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Description
This package summarizes the taxonomic composition, diversity contribution of the rare and abundant community by using the otu table which was generated by qiime or mothur.

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alphaDiversity   *Calculate the alpha diversity indices*

Description

This function will calculate the alpha diversity indices for the total, abundant and rare biospheres.

Usage

```
alphaDiversity(otutab, siteInCol = FALSE, taxhead = NULL, threshold = 1,
    percent = TRUE, write = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

otutab	A OTU table of microbial community, which can contain a taxonomic column (if siteInCol) or row (if site in rows). The OTU table can be given in numeric counts or in relative abundance.
siteInCol	Logical, if "TRUE", the OTU table contains samples in columns and taxa in rows. By default in this function, the siteInCol is FALSE, meaning the samples in rows.
taxhead	Character, specify the header of taxonomy. By default this argument is NULL.
threshold	Numeric, the threshold of relative abundance upon which the rare biosphere will be subset.
percent	Logical, whether the input OTU table are given in relative abundance. FALSE means that the input OTU table is in numeric counts.
write	Logical, if TRUE, the result will be written out in a Tab separated data frame.
...	arguments to be passed to write.table().

Details

The rare biosphere is defined by the relative abundance cutoffs (which is the "threshold" argument in this function) (Lynch and Neufeld, 2015). This function call the functions "specnumber", "diversity" from package vegan (Oksanen et al, 2013), "chao1" and "chao2" from package fossil (Vavrek, 2011) and the "gini" function from package reldist (http://www.stat.ucla.edu/~handcock/RelDist).

Value

The function will return a list of length 3, including indices of observed, shannon, simpson, invsimpson, chao1, chao2, evenness and Gini.

allBio	The alpha diversity indices for the whole community
abundBio	The alpha diversity indices for the abundant population
rareBio	The alpha diversity indices for the rare biosphere

Author(s)

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References

Lynch MDJ, Neufeld JD (2015). Ecology and exploration of the rare biosphere. Nature Reviews Microbiology 13: 217-229.

Oksanen J, Blanchet FG, Kindt R, Legendre P, Minchin PR, O'Hara RB et al (2013). vegan: Community Ecology Package. R package version 2.0-7. http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=vegan.

Vavrek MJ (2011). fossil: Palaeoecological and palaeogeographical analysis tools. Palaeontol Electron 14:1T. http://palaeo-electronica.org/2011_1/238/index.html.

Examples

```
data(otumothur)

test1 <- alphaDiversity(otutab = otumothur, siteInCol = TRUE,
    taxhead = "taxonomy", threshold = 1, percent = FALSE, write = FALSE)

test2 <- alphaDiversity(otutab = otumothur[,-454], siteInCol = TRUE,
    taxhead = NULL, threshold = 1, percent = FALSE, write = FALSE)
```

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bplot	*Generate barplot with custom controls on the x axis labels*

Description

barplot with custom controls on the x axis labels, e.g. rotation.

Usage

```
bplot(data, srt = 45, yoff = 0.05, dataoff = 0.025, barcol = "grey", grid = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

data	Numeric, vector to plot in barplot.
srt	Numeric, rotation degree of the x axis labels.
yoff	Numeric, vertical offset of x axis labels.
dataoff	Numeric, vertical offset of data labels in relation to the bar height.
barcol	Character, color of bar. By default is grey.
grid	Logical, whether show the grids in the plot.
...	arguments to be passed to/from other methods.

Examples

```
data(otumothur)

summaryInfo <- otuReport(otutab = otumothur, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy",
    platform = "qiime", percent = FALSE, level = "phylum", collap = ";")

length(summaryInfo)
names(summaryInfo)
summaryInfo[[1]]

bplot(summaryInfo[["taxaFreqs"]])
```

contrib	*Contribution of rare/abundant biosphere to the total Bray-Curtis dissimilarity*

Description

function to calculate the contribution (in fraction) of the abundant or rare biosphere to the Bray-Curtis dissimilarity of the whole community.

