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ants

*Ant interaction data*


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## Description

From a recent study of information flow in ant colonies. In this study, ants were uniquely marked with paint and identified by a four letter code - e.g. WGWB denotes an ant with a red head, green thorax, white left gaster, and blue right gaster. Body positions with missing paint marks are denoted with underscores.

In-nest activity was recorded with a high definition video camera. The complete set of pairwise interactions between all individuals at all times was obtained by several undergraduates repeatedly watching each video. Interactions were defined as any touch between one ant's antenna and any body part of another ant.

The dataset contains four columns: VertexFrom, VertexTo, TimeStart, and TimeStop. Each row is a unique interaction between two ants. Each interaction is directed, indicating that the VertexFrom ant has initiated a contact with the VertexTo ant. TimeStart and TimeStop characterize when the interaction began and finished. In this demo version of the data set, TimeStop = TimeStart + 1. Times are recorded in seconds.

## Usage

ants

## Format

A data frame containing 1911 observations over 24 minutes.

**Source**

Blonder & Dornhaus (2011), Supplementary Information, Colony 1-1.

**References**

Blonder & Dornhaus, *Time-ordered networks reveal limitations to information flow in ant colonies*. PLoS One (2011), in press.

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aplynetworkfunction *Applies a function (typically a descriptive statistic) to multiple time-aggregated networks*

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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
aplynetworkfunction(slices, fun)
```

**Arguments**

slices            A list of time-aggregated networks, of class igraph  
fun                The function to be applied; takes a single argument

**Value**

A list whose entries represent the function's value for each network

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**

[generatenetworkslices](#),

**Examples**

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
td100 <- generatetimedeltas(0,1500,100)
ns100 <- generatenetworkslices(g, td100)
md100 <- aplynetworkfunction(ns100, diameter)
t1100 <- generatetimelags(0,1500,100)
nl100 <- generatenetworkslices(g, t1100)
ml100 <- aplynetworkfunction(nl100, function(x){diameter(x)})
```

```
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(midpoints(td100),unlist(md100),type="l",xlab="Time (window size = 100)",ylab="Diameter")
plot(maxpoints(tl100),unlist(ml100),type="l",xlab="Aggregation time",ylab="Diameter")
```

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generatelatencies      *Generates vector-clock latencies for each individual at each time.*

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## Description

Vector clock latencies describe the minimum time delay between one individual broadcasting a signal and another individual receiving it, at a given time, through any causally permitted path in the time-ordered network. Smaller values indicate individuals that are connected by shorter causally-permitted paths at a given time.

## Usage

```
generatelatencies(raw, allindivs)
```

## Arguments

raw	An event list, consisting of a data frame with four columns: VertexFrom, VertexTo, TimeStart, and TimeStop. Each row in this data frame represents a single directed interaction event between VertexFrom and VertexTo beginning at TimeStart and ending at TimeStop. Assumes that no event begins at a time less than zero.
allindivs	A list of all possible vertices including ones not observed interacting during the range of time reported in raw.

## Value

A  $n \times n \times m$  array, where  $n$  is the number of vertices and  $m$  is the maximum start time in the raw event list. The  $[i,j,k]$  entry of the array describes the latency from  $i$  to  $j$  at time  $k$ . NA is returned if there is not causally permitted path between  $i$  and  $j$  by time  $k$ .

## Note

Return value can require large memory allocation depending on the data set. Ensure that data contains no times  $< 0$  before running.

## Author(s)

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

## References

Kossinets et al. The structure of information pathways in a social communication network. KDD '08: Proceeding of the 14th ACM SIGKDD international conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining (2008)

**Examples**

```

data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
l <- generatelatencies(ants, allindivs)
image(l[, , 1000], axes=FALSE, frame=TRUE, col=rainbow(100))
axis(1, at = (1:ncol(l))/ncol(l), labels=colnames(l), tick=FALSE, las=2, cex.axis=0.2)
axis(2, at = (1:nrow(l))/nrow(l), labels=rownames(l), tick=FALSE, las=2, cex.axis=0.2)

```

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`generatenetworkslices` *Generates multiple time-aggregated networks from a time-ordered network*

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**Description**

Constructs weighted directed networks from all events occurring within certain time windows. Weight is equal to the number of interactions observed during the time window.

