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mastif-package   *Mast Inference and Forecasting*

Description

Seed production is estimated from censuses of trees and seed collections from traps. From locations of known trees and seed traps, infers source strength, coefficients for predictor variables, and parameters for a dispersal kernel. Fecundity is a state-space model allowing for random individual (tree) effects, random year effects and random AR(p) lag effects. Estimates unknown redistribution of seed types to known species identities of trees. Functions begin with 'mast' to avoid conflicts with other packages.

Details

Package:	mastif
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The package mastif estimates fecundity of trees and dispersion of seed observed at seed traps, using information on locations of sources and detectors, and covariates that could explain source strength. Data sets of this type are common and used to understand a range of processes related to seed dispersal, masting, environmental controls on reproduction, sex ratio, and allocation.

Posterior simulation is done by Gibbs sampling. Analysis is done by these functions:

mastif fits model with Gibbs sampling.

mastSim simulates data for analysis by mastif.

mastFillCensus aligns sample years in tree census data with seed trap data.

mastClimate annotates tree data with covariates for fecundity modeling.

mastPlot generates plots of the output from mastif.

Author(s)

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References

Clark, JS, C Nunes, and B Tomasek. 2019. Masting as an unreliable resource: spatio-temporal host diversity merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs, e01381.

See Also

[mastif](#), [mastSim](#)

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

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mastClimate	*Covariates for mast data*

Description

Annotates `treeData` for `mastif` to include covariates.

Usage

```
mastClimate( file, plots, years, months = 1:12, FUN = 'mean',
                    vname = '', normYr = c( 1990:2020 ), lastYear = 2025 )
```

Arguments

file	character giving the path and file name where covariate is stored in `mastif` covariate format (see Details).
plots	character vector from treeData$plot.
years	numeric vector from treeData$year.
months	numeric vector of months to include in annual values.
FUN	character specifies how monthly covariate values are combined into annual values.
vname	name to use for a variable in the model that comes from `file`.
normYr	years for climate norm for calculating anomalies.
lastYear	last data year to include.

Details

The version of `treeData` used in `mastif` can have additional tree years included when there are seed trap years that were not censused or when AR(p) effects extend observations to impute the p years before and after a tree was observed. The `function mastFillCensus` makes this version of `treeData` available to the user. The `function mastClimate` provides a quick way to add plot-year covariates to `treeData`.

A covariate like minimum monthly temperature is stored in a `plot` by `year_month` format, where rownames of `file` are plot names matching `treeData$plot`, and colnames of `file` could be 2012_1, 2012_2, ... for the 12 months in the year. The `numeric vector months` holds the months to be included in the annual values, e.g., `c(3, 4)` for minimum winter temperatures during the period from March through April. To find the minimum for this period, set FUN to `'min'`.

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Value

A numeric `vector` equal in length to the number of rows in `treeData` that can be added as a `column` and included in `formulaFec`.

Author(s)

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References

Clark, J.S., C. Nunes, and B. Tomasek. 2019. Foodwebs based on unreliable foundations: spatio-temporal masting merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs, e01381.

See Also

[mastFillCensus](#) to fill tree census

[mastif](#) for analysis

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/liriodendronExample.rData?raw=True"
repmis::source_data(d)

inputs    <- list( specNames = specNames, seedNames = 'liriTuli',
                   treeData = treeData, seedData = seedData,
                   xytree = xytree, xytrap = xytrap)

# interpolate census, add years for AR(p) model
inputs    <- mastFillCensus(inputs, p = 3)
treeData <- inputs$treeData              #now includes additional years

# include minimum spring temperature of previous year
cfile <- tempfile(fileext = '.csv')
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/tmin.csv?raw=True"
download.file(d, destfile=cfile)

tyears <- treeData$year - 1
tplots <- treeData$plot

tmp <- mastClimate( file = cfile, plots = tplots,
                    years = tyears, months = 1:4, FUN = 'min')
treeData$tminSprAnomaly <- tmp$x[,3]
inputs$treeData <- treeData

formulaRep <- as.formula( ~ diam )
formulaFec <- as.formula( ~ diam + tminSprAnomaly )
```