Usage

```
contrib(otutab, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = NULL, threshold = 1, percent = FALSE,
    check = "rare", write = FALSE, plot = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

otutab	An OTU table of microbial community, which can contain taxonomy in a column or a row.
siteInCol	Logical, if "TRUE", the OTU table contains samples in columns and taxa in rows. The function will decide whether to transpose the OTU table based on this parameter.
taxhead	Character, specify the header of taxonomy, e.g. "taxonomy" if there is a taxonomy column or row. It is NULL by default.
threshold	Numeric, the threshold relative abundance cutoff upon which the rare biosphere will be subset.
percent	Logical, whether the input OTU table are in relative abundance.
check	Character, either "rare" or "abundant", telling the function which biosphere to be check.
write	Logical, if TRUE, the result will be written out as "txt" file, default is FALSE.
plot	Logical, whether the contribution result to be visualized in boxplot. By default is FALSE.
...	arguments to be passed to/from other methods.

Details

In this function, the rare biosphere is defined by the relative abundance cutoffs (argument threshold). The Bray-Curtis distance between pairwise samples was partitioned. The Bray-Curtis measure is a scaled summation of abundance differences between two communities and can thus be partitioned for a subset population from the community (Shade et al 2014, Yang et al 2017).

Value

The function will return a data frame of five columns. The first two columns specify the sample names whose Bray-Curtis distance were calculated. The third and forth columns give the distances respectively based on the whole community OTU data or the subset data. The last column gives the contribution (in fraction, not percentage) of the subset data for each pair of samples.

Author(s)

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References

Shade A, Jones SE, Caporaso JG, Handelsman J, Knight R, Fierer N et al (2014). Conditionally rare taxa disproportionately contribute to temporal changes in microbial diversity. Mbio 5: e01371-01314.

Yang S, Winkel M, Wagner D, Liebner S (2017). Community structure of rare methanogenic archaea: insight from a single functional group. FEMS Microbiology Ecology: fix126.

Examples

```
data(otuqiime)
result <- contrib(otutab = otuqiime, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy",
    threshold = 1, percent = FALSE, check = "abund", plot = TRUE)
names(result)
head(result)
```

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matrixConvert	*Convert lower triangular distance matrix into data frame*

Description

This function will convert lower triangular distance matrix into a 3-column, long-format data frame.

Usage

```
matrixConvert(triMatrix, colname = c("sp1", "sp2", "dist"))
```

Arguments

triMatrix	Matrix, the input matrix should be lower triangular matrix.
colname	Character, a vector of length 3 to specify the column names of the converted data frame.

Details

This function will call the "melt" function in the reshape2 package, and convert the pairwise values in the lower triangular distance matrix into long-format data frame.

Value

The function returns long format of data frame, with 3 columns. The first two columns give the pairwise names and the third column contains values in the matrix.

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Examples

```
data(varespec)
mat <- vegdist(varespec, method = "bray")
mat.m <- matrixConvert(varespec, colname = c("sp1", "sp2", "bray"))
```

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ordination   *Quickly check the constrained or unconstrained ordination plot*

Description

This is a wrapped function to quickly generate a diagnostic ordination plot. It can visualize the rda and cca, either in constrained or unconstrained, as well as the NMDs.

Usage

```
ordination(otutab, env=NULL, SiteInRow=TRUE, percent=TRUE, mySite=NULL, ordtype ="urda",
    scale = TRUE, display = "sites", choices = 1:2, biplot = FALSE,
    legPos = "bottomright", showsite = FALSE, saveplot = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

otutab	A OTU table of microbial community, without a taxonomy column.
env	Optional, a environmental table, which should contains the same samples as the OTU table. If given, a constrained ordination will be processed. If env is NULL as default, the ordination will be unconstrained.
SiteInRow	Logical, if "TRUE", the OTU table contains samples in rows and taxa in columns, as this function is dependent on several vegan functions and thus follows its data format. The function will transpose the otu table if "SiteInRow" is FALSE.
percent	Logical, specify whether the input otu table are in relative abundance.
mySite	Factor, specify the sample grouping in the ordination plot, which is NULL by default.
ordtype	Character, specify the type of ordination, the valid choice are c("urda", "ucca", "unmds") for unconstrained ordination, and c("c_rda", "c_cca", "c_nmds") for constrained ones.
scale	Logical, whether scale species to unit variance (like correlations).
display	Character, to access scores for "sites" or "species".
choices	Numeric, vector of length two. Specify which axes to be shown, e.g. choices = 1:2, choices = c(1,3).
biplot	Logical, draws a biplot with species scores indicated by biplot arrows, only works in unconstrained ordination.
legPos	Character, the position of the legend in the plot. The valid choices are c("topleft", "topright", "bottomleft" and "bottomright")
showsite	Logical, whether show the site labels in the ordination.
saveplot	Logical, whether the ordination plot will be saved to the default work directory.
...	arguments, including graphical parameters of ordination object in vegan, passed to other methods.

