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col2mesh	<i>Color a mesh according to provided values</i>
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Description

The function colors a mesh according to a vector of continuous values related to individual vertices.

Usage

```
col2mesh(mesh, values, pal, from=NULL, to=NULL, NAcol="gray90")
```

Arguments

mesh	a mesh3d object.
values	a vector of continuous values associated to individual vertices of the mesh.
pal	a vector of colors to be passed to <code>colorRampPalette</code> .
from, to	lower and upper values to be associated to the ends of pal.
NAcol	the color associated to NA values.

Value

A mesh3d object colored according to values.

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Examples

```
da<-"https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"
download.file(url=da, destfile = paste0(tempdir(), "/RRmorphdata.rda"))
load(paste0(tempdir(), "/RRmorphdata.rda"))

require(rgl)
require(Morpho)
require(Rvcg)

pca<-procSym(endo.set)
ldm<-endo.set[, "Homo_sapiens"]
sur<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]
```

```

rec<- vcgBallPivoting(pca$mshape, radius = 0)
rec$vb[1:3,]<-t(ldm)
val<-rnorm(ncol(rec$vb))

interp<-interp1Mesh(sur = rec,refsur = sur,refmat = ldm,
                    values = val,element ="vertices",k = 4)

colmesh<-col2mesh(mesh = sur,values = interp,pal = heat.colors(5))
plotLegend(mesh = colmesh,values = interp, main = "Pan troglodytes")
open3d()
shade3d(colmesh,specular="black")

```

conv.map

*Mapping morphological convergence on 3D surfaces***Description**

Given vectors of RW (or PC) scores for some converging species, the function selects the RW (PC) axes which best account for convergence and maps convergent areas on the corresponding 3D surfaces.

Usage

```

conv.map(x1,x2=NULL,scores, pcs, mshape,focal=NULL,mshape_sur=NULL,
        refmat = NULL,refsur = NULL, k = 4, exclude = NULL, out.rem = TRUE, plot =
        TRUE, col = "blue", NAc01 = "gray", names = TRUE, nsim = 1000)

```

Arguments

x1, x2	vectors of convergent species. When convergence within a single clade was found, x1 represents the vector of species belonging to the clade (x2=NULL). When convergence between groups/clades was found, x1 and x2 are the two convergent groups/clades.
scores	data frame (or matrix) with the RW (or PC) scores returned by RWA/PCA. Species not included in x1 or x2 are ignored.
pcs	RW (or PC) vectors (eigenvectors of the covariance matrix) returned by RWA/PCA.
mshape	the consensus configuration.
focal	vector of species included in x1/x2 to be plotted. To be provided if refsur=NULL and refmat=NULL.
mshape_sur	a mesh3d object used as a reference for mesh reconstruction. The vertices of mshape_sur must be the consensus configuration. If NULL, it is automatically generated by applying vcgBallPivoting on mshape.
refmat	a named list of landmark sets corresponding to refsur.

refsur	a named list of mesh3d objects for species in x1/x2 to be plotted. If focal is not NULL this is ignored.
k	the argument k passed to interpolMesh .
exclude	integer: the index numbers of the RWs (or PCs) to be excluded from the comparison.
out.rem	logical: if TRUE triangles with outlying area difference are removed.
plot	logical: if TRUE, the pairwise comparisons are plotted. For more than 5 pairwise comparisons, the plot is not shown.
col	character: the color for plotting.
NAcol	the argument NAcol passed to col2mesh .
names	logical: if TRUE, the names of the groups or species are displayed in the 3d plot.
nsim	the number of iterations to evaluate significance.

Details

After selecting the RW (PC) axes which best account for convergence, `conv.map` uses such axes (and related scores) within [restoreShapes \(Morpho\)](#) to reconstruct landmark matrices for each convergent species (in x1/x2). The reconstruction of species 3d surfaces is based on `mshape_sur`, either provided by the user or generated within the function. Finally, the area differences between corresponding triangles of reconstructed 3d meshes for each possible pair of convergent species are calculated. In the calculation of differences, the possibility to find and remove outliers is supplied (`out.rem=TRUE`, we suggest considering this possibility if the mesh may contain degenerate facets).