```
inputs$yearEffect <- list(groups ='species', p = 3)  # AR(3) model, species are lag groups

output <- mastif(inputs = inputs, formulaFec, formulaRep, ng = 1000, burnin = 400)
```

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mastFillCensus   *Interpolate census data for seed trap years*

Description

Provides interpolated census data to include years when seed data are available. This is used when tree sampling is at a lower frequency than seed-trap collections.

Usage

```
mastFillCensus(inputs, beforeFirst = 15, afterLast = 15, p = 0, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

inputs	list used as input to mastif that must include two character vectors, (specNames, seedNames) and four data.frames (treeData, seedData, xytree, xytrap). See details.
beforeFirst	number of years before a tree is first observed in a census that it should be considered as potentially present.
afterLast	number of years after a tree is last observed in a census that it should be considered as potentially present.
p	if AR(p) model is used (in yearEffect), the number of lag terms.
verbose	if verbose = TRUE information is provided on filling progress.

Details

Masting data sets contain tree census data, held in treeData, and seed trap data, help in seedData. Most studies monitor seed rain frequently (e.g., annual), while tree censuses occur at intervals of 2 to 5 years. mastFillCensus 'fills in' the tree census so that the annual seed data can be used. It is made available to the user so covariates can be added, e.g., with mastClimate.

mastFillCensus accepts the list of inputs used in mastif. The missing years are inserted for each tree with interpolated diameters. inputs is returned with objects updated to include the missing census years and modified slightly for analysis by mastif.

The function mastFillCensus is made accessible to the user, because covariates may be needed for the missing census years. For example, models often include climate variables that change annually. The version of treeData returned by mastFillCensus can be annotated with additional columns that can then be included in the model, as specified in formulaFec, formulaRep, and/or randomEffect$formulaRan.

beforeFirst and afterLast allow the user to control the assumptions about treatment of trees between (and before and after) tree census years. Seed trap data may begin before the first tree census or after the last tree census. Trees may appear in the middle of the study due to ingrowth. They may be lost to mortality. In other words, census data can be left-, right-, and interval-censored.

For the AR(p) model, values are imputed for p years before a tree is first observed and p years after the tree is last observed (mastif). These years are inserted by mastFillCensus, such that they too can then be annotated with covariate data.

More detailed vignettes can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

Value

inputs   list includes all inputs to the model, cleaned for mastif, with years inserted to
                  treeData.

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References

Clark, J.S., C. Nunes, and B. Tomasek. 2019. Foodwebs based on unreliable foundations: spatio-temporal masting merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs, e01381.

See Also

mastSim simulates data

A more detailed vignette can be obtained with:

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website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/liriodendronExample.rData?raw=True"
repmis::source_data(d)

inputs    <- list( specNames = specNames, seedNames = 'liriTuli',
                   treeData = treeData, seedData = seedData,
                   xytree = xytree, xytrap = xytrap)
inputs <- mastFillCensus(inputs)

formulaFec <- formulaRep <- as.formula(~ diam)

output <- mastif(inputs = inputs, formulaFec, formulaRep, ng = 1000,
                 burnin = 400)
```

Description

Estimates productivity and dispersion of seeds observed at seed traps, using information on locations, and covariates that could explain source strength. Data can be simulated with [mastSim](#).

Usage

```
mastif( inputs, formulaFec = NULL, formulaRep = as.formula("~diam"),
        ng = NULL, burnin = NULL )

  ## S3 method for class 'mastif'
print(x, ...)

  ## S3 method for class 'mastif'
summary(object, verbose = TRUE, latex = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

inputs	list that must include two character vectors, (specNames, seedNames) and four data.frames (treeData, seedData, xytree, xytrap). See details.
formulaFec	R formula for fecundity model, e.g., ~ diam + x1.
formulaRep	R formula for maturation model, e.g., ~ diam.
ng	numeric number of Gibbs steps.
burnin	numeric number of burnin steps, before predictions are saved.
object	currently, also an object of class mastif.
verbose	if TRUE summary sent to screen.
latex	if TRUE tables written to screen in latex format.
x	object of class mastif.
...	further arguments not used here.

