

# Package ‘webSDM’

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buildFormula	<i>Builds SDM formulae</i>
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## Description

Builds the formula of both the abiotic and biotic terms to fit a single species SDM based on the input parameters. The function is called inside the SDMfit function

## Usage

```
buildFormula(
  form.init,
  species,
  sp.formula = NULL,
  sp.partition = NULL,
  useBRMS
)
```

## Arguments

form.init	The abiotic part of the formula
species	The preys (or predators) of the focal species
sp.formula	optional parameter for composite variables. See ?trophicSDM
sp.partition	optional parameter to specify groups of species for composite variables. See ?trophicSDM
useBRMS	whether brms is used (TRUE if penal = "coeff.signs" and method = "stan_glm").



```
#standardised regression coefficients with 90% credible intervals
coef(m$model$Y5, standardised = TRUE, level = 0.9)
# Run the same model using glm as fitting method
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")
# Now we have p-values instead of credible intervals
coef(m$model$Y5)

# Notice that unstandardised coefficients are always accessible
# in the fitted model:
m$model$Y5$coef
```

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coef.trophicSDMfit	<i>Gets regression coefficients from a fitted trophicSDM model.</i>
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## Description

Gets regression coefficients (eventually standardised) of a fitted trophicSDM. p-values or credible intervals are returned when available.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'trophicSDMfit'
coef(object, standardise = FALSE, level = 0.95, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
standardise	Whether to standardise regression coefficients. Default to FALSE. If TRUE, coefficients are standardised using the latent variable standardisation (see Grace et al. 2018) for more details.
level	The confidence level of credible intervals, only available for stan_glm method. Default to 0.95.
...	additional arguments

## Value

A list containing, for each species, the inferred coefficients (with credible intervals or p-values when available).

## Author(s)

Giovanni Poggiato

## References

Grace, J. B., Johnson, D. J., Lefcheck, J. S., and Byrnes, J. E. K.. 2018. Quantifying relative importance: computing standardized effects in models with binary outcomes. *Ecosphere* 9(6):e02283.

**Examples**

```

data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
# unstandardised regression coefficients
coef(m)
#standardised regression coefficients with 90% credible intervals
coef(m, standardised = TRUE, level = 0.9)
# Run the same model using glm as fitting method
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")
# Now we have p-values instead of credible intervals
coef(m)

# Notice that unstandardised coefficients are always accessible
# in the fitted model:
m$coef

```

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computeVariableImportance

*Computes variable importance of (groups of) variables of fitted a trophicSDM model.*

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**Description**

Computes variable importance of (groups of) variables of fitted a trophicSDM model, for each species. Variable importance are computed as the standardised regression coefficients (summed across species of the same group). Standardisation is done using latent variable standardisation described in Grace et al. 2018.

**Usage**

```
computeVariableImportance(tSDM, groups = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

tSDM	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
groups	A list where each element is group. Each group is specified as a vector containing species or environmental covariates names of a given group. Each element of the list (i.e. each group) has to be named.

**Value**

A groups x species matrix containing variable importance for each groups of variables and each species.

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**References**

Grace, J. B., Johnson, D. J., Lefcheck, J. S., and Byrnes, J. E. K.. 2018. Quantifying relative importance: computing standardized effects in models with binary outcomes. *Ecosphere* 9(6):e02283.

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 100,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
#Compute the importance of each variable
computeVariableImportance(m)
#Compute the importance of three different set of variables
computeVariableImportance(m, groups =list("X" = c("X_1", "X_2"),
                                           "Ybasal" = c("Y1", "Y2", "Y3"),
                                           "Ypredator"= c("Y4", "Y5", "Y6")))
```

evaluateModelFit

*Evaluates prediction goodness of fit***Description**

Evaluate goodness of fit by comparing a true versus a predicted dataset of species distribution. Ypredicted is typically predicted using a prediction method of trophicSDM (in cross-validation if trophicSDM\_CV() is used).