**Usage**

```
generatenetworkslices(g, timedeltas)
```

**Arguments**

<code>g</code>	The time-ordered network to be sliced.
<code>timedeltas</code>	A $n \times 2$ matrix, where each row contains a set of start (first column) and stop (second column) times at which the network should be sliced.

**Value**

A list containing  $n$  time-aggregated networks corresponding to the  $n$  time windows.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**

[plotnetworkslices](#), [generatetimedeltas](#), [generatetimelags](#)~~~

**Examples**

```

data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
td100 <- generatetimedeltas(0, 1500, 100)
ns100 <- generatenetworkslices(g, td100)
plotnetworkslices(ns100, td100)

```

generatetimeaggregatednetwork

*Constructs a weighted time-aggregated network from a time-ordered network by aggregating interactions occurring between a start and stop time. Weights are stored as  $E(g)$ weight.*

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## Description

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## Usage

```
generatetimeaggregatednetwork(g, starttime, stoptime)
```

## Arguments

<code>g</code>	The time-ordered network to be aggregated
<code>starttime</code>	The time at which to begin aggregating interactions.
<code>stoptime</code>	The time at which to stop aggregating interactions.

## Value

A weighted time-aggregated network whose edge weights equal the number of interactions between those vertices in the time window.

## Author(s)

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

## See Also

[generatenetworkslices](#)

## Examples

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
tan500 <- generatetimeaggregatednetwork(g, 0, 500)
plottanet(tan500)
```

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generatetimedeltas	<i>Constructs matrix of sequential time windows suitable for slicing time ordered networks</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
generatetimedeltas(starttime, stoptime, delta)
```

**Arguments**

starttime	The starting time of the first time window.
stoptime	The stopping time of the last time window.
delta	The size of each time window.

**Value**

A  $n \times 2$  matrix. Each row contains the start and stop time of a window with width delta.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**

[generatetimelags](#) ~~~

**Examples**

```
td100 <- generatetimedeltas(0,1500,100)
boxplot(t(td100))
```

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generatetimelags	<i>Constructs matrix of increasingly large time windows suitable for assessing how window size affects time aggregated networks</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
generatetimelags(starttime, stoptime, delta)
```

**Arguments**

starttime	The starting time of the first time window.
stoptime	The stopping time of the last time window.
delta	The size by which to increase each time window.

**Value**

A  $n \times 2$  matrix. Each row contains the start and stop time of a window with widths increasing by delta.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**

[generatetimedeltas](#)

**Examples**

```
t1100 <- generatetimelags(0,1500,100)
boxplot(t(t1100))
```

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generatetonetwork	<i>Generates a time-ordered network from an interaction list.</i>
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**Description**

Constructs a directed network describing the causally permitted paths between a set of vertices that interact at known times.

**Usage**

```
generatetonetwork(raw, allindivs)
```

**Arguments**

raw	An event list, consisting of a data frame with four columns: VertexFrom, VertexTo, TimeStart, and TimeStop. Each row in this data frame represents a single directed interaction event between VertexFrom and VertexTo beginning at TimeStart and ending at TimeStop.
allindivs	A list of all possible vertices potentially including ones not observed interacting during the range of time reported in raw. Defaults to the vertices observed in raw.



**Value**

A weighted directed network of class 'igraph'. Each vertex represents an individual at a time during which an interaction occurred. Edges represent causally permitted paths of resource flow and have a TimeCost, describing the time between interactions for an individual, or is 0 if the edge represents an interaction, and a HopCost, which is 0 if the edge connects the same individual at multiple times and 1 if it connects different individuals at the same time.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**References**

Kostakos V. Temporal Graphs. arXiv (2008) vol. physics.soc-ph

**Examples**

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
plottonet(g)
```

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generatetonetworkfromvel

*Generates a time-ordered network from a data frame listing all directed edges. An internal function.*

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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
generatetonetworkfromvel(vel)
```

**Arguments**

vel                    A data frame listing all directed edges

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**Examples**

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.
```

generatevertexedgelist

*Generates a data frame listing all directed edges in a time-ordered network from an observed interaction list. An internal function.*

