

# Package ‘Diel.Niche’

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diel.data	<i>Data for Diel.Niche</i>
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## Description

A multi-species dataset containing detection frequencies during the twilight, daytime, and night-time. Data come from camera-trapping along an urban gradient in Chicago, Illinois, USA.

## Usage

diel.data

## Format

A data frame with 232 rows and 19 variables:

**scientificName** Genus and species name

**twilight** Frequency of detections during the twilight period; sunrise and sunset.

**day** Frequency of detections during the daytime period.

**night** Frequency of detections during the nighttime period.

**trap\_nights** The number of days all cameras were active.

**nsite** The number of unique camera locations.

**min\_date** The first date of sampling in the sampling period.

**max\_date** The last date of sampling in the sampling period.

**mean\_lat** Average latitude of all camera locations during the sampling period.

**mean\_lon** Average longitude of all camera locations during the sampling period.

**season** Seasonal classification of the sampling period by summer, autumn, winter, and spring.

**country** Country where the sampling occurred.

**phylum** Phylum of the species.

**class** Class of the species.

**order** Order of the species.

**family** Family of the species.

**Project** Project code name, and the city, state, and country location.

**unit\_type** The length of the sampling period.

**Common\_name** Common name for the species.

**Activity\_Literature** Activity classification for the species from the literature; see Cox, D. T. C., Gardner, A. S., & Gaston, K. J. (2021). Diel niche variation in mammals associated with expanded trait space. *Nature communications*, 12(1), 1753.

**Source**

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diel.fit	<i>Diel Modeling</i>
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**Description**

Diel model hypotheses evaluation and parameter estimation. This is essentially a wrapper function for functions provided by the package multinomineq.

**Usage**

```
diel.fit(
  y,
  hyp.set,
  bf.fit = TRUE,
  post.fit = FALSE,
  diel.setup = NULL,
  prior = NULL,
  n.chains = 1,
  n.mcmc = 3000,
  burnin = 500,
  prints = TRUE,
  alt.optim = FALSE,
  delta = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

y	a matrix of frequencies of animal detections. Each row is a replicate dataset. Rows should be limited when using P-s hyps (1 or 2). The matrix should always be three columns in this order: twilight, day, night. If all frequencies are 0, posteriors will be sampled from the prior according to the hypotheses.
hyp.set	Vector of diel hypotheses names representing hypotheses set or individual hypotheses.
bf.fit	If TRUE, will calculate bayes factors for the model sit. Default is TRUE.
post.fit	If TRUE, will fit posterior samples to all models in hyp.set. Default is FALSE.
diel.setup	A list of multinomial inequalities (Matrix A and vector b), representing diel hypotheses setup using the function 'diel.ineq'. If not provided, it will use the defaults of the diel.ineq function.
prior	Prior probabilities for models used in bayes factors. Defaults to equal among models.
n.chains	the number of chains to use when fitting models
n.mcmc	Number of mcmc iterations.
burnin	Burn-in number of mcmc iterations.
prints	Whether to print messages about model fitting.

alt.optim	Default is FALSE. If TRUE, uses an alternative approach to derive the bayes factors. It can be more stable, but takes a bit longer.
delta	Error tolerance of equality constraint hypotheses (e.g., AV.EQ). Does not apply to inequality constraint hypotheses. Needs to be >0 and <1, but ideally near zero. Default error tolerances to try are $0.05^{(1:4)}$

### Value

A list of outputs, including bayes factors for a model set, model bayes factor inputs, posterior samples, warning indicator, and posterior predictive checks.

A list of outputs

bf.table	Bayes factor for hypothesis set
bf	A list of ordered individual model bayes factor inputs
post.samp	A list of ordered matrices for model posterior distributions
ms.model	The name of the most supported model determined by the maximum probability of support from the bayes factors
ppc	A list of ordered model posterior predictive check output
ms.ppc	Posterior predictive check output from the most supported model
post.samp.ms.model	Posterior distributions of the most supported model
gelm.diag	The Gelman-Rubin (Rhat) point and credible interval estimates to test convergence for parameters for all models fitted. Only provided when post.fit=TRUE and n.chains > 1.
ms.gelm.diag	The Gelman-Rubin (Rhat) point and credible interval estimates for parameters for of the most supported model. Only provided when post.fit=TRUE, bf.fit=TRUE, and n.chains > 1.

Required libraries: multinomineq, retry, MASS

### Examples

