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# average

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average
```

*Extract and average the best supported models from a phylogenetic path analysis.* 

# Description

Extract and average the best supported models from a phylogenetic path analysis.

# Usage

```
average(phylopath, cut_off = 2, avg_method = "conditional", ...)
```

phylopath	An object of class phylopath.
cut_off	The CICc cut-off used to select the best models. Use Inf to average over all models. Use the best() function to only use the top model, or choice() to select any single model.
avg_method	Either "full" or "conditional". The methods differ in how they deal with averaging a path coefficient where the path is absent in some of the models. The full method sets the coefficient (and the variance) for the missing paths to zero, meaning paths that are missing in some models will shrink towards zero. The conditional method only averages over models where the path ap- pears, making it more sensitive to small effects. Following von Hardenberg & Gonzalez-Voyer 2013, conditional averaging is set as the default. Also see MuMIn::model.avg().
	Arguments to pass to phylolm::phylolm and phylolm::phyloglm. If you speci- fied options in the original phylo_path call you don't need to specify them again.

# average\_DAGs

# Value

An object of class fitted\_DAG.

# Examples

```
candidates <- define_model_set(</pre>
    A = NL \sim BM,
   B = NL \sim LS,
    .common = c(LS ~ BM, DD ~ NL)
 )
 p <- phylo_path(candidates, rhino, rhino_tree)</pre>
 summary(p)
 # Models A and B have similar support, so we may decide to take
 # their average.
 avg_model <- average(p)</pre>
 # Print the average model to see coefficients, se and ci:
 avg_model
 ## Not run:
 # Plot to show the weighted graph:
 plot(avg_model)
 # One can see that an averaged model is not necessarily a DAG itself.
 # This model actually has a path in two directions.
 # Note that coefficients that only occur in one of the models become much
 # smaller when we use full averaging:
 coef_plot(avg_model)
 coef_plot(average(p, method = 'full'))
## End(Not run)
```

average\_DAGs Perform model averaging on a list of DAGs.

# Description

Perform model averaging on a list of DAGs.

### Usage

```
average_DAGs(fitted_DAGs, weights = rep(1, length(coef)),
    avg_method = "conditional", ...)
```

### Arguments

fitted_DAGs	A list of fitted_DAG objects containing coefficients and standard errors, usually obtained by using est_DAG() on several DAGs.
weights	A vector of associated model weights.
avg_method	Either "full" or "conditional". The methods differ in how they deal with averaging a path coefficient where the path is absent in some of the models. The full method sets the coefficient (and the variance) for the missing paths to zero, meaning paths that are missing in some models will shrink towards zero. The conditional method only averages over models where the path ap- pears, making it more sensitive to small effects. Following von Hardenberg & Gonzalez-Voyer 2013, conditional averaging is set as the default. Also see MuMIn::model.avg().
	Additional arguments passed to MuMIn::par.avg(). For details on the error calculations, see MuMIn::par.avg().

### Value

An object of class fitted\_DAG, including standard errors and confidence intervals.

### Examples

best

*Extract and estimate the best supported model from a phylogenetic path analysis.* 

# Description

Extract and estimate the best supported model from a phylogenetic path analysis.

## Usage

best(phylopath, ...)

# choice

### Arguments

phylopath	An object of class phylopath.
	Arguments to pass to phylolm::phylolm and phylolm::phyloglm. If you speci-
	fied options in the original phylo_path call you don't need to specify them again.

# Value

An object of class fitted\_DAG.

# Examples

```
candidates <- define_model_set(
  A = NL ~ BM,
  B = NL ~ LS,
  .common = c(LS ~ BM, DD ~ NL)
)
p <- phylo_path(candidates, rhino, rhino_tree)
best_model <- best(p)
# Print the best model to see coefficients, se and ci:
best_model
# Plot to show the weighted graph:
plot(best_model)
```

choice	Extract and	estimate	an	arbitrary	model	from	a p	hylogenetic	path
	analysis.								

# Description

Extract and estimate an arbitrary model from a phylogenetic path analysis.

# Usage

```
choice(phylopath, choice, ...)
```

# Arguments

phylopath	An object of class phylopath.
choice	A character string of the name of the model to be chosen, or the index in ${\tt model\_set}.$
	Arguments to pass to phylolm::phylolm and phylolm::phyloglm. If you specified options in the original phylo_path call you don't need to specify them again.

## Value

An object of class fitted\_DAG.

