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primer-package

Functions and data for "A Primer of Ecology with R"

# Description

Functions are primarily functions for systems of ordinary differential equations, difference equations, and eigenanalysis and projection of demographic matrices; data are for examples.

# alogistic

# Details

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# References

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R Springer, 2nd printing.

# See Also

lvcompg, ode

alogistic

Logistic growth with the Allee effect

# Description

A function for continuous logistic growth with the Allee effect, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

# Usage

alogistic(t, y, p)

t	Time points for which N wll be returned.
У	N, population size
р	a vector of logistic growth (r, alpha) and Allee effect parameters (a, tau); a is the threshold population size.

#### Details

The user does not put these directly into this function, but rather uses codeode in the deSolve package. The function is based on the logistic growth equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN\left(1 - \alpha N\right)\left(1 - \frac{a + \tau}{N + \tau}\right)$$

with a being the threshold population size.

### Author(s)

Hank Stevens

### References

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

### See Also

clogistic, dlogistic, the talogistic, levins

# Examples

bip\_stability Bipartite network properties

### Description

A function to calculate the several properties of randomly constructed bipartite networks. This function installation of packages bipartite, igraph, and rARPACK.

### Usage

```
bip_stability(
   Spp.a = 10:50,
   Spp.p = 5:25,
   C = c(0.05, 0.3),
   IS = NULL,
   quant = FALSE,
   ndd = 1,
   reps = 10
)
```

#### bip\_stability

#### Arguments

Spp.a	numeric vector from which to draw a random number of animal species
Spp.p	numeric vector from which to draw a random number of animal species
С	numeric two element vector for minimum and maximum possible connectances.
IS	mean interaction strength. If NULL, it is calculated as the inverse of the matrix dimension, so that the expected sum of interaction strengths equals one.
quant	Logical indicating whether the estimate of modularity should be based on the binary adjacency matrix (FALSE, default), or a quantitative matrix (TRUE).
ndd	scalar (1 or 2) determining whether the intraspecific negative density dependence is the same in both networks (1), or is scaled to the interaction sizes in each matrix (2).
reps	number of random matrices.

#### Details

The interaction strengths are exponentially distributed, with mean of IS (rate = 1/IS). Nestedness is WNODF (Almeida-Neto et al. 2011). It can calculate modularity in two ways, using either the binary adjacency matrix (ones and zeroes, Clauset, Newman and Moore 2004) or a quantitative matrix (Beckett 2016); the latter takes much moore time to calculate, so it uses the binary matrix by default. It also tallies diversity as the total number of species and the connectance as the total number of links divided by the number of possible links.

To calculate resilience, the P by A bipartite matrix is expanded to a (P+A) x (P+A) symmetric matrix so the upper triangular portion are the effects of the animals on the plants, and the lower triangular portion is the effects of the plants on the animals.

The diagonal represents intraspecific density dependence; it is filled with the negative of the largest summed row of interaction strengths in the symmetric matrix. The symmetric matrix is interpreted as a Jacobian matrix. Therefore, resilience is the negative value of the real part of the dominant eigen value of the expanded symmetric matrix.

# Value

Returns of list of a matrix with columns for species richness, connectance, nestedness, modularity, and resilience.

#### Author(s)

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#### References

M. Almeida-Neto and W. Ulrich. A straightforward computational approach for measuring nestedness using quantitative matrices. Environmental Modelling and Software, 26(2):173–178, 2011.

S. J. Beckett. Improved community detection in weighted bipartite networks. Royal Society Open Science, 3:140536, 2016.

A. Clauset, M. E. J. Newman, and M. Cristopher. Finding community structrue in very large networks. Physical Review E, 70:066111, 2004.

### Examples

```
# b <- bip_stability(Spp.a = 16:60, Spp.p = 8:30, C=c(.05, 0.5), reps=10, quant=FALSE)
# pairs(b)</pre>
```

BSsucc

Secondary succession data

# Description

Functional group abundances (herbaceous annual, herbaceous perennial, woody) from one of the fields in the Buell-Small long term succession study (http://www.ecostudies.org/bss/). Data are based on visual estimates of percent cover, using annual means of each species, which are then summed for each functional group.

#### Format

A data frame with 147 observations on the following 3 variables.

AGE a numeric vector; indicates the age of succession since abandonment from agriculture.

variable plant functional type; a factor with levels Annual, Perennial, Woody

value a numeric vector

# Source

Data graciously provided by Scott Meiners (Eastern Illinois University, http://www.ecostudies.org/bss/).

#### References

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

CandG

# Description

Numbers of species which were observed in 1-19 sites.

# Format

The format is: num [1:19] 32 16 10 9 8 7 8 6 4 5 ...

# Source

Data are approximations of histogram values for a single year of data in:

Collins, S.L. and Glenn, S.M. (1991) Importance of spatial and temporal dynamics in species regional abundance and distribution. *Ecology*, **72**, 654–664.

# References

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

### Examples

data(CandG)
barplot(CandG, names=1:19)

cat\_function A Cat Function

### Description

This function allows you to express your love of cats.

#### Usage

cat\_function(love = TRUE)

### Arguments

love Do you love cats? Defaults to TRUE.

# Author(s)

Hilary Parker

chesson

### Examples

cat\_function()

chesson

# Two-species model of the storage effect

#### Description

Simulates a fluctuating environment over time, and two species' responses to the environment, after Chesson (1994).