Details

The function wrapped several vegan functions in order to quickly have a diagnostic ordination plot for your data. For better performance and more custom controls on plotting, please use the corresponding vegan functions (Oksanen et al, 2013).

Author(s)

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References

Oksanen J, Blanchet FG, Kindt R, Legendre P, Minchin PR, O'Hara RB et al (2013). vegan: Community Ecology Package. R package version 2.0-7. http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=vegan.

See Also

The vegan manual at https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/vegan/index.html

Examples

```
data(varespec)
data(varechem)

ordination(otutab = varespec, env = NULL, SiteInRow = TRUE, percent = FALSE,
    mySite = NULL, ordtype = "urda", display = "sites", biplot = FALSE,
    legPos = "bottomright", showsite = FALSE, saveplot = FALSE)

ordination(otutab = varespec, env = varechem, SiteInRow = TRUE, percent = FALSE,
    mySite = NULL, ordtype = "c_rda", display = "sites", biplot = FALSE,
    legPos = "bottomright", showsite = FALSE, scale = TRUE)
```

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otu4type	*An example OTU table with samples and taxonomy in rows and otus in columns*

Description

A data set containing bacterial counts from the North Temperate Lakes Microbial Observatory. Due to the last row contain taxonomy, read.table function with default setting will treat the type of each column as factor.

Usage

```
data("otu4type")
```

Format

A data frame with 591 columns (OTUs) and 454 rows (453 samples plus 1 taxonomy).

Details

This data show examples of "SiteInRow" if there is a taxonomy rows. When read in, the column with numeric counts will be marked as "factor". This data set could be transposed to correct type with "typeConvert" function.

Examples

```
data(otu4type)
sapply(otu4type, class)
new <- typeConvert(otu4type)
sapply(new, class)
```

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otumothur   *OTU table generated from 8 lakes over 4 years*

Description

A data set containing bacterial counts from the North Temperate Lakes Microbial Observatory, the taxonomy column is in mothur format. The data set is published in Msphere (Linz et al, 2017). The data set is identical to otuqiime except for the taxonomy column in qiime format.

Usage

```
data("otumothur")
```

Format

A data frame with 454 columns (453 samples plus 1 taxonomy) and 591 rows (OTUs). The taxonomy is given in mothur format, with hierarchical taxonomy from kingdom to species separated with semiclone.

Details

The full version of the data set is published in Msphere (Linz et al 2017). The first two letters of sample names denote the sampling site (e.g. "CB"), followed with epilimnion or hypolimnion ("E" or "H") and sampling date ("01OCT07"). The original data set have replicates ("R1" and "R2"), this data set only extracted the subset of "R2" (with extension ".R2" in sample names). The data set is identical to otuqiime except that the taxonomy is in mothur format.

Source

see the entire dataset at https://github.com/cran/OTUtable/tree/master/data

References

Linz AM, Crary BC, Shade A, Owens S, Gilbert JA, Knight R et al (2017). Bacterial community composition and dynamics spanning five years in freshwater bog lakes. Msphere 2: e00169-00117.

Examples

```
data(otumothur)
dim(otumothur)
sapply(otumothur, class)
head(otumothur$taxonomy)
```

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otuqiime   *OTU table generated from 8 lakes over 4 years*

Description

A data set containing bacterial counts from the North Temperate Lakes Microbial Observatory, the taxonomy column is in qiime format. The data set is published in Msphere (Linz et al 2017).

Usage

```
data("otuqiime")
```

Format

A data frame with 454 columns (453 samples plus 1 taxonomy) and 591 rows (OTUs).

Details

The first two letters of sample names denote the sampling site (e.g. "CB"), followed with epilimnion or hypolimnion ("E" or "H") and sampling date ("01OCT07"). The original data set have replicates ("R1" and "R2"), this data set only extracted the subset of "R2" (with extension ".R2" in sample names).

Source

see https://github.com/cran/OTUtable/tree/master/data

References

Linz AM, Crary BC, Shade A, Owens S, Gilbert JA, Knight R et al (2017). Bacterial community composition and dynamics spanning five years in freshwater bog lakes. Msphere 2: e00169-00117.

