

# Package: `treedata.table` (via `r-universe`)

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**Description** An implementation that combines trait data and a phylogenetic tree (or trees) into a single object of class 'treedata.table'. The resulting object can be easily manipulated to simultaneously change the trait- and tree-level sampling. Currently implemented functions allow users to use a 'data.table' syntax when performing operations on the trait dataset within the 'treedata.table' object. For more details see Roman-Palacios et al. (2021) <[doi:10.7717/peerj.12450](https://doi.org/10.7717/peerj.12450)>.

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[.treedata.table	<i>Function for performing data.table operations on an object of class treedata.table</i>
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## Description

This function can be used to subset rows, select and compute on columns [data.table](#).

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'treedata.table'
x[...]
```

## Arguments

x	An object of class <code>treedata.table</code>
...	Arguments in the structure of <code>data.table</code> used to perform changes on the <code>treedata.table</code> object

## Value

A new object of class `treedata.table` with `$dat` and `$phy` corresponding with the changes set to `$dat` using [data.table](#)'s structure.

**Examples**

```

data(anolis)
anolis2 <- anolis$phy
anolis2$tip.label[1] <- "NAA"
anolis1 <- anolis$phy
anolis1$tip.label[1] <- "NAA"
trees <- list(anolis1, anolis2)
class(trees) <- "multiPhylo"
treesFM <- list(anolis$phy, anolis$phy)
class(treesFM) <- "multiPhylo"

# A phylo object that fully matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = anolis$phy, data = anolis$dat)
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)
td[, SVL]
td[island == "Cuba" & ecomorph == "TG", .(ecomorph, island, SVL)]
td[, utils::head(.SD, 1), by = .(ecomorph, island)]

# A multiplylo object that fully matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = treesFM, data = anolis$dat)
td <- as.treedata.table(treesFM, anolis$dat)
td[, SVL]
td[island == "Cuba" & ecomorph == "TG", .(ecomorph, island, SVL)]
td[, utils::head(.SD, 1), by = .(ecomorph, island)]

# A phylo object that partially matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = anolis1, data = anolis$dat)
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis1, anolis$dat)
td[, SVL]
td[island == "Cuba" & ecomorph == "TG", .(ecomorph, island, SVL)]
td[, utils::head(.SD, 1), by = .(ecomorph, island)]

# A multiplylo object that partially matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = trees, data = anolis$dat)
td <- as.treedata.table(trees, anolis$dat)
td[, SVL]
td[island == "Cuba" & ecomorph == "TG", .(ecomorph, island, SVL)]
td[, utils::head(.SD, 1), by = .(ecomorph, island)]

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[[.treedata.table	<i>Function for extract a named vector from an object of class treedata.table</i>
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**Description**

This function extracts a named vector for any trait from an object of class `treedata.table`.

**Usage**

```

## S3 method for class 'treedata.table'
x[ [...], exact = TRUE]]

```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class <code>treedata.table</code>
...	Column name in class <code>character</code>
exact	whether exact search should be conducted

**Value**

A new object of class `vector` with names set to labels corresponding to tip labels in the provided `treedata.table` object.

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
# With a phylo object
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)
td[["SVL"]]

# With a multiPhylo object
treesFM <- list(anolis$phy, anolis$phy)
class(treesFM) <- "multiPhylo"
td <- as.treedata.table(treesFM, anolis$dat)
td[["SVL"]]
```

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anolis

*Anole data*

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**Description**

Anole data for `treedata.table` functions. Many of the traits (e.g. awesomeness, hostility) in this dataset retrieved from `treeplyr` are based on random numbers.

**Usage**

```
data(anolis)
```

**Format**

An object of class `list` of length 2.

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as.treedata.table	<i>Combine tree (or set of trees) and data.frame into a single tree-data.table object</i>
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### Description

This function takes as input a tree of class `phylo` or `multiPhylo` and a `data.frame` and combines them into a `treedata.table`. If a `multiPhylo` is provided, all trees must have the same `tip.labels`. `treedata.table` object is sorted such that the rows in the `data.table` are matched to the `tip.labels` of the phylogeny. `Tip.labels` on the tree must match a column of tip names in the input `data.frame`. The output of this function will be a `treedata.table`, which can be manipulated as a `data.table`.

### Usage