# Usage

```
chesson(
    alpha = c(1.1 * 1e-05, 1e-05),
    d = 0.1,
    years = 10,
    N0 = c(1000, 1e+05),
    w = c(0.6, 1),
    env.var = 1,
    specialization = 1,
    spread = 0.67,
    type = 1
)
```

# Arguments

alpha	a vector of length 2; the negative effects of all individuals (of both species) on each population – typically different among species.
d	disturbance rate; the proportion of all individuals killed at each time step.
years	numbers of time steps
NØ	vector of length 2; initial abundances.
W	vector of length 2; average fitnesses for each species.
env.var	degree of environmental variability.
specialization	determines the narrowness of each species fitness response.
spread	determines how far apart the peak fitness responses are.
type	determines the form of $C$ , the negative effect of competition.

### Details

The argument type controls the value of  $e^C$ , the effect of competition on reproduction, where the annual finite rate of increase is  $R = e^{E-C}$ . type = 1 causes  $e^C = \alpha_i N_{J,i}$ , that is, a species-specific fixed fraction of juveniles that depends on each species response to competition. This is illustrated in a for-loop in Stevens (2009, *Ch. 9, Storage Effect, Simulating Dynamics*). Any other value for type results in the same negative effect on both species that depends on the number of juveniles and the disturbance rate.

# clogistic

# Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variables, y.

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens (HankStevens@miamioh.edu)

# References

Chesson, P.L. (1994) Multispecies competition in variable environments. *Theoretical Population Biology*, **45**, 227–276.

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

#### succniche

# Examples

clogistic

Continuous Logistic Growth

### Description

A function for continuous logistic growth, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

# Usage

clogistic(times, y, parms)

clogistic

#### Arguments

times	times points that will return N
У	Ν
parms	a vector of logistic growth parameters; the first must be r, and the second must be alpha $(1/K)$ .

# Details

The user does not put these directly into this function, but rather uses ode in the deSolve package. The function implements the logistic growth equation

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN\left(1 - \alpha N\right)$$

or equivalently

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN\left(\frac{K-N}{K}\right)$$

# Value

Returns of list of one component (required by ode).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HankStevens@miamioh.edu>

# References

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

### See Also

dlogistic, thetalogistic, levins, lvcomp2, lvcompg

ClostExp

### Description

Data set from an experiment testing whether trophic heterogeneity influences long term population sizes.

#### Format

A data frame with 144 observations on the following 5 variables.

Nutrients a factor with levels high low

No.per.ml a numeric vector

Day a numeric vector

rep a factor with levels a b c d

ID an ordered factor with levels a.low < d.low < c.low < b.low < c.high < a.high < d.high < b.high</p>

### Source

Stevens, M. H. H. and Steiner, C. E. (2006) Effects of predation and nutrient enrichment on a food web with edible and inedible prey. *Freshwater Biology*, **51**, 666–671.

#### References

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

### Examples

```
data(ClostExp)
#lattice::xyplot(log10(No.per.ml) ~ Day|Nutrients, data=ClostExp, groups=rep, type='l')
```

compcol
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Two-species Competition-colonization Metapopulation Model

### Description

This model implements a Levins-type metapopulation model for two species, after Hastings (1980). For use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

compcol(t, y, params)

# compcolM

#### Arguments

t	Argument for time
У	A vector for population 1 and 2
params	Vector or list of parameters

# Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vec	tor of the state variables, y.
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# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HankStevens@miamioh.edu>

#### References

Hastings, A. (1980) Disturbance, coexistence, history, and competition for space. *Theoretical Population Biology*, **18**, 363–373.

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

levins, compcolM, succniche

# Examples

library(deSolve)
pars <- c(c1 = .3, c2 = 1, m1 = .1, m2 = .1)
pops <- c(.1, .1)
out <- ode(y=pops, t=0:20, fun=compcol, parms = pars)
matplot(out[,1], out[,-1], type='1')</pre>

compcolM	Multi-species Competition-colonization Model, With Habitat Destruc-
	tion

# Description

Multi-species competition colonization model, with habitat destruction, after Nee and May (1992). For use with ode in the deSolve package.

### Usage

compcolM(t, y, params)

### coneflower

#### Arguments

t	Argument for each time point
У	A vector for the populations
params	Vector or list of parameters

# Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variables, y.

### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Nee, S. and May, R.M. (1992) Dynamics of metapopulations: habitat destruction and competitive coexistence. *Journal of Animal Ecology*, **61**, 37–40.

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

#### See Also

levins, compcol, succniche

#### Examples

```
library(deSolve)
S <- 10
ci <- 2^seq(-5, 5, length=S)
m <- rep(.1, S)
params <- list(ci=ci, m=m, S=S, D=0)
init.N <- rep(0.01, S); t=seq(1, 200, .1)
cc.out <- ode(init.N, t, compcolM, params)
matplot(t, cc.out[, -1], type="1", ylab="Proportion of Habitat", xlab="Years")</pre>
```

coneflower

Smooth coneflower data

### Description

A data set containing size, survival, and flowering in smooth coneflower

#### Usage

data(coneflower)

# Format

A data frame with 136 rows and 5 variables:

logA natural log of total leaf area in the first year
logAp natural log of total leaf area in the second year (Ap = A prime)
surv indicator of survival from year one to year 2 (0,1)
flower\_p indicator of flowering in year 2 (0,1)

#### Source

Data provided graciously by Rachel Collins (Roanoke College).

# Examples

```
data(coneflower)
ggplot2::qplot(logA, logAp, data=coneflower)
```

coneflowerrecruits Smooth coneflower new recruits

# Description

A data set containing recruit size and survival.

### Usage

```
data(coneflowerrecruits)
```

# Format

A data frame with 36 rows and 3 variables:

- area17 total leaf area in the first year
- surv18 indicator of survival from year one to year 2 (0,1)
- area19 total leaf area in the third year

coneflowerseeds Smooth coneflower seed data

# Description

A data set containing size and seed set of individual coneflowers.