```
candidates <- define_model_set(
  A = NL ~ BM,
  B = NL ~ LS,
  .common = c(LS ~ BM, DD ~ NL)
)
p <- phylo_path(candidates, rhino, rhino_tree)
my_model <- choice(p, "B")
# Print the best model to see coefficients, se and ci:
my_model
# Plot to show the weighted graph:
plot(my_model)
```

cichlids

Cichlid traits and the evolution of cooperative breeding.

# Description

A data set with binary traits, used in an analysis on the evolution of cooperative breeding by Dey et al 2017. Variable names are shortened for easy of use and consist of cooperative breeding (C), mating system (M), parental care (P), social grouping (G) and diet (D). All traits are coded as two level factors.

# Usage

cichlids

# Format

An object of class data. frame with 69 rows and 5 columns.

### Source

Dey, C.J., O'Connor, C.M., Wilkinson, H., Shultz, S., Balshine, S. & Fitzpatrick, J.L. 2017. Direct benefits and evolutionary transitions to complex societies. Nat Ecol Evol 1: 137.

cichlids\_tree Cichlid phylogeny.

### Description

The phylogenetic tree of cichlid species that accompanies the cichlids dataset. The phylogeny is based on five nuclear genes and three mitochondrial genes.

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# coef\_plot

# Usage

cichlids\_tree

# Format

An object of class phylo of length 4.

# Source

Dey, C.J., O'Connor, C.M., Wilkinson, H., Shultz, S., Balshine, S. & Fitzpatrick, J.L. 2017. Direct benefits and evolutionary transitions to complex societies. Nat Ecol Evol 1: 137.

coef\_plot

Plot path coefficients and their confidence intervals or standard errors.

# Description

Plot path coefficients and their confidence intervals or standard errors.

# Usage

```
coef_plot(fitted_DAG, error_bar = "ci", order_by = "default",
  from = NULL, to = NULL, reverse_order = FALSE)
```

# Arguments

fitted_DAG	A fitted DAG, usually obtained by best(), average() or est_DAG().
error_bar	Whether to use confidence intervals ("ci") or standard errors ("se") as error bars. Will force standard errors with a message if confidence intervals are not available.
order_by	By "default", the paths are ordered as in the the model that is supplied. Usually this is in the order that was established by [phylo_path()] for all combined graphs. This can be change to "causal" to do a reordering based on the model at hand, or to "strength" to order them by the standardized regression coefficient.
from	Only show path coefficients from these nodes. Supply as a character vector.
to	Only show path coefficients to these nodes. Supply as a character vector.
reverse_order	If TRUE, the paths are plotted in reverse order. Particularly useful in combination with ggplot2::coord_flip() to create horizontal versions of the plot.

### Value

A ggplot object.

```
d <- DAG(LS ~ BM, NL ~ BM, DD ~ NL + LS)
plot(d)
d_fitted <- est_DAG(d, rhino, rhino_tree, 'lambda')
plot(d_fitted)
coef_plot(d_fitted, error_bar = "se")
# to create a horizontal version, use this:
coef_plot(d_fitted, error_bar = "se", reverse_order = TRUE) + ggplot2::coord_flip()</pre>
```

DAG

### Directed acyclic graphs (DAGs)

### Description

This function is a simple wrapper around the function from the ggm package with the same name. The only differences are that the order argument defaults to TRUE and that it adds a DAG class for easy plotting. Typically, one would use define\_model\_set() to create models for use with the phylopath package.

### Usage

DAG(..., order = TRUE)

#### Arguments

•••	a sequence of model formulae
order	logical, defaulting to TRUE. If TRUE the nodes of the DAG are permuted accord- ing to the topological order. If FALSE the nodes are in the order they first appear in the model formulae (from left to right). For use in the phylopath package, this should always be kept to TRUE, but the argument is available to avoid poten- tial problems with masking the function from other packages.

### Details

Supply a formulas for the model as arguments. Formulas should be of the form child ~ parent`` and describe each path in your model. Multiple children of a single parent can be combined into a single formula: child ~ parent1 + parent2. Finally, an isolate (unconnected variable) can be included as being connected to itself: isolate ~ isolate'.

# Value

An object of classes matrix and DAG

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# define\_model\_set

### Examples

