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jointNmix-package

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References

Moral, R.A., Hinde, J., Demétrio, C.G.B., Reigada, C. and Godoy, W.A.C. (submitted) Models for jointly estimating abundance of two unmarked site-associated species subject to imperfect detection.

abundance-prediction *Get empirical Bayes predictions of the latent abundances*

Description

Computes the conditional abundance distribution given the data and model estimates

Usage

```
getranef.uniNmix(obj, distr = FALSE)
getranef.jointNmix(obj, distr = FALSE)
```

Arguments

obj	fitted model object
distr	logical. If TRUE, returns the matrix of conditional probabilities. If FALSE, returns the expected values of the conditional distributions, i.e. the abundance estimates

Details

These functions return the empirical Bayes estimates of the latent abundances from univariate and joint N-mixture models, as described by Royle (2004) and Moral et al. (submitted), respectively.

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References

Royle, J.A. (2004) Models for estimating population size from spatially replicated counts. *Biometrics* 60:108-105.

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See Also

[Nmix](#) [jointNmix](#)

corr-cov-jointNmix	<i>Extract correlations and covariances</i>
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Description

Extract estimated correlations and covariances between observed abundances for joint N-mixture models

Usage

```
getcorr.jointNmix(obj)
getcov.jointNmix(obj)
```

Arguments

obj	fitted model object
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Details

The correlations under each specification of the latent abundance distributions are displayed in Moral et al. (submitted)'s Table 1. The covariances are derived as Supplementary information.

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References

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See Also

[jointNmix](#)

dneymaA	<i>The Neyman-A probability function</i>
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Description

Computes the probability function of the Neyman-A distribution

Usage

```
dneymaA(x, lambda1, lambda2, K, log = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values
lambda1, lambda2	parameters of the distribution
K	truncation value for the infinite summation
log	logical. If TRUE, the logarithm of the probabilities is returned

Details

The Neyman-A distribution has probability function

$$\frac{e^{-\lambda_1} \lambda_2^x}{x!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_2})^k k^x}{k!}$$

and is an overdispersion model. The summation is truncated to K.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
x <- 0:10
dneymanA(x, lambda1 = 2, lambda2 = 1.5, K = 50)
```

jointNmix

Joint N-mixture models

Description

Fits joint N-mixture models for site-associated species

Usage

```
jointNmix(sp1, sp2, start, method = "BFGS", K, mixture = c("P", "P"),
           Xp1, Xp2, Xl1, Xl2, Xpsi, includepsi = TRUE)
```

Arguments

sp1	observation matrix for species 1
sp2	observation matrix for species 2
start	initial values for the optimization process
method	optimization method passed to optim . Defaults to "BFGS"
K	truncation number of the infinite summations in the log-likelihood. Defaults to $\max(\text{sp1}, \text{sp2}) + 100$

mixture	two-character vector for latent abundance distributions. "P" for Poisson and "NB" for negative binomial. Defaults to c("P", "P")
Xp1	model matrix for detection probabilities of species 1
Xp2	model matrix for detection probabilities of species 2
Xl1	model matrix for abundance of species 1
Xl2	model matrix for linking parameter of species 2
Xpsi	model matrix for abundance of species 2
includepsi	logical. If FALSE, psi is not estimated and set to zero

Details

The function fits a bivariate extension to Royle's (2004) N-mixture model to data on the abundance of two species collected at R sites over T time occasions. The model for observation on site i at time t for species 1 can be specified as

$$Y_{1it}|N_{1i} \sim \text{Binomial}(N_{1i}, p_{1it})$$

$$N_{1i} \sim \text{a count distribution with mean } \lambda_{1i}.$$

The model for species 2 is

$$Y_{2it}|N_{1i}, N_{2i} \sim \text{Binomial}(N_{2i}, p_{2it})$$

$$N_{2i}|N_{1i} \sim \text{a count distribution with mean } \psi + \lambda_{2i}N_{1i}.$$

Here, users may define a Poisson or negative binomial distribution for the latent abundances N_{1i} and N_{2i} .