#### Usage

```
data(coneflowerseeds)
```

# Format

A data frame with 136 rows and 5 variables:

logAs natural log of total leaf area in the first year

seeds number of seeds produced in the first year

# Examples

data(coneflowerseeds)
ggplot2::qplot(logAs, seeds, data=coneflowerseeds)

dlogistic

Discrete Logistic Growth

# Description

Single species discrete logistic growth -a difference equation. A function for continuous logistic growth, for use with ode in the deSolve package, using method = 'euler' and integer time steps.

#### Usage

dlogistic(t, y, p)

t	times points that will return N
У	Ν
р	a vector of labeled logistic growth parameters; the first must be labeled rd, and
	the second must be labeled alpha (the value of alpha is 1/K).

# Details

Of the form,

$$N_{t+1} - N_t = r_d N_t \left(1 - \alpha N_t\right)$$

#### Value

Returns of list of one component (required by ode).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens (HankStevens@miamioh.edu)

### References

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

clogistic, lvcompg

# Examples

dlvcomp2

Discrete Logistic Competition

# Description

A function to simulate discrete 2 species Lotka-Volterra competition.

# Usage

dlvcomp2(N, alpha, rd = c(1, 1))

Ν	a vector of length two, containing N[t] for both species.
alpha	a 2 x 2 matrix of the magnitudes of the per capita (negative) effects (i.e., positive
	value results in a negative effect).
rd	a vector of length 2 containing the discrete growth increments for 2 species.

### gotelli

# Value

Returns a vector of length 2, containing N[t+1] for both species.

### Author(s)

Hank Stevens (HStevens@muohio.edu)

### References

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

dlogistic, lvcomp2, lvcomp3, lvcompg

# Examples

gotelli

Propagule Rain Metapopulation Model

#### Description

A function for the propagule rain or mainland-island metapopulation dynamics, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

### Usage

gotelli(t, y, parms)

t	Argument for time
У	A scalar for the population variable
parms	Vector or list of parameters

#### Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variable (a scalar for the proportion of sites occupied).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Gotelli, N.J. (1991) Metapopulation models: the rescue effect, the propagule rain, and the coresatellite hypothesis. *The American Naturalist*, **138**, 768–776.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

gotelli, hanski, lande, MetaSim, clogistic

### Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (t, y, parms)
{
    p <- y[1]
    with(as.list(parms), {
        dp <- ce * (1 - p) - e * p
            return(list(dp))
    })
    })
    }
library(deSolve)
p <- c(ce=.1, e=.01)
time <- 1:10
initialN <- .3
out <- ode(y=initialN, times=time, func=gotelli, parms=p)
plot(time, out[,-1], type='1')</pre>
```

hanski

Core-satellite Metapopulation Model

#### Description

A function for the core-satellite metaapopulation dynamics, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

# igp

### Usage

hanski(t, y, parms)

#### Arguments

t	Argument for time
У	A scalar for the population variable
parms	Vector or list of parameters

# Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variable (a scalar for the proportion of sites occupied).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Hanski, I. (1982) Dynamics of regional distribution: the core and satellite species hypothesis. *Oikos*, **38**, 210–221.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

gotelli, hanski,lande, MetaSim, clogistic

### Examples

```
prms <- c(ci<- 0.15, e=0.05)
out <- ode(y=.2, times=1:100, func=hanski, parms=prms )
matplot(out[,1], out[,2], type='1', ylab="p", xlab="time")</pre>
```

igp

A Lotka-Volterra Model of Intraguild Predation

### Description

A Lotka-Volterra model of intraguild predation, after Holt and Polis (1997). For use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

igp(t, y, params)

lande

#### Arguments

t	the time point for a realization of the integration.
У	the vector of populations, at each time t.
params	a vector or list containing the necessary parameters.

# Value

Returns a list of length one which is the vector of the rates of increase (required by ode).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

### References

Holt, R.D. and Polis, G.A. (1997) A theoretical framework for intraguild predation. *The American Naturalist*, **149**, 745–764.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

### See Also

lvcompg, scheffer

#### Examples

lande

A Metapopulation Model with Habitat Destruction

#### Description

A function for the metaapopulation dynamics, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

# lande

### Usage

lande(t, y, parms)

#### Arguments

t	Argument for time
У	A scalar for the population variable
parms	Vector or list of parameters

### Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variable (a scalar for the proportion of sites occupied).

### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

### References

P. Kareiva and Wennergren, U. (1995) Connecting landscape patterns to ecosystem and population processes. *Nature*, **373**, 299–302.

Lande, R. (1987) Extinction thresholds in demographic models of territorial populations. *The American Naturalist*, **130**, 624–635.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

gotelli, hanski,levins, MetaSim, clogistic

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (t, y, parms)
{
    p <- y[1]
    with(as.list(parms), {
        dp <- ci * p * (1 - D - p) - e * p
        return(list(dp))
    })
    }
    library(deSolve)
p <- c(ci=.1, e=.01, D=.5)
time <- 1:10
initialN <- .3
out <- ode(y=initialN, times=time, func=lande, parms=p)
plot(time, out[,-1], type='l')</pre>
```

levins

### Description

A function for the classic metaapopulation dynamics, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

### Usage

levins(t, y, parms)

# Arguments

t	Argument for time
У	A scalar for the population variable
parms	Vector or list of parameters

# Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variable (a scalar for the proportion of sites occupied).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Levins, R. (1969) Some demographic and genetic consequences of environmental heterogeneity for biological control. *Bulletin of the Entomological Society of America*, **15**, 237–240. Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

