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Description A modular package for simulating phylogenetic trees and species traits jointly. Trees can be simulated using modular birth-death parameters (e.g. changing starting parameters or algorithm rules). Traits can be simulated in any way designed by the user. The growth of the tree and the traits can influence each other through modifiers objects providing rules for affecting each other. Finally, events can be created to modify both the tree and the traits under specific conditions (Guillerme, 2024 < DOI:10.1111/2041-210X.14306>).				
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## **Description**

Crudely estimates the extinction and speciaton rate of a tree based on geiger::bd.km and geiger::bd.ms

# Usage

```
crude.bd.est(tree, method, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
tree a "phylo" object.
method either "count" or "estimate". See details.
... any additional arguments to be passed to geiger::bd.km and geiger::bd.ms.
```

#### **Details**

This function calculates the extinction and speciation rates using two methods:

- "estimate" estimates the rates using the algorithm from geiger::bd.km and geiger::bd.ms based on the Magallon and Sanderson 2000 method. Note that this function provides more of a "guestimate" of extinction and speciation rates which can be especially wrong with low sampling (either missing fossil or living data). This can lead to estimating erroneous negative extinction rates.
- "count" This function calculates the extinction rate as the logged number of extinction events in the tree divided by the tree age (expressed in tree age units e.g. million years). The speciation rate is calculated as the logged number of speciation events divided by the tree age. If the input tree has no \$root.time element, the speciation and extinction rate are just the number of speciation and extinction events. Although *very crude* this method is slightly better at handling under sampled trees.

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For more accurate model base approaches see for example birthdeath or bd.ext.

## Value

A "bd.params" object to be fed to treats.

# Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

## References

Magallon S and MJ Sanderson. 2000. Absolute diversification rates in angiosperm clades. Evolution 55:1762-1780.

# See Also

```
treats make.bd.params
```

# **Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
## Generating a random tree
my_tree <- rcoal(20)
## Estimate the number of speciations and extinctions events
crude.bd.est(my_tree, method = "estimate")

## Adding a root time
my_tree$root.time <- 5
## Count the number of speciations and extinctions
## per units of time
crude.bd.est(my_tree, method = "count")</pre>
```

dispRitreats

dispRity interface for treats objects

# Description

Pass a treats object to the dispRity function.

# Usage

```
dispRitreats(data, ..., scale.trees = TRUE)
```

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## Arguments

data	an output from treats containing tree and traits data.
•••	any other arguments to be passed to dispRity, chrono. subsets, custom. subsets, and boot.matrix.
scale.trees	logical, whether to scale the tree ages in all simulations (TRUE; default) or not (FALSE).

#### **Details**

This function applies the dispRity package pipeline to the treats output. If multiple simulations are input, the data is scaled for all the simulations.

The scale.trees option allows the trees to have the same depth and root age. This option is recommended if chrono.subsets options are called to make the output results comparable.

Common optional arguments for the following arguments include the following (refer the the specific function for the arguments details):

- custom. subsets: group for the list of elements to be attributed to specific groups;
- chrono.subsets: method for selecting the time binning or slicing method; time for the number of time bins/slices or their specific ages; model for the time slicing method; or inc.nodes for whether to include nodes or not in the time subsets;
- boot.matrix: bootstraps for the number of bootstrap replicates; rarefaction for the number of elements to include in each bootstrap replicate; or boot.type for the bootstrap algorithm:
- dispRity: metric for the disparity, dissimilarity or spatial occupancy metric to apply to the data; or dimensions for the number of dimensions to consider.

#### Value

Outputs a "dispRity" object that can be plotted, summarised or manipulated with the dispRity package.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats dispRity chrono.subsets custom.subsets boot.matrix plot.dispRity summary.dispRity

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```
summary(disparity)
## Calculating disparity as the mean distance from the centroid of
## coordinates 42 (metric = c(mean, centroids), centroid = 42)
## using 100 bootstrap replicates (bootstrap = 100) and
## chrono.subsets (method = "continuous", model = "acctran", time = 5)
disparity <- dispRitreats(my_treats,</pre>
                          metric = c(mean, centroids), centroid = 42,
                          bootstraps = 100,
                          method = "continuous", model = "acctran", time = 5)
plot(disparity)
## Simulate 20 random trees with a 10 dimensional Brownian Motion trait
my_treats <- treats(stop.rule = list("max.taxa" = 20),</pre>
                            = make.traits(BM.process, n = 10),
                    traits
                    bd.params = make.bd.params(speciation = 1))
## Calculating disparity on all these trees as the sum of variance
## on 5 continuous proximity time subsets
disparity <- dispRitreats(my_treats, metric = c(sum, variances),</pre>
                          method = "continuous", model = "proximity", time = 5)
plot(disparity)
```

drop.things

Drop things from a treats object

# **Description**

Remove fossils or living species or non-bifurcating nodes (singles) from treats objects or phylo objects.

#### Usage

```
drop.things(treats, what)
drop.fossils(treats)
drop.livings(treats)
drop.singles(treats)
```

# Arguments

treats treats data.

what to drop. Can be "fossils", "livings" or "singles" (non-bifurcating

nodes).

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## **Details**

NOTE that dropping living or fossils species DOES NOT drop associated internal nodes and edge lengths. To drop both fossil/living taxa AND internal nodes, you can use for example: drop.things(drop.things(my\_data what = "fossils"), what = "singles").

