot@montana.edu>

## Examples

```
data(bryceveg)
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray')
nmds.bc <- nmds(dis.bc, 2)
dsvls()
```

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envrtest

*Environmental Distribution Test*

---

## Description

Calculates whether the value of a specified environmental variable has an improbable distribution with respect to a specified vector

## Usage

```
envrtest(set, env, numitr=1000, minval=0, replace=FALSE,
         plotit = TRUE, main = paste(deparse(substitute(set)),
         " on ", deparse(substitute(env))))
```

## Arguments

set	a vector of logical or quantitative values
env	the quantitative variable whose distribution is to be tested
numitr	the number of randomizations to iterate to calculate probabilities
minval	the threshold to use to partition the data into a logical if set is quantitative
replace	whether to permute (replace=FALSE) or bootstrap (replace=TRUE) the values in the permutation test
plotit	logical; plot results if TRUE
main	title for plot if plotted

## Details

Calculates the maximum within-set difference in the values of vector 'env', and the distribution of the permuted random within-set differences. It then plots the observed difference as a red line, and the sorted permuted differences as a black line and prints the probability of getting such a limited distribution. The probability is calculated by permuting numitr-1 times, counting the number of times the permuted maximum difference is as small or smaller than observed (n), and calculating (n+1)/numitr. To get three-digit probabilities, set numitr=1000 (the default)

## Value

Produces a plot on the current graphics device, and an invisible list with the components observed within-set difference and the p-value.



**Note**

The plot is based on the concept of constraint, or limiting value, and checks to see whether the distribution of a particular variable within a cluster is constrained in an improbable way.

**Author(s)**

David W. Roberts <drobotts@montana.edu>

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
data(brycesite) # returns and environmental data.frame
envrtest(bryceveg$berrep>0,brycesite$elev)
```

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euclidify

*Nearest Euclidean Space Representation of a Dissimilarity Object*

---

**Description**

Calculates the nearest Euclidean space representation of a dissimilarity object by iterating the transitive closure of the triangle inequality

**Usage**

```
euclidify(dis,upper=FALSE,diag=FALSE)
as.euclidean(dis,upper=FALSE,diag=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

dis	a distance or dissimilarity object returned from <a href="#">dist</a> , <a href="#">vegdist</a> , or <a href="#">dsvdis</a>
upper	a logical switch to control whether to return the lower triangle (upper=FALSE) or upper triangle (upper=TRUE) of the distance matrix
diag	a logical switch to control whether to return the diagonal of the distance matrix

**Details**

Implements a constrained iteration of the transitive closure of Pythagoras' theorem, such that the squared distance between any two objects is less than or equal to the sum of the squared distances from the two objects to all possible third objects.

**Value**

An object of class 'dist'

**Note**

Many multivariate statistical methods are designed for euclidean spaces, and yet the direct calculation of euclidean distance is often inappropriate due to problems with joint absences. `euclidify` takes any dissimilarity matrix and converts it to the closest euclidean representation, generally to avoid negative eigenvalues in an eigenanalysis of the matrix.

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**See Also**

[metrify](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
dis.bc <- dsdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis') # calculate a Bray/Curtis
                                         # dissimilarity matrix
dis.euc <- euclidify(dis.bc) # calculate the nearest euclidean
                             # representation
## Not run: plot(dis.bc, dis.euc)
```

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factorize

*Change Character Vectors in Data.frames to Factors*

---

**Description**

Looks at each column in a `data.frame`, and converts character vector columns to factors.

**Usage**

```
factorize(df)
```

**Arguments**

`df` a `data.frame`

**Details**

The function simply scans each column in a `data.frame` looking for character vector columns. For each character column it calls the `'factor()'` function to convert the column to a factor.

**Value**

Returns a `data.frame` where every character column has been converted to a factor

**Note**

This function simplifies editing data.frames by allowing users to edit character columns (which have no levels constraints) and then converting the results to factors for modeling. It is often used in a cycle of

```
defactorize(df)
```

edit the columns as necessary to correct errors or simplify

```
factorize(df)
```

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**See Also**

[defactorize](#)

**Examples**

```
data(brycesite)
brycesite <- defactorize(brycesite)
brycesite$quad[brycesite$quad=='bp'] <- 'BP'
brycesite <- factorize(brycesite)
```

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gsr

*Global Search and Replace for Data.frames*

---

**Description**

Performs in-place editing of data.frames that have factor columns while correcting for the change to levels.

**Usage**

```
gsr(field,old,new)
```

**Arguments**

field	a vector or specific column in a data.frame
old	a character vector of values to search for
new	a character vector of values to replace the respective items in old

**Details**

The function temporarily converts a vector or vector column in a data.frame to a character vector, and then loops through the 'old' vector looking for values to replace with the respective value in the 'new' vector. The column is then converted back to a factor.

**Value**

a factor vector

**Note**

The function is designed to make simple editing changes to data.frames or factor vectors, resetting the levels appropriately.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(brycesite)
brycesite$quad <- gsr(brycesite$quad,
  old=c('bp','bc','pc','rp','tc','tr'),
  new=c('BP','BC','PC','RP','TC','TR'))
```

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hellinger

*Hellinger Data Transformation*

---

**Description**

Performs the Hellinger data transformation (square root of sample total standardized data).

**Usage**

```
hellinger(comm)
```

**Arguments**

comm                    a community data.frame (samples as rows, species as columns)

**Details**

Calculates a sample total standardization (all values in a row are divided by the row sum), and then takes the square root of the values.

**Value**

A community data.frame

**Note**

Hellinger standardization is a convex standardization that simultaneously helps minimize effects of vastly different sample total abundances.

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**See Also**

spcmax, samptot, abundtrans

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
hellveg <- hellinger(bryceveg)
```

---

homoteneity

*Homoteneity Analysis of Classified Ecological Communities*

---

**Description**

Homoteneity is defined as ‘the mean constancy of the  $S$  most constant species, expressed as a fraction, where  $S$  is the mean species richness of a type.’

**Usage**

```
homoteneity(comm,clustering)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a data.frame of species abundances with samples as rows and species as columns
clustering	a vector of (integer) class memberships, or an object of class ‘clustering’, class ‘partana’, or class <a href="#">partition</a>

**Value**

A data.frame of homoteneity values

**Note**

This function was adapted from the Virginia Heritage Program at [http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural\\_heritage/ncstatistics.shtml](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural_heritage/ncstatistics.shtml)

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[const](#), [concov](#)

**Examples**

```

data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame of species in sample plots
data(brycesite) # returns a data.frame of site variables
homoteneity(bryceveg,brycesite$quad) # analysis of species constancy
                                     # by USGS quad location

```

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importance

*Importance Table*


---

**Description**

For a classified set of vegetation samples, a importance table lists for each species the average or typical abundance of each species in each class.

