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population-package *Population models*

Description

A package to run population simulations using an Individual-Based Model compiled in C. The population model is a discrete, age-structured model and follows the formalizing of a post-breeding Leslie matrix model.

Version 0.1 proposes functions to run and plot population projections and includes demographic and environmental stochasticities. There is also the option to parallelize simulations (except on Windows).

Version 0.2 fixes a bug that generated wrong results at very large population sizes.

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Examples

```
# Initial number of individuals
n0 <- 10
n1 <- 20
n2 <- 15
n3 <- 10
n4 <- 5

# Age-specific survival rates
s0 <- 0.5
s1 <- 0.6
s2 <- 0.7
s3 <- 0.8
s4 <- 0.9
```

```

# Age-specific number of offspring
b1 <- 0.5
b2 <- 0.8
b3 <- 1.8
b4 <- 1.8
b5 <- 1.1

# Project 10 years ahead repeated 10000 times
years <- 10
runs <- 10000

results <- project(
years = years,
runs = runs,
initial_population = c(n0, n1, n2, n3, n4),
survival = cbind(c(s0, s1, s2, s3, s4), 0.0), # no environmental stochasticity
litter = cbind(c(b1, b2, b3, b4, b5), 0.0) # no environmental stochasticity
)

# Plot projection
plot_projection(results, "mean")

# Equivalent model with a post-breeding Leslie matrix
postM <- matrix(nrow=5, ncol=5, byrow=TRUE, data = c(
s0*b1, s1*b2, s2*b3, s3*b4, s4*b5,
s0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
0, s1, 0, 0, 0,
0, 0, s2, 0, 0,
0, 0, 0, s3, 0
))

popvector <- c(n0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
N <- numeric(years)
N[1] <- sum(popvector)

for (i in 2:years) {
popvector <- postM
N[i] <- sum(popvector)
}

# Check we get similar results
lines(1:years, N, col="blue", lwd=2)

```

get_cores

Get number of available cores

Description

Get number of available cores for parallel simulations. Non-Windows systems only.

Usage

```
get_cores(runs)
```

Arguments

runs Number of times (or Monte Carlo runs) to repeat the simulation.

Details

This function detects the number of cores (see 'detectCores' in package 'parallel') available and returns the largest possible number of cores being an integer divider of the number of runs. On multi-core machines at least one core is not used for the simulation.

Value

```
get_cores()
```

Examples

```
get_cores(2)  
get_cores(1000)
```

plot_projection *Plot population projections*

Description

Plot population projections.

Usage

```
plot_projection(projection, kind)
```

Arguments

projection A list obtained after running functions 'project' or 'project_cores'.
kind (optional) A string indicating which quantity should be plotted ("median" or "mean"). If missing, all projections are shown.

Details

Plot all population projections or the median or mean with 95% confidence interval. Only total population sizes are displayed.

Examples

```

years <- 10
runs <- 100

init.pop <- c(30, 20, 15, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5)

surv.md <- c(0.5, 0.7, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9)
surv.sd <- c(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)
surv.msdc <- cbind(surv.md, surv.sd)

litter.md <- c(0.2, 1.1, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 1.8, 0.2)
litter.sd <- c(0.1, 0.2, 0.15, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)
litter.msdc <- cbind(litter.md, litter.sd)

nclass <- 4 # vary number of classes

projection <- project(
  years = years,
  runs = runs,
  initial_population = init.pop[1:nclass],
  survival = surv.msdc[1:nclass,],
  litter = litter.msdc[1:nclass,]
)

plot_projection(projection)
plot_projection(projection, kind="median")

```

project

Population projections

Description

Run stochastic population projections.

Usage

```
project(years, runs, initial_population, survival, litter, seed)
```

Arguments

years	Number of years to project the population.
runs	Number of times (or Monte Carlo runs) to project the population.
initial_population	Vector of initial number of individuals for each class. This vector must contain only positive integers.
survival	Matrix of survival for each class, with nrow = number of classes and ncol = 2. The first column is the median value of the survival of each class. The second column is the standard deviation of the survival of each class.

litter	Matrix of litter size for each class, with nrow = number of classes and ncol = 2. The first column is the median value of the litter size of each class. The second column is the standard deviation of the litter size of each class.
seed	(optional) seed for the R random number generator. If missing, the seed is set to 1.

Details

Run stochastic population projections with an Individual-Based Model (IBM) compiled in C.

Value

runs	a 3-dimensional array of numbers of individuals with dimension c(years, classes, runs)
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Examples

```
years <- 10
runs <- 100

init.pop <- c(30, 20, 15, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5)

surv.md <- c(0.5, 0.7, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9)
surv.sd <- c(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)
surv.msdc <- cbind(surv.md, surv.sd)

litter.md <- c(0.2, 1.1, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 1.8, 0.2)
litter.sd <- c(0.1, 0.2, 0.15, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)
litter.msdc <- cbind(litter.md, litter.sd)

nclass <- 4 # vary number of classes

projection <- project(
  years = years,
  runs = runs,
  initial_population = init.pop[1:nclass],
  survival = surv.msdc[1:nclass,],
  litter = litter.msdc[1:nclass,]
)
```

project_parallel *Parallel population projections*

Description

Run parallel stochastic population projections. Non-Windows systems only.

Usage

```
project_parallel(years, runs, initial_population, survival, litter, cores)
```

Arguments

years	Number of years to project the population.
runs	Number of times (or Monte Carlo runs) to project the population.
initial_population	Vector of initial number of individuals for each class. This vector must contain only positive integers.
survival	Matrix of survival for each class, with nrow = number of classes and ncol = 2. The first column is the median value of the survival of each class. The second column is the standard deviation of the survival of each class.
litter	Matrix of litter size for each class, with nrow = number of classes and ncol = 2. The first column is the median value of the litter size of each class. The second column is the standard deviation of the litter size of each class.
cores	(optional) number of cores to use for the parallel projections. If missing, it is set to the value returned by get_cores().

Details

Run parallel stochastic population projections with an Individual-Based Model (IBM) compiled in C.

Value

runs a 3-dimensional array of numbers of individuals with dimension c(years, classes, runs)

Examples

```
years <- 10
runs <- 100

init.pop <- c(30, 20, 15, 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5)

surv.md <- c(0.5, 0.7, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9, 0.9)
surv.sd <- c(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)
surv.msdc <- cbind(surv.md, surv.sd)

litter.md <- c(0.2, 1.1, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 2.8, 1.8, 0.2)
litter.sd <- c(0.1, 0.2, 0.15, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1)
litter.msdc <- cbind(litter.md, litter.sd)

nclass <- 4 # vary number of classes

# with 2 cores
projection <- project_parallel(
  years = years,
  runs = runs,
  initial_population = init.pop[1:nclass],
  survival = surv.msdc[1:nclass,],
  litter = litter.msdc[1:nclass,],
```

```
cores = 2
)

# with all possible cores (not run)
# projection <- project_parallel(
#   years = years,
#   runs = runs,
#   initial_population = init.pop[1:nclass],
#   survival = surv.msdc[1:nclass,],
#   litter = litter.msdc[1:nclass,]
# )
```


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