Examples

```
data(otuqiime)
dim(otuqiime)
names(otuqiime)[1:10]
rownames(otuqiime)[1:10]
head(otuqiime$taxonomy)
```

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otuReport   *Summarize the community structure and abundance with OTU table*

Description

The function will summarize the frequency, abundance at given taxonomic level for the input OTU table. This function could quickly give the summary information for user when adding these values in describing the community structure in a paper.

Usage

```
otuReport(otutab, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy", platform = "mothur",
    pattern = ";", prefix = TRUE, percent = FALSE, level = "phylum",
    collap = "->")
```

Arguments

otutab	A OTU table of microbial community, which must contain a taxonomic column (if siteInCol) or row (if site in rows). The otu table can be given in numeric counts or in relative abundance.
siteInCol	Logical, if "TRUE", the OTU table contains samples in columns and taxa in rows. The function will decide whether to transpose the otu table based on this parameter.
taxhead	Character, specify the header of taxonomy. By default we assume your taxonomic column is entitled "taxonomy".
platform	Character, argument to specify the platform generating the otu table. Currently, the function support otu table generate by "mothur" or "qiime".
pattern	Character, specify the separation of taxonomy. By default, the taxonomy is separated by semicolon (";").
prefix	Logical, tell the function whether the output will include the prefix like "p__", "c__" for the corresponding taxonomic levels.
percent	Logical, whether the input otu table are given in relative abundance. FALSE means that the input otu table is in numeric counts.
level	Character, specify the taxonomic level at which you want to know for the otu table. The valid choice are c("kingdom", "phylum", "class", "order", "family", "genus", "species").
collap	Character, tell the function about the separation for the hierarchical order in the output.

Details

This function was designed according to the structured taxonomy generated by mothur or qiime. So far, the function support the 7 levels of hierarchical taxonomy from kingdom to species.

Value

If the input otu table is in counts, the function will return a list of results summarizing 9 different aspects for the microbial community as follows:

whatTaxa	The "whatTaxa" will give which lineages are present at given taxonomic level in the community.
taxaFreqs	The element of "taxaFreqs" in the list is the frequency table of each lineage when community table were collapsed at a given taxonomic level.
taxaFrac	The "taxaFrac" element summarizes the fraction of each lineage among the total lineages at a given taxonomic level.
reads	The "reads" table is the otu table in absolute counts which has been collapsed at a given taxonomic level.
readSum	The "readSum" gives the total amount of reads in each sample after the community was collapsed at given taxonomic level.

readFrac	The "readFrac" table give the fraction of reads in relation to the total counts of the whole community at given taxonomic level.
readFracSum	The "readFracSum" table give sum of reads fraction by different lineages at given taxonomic level.
Relabund	The "Relabund" is the relative abundance table in percentage at given taxonomic level. If the input otu table is in absolute counts, the reads will be normalized by the total amount of reads of each sample, not the total amount of the whole community.
RelabundMean	The data "RelabundMean" in the list return the mean relative abundance of each lineage at given taxonomic level across all samples.

For the relative abundance otu input, the function will omit four summary table regarding absolute reads ("reads", "readSum", "readFrac" and "readFracSum").

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See Also

subOTU

Examples

```
# summary the otu table in qiime format

data(otuqiime)
summaryInfo <- otuReport(otutab = otuqiime, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy",
    platform = "qiime", pattern = ";", prefix = TRUE, percent  =FALSE, level = "class")
length(summaryInfo)
names(summaryInfo)
summaryInfo[[1]]

# summary otu table in mothur format

data(otumothur)
summaryInfo <- otuReport(otutab = otumothur, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy",
    platform = "qiime", pattern = ";", percent = FALSE, level = "phylum", collap = ";")
length(summaryInfo)
names(summaryInfo)
summaryInfo[[1]]
bplot(summaryInfo[["taxaFreqs"]])

# summary otu table of relative abundance

per <- subOTU(otutab = otuqiime, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy",
    percent = FALSE, choose = "all", outype = "Relabund", sort = TRUE)

summaryInfo <- otuReport(otutab = per, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy",
    platform = "qiime", pattern = ";", percent = TRUE, level = "class")

length(summaryInfo)
names(summaryInfo)
```

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pbray   *Partition the Bray-Curtis distance dissimilarity*

Description

The pbray function partitions the Bray-Curtis distance matrix based on the who community and the subset of the community data.

