

# Package ‘GUILDS’

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**Description** A collection of sampling formulas for the unified neutral model of biogeography and biodiversity. Alongside the sampling formulas, it includes methods to perform maximum likelihood optimization of the sampling formulas, methods to generate data given the neutral model, and methods to estimate the expected species abundance distribution. Sampling formulas included in the GUILDS package are the Etienne Sampling Formula (Etienne 2005), the guild sampling formula, where guilds are assumed to differ in dispersal ability (Janzen et al. 2015), and the guilds sampling formula conditioned on guild size (Janzen et al. 2015).

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GUILDS-package	<i>Package implementing the Guilds sampling formula for the Neutral Theory of Biodiversity</i>
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**Description**

The GUILDS package contains a number of sampling formula's being the Etienne Sampling Formula (Etienne 2005), the GUILDS sampling formula (Janzen et al. 2014) and the GUILDS sampling formula conditioned on guild Size (Janzen et al. 2015). Furthermore it contains functions to generate data given the guilds model, with or without conditioning on guild size. C++ Code to obtain Sterling numbers of the first kind was adopted from the Tetame program by Jabot et al. (2008).

**Updates**

Version 1.4 : Cleaner README and Vignettes  
Version 1.4 : Extend support to M1 processors where sizeof(long double) < 16  
Version 1.4 : Comply with `_R_CHECK_LENGTH_0_LOGIC2_`  
Version 1.3 : GUILDS is now on GitHub: <https://github.com/thijsjanzen/GUILDS>  
Version 1.3 : Wrote code tests to check code integrity, code coverage is >95%  
Version 1.3 : Modified maximum likelihood functions to take into account  $\theta_x = \theta_y = \theta / 2$   
Version 1.3 : Added a plotting function to plot Preston style plots  
Version 1.2.1 : Updated the User manual  
Version 1.2 : fixed memory leak issues by adding extra vector access checks  
Version 1.2 : fixed memory leak issues by introducing vectors in KDA code  
Version 1.2 : renamed logLik to avoid shadowing of the function logLik in the package stats  
Version 1.1 : removed malloc header from KDA code

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**References**

Janzen, T., Haegeman B., Etienne, R.S. (2015) A sampling formula for communities with multiple dispersal syndromes. *Journal of Theoretical Biology* 374: 94-106

Etienne, R.S. (2005). A new sampling formula for neutral biodiversity. *Ecology Letters*, 8(3), 253-260.

Jabot, F., Etienne, R.S., & Chave, J. (2008). Reconciling neutral community models and environmental filtering: theory and an empirical test. *Oikos* 117: 1308-1320

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expected.SAD	<i>Calculate the expected species abundance distribution of the standard neutral model, given theta, m and J</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates the expected species abundance distribution of the standard neutral model given theta, m and J, sensu equation 6 from Etienne and Alonso (2005).

**Usage**

```
expected.SAD(theta, m, J)
```

**Arguments**

theta	Fundamental biodiversity number theta
m	migration parameter
J	Total number of individuals in the local community

**Value**

A vector containing the abundances binned into log2 bins (sensu Preston).

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen & Bart Haegeman

**References**

Etienne, R.S., & Alonso, D. (2005). A dispersal-limited sampling theory for species and alleles. *Ecology Letters*, 8(100), 1147-1156.

**Examples**

```
SAD <- expected.SAD(theta = 42, m = 0.1, J = 200)
barplot(SAD,
        names.arg=0:(length(SAD)-1),
        xlab="Number of individuals (log2)",
        ylab="Number of Species" )
```

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expected.SAD.Guilds     *Estimate the expected species abundance distribution of both guilds using the guilds model, provided theta, alpha\_x, alpha\_y and J.*

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**Description**

This function estimates the expected species abundance distribution of both guilds using the guilds model, provided theta, alpha\_x, alpha\_y and J. The expected species abundance distribution is approximated by first drawing  $p_x$  from a beta distribution (equation 4 in Janzen et al. 2014). Then, guild sizes are drawn using equation 3 in Janzen et al. 2014. Because the abundance distributions of the two guilds are independent, the distributions can now be obtained using equation 6 in Etienne and Alonso 2005. Because drawing from the beta distribution and equation 3 is inherently stochastic, this function returns the average over a specified number of replicates.

**Usage**

```
expected.SAD.Guilds(theta, alpha_x, alpha_y, J, n_replicates = 100)
```

**Arguments**

theta	Fundamental biodiversity number theta
alpha_x	Dispersal ability of guild X
alpha_y	Dispersal ability of guild Y
J	Total number of individuals in the local community, e.g. $J = J_x + J_y$
n_replicates	Number of replicates to use to estimate the abundance distributions.

