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References

Santos S.M., Marques J.T., Lourenco A., Medinas D., Barbosa A.M., Beja P., Mira A. (under revision) Sampling effects on the identification of roadkill hotspots and implications for survey design and mitigation

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

hc <- hotspots.comparison(dataset = roadkills,
  sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills), sampl.intervals = 1:5,
  region.column = "segment", group.column = "taxon", include.all.together = TRUE,
  confidence = 0.95, min.total.events = 80, min.hotspot.threshold = 2,
  comp.method = "Phi", plot = TRUE, sep.plots = FALSE,
  omit.baseline.interval = TRUE, ylim = c(0, 1))

hc
```

binary.comp.methods	<i>Binary comparison methods</i>
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Description

This function provides the methods implemented for calculating binary similarity between hotspots obtained from different sampling schemes and those obtained from the baseline (reference) sampling scheme. It is used by functions [binary.comparison](#), [sequential.corr](#) and [hotspots.comparison](#).

Usage

```
binary.comp.methods()
```

Value

A character vector naming the methods implemented.

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also

[binary.comparison](#), [sequential.corr](#)

Examples

```
binary.comp.methods()
```

binary.comparison	<i>Binary comparison</i>
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Description

Compares two binary vectors using the coefficient specified in method.

Usage

```
binary.comparison(x, y, method)
```

Arguments

x	a binary (0-1) vector
y	a binary (0-1) vector to compare with x
method	the comparison measure to use. Current options are "Phi", "Mathews", "Yule", "Jaccard", "Baroni", "kappa", "CCR", "TSS", "gain", "loss", and "balance".

Value

A numeric value indicating the coefficient of association specified in method.

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also

[binary.comp.methods](#)

Examples

```
bin1 <- sample(c(0, 1), 100, replace = TRUE)
bin2 <- sample(c(0, 1), 100, replace = TRUE)

binary.comparison(bin1, bin2, method = "Phi")
binary.comparison(bin1, bin2, method = "kappa")
```

getBoxplots

Get boxplots

Description

Get boxplots

Usage

```
getBoxplots(corrs.list, ...)
```

Arguments

corrs.list	a list of corrs.tables given by function schemeCorrs
...	additional arguments for the boxplot function (e.g. ylim = c(0, 1), las = 2, main = as.character(bquote(corrs.list)))

Value

Box plots

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also

[schemeCorrs](#)

hotspot.numbers	<i>Hotspot numbers</i>
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Description

This function calculates the total numbers of events and the hotspot thresholds for each group and sampling interval.

Usage

```
hotspot.numbers(hotspots.list, sampl.intervals, groups, include.all.together =  
TRUE,  
min.total.events = 0, min.hotspot.threshold = 2)
```

Arguments

hotspots.list	results of the sequential.hotspots function
sampl.intervals	integer vector of the sampling intervals to analyse (at the moment, these intervals must be consecutive and start with one)
groups	taxa or groups to analyse separately (e.g. as.character(unique(dataset\$group)))
include.all.together	logical, whether to run the analysis also for all groups combined
min.total.events	minimum total number of events to calculate hotspots for a group
min.hotspot.threshold	minimum number of events for a region to be considered a hotspot

Value

A list of the following matrices:

N.events
HS.threshold
N.hotspots
events.in.HS

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa, J. Tiago Marques, Sara M. Santos

See Also

[hotspots](#), [sequential.hotspots](#)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

submats <- sequential.submatrix(dataset = roadkills,
  sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills), window.size = 1, gap.size = 0:2,
  group.column = "taxon", include.all.together = TRUE, remove.zeros = TRUE,
  keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE, n.subsampl.columns = 120)

hsl <- sequential.hotspots(dataset = roadkills, submats = submats,
  region.column = "segment", first.subsampl.col = 4, confidence = 0.95)

hsn <- hotspot.numbers(hotspots.list = hsl, sampl.intervals = 1:3,
  groups = as.character(unique(roadkills$taxon)), include.all.together = TRUE,
  min.hotspot.threshold = 2)

hsn
```

hotspots

Calculate roadkill hotspots

Description

This function identifies the hotspot regions in a dataset, or in a submatrix compared to the total dataset, using an adaptation of the method of Malo et al. (2004).

