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allocc      *Allocation accesions*

## Description

This function determining the numbers of entries from each cluster (from entire collection) included in a core collection.

## Usage

```
allocc(x, groups, fraction = 0.1, method = "Pro")
```

**Arguments**

x	data frame including name of accessions, number of groups and value for quantitative traits (phenotypic data)
groups	defining column where present number of groups (clusters)
fraction	defining size of core collections, as fraction of accessions from entire collection
method	string defining the allocation method. The four methods implemented are "Pro" (proportional), "Log" (logarithmic), "D2" (D2 allocation method) and "D3" (D3 allocation method)

**Details**

Four allocation methods were used in this function. Two of these methods based on the group size, are commonly known as the proportional (Pro) and logarithmic (Log) methods. Franco et al. (2005) proposed allocation methods for determining the number of accessions taken from a group based on the mean of the Gower's distance between accessions within the group. The respective allocation methods suggested by Franco et al. (2005) are called as D2 and D3. The first, D2, allocation method determines that the size of the sample to be drawn from each group should be proportional to the mean squared Euclidean distance between the accessions within that group and size group. The D3 allocation method based on proportional to the mean squared Euclidean distance between the accessions within that group and logarithm from size of the group.

**Value**

Return a matrix of groups and numbers accessions including in core collection.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

For information about the allocation method for developing core collection, see:

van Hintum Th., Brown A., Spillane C., Hodgkin T. 2000. Core collections of plant genetic resources. IPGRI Technical Bulletin No. 3. IPGRI, Rome

Franco J., Crossa J., Taba S., Shands H. 2005. A sampling strategy for conserving genetic diversity when forming core subsets. *Crop Sci.* 45:1035-1044

Studnicki, M., Madry, W., Kociuba, W. 2010. The efficiency and effectiveness of sampling strategies used to develop a core collection for the Polish spring triticale (*Triticosecale* Wittm.) germplasm resources. *Communications in Biometry and Crop Science* 5 (2), 127-137

**Examples**

```
data(dactylis_EC)
allocc(dactylis_EC, dactylis_EC$UPGMA)
allocc(dactylis_EC, dactylis_EC$UPGMA, fraction = 0.15, method = 'D2')
```

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`dactylis_CC`*Core collection of orchadgrass*

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**Description**

Core collection of orchadgrass (*Dactylis glomerata* L.) obtain from enitre collection, held at Botanical Garden of Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute in Bydgoszcz, Poland. Core collection establish used stratified method with Pro allocation method and random sampling.

**Usage**

```
data(dactylis_CC)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 197 accessions on the following 8 variables.

X1 plant height (cm)

X2 inflorescence length

X3 leaf width (cm)

X4 leaf length (cm)

X5 total seasonal yield (kg)

X6 1000 kernel weight (g)

X7 number of days since the 1st April to inflorescence emergence

X8 number of days since the 1st April to inflorescence

**Examples**

```
data(dactylis_CC)
data(dactylis_CC)
```

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`dactylis_EC`*The orchadgrass germplasm collection*

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**Description**

The orchadgrass (*Dactylis glomerata* L.) germplasm collection, held at Botanical Garden of Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute in Bydgoszcz, Poland. The number of accessions was limited by the availability of the data on the 8 important agro-morphological traits. ). The accessions were assessed in the field trials located at Botanical Garden of Plant Breeding and Acclimatization Institute in Bydgoszcz, Poland (53.174 N, 18.046 E)

**Usage**

```
data(dactylis_EC)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 1971 accessions on the following 8 variables and classification by UPGMA methods.

UPGMA classification accessions by UPGMA cluster analysis methods

X1 plant height (cm)

X2 inflorescence length

X3 leaf width (cm)

X4 leaf length (cm)

X5 total seasonal yield (kg)

X6 1000 kernel weight (g)

X7 number of days since the 1st April to inflorescence emergence

X8 number of days since the 1st April to inflorescence

**Examples**

```
data(dactylis_EC)
summary(dactylis_EC)
```

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evalucc

*Evaluation of core collection.*

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**Description**

This function evaluation efficiency of the new core collection, using the four parameters.

