

# Package ‘phyloseq’

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phyloseq-package	<i>Handling and analysis of high-throughput phylogenetic sequence data.</i>
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## Description

There are already several ecology and phylogenetic packages available in R, including the `ade4`, `picante`, `ape`, `phangorn`, `phylobase`, and `OTUbase` packages. These can already take advantage of many of the powerful statistical and graphics tools available in R. However, prior to *phyloseq* a user must devise their own methods for parsing the output of their favorite OTU clustering application, and, as a consequence, there is also no standard within Bioconductor (or R generally) for storing or sharing the suite of related data objects that describe a phylogenetic sequencing project. The *phyloseq* package seeks to address these issues by providing a related set of S4 classes that internally manage the handling tasks associated with organizing, linking, storing, and analyzing phylogenetic sequencing data. *phyloseq* additionally provides some convenience wrappers for input from common clustering applications, common analysis pipelines, and native implementation of methods that are not available in other R packages.

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access

*Universal slot accessor function for phyloseq-class.*

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## Description

This function is used internally by many accessors and in many functions/methods that need to access a particular type of component data. If something is wrong, or the slot is missing, the expected behavior is that this function will return NULL. Thus, the output can be tested by `is.null` as verification of the presence of a particular data component. Unlike the component-specific accessors (e.g. `otuTable`, or `tre`), the default behavior is not to stop with an error if the desired slot is empty. In all cases this is controlled by the `errorIfNULL` argument, which can be set to TRUE if an error is desired.

## Usage

```
access(physeq, slot, errorIfNULL=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>physeq</code>	(Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> .
<code>slot</code>	(Required). A character string indicating the slot (not data class) of the component data type that is desired.
<code>errorIfNULL</code>	(Optional). Logical. Should the accessor stop with an error if the slot is empty (NULL)? Default FALSE.

## Value

Returns the component object specified by the argument `slot`. Returns NULL if slot does not exist. Returns `physeq` as-is if it is a component class that already matches the slot name.

## See Also

[getslots.phyloseq](#), [merge\\_phyloseq](#)

## Examples

```
#
## data(GlobalPatterns)
## access(GlobalPatterns, "taxTab")
## access(GlobalPatterns, "tre")
## access(otuTable(GlobalPatterns), "otuTable")
## # Should return NULL:
## access(otuTable(GlobalPatterns), "sampleData")
## access(otuTree(GlobalPatterns), "sampleData")
## access(otuSam(GlobalPatterns), "tre")
```

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data-enterotype

(Data) Enterotypes of the human gut microbiome (2011)

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## Description

Published in Nature in early 2011, this work compared (among other things), the faecal microbial communities from 22 subjects using complete shotgun DNA sequencing. Authors further compared these microbial communities with the faecal communities of subjects from other studies. A total of 280 faecal samples / subjects are represented in this dataset, and 553 genera. The authors claim that the data naturally clumps into three community-level clusters, or “enterotypes”, that are not immediately explained by sequencing technology or demographic features of the subjects, but with potential relevance to understanding human gut microbiota.

## Details

abstract from research article (quoted):

Our knowledge of species and functional composition of the human gut microbiome is rapidly increasing, but it is still based on very few cohorts and little is known about variation across the world. By combining 22 newly sequenced faecal metagenomes of individuals from four countries with previously published data sets, here we identify three robust clusters (referred to as enterotypes hereafter) that are not nation or continent specific. We also confirmed the enterotypes in two published, larger cohorts, indicating that intestinal microbiota variation is generally stratified, not continuous. This indicates further the existence of a limited number of well-balanced host-microbial symbiotic states that might respond differently to diet and drug intake. The enterotypes are mostly driven by species composition, but abundant molecular functions are not necessarily provided by abundant species, highlighting the importance of a functional analysis to understand microbial communities. Although individual host properties such as body mass index, age, or gender cannot explain the observed enterotypes, data-driven marker genes or functional modules can be identified for each of these host properties. For example, twelve genes significantly correlate with age and three functional modules with the body mass index, hinting at a diagnostic potential of microbial markers.

(end quote)

## Author(s)

Arumugam, M., Raes, J., et al.

## References

Arumugam, M., et al. (2011). Enterotypes of the human gut microbiome.

Nature, 473(7346), 174-180.

<http://www.nature.com/doi/10.1038/nature09944> See supplemental information for subject data.

OTU-clustered data was downloaded from the publicly-accessible:

[http://www.bork.embl.de/Docu/Arumugam\\_et\\_al\\_2011/downloads.html](http://www.bork.embl.de/Docu/Arumugam_et_al_2011/downloads.html)

## Examples

```

## Try simple network-analysis plot
# data(enterotype)
# ig <- make_sample_network(enterotype, FALSE, max.dist=0.3)
# plot_sample_network(ig, enterotype, color="SeqTech", shape="Enterotype", line_weight=0.3, label=NULL)
#
## Filter samples that don't have Enterotype
# x <- subset_samples(enterotype, !is.na(Enterotype))
#
## Alternatively. . .
# ent.cca <- ordinate(x ~ Enterotype, "CCA")
# plot_ordination(x, ent.cca, color="Enterotype")
# plot_ordination(x, ent.cca, "biplot")
# plot_ordination(x, ent.cca, "split", color="Enterotype")
## multiple testing of genera correlating with enterotype 2
# mt(x, data.frame(sampleData(x))[, "Enterotype"]==2)
## Should return a data.frame, with the following head()
## ## index      teststat      rawp      adjp      plover
## ## Prevotella      207 11.469961374 0.0001 0.0088 0.0001
## ## Bacteroides      203 -9.015717540 0.0001 0.0088 0.0001
## ## Holdemania      201 -5.810081084 0.0001 0.0088 0.0001
## ## Acetivibrio      156 -5.246137207 0.0001 0.0088 0.0001

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data-esophagus

*(Data) Small example dataset from a human esophageal community (2004)*

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## Description

Includes just 3 samples, 1 each from 3 subjects. Although the research article mentions 4 subjects, only 3 are included in this dataset.

## Details

abstract from research article (quoted):

The esophagus, like other luminal organs of the digestive system, provides a potential environment for bacterial colonization, but little is known about the presence of a bacterial biota or its nature. By using broad-range 16S rDNA PCR, biopsies were examined from the normal esophagus of four human adults. The 900 PCR products cloned represented 833 unique sequences belonging to 41 genera, or 95 species-level operational taxonomic units (SLOTU); 59 SLOTU were homologous with culture-defined bacterial species, 34 with 16S rDNA clones, and two were not homologous with any known bacterial 16S rDNA. Members of six phyla, Firmicutes, Bacteroides, Actinobacteria, Proteobacteria, Fusobacteria, and TM7, were represented. A large majority of clones belong to 13 of the 41 genera (783/900, 87%), or 14 SLOTU (574/900, 64%) that were shared by all four persons. *Streptococcus* (39%), *Prevotella* (17%), and *Veilonella* (14%) were most prevalent. The present study identified 56-79% of SLOTU in this bacterial ecosystem. Most SLOTU of esophageal biota are similar or identical to residents of the upstream oral biota, but the major distinction is that a large majority (82%) of the esophageal bacteria are known and cultivable. These findings provide evidence for a complex but conserved bacterial population in the normal distal esophagus.

(end quote)

A description of the 16S rRNA sequence processing can be found on the mothur-wiki at the link below. A cutoff of 0.10 was used for OTU clustering in that example, and it is taken here as well to create example data, esophagus, which was easily imported with the `import_mothur()` function.

### Author(s)

Pei et al. <zhiheng.pei@med.nyu.edu>

### References

Pei, Z., Bini, E. J., Yang, L., Zhou, M., Francois, F., & Blaser, M. J. (2004). Bacterial biota in the human distal esophagus. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*, 101(12), 4250-4255. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC384727>

mothur-processed files and the sequence data can be downloaded from a zip-file, along with additional description, from the following URL: [http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Esophageal\\_community\\_analysis](http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Esophageal_community_analysis)

### Examples

```
## # Example using esophagus-data in a UniFrac calculation.
## data(esophagus)
## UniFrac(esophagus, weighted=TRUE)
## UniFrac(esophagus, weighted=FALSE)
## unifrac(t(as(otuTable(esophagus), "matrix")), tre(esophagus) )
# # Example importing the mothur example files to create esophagus.
# show_mothur_list_cutoffs("~/Dropbox/R/esophagus_example/esophagus.fn.list")
# mothlist <- "~/esophagus_example/esophagus.fn.list"
### mothgroup <- "~/esophagus_example/esophagus.groups"
# mothgroup <- "~/esophagus_example/esophagus.good.groups"
# mohtree <- "~/esophagus_example/esophagus.tree"
# cutoff <- "0.10"
# esophagus <- import_mothur(mothlist, mothgroup, mohtree, cutoff)
```

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data-GlobalPatterns      *(Data) Global patterns of 16S rRNA diversity at a depth of millions of sequences per sample (2011)*

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### Description

Published in PNAS in early 2011. This work compared the microbial communities from 25 environmental samples and three known “mock communities” – a total of 9 sample types – at a depth averaging 3.1 million reads per sample. Authors were able to reproduce diversity patterns seen in many other published studies, while also investigating technical issues/bias by applying the same techniques to simulated microbial communities of known composition.

### Details

abstract from research article (quoted):

The ongoing revolution in high-throughput sequencing continues to democratize the ability of small groups of investigators to map the microbial component of the biosphere. In particular, the coevolution of new sequencing platforms and new software tools allows data acquisition and analysis on an unprecedented scale. Here we report the next stage in this coevolutionary arms race, using the

Illumina GAIIx platform to sequence a diverse array of 25 environmental samples and three known “mock communities” at a depth averaging 3.1 million reads per sample. We demonstrate excellent consistency in taxonomic recovery and recapture diversity patterns that were previously reported on the basis of metaanalysis of many studies from the literature (notably, the saline/nonsaline split in environmental samples and the split between host-associated and free-living communities). We also demonstrate that 2,000 Illumina single-end reads are sufficient to recapture the same relationships among samples that we observe with the full dataset. The results thus open up the possibility of conducting large-scale studies analyzing thousands of samples simultaneously to survey microbial communities at an unprecedented spatial and temporal resolution.

(end quote)

Many thanks to J. Gregory Caporaso for directly providing the OTU-clustered data files for inclusion in this package.

### Author(s)

Caporaso, J. G., et al.

### References

Caporaso, J. G., et al. (2011). Global patterns of 16S rRNA diversity at a depth of millions of sequences per sample. PNAS, 108, 4516-4522. PMID: PMC3063599

The primary article can be viewed/downloaded at: <http://www.pnas.org/content/108/suppl.1/4516.short>

### Examples

```
# data(GlobalPatterns)
## Load the GlobalPatterns dataset into the workspace environment
# data(GlobalPatterns)
## Look at the different values for SampleType
# getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType")
# #####
## Reproduce Figure 4 from the article, but using Jaccard distance,
## and different clustering methods (UPGMA=="average" used in article)
## The default method for hclust() uses complete-linkage clustering (method="complete")
# #####
## Calculate the jaccard distance between each sample
# jaccdist <- distance(GlobalPatterns, "jaccard")
# plot(hclust(jaccdist, "average"), labels=getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType"))
## A different method ("complete-linkage")
# plot(hclust(jaccdist), labels=getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType"), col=cols)
## In case you decide to color the tip labels
# colorScale <- rainbow(length(levels(getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType"))))
# cols <- colorScale[getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType")]

# #####
## Reproduce Figure 5, but in 2-D
# #####
# coords <- pcoa(UniFrac(GlobalPatterns))$vectors
# DF <- data.frame(sampleData(GlobalPatterns), coords)
# ggplot(DF, aes(x=Axis.1, y=Axis.2, color=SampleType)) +
# geom_point(size=4) +
# geom_line() +
# theme(title = "PCoA on unweighted UniFrac distance")
```



```

#####
# # Reproduce Figure 5 (but in 2-D and using jaccard distance / nmMDS)
# #####
# # Choose number of axes for non-metric MDS
# N <- 2
# # Perform non-metric multi-dimensional scaling, 3 axes (k=3)
# coords <- scores(metaMDS(jaccdist, k=N))
# # Add the NMDS coordinates to the sample data.frame, DF
# DF <- data.frame(sampleData(GlobalPatterns), coords)
# # plot the MDS of jaccard-distances, and shade points by soil treatments
# # (two axes only, 3-axes used in Fig 5)
# ggplot(DF, aes(x=NMDS1, y=NMDS2, color=SampleType)) +
# geom_point(size=4) +
# geom_line() +
# theme(title = ps("nmMDS on Jaccard distance, ", N, " axes"))

#####
# # Reproduce Figure 5 (but use Jaccard distance / PCoA)
# #####
# # use principle coordinates analysis (as in article)
# coords <- pcoa(jaccdist)$vectors

# # Add the PCoA coordinates to the sample data.frame, DF
# DF <- data.frame(sampleData(GlobalPatterns), coords)

# # plot the PCoA on jaccard-distances, and shade points by soil treatments
# # (First-two axes only, could show 3 as in Fig 5, if desired)
# ggplot(DF, aes(x=Axis.1, y=Axis.2, color=SampleType)) +
# geom_point(size=4) +
# geom_line() +
# theme(title = ps("PCoA on Jaccard distance, two axes"))

#####
# # Reproduce Figure 5, but using correspondence analysis
# #####
# gpdca <- ordinate(GlobalPatterns, "DCA")
# coords <- scores(gpdca)$sites
# DF <- data.frame(sampleData(GlobalPatterns), coords)
# ggplot(DF, aes(x=CA1, y=CA2, color=SampleType)) +
# geom_point(size=4) +
# geom_line() +
# theme(title = ps("DCA on abundances, first two axes"))

```

## Description

Published in early 2011, this work compared 24 separate soil microbial communities under four treatment conditions via multiplexed/barcoded 454-pyrosequencing of PCR-amplified 16S rRNA gene fragments. The authors found differences in the composition and structure of microbial communities between soil treatments. As expected, the soil microbial communities were highly diverse, with a staggering 16,825 different OTUs (species) observed in the included dataset. Interestingly,

this study used a larger number of replicates than previous studies of this type, for a total of 56 samples, and the putatively low resampling rate of species between replicated sequencing trials (“OTU overlap”) was a major concern by the authors.

## Details

This dataset contains an experiment-level (`phyloseq-class`) object, which in turn contains the taxa-contingency table and soil-treatment table as `otuTable-class` and `sampleData-class` components, respectively.

This data was imported from raw files supplied directly by the authors via personal communication for the purposes of including as an example in the `phyloseq-package`. As this data is sensitive to choices in OTU-clustering parameters, attempts to recreate the `otuTable` from the raw sequencing data may give slightly different results than the table provided here.

abstract from research article (quoted):

To determine the reproducibility and quantitation of the amplicon sequencing-based detection approach for analyzing microbial community structure, a total of 24 microbial communities from a long-term global change experimental site were examined. Genomic DNA obtained from each community was used to amplify 16S rRNA genes with two or three barcode tags as technical replicates in the presence of a small quantity (0.1% wt/wt) of genomic DNA from *Shewanella oneidensis* MR-1 as the control. The technical reproducibility of the amplicon sequencing-based detection approach is quite low, with an average operational taxonomic unit (OTU) overlap of 17.2% $\pm$ 2.3% between two technical replicates, and 8.2% $\pm$ 2.3% among three technical replicates, which is most likely due to problems associated with random sampling processes. Such variations in technical replicates could have substantial effects on estimating beta-diversity but less on alpha-diversity. A high variation was also observed in the control across different samples (for example, 66.7-fold for the forward primer), suggesting that the amplicon sequencing-based detection approach could not be quantitative. In addition, various strategies were examined to improve the comparability of amplicon sequencing data, such as increasing biological replicates, and removing singleton sequences and less-representative OTUs across biological replicates. Finally, as expected, various statistical analyses with preprocessed experimental data revealed clear differences in the composition and structure of microbial communities between warming and non-warming, or between clipping and non-clipping. Taken together, these results suggest that amplicon sequencing-based detection is useful in analyzing microbial community structure even though it is not reproducible and quantitative. However, great caution should be taken in experimental design and data interpretation when the amplicon sequencing-based detection approach is used for quantitative analysis of the beta-diversity of microbial communities.

(end quote)

## Author(s)

Jizhong Zhou, et al.

## References

Zhou, J., Wu, L., Deng, Y., Zhi, X., Jiang, Y.-H., Tu, Q., Xie, J., et al. Reproducibility and quantitation of amplicon sequencing-based detection. *The ISME Journal*. (2011) 5(8):1303-1313. doi:10.1038/ismej.2011.11

The article can be accessed online at <http://www.nature.com/ismej/journal/v5/n8/full/ismej201111a.html>

## Examples

```
# Load the data
data(soilrep)
#####
# Alpha diversity (richness) example. Accept null hypothesis:
# No convincing difference in species richness between warmed/unwarmed soils.
#####
DF <- data.frame(sampleData(soilrep), estimate_richness(soilrep) )
# Create ggplot2-boxplot comparing the different treatments.
man.col <- c(WC="red", WU="brown", UC="blue", UU="darkgreen")
p <- plot_richness_estimates(soilrep, x="Treatment", color="Treatment")
p + geom_boxplot() + scale_color_manual(values=man.col)
# The treatments do not appear to have affected the
# estimated total richness between warmed/unwarmed soil samples
t.test(x=subset(DF, warmed=="yes")[, "S.chao1"], y=subset(DF, warmed=="no")[, "S.chao1"])
#####
# A beta diversity comparison.
#####
# Perform non-metric multidimensional scaling, using Bray-Curtis distance
soil.NMDS <- ordinate(soilrep, "NMDS", "bray")
p <- plot_ordination(soilrep, soil.NMDS, "samples", color="Treatment")
( p <- p + geom_point(size=5, alpha=0.5) + facet_grid(warmed ~ clipped) )
```

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distance

*General distance / dissimilarity index calculator*

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## Description

Takes a [phyloseq-class](#) object and method option, and returns a [distance](#) object suitable for certain ordination methods and other distance-based analyses. There are currently 44 explicitly supported method options, as well as user-provided arbitrary methods via an interface to [designdist](#). For the complete list of currently supported options/arguments to the method parameter, type `distance("list")` at the command-line. Only sample-wise distances are currently supported (the type argument), but eventually species-wise (OTU-wise) distances will be supported as well.