Value

An object of class `jointNmix` and `Nmix`, for which many methods are available (see `methods(class = "jointNmix")` and `methods(class = "Nmix")`)

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References

Moral, R.A., Hinde, J., Demétrio, C.G.B., Reigada, C. and Godoy, W.A.C. (2018) Models for jointly estimating abundance of two unmarked site-associated species subject to imperfect detection. *Journal of Agricultural, Biological and Environmental Statistics* 23(1): 20-38.

See Also

[Nmix](#)

Examples

```
## simulating data with poisson latent abundances
R <- 10 # sites
T <- 10 # time occasions
lambda1 <- 5
psi <- 3
p1 <- .3
p2 <- .6
lambda2 <- .5
set.seed(1234); N1 <- rpois(R, lambda1)
set.seed(1234); N2 <- rpois(R, psi + lambda2*N1)
y1 <- y2 <- matrix(0, ncol=T, nrow=R)
set.seed(1234); for(i in 1:R) y1[,i] <- rbinom(T, N1, p1)
set.seed(1234); for(i in 1:R) y2[,i] <- rbinom(T, N2, p2)

Xp <- cbind(rep(1, R*T))
Xl <- cbind(rep(1, R))

## Not run:
## fitting the Poisson-Poisson joint N-mixture model
fitpp <- jointNmix(y1, y2, Xp1=Xp, Xp2=Xp, Xl1=Xl, Xl2=Xl, mixture=c("P","P"), K=30)

## fitting the negbin-Poisson joint N-mixture model
fitnbp <- jointNmix(y1, y2, Xp1=Xp, Xp2=Xp, Xl1=Xl, Xl2=Xl, mixture=c("NB","P"), K=30)

## likelihood-ratio test between P-P and NB-P models
anova(fitpp, fitnbp)

## comparing using AIC
lapply(list(fitpp, fitnbp), AIC)

## conditional posterior probability functions for abundances
plot(fitpp, posterior = TRUE)

## estimated abundances vs. true abundances
data.frame(getranef.jointNmix(fitpp), N1, N2)

## End(Not run)
```

Description

Fitted values, residual extraction, simulation and print method for joint N-mixture models

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'jointNmix'
```

```
fitted(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'jointNmix'
print(x, round = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'jointNmix'
residuals(object, type = c("ordinary", "standardized"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'jointNmix'
simulate(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object, x	fitted model object
round	logical. Round the estimates?
type	type of residuals to be returned. May be ordinary or standardized
...	not used

Details

`fitted.uniNmix` prints the fitted values for the model fit; `residuals.uniNmix` returns the ordinary (

$$r_i^o = y_i - \hat{\mu}_i$$

) or standardized (

$$r_i^s = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\text{Var}(Y_i)}$$

) residuals; `simulate.uniNmix` simulates one sample from the fitted model.

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References

Moral, R.A., Hinde, J., Demétrio, C.G.B., Reigada, C. and Godoy, W.A.C. (submitted) Models for jointly estimating abundance of two unmarked site-associated species subject to imperfect detection.

See Also

[Nmix jointNmix](#)

Nmix

*Univariate N-mixture models***Description**

Fits univariate N-mixture models

Usage

```
Nmix(sp1, start, method = "BFGS", K, mixture, Xp, Xl)
```

Arguments

sp1	observation matrix for the species
start	initial values for the optimization process
method	optimization method passed to optim . Defaults to "BFGS"
K	truncation number of the infinite summations in the log-likelihood. Defaults to $\max(\text{sp1}, \text{sp2}) + 100$
mixture	latent abundance distribution specification. "P" for Poisson, "NB" for negative binomial and "NeymanA" for Neyman-A distributions are available. Defaults to "P"
Xp	model matrix for detection probabilities
Xl	model matrix for abundance parameter

Details

The function fits Royle's (2004) N-mixture model to data on species abundance collected at R sites over T time occasions. The model for observation on site i at time t can be specified as

$$Y_{it}|N_i \sim \text{Bin}(N_i, p_{it})$$

$$N_i \sim \text{distribution with mean } \lambda_i.$$

Here, users may define a Poisson, negative binomial or Neyman-A distributions for the latent abundances N_i .

