$fit_hmsc_model.R$

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Description

Fits a Hierarchical Modelling of Species Communities (HMSC) model to community and abiotic data.

Usage

```
fit_hmsc_model(
  data_community = NULL,
  data_abiotic = NULL,
  error_family = c("normal", "binomial"),
  fit_model = TRUE,
  n_chains = 20,
  n_samples = 10000,
  n_thin = 5,
  n_transient = 2500,
  n_parallel = 20,
  n_samples_verbose = 500
)
```

Arguments

data_community	A data frame containing community data. Must have the same row names as 'data_abiotic'.
data_abiotic	A data frame containing abiotic data. Must have the same row names as 'data_community'.
error_family	A character string specifying the error family. Options are "normal" or "binomial" (default: "normal").
fit_model	Logical. If 'TRUE', the model is fitted; otherwise, only the model object is returned (default: 'TRUE').

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n_chains Number of MCMC chains (default: 20). Number of MCMC samples (default: 10,000). n_samples n_thin Thinning interval for MCMC samples (default: 5). n_transient Number of transient iterations (default: 2,500).

Number of parallel chains (default: 20). n_parallel

n_samples_verbose

Verbosity interval for MCMC sampling (default: 500).

Details

Validates input data, ensures compatibility between community and abiotic data, and fits an HMSC model using the specified parameters. If 'error_family' is "binomial", the community data is converted to binary presence/absence data, and the error family is set to "probit".

Value

If 'fit_model' is 'TRUE', returns a fitted HMSC model object. Otherwise, returns an unfitted HMSC model object.

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