## Usage

```
distance(physeq, method="unifrac", type="samples", ...)
```

## Arguments

physeq	(Required). A <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> or an <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> object. The latter is only appropriate for methods that do not require any additional data (one-table). For example, the “unifrac” option ( <a href="#">UniFrac</a> ) requires <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> that contains both an <a href="#">otuTable</a> and a phylogenetic tree (phylo).
method	(Optional). A character string. Default is “unifrac”. Provide one of the 44 currently supported options. To see a list of supported options, enter the following into the command line: <pre>distance("list")</pre> For further details and additional arguments, see the documentation for the supporting functions, linked below under “See Also”.

In particular, there are three methods included by the [phyloseq-package](#), and accessed by the following method options:

"unifrac", for UniFrac based distances, [UniFrac](#);

"dpcoa", sample-wise distance from Double Principle Coordinate Analysis, [DPCoA](#);

"jsd", for Jensen-Shannon Divergence, [JSD](#);

and it is recommended that you see their documentation for details, references, background and examples for use.

Alternatively, you can provide a character string that defines a custom distance method, if it has the form described in [designdist](#).

type	(Optional). A character string. The type of pairwise comparisons being calculated: sample-wise or species-wise. The default is <code>c("samples")</code> .
...	Additional arguments passed on to the appropriate distance function, determined by the method argument.

### Details

Depending on the method argument, `distance()` wraps one of [UniFrac](#), [DPCoA](#), [JSD](#), [vegdist](#), [betadiver](#), [designdist](#), or [dist](#).

### Value

An object of class "`dist`" suitable for certain ordination methods and other distance-based analyses.

### See Also

[plot\\_ordination](#), [UniFrac](#), [DPCoA](#), [JSD](#), [vegdist](#), [betadiver](#), [designdist](#), [dist](#).

### Examples

```
data(esophagus)
distance(esophagus) # Unweighted UniFrac
distance(esophagus, weighted=TRUE) # weighted UniFrac
distance(esophagus, "jaccard") # vegdist jaccard
distance(esophagus, "gower") # vegdist option "gower"
distance(esophagus, "g") # designdist method option "g"
distance(esophagus, "minkowski") # invokes a method from the base dist() function.
distance(esophagus, "(A+B-2*J)/(A+B)") # designdist custom distance
distance("help")
distance("list")
help("distance")
```

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DPCoA

*Calculate Double Principle Coordinate Analysis (DPCoA) using phylogenetic distance*

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### Description

Function uses abundance ([otuTable-class](#)) and phylogenetic ([phylo](#)) components of a [phyloseq-class](#) experiment-level object to perform a Double Principle Coordinate Analysis (DPCoA), relying heavily on the underlying (and more general) function, [dpcoa](#). The distance object ultimately provided as the cophenetic/patristic ([cophenetic.phylo](#)) distance between the species.

**Usage**

```
DPCoA(physeq, correction=cailliez, scannf=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). A <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object containing, at a minimum, abundance ( <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> ) and phylogenetic ( <a href="#">phylo</a> ) components. As a test, the accessors <a href="#">otuTable</a> and <a href="#">tre</a> should return an object without error.
correction	(Optional). A function. The function must be able to take a non-Euclidean <a href="#">distance</a> object, and return a new distance object that is Euclidean. If testing a distance object, try <a href="#">is.euclid</a> .  In most real-life, real-data applications, the phylogenetic tree will not provide a Euclidean distance matrix, and so a correction will be needed. Two recommended correction methods are <a href="#">cailliez</a> and <a href="#">lingoes</a> . The default is <a href="#">cailliez</a> , but not for any particularly special reason. If the patristic distance matrix turns out to be Euclidian, no correction will be performed, regardless of the value of the correction argument.
scannf	(Optional). Logical. Default is FALSE. This is passed directly to <a href="#">dpcoa</a> , and causes a barplot of eigenvalues to be created if TRUE. This is not included in ... because the default for <a href="#">dpcoa</a> is TRUE, although in many expected situations we would want to suppress creating the barplot.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">dpcoa</a> .

**Details**

In most real-life, real-data applications, the phylogenetic tree will not provide a Euclidean distance matrix, and so a correction will be performed, if needed. See [correction](#) argument.

**Value**

A [dpcoa-class](#) object (see [dpcoa](#)).

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**References**

Pavoine, S., Dufour, A.B. and Chessel, D. (2004) From dissimilarities among species to dissimilarities among communities: a double principal coordinate analysis. *Journal of Theoretical Biology*, 228, 523-537.

**See Also**

[dpcoa](#)

**Examples**

```
## ## ## ## ## Esophagus
# data(esophagus)
# eso.dpcoa <- DPCoA(esophagus)
# plot_ordination(esophagus, eso.dpcoa, "samples")
# plot_ordination(esophagus, eso.dpcoa, "species")
```

```
# plot_ordination(esophagus, eso.dpcoa, "biplot")
# #
# #
# # # # # # GlobalPatterns
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # subset GP to top-150 taxa (to save computation time in example)
# keepTaxa <- names(sort(speciesSums(GlobalPatterns), TRUE)[1:150])
# GP      <- prune_species(keepTaxa, GlobalPatterns)
# # Perform DPCoA
# GP.dpcoa <- DPCoA(GP)
# plot_ordination(GP, GP.dpcoa, color="SampleType")
```

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estimate_richness	<i>Summarize richness estimates</i>
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## Description

Performs a number of standard richness estimates, and returns the results as a `data.frame`. Can operate on the cumulative population of all samples in the dataset, or by repeating the richness estimates for each sample individually. NOTE: You must use untrimmed datasets for meaningful results, as these estimates (and even the “observed” richness) are highly dependent on the number of singletons. You can always trim the data later on if needed, just not before using this function.

## Usage

```
estimate_richness(physeq, split=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

physeq	(Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> , or alternatively, an <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> . The data about which you want to estimate the richness.
split	(Optional). Logical. Should a separate set of richness estimates be performed for each sample? Or alternatively, pool all samples and estimate richness of the entire set.

## Value

A `data.frame` of the richness estimates, and their standard error.

## See Also

Check out the custom plotting function, [plot\\_richness\\_estimates](#), for easily showing the results of different estimates, with method-specific error-bars. Also check out the internal functions borrowed from the `vegan` package: [estimateR](#), [diversity](#)

## Examples

```
data(GlobalPatterns)
( S.GP <- estimate_richness(GlobalPatterns) )
# # Make the plots
# plot_richness_estimates(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType")
# plot_richness_estimates(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType", "SampleType")
# For more plotting examples, see plot_richness_estimates()
```

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export_env_file	<i>Export environment (ENV) file for UniFrac Server.</i>
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### Description

Creates the environment table that is needed for the original UniFrac algorithm. Useful for cross-checking, or if want to use UniFrac server. Optionally the ENV-formatted table can be returned to the R workspace, and the tree component can be exported as Nexus format (Recommended).

### Usage

```
export_env_file(physeq, file = "", writeTree = TRUE,
               return = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

physeq	(Required). Experiment-level ( <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> ) object. Ideally this also contains the phylogenetic tree, which is also exported by default.
file	(Optional). The file path for export. If not-provided, the expectation is that you will want to set return to TRUE, and manipulate the ENV table on your own. Default is "", skipping the ENV file from being written to a file.
writeTree	(Optional). Write the phylogenetic tree as well as the the ENV table. Default is TRUE.
return	(Optional). Should the ENV table be returned to the R workspace? Default is FALSE.

### Examples

```
## Load example data
# data(esophagus)
# export_env_file(esophagus, "~/Desktop/esophagus.txt")
```

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export_mothur_dist	<i>Export a distance object as .names and .dist files for mothur</i>
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### Description

The purpose of this function is to allow a user to easily export a distance object as a pair of files that can be immediately imported by mothur for OTU clustering and related analysis. A distance object can be created in R in a number of ways, including via cataloguing the cophentic distances of a tree object.

### Usage

```
export_mothur_dist(x, out=NULL,
                  makeTrivialNamesFile=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` (Required). A "dist" object, or a symmetric matrix.
- `out` (Optional). The desired output filename for the .dist file, OR left NULL, the default, in which case the mothur-formated distance table is returned to R standard out.
- `makeTrivialNamesFile` (Optional). Default NULL. The desired name of the .names file. If left NULL, the file name will be a modified version of the out argument.

**Value**

A character vector of the different cutoff values contained in the file. For a given set of arguments to the `cluster()` command from within *mothur*, a number of OTU-clustering results are returned in the same list file. The exact cutoff values used by *mothur* can vary depending on the input data. This simple function returns the cutoffs that were actually included in the *mothur* output. This an important extra step prior to importing the OTUs with the `import_mothur_otulist()` function.

**Examples**

```
#
### data(GlobalPatterns)
### myDistObject <- as.dist(cophenetic(tre(GlobalPatterns)))
### export_mothur_dist(myDistObject, "myfilepathname.dist")
```

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filterfunSample

*A sample-wise filter function builder, analogous to [filterfun](#).*


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**Description**

See the [filterfun](#), from the Bioconductor repository, for a taxa-/gene-wise filter (and further examples).

**Usage**

```
filterfunSample(...)
```

**Arguments**

- `...` A comma-separated list of functions.

**Value**

An enclosure (function) that itself will return a logical vector, according to the functions provided in the argument list, evaluated in order. The output of `filterfunSample` is appropriate for the 'flist' argument to the `genefilterSample` method.

**See Also**

[filterfun](#), [genefilterSample](#)



**Examples**

```
## Use simulated abundance matrix
# set.seed(711)
# testOTU <- otuTable(matrix(sample(1:50, 25, replace=TRUE), 5, 5), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# f1 <- filterfunSample(topk(2))
# wh1 <- genefilterSample(testOTU, f1, A=2)
# wh2 <- c(T, T, T, F, F)
# prune_species(wh1, testOTU)
# prune_species(wh2, testOTU)
```

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 filter\_taxa

*Filter taxa based on abundance criteria*


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**Description**

This is analogous to [genefilter](#) for microarray filtering. Basically an extension of [genefilter](#) (from the Bioconductor repository) for phyloseq objects.

**Usage**

```
filter_taxa(physeq, flist, prune=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). A <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object that you want to trim/filter.
flist	(Required). A function or list of functions that take a vector of abundance values and return a logical. Some canned useful function types are included in the <a href="#">genefilter-package</a> .
prune	(Optional). A logical. Default FALSE. If TRUE, then the function returns the pruned <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object, rather than the logical vector of taxa that passed the filter.

**Value**

A logical vector equal to the number of species (taxa) in physeq. This can be provided directly to [prune\\_species](#) as first argument. Alternatively, if `prune==TRUE`, the pruned [phyloseq-class](#) object is returned instead.

**See Also**

[filterfun](#), [genefilterSample](#), [filterfunSample](#)

**Examples**

```
# library("genefilter")
# data("enterotype")
# flist <- filterfun(kOverA(5, 2e-08), allNA)
# ans <- filter_taxa(enterotype, flist)
# trimmed.enterotype <- prune_species(ans, enterotype)
# sum(!ans); nspecies(trimmed.enterotype)
# filter_taxa(enterotype, flist, TRUE)
```

---

genefilterSample      *Filter OTUs with arbitrary function, sample-wise.*

---

### Description

A general OTU trimming function for selecting OTUs that satisfy some criteria within the distribution of each sample, and then also an additional criteria for number of samples that must pass. This is a genefilter-like function that only considers sample-wise criteria. The number of acceptable samples is used as the final criteria (set by the argument A) to determine whether or not the taxa should be retained (TRUE) or not (FALSE). Just like with genefilter, a logical having length equal to `nrow()/nspecies` is returned, indicating which should be kept. This output can be provided directly to OTU trimming function, `prune_species`. By contrast, `genefilter`, of the genefilter package in Bioconductor, works only on the rows of a matrix. Note that, because `otuTable-class` inherits directly from the `matrix-class`, an unmodified `otuTable` can be provided to `genefilter`, but be mindful of the orientation of the `otuTable` (use `speciesAreRows`), and transpose (`t`) if needed.

### Usage

```
genefilterSample(X, flist, A=1)
```

### Arguments

X	The object that needs trimming. Can be matrix, <code>otuTable</code> , or higher- order phyloseq classes that contain an <code>otuTable</code> .
flist	An enclosure object, typically created with <code>filterfunSample</code>
A	An integer. The number of samples in which a taxa / species passed the filter for it to be labeled TRUE in the output logical vector.

### Value

A logical vector with names equal to `species.names` (or `rownames`, if matrix).

### See Also

[genefilter](#), [filterfunSample](#), [t](#), [prune\\_species](#)

### Examples

```
#
## testOTU <- otuTable(matrix(sample(1:50, 25, replace=TRUE), 5, 5), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
## f1 <- filterfunSample(topk(2))
## wh1 <- genefilterSample(testOTU, f1, A=2)
## wh2 <- c(T, T, T, F, F)
## prune_species(wh1, testOTU)
## prune_species(wh2, testOTU)
##
## taxtab1 <- taxTab(matrix("abc", 5, 5))
## prune_species(wh1, taxtab1)
## prune_species(wh2, taxtab1)
```

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getSamples	Returns all abundance values for species <i>i</i> .
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**Description**

This is a simple accessor function for investigating a single species-of-interest.

**Usage**

```
getSamples(physeq, i)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> , or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> .
i	(Required). A single taxa/species/OTU ID for which you want to know the abundance in each sample.

**Value**

An integer vector of the abundance values for each sample in physeq for species *i*

**See Also**

```
getSpecies species.names sample.names
```

**Examples**

```
data(esophagus)
species.names(esophagus)
getSamples(esophagus, "59_5_19")
```

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getSlots.phyloseq	Return the non-empty slot names of a phyloseq object.
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**Description**

Like [getSlots](#), but returns the class name if argument is component data object.

**Usage**

```
getSlots.phyloseq(physeq)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	A <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object. If physeq is a component data class, then just returns the class of physeq.
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**Value**

identical to `getSlots`. A named character vector of the slot classes of a particular S4 class, where each element is named by the slot name it represents. If `physeq` is a component data object, then a vector of length (1) is returned, named according to its slot name in the [phyloseq-class](#).

**See Also**

`merge_phyloseq`

**Examples**

```
#
data(GlobalPatterns)
getslots.phyloseq(GlobalPatterns)
data(esophagus)
getslots.phyloseq(esophagus)
```

---

`getSpecies`

*Returns all abundance values of sample i.*

---

**Description**

This is a simple accessor function for investigating a single sample-of-interest.

**Usage**

```
getSpecies(physeq, i)
```

**Arguments**

`physeq` (Required). [otuTable-class](#), or [phyloseq-class](#).  
`i` (Required). A single sample for which you want to know the abundance of each species. Can be integer for index value, or sample name.

**Value**

An integer vector of the abundance values for each species in `physeq` for sample `i`

**See Also**

`getSpecies` `species.names` `sample.names`

**Examples**

```
data(esophagus)
sample.names(esophagus)
getSpecies(esophagus, "B")
```

---

getTaxa	<i>Get a unique vector of the observed taxa at a particular taxonomic rank</i>
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### Description

This is a simple accessor function to make it more convenient to determine the different taxa present for a particular taxonomic rank in a given `phyloseq-class` object.

### Usage

```
getTaxa(physeq, taxonomic.rank=rank.names(physeq)[1])
```

### Arguments

`physeq` (Required). `taxonomyTable-class`, or `phyloseq-class`.  
`taxonomic.rank` (Optional). Character. The taxonomic rank to use. Must select from the set indicated by `getTaxa`. Default is to take the first column of the `taxonomyTable` component.

### Value

Character vector. Unique vector of the observed taxa at a particular taxonomic rank

### See Also

`getSpecies` `species.names` `sample.names` `getTaxa`

### Examples

```
data(enterotype)
getTaxa(enterotype)
data(GlobalPatterns)
getTaxa(GlobalPatterns, "Family")
```

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getVariable	<i>Get the values for a particular variable in sampleData</i>
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### Description

This is a simple accessor function for streamlining access to values/vectors/factors/etc contained in the `sampleData`.

### Usage

```
getVariable(physeq, varName)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). <a href="#">sampleData-class</a> , or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> .
varName	(Required). Character string of the variable name in sampleData. Use <code>sample.variables(physeq)</code> for available variables in your object.

**Value**

Data. The class of the data depends on what the contents of sampleData.

