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autoplot.filled\_trait *Coverage plot of filled Traits*

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## Description

Function calculates the trait coverage of the community for each level of the sampling hierarchy and makes a barplot.

Shows at which level the data are coming from in each plot.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'filled_trait'
autoplot(object, other_col_how, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	output from trait_fill().
other_col_how	what to do with the other columns in other data. Options are to filter by one of the columns, add them to the x-axis, facet by them, or to ignore.
...	optional filters for use with other_col_how = "filter"

## Value

a ggplot2 plot

## Examples

```
require("ggplot2")
data(community)
data(trait)
filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community, traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover"
)
autoplot(filled_traits)
```

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community	<i>Community data</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing plant cover in control plots on Svalbard from PFCT4 TraitTrain course.

**Usage**

```
community
```

**Format**

A data frame with 110 rows and 4 variables:

**Taxon** species name

**Cover** cover, in percent

**Site** site name

**PlotID** plot name

**Source**

<https://www.uib.no/en/rg/EECRG/114808/plant-functional-traits-course-4>

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cor_to_df	<i>Correlation to dataframe</i>
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**Description**

Helper function for `bootstrap_traits_multivariate` that extracts results from a correlation matrix

**Usage**

```
cor_to_df(corr)
```

**Arguments**

`corr` correlation matrix

**Value**

A data.frame of correlations

**References**

Modified from <https://stackoverflow.com/a/23476844/2055765>

**Examples**

```
x <- matrix(ncol = 5, rnorm(20))
colnames(x) <- letters[1:5]
cor(x) |> cor_to_df()
```

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fortify_filled_trait	<i>Fortify filled Traits</i>
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**Description**

Calculates at which level the data are coming from in each plot.

**Usage**

```
fortify_filled_trait(object, other_col_how, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	filled traits from <code>trait_fill()</code> .
other_col_how	what to do with the other columns in other data. Options are to filter by one of the columns, add them to the x-axis, facet by them, or to ignore.
...	optional filters for use with <code>other_col_how = "filter"</code>

**Value**

a tibble

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trait	<i>Trait data</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing plant traits in control plots on Svalbard from PFCT4 TraitTrain course.

**Usage**

```
trait
```

**Format**

A data frame with 705 rows and 6 variables:

**Site** site name

**PlotID** plot name

**Taxon** species name

**ID** Unique leaf ID

**Trait** trait name with unit

**Value** trait value

**Source**

<https://www.uib.no/en/rg/EECRG/114808/plant-functional-traits-course-4>

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trait_fill	<i>fill traits</i>
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**Description**

A function for trait filling using a hierarchical sampling design, which allows to account for incomplete trait collections, traits from different spatial or temporal levels (i.e. local traits vs. databases) and experimental designs.

**Usage**

```
trait_fill(  
  comm,  
  traits,  
  scale_hierarchy = c("Country", "Site", "BlockID", "PlotID"),  
  global = TRUE,  
  taxon_col = "taxon",  
  trait_col = "trait",  
  value_col = "Value",  
  abundance_col = "Cover",  
  treatment_col = NULL,  
  treatment_level = NULL,  
  other_col = character(0),  
  keep_all = FALSE,  
  min_n_in_sample = 5,  
  complete_only = FALSE,  
  leaf_id = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

comm	a dataframe in long format with community data
traits	a dataframe in long format with trait data
scale_hierarchy	character vector of the sampling hierarchy from large to small (e.g. site/block/plot)
global	logical; calculate traits at global scale. Must not be a column called global in the traits data.
taxon_col	character; name of taxon column in comm and traits. Can be a vector (e.g. "species", "genus"), in which case if traits cannot be filled for the first taxon column, subsequent columns will be used in order.
trait_col	character; name of trait name column in traits
value_col	character; name of trait value column in traits
abundance_col	character; name of species abundance column in comm
treatment_col	character; optional name of treatment_col in comm and traits. Must refer to a factor where first level is control.
treatment_level	character; optional name of scale_hierarchy at which treatment should be filtered
other_col	name of other grouping columns in comm
keep_all	logical; keep trait data at all available levels or just finest scale available
min_n_in_sample	numeric; minimum number in sample with traits to accept before searching for traits higher up the hierarchy. The default is 5.
complete_only	logical; use only leaves with a full set of traits. Set to TRUE when imputing for trait_multivariate_bootstrap
leaf_id	character; unique leaf identifiers. Only needed when complete_only is TRUE.

**Details**

The function uses a hierarchical sampling design, which allows it to account for incomplete trait collections, traits from different spatial or temporal levels (i.e. local traits vs. databases) and/or experimental designs.

With `scale_hierarchy` you can define the levels at which the traits have been collected and their order starting with the highest level (e.g. global database, region, site, block, plot).

`trait_fill()` will choose if available a trait value from the lowest level, i.e. species X from plot A and if no trait is available from that level, it will move up the hierarchy and choose a trait from species X from plot B at the same site. If there is no trait available from species X in the same site, it will choose a trait value from another site.