**Usage**

```
evaluateModelFit(tSDM, Ynew = NULL, Ypredicted = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

tSDM	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM().
Ynew	A sites x species matrix containing the true species occurrences state. If set to NULL (default), it is set to the species distribution data Y on which the model is fitted.
Ypredicted	A sites x species matrix containing the predicted species occurrences state. If set to NULL (default), it is set to the fitted values, i.e. predictions on the dataset used to train the model.

**Value**

A table specifying the goodness of fit metrics for each species. For presence-absence data, the model computes TSS and AUC. For Gaussian data, the R2.

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**References**

Grace, J. B., Johnson, D. J., Lefcheck, J. S., and Byrnes, J. E. K.. 2018. Quantifying relative importance: computing standardized effects in models with binary outcomes. *Ecosphere* 9(6):e02283.

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 50,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
# Evaluate the quality of model predictions on the training
# Predict (fullPost = FALSE) as we used stan_glm to fit the model
# but here we are only intested in the posterior mean
Ypred = predict(m, fullPost = FALSE)
# format predictions to obtain a sites x species dataset whose
# columns are ordered as Ynew
Ypred = do.call(cbind,
               lapply(Ypred, function(x) x$predictions.mean))

Ypred = Ypred[,colnames(Y)]
evaluateModelFit(m, Ynew = Y, Ypredicted = Ypred)

# Note that this is equivalent to `evaluateModelFit(m)`
# If we fitted the model using "glm"
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 50,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")
Ypred = predict(m, fullPost = FALSE)
# format predictions to obtain a sites x species dataset whose
# columns are ordered as Ynew
Ypred = do.call(cbind, Ypred)
Ypred = Ypred[,colnames(Y)]

evaluateModelFit(m, Ynew = Y, Ypredicted = Ypred)
# Note that this is equivalent to:

evaluateModelFit(m)
```

**Description**

Simulated environemntal covariates G

**Usage**

```
data(G)
```

**Format**

A simulated graph of trophic interactions G

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(G)
```

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global	<i>Global</i>
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**Description**

Declare global variables

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loo.trophicSDMfit	<i>Computes an approximation of loo for the whole model</i>
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**Description**

Only works if method = 'stan\_glm'. The global loo is computed by summing the loo of all the local models (since the likelihood factorises, the log-likelihood can be summed) This is an implementation of the methods described in Vehtari, Gelman, and Gabry (2017) and Vehtari, Simpson, Gelman, Yao, and Gabry (2019).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'trophicSDMfit'
loo(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
...	additional arguments

**Value**

The value of the loo for the whole model

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato



**Examples**

```

data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL, iter = 50,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
brms::loo(m)

```

plot.SDMfit

*Plots the regression coefficients of a local model***Description**

Plots the regression coefficients of a local SDMfit model

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'SDMfit'
plot(x, level = 0.95, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	A SDMfit object, typically obtained with trophicSDM() and available in the field \$model of a trophicSDMfit object
level	the confidence level of the confidence intervals
...	additional arguments

**Value**

A plot of the regression coefficients of the fitted local SDM

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```

data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 50,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
# Plot species Y6

plot(m$model$Y6)

```

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plot.trophicSDMfit	<i>Plots the regression coefficients of a fitted trophicSDM model</i>
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## Description

Plots the regression coefficients of a fitted trophicSDM model. A subset of species to be plotted can be specified in the parameterspecies.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'trophicSDMfit'
plot(x, species = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
species	A vector of species names to be plot. If NULL (default), all species are plotted.
...	additional arguments

## Value

A plot of the regression coefficients of the fitted tropic SDM

## Author(s)

Giovanni Poggiato

## Examples

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 50,
              family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
              mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
# Plot just the first three species

plot(m, species = c("Y1", "Y2", "Y3"))

# If species = NULL (default), all species are plotted.
```

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plotG	<i>Plots the metaweb G</i>
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**Description**

Plots the metaweb G used to fit the trophicSDM model

**Usage**

```
plotG(tSDM)
```

**Arguments**

tSDM                      A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()

**Value**

A ggnet object

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 100,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")

plotG(m)
```

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plotG_inferred	<i>Plot the metaweb G according to the inferred coefficients</i>
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**Description**

Plot the metaweb G with links colored accordingly to the inferred prey-predator regression coefficients of a fitted trophicSDM model. Plots the metaweb G, where each predator-prey link is colored according to whether the related regression coefficient is inferred as positive (in red), negative (in blue) or non-significant (dashed grey line) according to the confidence level specified in "level". Estimates of the significant standardised regression coefficients are pasted on the links. Only works if species are modeled as a function of their preys or predators without composite variables (i.e., the function only works if tSDM is fitted with sp.formula = NULL and sp.partition = NULL)

**Usage**

```
plotG_inferred(tSDM, level = 0.9)
```

**Arguments**

tSDM	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
level	The confidence level used to decide whether regression coefficients are non-significant or not. Default to 0.9.