**See Also**

`getSpecies` `species.names` `sample.names` `getTaxa` [sample.variables](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load the GlobalPatterns dataset into the workspace environment
data(GlobalPatterns)
# Look at the different values for SampleType
getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType")
```

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import

*Universal import method (wrapper) for phyloseq-package*


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**Description**

A user must still understand the additional arguments required for each type of import data. Those arguments are described in detail at the tool-specific `import_*` links below. Each clustering tool / package / pipeline has its own idiosyncratic set of file names / types, and it remains the responsibility of the user to understand which file-path should be provided to each argument for the particular importing submethod. This method merely provides a central documentation and method-name, and the arguments are passed along as-is.

**Usage**

```
import(pipelineName, ...)
```

**Arguments**

pipelineName	(Required). Character string. The name of the analysis tool / pipeline / package that created the OTU-cluster data or other data that you now want to import. Current options are <code>c("mothur", "pyrotagger", "QIIME", "RDP")</code> , and only the first letter is necessary.
...	(Required). Additional arguments providing file paths, and possible other parameters to the desired tool-specific import function.

**Value**

In most cases a [phyloseq-class](#) will be returned, though the included component data will vary by pipeline/tool, and also by the types of data files provided. The expected behavior is to return the most-comprehensive object possible, given the provided arguments and pipeline/tool.

## References

mothur: [http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Main_Page)  
 PyroTagger: <http://pyrotagger.jgi-psf.org/>  
 QIIME: <http://qiime.org/>  
 BIOM: <http://www.biom-format.org/>  
 RDP pipeline: <http://pyro.cme.msu.edu/index.jsp>

## See Also

For mothur, see: [import\\_mothur](#)  
 Separate tools for mothur are also: [show\\_mothur\\_list\\_cutoffs](#) [import\\_mothur\\_dist](#) [export\\_mothur\\_dist](#)  
 For PyroTagger, see: [import\\_pyrotagger\\_tab](#)  
 For QIIME, see: [import\\_qiime](#)  
 For BIOM format, see: [import\\_biom](#)  
 For RDP pipeline, see: [import\\_RDP\\_cluster](#)

## Examples

```
## import("QIIME", otufilename=myOtuTaxFilePath, mapfilename=myMapFilePath)
```

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import_biom	<i>Import phyloseq data from BIOM file</i>
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## Description

New versions of QIIME produce a more-comprehensive and formally-defined JSON file format. From the QIIME website:

## Usage

```
import_biom(BIOMfilename, taxaPrefix=NULL,  
parallel=FALSE, version=0.9)
```

## Arguments

BIOMfilename	(Required). A character string indicating the file location of the BIOM formatted file. This is a JSON formatted file, specific to biological datasets, as described in <a href="http://www.qiime.org/svn_documentation/documentation/biom_format.html">http://www.qiime.org/svn_documentation/documentation/biom_format.html</a>
taxaPrefix	(Optional). Character string. What category of prefix precedes the taxonomic label at each taxonomic rank. Currently only “greengenes” is a supported option, and implies that the first letter indicates the taxonomic rank, followed by two underscores and then the actual taxonomic assignment at that rank. The default value is NULL, meaning that no prefix or rank identifier will be interpreted.

parallel	(Optional). Logical. Wrapper option for <code>.parallel</code> parameter in <code>plyr</code> -package functions. If <code>TRUE</code> , apply parsing functions in parallel, using parallel backend provided by <code>foreach</code> and its supporting backend packages. One caveat, <code>plyr</code> -parallelization currently works most-cleanly with multicore-like backends (Mac OS X, Unix?), and may throw warnings for <code>SNOW</code> -like backends. See the example below for code invoking multicore-style backend within the <code>doParallel</code> package.  Finally, for many datasets a parallel import should not be necessary because a serial import will be just as fast and the import is often only performed one time; after which the data should be saved as an <code>RData</code> file using the <code>save</code> function.
version	(Optional). Numeric. The expected version number of the file. As the <code>BIOM</code> format evolves, version-specific importers will be available by adjusting the version value. Default is <code>0.9</code> . Not implemented. Has no effect (yet).

### Details

“The biom file format (canonically pronounced ‘biome’) is designed to be a general-use format for representing counts of observations in one or more biological samples.”

[http://www.qiime.org/svn\\_documentation/documentation/biom\\_format.html](http://www.qiime.org/svn_documentation/documentation/biom_format.html)

### Value

A `phyloseq-class` object.

### References

[http://www.qiime.org/svn\\_documentation/documentation/biom\\_format.html](http://www.qiime.org/svn_documentation/documentation/biom_format.html)

### See Also

`import`, `import_qiime`

### Examples

```
## # import with default parameters, specify a file
## import_BIOM(myBIOMfile)
## # Example code for importing large file with parallel backend
## library("doParallel")
## registerDoParallel(cores=6)
## import_biom("my/file/path/file.biom", taxaPrefix="greengenes", parallel=TRUE)
```

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`import_env_file`

*Read a UniFrac-formatted ENV file.*

---

### Description

Convenience wrapper function to read the environment-file, as formatted for input to the UniFrac server (<http://bmf2.colorado.edu/unifrac/>). The official format of these files is that each row specifies (in order) the sequence name, source sample, and (optionally) the number of times the sequence was observed.



**Usage**

```
import_env_file(envfilename, tree=NULL, sep="\t", ...)
```

**Arguments**

envfilename (Required). A character string of the ENV filename (relative or absolute)

tree (Optional). [phylo-class](#) object to be paired with the output otuTable.

sep A character string indicating the delimiter used in the file. The default is "\t".

... Additional parameters passed on to [read.table](#).

**Value**

An [otuTable-class](#), or [phyloseq-class](#) if a [phylo-class](#) argument is provided to tree.

**References**

<http://bmf2.colorado.edu/unifrac/>

**See Also**

[import](#), [tipglom](#)

**Examples**

```
# import_env_file(myEnvFile, myTree)
```

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import_mothur	<i>General function for importing mothur files into phyloseq.</i>
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**Description**

General function for importing mothur files into phyloseq.

**Usage**

```
import_mothur(mothur_list_file, mothur_group_file=NULL,
  mothur_tree_file=NULL, cutoff=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

mothur\_list\_file  
Required. The list file name / location produced by *mothur*.

mothur\_group\_file  
Optional. The name/location of the group file produced by *mothur*'s `make.group()` function. It contains information about the sample source of individual sequences, necessary for creating a species/taxa abundance table (otuTable). See [http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Make\\_group](http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Make_group)

mothur\_tree\_file  
Optional. The tree file name produced by *mothur*. Probably a file that ends with the suffix ".tree".

**cutoff** A character string indicating the cutoff value, (or "unique"), that matches one of the cutoff-values used to produce the OTU clustering results contained within the list-file created by *mothur* (and specified by the *mothur\_list\_file* argument). The default is to take the largest value among the cutoff values contained in the list file. If only one cutoff is included in the file, it is taken and this argument does not need to be specified. Note that the `cluster()` function within the *mothur* package will often produce a list file with multiple cutoff values, even if a specific cutoff is specified. It is suggested that you check which cutoff values are available in a given list file using the `show_mothur_list_cutoffs` function.

### Value

The object class depends on the provided arguments. If the first three arguments are provided, then an `otuTree` object should be returned, containing both an OTU-only tree and its associated `otuTable`-class abundance table. If only a list and group file are provided, then an `otuTable` object is returned. Similarly, if only a list and tree file are provided, then only a tree is returned ("phylo" class).

### References

[http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Main\\_Page](http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Main_Page)

Schloss, P.D., et al., Introducing mothur: Open-source, platform-independent, community-supported software for describing and comparing microbial communities. *Appl Environ Microbiol*, 2009. 75(23):7537-41.

### Examples

```
## The following example assumes you have downloaded the esophagus example
## dataset from the mothur wiki:
## "http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Esophageal_community_analysis"
## "http://www.mothur.org/w/images/5/55/Esophagus.zip"
## The path on your machine may (probably will) vary
# mothur_list_file <- "~/Downloads/mothur/Esophagus/esophagus.an.list"
# mothur_group_file <- "~/Downloads/mothur/Esophagus/esophagus.good.groups"
# mothur_tree_file <- "~/Downloads/mothur/Esophagus/esophagus.tree"
## # Actual examples follow:
# show_mothur_list_cutoffs(mothur_list_file)
# test1 <- import_mothur(mothur_list_file, mothur_group_file, mothur_tree_file)
# test2 <- import_mothur(mothur_list_file, mothur_group_file, mothur_tree_file, cutoff="0.02")
## Returns just a tree
# import_mothur(mothur_list_file, mothur_tree_file=mothur_tree_file)
## Returns just an otuTable
# import_mothur(mothur_list_file, mothur_group_file=mothur_group_file)
## Returns an error
# import_mothur(mothur_list_file)
## Should return an "OMG, you must provide the list file" error
# import_mothur()
```

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`import_mothur_dist`      *Import mothur-formatted distance file*

---

## Description

The mothur application will produce a file containing the pairwise distances between all sequences in a dataset. This distance matrix can be the basis for OTU cluster designations. R also has many built-in or off-the-shelf tools for dealing with distance matrices.

## Usage

```
import_mothur_dist(mothur_dist_file)
```

## Arguments

```
mothur_dist_file
```

Required. The distance file name / location produced by *mothur*.

## Value

A distance matrix object describing all sequences in a dataset.

## See Also

[import\\_mothur](#)

## Examples

```
# # Take a look at the dataset shown here as an example:
# # "http://www.mothur.org/wiki/Esophageal_community_analysis"
# # find the file ending with extension ".dist", download to your system
# # The location of your file may vary
# mothur_dist_file <- "~/Downloads/mothur/Esophagus/esophagus.dist"
# myNewDistObject <- import_mothur_dist(mothur_dist_file)
```

---

`import_pyrotagger_tab` Imports a tab-delimited version of the pyrotagger output file.

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## Description

PyroTagger is a web-server that takes raw, barcoded 16S rRNA amplicon sequences and returns an excel spreadsheet (".xls") with both abundance and taxonomy data. It also includes some confidence information related to the taxonomic assignment.

## Usage

```
import_pyrotagger_tab(pyrotagger_tab_file,
strict_taxonomy=FALSE, keep_potential_chimeras=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `pyrotagger_tab_file`  
(Required). A character string. The name of the tab-delimited pyrotagger output table.
- `strict_taxonomy`  
(Optional). Logical. Default FALSE. Should the taxonomyTable component be limited to just taxonomic data? Default includes all fields from the pyrotagger file.
- `keep_potential_chimeras`  
(Optional). Logical. Default FALSE. The pyrotagger output also includes OTUs that are tagged by pyrotagger as likely chimeras. These putative chimeric OTUs can be retained if set to TRUE. The putative chimeras are excluded by default.

**Details**

PyroTagger is created and maintained by the Joint Genome Institute at "<http://pyrotagger.jgi-psf.org/>"

The typical output from PyroTagger is a spreadsheet format ".xls", which poses additional import challenges. However, virtually all spreadsheet applications support the ".xls" format, and can further export this file in a tab-delimited format. It is recommended that you convert the xls-file without any modification (as tempting as it might be once you have loaded it) into a tab-delimited text file. Deselect any options to encapsulate fields in quotes, as extra quotes around each cell's contents might cause problems during file processing. These quotes will also inflate the file-size, so leave them out as much as possible, while also resisting any temptation to modify the xls-file "by hand".

A highly-functional and free spreadsheet application can be obtained as part of the cross-platform OpenOffice suite. It works for the above required conversion. Go to "<http://www.openoffice.org/>".

It is regrettable that this importer does not take the xls-file directly as input. However, because of the moving-target nature of spreadsheet file formats, there is limited support for direct import of these formats into R. Rather than add to the dependency requirements of `emphphyloseq` and the relative support of these xls-support packages, it seems more efficient to choose an arbitrary delimited text format, and focus on the data structure in the PyroTagger output. This will be easier to support in the long-run.

**Value**

An `otuTax` object containing both the `otuTable` and `TaxonomyTable` data components, parsed from the pyrotagger output.

**References**

<http://pyrotagger.jgi-psf.org/>

**Examples**

```
## New_otuTaxObject <- import_pyrotagger_tab(pyrotagger_tab_file)
```

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import_qiime	<i>Import function to read files created by the QIIME pipeline.</i>
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## Description

QIIME produces several files that can be analyzed in the `phyloseq`-package, including especially an OTU file that typically contains both OTU-abundance and taxonomic identity information. The map-file is also an important input to QIIME that stores sample covariates, converted naturally to the `sampleData-class` component data type in the `phyloseq`-package. QIIME may also produce a phylogenetic tree with a tip for each OTU, which can also be imported by this function.

## Usage

```
import_qiime(otufilename=NULL, mapfilename=NULL,
             treefilename=NULL, biotaxonomy=NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>otufilename</code>	(Optional). A character string indicating the file location of the OTU file. The combined OTU abundance and taxonomic identification file, tab-delimited, as produced by QIIME under default output settings. Default value is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>mapfilename</code>	(Optional). The QIIME map file required for processing pyrosequencing tags in QIIME as well as some of the post-clustering analysis. This is a required input file for running QIIME. Its strict formatting specification should be followed for correct parsing by this function. Default value is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>treefilename</code>	(Optional). A phylogenetic tree in NEXUS format. For the QIIME pipeline this is typically a tree of the representative 16S rRNA sequences from each OTU cluster, with the number of leaves/tips equal to the number of taxa/species/OTUs. Default value is <code>NULL</code> . ALTERNATIVELY, this argument can be a tree object ( <code>phylo-class</code> ), in case the tree has already been imported, or is in a different format than NEXUS.
<code>biotaxonomy</code>	(Optional). A character vector indicating the name of each taxonomic level in the taxonomy-portion of the otu-file, which may not specify these levels explicitly. Default value is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>read.nexus</code> , as necessary. Make sure that your phylogenetic tree file is readable by <code>read.nexus</code> prior to calling this function.

## Details

See "<http://www.qiime.org/>" for details on using QIIME. While there are many complex dependencies, QIIME can be downloaded as a pre-installed linux virtual machine that runs "off the shelf".

The different files useful for import to `phyloseq` are not collocated in a typical run of the QIIME pipeline. See the main `phyloseq` vignette for an example of where to find the relevant files in the output directory.

## Value

A `phyloseq-class` object.

## References

<http://qiime.org/>

“QIIME allows analysis of high-throughput community sequencing data.” J Gregory Caporaso, Justin Kuczynski, Jesse Stombaugh, Kyle Bittinger, Frederic D Bushman, Elizabeth K Costello, Noah Fierer, Antonio Gonzalez Pena, Julia K Goodrich, Jeffrey I Gordon, Gavin A Huttley, Scott T Kelley, Dan Knights, Jeremy E Koenig, Ruth E Ley, Catherine A Lozupone, Daniel McDonald, Brian D Muegge, Meg Pirrung, Jens Reeder, Joel R Sevinsky, Peter J Turnbaugh, William A Walters, Jeremy Widmann, Tanya Yatsunenko, Jesse Zaneveld and Rob Knight; Nature Methods, 2010; doi:10.1038/nmeth.f.303

## See Also

[phyloseq](#), [merge\\_phyloseq](#), [read.tree](#), [read.nexus](#)

## Examples

```
# import_qiime(myOtuTaxFilePath, myMapFilePath)
```

---

```
import_RDP_cluster      Import RDP cluster file and return otuTable (abundance table).
```

---

## Description

The RDP cluster pipeline (specifically, the output of the complete linkage clustering step) has no formal documentation for the ".clust" file or its apparent sequence naming convention.

## Usage

```
import_RDP_cluster(RDP_cluster_file)
```

## Arguments

RDP\_cluster\_file

A character string. The name of the ".clust" file produced by the the complete linkage clustering step of the RDP pipeline.

## Details

<http://pyro.cme.msu.edu/index.jsp>

The cluster file itself contains the names of all sequences contained in input alignment. If the upstream barcode and alignment processing steps are also done with the RDP pipeline, then the sequence names follow a predictable naming convention wherein each sequence is named by its sample and sequence ID, separated by a "\_" as delimiter:

```
"sampleName_sequenceIDnumber"
```

This import function assumes that the sequence names in the cluster file follow this convention, and that the sample name does not contain any "\_". It is unlikely to work if this is not the case. It is likely to work if you used the upstream steps in the RDP pipeline to process your raw (barcoded, untrimmed) fasta/fastq data.

This function first loops through the ".clust" file and collects all of the sample names that appear. It secondly loops through each OTU ("cluster"; each row of the cluster file) and sums the number of sequences (reads) from each sample. The resulting abundance table of OTU-by-sample is trivially coerced to an `otuTable` object, and returned.

**Value**

An `otuTable` object parsed from the ".clust" file.

**References**

<http://pyro.cme.msu.edu/index.jsp>

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make\_sample\_network     *Make sample-wise microbiome network (igraph0)*

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**Description**

A specialized function for creating graphical models of microbiome samples based on a user-defined ecological distance and threshold. The graph is ultimately built with tools from the `igraph`-package.

