brachypoder

This is the vignette of brachypoder, an R package developed to help read and assemble the data simulated by the brachypode program.

To install the package from GitHub, use:

```
devtools::install_github("rscherrer/brachypoder")
```

To load the package, use:

```
library(brachypoder)
```

Some example data are provided with the package. To extract where they are saved, run:

```
root <- system.file("extdata", "sim-example", package = "brachypoder")
root
#> [1] "/home/raphael/R/x86_64-pc-linux-gnu-library/4.1/brachypoder/extdata/sim-example"
```

If we have a look at what is inside this folder,

we see a few .dat files. These are the files that contain the data saved from one simulation. Different variables are saved in different files, e.g. popsize.dat contains the total population size at every time point saved. See the repository of \textcolor{blue}{brachypode} for details.

Each data file contains data with different resolutions. For example, individuals.dat contains five values per individual and covers all individuals of all the time points saved. The data files are saved in binary format, which is one-dimensional. This means that the arrays of saved values may have to be reshaped in order to be assembled into a data set that is workable within R. This is where the read_data function comes in.

The function read_data is the core function of the package. It takes the location of the simulation data as input, the variables to read, and rules that determine how each variable should be reshaped. For example,

```
read_data(root, "popsize")
#> # A tibble: 101 x 1
#>
      popsize
#>
        <db1>
#>
    1
           10
    2
#>
           206
#>
   3
           250
#>
           216
#>
    5
           220
#>
   6
           210
   7
#>
           230
    8
#>
           201
#>
    9
           206
#> 10
           207
#> # ... with 91 more rows
```

reads the binary data in popsize.dat back into numbers and places them into a one-column tibble. If we now run:

```
read_data(root, c("time", "popsize"))
#> # A tibble: 101 x 2
#>
        time popsize
#>
       <db1>
               <db1>
           0
#>
    1
                   10
#>
    2
         100
                  206
    3
         200
#>
                  250
#>
    4
         300
                  216
#>
    5
         400
                  220
#>
    6
         500
                  210
    7
#>
         600
                  230
#>
    8
         700
                  201
#>
    9
         800
                  206
#> 10
         900
                  207
  # ... with 91 more rows
```

we get multiple variables (time.dat and popsize.dat) read and assembled together. Now, these two variables both have one value saved every saved time point, and so have the same number of values. When the variables to read have different dimensions (e.g. patchsizes.dat contains one value per patch, per site, per time point), we use the ncols argument:

```
read_data(root, c("time", "patchsizes"), ncols = c(1, 10))
   # A tibble: 101 x 11
#>
       time patchsizes1 patchsizes2 patchsizes3 patchsizes4 patchsizes5 patchsizes6
#>
      <db1>
                    <db1>
                                 <db1>
                                              <db1>
                                                           <db1>
                                                                         <dbl>
                                                                                      <db1>
#>
    1
           0
                        0
                                    10
                                                  0
                                                                0
                                                                             0
                                                                                          0
#>
    2
         100
                       16
                                                 34
                                                               31
                                                                            36
                                                                                         21
                                    47
                                                                            37
#>
    3
        200
                       15
                                                 25
                                                               52
                                                                                         36
                                    62
#>
    4
        300
                       10
                                    57
                                                 35
                                                              29
                                                                            34
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                                                                                         27
#>
                       15
                                                 21
                                                                            32
    5
        400
                                    54
#>
    6
        500
                       14
                                    62
                                                 25
                                                               41
                                                                            15
                                                                                         33
#>
    7
                                    57
                                                                            27
         600
                       17
                                                 34
                                                               49
                                                                                         19
#>
    8
         700
                       16
                                    43
                                                 34
                                                              37
                                                                            33
                                                                                         16
    9
#>
        800
                        6
                                    66
                                                 23
                                                               40
                                                                            25
                                                                                         19
#> 10
        900
                       12
                                    53
                                                 34
                                                               42
                                                                                         16
                                                                            24
#> # ... with 91 more rows, and 4 more variables: patchsizes7 <dbl>,
       patchsizes8 <dbl>, patchsizes9 <dbl>, patchsizes10 <dbl>
```

which splits the patchsizes data into 10 columns, and so its number of rows becomes equal to the number of time points in time (the 1 tells the function not to split that column), with which they can be attached. The columns in the output data are named after their respective data file or origin, with numbers appended for each column.

In some cases some columns may need to be duplicated instead of split into multiple columns. Then, we use negative numbers in ncols. For example,

```
read_data(root, c("time", "patchsizes"), ncols = c(-10, 1))
#> # A tibble: 1,010 x 2
#>
       time patchsizes
#>
      <db1>
                  <db1>
#>
   1
          0
                      0
                     10
#>
    2
          0
   3
          0
```

```
#>
#>
    5
            0
                         0
    6
            0
                         0
#>
    7
                         0
#>
            0
    8
                         0
#>
            0
#>
    9
            0
                         0
#> 10
            0
                         0
#> # ... with 1,000 more rows
```

reads the same data as the previous chunk, but in a "longer" format, where each number of individuals is taken as an observation and therefore as a row. And so here, patchsizes was kept in a single column but each value in time was duplicated as many times as there are patches and sites (so 10 times).