#### See Also

gotelli, hanski,lande, MetaSim, clogistic

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (t, y, parms)
{
    p <- y[1]
    with(as.list(parms), {
        dp <- ci * p * (1 - p) - e * p
        return(list(dp))
    })</pre>
```

lvcomp2

```
}
library(deSolve)
p <- c(ci=.1, e=.01)
time <- 1:10
initialN <- .3
out <- ode(y=initialN, times=time, func=levins, parms=p)
plot(time, out[,-1], type='l')</pre>
```

```
lvcomp2
```

Two Species Lotka-Volterra Competition

### Description

System of ordinary differential equations for two species Lotka-Volterra competition. For use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

lvcomp2(t, n, parms)

#### Arguments

t	Times points that will return N.
n	a vector of length two for the population sizes at time = $t$ .
parms	vector or list of model parameters (see details below).

# Details

The parameters include r1, r2, a11, a12, a21, a22 with the usual meanings. Here the a's are the per capita effects which determine K (a11 = 1/K).

# Value

Returns a list of length one which is the rate of increase (required by ode).

#### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

### References

Lotka, A.J. (1956) *Elements of Mathematical Biology*. Dover Publications, Inc. Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Theoretical Population Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

### See Also

lvcomp3, lvcompg, clogistic

# Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (t, n, parms)
{
    with(as.list(parms), {
        dn1dt <- r1 * n[1] * (1 - a11 * n[1] - a12 * n[2])
        dn2dt <- r2 * n[2] * (1 - a22 * n[2] - a21 * n[1])
        list(c(dn1dt, dn2dt))
    })
    }
library(deSolve)
parms <- c(r1 = 1, r2 = 0.1, a11 = 0.2, a21 = 0.1, a22 = 0.02, a12 = 0.01)
initialN <- c(1, 1)
out <- ode(y = initialN, times = 1:100, func = 1vcomp2, parms = parms)
matplot(out[, 1], out[, -1], type = "1")</pre>
```

```
lvcomp3
```

Three Species Lotka-Volterra Competition

#### Description

System of ordinary differential equations for three species Lotka-Volterra competition. For use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

lvcomp3(t, n, parms)

### Arguments

t	the time for each integration.
n	a vector of length three for the population sizes at time = t.
parms	vector or list of model parameters (see details below).

# Details

The parameters include r, a with the usual meanings. Here the a's are the per capita effects which determine K (a11 = 1/K1).

# Value

Returns a list of length one which is the rate of increase (required by ode).

#### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

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#### lvcompg

### References

Lotka, A.J. (1956) *Elements of Mathematical Biology*. Dover Publications, Inc. Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) *A Primer of Ecology with R*. Use R! Series. Springer.

### See Also

lvcomp2, lvcompg, clogistic

### Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (t, n, parms)
{
    with(as.list(parms), {
        dn1dt <- r1 * n[1] * (1 - a11 * n[1] - a12 * n[2] - a13 *
            n[3])
        dn2dt <- r2 * n[2] * (1 - a22 * n[2] - a21 * n[1] - a23 *
            n[3])
        dn3dt <- r3 * n[3] * (1 - a33 * n[3] - a31 * n[1] - a32 *
            n[2])
        list(c(dn1dt, dn2dt, dn3dt))
   })
  }
library(deSolve)
parms <- c(r1 = 0.1, r2 = 0.2, r3 = 0.3,
a11 = 0.1, a12 = 0.01, a13 = 0.01,
a21 = 0.01, a22 = 0.15, a23 = 0.01,
a31 = 0.01, a32 = 0.01, a33 = 0.2)
initialN <- c(1, 1, 1)
out <- ode(y = initialN, times = 1:100, func = lvcomp3, parms = parms)</pre>
matplot(out[, 1], out[, -1], type = "1")
```

lvcompg

A General Lotka-Volterra Competition Model

# Description

A general Lotka-Volterra competition model, for any number of species. For use with ode in the deSolve package. This function uses a vector and matrix within the list of parameters.

#### Usage

lvcompg(t, n, parms)

#### Arguments

t	the time point for a realization of the integration.
n	the vector of populations, at each time t.
parms	a LIST containing a vector of growth rates (r), and a matrix of interaction coefficients (a).

# Value

Returns a list of length one which is the vector of the rates of increase (required by ode).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

#### References

Lotka, A.J. (1956) *Elements of Mathematical Biology*. Dover Publications, Inc. Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) *A Primer of Ecology with R*. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

lvcomp3, clogistic, igp, scheffer

# Examples

```
## Specify the number of species
S <- 10
alpha <- .01
r <- runif(S)*2
a <- matrix(rnorm(S^2, m=alpha, sd=alpha/10), nrow=S, ncol=S)
parms <- list(r,a)
t=seq(0,40, by=.1)
N0 <- runif(S)/(S*alpha)
library(deSolve)
lvout <- ode(N0, t, lvcompg, parms)
matplot(t, lvout[,-1], type="1", ylab="N", log='y')</pre>
```

LVCompGames

Lotka-Volterra Competition Games

# Description

A pedagogical tool for learning about isoclines and stable equilibria.

# **LVCompGames**

# Usage

LVCompGames(Alpha = NULL, r1 = 0.1, r2 = 0.1, num = 20, time = 10, step = 1)

# Arguments

Alpha	a 2 x 2 matrix of coefficients; if NULL, then a sensible random matrix will be generated - fun for games.
r1	the intrinsic rate of increase for species 1 (isocline – a solid line).
r2	the intrinsic rate of increase for species 2 (isocline – a dashed line).
num	the desired number of random starting points for trajectories.
time	the number of time steps for each trajectory.
step	the number of time steps for which the integration is estimated (has no effect on accuracy, merely the smoothness of the line).

# Value

First generates a plot of isoclines and initial points; the user is then prompted to "Hit <return>" in the console to see the trajectories. These will indicate the rate and path the trajectories, demonstrating, among other things, whether the equilibrium is stable.

#### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Lotka, A.J. (1956) Elements of Mathematical Biology. Dover Publications, Inc.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

lvcomp2, lvcompg, clogistic,

#### Examples

## LVCompGames() # Hit return in the console to see the trajectories.

MetaSim

# Description

Originally focused on creating a community of core-satellite species, this function allows simulation of several metapopulation models, where colonization and extinction rates are stochastic draws from uniform distributions, with specified means and ranges.

# Usage