#### Value

This function outputs either a "phylo" object if no traits where generated or a treats object that is a list of at least two elements: \$tree, a "phylo" object and \$data, a "matrix" of the trait values.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

```
treats plot. treats
```

```
## A random tree with fossils and traits and internal nodes every 0.5 times
set.seed(3)
my_data <- treats(stop.rule = list(max.taxa = 20),</pre>
                bd.params = list(speciation = 1, extinction = 1/3),
                traits
                        = make.traits(), save.steps = 0.5)
## A tree with 20 tips and 54 nodes
my_data$tree
## And a dataset with 74 rows
dim(my_data$data)
## Removing the fossil species
drop.things(my_data, what = "fossils")$tree
dim(drop.fossils(my_data)$data)
## Removing the living species
drop.things(my_data, what = "livings")$tree
dim(drop.livings(my_data)$data)
## Removing the internal nodes
drop.things(my_data, what = "singles")$tree
dim(drop.singles(my_data)$data)
## Removing the internal nodes AND the fossils
drop.singles(drop.fossils(my_data))
```

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# **Description**

Drop or keep tips from a "treats" object.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'treats'
drop.tip(phy, tip, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
phy an object of class "treats".

tip a vector of mode numeric or character specifying the tips to delete or to keep.

... any additional argument to be passed to drop.tip.phylo.
```

## **Details**

This function allows to remove or keep tips from a "treats" object the same way as the drop.tip.phylo function.

# Value

This function outputs either a "phylo" object if no traits where generated or a treats object that is a list of at least two elements: \$tree, a "phylo" object and \$data, a "matrix" of the trait values.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

# See Also

treats

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events.conditions

events.conditions

## **Description**

Inbuilt conditions functions for helping designing events

#### Usage

```
events.condition(x, condition, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x the variable to reach for satisfying a condition (see details)
condition the logical function for triggering the condition (e.g. '<', '==', '!>', etc...).
... any optional argument specific for that condition (see details)
```

#### **Details**

The following functions allow to design specific conditions for events:

- age.condition: a conditional function based on the time x. Typically this can be translated into "when time reaches the value x, trigger a condition" (see make.events). There is no optional argument for the function.
- taxa.condition: a conditional function based on the number of taxa x. Typically this can be translated into "when the number of taxa reaches the value x, trigger a condition" (see make.events). This function has one optional argument:
  - living, a logical argument whether to consider the number of taxa alive when the condition is checked (default: living = TRUE) or whether to consider all the taxa simulated so far (living = FALSE).
- trait.condition: a conditional function based on the value x of one or more traits. Typically this can be translated into "when a trait reaches a value x, trigger a condition" (see make.events). This function has three optional argument:
  - trait, one or more integer or numeric value designating the trait(s) to consider. By default, trait = 1, thus considering only the first trait to trigger the condition.
  - what, a function designating what to select from the trait values. By default what = max to select the maximal value of the trait when the condition is triggered (but you can use any function like min, mean, sd, etc. or provide your own function).
  - absolute, a logical designating to consider absolute trait values (TRUE) or not (default; FALSE).

More details about the events functions is explained in the treats manual: http://tguillerme.github.io/treats.

#### Value

This function outputs a "function" to be passed to make.events.

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## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats make.events events.modifications

```
## Generating a mass extinction
## 80% mass extinction at time 4
mass_extinction <- make.events(</pre>
                      target
                                    = "taxa",
                       condition = age.condition(4),
                      modification = random.extinction(0.8))
## Set the simulation parameters
stop.rule <- list(max.time = 5)</pre>
bd.params <- list(extinction = 0, speciation = 1)</pre>
## Run the simulations
set.seed(123)
results <- treats(bd.params = bd.params,</pre>
                stop.rule = stop.rule,
                events = mass_extinction)
## Plot the results
plot(results, show.tip.label = FALSE)
axisPhylo()
## Changing the trait process
## The 95% upper quantile value of a distribution
upper.95 <- function(x) {</pre>
    return(quantile(x, prob = 0.95))
## Create an event to change the trait process
change_process <- make.events(</pre>
                  target = "traits",
                  ## condition is triggered if(upper.95(x) > 3)
                  condition = trait.condition(3, condition = '>', what = upper.95),
                  modification = traits.update(process = OU.process))
## Set the simulation parameters
bd.params <- list(extinction = 0, speciation = 1)</pre>
stop.rule <- list(max.time = 6)</pre>
traits <- make.traits()</pre>
## Run the simulations
set.seed(1)
no_change <- treats(bd.params = bd.params,</pre>
                  stop.rule = stop.rule,
                  traits = traits)
set.seed(1)
```

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events.modifications Events modifications

# Description

Inbuilt modifications functions for helping designing events

## Usage