**Usage**

```

importance(comm,clustering,minval=0,digits=2,show=minval,
           sort=FALSE,typical=TRUE,spcord,dots=TRUE)

```

**Arguments**

<code>comm</code>	a data.frame of species abundances with samples as rows and species as columns
<code>clustering</code>	a vector of (integer) class memberships, or an object of class 'clustering', class 'partana', of class <a href="#">partition</a>
<code>minval</code>	the minimum importance a species must have in at least one class to be included in the output
<code>digits</code>	the number of digits to report in the table
<code>show</code>	the minimum value a species must have to print a value
<code>sort</code>	a switch to control interactive re-ordering
<code>typical</code>	a switch to control how mean abundance is calculated. Typical=TRUE divides the sum of species abundance by the number of plots in which it occurs; typical=FALSE divides by the number of plots in the type
<code>spcord</code>	a vector of integers to specify the order in which species should be listed in the table
<code>dots</code>	a switch to control substituting dots for small values

**Value**

a data.frame with species as rows, classes as columns, with average abundance of species in classes.

**Note**

Importance tables are often used in vegetation classification to calculate or present characteristic species for specific classes or types. Importance may be combined with [const](#), [concov](#) and [vegtab](#) to achieve a vegetation table-oriented analysis.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[const](#), [vegtab](#), [concov](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame called bryceveg
data(brycesite)
class <- cut(brycesite$elev,10,labels=FALSE)
importance(bryceveg,class,minval=0.25)
```

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indval

*Dufrene-Legendre Indicator Species Analysis*


---

**Description**

Calculates the indicator value (fidelity and relative abundance) of species in clusters or types.

**Usage**

```
indval(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
indval(x,clustering,numitr=1000,...)
## S3 method for class 'stride'
indval(x,comm,numitr=1,...)
## S3 method for class 'indval'
summary(object, p=0.05, type='short', digits=2, show=p,
        sort=FALSE, too.many=100, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a matrix or data.frame of samples with species as columns and samples as rows, or an object of class 'stride' from function <a href="#">stride</a>
clustering	a vector of numeric cluster memberships for samples, or a classification object returned from <a href="#">pam</a> , or <a href="#">optpart</a> , <a href="#">slice</a> , or <a href="#">archi</a>
numitr	the number of randomizations to iterate to calculate probabilities
comm	a data.frame with samples as rows and species as columns
object	an object of class 'indval'
p	the maximum probability for a species to be listed in the summary
type	a switch to choose between 'short' and 'long' style summary
digits	the number of significant digits to show
show	the threshold to show values as opposed to a dot column place-holder

sort	a switch to control user-managed interactive table sorting
too.many	a threshold reduce the listing for large data sets
...	additional arguments to the summary or generic function

### Details

Calculates the indicator value ‘d’ of species as the product of the relative frequency and relative average abundance in clusters. Specifically,

where:

$p_{ij}$  = presence/absence (1/0) of species  $i$  in sample  $j$ ;

$x_{ij}$  = abundance of species  $i$  in sample  $j$ ;

$n_c$  = number of samples in cluster  $c$ ;

for cluster  $c \in K$ ;

$$f_{ic} = \frac{\sum_{j \in c} p_{ij}}{n_c}$$

$$a_{ic} = \frac{\sum_{j \in c} x_{ij}/n_c}{\sum_{k=1}^K (\sum_{j \in k} x_{ij}/n_k)}$$

$$d_{ic} = f_{ic} \times a_{ic}$$

Calculated on a ‘stride’ the function calculates the indicator values of species for each of the separate partitions in the stride.

### Value

The default function returns a list of class ‘indval’ with components:

relfrq	relative frequency of species in classes
relabu	relative abundance of species in classes
indval	the indicator value for each species
maxcls	the class each species has maximum indicator value for
indcls	the indicator value for each species to its maximum class
pval	the probability of obtaining as high an indicator values as observed over the specified iterations

The stride-based function returns a data.frame with the number of clusters in the first column and the mean indicator value in the second.

The ‘summary’ function has two options. In ‘short’ mode it presents a table of indicator species whose probability is less than ‘p’, giving their indicator value and the identity of the cluster they indicate, along with the sum of probabilities for the entire data set. In ‘long’ mode, the indicator value of each species in each class is shown, with values less than ‘show’ replaced by a place-holder dot to emphasize larger values.

If ‘sort==TRUE’, a prompt is given to re-order the rows of the matrix interactively.



**Note**

Indicator value analysis was proposed by Dufrene and Legendre (1997) as a possible stopping rule for clustering, but has been used by ecologists for a variety of analyses. Dufrene and Legendre's nomenclature in the paper is somewhat ambiguous, but the equations above are taken from the worked example in the paper, not the equations on page 350 which appear to be in error. Dufrene and Legendre, however, multiply  $d$  by 100; this function does not.

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**References**

Dufrene, M. and Legendre, P. 1997. Species assemblages and indicator species: the need for a flexible asymmetrical approach. *Ecol. Monogr.* 67(3):345-366.

**See Also**

[isamic](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
data(brycesite)
clust <- cut(brycesite$elev,5,labels=FALSE)
summary(indval(bryceveg,clust))
```

---

isamic

*Indicator Species Analysis Minimizing Intermediate Occurrences*

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**Description**

Calculates the degree to which species are either always present or always absent within clusters or types.

**Usage**

```
isamic(comm,clustering,sort=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a matrix or data.frame of samples, species as columns, samples as rows
clustering	a vector of numeric cluster memberships for samples, or a classification object returned from <a href="#">pam</a> , <a href="#">partana</a> , or <a href="#">slice</a>
sort	if TRUE, return in order of highest value to lowest rather than input order

**Details**

Calculates the constancy (fractional occurrence of each species in every type), and then calculates twice the the sum of the absolute values of the constancy - 0.5, normalized to the number of clusters (columns).

**Value**

A data.frame of species indicator values

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Aho, K., D.W. Roberts, and T.W. Weaver. 2008. Using geometric and non-geometric internal evaluators to compare eight vegetation classification methods. *J. Veg. Sci.* 19(4):549-562.