**Value**

A ggnet object

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")

plotG_inferred(m)
```

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predict.SDMfit	<i>Predicts with a local model</i>
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**Description**

Computes predicted values for a local model, i.e., a fitted SDMfit object This is sequentially called, for each species, by the function trophicSDM.predict

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'SDMfit'
predict(object, newdata, pred_samples = NULL, prob.cov = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A SDMfit object, typically obtained with trophicSDM() and available in the field \$model of a trophicSDMfit object
newdata	A matrix containing both environmental covariates and the biotic variables that the local model uses to predict the species distribution.
pred_samples	Number of samples to draw from species posterior predictive distribution when method = "stan_glm". If NULL, set by the default to the number of iterations/10.

prob.cov	Only for presence-absence data. If set to FALSE, it gives back also predicted presence-absences (which is then used by trophicSDM.predict to predict the predators).
...	additional arguments

**Value**

A list containing for each species the predicted value at each sites. If method = "stan\_glm", then each element of the list is a sites x pred\_samples matrix containing the posterior predictive distribution of the species at each sites. If prob.cov = TRUE, it returns a list containing:

- predictions.probPredicted probabilities of presence
- predictions.probPredicted presence-absences

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato and Jérémy Andréoletti

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
# In order to predict non-basal species, we need to also provide
# the predicted occurrences of its preys. Here we compute the probability of
# presence of species Y4 at environemntal conditions c(0.5,0.5)
# when its prey Y3 is present.
predict(m$model$Y4, newdata = data.frame(X_1 = 0.5, X_2 = 0.5, Y3 = 1), pred_samples = 10)
```

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predict.trophicSDMfit *Computes predicted values from the fitted trophicSDMfit model*

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**Description**

Computes predicted values from the fitted trophicSDMfit model at environmental conditions specified by Xnew. Once predictions have been obtained, their quality can eventually be evaluated with evaluateModelFit().

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'trophicSDMfit'
predict(
  object,
  Xnew = NULL,
  prob.cov = FALSE,
  pred_samples = NULL,
  run.parallel = FALSE,
```

```

    verbose = FALSE,
    fullPost = TRUE,
    filter.table = NULL,
    ...
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	A <code>trophicSDMfit</code> object obtained with <code>trophicSDM()</code>
<code>Xnew</code>	a matrix specifying the environmental covariates for the predictions to be made. If <code>NULL</code> (default), predictions are done on the training dataset (e.g. by setting <code>Xnew = tSDM\$data\$X</code> ).
<code>prob.cov</code>	Parameter to predict with <code>trophicSDM</code> with presence-absence data. Whether to use predicted probability of presence ( <code>prob.cov = T</code> ) or the transformed presence-absences (default, <code>prob.cov = F</code> ) to predict species distribution.
<code>pred_samples</code>	Number of samples to draw from species posterior predictive distribution when <code>method = "stan_glm"</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , set by the default to the number of iterations/10.
<code>run.parallel</code>	Whether to use parallelise code when possible. Can speed up computation time.
<code>verbose</code>	Whether to print advances of the algorithm
<code>fullPost</code>	Optional parameter for <code>stan_glm</code> only. Whether to give back the full posterior predictive distribution (default, <code>fullPost = TRUE</code> ) or just the posterior mean, and 2.5% and 97.5% quantiles,
<code>filter.table</code>	Optional, default to <code>NULL</code> , should be provided only if the users wants to filter some species predictions. A sites x species matrix of zeros and ones.
<code>...</code>	additional arguments

### Value

A list containing for each species the predicted value at each sites. If `method = "stan_glm"`, then each element of the list is a sites x `pred_samples` matrix containing the posterior predictive distribution of the species at each sites.