```
MetaSim(
    Time = 50,
    NSims = 1,
    method = "hanski",
    ci = 0.25,
    e = 0.25,
    phi = 0.75,
    p0 = 0.5,
    D = 0.5
)
```

# Arguments

Time	A scalar for the number of time steps over which to simulate each population.
NSims	A scalar for the number of simulations, which is analogous to the number of species in the community.
method	A character string, in quotes, specifying which metapopulation model to use: "hanksi", "gotelli", "lande", "levins". See "See Also" below.
ci	Scalar for mean colonization rate.
e	Scalar for mean extinction rate.
phi	A scalar for the relative variability in rates. See Details.
p0	Initial proportion of sites occupied for each species.
D	Parameter for habitat destruction; applies to only the "lande" model.

# Details

phi is one half of the relative range of each rate (colonization and extinction). For each time step, each rate is drawn from a uniform distribution, Unif(rate-phi, rate+phi). Thus, the range is 2\*phi, and center on the specified mean (ci or e).

# moths

# Value

Function returns a list with these components.

method	The method used (default is "hanski").
time	The integer sequence of times, from $0$ to the value of the argument ${\tt Time}.$
Ns	Time by NSims matrix of observed population sizes.
Parameters	A named vector of the parameters used for the simulations.

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

gotelli, hanski, levins

### Examples

```
out <- MetaSim(NSims=2)
pops <- out$Ns
matplot(out$t, pops, type='l')
title(sub=paste(out$method, "model"))</pre>
```

moths

Moth Species Richness

# Description

Data set of moth species richness from Ohio and Indiana, USA.

#### Format

A data frame with 21 observations on the following 6 variables.

region a factor with levels NCT WAP for the two collection regions.

site a factor with levels associated with county names.

area a numeric vector for the area of each forest fragment

spp a numeric vector, the number of moth species.

lat a numeric vector; latitude

long a numeric vector; longitude

#### Source

Data proided graciously by Keith Summerville and Thomas Crist; see "A Primer of Ecology with R" for specific references.

# References

K. S. Summerville and T. O. Crist. 2003. Determinants of lepidopteran community composition and species diversity in eastern deciduous forests: roles of season, ecoregion and patch size. *Oikos*, 100:134-148.

K. S. Summerville and T. O. Crist. 2004. Contrasting effects of habitat quantity and quality on moth communities in fragmented landscapes. *Ecography*, 27:3-12.

#### Examples

data(moths)
plot(spp ~ area, data=moths)

one\_over\_f

*Function to generate 1/f noise.* 

#### Description

Generates 1/f noise with a specified power or amplitude.

#### Usage

one\_over\_f(gamma = 1, N = 200)

#### Arguments

gamma	spectral power, numeric, where 0 generates a white noise time series, 2 generates
	reddened noise. Defaults to 1 (pink).
Ν	length of the time series.

#### Author(s)

Hank Stevens

### References

J. M. Halley. Ecology, evolution and 1/f-noise. Trends in Ecology & Evolution, 11:33-37, 1996. O. L. Petchey, A. Gonzalez, and H. B. Wilson. Effects on population persistence: the interaction between environmental noise colour, intra-specific competition and space. Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B, 264:1841-1847, 1997. J. E. Cohen, C. M. Newman, A. E. Cohen, O. L. Petchey, and A. Gonzalez. Spectral mimicry: a method of synthesizing matching time series with different Fourier spectra. Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing, 18:431-442, 1999.

#### pimmlawton

#### See Also

[spec\_mimic()] to rearrange one vector, X, to mimic the spectrum of another vector, Y; [plot\_f()] to plot the time series and the spectrogram of the series.

#### Examples

```
set.seed(1)
time.series <- one_over_f(gamma=2, N=50)
plot(1:50, time.series, type='l', main="Reddened noise")
time.series <- one_over_f(gamma=0, N=50)
plot(1:50, time.series, type='l', main="White noise")
one_over_f()</pre>
```

pimmlawton

Analysis of Jacobian Lotka-Volterra Food Web Matrices

#### Description

Used primarily to repeat simulations and analyses of Pimm and Lawton (1977), given a Jacobian matrix. Analyses include eigenanalysis, but also measuring average interaction strength (May 1972), average intraspecific negative density dependence, and the strength of the omnivory interaction, if present.

#### Usage

pimmlawton(mat, N = 1, omni.i = NA, omni.j = NA, omega = NULL)

#### Arguments

mat	a numerical matrix; the "maximum" Jacobian matrix. See details below.
Ν	a scalar for the number of randomizations
omni.i	if omnivory is present, the row/col index for the prey.
omni.j	if omnivory is present, the row/col index for the predator.
omega	if not NULL, a scalar \$0 <x<1\$ (1998))<="" (after="" al.="" et="" indicating="" mccann="" of="" omniovory="" relative="" th="" the="" weight=""></x<1\$>

# Details

This function simulates a constrained randomization of a Jacobian food web matrix. The matrix it uses mat is of a special form, which assumes that all non-zero values are drawn from a uniform distribution between zero and a value of some specified magnitude, either positive or negative.

#### Value

Returns a data frame, where each row corresponds to a single random Jacobian matrix, with the following columns.

DomEig	the real part of the dominant eigenvalue
Im	the imaginary part of the dominant eigenvalue
IntraDD	average magnitude, over all species, of the intraspecific negative density de- pendence; the square root of the sum of the squared diagonal elements of the random Jacobian matrix
Ι	average interaction strength (after May 1972); the square root of, sum of the squared off diagonal elements divided by the number of off diagonal elements.
I.omni	average interaction strength for the omnivory interaction; the square root of, sum of the squared omnivory elements effect of predator on prey and prey on predator divided by two.

### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

May, R.M. (1973) *Stability and Complexity in Model Ecosystems*, volume 6 of *Monographs in Population Biology*. Princeton University Press.

McCann, K., Hastings, A. and Huxel, G.R. (1998) Weak trophic interactions and the balance of nature. *Nature*, **395**, 794–798.

Pimm, S.L and Lawton, J.H. (1997) Number of trophic levels in ecological communities. *Nature*, **268**, 329–331.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer. 2009.

#### Examples

### A relevant style of matrix for the first food chain in Pimm and Lawton (1977). ### Note each non-zero element is the appropriate sign, and the maximum magnitude ### specified by Pimm and Lawton (1977).