```
# Use formula notation to create DAGs:
plot(DAG(A~B, B~C))
# Use + to easily add multiple parents to a node:
plot(DAG(A~B+C))
# Add a node as it's own parent to create an isolate:
plot(DAG(A~B+C, D~D))
```

define\_model\_set Define a model set.

# Description

This is a convenience function to quickly and clearly define a set of causal models. Supply a list of formulas for each model, using either c(). Formulas should be of the form child ~ parent and describe each path in your model. Multiple children of a single parent can be combined into a single formula: child ~ parent1 + parent2.

### Usage

define\_model\_set(..., .common = NULL)

### Arguments

	Named arguments, which each are a lists of formulas defining the paths of a causal model.
.common	A list of formulas that contain causal paths that are common to each model.

### Details

This function uses ggm::DAG().

### Value

A list of models, each of class matrix and DAG.

### Examples

```
(m <- define_model_set(
 A = c(a~b, b~c),
 B = c(b~a, c~b),
 .common = c(d~a)))
plot_model_set(m)
```

est\_DAG

# Description

Add standardized path coefficients to a DAG.

# Usage

est\_DAG(DAG, data, tree, model, method, boot = 0, ...)

# Arguments

DAG	A directed acyclic graph, typically created with DAG.
data	A data.frame with data. If you have binary variables, make sure they are either character values or factors!
tree	A phylogenetic tree of class phylo.
model	The evolutionary model used for the regressions on continuous variables. See phylolm::phylolm for options and details. Defaults to Pagel's lambda model
method	The estimation method for the binary models. See phylolm::phylolm for options and details. Defaults to logistic MPLE.
boot	The number of bootstrap replicates used to estimate confidence intervals.
	Arguments passed on to phylolm:
	lower.bound: optional lower bound for the optimization of the phylogenetic model parameter.
	upper.bound: optional upper bound for the optimization of the phylogenetic model parameter.
	starting.value: optional starting value for the optimization of the phyloge- netic model parameter.
	measurement_error: a logical value indicating whether there is measurement error sigma2_error (see Details).
	Arguments passed on to phyloglm:
	btol: bound on the linear predictor to bound the searching space.
	log.alpha.bound: bound for the log of the parameter alpha.
	start.beta: starting values for beta coefficients.
	start.alpha: starting values for alpha (phylogenetic correlation).

# Value

An object of class fitted\_DAG.

# phylo\_path

# Examples

```
d <- DAG(LS ~ BM, NL ~ BM, DD ~ NL + LS)
plot(d)
d_fitted <- est_DAG(d, rhino, rhino_tree, 'lambda')
plot(d_fitted)</pre>
```

```
phylo_path
```

Compare causal models in a phylogenetic context.

# Description

Continuous variables are modeled using phylolm::phylolm, while binary traits are modeled using phylolm::phyloglm.

# Usage

