# Package 'mcbette'

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# Description

Calculate the weights for each marginal likelihood

# Usage

```
calc_weights(marg_liks)
```

## **Arguments**

marg\_liks (non-log) marginal likelihood estimates

## Value

the weight of each marginal likelihood estimate, which will sum up to  $1.0\,$ 

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## **Examples**

```
# Evidences (aka marginal likelihoods) can be very small
evidences <- c(0.0001, 0.0002, 0.0003, 0.0004)

# Sum will be 1.0
calc_weights(evidences)

beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
beastier::check_empty_beaustier_folders()</pre>
```

can\_run\_mcbette

Can 'mcbette' run?

## **Description**

Can 'mcbette' run? Will return TRUE if:

- (1) Running on Linux or MacOS
- (2) BEAST2 is installed
- (3) The BEAST2 NS package is installed

#### Usage

```
can_run_mcbette(beast2_folder = beastier::get_default_beast2_folder())
```

# Arguments

beast2\_folder

the folder where the BEAST2 is installed. Note that this is not the folder where the BEAST2 executable is installed: the BEAST2 executable is in a subfolder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_folder to get the default BEAST2 folder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_bin\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 executable. Use get\_default\_beast2\_jar\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 jar file.

#### Value

TRUE if 'mcbette' can run.

# Author(s)

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```
can_run_mcbette()
```

```
beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
beastier::check_empty_beaustier_folders()
```

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check\_beast2\_ns\_pkg

Checks if the BEAST2 'NS' package is installed.

## **Description**

Checks if the BEAST2 'NS' package is installed. Will stop if not

## Usage

```
check_beast2_ns_pkg(beast2_bin_path = beastier::get_default_beast2_bin_path())
```

## **Arguments**

beast2\_bin\_path

path to the BEAST2 binary file

#### Value

Nothing. The function will stop with an error message if the BEAST2 'NS' package is not installed.

check\_marg\_liks

Check if the marg\_liks are of the same type as returned by est\_marg\_liks.

## Description

stop if not.

#### Usage

```
check_marg_liks(marg_liks)
```

## **Arguments**

marg\_liks

a table of (estimated) marginal likelihoods, as, for example, created by est\_marg\_liks. This data.frame has the following columns:

- site\_model\_name: name of the site model, must be an element of get\_site\_model\_names
- clock\_model\_name: name of the clock model, must be an element of get\_clock\_model\_names
- tree\_prior\_name: name of the tree prior, must be an element of get\_tree\_prior\_names
- marg\_log\_lik: estimated marginal (natural) log likelihood
- marg\_log\_lik\_sd: estimated error of marg\_log\_lik
- weight: relative model weight, a value from 1.0 (all evidence is in favor of this model combination) to 0.0 (no evidence in favor of this model combination)

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• ess: effective sample size of the marginal likelihood estimation

Use get\_test\_marg\_liks to get a test marg\_liks. Use is\_marg\_liks to determine if a marg\_liks is valid. Use check\_marg\_liks to check that a marg\_liks is valid.

#### Value

Nothing. Will stop with an error message if there is a problem with the input.

check\_mcbette\_state

Check if the mcbette\_state is valid.

## **Description**

Check if the mcbette\_state is valid. Will stop otherwise.

## Usage

check\_mcbette\_state(mcbette\_state)

## **Arguments**

mcbette\_state the mcbette state, which is a list with the following elements:

- beast2\_installed TRUE if BEAST2 is installed, FALSE otherwise
- ns\_installed NA if BEAST2 is not installed. TRUE if the BEAST2 NS package is installed FALSE if the BEAST2 NS package is not installed

## Value

Nothing. Will stop if the input is invalid.

## Author(s)

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default\_params\_doc

Documentation of general function arguments. This function does nothing. It is intended to inherit function argument documentation.

## **Description**

Documentation of general function arguments. This function does nothing. It is intended to inherit function argument documentation.

## Usage