```
Aq = matrix(c(
-1, -10, 0, 0,
0.1, 0, -10, 0,
0, 0.1, 0, -10,
0, 0, 0.1, 0),
nrow=4, byrow=TRUE)
```

pimmlawton(Aq, N=1)

```
out <- pimmlawton(Aq, N=2000)
out <- subset(out, -1/DomEig <150)
hist(-1/out$DomEig, main="Frequencies of Return Time")</pre>
```

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plot\_f

plot\_f

# Description

Function to plot a time series and its periodogram, and calculate the confidence interval of 2 times the spectral power.

#### Usage

plot\_f(z)

#### Arguments

z

numeric vector.

### Author(s)

Hank Stevens

# References

J. M. Halley. Ecology, evolution and 1/f-noise. Trends in Ecology & Evolution, 11:33-37, 1996. O. L. Petchey, A. Gonzalez, and H. B. Wilson. Effects on population persistence: the interaction between environmental noise colour, intra-specific competition and space. Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B, 264:1841-1847, 1997. J. E. Cohen, C. M. Newman, A. E. Cohen, O. L. Petchey, and A. Gonzalez. Spectral mimicry: a method of synthesizing matching time series with different Fourier spectra. Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing, 18:431-442, 1999.

# See Also

[one\_over\_f()] to generate 1/f noise; [spec\_mimic()] to rearrange one vector, X, to mimic the spectrum of another vector; [spectrum()] for the hard work.

# Examples

```
## white noise
plot_f(z=runif(50))
```

plot\_f

PopSim

# Description

Resampling stochastic simulator for a single density-independent population.

### Usage

PopSim(Rs, N0, years = 50, sims = 10)

### Arguments

Rs	vector of observed annual growth rates $(N[t+1]/N[t])$ .
NØ	initial population size.
years	number of years to simulate.
sims	number of simulated populations.

# Details

Designed to simulate trajectories based on resampled observed N[t+1]/N[t].

# Value

Returns a matrix of population sizes for time = t (rows) for each replicated population (columns).

#### References

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

#### See Also

sparrows

```
lambdas <- runif(10, .5, 1.5)
out <- PopSim(Rs=lambdas, years=50, N0=50)
matplot(0:50, out, type='l')
summary(out[51,])</pre>
```

predpreyLV

# Description

The Lotka-Volterra predator-prey model, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

# Usage

```
predpreyLV(t, y, params)
```

# Arguments

t	Argument for time
У	A vector of length 2, for population 1 and 2
params	Vector or list of parameters

### Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variables, y.

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Lotka, A.J. (1956) *Elements of Mathematical Biology*. Dover Publications, Inc. Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) *A Primer of Ecology with R*. Use R! Series. Springer.

### See Also

predpreyRM

```
params1 <- c(b=.5, a=.01, s=.2, e=.1)
Time <- seq(0,100, by=.1) # Set time here
LV.out <- ode(c(H0=25,P0=5), Time, predpreyLV, params1)
matplot(Time, (LV.out[,2:3]), type="1", ylab="Population Size")</pre>
```

predpreyRM

#### Description

An implementation of a predator-prey model, after Rosenzweig and MacArthur (1963). Includes prey density-dependence, and a type-II predator functional response. For use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

predpreyRM(t, y, p)

#### Arguments

t	Argument for time
У	A vector of length 2, for population 1 and 2
р	Vector or list of parameters

### Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variables, y.

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Rosenzweig, M.L. and MacArthur, R.H. (1963) Graphical representation and stability conditions of predator-prey interactions. *The American Naturalist*, **97**, 209–223. Stevens. M.H.H. (2009) *A Primer of Ecology with R*. Use R! Series. Springer.

#### See Also

predpreyLV

```
library(deSolve)
pars <- c(b = .8, e = 0.07, s = .2, w = 5, D = 400, alpha = 0.001)
Time <- 50
RM1 <- ode(c(900,120), 1:Time, predpreyRM, pars)
matplot(1:Time, RM1[,-1], type='l')</pre>
```
ross

# Description

Kermack and McCormick (1927) provided data on the number of plague deaths per week in Bombay in 1905–06 (Bombay is the former name for the Indian coastal city Mumbai. It is the capital of Maharashtra and is one of the largest cities in the world).

#### Format

A data frame with 32 observations on the following 2 variables.

Week a numeric vector

CumulativeDeaths a numeric vector

#### Source

Data provided kindly by S.P. Ellner (Cornell University)

## References

Kermack, W.O. and McCormick, W.G. (1927) A contribution to the mathematical theory of epidemics. *Proceedings of the Royal Society, Series A*, **115**, 700–721.

## Examples