### Author(s)

Giovanni Poggiato and J  r  my Andr  oletti

### Examples

```

data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 100,
              family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
              mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
# We can now evaluate species probabilities of presence for the environmental conditions c(0.5, 0.5)
predict(m, Xnew = data.frame(X_1 = 0.5, X_2 = 0.5))
# Obtain 50 draws from the posterior predictive distribution of species (pred_samples = 50)
# using predicted presence-absences of species to predict their predators (prob.cov = TRUE)
# Since we don't specify Xnew, the function sets Xnew = X by default
Ypred = predict(m, fullPost = TRUE, pred_samples = 50, prob.cov = FALSE)

```

```
# We can ask the function to only give back posterior mean and 95% credible intervals with
# fullPost = F

Ypred = predict(m, fullPost = TRUE, pred_samples = 50, prob.cov = FALSE)

# If we fit the model using in a frequentist way (e.g. glm)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")
# We are obliged to set pred_samples = 1
# (this is done by default if pred_samples is not provided)
# In the frequentist case, fullPost is useless.
Ypred = predict(m, pred_samples = 1, prob.cov = FALSE)
```

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predictFundamental	<i>Predicts species fundamental niche</i>
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## Description

Computes predicted values of the fundamental niches of species from the fitted trophicSDMfit model at environmental conditions specified by Xnew. Predictions are obtained by setting preys to present when mode = "prey" or setting predators to absent when mode = "predator".

## Usage

```
predictFundamental(
  tSDM,
  Xnew = NULL,
  pred_samples = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  fullPost = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

tSDM	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
Xnew	a matrix specifying the environmental covariates for the predictions to be made. If NULL (default), predictions are done on the training dataset (e.g. by setting Xnew = tSDM\$data\$X).
pred_samples	Number of samples to draw from species posterior predictive distribution when method = "stan_glm". If NULL, set by the default to the number of iterations/10.
verbose	Whether to print advances of the algorithm.
fullPost	Optional parameter for stan_glm only. Whether to give back the full posterior predictive distribution (default, fullPost = TRUE) or just the posterior mean, and 2.5% and 97.5% quantiles.

## Value

A list containing for each species the predicted value at each sites. If method = "stan\_glm", then each element of the list is a sites x pred\_samples matrix containing the posterior predictive distribution of the species at each sites.

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato and Jérémy Andréoletti

**Examples**

```

data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 100,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
# Obtain 100 draws from the posterior predictive distribution of species fundamental niche
# (pred_samples = 50)
# Since we don't specify Xnew, the function sets Xnew = X by default
Ypred = predictFundamental(m, fullPost = TRUE, pred_samples = 50)
# We can ask the function to only give back posterior mean and 95% credible intervals with
# fullPost = FALSE

Ypred = predictFundamental(m, fullPost = FALSE, pred_samples = 50)

#' We can now evaluate species probabilities of presence for the enviromental
# conditions c(0.5, 0.5)
predictFundamental(m, Xnew = data.frame(X_1 = 0.5, X_2 = 0.5), pred_samples = 50)

# If we fit the model using in a frequentist way (e.g. glm)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")
# We are obliged to set pred_samples = 1
# (this is done by default if pred_samples is not provided)
# In the frequentist case, fullPost is useless.
Ypred = predictFundamental(m, pred_samples = 1)

```

print.SDMfit

*Prints a SDMfit object***Description**

Prints a SDMfit object

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'SDMfit'
print(x, ...)