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### **Description**

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### **Usage**

```
generatevertexedgelist(raw, allindivs)
```

### **Arguments**

raw	A data frame of events
allindivs	A vector of names

### **Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

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maxpoints

*Determines the maximum value of each row of a matrix; used as a convenience function for plotting.*

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### **Description**

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### **Usage**

```
maxpoints(td)
```

### **Arguments**

td	A n x 2 matrix describing a set of start and stop times.
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### **Value**

A maximum value for each of n rows of td

### **Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**

[generatetimelags](#), [generatetimedeltas](#) ~~~

**Examples**

```
t1100 <- generatetimelags(0,1500,100)
boxplot(t(maxpoints(t1100)))
```

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midpoints	<i>Determines the mean value of each row of a matrix; used as a convenience function for plotting.</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
midpoints(td)
```

**Arguments**

td                    A n x 2 matrix describing a set of start and stop times.

**Value**

A mean value for each of n rows of td

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**

[generatetimelags](#), [generatetimedeltas](#) ~~~

**Examples**

```
t1100 <- generatetimelags(0,1500,100)
boxplot(t(midpoints(t1100)))
```

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plotnetworkslices      *Plots a time-aggregated network*

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### Description

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### Usage

```
plotnetworkslices(slices, timedeltas, ...)
```

### Arguments

slices	A list of n time-aggregated networks
timedeltas	A n x 2 matrix describing the start and stop times for each time-aggregated network
...	Other arguments to be passed to igraph's plotting functionality

### Value

None; used for its side effect of producing a plot.

### Author(s)

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

### See Also

[plotnetworkslices](#), [generatetimedeltas](#), [generatetimelags](#)~~~

### Examples

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
td100 <- generatetimedeltas(0,1500,100)
ns100 <- generatenetworkslices(g, td100)
plotnetworkslices(ns100, td100)
```

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plottanet                      *Plots a time-aggregated network.*

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### Description

Plots a time-aggregated network. See `igraph.plotting` for more details.

### Usage

```
plottanet(timeaggregatednetwork, layout = layout.circle,
vertex.label = V(timeaggregatednetwork)$name, vertex.size = 0,
vertex.label.cex = 0.5, edge.arrow.size = 0.5,
edge.width = E(timeaggregatednetwork)$Count/5, ...)
```

### Arguments

timeaggregatednetwork	The network to print, an object of the <code>igraph</code> class
layout	Graph layout function - see <code>?layout</code> in <code>igraph</code>
vertex.label	Vertex labels. Defaults to the name of each vertex.
vertex.size	Size of each vertex.
vertex.label.cex	Label size factor.
edge.arrow.size	Arrow size.
edge.width	Arrow width, defaults to be proportional to edge weight.
...	Other arguments to be passed to <code>igraph</code> 's plotting functionality

### Value

None; used for its side effect of producing a plot.

### Author(s)

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

### See Also

[generatetimeaggregatednetwork](#)

### Examples

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
tan <- generatetimeaggregatednetwork(g, 0, 500)
plottanet(tan, layout=layout.kamada.kawai)
```

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plottonet

*Plots a time-ordered network.*


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### Description

Plots a time-ordered network with vertices ordinated along the x-axis and time increasing along the y-axis. Interactions are drawn as horizontal lines; vertices are connected to themselves in time by vertical lines.

### Usage

```
plottonet(g, path = NULL, edgecolor = "gray",
edgehighlightcolor = "red", vertex.size = 0.01,
edge.arrow.size = 0.1, edge.width = 0.2,
vertex.color = NA, vertex.label.cex = 0.1,
vertex.frame.color = NA, vertex.label.color = "black")
```

### Arguments

<code>g</code>	The time-ordered network to plot
<code>path</code>	If supplied, a particular list of vertices comprising a causally-permitted path that will be highlighted in the final illustration.
<code>edgecolor</code>	The color of all edges in the graph.
<code>edgehighlightcolor</code>	The color of the vertex path to be highlighted.
<code>vertex.size</code>	Vertex size. See <code>igraph.plotting</code> for more details.
<code>edge.arrow.size</code>	Edge arrow size.
<code>edge.width</code>	Edge width.
<code>vertex.color</code>	Vertex color.
<code>vertex.label.cex</code>	Vertex label size factor.
<code>vertex.frame.color</code>	Vertex frame color.
<code>vertex.label.color</code>	Vertex label color.

### Value

None; used for its side-effect of producing a plot.

### Author(s)

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**[generatetonetwork](#)**Examples**

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
plottonet(g)
```