Details

inputs includes the following:

specNames is a character vector containing names of species, specNames, that appear in the treeData$species column.

seedNames is a character vector of seed types that appear as column names in seedData.

treeData is a data.frame holding tree information, including predictors and tree-year identification. Required columns are plot, tree, species, year, diam, and any other predictors for fecundity or maturation.

seedData is a `data.frame` holding seed counts with seed trap and year identification. Required columns are `plot`, `trap`, `year`, and `seedNames`, the latter holding seed counts.

xytree is a `data.frame` holding tree locations. Required columns are `plot`, `tree`, `x`, and `y`.

xytrap is `data.frame` holding seed trap locations. Required columns are `plot`, `trap`, `x`, and `y`.

formulaFec and formulaRep specify the models for plant fecundity and maturation. Variables listed in formulas appear as column headings in `treeData`. Note that `formulaFec` and `formulaRep` begin with `~`, not `y ~`. The response `matrix` is constructed from seed types in `seedData`.

The `treeData$tree` column has values that are unique for a tree within a `plot`. These reference the same unique identifiers in `xytree$tree`. In addition to these identifiers, the `data.frame` `xytree` holds columns `x` and `y` for map locations.

The `character` vector `seedNames` holds the names of columns in `seedData` for seed counts. The elements of `seedNames` are seed types produced by one or more of the species in `specNames`. `seedData` must also include columns for `trap`, `plot`, and `year`, which link with columns in `xytrap`, which additionally includes columns `x` and `y`.

predList includes the names of `plots` and `years` to be predicted. It can include a `numeric` value `mapMeters` for the distance between lattice points in the prediction grid. See examples.

yearEffect is a `list` indicating the column names in `treeData` for random groups in year effects or AR(p) models. See examples.

randomEffect is a `list` indicating the column names in `treeData` for random groups in fecundity estimates, the `character` `randGroups` and the `formulaRan` for random effects. The `formulaRan` must be a subset of predictors from `formulaFec`. See examples.

modelYears is a `numeric` `vector` of years to include in the analysis.

ng is the number of Gibbs steps. `burnin` is the number of initial steps, must be less than `ng`.

Additional arguments to `inputs` can include prior parameters; default values are:

priorDist = 10 is a prior mean dispersal distance in meters.

priorVDist = 1 is the prior variance on mean dispersal distance in meters.

minDist = 2 and `maxDist = 60` are the minimum and maximum values for the mean dispersal kernel in meters.

minDiam = 2 is the minimum diameter that a tree could be reproductively mature, in cm.

sigmaMu = .5 and `sigmaWt = nrow(inputs$treeData)` are the prior mean and the prior weight on log fecundity variance.

maxF = 1e+8, maximum fecundity, helps stabilize analysis of especially noisy data.

More detailed vignettes can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

Value

Returns an object of class "mast", which is a list containing the following components:

inputs	`list` includes all inputs to the model, including transformations not resulting from posterior simulation.

chains	list of MCMC matrices, each with ng rows, includes:
	bfec: fecundity coefficients
	brep: maturation coefficients
	ugibbs: dispersal parameters
	sgibbs: residual variance and, after burnin, rmspe (root mean square prediction error)
	rgibbs: if multiple seed types, then rows are the specNames to seedNames matrix R.
	bygibbsF, bygibbsR: if yearEffects are included in the model, these are fixed year/lag and random year/lag effects by random group.
	agibbs: if randomEffects on individuals, rows are covariance matrix.
parameters	list of parameter estimates summarized from chains.
	acfMat: autocorrelation on fecundity by random group.
	betaFec: fecundity regression coefficients (log scale).
	betaRep: maturation regression coefficients (probit scale).
	dpars: dispersal kernel coefficient, by random group, on meter scale.
	omegaList: fecundity covariance between trees for the same plot-year.
	pacfMat: partial autocorrelation on fecundity.
	pacfSe: standard errors for pacfMat.
	pacsMat: partial autocorrelation on seed counts.
	sigma: estimate of residual log fecundity variance.
	sigmaList: fecundity covariance over years.
	upars: dispersal kernel coefficient, by random group, on meter^2 scale.
	rMu, rSe: if more than one seedName, posterior mean and standard error on R matrix
	If yearEffects, then the following will be included in $parameters:
	betaYrMu, betaYrSe: posterior mean and standard errors on fixed year effects.
	betaYrRand, betaYrRandSE: posterior mean and standard errors on random year effects.
	alphaMu, alphaSe: posterior mean and standard errors on random tree effects.
	aMu, aSe: posterior mean and standard errors on random effects covariance.
prediction	list of latent variable estimates and prediction:
	fecPred includes matrEst, fecEstMu, fecEstSe maturation and fecundity estimates and matrPred, fecPred, fecEst maturation and fecundity predictions.
	seedPred includes seed predictions by species, from estimates of latent fecundity and maturation (_estMean, _estSe) and from the fully generative model (_predMean, _predSe).
	If predictList is passed to mast, then predictions are returned as seeds per m^2 (not per trap) for the regular prediction grid spaced mapMeters apart in the data.frame seedPredGrid. Tree predictions are returned in treePredGrid are included. If the AR(p) model is used (yearEffect$p is supplied), then both data.frames include p-yr hind casts and p-yr forecasts.