Usage

```
pbray(allComm, subComm, tolower = TRUE)
```

Arguments

allComm	A otu table of microbial community which contains sample in rows and taxa in column. The otu table should not contain a taxonomic column.
subComm	A subset of the otu table, with the same samples as allComm.
tolower	Logical, by default the function returns the lower triangular matrix.

Details

The Bray-Curtis dissimilarity is a scaled summation of abundance differences between two communities, it is thus could be partitioned between two samples attributable to a subset of the community (Shade et al., 2014; Yang et al., 2017). Note, the pbray function requires the input for "allComm" and "subComm" keep consistent either in either counts or relative abundance. If the input for "allComm" and "subComm" are the same data, the function will return the Bray-Curtis matrix for the whole community.

Value

The function returns a distance matrix by using the subset community against the whole community data.

Author(s)

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References

Shade A, Jones SE, Caporaso JG, Handelsman J, Knight R, Fierer N, and Gilbert JA. Conditionally rare taxa disproportionately contribute to temporal changes in microbial diversity. Mbio, 2014, 5(4): e01371-01314.

Yang S, Winkel M, Wagner D, and Liebner S. Community structure of rare methanogenic archaea: insight from a single functional group. FEMS Microbiology Ecology, 2017: fix126.

See Also

function contrib(), matrixConvert().

Examples

```
data(otumothur)

subotus <- subOTU(otutab = otumothur, taxhead = "taxonomy", siteInCol = TRUE,
    percent=FALSE, choose = "rare", outype = "counts", sort = FALSE)
pRare <- pbray(allComm = t(otumothur[,-454]), subComm = t(subotus[,-454]))
class(pRare)

# convert to long format data frame

longdist <- matrixConvert(pRare, colname = c("sp1", "sp2", "bray"))
```

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rareBiosphere *Summarize different subgroups in the rare biosphere*

Description

The function discriminates different fractions of rare biosphere from the input community data, based on the ratio between the maximum and minimum abundance (for details, please see Yang et al. 2017).

Usage

```
rareBiosphere(otutab, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead= NULL, percent = FALSE,
    threshold = 1, cutRatio = 100, cutPERare = 5, ...)
```

Arguments

otutab	An OTU table of microbial community, which can contain a taxonomic column (if siteInCol) or row (if site in rows). Note this function requires the otu table must be given in absolute counts, not in relative abundance.
siteInCol	Logical, by default it is "TRUE", meaning the OTU table contains samples in columns and taxa in rows. Otherwise, the otu table will be transposed.
taxhead	Character, specify the header of taxonomy. By default the taxonomic column is NULL.
percent	Logical, whether the input otu table is in relative abundance. The default is FALSE.
threshold	Numeric, the threshold specify the relative abundance cutoff upon which the rare biosphere is subset.
cutRatio	Numeric, the cutRatio parameter is the ratio between the maximum and minimum non-zero absolute abundance, which specify the threshold of conditionally rare taxa (CRT).
cutPERare	Numeric, the argument cutPERare specify the threshold of permanently rare taxa (PERare) in the community according to the ratio as mentioned above.
...	arguments to be passed to/from other methods.

Details

The rare biopshere constitutes different fractions of rarity. The conditionally rare taxa (CRT) are generally rare across samples but can become abundant in some samples. In contrast, the permanently rare taxa (PERare) are persistently low in abundance. Different levels of rarity may have practical implications and suggest potential roles in metabolism and ecological functions (Lynch and Neufeld, 2015; Yang et al., 2017).

This function will filter the rare biophere from the input OTU table and then discriminate different rare fractions based on the ratio between the maximum and minimum non-zero absolute abundance, which has been as an technical alternative of skewness (please see Yang et al. 2017 for details).

The function only works with otu table with absolute abundance, for the absolute reads enable to identify of absolute singletons and doubletons.

Value

The function returns a list of 4 data frames.

summaryTable	The element "summaryTable" returns a table containing the maximum and the minimum relative abundance, the ratio of the two abundance, the grouping of rarity, whether the taxa is singleton or doubletons, with additional column of taxonomy if it is included in the input otu table.
CRT	Table "CRT" gives the subset of the above "summaryTable" only for the conditionally rare taxa.
PERare	Table "PERare" shows the information of permanently rare taxa.
otherRare	Table "otherRare" summarizes the rare taxa outside the "CRT" and "PERare".

