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Description This package provides RJMCMC samplers to make Bayesian inference for Joint Species Distribution models (JSDM) using a Dirichlet Process clustering method. The DP clustering method allows species to be grouped into functional guilds for modeling between species associations in abundance or occurrence values at surveyed sites.

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multAbund-package	<i>Use Dirichlet Process Prior to Model Multivariate Animal Abundance and Occurance</i>
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Description

Functions for implementing the RJMCMC estimation of multivariate abundance and occurrence. These functions model multivariate abundance with latent group designations for each species. The associations between species are functions of common group membership.

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get_opt_alpha_prior	<i>Obtain parameters for gamma prior such that the distribution of the number of groups is equal to the target argument</i>
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Description

This function uses the method of Dorazio (2009) to calculate the parameters of a gamma prior on the Dirichlet process such that the induced distribution function of the number of clusters is equal to 1/k.

Usage

```
get_opt_alpha_prior(n, target = NULL)
```

Arguments

n	An integer representing the maximum number of groups. Typically this is the number of individuals.
target	The desired prior probability mass function for the number of groups. This function must return a vector of length n which contains the prior probabilities for each group size.

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References

Dorazio, R. M. (2009) On selecting a prior for the precision parameter of Dirichlet process mixture models. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference* 139:3384-3390.

make_data_list	<i>Make necessary data matrices for multivariate abundance and occurrence RJMCMC functions</i>
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Description

Makes the necessary lists for input into the RJMCMC fitting functions

Usage

```
make_data_list(
  counts = NULL,
  occur = NULL,
  z_col = NULL,
  delta_model,
  X_model,
  sigma_model = ~1,
  gamma_model = ~1,
  data
)
```

Arguments

counts	A character string providing the name of the column in data that contains the counts
occur	A character string providing the name of the column in data that contains the binary occurrence data
z_col	A character string providing the name of the column in data that contains the continuous abundance data
delta_model	A formula describing the variables for which delta will be the coefficients.
X_model	A formula giving additional variables to be used for all groups.
sigma_model	A formula describing the sigma vector. Must be of the form ~factorVariable-1.
gamma_model	A formula describing the gamma vector for ZIP models
data	Data.frame containing counts and environmental variables

Value

A list containing the following elements:

counts	The column containing count data
occur	The column containing occurrence data
z_col	The column containing Gaussian response data
H	The environmental variables from which the clustering is based
X	The design matrix for the global covariates
D	Design matrix defining sigma_ij
M	Design matrix defining the gamma_ij
data	Data frame containing the original data

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mult_abund_norm	<i>Perform RJMCMC for posterior sampling of multivariate cluster abundance model with Gaussian observations</i>
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Description

Fit a Dirichlet Process random effect model for joint species distribution inference of Gaussian abundance (typically resulting from a log transformation) data using a RJMCMC procedure. THIS IS CURRENTLY A TEST FUNCTION THAT IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED YET! IT USES A DIFFERENT VARIANCE MODEL FOR DELTA PARAMETERS.

Usage

```
mult_abund_norm(
  data_list,
  initial_list,
  prior_list,
  block,
  begin_group_update,
  update_omega = T,
  burn,
  iter
)
```

Arguments

data_list	A named list created of data items created from user data with the function <code>multAbund::make_data_list</code> . This data will be used for model fitting.
initial_list	A named list of initial values for the parameters (see details). The functions <code>multAbund::sugs</code> or <code>multAbund::make_inits</code> can be used to create this list.
prior_list	A named list of prior distribution parameters. See details.
block	Number of iterations between Metropolis proposal adaptation.
begin_group_update	The iteration at which the group clusters begin updating. The RJMCMC often performs better when the chain is allowed to sample only the parameters before the groups begin updating.
update_omega	Logical. Should omega be updated or not?
burn	Number of burnin iterations that are discarded.
iter	Number of iterations retained for posterior inference.

Details

The `prior_list` argument needs to contain the following items:

- `a_alpha` numeric. shape parameter for gamma prior on alpha,
- `b_alpha` numeric. scale parameter for gamma prior on alpha,
- `Sigma_beta_inv` numeric matrix. precision matrix for global regression coefficients, beta
- `mu_beta` numeric vector. prior mean of beta parameters
- `phi_omega` numeric. scale for half t/normal prior on delta variance parameter (omega),
- `df_omega` numeric. degrees of freedom for half-t prior on omega (`df_omega` ≥ 50 means a half-normal will be assumed)
- `phi_sigma` numeric. scale parameter for half-t/normal prior for sigma parameters
- `df_sigma` numeric. degrees of freedom for sigma prior (≥ 50 implies half-normal will be used)

Vignette

A demonstration using simulated data is available in vignette form and can be accessed by typing `vignette("simulation_demo", package="multAbund")`. The vignette demo uses a realistic number of iterations, so, if the user decides to run the associated R code it will take some time.