Author(s)

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References

Clark, J.S., C. Nunes, and B. Tomasek. 2019. Foodwebs based on unreliable foundations: spatio-temporal masting merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs, e01381. Qiu, T., ..., and J. S. Clark. 2023. Mutualist dispersers and the global distribution of masting: mediation by climate and fertility. Nature Plants, https://doi.org/10.1038/s41477-023-01446-5.

See Also

[mastSim](#) simulates data

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
# simulate data (see \link{\code{mastSim}})
seedNames  <- specNames  <- 'acerRubr'
sim <- list(nyr=10, ntree=20, nplot=5, ntrap=40,
                specNames = specNames, seedNames = seedNames)


inputs    <- mastSim(sim)        # simulate data
inputs$predList <- list( mapMeters = 3, plots = inputs$plots[1],
                           years = inputs$years )
output    <- mastif( inputs = inputs, ng = 3000, burnin = 2000 )
# mastPlot(output)

# for Liriodendron
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/liriodendronExample.rData?raw=True"
repmis::source_data(d)

formulaFec <- as.formula( ~ diam )   # fecundity model
formulaRep <- as.formula( ~ diam )   # maturation model

yearEffect   <- list(groups = 'species')
randomEffect <- list(randGroups = 'treeID',
                       formulaRan = as.formula( ~ 1 ) )
inputs    <- list( specNames = specNames, seedNames = 'liriTuli',
                    treeData = treeData, seedData = seedData,
                    xytree = xytree, xytrap = xytrap,
                    yearEffect = yearEffect, randomEffect = randomEffect )
output <- mastif(inputs = inputs, formulaFec, formulaRep, ng = 1000,
                 burnin = 400 )
summary(output)
# plot output:
# mastPlot(output)
```

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mastMap   *Map data and predictions for mastif model*

Description

Maps dispersal data (trees and seed traps) with predictions.

Usage

```
mastMap(mapList)
```

Arguments

mapList   list that includes data.frames described in the mastif help page: treeData,
                   seedData, xytree, xytrap. Alternatively, mapList can be an object of class
                   mastif simulated by mastSim or fitted by mast. If a class mastif object is
                   used, it must have appended mapPlot (name of plot to map) and mapYears
                   (years to map). These and additional objects in mapList are summarized here:

                   mapPlot: character for the plot name, which appears in treeData$plot and
                   seedData$plot.

                   mapYears: numeric vector containing years to plot, which appear in treeData$year
                   and seedData$year.

                   treeSymbol: character indicating a column name in treeData holding nu-
                   meric values that scale the sizes of trees in the map, e.g., diam for diameter.

                   PREDICT: if TRUE, then predicted seed will be mapped. Must be predicted in
                   mastif.

                   xlim: vector with upper and lower plot limits.

                   ylim: vector with upper and lower plot limits.

                   MAPTRAPS: include seed traps in map.

                   MAPTREES: include trees in map.

                   seedMax: numeric value can be used to set maximum seed symbol/prediction
                   contour.

                   fecMax: numeric value can be used to set maximum fecundity symbol size.

                   mfrow: numeric vector of length-2 to set arrangement of maps on plot, as in
                   pars().

                   LEGEND: add legend with species names to map.

                   plotScale: some level of control on size of plot is possible with values > 1.

                   treeScale: relative scale for tree symbols, default value = 1.

                   trapScale: relative scale for trap symbols, default value = 1.

                   SCALEBAR: add a scale bar with distance to bottom of map.

                   scaleValue: numeric value in meters used if SCALEBAR = TRUE.

                   mfrow: numeric vector of length-2, giving numbers of rows and columns for
                   plots, see help(pars).

                   COLORSCALE: if TRUE, then a color scale is added for predicted seed.

Details

Generates of map of seed traps and trees, with symbols scaled to the sizes relative to seed counts in
`sdata$seedNames` and `treeSymbol`. Sizes are adjusted with `scaleTree` and `scaleTrap`.

If `PREDICT = TRUE`, then predictions come in the object fitted in `mastif` with `predictList` used to
specify prediction plots and years. See the help page for `mastif`.

More detailed vignettes can be obtained with:

`browseVignettes('mastif')`

Value

Only graphical outputs.

Author(s)

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References

Clark, J.S., C. Nunes, and B. Tomasek. 2019. Foodwebs based on unreliable foundations: spatio-
temporal masting merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs,
e01381.

See Also

[mastSim](#) simulates data

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

`browseVignettes('mastif')`

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
# simulate data (see \link{\code{mastSim}})
seedNames  <- specNames  <- 'acerRubr'
sim     <- list(nyr=10, ntree=30, nplot=5,
          specNames = specNames, seedNames = seedNames)
inputs <- mastSim(sim)

inputs$mapPlot <- 'p1'
inputs$mapYears = inputs$years[1]

mastMap( inputs )

# for Pinus
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/pinusExample.rdata?raw=True"
repmis::source_data(d)

specNames <- c("pinuEchi","pinuRigi","pinuStro","pinuTaed","pinuVirg")
seedNames <- c(specNames, "pinuUNKN")
```

```
mapList <- list( treeData = treeData, seedData = seedData,
                 specNames = specNames, seedNames = seedNames,
                 xytree = xytree, xytrap = xytrap, mapPlot = 'DUKE_BW',
                 mapYears = c(2004:2007), treeScale = .5, trapScale=1.2,
                 plotScale = 1.2, LEGEND=TRUE)
mastMap(mapList)
```