```
out=diel.fit(y=t(matrix(c(10,100,10))),hyp.set=hyp.sets("Traditional"))
```

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diel.ineq	<i>Inequality Setup</i>
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### Description

Multinomial model inequalities for diel hypotheses. Given a numeric set of values between 0 and 1, diel.ineq() will generate the inequality constraints that can be used within [diel.fit](#).

**Usage**

```

diel.ineq(
  xi = NULL,
  e = NULL,
  e.D = NULL,
  e.N = NULL,
  e.CR = NULL,
  e.EC = NULL,
  e.AV = NULL,
  xi.t.D = NULL,
  xi.t.N = NULL,
  xi.t.CR = NULL,
  xi.t.C = NULL,
  eta.D = NULL,
  eta.N = NULL,
  eta.CR = NULL,
  eta.C = NULL,
  p.avail = NULL,
  separation = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

xi	Default c(0.8, 0.1). The first element is the minimum threshold probability of singular hypotheses (e.g., Diurnal; Traditional Hypothesis set). The second element is the minimum probability for the General Hypothesis set. See details for additional information.
e	Default is 0.10. A single value of variation for probabilities. If specified, it will be applied to all hypotheses, regardless of whether individual epsilon hypotheses values are specified.
e.D	Default is 0.10. A single value of variation for the Diurnal hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set).
e.N	Default is 0.10. A single value of variation for the Nocturnal hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set).
e.CR	Default is 0.10. A single value of variation for the Crepuscular hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set).
e.EC	Default is 0.10. A single value of variation for the Evan Cathemeral hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set).
e.AV	Default is 0.10. A single value of variation for the Available Cathemeral hypothesis.
xi.t.D	Default c(0.80). A single value of the lower threshold value for the Diurnal hypothesis (Threshold Hypothesis Set).
xi.t.N	Default c(0.80). A single value of the lower threshold value for the Nocturnal hypothesis (Threshold Hypothesis Set).
xi.t.CR	Default c(0.80). A single value of the lower threshold value for the Crepuscular hypothesis (Threshold Hypothesis Set).
xi.t.C	Default c(0.2). A single value of the lower threshold value for the Cathemeral hypothesis (Threshold Hypothesis Set).

eta.D	Default c(0.90). A single value of the most probable value for the Diurnal hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set)
eta.N	Default c(0.90). A single value of the most probable value for the Nocturnal hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set)
eta.CR	Default c(0.90). A single value of the most probable value for the Crepuscular hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set)
eta.C	Default c(0.33). A single value of the most probable value for the Cathemeral hypothesis (Variation Hypothesis Set)
p.avail	Default c(0.166666,0.4166667). A vector of the available time in the periods of crepuscular and diurnal. Nighttime availability is found by subtraction.
separation	Default is 0. However, you can separate the hypotheses to create empty space between hypotheses probability space

### Details

In the event that  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is a scalar, the second value will be calculated as  $(1-\mathbf{x}_i)/2$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_i$  is the scalar provided by the user.

The values provided here generated the requisite matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  and vector  $\mathbf{b}$ . For additional details on how these constraints are used in a multinomial model, see Heck and Davis-Stober (2019).

### Value

diel.hyp A list of diel hypotheses as multinomial inequalities.

inputs Includes all inputted values; epsilon,  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , and p.avail.

D.th, N.th, CR.th, EC.th, C.th, D.max, N.max, CR.max, D.var, N.var, CR.var, C.var, AC.var, AV.var, Unco.  
Each is a list of three elements: Hypothesis Descriptive Name,  $\mathbf{A}$  matrix, and  $\mathbf{b}$  vector.

### References

Heck, D. W., & Davis-Stober, C. P. (2019). Multinomial models with linear inequality constraints: Overview and improvements of computational methods for Bayesian inference. *Journal of mathematical psychology*, 91, 70-87.

### Examples

```
diel.ineq()
diel.ineq(e=0.01) #To replace all epsilon values with 0.01.
#To replace the default values with a new epsilon value and a new  $\mathbf{x}_i$  value.
```

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find.prob.hyp

*Finding probabilities for a given hypothesis*

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### Description

Function that inputs a given hypothesis and outputs as many possible probability sets that match the diel hypothesis (i.e., satisfies the inequality constraints). Allows for inequalities, equalities, and non-linear inputs.

