Vignette ecospat package

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Miscellaneous methods and utilities for spatial ecology analysis, written by current and former members and collaborators of the ecospat group of Antoine Guisan, Department of Ecology and Evolution (DEE) & Institute of Earth Surface Dynamics (IDYST), University of Lausanne, Switzerland.

ecospat offers the possibility to perform Pre-modelling Analysis, such as Spatial autocorrelation analysis, MESS (Multivariate Environmental Similarity Surfaces) analyses, Phylogenetic diversity Measures, Biotic Interactions. It also provides functions to complement biomod2 in preparing the data, calibrating and evaluating (e.g. boyce index) and projecting the models. Complementary analysis based on model predictions (e.g. co-occurrences analyses) are also provided.

In addition, the *ecospat* package includes Niche Quantification and Overlap functions that were used in Broennimann et al. 2012 and Petitpierre et al. 2012 to quantify climatic niche shifts between the native and invaded ranges of invasive species.

1 Load data

```
library(ecospat)
citation("ecospat")
```

```
## To cite package 'ecospat' in publications use:
##
##
     Broennimann O, Di Cola V, Guisan A (2024). _ecospat: Spatial Ecology
##
     Miscellaneous Methods_. R package version 4.1.1,
     <https://www.unil.ch/ecospat/home/menuguid/ecospat-resources/tools.html>.
##
## A BibTeX entry for LaTeX users is
##
##
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       title = {ecospat: Spatial Ecology Miscellaneous Methods},
##
##
       author = {Olivier Broennimann and Valeria {Di Cola} and Antoine Guisan},
##
       year = \{2024\},\
##
       note = {R package version 4.1.1},
       url = {https://www.unil.ch/ecospat/home/menuguid/ecospat-resources/tools.html},
##
##
```

1.0.1 Test data for the ecospat library

ecospat.testData()

```
data(ecospat.testData)
names(ecospat.testData)
```

```
##
    [1] "numplots"
                                         "long"
                                         "ddeg"
##
    [3] "lat"
##
   [5] "mind"
                                         "srad"
## [7] "slp"
                                         "topo"
## [9] "Achillea_atrata"
                                         "Achillea_millefolium"
## [11] "Acinos_alpinus"
                                         "Adenostyles_glabra"
## [13] "Aposeris_foetida"
                                         "Arnica_montana"
## [15] "Aster_bellidiastrum"
                                         "Bartsia_alpina"
## [17] "Bellis_perennis"
                                         "Campanula_rotundifolia"
## [19] "Centaurea_montana"
                                         "Cerastium_latifolium"
## [21] "Cruciata_laevipes"
                                         "Doronicum_grandiflorum"
## [23] "Galium_album"
                                         "Galium_anisophyllon"
## [25] "Galium_megalospermum"
                                         "Gentiana_bavarica"
## [27] "Gentiana_lutea"
                                         "Gentiana_purpurea"
## [29] "Gentiana_verna"
                                         "Globularia_cordifolia"
## [31] "Globularia_nudicaulis"
                                         "Gypsophila_repens"
## [33] "Hieracium_lactucella"
                                         "Homogyne_alpina"
## [35] "Hypochaeris_radicata"
                                         "Leontodon_autumnalis"
                                         "Myosotis_alpestris"
## [37] "Leontodon_helveticus"
## [39] "Myosotis arvensis"
                                         "Phyteuma_orbiculare"
## [41] "Phyteuma_spicatum"
                                         "Plantago_alpina"
## [43] "Plantago_lanceolata"
                                         "Polygonum_bistorta"
## [45] "Polygonum_viviparum"
                                         "Prunella_grandiflora"
## [47] "Rhinanthus_alectorolophus"
                                         "Rumex_acetosa"
## [49] "Rumex_crispus"
                                         "Vaccinium_gaultherioides"
## [51] "Veronica_alpina"
                                         "Veronica_aphylla"
                                         "Bromus_erectus_sstr"
## [53] "Agrostis_capillaris"
## [55] "Campanula_scheuchzeri"
                                         "Carex_sempervirens"
## [57] "Cynosurus_cristatus"
                                         "Dactylis_glomerata"
```

```
## [59] "Daucus_carota"
                                         "Festuca_pratensis_sl"
## [61] "Geranium_sylvaticum"
                                         "Leontodon_hispidus_sl"
## [63] "Potentilla_erecta"
                                         "Pritzelago_alpina_sstr"
## [65] "Prunella_vulgaris"
                                         "Ranunculus_acris_sl"
                                         "Soldanella_alpina"
## [67] "Saxifraga_oppositifolia"
## [69] "Taraxacum_officinale_aggr"
                                         "Trifolium_repens_sstr"
## [71] "Veronica_chamaedrys"
                                         "Parnassia_palustris"
## [73] "glm Agrostis capillaris"
                                         "glm Leontodon hispidus sl"
## [75] "glm_Dactylis_glomerata"
                                         "glm_Trifolium_repens_sstr"
## [77] "glm_Geranium_sylvaticum"
                                         "glm_Ranunculus_acris_sl"
## [79] "glm_Prunella_vulgaris"
                                         "glm_Veronica_chamaedrys"
## [81] "glm_Taraxacum_officinale_aggr"
                                         "glm_Plantago_lanceolata"
## [83] "glm_Potentilla_erecta"
                                         "glm_Carex_sempervirens"
## [85] "glm_Soldanella_alpina"
                                         "glm_Cynosurus_cristatus"
## [87] "glm_Campanula_scheuchzeri"
                                         "glm_Festuca_pratensis_sl"
## [89] "glm_Bromus_erectus_sstr"
                                         "glm_Saxifraga_oppositifolia"
## [91] "glm_Daucus_carota"
                                         "glm_Pritzelago_alpina_sstr"
## [93] "gbm_Bromus_erectus_sstr"
                                         "gbm_Saxifraga_oppositifolia"
## [95] "gbm_Daucus_carota"
                                         "gbm_Pritzelago_alpina_sstr"
```