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mastPlot   *Plot mast model*

Description

Plots data fitted with [mastif](#) in package mastif.

Usage

```
mastPlot(output, plotPars = NULL)
```

Arguments

output   list of class mast.

plotPars   list of inputs for plotting can include:

                outFolder: if SAVEPLOTS = TRUE path to saved files.

                SAVEPLOTS = FALSE: if TRUE writes plots to .pdf files.

                trueValues: if passed from mastSim output then trueValues will be included in plots.

                RMD: if set to "pdf" or "html" writes output to R markdown file in working directory.

Details

If SAVEPLOTS = TRUE plots are saved to files in outFolder. If RMD = "pdf", output is written to a R markdown file that can be edited and knitted. Maps are not included in this option. Otherwise, plots are rendered to the screen.

More detailed vignettes can be obtained with:

```
browseVignettes('mastif')
```

Value

Currently, there are graphical outputs.

Author(s)

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References

Clark, J.S., C. Nunes, and B. Tomasek. 2019. Foodwebs based on unreliable foundations: spatio-temporal masting merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs, e01381.

See Also

[mastSim](#) simulates data

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mast')

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
# simulate data
seedNames  <- specNames  <- 'acerRubr'
sim <- list(nyr=10, ntree=30, nplot=5, specNames = specNames, seedNames = seedNames)
inputs <- mastSim(sim)
output <- mastif( inputs = inputs, ng = 4000, burnin = 2000 )

# plot output
# mastPlot( output, plotPars = list(trueValues = inputs$trueValues) )
```

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mastPriors   *Obtain prior parameter values for mastif from file*

Description

Prior parameter values may be saved in a file by species or by genus. mastPriors looks for a species-level prior first. If not found, it can substututite a genus-level prior.

Usage