Usage

```
hotspots(dataset, submat = NULL, region.column, subsampl.columns,
  hotspots = TRUE, confidence = 0.95, min.total.events = 0, min.hotspot.threshold = 2)
```

Arguments

dataset	name of the matrix or dataframe containing the complete data
submat	name of the matrix or dataframe containing the data of the group and sampling window/gap for which to calculate hotspots
region.column	name or index number of the column containing the regions (road sectors, sites) to classify as hotspots or non-hotspots
subsampl.columns	index numbers of the consecutive columns of submat (or, if there is no submat, of the dataset) containing the (daily) sampling data, e.g. 4:180
hotspots	logical, whether to calculate the hotspots
confidence	confidence threshold to consider hotspots
min.total.events	minimum total number of events to calculate hotspots. Not totally implemented yet!
min.hotspot.threshold	minimum number of events for a region to be considered a hotspot. If the Malo method says that regions with less than this value are hotspots, the value returned is NA. The default threshold is 2.

Value

A list with elements `threshold` (an integer value indicating the number of deaths obtained as a threshold for considering a site a roadkill hotspot) and `hotspots` (a data frame showing the total number of deaths per region and whether or not it was considered a hotspot.)

Author(s)

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References

Malo, J.E., Suarez, F., Diez, A. (2004) Can we mitigate animal-vehicle accidents using predictive models? J. Appl. Ecol. 41, 701-710 (doi: 10.1111/j.0021-8901.2004.00929.x)

See Also

[sequential.hotspots](#)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

hs <- hotspots(dataset = roadkills, submat = NULL, region.column = "segment",
  subsampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills), confidence = 0.95)

hs
```

hotspots.comparison	<i>Hotspots comparison</i>
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Description

This is a wrapper for most of the functions in this package (one function to rule them all). You'll probably only need to use this one, which in turn calls each of the other functions and does all the calculations in one step.

Usage

```
hotspots.comparison(dataset, sampl.columns, sampl.intervals, region.column,
  group.column, include.all.together = TRUE, confidence = 0.95,
  min.total.events = 80, min.hotspot.threshold = 2, comp.method = "Phi",
  plot = TRUE, sep.plots = FALSE, omit.baseline.interval = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>dataset</code>	name of the matrix or dataframe to analyze
<code>sampl.columns</code>	index numbers of the columns containing the (daily) sampling data, e.g. 4:180
<code>sampl.intervals</code>	intervals at which to extract sampling data, e.g. 1:30; currently must be consecutive and start with 1
<code>region.column</code>	name or index number of the column containing the regions (road segments, sites) to classify as hotspots or non-hotspots
<code>group.column</code>	name or index number of the column containing the taxa or groups to analyse separately, e.g. 3 or "Family"; if NULL, all records will be used together
<code>include.all.together</code>	logical, whether to get subsampling matrices also for the complete data (including all groups combined)
<code>confidence</code>	confidence threshold to consider hotspots (see Malo et al. 2004); defaults to 0.95
<code>min.total.events</code>	minimum total number of events (e.g. deaths) to calculate hotspots for a group
<code>min.hotspot.threshold</code>	minimum number of events for a region to be considered a hotspot
<code>comp.method</code>	the method with which to compare the hotspots obtained with increasing <code>sampl.intervals</code> with those of the baseline scenario; type <code>binary.comp.methods()</code> for available options
<code>plot</code>	logical, whether to plot the correlations between subsamples and baseline for each group (may cause function to fail if <code>sep.plots = FALSE</code> and figure margins are too large for the number of resulting plots)
<code>sep.plots</code>	logical, whether to present the plots in separate windows rather than all in the same window
<code>omit.baseline.interval</code>	logical, whether to omit the first column (correlation of baseline hotspots with themselves) from calculations and results
<code>...</code>	additional arguments to pass to the <code>plot</code> function

