

# Package ‘ecodive’

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**Description** Computes alpha and beta diversity metrics using concurrent 'C' threads.  
Metrics include 'UniFrac', Faith's phylogenetic diversity, Bray-Curtis dissimilarity, Shannon diversity index, and many others.  
Also parses newick trees into 'phylo' objects and rarefies feature tables.

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adiv_functions	<i>Alpha Diversity Metrics</i>
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Description

Alpha Diversity Metrics

Usage

```
ace(counts, cutoff = 10L, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

berger(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

brillouin(counts, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

chao1(counts, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

faith(counts, tree = NULL, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

fisher(counts, digits = 3L, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

inv_simpson(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

margalef(counts, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

mcintosh(counts, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

menhinick(counts, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

observed(counts, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())

shannon(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())
```

```
simpson(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())
```

```
squares(counts, margin = 1L, cpus = n_cpus())
```

## Arguments

counts	A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with <code>as.matrix()</code> can be given here, as well as <code>phyloseq</code> , <code>rbiom</code> , <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> , and <code>TreeSummarizedExperiment</code> objects. For optimal performance with very large datasets, see the guide in <code>vignette('performance')</code> .
cutoff	The maximum number of observations to consider "rare". Default: 10.
margin	If your samples are in the matrix's rows, set to 1L. If your samples are in columns, set to 2L. Ignored when counts is a <code>phyloseq</code> , <code>rbiom</code> , <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> , or <code>TreeSummarizedExperiment</code> object. Default: 1L
cpus	How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, <code>n_cpus()</code> , will use all logical CPU cores.
norm	<p>Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:</p> <p><code>norm = "percent"</code> - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).</p> <p><code>norm = "binary"</code> - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).</p> <p><code>norm = "clr"</code> - Centered log ratio.</p> <p><code>norm = "none"</code> - No transformation.</p> <p>Default: 'percent', which is the expected input for these formulas.</p>
tree	A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts. The OTU identifiers given by <code>colnames(counts)</code> must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as <code>attr(counts, 'tree')</code> .
digits	Precision of the returned values, in number of decimal places. E.g. the default <code>digits=3</code> could return 6.392.

## Value

A numeric vector.

## Formulas

Prerequisite: all counts are whole numbers.

Given:

- $n$  : The number of features (e.g. species, OTUs, ASVs, etc).
- $X_i$  : Integer count of the  $i$ -th feature.
- $X_T$  : Total of all counts (i.e. sequencing depth).  $X_T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
- $P_i$  : Proportional abundance of the  $i$ -th feature.  $P_i = X_i/X_T$
- $F_1$  : Number of features where  $X_i = 1$  (i.e. singletons).
- $F_2$  : Number of features where  $X_i = 2$  (i.e. doubletons).

<b>Abundance-based Coverage Estimator (ACE)</b> ace()	See below.
<b>Berger-Parker Index</b> berger()	$\max(P_i)$
<b>Brillouin Index</b> brillouin()	$\frac{\ln[(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)!] - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i!)}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}$
<b>Chao1</b> chao1()	$n + \frac{(F_1)^2}{2F_2}$
<b>Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity</b> faith()	See below.
<b>Fisher's Alpha</b> ( $\alpha$ ) fisher()	$\frac{n}{\alpha} = \ln\left(1 + \frac{X_T}{\alpha}\right)$ The value of $\alpha$ must be solved for iteratively.
<b>Gini-Simpson Index</b> simpson()	$1 - \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2$
<b>Inverse Simpson Index</b> inv_simpson()	$1 / \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2$
<b>Margalef's Richness Index</b> margalef()	$\frac{n-1}{\ln X_T}$
<b>McIntosh Index</b> mcintosh()	$\frac{X_T - \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i)^2}}{X_T - \sqrt{X_T}}$
<b>Menhinick's Richness Index</b> menhinick()	$\frac{n}{\sqrt{X_T}}$
<b>Observed Features</b> observed()	$n$
<b>Shannon Diversity Index</b> shannon()	$-\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \times \ln(P_i)$
<b>Squares Richness Estimator</b> squares()	$n + \frac{(F_1)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i)^2}{X_T^2 - nF_1}$

#### Abundance-based Coverage Estimator (ACE):

Given:

- $n$  : The number of features (e.g. species, OTUs, ASVs, etc).
- $r$  : Rare cutoff. Features with  $\leq r$  counts are considered rare.
- $X_i$  : Integer count of the  $i$ -th feature.
- $F_i$  : Number of features with exactly  $i$  counts.
- $F_1$  : Number of features where  $X_i = 1$  (i.e. singletons).
- $F_{rare}$  : Number of rare features where  $X_i \leq r$ .
- $F_{abund}$  : Number of abundant features where  $X_i > r$ .
- $X_{rare}$  : Total counts belonging to rare features.
- $C_{ace}$  : The sample abundance coverage estimator, defined below.
- $\gamma_{ace}^2$  : The estimated coefficient of variation, defined below.
- $D_{ace}$  : Estimated number of features in the sample.

$$C_{ace} = 1 - \frac{F_1}{X_{rare}}$$

$$\gamma_{ace}^2 = \max\left[\frac{F_{rare} \sum_{i=1}^r i(i-1)F_i}{C_{ace} X_{rare} (X_{rare} - 1)} - 1, 0\right]$$

$$D_{ace} = F_{abund} + \frac{F_{rare}}{C_{ace}} + \frac{F_1}{C_{ace}} \gamma_{ace}^2$$

#### Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity (Faith's PD):

Given  $n$  branches with lengths  $L$  and a sample's abundances  $A$  on each of those branches coded as 1 for present or 0 for absent:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n L_i A_i$$

**Examples**

```
# Example counts matrix
t(ex_counts)

ace(ex_counts)

chao1(ex_counts)

squares(ex_counts)
```

alpha\_div

*Alpha Diversity Wrapper Function***Description**

Alpha Diversity Wrapper Function

**Usage**

```
alpha_div(
  counts,
  metric,
  norm = "percent",
  cutoff = 10L,
  digits = 3L,
  tree = NULL,
  margin = 1L,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)
```

**Arguments**

counts	A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with <code>as.matrix()</code> can be given here, as well as <code>phyloseq</code> , <code>rbiom</code> , <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> , and <code>TreeSummarizedExperiment</code> objects. For optimal performance with very large datasets, see the guide in <code>vignette('performance')</code> .
metric	The name of an alpha diversity metric. One of <code>c('ace', 'berger', 'brillouin', 'chao1', 'faith', 'fisher', 'inv_simpson', 'margalef', 'mcintosh', 'menhinick', 'observed', 'shannon', 'simpson', 'squares')</code> . Case-insensitive and partial name matching is supported. Programmatic access via <code>list_metrics('alpha')</code> .
norm	<p>Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:</p> <p><code>norm = "percent"</code> - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).</p> <p><code>norm = "binary"</code> - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).</p> <p><code>norm = "clr"</code> - Centered log ratio.</p>

	norm = "none" - No transformation. Default: 'percent', which is the expected input for these formulas.
cutoff	The maximum number of observations to consider "rare". Default: 10.
digits	Precision of the returned values, in number of decimal places. E.g. the default digits=3 could return 6.392.
tree	A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts. The OTU identifiers given by colnames(counts) must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as attr(counts, 'tree').
margin	If your samples are in the matrix's rows, set to 1L. If your samples are in columns, set to 2L. Ignored when counts is a phyloseq, rbiom, SummarizedExperiment, or TreeSummarizedExperiment object. Default: 1L
cpus	How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, n_cpus(), will use all logical CPU cores.

## Details

### Integer Count Requirements:

A frequent and critical error in alpha diversity analysis is providing the wrong type of data to a metric's formula. Some indices are mathematically defined based on counts of individuals and require raw, integer abundance data. Others are based on proportional abundances and can accept either integer counts (which are then converted to proportions) or pre-normalized proportional data. Using proportional data with a metric that requires integer counts will return an error message.

#### *Requires Integer Counts Only:*

- Chao1
- ACE
- Squares Richness Estimator
- Margalef's Index
- Menhinick's Index
- Fisher's Alpha
- Brillouin Index

#### *Can Use Proportional Data:*

- Observed Features
- Shannon Index
- Gini-Simpson Index
- Inverse Simpson Index
- Berger-Parker Index
- McIntosh Index
- Faith's PD

## Value

A numeric vector.