1.0.2 Test data for the Niche Overlap Analysis

ecospat.testNiche.inv()

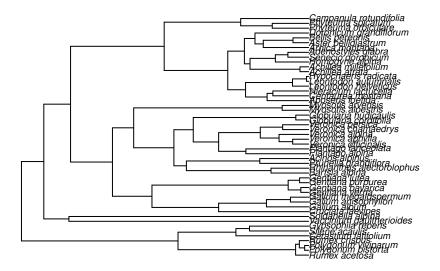
```
data(ecospat.testNiche.inv)
names(ecospat.testNiche.inv)
##
   [1] "x"
                       "v"
                                       "aetpet"
                                                     "gdd"
                                                                    "p"
## [6] "pet"
                       "stdp"
                                       "tmax"
                                                                     "tmp"
                                                     "tmin"
## [11] "species_occ" "predictions"
ecospat.testNiche.nat()
data(ecospat.testNiche.nat)
names(ecospat.testNiche.nat)
##
   [1] "x"
                                       "aetpet"
                                                     "gdd"
                                                                     "p"
## [6] "pet"
                       "stdp"
                                                                    "tmp"
                                       "tmax"
                                                     "tmin"
## [11] "species_occ" "predictions"
```

1.0.3 Test tree for Phylogenetic Diversity Analysis

ecospat.testTree()

```
if(requireNamespace("ape")){
  fpath <- system.file("extdata", "ecospat.testTree.tre", package="ecospat")
  tree<-ape::read.tree(fpath)
  tree$tip.label
  plot(tree, cex=0.6)
}</pre>
```

Loading required namespace: ape

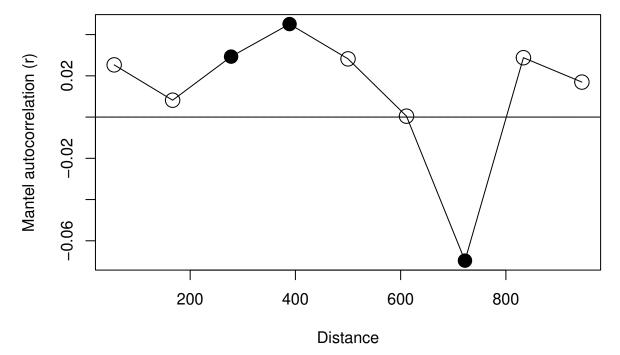


2 Pre-Modelling Analysis

2.1 Spatial Auto-correlation

2.1.1 Mantel Correlogram with ecospat.mantel.correlogram()

```
## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'ecodist':
## method from
## dim.dist proxy
```



The graph indicates that spatial autocorrelation (SA) is minimal at a distance of 180 meters. Note however that SA is not significantly different than zero for several distances (open circles).

2.2 Predictor Variable Selection

2.2.1 Number of Predictors with Pearson Correlation ecospat.npred()

```
colvar <- ecospat.testData[c(4:8)]
x <- cor(colvar, method="pearson")
ecospat.npred (x, th=0.75)</pre>
```

[1] 4

2.2.2 Number of Predictors with Spearman Correlation ecospat.npred()

```
x <- cor(colvar, method="spearman")
ecospat.npred (x, th=0.75)</pre>
```

[1] 4

2.3 Climate Analogy Tools

2.3.1 Climate Analogy with ecospat.climan()

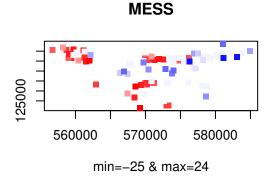
```
x <- ecospat.testData[c(4:8)]
p<- x[1:90,] #A projection dataset.
ref<- x[91:300,] # A reference dataset</pre>
```