```
default_params_doc(
  beast2_bin_path,
  beast2_folder,
  beast2_working_dir,
  beast2_options,
  beast2_optionses,
  clock_model,
  clock_models,
  epsilon,
  fasta_filename,
  inference_model,
  inference_models,
 marg_liks,
 mcbette_state,
 mcmc,
  os,
  rng_seed,
  site_model,
  site_models,
  tree_prior,
  tree_priors,
  verbose
)
```

## **Arguments**

beast2\_bin\_path

path to the the BEAST2 binary file

beast2\_folder

the folder where the BEAST2 is installed. Note that this is not the folder where the BEAST2 executable is installed: the BEAST2 executable is in a subfolder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_folder to get the default BEAST2 folder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_bin\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 executable. Use get\_default\_beast2\_jar\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 jar file.

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beast2\_working\_dir

folder in which BEAST2 will run and produce intermediate files. By default,

this is a temporary folder

beast2\_options a beast2\_options structure, as can be created by create\_mcbette\_beast2\_options.

beast2\_optionses

list of one or more beast2\_options structures, as can be created by create\_mcbette\_beast2\_options.

Use of reduplicated plural to achieve difference with beast2\_options

clock\_model a clock model, as can be created by create\_clock\_model

clock\_models a list of one or more clock models, as can be created by create\_clock\_models

epsilon measure of relative accuracy. Smaller values result in longer, more precise esti-

mations

fasta\_filename name of the FASTA file

inference\_model

an inference model, as can be created by create\_inference\_model

inference\_models

a list of one or more inference models, as can be created by create\_inference\_model

marg\_liks a table of (estimated) marginal likelihoods, as, for example, created by est\_marg\_liks.

This data.frame has the following columns:

• site\_model\_name: name of the site model, must be an element of get\_site\_model\_names

- clock\_model\_name: name of the clock model, must be an element of get\_clock\_model\_names
- tree\_prior\_name: name of the tree prior, must be an element of get\_tree\_prior\_names
- marg\_log\_lik: estimated marginal (natural) log likelihood
- marg\_log\_lik\_sd: estimated error of marg\_log\_lik
- weight: relative model weight, a value from 1.0 (all evidence is in favor of this model combination) to 0.0 (no evidence in favor of this model combination)
- ess: effective sample size of the marginal likelihood estimation

Use get\_test\_marg\_liks to get a test marg\_liks. Use is\_marg\_liks to determine if a marg\_liks is valid. Use check\_marg\_liks to check that a marg\_liks is valid.

mcbette\_state

the mcbette state, which is a list with the following elements:

• beast2 installed TRUE if BEAST2 is installed, FALSE otherwise

• ns\_installed NA if BEAST2 is not installed. TRUE if the BEAST2 NS package is installed FALSE if the BEAST2 NS package is not installed

mcmc an MCMC for the Nested Sampling run, as can be created by create\_mcmc\_nested\_sampling

os name of the operating system, must be unix (Linux, Mac) or win (Windows)

rng\_seed a random number generator seed used for the BEAST2 inference

site\_model a site model, as can be created by create\_site\_model

site\_models a list of one or more site models, as can be created by create\_site\_models

tree\_prior a tree prior, as can be created by create\_tree\_prior

tree\_priors a list of one or more tree priors, as can be created by create tree priors

verbose if TRUE show debug output

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## Note

This is an internal function, so it should be marked with @noRd. This is not done, as this will disallow all functions to find the documentation parameters

## Author(s)

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 $est\_marg\_lik$ 

Estimate the marginal likelihood for an inference model.

## Description

Estimate the marginal likelihood for an inference model.

## Usage

```
est_marg_lik(
  fasta_filename,
  inference_model = beautier::create_ns_inference_model(),
  beast2_options = beastier::create_mcbette_beast2_options(),
  os = rappdirs::app_dir()$os
)
```

## **Arguments**

```
fasta_filename name of the FASTA file

inference_model

an inference model, as can be created by create_inference_model

beast2_options

a beast2_options structure, as can be created by create_mcbette_beast2_options.

os

name of the operating system, must be unix (Linux, Mac) or win (Windows)
```

#### Value

a list showing the estimated marginal likelihoods (and its estimated error), its items are::

- marg\_log\_lik: estimated marginal (natural) log likelihood
- marg\_log\_lik\_sd: estimated error of marg\_log\_lik
- esses the Effective Sample Size

## Author(s)

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## See Also

- can\_run\_mcbette: see if 'mcbette' can run
- est\_marg\_liks: estimate multiple marginal likelihoods

#### **Examples**

