How to run an EFDM example for non-even aged forests (NEAF)?

To use EFDM you need to have R, RStudio and a package "abind" installed. For more information see the document "How to prepare your R environment for EFDM?".

When you have R, RStudio and a package "abind" installed, you can continue with this tutorial EFDM_for_NEAF based on a zip file with the same name (EFDM_for_NEAF.zip).

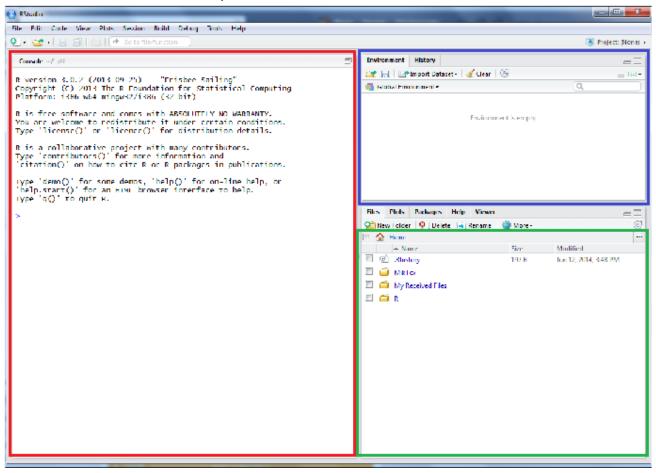
This tutorial includes instructions for the following major tasks:

- 1. Setting up EFDM_for_NEAF into your R environment
- 2. Running a pre-set example for NEAF
- Using "efmdsetuptools.r" to generate transition probability matrices (for more information on transition probabilities see Trubins 2015)

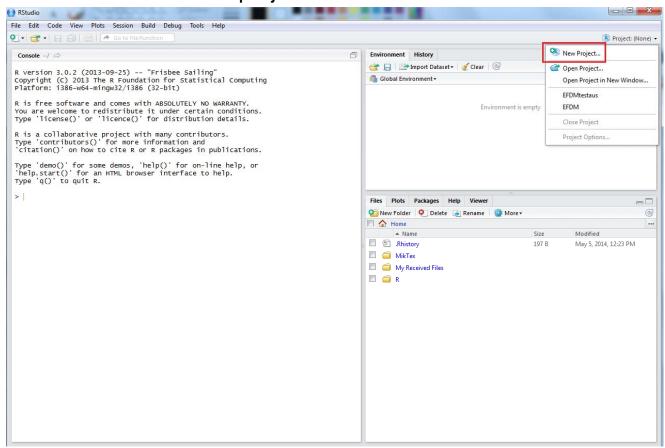
1. Setting up EFDM in your R environment

1.1 Open R-studio

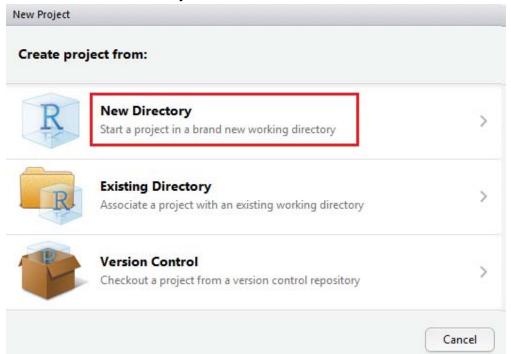
You should have something like below (except color coding). Red is console, where you can write commands to run. Blue is environment, where will be all functions, variables etc. that you have. Green is basically the project folder. After you have finished the project setup (steps 1.2 and 1.3 below), you should have there the list of files needed for this tutorial. Note that output files related to the example will be there too.



