An empirical example: Rhynoclemmys data.

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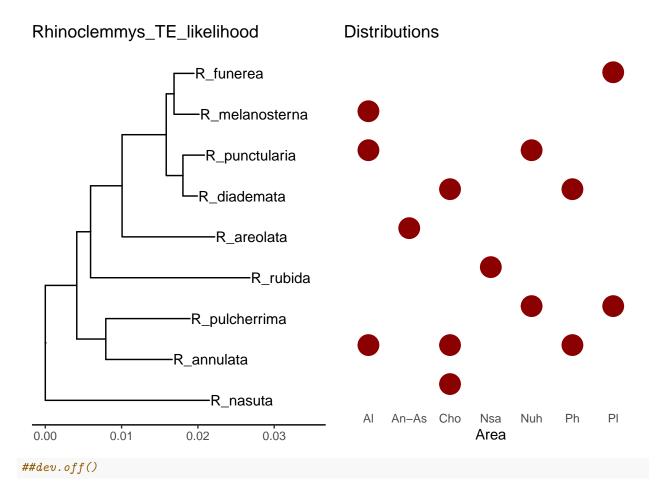
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We read the data, distribution and tree.

```
## for reproductibility purposes
set.seed(121)
options(warn=-1)
suppressMessages(library(ggtree))
#~ library(ape)
suppressMessages(library(blepd))
library(ggplot2)
#~ library(ggtree)
## Version
cat("Analyses made with blepd version:",unlist(packageVersion("blepd")))
## Analyses made with blepd version: 0 1 8 2020 10 21
## Create an object to place the distribution and the tree
RhinoclemmysData <- list()</pre>
## Read data
## distribution is a csv file areas x terminals, labeled
setwd("../data/")
csvFile <- dir(pattern=".csv")</pre>
RhinoclemmysData$distribution <- as.matrix(read.table(csvFile,
                                   stringsAsFactors=TRUE,
                                   header=TRUE,
                                   row.names=1,
                                   sep=",")
                           )
```

```
##print(t(RhinoclemmysData$distribution))
## tree(s) in nexus or newick format
treeFiles <- dir(pattern=".tre")</pre>
##treeFiles
RhinoclemmysData$tree <- read.tree(treeFiles)
## name of tree(s)
treeFiles <- gsub(".tre","",treeFiles)</pre>
## Plotting
\#par(mfrow=c(2,1))
## The tree
## using ggtree
plotTree <- ggtree(RhinoclemmysData$tree, ladderize=TRUE,</pre>
                    color="black", size=0.51, linetype="solid") +
             geom_tiplab(size=4, color="black") +
             xlim(0,0.035) +
             theme_tree2() +
             ggtitle(treeFiles[1])
##print(plotTree)
#~ Alternatively, we can plot the trees using APE
## plot.phylo(RhinoclemmysData$tree)
####nodelabels()
####tiplabels()
```

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## the distribution
distXY <- matrix2XY(RhinoclemmysData$distribution)</pre>
terminals <- colnames(RhinoclemmysData$distribution)</pre>
realOrder <- match(terminals,RhinoclemmysData$tree$tip.label)</pre>
equivalencias <- data.frame(terminals,realOrder)</pre>
dXY2 <-
            distXY
for(cambiar in terminals){
    dXY2$Terminal[distXY$Terminal == cambiar]
    equivalencias$realOrder[equivalencias$terminals==cambiar]
}
distGraficar <- dXY2</pre>
plotDistrib <- ggplot(distGraficar,</pre>
                       aes(x= Area, y=Terminal), size =35) +
                geom_point(shape=19, fill="white", color="darkred", size=7) +
               labs(title = "Distributions",
                     y = "",
                     x = "Area") +
                theme(axis.line=element_blank(),
                      axis.text.y=element_blank(),
                      axis.ticks=element_blank(),
                      axis.title.y=element_blank(),
                      legend.position="none",
                      panel.background=element_blank(),
                      panel.border=element blank(),
                      panel.grid.major=element_blank(),
                      panel.grid.minor=element_blank(),
                      plot.background=element_blank()
##print(plotDistrib)
##
cowplot::plot_grid(plotTree, plotDistrib, ncol=2)
```



We want to test whether the branch lengths will have any effect in the area(s) chosen for conservation using a Phylogenetic Diversity (PD) analysis.

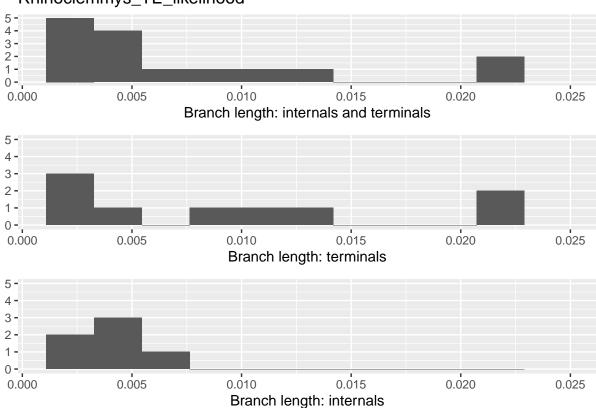
The topology corresponds to a Total Evidence analysis for the *Rhynoclemmys* genus, from R-Alarcon and Miranda-Esquivel (2020), and the distribution is taken and modified from Le and McCord (2008).