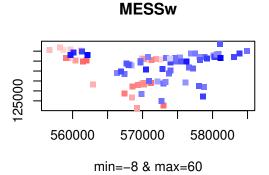
```
ecospat.climan(ref,p)
```

```
## [1] 0.185415746 -0.028290993 -0.032909931 -0.009237875 -0.034642032
## [6] -0.209006928 -0.084295612 -0.103622863 0.355220600 -0.136258661
## [11] -0.087182448 -0.209006928 -0.143187067 -0.124711316 -0.114844720
## [16] -0.230596451 0.276046242 0.249093277 -0.125288684 -0.101226337
## [21] -0.113883908 -0.204653076 -0.001154734 -0.132217090 -0.100461894
      0.464738681 -0.416578541 -0.044457275 -0.018475751 -0.122225532
## [31] -0.137611720 -0.050808314 0.254605027 -0.062012319 0.238294633
## [36] -0.159141330 -0.147806005 0.277670365 -0.071593533 -0.019053118
## [41] 0.390781314 0.175132571 0.401892929 0.843703731 0.286155800
## [46]
      ## [51]
      0.831525456 0.303710525 0.197182304 0.219273698 0.196637663
## [56]
      ## [61] -0.020785219 -0.017898383 0.553965995 0.409635110 0.323633285
## [66]
      ## [71]
      ## [76] -0.047344111 -0.012282931 0.165429659 0.134199992 0.216655251
## [81] 0.139419127 0.121254775 0.098782992 0.591393741 0.110866239
## [86]
      0.146010655 0.095562156 0.093353356 0.081712342 0.160531262
```

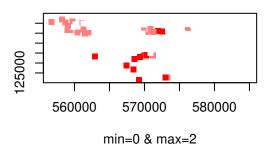
2.3.2 Extrapolation detection, creating a MESS object with ecospat.mess()

```
x <- ecospat.testData[c(2,3,4:8)]
proj<- x[1:90,] #A projection dataset.
cal<- x[91:300,] #A calibration dataset
mess.object<-ecospat.mess (proj, cal, w="default")
ecospat.plot.mess (mess.object, cex=1, pch=15)</pre>
```





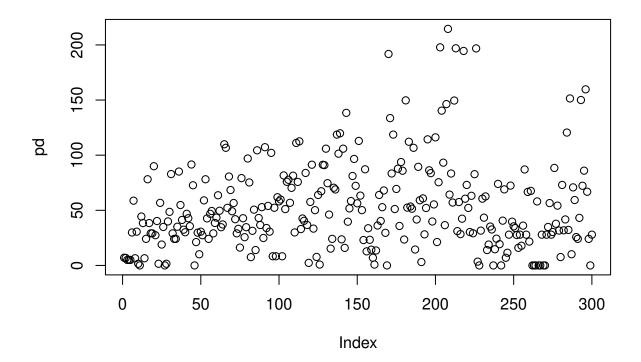
#MESSneg



In the MESS plot pixels in red indicate sites where at least one environmental predictor has values outside of the range of that predictor in the calibration dataset. In the MESSw plot, same as previous plot but with weighted by the number of predictors. Finally, the MESSneg plot shows at each site how many predictors have values outside of their calibration range.

2.4 Phylogenetic Diversity Measures

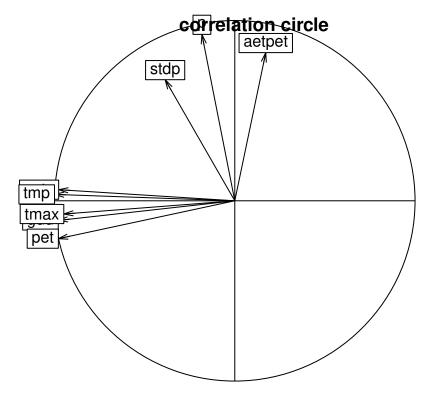
```
if(requireNamespace("ape")){
    fpath <- system.file("extdata", "ecospat.testTree.tre", package="ecospat")
    tree <- ape::read.tree(fpath)
    data <- ecospat.testData[9:52]
    pd<- ecospat.calculate.pd(tree, data, method = "spanning", type = "species", root = TRUE, average    plot(pd)
}</pre>
```



2.5 Niche Quantification and Comparison with Ordination techniques

First we load the test data for the niche dynamics analysis in invaded and native range. A PCA is calibrated on all the sites of the study area, including both native and invaded ranges (same as PCAenv in Broenniman et al. 2012). Finally, we plot the variables Contributions

```
library(ade4)
inv <- ecospat.testNiche.inv
nat <- ecospat.testNiche.nat
pca.env <- ade4::dudi.pca(rbind(nat,inv)[,3:10],scannf=F,nf=2)
ecospat.plot.contrib(contrib=pca.env$co, eigen=pca.env$eig)</pre>
```



axis1 = 61.14 % axis2 = 25.09 %

The correlation circle indicate the

contribution of original predictors to the PCA axes.

Now we can predict the scores on the axes

```
# PCA scores for the whole study area
scores.globclim <- pca.env$li

# PCA scores for the species native distribution
scores.sp.nat <- ade4::suprow(pca.env,nat[which(nat[,11]==1),3:10])$li

# PCA scores for the species invasive distribution
scores.sp.inv <- ade4::suprow(pca.env,inv[which(inv[,11]==1),3:10])$li

# PCA scores for the whole native study area
scores.clim.nat <- ade4::suprow(pca.env,nat[,3:10])$li

# PCA scores for the whole invaded study area
scores.clim.inv <- ade4::suprow(pca.env,inv[,3:10])$li</pre>
```

2.5.1 Calculate the Occurrence Densities Grid with ecospat.grid.clim.dyn()

For a species in the native range (North America)

```
## Registered S3 methods overwritten by 'adehabitatMA':
## method from
## print.SpatialPixelsDataFrame sp
## print.SpatialPixels sp
```

For a species in the invaded range (Australia)

2.5.2 Calculate Niche Overlap with ecospat.niche.overlap()

```
# Compute Schoener's D, index of niche overlap
D.overlap <- ecospat.niche.overlap (grid.clim.nat, grid.clim.inv, cor = TRUE)$D
D.overlap</pre>
```

```
## [1] 0.224586
```

The niche overlap between the native and the invaded range is 22%.