```
phylo_path(model_set, data, tree, model = "lambda",
  method = "logistic_MPLE", order = NULL, parallel = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE, ...)
```

model_set	A list of directed acyclic graphs. These are matrices, typically created with define_model_set.
data	A data.frame with data. If you have binary variables, make sure they are either character values or factors!
tree	A phylogenetic tree of class phylo.
model	The evolutionary model used for the regressions on continuous variables. See phylolm::phylolm for options and details. Defaults to Pagel's lambda model
method	The estimation method for the binary models. See phylolm::phylolm for options and details. Defaults to logistic MPLE.
order	Causal order of the included variable, given as a character vector. This is used to determine which variable should be the dependent in the dsep regression equations. If left unspecified, the order will be automatically determined. If the combination of all included models is itself a DAG, then the ordering of that full model is used. Otherwise, the most common ordering between each pair of variables is used to create a general ordering.
parallel	An optional vector containing the virtual connection process type for running the chains in parallel (such as "SOCK"). A cluster is create using the parallel package.
na.rm	Should rows that contain missing values be dropped from the data as necessary (with a message)?

 Arguments passed on to phylolm:
lower.bound: optional lower bound for the optimization of the phylogenetic model parameter.
upper.bound: optional upper bound for the optimization of the phylogenetic model parameter.
starting.value: optional starting value for the optimization of the phyloge- netic model parameter.
measurement_error: a logical value indicating whether there is measurement error sigma2_error (see Details).
Arguments passed on to phyloglm:
btol: bound on the linear predictor to bound the searching space.
log.alpha.bound: bound for the log of the parameter alpha.
start.beta: starting values for beta coefficients.
start.alpha: starting values for alpha (phylogenetic correlation).

# Value

A phylopath object, with the following components:

**d\_sep** for each model a table with separation statements and statistics.

model\_set the DAGs

data the supplied data

tree the supplied tree

model the employed model of evolution in phylolm

method the employed method in phyloglm

dots any additional arguments given, these are passed on to downstream functions

warnings any warnings generated by the models

### Examples

```
#see vignette('intro_to_phylopath') for more details
candidates <- define_model_set(
    A = NL ~ BM,
    B = NL ~ LS,
    .common = c(LS ~ BM, DD ~ NL)
)
p <- phylo_path(candidates, rhino, rhino_tree)
# Printing p gives some general information:
p
# And the summary gives statistics to compare the models:
summary(p)
```

plot.DAG

# Description

Plot a directed acyclic graph.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'DAG'
plot(x, labels = NULL, algorithm = "sugiyama",
    manual_layout = NULL, text_size = 6, box_x = 12, box_y = 8,
    edge_width = 1.5, curvature = 0.02, rotation = 0, flip_x = FALSE,
    flip_y = FALSE, arrow = grid::arrow(type = "closed", 18,
    grid::unit(15, "points")), ...)
```

x	A 'DAG" object, usually created with the define_model_set() or DAG() function.
labels	An optional set of labels to use for the nodes. This should be a named vector, of the form c(var1 = "label1", var2 = "label2"). If left at 'NULL", the variable names of the DAGs are used.
algorithm	A layout algorithm from igraph, see ggraph::create_layout(). By default, uses the Sugiyama layout algorithm, which is designed to minimize edge crossing in DAGs.
manual_layout	Alternatively, precisely define the layout yourself, by providing a data.frame that at least has a column name with all variable names, and columns x and y with positions to be plotted. Setting this parameter overrides algorithm but other changes, such as rotation and flips will still be applied.
text_size	Size of the node label text.
box_x	To avoid the arrows colliding with the nodes, specify the rectangular dimensions of an invisible box around each node. If you have long labels, you need to increase this.
box_y	To avoid the arrows colliding with the nodes, specify the rectangular dimensions of an invisible box around each node. If you have multi-line labels, you need to increase this.
edge_width	Width of the edges.
curvature	Curvature of the edges. A slight curvature can look pretty.
rotation	Supply the degrees you want to rotate the layout by. This is useful in order to put rotate your upstream nodes towards the top if needed.
flip_x	Whether to flip the node positions horizontally.
flip_y	Whether to flip the node positions vertically.

arrow	A grid: : arrow object, specifying the shape and size of the arrowheads.
	The order of facets is taken from the ordering of the list, with the facet labels coming from the names of the list. If the list is unnamed, sequential lettering is
	used.
	Not used.

```
d <- DAG(a ~ b + c + d)
plot(d)
# Plot with manually defined positions:
ml <- data.frame(
    name = c('a', 'b', 'c', 'd'),
    x = c(1, 1, 2, 2),
    y = c(1, 2, 1, 2)
)
plot(d, manual_layout = ml)</pre>
```

