# Package 'ecodive'

September 26, 2025

```
Type Package
Title Parallel and Memory-Efficient Ecological Diversity Metrics
Version 2.1.0
Date 2025-09-25
Description Computes alpha and beta diversity metrics using concurrent 'C' threads.
     Metrics include 'UniFrac', Faith's phylogenetic diversity, Bray-Curtis
     dissimilarity, Shannon diversity index, and many others.
     Also parses newick trees into 'phylo' objects and rarefies feature tables.
URL https://cmmr.github.io/ecodive/, https://github.com/cmmr/ecodive
BugReports https://github.com/cmmr/ecodive/issues
License MIT + file LICENSE
Encoding UTF-8
LazyData true
Depends R (>= 3.6.0)
RoxygenNote 7.3.3
Config/Needs/website rmarkdown
Config/testthat/edition 3
Imports parallel, utils
Suggests knitr, parallelly, rmarkdown, testthat (>= 3.0.0)
VignetteBuilder knitr
NeedsCompilation yes
Author Daniel P. Smith [aut, cre] (ORCID:
       <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-2479-2044>),
     Alkek Center for Metagenomics and Microbiome Research [cph, fnd]
Maintainer Daniel P. Smith <dansmith01@gmail.com>
Repository CRAN
Date/Publication 2025-09-26 07:40:09 UTC
```

# **Contents**

adiv_function	ns .																			2
alpha_div .																				5
bdiv_function	ons																			7
beta_div																				12
ex_counts .																				15
ex_tree																				15
list_metrics																				16
n_cpus																				18
rarefy																				18
read_tree .																				20
																				<b>21</b>

adiv\_functions

Alpha Diversity Metrics

# Description

Alpha Diversity Metrics

# Usage

**Index** 

```
ace(counts, cutoff = 10, cpus = n_cpus())
berger(counts, norm = "percent", cpus = n_cpus())
brillouin(counts, cpus = n_cpus())
chao1(counts, cpus = n_cpus())
faith(counts, tree = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
fisher(counts, digits = 3L, cpus = n_cpus())
inv_simpson(counts, norm = "percent", cpus = n_cpus())
margalef(counts, cpus = n_cpus())
mcintosh(counts, cpus = n_cpus())
menhinick(counts, cpus = n_cpus())
observed(counts, cpus = n_cpus())
shannon(counts, norm = "percent", cpus = n_cpus())
```

```
simpson(counts, norm = "percent", cpus = n_cpus())
squares(counts, cpus = n_cpus())
```

#### **Arguments**

counts A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is

a sample. Any object coercible with as.matrix() can be given here, as well as phyloseq, rbiom, SummarizedExperiment, and TreeSummarizedExperiment

objects.

cutoff The maximum number of observations to consider "rare". Default: 10.

cpus How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, n\_cpus(),

will use all logical CPU cores.

norm Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:

norm = "percent" - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).

norm = "binary" - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).

norm = "clr" - Centered log ratio.
norm = "none" - No transformation.

Default: 'percent', which is the expected input for these formulas.

tree A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts.

The OTU identifiers given by colnames(counts) must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as attr(counts,

'tree').

digits Precision of the returned values, in number of decimal places. E.g. the default

digits=3 could return 6.392.

#### Value

A numeric vector.

#### **Formulas**

Prerequisite: all counts are whole numbers.

Given:

• n: The number of features (e.g. species, OTUs, ASVs, etc).

•  $X_i$ : Integer count of the i-th feature.

•  $X_T$ : Total of all counts (i.e. sequencing depth).  $X_T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ 

•  $P_i$ : Proportional abundance of the *i*-th feature.  $P_i = X_i/X_T$ 

•  $F_1$ : Number of features where  $X_i = 1$  (i.e. singletons).

•  $F_2$ : Number of features where  $X_i = 2$  (i.e. doubletons).

Abundance-based Coverage Estimator (ACE) ace() See below.