**See Also**

[indval](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
data(brycesite)
clust <- cut(brycesite$elev,5,labels=FALSE)
isamic(bryceveg,clust)
```

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matrify

*Create Taxon Data.frames From Three Column Database Form*

---

**Description**

Takes a data.frame in three column form (sample.id, taxon, abundance) and converts it into full matrix form, and then exports it as a data.frame with the appropriate row.names and column names.

**Usage**

```
matrify(data, strata=FALSE, base=100)
```

**Arguments**

data	a data.frame or matrix in three column format (or database format), where the first column is the sample ID, the second column is the taxon ID, and the third sample is the abundance of that taxon in that sample.
strata	are the species abundances recorded in multiple strata?
base	what is the numeric base relative to 1.0

**Details**

The routine is pure R code to convert data from database form to the sparse matrix form required by multivariate analyses in packages 'labdsv' and 'vegan', as well as `dist` and other routines. If `TRUE`, the `strata` argument specifies calculating individual species abundances as independent overlap of strata. The base function is useful for converting percent to a fraction.

**Value**

A `data.frame` with samples as rows, taxa as columns, and abundance values for taxa in samples.

**Note**

Typically, the source of the data will be an ASCII file or a dBase database or a CSV file from an Excel file in three column format. That file can be read into a `data.frame` with `read.table` or `read.csv` and then that `data.frame` can be metrified by this function.

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**See Also**

[demetrify](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- cbind(c('a','a','b','b','b','c','c'),
           c('x','y','x','z','w','y','z'),
           c(1,2,1,3,2,2,1))
metrify(x)
```

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metrify

*Nearest Metric Space Representation of a Dissimilarity Object*

---

**Description**

Calculates the nearest metric space representation of a dissimilarity object by iterating the transitive closure of the triangle inequality rule

**Usage**

```
metrify(dis, upper=FALSE, diag=FALSE)
as.metric(dis, upper=FALSE, diag=FALSE)
is.metric(dis)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dis</code>	a distance or dissimilarity object returned from <code>dist</code> , <code>vegdist</code> , or <code>dsvdis</code>
<code>upper</code>	a logical switch to control whether to return the lower triangle ( <code>upper=FALSE</code> ) or upper triangle ( <code>upper=TRUE</code> ) of the distance matrix
<code>diag</code>	a logical switch to control whether to return the diagonal of the distance matrix

**Details**

Implements a constrained iteration of the transitive closure of the triangle inequality, such that the distance between any two objects is less than or equal to the sum of the distances from the two objects to a third.

**Value**

For `metrify` and `as.metric`, an object of class 'dist'. For `is.metric` returns TRUE or FALSE.

**Note**

Many multivariate statistical methods are designed for metric spaces, and yet the direct calculation of distance is often inappropriate due to problems with joint absences. `metrify` takes any dissimilarity matrix and converts it to the closest metric space representation, generally to avoid negative eigenvalues in an eigenanalysis of the matrix.

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**See Also**

[euclidify](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis') # calculate a Bray/Curtis
      # dissimilarity matrix
dis.met <- metrify(dis.bc) # calculate the nearest euclidean
      # representation
```

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neighbors	<i>Neighbors</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the nearest neighbors in a distance/dissimilarity matrix

**Usage**

```
neighbors(dis, numnbr)
```

**Arguments**

dis	an object of class 'dist' such as returned by <a href="#">dist</a> , <a href="#">vegdist</a> or <a href="#">dsvdis</a>
numnbr	the number (order) of neighbors to return

**Details**

For each sample unit in a dissimilarity matrix finds the 'numnbr' nearest neighbors and returns them in order.

**Value**

Returns a data.frame with sample units as rows and neighbors as columns, listed in order of proximity to the sample unit.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame called veg
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis')
neighbors(dis.bc, 5)
```

nmds

*Nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling***Description**

This function is simply a wrapper for the isoMDS function in the MASS package by Venables and Ripley. The purpose is to convert the output to class 'dsvord' to simplify plotting and additional graphical analysis as well as to provide a summary method.

**Usage**

```
nmds(dis,k=2,y=cmdscale(d=dis,k=k),maxit=50,trace=FALSE)
bestnmds(dis,k=2,itr=20,maxit=100,trace=FALSE,pbar=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

dis	a dist object returned from dist or a full symmetric dissimilarity or distance matrix
k	the desired number of dimensions for the result
y	a matrix of initial locations (objects as rows, coordinates as columns, as many columns as specified by k). If none is supplied, cmdscale is used to generate them
maxit	the maximum number of iterations in the isoMDS routine
trace	a switch to control printing intermediate results
itr	number of random starts to find best result
pbar	switch to control printing progress bar in interactive sessions

**Details**

The nmds function simply calls the isoMDS function of the MASS library, but converts the result from a list to an object of class 'dsvord'. The only purpose for the function is to allow 'plot', 'identify', 'surf', and other additional methods to be defined for the class, to simplify the analysis of the result.

The 'bestnmds' function runs one run from a PCO solution and 'itr-1' number of random initial locations and returns the best result of the set.

**Value**

An object of class 'dsvord', with components:

points	the coordinates of samples along axes
stress	the "goodness-of-fit" computed as stress in percent
type	'NMDS'

**Note**

nmds is included as part of the LabDSV package to provide a consistent interface and utility for vegetation ordination methods. Other analyses included with the same interface at present include principal components analysis (pca), principal coordinates analysis (pco), and t-distributed neighborhood embedding (t-SNE).

**Author(s)**

Venables and Ripley for the original isoMDS function included in the MASS package.

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**See Also**

`isoMDS` for the original function

`plot.dsvord` for the ‘plot’ method, the ‘plotid’ method to identify points with a mouse, the ‘points’ method to identify points meeting a logical condition, the ‘highlight’ method to color-code points according to a factor, the ‘chullord’ method to add convex hulls for a factor, or the the ‘surf’ method to add surface contours for continuous variables.