```
data(ross)
str(ross) ; plot(CumulativeDeaths ~ Week, data=ross, type='b')
```

scheffer

A resource-based model of alternative stable states

## Description

A model of floating vs. submerged plant dominance in shallow aquatic systems, after Scheffeer *et al.* (2003). For use with ode in the deSolve package. Floating plants are better competitors for light, as long as submerged plants cannot drive down nitrogen levels.

## Usage

scheffer(t, y, p)

SIRbd

#### Arguments

t	the time point for a realization of the integration.
У	the vector of populations, at each time t.
р	a vector or list containing the necessary parameters.

# Value

Returns a list of length one which is the vector of the rates of increase (required by ode).

#### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

## References

Scheffer, M., Szabo, S., Gragnani, A., van Nes, E.H., Rinaldi, S., Kautsky, N., Norberg, J., Roijackers, R.M.M. and Franken, R.J.M. (2003) Floating plant dominance as a stable state. *Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences, U.S.A.*, **100**, 4040–4045.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

## See Also

lvcompg, igp

## Examples

SIRbd

The S-I-R Epidemilogical Disease Model with Births and Deaths

## Description

The S-I-R epidemilogical disease model with births and deaths (population dynamics), for use with ode in the deSolve package. This model uses mass action transmission.

## Usage

SIRbd(t, y, p)

# SIRbd

#### Arguments

t	times points for which values will be returned
У	the vector of disease states of hosts (S, I, R)
р	a vector of parameters

# Details

The user does not put these directly into this function, but rather uses ode in the deSolve package.

# Value

Returns of list of one component (required by ode).

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

#### References

Ellner, S.P. and Guckenheimer, J. (2006) Dynamic Models in Biology, Princeton University Press.

Kermack, W.O. and McCormick, W.G. (1927) A contribution to the mathematical theory of epidemics. *Proceedings of the Royal Society, Series A*, **115**, 700–721.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R, Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

ross, SIRf, SIRd

# Examples

SIRd

# Description

The S-I-R epidemilogical disease model with density-dependent transmission, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

SIRd(t, y, p)

## Arguments

t	times points for which values will be returned
У	the vector of disease states of hosts (S, I, R)
р	a vector of parameters

## Details

The user does not put these directly into this function, but rather uses ode in the deSolve package.

## Value

Returns of list of one component (required by ode).

## Author(s)

Hank Stevens <Hank.Stevens@miamioh.edu>

## References

Ellner, S.P. and Guckenheimer, J. (2006) Dynamic Models in Biology, Princeton University Press.

Kermack, W.O. and McCormick, W.G. (1927) A contribution to the mathematical theory of epidemics. *Proceedings of the Royal Society, Series A*, **115**, 700–721.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R, Use R! Series. Springer.

# See Also

ross, SIRf, SIRbd

# SIRf

# Examples

```
N <- 10^3; I <- R <- 1; S <- N - I - R
parms <- c(B=.01, g=4)
months <- seq(0, 3, by=0.01)
require(deSolve)
SIR.out <- data.frame( ode(c(S,I,R), months, SIRd, parms) )
matplot(months, SIR.out[,-1], type='1')
legend('right', c('R', 'I', 'S'), lty=3:1, col=3:1, bty='n')</pre>
```

SIRf	The S-I-R Epidemilogical Disease Model with Frequency Dependent
	Transmission

# Description

The S-I-R epidemilogical disease model with frequency dependent transmission, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

## Usage

SIRf(t, y, p)

#### Arguments

t	times points for which values will be returned
У	the vector of disease states of hosts (S, I, R)
р	a vector of parameters

#### Details

The user does not put these directly into this function, but rather uses ode in the deSolve package.

#### Value

Returns of list of one component (required by ode).

#### Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

# References

Ellner, S.P. and Guckenheimer, J. (2006) *Dynamic Models in Biology*, Princeton University Press. Kermack, W.O. and McCormick, W.G. (1927) A contribution to the mathematical theory of epidemics. *Proceedings of the Royal Society, Series A*, **115**, 700–721. Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) *A Primer of Ecology with R*, Use R! Series. Springer.

#### See Also

ross, SIRd, SIRbd, ode

# Examples

```
R <- 0; S <- 1000; I <- 1000; N <- S+I+R
parmsf <- c(B=1, g=1)
Months <- seq(0, 8, by=0.1)
outf <- ode(c(S,I,R), Months, SIRf, parmsf)
matplot(Months, outf[,-1], type='l', ylab="Prevalence (I/N)")
legend('right', legend=c('S','I','R'), lty=1:3, col=1:3, bty='n')</pre>
```

SIRmod

The S-I-R Epidemilogical Disease Model

# Description

The S-I-R epidemiological disease model with births and deaths (population dynamics), for use with ode in the deSolve package. This model uses scaled transmission, where z controls the degree of density- and frequency-dependence.

#### Usage

SIRmod(t, y, p)

## Arguments

t	times points for which values will be returned
У	the vector of disease states of hosts (S, I, R)
р	a vector of parameters

# Details

The user does not put these directly into this function, but rather uses ode in the deSolve package.

## Value

Returns of list of one component (required by ode).

## Author(s)

Hank Stevens <Hank.Stevens@miamioh.edu>

#### sparrows

#### References

Ellner, S.P. and Guckenheimer, J. (2006) Dynamic Models in Biology, Princeton University Press.

Kermack, W.O. and McCormick, W.G. (1927) A contribution to the mathematical theory of epidemics. *Proceedings of the Royal Society, Series A*, **115**, 700–721.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R, Use R! Series. Springer.

## See Also

ross, SIRf, SIRd

## Examples

sparrows

Song Sparrow Data Set

## Description

Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*) counts in Darrtown, OH, USA. From Sauer, J. R., J.E. Hines, and J. Fallon. 2005. The North American Breeding Bird Survey, Results and Analysis 1966–2004. Version 2005.2. USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, Laurel, MD.

#### Format

A data frame with 36 observations on the following 3 variables.

Year a numeric vector

Count a numeric vector

ObserverNumber a numeric vector

## Source

http://www.pwrc.usgs.gov/BBS/

## References

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

#### See Also

PopSim

# Examples