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randomizeidentities     *Resamples data based on vertex identity.*

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**Description**

Produces a new event list from an existing event list with resampled vertex identities given certain constraints on randomization. Effectively re-orders pairs of From/To vertices between different times.

**Usage**

```
randomizeidentities(raw, withinvertexfrom, byvertexfrom, withreplacement)
```

**Arguments**

raw	A raw event list to be resampled. Contains four columns: VertexFrom, VertexTo, TimeStart, TimeStop
withinvertexfrom	If true, resamples within data subsets where VertexFrom is fixed; otherwise resamples within all data.
byvertexfrom	If true, subsets of data for withinvertexfrom are obtained using VertexFrom; if false, using VertexTo.
withreplacement	Samples with or without replacement.

**Value**

An event list of the same size or smaller as raw. The returned event list will be smaller only if resampling produces events that connect a vertex to itself; these are removed.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

**See Also**

[randomizetimes](#), [rarefy](#)

**Examples**

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
ri <- randomizeidentities(ants, withinvertexfrom=TRUE, byvertexfrom=TRUE, withreplacement=TRUE)
g <- generatetonetwork(ri, allindivs)
plottonet(g)
```

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randomizetimes	<i>Resamples data based on event time.</i>
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**Description**

Produces a new event list from an existing event list with resampled event times given certain constraints on randomization. Effectively re-orders pairs of start/stop times between different vertices.

**Usage**

```
randomizetimes(raw, withinvertexfrom, byvertexfrom, withreplacement)
```

**Arguments**

raw	A raw event list to be resampled. Contains four columns: VertexFrom, VertexTo, TimeStart, TimeStop
withinvertexfrom	If true, resamples within data subsets where VertexFrom is fixed; otherwise resamples within all data.
byvertexfrom	If true, subsets of data for withinvertexfrom are obtained using VertexFrom; if false, using VertexTo.
withreplacement	Samples with or without replacement.

**Value**

An event list of the same size as raw with event times resampled. Resampling does not break the relationship between start and stop time; i.e. resampled events will have the same duration as original events.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Blonder <[bblonder@email.arizona.edu](mailto:bblonder@email.arizona.edu)>.



**See Also**

[randomizeidentities](#), [rarefy](#)

**Examples**

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
rt <- randomizetimes(ants, withinvertexfrom=TRUE, byvertexfrom=TRUE, withreplacement=TRUE)
g <- generatetonetwork(rt, allindivs)
plottonet(g)
```

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randomize\_edges\_helper

*Does all the work for edge\_randomization and randomized\_edges.  
An internal function.*

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**Description**

NA

**Usage**

```
randomize_edges_helper(edges, randomize_vertices)
```

**Arguments**

edges                    A data frame for an edge list  
randomize\_vertices        A binary variable

**Author(s)**

Tim Gernat <mail@timgernat.name>

**Examples**

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (edges, randomize_vertices)
{
  vertex_columns <- c("VertexFrom", "VertexTo")
  unique_edges <- unique(edges[, vertex_columns])
  unique_edge_count <- nrow(unique_edges)
```