**Usage**

```
make_sample_network(physeq, dist.fun="jaccard", max.dist
= 0.4, keep.isolates=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). Default NULL. A <code>phyloseq-class</code> object, or <code>otuTable-class</code> object, on which <code>g</code> is based. <code>phyloseq-class</code> recommended.
dist.fun	(Optional). Default "jaccard". Any supported argument to the method parameter of the <code>distance</code> function is supported here. Some distance methods, like "unifrac", may take a non-trivial amount of time to calculate, in which case you probably want to calculate the distance matrix separately, save, and then provide it as the argument to <code>dist.fun</code> instead. See below for alternatives). Alternatively, if you have already calculated the sample-wise distance object, the resulting <code>dist-class</code> object can be provided as <code>dist.fun</code> instead (see examples). A third alternative is to provide a function that takes a sample-by-species matrix (typical <code>vegan</code> orientation) and returns a sample-wise distance matrix.
max.dist	(Optional). Default 0.4. The maximum ecological distance (as defined by <code>dist.fun</code> ) allowed between two samples to still consider them "connected" by an edge in the graphical model.
keep.isolates	(Optional). Default FALSE. Logical. Whether to keep isolates (un-connected samples, not microbial isolates) in the graphical model that is returned. Default results in isolates being removed from the object.
...	(Optional). Additional parameters passed on to <code>distance</code> .

**Value**

A `igraph-class` object.

**See Also**

[plot\\_sample\\_network](#)

## Examples

```
# # Example plots with Enterotype Dataset
data(enterotype)
ig <- make_sample_network(enterotype, max.dist=0.3)
plot_sample_network(ig, enterotype, color="SeqTech", shape="Enterotype", line_weight=0.3, label=NULL)
#
# ig <- make_sample_network(enterotype, max.dist=0.2)
# plot_sample_network(ig, enterotype, color="SeqTech", shape="Enterotype", line_weight=0.3, label=NULL)
#
# # Three methods of choosing/providing distance/distance-method
# Provide method name available to distance
ig <- make_sample_network(enterotype, max.dist=0.3, dist.fun="jaccard")
# Provide distance object, already computed
jaccdist <- distance(enterotype, "jaccard")
ih <- make_sample_network(enterotype, max.dist=0.3, dist.fun=jaccdist)
# Provide "custom" function.
ii <- make_sample_network(enterotype, max.dist=0.3, dist.fun=function(x){vegdist(x, "jaccard")})
# The have equal results:
all.equal(ig, ih)
all.equal(ig, ii)
#
# Try out making a trivial "network" of the 3-sample esophagus data,
# with weighted-UniFrac as distance
data(esophagus)
ij <- make_sample_network(esophagus, "unifrac", weighted=TRUE)
```

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```
merge_phyloseq
```

```
Merge arguments into one phyloseq object.
```

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## Description

Takes a comma-separated list of phyloseq objects as arguments, and returns the most-comprehensive single phyloseq object possible.

## Usage

```
merge_phyloseq(...)
```

## Arguments

```
...          a comma-separated list of phyloseq objects.
```

## Details

Higher-order objects can be created if arguments are appropriate component data types of different classes, and this should mirror the behavior of the `phyloseq` method, which is the suggested method if the goal is simply to create a higher-order phyloseq object from different data types (1 of each class) describing the same experiment.

By contrast, this method is intended for situations in which one wants to combine multiple higher-order objects, or multiple core component data objects (e.g. more than one `otuTable`) that should be combined into one object.

Merges are performed by first separating higher-order objects into a list of their component objects; then, merging any component objects of the same class into one object according to the behavior



described in `merge_phyloseq_pair`; and finally, building back up a merged-object according to the constructor behavior of the `phyloseq` method. If the arguments contain only a single component type – several `otuTable` objects, for example – then a single merged object of that component type is returned.

## Value

Merges are performed by first separating higher-order objects into a list of their component objects; then, merging any component objects of the same class into one object according to the behavior described in `merge_phyloseq_pair`; and finally, re-building a merged-object according to the constructor behavior of the `phyloseq` method. If the arguments contain only a single component type – several `otuTable` objects, for example – then a single merged object of the relevant component type is returned.

Merges between 2 or more tree objects are ultimately done using `consensus` from the `ape` package. This has the potential to limit somewhat the final data object, because trees don't merge with other trees in the same granular manner as data tables, and ultimately the species/taxa in higher-order `phyloseq` objects will be clipped to what is contained in the tree. If this an issue, the tree component should be omitted from the argument list.

## Examples

```
#
## # Make a random complex object
## OTU1 <- otuTable(matrix(sample(0:5,250,TRUE),25,10), speciesAreRows=TRUE)
## tax1 <- taxTab(matrix("abc", 30, 8))
## map1 <- data.frame( matrix(sample(0:3,250,TRUE),25,10),
##   matrix(sample(c("a","b","c"),150,TRUE), 25, 6) )
## map1 <- sampleData(map1)
## exam1 <- phyloseq(OTU1, map1, tax1)
## x <- exam1
## x <- phyloseq(exam1)
## y <- taxTab(exam1)
## merge_phyloseq(x, y)
## merge_phyloseq(y, y, y, y)
```

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`merge_phyloseq_pair`     *Merge pair of phyloseq component data objects of the same class.*

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## Description

Internal S4 methods to combine pairs of objects of classes specified in the `phyloseq` package. These objects must be component data of the same type (class). This is mainly an internal method, provided to illustrate how merging is performed by the more general `merge_phyloseq` function.

## Usage

```
merge_phyloseq_pair(x, y)
```

**Arguments**

- x** A character vector of the species in object *x* that you want to keep – OR alternatively – a logical vector where the kept species are TRUE, and length is equal to the number of species in object *x*. If *species* is a named logical, the species retained is based on those names. Make sure they are compatible with the *species.names* of the object you are modifying (*x*).
- y** Any phyloseq object.

**Details**

The [merge\\_phyloseq](#) function is recommended in general.

Special note: trees are merged using [consensus](#).

**Value**

A single component data object that matches *x* and *y* arguments. The returned object will contain the union of the species and/or samples of each. If there is redundant information between a pair of arguments of the same class, the values in *x* are used by default. Abundance values are summed for *otuTable* objects for those elements that describe the same species and sample in *x* and *y*.

**See Also**

[merge\\_phyloseq](#) [merge\\_species](#)

**Examples**

```
#
## # merge two simulated otuTable objects.
## x <- otuTable(matrix(sample(0:5,200,TRUE),20,10), speciesAreRows=TRUE)
## y <- otuTable(matrix(sample(0:5,300,TRUE),30,10), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
## xy <- merge_phyloseq_pair(x, y)
## yx <- merge_phyloseq_pair(y, x)
## # merge two simulated taxTab objects
## x <- taxTab(matrix("abc", 20, 6))
## y <- taxTab(matrix("def", 30, 8))
## xy <- merge_phyloseq_pair(x, y)
## # merge two simulated sampleData objects
## x <- data.frame( matrix(sample(0:3,250,TRUE),25,10),
##   matrix(sample(c("a","b","c"),150,TRUE),25,6) )
## x <- sampleData(x)
## y <- data.frame( matrix(sample(4:6,200,TRUE),20,10),
##   matrix(sample(c("d","e","f"),120,TRUE),20,8) )
## y <- sampleData(y)
## merge_phyloseq_pair(x, y)
## data.frame(merge_phyloseq_pair(x, y))
## data.frame(merge_phyloseq_pair(y, x))
```

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merge_samples	<i>Merge samples based on a sample variable or factor.</i>
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## Description

The purpose of this method is to merge/agglomerate the sample indices of a phyloseq object according to a categorical variable contained in a sampleData or a provided factor.

## Usage

```
merge_samples(x, group, fun=mean)
```

## Arguments

x	(Required). An instance of a phyloseq class that has sample indices. This includes <a href="#">sampleData-class</a> , <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> , and <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> .
group	(Required). Either the a single character string matching a variable name in the corresponding sampleData of x, or a factor with the same length as the number of samples in x.
fun	(Optional). The function that will be used to merge the values that correspond to the same group for each variable. It must take a numeric vector as first argument and return a single value. Default is <a href="#">mean</a> . Note that this is (currently) ignored for the otuTable, where the equivalent function is <a href="#">sum</a> , but evaluated via <a href="#">rowsum</a> for efficiency.

## Details

NOTE: ([phylo](#)) trees and [taxonomyTable-class](#) are not modified by this function, but returned in the output object as-is.

## Value

A phyloseq object that has had its sample indices merged according to the factor indicated by the group argument. The output class matches x.

## See Also

[merge\\_species](#), [codemerge\\_phyloseq](#)

## Examples

```
#  
# data(GlobalPatterns)  
# t1 <- merge_samples(sampleData(GlobalPatterns), "SampleType")  
# t4 <- merge_samples(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType")  
# identical(t1, sampleData(t4))
```

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merge_species	<i>Merge a subset of the species in x into one species/taxa/OTU.</i>
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### Description

Takes as input an object that describes species/taxa (e.g. [phyloseq-class](#), [otuTable-class](#), [phylo-class](#), [taxonomyTable-class](#)), as well as a vector of species that should be merged. It is intended to be able to operate at a low-level such that related methods, such as [tipglom](#) and [taxglom](#) can both reliably call `merge_species` for their respective purposes.

### Usage

```
merge_species(x, eqspecies, archetype=1)
```

### Arguments

x	(Required). An object that describes species (taxa). This includes <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> , <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> , <a href="#">taxonomyTable-class</a> , <a href="#">phylo</a> .
eqspecies	(Required). The species names, or indices, that should be merged together. If <code>length(eqspecies) &lt; 2</code> , then the object x will be returned safely unchanged.
archetype	The index of eqspecies indicating the species that should be kept (default is 1) to represent the summed/merged group of species/taxa/OTUs. If archetype is not an index or index-name in eqspecies, the first will be used, and the value in archetype will be used as the index-name for the new species.

### Value

The object, x, in its original class, but with the specified species merged into one entry in all relevant components.

### See Also

[tipglom](#), [taxglom](#), [merge\\_phyloseq](#), [merge\\_samples](#)

### Examples

```
#
# # data(phylocom)
# # tree <- phylocom$phylo
# # otu <- otuTable(phylocom$sample, speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# # otutree0 <- phyloseq(otu, tree)
# # plot(otutree0)
# # otutree1 <- merge_species(otutree0, tree$tip.label[1:8], 2)
# # plot(otutree1)
```

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mt	<i>Multiple testing of taxa abundance according to sample categories/classes</i>
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### Description

Multiple testing of taxa abundance according to sample categories/classes

### Usage

```
mt(physeq, classlabel, minPmaxT="minP", ...)
```

### Arguments

physeq	(Required). <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> . In this multiple testing framework, different taxa correspond to variables (hypotheses), and samples to observations.
classlabel	(Required). A single character index of the sample-variable in the <a href="#">sampleData</a> of physeq that will be used for multiple testing. Alternatively, classlabel can be a custom integer (or numeric coercable to an integer), character, or factor with length equal to <code>nsamples(physeq)</code> .  NOTE: the default test applied to each taxa is a two-sample two-sided <a href="#">t.test</a> , WHICH WILL FAIL with an error if you provide a data variable (or custom vector) that contains MORE THAN TWO classes. One alternative to consider is an F-test, by specifying <code>test="f"</code> as an additional argument. See the first example below, and/or further documentation of <a href="#">mt.maxT</a> or <a href="#">mt.minP</a> for other options and formal details.
minPmaxT	(Optional). Character string. <code>"mt.minP"</code> or <code>"mt.maxT"</code> . Default is to use <a href="#">mt.minP</a> .
...	(Optional). Additional arguments, forwarded to <a href="#">mt.maxT</a> or <a href="#">mt.minP</a>

### Value

A dataframe with components specified in the documentation for [mt.maxT](#) or [mt.minP](#), respectively.

### See Also

[mt.maxT](#), [mt.minP](#)

### Examples

```
#
## # Simple example, testing genera that sig correlate with Enterotypes
## data(enterotype)
## # Filter samples that don't have Enterotype
## x <- subset_samples(enterotype, !is.na(Enterotype))
## # (the taxa are at the genera level in this dataset)
## mt(x, "Enterotype", test="f")
## # Not surprisingly, Prevotella and Bacteroides top the list.
## # Different test, multiple-adjusted t-test, whether samples are ent-2 or not.
## mt(x, getVariable(x, "Enterotype")==2)
```

nsamples *Get the number of samples.*

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**Description**

Get the number of samples.

**Usage**

```
nsamples(physeq)
```

**Arguments**

physeq            A [phyloseq-class](#), [sampleData](#), or [otuTable-class](#).

**Value**

An integer indicating the total number of samples.

**See Also**

[species.names](#), [sample.names](#), [nspecies](#)

**Examples**

```
#  
# # From "picante" package  
# data("phylocom")  
# tree <- phylocom$phylo  
# OTU1 <- otuTable(phylocom$sample, speciesAreRows=FALSE)  
# nsamples(OTU1)  
# physeq1 <- phyloseq(OTU1, tree)  
# nsamples(physeq1)
```

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nspecies *Get the number of taxa/species.*

---

**Description**

Get the number of taxa/species.

**Usage**

```
nspecies(physeq)
```

**Arguments**

physeq            [phyloseq-class](#), [otuTable-class](#), [taxonomyTable-class](#), or [phylo](#)

**Value**

An integer indicating the number of taxa / species.

**See Also**

species.names

**Examples**

```
#
# # From "picante" package
# data("phylocom")
# tree <- phylocom$phylo
# nspecies(tree)
```

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ordinate

*Perform an ordination on phyloseq data*

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**Description**

This function wraps several commonly-used ordination methods. The type of ordination depends upon the argument to method. Try `ordinate("help")` or `ordinate("list")` for the currently supported method options.

**Usage**

```
ordinate(physeq, method="DCA", distance="unifrac", ...)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). Phylogenetic sequencing data ( <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> ). The data on which you want to perform the the ordination. In general, these methods will be based in some fashion on the abundance table ultimately stored as a contingency matrix ( <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> ). If you're able to import data into <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> format, than you don't need to worry, as an <code>otuTable</code> is a required component of this class. In addition, some ordination methods require additional data, like a constraining variable or phylogenetic tree. If that is the case, the relevant data should be included in <code>physeq</code> prior to running. Integrating the data in this way also results in these different data components being checked for validity and completeness by the method.
method	(Optional). A character string. Default is "DCA". Currently supported method options are: <code>c("DCA", "CCA", "RDA", "DPCoA", "NMDS", "MDS",</code> <b>DCA</b> Performs detrended correspondence analysis using <a href="#">decorana</a> <b>CCA</b> Performs correspondence analysis, or optionally, constrained correspondence analysis (a.k.a. canonical correspondence analysis), via <a href="#">cca</a> <b>RDA</b> Performs redundancy analysis, or optionally principal components analysis, via <a href="#">rda</a> <b>DPCoA</b> Performs Double Principle Coordinate Analysis using a (corrected, if necessary) phylogenetic/patristic distance between species. The calculation is performed by <code>DPCoA()</code> , which ultimately uses <a href="#">dpcoa</a> after making the appropriate accessions/corrections of the data.

**NMDS** Performs Non-metric MultiDimensional Scaling of a sample-wise ecological distance matrix onto a user-specified number of axes,  $k$ . By default,  $k=2$ , but this can be modified as a supplementary argument. This method is ultimately carried out by `metaMDS` after the appropriate accessions and distance calculations. Because `metaMDS` includes its own distance calculation wrappers to `vegdist`, and these provide additional functionality in the form of species scores, `ordinate` will pass-on the distance argument to `metaMDS` if it is among the supported `vegdist` methods. However, all distance methods supported by `distance` are supported here, including "unifrac" (the default) and "DPCoA".

**MDS/PCoA** Performs principal coordinate analysis (also called principle coordinate decomposition, multidimensional scaling (MDS), or classical scaling) of a distance matrix (Gower 1966), including two correction methods for negative eigenvalues. See `pcoa` for further details.

`distance` (Optional). A character string matching a `distance` method; or, alternatively, a pre-computed `dist`-class object. This argument is only utilized if a distance matrix is required by the ordination method specified by the `method` argument (above).  
Any supported `distance` methods are supported arguments to `distance` here. Try `distance("list")` for a explicitly supported distance method abbreviations. User-specified custom distance equations should also work, e.g. " $(A+B-2*J)/(A+B)$ ". See `distance` for more details, examples.

`...` (Optional). Additional arguments to supporting functions. For example, the additional argument `weighted=TRUE` would be passed on to `UniFrac` if "unifrac" were chosen as the `distance` option and "MDS" as the ordination method option. Alternatively, if "DCA" were chosen as the ordination method option, additional arguments would be passed on to the relevant ordination function, `decorana`, for example.

### Value

An ordination object. The specific class of the returned object depends upon the ordination method, as well as the function/package that is called internally to perform it. As a general rule, any of the ordination classes returned by this function will be recognized by downstream tools in the `phyloseq` package, for example the ordination plotting function, `plot_ordination`.

### See Also

Related component ordination functions described within `phyloseq`:

`DPCoA`

Described/provided by other packages:

`cca/rda`, `decorana`, `metaMDS`, `pcoa`

NMDS and MDS/PCoA both operate on distance matrices, typically based on some pairwise comparison of the microbiomes in an experiment/project. There are a number of common methods to use to calculate these pairwise distances, and the most convenient function (from a `phyloseq` point of view) for calculating these distance matrices is the

`distance`

function. It can be thought of as a distance / dissimilarity-index companion function for `ordinate`, and indeed the distance options provided to `ordinate` simply passed on to `distance`.

A good quick summary of ordination is provided in the introductory vignette for `vegan`:



### vegan introductory vignette

The following R task views are also useful for understanding the available tools in R:

[Analysis of Ecological and Environmental Data](#)

[Multivariate Statistics](#)

### Examples

```
# # Take a subset of the GP dataset for quicker computation of examples
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # Keep top 200 species
# topsp <- names(sort(speciesSums(GlobalPatterns), TRUE)[1:200])
# GP <- prune_species(topsp, GlobalPatterns)
# # Subset further to top 5 phyla
# top5ph <- sort(tapply(speciesSums(GP), taxTab(GP)[, "Phylum"], sum), decreasing=TRUE)[1:5]
# GP <- subset_species(GP, Phylum %in% names(top5ph))
# #
# # Examples performing ordination with NMDS. Default distance is unweighted UniFrac
# GP.NMDS.UF.ord <- ordinate(GP, "NMDS")
# GP.NMDS.wUF.ord <- ordinate(GP, "NMDS", "unifrac", weighted=TRUE)
# GP.NMDS.Bray.ord <- ordinate(GP, "NMDS", "bray")
# #
# # # An example plot with default, or manually-defined shapes
# (p <- plot_ordination(GP, GP.NMDS.Bray.ord, "biplot", color="SampleType", shape="Phylum"))
# # define manual shape scale:
# man.shapes <- 21:25
# names(man.shapes) <- c(getTaxa(GP, "Phylum"))
# man.shapes <- c(samples=19, man.shapes)
# p + scale_shape_manual(value=man.shapes)
# #
# # An example of constrained ordination
# GP.cca <- ordinate(GP~SampleType, "CCA")
# #
# # Run-through "quick" plot examples of the other ordination options currently supported
# # Only showing "samples" in these examples, but "species" options supported for some methods
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "DCA"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "CCA"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP~SampleType, "CCA"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "RDA"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP~SampleType, "RDA"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "DPCoA"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "MDS"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "PCoA"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "NMDS"), "samples", color="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP, ordinate(GP, "NMDS", "w"), "samples", color="SampleType")
```

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otuTable

*Build or access the otuTable.*

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### Description

This is the suggested method for both constructing and accessing Operational Taxonomic Unit (OTU) abundance (`otuTable-class`) objects. When the first argument is a matrix, `otuTable()` will attempt to create and return an `otuTable-class` object, which further depends on whether or not

speciesAreRows is provided as an additional argument. Alternatively, if the first argument is an experiment-level ([phyloseq-class](#)) object, then the corresponding otuTable is returned.

### Usage

```
otuTable(object, speciesAreRows, errorIfNULL=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

**object** (Required). An integer matrix, [otuTable-class](#), or [phyloseq-class](#).

**speciesAreRows** (Conditionally optional). Logical; of length 1. Ignored unless object is a matrix, in which case it is required.