If the combination of focal species (or species within `refsur/refmat`) contains a number equal or lower then 5 items, `conv.map` returns a `rgl` plot mapping the convergence on the 3D models. If lists of `refsur/refmat` are not provided, the area differences are plotted onto reconstructed surfaces. If `refsur/refmat` are available, difference values are interpolated by means of [interpolMesh](#) to be plotted onto real surfaces. When species in either x1 or x2 are missing from focal or `refmat/refsur`, `conv.map` plots the reconstructed surface of the species having the smallest `$selected` angle with the focal (see `angle.compare` in the description of outputs).

`conv.map` further gives the opportunity to exclude some RW (or PC) axes from the analysis because, for example, in most cases the first axes are mainly related to high-order morphological differences driven by phylogeny and size variations.

Value

The function returns a list including:

- **\$angle.compare**: a data frame including the real angles between species shape vectors `$real.angle`, the angles computed between vectors of the selected RWs (or PCs) `$selected`, the angles between vectors of the non-selected RWs (or PCs) `$others`, the differences `selected-others` and its p-values.
- **\$selected.pcs** RWs (or PCs) axes selected for convergence.
- **\$average.dist** symmetric matrix of pairwise distances between 3D surfaces.
- **\$surface1** list of colored surfaces representing convergence between mesh A and B charted on mesh A.

- **\$surface2** list of colored surfaces representing convergence between mesh A and B charted on mesh B.
- **\$scale** the value used to set the color gradient, computed as the maximum of all differences between each surface and the mean shape.

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See Also

[search.conv vignette](#) ; [relWarps](#) ; [procSym](#)

Examples

```
da<-"https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"
download.file(url=da,destfile = paste0(tempdir(),"/RRmorphdata.rda"))
load(paste0(tempdir(),"/RRmorphdata.rda"))

require(Morpho)

pca<-procSym(endo.set)
ldm_homo<-endo.set[,,"Homo_sapiens"]
sur_homo<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]
ldm_macaca<-endo.set[,,"Macaca_fuscata"]
sur_macaca<-endo.sur[["Macaca_fuscata"]]

# Convergence within group plotted on reconstructed surfaces
cm1<-conv.map(x1=c("Pan_troglodytes","Gorilla_gorilla","Pongo_abelii"),
             scores=pca$PCscores,pcs=pca$PCs,mshape=pca$mshape,
             focal=c("Pan_troglodytes","Gorilla_gorilla"))

# Convergence between group plotted on reconstructed surfaces
cm2<-conv.map(x1=c("Pongo_abelii"),x2=c("Alouatta_caraya"),
             scores=pca$PCscores,pcs=pca$PCs,mshape=pca$mshape,
             focal="Alouatta_caraya")

# Convergence within group plotted on real surfaces
cm3<-conv.map(x1=c("Homo_sapiens","Gorilla_gorilla","Pongo_abelii"),
```

```

scores=pca$PCscores,pcs=pca$PCs,mshape=pca$mshape,
refsur=list("Homo_sapiens"=sur_homo),
refmat=list("Homo_sapiens"=ldm_homo))

# Convergence between group plotted on real surfaces
cm3<-conv.map(x1=c("Homo_sapiens","Pongo_abelii"),x2=c("Macaca_fuscata"),
scores=pca$PCscores,pcs=pca$PCs,mshape=pca$mshape,
refsur=list("Homo_sapiens"=sur_homo,"Macaca_fuscata"=sur_macaca),
refmat=list("Homo_sapiens"=ldm_homo,"Macaca_fuscata"=ldm_macaca))

```

interpolMesh

Interpolate values on a 3d mesh

Description

The function takes a reconstructed mesh3d object (sur) with some related values (to either triangles or vertices of the mesh) and transfers such values to the real mesh (refsur) from which sur was derived.

Usage

```
interpolMesh(sur, values, refsur, refmat, element=c("triangles", "vertices"), k=4)
```

Arguments

sur	a reconstructed mesh3d object with vertices matching to refmat.
values	the vector of values related to sur to be interpolated. values can be related to either triangles or vertices (see element).
refsur	the reference mesh (mesh3d object) to interpolate the values on.
refmat	the landmark set related to refsur.
element	one of "triangles" or "vertices", depending on which of them values is related to.
k	the number of nearest neighbor vertices used for interpolation (see details).