**Value**

guildX	Vector containing the mean abundances of species in Guild X, binned into log2 bins
guildY	Vector containing the mean abundances of species in Guild Y, binned into log2 bins

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen & Bart Haegeman

**References**

Etienne, R.S., & Alonso, D. (2005). A dispersal-limited sampling theory for species and alleles. *Ecology Letters*, 8(100), 1147-1156.

**Examples**

```
SADs <- expected.SAD.Guilds(theta = 42, alpha_x = 0.01, alpha_y = 0.1, J = 1000, n_replicates = 3)
par(mfrow=c(1,2));
barplot(SADs$guildX,names.arg=0:(length(SADs$guildX)-1),
xlab="Number of individuals (log2)",
ylab="Number of Species",main="Guild X" )

barplot(SADs$guildY,names.arg=0:(length(SADs$guildY)-1),
xlab="Number of individuals (log2)",
ylab="Number of Species",main="Guild Y" )
```

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expected.SAD.Guilds.Conditional

*Estimate the expected species abundance distribution of both guilds using the guilds model, provided theta, alpha\_x, alpha\_y, conditional on the size of guild X, Jx and the size of guild Y, Jy.*

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**Description**

This function estimates the expected species abundance distribution of both guilds using the guilds model, provided theta, alpha\_x, alpha\_y and J. The expected species abundance distribution is approximated by first drawing px from equation 9. Because the abundance distributions of the two guilds are independent, the distributions can now be obtained using equation 6 in Etienne and Alonso 2005. Because drawing from the beta distribution and equation 3 is inherently stochastic, this function returns the average over a specified number of replicates.

**Usage**

```
expected.SAD.Guilds.Conditional(theta, alpha_x, alpha_y, Jx, Jy, n_replicates = 100)
```

**Arguments**

theta	Fundamental biodiversity number theta
alpha_x	Dispersal ability of guild X
alpha_y	Dispersal ability of guild Y
Jx	Total number of individuals in guild X
Jy	Total number of individuals in guild Y
n_replicates	Number of replicates to use to estimate the abundance distributions.

**Value**

guildX	Vector containing the mean abundances of species in Guild X, binned into log2 bins
guildY	Vector containing the mean abundances of species in Guild Y, binned into log2 bins

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen & Bart Haegeman

**References**

Etienne, R.S., & Alonso, D. (2005). A dispersal-limited sampling theory for species and alleles. *Ecology Letters*, 8(100), 1147-1156.

**Examples**

```
SADs <- expected.SAD.Guilds.Conditional(theta = 42,
                                         alpha_x = 0.01,
                                         alpha_y = 0.1,
                                         Jx = 100,
                                         Jy = 200,
                                         n_replicates = 3)

par(mfrow=c(1,2))
barplot(SADs$guildX, names.arg=0:(length(SADs$guildX) - 1),
        xlab = "Number of individuals (log2)",
        ylab = "Number of Species", main = "Guild X" )
barplot(SADs$guildY, names.arg = 0:(length(SADs$guildY) - 1),
        xlab = "Number of individuals (log2)",
        ylab = "Number of Species", main = "Guild Y" )
```

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generate.ESF

*Generate community data under the standard neutral model of biodiversity, using the urn scheme as described in Etienne 2005*

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**Description**

This function generates community data under the standard neutral model of biodiversity, using the urn scheme as described in Etienne 2005

**Usage**

```
generate.ESF(theta, I, J)
```

**Arguments**

theta	Fundamental biodiversity number theta
I	Fundamental dispersal number I
J	total number of individuals in the local community

**Value**

Vector containing the unlabeled species abundances in the local community

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen & Bart Haegeman

**References**

Etienne, R.S. (2005). A new sampling formula for neutral biodiversity. *Ecology Letters*, 8(3), 253-260.

**Examples**

```
generate.ESF(theta = 42, I = 10, J = 2000)
```

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generate.Guilds	<i>Generate Artificial data under the GUILDS model</i>
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**Description**

Using this function it is possible to generate a community dataset consisting of two separate abundance vectors for each guild, where the data generated adhere to the Guilds model.

**Usage**

```
generate.Guilds(theta, alpha_x, alpha_y, J)
```

**Arguments**

theta	Fundamental Biodiversity Number theta
alpha_x	Dispersal Ability of Guild X
alpha_y	Dispersal Ability of Guild Y
J	Total number of individuals in the local community (e.g. J_X + J_Y).