2.5.3 Perform the Niche Equivalency Test with ecospat.niche.equivalency.test() according to Warren et al. (2008)

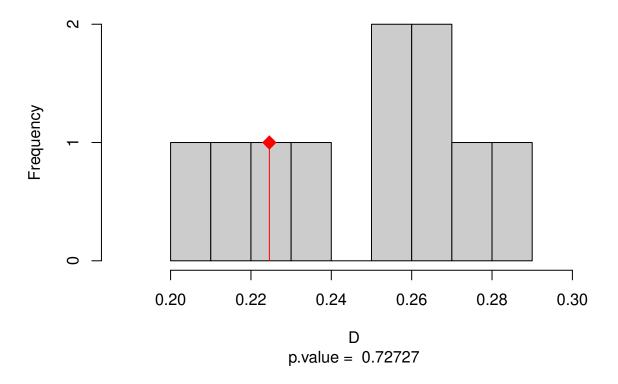
It is recommended to use at least 1000 replications for the equivalency test. As an example we used rep = 10, to reduce the computational time.

Niche equivalency test H1: the observed overlap between the native and invaded niche is higher than if the two niches are randomized, the niche expansion of the invaded niche is lower, the niche stability is higher and the niche unfilling is lower than if the two niches are randomized.

Plot Equivalency test

```
ecospat.plot.overlap.test(eq.test, "D", "Equivalency")
```

Equivalency



2.5.4 Perform the Niche Similarity Test with ecospat.niche.similarity.test()

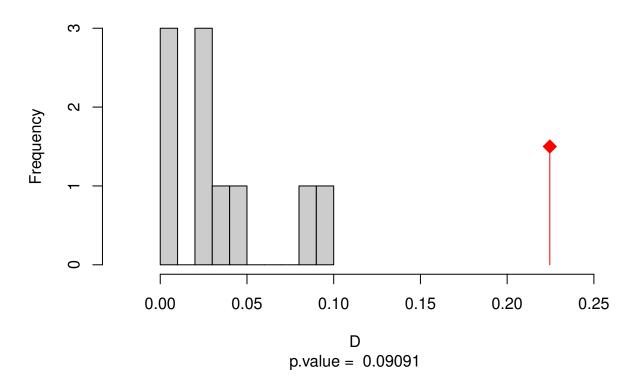
Shifts randomly on niche (here the invasive niche) in the study area It is recomended to use at least 1000 replications for the similarity test. As an example we used rep = 10, to reduce the computational time.

Niche similarity test H1: the observed overlap between the native and invaded is higher than randomly shifted invasive niches in the invaded study area, the niche expansion of the invaded niche is lower, the niche stability is higher and the niche unfilling is lower than if the two niches are randomized.

Plot Similarity test

```
ecospat.plot.overlap.test(sim.test, "D", "Similarity")
```

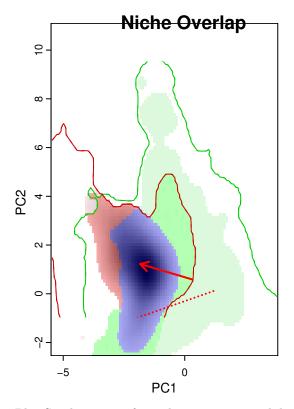
Similarity



2.5.5 Delimiting niche categories and quantifying niche dynamics in analogue climates with ecospat.niche.dyn.index()

```
niche.dyn <- ecospat.niche.dyn.index (grid.clim.nat, grid.clim.inv)</pre>
```

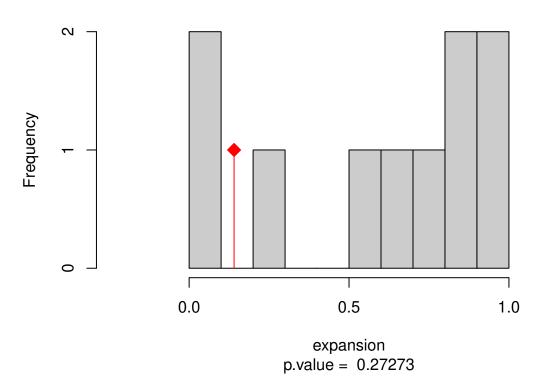
2.5.5.1 Visualizing niche categories, niche dynamics and climate analogy between ranges with ecospat.plot.niche.dyn() Plot niche overlap



