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Ant\_data      *Ant\_data*

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## Description

Species "incidence frequency" for ant data provided by Longino et al. (2002). The ant data which used malaise traps method is collected in a tropical rain forest of Costa Rica. In the ant data set presented 455 species occurrences are distributed among 62 samples with 103 species observed.

## Usage

```
data(Ant_data)
```

## Format

The first entry is the total number of sampling units, and followed by the incidences frequency. The format is:  
 c(62, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ..., 19, 19, 20, 29)

## Source

Longino, J.T., Coddington, J. & Colwell, R.K. (2002) The ant fauna of a tropical rain forest: estimating species richness three different ways. *Ecology*, **83**, 689-702.

**Examples**

```
data(Ant_data)
```

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```
Ant_data.count
```

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```
Ant data with incidence counts
```

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**Description**

Species “incidence counts” for ant data provided by Longino et al. (2002). The ant data which used malaise traps method is collected in a tropical rain forest of Costa Rica. In the ant data set presented 455 species occurrences are distributed among 62 samples with 103 species observed.

**Usage**

```
data(Ant_data.count)
```

**Format**

a numerical matrix or a data frame of two columns. The first column is the frequency  $j=1, 2, \dots$ ; and the second column is incidence counts ( $Q_j$ ).

The ant data is

[j]	[Qj]
1	39
2	18
3	13
...	...
19	2
20	1
29	1

**Source**

Longino, J.T., Coddington, J. & Colwell, R.K. (2002) The ant fauna of a tropical rain forest: estimating species richness three different ways. *Ecology*, **83**, 689-702.

**Examples**

```
data(Ant_data.count)
```

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```
ChaoEntropy
```

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```
Estimation of Shannon entropy
```

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**Description**

ChaoEntropy is a function to provide a new Shannon entropy estimator proposed by Chao et al. (2013).

For individual-based (abundance) data, there are five other estimators which are Chao and Shen (2003) estimator; Grassberger (2003) estimator; Zhal (1977) jackknife estimator; Zhang (2012) Hz\* estimator; and the observed provided in comparison.

For sample-based (incidence) data, new Shannon entropy estimator is in comparison with the observed entropy.

### Usage

```
ChaoEntropy(data, datatype = c("abundance", "incidence"), method = c("all", "Chao",
  "ChaoShen", "Grassberger", "Jackknife", "Zhang", "Observed"),
  se = TRUE, nboot = 200, conf = 0.95)
```

### Arguments

data	a vector of species abundance or incidence frequency. If datatype = "incidence", then the input format of first entry should be total number of sampling units, and followed by species incidence frequency.
datatype	the data type of input data. That is individual-based abundance data (datatype = "abundance") or sample-based incidence data (datatype = "incidence").
method	the method constructed to estimate entropy (see Details)
se	calculate bootstrap standard error and show confidence interval; default is TRUE.
nboot	the number of bootstrap resampling times, default is 200.
conf	a positive number $\leq 1$ . "conf" specifies the confidence level for confidence interval. The default is 0.95.

### Details

- If datatype = "abundance":
  - method = "all" : all estimators below involved. The default is "all"
  - method = "Chao" estimator, see Chao et al. (2013)
  - method = "ChaoShen" estimator, see Chao and Shen (2003)
  - method = "Grassberger" estimator, see Grassberger (2003)
  - method = "Jackknife" estimator, see Zhal (1977)
  - method = "Zhang" estimator, see Zhang (2012)
  - method = "Observed" estimator, the observed entropy estimator
- If datatype = "incidence":
  - method = "all" : all estimators below involved. The default is "all"
  - method = "Chao" estimator, see Chao et al. (2013) in Appendix S6
  - method = "Observed" estimator, the observed entropy estimator

### Value

ChaoEntropy returns a table of various entropy estimators, their standard error and 95 % confidence interval which the method you choose.

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## See Also

[Count2Abun](#), [Count2Inci](#), [Matrix2Inci](#)

## Examples

```
# load the individual-base (abundance) data
data(Spider_data)

# Estimation of Shannon entropy
ChaoEntropy(Spider_data, datatype="abundance", method="all", se=TRUE, nboot=200, conf=0.95)

# load the sample-base (incidence) data
data(Ant_data)

# Estimation of Shannon entropy
ChaoEntropy(Ant_data, datatype="incidence", method="all", se=TRUE, nboot=200, conf=0.95)
```

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Count2Abun

*Frequency counts data transform into abundance data*

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## Description

Transfer frequency counts data into abundance data.

## Usage

```
Count2Abun(count.data)
```

**Arguments**

`count.data` input species frequency counts data: a numerical matrix or a data frame of two columns. The first column is the frequency  $j=1, 2, \dots$ ; and the second column is frequency counts ( $f_j$ ).