Berger-Parker Index berger()

Brillouin Index brillouin()

Chao1 chao1()

Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity faith()

**Fisher's Alpha** ( $\alpha$ ) fisher()

Gini-Simpson Index simpson()

Inverse Simpson Index inv\_simpson()

Margalef's Richness Index margalef()

McIntosh Index mcintosh()

Menhinick's Richness Index menhinick()

Observed Features observed() Shannon Diversity Index shannon()

**Squares Richness Estimator** squares()

$$\frac{\max(P_i)}{\frac{\ln[(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)!] - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i!)}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}}$$

$$n + \frac{(F_1)^2}{2F_2}$$

 $\frac{n}{\alpha}=\ln\left(1+\frac{X_T}{\alpha}\right)$  The value of  $\alpha$  must be solved for iteratively.  $1-\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2$   $1/\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2$  n-1

$$\frac{1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_i^2}{1 / \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_i^2}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{\ln X_T}$$

$$\frac{\ln X_T}{X_T - \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i)^2}} \frac{X_T - \sqrt{X_T}}{n}$$

$$\frac{n}{\sqrt{X_T}}$$

$$n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_i \times \ln(P_i) n + \frac{(F_1)^2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i)^2}{X_T^2 - nF_1}$$

#### **Abundance-based Coverage Estimator (ACE):**

Given:

• n: The number of features (e.g. species, OTUs, ASVs, etc).

• r: Rare cutoff. Features with  $\leq r$  counts are considered rare.

•  $X_i$ : Integer count of the *i*-th feature.

•  $F_i$ : Number of features with exactly i counts.

•  $F_1$ : Number of features where  $X_i = 1$  (i.e. singletons).

•  $F_{rare}$ : Number of rare features where  $X_i \leq r$ .

•  $F_{abund}$ : Number of abundant features where  $X_i > r$ .

•  $X_{rare}$ : Total counts belonging to rare features.

•  $C_{ace}$ : The sample abundance coverage estimator, defined below.

•  $\gamma_{ace}^2$ : The estimated coefficient of variation, defined below.

•  $D_{ace}$ : Estimated number of features in the sample.

$$C_{ace} = 1 - \frac{F_1}{X_{rare}}$$

$$\gamma_{ace}^2 = \max \left[ \frac{F_{rare} \sum_{i=1}^r i(i-1)F_i}{C_{ace} X_{rare} (X_{rare} - 1)} - 1, 0 \right]$$

$$D_{ace} = F_{abund} + \frac{F_{rare}}{C_{ace}} + \frac{F_1}{C_{ace}} \gamma_{ace}^2$$

#### Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity (Faith's PD):

Given n branches with lengths L and a sample's abundances A on each of those branches coded as 1 for present or 0 for absent:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i A_i$$

alpha\_div 5

#### **Examples**

```
# Example counts matrix
t(ex_counts)
ace(ex_counts)
chao1(ex_counts)
squares(ex_counts)
```

alpha\_div

Alpha Diversity Wrapper Function

# **Description**

Alpha Diversity Wrapper Function

# Usage

```
alpha_div(
  counts,
  metric,
  norm = "percent",
  cutoff = 10,
  digits = 3L,
  tree = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

counts

A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with as.matrix() can be given here, as well as phyloseq, rbiom, SummarizedExperiment, and TreeSummarizedExperiment objects.

metric

The name of an alpha diversity metric. One of c('ace', 'berger', 'brillouin', 'chao1', 'faith', 'fisher', 'inv\_simpson', 'margalef', 'mcintosh', 'menhinick', 'observed', 'shannon', 'simpson', 'squares'). Case-insensitive and partial name matching is supported. Programmatic access via list\_metrics('alpha').

norm

Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:

norm = "percent" - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).

norm = "binary" - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).

norm = "clr" - Centered log ratio.

norm = "none" - No transformation.

Default: 'percent', which is the expected input for these formulas.

6 alpha\_div

cutoff The maximum number of observations to consider "rare". Default: 10.

digits Precision of the returned values, in number of decimal places. E.g. the default digits=3 could return 6.392.

tree A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts. The OTU identifiers given by colnames(counts) must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as attr(counts, 'tree').

cpus How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, n\_cpus(), will use all logical CPU cores.

#### **Details**

#### **Integer Count Requirements:**

A frequent and critical error in alpha diversity analysis is providing the wrong type of data to a metric's formula. Some indices are mathematically defined based on counts of individuals and require raw, integer abundance data. Others are based on proportional abundances and can accept either integer counts (which are then converted to proportions) or pre-normalized proportional data. Using proportional data with a metric that requires integer counts will return an error message.

Requires Integer Counts Only:

- Chao1
- ACE
- Squares Richness Estimator
- · Margalef's Index
- · Menhinick's Index
- · Fisher's Alpha
- Brillouin Index

# Can Use Proportional Data:

- Observed Features
- Shannon Index
- Gini-Simpson Index
- Inverse Simpson Index
- · Berger-Parker Index
- McIntosh Index
- · Faith's PD

#### Value

A numeric vector.

# **Examples**

# Example counts matrix
ex\_counts