**errorIfNULL** (Optional). Logical. Should the accessor stop with an error if the slot is empty (NULL)? Default TRUE. Ignored if object argument is a matrix (constructor invoked instead).

### Value

An [otuTable-class](#) object.

### See Also

[tre](#), [sampleData](#), [taxTab](#) [phyloseq](#), [merge\\_phyloseq](#)

### Examples

```
#
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# otuTable(GlobalPatterns)
```

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otuTable-class	<i>The S4 class for storing taxa-abundance information.</i>
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### Description

Because orientation of these tables can vary by method, the orientation is defined explicitly in the speciesAreRows slot (a logical). The otuTable class inherits the [matrix](#) class to store abundance values. Various standard subset and assignment nomenclature has been extended to apply to the otuTable class, including square-bracket, [t](#), etc.

### Details

**speciesAreRows** A single logical specifying the orientation of the abundance table.

**.Data** This slot is inherited from the [matrix](#) class.

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otuTable<-                    *Assign a new OTU Table to x*

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### Description

Assign a new OTU Table to x

### Usage

```
otuTable(x) <- value
```

### Arguments

x                    (Required). [phyloseq-class](#)  
value                (Required). [otuTable-class](#) or [phyloseq-class](#).

### Examples

```
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # An example of pruning to just the first 100 taxa in GlobalPatterns.
# ex2a <- prune_species(species.names(GlobalPatterns)[1:100], GlobalPatterns)
# # The following 3 lines produces an ex2b that is equal to ex2a
# ex2b <- GlobalPatterns
# OTU <- otuTable(GlobalPatterns)[1:100, ]
# otuTable(ex2b) <- OTU
# identical(ex2a, ex2b)
# print(ex2b)
# # Relace otuTable by implying the component in context.
# ex2c <- GlobalPatterns
# otuTable(ex2c) <- ex2b
# identical(ex2a, ex2c)
```

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phylo-class                    *An S4 copy of the main phylogenetic tree class from the ape package.*

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### Description

See the [ape](#) package for details about this type of representation of a phylogenetic tree. It is used through [ape](#).

### See Also

[phylo](#), [setOldClass](#)

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phyloseq

*Build phyloseq-class objects from their components.*

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## Description

phyloseq() is a constructor method. This is the main method suggested for constructing an experiment-level ([phyloseq-class](#)) object from its component data (component data classes: [otuTable-class](#), [sampleData-class](#), [taxonomyTable-class](#), [phylo-class](#)).

## Usage

```
phyloseq(...)
```

## Arguments

... One or more component objects among the set of classes defined by the phyloseq package, as well as phylo-class (defined by the [ape-package](#)). Each argument should be a different class. For combining multiple components of the same class, or multiple phyloseq-class objects, use the [merge\\_phyloseq](#) function. Unlike in earlier versions, the arguments to phyloseq do not need to be named, and the order of the arguments does not matter.

## Value

The class of the returned object depends on the argument class(es). For an experiment-level object, two or more component data objects must be provided. Otherwise, if a single component-class is provided, it is simply returned as-is. The order of arguments does not matter.

## See Also

[merge\\_phyloseq](#)

## Examples

```
#  
## data(GlobalPatterns)  
## GP <- GlobalPatterns  
## phyloseq(sampleData(GP), otuTable(GP))  
## phyloseq(otuTable(GP), tre(GP))  
## phyloseq(taxTab(GP), otuTable(GP))  
## phyloseq(tre(GP), otuTable(GP), sampleData(GP))  
## phyloseq(otuTable(GP), taxTab(GP), sampleData(GP))  
## phyloseq(otuTable(GP), tre(GP), taxTab(GP), sampleData(GP))
```

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phyloseq-class	<i>The main experiment-level class for phyloseq data</i>
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### Description

Contains all component classes: [otuTable-class](#), [sampleData-class](#), [taxonomyTable-class](#) ("taxTab" slot), and [phylo-class](#) ("tre" slot). There are several advantages to storing your phylogenetic sequencing experiment as an instance of the phyloseq class, not the least of which is that it is easy to return to the data later and feel confident that the different data types "belong" to one another. Furthermore, the [phyloseq](#) constructor ensures that the different data components have compatible indices (e.g. species and samples), and performs the necessary trimming automatically when you create your "experiment-level" object. Downstream analyses are aware of which data classes they require – and where to find them – often making your phyloseq-class object the only data argument to analysis and plotting functions (although there are many options and parameter arguments waiting for you).

### Details

In the case of missing component data, the slots are set to NULL. As soon as a phyloseq-class object is to be updated with new component data (previously missing/NULL or not), the indices of all components are re-checked for compatibility and trimmed if necessary. This is to ensure by design that components describe the same taxa/samples, and also that these trimming/validity checks do not need to be repeated in downstream analyses.

slots:

**otuTable** a single object of class otuTable.

**samData** a single object of class sampleData.

**taxTab** a single object of class taxonomyTable.

**tre** a single object of class phylo, from the package ape

### See Also

The constructor, [phyloseq](#), the merger [merge\\_phyloseq](#), and also the component constructor/accessors [otuTable](#), [sampleData](#), [taxTab](#), and [tre](#).

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plot_ordination	<i>General ordination plotter based on ggplot2.</i>
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### Description

Convenience wrapper for plotting ordination results as a ggplot2-graphic, including additional annotation in the form of shading, shape, and/or labels of sample variables.

### Usage

```
plot_ordination(physeq, ordination, type="samples",
  axes=c(1, 2), color=NULL, shape=NULL, label=NULL,
  title=NULL, justDF=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> , or alternatively, an <a href="#">sampleData-class</a> . The data about which you want to plot and annotate the ordination.
ordination	(Required). An ordination object. Many different classes of ordination are defined by R packages. The supported classes should be listed explicitly, but in the meantime, all ordination classes currently supported by the <a href="#">scores</a> function are supported here. There is no default, as the expectation is that the ordination will be performed and saved prior to calling this plot function.
type	(Optional). The plot type. Default is "samples". The currently supported options are <code>c("samples", "sites", "species", "taxa", "biplot", "split")</code> . The option "taxa" is equivalent to "species" in this case, and similarly, "samples" is equivalent to "sites". The options "sites" and "species" result in a single-plot of just the sites/samples or species/taxa of the ordination, respectively. The "biplot" and "split" options result in a combined plot with both taxa and samples, either combined into one plot ("biplot") or separated in two facet panels ("split"), respectively.
axes	(Optional). A 2-element vector indicating the axes of the ordination that should be used for plotting. Can be <a href="#">character-class</a> or <a href="#">integer-class</a> , naming the index name or index of the desired axis for the horizontal and vertical axes, respectively, in that order. The default value, <code>c(1, 2)</code> , specifies the first two axes of the provided ordination.
color	(Optional). Default NULL. Character string. The name of the variable to map to colors in the plot. This can be a sample variable (among the set returned by <code>sample.variables(physeq)</code> ) or taxonomic rank (among the set returned by <code>rank.names(physeq)</code> ).  Alternatively, if type indicates a single-plot ("samples" or "species"), then it is also possible to supply a custom vector with length equal to the relevant number of samples or species ( <code>nsamples(physeq)</code> or <code>nspecies(physeq)</code> ).  Finally, The color scheme is chosen automatically by <code>link{ggplot}</code> , but it can be modified afterward with an additional layer using <a href="#">scale_color_manual</a> .
shape	(Optional). Default NULL. Character string. The name of the variable to map to different shapes on the plot. Similar to color option, but for the shape if points. The shape scale is chosen automatically by <code>link{ggplot}</code> , but it can be modified afterward with an additional layer using <a href="#">scale_shape_manual</a> .
label	(Optional). Default NULL. Character string. The name of the variable to map to text labels on the plot. Similar to color option, but for plotting text.
title	(Optional). Default NULL. Character string. The title to include over the plot.
justDF	(Optional). Default FALSE. Logical. Instead of returning a <code>ggplot2</code> -object, do you just want the relevant <code>data.frame</code> that was used to build the plot? This is a user-accessible option for obtaining the <code>data.frame</code> , in principal to make a custom plot that isn't possible with the available options in this function. For contributing new functions (developers), the <a href="#">phyloseq-package</a> provides/uses an internal function to build the key features of the <code>data.frame</code> prior to plot-build.

**Value**

A [ggplot](#) plot object, graphically summarizing the ordination result for the specified axes.

**See Also**[plot\\_phyloseq](#)**Examples**

```
##
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # Define a human-associated versus non-human binary variable:
# human.levels <- levels( getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType") ) %in%
# c("Feces", "Mock", "Skin", "Tongue")
# human <- human.levels[getVariable(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType")]
# names(human) <- sample.names(GlobalPatterns)
# # Need to clean the zeros from GlobalPatterns:
# GP <- prune_species(speciesSums(GlobalPatterns)>0, GlobalPatterns)
# # Get the names of the most-abundant
# top.TaxaGroup <- sort(
#   tapply(speciesSums(GP), taxTab(GP)[, "Phylum"], sum, na.rm = TRUE),
#   decreasing = TRUE)
# top.TaxaGroup <- top.TaxaGroup[top.TaxaGroup > 1*10^6]
# # Now prune further, to just the most-abundant phyla
# GP <- subset_species(GP, Phylum %in% names(top.TaxaGroup))
# topsp <- names(sort(speciesSums(GP), TRUE)[1:200])
# GP1 <- prune_species(topsp, GP)
# GP.dpcoa <- ordinate(GP1, "DPCoA")
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="taxa", color="Phylum")
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="samples", color="SampleType") + geom_line() + geom_point(size=5)
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="samples", color="SampleType", shape=human) +
#   geom_line() + geom_point(size=5)
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="species", color="Phylum") + geom_line() + geom_point(size=5)
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="biplot", shape="Phylum", label="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="biplot", shape="Phylum")
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="biplot", color="Phylum")
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="biplot", label="Phylum")
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="split", color="Phylum", label="SampleType")
# plot_ordination(GP1, GP.dpcoa, type="split", color="SampleType", shape="Phylum", label="SampleType")
```

plot\_phyloseq

*Generic plot defaults for phyloseq.***Description**

The specific plot type is chosen according to available non-empty slots. This is mainly for syntactic convenience and quick-plotting. See links below for some examples of available graphics tools available in the [phyloseq-package](#).

**Usage**

```
plot_phyloseq(physeq, ...)
```

**Arguments**

physeq (Required). [phyloseq-class](#). The actual plot type depends on the available (non-empty) component data types contained within.

... (Optional). Additional parameters to be passed on to the respective specific plotting function. See below for different plotting functions that might be called by this generic plotting wrapper.

### Value

A plot is created. The nature and class of the plot depends on the physeq argument, specifically, which component data classes are present.

### See Also

[plot\\_ordination](#) [plot\\_taxa\\_bar](#) [plot\\_sample\\_network](#) [plot\\_tree\\_phyloseq](#) [plot\\_richness\\_estimates](#)

### Examples

```
## data(esophagus)
## plot_phyloseq(esophagus)
```

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```
plot_richness_estimates
```

*Plot richness estimates, flexibly with ggplot2*

---

### Description

Performs a number of standard richness estimates using the [estimate\\_richness](#) function, and returns a ggplot plotting object. This plot shows the individual richness estimates for each sample, as well as the observed richness. You must use untrimmed datasets for meaningful results, as these estimates (and even the “observed” richness) are highly dependent on the number of singletons. You can always trim the data later on if needed, just not before using this function.

### Usage

```
plot_richness_estimates(physeq, x, color=NULL,
  shape=NULL)
```

### Arguments

physeq	(Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> , or alternatively, an <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> . The data about which you want to estimate the richness.
x	(Optional). A variable to map to the horizontal axis. The vertical axis will be mapped to richness estimates and have units of total species. This parameter (x) can be either a character string indicating a variable in <code>sampleData</code> (among the set returned by <code>sample.variables(physeq)</code> ); or a custom supplied vector with length equal to the number of samples in the dataset ( <code>nsamples(physeq)</code> ). The default value is <code>"sample.names"</code> , which will map each sample’s name to a separate horizontal position in the plot.
color	(Optional). Default NULL. The sample variable to map to different colors. Like x, this can be a single character string of the variable name in <code>sampleData</code> (among the set returned by <code>sample.variables(physeq)</code> ); or a custom supplied vector with length equal to the number of samples in the dataset ( <code>nsamples(physeq)</code> ). The color scheme is chosen automatically by <code>link{ggplot}</code> , but it can be modified afterward with an additional layer using <a href="#">scale_color_manual</a> .



shape (Optional). Default NULL. The sample variable to map to different shapes. Like `x` and `color`, this can be a single character string of the variable name in `sampleData` (among the set returned by `sample.variables(physeq)`); or a custom supplied vector with length equal to the number of samples in the dataset (`nsamples(physeq)`). The shape scale is chosen automatically by `link{ggplot}`, but it can be modified afterward with an additional layer using [scale\\_shape\\_manual](#).

## Details

NOTE: Because this plotting function incorporates the output from [estimate\\_richness](#), the variable names of that output should not be used as `x` or `color` (even if it works, the resulting plot might be kindof strange, and not the intended behavior of this function). The following are the names you will want to avoid using in `x` or `color`:

```
c("S.obs", "S.chao1", "se.chao1", "S.ACE", "se.ACE", "shannon", "simpson")
```

## Value

A [ggplot](#) plot object summarizing the richness estimates, and their standard error.

## See Also

[estimate\\_richness](#), [estimateR](#), [diversity](#)

## Examples

```
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# plot_richness_estimates(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType")
# plot_richness_estimates(GlobalPatterns, "SampleType", "SampleType")
#
# # Define a human-associated versus non-human categorical variable:
# GP <- GlobalPatterns
# human.levels <- levels( getVariable(GP, "SampleType") ) %in%
# c("Feces", "Mock", "Skin", "Tongue")
# human <- human.levels[getVariable(GP, "SampleType")]
# names(human) <- sample.names(GP)
# # Replace current SD with new one that includes human variable:
# sampleData(GP) <- sampleData(data.frame(sampleData(GP), human))
#
# # Can use new "human" variable within GP as a discrete variable in the plot
# plot_richness_estimates(GP, "human", "SampleType")
# plot_richness_estimates(GP, "SampleType", "human")
#
# # Can also provide custom factor directly:
# plot_richness_estimates(GP, "SampleType", human)
# plot_richness_estimates(GP, human, "SampleType")
#
# # Not run: Should cause an error:
# plot_richness_estimates(GP, "value", "value")
# #
```

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plot\_sample\_network *Plot sample-wise microbiome network (ggplot2)*

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### Description

A custom plotting function for displaying graph objects created by [igraph](#) from a phylogenetic sequencing experiment ([phyloseq-class](#)), using advanced [ggplot2](#) formatting.

### Usage

```
plot_sample_network(g, physeq=NULL, color=NULL,
  shape=NULL, point_size=4, alpha=1, label="value", hjust =
  1.35, line_weight=0.5, line_color=color, line_alpha=0.4,
  layout.method=layout.fruchterman.reingold)
```

### Arguments

g	(Required). An <a href="#">igraph</a> -class object created either by the convenience wrapper <a href="#">make_sample_network</a> , or directly by the tools in the <a href="#">igraph0</a> -package.
physeq	(Optional). Default NULL. A <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object on which g is based.
color	(Optional). Default NULL. The name of the sample variable in physeq to use for color mapping of points (graph vertices).
shape	(Optional). Default NULL. The name of the sample variable in physeq to use for shape mapping. of points (graph vertices).
point_size	(Optional). Default 4. The size of the vertex points.
alpha	(Optional). Default 1. A value between 0 and 1 for the alpha transparency of the vertex points.
label	(Optional). Default "value". The name of the sample variable in physeq to use for labelling the vertex points.
hjust	(Optional). Default 1.35. The amount of horizontal justification to use for each label.
line_weight	(Optional). Default 0.3. The line thickness to use to label graph edges.
line_color	(Optional). Default color. The name of the sample variable in physeq to use for color mapping of lines (graph edges).
line_alpha	(Optional). Default 0.4. The transparency level for graph-edge lines.
layout.method	(Optional). Default <a href="#">layout.fruchterman.reingold</a> . A function (closure) that determines the placement of the vertices for drawing a graph. Should be able to take an <a href="#">igraph</a> -class as sole argument, and return a two-column coordinate matrix with nrow equal to the number of vertices. For possible options already included in <a href="#">igraph0</a> -package, see the others also described in the help file: <a href="#">layout.fruchterman.reingold</a>

### Value

A [ggplot2](#) plot.