`initMDS` for an alternative way to automate random starts

`postMDS` for a post-solution rescaling

`metaMDS` for a full treatment of variations

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
data(brycesite)
dis.man <- dist(bryceveg,method="manhattan")
demo.nmds <- nmds(dis.man,k=4)
plot(demo.nmds)
points(demo.nmds,brycesite$elev>8000)
plotid(demo.nmds,ids=row.names(brycesite))
```

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`ordcomm`*Re-Order the Rows and Columns of a Taxon Data Frame*

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**Description**

Allows analysts to interactively re-order a community data frame to achieve a 'structured' table following phytosociological principles.

**Usage**

```
ordcomm(comm,site)
```

**Arguments**

<code>comm</code>	a community data frame
<code>site</code>	a site or environment data frame

**Details**

Prints a copy of the community data frame, and then prompts for plots to move in front of another plot. It then prompts for species to move in front of a specified species. Multiple plots or species can be moved in a single move, with plot or species IDs separated by commas with no blanks. The program cycles between prompting for plots to move, and then species to move, until both prompts are responded to with blank lines.

**Value**

produces a list with two components:

<code>comm</code>	the new community data frame
<code>site</code>	the new site data frame

**Note**

This is a fairly simple means to sort a table. For large tables, it is often possible (and preferable) to sort the tables with ordination coordinates or other indices, but this function allows analysts to order the table arbitrarily into any form.

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**See Also**

`summary.indval,const,importance`



**Examples**

```
## Not run: data(bryceveg) # returns a data frame called bryceveg
## Not run: data(brycesite) # returns a data frame called brycesite
## Not run: demo <- ordcomm(bryceveg,brycesite)
## Not run: newveg <- demo$taxon
## Not run: newsite <- demo$site
```

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ordcomp

*Ordination to Dissimilarity Comparison*


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**Description**

Plots the distribution of pair-wise distances of all points in an ordination over the distances in the dissimilarity or distance matrix the ordination was calculated from. Prints the correlation between the two on the graph.

**Usage**

```
ordcomp(x,dis,dim,xlab="Computed Distance",
        ylab="Ordination Distance",title="",pch=1)
```

**Arguments**

x	an ordination object of class 'dsvord' from <a href="#">pca</a> , <a href="#">pco</a> , <a href="#">nmds</a> , <a href="#">fso</a> or <a href="#">ordiplot</a>
dis	an object of class <a href="#">dist</a>
dim	the number of dimensions in the ordination to use (default=all)
xlab	the X axis label for the graph
ylab	the Y axis label for the graph
title	a title for the plot
pch	the symbol to plot

**Value**

A plot is created on the current graphics device. Returns the (invisible) correlation.

**Note**

Ordinations are low dimensional representations of multidimensional spaces. This function attempts to portray how well the low dimensional solution approximates the full dimensional space.

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### Examples

```
data(bryceveg) # produces a vegetation data.frame
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg,'bray/curtis') # creates a Bray/Curtis
                                         # dissimilarity matrix
pco.bc <- pco(dis.bc,2) # produces a two-dimensional Principal
                       # Coordinates Ordination object
ordcomp(pco.bc,dis.bc)
```

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orddist

*Ordination Point Pair-Wise Distance Calculation*

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### Description

Calculates the pair-wise distances of all points in an ordination. The function is simply a wrapper for the 'dist' function, but simplifies managing ordinations that store their coordinates under different names, as well as managing the desired dimensionality of the calculations.

### Usage

```
orddist(x,dim)
```

### Arguments

x	an ordination object of class 'dsvord' from <a href="#">pca</a> , <a href="#">pco</a> , <a href="#">nmds</a> , <a href="#">fso</a>
dim	the desired dimensionality to be included in the calculations (must be <= number of dimensions of the ordinations)

### Value

An object of class 'dist' is produced

### Note

Ordinations are low dimensional representations of multidimensional spaces. This function produces data on the low-dimensional distances for other analyses.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
data(bryceveg) # produces a vegetation data.frame
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg,'bray/curtis') # creates a Bray/Curtis
                                         #dissimilarity matrix
pco.bc <- pco(dis.bc,2) # produces a two-dimensional Principal
                       # Coordinates Ordination object
orddist(pco.bc,dim=2)
```

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`ordneighbors`*Nearest Neighbors Plotted in Ordination Space*

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**Description**

For each sample unit in an ordination, for each of n nearest neighbors, draws an arrow from the sample unit to its n neighbors.

**Usage**

```
ordneighbors(ord, dis, numnbr=1, ax=1, ay=2, digits=5, length=0.1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>ord</code>	an ordination object of class 'dsvord' from <a href="#">pca</a> , <a href="#">pco</a> , <a href="#">nmds</a> , <a href="#">fso</a>
<code>dis</code>	an object of class <a href="#">dist</a>
<code>numnbr</code>	the number (order) of nearest neighbors to plot
<code>ax</code>	the dimension t plot on the X axis
<code>ay</code>	the dimension to plot on the y axis
<code>digits</code>	the number of digits to report
<code>length</code>	the length of the arrowhead

**Value**

Additional information is plotted on an existing ordination and summary information is printed. Returns an (invisible) list of summary values.

**Note**

Ordinations are low dimensional representations of multidimensional spaces. This function attempts to portray how well the low dimensional solution approximates the neighborhood relations of the full dimensional space.

If `numnbr = 1` and there are ties the function plots arrows for all tied values. If `n > 1` the function draws arrows for all values with rank  $\leq n$ .

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### Examples

```
data(bryceveg) # produces a vegetation data.frame
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg,'bray/curtis') # creates a Bray/Curtis
                                         # dissimilarity matrix
pco.bc <- pco(dis.bc,2) # produces a two-dimensional Principal
                       # Coordinates Ordination object
plot(pco.bc)
ordneighbors(pco.bc,dis.bc)
```

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ordpart

*Ordination Partitioning*

---

### Description

This function allows users to partition or classify the points in an ordination by identifying clusters of points with a mouse

### Usage

```
ordpart(ord, ax = 1, ay = 2)
```

### Arguments

ord	an ordination of class 'dsvord' produced by nmds, pco, pca or other labdsv ordination functions
ax	the first axis number in the ordination plot
ay	the second axis number in the ordination plot

### Details

Given a plot of an ordination, you assign plots to clusters by drawing a polygon with the first mouse button to include all points in a given cluster. To end that cluster, click the right mouse button to close the polygon. Plots included in that cluster will be color-coded to indicate membership. Start the next cluster by drawing another polygon. To end, click the right mouse button again after closing the last polygon. Plots within more than one polygon are assigned membership in the last polygon which includes them; plots which are not within any polygon are assigned membership in cluster zero.

### Value

A integer vector of cluster membership values

### Note

Although the routine could easily be adapted for any scatter plot, it is currently only designed for objects of class 'dsvord'.

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
data(brycesite)
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis')
nmds.1 <- nmds(dis.bc, 5)
plot(nmds.1)
## Not run: clustering <- ordpart(nmds.1)
```