**Usage**

```
find.prob.hyp(hyp, diel.setup = NULL, fast = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

hyp	hypothesis name, for example, D.max
diel.setup	A list of created by diel.ineq(). Contains matrices A and vector b, or matrices A and C, and vectors b and d.
fast	Default is TRUE, which uses p.options2 instead of p.options3. Does not apply to equality hypotheses.

**Value**

A matrix of probabilities that match hypothesis specified by hyp

**Examples**

```
find.prob.hyp(hyp = "D.max")
```

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hyp.sets	<i>Hypothesis Sets</i>
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**Description**

Call defined hypotheses sets within Diel.Niche

**Usage**

```
hyp.sets(hyp.in = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

hyp.in	Hypothesis set code names, see details for additional information.
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**Details**

To see all available hypothesis sets, set hyp.in = NULL to observe just the names of the available hypothesis sets or hyp.in = "list" to see the hypothesis sets as well as codes for the competing hypotheses within each set. available hypothesis sets include. Currently, the available hypothesis sets include Traditional, General, Threshold, Maximizing, Variation, and Selection. When inputted into hyp.in, they must be a scalar character object and the first letter must be capitalized.

**Value**

Names of hypotheses for the set. If NULL, the names of all hypotheses sets are returned. If "list", all hypotheses are printed.

**Examples**

```
hyp.sets()
hyp.sets("Traditional")
```

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posthoc.example

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*Post-hoc niche classification example data*


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## Description

The necessary components to use [prob.overlap](#) with the output from `overlap::densityPlot`.

## Usage

```
posthoc.example
```

## Format

A list object with three components

**tiger.kde** the outputted matrix from `overlap::densityPlot()` when fit to the tiger data subset from their kerinci data object.

- **x**: a column vector of length 10000 that ranges from 0 to 24, which represents time in a day
- **y**: a column vector of length 10000 that is the kernel density estimate for each respective data point of x

**dawn.range** a numeric vector of length 2 that is the start and end of dawn in proportional hours for this example.

**dusk.range** a numeric vector of length 2 that is the start and end of dusk in proportional hours for this example.

## Details

When we generated this kernel density estimate we set the `n.grid` argument within `overlap::densityPlot()` to 10000. We did this because to get the probability of each diel period we must integrate under the curve, which needs a lot of samples to do accurately. To get dawn and dusk range we used the `suncalc` package with the general area of the Kerinci Seblat National Park (where the tiger data came from), used Asia/Jakarta as the local time zone, and chose 2008-03-12 as the date to query `c("dusk", "night", "dawn", "nightEnd")`. As this area is close to the equator there is little variation over the year in when dawn and dusk start, so the time of year matters less in this specific case. In our case, dawn occurred between `nightEnd` and `dawn` whereas dusk occurred between `dusk` and `night`.

The help file for [posthoc.niche](#) includes the code used to generate all the pieces of this specific file.

## Source

Ridout, M.S. and Linkie, M. (2009) Estimating overlap of daily activity patterns from camera trap data. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics*, 14, 322-337.



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posthoc.niche	<i>Posthoc diel niche</i>
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## Description

Diel model hypotheses based on posthoc probability values For each input of twilight, daytime, and nighttime probabilities, the function will return the defined diel hypothesis

## Usage

```
posthoc.niche(y, hyp, diel.setup = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	a matrix of probabilities of twilight, daytime, and nighttime (three columns). Each row is a replicate.
<code>hyp</code>	Vector of diel hypotheses names representing hypotheses set or individual hypotheses.
<code>diel.setup</code>	A list of multinomial inequalities (Matrix A and vector b), representing diel hypotheses setup using the function 'diel.ineq'. If not provided, it will use the defaults of the diel.ineq function.

## Details

This function only uses the diel inequalities to provide a post-hoc estimate of which diel phenotype is associated to the data for a given species. As such, the output from this function is only a point estimate, and there is no uncertainty associated to this estimate. If you are interested in the uncertainty estimate (which we suggest you should be), there are two things you could do. First, if you have the data in hand use [diel.fit](#) instead, and select the appropriate hypothesis set via [hyp.sets](#). Second, if you want to use the output from [overlap](#), then you could also bootstrap the kernel density estimate and use [prob.overlap](#) in conjunction with `posthoc.niche` to get a distribution of classifications. Following this, you can calculate the proportion of times different diel phenotypes were selected.

Furthermore, in order for `posthoc.niche` to work, we integrate under the kernel density estimate. Therefore, it is very important to increase the `n.grid` argument in `overlap::densityPlot` to a sufficient number (e.g., over 10,000).

## Value

data.frame of the probabilities of activity during twilight, daytime, nighttime, and matched hypothesis from the hypothesis set provided.

## Examples