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mult_abund_pois	<i>Perform RJMCMC for posterior sampling of multivariate cluster abundance model with Poisson observations</i>
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Description

Fit a Dirichlet Process random effect model for joint species distribution inference of Poisson count data using a RJMCMC procedure.

Usage

```
mult_abund_pois(
  data_list,
  initial_list,
  prior_list,
  block,
  begin_group_update,
  burn,
  iter
)
```

Arguments

data_list	A named list created of data items created from user data with the function <code>multAbund::make_data_list</code> . This data will be used for model fitting.
initial_list	A named list of initial values for the parameters (see details). The functions <code>multAbund::sugs</code> or <code>multAbund::make_inits</code> can be used to create this list.
prior_list	A named list of prior parameters. See details.
block	Number of iterations between Metropolis proposal adaptation.
begin_group_update	The iteration at which the group clusters begin updating. The RJMCMC often performs better when the chain is allowed to sample only the parameters before the groups begin updating.
burn	Number of burnin iterations that are discarded.
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mult_abund_probit	<i>Perform RJMCMC for posterior sampling of multivariate cluster occurrence model with Bernoulli observations</i>
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Description

Fit a Dirichlet Process random effect model for joint species distribution inference of binary occurrence data using a RJMCMC procedure.

Usage

```
mult_abund_probit(
  data_list,
  prior_list,
  initial_list,
  block,
  begin_group_update,
  update_omega,
  burn,
  iter
)
```

Arguments

data_list	A named list created of data items created from user data with the function <code>multAbund::make_data_list</code> . This data will be used for model fitting.
prior_list	A named list of prior parameters. See details.
initial_list	A named list of initial values for the parameters (see details). The functions <code>multAbund::sugs</code> or <code>multAbund::make_inits</code> can be used to create this list.
block	Number of iterations between Metropolis proposal adaptation.
begin_group_update	The iteration at which the group clusters begin updating. The RJMCMC often performs better when the chain is allowed to sample only the parameters before the groups begin updating.
update_omega	logical. Should omega be updated during the MCMC or remain fixed.
burn	Number of burnin iterations that are discarded.
iter	Number of iterations retained for posterior inference.

Details

The `prior_list` argument needs to contain the following items:

- `a_alpha` numeric. shape parameter for gamma prior on alpha,
- `b_alpha` numeric. scale parameter for gamma prior on alpha,
- `Sigma_beta_inv` numeric matrix. precision matrix for global regression coefficients, beta
- `mu_beta` numeric vector. prior mean of beta parameters
- `phi_omega` numeric. scale for half t/normal prior on delta variance parameter (omega),
- `df_omega` numeric. degrees of freedom for half-t prior on omega (`df_omega` ≥ 50 means a half-normal will be assumed)
- `phi_sigma` numeric. scale parameter for half-t/normal prior for sigma parameters
- `df_sigma` numeric. degrees of freedom for sigma prior (≥ 50 implies half-normal will be used)

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mult_abund_zip	<i>Perform RJMCMC for posterior sampling of multivariate cluster abundance model with Zero-Inflated Poisson observations</i>
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Description

Fit a Dirichlet Process random effect model for joint species distribution inference of Zero-Inflated Poisson count data using a RJMCMC procedure.

Usage

```
mult_abund_zip(
  data_list,
  initial_list,
  prior_list,
  block,
  begin_group_update,
  update_omega = T,
  burn,
  iter
)
```

Arguments

data_list	A named list created of data items created from user data with the function <code>multAbund::make_data_list</code> . This data will be used for model fitting.
initial_list	A named list of initial values for the parameters (see details). The functions <code>multAbund::sugs</code> or <code>multAbund::make_inits</code> can be used to create this list.
prior_list	A named list of prior distribution parameters. See details.
block	Number of iterations between Metropolis proposal adaptation.
begin_group_update	The iteration at which the group clusters begin updating. The RJMCMC often performs better when the chain is allowed to sample only the parameters before the groups begin updating.
update_omega	Logical. Should omega be updated or not?
burn	Number of burnin iterations that are discarded.
iter	Number of iterations retained for posterior inference.

Details

The `prior_list` argument needs to contain the following items:

- `a_alpha` numeric. shape parameter for gamma prior on alpha,
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- `mu_beta` numeric vector. prior mean of beta parameters
- `phi_omega` numeric. scale for half t/normal prior on delta variance parameter (omega),
- `df_omega` numeric. degrees of freedom for half-t prior on omega (`df_omega` ≥ 50 means a half-normal will be assumed)
- `phi_sigma` numeric. scale parameter for half-t/normal prior for sigma parameters
- `df_sigma` numeric. degrees of freedom for sigma prior (≥ 50 implies half-normal will be used)

Vignette

A demonstration using simulated data is available in vignette form and can be accessed by typing `vignette("simulation_demo", package="multAbund")`. The vignette demo uses a realistic number of iterations, so, if the user decides to run the associated R code it will take some time.

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view_example

View simulation example

Description

Users can view an .html file that contains an example with simulated abundance data. The demo is similar to a vignette but it takes much too long to build.

Usage

`view_example()`

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