

# Package ‘nLTT’

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nLTT-package	<i>Package providing functions to visualize the normalized Lineage-Through-Time statistic, and calculate the difference between two nLTT curves</i>
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## Description

This package provides a function to visualize the normalized Lineage-Through-Time (nLTT) statistic, where the number of lineages relative to the maximum number of lineages in a phylogenetic tree is plotted against the relative time between the most common recent ancestor and the present. Furthermore the package provides a function to calculate the difference between two nLTT curves, including two different distance measurements.

Updates: Version 1.4.6: Fixed testing, to comply `_R_CHECK_LENGTH_1_CONDITION_`.

Version 1.4.4: Added support for phylogenies with extinct lineages.

Version 1.4.3: Added support for log transformation before normalization.

Version 1.4: Added the following four functions: `get_branching_times`, `get_n_lineages`, `get_norm_brts` and `get_norm_n`. Furthermore, vignette building has improved, and the underlying code base has been polished up as well.

Version 1.3.1: Added walkthrough vignette, and updated several typos in the manual

Version 1.3: Version 1.3 adds a lot of extended functionality: firstly, we have added functions to calculate, and plot, the average nLTT across a number of phylogenies. Furthermore, we have added vignettes, and we have added a GitHub repository. On the GitHub repository the vignettes are separately accessible through the wiki. Lastly we have added an extra option to the nLTT functions, where the user can specify if the used trees are rooted, or not. Under the hood, some changes have been made as well, the majority of the code is now conforming to the lintR code conventions, and we have written formalized tests that check correctness of all code (code coverage 100

Version 1.2.1: updated comments and coding style to adhere to the general coding rules. Backwards compatibility has been favoured for the nLTT stat functions. ABC related functions are no longer backwards compatible (variable names have been changed to adhere to coding style).

Version 1.2: added an "exact" nLTT function. This function is faster for small trees, and provides an exact measurement of the nLTT function. Comparison between "old" and "exact" estimates show that these are highly correlated, although the "exact" values are slightly higher than the "old" values. The "exact" function should generally be preferred, unless dealing with extremely large trees (500+ tips) in which case the old function is much faster.

Version 1.2: updated the example for the ABC\_SMC\_nLTT function, prior generating and prior density functions are now more realistic

Version 1.1.1: fixed a minor bug in the ABC\_SMC\_nLTT function

Version 1.1.1: removed some intermediate output in ABC\_SMC\_nLTT function

Version 1.1: Made a universal nLTT function called "nLTTstat", with argument "distanceMethod", this serves as a more elegant wrapper for the functions "normLTTdiffABS" and "normLTTdiffSQ"

Version 1.1: Updated references in the manual

## Details

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Janzen,T. Hoehna,S., Etienne,R.S. (2015) Approximate Bayesian Computation of diversification rates from molecular phylogenies: introducing a new efficient summary statistic, the nLTT. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution*. doi: 10.1111/2041-210X.12350

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abc_smc_nltt	<i>A function to perform Approximate Bayesian Computation within a Sequential Markov Chain (ABC-SMC), for diversification analysis of phylogenetic trees.</i>
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### Description

This function performs ABC-SMC as described in Toni 2009 for given diversification model, provided a phylogenetic tree. ABC-SMC is not limited to only using the normalized LTT as statistic.

### Usage

```
abc_smc_nltt(
  tree, statistics, simulation_function, init_epsilon_values,
  prior_generating_function, prior_density_function,
  number_of_particles = 1000, sigma = 0.05, stop_rate = 1e-05
)
```

### Arguments

tree	an object of class "phylo"; the tree upon which we want to fit our diversification model
statistics	A vector containing functions that take a tree as an argument and return a single scalar value (the statistic).
simulation_function	A function that implements the diversification model and returns an object of class "phylo".
init_epsilon_values	A vector containing the initial threshold values for the summary statistics from the vector statistics.
prior_generating_function	Function to generate parameters from the prior distribution of these parameters (e.g. a function returning lambda and mu in case of the birth-death model)
prior_density_function	Function to calculate the prior probability of a set of parameters.
number_of_particles	Number of particles to be used per iteration of the ABC-SMC algorithm.
sigma	Standard deviation of the perturbation distribution (perturbation distribution is a gaussian with mean 0).
stop_rate	If the acceptance rate drops below stopRate, stop the ABC-SMC algorithm and assume convergence.