```
#' data("posthoc.example")

diel_probs <- prob.overlap(
  posthoc.example$tiger.kde,
  dawn = posthoc.example$dawn.range,
  dusk = posthoc.example$dusk.range
```

```

)

tiger_niche <- Diel.Niche::posthoc.niche(
  y = diel_probs,
  hyp = hyp.sets("Traditional")
)

# look at output.
tiger_niche

#      p.twi    p.day  p.night      Hypothesis
#1 0.09626836 0.6007204 0.3027826 Cathemeral Traditional

## Not run:

# NOTE: For this example we have to make some assumptions
# because the data in overlap we used do not have 1) spatial coordinates,
# 2) the datetime information. Likewise, we also show here how to
# calculate the start of dawn and dusk using suncalc and lubridate.

# Load libraries
library(overlap)
library(suncalc)
library(lubridate)
library(Diel.Niche)

#### Step 1. Get Kernel Density Estimate

# load data
data("kerinci")

# subset to a single species
tiger <- kerinci[kerinci$Sps == "tiger",]

# convert to Radians
tiger$Rad <- tiger$Time * 2 * pi

# get kde, you need to increase the number
# of grid points in order to use
# Diel.Niche::posthoc.niche()
tiger_kde <- overlap::densityPlot(
  tiger$Rad,
  extend = NULL,
  n.grid = 25000
)

#### Step 2. Get ranges for dawn and dusk

# Because we don't know the date the cameras were deployed
# we are just going to choose a single date. Since this
# location is close to the equator there should not
# be much temporal variation anyways.

my_times <- suncalc::getSunlightTimes(
  date = as.Date("2008-03-12"),
  lat = -2.41,
  lon = 101.4836,

```

```

    keep = c("dusk", "night", "dawn", "nightEnd"),
    tz = "Asia/Jakarta"
  )

  # strip the month / year from these times
  my_times$dusk <- lubridate::hms(
    format(
      my_times$dusk,
      "%H:%M:%S"
    )
  )

  my_times$night <- lubridate::hms(
    format(
      my_times$night,
      "%H:%M:%S"
    )
  )

  my_times$dawn <- lubridate::hms(
    format(
      my_times$dawn,
      "%H:%M:%S"
    )
  )

  my_times$nightEnd <- lubridate::hms(
    format(
      my_times$nightEnd,
      "%H:%M:%S"
    )
  )

  # calculate the time when dawn & dusk starts and stops
  my_dawn <- c(my_times$nightEnd, my_times$dawn)

  my_dusk <- c(my_times$dusk, my_times$night)

  # convert these to fractional hours, given that there
  # are 86400 seconds in a day.
  my_dawn <- (as.numeric(my_dawn) / 86400) * 24
  my_dusk <- (as.numeric(my_dusk) / 86400) * 24

  ### Step 3. Combining the kernel density estimate with overlap.

  diel_probs <- Diel.Niche::prob.overlap(
    densityplot = tiger_kde,
    dawn = my_dawn,
    dusk = my_dusk
  )

  ### Step 4. Classify diel niche posthoc

  tiger_niche <- Diel.Niche::posthoc.niche(
    y = diel_probs,
    hyp = hyp.sets("Traditional")
  )

  # look at output.

```

```

tiger_niche

#      p.twi    p.day  p.night      Hypothesis
#1 0.09626836 0.6007204 0.3027826 Cathemeral Traditional

## End(Not run)

```

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prob.overlap

*Kernel Overlap density integration*


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## Description

Integrate kernel density to derive probability of twilight, daytime, nighttime

## Usage