Value

A list with 9 elements:

```

hotspots.list
N.events
HS.threshold
N.hotspots
events.in.HS
event.corr
event.loss
event.gain
event.balance

```


Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa, J. Tiago Marques, Sara M. Santos

References

Malo, J.E., Suarez, F., Diez, A. (2004) Can we mitigate animal-vehicle accidents using predictive models? J. Appl. Ecol. 41, 701-710 (doi: 10.1111/j.0021-8901.2004.00929.x)

See Also

[hotspots](#)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

hc <- hotspots.comparison(dataset = roadkills, sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills),
  sampl.intervals = 1:5, region.column = "segment", group.column = "taxon",
  include.all.together = TRUE, confidence = 0.95, min.total.events = 80,
  min.hotspot.threshold = 2, comp.method = "Phi", plot = TRUE, sep.plots = FALSE,
  omit.baseline.interval = TRUE, ylim = c(0, 1))
```

jumping.window

Jumping window

Description

This function extracts a moving (a.k.a. running, rolling, sliding) window but with no overlap between windows and with the option for gaps between windows.

Usage

```
jumping.window(sampl.columns, window.size, gap.size, start.column = 1, J = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sampl.columns	index numbers of the consecutive columns with the sampling data (e.g. 3:180) from which to extract the jumping windows. Can also be any vector from which to extract a jumping window.
window.size	size of each sampling window/season (consecutive sampling days each time)
gap.size	size of the gap between sampling windows. Can be zero or a positive integer.
start.column	column of sampl.columns where to actually start the sampling windows. The default is 1, but e.g. with a gap size of 1 between windows, the start column can be either 1 or 2.
J	logical, whether to provide the results in the form of J for function carcass::etterson. Defaults to FALSE.

Details

This function is now integrated within [submatrix](#) to provide for additional sampling scheme options.

Value

This function returns a vector containing the elements of `sampl.columns` that are included in the extracted windows; elements falling within the gaps are left out.

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa, J. Tiago Marques

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

names(roadkills)

jumping.window(4:ncol(roadkills), window.size = 1, gap.size = 0)

jumping.window(4:ncol(roadkills), window.size = 1, gap.size = 1)

w3g5 <- jumping.window(4:ncol(roadkills), window.size = 3, gap.size = 5)

w3g5

sm <- submatrix(dataset = roadkills, sampl.columns = w3g5, sampl.interval = 1,
group.column = "taxon", group.names = NULL, remove.zeros = TRUE,
keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE)
```

plotEventCorrs	<i>Plot correlations between events in each subsampling dataset and the baseline dataset</i>
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Description

This function plots the correlation with baseline against sampling interval for each group

Usage

```
plotEventCorrs(event.corr, sep.plots = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

event.corr	a matrix of correlations resulting from the sequential.corr function
sep.plots	logical, whether to place each plot in a separate window
...	additional arguments to pass to the plot function

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also[plot](#), [binary.comparison](#), [sequential.corr](#)**Examples**

```
data(roadkills)

submats <- sequential.submatrix(dataset = roadkills,
  sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills), window.sizes = 1, gap.sizes = 0:2,
  group.column = "taxon", include.all.together = TRUE, remove.zeros = TRUE,
  keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE, n.subsampl.columns = 80)

hsl <- sequential.hotspots(dataset = roadkills, submats = submats,
  region.column = "segment", first.subsampl.col = 4, confidence = 0.95)

hsn <- hotspot.numbers(hotspots.list = hsl, sampl.intervals = 1:3,
  groups = as.character(unique(roadkills$taxon)), include.all.together = TRUE,
  min.total.events = 0, min.hotspt.threshold = 2)

seqcorr <- sequential.corr(hotspots.list = hsl,
  hotspots.thresholds = hsn$HS.threshold, comp.method = "Phi",
  baseline.gap = 0, messages = "TRUE")

plotEventCorrs(event.corr = seqcorr, sep.plots = FALSE, ylim = c(0, 1),
  pch = 20)
```

roadkills

*Imaginary roadkill data***Description**

An imaginary dataset of roadkill data for 5 "taxonomic" groups.