Value

An object of class `uniNmix` and `Nmix`, for which many methods are available (see `methods(class = "uniNmix")` and `methods(class = "Nmix")`)

Author(s)

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References

Royle, J.A. (2004) Models for estimating population size from spatially replicated counts. *Biometrics* 60:108-105.

See Also

[jointNmix](#)

Examples

```
## simulating data with negative binomial latent abundances
R <- 10 # sites
T <- 10 # time occasions
lambda <- 5 # abundance parameter
p <- .3 # probability of detection
phi <- 1 # dispersion parameter
set.seed(1234); Ni <- rnbinom(R, mu=lambda, size=phi) # latent abundances
y <- matrix(0, ncol=T, nrow=R)
set.seed(1234); for(i in 1:R) y[,i] <- rbinom(T, Ni, p) # observed abundances

## fitting the Poisson N-mixture model
fitp <- Nmix(y, Xp=cbind(rep(1, R*T)), Xl=cbind(rep(1, R)), mixture="P", K=25)

## fitting the negative binomial N-mixture model
fitnb <- Nmix(y, Xp=cbind(rep(1, R*T)), Xl=cbind(rep(1, R)), mixture="NB", K=25)

## fitting the Neyman-A N-mixture model
fitna <- Nmix(y, Xp=cbind(rep(1, R*T)), Xl=cbind(rep(1, R)), mixture="NeymanA", K=25)

## likelihood-ratio test between Poisson and negbin models
anova(fitp, fitnb)

## comparing using AIC
lapply(list(fitp, fitnb, fitna), AIC)

## conditional posterior probability functions for abundances
plot(fitnb, posterior = TRUE)

## estimated abundances vs. true abundances
data.frame(getranef.uniNmix(fitnb), Ni)
```

Nmix-methods

Methods for Nmix objects

Description

AIC, anova, coef, and logLik methods for univariate and joint N-mixture models

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Nmix'
AIC(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'Nmix'
anova(object, object2, ...)
## S3 method for class 'Nmix'
coef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'Nmix'
logLik(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	fitted model object
object2	second model object for the anova method
...	not used

Details

AIC.Nmix provides the Akaike Information Criterion for the model fit; anova.Nmix performs a likelihood-ratio test between two nested model fits; coef.Nmix prints the estimates of the model fit; logLik.Nmix prints the log-likelihood of the model fit.

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See Also

[Nmix](#) [jointNmix](#)

plot-methods-Nmix	<i>Plot Methods for Nmix objects</i>
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Description

Plots residuals vs. fitted values or the conditional distributions of the abundances for each site

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'uniNmix'
plot(x, posterior = FALSE, layout, sites, restype, ...)
## S3 method for class 'jointNmix'
plot(x, posterior = FALSE, layout, sites, restype, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	fitted model object
<code>posterior</code>	logical. If TRUE, plots the conditional distributions of the abundances. If FALSE, plots residuals vs. fitted values
<code>layout</code>	two-number vector indicating the partition of the graphical window in rows and columns, respectively
<code>sites</code>	index of sites to plot the conditional distribution of the abundances. If left unspecified, all sites are plotted
<code>restype</code>	type of residuals to be plotted. Defaults to "ordinary"
<code>...</code>	not used

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References

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See Also

[Nmix](#) [jointNmix](#)

uniNmix-methods

Methods for univariate Nmix objects

Description

Fitted values, residual extraction, simulation and print method for univariate N-mixture models

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'uniNmix'
fitted(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'uniNmix'
print(x, round = TRUE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'uniNmix'
residuals(object, type = c("ordinary", "standardized"), ...)
## S3 method for class 'uniNmix'
simulate(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object, x	fitted model object
round	logical. Round the estimates?
type	type of residuals to be returned. May be ordinary or standardized
...	not used

Details

`fitted.uniNmix` prints the fitted values for the model fit; `residuals.uniNmix` returns the ordinary

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$$r_i^o = y_i - \hat{\mu}_i$$

) or standardized (

$$r_i^s = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\text{Var}(Y_i)}$$

) residuals; `simulate.uniNmix` simulates one sample from the fitted model.

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