```
# Shannon diversity values
alpha_div(ex_counts, 'Shannon')

# Chao1 diversity values
alpha_div(ex_counts, 'c')

# Faith PD values
alpha_div(ex_counts, 'faith', tree = ex_tree)
```

bdiv\_functions

Beta Diversity Metrics

#### **Description**

**Beta Diversity Metrics** 

#### Usage

```
aitchison(counts, pseudocount = NULL, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
bhattacharyya(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
bray(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
canberra(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
chebyshev(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
chord(counts, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
clark(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
divergence(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
euclidean(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
gower(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
hellinger(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
jensen(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
jensen(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
jsd(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
```

```
lorentzian(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
manhattan(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
matusita(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
minkowski(counts, norm = "percent", power = 1.5, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
morisita(counts, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
motyka(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
psym_chisq(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
soergel(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
squared_chisq(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
squared_chord(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
squared_euclidean(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
topsoe(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
wave_hedges(counts, norm = "percent", pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
hamming(counts, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
jaccard(counts, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
ochiai(counts, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
sorensen(counts, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
unweighted_unifrac(counts, tree = NULL, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
weighted_unifrac(counts, tree = NULL, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
normalized_unifrac(counts, tree = NULL, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
generalized_unifrac(
 counts,
 tree = NULL,
 alpha = 0.5,
 pairs = NULL,
 cpus = n_cpus()
)
```

variance\_adjusted\_unifrac(counts, tree = NULL, pairs = NULL, cpus = n\_cpus())

#### **Arguments**

counts A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is

a sample. Any object coercible with as.matrix() can be given here, as well as phyloseq, rbiom, SummarizedExperiment, and TreeSummarizedExperiment

objects.

pseudocount The value to add to all counts in counts to prevent taking log(0) for unobserved

features. The default, NULL, selects the smallest non-zero value in counts.

pairs Which combinations of samples should distances be calculated for? The default

value (NULL) calculates all-vs-all. Provide a numeric or logical vector specifying

positions in the distance matrix to calculate. See examples.

cpus How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, n\_cpus(),

will use all logical CPU cores.

norm Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:

norm = "percent" - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).

norm = "binary" - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).

norm = "clr" - Centered log ratio.
norm = "none" - No transformation.

Default: 'percent', which is the expected input for these formulas.

power Scaling factor for the magnitude of differences between communities (p). De-

fault: 1.5

tree A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts.

The OTU identifiers given by colnames(counts) must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as attr(counts,

'tree').

alpha How much weight to give to relative abundances; a value between 0 and 1,

inclusive. Setting alpha=1 is equivalent to normalized\_unifrac().

#### Value

A dist object.

# Formulas

#### Given:

- n: The number of features.
- $X_i, Y_i$ : Absolute counts for the *i*-th feature in samples X and Y.
- $X_T, Y_T$ : Total counts in each sample.  $X_T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
- $P_i$ ,  $Q_i$ : Proportional abundances of  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$ .  $P_i = X_i/X_T$
- $X_L, Y_L$ : Mean log of abundances.  $X_L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln X_i$
- $R_i$ : The range of the *i*-th feature across all samples (max min).

Aitchison distance aitchison()
Bhattacharyya distance bhattacharyya()

**Bray-Curtis dissimilarity** bray()

Canberra distance canberra()

Chebyshev distance chebyshev()

Chord distance chord()

Clark's divergence distance clark()

Divergence divergence()

Euclidean distance euclidean()

Gower distance gower()

Hellinger distance hellinger()

Horn-Morisita dissimilarity horn()

Jensen-Shannon distance jensen()

Jensen-Shannon divergence (JSD) jsd()