```

**Arguments**

x	A SDMfit object, typically obtained with trophicSDM() and available in the field \$model of a trophicSDMfit object
...	additional arguments



**Value**

Prints a summary of the local SDM

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
m$model$Y1
```

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```
print.trophicSDMfit    Prints a fitted trophicSDM model
```

---

**Description**

Prints a fitted trophicSDM model

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'trophicSDMfit'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
...	additional arguments

**Value**

Prints a summary of the fitted trophic SDM

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
            family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
            mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
```

SDMfit

*Fitting a single-species SDM***Description**

SDMfit is used to fit a single species SDM, what we call a 'local model' of trophicSDM. It returns an object of class 'SDMfit'. Requires basically the same inputs of trophicSDM, with the requirement to specify with the parameter 'focal' the species that is modeled by the SDMfit.

**Usage**

```
SDMfit(
  focal,
  Y,
  X,
  G,
  formula.foc,
  sp.formula = NULL,
  sp.partition = NULL,
  mode = "prey",
  method = "stan_glm",
  family,
  penal = NULL,
  iter = 1000,
  chains = 2,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

focal	the name of the species to be modeled
Y	The sites x species matrix containing observed species distribution (e.g. presence-absence).
X	The design matrix, i.e. sites x predictor matrix containing the value of each explanatory variable (e.g. the environmental conditions) at each site.
G	The species interaction network (aka metaweb). Needs to be an igraph object. Links must go from predator to preys. It needs to be a directed acyclic graph.
formula.foc	The formula for the abiotic part of the species distribution model.
sp.formula	(optional) It allows to specify a particular definition of the biotic part of the model, e.g., using composite variables (e.g., richness), or an interaction of the biotic and abiotic component. More details in 'Details'.
sp.partition	(optional) a list to specify groups of species that are used to compute composite variables, e.g., a species can be modeled as a function of the richness of each group of preys. It has to be a list, each element is a vector containing the names of species in the group.
mode	"prey" if bottom-up control (default), "predators" otherwise. Notice that G needs to be such that links point from predators to prey.

method	which SDM method to use. For now the available choices are: "glm" (frequentist) or "stan_glm" (full Bayesian MCMC, default). Notice that using "glm" does not allow error propagation when predicting.
family	the family parameter of the glm function (see glm). family=gaussian(link="identity") for gaussian data or family=binomial(link="logit") or binomial(link="probit") for presence-absence data.
penal	(optional, default to NULL) Penalisation method to shrink regression coefficients. If NULL (default), the model does not penalise the regression coefficient. For now, available penalisation method are "horshoe" for stan_glm, "elasticnet" for glm and "coeff.signs" (prey coefficients are set to positive and predator coefficients to negative) for glm and stan_glm.
iter	(for method="stan_glm" only) Number of iterations for each MCMC chain if stan_glm is used
chains	(for method="stan_glm" only) Number of MCMC chains (default to 2)
verbose	Whether to print algorithm progresses

### Details

"sp.formula" and "sp.partition" can be combined to define any kind of composite variables for the biotic part of the formula. "sp.formula" can be :

- A string defining a formula as function of "richness". E.g., sp.formula="richness+I(richness)^2" (species are modeled as a function of a quadratic polynomial of their prey richness), "I(richness>0)" (species are modeled as a function of a dummy variable that is equal to 1 when at least one species is present). Importantly, when group of preys (or predators) are specified by "sp.partition", species are modeled as a function of the composite variable specified by "sp.formula" for each of their prey groups.
- A more flexible option is to specify sp.formula as a list (whose names are species' names) that contains for each species the definition biotic part of the model. Notice that, in this case, the function does not check that the model is a DAG. This allow to define any kind of composite variable, or to model interactions between environmental covariates and preys (or predators).

### Value

A list containing 'm', a "SDMfit" object and 'form.all', a string describing the formula of the SDMfit object. The "SDM" fit object contains:

model	The output of the function used to fit the SDM. E.g., an object of class "glm" is method = "glm", an object of class "stanreg" if method = "stan_glm".
Y	A numeric vector of standard errors on parameters
form.all	The formula used to fit the SDM (both abiotic and biotic terms)
method, family, penal, iter, chains	The input parameters used to fit the SDM.
sp.name	The name of the species modeled
data	The model.frame data.frame used to fit the model
coef	The inferred coefficients (with credible intervals or p-values when available)
AIC	The AIC of the local model
log.lik	The log.likelihood of the local model

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**Examples**

```
data(Y,X,G)
# Run a local model (i.e. a SDM) for species Y6
mySDM = SDMfit("Y6", Y, X, G, "~X_1 + X_2", mode = "prey",
               method = "stan_glm", family = binomial(link = "logit"))
mySDM$m
```