```

edge_map <- cbind(unique_edges, unique_edges[sample(unique_edge_count,
  unique_edge_count), ])
new_vertex_columns <- c("NewVF", "NewVT")
colnames(edge_map) <- c(vertex_columns, new_vertex_columns)
if (randomize_vertices) {
  edge_map[, new_vertex_columns] <- sample(unlist(edge_map[,
    new_vertex_columns]), unique_edge_count * 2)
  repeat {
    invalid <- (edge_map$NewVF == edge_map$NewVT) | (duplicated(edge_map[,
      new_vertex_columns]))
    if (sum(invalid) == 0)
      break
    for (i in which(invalid)) edge_map <- swap(edge_map,
      i, sample(new_vertex_columns, 1), sample(unique_edge_count,
        1), sample(new_vertex_columns, 1))
  }
}
original_colnames <- colnames(edges)
attribute_columns <- original_colnames[!(original_colnames %in%
  vertex_columns)]
edges <- merge(edges, edge_map)
edges <- edges[, c(new_vertex_columns, attribute_columns)]
colnames(edges)[1:length(new_vertex_columns)] <- vertex_columns
return(edges)
}

```

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randomly\_permuted\_times

*Randomize temporal networks*

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## Description

Take a data frame specifying the edges of a temporal network and create a randomized reference network which maintains certain properties of the original network and destroys others.

## Usage

```

total_randomization(edges)
randomly_permuted_times(edges)
vertex_randomization(edges)
contact_randomization(edges)
time_reversal(edges)
randomly_permuted_times(edges)
random_times(edges)
randomized_contacts(edges)
edge_randomization(edges)
randomized_edges(edges)

```

**Arguments**

`edges` A data.frame of contacts specifying a temporal network. The data.frame has four columns: `VertexFrom`, `VertexTo`, `TimeStart`, and `TimeStop`. Each row represents a single directed contact between `VertexFrom` and `VertexTo`, beginning at `TimeStart` and ending at `TimeStop`. `TimeStart` and `TimeStop` may not be smaller than 0.

**Details**

`randomly_permuted_times` permutes the start time of contacts and adjusts the end time to maintain contact duration.

`vertex_randomization` assigns vertices randomly and with equal probability to contacts.

`contact_randomization` randomly permutes vertices between contacts.

`time_reversal` reverses the temporal order of contacts while maintaining the temporal distance of contacts.

`randomly_permuted_times` randomly permutes the start time of contacts while maintaining contact duration.

`random_times` assigns to the start time of each contact a random time between `min(edges$TimeStart)` and `max(edges$TimeStop)`, maintaining the duration of each contact.

`randomized_contacts` redistributes contacts randomly among edges.

`edge_randomization` randomly exchanges whole contact sequences between edges.

`randomized_edges` randomly rewires edges. When an edge gets rewired, the contact sequence associated with that edge follow the edge.

`total_randomization` assigns vertices randomly to contacts, assuming that all vertices are equally likely participate in a contact

Randomized reference networks returned by these functions contain no contacts with self.

**Value**

A data.frame with the same columns as the edges, specifying the contacts of the randomized reference network.

**Author(s)**

Tim Gernat <mail@tingernat.name>

**References**

Holme & Saramaki, Physics Reports 519 (2012), p. 116-118

**Examples**

```
# load a temporal network
require(timeordered)
data(ants)
```

```
# randomly permute contact start timestamps while preserving contact duration
r1 <- randomly_permuted_times(ants)

# randomly permute vertices between contacts and assign a random start
# timestamp to each contact while preserving contact duration
r2 <- contact_randomization(ants)
r2 <- random_times(r1)
```

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rarefy

*Simulates the effect of insufficient sampling by data rarefaction.*

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### Description

Randomly removes a fixed fraction of the event list.

### Usage

```
rarefy(raw, fraction)
```

### Arguments

raw	The event list to be rarefied.
fraction	A fraction (between 0 and 1) of the events to be randomly deleted.

### Value

An event list with  $\text{floor}(\text{nrow}(\text{raw}) * \text{fraction})$  events remaining.

### Author(s)

Benjamin Blonder <bblonder@email.arizona.edu>.

### See Also

[randomizeidentities](#), [randomizetimes](#)

### Examples

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.
```

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shortesthoppath	<i>Determines a path (shortest by the least number of unique vertices) between two vertices at two times.</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
shortesthoppath(g, startvertexname, startvertextime, stopvertexname, stopvertextime)
```

**Arguments**

g	The time-ordered network on which to find paths.
startvertexname	The name of the start vertex.
startvertextime	The time of the start vertex. Must be a time at which an interaction has occurred involving this vertex.
stopvertexname	The name of the stop vertex.
stopvertextime	The time of the stop vertex. Must be a time at which an interaction has occurred involving this vertex.

**Value**

A vertex list containing all the events on the shortest-hop path between the start and stop vertices/times.

**Note**

Multiple shortest-hop paths may exist; returns only one of them.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[shortesttimepath](#)

**Examples**