## References

Code modified from code now hosted on GitHub by Scott Chamberlain: <https://github.com/SChamberlain/gggraph>

The code most directly used/modified was first posted here: <http://www.r-bloggers.com/basic-ggplot2-network->

## See Also

[make\\_sample\\_network](#)

## Examples

```
data(enterotype)
ig <- make_sample_network(enterotype, max.dist=0.3)
plot_sample_network(ig, enterotype, color="SeqTech", shape="Enterotype", line_weight=0.3, label=NULL)
# Change distance parameter
ig <- make_sample_network(enterotype, max.dist=0.2)
plot_sample_network(ig, enterotype, color="SeqTech", shape="Enterotype", line_weight=0.3, label=NULL)
```

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plot\_taxa\_bar

*Create a structured barplot graphic of the taxonomic groups.*

---

## Description

This function wraps ggplot2 plotting, and returns a ggplot2 graphic object that can be saved or further modified with additional layers, options, etc. The main purpose of this function is to quickly and easily create informative summary graphics of the differences in taxa abundance between samples in an experiment.

## Usage

```
plot_taxa_bar(otu, taxavec="Domain",
  showOnlyTheseTaxa=NULL, threshold=NULL,
  x_category="sample", fill_category=x_category,
  facet_formula = . ~ TaxaGroup, OTUpoints=FALSE,
  labelOTUs=FALSE)

taxaplot(otu, taxavec = "Domain", showOnlyTheseTaxa =
  NULL, threshold = NULL, x_category = "sample",
  fill_category = x_category, facet_formula = . ~
  TaxaGroup, OTUpoints = FALSE, labelOTUs = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

otu	(Required). An otuTable object, or higher-order object that contains an otuTable and sampleData (e.g. "otuSam" class and its superclasses.). If otu does not contain a taxTab slot (is a class that does not have "Tax" in its title), then the second argument, taxavec, is required and should have length equal to the number of species/taxa in otu.
taxavec	A character vector of the desired taxonomic names to categorize each species in otu. If otu is a higher-order object that contains a taxonomyTable, then taxavec can alternatively specify the desired taxonomic level as a character string of length 1. E.g. taxavec = "Phylum". Default value is "Domain".

showOnlyTheseTaxa	A vector of the taxonomic labels that you want included. If NULL, the default, then all taxonomic labels are used, except for the empty character string, "", which is trimmed away.
threshold	A [0,1] numeric. Fraction of abundance of the taxonomic groups to keep for each sample. The higher the value, the larger the diversity of taxonomic groups included. That is, a greater number of the rare groups are included. If NULL (or 1), the default, all taxonomic groups are included.
x_category	A character string indicating which sampleData column should be used to define the horizontal axis categories. Default is "sample". Note that a few column-names are added by default and are available as options. They are "sample", "Abundance", and "TaxaGroup".
fill_category	A character string indicating which sampleData column should be used to define the fill color of the bars. This does not have to match x_category, but does so by default. Note that a few column-names are added by default and are available as options. They are "sample", "Abundance", and "TaxaGroup".
facet_formula	A formula object as used by <code>facet_grid</code> in <code>ggplot</code> or <code>qplot</code> commands. The default is: <code>. ~ TaxaGroup</code> . Note that a few column-names are added by default and are available as options. They are "sample", "Abundance", and "TaxaGroup". E.g. An alternative <code>facet_grid</code> could be <code>sample ~ TaxaGroup</code> .
OTUpoints	(Optional). Logical. Default FALSE. Whether to add small grey semi-transparent points for each OTU. Helps convey the relative distribution within each bar if it combines many different OTUs. For datasets with large numbers of samples and for complicated plotting arrangements, this might be too cluttered to be meaningful.
labelOTUs	(Optional). Logical. Default FALSE. Whether to add a label over the top few OTUs within each bar. As with <code>OTUpoints</code> , this is probably not a good idea for plots with large complexity. For low numbers of total OTUs this can be informative, and help display multiple layers of information on the same graphic.

### Details

The vertical axis is always relative abundance, but the data can be further organized at the horizontal axis and faceting grid by any combination of variates present in the `sampleData` component of `otu`.

### Value

A `ggplot2` graphic object.

### See Also

[otu2df](#), [qplot](#), [ggplot](#)

### Examples

```
##
# data(enterotype)
# TopNOTUs <- names(sort(speciesSums(enterotype), TRUE)[1:10])
# ent10 <- prune_species(TopNOTUs, enterotype)
# (p <- plot_taxa_bar(ent10, "Genus", x="SeqTech", fill="TaxaGroup") +
#   facet_wrap(~Enterotype) )
```

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plot\_tree\_phyloseq      *Plot tree with easy tip annotation.*

---

### Description

Requires a [phyloseq-class](#) that contains a tree ([tre](#)), sample data ([sampleData](#)), and abundance table ([otuTable](#)).

### Usage

```
plot_tree_phyloseq(physeq, color_factor=NULL,
  shape_factor=NULL, base_size=1, size_scaling_factor =
  0.2, opacity=2/3, custom_color_scale=NULL,
  custom_shape_scale=NULL, type_abundance_value=FALSE,
  printTheseTaxa=NULL, treeTitle="Annotated Tree", ...)
```

### Arguments

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| physeq               | (Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> with non-empty tree, sampleData, and otuTable components.   |
| color_factor         | A character string specifying the column of the sampleData that will be used for setting the color of symbols.   |
| shape_factor         | A character string specifying the column of the sampleData that will be used for setting the shape of symbols.   |
| base_size            | The minimum size expansion factor of symbols plotted next to tips. The default value is 1.   |
| size_scaling_factor  | A numeric, greater than or equal to 0, that is multiplied by the log10 of taxa abundance; the product of which is summed with the base_size argument to determine the size scaling factor provided to <a href="#">tipsymbols</a> . The default value is 0.15. The larger the value, the larger the symbols representing sites with many individuals of a particular taxa. A value of zero means there will be no scaling symbol size by the abundance value. |
| opacity              | The opacity (or alpha value). Numeric between 0, 1. Default value is 2/3.  |
| custom_color_scale   | A character vector of the desired custom color scale. This should be a scale, not an aesthetic map. Therefore, it will in most-cases contain only unique elements, unless two different categories of data are supposed to have the same color. Default value is NULL, which invokes a default color scale using the <a href="#">rainbow</a> function.   |
| custom_shape_scale   | An integer vector of values in the categorical scale of symbol shapes, analogous to custom_color_scale. Default value is NULL, which uses the fill-able symbols described in <a href="#">points</a> , beginning with 21.   |
| type_abundance_value | Logical. Whether or not the otuTable value (the number of individuals, typically) should be added to the center of symbols when the value is greater than one. Default is FALSE, indicating no labels.   |

`printTheseTaxa` a character vector of the taxa names in physeq that should be labeled on the tree plot adjacent to the right. Default is NULL. Not yet implemented.

`treeTitle` (Optional). Character string, for the title of the graphic. Default is "Annotated Tree".

... Additional parameters passed on to [tipsymbols](#).

### Value

Creates a phylogenetic tree, with additional symbols annotated on each tip to indicate in which samples the particular taxa was observed.

### Examples

```
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# GP <- GlobalPatterns
# GP.ch1 <- subset_species(GP, Phylum=="Chlamydiae")
# plot_tree_phyloseq(GP.ch1, color_factor="SampleType",
# type_abundance_value=TRUE,
# treeTitle="Chlamydiae in Global Patterns Data")
```

---

prune_samples	<i>Prune unwanted samples from a phyloseq object.</i>
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---

### Description

An S4 Generic method for removing (pruning) unwanted samples.

### Usage

```
prune_samples(samples, x)
```

### Arguments

`samples` A character vector of the samples in object `x` that you want to keep.

`x` A phyloseq object.

### Value

The class of the object returned by `prune_samples` matches the class of the phyloseq object, `x`.

### See Also

[subset\\_samples](#)

**Examples**

```
#
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# GP <- GlobalPatterns
# B_only_sample_names <- sample.names(sampleData(GP)[(sampleData(GP)[, "Gender"]=="B"),])
# ex2 <- prune_samples(B_only_sample_names, GP)
# ex3 <- subset_samples(GP, Gender=="B")
# ## This should be TRUE.
# identical(ex2, ex3)
# ## Here is a simpler example: Make new object with only the first 5 samples
# ex4 <- prune_samples(sample.names(GP)[1:5], GP)
```

---

prune\_species

*Prune unwanted species / taxa from a phylogenetic object.*


---

**Description**

An S4 Generic method for removing (pruning) unwanted taxa from phylogenetic objects, including phylo-class trees, as well as native phyloseq package objects. This is particularly useful for pruning a phyloseq object that has more than one component that describes species. The phylo-class version is adapted from `picante::prune.samples`.

**Arguments**

species	(Required). A character vector of the species in object <code>x</code> that you want to keep – OR alternatively – a logical vector where the kept species are TRUE, and length is equal to the number of species in object <code>x</code> . If <code>species</code> is a named logical, the species retained is based on those names. Make sure they are compatible with the <code>species.names</code> of the object you are modifying ( <code>x</code> ).
x	(Required). A phylogenetic object, including phylo trees, as well as all phyloseq classes that represent taxa / species. If the function <code>species.names</code> returns a non-NULL value, then your object can be pruned by this function.

**Value**

The class of the object returned by `prune_species` matches the class of the argument, `x`.

**Examples**

```
#
## testOTU <- otuTable(matrix(sample(1:50, 25, replace=TRUE), 5, 5), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
## f1 <- filterfunSample(topk(2))
## wh1 <- genefilterSample(testOTU, f1, A=2)
## wh2 <- c(T, T, T, F, F)
## prune_species(wh1, testOTU)
## prune_species(wh2, testOTU)
##
## taxtab1 <- taxTab(matrix("abc", 5, 5))
## prune_species(wh1, taxtab1)
## prune_species(wh2, taxtab1)
```

---

rank.names	<i>Get the names of the taxonomic ranks</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a simple accessor function to make it more convenient to determine the taxonomic ranks that are available in a given `phyloseq-class` object.

**Usage**

```
rank.names(physeq)
```

**Arguments**

physeq (Required). `taxonomyTable-class`, or `phyloseq-class`.

**Value**

Character vector. The names of the available taxonomic ranks.

**See Also**

`getSpecies` `species.names` `sample.names` `getTaxa`

**Examples**

```
data(enterotype)
rank.names(enterotype)
```

---

rm_outlierf	<i>Set to FALSE any outlier species greater than f fractional abundance.</i>
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---

**Description**

This is for removing overly-abundant outlier taxa, not for trimming low-abundance taxa.

**Usage**

```
rm_outlierf(f, na.rm=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

f Single numeric value between 0 and 1. The maximum fractional abundance value that a taxa will be allowed to have in a sample without being marked for trimming.

na.rm Logical. Should we remove NA values. Default TRUE.

**Value**

A function (enclosure), suitable for `filterfunSample`.



**See Also**

[topk](#), [topf](#), [topp](#), [rm\\_outlierf](#)

**Examples**

```
t1 <- 1:10; names(t1)<-paste("t", 1:10, sep="")
rm_outlierf(0.15)(t1)
## Use simulated abundance matrix
# set.seed(711)
# testOTU <- otuTable(matrix(sample(1:50, 25, replace=TRUE), 5, 5), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# speciesSums(testOTU)
# f1 <- filterfunSample(rm_outlierf(0.1))
# (wh1 <- genefilterSample(testOTU, f1, A=1))
# wh2 <- c(T, T, T, F, F)
# prune_species(wh1, testOTU)
# prune_species(wh2, testOTU)
```

---

sample.names

*Get sample names.*

---

**Description**

Get sample names.

**Usage**

```
sample.names(physeq)
```

**Arguments**

physeq (Required). A [phyloseq-class](#), [sampleData](#), or [otuTable-class](#).

**Value**

A character vector. The names of the samples in physeq.

**See Also**

[species.names](#), [nsamples](#)

**Examples**

```
#
# # From "picante" package
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# sample.names(GlobalPatterns)
```

---

sample.variables	<i>Get the sample variables present in sampleData</i>
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---

### Description

This is a simple accessor function to make it more convenient to determine the sample variable names of a particular `phyloseq-class` object.

### Usage

```
sample.variables(physeq)
```

### Arguments

physeq (Required). `sampleData-class`, or `phyloseq-class`.

### Value

Character vector. The names of the variables in the sampleData data.frame. Essentially the column names. Useful for selecting model and graphics parameters that interact with sampleData.

### See Also

getSpecies species.names sample.names getTaxa

### Examples

```
data(enterotype)
sample.variables(enterotype)
```

---

sampleData	<i>Build or access sampleData.</i>
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---

### Description

This is the suggested method for both constructing and accessing a table of sample-level variables (`sampleData-class`), which in the `phyloseq-package` is represented as a special extension of the `data.frame-class`. When the argument is a `data.frame`, `sampleData()` will create a `sampleData-class` object. In this case, the rows should be named to match the `sample.names` of the other objects to which it will ultimately be paired. Alternatively, if the first argument is an experiment-level (`phyloseq-class`) object, then the corresponding `sampleData` is returned. Like other accessors (see See Also, below), the default behavior of this method is to stop with an error if object is a `phyloseq-class` but does not contain a `sampleData`.

### Usage

```
sampleData(object, errorIfNULL=TRUE)

samData(object, errorIfNULL=TRUE)

sampleMap(object, errorIfNULL=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- object** (Required). A `data.frame-class`, or a `phyloseq-class` object.
- errorIfNULL** (Optional). Logical. Should the accessor stop with an error if the slot is empty (NULL)? Default TRUE.

**Details**

Note that the `samData()` and `sampleMap()` functions are provided for convenience and backward compatibility, respectively, but should provide the exact same behavior as `sampleData()`.

**Value**

A `sampleData-class` object representing the sample variates of an experiment.

**See Also**

[tre](#), [taxTab](#), [otuTable](#) [phyloseq](#), [merge\\_phyloseq](#)

**Examples**

```
#
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# sampleData(GlobalPatterns)
## shorter (convenience) wrapper of sampleData()
# samData(GlobalPatterns)
```

---

sampleData-class	<i>The S4 for storing sample variables.</i>
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---

**Description**

Row indices represent samples, while column indices represent experimental categories, variables (and so forth) that describe the samples.

**Details**

**.Data** data-frame data, inherited from the `data.frame` class.

**row.names** Also inherited from the `data.frame` class; it should contain the sample names.

**names** Inherited from the `data.frame` class.

---

sampleData<-                    *Assign (new) sampleData to x*

---

## Description

This replaces the current `sampleData` component of `x` with `value`, if `value` is a [sampleData-class](#). However, if `value` is a `data.frame`, then `value` is first coerced to a [sampleData-class](#), and then assigned. Alternatively, if `value` is a [phyloseq-class](#), then the `sampleData` component will first be accessed from `value` and then assigned. This makes possible some concise assignment/replacement statements when adjusting, modifying, or building subsets of experiment-level data. See some examples below.

## Usage

```
sampleData(x) <- value
```

```
samData(x) <- value
```

## Arguments

`x`                    (Required). [phyloseq-class](#). The object to modify.

`value`                (Required). Either a [sampleData-class](#), a `data.frame` that can be coerced into [sampleData-class](#), or a [phyloseq-class](#) that contains a suitable `sampleData` component to assign to `x`. If unsure, try `sampleData(value)`, which should return a [sampleData-class](#) object without error.

## Details

Internally, this re-builds the [phyloseq-class](#) object using the standard [phyloseq](#) constructor. Thus, index mismatches between sample-describing components will not be allowed, and subsetting will occur automatically such that only the intersection of sample IDs are included in any components. This has the added benefit of re-checking (internally) for any other issues.

## Value

No return. This is an assignment statement.

## Examples

```
#
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # An example of pruning to just the first 10 samples in GlobalPatterns
# ex2a <- prune_samples(sample.names(GlobalPatterns)[1:10], GlobalPatterns)
# # The following 3 lines produces an ex2b that is equal to ex2a
# ex2b <- GlobalPatterns
# SD <- sampleData(GlobalPatterns)[1:10, ]
# sampleData(ex2b) <- SD
# identical(ex2a, ex2b)
# print(ex2b)
# # Example restoring the original sampleData component. ex2c lacks sampleData
# ex2c <- phyloseq(otuTable(GlobalPatterns), taxTab(GlobalPatterns), tre(GlobalPatterns))
# sampleData(ex2c) <- GlobalPatterns
```

```
# identical(ex2c, GlobalPatterns)
# # Can try on ex2b, but other components have only 10 samples. No change.
# sampleData(ex2b) <- GlobalPatterns
# identical(ex2a, ex2b) # still true.
```

---

sampleSums	<i>Returns the total number of individuals observed from each sample.</i>
------------	---

---

### Description

A convenience function equivalent to `rowSums` or `colSums`, but where the orientation of the `otuTable` is automatically handled.

### Usage

```
sampleSums(x)
```

### Arguments

x [otuTable-class](#), or [phyloseq-class](#).

### Value

A named [numeric-class](#) length equal to the number of samples in the x, name indicating the sample ID, and value equal to the sum of all individuals observed for each sample in x.

### See Also

[speciesSums](#), [rowSums](#), [colSums](#)

### Examples