```
events.modification(x, ...)
```

# Arguments

x a numerical value to update.

... any specific argument for the modification (see details).

## **Details**

The following functions allow to design specific modifications for events:

- modifications for the target "taxa"
  - random.extinction: this function removes (makes extinct) a proportion of living taxa
    when the event is triggered. The proportion of taxa to remove can be changed with the
    argument x.
  - trait.extinction: this function removes (makes extinct) a number of living taxa based on their trait(s) values when the event is triggered. The trait value is specified with the argument x. This function has one optional argument:
    - \* condition to specify the condition in relation to that trait value (the default is condition = `<` meaning taxa with a trait value lower that x will go extinct).
    - \* trait to specify which trait will be affected (the default is trait = 1, meaning it will only consider the first trait).
- modifications for the target "bd.params"
  - bd.params.update: this function updates a "bd.params" object within the birth death process. It takes any unambiguous named argument to be passed to make.bd.params.
     For example, to update the speciation from any current rate to a new rate of 42, you can use bd.params.update(speciation = 42).

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- modifications for the target "traits"
  - traits.update: this function updates a "traits" object within the birth death process. It takes any unambiguous named argument to be passed to make.traits. For example, to update the trait process from the current one to an OU process, you can use traits.update(process = OU.process).
- modifications for the target "modifiers"
  - modifiers.update: this function updates a "modifiers" object within the birth death process. It takes any unambiguous named argument to be passed to make.modifiers. For example, to update the speciation from the current process to be dependent to trait values, you can use modifiers.update(speciation = speciation.trait).
- modifications for the target "founding"
  - founding.event: this function runs an independent birth-death process when the condition is met. This function takes any of the arguments normally passed to treats ("bd.params", "traits", "modifiers" and "events"). The stop.rule and other arguments are handled internally: namely the stop.rule argument is updated to match the time and number of taxa when the founding event is triggered. Note that this can lead to the simulation stopping just before reaching the max.taxa or max.living stop rule.

More details about the events functions is explained in the treats manual: http://tguillerme.github.io/treats.

#### Value

This function outputs a "function" to be passed to make.events.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats make.events events.conditions

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```
stop.rule = stop.rule,
                        = mass_extinction)
                events
## Plot the results
plot(results, show.tip.label = FALSE)
axisPhylo()
## Changing the trait process
## The 95% upper quantile value of a distribution
upper.95 <- function(x) \{
    return(quantile(x, prob = 0.95))
## Create an event to change the trait process
change_process <- make.events(</pre>
                               = "traits",
                  target
                  ## condition is triggered if(upper.95(x) > 3)
                  condition = trait.condition(3, condition = '>', what = upper.95),
                  modification = traits.update(process = OU.process))
## Set the simulation parameters
bd.params <- list(extinction = 0, speciation = 1)</pre>
stop.rule <- list(max.time = 6)</pre>
traits
        <- make.traits()
## Run the simulations
set.seed(1)
no_change <- treats(bd.params = bd.params,</pre>
                  stop.rule = stop.rule,
                  traits
                          = traits)
set.seed(1)
process_change <- treats(bd.params = bd.params,</pre>
                       stop.rule = stop.rule,
                       traits = traits,
                       events = change_process)
## Plot the results
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(no_change, ylim = c(-7, 7))
plot(process_change, ylim = c(-7, 7))
par(oldpar)
```

link.traits

link.traits

# Description

Linking traits objects together to simulate simulate them sequentially.

## Usage

```
link.traits(base.trait, next.trait, link.type, link.args, trait.name)
```

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## Arguments

base.trait	One or more "treats" "traits" object(s) to be considered first.
next.trait	One or more "treats" "traits" object(s) to be considered sequentially.
link.type	The type of link between the traits. Can be "conditional".
link.args	Optional arguments to interpret the link between the objects (based on the link.type).
trait.name	Optional, a character, the name the resulting trait.

# **Details**

This function allows to link several traits together in the simulations. The current link types implemented are:

• "conditional": this allows to link the next.trait traits conditionally to the base.trait one. For example if base.trait is a discrete.process with two states 0 and 1 and next.trait is a list of two traits with two different processes OU.process and BM.process. The simulations generates a first trait using base.trait and then a second one using one of the two processes in next.trait depending on the results of base.trait. The link arguments link.args must be a list of logical functions to interpret x1, the results of the base.trait. For example, list(function(x1){x1 == 0}, function(x1){x1 == 1}) will generate a trait using the first next.trait if x1 is equal to 0 or using the second next.trait if x1 is equal to 1.

#### Value

This function outputs a treats object that is a named list of elements handled internally by the treats function.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

```
treats trait.process make.traits
```

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make.bd.params

Make birth death parameters

# **Description**

Making bd.params objects for treats.

# Usage

```
make.bd.params(
   speciation = NULL,
   extinction = NULL,
   joint = NULL,
   absolute = NULL,
   speciation.args = NULL,
   extinction.args = NULL,
   test = TRUE,
   update = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

speciation The speciation parameter. Can be a single numeric value, a numeric vector or

a function (default is 1).

extinction The extinction parameter. Can be a single numeric value, a numeric vector or

a function (default is 0).

joint Logical, whether to estimate both birth and death parameter jointly with specia-

tion > extinction (TRUE) or not (FALSE; default).

absolute Logical, whether always return absolute values (TRUE) or not (FALSE; default).

speciation.args

If speciation is a function, any additional arguments to passed to the speciation function.

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extinction.args

If speciation is a function, any additional arguments to passed to the speciation

unction.

test Logical whether to test if the bd.params object will work (default is TRUE).

update Optional, another previous "treats" "bd.params" object to update (see de-

tails).

#### **Details**

When using update, the provided arguments (to make.bd.params) will be the ones updated in the "bd.params" object.

#### Value

This function outputs a treats object that is a named list of elements handled internally by the treats function.

# Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats

```
## A default set of birth death parameters
make.bd.params()
## Speciation is randomly picked between 1, 10 and 100
## and extinction is always 2
make.bd.params(speciation = c(1,10,100), extinction = 2)
## Speciation is a normal distribution(with sd = 0.75)
## and extinction is a lognormal distribution always lower than
## speciation (joint). Both are always positive values (absolute)
my_bd_params <- make.bd.params(speciation = rnorm,</pre>
                               speciation.args = list(sd = 0.75),
                               extinction = rlnorm,
                                joint = TRUE,
                               absolute = TRUE)
my_bd_params
## Visualising the distributions
plot(my_bd_params)
```

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#### **Description**

Making events objects for treats

## Usage