```
xlab="Branch length: terminals") +
xlim(c(0.001,0.025)) +
ylim(c(0,5))

c <- qplot(RhinoclemmysData$tree$edge.length[!terminals],
    bins=12,
    #main=treeFiles,
    xlab="Branch length: internals") +
    xlim(c(0.001,0.025)) +
    ylim(c(0,5))</pre>
#~

cowplot::plot_grid(a, b, c, nrow=3)
```

Rhinoclemmys_TE_likelihood



###dev.off()

The branch length histogram and the tree plot, show the internal length branches are similar, nad different to terminals'; there are two longer branches, R. aerolata (inhabiting Al) and R. rubida (Pl), while Al and Cho are the richest areas.

Fist we calculate the PD value for the tree, we save the values as a table and later we convert the table to a matrix.

```
RhinoclemmysData$tablePD <- PDindex(RhinoclemmysData$tree,</pre>
                                     distribution=RhinoclemmysData$distribution,
                                      root=TRUE)
RhinoclemmysData$matrixPD <- as.data.frame(</pre>
                                        unlist(RhinoclemmysData$tablePD),
                                        nrow= length(treeFiles),
                                        byrow=TRUE))
colnames(RhinoclemmysData$matrixPD) <- row.names(RhinoclemmysData$distribution)</pre>
print(t(sort(RhinoclemmysData$matrixPD,decreasing = TRUE)))
##
             [,1]
## Cho
         0.054150
## Al
         0.044127
## Pl
         0.041646
## Nuh
         0.034323
         0.032655
## Ph
## An-As 0.020853
## Nsa 0.019937
Now, we test the efect of branch length swapping, terminal and internal branch lengths.
for( modelo in c("simpleswap", "allswap", "uniform") ){
        for( rama in c("terminals", "internals") ){
            val <- swapBL(RhinoclemmysData$tree,</pre>
                           RhinoclemmysData$distribution,
                           model = modelo,
                          branch = rama
               )
         cat("\nTree=",treeFiles,"\tModel=",modelo,"\tBranchs swapped=",rama,"\n")
        print.blepd(val)
         cat("\n\n\n")
     }
 }
## model to test simpleswap reps 100
## Tree= Rhinoclemmys_TE_likelihood
                                          Model= simpleswap Branchs swapped= terminals
##
## BestInitial:Cho
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
```

```
## 1
                 13
            Al
                      13
## 2
            Cho
                 86
                        86
## 3
            Pl
                1
                        1
##
##
##
## model to test simpleswap reps 100
## Tree= Rhinoclemmys_TE_likelihood
                                  Model= simpleswap Branchs swapped= internals
##
## BestInitial:Cho
## AreaSelected Freq Percent
       Cho 100
## 1
##
##
## model to test allswap reps 100
## Tree= Rhinoclemmys_TE_likelihood
                                  Model= allswap Branchs swapped= terminals
##
## BestInitial:Cho
## AreaSelected Freq Percent
## 1
            Al
                 34
## 2
            Cho
                 54
                        54
            Nuh 10
                        10
## 3
## 4
            P1 2
##
##
##
## model to test allswap reps 100
## Tree= Rhinoclemmys_TE_likelihood
                                  Model= allswap Branchs swapped= internals
##
## BestInitial:Cho
## AreaSelected Freq Percent
          Cho 100
## 1
##
##
## model to test uniform reps 100
## Tree= Rhinoclemmys_TE_likelihood
                                  Model= uniform Branchs swapped= terminals
## BestInitial:Cho
   AreaSelected Freq Percent
## 1
            Al
                 59
                        59
## 2
            Cho
                 38
                        38
## 3
            Nuh
                  3
                         3
##
##
## model to test uniform reps 100
```

The terminal branch length is critical in the decision taken, if we swap all terminal branch lengths (model=allswap), or if we replace them with a uniform distribution (model=uniform), the area selected might change from Cho to Al. As the terminal branch lengths are distributed unequally, we might suspect that the results depend heavily on the longest branches that inhabit the area.

But first, let us see if the number of replicates has any effect.