Plot Similarity test for niche expansion, stability and unfilling

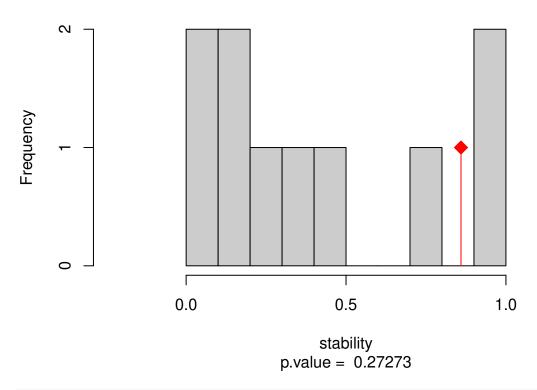
ecospat.plot.overlap.test(sim.test, "expansion", "Similarity")

Similarity



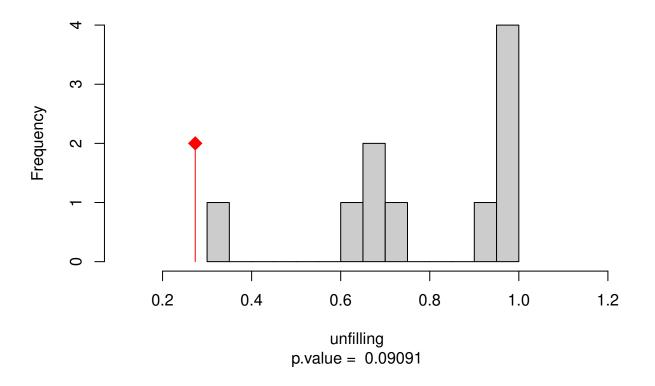
ecospat.plot.overlap.test(sim.test, "stability", "Similarity")

Similarity



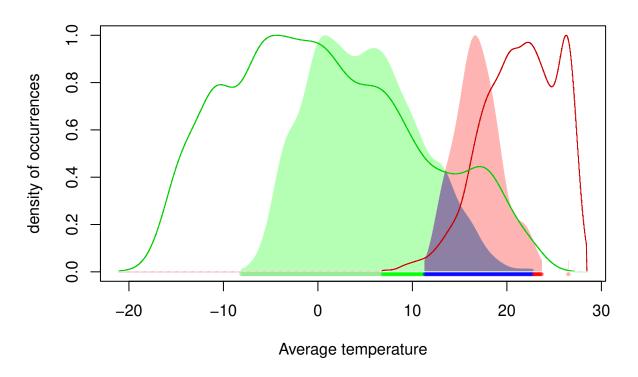
ecospat.plot.overlap.test(sim.test, "unfilling", "Similarity")

Similarity



gridding the native niche

2.5.5.2 Plot the niche dynamics along one gradient (here temperature) with ecospat.plot.niche.dyn() Niche Overlap



2.6 Biotic Interactions

$\textbf{2.6.1} \quad \textbf{Species Co-occurrences Analysis with a Presence-absence matrix using the function} \\ & ecospat.co_occurrences()$

```
data <- ecospat.testData[c(9:16,54:57)]
```

For each pair of species (sp1, sp2), the number (N) of plots where both species were present is divided by the number of plots where the rarest of the two species is present. This index ranges from 0 (no co-occurrence) to 1 (always in co-occurrence) as given in eq. 1.

where N(S1 intersects S2) is the number of times species S1 and S2 co-occur, while Min(NS1, NS2) is the number of times species S1 and S2 co-occur, while is the occurrence frequency of the rarest of the two species.

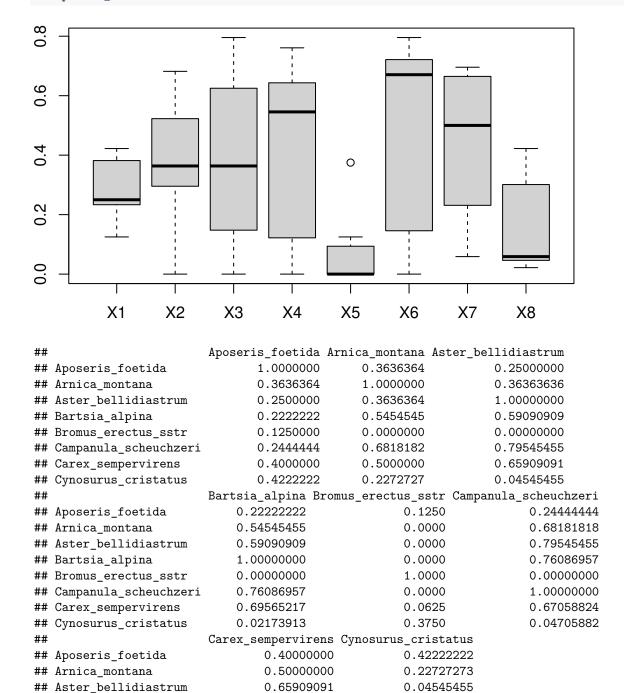
Bartsia_alpina

Bromus_erectus_sstr

Carex_sempervirens

Campanula_scheuchzeri

function ecospat.Cscore()



## Cynosur	us_cristatus	0.05882353	1.0	1.00000000		
2.6.2 Pai	rwise co-occurrence	Analysis with	calculation	of the C-score	index	using the

0.69565217

0.06250000

0.67058824

1.00000000

This function allows to apply a pairwise null model analysis to a presence-absence community matrix to determine which species associations are significant across the study area. The strength of associations is quantified by the C-score index and a 'fixed-equiprobable' null model algorithm is applied.