**Usage**

```
evalucc(CC, EC)
```

**Arguments**

CC data frame including value of quantitative traits (phenotypic data) for core collection

EC data frame including value of quantitative traits (phenotypic data) for entire collection

**Details**

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**Value**

Return a matrix present a value of four parameters- DD

**Author(s)**

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**References**

For information about the evaluation of core collection, see:

Franco J., Crossa J., Taba S., Shands H. 2005. A sampling strategy for conserving genetic diversity when forming core subsets. *Crop Sci.* 45:1035-1044

Hu J., Zhu J., Xu H.M. 2000. Methods of constructing core collections by stepwise clustering with three sampling strategies based on the genotypic values of crops. *Theoretical and Applied Genetics* 101:264-268

Kim K.W., Chung H.K., Cho G.T., Ma K.H., Chandrabalan D., Gwag J.G., Kim T.S., Cho E.G., Park Y.J. 2007. PowerCore: a program applying the advanced M strategy with a heuristic search for establishing core sets. *Bioinformatics* 23:2155-2162

Studnicki, M., Madry, W., Kociuba, W. 2010. The efficiency and effectiveness of sampling strategies used to develop a core collection for the Polish spring triticale (*Triticosecale* Wittm.) germplasm resources. *Communications in Biometry and Crop Science* 5:127-137

Wang J., Hu J., Zhang C.F., Zhang S. 2007. A strategy on constructing core collections by least distance stepwise sampling. *Theoretical and Applied Genetics* 15:1-8

**Examples**

```
data(dactylis_CC)
data(dactylis_EC)
dactylis_EC<-subset(dactylis_EC, select= -UPGMA)
evalucc(dactylis_CC, dactylis_EC)
```

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randomcc

*Random selection of core collections*

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**Description**

This function developing core collection use random sampling methods.

**Usage**

```
randomcc(x, fraction = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

x                      data frame including value of quantitative traits (phenotypic data)  
fraction                defining size of core collections, as fraction of accessions from entire collection

**Value**

Return a data frame including selected to core collection acessions

**Author(s)**

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**References**

For information about the random method used to developing core collection, see:

van Hintum Th., Brown A., Spillane C., Hodgkin T. 2000. Core collections of plant genetic resources. IPGRI Technical Bulletin No. 3. IPGRI, Rome

**Examples**

```
data(dactylis_EC)
randomcc(dactylis_EC)
randomcc(dactylis_EC, fraction = 0.2)
```

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stratcc

*Stratified selection of core collections*


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**Description**

This function developing core collection use stratified sampling methods.

**Usage**

```
stratcc(x, groups, alloc = "Pro", fraction = 0.1, clustering = FALSE, cluster_method = "ward")
```

**Arguments**

x	data frame including classifications of accessions (number of groups) and value quantitaive traits (phenotypic data)
groups	defining column where present classifications of accessions (groups)
alloc	string defining the allocation method. The four methods implemented are "Pro" (propotional) , "Log" (logarytmic), "D2" (D2 alocation method) and "D3" (D3 alocation method)
fraction	defining size of core collections, as fraction of accesions from entire collection
clustering	if TRUE to selecting accesions in group used clustered sampling method. If FALSE to sample of accessions in group used random sampling method.
cluster_method	when clustering=TRUE defining cluster analysis methods.

## Details

The first step of stratified methods in the development of core collections is stratification (grouping, classification). The next step was allocation, i.e. determining the number of entries from each cluster (group) included in a core collection. The third, final, step of stratified methods is selection of accessions. Two sampling methods were used. These are random and clustered sampling methods. The random sampling method was based on a simple random sample of accessions in each group (van Hintum et al. 2000). The clustered sampling method is a non-random (restricted-random) sampling method which involves dividing accessions in each group into homogeneous subgroups by cluster analysis. The number of subgroups for a group was specified in an allocation method and was equal to the number of accessions from this group being selected to a core. From each subgroup containing more accessions only one of them was randomly selected to a core subset and from each one-entry subgroup just this accession was selected.

## Value

Return a data frame including selected to core collection accessions

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van Hintum Th., Brown A., Spillane C., Hodgkin T. 2000. Core collections of plant genetic resources. IPGRI Technical Bulletin No. 3. IPGRI, Rome

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## See Also

[alocc](#)

## Examples

```
data(dactylis_EC)
stratcc(dactylis_EC, dactylis_EC$UPGMA)
stratcc(dactylis_EC, dactylis_EC$UPGMA, clustering = TRUE, cluster_method = "average")
```



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