Details

The function starts by locating a set of points (NNps) on refsur, each being the single nearest neighbor for each vertex of sur (or barycenter if element="triangles"). Then, interpolation is performed by identifying the k points among NNps being the closest to each vertex of refsur and computing the mean of their values weighted by their distance.

Value

The vector of values related to each vertex of refsur.

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Examples

```

da<-"https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"
download.file(url=da,destfile = paste0(tempdir(),"/RRmorphdata.rda"))
load(paste0(tempdir(),"/RRmorphdata.rda"))

require(rgl)
require(Morpho)
require(Rvcg)

pca<-procSym(endo.set)
ldm<-endo.set[,,"Homo_sapiens"]
sur<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]

rec<- vcgBallPivoting(pca$mshape, radius = 0)
rec$vb[1:3,]<-t(ldm)
val1<-rnorm(ncol(rec$vb))

# Interpolate values associated to vertices
val1<-rnorm(ncol(rec$vb))
interp1<-interpolMesh(sur = rec,refsur = sur,refmat = ldm,
                      values = val1,element ="vertices",k = 4)

colmesh1<-col2mesh(mesh = sur,values = interp1,pal = heat.colors(5))
open3d()
shade3d(colmesh1,specular="black")

# Interpolate values associated to triangles
val2<-rnorm(ncol(rec$it))
interp2<-interpolMesh(sur = rec,refsur = sur,refmat = ldm,
                      values = val2,element ="triangles",k = 4)

colmesh2<-col2mesh(mesh = sur,values = interp2,pal = heat.colors(5))
open3d()
shade3d(colmesh2,specular="black")

```

Description

The function relates PCA loadings of a single PC axis to individual landmarks and plots them on a 3d mesh by means of interpolation.

Usage

```
plotland(pca, sel=1, refsur=NULL, refmat=NULL, k=5, pal=NULL,
         defo=FALSE, radius=0.001)
```

Arguments

<code>pca</code>	the result of a relative warp analysis. Classes <code>relwarps</code> and <code>nosymproc</code> are supported.
<code>sel</code>	numeric indicating the focal RW/PC axis.
<code>refsur</code>	the mesh3d object to plot on. If NULL, the mesh is reconstructed by means of vcgBallPivoting from the consensus configuration derived from <code>pca</code> .
<code>refmat</code>	the landmark set related to <code>refsur</code> . If NULL, the consensus configuration derived from <code>pca</code> is used.
<code>k</code>	the argument <code>k</code> passed to interpolMesh .
<code>pal</code>	a vector of colors to be passed to colorRampPalette .
<code>defo</code>	when <code>refsur</code> and <code>refmat</code> are provided, <code>defo = TRUE</code> warps <code>refsur</code> on the consensus shape.
<code>radius</code>	argument <code>radius</code> passed to spheres3d

Value

A list including a mesh3d object colored according to landmarks importance and a matrix of landmarks importance on each RW/PC axis. Additionally, the function returns a 3d plot of the mesh.

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Examples

```
da<-"https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"
download.file(url=da, destfile = paste0(tempdir(), "/RRmorphdata.rda"))
load(paste0(tempdir(), "/RRmorphdata.rda"))

require(rgl)
require(Morpho)

pca<-procSym(endo.set)
ldm<-endo.set[, "Homo_sapiens"]
sur<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]

plotland(pca=pca, sel=1, refsur = sur, refmat = ldm)
```

plotLegend	<i>Plot legend for colored mesh.</i>
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Description

Assuming a mesh is colored according to a vector of values, the function takes the color sequence from the mesh and plots it associated to values.

Usage

```
plotLegend(mesh, values, main)
```

Arguments

mesh	a mesh3d object
values	a vector of continuous values associated to individual vertices of the mesh.
main	plot title.