### Value

A matrix with n columns, where n is the number of parameters you are trying to estimate.

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**References**

Toni, T., Welch, D., Strelkowa, N., Ipsen, A., & Stumpf, M.P.H. (2009). Approximate Bayesian computation scheme for parameter inference and model selection in dynamical systems. *Journal of the Royal Society Interface*, 6(31), 187-202.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

prior_gen <- function() {
  return( rexp(n=2, rate=0.1) )
}

prior_dens <- function(val) {
  return( dexp( val[1], rate = 0.1) * dexp( val[2], rate = 0.1) )
}

require(TESS)

treeSim <- function(params) {
  t <- TESS.sim.age(n=1, lambda = params[1], mu = params[2], age = 10)[[1]]
  return(t)
}

obs <- treeSim(c(0.5,0.1))

statWrapper <- function(tree1) {
  return( nLTTstat_exact(tree1, obs, "abs"))
}

stats <- c(statWrapper)

results <- abc.smc.nltt(
  obs, stats, treeSim, init_epsilon_values = 0.2,
  prior_generating_function = prior_gen,
  prior_density_function = prior_dens,
  number_of_particles = 1000, sigma = 0.05, stop_rate = 1e-5
)

## End(Not run) # end of dontrun
```

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check\_input\_event\_times

*Checks that event times are correct*

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**Description**

Checks event\_times and event\_times2 are of the appropriate class and have expected characteristics for correct calculation of NLTT in [nltt\\_diff\\_exact\\_extinct](#).

**Usage**

```
check_input_event_times(event_times, event_times2, time_unit)
```

**Arguments**

event_times	event times of the first phylogeny
event_times2	event times of the second phylogeny
time_unit	the time unit of the branching times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "ago: "the branching times are positive, as these are in time units ago</li> <li>• "since: "the branching times are negative, as these are in time units since present</li> </ul>

**Value**

Nothing. Throws error with helpful error message if event\_times and event\_times2 are not correct.

**Author(s)**

Pedro Neves and Richèl Bilderbeek and Thijs Janzen

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check_phylogenies	<i>Check if the input is a valid collection of one or more phylogenies</i>
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**Description**

Will [stop](#) if not

**Usage**

```
check_phylogenies(phylogenies)
```

**Arguments**

phylogenies	a collection of one or more phylogenies, where the phylogenies are of type <a href="#">phylo</a> . This collection can both be a list of <a href="#">phylo</a> or a <a href="#">multiphylo</a> .
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check_step_type	<i>Check if the step type is valid</i>
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**Description**

Will [stop](#) if not

**Usage**

```
check_step_type(step_type)
```

**Arguments**

step_type	when between two points, where the second point has both a higher x and y coordinat, which y coordinat to follow. 'step_type' can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lower maintain the y-coordinat of the leftmost point</li><li>• upper already use the y-coordinat of the rightmost point</li></ul>
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check_time_unit	<i>Check if the time unit is valid</i>
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**Description**

Will [stop](#) if not

**Usage**

```
check_time_unit(time_unit)
```

**Arguments**

time_unit	the time unit of the branching times <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "ago: "the branching times are postive, as these are in time units ago</li><li>• "since: "the branching times are negative, as these are in time units since present</li></ul>
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**Author(s)**

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek

**Examples**

```
library(testthat)

expect_silent(check_time_unit("since"))
expect_silent(check_time_unit("ago"))
expect_error(check_time_unit("nonsense"))
```

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default\_params\_doc      *This function does nothing. It is intended to inherit is parameters' documentation.*

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### Description

This function does nothing. It is intended to inherit is parameters' documentation.

### Usage

```
default_params_doc(dt, phylogenies, step_type, time_unit)
```

### Arguments

dt	The timestep resolution, a value bigger than zero and less or equal to one. 1/dt is the number of points that will be evaluated
phylogenies	a collection of one or more phylogenies, where the phylogenies are of type <a href="#">phylo</a> . This collection can both be a list of <a href="#">phylo</a> or a <a href="#">multiphylo</a> .
step_type	when between two points, where the second point has both a higher x and y coordinat, which y coordinat to follow. 'step_type' can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lower maintain the y-coordinat of the leftmost point</li> <li>• upper already use the y-coordinat of the rightmost point</li> </ul>
time_unit	the time unit of the branching times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "ago: "the branching times are postive, as these are in time units ago</li> <li>• "since: "the branching times are negative, as these are in time units since present</li> </ul>

### Note

This is an internal function, so it should be marked with @noRd. This is not done, as this will disallow all functions to find the documentation parameters

### Author(s)

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek



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`exampleTrees`*example trees to test the functionality of the package*

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**Description**

100 phylogenetic trees of class `phylo`, generated using the `sim.globalBiDe.age` function from the TESS package, with `lambda = 0.3`, `mu = 0.1`, `age = 10`.

**Usage**