0.02173913

0.37500000

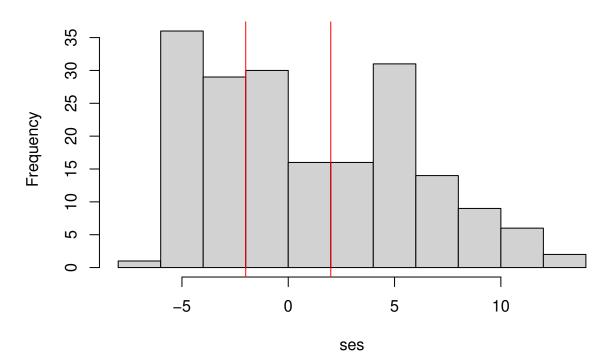
0.04705882

0.05882353

It is recomended to use at least 10000 permutations for the test. As an example we used nperm = 100, to reduce the computational time.

```
data<- ecospat.testData[c(53,62,58,70,61,66,65,71,69,43,63,56,68,57,55,60,54,67,59,64)]
nperm <- 100
outpath <- getwd()
ecospat.Cscore(data, nperm, outpath)</pre>
```

Histogram of standardized effect size



```
## $ObsCscoreTot
## [1] 2675.468
##

## $SimCscoreTot
## [1] 2466.428
##

## $PVal.less
## [1] 1
##

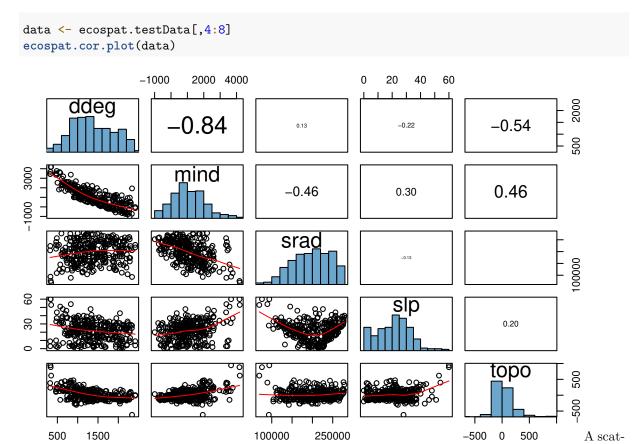
## $PVal.greater
## [1] 0.00990099
##

## $SES.Tot
## [1] 63.80968
```

The function returns the C-score index for the observed community (ObsCscoreTot), p.value (PValTot) and standardized effect size (SES.Tot). It saves also a table in the working directory where the same metrics are calculated for each species pair (only the table with species pairs with significant p-values is saved in this version)

2.7 Data Preparation

2.7.1 Correlation Plot of Variables with ecospat.cor.plot()



ter plot of matrices, with bivariate scatter plots below the diagonal, histograms on the diagonal, and the Pearson correlation above the diagonal. Useful for descriptive statistics of small data sets (better with less than 10 variables).

2.7.2 Calibration And Evaluation Dataset

```
## $eval
##
      yeval yeval
## 1
        151
                NA
## 2
         NA
               202
## 3
         NA
                NA
        157
## 4
                34
## 5
         23
               184
        295
                14
## 6
## 7
        171
                71
## 8
        156
               221
## 9
        133
               237
## 10
        150
               266
```

```
## 11
        272
               21
## 12
              214
        116
## 13
        244
               31
## 14
         20
              245
## 15
         3
              228
## 16
        269
                8
## 17
        182
                4
## 18
        297
              249
## 19
        115
              292
## 20
        250
              256
## 21
        152
              243
## 22
        268
              247
## 23
        120
              271
## 24
        181
              154
## 25
        233
               55
## 26
         2
              289
## 27
        241
              232
## 28
        121
              186
## 29
              269
        110
## 30
        203
              110
## 31
         51
              293
## 32
        252
              295
## 33
        169
              251
##
## $cal
##
      ycal ycal
## 1
        NA
             NA
## 2
        87
             NA
## 3
        64
             NA
## 4
        46
            167
## 5
       137
             86
## 6
       131
             NA
## 7
        NA
            287
## 8
       254
            37
## 9
       293
            274
## 10
       276
            121
## 11
       186
            23
## 12
       232
            263
## 13
        53
            200
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       201
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## 15
       222
            192
## 16
        37
            230
## 17
       290
            248
       281
## 18
            178
## 19
       212
            291
## 20
            211
       246
## 21
       147
            114
## 22
       206
            220
## 23 225
            264
## 24
       262
            204
## 25
       145
             11
## 26
       258
            258
## 27
        33
            95
## 28
            236
        5
## 29
       255
            238
## 30
       224
            225
## 31
       289
            84
## 32 168
            299
```

```
## 33
        200
              157
## 34
        253
             217
   35
        271
              189
## 36
        259
              242
## 37
               43
        134
## 38
        140
                3
## 39
        223
               18
## 40
        278
               15
## 41
        231
               33
## 42
        210
              152
## 43
        240
              265
## 44
        199
               67
## 45
        204
               22
## 46
        242
              139
## 47
        286
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##
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        106
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   49
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        234
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              270
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         27
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   72
              244
## 73
         94
              229
## 74
         85
               56
   75
        275
               45
## 76
        123
               24
## 77
        279
               57
```

We obtained an evaluation and calibration dataset with a desired ratio of disaggregation.