```
as.treedata.table(tree, data, name_column = "detect")
```

### Arguments

<code>tree</code>	A tree of class <code>phylo</code> or multiple trees of class <code>multiPhylo</code>
<code>data</code>	A dataset in format <code>data.frame</code>
<code>name_column</code>	A character indicating the name of taxa in <code>data.frame</code> . If set to <code>detect</code> (default) as <code>treedata.table</code> will auto-detect this column

### Value

An object of type `treedata.table` containing the tree and `data.table`

### Examples

```
data(anolis)
anolis2 <- anolis$phy
anolis2$tip.label[1] <- "NAA"
anolis1 <- anolis$phy
anolis1$tip.label[1] <- "NAA"
trees <- list(anolis1, anolis2)
class(trees) <- "multiPhylo"
treesFM <- list(anolis$phy, anolis$phy)
class(treesFM) <- "multiPhylo"

# A phylo object that fully matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = anolis$phy, data = anolis$dat)
# A multiphylo object that fully matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = treesFM, data = anolis$dat)
# A phylo object that partially matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = anolis1, data = anolis$dat)
# A multiphylo object that partially matches the data
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = trees, data = anolis$dat)
```

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detectAllCharacters    *Apply detectCharacterType over an entire matrix*

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**Description**

This function detects whether each column in a matrix is a continuous (e.g., with values 2.45, 9.35, and so on) or a discrete character (e.g., with values blue, red, yellow).

**Usage**

```
detectAllCharacters(mat, cutoff = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

mat	A matrix of data
cutoff	Cutoff value for deciding if numeric data might actually be discrete: if nlev is the number of levels and n the length of dat, then nlev / n should exceed cutoff, or the data will be classified as discrete

**Value**

Vector of either "discrete" or "continuous" for each variable in matrix

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
detectAllCharacters(anolis$dat)
```

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detectCharacterType    *Function to detect whether a character is continuous or discrete*

---

**Description**

This function detects whether a given vector is a continuous (e.g., with values 2.45, 9.35, and so on) or a discrete (e.g., with values blue, red, yellow) character.

**Usage**

```
detectCharacterType(dat, cutoff = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

dat	A vector of data
cutoff	Cutoff value for deciding if numeric data might actually be discrete: if nlev is the number of levels and n the length of dat, then nlev / n should exceed cutoff, or the data will be classified as discrete

**Value**

Either "discrete" or "continuous"

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
detectCharacterType(anolis$dat[, 1])
```

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droptreedata.table      *Function dropping taxa from an object of class treedata.table*

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**Description**

This function can be used to remove species from an object of class `treedata.table`. The resulting `treedata.table` will include fully matching `$dat` and `$phy` elements. The user should confirm the changes before they are processed.

**Usage**

```
droptreedata.table(tdObject, taxa)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tdObject</code>	An object of class <code>treedata.table</code>
<code>taxa</code>	A vector class character containing all taxa that needs to be dropped from the original <code>treedata.table</code> object

**Value**

An object of class `treedata.table` with matching `$dat` and `$phy` elements based on whether taxa were dropped or not.

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
# With a multiphylo object in the treedata.table object
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)
droptreedata.table(
  tdObject = td, taxa =
    c("chamaeleonides", "eugenegrahami")
)

# With a multiphylo object in the treedata.table object
treesFM <- list(anolis$phy, anolis$phy)
class(treesFM) <- "multiPhylo"
td <- as.treedata.table(treesFM, anolis$dat)
droptreedata.table(
  tdObject = td, taxa =
    c("chamaeleonides", "eugenegrahami")
)
```

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extractVector	<i>Returning a named vector from a treedata.table object</i>
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**Description**

Returning a named vector from a treedata.table object

**Usage**

```
extractVector(tdObject, ...)
```

**Arguments**

tdObject	A treedata.table object
...	The name of the column or columns to select.

**Value**

A named vector or a list of named vectors

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
td <- as.treedata.table(tree = anolis$phy, data = anolis$dat)
# extracts the named vector for SVL from the td object
extractVector(td, "SVL")
# extracts the named vector for SVL and ecomorph from the td object
extractVector(td, "SVL", "ecomorph")
```

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filterMatrix	<i>Filter a character matrix, returning either all continuous or all discrete characters</i>
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**Description**

This function filters a character matrix based on continuous (e.g., with values 2.45, 9.35, and so on) or discrete characters (e.g., with values blue, red, yellow).