**Examples**

```
# Example counts matrix
ex_counts

# Shannon diversity values
alpha_div(ex_counts, 'Shannon')

# Chao1 diversity values
alpha_div(ex_counts, 'c')

# Faith PD values
alpha_div(ex_counts, 'faith', tree = ex_tree)
```

bdiv\_functions

*Beta Diversity Metrics***Description**

Beta Diversity Metrics

**Usage**

```
aitchison(
  counts,
  pseudocount = NULL,
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

battacharyya(
  counts,
  norm = "percent",
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

bray(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

canberra(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

chebyshev(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

chord(counts, margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
```

```
clark(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

divergence(
  counts,
  norm = "percent",
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

euclidean(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

gower(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

hellinger(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

horn(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

jensen(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

jsd(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

lorentzian(
  counts,
  norm = "percent",
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

manhattan(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

matusita(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

minkowski(
  counts,
  norm = "percent",
  power = 1.5,
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

morisita(counts, margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

motyka(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
```



```
psym_chisq(  
  counts,  
  norm = "percent",  
  margin = 1L,  
  pairs = NULL,  
  cpus = n_cpus()  
)  
  
soergel(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())  
  
squared_chisq(  
  counts,  
  norm = "percent",  
  margin = 1L,  
  pairs = NULL,  
  cpus = n_cpus()  
)  
  
squared_chord(  
  counts,  
  norm = "percent",  
  margin = 1L,  
  pairs = NULL,  
  cpus = n_cpus()  
)  
  
squared_euclidean(  
  counts,  
  norm = "percent",  
  margin = 1L,  
  pairs = NULL,  
  cpus = n_cpus()  
)  
  
topsoe(counts, norm = "percent", margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())  
  
wave_hedges(  
  counts,  
  norm = "percent",  
  margin = 1L,  
  pairs = NULL,  
  cpus = n_cpus()  
)  
  
hamming(counts, margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())  
  
jaccard(counts, margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())
```

```
ochiai(counts, margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

sorensen(counts, margin = 1L, pairs = NULL, cpus = n_cpus())

unweighted_unifrac(
  counts,
  tree = NULL,
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

weighted_unifrac(
  counts,
  tree = NULL,
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

normalized_unifrac(
  counts,
  tree = NULL,
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

generalized_unifrac(
  counts,
  tree = NULL,
  alpha = 0.5,
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

variance_adjusted_unifrac(
  counts,
  tree = NULL,
  margin = 1L,
  pairs = NULL,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)
```

### Arguments

counts	A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with <code>as.matrix()</code> can be given here, as well as
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	phyloseq, rbiom, SummarizedExperiment, and TreeSummarizedExperiment objects. For optimal performance with very large datasets, see the guide in vignette('performance').
pseudocount	The value to add to all counts in counts to prevent taking $\log(0)$ for unobserved features. The default, NULL, selects the smallest non-zero value in counts.
margin	If your samples are in the matrix's rows, set to 1L. If your samples are in columns, set to 2L. Ignored when counts is a phyloseq, rbiom, SummarizedExperiment, or TreeSummarizedExperiment object. Default: 1L
pairs	Which combinations of samples should distances be calculated for? The default value (NULL) calculates all-vs-all. Provide a numeric or logical vector specifying positions in the distance matrix to calculate. See examples.
cpus	How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, n_cpus(), will use all logical CPU cores.
norm	<p>Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:</p> <p>norm = "percent" - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).</p> <p>norm = "binary" - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).</p> <p>norm = "clr" - Centered log ratio.</p> <p>norm = "none" - No transformation.</p> <p>Default: 'percent', which is the expected input for these formulas.</p>
power	Scaling factor for the magnitude of differences between communities ( $p$ ). Default: 1.5
tree	A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts. The OTU identifiers given by colnames(counts) must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as attr(counts, 'tree').
alpha	How much weight to give to relative abundances; a value between 0 and 1, inclusive. Setting alpha=1 is equivalent to normalized_unifrac().

**Value**

A dist object.