**Value**

guildX	Vector containing the unlabeled abundances of species in Guild X
guildY	Vector containing the unlabeled abundances of species in Guild Y

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
generate.Guilds(theta = 200,
                 alpha_x = 0.005,
                 alpha_y = 0.001,
                 J = 10000)
```

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generate.Guilds.Cond *Generate Artificial data under the GUILDS model, conditioned on Guild size*

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**Description**

Using this function it is possible to generate a community dataset consisting of two separate abundance vectors for each guild, where the data generated adhere to the Guilds model. Data generated is conditioned on guild size.

**Usage**

```
generate.Guilds.Cond(theta, alpha_x, alpha_y, JX, JY)
```

**Arguments**

theta	Fundamental Biodiversity Number theta
alpha_x	Dispersal Ability of Guild X
alpha_y	Dispersal Ability of Guild Y
JX	Total number of individuals in Guild X
JY	Total number of individuals in Guild Y

**Value**

guildX	Vector containing the unlabeled abundances of species in Guild X
guildY	Vector containing the unlabeled abundances of species in Guild Y

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
generate.Guilds.Cond(theta = 200,
                     alpha_x = 0.005,
                     alpha_y = 0.001,
                     JX = 15000,
                     JY = 5000);
```

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logLikelihood.ESF	<i>Likelihood of the Etienne sampling formula</i>
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## Description

This function calculates the likelihood of the Etienne Sampling Formula, provided abundance data and parameter values.

## Usage

```
logLikelihood.ESF(theta, m, abund)
```

## Arguments

theta	Parameter value for the fundamental biodiversity number theta
m	Parameter value for migration
abund	Vector containing abundance data

## Value

Returns the LogLikelihood

## Author(s)

Thijs Janzen

## References

Etienne, R.S. (2005). A new sampling formula for neutral biodiversity. *Ecology Letters*, 8(3), 253-260.

## Examples

```
A <- c(1,1,1,3,5,8); #Artificial abundance dataset  
LL <- logLikelihood.ESF(theta = 7, m = 0.1, abund = A)
```

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logLikelihood.Guilds    *Likelihood of the Guilds sampling formula*

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### Description

This function calculates the likelihood of the guilds model, provided abundance data and parameter values.

### Usage

```
logLikelihood.Guilds(parameters, model, sadx, sady, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

parameters	parameters corresponds to a vector of parameter values depending on the provided model: - model: "D0" parameters = c(theta, alpha) - model: "D1" parameters = c(theta, alpha X, alpha Y)
model	The chosen model to calculate the likelihood for, please note that the vector of parameters should contain the corresponding parameters in the right order. The user can pick one of these models: - "D0" - "D1"
sadx	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild X
sady	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild Y
verbose	TRUE/FALSE flag, indicates whether intermediate output is shown on screen

### Value

returns the LogLikelihood

### Author(s)

Thijs Janzen

### Examples

```
exampleData <- generate.Guilds(theta = 200,
                              alpha_x = 0.005,
                              alpha_y = 0.001,
                              J = 1000)
#theta = 200, alpha X = 0.005, alpha Y = 0.001
parametervals <- c(200, 0.005, 0.001)
LL = logLikelihood.Guilds(parametervals,
                          model = "D1",
```

```
exampleData$guildX,
exampleData$guildY,
verbose = TRUE)
```

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```
logLikelihood.Guilds.Conditional
```

*Likelihood of the Guilds sampling formula, conditional on guild size*

---

### Description

This function calculates the likelihood of the guilds model, conditional on guild size; provided abundance data and parameter values.

### Usage

```
logLikelihood.Guilds.Conditional(parameters, model, sadx, sady, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

parameters	parameters corresponds to a vector of parameter values depending on the provided model: - model: "D0" parameters = c(theta, alpha) - model: "D1" parameters = c(theta, alpha X, alpha Y)
model	The chosen model to calculate the likelihood for, please note that the vector of parameters should contain the corresponding parameters in the right order. The user can pick one of these models: - "D0" - "D1"
sadx	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild X
sady	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild Y
verbose	TRUE/FALSE flag, indicates whether intermediate output is shown on screen

### Value

returns the LogLikelihood

### Author(s)

Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
exampleData <- generate.Guilds.Cond(theta = 200,
                                   alpha_x = 0.005,
                                   alpha_y = 0.001,
                                   JX = 1000,
                                   JY = 2000)
#theta = 200, alpha X = 0.005, alpha Y = 0.001
parametervals <- c(200, 0.005, 0.001)
LL = logLikelihood.Guilds.Conditional(parametervals,
                                       model="D1",
                                       exampleData$guildX,
                                       exampleData$guildY,
                                       verbose=TRUE)
```

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maxLikelihood.ESF      *Maximization of the loglikelihood given the standard Neutral Model, using the Etienne Sampling Formula*

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**Description**

This function computes the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the Neutral model, using the Etienne Sampling Formula