Value

A plot of the color sequence associated to values on the mesh.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
da<-"https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"
download.file(url=da,destfile = paste0(tempdir(),"RRmorphdata.rda"))
load(paste0(tempdir(),"RRmorphdata.rda"))

require(rgl)
require(Morpho)
require(Rvcg)

pca<-procSym(endo.set)
ldm<-endo.set[,,"Homo_sapiens"]
sur<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]

rec<- vcgBallPivoting(pca$mshape, radius = 0)
rec$vb[1:3,]<-t(ldm)
val<-rnorm(ncol(rec$vb))

interp<-interp1Mesh(sur = rec,refsur = sur,refmat = ldm,
                    values = val,element ="vertices",k = 4)

colmesh<-col2mesh(mesh = sur,values = interp,pal = heat.colors(5))
plotLegend(mesh = colmesh,values = interp, main = "Pan troglodytes")
```

```
open3d()
shade3d(colmesh, specular="black")
```

rate.map

Mapping rate and direction of phenotypic change on 3D surfaces.

Description

Given vectors of RW (or PC) scores, the function selects the RW (PC) axes linked to highest (and lowest) evolutionary rate values and reconstructs the morphology weighted on them. In this way, `rate.map` shows where and how the phenotype changed the most between any pair of taxa.

Usage

```
rate.map(x, RR, scores, pcs, mshape, mshape_sur=NULL, refsur=NULL,
         refmat=NULL, k=4, out.rem = TRUE, plot=TRUE, pal=NULL,
         NAc01="gray90", from=NULL, to=NULL, show.names=TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	the species/nodes to be compared; it can be a single species, or a vector containing two species or a species and any of its parental nodes.
<code>RR</code>	an object generated by using the RRphylo function.
<code>scores</code>	RW or PC scores.
<code>pcs</code>	RW (or PC) vectors (eigenvectors of the covariance matrix) returned by RWA/PCA.
<code>mshape</code>	the consensus configuration.
<code>mshape_sur</code>	a <code>mesh3d</code> object used as a reference for mesh reconstruction. The vertices of <code>mshape_sur</code> must be the consensus configuration. If <code>NULL</code> , it is automatically generated by applying vcgBallPivoting on <code>mshape</code> .
<code>refsur</code>	a list of <code>mesh3d</code> to be provided for all species in <code>x</code> .
<code>refmat</code>	a list of landmark sets to be provided for all species in <code>x</code> .
<code>k</code>	the argument <code>k</code> passed to interpolMesh .
<code>out.rem</code>	logical: if <code>TRUE</code> mesh triangles with outlying area difference are removed.
<code>plot</code>	logical indicating if the 3d plot must be shown.
<code>pal</code>	a vector of colors to be passed to colorRampPalette .
<code>NAc01</code>	the argument <code>NAc01</code> passed to col2mesh .
<code>from, to</code>	lower and upper limits to be associated to the ends of <code>pal</code> .
<code>show.names</code>	logical: if <code>TRUE</code> , the names of the species are displayed in the 3d plot.

Details

After selecting the RW (PC) axes, `rate.map` automatically builds a 3D mesh on the mean shape calculated from the Relative Warp Analysis (RWA) or Principal Component Analysis (PCA) (Schlager 2017) by applying the function `vcgBallPivoting (Rvcg)`. The reconstruction of species 3d surfaces is based on `mshape_sur`, either provided by the user or generated within the function. Finally, for each species in `x`, the function computes the area differences between corresponding triangles of its reconstructed 3D mesh and the surface of the ancestor (most recent common ancestor in the case of two species in `x`). In the calculation of differences, the possibility to find and remove outliers is supplied (`out.rem=TRUE`, we suggest considering this possibility if the mesh may contain degenerate facets).

Finally, `rate.map` returns a 3D plot showing such comparisons displayed on shape of the ancestor/mrca used as the reference. The color gradient goes from blue to red, where blue areas represent expansion of the mesh, while the red areas represent contraction of the mesh triangles. If a list `refsur` (and `refmat`) is provided, convergence is plotted onto them (see `interpolMesh` for further details).

Value

The function returns a list including:

- **\$selected** a list of RWs/PCs axes selected for higher evolutionary rates for each species.
- **\$surfaces** a list of reconstructed colored surfaces of the given species/node and the most recent common ancestor.
- **differences** a list area differences between corresponding triangles of species reconstructed 3d mesh and the surface of the ancestor.
- **lmks** if `refmat` is not NULL, this is the landmark configuration rotated on the reconstructed surface .