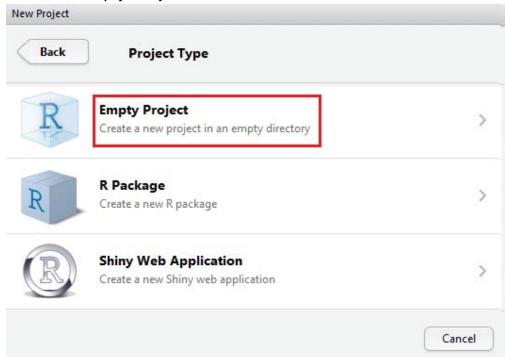
1.2 Make a new project



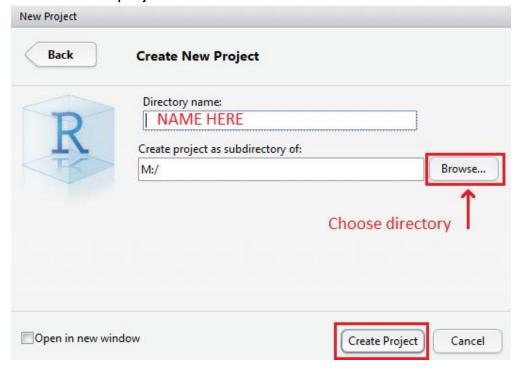
- Choose "New Directory"



- Choose "Empty Project"



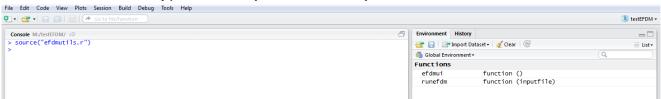
- Give a name to your project. Please do not use special character or space in the name of project.
- Choose where you want to save your project
- Click "Create project"



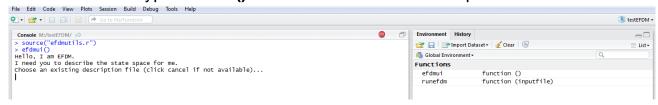
1.3 Unzip files from EFDM_for_NEAF to your R-project's directory

2. Running a pre-set example for NEAF

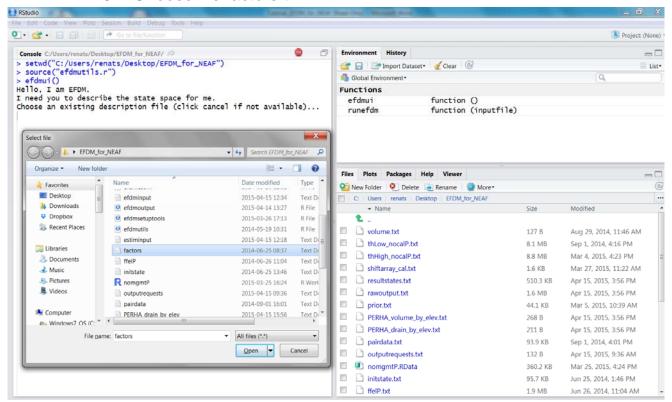
2.1 Type source("efdmutils.r")



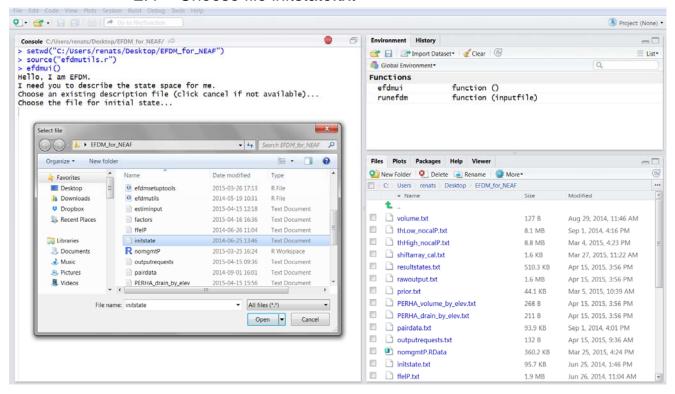
2.2 Type efdmui() and the user interface will open.



