

# Package ‘partitionBEFsp’

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**Title** Methods for Calculating the Loreau & Hector 2001 BEF Partition

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## Description

A collection of functions that can be used to estimate selection and complementarity effects, sensu Loreau & Hector (2001) <doi:10.1038/35083573>, even in cases where data are only available for a random subset of species (i.e. incomplete sample-level data). A full derivation and explanation of the statistical corrections used here is available in Clark et al. (2019) <doi:10.1111/2041-210X.13285>.

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calculate\_DRY                    *Calculate change in relative yield*

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### Description

calculates change in relative yield, DRY, comparing observed relative yield to the expected yield  $1/Q$

### Usage

```
calculate_DRY(P, M, Q = length(M))
```

### Arguments

P                    biomass of species grown in polyculture

M                    biomass of species grow in monoculture - note, must include the same species as P, listed in the same order

Q                    number of species in the community -defaults to length(M), but note that if you are calculating DRY for a large community of Q species of which only N are observed, you should set Q=Q, rather than Q=N.

### Value

a list of changes in relative yields

### Examples

```
# Please see package help file (?partitionBEFsp) for examples.
```

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classic\_partition                *Calculate classic partition*

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### Description

calculates the classic selection and complementarity effects, sensu Loreau and Hector 2001

### Usage

```
classic_partition(DRY, M, N = length(M), Q = N,
  uncorrected_cov = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

DRY	change in relative yield, as calculated by the calculate_DRY function
M	monoculture biomass
N	number of species in the sample - defaults to length(M)
Q	number of species in the full population - defaults to N - only required if uncorrected_cov="COMP"
uncorrected_cov	A character, which can be TRUE, FALSE, or COMP. Tells whether to use the standard sample-size corrected covariance function (FALSE), or a covariance function that is not corrected for sample size (TRUE), or a "compromise" function that resembles the standard function for $N < Q$ , and that resembles the non-corrected function for $N \sim Q$ . If TRUE, then $SS + CS = YO - YE$ , sensu Loreau and Hector 2001 defaults to FALSE note - we do not recommend setting this to TRUE or "COMP", unless you require $SS+CS=YO-YE$

**Value**

a list with elements S (the selection effect) and C (the complementarity effect)

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partitionBEFsp	<i>partitionBEFsp: A package for calculating the Loreau &amp; Hector 2001 BEF partition.</i>
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**Description**

The partitionBEFsp (or "partitioning Biodiversity-Ecosystem Functioning as sample-level and population-level estimates" package) is a collection of functions that can be used to estimate selection and complementarity effects, sensu Loreau & Hector 2001 (Nature 412:72-76), even in cases where data are only available for a random subset of species (i.e. incomplete sample-level data). A full derivation and explanation of the statistical corrections used here is available in Clark et al. 2019, Estimating Complementarity and Selection Effects from an Incomplete Sample of Species.

**Source**

Loreau, M., and Hector, A. (2001). Partitioning selection and complementarity in biodiversity experiments. Nature 412:72-76.

**Examples**

```
#Monoculture biomasses for 57 species
M<-c(57.57, 2.33, 306.25, 172.42, 351.48, 280.15, 216.93,
     1.30, 397.73, 185.57, 19.81, 162.45, 36.23, 42.48,
     3.16, 250.12, 5.30, 58.06, 172.93, 210.50, 253.78,
     15.96, 218.62, 282.00, 342.73, 242.18, 49.39, 100.00,
     112.20, 181.50, 61.98, 428.82, 911.55, 80.60, 206.75,
     108.25, 58.45, 154.55, 114.58, 144.38, 273.98, 25.41,
```

```
148.82, 48.27, 35.62, 168.45, 157.98, 100.47, 31.12,
9.86, 247.57, 182.32, 16.20, 251.30, 118.73, 137.65,
149.93)
```

```
#Polyculture biomasses for a community of 57 species
```

```
P<-c(31.82, 0.06, 6.93, 6.75, 0.00, 0.11, 0.00,
10.95, 0.19, 0.58, 0.01, 0.52, 21.72, 16.20,
0.00, 0.09, 3.42, 0.00, 0.02, 3.18, 8.86,
0.03, 0.02, 0.00, 10.14, 8.93, 4.53, 0.00,
0.00, 0.02, 8.80, 0.31, 21.47, 0.34, 14.52,
0.15, 0.00, 17.17, 66.55, 1.65, 0.44, 0.17,
7.11, 0.45, 5.37, 7.66, 4.37, 0.00, 120.08,
144.61, 0.00, 0.00, 0.00, 8.33, 93.18, 0.58,
1.77)
```

```
#calculate DRY
```

```
DRY<-calculate_DRY(M=M, P=P, Q=length(M))
```

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# Example 1: Classic partition
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```
#calculate classic partition for full community
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```
classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M)
```

```
#note that sum of partition equals the change in yield,
#but only if sample-size corrected covariance isn't used
N<-length(M)
```

```
cp_F<-classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, uncorrected_cov = FALSE)
```

```
cp_T<-classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, uncorrected_cov = TRUE)
```

```
cp_C<-classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, uncorrected_cov = "COMP")
```

```
sum(P-M/N) #observed - expected yield
```

```
cp_F$S+cp_F$C #default
```

```
cp_T$S+cp_T$C #non-sample-size corrected
```

```
cp_C$S+cp_C$C #compromise
```

```
#also note that compromise only perfectly equals change in yield
```

```
#if Q = N (i.e. if the entire community is sampled)
```

```
sum(unlist(classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, uncorrected_cov = "COMP", N=length(DRY), Q=N)))
```

```
sum(unlist(classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, uncorrected_cov = "COMP", N=length(DRY), Q=N*2)))
```

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```
# Example 2: Estimate population-level statistics
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```
#estimate population-level partition for full community using only 30 species
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```
set.seed(25123)
```

```
smp<-sample(30)
```

```
DRY_sample<-DRY[smp]
```

```
M_sample<-M[smp]
```

```

sample_to_population_partition(DRY=DRY_sample, M=M_sample, N=length(M_sample), Q=57)
#note - SP and CP are relatively close to the classic partition for the full community,
#whereas SS and CS are not.