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ordtest

*Ordination Distribution Test*


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**Description**

Testing the distribution of points in an ordination

**Usage**

```
ordtest(ord, var, dim=1:ncol(ord$points), index = 'euclidean',
        nitr = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

ord	an object of class 'dsvord'
var	a logical or factor vector used to organize the calculation of within-set distances
dim	the number of dimensions to use in the calculation
index	the distance metric for the calculation of within-set distances. Currently only euclidean is accepted
nitr	the number of iterations to perform to establish p-values

**Details**

Calculates the sum of within-set pair-wise distances and compares to 'nitr' permutations of the same distribution to calculate the probability of observing clusters as tight as observed or tighter. The p-value is calculated by running nitr-1 permutations and counting the number of cases where the sum of pair-wise distances is as small as smaller than observed. That count is increased by one and divided by nitr to estimate p.

**Value**

Produces a list with components:

obs	the observed sum of within-set distances
p	the probability of obtaining a value that small
reps	the sum of within-set pairwise distances for all permutations

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**See Also**

[anosim](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
data(brycesite)
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis')
pco.bc <- pco(dis.bc)
plot(pco.bc)
demo <- ordtest(pco.bc, brycesite$quad)
demo$p
```

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pca

*Principal Components Analysis*

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**Description**

Principal components analysis is a eigenanalysis of a correlation or covariance matrix used to project a high-dimensional system to fewer dimensions.

**Usage**

```
pca(mat, cor = FALSE, dim = min(nrow(mat), ncol(mat)))
## S3 method for class 'pca'
summary(object, dim = length(object$sdev), ...)
## S3 method for class 'pca'
scores(x, labels = NULL, dim = length(x$sdev), ...)
## S3 method for class 'pca'
loadings(x, dim = length(x$sdev), digits = 3, cutoff = 0.1, ...)
## S3 method for class 'pca'
varplot(x, dim=length(x$sdev),...)
```

**Arguments**

mat	a matrix or data.frame of interest, samples as rows, attributes as columns
cor	logical: whether to use a correlation matrix (if TRUE), or covariance matrix (if FALSE)
dim	the number of dimensions to return
object	an object of class 'pca'
x	an object of class 'dsvord' and type='pca'
labels	an (optional) vector of labels to identify points

digits	number of digits to report
cutoff	threshold to suppress printing small values
...	arguments to pass to function summary or graphics arguments

### Details

PCA is a common multivariate technique. The version here is simply a wrapper for the `prcomp` function to make its use and plotting consistent with the other LabDSV functions.

### Value

an object of class "pca", a list with components:

scores	a matrix of the coordinates of the samples in the reduced space
loadings	a matrix of the contributions of the variables to the axes of the reduced space.
sdev	a vector of standard deviations for each dimension

### Note

The current version of `pca` is based on the `prcomp` function, as opposed to the `princomp` function. Nonetheless, it maintains the more conventional labels "scores" and "loadings", rather than `x` and `rotation`. `prcomp` is based on a singular value decomposition algorithm, as has worked better in my experience. In the rare cases where it fails, you may want to try `princomp`.

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### See Also

`princomp`, `prcomp`, [pco](#), [nmds](#), [fso](#), [cca](#)

### Examples

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
data(brycesite)
x <- pca(bryceveg,dim=10) # returns the first 10 eigenvectors
                        # and loadings

plot(x)
surf(x,brycesite$elev)
points(x,brycesite$depth=='deep')
```

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pco

*Principal Coordinates Analysis*

---

### Description

Principal coordinates analysis is an eigenanalysis of distance or metric dissimilarity matrices.

### Usage

```
pco(dis, k=2)
```

### Arguments

dis	the distance or dissimilarity matrix object of class "dist" returned from <code>dist</code> , <code>vegdist</code> , or <code>dsvdis</code>
k	the number of dimensions to return

### Details

pco is simply a wrapper for the `cmdscale` function of Venebles and Ripley to make plotting of the function similar to other LabDSV functions

### Value

An object of class 'pco' with components:

points	the coordinates of samples on eigenvectors
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### Note

Principal Coordinates Analysis was pioneered by Gower (1966) as an alternative to PCA better suited to ecological datasets.

### Author(s)

of the 'cmdscale' function: Venebles and Ripley  
of the wrapper function David W. Roberts <[droberts@montana.edu](mailto:droberts@montana.edu)>

### References

Gower, J.C. (1966) Some distance properties of latent root and vector methods used in multivariate analysis. *Biometrika* 53:325-328.

### See Also

`cmdscale`, [pca](#), [nmds](#), [cca](#)



**Examples**