The argument `min_n_in_samples` allows users to define the minimum number in sample at each level for the trait filling. If the minimum number is not reached, trait values from the next level will also be selected, to avoid sampling the same individual several times, which will result in unrealistic variances. The default value is 5.

In the `other_col` argument other grouping variables in the community dataset can be defined and will be kept after the trait filling step.

Traitstrap also allows to include taxonomy and experimental design in the trait filling step.

With `taxon_col` a hierarchy for the taxonomy can be defined. If traits for a specific species are not available, traits from next level, e.g. the genus will be selected. For this a list of the taxonomic hierarchy has to be defined (e.g. "taxon", "genus", "family").

The argument `treatment_col` allows to incorporate an experimental design where traits are selected from the same experimental treatment or the first factor level, which is assumed to be the control. Therefore, it is important to order the levels of a treatment in the right order, i.e. the first level has to be the control. If you have two or more treatments and you want filling to be done only within a treatment, and not from a treatment and the control, then make the first level of the factor a level that is not in the data. The filling step can be defined at certain level using the `treatment_level` argument. Depending on the experimental design trait filling should occur a certain level, e.g. block or site.

### Value

a tibble with extra class `filled_trait`.

### Examples

```
data(community)
data(trait)
filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community, traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover"
)
```

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trait\_fit\_distributions

*Fit trait distributions*

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### Description

Function to fit parametric distributions for each species-by-trait combination at the finest scale of the user-supplied hierarchy. This function returns a tibble containing the fitted parameters.

### Usage

```
trait_fit_distributions(filled_traits, distribution_type = "normal")
```

### Arguments

`filled_traits` output from the `trait_fill` function.

`distribution_type`

the type of statistical distribution to use. Character or named list. Currently accepts "normal", "lognormal", and "beta".

**Details**

The distributions can either be a single distribution type which is used for all traits, or traits can be assigned specific distributions types by supplying the function with a named vector of traits, e.g. `c(height = "normal", mass = "lognormal")`.

**Value**

a tibble containing fitted distribution parameters for each trait in each species for each plot.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data(community)
data(trait)

filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community |>
    filter(PlotID %in% c("A", "B")),
  traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover"
)

fitted_distributions <- trait_fit_distributions(
  filled_traits = filled_traits,
  distribution_type = "normal"
)
```

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trait_missing	<i>Which taxa lack traits</i>
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**Description**

Function gives overview of which taxa are missing traits.

**Usage**

```
trait_missing(filled_trait, comm)
```

**Arguments**

filled_trait	output of trait_fill function.
comm	community data



**Value**

A tibble with columns

Taxon	Species names (actual name depends on taxon_col argument to trait_fill())
max_abun	Maximum abundance of that taxa. Be more concerned about taxa missing traits with high abundances.
n	Number of occurrences of the taxon. Be more concerned about taxa missing traits with many occurrences.
n_traits	Number of traits for each species. Ideally all should equal the number of traits you have measured.

**Examples**

```
data(community)
data(trait)
filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community, traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover"
)
trait_missing(filled_traits, community)
```

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trait\_multivariate\_bootstrap

*Bootstrap traits*

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**Description**

Function for nonparametric bootstrap resampling to calculate community weighted trait correlations, other bivariate or multivariate statistics

**Usage**

```
trait_multivariate_bootstrap(
  filled_traits,
  nrep = 100,
  sample_size = 200,
  raw = FALSE,
  id = "ID",
  fun
)
```

**Arguments**

filled_traits	output from the trait_fill function.
nrep	number of bootstrap replicates
sample_size	bootstrap size
raw	logical; argument to extract the raw data of the trait distributions. The default is raw = FALSE. If raw = TRUE, nrep is restricted to 1 to avoid memory issues.
id	column name of unique identifiers of each leaf
fun	bivariate or multivariate function to apply

**Details**

The observed and filled leaves are re-sampled in proportion to their weights, e.g. the abundance of a species or the biomass. Values across all individuals in a community are resampled `sample_size` times to incorporate the full spectrum of trait variation, generating `nrep` trait distributions. The function `fun` is applied to the trait distribution at the finest level of the filled trait hierarchy.

Unexpected columns in `filled_traits` are deleted with a warning.

Note that due to the flexibility of this function, the output **CAN NOT** be summarized using `trait_summarise_boot_moments`

**Value**

a tibble with columns for the elements of the `scale_hierarchy`, and a list column result which includes the output of `fun`.

**Examples**

```
require(dplyr)
require(tidyr)
require(ggplot2)
require(purrr)

data(community)
data(trait)

filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community |>
    filter(
      PlotID %in% c("A", "B"),
      Site == 1
    ),
  traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover",
  complete_only = TRUE, leaf_id = "ID"
)

# Note that more replicates and a greater sample size are advisable
# Here we set them low to make the example run quickly
```

```

boot_traits <- trait_multivariate_bootstrap(filled_traits,
  fun = cor,
  nrep = 10,
  sample_size = 100
)

boot_traits_long <- boot_traits |>
  mutate(correlations = map(result, ~ cor_to_df(.x))) |>
  select(-result) |>
  unnest(correlations)

boot_traits_long |>
  ggplot(aes(x = paste(row, "v", col), y = value)) +
  geom_violin() +
  facet_grid(Site ~ PlotID) +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(y = "Correlation", x = "")

```

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trait_np_bootstrap	<i>Bootstrap traits</i>
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### Description

Function for nonparametric bootstrap resampling to calculate community weighted trait mean and higher moments.

### Usage

```
trait_np_bootstrap(filled_traits, nrep = 100, sample_size = 200, raw = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

filled_traits	output from the trait_fill function.
nrep	number of bootstrap replicates
sample_size	bootstrap size
raw	logical; argument to extract the raw data of the trait distributions. The default is raw = FALSE. If raw = TRUE, nrep is restricted to 1 to avoid memory issues.