```
make.events(
  target,
  condition,
  modification,
  add,
  test = TRUE,
  event.name,
  replications = 0,
  additional.args
)
```

## Arguments

target What to modify, can be "taxa", "bd.params", "traits" or "modifiers" (see

details).

condition A function returning a logical to trigger the event (see details).

Modification A function bringing the modification to the event (see details).

add Another "events" to object to add this event.

test A logical, whether to test if the events object will work (default is TRUE)

event.name Optional, a "character" string to name the event.

replications A numeric or integer value for repeating the event (by default, the event is not

repeated: replications = 0).

additional.args

Optional, a named list of additional arguments to be used in the event.

## **Details**

target is a character to designate what will be affected by the event. It can be either "taxa", "bd.params", "traits" or "modifiers". This means that the condition and modification functions will target this specific part of the algorithm.

condition must be a function that returns a logical value and intakes any of the following arguments: bd.params, lineage, traits and time. See events.conditions for examples.

modification must be a function that intakes a first argument named "x" an returns any specific type of class that can be handled internally by treats. For example, if target = "bd.params" the modification function should typically return an updated bd.params object (see make.bd.params). See events.modifications for examples.

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#### Value

This function outputs a treats object that is a named list of elements handled internally by the treats function.

#### Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats make.bd.params make.traits make.modifiers events.conditions events.modifications

```
## Generating a mass extinction
## 80% mass extinction at time 4
mass_extinction <- make.events(</pre>
                                    = "taxa",
                       target
                       condition
                                    = age.condition(4),
                       modification = random.extinction(0.8))
## Set the simulation parameters
stop.rule <- list(max.time = 5)</pre>
bd.params <- list(extinction = 0, speciation = 1)</pre>
## Run the simulations
set.seed(123)
results <- treats(bd.params = bd.params,
                stop.rule = stop.rule,
                events
                          = mass_extinction)
## Plot the results
plot(results, show.tip.label = FALSE)
axisPhylo()
## Changing the trait process
## The 95% upper quantile value of a distribution
upper.95 <- function(x) {</pre>
    return(quantile(x, prob = 0.95))
}
## Create an event to change the trait process
change_process <- make.events(</pre>
                                = "traits",
                  target
                  ## condition is triggered if(upper.95(x) > 3)
                  condition = trait.condition(3, condition = `>`, what = upper.95),
                  modification = traits.update(process = OU.process))
## Set the simulation parameters
bd.params <- list(extinction = 0, speciation = 1)</pre>
stop.rule <- list(max.time = 6)</pre>
traits <- make.traits()</pre>
## Run the simulations
```

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# Description

Making modifiers objects for treats based on an ancestor's (parent) trait.

# Usage

```
make.modifiers(
  branch.length = NULL,
  selection = NULL,
  speciation = NULL,
  condition = NULL,
  modify = NULL,
  add = NULL,
  update = NULL,
  test = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

branch.length	A function for the waiting time generating branch length (can be left empty for the defeault branch length function; see details).
selection	A function for selecting the lineage(s) affected by speciation (can be left empty for the default selection function; see details).
speciation	A function for triggering the speciation events (can be left empty for the default speciation function; see details).
condition	A function giving the condition on which to modify the output of branch.length or speciation (see details). If NULL the condition is always met.
modify	A function giving the rule of how to modify the output of branch.length or speciation (see details). If NULL no modification is used.

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add Whether to add this modifier to a "treats" "modifier" ob	add	Whether to add this	modifier to a	"treats"	"modifier"	object.	
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update Optional, another previous "treats" modifiers object to update (see details).

test Logical whether to test if the modifiers object will work (default is TRUE).

#### **Details**

branch.length, selection and speciation must be a functions that intakes the following arguments: bd.params, lineage, trait.values, modify.fun. If left empty, any of these arguments is considered as NULL.

The default branch. length function is drawing a random number from the exponantial distribution with a rate equal to the current number of taxa multiplied by the speciation and extinction (rexp(1,  $n_{taxa} * (speciation + extinction)))$ .

The default selection function is randomly drawing a single lineage among the ones present at the time of the speciation (sample(n\_taxa, 1)).

The default speciation function is drawing a random number from a uniform distribution (0,1) and starts a speciation event if this random number is lower than the ration of speciation on speciation and extinction (runif(1) < (speciation/(speciation + extinction))). If the random number is greater, the lineage goes extinct.

condition must be a function with unambiguous input (the inputs listed about for branch.length and speciation) and must output a single logical value.

For example a conditional on the number of taxa:

```
condition = function(lineage) return(lineage$n < 1)</pre>
```

or a conditional on the trait values:

```
condition = function(trait.values, lineage) { parent.traits(trait.values, lineage) <
mean(trait.values) }</pre>
```

modify must be a function with at least one input named x (which will be the branch length or the speciation trigger to value depending on the modifier) and must return a numeric value. For example a constant modification of the input:

```
modify = function(x) return(x * 2)
```

or a modifier depending on the number of taxa:

```
modify = function(x, lineage) return(x/lineage$n)
```

When using update, the provided arguments (to make.modifiers) will be the ones updated in the "modifiers" object. If the "modifiers" object contains multiple modifiers (branch.length, selection or speciation), only the called arguments will be updated (e.g. make.modifiers(update = previous\_modifiers, speciation = new\_speciation) will only update the speciation process).