```

data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg,'bray/curtis')
           # returns an object of class dist'
veg.pco <- pco(dis.bc,k=4) # returns first 4 dimensions
plot(veg.pco)

```

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plot.dsvord

*Plotting Routines For LabDSV Ordinations*


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**Description**

A set of routines for plotting, highlighting points, or adding fitted surfaces to ordinations.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
plot(x, ax = 1, ay = 2, col = 1, title = "", pch = 1,
      xlab = paste(x$type, ax), ylab = paste(x$type, ay), ...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
points(x, which, ax = 1, ay = 2, col = 2, pch = 1, cex = 1,
       breaks=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
plotid(ord, ids = seq(1:nrow(ord$points)), ax = 1, ay = 2,
       col = 1, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
hilight(ord, overlay, ax = 1, ay = 2, title="",
        cols=c(2,3,4,5,6,7), glyph=c(1,3,5), ...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
chullord(ord, overlay, ax = 1, ay = 2, cols=c(2,3,4,5,6,7),
        ltys = c(1,2,3), ...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
ellip(ord, overlay, ax = 1, ay = 2, cols=c(2,3,4,5,6,7),
        ltys = c(1,2,3), ...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
surf(ord, var, ax = 1, ay = 2, thinplate = TRUE, col = 2,
      labcex = 0.8, lty = 1, family = gaussian, gamma=1, grid=50, ...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
thull(ord,var,grain,ax=1,ay=2,col=2,grid=51,nlevels=5,
      levels=NULL,lty=1,
      numitr=100,...)
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
density(ord, overlay, ax = 1, ay = 2, cols = c(2, 3, 4, 5,
        6, 7), ltys = c(1, 2, 3), numitr, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class 'dsvord'
ax	the dimension to use for the X axis
ay	the dimension to use for the Y axis
title	a title for the plot
xlab	label for X axis
ylab	label for Y axis
which	a logical variable to specify points to be highlighted
breaks	a logical switch to control using variable glyph sizes in 'points'
ord	an object of class 'dsvord'
overlay	a factor or integer vector to highlight or distinguish
cols	the sequence of color indices to be used
glyph	the sequence of glyphs (pch) to be used
lty	the line type to be used
ltys	the sequence of line types to be used
var	a variable to be surfaced or tension hulled
thinplate	a logical variable to control the fitting routine: thinplate=TRUE (the default) fits a thinplate spline, thinplate=FALSE fits independent smooth splines. If you have too few data points you may have to specify thinplate=FALSE
family	controls the link function passed to 'gam': one of 'gaussian', 'binomial', 'poisson' or 'nb'
gamma	controls the smoothness of the fit from <a href="#">gam</a>
grid	the number of X and Y values to use in establishing a grid for use in surf
grain	the size of cell to use in calculating the tensioned hull
nlevels	the number of contours to draw in representing the tensioned hull
ids	identifier labels for samples. Defaults to 1:n
col	color index for points or contours
labcex	size of contour interval labels
pch	plot character: glyph to plot
cex	character expansion factor: size of plotted characters
numitr	the number of iterations to use in estimating the probability of the observed density
levels	specific levels for contours in thull
...	arguments to pass to the plot function

## Details

Function 'plot' produces a scatter plot of sample scores for the specified axes, erasing or overplotting on the current graphic device. Axes dimensions are controlled to produce a graph with the correct aspect ratio. Functions 'points', 'plotid', and 'surf' add detail to an existing plot. The axes specified must match the underlying plot exactly.

Function 'plotid' identifies and labels samples (optionally with values from a third vector) in the ordination, and requires interaction with the mouse: left button identifies, right button exits.

Function 'points' is passed a logical vector to identify a set of samples by color of glyph. It can be used to identify a single set meeting almost any criterion that can be stated as a logical expression.

Function 'highlight' is passed a factor vector or integer vector, and identifies factor values by color and glyph.

Function 'chullord' is passed a factor vector or integer vector, and plots a convex hull around all points in each factor class. By specifying values for arguments 'cols' and 'lty' it is possible to control the sequence of colors and linetypes of the convex hulls.

Function 'ellip' is passed a factor vector or integer vector, and plots minimal volume ellipses containing all points within a class. By specifying values for arguments 'cols' and 'lty' it is possible to control the sequence of colors and linetypes of the ellipses.

Function 'density' calculates the fraction of points within the convex hull that belong to the specified type.

Function 'surf' calculates and plots fitted surfaces for logical or quantitative variables. The function employs the [gam](#) function to fit a variable to the ordination coordinates, and to predict the values at all grid points. The grid is established with the 'expand.grid' function, and the grid is then specified in a call to 'predict.gam'. The predicted values are trimmed to the convex hull of the data, and the contours are fit by 'contour'. The default link function for fitting the GAMs is 'gaussian', suitable for unbounded continuous variables. For logical variables you should specify 'family = binomial' to get a logistic GAM, and for integer counts you should specify 'family = poisson' to get a Poisson GAM or 'family = nb' to get a negative binomial fit.

Function 'thull' calculates a tensioned hull for a specific variable on the ordination. A tensioned hull is a minimum volume container. The grain size must be specified as a fraction of the units of the NMDS, with larger values generating smoother representations, and smaller numbers a more resolved container. 'thull' returns an invisible object of class 'thull' which has an associated plot function. Plotting the thull object produces a colored surface representation of the thull with optional contour lines.

## Value

Function 'plotid' returns a vector of row numbers of identified plots

## Note

The contouring routine using [predict.gam](#) follows [ordisurf](#) as suggested by Jari Oksanen.

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**Examples**

```

data(bryceveg)
data(brycesite)
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg, 'bray/curtis')
nmds.1 <- nmds(dis.bc,5)
plot(nmds.1)
points(nmds.1,brycesite$elev>8000)
surf(nmds.1,brycesite$elev)
## Not run: plotid(nmds.1,ids=row.names(bryceveg))

```

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plot.thull

*Plotting a Tensioned Hull*


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**Description**

A tensioned hull is a minimum volume container for specified elements of an ordination. A ‘thull’ object is returned as an invisible object by plotting a thull of an NMDS or PCO (or MFSO). Subsequently plotting the returned thull results in an ‘image’ of the representation.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'thull'
plot(x, col=rainbow(20), levels=NULL, cont=TRUE,
      xlab=x$xlabel, ylab=x$ylabel, main=x$main, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class ‘thull’ from function <a href="#">thull</a>
col	the color to use plotting the contours
levels	the specific levels desired for the contours
cont	a logical variable to control plotting contours on the image representation of the tensioned hull
xlab	the X axis label
ylab	the Y axis label
main	the main title
...	other graphics parameters

**Details**

Tensioned hull analysis fits a minimum volume envelope to specific points in an ordination. A tensioned hull object is returned from function [thull](#) of an ordination of class ‘dsvord’. This function plots the resulting tensioned hull as an image, with optional overlays of contours.

**Value**

Produces a plot on the current graphic device.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame called bryceveg
dis.bc <- dsdis(bryceveg,'bray') # calculates a Bray-Curtis
                                # dissimilarity matrix
nmds.bc <- nmds(dis.bc) # calculates an NMDS ordination
plot(nmds.bc) # plots the ordination on the current device
demo.thull <- thull(nmds.bc,bryceveg$arcpat,0.25) # calculates
                                                  # the tensioned hull representing the
                                                  # distribution of a species
plot(demo.thull) # portrays the image version of the tensioned hull
```

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predict

*Predict species abundances in an ordination*

---

**Description**

This function fits a Generalized Additive Model (GAM) for each species in a data.frame against an ordination.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'dsvord'
predict(object,comm,minocc=5,dims=1:ncol(object$points),
        family='nb',gamma=1,keep.models=FALSE,...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class dsvord
comm	a community matrix or data.frame with samples as rows and species as columns
minocc	the minimum number of occurrences to model a species
dims	which specific dimensions to include
family	the error distribution specifier for the GAM function; can be 'nb' for negative binomial, 'poisson' for the Poisson distribution, or 'binomial' for presence/absence data
gamma	the gamma parameter to control fitting GAM models
keep.models	a switch to control saving the individual GAM models
...	ancillary arguments to function predict

**Details**

The predict function sequentially and independently fits a GAM model of each species distribution as a function of ordination coordinates, using the family and gamma specifiers supplied in the function call, or their defaults. The function fits two or three dimensional models; if the length of dims is greater than three the dimensions are truncated to the first three chosen.