3 Core Niche Modelling

3.1 Model Evaluation

3.1.1 Presence-only Evaluation Indices- Boyce Index

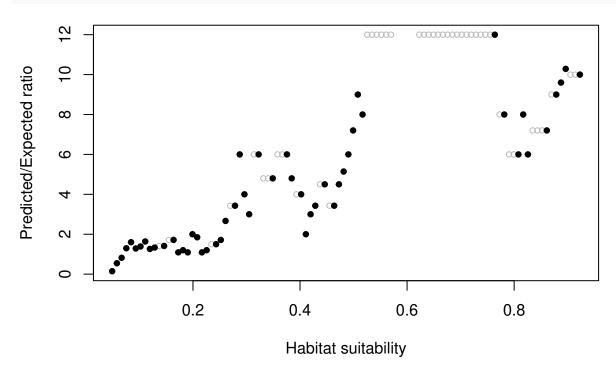
The argument fit is a vector containing the predicted suitability values

```
fit <- ecospat.testData$glm_Saxifraga_oppositifolia</pre>
```

The argument obs is a vector containing the predicted suitability values of the validation points (presence records)

```
obs<-ecospat.testData$glm_Saxifraga_oppositifolia[which(ecospat.testData$Saxifraga_oppositifolia==1)
```

Calculate and plot Boyce Index with ecospat.boyce



[1] 0.91

Here the boyce index is 0.91. If the rank of predicted expected ratio would be completely ordered along habitat suitability axis then boyce index would be 1.

3.1.2 Accuracy of Community Prediction

Indices of accuracy of community predictions ecospat. Community Eval()

```
eval<-ecospat.testData[c(53,62,58,70,61,66,65,71,69,43,63,56,68,57,55,60,54,67,59,64)] pred<-ecospat.testData[c(73:92)]
```

```
CommunityEval<-ecospat.CommunityEval (eval, pred, proba = TRUE, ntir=5, verbose = T)</pre>
```

```
## trial 1 on 5
## trial 2 on 5
## trial 3 on 5
## trial 4 on 5
## trial 5 on 5
```

3.2 Spatial Predictions and Projections

3.2.1 ESM Ensemble of Small Models

```
library(biomod2)
## biomod2 4.2-5 loaded.
## /!\ New set up for modeling options. We apologize for the trouble [*.*]
## Loading required package: nnet
## Loading required package: rpart
## Loading required package: mda
## Warning in library(package, lib.loc = lib.loc, character.only = TRUE,
## logical.return = TRUE, : there is no package called 'mda'
## Loading required package: gam
## Warning in library(package, lib.loc = lib.loc, character.only = TRUE,
## logical.return = TRUE, : there is no package called 'gam'
## Loading required package: mgcv
## Loading required package: nlme
## This is mgcv 1.9-1. For overview type 'help("mgcv-package")'.
## Attaching package: 'mgcv'
## The following object is masked from 'package:nnet':
##
##
       multinom
## Loading required package: gbm
## Loaded gbm 2.1.9
## This version of gbm is no longer under development. Consider transitioning to gbm3, https://githu
## Loading required package: earth
## Loading required package: Formula
## Loading required package: plotmo
## Loading required package: plotrix
## Loading required package: maxnet
```

```
## Loading required package: randomForest
## randomForest 4.7-1.1
## Type rfNews() to see new features/changes/bug fixes.
## Loading required package: xgboost
## Warning in library(package, lib.loc = lib.loc, character.only = TRUE,
## logical.return = TRUE, : there is no package called 'xgboost'
# species
# occurrences
xy <- inv[,1:2]
head(xy)
##
        X
## 1 142.25 -10.25
## 2 142.25 -10.75
## 3 131.25 -11.25
## 4 132.25 -11.25
## 5 142.25 -11.25
## 6 142.75 -11.25
sp_occ <- inv[11]
# env
current <- inv[3:7]</pre>
head(current)
       aetpet
                gdd
                        p
                               pet
## 1 0.3180346 7965.1 1595.7 1950.320 137.8134
## 2 0.2807616 7888.9 1693.7 1991.475 156.3950
## 3 0.2638533 8165.3 1595.0 2179.968 127.0621
## 4 0.2790938 8195.6 1346.0 1919.897 114.7686
## 5 0.3030646 7858.1 1711.1 1795.255 158.3286
## 6 0.3217786 7888.5 1711.1 1788.220 151.8030
## BIOMOD
t1 <- Sys.time()</pre>
sp<-1
### Formating the data with the BIOMOD_FormatingData() function form the package biomod2
myBiomodData <- biomod2::BIOMOD_FormatingData( resp.var = as.numeric(sp_occ[,sp]),</pre>
                                   expl.var = current,
                                   resp.xy = xy,
                                   resp.name = colnames(sp_occ)[sp])
##
##
##
        ! Response variable name was converted into species.occ
        ! No data has been set aside for modeling evaluation
##
        ! No data has been set aside for modeling evaluation
## ----- Done ----- Done -----
```

