Tutorial for R microeco package (v0.7.5)

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Background

R language (**?**) and its packages ecosystem are wonderful tools for data analysis. In the field of microbial community ecology, many packages can be used for the data analysis, such as vegan (**?**), ape (**?**) and picante (**?**). However, with the development of the high-throughput sequencing techniques, the increasing data amount and complexity make the data mining a challenge. There have been some R packages created for the statistics and visualization in microbial community ecology, such as phyloseq (**?**), microbiome (https://github.com/microbiome/microbiome), microbiomeSeq (http://www.github.com/umerijaz/microbiomeSeq), ampvis2 (https://madsalbertsen.github.io/ampvis2/reference/index.html), MicrobiomeR(https://github.com/vallenderlab/MicrobiomeR), theseus (**?**), rANOMALY (**?**), MicrobiomeExplorer (**?**), tidyMicro (**?**), microbial (https://github.com/guokai8/microbial), and so on. In addition, some web tools associated with R language are also useful for microbial community data analysis, such as Shiny-phyloseq (**?**), Mian (**?**) and animalcules (**?**). However, users still lack a flexible, comprehensive and modularized R package to analyze and manage the data easily. So we created the microeco R package (**?**) for this goal (https://github.com/ChiLiubio/microeco). Besides, we also develop the file2meco package (https://github.com/ChiLiubio/file2meco) for the data input from some famous tools easily and mecodev package (https://github.com/ChiLiubio/mecodev) for some extending approaches in this field.