```
prob.overlap(densityplot, dawn = c(6, 7), dusk = c(17, 18))
```

## Arguments

densityplot	a densityPlot object from package overlap. See details for additional information.
dawn	beginning and end numeric (0-24) times for dawn. This is in proportional hours such that 12.5 would be 12:30. See details for additional information.
dusk	beginning and end numeric (0-24) times for dusk. This is in proportional hours such that 12.5 would be 12:30. See details for additional information.

## Details

When creating the density plot, it is important to increase the `n.grid` argument, because to this function integrates the area under the curve to compute the associated probabilities. We suggest to start setting `n.grid` in `overlap::densityPlot` to at least 10000, but you may be able to do less. Essentially, if the outputted sum is within about a thousandth from one (e.g., 0.999) then the output from this function can be used in [posthoc.niche](#).

To compute proportional hours, you will need to start with a time object. Changing that time to a numeric should convert it to seconds from midnight. Given that there are 86,400 seconds in a day, divide by that number and multiply by 24 to create the proportional hours. See examples for some code on how to do this.

```
@examples data("posthoc.example")
```

```
diel_probs <- prob.overlap( posthoc.example$tiger.kde, dawn = posthoc.example$dawn.range, dusk
= posthoc.example$dusk.range )
```

## Value

A matrix of three probabilities.

sim.diel

*Simulate***Description**

Simulate diel data

**Usage**

```
sim.diel(
  n.sim = 1,
  reps = 1,
  n.sample = 100,
  hyp,
  diel.setup = NULL,
  sd.error = 0,
  fast = TRUE,
  return.probs = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

n.sim	The number of simulated datasets (integer)
reps	The number of sets (integer) of probabilities to use when simulating crepuscular, daytime, and nocturnal frequencies
n.sample	The number of total samples (integer) for a given simulation
hyp	The hypothesis code to simulate data from
diel.setup	Multinomial inequalities for hypotheses setup using function 'diel.ineq'.
sd.error	Normal distribution standard deviation to simulate error to add to the probabilities on the logit-scale. Default is 0
fast	Default is TRUE, which uses a less precise probability interval sequence (0.005 vs 0.001). Does not apply to equality hyps.
return.probs	Default is FALSE. If TRUE, returns probabilities from the hypothesis.

**Value**

A list of outputs

y	Matrix of simulated datasets
p	Probabilities used to simulate the data

**Examples**

```
sim.diel(n.sim=1, reps=1, n.sample=100, hyp="D.th")
```

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triplot

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*Plot Diel Hypothesis or Hypothesis Set Along with Posterior Samples*


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## Description

Plots the diel niche space and posterior distribution of a fitted model.

## Usage

```
triplot(
  fit = NULL,
  hyp = NULL,
  diel.setup = NULL,
  posteriors = NULL,
  more.points = FALSE,
  x.scene = 2.5,
  y.scene = 1,
  z.scene = 0.3,
  axis.size = 16,
  axis.lab.size = 18,
  legend.lab.size = 15
)
```

## Arguments

<code>fit</code>	a list object output from the function 'diel.fit'.
<code>hyp</code>	a vector of hypothesis code names (characters)
<code>diel.setup</code>	If NULL uses the default diel.ineq function. If a fit object is provided it will come from this object. Otherwise, a list of multinomial inequalities (Matrix A and vector b) representing diel hypotheses and the function needed for model fitting.
<code>posteriors</code>	Posterior samples output from the function 'diel.fit'.
<code>more.points</code>	To use more points for hyps in plotting. Default is FALSE.
<code>x.scene</code>	3d graphical parameter
<code>y.scene</code>	3d graphical parameter
<code>z.scene</code>	3d graphical parameter
<code>axis.size</code>	3d graphical parameter
<code>axis.lab.size</code>	3d graphical parameter
<code>legend.lab.size</code>	3d graphical parameter

## Value

A plotly 3d plot

## Examples

```
out=diel.fit(y=cbind(11,87,2),hyp="D",post.fit=TRUE)
triplot(out)
```

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`what.hyp`*Hypothesis Codes*

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**Description**

Call defined hypotheses sets

**Usage**

```
what.hyp(hyp.in = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

`hyp.in` hypothesis code name or NULL.

**Value**

Full name of hypothesis if code name is provided. If NULL a general description of hypotheses is provided.

**Examples**

```
what.hyp()  
what.hyp("D.th")
```

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