```
if (can_run_mcbette()) {
 # An example FASTA file
 fasta_filename <- system.file("extdata", "simple.fas", package = "mcbette")</pre>
 # A testing inference model with inaccurate (thus fast) marginal
 # likelihood estimation
 inference_model <- beautier::create_ns_inference_model()</pre>
 # Shorten the run, by doing a short (dirty, unreliable) MCMC
 inference_model$mcmc <- beautier::create_test_ns_mcmc()</pre>
 # Setup the options for BEAST2 to be able to call BEAST2 packages
 beast2_options <- beastier::create_mcbette_beast2_options()</pre>
 # Estimate the marginal likelihood
 est_marg_lik(
    fasta_filename = fasta_filename,
    inference_model = inference_model,
    beast2_options = beast2_options
 )
 beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
}
```

est\_marg\_liks

Estimate the marginal likelihoods for one or more inference models

## Description

Estimate the marginal likelihoods (aka evidence) for one or more inference models, based on a single alignment. Also, the marginal likelihoods are compared, resulting in a relative weight for each model, where a relative weight of a model close to 1.0 means that that model is way likelier than the others.

# Usage

```
est_marg_liks(
  fasta_filename,
  inference_models = list(beautier::create_inference_model(mcmc =
      beautier::create_ns_mcmc())),
  beast2_optionses = rep(list(beastier::create_mcbette_beast2_options()), times =
```

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```
length(inference_models)),
verbose = FALSE,
os = rappdirs::app_dir()$os
)
```

## **Arguments**

fasta\_filename name of the FASTA file
inference\_models

a list of one or more inference models, as can be created by create\_inference\_model

beast2\_optionses

list of one or more beast2\_options structures, as can be created by create\_mcbette\_beast2\_options.

Use of reduplicated plural to achieve difference with beast2\_options

verbose if TRUE show debug output

os name of the operating system, must be unix (Linux, Mac) or win (Windows)

#### **Details**

In the process, multiple (temporary) files are created (where [x] denotes the index in a list)

- beast2\_optionses[x]\$input\_filename path to the BEAST2 XML input file
- beast2\_optionses[x]\$output\_state\_filename path to the BEAST2 XML state file
- inference\_models[x]\$mcmc\$tracelog\$filename path to the BEAST2 trace file with parameter estimates
- inference\_models[x]\$mcmc\$treelog\$filename path to the BEAST2 trees file with the posterior trees
- inference\_models[x]\$mcmc\$screenlog\$filename path to the BEAST2 screen output file

These file can be deleted manually by bbt\_delete\_temp\_files, else these will be deleted automatically by the operating system.

## Value

a data.frame showing the estimated marginal likelihoods (and its estimated error) per combination of models. Columns are:

- site\_model\_name: name of the site model
- clock\_model\_name: name of the clock model
- tree\_prior\_name: name of the tree prior
- marg\_log\_lik: estimated marginal (natural) log likelihood
- marg\_log\_lik\_sd: estimated error of marg\_log\_lik
- weight: relative model weight, a value from 1.0 (all evidence is in favor of this model combination) to 0.0 (no evidence in favor of this model combination)
- ess: effective sample size of the marginal likelihood estimation

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#### Author(s)

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek

#### See Also

- can\_run\_mcbette: see if 'mcbette' can run
- est\_marg\_liks: estimate multiple marginal likelihood of a single inference mode

```
if (can_run_mcbette()) {
 # Use an example FASTA file
 fasta_filename <- system.file("extdata", "simple.fas", package = "mcbette")</pre>
 # Create two inference models
 inference_model_1 <- beautier::create_ns_inference_model(</pre>
    site_model = beautier::create_jc69_site_model()
 inference_model_2 <- beautier::create_ns_inference_model(</pre>
    site_model = beautier::create_hky_site_model()
 # Shorten the run, by doing a short (dirty, unreliable) MCMC
 inference_model_1$mcmc <- beautier::create_test_ns_mcmc()</pre>
 inference_model_2$mcmc <- beautier::create_test_ns_mcmc()</pre>
 # Combine the inference models
 inference_models <- list(inference_model_1, inference_model_2)</pre>
 # Create the BEAST2 options, that will write the output
 # to different (temporary) filanems
 beast2_options_1 <- beastier::create_mcbette_beast2_options()</pre>
 beast2_options_2 <- beastier::create_mcbette_beast2_options()</pre>
 # Combine the two BEAST2 options sets,
 # use reduplicated plural
 beast2_optionses <- list(beast2_options_1, beast2_options_2)</pre>
 # Compare the models
 marg_liks <- est_marg_liks(</pre>
    fasta_filename,
    inference_models = inference_models,
    beast2_optionses = beast2_optionses
 # Interpret the results
 interpret_marg_lik_estimates(marg_liks)
 beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
 beastier::check_empty_beaustier_folders()
}
```