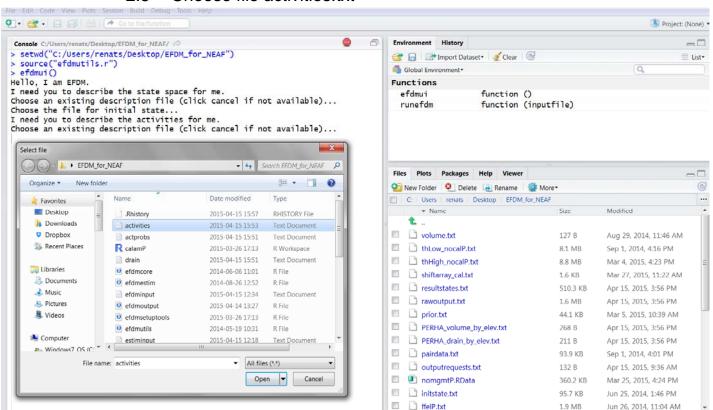
2.3 Choose file factors.tx



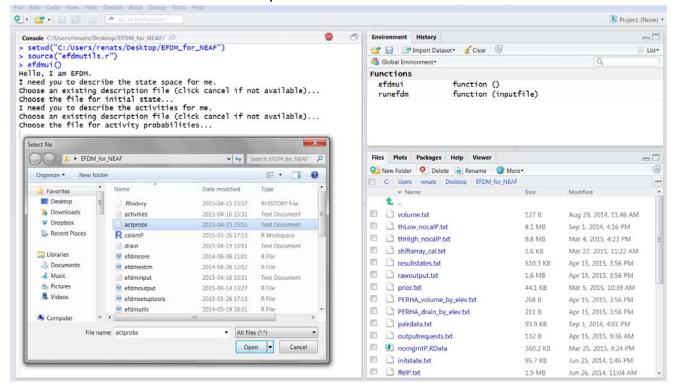
2.4 Choose file initstate.txt



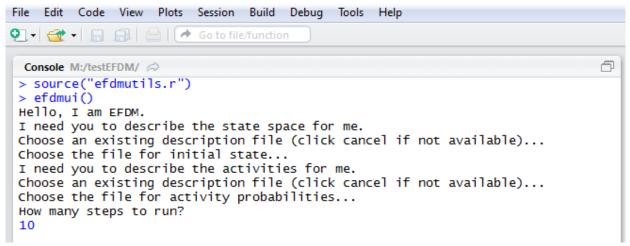
2.5 Choose file activities.txt



2.6 Choose file actprobs.txt



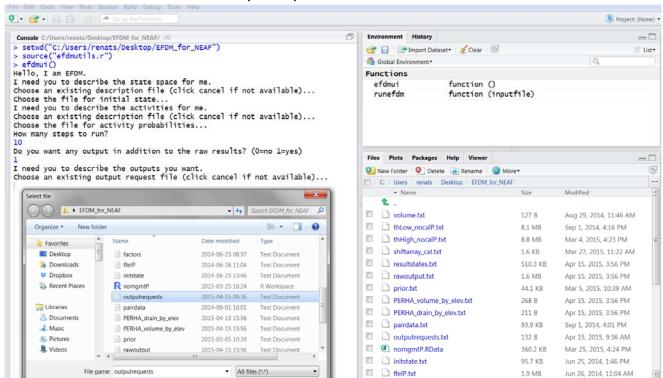
2.7 Give an integer, how many steps you want to run



2.8 You can tell if you want some additional information about the results by answering 1 (=yes).

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 > efdmui()
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 I need you to describe the state space for me.
 Choose an existing description file (click cancel if not available)...
 Choose the file for initial state...
 I need you to describe the activities for me.
 Choose an existing description file (click cancel if not available)...
 Choose the file for activity probabilities...
 How many steps to run?
 Do you want any output in addition to the raw results? (0=no 1=yes)
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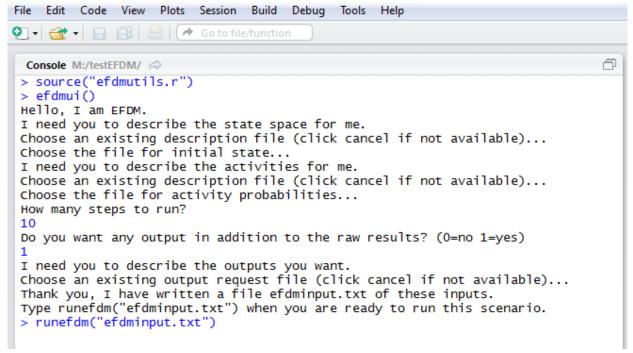
2.9 Choose file outputrequests.txt