plot.fitted\_DAG *Plot a directed acyclic graph with path coefficients.* 

### Description

Plot a directed acyclic graph with path coefficients.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fitted_DAG'
plot(x, type = "width", labels = NULL,
    algorithm = "sugiyama", manual_layout = NULL, text_size = 6,
    box_x = 12, box_y = 8, edge_width = 1.25, curvature = 0.02,
    rotation = 0, flip_x = FALSE, flip_y = FALSE,
    arrow = grid::arrow(type = "closed", 18, grid::unit(15, "points")),
    colors = c("firebrick", "navy"), show.legend = TRUE,
    width_const = NULL, ...)
```

х	An object of class fitted_DAG.
type	How to express the weight of the path. Either "width", or "color".
labels	An optional set of labels to use for the nodes. This should be a named vector, of the form c(var1 = "label1", var2 = "label2"). If left at 'NULL", the variable names of the DAGs are used.
algorithm	A layout algorithm from igraph, see ggraph::create_layout(). By default, uses the Sugiyama layout algorithm, which is designed to minimize edge crossing in DAGs.

manual_layout	Alternatively, precisely define the layout yourself, by providing a data.frame that at least has a column name with all variable names, and columns x and y with positions to be plotted. Setting this parameter overrides algorithm but other changes, such as rotation and flips will still be applied.
text_size	Size of the node label text.
box_x	To avoid the arrows colliding with the nodes, specify the rectangular dimensions of an invisible box around each node. If you have long labels, you need to increase this.
box_y	To avoid the arrows colliding with the nodes, specify the rectangular dimensions of an invisible box around each node. If you have multi-line labels, you need to increase this.
edge_width	Width of the edges.
curvature	Curvature of the edges. A slight curvature can look pretty.
rotation	Supply the degrees you want to rotate the layout by. This is useful in order to put rotate your upstream nodes towards the top if needed.
flip_x	Whether to flip the node positions horizontally.
flip_y	Whether to flip the node positions vertically.
arrow	A grid::arrow object, specifying the shape and size of the arrowheads. The order of facets is taken from the ordering of the list, with the facet labels coming from the names of the list. If the list is unnamed, sequential lettering is used.
colors	The end points of the continuous color scale. Keep in mind that red and green are obvious colors to use, but are better to be avoided because of color blind users.
show.legend	Whether a legend for the color scale should be shown.
width_const	Deprecated.
	Not used.

```
d <- DAG(LS ~ BM, NL ~ BM, DD ~ NL + LS)
d_fitted <- est_DAG(d, rhino, rhino_tree, 'lambda')
plot(d_fitted)</pre>
```

plot\_model\_set *Plot several causal hypothesis at once.* 

# Description

Plot several causal hypothesis at once.

```
plot_model_set(model_set, labels = NULL, algorithm = "kk",
    manual_layout = NULL, text_size = 5, box_x = 12, box_y = 10,
    edge_width = 1, curvature = 0.05, rotation = 0, flip_x = FALSE,
    flip_y = FALSE, nrow = NULL, arrow = grid::arrow(type = "closed",
    15, grid::unit(10, "points")))
```

# Arguments

model_set	A list of DAG objects, usually created with define_model_set().
labels	An optional set of labels to use for the nodes. This should be a named vector, of the form c(var1 = "label1", var2 = "label2"). If left at 'NULL", the variable names of the DAGs are used.
algorithm	A layout algorithm from igraph, see ggraph::create_layout(). By default, uses the Kamada-Kawai layout algorithm. Another good option is "sugiyama", which is designed to minimize edge crossing in DAGs. However, it can often plot nodes too close together.
manual_layout	Alternatively, precisely define the layout yourself, by providing a data.frame that at least has a column name with all variable names, and columns x and y with positions to be plotted. Setting this parameter overrides algorithm but other changes, such as rotation and flips will still be applied.
text_size	Size of the node label text.
box_x	To avoid the arrows colliding with the nodes, specify the rectangular dimensions of an invisible box around each node. If you have long labels, you need to increase this.
box_y	To avoid the arrows colliding with the nodes, specify the rectangular dimensions of an invisible box around each node. If you have multi-line labels, you need to increase this.
edge_width	Width of the edges.
curvature	Curvature of the edges. A slight curvature can look pretty.
rotation	Supply the degrees you want to rotate the layout by. This is useful in order to put rotate your upstream nodes towards the top if needed.
flip_x	Whether to flip the node positions horizontally.
flip_y	Whether to flip the node positions vertically.
nrow	Number of rows to display the models on.
arrow	A grid::arrow object, specifying the shape and size of the arrowheads. The order of facets is taken from the ordering of the list, with the facet labels
	coming from the names of the list. If the list is unnamed, sequential lettering is used.

## Value

A ggplot object.

# red\_list

### Examples