```
    mastPriors(file, specNames, code, genus = 'NULL')
```

Arguments

file	character giving the path and file name where parameters are stored (see Details).
specNames	character vector if names in treeData$species.
code	character name of column holding specNames in parameter file.
genus	character name of genus held in "genus" column of parameter file.

Details

The `file` includes rows with genera, given in column "genus", or "species". Species rows also have an entry for genus, with the species code given in the column named code. Additional columns are names of prior parameters, including:

`priorDist`: mean parameter for dispersal kernel (m), related to kernel parameter u as d <- pi*sqrt(u)/2. The estimated values for these parameters are found in `output$parameters$upars` and `output$parameters$dpars`, where `output` is an object fitted by `mastif`.

`minDist`: the lower bound for the mean parameter d of the dispersal kernel (m).

`maxDist`: the upper bound for the mean parameter d of the dispersal kernel (m).

`priorVDist`: variance on the mean parameter for dispersal kernel (m^2). For large values, the prior distribution of d (and by variable change, u) becomes dunif(d, minDist, maxDist).

`minDiam`: below this diameter trees of unknown status are assumed immature (cm).

`maxDiam`: above this diameter trees of unknown status are assumed mature (cm).

`maxFec`: maximum seeds per tree per year

More detailed vignettes can be obtained with: browseVignettes('mastif')

Value

A `data.frame` with a row for each `specNames` and columns for prior parameter values. Where `file` contains species-level parameter values, they will be used. If a separate row in `file` holds genus-level parameters, with the entry for code == 'NA', then genus-level parameters will be substituted. In other words, these genus rows are default values.

Author(s)

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References

Clark, J.S., C. Nunes, and B. Tomasek. 2019. Foodwebs based on unreliable foundations: spatio-temporal masting merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs, e01381.

See Also

[mastFillCensus](#) to fill tree census

[mastif](#) for analysis

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/pinusExample.rdata?raw=True"
repmis::source_data(d)

# prior parameter values
pfile <- tempfile(fileext = '.txt')
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/priorParameters.txt?raw=True"
download.file(d, destfile = pfile)

specNames <- c("pinuEchi","pinuRigi","pinuStro","pinuTaed","pinuVirg")
seedNames <- c(specNames, "pinuUNKN")

priorTable <- mastPriors(file = pfile, specNames,
                         code = 'code4', genus = 'pinus')

inputs   <- list( specNames = specNames, seedNames = seedNames,
                  treeData = treeData, seedData = seedData,
                  xytree = xytree, xytrap = xytrap,
                  priorTable = priorTable, seedTraits = seedTraits)

formulaRep <- as.formula( ~ diam )
formulaFec <- as.formula( ~ diam )

output <- mastif(inputs = inputs, formulaFec, formulaRep,
                 ng = 1000, burnin = 400)
```

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mastSim   *Data simulation for mast model*

Description

Simulates data for analysis by [mastif](#) in package mastif.

Usage

```
mastSim(sim)
```

Arguments

sim   list of inputs for simulation, see Details.

Details

The list sim contains the following:

specNames: character vector of species names.

seedNames: character vector of seed names.

nyr = 5: average number of years for a plot

ntree = 10: average number of trees in specNames on a plot

plotWide = 100: diameter of plot

nplot = 3: number of plots

ntrap = 20: average number of seed traps on a plot

meanDist = 25: mean dispersal (meters)

Value

Returns an object of class "mastif", a list containing the following components:

distall	matrix of distances between all seed traps (rows) and trees (columns). Block diagonal structure by plot, padded with the value 10000 for tree/trap combinations on different plots.
distall	seed trap by tree matrix of distances.
formulaFec	formula for the fecundity model.
formulaRep	formula for the maturation model.
plots	character vector of plot names.
R	species to seed type matrix.
seedData	data.frame of seed data needed for mastif.
seedNames	character vector of seed types.
sim	inputs to mastSim.
specNames	character vector of species.
treeData	data.frame of tree data needed for mastif.
trueValues	list holding true parameter values includes:
	fec: vector of log fecundity states.
	repr: vector of maturation states.
	betaFec: fecundity parameter values.
	betaRep: maturation parameter values.
	upar: dispersal parameter, m^2.
xytrap	data.frame of seed locations needed for mastif.
xytree	data.frame of tree locations needed for mastif.
years	numeric vector years.

Author(s)

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References

Clark, J.S., C. Nunes, and B. Tomasek. 2019. Foodwebs based on unreliable foundations: spatio-temporal masting merged with consumer movement, storage, and diet. Ecological Monographs, in press.