#Repeat procedure for samples of between 2 and 57 species:
N_sample<-2:57
SP_est<-numeric(length(N_sample))
CP_est<-numeric(length(N_sample))

for(i in 1:length(N_sample)) {
  #sample N random species
  smp<-sample(1:57, N_sample[i])

  pop_est<-sample_to_population_partition(DRY=DRY[smp], M=M[smp], N=N_sample[i], Q=57)
  SP_est[i]<-pop_est$SP
  CP_est[i]<-pop_est$CP
}

#Plot estimates vs. true value (dotted line)
plot(N_sample, SP_est, type="b"); abline(h=classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M)$S, lty=3, col=2)
plot(N_sample, CP_est, type="b"); abline(h=classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M)$C, lty=3, col=2)
#note - estimates are noisy, but converge to the true value as N approaches Q.

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# Example 3: Estimate sample-level statistics
#####

#estimate expected value of sample-level statistics for a random sample of 30 species
#based on the full population of Q species
population_to_sample_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, N=30, Q=57)

#Repeat procedure for samples of between 2 and 57 species:
N_sample<-2:57
SS_est<-numeric(length(N_sample))
CS_est<-numeric(length(N_sample))

for(i in 1:length(N_sample)) {
  pop_est<-population_to_sample_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, N=N_sample[i], Q=57)
  SS_est[i]<-pop_est$SS
  CS_est[i]<-pop_est$CS
}

#Plot estimates vs. true value (dotted line)
plot(N_sample, SS_est/N_sample, type="b")
abline(h=classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M)$S/57, lty=3, col=2)
#note - expected value of SS/N = SP/Q for all N
plot(N_sample, CS_est/N_sample, type="b")
abline(h=classic_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M)$C/57, lty=3, col=2)
#note - expected value of CS/N is a biased estimate of SP/Q, especially for small N

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```
# Example 4: Estimate confidence intervals
#####
smp_ci<-sample_to_population_partition(DRY=DRY, M=M, Q=57, nboot=1000)
smp_ci$confint$bootdat_summary
```

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population\_to\_sample\_partition  
*Calculate sample-level partition*

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### Description

takes a complete sample of all Q species in a community, and estimates sample-level selection and complementarity effects expected from a subset of N species drawn randomly from that community

### Usage

```
population_to_sample_partition(DRY, M, N, Q = length(M),
  smallQ_correction = TRUE, uncorrected_cov = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

DRY	change in relative yield, as calculated by the calculate_DRY function
M	monoculture biomass
N	number of species in the sample of the full community (i.e. the "sample") - defaults to length(M)
Q	total number of species in the full community (i.e. the "population")
smallQ_correction	tells whether to apply the correction for small Q, as shown in Eq. 3c in the main text - defaults to TRUE
uncorrected_cov	A character, which can be TRUE, FALSE, or COMP. Tells whether to use the standard sample-size corrected covariance function (FALSE), or a covariance function that is not corrected for sample size (TRUE), or a "compromise" function that resembles the standard function for $N < Q$ , and that resembles the non-corrected function for $N \sim Q$ . If TRUE, then $SS + CS = YO - YE$ , sensu Loreau and Hector 2001 defaults to FALSE note - we do not recommend setting this to TRUE or "COMP", unless you require $SS+CS=YO-YE$

### Value

a list with elements SS (the sample-level selection effect), CS (the sample-level complementarity effect), SP (the population-level selection effect), and CP (the population-level complementarity effect),

### Examples

```
# Please see package help file (?partitionBEFsp) for examples.
```

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sample\_to\_population\_partition  
*Calculate population-level partition*

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### Description

takes a random but incomplete sample of species of size  $N$  from a larger community  $Q$ , and estimates population-level selection and complementarity effects

### Usage

```
sample_to_population_partition(DRY, M, N = length(M), Q,
  smallQ_correction = TRUE, uncorrected_cov = FALSE, nboot = NA)
```

### Arguments

DRY	change in relative yield, as calculated by the calculate_DRY function
M	monoculture biomass
N	number of species in the sample of the full community (i.e. the "sample") - defaults to length(M)
Q	total number of species in the full community (i.e. the "population")
smallQ_correction	tells whether to apply the correction for small $Q$ , as shown in Eq. 3c in the main text - defaults to TRUE
uncorrected_cov	A character, which can be TRUE, FALSE, or COMP. Tells whether to use the standard sample-size corrected covariance function (FALSE), or
nboot	Number of bootstrap iterations to run for estimating confidence intervals for selection and complementarity effects. Defaults to NA - i.e. no bootstrapping. a covariance function that is not corrected for sample size (TRUE), or a "compromise" function that resembles the standard function for $N < Q$ , and that resembles the non-corrected function for $N \sim Q$ . If TRUE, then $SS + CS = YO - YE$ , sensu Loreau and Hector 2001 defaults to FALSE note - we do not recommend setting this to TRUE or "COMP", unless you require $SS+CS=YO-YE$

### Value

a list with elements SS (the sample-level selection effect), CS (the sample-level complementarity effect), SP (the population-level selection effect), CP (the population-level complementarity effect), and confint, which is a list that includes summary data and the full bootstrapped for estimates of the confidence intervals (if nboot != NA)

### Examples

```
# Please see package help file (?partitionBEFsp) for examples.
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