**Usage**

```
filterMatrix(mat, returnType = "discrete")
```

**Arguments**

mat	A character matrix of class data.frame
returnType	Either discrete or continuous

**Value**

data.frame with only discrete (default) or continuous characters

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
filterMatrix(anolis$dat, "discrete")
```

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forceNames	<i>Force names for rows, columns, or both</i>
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**Description**

This function creates column names (colnames), row.names (row.names), or both in an unnamed data.frame or matrix.

**Usage**

```
forceNames(dat, nameType = "row")
```

**Arguments**

dat	A vector of data
nameType	either: "row" Rows (default) "col" Columns "rowcol" Both rows and columns

**Value**

An object of type 'data.frame with labeled columns, rows, or both.

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
forceNames(anolis$dat, "row")
```

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hasNames	<i>Row and column name check</i>
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**Description**

This function checks whether a given `data.frame` or `matrix` has column names (`colnames`), `row.names` (`row.names`), or both.

**Usage**

```
hasNames(dat, nameType = "row")
```

**Arguments**

<code>dat</code>	A vector of data
<code>nameType</code>	either: <b>"row"</b> Rows (default) <b>"col"</b> Columns <b>"rowcol"</b> Both rows and columns

**Value**

TRUE or FALSE indicating if the object has names (columns, rows, or both)

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
hasNames(anolis$dat, "row")
```

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head.treedata.table	<i>Return the first part of an treedata.table object</i>
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**Description**

Return the first part of an `treedata.table` object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'treedata.table'
head(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a <code>treedata.table</code> object
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>head.data.table</code>

**Value**

First part of an treedata.table object

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)
head(td)
```

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print.treedata.table *Print method treedata.table objects*

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**Description**

Print method treedata.table objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'treedata.table'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    an object of class "treedata.table"  
 ...                  additional arguments passed to "head.treedata.table"

**Value**

Function uses prints the tree and the first lines of the data.table object.

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pulltreedata.table *Returns the character matrix or phylogeny from a treedata.table object*

---

**Description**

Returns the character matrix or phylogeny from a treedata.table object

**Usage**

```
pulltreedata.table(tdObject, type = c("dat", "phy"))
```

**Arguments**

tdObject            A treedata.table object  
 type                Whether the output of the function is a tree ('type="phylo"') or a data.table ('type="dat"')

**Value**

A data.table or phylo object from the original treedata.table object

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)
pulltreedata.table(td, type = "phy")
pulltreedata.table(td, type = "dat")
```

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summary.treedata.table

*Summarizing treedata.table objects*

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**Description**

Summarizing treedata.table objects

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'treedata.table'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	an object of class "treedata.table"
...	additional arguments passed to "head.treedata.table"

**Value**

Function tries to be smart about summarizing the data and detecting continuous vs. discrete data, as well as whether any data have missing data. Also returns the taxa that are dropped from either the original tree or the original data.

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)
summary(td)
```

---

tail.treedata.table    *Return the last part of an treedata.table object*

---

**Description**

Return the last part of an treedata.table object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'treedata.table'  
tail(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a treedata.table object  
...                  Additional arguments passed to head.data.table

**Value**

Last part of an treedata.table object

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)  
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)  
tail(td)
```

---

tdt                    *Run a function on a treedata.table object*

---

**Description**

Run a function on a treedata.table object

**Usage**

```
tdt(tdObject, ...)
```

**Arguments**

tdObject            A treedata.table object  
...                  A function call.

**Details**

This function allows R functions that use trees and data to be run on treedata.table objects.

**Value**

Function output for a single tree (phylo) or a list of function outputs (one per each tree in the MultiPhylo object)

**Examples**

```
data(anolis)
```

```
# A treedata.table object with a phylo $phy
td <- as.treedata.table(anolis$phy, anolis$dat)
tdt(td, geiger::fitContinuous(phy, extractVector(td, "SVL"),
  model = "BM", ncores = 1
))
```

```
# A treedata.table object with a multiPhylo $phy
treesFM <- list(anolis$phy, anolis$phy)
class(treesFM) <- "multiPhylo"
td <- as.treedata.table(treesFM, anolis$dat)
tdt(td, geiger::fitContinuous(phy, extractVector(td, "SVL"),
  model = "BM",
  ncores = 1
))
```

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