See Also

[mastSim](#) simulates data

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
# simulate data
seedNames  <- specNames  <- 'acerRubr'
sim <- list(nyr = 10, ntree = 30, nplot = 5, ntrap = 40,
             specNames = specNames, seedNames = seedNames)
inputs <- mastSim(sim)
output <- mastif( inputs = inputs, ng = 500, burnin = 200 )

# increase iterations, then plot:
# output   <- mastif( inputs = output, ng = 2000, burnin = 1000 )
# plot output
# mastPlot(output, plotPars = list(trueValues = inputs$trueValues) )
```

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mastSpectralDensity   *Volatility and period for mast data*

Description

Extracts time series attributes for tree or population fecundity.

Usage

```
    mastSpectralDensity( x, maxPeriod = length(x)/2, PLOT = FALSE, ylim = NULL )
```

Arguments

x	numeric vector of sequential fecundity values.
maxPeriod	the number of frequencies/periods to include.
PLOT	logical to plot spectrum.
ylim	if PLOT, values for lower and upper bounds.

Details

Returns attributes of volatility and period for a sequence of fecundity values for a single tree (or population) in x, which may often be on a log scale.

More detailed examples can be obtained with: browseVignettes('mastif')

Value

Returns a `list` that includes `spect`, a `matrix` of power values ordered by frequency (1/period). To permit comparisons between series that differ in length, `totVar` (total variance) and `volatility` (period-weighted variance) are divided by the length of the series. Mean and standard deviation for the weighted period are `periodMu` and `periodSd`.

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References

Qiu, T, ..., and J.S. Clark. 2023. Mutualist dispersers and the global distribution of masting: mediation by climate and fertility. in review.

See Also

[`mastif`](#) for analysis

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

`browseVignettes('mastif')`

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/outputAbies.rdata?raw=True"
repmis::source_data( d )

# single Abies tree from fitted output$prediction$fecPred:

wt <- which( fecPred$treeID == "BAMT1-1" )
s  <- mastSpectralDensity( log(fecPred$fecEstMu[ wt ]), PLOT = TRUE )

# population year effects (log scale) for an ecoRegion_species in output$parameters$betaYrRand:

x <- betaYrRand['3_abiesAmabilis', ]
x <- x[ x != 0 ]                          # ecoRegion_species vary in observation years
s <- mastSpectralDensity( x, PLOT = TRUE )
```

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mastVolatility	*Volatility and period for mast data, combining trees in populations*

Description

Synthesis of volatility and period at the population scale.

Usage

```
    mastVolatility( treeID, year, fec, minLength = 6, minFrequency = 1/20 )
```

Arguments

treeID   vector of labels for individual trees

year   numeric vector for year

fec   numeric vector for fecundity values

minLength   determines the minimum number of years to a tree to be included in population
                estimates

minFrequency   lowest frequency to include in volatility, period evaluation

Details

The three vectors `treeID`, `year`, `fec` are aligned by tree and year and, thus, of the same length.
Tree fecundity values in the `numeric vector fec` can differ in number of years due to maturation
times, deaths, and observation years. Trees having fewer than `minLength` observations are omitted
from the analysis. `minFrequency` is high enough to omit low frequencies that are missing in the
shortest series to be compared.

More detailed examples can be obtained with: browseVignettes('mastif')

Value

Returns a `list` that includes `stats`, which holds the period- and fecundity-weighted estimates of
volatility and period at the population scale. The `matrix statsDensity` holds the means and stan-
dard deviations by period (1/frequency). The `matrix mastMatrix` holds for each tree the number
of years, mean log fecundity, variance, volatility, and period mean and standard deviation. Returned
as tree by frequency are `density` and `frequency`.

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References

Qiu, T, ..., and J.S. Clark. 2023. Mutualist dispersers and the global distribution of masting: medi-
ation by climate and fertility. in review.

See Also

mastif for analysis

A more detailed vignette is can be obtained with:

browseVignettes('mastif')

website 'http://sites.nicholas.duke.edu/clarklab/code/'.

Examples

```
d <- "https://github.com/jimclarkatduke/mast/blob/master/outputAbies.rdata?raw=True"
repmis::source_data( d )

# all trees in a plot:

wi <- which( fecPred$plotSpec == 'BERK28 abiesGrandis' ) # tree-years in plot-species group
tmp <- mastVolatility( treeID = fecPred$treeID[wi], year = fecPred$year[wi],
                       fec = fecPred$fecEstMu[wi], minLength = 10 )
period  <- 1/tmp$frequency
density <- tmp$density

plot( NA, xlim = range( period, na.rm = TRUE ), ylim = range( density, na.rm = TRUE ),
      xlab = 'Period (yr)', ylab = 'Density', log = 'xy' )

for( i in 1:nrow(density) )lines( period[i,], density[i, ], col = 'grey' )
  lines( tmp$statsDensity['Period', ], tmp$statsDensity['Mean', ], lwd = 2 )
```

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