**Usage**

```
maxLikelihood.ESF(init_vals, abund, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

init_vals	A vector of initial starting values, of the format c(theta, m)
abund	Vector containing a record of the number of individuals per species
verbose	TRUE/FALSE flag, indicates whether intermediate output is shown on screen

**Value**

the output is a list containing the following:

par	a vector containing the parameter values at the maximum likelihood c(theta, m)
fvalues	the likelihood at the corresponding parameter values
conv	gives a message on convergence of optimization; conv = 0 means convergence

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**References**

Etienne, R.S. (2005). A new sampling formula for neutral biodiversity. *Ecology Letters*, 8(3), 253-260.

**Examples**

```
A <- c(1, 1, 1, 3, 5, 8)
maxLikelihood.ESF( c(7, 0.1), abund = A)
```

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maxLikelihood.Guilds *Maximization of the loglikelihood under the Guilds Model.*

---

**Description**

This function computes the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the guilds model.

**Usage**

```
maxLikelihood.Guilds(init_vals, model = "D0",
                     sadx, sady, verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

init_vals	init_vals corresponds to a vector of parameter values in which to start the Maximum Likelihood algorithm, depending on the provided model: - model: "D0" parameters = c(theta, alpha) - model: "D1" parameters = c(theta, alpha X, alpha Y)
model	The chosen model to calculate the maximum likelihood for, please note that the vector of parameters should contain the corresponding parameters in the right order. The user can pick one of these models: - "D0" - "D1"
sadx	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild X
sady	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild Y
verbose	TRUE/FALSE flag, indicates whether intermediate output is shown on screen

**Value**

The output is a list containing the following:

par	a vector containing the parameter values at the maximum likelihood
value	the likelihood at the corresponding parameter values
counts	Number of function evaluations required

convergence	-2: invalid input -1: number of maximum function evaluations exceeded 0: success: convergence 1: limit of machine precision reached
message	A character string giving a diagnostic message from the optimizer,
hessian	Hessian matrix (not implemented for this package)

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
J <- 10000

theta <- 100
alpha_x <- 0.1

simul_data <- generate.Guilds(theta, alpha_x, alpha_x, J)

#initial parameters for the D0 model c(theta,alpha)
LL <- maxLikelihood.Guilds(init_vals = c(theta, alpha_x),
                           model = "D0",
                           sadx = simul_data$guildX,
                           sady = simul_data$guildY)

## End(Not run)
```

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```
maxLikelihood.Guilds.Conditional
```

*Maximization of the loglikelihood under the Guilds Model, conditioned on guild size.*

---

**Description**

This function computes the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters of the guilds model, conditioned on guild size.

**Usage**

```
maxLikelihood.Guilds.Conditional(init_vals, model, sadx, sady, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

init_vals	init_vals corresponds to a vector of parameter values in which to start the Maximum Likelihood algorithm, depending on the provided model: - model: "D0" parameters = c(theta, alpha) - model: "D1" parameters = c(theta, alpha X, alpha Y)
model	The chosen model to calculate the maximum likelihood for, please note that the vector of parameters should contain the corresponding parameters in the right order. The user can pick one of these models: - "D0" - "D1"
sadx	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild X
sady	The Species Abundance Distribution of guild Y
verbose	TRUE/FALSE flag, indicates whether intermediate output is shown on screen

**Value**

The output is a list containing the following:

par	a vector containing the parameter values at the maximum likelihood
value	the likelihood at the corresponding parameter values
counts	Number of function evaluations required
convergence	-2: invalid input -1: number of maximum function evaluations exceeded 0: success: convergence 1: limit of machine precision reached
message	A character string giving a diagnostic message from the optimizer,
hessian	Hessian matrix (not implemented for this package)

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
theta = 20
alpha = 0.1
initParams <- c(theta, alpha)
maxLikelihood.Guilds.Conditional(initParams,
                                 model = "D0",
                                 sadx = 1:20,
                                 sady = 1:20,
                                 verbose = TRUE)
```

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preston\_plot

*Barplot in Preston style of an abundance dataset*

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### **Description**

This function first sorts abundances into octaves, and then plots the resulting distribution.

### **Usage**

```
preston_plot(abund, expected, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

abund	vector containing the number of individuals per species
expected	vector containing the expected number of species per octave
...	further graphical arguments that can be passed to <code>barplot()</code>

### **Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

### **Examples**

```
theta = 10
m = 0.1
J = 1000
I = m * (J - 1) / (1 - m)

abund <- generate.ESF(theta, I, J)
par(mfrow = c(1,2))
preston_plot(abund)
abund.expect <- expected.SAD(theta, m, J)
preston_plot(abund, abund.expect)
```

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