```
for(repetir in 1:3){
             val <- swapBL(RhinoclemmysData$tree,</pre>
                            RhinoclemmysData$distribution,
                           model = "allswap",
                          branch = "terminals";
                          nTimes = 10**repetir
             print.blepd(val)
}
## model to test allswap reps 10
##
## BestInitial:Cho
##
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
## 1
               Al
                      5
                              50
## 2
               Cho
                      5
## model to test allswap reps 100
##
## BestInitial:Cho
##
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
## 1
               Al
                     41
## 2
                     43
                              43
               Cho
## 3
               Nsa
                      1
                               1
## 4
               Nuh
                     11
                              11
## 5
               Pl
                      4
                               4
## model to test allswap reps 1000
##
## BestInitial:Cho
##
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
## 1
                Al
                    379
                            37.9
## 2
                     13
                             1.3
             An-As
## 3
               Cho
                    429
                            42.9
## 4
               Nsa
                      9
                            0.9
## 5
               Nuh
                    148
                            14.8
## 6
               Pl
                             2.2
                     22
```

Roughly speaking from 1000 - 10000 the results are alike, and the largest difference is in 10 - 100. As a rule of thumb, we most use at least 100 replicates, but 1000 will be better.

now, let's see if the possible difference in results could be assigned to both of our longest branches.

```
## Testing the effect if we reduce the branch lenght form the actual value to 0.0 using evalTerminal\ \{l
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testEvalTerminalALL <- evalTerminal(RhinoclemmysData$tree,</pre>
                                    RhinoclemmysData$distribution,
                                    tipToEval = "all",
                                    approach = "lower")
##
## Terminal: R_annulata, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_pulcherrima, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_diademata, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_punctularia, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_melanosterna, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_funerea, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_areolata, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_rubida, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
print.multiBlepd(testEvalTerminalALL)
## Delta (%)
                Terminal
                            Initial Selected
                                                 Evaluating lower
## -0.0047
             R_nasuta
                       Cho Al
## 0
         R annulata
                        Cho Cho
## 0
         R_pulcherrima Cho Cho
                        Cho Cho
## 0
         R_diademata
## 0
         R_punctularia Cho Cho
## 0
         R_melanosterna
                            Cho Cho
## 0
         R funerea Cho Cho
## O
         R areolata
                        Cho Cho
## 0
         R_rubida
                    Cho Cho
## Testing the effect if we increase the branch lenght form the actual value to the sum of all branch l
testEvalTerminalALL <- evalTerminal(RhinoclemmysData$tree,</pre>
                                    RhinoclemmysData$distribution,
                                    tipToEval = "all",
                                    approach = "upper")
## Terminal: R_nasuta, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_annulata, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
## Terminal: R_melanosterna, has NO effect on branch length == 0 or Max
print.multiBlepd(testEvalTerminalALL)
##
## Delta (%)
                Terminal
                            Initial Selected
                                                Evaluating upper
         R nasuta
                    Cho Cho
## 0
         R_annulata
                        Cho Cho
## 0.0116
             R_pulcherrima Cho Pl
## 0.182
             R diademata
                            Cho Nsa
```

0.1203

R_punctularia Cho An-As

```
## 0 R_melanosterna Cho Cho
## 0.0391 R_funerea Cho Al
## 0.0085 R_areolata Cho Al
## 0.0061 R_rubida Cho Pl
```

The area selected depends heavily in the branch length of *R. aerolata* and *R. rubida*, if the branch length is just a little shorter, the area selected will change from area A to area B.

To test whether internal branches have more impact than terminal branches, we can use the function eval-TerminalvsInternal.

```
#~ ## calculate values
terminals <- evalTerminalvsInternal(RhinoclemmysData$tree,
                                RhinoclemmysData$distribution,
                                nTimes=100,
                                branch = "terminals")
## model to test allswap reps 100
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internals <- evalTerminalvsInternal(RhinoclemmysData$tree,
                                RhinoclemmysData$distribution,
                                nTimes=100,
                                branch = "internals")
## model to test allswap reps 100
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## model to test allswap reps 100
for( i in 1:3){
     cat("name",i,"\n")
    cat("Evaluated:",terminals[[i]]$evaluated,"\tBranch swapped:",terminals[[i]]$branch,"\n")
   print.blepd(terminals[[i]])
    cat("Evaluated:",internals[[i]]$evaluated,"\tBranch swapped:",internals[[i]]$branch,"\n")
   print.blepd(internals[[i]])
## Evaluated: All equal
                            Branch swapped: terminals
##
## BestInitial:AlCho
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
            AlCho 100
## Evaluated: All equal
                            Branch swapped: internals
##
## BestInitial:AlCho
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
            AlCho 100
## Evaluated: Terminals
                           Branch swapped: terminals
```

```
## BestInitial:AlCho
##
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
## 1
            AlCho 100
## Evaluated: Terminals
                             Branch swapped: internals
##
## BestInitial:AlCho
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
                     40
## 1
                Al
## 2
            AlCho
                     52
                             52
## 3
              Cho
                      8
                              8
## Evaluated: Internals
                             Branch swapped: terminals
##
## BestInitial:Cho
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
##
## 1
               Al
                     43
                             43
## 2
              Cho
                     40
                             40
## 3
              Nuh
                     17
                             17
## Evaluated: Internals
                             Branch swapped: internals
##
## BestInitial:Cho
##
     AreaSelected Freq Percent
## 1
              Cho
                   100
```

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