Lorentzian distance lorentzian()

Manhattan distance manhattan()

Matusita distance matusita()

Minkowski distance minkowski()

Morisita dissimilarity \* Integers Only morisita()

Motyka dissimilarity motyka()

**Probabilistic Symmetric**  $\chi^2$  **distance** psym\_chisq()

Soergel distance soergel()

**Squared**  $\chi^2$  **distance** squared\_chisq()

**Squared Chord distance** squared\_chord()

$$\begin{split} &\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} [[(\ln X_{i} - X_{L}) - (\ln Y_{i} - Y_{L})]^{2}} \\ &- \ln \sum_{i=1}^{n} |P_{i} - Q_{i}| \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{Y_{i}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{n} X_{j}^{2}}} - \frac{Y_{i}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^{n} Y_{j}^{2}}} \right)^{2} \\ &\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{P_{i} - Q_{i}}{P_{i} + Q_{i}} \right)^{2}} \\ &\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left( \frac{P_{i} - Q_{i}}{P_{i} + Q_{i}} \right)^{2}} \\ &2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{(P_{i} - Q_{i})^{2}}{(P_{i} + Q_{i})^{2}} \\ &\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{|P_{i} - Q_{i}|}{R_{i}} \\ &\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\sqrt{P_{i}} - \sqrt{Q_{i}})^{2}} \\ &1 - \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_{i}^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} Q_{i}^{2}}{N_{i}} \\ &\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_{i} \ln \left( \frac{2P_{i}}{P_{i} + Q_{i}} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} Q_{i} \ln \left( \frac{2Q_{i}}{P_{i} + Q_{i}} \right) \right]} \\ &\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_{i} \ln \left( \frac{2P_{i}}{P_{i} + Q_{i}} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} Q_{i} \ln \left( \frac{2Q_{i}}{P_{i} + Q_{i}} \right) \right] \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln (1 + |P_{i} - Q_{i}|) \\ &\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |P_{i} - Q_{i}|^{2}}} \\ &\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (P_{i} - Q_{i})^{p}} \text{ Where } p \text{ is the geometry of the space.} \\ &1 - \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} Y_{i}}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i} (X_{i} - 1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_{i} (Y_{i} - 1) \right)} X_{T} Y_{T} \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{n} \max(P_{i}, Q_{i}) \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{n} |P_{i} - Q_{i}| \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{n} \max(P_{i}, Q_{i}) \\ &\sum_{i=1}^{n} (P_{i}, Q_{i}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \textbf{Squared Euclidean distance} \text{ squared\_euclidean()} & \sum_{i=1}^{n} (P_i - Q_i)^2 \\ & \textbf{Topsoe distance} \text{ topsoe()} & \sum_{i=1}^{n} P_i \ln \left( \frac{2P_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} Q_i \ln \left( \frac{2Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right) \\ & \textbf{Wave Hedges distance} \text{ wave\_hedges()} & \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} |P_i - Q_i|}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \max(P_i, Q_i)} \end{aligned}$$

#### Presence / Absence:

Given:

- A, B: Number of features in each sample.
- J: Number of features in common.

$$\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Dice-Sorensen dissimilarity sorensen()} & \frac{2J}{(A+B)} \\ \textbf{Hamming distance hamming()} & (A+B) - 2J \\ \textbf{Jaccard distance jaccard()} & 1 - \frac{J}{(A+B-J)]} \\ \textbf{Otsuka-Ochiai dissimilarity ochiai()} & 1 - \frac{J}{\sqrt{AB}} \\ \end{array}$$

# **Phylogenetic:**

Given n branches with lengths L and a pair of samples' binary (A and B) or proportional abundances (P and Q) on each of those branches.

Unweighted UniFrac unweighted_unifrac()	$\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}L_{i} A_{i}-B_{i} $
Weighted UniFrac weighted_unifrac()	$\sum_{i=1}^{n} I_{i}   P_{i} = O_{i}  $
Normalized Weighted UniFrac normalized_unifrac()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i  P_i - Q_i }{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i  P_i - Q_i }$ $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i (P_i + Q_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i (P_i + Q_i)^{\alpha}} \left  \frac{P_i - Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right $ Where $\alpha$ is a second
Generalized UniFrac (GUniFrac) generalized_unifrac()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i (P_i + Q_i)^{\alpha} \left  \frac{P_i - Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right }{\sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i (P_i + Q_i)^{\alpha}} $ Where $\alpha$ is a sc
Variance-Adjusted Weighted UniFrac variance_adjusted_unifrac()	$ \sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i \frac{ P_i - Q_i }{\sqrt{(P_i + Q_i)(2 - P_i - Q_i)}} $ $ \sum_{i=1}^{n} L_i \frac{P_i + Q_i}{\sqrt{(P_i + Q_i)(2 - P_i - Q_i)}} $

See vignette('unifrac') for detailed example UniFrac calculations.

12 beta\_div

#### References

Levy, A., Shalom, B. R., & Chalamish, M. (2024). A guide to similarity measures. arXiv.

Cha, S.-H. (2007). Comprehensive survey on distance/similarity measures between probability density functions. *International Journal of Mathematical Models and Methods in Applied Sciences*, 1(4), 300–307.

#### **Examples**