```
data(sparrows)
## maybe
str(sparrows)
plot(Count ~ Year, sparrows)
```

spec\_mimic

Function to mimic the power spectrum of an observed time series.

## Description

This function rearranges one vector, X, to mimic the spectrum of another vector, Y.

#### Usage

spec\_mimic(X, Y = NULL, gamma = 1)

#### Arguments

Х	numeric vector.
Υ	if not NULL, a numeric vector.
gamma	power of the 1/f noise; used only if Y is NULL.

## Details

If Y is NULL, this function will use [one\_over\_f()] to generate a random series with power = gamma.

# Author(s)

Hank Stevens

## References

J. M. Halley. Ecology, evolution and 1/f-noise. Trends in Ecology & Evolution, 11:33-37, 1996. O. L. Petchey, A. Gonzalez, and H. B. Wilson. Effects on population persistence: the interaction between environmental noise colour, intra-specific competition and space. Proceedings of the Royal Society of London Series B, 264:1841-1847, 1997. J. E. Cohen, C. M. Newman, A. E. Cohen, O. L. Petchey, and A. Gonzalez. Spectral mimicry: a method of synthesizing matching time series with different Fourier spectra. Circuits, Systems and Signal Processing, 18:431-442, 1999.

## succniche

#### See Also

 $[one\_over\_f()]$  to generate 1/f noise;  $[plot\_f()]$  to plot the time series and the spectrogram of the series.

## Examples

```
N = 50
set.seed(1)
X1 <- runif(N)
Y <- one_over_f(gamma=2, N=N)
X2 <- spec_mimic(X1, Y)
series <- cbind(X1, Y, X2)
matplot(1:50, series, type='1')
legend("bottomright", legend=colnames(series), col=1:3, lty=1:3)</pre>
```

succniche

A Four-state model of Successional Dynamics

# Description

This is the five-state, two-species model of the succession-niche model, after Pacala and Rees (1998). For use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

succniche(t, y, params)

## Arguments

t	Argument for the time point at integration
У	A vector of length four, for states, E, M, S, and R.
params	Vector or list of parameters

#### Value

Returns a list of length one, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

Component 1 vector of the state variable (a scalar for the proportion of sites occupied).

## Author(s)

Hank Stevens <HStevens@muohio.edu>

#### References

Pacala, S.W. and Rees, M. (1998) Models suggesting field experiments to test two hypotheses explaining successional diversity. *The American Naturalist*, **152**, 729–737.
Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) *A Primer of Ecology with R*. Use R! Series. Springer.

## See Also

levins, compcol, compcolM

# Examples

thetalogistic Continuous Theta-Logistic Growth

## Description

A function for continuous theta-logistic growth, for use with ode in the deSolve package.

#### Usage

```
thetalogistic(times, y, parms)
```

#### Arguments

times	Times points that will return N
У	Ν
parms	a vector of logistic growth parameters

#### Details

The user does not put these directly into this function, but rather uses ode in the deSolve package. See ode in the deSolve package.

## Value

Returns of list of one component (required by ode).

## Author(s)

Hank Stevens (HStevens@muohio.edu)

#### weeds

## References

Sibly, R.M., Barker, D., Denham, M.C., Hone, J., and Pagel, M. (2005) On the regulation of populations of mammals, birds, fish, and insects. *Science*, **309**, 607–610.

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

#### See Also

clogistic

#### Examples

```
library(deSolve)
p <- c(r=1,alpha=.01, theta=.5)
time <- seq(1,10, by=.1)
initialN <- 10
out <- ode(y=initialN, times=time, func=thetalogistic, parms=p)
plot(time, out[,-1], type='l')</pre>
```

weeds

Percent cover of six perennial herbaceous plants

#### Description

Percent cover of six of the most common herbaceous perennial species from the Buell-Small long term succession study (http://www.ecostudies.org/bss/). Data are plot-level visual estimates of percent cover.

#### Format

A data frame with 15140 observations on the following 8 variables.

X a numeric vector

Genus a factor with levels Aster, Euthamia, Solidago

- Epithet a factor with levels canadensis, gigantea, graminifolia, novae-angliae, pilosus, rugosa
- FieldName a factor with levels C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, D1, D2, D3, E1, E2
- Age a numeric vector indicating the number of years of succession, since abandonment from agriculture.
- PlotId a numeric vector

Cover a numeric vector; percent cover, estimated visually.

**Species** a factor with levels A.novae-angliae, A.pilosus, E.graminifolia, S.canadensis, S.gigantea, S.rugosa

# Source

Data graciously provided by Scott Meiners (Eastern Illinois University, http://www.ecostudies.org/bss/).

# References

Stevens, M.H.H. (2009) A Primer of Ecology with R. Use R! Series. Springer.

# Examples

```
data(weeds)
str(weeds);
# lattice::xyplot(Cover ~ Age, data=weeds, groups=Species,
# type=c("a"), auto.key=list(lines=TRUE, points=FALSE, columns=3),
# ylim=c(-1,20))
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