More details about the modifiers functions is explained in the treats manual: http://tguillerme.github.io/treats.

# Value

This function outputs a treats object that is a named list of elements handled internally by the treats function.

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## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

## See Also

treats modifiers

# **Examples**

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# Description

Making traits objects for treats

# Usage

```
make.traits(
  process = BM.process,
  n = NULL,
  start = NULL,
  process.args = NULL,
  trait.names = NULL,
  add = NULL,
  update = NULL,
  test = TRUE,
  background
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

process The trait process(es) (default is BM. process).

n Optional, the number of traits per process (default is 1). start Optional, the starting values for each traits (default is 0).

process. args Optional, a named list of optional arguments for the trait process.

trait.names Optional, the name(s) of the process(s).

add Optional, another previous "treats" traits object to which to add the trait.

Update Optional, another previous "treats" traits object to update (see details).

test Logical, whether to test if the traits object will work with treats (TRUE - de-

fault).

background Optional, another "treats" "traits" object to simulate background trait evo-

lution (see details).

#### **Details**

When using update, the provided arguments (to make.traits) will be the ones updated in the "traits" object. If the "traits" object contains multiple processes, you can specify which ones should be affected with the trait.names argument. Note that you cannot update the traits.names or the number of traits per processes (n) not use the add argument when updating a "traits" object.

If a background "traits" object is given, this object is then applied to all living edges at the same in the background while the main "traits" is computed.

More details about the "treats" "traits" objects is explained in the treats manual: http://tguillerme.github.io/treats.

# Value

This function outputs a treats object that is a named list of elements handled internally by the treats function.

#### Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

## See Also

```
treats trait.process
```

```
## A simple Brownian motion trait (default)
make.traits()

## Two independent Brownian motion traits
make.traits(n = 2)

## Two different traits with different process
## (Brownian motion and Ornstein-Uhlenbeck)
```

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make.treats

Make a treats object

# Description

Combines a tree and some associated data into a treats object (e.g. for plotting)

# Usage

```
make.treats(tree, data)
```

## **Arguments**

tree a phylo or multiPhylo object.

data a dataset of traits, either a matrix with column names or a named vector (or a

list of them).

#### Value

This function outputs a treats object that is a list of at least two elements: \$tree, a "phylo" object and \$data, a "matrix" of the trait values.

# Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

## See Also

```
treats plot. treats
```

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## **Examples**

map.traits

Maps a trait on a tree

# **Description**

Simulates one or more trait specified through a "traits" onto one or multiple trees.

# Usage

```
map.traits(traits, tree, replicates)
```

## **Arguments**

traits A "traits" object (see make.traits).

tree A "phylo" or "multiPhylo" object.

replicates Optional, a number of replicated traits to map.

# **Details**

This function simulates the trait(s) on the tree using the tree's branch length.

## Value

A "treats" object containing the tree and the traits.

```
## Simulating a random tree with branch length
my_tree <- rtree(20)

## Creating three different traits objects:
## A Brownian Motion
bm_process <- make.traits(process = BM.process)
## An Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process
ou_process <- make.traits(process = OU.process)</pre>
```

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```
## No process (just randomly drawing values from a normal distribution)
no_process <- make.traits(process = no.process)

## Mapping the three traits on the phylogeny
bm_traits <- map.traits(bm_process, my_tree)
ou_traits <- map.traits(ou_process, my_tree)
no_traits <- map.traits(no_process, my_tree)

## Plotting the topology and the different traits
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(2,2))
plot(my_tree, main = "Base topology")
plot(bm_traits, main = "Mapped BM")
plot(ou_traits, main = "Mapped OU")
plot(no_traits, main = "Mapped normal trait")
par(oldpar)</pre>
```

modifiers

**Modifiers** 

# **Description**

Different modifiers for the birth death process implemented in treats.

#### **Usage**

# **Arguments**

bd.params A named list of birth death parameters (see details).

lineage A named list containing the lineage data (see details).

trait.values A matrix containing the trait values (see details).

modify. fun A list of internals functions that can modified by events (see details).

## **Details**

bd.params can be either a named list of parameter values (e.g. list("extinction" = 0, "speciation"
= 1)) but it is typically handled internally from a "treats" "bd.params" object.

modifiers are functions passed to the birth death process in treats to either generate the branch length (named branch.length and similar) or to decide whether to speciate or go extinct (named speciation and similar).

For user defined functions, the modifiers *must* have at least the arguments described above. For safety, we suggest setting these arguments to NULL.

The pre-build modifiers in the treats package are (so far):

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• branch.length the simple branch length generator that randomly gets a numeric value drawn from the exponential distribution (rexp) with a rate equal to the number of taxa (lineage\$n \* bd.params\$speciation + bd.params\$extinction).

- branch.length.trait a modification of the branch.length modifier where the resulting branch length is changed by modify.fun\$modify if the parent trait(s) meet the condition modify.fun\$condition.
- selection a function returning a randomly sampled integer among the number of taxa available.
- speciation a function returning TRUE (speciation) if a random uniform number (runif) is smaller than the ratio of speciation by speciation and extinction (bd.params\$speciation / (bd.params\$speciation) + bd.params\$extinction). If it's bigger, the function returns FALSE (exinction).
- speciation.trait a modification of the speciation modifier where the random uniform number is changed by modify.fun\$modify if the parent trait(s) meet the condition modify.fun\$condition.