**Formulas**

Given:

- $n$  : The number of features.
- $X_i, Y_i$  : Absolute counts for the  $i$ -th feature in samples  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- $X_T, Y_T$  : Total counts in each sample.  $X_T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
- $P_i, Q_i$  : Proportional abundances of  $X_i$  and  $Y_i$ .  $P_i = X_i/X_T$
- $X_L, Y_L$  : Mean log of abundances.  $X_L = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln X_i$
- $R_i$  : The range of the  $i$ -th feature across all samples (max - min).

<b>Aitchison distance</b> aitchison()	$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n [(\ln X_i - X_L) - (\ln Y_i - Y_L)]^2}$
<b>Bhattacharyya distance</b> bhattacharyya()	$-\ln \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{P_i Q_i}$
<b>Bray-Curtis dissimilarity</b> bray()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n  P_i - Q_i }{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i + Q_i)}$
<b>Canberra distance</b> canberra()	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{ P_i - Q_i }{P_i + Q_i}$
<b>Chebyshev distance</b> chebyshev()	$\max( P_i - Q_i )$
<b>Chord distance</b> chord()	$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{X_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j^2}} - \frac{Y_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^n Y_j^2}} \right)^2}$
<b>Clark's divergence distance</b> clark()	$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{P_i - Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right)^2}$
<b>Divergence</b> divergence()	$2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(P_i - Q_i)^2}{(P_i + Q_i)^2}$
<b>Euclidean distance</b> euclidean()	$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - Q_i)^2}$
<b>Gower distance</b> gower()	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{ P_i - Q_i }{R_i}$
<b>Hellinger distance</b> hellinger()	$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\sqrt{P_i} - \sqrt{Q_i})^2}$
<b>Horn-Morisita dissimilarity</b> horn()	$1 - \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n P_i Q_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n P_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i^2}$
<b>Jensen-Shannon distance</b> jensen()	$\sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \ln \left( \frac{2P_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i \ln \left( \frac{2Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right) \right]}$
<b>Jensen-Shannon divergence (JSD)</b> jsd()	$\frac{1}{2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n P_i \ln \left( \frac{2P_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i \ln \left( \frac{2Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right) \right]$
<b>Lorentzian distance</b> lorentzian()	$\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1 +  P_i - Q_i )$
<b>Manhattan distance</b> manhattan()	$\sum_{i=1}^n  P_i - Q_i $
<b>Matusita distance</b> matusita()	$\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (\sqrt{P_i} - \sqrt{Q_i})^2}$
<b>Minkowski distance</b> minkowski()	$\sqrt[p]{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - Q_i)^p}$ Where $p$ is the geometry of the space.
<b>Morisita dissimilarity * Integers Only</b> morisita()	$1 - \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i}{\left( \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i (X_i - 1)}{X_T (X_T - 1)} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i (Y_i - 1)}{Y_T (Y_T - 1)} \right) X_T Y_T}$
<b>Motyka dissimilarity</b> motyka()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \max(P_i, Q_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i + Q_i)}$
<b>Probabilistic Symmetric <math>\chi^2</math> distance</b> psym_chisq()	$2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(P_i - Q_i)^2}{P_i + Q_i}$
<b>Soergel distance</b> soergel()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n  P_i - Q_i }{\sum_{i=1}^n \max(P_i, Q_i)}$
<b>Squared <math>\chi^2</math> distance</b> squared_chisq()	$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(P_i - Q_i)^2}{P_i + Q_i}$
<b>Squared Chord distance</b> squared_chord()	$\sum_{i=1}^n (\sqrt{P_i} - \sqrt{Q_i})^2$

<b>Squared Euclidean distance</b> squared_euclidean()	$\sum_{i=1}^n (P_i - Q_i)^2$
<b>Topsoe distance</b> topsoe()	$\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \ln \left( \frac{2P_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^n Q_i \ln \left( \frac{2Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right)$
<b>Wave Hedges distance</b> wave_hedges()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n  P_i - Q_i }{\sum_{i=1}^n \max(P_i, Q_i)}$

**Presence / Absence:**

Given:

- $A, B$  : Number of features in each sample.
- $J$  : Number of features in common.