```
data(exampleTrees)
```

**Format**

A list containing objects of class `phylo`.

**Examples**

```
data(exampleTrees);  
obs <- exampleTrees[[1]];  
nltt_plot(obs);
```

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`get_average_nltt_matrix`*Get the average nLTT from a collection of phylogenies*

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**Description**

Get the average nLTT from a collection of phylogenies

**Usage**

```
get_average_nltt_matrix(phylogenies, dt = 0.001)
```

**Arguments**

`phylogenies` the phylogenies, supplied as either a list or a `multiPhylo` object, where the phylogenies are of type `'phylo'`

`dt` The timestep resolution, where  $1/dt$  is the number of points evaluated

**Value**

A matrix of timepoints with the average number of (normalized) lineages through (normalized) time

**Author(s)**

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek

**Examples**

```
get_average_nltt_matrix(c(ape::rcoal(10), ape::rcoal(20)))
```

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```
get_branching_times    Collect the branching times from the stem age
```

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**Description**

Collect the branching times from the stem age

**Usage**

```
get_branching_times(phylogeny)
```

**Arguments**

phylogeny      a phylogeny of class 'phylo'

**Value**

branching times, in time units before the present

**Author(s)**

Richèl Bilderbeek

**Examples**

```
phylogeny <- ape::read.tree(text = "((a:2,b:2):1,c:3);")
phylogeny$root.edge <- 2 # nolint ape variable name
testthat::expect_true(
  all.equal(as.vector(nLTT::get_branching_times(phylogeny)), c(5, 3, 2)))
```

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```
get_nltt_values    Get the nLTT values in time
```

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**Description**

Collect the nLTT values in time over all phylogenies in the long form.

**Usage**

```
get_nltt_values(phylogenies, dt)
```

**Arguments**

phylogenies      the phylogenies, supplied as either a list or a multiPhylo object, where the phylogenies are of type 'phylo'

dt                The timestep resolution, where 1/dt is the number of points evaluated

**Value**

A dataframe of timepoints with the nLTT value of each phylogeny in time

**Author(s)**

Richèl Bilderbeek

**See Also**

Use [nltts\\_diff](#) to compare nLTT statistic between one focal tree and a set of one or more other trees

**Examples**

```
library(ape)
library(ggplot2)
library(nLTT)

# Create some random phylogenies
phylogeny1 <- rcoal(10)
phylogeny2 <- rcoal(20)
phylogeny3 <- rcoal(30)
phylogeny4 <- rcoal(40)
phylogeny5 <- rcoal(50)
phylogeny6 <- rcoal(60)
phylogeny7 <- rcoal(70)
phylogenies <- c(phylogeny1, phylogeny2, phylogeny3,
  phylogeny4, phylogeny5, phylogeny6, phylogeny7
)

# Obtain the nLTT values
dt <- 0.2
nltt_values <- get_nltt_values(phylogenies, dt = dt)

# Check properties of nltt_values
testit::assert(names(nltt_values) == c("id", "t", "nltt"))
nltt_values_per_phylogeny <- (1 + (1 / dt))
n_phylogenies <- length(phylogenies)
testit::assert(nrow(nltt_values)
  == nltt_values_per_phylogeny * n_phylogenies
)

# Plot the phylognies, where the individual nLTT values are visible
qplot(t, nltt, data = nltt_values, geom = "point",
  ylim = c(0,1),
  main = "Average nLTT plot of phylogenies", color = id, size = I(0.1)
```

```

) + stat_summary(
  fun.data = "mean_cl_boot", color = "red", geom = "smooth"
)

# Plot the phylogenies, where the individual nLTT values are omitted
qplot(
  t, nltt, data = nltt_values, geom = "blank", ylim = c(0,1),
  main = "Average nLTT plot of phylogenies"
) + stat_summary(
  fun.data = "mean_cl_boot", color = "red", geom = "smooth"
)

```

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get\_norm\_brts

*Collect the normalized branching times from the stem age*


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## Description

Collect the normalized branching times from the stem age

## Usage