Usage

```
data(roadkills)
```

Format

A data frame with 900 observations on the following variables:

individ an integer vector attributing an identifier to each recorded individual
segment a numeric vector identifying the road segment at which each individual was recorded
group a character vector indicating the "taxonomic" group to which each individual belongs
day1 a numeric vector indicating whether the individual was found (1) or not (0) on that sampling day (the same for all remaining days in the data frame)

Details

Each row corresponds to an individual recorded at a particular road stretch (segment), with a 1 if it was present and a 0 if it was not present at that segment on each of the sampling days. Individuals were not manually removed from the road, so each individual has value 1 in all days in which its body was detected on the road.

Source

Freely modified from data collected by: Santos S.M., Carvalho F., Mira A. (2011) How long do the dead survive on the road? Carcass persistence probability and implications for road-kill monitoring surveys. PLoS ONE 6(9), e25383 (doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0025383)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

roadkills[1:20, 1:10]
```

schemeCorrs	<i>Scheme correlations</i>
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Description

Get correlation between each sampling scheme and the corresponding baseline

Usage

```
schemeCorrs(dataset, submats, submats.baseline, region.column, group.column, first.subsampl.col)
```

Arguments

dataset	name of the matrix or dataframe containing the complete data
submats	a list of the submatrices for which to calculate the correlation (result of the sequential.submatrix function)
submats.baseline	a list of the submatrices corresponding to the baseline sampling scheme for each group
region.column	name or index number of the column containing the regions (road segments, sites) to classify as hotspots or non-hotspots
group.column	name or index number of the column containing the taxonomic groups
first.subsampl.col	index number of the first column containing subsampling data

Value

This function returns a list of corrs.tables.

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also[getBoxplots](#)

sequential.corr

*Sequential correlation***Description**

This function calculates the correlation between the hotspots obtained from each submatrix and those of the baseline (sub)matrix of the corresponding group.

Usage

```
sequential.corr(hotspots.list, hotspots.thresholds, comp.method = "Phi",
               baseline.interval = 1, baseline.gap = 0, messages = "TRUE")
```

Arguments

hotspots.list	a list of hotspot tables resulting from the sequential.hotspots function
hotspots.thresholds	a matrix of hotspots thresholds (element 2 of the results of the hotspot.numbers function)
comp.method	character value indicating the correlation coefficient to use; type <code>binary.comp.methods()</code> for available options
baseline.interval	the sampling interval with which to correlate all the other sampling intervals for each group; defaults to 1 (take every sample)
baseline.gap	the sampling gap with which to correlate all other sampling schemes for each group; defaults to 0 (no gap between samples)
messages	logical, whether to display messages

Value

A matrix of correlations (or whatever index was defined in `method`) between the hotspots obtained for each group and sampling scheme, and the hotspots obtained from the baseline data for the group under analysis.

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also[binary.comparison](#)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

submats <- sequential.submatrix(dataset = roadkills,
  sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills), window.size = 1, gap.size = c(0, 1, 2),
  group.column = "taxon", include.all.together = TRUE, remove.zeros = TRUE,
  keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE, n.subsampl.columns = 120)

hsl <- sequential.hotspots(dataset = roadkills, submats = submats,
  region.column = "segment", first.subsampl.col = 4, confidence = 0.95)

hsn <- hotspot.numbers(hotspots.list = hsl, sampl.intervals = 1:3,
  groups = as.character(unique(roadkills$taxon)), include.all.together = TRUE,
  min.total.events = 0, min.hotspt.threshold = 2)

seqcorr <- sequential.corr(hotspots.list = hsl,
  hotspots.thresholds = hsn$HS.threshold, comp.method = "Phi",
  baseline.gap = 0, messages = "TRUE")

seqcorr
```

sequential.estimateN	<i>Sequential estimate N</i>
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Description

This function estimates the actual numbers of animal casualties given the observed numbers and a set of estimators, sequentially for all given submats. Requires package **carcass**.