Example: there are 59 singletons, 9 doubletons and so on in `Insects_data`:

```
[1,] 1 59
[2,] 2 9
[3,] 3 3
[4,] 4 2
[5,] 5 2
[6,] 6 2
[7,] 11 1
```

**Value**

a numeric vector of species abundance data.

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**See Also**

[ChaoEntropy](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the frequency counts data
data(Insects_data)

# Transform the data format
Count2Abun(Insects_data)
ChaoEntropy(data=Count2Abun(Insects_data), datatype="abundance", method="all",
             se=TRUE, nboot=200, conf=0.95)
```

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Count2Inci

*Incidence counts data transform into incidence frequency data*

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**Description**

Transfer incidence counts data into incidence frequency data.

**Usage**

```
Count2Inci(count.data, t)
```

Arguments

count.data      input species incidence counts data: a numerical matrix or a data frame of two columns. The first column is the frequency  $j=1, 2, \dots$ ; and the second column is incidence counts ( $Q_j$ ).

Example: there are 39 singletons, 18 doubletons and so on in Ant\_data.count:

```
[1,] 1 39
[2,] 2 18
[3,] 3 13
[... ] ... ...
[16,] 19 2
[17,] 20 1
[18,] 29 1
```

t                  the total number of sampling units.  
e.g. See [Ant\\_data](#): t = 62

Value

a numeric vector which first entry is total number of sampling units, and followed by species incidence frequency.

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See Also

[ChaoEntropy](#)

Examples

```
# load the incidence counts data
data(Ant_data.count)
t <- 62

# Transform the data format
Count2Inci(Ant_data.count, t)
ChaoEntropy(data=Count2Inci(Ant_data.count, t), datatype="incidence", method="all",
             se=TRUE, nboot=200, conf=0.95)
```

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Insects_data	<i>Frequency Counts for Insects Data : Day-Time</i>
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Description

To illustrate our method, we selected the data sets from Janzen (1973a, b) when he collected tropical foliage insects. The following table gives the frequencies for beetles collected respectively in day-time from the site referred to as "Osa primary-hill, dry season, 1967" in Janzen's paper (1973a).

**Usage**

```
data(Insects_data)
```

**Format**

a numerical matrix or a data frame of two columns.

[i]	[fi]
1	59
2	9
3	3
4	2
5	2
6	2
11	1

**Examples**

```
data(Insects_data)
```

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Matrix2Inci

*Presence/Absence data transform into incidence frequency data*


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**Description**

Transfer presence/absence data into incidence frequency data.

**Usage**

```
Matrix2Inci(mat.data)
```

**Arguments**

`mat.data` a numerical matrix or a data frame, the presence/absence of each species is recorded in the matrix. If the species is presence, it is record 1. On the contrary, it is record 0. See [Seed\\_data](#)

**Value**

a numeric vector which first entry is total number of sampling units, and followed by species incidence frequency.

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**See Also**

[ChaoEntropy](#)



**Examples**

```
# load the presense/absence data
data(Seed_data)

# Transform the data format
Matrix2Inci(Seed_data)
ChaoEntropy(data=Matrix2Inci(Seed_data), datatype="incidence", method="all",
             se=TRUE, nboot=200, conf=0.95)
```

Seed\_data

*Seed data***Description**

The seed-bank data proposed by Colwell and Coddington (1994) which contains 121 standardized soil samples with 34 species observed collected from one-hundred 10 m x 10 m grids in a Costa Rican forest.

**Usage**

```
data(Seed_data)
```

**Format**

Only the presence/absence of each species is recorded in the matrix. If the species is presence, it is record 1. On the contrary, it is record 0.

**Source**

Colwell, R.K. & Coddington, J. A. (1994) Estimating terrestrial biodiversity through extrapolation. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London B - Biological Sciences*, **345**, 101-118.

**Examples**

```
data(Seed_data)
```

Spider\_data

*Spider data***Description**

Sackett et al. (2011) provided species abundance data for samples of spiders from four 5 experimental forest canopy-manipulation treatments at the Harvard Forest.

Data from one treatments is used here for illustration: the 9 Hemlock Girdled treatment, in which bark and cambium of hemlock trees were cut and the trees 10 left in place to die to mimic tree mortality by adelgid infestation.

**Usage**

```
data(Spider_data)
```

**Format**

The format is: c(0, 15, 46, 2, 0, 0, 0, 1, 6, 1, ...)

**Source**

Sackett, T. E., S. Record, S. Bewick, B. Baiser, N. J. Sanders, & A. M. Ellison. 2011. Response of 5 macroarthropod assemblages to the loss of hemlock (*Tsuga canadensis*), a foundation species.

**Examples**

```
data(Spider_data)
```

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