More details about the modifiers functions is explained in the treats manual: http://tguillerme.github.io/treats.

#### Value

These functions returns either "numeric" or "logical" values to be passed to make.modifiers and treats.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

## See Also

treats make.modifiers

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parent.traits

Get parent traits

# **Description**

An internal utility function for modifiers, traits or events to access the value(s) of the parent traits in the treats algorithm

# Usage

```
parent.traits(trait.values, lineage, current = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

trait.values The internal table of trait values lineage The internal lineage data list

current Whether to consider only the current lineage (TRUE - default) or all the living

lineages (FALSE).

#### **Details**

This function is designed to be used internally in treats to help modifiers, traits or events objects to access the parent traits of the lineages simulated through the internal birth death algorithm.

# Value

Returns one or more "numeric" values.

# Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats make.modifiers

```
## Speciation event is more likely if lineage's ancestor is further away from the mean trait value
distance.modify <- function(x, trait.values, lineage) {
    ## Distance to the parent's trait
    parent_trait_val <- parent.traits(trait.values, lineage)[1]
    mean_trait_val <- mean(trait.values[, 1])
    distance <- abs(parent_trait_val - mean_trait_val)
    ## Scales x with the distance
    return(x + x * distance)
}</pre>
```

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Plot treats objects

# **Description**

Plotting treats objects (either a simulated tree and trait(s) or a process for traits objects)

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'treats'
plot(
  х,
  col,
  ...,
  trait = 1,
  edges = "grey",
  tips.nodes = NULL,
  use.3D = FALSE,
  simulations = 20,
  cent.tend = mean,
  quantiles = c(95, 50),
  legend = FALSE,
  transparency,
  add = FALSE
)
```

# **Arguments**

X	treats data.
col	Optional, a vector of colours that can be named or a function (see details).
•••	Any additional options to be passed to plot functions (from graphics or rgl if use. $3D = TRUE$ ).
trait	which trait to plot (default is 1; see details).
edges	either a colour name to attribute to the edges or NULL to not display the edges (default is "grey").
tips.nodes	optional, a colour to circle tips and nodes (only used if use.3D = FALSE). By default tips.nodes = $NULL$ .
use.3D	logical, whether to use a 3D plot or not (default is FALSE; see details).
simulations	if the input is a treats traits or bd.params object, how many replicates to run (default is 50).

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cent.tend	if the input is a treats traits, which central tendency to plot (default is mean).
quantiles	if the input is a treats traits, which quantiles to plot (default are $c(95, 50)$ ).
legend	logical, whether to display the legend in 2D plots (TRUE) or not (FALSE; default)
transparency	Optional, a transparency factor (1 = not transparent, $\emptyset$ = invisible). If left empty, and multiple plots are called, the transparency is set to 1 / number of plots + 0.1.
add	logical, whether to add to a previous plot.

#### **Details**

The col option can be either:

- a vector of colours to be applied to "treats" "traits" objects (for respectively the median, 50
- a vector of colours to be applied to "treats" objects for the colours of different elements of the plot. This vector is applied to all the elements in the tree using the order in tree\$tip.label and tree\$node.label.
- an unambiguous named vector for colouring each specific elements. These can be any of the following (with default colours) col = c("nodes" = "orange", "fossils" = "lightblue", "livings" = "blue") or "tips" to designate both livings and fossils and "singletons" to designate non-bifurcating nodes.
- a function from which to sample the colours to match the time gradient for each element.

The trait option can intake from 1 to 3 traits (if use. 3D = TRUE). If two traits are given (e.g. c(1, 2)), the default plots a correlation plot between both traits (same for 3 traits if use. 3D = TRUE).

The use.3D option uses the rgl library to create a 3D plot. The plot displays either a time on the Z axis with two traits on the X and Y axis (if two traits are requested via trait) or three traits on the X Y and Z (if three traits a requested via trait).

## Value

No return value, plot x's content.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

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```
## Specifying a trait process
my_trait <- make.traits()
## Plotting a trait process
plot(my_trait, main = "A Brownian Motion")
## Simulating a tree with ten taxa</pre>
```

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```
my_tree <- treats(stop.rule = list(max.taxa = 10))</pre>
## Plotting a simple birth death tree (using ape::plot.phylo)
plot(my_tree, main = "A pure birth tree")
## Simulating a tree with traits
my_data <- treats(stop.rule = list(max.taxa = 100),</pre>
                  traits = my_trait)
## Plotting the tree and traits
plot(my_data)
## Specifying a 3D trait process
my_3D_trait <- make.traits(n = 3)</pre>
## Simulating a birth death tree with that trait
my_data <- treats(bd.params = list(extinction = 0.2),</pre>
                  stop.rule = list(max.living = 50),
                  traits = my_3D_trait)
## Plotting the second trait and the tree (default)
## The colours are purple for nodes and blue for tips
## with a black circle for highlighting the tips
plot(my_data, trait = 2,
     col = c("nodes" = "purple", "tips" = "blue"),
     edges = "pink", tips.nodes = "black")
## Plotting the first and third trait correlation
## The colours are a heat map based on the elements age
plot(my_data, trait = c(1,3), col = terrain.colors,
     edges = "grey", tips.nodes = "black")
## Plotting the first and third trait correlation in 3D
plot(my_data, trait = c(1,3), col = rainbow,
     edges = "grey", tips.nodes = "black", use.3D = TRUE)
#rglwidget() # to display the plot with non-default OpenRGL
## Plotting all traits in 3D (without branch lengths)
plot(my_data, trait = c(1:3), col = heat.colors,
     edges = NULL, tips.nodes = "black", use.3D = TRUE)
#rglwidget() # to display the plot with non-default OpenRGL
```

print.treats

Prints a treats object.