```
# Example counts matrix
t(ex_counts)
bray(ex_counts)
jaccard(ex_counts)
generalized_unifrac(ex_counts, tree = ex_tree)
# Only calculate distances for Saliva vs all.
bray(ex_counts, pairs = 1:3)
```

beta\_div

Beta Diversity Wrapper Function

# **Description**

Beta Diversity Wrapper Function

#### Usage

```
beta_div(
  counts,
  metric,
  norm = "percent",
  power = 1.5,
  pseudocount = NULL,
  alpha = 0.5,
  tree = NULL,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

counts

A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with as.matrix() can be given here, as well as phyloseq, rbiom, SummarizedExperiment, and TreeSummarizedExperiment objects.

beta\_div 13

metric The name of a beta diversity metric. One of c('aitchison', 'bhattacharyya',

'bray', 'canberra', 'chebyshev', 'chord', 'clark', 'divergence', 'euclidean', 'generalized\_unifrac', 'gower', 'hamming', 'hellinger', 'horn', 'jaccard',

'jensen', 'jsd', 'lorentzian', 'manhattan', 'matusita', 'minkowski', 'morisita', 'motyka', 'normalized\_unifrac', 'ochiai', 'psym\_chisq',

'soergel', 'sorensen', 'squared\_chisq', 'squared\_chord', 'squared\_euclidean', 'topsoe', 'unweighted\_unifrac', 'variance\_adjusted\_unifrac', 'wave\_hedges',

'weighted\_unifrac'). Flexible matching is supported (see below). Program-

matic access via list\_metrics('beta').

norm Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:

norm = "percent" - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).

norm = "binary" - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).

norm = "clr" - Centered log ratio.
norm = "none" - No transformation.

Default: 'percent', which is the expected input for these formulas.

power Scaling factor for the magnitude of differences between communities (p). De-

fault: 1.5

pseudocount The value to add to all counts in counts to prevent taking log(0) for unobserved

features. The default, NULL, selects the smallest non-zero value in counts.

alpha How much weight to give to relative abundances; a value between 0 and 1,

inclusive. Setting alpha=1 is equivalent to normalized\_unifrac().

tree A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts.