<b>Dice-Sorensen dissimilarity</b> sorensen()	$\frac{2J}{(A + B)}$
<b>Hamming distance</b> hamming()	$(A + B) - 2J$
<b>Jaccard distance</b> jaccard()	$1 - \frac{J}{(A + B - J)}$
<b>Otsuka-Ochiai dissimilarity</b> ochiai()	$1 - \frac{J}{\sqrt{AB}}$

**Phylogenetic:**

Given  $n$  branches with lengths  $L$  and a pair of samples' binary ( $A$  and  $B$ ) or proportional abundances ( $P$  and  $Q$ ) on each of those branches.

<b>Unweighted UniFrac</b> unweighted_unifrac()	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n L_i  A_i - B_i $
<b>Weighted UniFrac</b> weighted_unifrac()	$\sum_{i=1}^n L_i  P_i - Q_i $
<b>Normalized Weighted UniFrac</b> normalized_unifrac()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n L_i  P_i - Q_i }{\sum_{i=1}^n L_i (P_i + Q_i)}$
<b>Generalized UniFrac (GUniFrac)</b> generalized_unifrac()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n L_i (P_i + Q_i)^\alpha \left  \frac{P_i - Q_i}{P_i + Q_i} \right }{\sum_{i=1}^n L_i (P_i + Q_i)^\alpha}$ Where $\alpha$ is a scalar
<b>Variance-Adjusted Weighted UniFrac</b> variance_adjusted_unifrac()	$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n L_i \frac{ P_i - Q_i }{\sqrt{(P_i + Q_i)(2 - P_i - Q_i)}}}{\sum_{i=1}^n L_i \frac{P_i + Q_i}{\sqrt{(P_i + Q_i)(2 - P_i - Q_i)}}}$

See vignette('unifrac') for detailed example UniFrac calculations.

## References

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## Examples

```
# Example counts matrix
t(ex_counts)

bray(ex_counts)

jaccard(ex_counts)

generalized_unifrac(ex_counts, tree = ex_tree)

# Only calculate distances for Saliva vs all.
bray(ex_counts, pairs = 1:3)
```

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beta\_div

*Beta Diversity Wrapper Function*


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## Description

Beta Diversity Wrapper Function

## Usage

```
beta_div(
  counts,
  metric,
  norm = "percent",
  power = 1.5,
  pseudocount = NULL,
  alpha = 0.5,
  tree = NULL,
  pairs = NULL,
  margin = 1L,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)
```

**Arguments**

counts	A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with <code>as.matrix()</code> can be given here, as well as <code>phyloseq</code> , <code>rbiom</code> , <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> , and <code>TreeSummarizedExperiment</code> objects. For optimal performance with very large datasets, see the guide in <code>vignette('performance')</code> .
metric	The name of a beta diversity metric. One of <code>c('aitchison', 'battacharyya', 'bray', 'canberra', 'chebyshev', 'chord', 'clark', 'divergence', 'euclidean', 'generalized_unifrac', 'gower', 'hamming', 'hellinger', 'horn', 'jaccard', 'jensen', 'jsd', 'lorentzian', 'manhattan', 'matusita', 'minkowski', 'morisita', 'motyka', 'normalized_unifrac', 'ochiai', 'psym_chisq', 'soergel', 'sorensen', 'squared_chisq', 'squared_chord', 'squared_euclidean', 'topsoe', 'unweighted_unifrac', 'variance_adjusted_unifrac', 'wave_hedges', 'weighted_unifrac')</code> . Flexible matching is supported (see below). Programmatic access via <code>list_metrics('beta')</code> .
norm	<p>Normalize the incoming counts. Options are:</p> <p><code>norm = "percent"</code> - Relative abundance (sample abundances sum to 1).</p> <p><code>norm = "binary"</code> - Unweighted presence/absence (each count is either 0 or 1).</p> <p><code>norm = "clr"</code> - Centered log ratio.</p> <p><code>norm = "none"</code> - No transformation.</p> <p>Default: <code>'percent'</code>, which is the expected input for these formulas.</p>
power	Scaling factor for the magnitude of differences between communities ( $p$ ). Default: 1.5
pseudocount	The value to add to all counts in counts to prevent taking $\log(0)$ for unobserved features. The default, <code>NULL</code> , selects the smallest non-zero value in counts.
alpha	How much weight to give to relative abundances; a value between 0 and 1, inclusive. Setting <code>alpha=1</code> is equivalent to <code>normalized_unifrac()</code> .
tree	A phylo-class object representing the phylogenetic tree for the OTUs in counts. The OTU identifiers given by <code>colnames(counts)</code> must be present in tree. Can be omitted if a tree is embedded with the counts object or as <code>attr(counts, 'tree')</code> .
pairs	Which combinations of samples should distances be calculated for? The default value ( <code>NULL</code> ) calculates all-vs-all. Provide a numeric or logical vector specifying positions in the distance matrix to calculate. See examples.
margin	If your samples are in the matrix's rows, set to 1L. If your samples are in columns, set to 2L. Ignored when counts is a <code>phyloseq</code> , <code>rbiom</code> , <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> , or <code>TreeSummarizedExperiment</code> object. Default: 1L
cpus	How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, <code>n_cpus()</code> , will use all logical CPU cores.