```
get_norm_brts(phylogeny)
```

## Arguments

phylogeny      a phylogeny of class 'phylo'

## Value

branching times, in time units before the present

## Author(s)

Richèl Bilderbeek

## Examples

```

phylogeny <- ape::read.tree(text = "((a:2,b:2):1,c:3);")
phylogeny$root.edge <- 2 # nolint ape variable name
testthat::expect_true(
  all(nLTT::get_branching_times(phylogeny) == c(5, 3, 2))
)

```

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get\_norm\_n                      *Collect the normalized number of lineages from the stem age*

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**Description**

Collect the normalized number of lineages from the stem age

**Usage**

```
get_norm_n(phylogeny)
```

**Arguments**

phylogeny            a phylogeny of class 'phylo'

**Value**

branching times, in time units before the present

**Author(s)**

Richèl Bilderbeek

**Examples**

```
phylogeny <- ape::read.tree(text = "((a:2,b:2):1,c:3);")
phylogeny$root.edge <- 2 # nolint ape variable name
testthat::expect_true(
  all.equal(as.vector(nLTT::get_branching_times(phylogeny)), c(5, 3, 2)))
```

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get\_n\_lineages                      *Collect the number of lineages from the stem age*

---

**Description**

Collect the number of lineages from the stem age

**Usage**

```
get_n_lineages(phylogeny)
```

**Arguments**

phylogeny            a phylogeny of class 'phylo'

**Value**

number of lineages, will go from 1 to the number of tips, if there is a stem, will go from 2 to the number of tips if there is no stem

**Author(s)**

Richèl Bilderbeek

**Examples**

```
phylogeny <- ape::read.tree(text = "((a:2,b:2):1,c:3);")
testthat::expect_true(
  all.equal(as.vector(nLTT::get_n_lineages(phylogeny)), c(2, 3)))
phylogeny$root.edge <- 2 # nolint ape variable name
testthat::expect_true(
  all.equal(as.vector(nLTT::get_n_lineages(phylogeny)), c(1, 2, 3)))
```

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get\_phylogeny\_nltt\_matrix

*Extract the nLTT matrix from a phylogeny*

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**Description**

Extract the nLTT matrix from a phylogeny

**Usage**

```
get_phylogeny_nltt_matrix(phylogeny)
```

**Arguments**

phylogeny      A phylogeny of type phylo

**Value**

a matrix

**Author(s)**

Richèl Bilderbeek

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mcmc\_nltt                      *function, using a Monte Carlo Markov Chain*

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### Description

function, using a Monte Carlo Markov Chain

### Usage

```
mcmc_nltt(  
  phy,  
  likelihood_function,  
  parameters,  
  logtransforms,  
  iterations,  
  burnin = round(iterations/3),  
  thinning = 1,  
  sigma = 1  
)
```

### Arguments

phy	phylo	Vector of weights
likelihood_function	function	Function that calculates the likelihood of our diversification model, given the tree. function should be of the format function(parameters, phy).
parameters	vector	Initial parameters to start the chain.
logtransforms	scalar	Whether to perform jumps on logtransformed parameters (TRUE) or not (FALSE)
iterations	scalar	Length of the chain
burnin	scalar	Length of the burnin, default is 30% of iterations
thinning	scalar	Size of thinning, default = 1
sigma	scalar	Standard deviation of the jumping distribution, which is $N(0, \sigma)$ .

### Value

mcmc An MCMC object, as used by the package "coda".

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nLTTstat	<i>Calculate the difference between two normalized Lineage-Through-Time curves, given two phylogenetic trees.</i>
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### Description

This function takes two ultrametric phylogenetic trees, calculates the normalized Lineage-Through-Time statistic for both trees and then calculates the difference between the two statistics.

### Usage

```
nLTTstat(tree1, tree2, distance_method = "abs", ignore_stem = TRUE,  
         log_transform = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

tree1	an object of class "phylo"
tree2	an object of class "phylo"
distance_method	Chosen measurement of distance between the two nLTT curves, options are (case sensitive): - "abs": use the absolute distance - "squ": use the squared distance;
ignore_stem	a boolean whether to ignore the stem length
log_transform	a boolean whether to log-transform the number of lineages before normalization