2.10 Now the program has written a file called efdminput.txt following the inputs.

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 I need you to describe the outputs you want.
 Choose an existing output request file (click cancel if not available)...
 Thank you, I have written a file efdminput.txt of these inputs.
 Type runefdm("efdminput.txt") when you are ready to run this scenario.
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2.11 Type runefdm("efdminput.txt") for running the program through



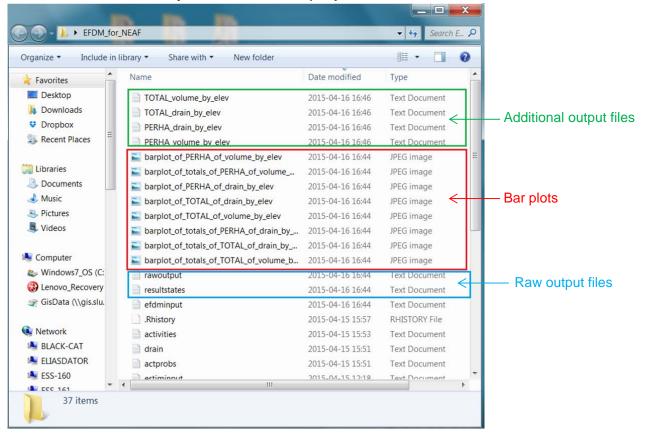
2.12 While the little "stop" sign is on the upper right corner, it means that the program is doing something, wait until the sign disappears.

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Do you want any output in addition to the raw results? (0=no 1=yes)
I need you to describe the outputs you want.
Choose an existing output request file (click cancel if not available)...
Thank you, I have written a file efdminput.txt of these inputs.
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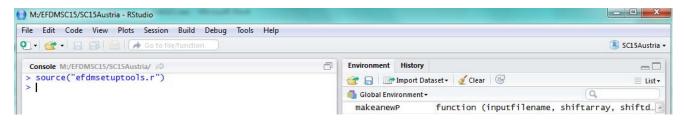
2.13 Now you can close the R-studio. You can save the workspace if you want, but it is not obligatory. The results have been saved to their own files.

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 I have run through the code. Results are on files.
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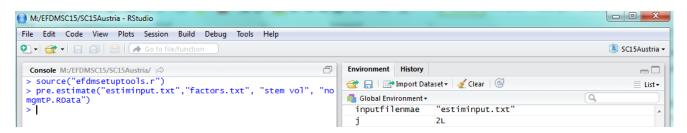
2.14 If you want to see the result files, you will have to go to the directory where you saved the R-project.



- 3. Using "efmdsetuptools.r" to generate transition probability matrices (for more information on transition probabilities see Trubins 2015)
 - 3.1. Type source("efdmsetuptools.r")



3.2 Type pre.estimate("estiminput.txt", "factors.txt", "stem vol", "nomgmtP.RData") estiminput.txt is an input file, factors.txt includes factors, "stem vol" (as text string!) are the names of the "dynamic factors" of the state space and nomgmtP.RData is the name of the result file.



3.3 Type makeanewP("nomgmtP.RData", shiftarray, c(nstem,nvol),"thinP.RData")

"shiftarray" describes the direct effect of an activity, such as thinning or calamity, by specifying a new state for each old state. The table has two columns and the number of rows is nvol*nstem. (For example, the first row first column gives the new "vol" class for class vol=1, stem=1. The first row second column gives the new "stem" class for class vol=1, stem=1.)

For a quick test of the function, "shiftarray" can be produced by using the following command:

"cbind(rep(1:nstem,times=nvol),rep(1:nvol, each=nstem))". In this case, there is no direct effect – the new state is the same as the old.

"c(nstemnr, nvol)" is a vector, which gives the number of levels of each of the dynamic factors.

(In the picture nstem=10, nvol=15)