**Details****List of Beta Diversity Metrics**

Option / Function Name	Metric Name
aitchison	Aitchison distance
bhattacharyya	Bhattacharyya distance
bray	Bray-Curtis dissimilarity
canberra	Canberra distance
chebyshev	Chebyshev distance
chord	Chord distance
clark	Clark's divergence distance
divergence	Divergence
euclidean	Euclidean distance
generalized_unifrac	Generalized UniFrac (GUniFrac)
gower	Gower distance
hamming	Hamming distance
hellinger	Hellinger distance
horn	Horn-Morisita dissimilarity
jaccard	Jaccard distance
jensen	Jensen-Shannon distance
jsd	Jesen-Shannon divergence (JSD)
lorentzian	Lorentzian distance
manhattan	Manhattan distance
matusita	Matusita distance
minkowski	Minkowski distance
morisita	Morisita dissimilarity
motyka	Motyka dissimilarity
normalized_unifrac	Normalized Weighted UniFrac
ochiai	Otsuka-Ochiai dissimilarity
psym_chisq	Probabilistic Symmetric Chi-Squared distance
soergel	Soergel distance
sorensen	Dice-Sorensen dissimilarity
squared_chisq	Squared Chi-Squared distance
squared_chord	Squared Chord distance
squared_euclidean	Squared Euclidean distance
topsoe	Topsoe distance
unweighted_unifrac	Unweighted UniFrac
variance_adjusted_unifrac	Variance-Adjusted Weighted UniFrac (VAW-UniFrac)
wave_hedges	Wave Hedges distance
weighted_unifrac	Weighted UniFrac

### Flexible name matching

Case insensitive and partial matching. Any runs of non-alpha characters are converted to underscores. E.g. metric = 'Weighted UniFrac' selects weighted\_unifrac.

UniFrac names can be shortened to the first letter plus "unifrac". E.g. uunifrac, w\_unifrac, or V UniFrac. These also support partial matching.

Finished code should always use the full primary option name to avoid ambiguity with future additions to the metrics list.



**Value**

A numeric vector.

**Examples**

```
# Example counts matrix
ex_counts

# Bray-Curtis distances
beta_div(ex_counts, 'bray')

# Generalized UniFrac distances
beta_div(ex_counts, 'GUniFrac', tree = ex_tree)
```

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ex_counts	<i>Example counts matrix</i>
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**Description**

Genera found on four human body sites.

**Usage**

```
ex_counts
```

**Format**

A matrix of 4 samples (columns) x 6 genera (rows).

**Source**

Derived from The Human Microbiome Project dataset. <https://commonfund.nih.gov/hmp>

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ex_tree	<i>Example phylogenetic tree</i>
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**Description**

Companion tree for ex\_counts.

**Usage**

```
ex_tree
```

**Format**

A phylo object.

**Details**

ex\_tree encodes this tree structure:

```

      +-----44----- Haemophilus
+--2-|
|   +-----68----- Bacteroides
|   |
|   |   +---18--- Streptococcus
|   |   +--12--|
|   |   |   +--11-- Staphylococcus
+--11--|
|   |   +-----24----- Corynebacterium
|   |   +--12--|
|   |   |   +---13-- Propionibacterium

```

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list\_metrics

*Find and Browse Available Metrics*


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**Description**

Programmatic access to the lists of available metrics, and their associated functions.