Author(s)

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References

Lynch MDJ, Neufeld JD (2015). Ecology and exploration of the rare biosphere. Nature Reviews Microbiology 13: 217-229.

Yang S, Winkel M, Wagner D, Liebner S (2017). Community structure of rare methanogenic archaea: insight from a single functional group. FEMS Microbiology Ecology: fix126.

Examples

```
data(otumothur)

example <- rareBiosphere(otutab = otumothur, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = "taxonomy",
    percent = FALSE, threshold = 1, cutRatio = 100, cutPERare = 5)
length(example)
names(example)
head(example[["summaryTable"]])
head(example[["CRT"]])

example2 <- rareBiosphere(otutab = otumothur[,-454], siteInCol = TRUE,
    taxhead = NULL, percent=FALSE, threshold = 1, cutRatio = 100, cutPERare = 5)
length(example2)
names(example2)
```

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subOTU   *Subset the OTU table*

Description

This function subset the OTU table according to the specified threshold of mean relative abundance.

Usage

```
subOTU(otutab, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = NULL, percent = TRUE, choose = "rare",
       threshold = 1, outype = "Relabund", sort = TRUE, write = FALSE)
```

Arguments

otutab	An OTU table of microbial community, which can contain a taxonomic column (if siteInCol) or row (if site in rows). The OTU table can be given in numeric counts or in relative abundance.
siteInCol	Logical, if "TRUE", the OTU table contains samples in columns and taxa in rows. The function will decide whether to transpose the OTU table based on this parameter.
taxhead	Character, specify the header of taxonomy. By default the taxonomic column is NULL.
percent	Logical, whether the input OTU table is in relative abundance. The default is TRUE.
choose	Character, tell the function which part to subset out. The valid choice are "rare","abundant" and "all", which will specify the rare biosphere, the abundant population and keep the whole community data.
threshold	Numeric, the threshold specify the relative abundance cutoff upon which the rare biosphere is subset.
outype	Character, specify whether the output otu subset should in relative abundance (outype="Relabund" or "relabund") or in absolute counts (outype="counts" or "Counts"). This function also support partial match of the parameter.
sort	Logical, be default, the output OTU subset is sorted according to the descending order of mean relative abundance across samples.
write	Logical, whether the output OTU table will be written out when running this function. The default is FALSE.

Details

The function will subset the OTU table to abundant (choose="abundant") or rare biosphere (choose="rare") according to the given relative abundance threshold of rare biosphere (Lynch and Neufeld, 2015). It will also keep the whole community without subsetting, if choose="all". The output could be relative abundance (outype="Relabund") or absolute counts (outype="counts"). If sort is TRUE, the output result will be sorted by the descending order of mean relative abundance across samples.

Value

This function will return an OTU table (data frame) according to the specified arguments.

Author(s)

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References

Lynch MDJ, Neufeld JD (2015). Ecology and exploration of the rare biosphere. Nature Reviews Microbiology 13: 217-229.

Examples

```
data(otuqiime)

example1 <- subOTU(otutab = otuqiime, siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead ="taxonomy",
    percent = FALSE, choose = "abundant", threshold = 1, outype = "Relabund")
dim(example1)

example2 <- subOTU(otutab = otuqiime[,-454], siteInCol = TRUE, taxhead = NULL,
    percent = FALSE, choose = "rare", threshold = 1, outype = "counts")
dim(example2)
```

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typeConvert	*Transpose the data frame if there is data type conversion.*

Description

function to transpose the data frame if there is data type conversion.

Usage

```
typeConvert(otutab,taxhead = NULL)
```

Arguments

otutab	An OTU table, which can contain no taxonomy. The OTU table can be given in numeric counts or in relative abundance.
taxhead	Character, specify the header of taxonomy. By default the taxonomic column is NULL.

Details

This function is to convert the numeric values into right type so that the downstream numeric calculation could be processed without type error.

Value

This function returns a transposed OTU table. In the source OTU table the numeric values showing "character" or "factor" will be converted to right types.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data(otu4type)
sapply(otu4type, class)
new <- typeConvert(as.data.frame(t(otu4type)), taxhead = "taxonomy")
sapply(new, class)
```

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