### Value

The difference between the two nLTT statistics

### Author(s)

Thijs Janzen

### Examples

```
data(exampleTrees)  
nltt_plot(exampleTrees[[1]])  
nltt_lines(exampleTrees[[2]], lty=2)  
nLTTstat(  
  exampleTrees[[1]], exampleTrees[[2]],  
  distance_method = "abs", ignore_stem = TRUE)
```



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nLTTstat_exact	<i>Calculate the exact difference between two normalized Lineage-Through-Time curves, given two phylogenetic trees.</i>
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### Description

This function takes two ultrametric phylogenetic trees, calculates the normalized Lineage-Through-Time statistic for both trees and then calculates the exact difference between the two statistics. Whereas the function nLTTstat uses an approximation to calculate the difference (which is faster for large trees), the function nLTTstat\_exact calculates the exact difference, and should generally be preferred. Although the estimates are highly similar, nLTTstat\_exact tends to return slightly higher values.

### Usage

```
nLTTstat_exact(tree1, tree2, distance_method = "abs",
               ignore_stem = TRUE, log_transform = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

tree1	an object of class "phylo"
tree2	an object of class "phylo"
distance_method	Chosen measurement of distance between the two nLTT curves, options are (case sensitive): - "abs": use the absolute distance. - "squ": use the squared distance
ignore_stem	a boolean whether to ignore the stem length
log_transform	a boolean whether to log-transform the number of lineages before normalization

### Value

The exact difference between the two nLTT statistics

### Author(s)

Thijs Janzen

### Examples

```
data(exampleTrees)
nltt_plot(exampleTrees[[1]])
nltt_lines(exampleTrees[[2]], lty = 2)
nLTTstat_exact(
  exampleTrees[[1]],
  exampleTrees[[2]],
  distance_method = "abs",
```

```

    ignore_stem = TRUE
  )

```

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nlts_diff	<i>Calculates the nLTT statistic between each phylogeny in a collection compared to a same focal/reference tree</i>
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### Description

Calculates the nLTT statistic between each phylogeny in a collection compared to a same focal/reference tree

### Usage

```

nlts_diff(
  tree,
  trees,
  distance_method = "abs",
  ignore_stem = TRUE,
  log_transform = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

tree	One phylogenetic tree
trees	A collection of one or more phylogenetic trees
distance_method	(string) absolute, or squared distance?
ignore_stem	(logical) Should the phylogeny its stem be ignored?
log_transform	(logical) Should the number of lineages be log-transformed before normalization?

### Value

the nLTT statistic values, as a numeric vector of the same length as trees

### Author(s)

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek

### See Also

use [nltt\\_diff](#) to compare two phylogenies

### Examples

```

tree <- ape::rcoal(4)
trees <- c(ape::rcoal(4), ape::rcoal(4))
nlts <- nlts_diff(tree, trees)

```

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`nlts_plot`*Get the average nLTT from a collection of phylogenies*

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**Description**

Get the average nLTT from a collection of phylogenies

**Usage**

```
nlts_plot(  
  phylogenies,  
  dt = 0.001,  
  plot_nlts = FALSE,  
  xlab = "Normalized Time",  
  ylab = "Normalized Lineages",  
  replot = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>phylogenies</code>	a collection of one or more phylogenies, where the phylogenies are of type <a href="#">phylo</a> . This collection can both be a list of <a href="#">phylo</a> or a <a href="#">multiphylo</a> .
<code>dt</code>	The timestep resolution, a value bigger than zero and less or equal to one. $1/dt$ is the number of points that will be evaluated
<code>plot_nlts</code>	Also plot each nLLT line
<code>xlab</code>	Label on the x axis
<code>ylab</code>	Label on the y axis
<code>replot</code>	If false, start a clean plot. If true, plot the new data over the current
<code>...</code>	Plotting options

**Value**

Nothing

**Author(s)**

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek

**Examples**

```
nlts_plot(c(ape::rcoal(10), ape::rcoal(10)))  
nlts_plot(c(ape::rcoal(10), ape::rcoal(20)), dt = 0.1)
```

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nltt_diff	<i>Calculates the exact difference between the lineage through time curves of tree1 &amp; tree2 (normalized in time and for the number of lineages)</i>
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### Description

Calculates the exact difference between the lineage through time curves of tree1 & tree2 (normalized in time and for the number of lineages)

### Usage