```

data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
shp <- shortesthoppath(g, "WBGG", 927, "GYGG", 1423)
plottonet(g, shp)
title(paste(length(unique(shp$Name)), " hops"))

```

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shortesttimepath	<i>Determines a path (shortest by the least time) between a vertex at a start time and another vertex at any later time.</i>
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**Description**

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**Usage**

```
shortesttimepath(g, startvertexname, startvertextime, stopvertexname)
```

**Arguments**

g	The time-ordered network on which to find paths.
startvertexname	The name of the start vertex.
startvertextime	The time of the start vertex. Must be a time at which an interaction has occurred involving this vertex.
stopvertexname	The name of the stop vertex.

**Value**

A vertex list containing all the events on the shortest-time path between the start vertex at the start time and the stop vertex at a later time.

**Note**

May generate warning messages - don't worry!

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**See Also**

[shortesthoppath](#)

**Examples**

```

data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
stp <- shortesttimepath(g, "WBGG", 927, "Q")
plottonet(g, stp)
title(paste(diff(range(stp$Time)), "time elapsed"))

```

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spreadanalysis	<i>Simulates the perfect spread of a resource on a time-ordered network.</i>
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**Description**

Determines the number of unique vertices that can be causally linked to an interaction event after a certain time delay. This function determines the fraction of unique vertices reached after a certain time from a random sample of interaction events.

**Usage**

```
spreadanalysis(g, timedelays, numsamples, normalizebyname=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>g</code>	The time-ordered network to be studied.
<code>timedelays</code>	A vector time delays at which to determine the fraction of vertices reached.
<code>numsamples</code>	The number of random events to sample (without replacement) as seeds for the spreading process.
<code>normalizebyname</code>	If true, divides the number of vertices reached by the number of unique vertex names; if false, by the number of time-ordered vertices.

**Value**

A data frame whose columns are named for each time delay and contains the fraction of total vertices reached by a spreading process beginning from the seed vertices by the time delay.

**Note**

Results can be aggregated by start vertex - see `transformspreadbyindividual`

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[transformspreadbyindividual](#)

**Examples**

```

data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
sa <- spreadanalysis(g, seq(0,1000,by=50), 20)
boxplot(sa[,-1],xlab="Time delay",ylab="Fraction reached")

```

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swap

*Swaps two elements in a data frame. An internal function.*


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**Description**

NA

**Usage**

```
swap(df, r1, c1, r2, c2)
```

**Arguments**

df	A dataframe
r1	The first row to swap
c1	The first column to swap
r2	The second row to swap
c2	The second column to swap

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**Examples**

```

##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==> Define data, use random,
##--or do help(data=index) for the standard data sets.

## The function is currently defined as
function (df, r1, c1, r2, c2)
{
  tmp <- df[r1, c1]
  df[r1, c1] <- df[r2, c2]
  df[r2, c2] <- tmp
  return(df)
}

```



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`transformspreadbyindividual`*A helper function to assess differences in spreading potential by vertex.*

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**Description**

Converts a data frame of spreading samples into a data frame that is grouped by vertex identity.

**Usage**

```
transformspreadbyindividual(sa)
```

**Arguments**

`sa`                    A data frame returned by `spreadanalysis`

**Value**

A data frame whose columns are the identities of vertices and whose rows are the mean fraction of vertices reached by the seed vertex at each time delay, averaged over all samples beginning at this vertex.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[spreadanalysis](#)

**Examples**

```
data(ants)
allindivs <- c(union(as.character(ants$VertexFrom), as.character(ants$VertexTo)), "NULL1", "NULL2")
g <- generatetonetwork(ants, allindivs)
sa <- spreadanalysis(g, seq(0,1000,by=50), 20)
b <- transformspreadbyindividual(sa)
print(b)
```

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