**Value**

A list object with vector elements aic, dev.expl, adj.rsq, and matrix fitted. Optionally, if keep.models is TRUE, a list with all of the GAM models fitted. list element aic gives the model AICs for each species, dev.expl gives the deviance explained, adj.rsq gives the adjusted r-Squared, and fitted gives the expected abundance of each species in each sample unit.

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**See Also**

[calibrate](#) for the complementary function that fits GAM models for environment variables

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
dis.man <- dist(bryceveg,method="manhattan")
demo.nmnds <- nmnds(dis.man,k=4)
## Not run: res <- predict(demo.nmnds,bryceveg,minocc=10)
```

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raretaxa

*Identify Rare Taxa in a Data Set*

---

**Description**

Identifies the distribution of rare taxa in a community data.frame, using a specified rareness threshold.

**Usage**

```
raretaxa(comm,min=1,log=FALSE,type='b', panel='all')
```

**Arguments**

comm	a community data.frame with samples as rows and species as columns
min	the minimum number of occurrences for a species to be considered rare
log	controls whether or not the Y axis on some graphs should be log scaled
type	the plot type. 'b' = both points and lines
panel	a switch to control which graphic is displayed. Can be either an integer from 1 to 3 or the word 'all'.

**Details**

Rare species are an issue in ecological data sets. This function produces three graphs identifying (1) the distribution of rare species/plot, (2) the mean abundance (when present) of rare species, and (3) the total abundance of rare species/plot.

**Value**

Produces only graphs and returns no output

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
raretaxa(bryceveg,min=3,log=TRUE)
```

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reconcile

*Reconcile Community and Site Data.Frames*

---

**Description**

reconcile takes two data frames (comm and site) and sorts both into the same order, and then deletes any rows unique to either of the two data.frames, achieving perfect correspondence of the two.

**Usage**

```
reconcile(comm,site,exlist)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a community abundance data.frame with samples as rows and species as columns
site	a data.frame of site or environmental variables with samples as rows and variables as columns
exlist	a switch to control listing specific plots vs simply the number of plots

**Details**

reconcile sorts each data.frame alphabetically by row.name, and then compares the list of row.names to identify sample plots common to both data.frames. Sample plots which occur in only one of the data.frames are deleted.

**Value**

A list object with two elements: comm and site, which are the sorted and reconciled data.frames.

**Note**

Package labdsv (and many other packages in ecological data analysis) require two data.frames to structure the data. One contains the abundance of species within samples with samples as rows and species as columns. This data.frame I refer to as the sQuotecomm data.frame. The other data.frame contains all the environmental or site data collected at the same samples. This data.frame I refer to as the 'site' data.frame. Due to independent subsampling, sorting or editing of the data (often outside of R) the two data.frames often lose the necessary requirement of the identical number of rows, with the rows in exactly the same order. The reconcile() function is a simple remedy to correct this situation while maintaining the maximum amount of data.

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a data.frame of taxon abundance
data(brycesite) # returns a data.frame of site variables
test <- reconcile(bryceveg,brycesite)
```

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 rndcomm

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*Randomize a Community Data.Frame*


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**Description**

Permutes a vegetation (or other) data.frame to establish a basis for null model tests in vegetation ecology.

**Usage**

```
rndcomm(comm,replace=FALSE,species=FALSE,plots=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

comm	the vegetation (or other taxon) data.frame, samples as rows, species as columns
replace	a switch for permuting (if FALSE) or bootstrapping (if TRUE)
species	a switch to control randomizing by species (if TRUE), maintaining species occurrence distributions
plots	a switch to control randomizing by samples (if TRUE), maintaining plot-level species richness

**Details**

Permutes or bootstraps a vegetation data frame for input to [dist](#), [vegdist](#), [dsvdis](#), or other routines. Can randomize by columns (species=TRUE), samples (plots=TRUE), or fully (neither species nor plots = TRUE).



**Value**

a data.frame with samples as rows and species as columns of the same dimensions as entered.

**Note**

Randomizing vegetation often leads to unrealistic data distributions, but this function attempts to preserve either species occurrence distributions or plot-level species richness. It is probably worth examining the output of this function with [abuocc](#) to see its characteristics before engaging in extensive analysis.

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data.frame called bryceveg
test <- rndcomm(bryceveg,species=TRUE) # preserves species abundance
# distribution
test2 <- rndcomm(bryceveg,plots=TRUE) # preserves plot-level
# species richness
```

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rnddist

*Random Distance*

---

**Description**

Calculates a random distance matrix for use in null model analysis.

**Usage**

```
rnddist(size, method='metric', sat = 1.0, upper=FALSE,
        diag=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

size	the number of items to calculate the distances for
method	the desired properties of the matrix. Must be either 'metric' or 'euclidean'
sat	a saturation coefficient to set an upper limit less than 1.0 that truncates maximum values to simulate a dissimilarity rather than a distance
upper	logical: whether to print the upper triangle (default=FALSE)
diag	logical: whether to print the diagonal (default=FALSE)

**Details**

Generates a matrix of  $size^2$  uniform random numbers and passes the matrix to [metrify](#) or [euclidify](#) to ensure the metric or euclidean properties of the distances. Values are normalized to a maximum of 1.0.

**Value**

A dissimilarity object of class 'dist'

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[metrify](#), [euclidify](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rnddist(100)
pco.x <- pco(x)
plot(pco.x)
```

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samptot

*Sample total standardization*

---

**Description**

Standardizes a community data set to a sample total standardization.

**Usage**

```
samptot(comm)
```

**Arguments**

comm                    a community matrix (samples as rows, species as columns)

**Details**

This function simply calculates row sums for the community matrix and then divides all values in that row by the appropriate sum so that all samples total to 1.0.

**Value**

A data frame of sample total standardized community data.

**Author(s)**

David W. Roberts <drobotts@montana.edu>

**See Also**

[spcmax](#), [abundtrans](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
stveg <- samptot(bryceveg)
apply(stveg, 1, sum)
```

---

spcdisc

*Species Discrimination Analysis*

---

**Description**

Calculates the degree to which species are restricted to certain classes of classified vegetation

**Usage**

```
spcdisc(x, sort=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a classified vegetation table returned by ‘const’, or ‘importance’
sort	return in sorted order if TRUE

**Details**

Calculates a Shannon-Weiner information statistic on the relative abundance of species within classes.