Usage

```
sequential.estimateN(submats, submats.N, first.subsampl.col, region.column,
  persist, effic, estimators = c("korner", "huso", "erickson", "etterson"),
  margin = 0.01, ...)
```

Arguments

submats	result of the sequential.submatrix function.
submats.N	result of the sequential.Nevents function.
first.subsampl.col	index number of the first column containing the (sub)sampling data in submats
region.column	name or index number of the column containing the regions (road segments, sites) to classify as hotspots or non-hotspots
persist	named vector of persistence per group; group names must match those in the data
effic	named vector of detection efficiency per group; group names must match those in the data

estimators	character vector of the estimator(s) to use. The default is all estimators available.
margin	numeric value to subtract from and add to the estimator(s) to get p.lower and p.upper, respectively, when using function estimateN in package carcass
...	currently not in use

Value

This function returns a list.

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa, J. Tiago Marques, Sara Santos

See Also

function estimateN in package **carcass**

sequential.hotspots	<i>Calculate roadkill hotspots for a series of (sub)sampling datasets</i>
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Description

This function applies [hotspots](#) sequentially to a given set of submatrices to identify the hotspot regions in each dataset, using an adaptation of the method of Malo et al. (2004).

Usage

```
sequential.hotspots(dataset, submats, region.column, first.subsampl.col, confidence = 0.95)
```

Arguments

dataset	name of the matrix or dataframe containing the complete data
submats	a list of the submatrices for which to calculate the hotspots (result of the sequential.submatrix function)
region.column	name or index number of the column containing the regions (road segments, sites) to classify as hotspots or non-hotspots
first.subsampl.col	index number of the first column containing subsampling data
confidence	confidence threshold to consider hotspots. The default is 0.95

Value

A list of 2 elements:

hotspots.thresholds	A named integer vector
hotspots.maps	A list of data frames, each showing the total number of events (deaths) per region and whether or not it was considered a hotspot.

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

References

Malo, J.E., Suarez, F., Diez, A. (2004) Can we mitigate animal-vehicle accidents using predictive models? J. Appl. Ecol. 41, 701-710 (doi: 10.1111/j.0021-8901.2004.00929.x)

See Also

[hotspots](#)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

submats <- sequential.submatrix(dataset = roadkills,
  sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills), window.sizes = 1, gap.sizes = 1:3,
  group.column = "taxon", include.all.together = TRUE, remove.zeros = TRUE,
  keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE, n.subsampl.columns = 85)

shs <- sequential.hotspots(dataset = roadkills, submats = submats,
  region.column = "segment", first.subsampl.col = 4, confidence = 0.95)

shs
str(shs)
```

sequential.Nevents

Sequential numbers of events

Description

Applies function `link{hotspots}` (with `hotspots=FALSE`) sequentially to a given set of submatrices

Usage

```
sequential.Nevents(dataset, submats, region.column, first.subsampl.col, estimate = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>dataset</code>	name of the matrix or dataframe containing the complete data
<code>submats</code>	a list of the submatrices for which to calculate the hotspots (result of the <code>sequential.submatrix</code> function)
<code>region.column</code>	name or index number of the column containing the regions (road sectors, sites) to classify as hotspots or non-hotspots
<code>first.subsampl.col</code>	index number of the first column containing subsampling data
<code>estimate</code>	logical, whether to add estimates from package carcass

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also

link{hotspots}, link{sequential.hotspots}

sequential.submatrix

*Extract subsampling matrices for a series of subsampling schemes***Description**

This function applies [submatrix](#) sequentially to all specified sampling schemes and taxonomic groups.

Usage

```
sequential.submatrix(dataset, sampl.columns, sampl.intervals = NULL,
  window.sizes = NULL, gap.sizes = NULL, start.columns = 1, all.combinations = TRUE,
  group.column = NULL, include.all.together = TRUE, remove.zeros = TRUE,
  keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE, n.subsampl.columns = NULL)
```