## Description

Summarises the content of a treats object.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'treats'
print(x, all = FALSE, ...)
```

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# Arguments

X	A treats object.
all	logical; whether to display the entire object (TRUE) or just summarise its contents (FALSE - default).
	further arguments to be passed to print or to print.treats.

# Value

No return value, summarises x's content.

# Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats

# **Examples**

```
## A treats birth-death parameters object
make.bd.params()
## A treats traits object
make.traits()
## A treats modifiers object
make.modifiers()
## A treats object
treats(stop.rule = list(max.taxa = 10), traits = make.traits())
```

trait.process

Trait processes

# Description

Different trait processes implemented in treats.

# Usage

```
trait.process(x0, edge.length, ...)
```

# Arguments

x0	The previous state. This can be a single value (unidimensional process) or more (multidimensional processes).
edge.length	The branch length (default must be 1). This is always a single value.
	Any optional argument for the specific process (see details).

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#### **Details**

The different trait processes implemented in treats are:

• BM.process A Brownian motion process (uni or multidimensional). This function is based on myrnorm. This process can take following optional arguments:

- Sigma a positive-definite symmetric matrix specifying the covariance matrix of the variables (default is diag(length(x0))).
- . . . any named additional argument to be passed to myrnorm.
- discrete.process This process can take following optional arguments:
  - transitions a positive-definite squared transition matrix. If left missing, a 2 states equal rates matrix is used.

Note that for this process, 0 corresponds to state 1, 1 corresponds to state 2, etc... The current version of this process does not allow other discrete traits notation (but future versions will!).

- OU.process A Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process (uni or multidimensional). This function is based on myrnorm. This process can take following optional arguments:
  - Sigma the traits variance/covariance (default is diag(length(x0))).
  - alpha the alpha parameter (default = is 1).
  - optimum the theta parameter (default = is 0).
  - ... any named additional argument to be passed to myrnorm.
- no.process An non-process unidimensional function. This function generates a trait value not depending on the branch length nor the previous state This process can take following optional arguments:
  - fun a random number function (default is rnorm).
  - ... any named additional argument to be passed to fun.
- multi.peak.process A Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process (uni or multidimensional) with multiple optimal values. This function is based on mvrnorm. This process can take following optional arguments:
  - Sigma the traits variance/covariance (default is diag(length(x0))).
  - alpha the alpha parameter (default = is 1).
  - peaks the multiple optimal values to be attracted to (default = is  $\emptyset$ ). This can be a numeric vector to be applied to all the values of  $x\emptyset$  or a list of the same length as  $x\emptyset$  for different multiple optimums for each  $x\emptyset$ .
  - . . . any named additional argument to be passed to myrnorm.
- repulsion.process An unidimensional Brownian Motion process that generates a trait value not overlapping with the other living taxa ancestral values. This function is based on rnorm. This process can take following optional arguments:
  - sd the normal distribution standard deviation.
  - repulsion the minimal distance requested between trait values.
  - max.try the maximum number of values to draw (if the repulsion value is to hard to achieve).
  - trait.values LEAVE AS NULL (it designates the trait value table from the birth death process and is handled internally by treats).

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 lineage LEAVE AS NULL (it designates the lineage object from the birth death process and is handled internally by treats).

 trait LEAVE AS NULL (it which trait to use and is analysed an is handled internally by treats).

More details about the trait.process functions is explained in the treats manual: <a href="http://tguillerme.github.io/treats">http://tguillerme.github.io/treats</a>.

## Value

Returns one or more "numeric" value(s).

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

treats make.traits

```
## NOTE: You can visualise most process by making them
## into a "treats" "traits" object using make.traits():
## The Brownian motion process
BM.process(x0 = 0)
plot(make.traits(process = BM.process))
## A covariance matrix between 3 traits
varcovar_matrix <- matrix(c(1/3,1/3,1/3,1/3,2/3,0,1/3,0,2/3), ncol = 3)
BM.process(x0 = c(0,0,0), Sigma = varcovar_matrix)
## The Ornstein-Uhlenbeck process
OU.process(x0 = 0)
plot(make.traits(process = OU.process))
## No process
no.process()
plot(make.traits(process = no.process))
## Multi peaks with peaks at the values 1, 5 and 10
multi.peak.process(peaks = c(1, 5, 10))
plot(make.traits(multi.peak.process, process.args = list(peaks = c(1, 5, 10))))
## Repulsion process
repulsion.process(x0 = 0, repulsion = 1)
plot(make.traits(repulsion.process, process.args = list(repulsion = 5)))
## Discrete trait process
## Generating a stepwise transition matrix for 3 states (with an overal random transition rate)
stepwise_matrix <- transition.matrix(type = "stepwise", states = 3)</pre>
## Generatin and plotting the the trait
```

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```
plot(make.traits(discrete.process, process.args = list(transitions = stepwise_matrix)))
##
```

transition.matrix

Makes a transition matrix

# **Description**

Utility function for generating discrete characters evolution transition matrices.