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summary.SDMfit

*Summary of a fitted SDMfit model*


---

**Description**

Summary of a fitted SDMfit model

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'SDMfit'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A SDMfit object, typically obtained with trophicSDM() and available in the field \$model of a trophicSDMfit object
...	additional arguments

**Value**

Prints a summary of the local SDM

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
summary(m$model$Y1)
```

---

summary.trophicSDMfit *Summary of a fitted trophicSDM model*


---

**Description**

Summary of a fitted trophicSDM model

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'trophicSDMfit'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
...	additional arguments

**Value**

Prints a summary of the fitted trophic SDM

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")
summary(m)
```

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trophicSDM *Fitting a trophic Species distribution model*


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**Description**

trophicSDM is used to fit a trophic species distribution model. Requires the species distribution data *Y* (the sites x species matrix), explanatory variables *X* and a directed acyclic graph *G* containing species interactions (i.e., the metaweb, with links going from predators to prey). The function fits the distribution of each species as a function of their preys (with mode = "prey", by default) or predators (if set mode = "predator").

**Usage**

```
trophicSDM(
  Y,
  X,
  G,
  env.formula = NULL,
  sp.formula = NULL,
  sp.partition = NULL,
  penal = NULL,
  mode = "prey",
  method = "stan_glm",
  family,
  iter = 500,
  chains = 2,
  run.parallel = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

Y	The sites x species matrix containing observed species distribution (e.g. presence-absence).
X	The design matrix, i.e. sites x predictor matrix containing the value of each explanatory variable (e.g. the environmental conditions) at each site.
G	The species interaction network (aka metaweb). Needs to be an igraph object. Links must go from predator to preys. It needs to be a directed acyclic graph.
env.formula	The definition of the abiotic part of the model. It can be : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a string specifying the formula (e.g. "~ X_1 + X_2"). In this case, the same environmental variables are used for every species.</li> <li>• A list that contains for each species the formula that describes the abiotic part of the model. In this case, different species can be modeled as a function of different environmental covariates. The names of the list must coincide with the names of the species.</li> </ul>
sp.formula	(optional) It allows to specify a particular definition of the biotic part of the model, e.g., using composite variables (e.g., richness), or an interaction of the biotic and abiotic component. More details in 'Details'.
sp.partition	(optional) a list to specify groups of species that are used to compute composite variables, e.g., a species can be modeled as a function of the richness of each group of preys. It has to be a list, each element is a vector containing the names of species in the group. More details in 'Details'.
penal	Penalisation method to shrink regression coefficients. If NULL (default), the model does not penalise the regression coefficient. For now, available penalization method are "horshoe" for method stan_glm, "elasticnet" for method glm. It is also possible to constrain the sign of biotic coefficients (prey coefficients are set to positive and predator coefficients to negative) by setting "coeff.signs" for methods glm and stan_glm.
mode	"prey" if bottom-up control (default), "predators" otherwise. Notice that G needs to be such that links point from predators to prey.



## Examples

```

data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using stan_glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# Increase the number of iterations to obtain reliable results.
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula, iter = 100,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")

print(m)

# Access local models (e.g. species "Y5")
m$model$Y5
coef(m$model$Y5)
# The fitted model can be plotted with `plot(m)`

# Fit a sparse model in the Bayesian framework with the horseshoe prior

m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = "horseshoe",
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")

# Fit frequentist glm
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")

# With elasticnet penalty
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = "elasticnet",
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")

#### Composite variables
# See vignette 'Composite variables' for a complete introduction to the use of composite variables
# Model species as a function of a quadratic polynomial of prey richness
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               sp.formula = "richness + I(richness^2)",
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")

m$form.all
# Notice that for predators that feed on a single prey (with presence-absence data),
# their richness and the square of their richness is exactly the same variable
# In this case, `trophicSDM()` removes the redundant variable but prints a warning message

# Model species as a function of a dummy variable saying whether they have at least one prey
m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               sp.formula = "I(richness>0)",
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")

m$form.all

# Define group of preys and model species as a function of the richness (with a quadratic term)
# of these groups of preys separately

# Species Y1 and Y2 belong to the same group, species Y3 and Y4 are both alone in their group and
# species Y5 and Y6 form another group

```