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get\_mcbette\_state

Get the current state of mcbette

## **Description**

Get the current state of mcbette

## Usage

```
get_mcbette_state(beast2_folder = beastier::get_default_beast2_folder())
```

## **Arguments**

beast2\_folder

the folder where the BEAST2 is installed. Note that this is not the folder where the BEAST2 executable is installed: the BEAST2 executable is in a subfolder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_folder to get the default BEAST2 folder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_bin\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 executable. Use get\_default\_beast2\_jar\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 jar file.

#### Value

a list with the following elements:

- beast2\_installed TRUE if BEAST2 is installed, FALSE otherwise
- ns\_installed TRUE if the BEAST2 NS package is installed FALSE if the BEAST2 or the BEAST2 NS package is not installed

## **Examples**

```
get_mcbette_state()
beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
beastier::check_empty_beaustier_folders()
```

get\_test\_marg\_liks

Get testing marg\_liks

## **Description**

```
Get testing marg_liks
```

## Usage

```
get_test_marg_liks()
```

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## Value

A data frame with marginal likelihoods.

## **Examples**

```
get_test_marg_liks()
beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
beastier::check_empty_beaustier_folders()
```

```
interpret_bayes_factor
```

Interpret a Bayes factor

## **Description**

Interpret a Bayes factor, using the interpretation from [1].

## Usage

```
interpret_bayes_factor(bayes_factor)
```

# Arguments

bayes\_factor Bayes factor to be interpreted

## **Details**

• [1] H. Jeffreys (1961). The Theory of Probability (3rd ed.). Oxford. p. 432

## Value

a string with the interpretation in English

## Author(s)

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```
interpret_bayes_factor(0.5)
beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
beastier::check_empty_beaustier_folders()
```

interpret\_marg\_lik\_estimates

Interpret the marginal likelihood estimates

## **Description**

Interpret the marginal likelihood estimates as created by est\_marg\_liks.

#### Usage

interpret\_marg\_lik\_estimates(marg\_liks)

#### **Arguments**

marg\_liks

a table of (estimated) marginal likelihoods, as, for example, created by est\_marg\_liks. This data.frame has the following columns:

- site\_model\_name: name of the site model, must be an element of get\_site\_model\_names
- clock\_model\_name: name of the clock model, must be an element of get\_clock\_model\_names
- tree\_prior\_name: name of the tree prior, must be an element of get\_tree\_prior\_names
- marg\_log\_lik: estimated marginal (natural) log likelihood
- marg\_log\_lik\_sd: estimated error of marg\_log\_lik
- weight: relative model weight, a value from 1.0 (all evidence is in favor of this model combination) to 0.0 (no evidence in favor of this model combination)
- ess: effective sample size of the marginal likelihood estimation

Use get\_test\_marg\_liks to get a test marg\_liks. Use is\_marg\_liks to determine if a marg\_liks is valid. Use check\_marg\_liks to check that a marg\_liks is valid.

#### Value

Nothing. This function shows the interpretation via message.

#### Author(s)

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is\_marg\_liks

Determine if the marg\_liks is valid

## **Description**

Determine if the marg\_liks is valid

## Usage

```
is_marg_liks(marg_liks, verbose = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

marg\_liks

a table of (estimated) marginal likelihoods, as, for example, created by est\_marg\_liks. This data.frame has the following columns:

- site\_model\_name: name of the site model, must be an element of get\_site\_model\_names
- clock\_model\_name: name of the clock model, must be an element of get\_clock\_model\_names
- tree\_prior\_name: name of the tree prior, must be an element of get\_tree\_prior\_names
- marg\_log\_lik: estimated marginal (natural) log likelihood
- marg\_log\_lik\_sd: estimated error of marg\_log\_lik
- weight: relative model weight, a value from 1.0 (all evidence is in favor of this model combination) to 0.0 (no evidence in favor of this model combination)
- ess: effective sample size of the marginal likelihood estimation

Use get\_test\_marg\_liks to get a test marg\_liks. Use is\_marg\_liks to determine if a marg\_liks is valid. Use check\_marg\_liks to check that a marg\_liks is valid.