```
data(enterotype)
sampleSums(enterotype)
data(esophagus)
sampleSums(esophagus)
```

---

show	<i>method extensions to show for phyloseq objects.</i>
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---

### Description

See the general documentation of [show](#) method for expected behavior.

### See Also

[show](#)

### Examples

```
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# show(GlobalPatterns)
# GlobalPatterns
```

---

```
show_mothur_list_cutoffs
```

*Show cutoff values available in a mothur list file*

---

### Description

This is a helper function to report back to the user the different cutoff values available in a given *list* file created by the OTU clustering and analysis package called *mothur*

### Usage

```
show_mothur_list_cutoffs(mothur_list_file)
```

### Arguments

```
mothur_list_file
```

The list file name and/or location as produced by *mothur*.

### Value

A character vector of the different cutoff values contained in the file. For a given set of arguments to the `cluster()` command from within *mothur*, a number of OTU-clustering results are returned in the same list file. The exact cutoff values used by *mothur* can vary depending on the input data. This simple function returns the cutoffs that were actually included in the *mothur* output. This an important extra step prior to importing the OTUs with the `import_mothur_otulist()` function.

### See Also

[import\\_mothur](#)

---

```
species.names
```

*Get species / taxa names.*

---

### Description

Get species / taxa names.

### Usage

```
species.names(physeq)
```

### Arguments

```
physeq
```

[phyloseq-class](#), [otuTable-class](#), [taxonomyTable-class](#), or [phylo](#)

### Value

A character vector of the names of the species in `physeq`.

**See Also**

nspecies

**Examples**

```
#
# # From "picante" package
# data("phylocom")
# tree <- phylocom$phylo
# OTU1 <- otuTable(phylocom$sample, speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# species.names(tree)
# species.names(OTU1)
# physeq1 <- phyloseq(OTU1, tree)
# species.names(physeq1)
```

---

speciesAreRows	<i>Access speciesAreRows slot from otuTable objects.</i>
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---

**Description**

Access speciesAreRows slot from otuTable objects.

**Usage**

```
speciesarerows(physeq)
```

**Arguments**

physeq (Required). [phyloseq-class](#), or [otuTable-class](#).

**Value**

A logical indicating the orientation of the otuTable.

**See Also**

[otuTable](#)

---

speciesarerows<-	<i>Manually change speciesAreRows through assignment.</i>
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---

**Description**

The speciesAreRows slot is a logical indicating the orientation of the abundance table contained in object x.

**Usage**

```
speciesarerows(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x [otuTable-class](#) or [phyloseq-class](#)

value A logical of length equal to 1. If `length(value) > 1`, the additional elements will be ignored. Only the first element is assigned to the `speciesAreRows` slot.

**Examples**

```
#  
# data(GlobalPatterns)  
# speciesarerows(GlobalPatterns)  
# speciesarerows(otuTable(GlobalPatterns))
```

---

speciesSums	<i>Returns the total number of individuals observed from each species/taxa/OTU.</i>
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---

**Description**

A convenience function equivalent to `rowSums` or `colSums`, but where the orientation of the `otuTable` is automatically handled.

**Usage**

```
speciesSums(x)
```

**Arguments**

x [otuTable-class](#), or [phyloseq-class](#).

**Value**

A [numeric-class](#) with length equal to the number of species in the table, name indicated the taxa ID, and value equal to the sum of all individuals observed for each taxa in x.

**See Also**

[sampleSums](#), [rowSums](#), [colSums](#)

**Examples**

```
data(enterotype)  
speciesSums(enterotype)  
data(esophagus)  
speciesSums(esophagus)
```



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subset_ord_plot	<i>Subset points from an ordination-derived ggplot</i>
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### Description

Easily retrieve a plot-derived data.frame with a subset of points according to a threshold and method. The meaning of the threshold depends upon the method. See argument description below.

### Usage

```
subset_ord_plot(p, threshold=0.05, method="farthest")
```

### Arguments

- p** (Required). A `ggplot` object created by `plot_ordination`. It contains the complete data that you want to subset.
- threshold** (Optional). A numeric scalar. Default is 0.05. This value determines a coordinate threshold or population threshold, depending on the value of the method argument, ultimately determining which points are included in returned data.frame.
- method** (Optional). A character string. One of `c("farthest", "radial", "square")`. Default is "farthest". This determines how threshold will be interpreted.
- farthest** Unlike the other two options, this option implies removing a certain fraction or number of points from the plot, depending on the value of threshold. If threshold is greater than or equal to 1, then all but threshold number of points farthest from the origin are removed. Otherwise, if threshold is less than 1, all but threshold fraction of points farthest from origin are retained.
- radial** Keep only those points that are beyond threshold radial distance from the origin. Has the effect of removing a circle of points from the plot, centered at the origin.
- square** Keep only those points with at least one coordinate greater than threshold. Has the effect of removing a "square" of points from the plot, centered at the origin.

### Value

A `data.frame` suitable for creating a `ggplot` plot object, graphically summarizing the ordination result according to previously-specified parameters.

### See Also

[plot\\_ordination](#)

### Examples

```
##
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # Need to clean the zeros from GlobalPatterns:
# GP <- prune_species(speciesSums(GlobalPatterns)>0, GlobalPatterns)
# sampleData(GP)$human <- factor(human)
# # Get the names of the most-abundant phyla
```

```

# top.TaxaGroup <- sort(
#   tapply(speciesSums(GP), taxTab(GP)[, "Phylum"], sum, na.rm = TRUE),
#   decreasing = TRUE)
# top.TaxaGroup <- top.TaxaGroup[top.TaxaGroup > 1*10^6]
# # Prune to just the most-abundant phyla
# GP <- subset_species(GP, Phylum %in% names(top.TaxaGroup))
# # Perform a correspondence analysis
# gpca <- ordinate(GP, "CCA")
# # # Make species topo with a subset of points layered
# # First, make a basic plot of just the species
# p1 <- plot_ordination(GP, gpca, "species", color="Phylum")
# # Re-draw this as topo without points, and facet
# p1 <- ggplot(p1$data, p1$mapping) + geom_density2d() + facet_wrap(~Phylum)
# # Add a layer of a subset of species-points that are furthest from origin.
# p53 <- p1 + geom_point(data=subset_ord_plot(p1, 1.0, "square"), size=1)
# print(p53)

```

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subset\_samples

*Subset samples by sampleData expression*


---

## Description

This is a convenience wrapper around the [subset](#) function. It is intended to allow subsetting complex experimental objects with one function call. The subsetting will be based on an expression related to the columns and values within the sampleData.

## Usage

```
subset_samples(physeq, ...)
```

## Arguments

physeq	A <a href="#">sampleData-class</a> , or a <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object with a sampleData. If the sampleData slot is missing in physeq, then physeq will be returned as-is, and a warning will be printed to screen.
...	The subsetting expression that should be applied to the sampleData. This is passed on to <a href="#">subset</a> , see its documentation for more details.

## Value

A subsetted object with the same class as physeq.

## See Also

[subset\\_species](#)

## Examples

```

# data(GlobalPatterns)
# subset_samples(GlobalPatterns, SampleType=="Ocean")

```

---

subset_species	<i>Subset species by taxonomic expression</i>
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---

### Description

This is a convenience wrapper around the [subset](#) function. It is intended to speed subsetting complex experimental objects with one function call. In the case of `subset_species`, the subsetting will be based on an expression related to the columns and values within the `taxTab` (taxonomyTable component) slot of `physeq`.

### Usage

```
subset_species(physeq, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>physeq</code>	A <a href="#">taxonomyTable-class</a> , or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> that contains a taxonomyTable. If the <code>taxTab</code> slot is missing in <code>physeq</code> , then <code>physeq</code> will be returned as-is and a warning will be printed to screen.
<code>...</code>	The subsetting expression that should be applied to the taxonomyTable. This is passed on to <a href="#">subset</a> , and more details and examples about how it functions can be found in its documentation.

### Value

A subsetted object with the same class as `physeq`.

### See Also

[subset\\_samples](#)

### Examples

```
## ex3 <- subset_species(GlobalPatterns, Phylum=="Bacteroidetes")
```

---

<code>t</code>	<i>Transpose otuTable-class or phyloseq-class</i>
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---

### Description

Extends the base transpose method, `t`.

### Usage

```
t(x)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	An <code>otuTable</code> or <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> .
----------------	--

**Value**

The class of the object returned by `t` matches the class of the argument, `x`. The `otuTable` is transposed, and `speciesAreRows` value is toggled.

**Examples**

```
data(GlobalPatterns)
otuTable(GlobalPatterns)
t( otuTable(GlobalPatterns) )
```

---

taxglom

*Agglomerate taxa of the same type.*


---

**Description**

This method merges species if, at a certain taxonomic rank, their taxonomy is the same. Its approach is analogous to `tipglom`, but uses categorical data instead of a tree. In principal, other categorical data known for all taxa could also be used in place of taxonomy.

**Usage**

```
taxglom(physeq, tax=NULL, taxlevel="Phylum", NArm=TRUE,
bad_empty=c(NA, "", " ", "\t"))
```

**Arguments**

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| physeq   | (Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> or <a href="#">otuTable</a> .  |
| tax      | (Optional). Either a <code>link{taxonomyTable-class}</code> , or alternatively, a character vector specifying the desired taxonomic group of each taxa in <code>physeq</code> . If <code>tax</code> is a character vector, it must have length equal to the (original) number of taxa in <code>physeq</code> ( <code>nspecies(physeq)</code> ), and each element must be named according to the taxa ID (that is, the result of <code>species.names(physeq)</code> ). If <code>tax</code> is a character vector, than the <code>taxlevel</code> argument is ignored. If <code>physeq</code> already contains a <code>taxonomyTable</code> component in its <code>taxTab</code> slot, then the <code>tax</code> argument is ignored.           |
| taxlevel | A single-element character specifying the taxonomic level (column name) in <code>tax</code> , the <code>taxonomyTable</code> , that you want to agglomerate over. The default value is "Phylum". Note that this default may agglomerate too broadly for a given experiment, and the user is strongly encouraged to try different taxonomic levels.  |
| NArm     | (Optional). Logical, length equal to one. Default is TRUE. CAUTION. The decision to prune (or not) taxa for which you lack categorical data could have a large effect on downstream analysis. You may want to re-compute your analysis under both conditions, or at least think carefully about what the effect might be and the reasons explaining the absence of information for certain taxa. In the case of taxonomy, it is often a result of imprecision in taxonomic designation based on short phylogenetic sequences and a patchy system of nomenclature. If this seems to be an issue for your analysis, think about also trying the nomenclature-agnostic <a href="#">tipglom</a> method if you have a phylogenetic tree available. |

`bad_empty` (Optional). Character vector. Default: `c(NA, "", " ", "\t")`. Defines the bad/empty values that should be ignored and/or considered unknown. They will be removed from the internal agglomeration vector derived from the argument to `tax`, and therefore agglomeration will not combine taxa according to the presence of these values in `tax`. Furthermore, the corresponding taxa can be optionally pruned from the output if `NArm` is set to `TRUE`.

### Value

A taxonomically-agglomerated, optionally-pruned, object with class matching the class of `physeq`.

### See Also

[tipglom](#), [prune\\_species](#), [merge\\_species](#)

### Examples

```
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# ## print the available taxonomic ranks
# colnames(taxTab(GlobalPatterns))
# ## agglomerate at the Family taxonomic rank
# (x1 <- taxglom(GlobalPatterns, taxlevel="Family") )
# ## How many taxa before/after agglomeration?
# nspecies(GlobalPatterns); nspecies(x1)
# ## Look at enterotype dataset...
# data(enterotype)
# ## print the available taxonomic ranks. Shows only 1 rank available, not useful for taxglom
# colnames(taxTab(enterotype))
```

---

`taxonomyTable-class` *An S4 class that holds taxonomic classification data as a character matrix.*

---

### Description

Row indices represent taxa, columns represent taxonomic classifiers.

### Details

**.Data** This slot is inherited from the [matrix](#) class.

---

taxTab	<i>Build or access the taxonomyTable.</i>
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---

### Description

This is the suggested method for both constructing and accessing a table of taxonomic names, organized with ranks as columns ([taxonomyTable-class](#)). When the argument is a character matrix, `taxTab()` will create and return a [taxonomyTable-class](#) object. In this case, the rows should be named to match the `species.names` of the other objects to which it will ultimately be paired. Alternatively, if the first argument is an experiment-level ([phyloseq-class](#)) object, then the corresponding `taxonomyTable` is returned. Like other accessors (see [See Also](#), below), the default behavior of this method is to stop with an error if `object` is a `phyloseq-class` but does not contain a `taxonomyTable`.

### Usage

```
taxTab(object, errorIfNULL=TRUE)

taxtab(object, errorIfNULL = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object among the set of classes defined by the <code>phyloseq</code> package that contain <code>taxonomyTable</code> .
<code>errorIfNULL</code>	(Optional). Logical. Should the accessor stop with an error if the slot is empty (NULL)? Default TRUE.

### Value

A `taxonomyTable` object. It is either grabbed from the relevant slot if `object` is complex, or built anew if `object` is a character matrix representing the taxonomic classification of species in the experiment.

### See Also

[tre](#), [sampleData](#), [otuTable](#) `phyloseq`, [merge\\_phyloseq](#)

### Examples

```
#
# tax1 <- taxTab(matrix("abc", 30, 8))
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# taxTab(GlobalPatterns)
```

---

taxTab<-	<i>Assign a (new) Taxonomy Table to x</i>
----------	---

---

**Description**

Assign a (new) Taxonomy Table to x

**Usage**

```
taxTab(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	(Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a>
value	(Required). <a href="#">taxonomyTable-class</a> . Alternatively, value can be a <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> that has a <a href="#">taxTab</a> component, or a <a href="#">matrix-class</a> that can be coerced to a <a href="#">taxonomyTable-class</a> with row indices that match at least some of the <a href="#">species.names</a> of x.

**Examples**

```
#
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # An example of pruning to just the first 100 taxa in GlobalPatterns.
# ex2a <- prune_species(species.names(GlobalPatterns)[1:100], GlobalPatterns)
# # The following 3 lines produces an ex2b that is equal to ex2a
# ex2b <- GlobalPatterns
# TT <- taxTab(GlobalPatterns)[1:100, ]
# taxTab(ex2b) <- TT
# identical(ex2a, ex2b)
# print(ex2b)
# # 2 examples adding a taxTab component from phyloseq or matrix classes
# ex2c <- phyloseq(otuTable(ex2b), sampleData(ex2b), tre(ex2b))
# taxTab(ex2c) <- ex2b
# identical(ex2a, ex2c)
# ex2c <- phyloseq(otuTable(ex2b), sampleData(ex2b), tre(ex2b))
# taxTab(ex2c) <- as(taxTab(ex2b), "matrix")
# identical(ex2a, ex2c)
```

---

threshrank	<i>Thresholded rank transformation.</i>
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---

**Description**

The lowest thresh values in x all get the value 'thresh'.

**Usage**

```
threshrank(x, thresh, keep0s=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	(Required). Numeric vector to transform.
thresh	A single numeric value giving the threshold.
keep0s	A logical determining whether 0's in x should remain a zero-value in the output. If FALSE, zeros are treated as any other value.
...	Further arguments passes to the <a href="#">rank</a> function.

**Value**

A ranked, (optionally) thresholded numeric vector with length equal to x. Default arguments to rank are used, unless provided as additional arguments.

**See Also**

[transformsamplerecounts](#), [rank](#), [threshrankfun](#)

**Examples**

```
#
(a_vector <- sample(0:10, 100, TRUE))
threshrank(a_vector, 5, keep0s=TRUE)
data(GlobalPatterns)
GP <- GlobalPatterns
## These three approaches result in identical otuTable
(x1 <- transformsamplerecounts( otuTable(GP), threshrankfun(500)) )
(x2 <- otuTable(apply(otuTable(GP), 2, threshrankfun(500)), speciesAreRows(GP)) )
identical(x1, x2)
(x3 <- otuTable(apply(otuTable(GP), 2, threshrank, thresh=500), speciesAreRows(GP)) )
identical(x1, x3)
```

---

threshrankfun

*A closure version of the threshrank function.*

---

**Description**

Takes the same arguments as [threshrank](#), except for x, because the output is a single-argument function rather than a rank-transformed numeric. This is useful for higher-order functions that require a single-argument function as input, like [transformsamplerecounts](#).

**Usage**

```
threshrankfun(thresh, keep0s=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

thresh	A single numeric value giving the threshold.
keep0s	A logical determining whether 0's in x should remain a zero-value in the output. If FALSE, zeros are treated as any other value.
...	Further arguments passes to the <a href="#">rank</a> function.



**Value**

A single-argument function with the options to [threshrank](#) set.

**See Also**

[transformsamplecounts](#), [threshrankfun](#), [threshrank](#)

**Examples**

```
data(GlobalPatterns)
GP <- GlobalPatterns
## These three approaches result in identical otuTable
(x1 <- transformsamplecounts( otuTable(GP), threshrankfun(500)) )
(x2 <- otuTable(apply(otuTable(GP), 2, threshrankfun(500)), speciesAreRows(GP)) )
identical(x1, x2)
(x3 <- otuTable(apply(otuTable(GP), 2, threshrank, thresh=500), speciesAreRows(GP)) )
identical(x1, x3)
```

---

tipglom

*Agglomerate closely-related taxa using single-linkage clustering.*


---

**Description**

All tips of the tree separated by a cophenetic distance smaller than `speciationMinLength` will be agglomerated into one taxa using `merge_species`.