Arguments

dataset	name of the matrix or dataframe to analyze
sampl.columns	numbers of the consecutive columns with the (daily) sampling data, e.g. 4:180
sampl.intervals	a vector of the intervals at which to extract sampling data, e.g. 5 to take one every five samples
window.sizes	the size (in sampling time units, e.g. days) of the sampling periods
gap.sizes	the size of the gaps between sampling periods
start.columns	vector of start columns, see submatrix
all.combinations	logical, whether to use all window x gap size combinations (the default, TRUE) or just the number corresponding to the length of window.sizes and gap sizes (in which case window.sizes and gap.sizes must have the same length)
group.column	name or index number of the column containing the taxa or groups to analyse separately, e.g. 3 or "Family"; if NULL, all records will be used together
include.all.together	logical, whether to get subsampling matrices also for the complete data (including all groups together)
remove.zeros	logical, whether to remove rows where all extracted samples have zero observations
keep.nonsampl.columns	logical, whether to include also the non-sampling columns of dataset in the resulting submatrices)
n.subsampl.columns	number of subsampl.columns

Value

A list of submatrices

Author(s)

A. Marcia Barbosa

See Also

[submatrix](#), [subset](#)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

submats1 <- sequential.submatrix(dataset = roadkills, sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills),
  sampl.intervals = c(1, 3), group.column = "taxon", include.all.together = TRUE,
  remove.zeros = TRUE, keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE, n.subsampl.columns = 85)

names(submats1)
head(submats1[[1]])

submats2 <- sequential.submatrix(dataset = roadkills, sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills),
  window.sizes = c(1,3,5), gap.sizes = 1:3, start.columns = 1, all.combinations = TRUE,
  group.column = "taxon", include.all.together = TRUE, remove.zeros = TRUE,
  keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE, n.subsampl.columns = 85)

names(submats2)
head(submats2[[1]])
```

submatrix

Extract a submatrix for a given taxomic group and/or sampling scheme

Description

Given a baseline dataset, this function extracts a sub-dataset for a given taxomic group and/or sampling scheme, defined either by a sampling interval (periodicity) or by a window size (consecutive sampling days each time) and a gap size (gaps between sampling windows).

Usage

```
submatrix(dataset, sampl.columns, sampl.interval = NULL, window.size = NULL,
  gap.size = NULL, start.column = 1, group.column = NULL, group.names = NULL,
  remove.zeros = TRUE, keep.nonsampl.columns = TRUE)
```

Arguments

dataset	name of the matrix or dataframe to analyze
sampl.columns	index numbers of the (consecutive) columns containing the baseline (daily) sampling data, e.g. 3:180
sampl.interval	interval at which to extract sampling data, e.g. 5 (to take one every five samples)
window.size	instead of <code>sampl.interval</code> (for one sampling every so many time units), size (in sampling time units, e.g. days) of each sampling window (e.g. 3 for 3 consecutive days sampling each time); must be complemented with <code>gap.size</code> , for the gap between sampling windows.
gap.size	size (in sampling time units, e.g. days) of the gaps between sampling windows – e.g. 1 for 1 gap (non-sampled) day between sampling windows.
start.column	column of <code>sampl.columns</code> where to actually start the sampling (e.g. with a gap size of 1 between sampling windows, the start column can be either 1 or 2)
group.column	name or index number of the column containing the taxa or groups to analyse, e.g. 3 or "Family"
group.names	name(s) of the group(a) to extract, e.g. <code>c("Mustelidae", "Procyonidae")</code> ; if NULL (the default), all groups in <code>group.names</code> are extracted
remove.zeros	logical indicating whether to remove rows where all extracted days have zero observations
keep.nonsampl.columns	logical indicating whether to keep the non-sampling columns in the extracted result

Value

This function returns a subset of `dataset` containing the taxonomic groups and sampling columns resulting from the given sampling scheme.

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See Also

[sequential.submatrix](#), [subset](#)

Examples

```
data(roadkills)

submat1 <- submatrix(dataset = roadkills, sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills),
  sampl.interval = 3, start.column = 1, group.column = "taxon", group.names = NULL)

head(submat1)

submat2 <- submatrix(dataset = roadkills, sampl.columns = 4:ncol(roadkills),
  window.size = 5, gap.size = 2, start.column = 1, group.column = "taxon",
```

```
group.names = NULL)
```

```
head(submat2)
```

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