**Usage**

```

list_metrics(
  div = c(NA, "alpha", "beta"),
  val = c("data.frame", "list", "func", "id", "name", "div", "phylo", "weighted",
    "int_only", "true_metric"),
  nm = c(NA, "id", "name"),
  phylo = NULL,
  weighted = NULL,
  int_only = NULL,
  true_metric = NULL
)

match_metric(
  metric,
  div = NULL,
  phylo = NULL,
  weighted = NULL,
  int_only = NULL,
  true_metric = NULL
)

```

**Arguments**

div, phylo, weighted, int_only, true_metric	Consider only metrics matching specific criteria. For example, <code>div = "alpha"</code> will only return alpha diversity metrics. Default: NULL
val	Sets the return value for this function call. See "Value" section below. Default: <code>"data.frame"</code>
nm	What value to use for the names of the returned object. Default is <code>"id"</code> when <code>val</code> is <code>"list"</code> or <code>"func"</code> , otherwise the default is NA (no name).
metric	The name of an alpha/beta diversity metric to search for. Supports partial matching. All non-alpha characters are ignored.

**Value**

`match_metric()`

A list with the following elements.

- `name` : Metric name, e.g. "Faith's Phylogenetic Diversity"
- `id` : Metric ID - also the name of the function, e.g. `"faith"`
- `div` : Either `"alpha"` or `"beta"`.
- `phylo` : TRUE if metric requires a phylogenetic tree; FALSE otherwise.
- `weighted` : TRUE if metric takes relative abundance into account; FALSE if it only uses presence/absence.
- `int_only` : TRUE if metric requires integer counts; FALSE otherwise.
- `true_metric` : TRUE if metric is a true metric and satisfies the triangle inequality; FALSE if it is a non-metric dissimilarity; NA for alpha diversity metrics.
- `func` : The function for this metric, e.g. `ecodive::faith`
- `params` : Formal args for `func`, e.g. `c("counts", "tree", "cpus")`

`list_metrics()`

The returned object's type and values are controlled with the `val` and `nm` arguments.

- `val = "data.frame"` : The `data.frame` from which the below options are sourced.
- `val = "list"` : A list of objects as returned by `match_metric()` (above).
- `val = "func"` : A list of functions.
- `val = "id"` : A character vector of metric IDs.
- `val = "name"` : A character vector of metric names.
- `val = "div"` : A character vector `"alpha"` and/or `"beta"`.
- `val = "phylo"` : A logical vector indicating which metrics require a tree.
- `val = "weighted"` : A logical vector indicating which metrics take relative abundance into account (as opposed to just presence/absence).
- `val = "int_only"` : A logical vector indicating which metrics require integer counts.
- `val = "true_metric"` : A logical vector indicating which metrics are true metrics and satisfy the triangle inequality, which work better for ordinations such as PCoA.

If `nm` is set, then the names of the vector or list will be the metric ID (`nm="id"`) or name (`nm="name"`). When `val="data.frame"`, the names will be applied to the `rownames()` property of the `data.table`.

**Examples**

```
# A data.frame of all available metrics.
head(list_metrics())

# All alpha diversity function names.
list_metrics('alpha', val = 'id')

# Try to find a metric named 'otus'.
m <- match_metric('otus')

# The result is a list that includes the function.
str(m)
```

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n_cpus	<i>Number of CPU Cores</i>
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**Description**

A thin wrapper around `parallelly::availableCores()`. If the `parallelly` package is not installed, then it falls back to `parallel::detectCores(all.tests = TRUE, logical = TRUE)`. Returns 1 if `pthread` support is unavailable or when the number of `cpus` cannot be determined.

**Usage**

```
n_cpus()
```

**Value**

A scalar integer, guaranteed to be at least 1.

**Examples**

```
n_cpus()
```

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rarefy	<i>Rarefy OTU counts.</i>
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**Description**

Sub-sample OTU observations such that all samples have an equal number. If called on data with non-integer abundances, values will be re-scaled to integers between 1 and depth such that they sum to depth.