**Usage**

```
tipglom(tree, OTU, speciationMinLength=0.02)
```

**Arguments**

tree	<a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> , containing an OTU Table and phylogenetic tree. If, alternatively, tree is a <a href="#">phylo-class</a> , then OTU is required.
OTU	An <code>otuTable</code> object. Optional. Ignored if tree is a <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> object. If tree is a <code>phylo</code> object and OTU is provided, then return will be an <code>phyloseq</code> object.
speciationMinLength	The minimum branch length that separates taxa. All tips of the tree separated by a cophenetic distance smaller than <code>speciationMinLength</code> will be agglomerated. Default is 0.02

**Details**

Can be used to create a non-trivial OTU Table, if a phylogenetic tree is available.

For now, a simple, “greedy”, single-linkage clustering is used. In future releases it should be possible to specify different clustering approaches available in R, in particular, complete-linkage clustering appears to be used more commonly for OTU clustering applications.

**Value**

An object of class `phyloseq`. Output class matches the class of `tree`, unless it is a `phylo` object, in which case `tipglom` returns an `phyloseq` object.

**Examples**

```
#
# # # data(phylocom)
# # # otu <- otuTable(phylocom$sample, speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# # # x1 <- phyloseq(otu, phylocom$phylo)
# # # print(x1); par(mfrow=c(2, 1)); plot(tre(x1))
# # # x2 <- tipglom(x1, speciationMinLength = 2.5)
# # # plot(tre(x2))
# # # ## Try on example dataset 1
# # # data(GlobalPatterns); nspecies(GlobalPatterns)
# # # ex7 <- tipglom(GlobalPatterns, speciationMinLength = 0.05)
# # # nspecies(ex7)
# data(esophagus); nspecies(esophagus); par(mfrow=c(2, 1)); plot(tre(esophagus))
# tre(esophagus)$edge.length
# x3 <- tipglom(esophagus, speciationMinLength = 0.20)
# nspecies(x3); plot(tre(x3))
```

---

tipsymbols

*Annotate tips on a tree with symbols or text.*

---

**Description**

There were some unexpected behavior from the `tiplabels` function in `ape`. These functions are intended to act as simplified versions that act as a convenience wrapper for `points()` or `text()` functions, respectively, but where the tip coordinates are specified by giving the tip ID (integer) as input. For `tiptext()`, make sure to include a `labels=` argument, which will be passed on to `text`.

**Usage**

```
tipsymbols(tip, adj=c(0.5, 0.5), ...)
```

```
tiptext(tip, adj = c(0.5, 0.5), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tip</code>	An integer specifying the tip ID in a tree that for which the base plot has already been generated and is still available to R.
<code>adj</code>	A 2 element numeric vector specifying a position adjustment.
<code>...</code>	Additional plotting parameters that are passed to <code>points</code> or <code>text</code> in the R base graphics. Again, for <code>tiptext()</code> , make sure to include a <code>labels=</code> argument.

**Value**

No objects returned. Symbol or text is plotted on the available graphic device.

**See Also**

[tiplabels](#), [points](#), [text](#)

**Examples**

```
#
## data(GlobalPatterns)
## # for reproducibility
## set.seed(711)
## ex2 <- prune_species(sample(species.names(GlobalPatterns), 50), GlobalPatterns)
## plot( tre(ex2) )
## tipsymbols(pch=19)
## tipsymbols(1, pch=22, cex=3, col="red", bg="blue")
## tiptext(2, labels="my.label")
```

---

topf

*Make filter fun. that returns the top f fraction of taxa in a sample.*


---

**Description**

As opposed to [topp](#), which gives the most abundant  $p$  fraction of observed taxa (richness, instead of cumulative abundance). Said another way, `topf` ensures a certain fraction of the total sequences are retained, while `topp` ensures that a certain fraction of taxa/species/OTUs are retained.

**Usage**

```
topf(f, na.rm=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>f</code>	Single numeric value between 0 and 1.
<code>na.rm</code>	Logical. Should we remove NA values. Default TRUE.

**Value**

A function (enclosure), suitable for [filterfunSample](#), that will return TRUE for each element in the taxa comprising the most abundant  $f$  fraction of individuals.

**See Also**

[topk](#), [topf](#), [topp](#), [rm\\_outlierf](#)

**Examples**

```
# t1 <- 1:10; names(t1)<-paste("t", 1:10, sep="")
# topf(0.6)(t1)
## Use simulated abundance matrix
# set.seed(711)
# testOTU <- otuTable(matrix(sample(1:50, 25, replace=TRUE), 5, 5), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# f1 <- filterfunSample(topf(0.4))
# (wh1 <- genefilterSample(testOTU, f1, A=1))
# wh2 <- c(T, T, T, F, F)
# prune_species(wh1, testOTU)
# prune_species(wh2, testOTU)
```

---

topk *Make filter fun. the most abundant k taxa*

---

**Description**

Make filter fun. the most abundant k taxa

**Usage**

```
topk(k, na.rm=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

k An integer, indicating how many of the most abundant taxa should be kept.  
na.rm A logical. Should NAs be removed. Default is TRUE.

**Value**

Returns a function (enclosure) that will return TRUE for each element in the most abundant k values.

**See Also**

[topk](#), [topf](#), [topp](#), [rm\\_outlierf](#)

**Examples**

```
## Use simulated abundance matrix
# set.seed(711)
# testOTU <- otuTable(matrix(sample(1:50, 25, replace=TRUE), 5, 5), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# f1 <- filterfunSample(topk(2))
# wh1 <- genefilterSample(testOTU, f1, A=2)
# wh2 <- c(T, T, T, F, F)
# prune_species(wh1, testOTU)
# prune_species(wh2, testOTU)
```

---

topp *Make filter fun. that returns the most abundant p fraction of taxa*

---

**Description**

Make filter fun. that returns the most abundant p fraction of taxa

**Usage**

```
topp(p, na.rm=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

p	A numeric of length 1, indicating what fraction of the most abundant taxa should be kept.
na.rm	A logical. Should NAs be removed. Default is TRUE.

**Value**

A function (enclosure), suitable for `filterfunSample`, that will return TRUE for each element in the most abundant p fraction of taxa.

**See Also**

`topk`, `topf`, `topp`, `rm_outlierf`

**Examples**

```
## Use simulated abundance matrix
# set.seed(711)
# testOTU <- otuTable(matrix(sample(1:50, 25, replace=TRUE), 5, 5), speciesAreRows=FALSE)
# sampleSums(testOTU)
# f1 <- filterfunSample(topp(0.2))
# (wh1 <- genefilterSample(testOTU, f1, A=1))
# wh2 <- c(T, T, T, F, F)
# prune_species(wh1, testOTU)
# prune_species(wh2, testOTU)
```

---

`transformsamplecounts` *Transform the abundance count data in an otuTable, sample-by-sample.*

---

**Description**

This function transforms the sample counts of a species abundance matrix according to a user-provided function. The counts of each sample will be transformed individually. No sample-sample interaction/comparison is possible by this method.

```
##
##
```

**Usage**

```
transformsamplecounts(physeq, fun)
```

```
TransformSampleCounts(physeq, fun)
```

```
transformSampleCounts(physeq, fun)
```

**Arguments**

physeq	(Required). <code>phyloseq-class</code> or <code>otuTable-class</code> .
fun	(Required). A single-argument function that will be applied to the abundance counts of each sample. Can be an anonymous <code>function</code> .

**Value**

A transformed `otuTable` – or `phyloseq` object with its transformed `otuTable`. In general, trimming is not expected by this method, so it is suggested that the user provide only functions that return a full-length vector. Filtering/trimming can follow, for which the `genefilterSample` and `prune_species` functions are suggested.

**See Also**

`threshrankfun`, `rank`, `log`

**Examples**

```
#
data(GlobalPatterns)
GP <- GlobalPatterns
## transformcounts can work on phyloseq-class, modifying otuTable only
(GPr <- transformcounts(GP, rank) )
## These two approaches result in identical otuTable
(x1 <- transformcounts( otuTable(GP), threshrankfun(500)) )
(x2 <- otuTable(apply(otuTable(GP), 2, threshrankfun(500)), speciesAreRows(GP)) )
identical(x1, x2)
```

---

tre

*Get phylogenetic tree from object.*

---

**Description**

This is the main method suggested for accessing the phylogenetic tree, (`phylo`-class) from a `phyloseq`-class. Like other accessors (see See Also, below), the default behavior of this method is to stop with an error if `physeq` is a `phyloseq`-class but does not contain a phylogenetic tree.

**Usage**

```
tre(physeq, errorIfNULL=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>physeq</code>	(Required). An instance of <code>phyloseq</code> -class that contains a phylogenetic tree. If <code>physeq</code> is a phylogenetic tree (a component data class), then it is returned as-is.
<code>errorIfNULL</code>	(Optional). Logical. Should the accessor stop with an error if the slot is empty (NULL)? Default TRUE.

**Details**

Note that the tip labels should be named to match the `species.names` of the other objects to which it is going to be paired. The `phyloseq` constructor automatically checks for exact agreement in the set of species described by the phylogenetic tree and the other components (`taxonomyTable`, `otuTable`), and trims as-needed. Thus, the `tip.labels` in a `phylo` object must be named to match the results of `species.names` of the other objects to which it will ultimately be paired.

**Value**

The `phylo`-class object contained within `physeq`; or `NULL` if `physeq` does not have a tree. This method stops with an error in the latter `NULL` case by default, which can be over-ridden by changing the value of `errorIfNULL` to `FALSE`.

**See Also**

[otuTable](#), [sampleData](#), [taxTab](#) [phyloseq](#), [merge\\_phyloseq](#)

**Examples**

```
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# tre(GlobalPatterns)
```

---

```
tre<-          Assign a (new) phylogenetic tree to x
```

---

**Description**

Assign a (new) phylogenetic tree to `x`

**Usage**

```
tre(x) <- value
```

**Arguments**

`x` (Required). [phyloseq-class](#)

`value` (Required). [phylo-class](#), or [phyloseq-class](#)

**Examples**

```
#
# data(GlobalPatterns)
# # An example of pruning to just the first 100 taxa in GlobalPatterns.
# ex2a <- prune_species(species.names(GlobalPatterns)[1:100], GlobalPatterns)
# # The following 3 lines produces an ex2b that is equal to ex2a
# ex2b <- GlobalPatterns
# tree <- prune_species(species.names(GlobalPatterns)[1:100], tre(GlobalPatterns))
# tre(ex2b) <- tree
# identical(ex2a, ex2b)
# print(ex2b)
# # Example adding a phylo tree from phyloseq class
# ex2c <- phyloseq(otuTable(ex2b), sampleData(ex2b), taxTab(ex2b))
# tre(ex2c) <- ex2b
# identical(ex2b, ex2c)
```

---

UniFrac	<i>Calculate weighted or unweighted (Fast) UniFrac distance for all sample pairs.</i>
---------	---

---

### Description

This function calculates the (Fast) UniFrac distance for all sample-pairs in a [phyloseq-class](#) object.

### Usage

```
UniFrac(physeq, weighted=FALSE, normalized=TRUE,
        parallel=FALSE, fast=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

physeq	(Required). <a href="#">phyloseq-class</a> , containing at minimum a phylogenetic tree ( <a href="#">phylo-class</a> ) and contingency table ( <a href="#">otuTable-class</a> ). See examples below for coercions that might be necessary.
weighted	(Optional). Logical. Should use weighted-UniFrac calculation? Weighted-UniFrac takes into account the relative abundance of species/taxa shared between samples, whereas unweighted-UniFrac only considers presence/absence. Default is FALSE, meaning the unweighted-UniFrac distance is calculated for all pairs of samples.
normalized	(Optional). Logical. Should the output be normalized such that values range from 0 to 1 independent of branch length values? Default is TRUE. Note that (unweighted) UniFrac is always normalized by total branch-length, and so this value is ignored when <code>weighted == FALSE</code> .
parallel	(Optional). Logical. Should execute calculation in parallel, using multiple CPU cores simultaneously? This can dramatically hasten the computation time for this function. However, it also requires that the user has registered a parallel “backend” prior to calling this function. Default is FALSE. If FALSE, UniFrac will register a serial backend so that <code>foreach::%dopar%</code> does not throw a warning.
fast	(Optional). Logical. Do you want to use the “Fast UniFrac” algorithm? Implemented natively in the phyloseq-package. This is the default and the recommended option. There should be no difference in the output between the two algorithms. Moreover, the original UniFrac algorithm only outperforms this implementation of fast-UniFrac if the datasets are so small (approximated by the value of <code>nspecies(physeq) * nsamples(physeq)</code> ) that the difference in time is inconsequential (less than 1 second). In practice it does not appear that this parameter should ever be set to FALSE, but the option is nevertheless included in the package for comparisons and instructional purposes.

### Details

UniFrac() accesses the abundance ([otuTable-class](#)) and a phylogenetic tree ([phylo-class](#)) data within an experiment-level ([phyloseq-class](#)) object. If the tree and contingency table are separate objects, suggested solution is to combine them into an experiment-level class using the [phyloseq](#) function. For example, the following code



```
phyloseq(myOTUtable, myTree)
```

returns a phyloseq-class object that has been pruned and comprises the minimum arguments necessary for UniFrac().

Parallelization is possible for UniFrac calculated with the [phyloseq-package](#), and is encouraged in the instances of large trees, many samples, or both. Parallelization has been implemented via the [foreach-package](#). This means that parallel calls need to be preceded by 2 or more commands that register the parallel “backend”. This is achieved via your choice of helper packages. One of the simplest seems to be the *doParallel* package.

For more information, see the following links on registering the “backend”:

*foreach* package manual:

<http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/foreach/index.html>

Notes on parallel computing in R. Skip to the section describing the *foreach Framework*. It gives off-the-shelf examples for registering a parallel backend using the *doMC*, *doSNOW*, or *doMPI* packages:

<http://trg.apbionet.org/euasiagrid/docs/parallelR.notes.pdf>

Furthermore, as of R version 2.14.0 and higher, a parallel package is included as part of the core installation, [parallel-package](#), and this can be used as the parallel backend with the [foreach-package](#) using the adaptor package “doParallel”. <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/doParallel/index.html>

See the vignette for some simple examples for using doParallel. <http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/doParallel/vignettes/gettingstartedParallel.pdf>

UniFrac-specific examples for doParallel are provided in the example code below.

## Value

a sample-by-sample distance matrix, suitable for NMDS, etc.

## References

<http://bmf.colorado.edu/unifrac/>

The main implementation (Fast UniFrac) is adapted from the algorithm’s description in:

Hamady, Lozupone, and Knight, “Fast UniFrac: facilitating high-throughput phylogenetic analyses of microbial communities including analysis of pyrosequencing and PhyloChip data.” *The ISME Journal* (2010) 4, 17–27.

<http://www.nature.com/ismej/journal/v4/n1/full/ismej200997a.html>

See also additional descriptions of UniFrac in the following articles:

Lozupone, Hamady and Knight, “UniFrac - An Online Tool for Comparing Microbial Community Diversity in a Phylogenetic Context.”, *BMC Bioinformatics* 2006, 7:371

Lozupone, Hamady, Kelley and Knight, “Quantitative and qualitative (beta) diversity measures lead to different insights into factors that structure microbial communities.” *Appl Environ Microbiol.* 2007

Lozupone C, Knight R. “UniFrac: a new phylogenetic method for comparing microbial communities.” *Appl Environ Microbiol.* 2005 71 (12):8228-35.

## See Also

[distance](#), [unifrac](#)

**Examples**

```

#####
# # Perform UniFrac on esophagus data
#####
# data("esophagus")
# (y <- UniFrac(esophagus, TRUE))
# UniFrac(esophagus, TRUE, FALSE)
# UniFrac(esophagus, FALSE)
# picante::unifrac(as(t(otuTable(esophagus)), "matrix"), tre(esophagus))
#####
# # Try phylocom example data from picante package
# # It comes as a list, so you must construct the phyloseq object first.
#####
# data("phylocom")
# (x1 <- phyloseq(otuTable(phylocom$sample, FALSE), phylocom$phylo))
# UniFrac(x1, TRUE)
# UniFrac(x1, TRUE, FALSE)
# UniFrac(x1, FALSE)
# picante::unifrac(phylocom$sample, phylocom$phylo)
#####
# # Now try a parallel implementation using doParallel, which leverages the
# # new 'parallel' core package in R 2.14.0+
# # Note that simply loading the 'doParallel' package is not enough, you must
# # call a function that registers the backend. In general, this is pretty easy
# # with the 'doParallel package' (or one of the alternative 'do*' packages)
# #
# # Also note that the esophagus example has only 3 samples, and a relatively small
# # tree. This is fast to calculate even sequentially and does not warrant
# # parallelized computation, but provides a good quick example for using UniFrac()
# # in a parallel fashion. The number of cores you should specify during the
# # backend registration, using registerDoParallel(), depends on your system and
# # needs. 3 is chosen here for convenience. If your system has only 2 cores, this
# # will probably fault or run slower than necessary.
#####
# library(doParallel)
# data(esophagus)
# # For SNOW-like functionality (works on Windows):
# cl <- makeCluster(3)
# registerDoParallel(cl)
# UniFrac(esophagus, TRUE)
# # Force to sequential backed:
# registerDoSEQ()
# # For multicore-like functionality (will probably not work on windows),
# # register the backend like this:
# registerDoParallel(cores=3)
# UniFrac(esophagus, TRUE)
#####

```

[

*Extract parts of otuTable***Description**

Extract parts of otuTable

extract parts of sampleData

extract parts of taxonomyTable

Generic extraction from higher-order object

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