# Usage

```
transition.matrix(type, states, rates = runif, self = TRUE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

type	the type of transition matrix, either "equal rates", "stepwise", "symmetric", or "all rates different". See details.
states	the number of states.
rates	either a fixed value for a rate to attribute to each possible transitions or a function to generate the rates (default is runif). See details.
self	logical, whether to allow reverting states (i.e. transition rates from state A to the same state A; TRUE; default) or not (FALSE).
	if rates is a function, any optional arguments to be passed to it.

## **Details**

The following transition rate matrices are currently implemented:

- "equal rates" (or "ER") where all transitions are equal (including no transition if self = TRUE).
- "stepwise" (or "Dollo") transitions are allowed only in a step wise way (e.g. state 1 to 2 and 2 to 3 are allowed but not 1 to 3).
- "symmetric" ("SYM") where transitions between states are all different but not directional (e.g. the change of state 1 to 2 is equal to 2 to 1). If self = TRUE, the non transitions (e.g. from state 1 to 1) are equal.
- "all rates different" (or "ARD") where all transitions are different. Note that if rates is a give value (rather than a function), then all rates are actually equal.

If rates is a function that generates negative values or a negative value, the output transition matrix always returns absolute values.

# Value

Returns a squared "matrix".

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## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

#### See Also

```
make.traits discrete.process
```

## **Examples**

```
## A two states equal rates matrix with a rate of 1
## and no stationary rates (no probability of staying in the same state)
transition.matrix(type = "equal rates", states = 2, rates = 1, self = FALSE)
## Two different 6 states stepwise matrix with a random absolute normal rate
transition.matrix(type = "stepwise", states = 6, rates = rnorm)
transition.matrix(type = "stepwise", states = 6, rates = rnorm)
```

treats

Diversity and disparity simulator

## **Description**

Simulating phylogenetic trees and traits. See full manual here: https://github.com/TGuillerme/treats

# Usage

```
treats(
  stop.rule,
  bd.params,
  traits = NULL,
  modifiers = NULL,
  events = NULL,
  save.steps = NULL,
  null.error = FALSE,
  replicates,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

```
stop.rule The rules on when to stop the simulation (see details).

A "bd.params" object or a named list of parameters for the birth-death process (see details or make.bd.params).

traits A "traits" object (see make.traits).

A "modifiers" object (see make.modifiers).
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events	A "events" object (see make.events).
save.steps	Optional, "numeric" value to save the simulations at specific internal points (this can slow down the algorithm significantly for large trees).
null.error	Logical, whether to return an error when the birth-death parameters fails to build a tree (FALSE; default and highly recommended) or whether to return NULL (TRUE). Can also be set to an integer value for the numbers of trials (see details).
replicates	Optional, the number of replicates for the simulation.
verbose	Logical, whether to be verbose (TRUE; default) or not (FALSE).

## **Details**

stop.rule: The rule(s) for when to stop the simulation. When multiple rules are given, the simulation stops when any rule is broken. The allowed rules are:

- max. taxa The maximum number of taxa (including extinct ones).
- max.living The maximum number of living taxa (i.e. non extinct).
- max. time The maximum amount of phylogenetic (in arbitrary units).

bd.params: This can be either a "treats" "bd.params" object (see make.bd.params) or a list of named parameters. The allowed parameters are:

- speciation The speciation parameter value.
- extinction The extinction parameter value.

By default, this parameter is set to bd.params = list(speciation = 1)

If null.error is set to a numeric value, the function will run multiple times until a correct tree is generated. Using this option can greatly increase computational time!

## Value

This function outputs either a "phylo" object if no traits where generated or a treats object that is a list of at least two elements: \$tree, a "phylo" object and \$data, a "matrix" of the trait values.

## Author(s)

Thomas Guillerme

## See Also

```
plot.treats make.traits make.modifiers make.events
```

```
## Setting pure birth tree (no extinction) parameters
my_bd_params <- list(speciation = 1)
## Setting a stopping rule: stop when reaching 10 taxa.
my_stop_rule <- list(max.taxa = 10)
## Run a birth tree without traits</pre>
```

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```
a_tree <- treats(bd.params = my_bd_params,</pre>
               stop.rule = my_stop_rule)
## Plot the results
plot(a_tree)
## Add an extinction parameter
my_bd_params$extinction <- 1/3
## Add a simple trait simulation (default Brownian motion)
my_trait <- make.traits()</pre>
## Run a birth-death tree with traits simulation
treats(bd.params = my_bd_params,
     stop.rule = my_stop_rule,
             = my_trait)
     traits
## Simulating a tree using modifiers
## Making a modifier to make speciation trait dependent
my_modifiers <- make.modifiers(branch.length = branch.length.trait,</pre>
                                selection = selection,
                                speciation = speciation.trait)
## Simulating the tree
treats(stop.rule = list(max.taxa = 20),
     traits = make.traits(),
     modifiers = my_modifiers)
## Run a birth death tree with an event
## 80% mass extinction at time 4
mass_extinction <- make.events(</pre>
                      target
                                    = "taxa",
                      condition = age.condition(4),
                      modification = random.extinction(0.8))
## Set the simulation parameters
stop.rule <- list(max.time = 5)</pre>
bd.params <- list(extinction = 0, speciation = 1)</pre>
## Run the simulations
set.seed(123)
results <- treats(bd.params = bd.params,
                stop.rule = stop.rule,
                events
                        = mass_extinction)
## Plot the results
plot(results, show.tip.label = FALSE)
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```

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