```
nltt_diff(  
  tree1,  
  tree2,  
  distance_method = "abs",  
  ignore_stem = TRUE,  
  log_transform = FALSE  
)
```

### Arguments

tree1	(phylo) First phylogenetic tree
tree2	(phylo) Second phylogenetic tree
distance_method	(string) absolute, or squared distance?
ignore_stem	logical Should the phylogeny its stem be ignored?
log_transform	(logical) Should the number of lineages be log-transformed before normalization?

### Value

(scalar) normalized Lineage-Through-Time difference between tree1 & tree2

### Author(s)

Thijs Janzen

### See Also

use [nlts\\_diff](#) to compare a collection of phylogenies to one focal/reference tree

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nltt_diff_exact	<i>Calculates the exact, difference between the lineage through time curves of tree1 &amp; tree2 (normalized in time and for the number of lineages)</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the exact, difference between the lineage through time curves of tree1 & tree2 (normalized in time and for the number of lineages)

**Usage**

```
nltt_diff_exact(  
  tree1,  
  tree2,  
  distance_method = "abs",  
  ignore_stem = TRUE,  
  log_transform = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

tree1	(phylo) First phylogenetic tree
tree2	(phylo) Second phylogenetic tree
distance_method	(string) absolute, or squared distance?
ignore_stem	(logical) Should the phylogeny its stem be ignored?
log_transform	(logical) Should the number of lineages be log-transformed before normalization?

**Value**

(scalar) normalized Lineage-Through-Time difference between tree1 & tree2

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

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nlTT\_diff\_exact\_brts *Calculates the exact difference between the nLTT curves of the branching times*

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### Description

Calculates the exact difference between the nLTT curves of the branching times

### Usage

```
nlTT_diff_exact_brts(
  b_times,
  lineages,
  b_times2,
  lineages2,
  distance_method = "abs",
  time_unit = "since"
)
```

### Arguments

b_times	branching times of the first phylogeny,
lineages	the number of lineages, usually one to the number of lineages
b_times2	branching times of the first phylogeny
lineages2	the number of lineages, usually one to the number of lineages
distance_method	how the difference between the two nLTTs is summed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "abs: "the absolute distance between the two nLTTs is summed</li> <li>• "squ: "the squared distance between the two nLTTs is summed</li> </ul>
time_unit	the time unit of the branching times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "ago: "the branching times are positive, as these are in time units ago</li> <li>• "since: "the branching times are negative, as these are in time units since present</li> </ul>

### Author(s)

Thijs Janzen and Richèl Bilderbeek

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`nltt_diff_exact_calc_extinct`

*Calculates the exact difference between the nLTT curves of the event times. This includes extinction events.*

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### Description

Calculates the exact difference between the nLTT curves of the event times. This includes extinction events.

### Usage

```
nltt_diff_exact_calc_extinct(  
  event_times,  
  species_number,  
  event_times2,  
  species_number2,  
  distance_method  
)
```

### Arguments

`event_times` event times of the first phylogeny  
`species_number` the number of species at each event time of the first phylogeny  
`event_times2` event times of the second phylogeny  
`species_number2`  
the number of species at each event time of the second phylogeny  
`distance_method`  
(string) absolute, or squared distance?

### Author(s)

Thijs Janzen and Richèl Bilderbeek and Pedro Neves

### Examples

```
# Generate data  
n <- 10  
b_times_n <- (seq(1, n) / n)  
lineages_n <- b_times_n  
b_times2_n <- b_times_n * b_times_n  
lineages2_n <- b_times2_n  
  
# Calculate nLTT  
out <- nLTT::nltt_diff_exact_calc_extinct(  
  event_times = b_times_n,
```

```

species_number = lineages_n,
event_times2 = b_times2_n,
species_number2 = lineages2_n,
distance_method = "abs"
)
#'
```

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```
nltt_diff_exact_extinct
```

*Calculates the exact difference between the nLTT curves of the event times. This includes extinction events.*

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### Description

Takes branching times such as (for example) as returned by the DDD package.

### Usage

```

nltt_diff_exact_extinct(
  event_times,
  species_number,
  event_times2,
  species_number2,
  distance_method = "abs",
  time_unit = "since",
  normalize = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

event_times	event times of the first phylogeny
species_number	the number of species at each event time of the first phylogeny
event_times2	event times of the second phylogeny
species_number2	the number of species at each event time of the second phylogeny
distance_method	how the difference between the two nLTTs is summed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "abs: "the absolute distance between the two nLTTs is summed</li> <li>• "squ: "the squared distance between the two nLTTs is summed</li> </ul>
time_unit	the time unit of the branching times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "ago: "the branching times are positive, as these are in time units ago</li> <li>• "since: "the branching times are negative, as these are in time units since present</li> </ul>
normalize	should the output be normalized? Default is TRUE.