Warning: executing %dopar% sequentially: no parallel backend registered

```
my.ESM_EFproj_current <- ecospat.ESM.EnsembleProjection(ESM.prediction.output=my.ESM_proj_current, ESM.EnsembleModeling.output=my.ESM_EF)
```

3.3 Spatial prediction of communities

Input data for the first argument (proba) as data frame of rough probabilities from SDMs for all species in columns in the considered sites in rows.

```
proba <- ecospat.testData[,73:92]</pre>
```

Input data for the second argument (sr) as data frame with richness value in the first column and sites.

```
sr <- as.data.frame(rowSums(proba))</pre>
```

3.4 SESAM framework with ecospat.SESAM.prr()

```
prr<-ecospat.SESAM.prr(proba, sr)
head(prr)[,1:4]

## glm_Agrostis_capillaris glm_Leontodon_hispidus_sl glm_Dactylis_glomerata
## 1</pre>
```

```
## 1
                               0
                                                             1
                                                                                       1
## 2
                                                             0
                               1
                                                                                       1
## 3
                               1
                                                             0
                                                                                       1
## 4
                               1
                                                             0
                                                                                       1
## 5
                               1
                                                             0
                                                                                       1
## 6
                                                             0
                                                                                       1
##
     glm_Trifolium_repens_sstr
## 1
## 2
                                 1
```

##	3	1
##	4	1
##	5	1
##	6	1

4 Post-Modelling

4.1 Spatial Predictions of species assamblages

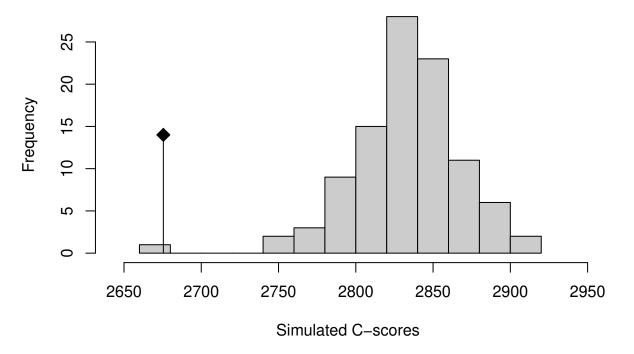
4.1.1 Co-occurrence analysis & Environmentally Constrained Null Models

Input data as a matrix of plots (rows) x species (columns). Input matrices should have column names (species names) and row names (sampling plots).

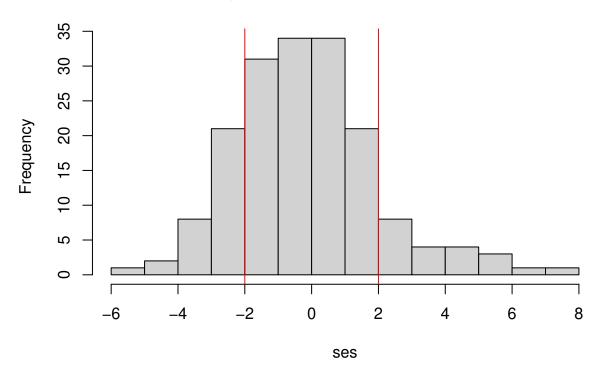
```
\label{lem:cospat} $$\operatorname{presence} < -\operatorname{ecospat.testData}[c(53,62,58,70,61,66,65,71,69,43,63,56,68,57,55,60,54,67,59,64)]$$ $$\operatorname{pred} < -\operatorname{ecospat.testData}[c(73:92)]$
```

Define the number of permutations. It is recommended to use at least 10000 permutations for the test. As an example we used nperm = 100, to reduce the computational time. Then Define the outpath. Then we can run Run the function <code>ecospat.cons_Cscore</code>. The function tests for non-random patterns of species co-occurrence in a presence-absence matrix. It calculates the C-score index for the whole community and for each species pair. An environmental constraint is applied during the generation of the null communities.

```
nbpermut <- 100
outpath <- getwd()
ecospat.cons_Cscore(presence, pred, nbpermut, outpath)</pre>
```



Histogram of standardized effect size



```
## $ObsCscoreTot
   [1] 2675.468
##
##
##
   $SimCscoreTot
##
   [1] 2833.376
##
## $PVal.less
## [1] 0.01980198
## $PVal.greater
## [1] 0.990099
##
## $SES.Tot
## [1] -4.449136
```

The function returns - the C-score index for the observed community (ObsCscoreTot), - the mean of C-score for the simulated communities (SimCscoreTot), - the p.values (PVal.less and PVal.greater) to evaluate the significance of the difference between the former two indices. - the standardized effect size for the whole community (SES.Tot). A SES that is greater than 2 or less than -2 is statistically significant with a tail probability of less than 0.05 (Gotelli & McCabe 2002 - Ecology). If a community is structured by competition, we would expect the C-score to be large relative to a randomly assembled community (positive SES). In this case the observed C-score is significantly lower than expected by chance, this meaning that the community is dominate by positive interactions (aggregated pattern).

A table is saved in the path specified where the same metrics are calculated for each species pair (only the table with species pairs with significant p.values is saved).