**Value**

A vector of discrimination values.

**Author(s)**

David W. Roberts <droboterts@montana.edu>

**See Also**

[const](#), [importance](#), [indval](#), [isamic](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
data(brycesite)
test <- const(bryceveg, brycesite$squad)
spcdisc(test)
```

---

spcmax

*Species Maximum Standardization*

---

### Description

Standardizes a community data.frame by dividing the abundance of each species by the maximum value obtained for that species.

### Usage

```
spcmax(comm)
```

### Arguments

comm            community data.frame (samples as rows, species as columns)

### Details

This is a simple standardization to make each species abundance scaled from 0 to 1, essentially relativizing abundance by species and making each species equal in the calculation of distance or dissimilarity or other analyses.

### Value

A data.frame of standardized community data.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

samptot, abundtrans, hellinger

### Examples

```
data(bryceveg)
smveg <- spcmax(bryceveg)
apply(smveg, 2, max)
```

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stepdist	<i>Step-Across Distance</i>
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**Description**

Solves for the shortest-path step-across distance for a given distance matrix

**Usage**

```
stepdist(dis,alpha)
```

**Arguments**

dis	a distance or dissimilarity object of class 'dist'
alpha	a threshold distance to establish the step-across

**Details**

The function takes the dist object and converts all values  $\geq$  alpha to 9999.9 and then solves for new distances by calculating the transitive closure of the triangle inequality.

**Value**

an object of class 'dist'

**Note**

The 'dsvdis' function includes a step-across function in the initial calculation of a distance or dissimilarity matrix. This function simply allows the conversion to take place at a later time, or on distance metrics that 'dsvdis' doesn't support.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
dis.bc <- dsvdis(bryceveg,'bray')
dis.bcx <- stepdist(dis.bc,1.00)
disana(dis.bcx)
```

tsne

*t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding***Description**

This function is a wrapper for the `Rtsne` function in the `Rtsne` package by Krijthe and van der Maaten. The purpose is to convert the output to class `'dsvord'` to simplify plotting and additional graphical analysis as well as to provide a summary method.

**Usage**

```
tsne(dis,k=2,perplexity=30,theta= 0.0,eta=200)
besttsne(dis,k=2,itr=100,perplexity=30,theta=0.0,eta = 200,pbar=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dis</code>	a dist object returned from <code>dist</code> or a full symmetric dissimilarity or distance matrix
<code>k</code>	the desired number of dimensions for the result
<code>perplexity</code>	neighborhood size parameter (should be less than $(\text{size}(\text{dis})-1)/3$ )
<code>theta</code>	Speed/accuracy trade-off; set to 0.0 for exact TSNE, (0,0,0.5] for increasing speed (default: 0.0)
<code>eta</code>	Learning rate
<code>itr</code>	number of random starts to find best result
<code>pbar</code>	switch to control printing progress bar in interactive sessions

**Details**

The `tsne` function simply calls the `Rtsne` function of the `Rtsne` package with a specified distance/dissimilarity matrix rather than the community matrix. By convention, t-SNE employs a PCA on the input data matrix, and calculates distances among the first 50 eigenvectors of the PCA. `Rtsne`, however, allows the submission of a pre-calculated distance/dissimilarity matrix in place of the PCA. Given the long history of research into the use of PCA in ecological community analysis, `tsne` allows the simple use of any of a vast number of distance/dissimilarity matrices known to work better with ecological data.

In addition, the `tsne` function converts the output to an object of class `'dsvord'` to simplify plotting and analyses using the many functions defined for objects of class `'dsvord'`. (see [plot.dsvord](#) for more details.)

The `'besttsne'` function runs one run from a PCO solution as the initial configuration and `'itr-1'` number of random initial locations and returns the best result of the set.

**Value**

an object of class `'dsvord'`, with components:

<code>points</code>	the coordinates of samples along axes
<code>type</code>	<code>'t-SNE'</code>

**Note**

tsne is included as part of the LabDSV package to provide a consistent interface and utility for ecological community ordination methods. Other analyses included with the same interface at present include nonmetric multidimensional scaling (NMDS), principal components analysis (pca), and principal coordinates analysis (pco).

**Author(s)**

Jesse H. Krijthe for the original Rtsne R code, adapted from C++ code from Laurens van der Maaten.

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**See Also**

[Rtsne](#) for the original function

[plot.dsvord](#) for the 'plot' method, the 'plotid' method to identify points with a mouse, the 'points' method to identify points meeting a logical condition, the 'highlight' method to color-code points according to a factor, the 'chullord' method to add convex hulls for a factor, or the 'surf' method to add surface contours for continuous variables.

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg)
data(brycesite)
dis.man <- dist(bryceveg,method="manhattan")
demo.tsne <- tsne(dis.man,k=2)
plot(demo.tsne)
points(demo.tsne,brycesite$elev>8000)
plotid(demo.tsne,ids=row.names(brycesite))
```

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vegtab

*Vegetation Table*

---

**Description**

Produces an ordered table of abundance of species in samples, sub-sampled by (an optional) classification of the samples

**Usage**

```
vegtab(comm, set, minval=1, pltord, spcord, pltlbl, trans=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a vegetation (or other taxon) data.frame
set	a logical variable specifying which samples to include
minval	a minimum abundance threshold to include in the table
pltord	a numeric vector specifying the order of rows in the output
spcord	a numeric vector specifying the order of columns in the output
pltlbl	a vector specifying an alternative row label (must be unique!)
trans	a logical variable to control transposing the table

**Details**

Subsets a vegetation data.frame according to specified plots or minimum species abundances, optionally ordering in arbitrary order.

**Value**

a data.frame with specified rows, columns, and row.names

**Note**

Vegetation tables are a common tool in vegetation analysis. In recent years analysis has tended to become more quantitative, and less oriented to sorted tables, but even still presenting the results from these analyses often involves a sorted vegetation table.

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**See Also**

[vegemite](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bryceveg) # returns a vegetation data frame called bryceveg
data(brycesite) # returns an environmental data frame called
                # brycesite
vegtab(bryceveg, minval=10, pltord=brycesite$elev)
                # produces a sorted table for species whose abundance sums
                # to 10, with rows in order of elevation.
```



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