verbose

if TRUE show debug output

#### Value

TRUE if the argument is a valid marg\_liks, FALSE otherwise

mcbette\_report

Create a mcbette report, to be used when reporting bugs

## **Description**

Create a mcbette report, to be used when reporting bugs

## Usage

```
mcbette_report(beast2_folder = beastier::get_default_beast2_folder())
```

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## **Arguments**

beast2\_folder

the folder where the BEAST2 is installed. Note that this is not the folder where the BEAST2 executable is installed: the BEAST2 executable is in a subfolder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_folder to get the default BEAST2 folder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_bin\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 executable. Use get\_default\_beast2\_jar\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 jar file.

#### Value

nothing. It is intended that the output (not the return value) is copy-pasted from screen.

## Author(s)

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek

## **Examples**

```
if(beautier::is_on_ci()) {
  mcbette_report()
}
```

mcbette\_self\_test

Performs a minimal mcbette run

## **Description**

Performs a minimal mcbette run

## Usage

```
mcbette_self_test(beast2_folder = beastier::get_default_beast2_folder())
```

## **Arguments**

beast2\_folder

the folder where the BEAST2 is installed. Note that this is not the folder where the BEAST2 executable is installed: the BEAST2 executable is in a subfolder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_folder to get the default BEAST2 folder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_bin\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 executable. Use get\_default\_beast2\_jar\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 jar file.

### Value

Nothing. Will stop is 'mcbette' cannot run on a minimal, standard input.

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plot\_marg\_liks

Plot the marg\_liks

## Description

Plot the marg\_liks

## Usage

```
plot_marg_liks(marg_liks)
```

## **Arguments**

marg\_liks

a table of (estimated) marginal likelihoods, as, for example, created by est\_marg\_liks. This data.frame has the following columns:

- site\_model\_name: name of the site model, must be an element of get\_site\_model\_names
- clock\_model\_name: name of the clock model, must be an element of get\_clock\_model\_names
- tree\_prior\_name: name of the tree prior, must be an element of get\_tree\_prior\_names
- marg\_log\_lik: estimated marginal (natural) log likelihood
- marg\_log\_lik\_sd: estimated error of marg\_log\_lik
- weight: relative model weight, a value from 1.0 (all evidence is in favor of this model combination) to 0.0 (no evidence in favor of this model combination)
- ess: effective sample size of the marginal likelihood estimation

Use get\_test\_marg\_liks to get a test marg\_liks. Use is\_marg\_liks to determine if a marg\_liks is valid. Use check\_marg\_liks to check that a marg\_liks is valid.

#### Value

a ggplot

```
plot_marg_liks(get_test_marg_liks())
beastier::remove_beaustier_folders()
beastier::check_empty_beaustier_folders()
```

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set\_mcbette\_state

Set the mcbette state.

## Description

Set the mcbette state to having BEAST2 installed with or without installing the BEAST2 NS package.

## Usage

```
set_mcbette_state(
  mcbette_state,
  beast2_folder = beastier::get_default_beast2_folder(),
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

mcbette\_state

the mcbette state, which is a list with the following elements:

- beast2\_installed TRUE if BEAST2 is installed, FALSE otherwise
- ns\_installed NA if BEAST2 is not installed. TRUE if the BEAST2 NS package is installed FALSE if the BEAST2 NS package is not installed

beast2\_folder

the folder where the BEAST2 is installed. Note that this is not the folder where the BEAST2 executable is installed: the BEAST2 executable is in a subfolder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_folder to get the default BEAST2 folder. Use get\_default\_beast2\_bin\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 executable. Use get\_default\_beast2\_jar\_path to get the full path to the default BEAST2 jar file.

verbose

if TRUE show debug output

#### Value

Nothing.

#### Note

In newer versions of BEAST2, BEAST2 comes pre-installed with the BEAST2 NS package. For such a version, one cannot install BEAST2 without NS. A warning will be issues if one intends to only install BEAST2 (i.e. without the BEAST2 NS package) and gets the BEAST2 NS package installed as a side effect as well.

Also, installing or uninstalling a BEAST2 package from a BEAST2 installation will affect all installations.

## See Also

- Use get\_mcbette\_state to get the current mcbette state
- Use check\_mcbette\_state to check the current mcbette state

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