```

sp.partition = list(c("Y1","Y2"),c("Y3"),c("Y4"), c("Y5","Y6"))

m = trophicSDM(Y,X,G, env.formula,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               sp.partition = sp.partition,
               sp.formula = "richness + I(richness^2)",
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")

m$form.all

```

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trophicSDM_CV	<i>Compute K-fold cross-validation predicted values from a fitted trophicSDM model</i>
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## Description

Once the CV predicted values are obtained, their quality can be evaluated with `evaluateModelFit()`.

## Usage

```

trophicSDM_CV(
  tSDM,
  K,
  partition = NULL,
  prob.cov = FALSE,
  pred_samples = NULL,
  iter = NULL,
  chains = NULL,
  run.parallel = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

tSDM	A trophicSDMfit object obtained with trophicSDM()
K	The number of folds for the K-fold cross validation
partition	Optional parameter. A partition vector to specify a partition in K fold for cross validation
prob.cov	Parameter to predict with trophicSDM with presence-absence data. Whether to use predicted probability of presence (prob.cov = T) or the transformed presence-absences (default, prob.cov = F) to predict species distribution.
pred_samples	Number of samples to draw from species posterior predictive distribution when method = "stan_glm". If NULL, set by the default to the number of iterations/10.
iter	For method = "stan_glm": number of iterations of each MCMC chains to fit the trophicSDM model. Default to the number of iterations used to fit the provided trophicSDMfit object
chains	For method = "stan_glm": number of MCMC chains to fit the trophicSDM model. Default to the number of iterations used to fit the provided trophicSDMfit object
run.parallel	Whether to use parallelise code when possible. Default to TRUE. Can speed up computation time
verbose	Whether to print advances of the algorithm

**Value**

A list containing:

meanPred	a sites x species matrix of predicted occurrences of species for each site (e.g. probability of presence). With stan_glm the posterior predictive mean is return
Pred975,Pred025	Only for method = "stan_glm", the 97.5% and 2.5% quantiles of the predictive posterior distribution
partition	the partition vector used to compute the K fold cross-validation

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(Y, X, G)
# define abiotic part of the model
env.formula = "~ X_1 + X_2"
# Run the model with bottom-up control using glm as fitting method and no penalisation
# (set iter = 1000 to obtain reliable results)

m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 50,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "stan_glm")

# Run a 3-fold (K=3) cross validation. Predictions is done using presence-absences of preys
# (prob.cov = FALSE, see ?predict.trophicSDM) with 50 draws from the posterior distribution
# (pred_samples = 50)
CV = trophicSDM_CV(m, K = 3, prob.cov = FALSE, pred_samples = 10, run.parallel = FALSE)
# Use predicted values to evaluate model goodness of fit in cross validation
Ypred = CV$meanPred[,colnames(Y)]

evaluateModelFit(m, Ynew = Y, Ypredicted = Ypred)

# Now with K = 2 and by specifying the partition of site
m = trophicSDM(Y, X, G, env.formula, iter = 50,
               family = binomial(link = "logit"), penal = NULL,
               mode = "prey", method = "glm")
partition = c(rep(1,500),rep(2,500))
CV = trophicSDM_CV(m, K = 2, partition = partition, prob.cov = FALSE,
                  pred_samples = 10, run.parallel = FALSE)
Ypred = CV$meanPred[,colnames(Y)]
evaluateModelFit(m, Ynew = Y, Ypredicted = Ypred)
```

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webSDM

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**Description**

Package to fit a trophic Species Distribution Model, analyse it and predict. See Poggiato et al. In prep.

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X	<i>Simulated environmental covariates X</i>
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**Description**

Simulated environmental covariates X

**Usage**

```
data(X)
```

**Format**

A site x covariates matrix X

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(X)
```

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Y	<i>Simulated species distribution Y</i>
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**Description**

Simulated species distribution Y

**Usage**

```
data(Y)
```

**Format**

A site x species matrix Y, a site x covariates matrix X and a trophic interaction network G (object igraph)

**Author(s)**

Giovanni Poggiato

**Examples**

```
data(Y)
```

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