The OTU identifiers given by colnames(counts) must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as attr(counts,

'tree').

pairs Which combinations of samples should distances be calculated for? The default

value (NULL) calculates all-vs-all. Provide a numeric or logical vector specifying

positions in the distance matrix to calculate. See examples.

cpus How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, n\_cpus(),

will use all logical CPU cores.

#### **Details**

#### **List of Beta Diversity Metrics**

Option / Function Name
aitchison
Aitchison distance
bhattacharyya
bray
Bray-Curtis dissimilarity
canberra
chebyshev
chord
Canberra
Chebyshev
Chord distance

clark's divergence distance

divergence Divergence euclidean Euclidean distance

14 beta\_div

generalized\_unifrac Generalized UniFrac (GUniFrac)

gower Gower distance
hamming Hamming distance
hellinger Hellinger distance

horn Horn-Morisita dissimilarity

jaccard Jaccard distance

jensen Jensen-Shannon distance

jsd Jesen-Shannon divergence (JSD)

lorentzian Lorentzian distance
manhattan Manhattan distance
matusita Matusita distance
minkowski Minkowski distance
morisita Morisita dissimilarity
motyka Motyka dissimilarity

normalized\_unifrac Normalized Weighted UniFrac ochiai Otsuka-Ochiai dissimilarity

psym\_chisq Probabilistic Symmetric Chi-Squared distance

soergel Soergel distance

sorensenDice-Sorensen dissimilaritysquared\_chisqSquared Chi-Squared distancesquared\_chordSquared Chord distancesquared\_euclideanSquared Euclidean distance

topsoe Topsoe distance unweighted\_unifrac Unweighted UniFrac

wave\_hedges Wave Hedges distance weighted\_unifrac Weighted UniFrac

#### Flexible name matching

Case insensitive and partial matching. Any runs of non-alpha characters are converted to underscores. E.g. metric = 'Weighted UniFrac selects weighted\_unifrac.

UniFrac names can be shortened to the first letter plus "unifrac". E.g. uunifrac, w\_unifrac, or V UniFrac. These also support partial matching.

Finished code should always use the full primary option name to avoid ambiguity with future additions to the metrics list.

#### Value

A numeric vector.

# **Examples**

```
# Example counts matrix
ex_counts

# Bray-Curtis distances
beta_div(ex_counts, 'bray')
```

ex\_counts 15

```
# Generalized UniFrac distances
beta_div(ex_counts, 'GUniFrac', tree = ex_tree)
```

ex\_counts

Example counts matrix

# Description

Genera found on four human body sites.

# Usage

ex\_counts

# **Format**

A matrix of 4 samples (columns) x 6 genera (rows).

# Source

Derived from The Human Microbiome Project dataset. https://commonfund.nih.gov/hmp

ex\_tree

Example phylogenetic tree

# Description

Companion tree for ex\_counts.

# Usage

ex\_tree

# **Format**

A phylo object.

16 list\_metrics

#### **Details**

ex\_tree encodes this tree structure:

list\_metrics

Find and Browse Available Metrics

# **Description**

Programmatic access to the lists of available metrics, and their associated functions.

# Usage

```
list_metrics(
 div = c(NA, "alpha", "beta"),
 val = c("data.frame", "list", "func", "id", "name", "div", "phylo", "weighted",
    "int_only", "true_metric"),
  nm = c(NA, "id", "name"),
 phylo = NULL,
 weighted = NULL,
  int_only = NULL,
  true_metric = NULL
)
match_metric(
 metric,
  div = NULL,
 phylo = NULL,
 weighted = NULL,
  int_only = NULL,
  true_metric = NULL
)
```

list\_metrics 17

#### **Arguments**

div, phylo, weighted, int\_only, true\_metric

Consider only metrics matching specific criteria. For example, div = "alpha"

will only return alpha diversity metrics. Default: NULL

val Sets the return value for this function call. See "Value" section below. Default:

"data.frame"

nm What value to use for the names of the returned object. Default is "id" when

val is "list" or "func", otherwise the default is NA (no name).

metric The name of an alpha/beta diversity metric to search for. Supports partial match-

ing. All non-alpha characters are ignored.