Author(s)

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See Also

[RRphylo vignette](#) ; [relWarps](#) ; [procSym](#)

Examples

```

da<- "https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"
download.file(url=da, destfile = paste0(tempdir(), "/RRmorphdata.rda"))
load(paste0(tempdir(), "/RRmorphdata.rda"))

require(Morpho)
require(Rvcg)

pca<-procSym(endo.set)
ldm_homo<-endo.set[, "Homo_sapiens"]
sur_homo<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]
ldm_macaca<-endo.set[, "Macaca_fuscata"]
sur_macaca<-endo.sur[["Macaca_fuscata"]]

cc<- 2/parallel::detectCores()
RR<-RRphylo::RRphylo(tree.prima, pca$PCscores, clus=cc)

# plotting on reconstructed surfaces
Rmap1<-rate.map(x=c("Homo_sapiens", "Macaca_fuscata"), RR=RR, scores=pca$PCscores,
               pcs=pca$PCs, mshape=pca$mshape)

# plotting on real surfaces
Rmap2<-rate.map(x=c("Homo_sapiens", "Macaca_fuscata"), RR=RR, scores=pca$PCscores,
               pcs=pca$PCs, mshape=pca$mshape,
               refsur=list("Homo_sapiens"=sur_homo, "Macaca_fuscata"=sur_macaca),
               refmat=list("Homo_sapiens"=ldm_homo, "Macaca_fuscata"=ldm_macaca))

```

shapeDiff

Shape difference between 3d meshes

Description

The function reconstructs two specimens' meshes (*x*) by using their superimposed configurations (from within *pca*), calculates the shape difference between them, and plots such differences on provided meshes (*refsur*).

Usage

```

shapeDiff(x, pca, refsur, refmat, mshape_sur = NULL,
          pal=NULL, NAcot="gray90", show.names=TRUE)

```

Arguments

<i>x</i>	a vector of specimens pair.
<i>pca</i>	the result of a relative warp analysis. Classes <i>relwarps</i> and <i>nosymproc</i> are both accepted.
<i>refsur</i>	a list of two <i>mesh3d</i> objects to be provided in the same order as <i>x</i> .

refmat	a list of two landmark sets related to refsur to be provided in the same order as x.
mshape_sur	a mesh3d object used as a reference for mesh reconstruction. The vertices of mshape_sur must be the consensus configuration. If NULL, it is automatically generated by applying vcgBallPivoting on the consensus configuration derived from pca.
pal	a vector of colors to be passed to colorRampPalette .
NACol	the color associated to refsur vertices falling outside the range of refmat (not involved in interpolation).
show.names	logical: if TRUE, the names of the specimens as in x are displayed in the 3d plot.

Value

Two mesh3d objects colored according to shape differences. Additionally, the function returns 3d plots of the meshes.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
da<-"https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"
download.file(url=da,destfile = paste0(tempdir(),"RRmorphdata.rda"))
load(paste0(tempdir(),"RRmorphdata.rda"))

require(Morpho)

pca<-procSym(endo.set)
ldm_homo<-endo.set[,,"Homo_sapiens"]
sur_homo<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]
ldm_macaca<-endo.set[,,"Macaca_fuscata"]
sur_macaca<-endo.sur[["Macaca_fuscata"]]

diffs<-RRmorph::shapeDiff(x=c("Homo_sapiens","Macaca_fuscata"),
  pca = pca,refsur = list(sur_homo,sur_macaca),
  refmat = list(ldm_homo,ldm_macaca))
```

tri2verts

Triangles to vertices

Description

The function transfers values associated to triangles of a mesh3d object to its vertices.

Usage

```
tri2verts(mesh,values)
```

Arguments

mesh a mesh3d object.
values a vector of continuous values associated to individual triangles of the mesh.

Value

A vector of continuous values associated to individual vertices of the mesh.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
da<-"https://github.com/pasraia/RRmorph_example_data/raw/refs/heads/main/RRmorphdata.rda"  
download.file(url=da,destfile = paste0(tempdir(),"RRmorphdata.rda"))  
load(paste0(tempdir(),"RRmorphdata.rda"))  
  
require(Morpho)  
require(Rvcg)  
  
pca<-procSym(endo.set)  
ldm<-endo.set[,,"Homo_sapiens"]  
sur<-endo.sur[["Homo_sapiens"]]  
  
rec<-vcgBallPivoting(pca$mshape, radius = 0)  
rec$vb[1:3,]<-t(ldm)  
val<-rnorm(ncol(rec$vb))  
  
vertval<-tri2verts(rec,val)
```

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