Some use-cases may be more intricate. For example, reading individuals.dat and assigning each individual its own time point requires to know how many individuals there are at each time point. For this we provide a wrapper around read_data that reads individuals.dat, time.dat and popsize.dat to perform this task:

```
read_individual_data(root)
#> # A tibble: 22,038 x 6
#>
        time deme patch
                                  \boldsymbol{x}
                                          y
#>
       <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <dbl> <
#>
    1
            0
                   0
                           1
                                  0
                                          0
    2
#>
            0
                   0
                           1
                                  0
                                          0
                                                 0
#>
    3
            0
                   0
                           1
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#>
            0
                   0
                           1
                                  0
                                          0
#>
    5
            0
                   0
                                  0
                                          0
                           1
#>
    6
            0
                   0
                           1
                                  0
#>
    7
            0
                   0
                           1
                                  0
                                          0
                                                 0
    8
            0
                   0
                           1
                                  0
                                          0
                                                 0
    9
            0
                                  0
                                                 0
#>
                   0
                           1
                                          0
                                                 0
#> 10
            0
                    0
                           1
#> # ... with 22,028 more rows
```

This data set contains all the relevant information for each individual saved in the simulation. Because this function has only one use-case (i.e. it is not designed to be flexible, unlike read_data) it gives the output tibble specific column names.

Same, we provide a function that directly reads and formats the data from the traitmeans.dat data set, which contains the mean trait value for each trait in each patch of each site, at each saved generation.

```
read_trait_mean_data(root)
#> # A tibble: 1,010 x 6
#>
          time deme patch
                                         \boldsymbol{x}
                                                  y
#>
         \langle dbl \rangle \langle int \rangle \langle int \rangle \langle dbl \rangle \langle dbl \rangle
#>
      1
               0
                       1
                                0
                                         0
                                                  0
#>
     2
               0
                       1
                                1
                                         0
                                                  0
     3
               0
                       2
                                0
                                         0
                                                  0
                                                           0
#>
              0
                       2
                                         0
#>
      4
                                1
                                                  0
                                                           0
                       3
                                                           0
#>
     5
               0
                                0
                                         0
                                                  0
     6
               0
                       3
                                1
                                         0
#>
     7
               0
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                                                           0
                       4
     8
              0
                                                           0
#>
                                1
                                         0
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                        4
     9
               0
                                                           0
#>
                                0
                                         0
                                                  0
                       5
#> 10
              0
                       5
                                1
                                         0
                                                  0
                                                           0
#> # ... with 1,000 more rows
```

Besides the functions to read simulation data, one may want to read back the parameters that were used in a given simulation. To do this, use:

```
pars <- read_parameters(root)
pars[1:5] # just a few parameters

#> $type
#> [1] 1
#>

#> $popsize
#> [1] 10
#>

#> $pgood
#> [1] 5.0 0.8 0.6 0.5 0.3 0.1
#>
#> $maxgrowths
#> [1] 2 3
#>
#> $zwidths
#> [1] 1 2
```

Once the data are properly loaded and reshaped, they can be plotting using the usual tools available in R. Using ggplot2, for example:

```
library(tidyverse)
#> -- Attaching packages -----
                                       ----- tidyverse 1.3.1 --
#> v ggplot2 3.3.5 v purrr 0.3.4
#> v tibble 3.1.6 v dplyr 1.0.7
#> v tidyr 1.1.4 v stringr 1.4.0
#> v readr 2.1.1 v forcats 0.5.1
#> -- Conflicts ----- tidyverse_conflicts() --
#> x dplyr::filter() masks stats::filter()
#> x dplyr::lag() masks stats::lag()
# Read the proportion of good patches
pgood <- read_parameters(root)$pgood</pre>
pgood <- pgood[-1]
# Read trait means per patch per deme
data <- read_trait_mean_data(root)</pre>
data$patch <- as.logical(data$patch)</pre>
# Relabel
data <- data %>% mutate(patch lab = if else(patch, "Facilitated", "Unfacilitated"))
# Add information about the coverage in good patches
data <- data %>%
 group_by(deme) %>%
 nest() %>%
 ungroup() %>%
 mutate(pgood = pgood) %>%
 unnest(data) %>%
 mutate(patch_size = if_else(patch, pgood, 1 - pgood))
# Plot trait z through time
data %>%
```

```
ggplot(aes(x = time, y = z, group = interaction(deme, patch), color = patch_lab, alpha = patch_size))
geom_line() +
xlab("Time (generations)") +
ylab("Mean trait value") +
labs(color = NULL, alpha = "% cover") +
scale_color_manual(values = c("gray10", "gray60"))
```