**Author(s)**

Pedro Neves and Richèl Bilderbeek and Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
# Generate data
n <- 10
b_times_n <- (seq(1, n) / n)
lineages_n <- b_times_n
b_times2_n <- b_times_n * b_times_n
lineages2_n <- b_times2_n

# Calculate nLTT
out <- nLTT::nltt_diff_exact_extinct(
  event_times = b_times_n,
  species_number = lineages_n,
  event_times2 = b_times2_n,
  species_number2 = lineages2_n,
  time_unit = "ago",
  distance_method = "abs"
)
```

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```
nltt_diff_exact_norm_brts
```

*Calculates the exact difference between the nLTT curves of the branching times*

---

**Description**

Calculates the exact difference between the nLTT curves of the branching times

**Usage**

```
nltt_diff_exact_norm_brts(
  b_times_n,
  lineages_n,
  b_times2_n,
  lineages2_n,
  distance_method
)
```

**Arguments**

b_times_n	branching times of the first phylogeny
lineages_n	the number of lineages, usually one to the number of lineages
b_times2_n	branching times of the first phylogeny

lineages2\_n      the number of lineages, usually one to the number of lineages  
distance\_method  
                  (string) absolute, or squared distance?

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen and Richèl Bilderbeek

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nltt\_lines                      *Normalized version of the ape function lt.lines.*

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**Description**

This is a modified version of the ape function `lt.lines`: add the normalized Lineage-Through-Time statistic of a phylogenetic tree to an already existing plot

**Usage**

```
nltt_lines(phy, ...)
```

**Arguments**

phy                      an object of class "phylo"  
...                      further graphical arguments that can be passed to `lines()`

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
data(exampleTrees)  
nltt_plot(exampleTrees[[1]])  
nltt_lines(exampleTrees[[2]], lty=2)
```

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nltt_plot	<i>Normalized version of the ape function lt.plot</i>
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**Description**

This function uses a modified version of the `lt.plot` function from "ape" to plot the normalized number of lineages through normalized time, where the number of lineages is normalized by dividing by the number of tips of the tree, and the time is normalized by the total time between the most common recent ancestor and the present, such that  $t(\text{MRCA}) = 0$  &  $t(\text{present}) = 1$ .

**Usage**

```
nltt_plot(  
  phy, xlab = "Normalized Time", ylab = "Normalized Lineages", ...)
```

**Arguments**

phy	an object of class "phylo"
xlab	a character string (or a variable of mode character) giving the label for the <i>x</i> -axis (default is "Normalized Time").
ylab	a character string (or a variable of mode character) giving the label for the <i>y</i> -axis (default is "Normalized Lineages").
...	further graphical arguments that can be passed to <code>plot()</code>

**Author(s)**

Thijs Janzen

**Examples**

```
data(exampleTrees)  
nltt_plot(exampleTrees[[1]])
```

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stretch_nltt_matrix	<i>Stretch matrix 'm' with a timestep resolution of 'dt'.</i>
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**Description**

Stretch matrix 'm' with a timestep resolution of 'dt'.

**Usage**

```
stretch_nltt_matrix(m, dt, step_type)
```

**Arguments**

m	A matrix of 2 columns and at least 2 rows
dt	The resolution, a value e [0.0001, 1]. If 'dt' is set to a very small value, this function will stop
step_type	when between two points, where the second point has both a higher x and y coordinat, which y coordinat to follow. 'step_type' can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• lower maintain the y-coordinat of the leftmost point</li><li>• upper already use the y-coordinat of the rightmost point</li></ul>

**Value**

The stretched matrix

**Author(s)**

Richèl J.C. Bilderbeek

**Examples**

```
m <- matrix( c(c(0.0, 1.0), c(0.5, 1.0)), ncol = 2, nrow = 2)
expected <- matrix(
  c(
    c(0.0, 0.5, 1.0), # Timepoints
    c(0.5, 0.5, 1.0) # Values
  ),
  ncol = 2, nrow = 3
)
result <- stretch_nltt_matrix(m = m, dt = 0.5, step_type = "lower")
testit::assert(identical(result, expected))
```

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