**Usage**

```

rarefy(
  counts,
  depth = 0.1,
  n_samples = NULL,
  seed = 0,
  times = NULL,
  drop = TRUE,
  margin = 1L,
  cpus = n_cpus()
)

```

**Arguments**

counts	A numeric matrix of count data where each column is a feature, and each row is a sample. Any object coercible with <code>as.matrix()</code> can be given here, as well as <code>phyloseq</code> , <code>rbiom</code> , <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> , and <code>TreeSummarizedExperiment</code> objects. For optimal performance with very large datasets, see the guide in <code>vignette('performance')</code> .
depth	How many observations to keep per sample. When $0 < \text{depth} < 1$ , it is taken as the minimum percentage of the dataset's observations to keep. Ignored when <code>n_samples</code> is specified. Default: <code>0.1</code>
n_samples	The number of samples to keep. When $0 < \text{n\_samples} < 1$ , it is taken as the percentage of samples to keep. If negative, that number of samples is dropped. If <code>0</code> , all samples are kept. If <code>NULL</code> , then <code>depth</code> is used instead. Default: <code>NULL</code>
seed	An integer seed for randomizing which observations to keep or drop. If you need to create different random rarefactions of the same data, set the seed to a different number each time. Default: <code>0</code>
times	How many independent rarefactions to perform. If set, <code>rarefy()</code> will return a list of matrices. The seeds for each matrix will be sequential, starting from <code>seed</code> . Default: <code>NULL</code>
drop	Drop rows and columns with zero observations after rarefying. Default: <code>TRUE</code>
margin	If your samples are in the matrix's rows, set to <code>1L</code> . If your samples are in columns, set to <code>2L</code> . Ignored when <code>counts</code> is a <code>phyloseq</code> , <code>rbiom</code> , <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> , or <code>TreeSummarizedExperiment</code> object. Default: <code>1L</code>
cpus	How many parallel processing threads should be used. The default, <code>n_cpus()</code> , will use all logical CPU cores.

**Value**

A rarefied matrix. Matrix and `slam` objects will be returned with the same type; otherwise a base R matrix will be returned.

**Examples**

```

# A 4-sample x 5-OTU matrix with samples in rows.
counts <- matrix(c(0,0,0,0,0,8,9,10,5,5,5,5,2,0,0,0,6,5,7,0), 4, 5,

```

```

    dimnames = list(LETTERS[1:4], paste0('OTU', 1:5)))
counts
rowSums(counts)

# Rarefy all samples to a depth of 13.
# Note that sample 'A' has 0 counts and is dropped.
r_mtx <- rarefy(counts, depth = 13, seed = 1)
r_mtx
rowSums(r_mtx)

# Keep zero-sum rows and columns by setting `drop = FALSE`.
rarefy(counts, depth = 13, drop = FALSE, seed = 1)

# Rarefy to the depth of the 2nd most abundant sample (B, depth=22).
rarefy(counts, n_samples = 2, seed = 1)

# Perform 3 independent rarefactions.
r_list <- rarefy(counts, depth = 13, times = 3, seed = 1)
length(r_list)
r_list[[1]]

# The class of the input matrix is preserved.
if (requireNamespace('Matrix', quietly = TRUE)) {
  counts_dgC <- Matrix::Matrix(counts, sparse = TRUE)
  class(counts_dgC)
  r_dgC <- rarefy(counts_dgC, depth = 13, seed = 1)
  class(r_dgC)
}

```

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read\_tree

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*Read a newick formatted phylogenetic tree.*


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## Description

A phylogenetic tree is required for computing UniFrac distance matrices. You can load a tree from a file or by providing the tree string directly. This tree must be in Newick format, also known as parenthetic format and New Hampshire format.

## Usage

```
read_tree(newick, underscores = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

newick	Input data as either a file path, URL, or Newick string. Compressed (gzip or bzip2) files are also supported.
underscores	If TRUE, underscores in unquoted names will remain underscores. If FALSE, underscores in unquoted named will be converted to spaces.

**Value**

A phylo class object representing the tree.

**Examples**

```
tree <- read_tree("
  (A:0.99,((B:0.87,C:0.89):0.51,(((D:0.16,(E:0.83,F:0.96)
    :0.94):0.69,(G:0.92,(H:0.62,I:0.85):0.54):0.23):0.74,J:0.1
    2):0.43):0.67);")
class(tree)
```

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