#### Value

match\_metric()

A list with the following elements.

- name: Metric name, e.g. "Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity"
- id: Metric ID also the name of the function, e.g. "faith"
- div: Either "alpha" or "beta".
- phylo: TRUE if metric requires a phylogenetic tree; FALSE otherwise.
- weighted: TRUE if metric takes relative abundance into account; FALSE if it only uses presence/absence.
- int\_only: TRUE if metric requires integer counts; FALSE otherwise.
- true\_metric : TRUE if metric is a true metric and satisfies the triangle inequality; FALSE if it is a non-metric dissimilarity; NA for alpha diversity metrics.
- func: The function for this metric, e.g. ecodive::faith
- params: Formal args for func, e.g. c("counts", "tree", "cpus")

list\_metrics()

The returned object's type and values are controlled with the val and nm arguments.

- val = "data.frame": The data.frame from which the below options are sourced.
- val = "list": A list of objects as returned by match\_metric() (above).
- val = "func" : A list of functions.
- val = "id": A character vector of metric IDs.
- val = "name": A character vector of metric names.
- val = "div" : A character vector "alpha" and/or "beta".
- val = "phylo": A logical vector indicating which metrics require a tree.
- val = "weighted": A logical vector indicating which metrics take relative abundance into account (as opposed to just presence/absence).
- val = "int\_only": A logical vector indicating which metrics require integer counts.
- val = "true\_metric": A logical vector indicating which metrics are true metrics and satisfy the triangle inequality, which work better for ordinations such as PCoA.

If nm is set, then the names of the vector or list will be the metric ID (nm="id") or name (nm="name"). When val="data.frame", the names will be applied to the rownames() property of the data.table.

18 rarefy

# **Examples**

```
# A data.frame of all available metrics.
head(list_metrics())

# All alpha diversity function names.
list_metrics('alpha', val = 'id')

# Try to find a metric named 'otus'.
m <- match_metric('otus')

# The result is a list that includes the function.
str(m)</pre>
```

n\_cpus

Number of CPU Cores

# Description

A thin wrapper around parallely::availableCores(). If the parallely package is not installed, then it falls back to parallel::detectCores(all.tests = TRUE, logical = TRUE). Returns 1 if pthread support is unavailable or when the number of cpus cannot be determined.

# Usage

n\_cpus()

#### Value

A scalar integer, guaranteed to be at least 1.

# **Examples**

n\_cpus()

rarefy

Rarefy OTU counts.

# Description

Sub-sample OTU observations such that all samples have an equal number. If called on data with non-integer abundances, values will be re-scaled to integers between 1 and depth such that they sum to depth.

rarefy 19

#### Usage

```
rarefy(
  counts,
  depth = 0.1,
  n_samples = NULL,
  seed = 0,
  times = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)
```

# Arguments

A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with as.matrix() can be given here, as well as

 $\verb|phyloseq|, \verb|rbiom|, \verb|SummarizedExperiment|, and \verb|TreeSummarizedExperiment||$ 

objects.

depth How many observations to keep per sample. When 0 < depth < 1, it is taken

as the minimum percentage of the dataset's observations to keep. Ignored when

n\_samples is specified. Default: 0.1

n\_samples The number of samples to keep. When  $0 < n_samples < 1$ , it is taken as the

percentage of samples to keep. If negative, that number of samples is dropped. If 0, all samples are kept. If NULL, then depth is used instead. Default: NULL

seed An integer seed for randomizing which observations to keep or drop. If you

need to create different random rarefactions of the same data, set the seed to a

different number each time.

times How many independent rarefactions to perform. If set, rarefy() will return a

list of matrices. The seeds for each matrix will be sequential, starting from seed.

cpus How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, n\_cpus(),

will use all logical CPU cores.

#### Value

An integer matrix.