### Details

The observed traits are re-sampled in proportion to their weights, e.g. the abundance of a species or the biomass. Values across all individuals in a community are resampled `sample_size` times to incorporate the full spectrum of trait variation, generating `nrep` trait distributions. From these distributions the function estimates the mean and the higher moments including variance, skewness and kurtosis.

#' The output of `trait_np_bootstrap()` can be summarized using `trait_summarize_boot_moments()`.

**Value**

a tibble with columns for each grouping variable of `filled_traits` (usually the elements of `scale_hierarchy` and the traits column), and the moments mean, variance, skewness, and kurtosis.

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data(community)
data(trait)

# Filter community data to make example faster
community <- community |>
  filter(
    PlotID %in% c("A", "B"),
    Site == 1
  )
filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community,
  traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover"
)

boot_traits <- trait_np_bootstrap(filled_traits,
  nrep = 20,
  sample_size = 200
)
```

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```
trait_parametric_bootstrap
  Bootstrap traits parametrically
```

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**Description**

Function for parametric bootstrap resampling to calculate community weighted trait mean and higher moments.

**Usage**

```
trait_parametric_bootstrap(
  fitted_distributions,
  nrep = 100,
  sample_size = 200,
  raw = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

fitted_distributions	Fitted distribution object returned by trait_fit_distributions
nrep	number of bootstrap replicates
sample_size	bootstrap size
raw	logical; argument to extract the raw data of the trait distributions. The default is raw = FALSE. If raw = TRUE, nrep is restricted to 1 to avoid memory issues.

**Details**

trait\_parametric\_bootstrap() is a parametric analogue of the trait\_np\_bootstrap(). It randomly samples from among the fitted distributions proportionally to species abundance. The number of samples per replicated are drawn specified with the parameter sample\_size, and the number of replicates is specified by the parameter nrep. From these distributions the function estimates the mean and the higher moments including variance, skewness and kurtosis.

The output of trait\_parametric\_bootstrap() can be summarized using trait\_summarize\_boot\_moments().

**Value**

a tibble

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data(community)
data(trait)

# Filter trait and community data to make example faster

community <- community |>
  filter(
    PlotID %in% c("A", "B"),
    Site == 1
  )

trait <- trait |>
  filter(Trait %in% c("Plant_Height_cm"))

filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community,
  traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover"
)

fitted_distributions <- trait_fit_distributions(
  filled_traits = filled_traits,
  distribution_type = "normal"
)
```

```

# Note that more replicates and a greater sample size are advisable
# Here we set them low to make the example run quickly
parametric_distributions <- trait_parametric_bootstrap(
  fitted_distributions = fitted_distributions,
  nrep = 5,
  sample_size = 100
)

moment_summary <- trait_summarise_boot_moments(
  bootstrap_moments = parametric_distributions,
  parametric = FALSE
)

```

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```
trait_summarise_boot_moments
```

*Summarise Bootstrap traits*

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### Description

Summarizes the mean and confidence interval for each trait moment.

### Usage

```

trait_summarise_boot_moments(
  bootstrap_moments,
  parametric = TRUE,
  sd_mult = 1,
  ci = 0.95
)

```

### Arguments

<code>bootstrap_moments</code>	trait moments from <code>trait_np_bootstrap</code> or <code>trait_parametric_bootstrap</code>
<code>parametric</code>	logical; default is TRUE. Should Confidence Intervals be calculated parametrically (using the mean and SD) or nonparametrically (using quantiles).
<code>sd_mult</code>	Number of standard deviations around each moment, defaults to one
<code>ci</code>	Desired confidence level for use when parametric is false. Defaults to 0.95.

### Value

tibble with the grouping variables and the mean of each moment ( $\pm$  `sd_mult` \* SD)

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data(community)
data(trait)

# Filter community data to make example faster
community <- community |>
  filter(PlotID %in% c("A", "B"))

filled_traits <- trait_fill(
  comm = community,
  traits = trait,
  scale_hierarchy = c("Site", "PlotID"),
  taxon_col = "Taxon", value_col = "Value",
  trait_col = "Trait", abundance_col = "Cover"
)

# Note that more replicates and a greater sample size are advisable
# Here we set them low to make the example run quickly
boot_traits <- trait_np_bootstrap(filled_traits,
  nrep = 20,
  sample_size = 100
)

trait_summarise_boot_moments(boot_traits)
```

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