```
m <- list(one = DAG(a ~ b + c + d), two = DAG(a ~ b, b ~ c, d ~ d))
plot_model_set(m)
plot_model_set(m, algorithm = "sugiyama")</pre>
```

red\_list

Data on brain size, life history and vulnerability to extinction

### Description

A dataset with continuous variables affecting the conservation Status of mammalian species (the IUCN red list of threatened species).

### Usage

red\_list

### Format

An object of class data. frame with 474 rows and 7 columns.

### Details

It includes the following variables: brain size (Br), body size (B), gestation period (G), litter size (L), weening age (W), population density (P) and vulnerability to extinction (Status).

#### Source

Gonzalez-Voyer A, Gonzalez-Suarez M, Vila C, Revilla E (2016) Larger brain size indirectly increases vulnerability to extinction in mammals. Evolution 70:1364-1375. doi: 10.1111/evo.12943

red\_list\_tree Mammalian phylogeny

## Description

This is the accompanying phylogeny for the red\_list data set. It is based on the updated mammalian supertree by Bininda-Emonds et al. 2007 & Fritz et al. 2009.

### Usage

red\_list\_tree

#### Format

An object of class phylo of length 4.

### Source

Gonzalez-Voyer, A. Gonzalez-Suarez M. Vila C. and Revilla E. 2016. Larger brain size indirectly increases vulnerability to extinction in mammals. Evolution 70:1364-1375. doi: 10.1111/evo.12943.

Bininda-Emonds, O. R. P., M. Cardillo, K. E. Jones, R. D. E. MacPhee, R. M. D. Beck, R. Grenyer, S. A. Price, R. A. Vos, J. L. Gittleman, and A. Purvis. 2007. The delayed rise of present-day mammals. Nature 446:507-512.

Fritz, S. A., O. R. P. Bininda-Emonds, and A. Purvis. 2009. Geographical variation in predictors of mammalian extinction risk: big is bad, but only in the tropics. Ecol. Lett. 12:538-549.

rhino

Rhinogrades traits.

### Description

A simulated dataset, as used by Gonzalez-Voyer and Von Hardenberg as an example, containing variables on body mass (BM), litter size (LS), nose length (NL), dispersal distance (DD) and range size (RS).

### Usage

rhino

### Format

An object of class data. frame with 100 rows and 6 columns.

### Source

Gonzalez-Voyer A & von Hardenberg A. 2014. An Introduction to Phylogenetic Path Analysis. Chapter 8. In: Garamszegi LZ (ed.), Modern Phylogenetic Comparative Methods and Their Application in Evolutionary Biology. pp. 201-229. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg. doi:10.1111/j.1558-5646.2012.01790.x

rhino\_tree Ri

# Rhinogrades phylogeny.

# Description

A phylogenetic tree for the 100 species of the rhino dataset.

### Usage

rhino\_tree

# show\_warnings

# Format

An object of class phylo of length 4.

### Source

Gonzalez-Voyer A & von Hardenberg A. 2014. An Introduction to Phylogenetic Path Analysis. Chapter 8. In: Garamszegi LZ (ed.), Modern Phylogenetic Comparative Methods and Their Application in Evolutionary Biology. pp. 201-229. Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg. doi:10.1111/j.1558-5646.2012.01790.x

show\_warnings *Print out warnings from a phylopath analysis.* 

### Description

Use this function after running phylo\_path() to conveniently print any generated warnings to the screen. You can either provide no arguments, which will only work if you run it directly after the analysis, or you have to provide the phylopath object manually.

# Usage

show\_warnings(phylopath = NULL)

### Arguments

phylopath A phylopath object of which the warnings should be printed.

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