# **Examples**

```
# Create an OTU matrix with 4 samples (A-D) and 5 OTUs.
counts <- matrix(
   data = c(4,0,3,2,6,0,8,0,0,5,0,9,0,0,7,0,10,0,0,1),
   nrow = 5,
   dimnames = list(paste0('OTU', 1:5), LETTERS[1:4]) )
counts
colSums(counts)

counts <- rarefy(counts, depth = 14)
counts
colSums(counts)</pre>
```

20 read\_tree

read_tree	Read a newick formatted phylogenetic tree.
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

# Description

A phylogenetic tree is required for computing UniFrac distance matrices. You can load a tree from a file or by providing the tree string directly. This tree must be in Newick format, also known as parenthetic format and New Hampshire format.

# Usage

```
read_tree(newick, underscores = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

newick Input data as either a file path, URL, or Newick string. Compressed (gzip or

bzip2) files are also supported.

underscores If TRUE, underscores in unquoted names will remain underscores. If FALSE,

underscores in unquoted named will be converted to spaces.

#### Value

A phylo class object representing the tree.

# **Examples**

```
tree <- read_tree("
     (A:0.99,((B:0.87,C:0.89):0.51,(((D:0.16,(E:0.83,F:0.96)
     :0.94):0.69,(G:0.92,(H:0.62,I:0.85):0.54):0.23):0.74,J:0.1
     2):0.43):0.67);")
class(tree)</pre>
```

# **Index**

* adiv_functions	<pre>inv_simpson (adiv_functions), 2</pre>
adiv_functions, 2	
* bdiv_functions	$jaccard(bdiv_functions), 7$
bdiv_functions, 7	<pre>jensen (bdiv_functions), 7</pre>
* datasets	<pre>jsd (bdiv_functions), 7</pre>
ex_counts, 15	1
ex_tree, 15	list_metrics, 16
	<pre>lorentzian (bdiv_functions), 7</pre>
<pre>ace (adiv_functions), 2</pre>	<pre>manhattan (bdiv_functions), 7</pre>
adiv_functions, 2	margalef (adiv_functions), 2
aitchison (bdiv_functions), 7	match_metric (list_metrics), 16
alpha_div, 5	matusita (bdiv_functions), 7
	mcintosh (adiv_functions), 2
bdiv_functions, 7	menhinick (adiv_functions), 2
berger (adiv_functions), 2	minkowski (bdiv_functions), 7
beta_div, 12	morisita (bdiv_functions), 7
bhattacharyya (bdiv_functions), 7	motyka (bdiv_functions), 7
bray (bdiv_functions), 7	motyka (barv_ranctions), /
<pre>brillouin (adiv_functions), 2</pre>	n_cpus, 18
4.1: 6 \ 7	normalized_unifrac(bdiv_functions), 7
canberra (bdiv_functions), 7	_
chao1 (adiv_functions), 2	observed (adiv_functions), 2
chebyshev (bdiv_functions), 7	ochiai (bdiv_functions), 7
chord (bdiv_functions), 7	
clark (bdiv_functions), 7	<pre>psym_chisq (bdiv_functions), 7</pre>
divergence (bdiv_functions), 7	rarefy, 18
	read_tree, 20
euclidean (bdiv_functions), 7	
ex_counts, 15	shannon (adiv_functions), 2
ex_tree, 15	simpson (adiv_functions), 2
Caith (adia Comations) 2	soergel (bdiv_functions), 7
faith (adiv_functions), 2	sorensen (bdiv_functions), 7
fisher (adiv_functions), 2	squared_chisq(bdiv_functions), 7
<pre>generalized_unifrac(bdiv_functions), 7</pre>	$squared\_chord(bdiv\_functions), 7$
	<pre>squared_euclidean(bdiv_functions), 7</pre>
gower (bdiv_functions), 7	squares (adiv_functions), $2$
hamming (bdiv_functions), 7	<pre>topsoe (bdiv_functions), 7</pre>
hellinger (bdiv_functions), 7	
horn(bdiv_functions),7	unweighted_unifrac(bdiv_functions),7

22 INDEX

wave\_hedges (bdiv\_functions), 7
weighted\_unifrac (bdiv\_functions), 7