beta.div.comp R Documentation

Decompose D in replacement and richness diff. components

Description

Podani-family and Baselga-family decompositions of the Jaccard and Sørensen dissimilarity coefficients and their quantitative forms (Ruzicka and %difference) into replacement and richness difference components, for species presence-absence or abundance data, as described in Legendre (2014).

Usage

beta.div.comp(mat, coef="J", quant=FALSE, save.abc=FALSE)

Arguments

mat Community composition data. The file class can be either data. frame or matrix. coeff Family of coefficients to be computed –

- "S" or "Sorensen" Podani family, Sørensen-based indices.
- "J" or "Jaccard" Podani family, Jaccard-based indices.
- "BS" Baselga family, Sørensen-based indices.
- "BJ" Baselga family, Jaccard-based indices.
- "N" Podani & Schmera (2011) relativized nestedness index.

The quantitative form in the Sørensen family is the percentage difference index.

The quantitative form in the Jaccard family is the Ruzicka index.

quant If quant=TRUE, compute the quantitative forms of replacement, nestedness and **D**. If quant=FALSE, compute the presence-absence forms of the coefficients.

save.abc If save.abc=TRUE, save the matrices of parameters a, b and c used in presence-absence calculations.

Details

For species presence-absence data, the distance coefficients are Jaccard=(b+c)/(a+b+c) and Sørensen=(b+c)/(2*a+b+c) with the usual $\{a,b,c\}$ notation.

For species abundance data, the distance coefficients are the Ruzicka index = (B+C)/(A+B+C) and Odum's percentage difference = (B+C)/(2A+B+C) (incorrectly called Bray-Curtis in some packages), where

A = sum of the intersections (or minima) of species abundances at two sites,

B = sum of abundances at site 1 minus A,

C = sum of abundances at site 2 minus A.

The binary (quant=FALSE) and quantitative (quant=TRUE) forms of the S and J indices return the same values when computed for presence-absence data.

Value

Function beta.div.comp() returns a list containing the following results:

repl Replacement matrix, class = dist.

rich Richness/abundance difference or nestedness matrix, class = dist.

With options "BJ", "BS" and "N", rich contains nestedness indices.

With option "N", the repl[i,j] and rich[i,j] values do not add up to D[i,j].

D Dissimilarity matrix, class = dist.

part Beta diversity partitioning vector –

1. Total beta div. = sum(D.ij)/(n*(n-1)) (Legendre & De Cáceres 2013). This is equal to $sum(d.ij^2)/(n*(n-1))$ where d.ij = sqrt(D.ij). The dissimilarities are square-rooted because the Jaccard, Sørensen, Ruzicka and %difference indices are not Euclidean.

2. Total replacement diversity.

3. Total richness difference diversity (or nestedness).

4. Total replacement diversity/Total beta diversity.

5. Total richness difference diversity (or nestedness)/Total beta diversity.

note Name of the dissimilarity coefficient.

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Example

out2\$part

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### Example: the Doubs river fish data. They are available in the ade4 package.
require(ade4)
data(doubs)
fish.sp = doubs$fish[-8,] # Fish data; site 8 is removed because no fish were caught
# Compute and partition a matrix of Jaccard indices (presence-absence data)
out1 = beta.div.comp(fish.sp, coef="J", quant=FALSE)
out1$part
# Compute and partition a matrix of %difference indices (quantitative form of Sørensen index)
out2 = beta.div.comp(fish.sp, coef="S", quant=TRUE)
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- # In paragraph Value, see the description of the 5 elements of vector part.
- # Is the fish beta diversity dominated by replacement or richness/abundance difference?