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final\_output\_gen

Generating the final combined bug output

## **Description**

Generating the final combined bug output

### Usage

```
final_output_gen(
  no_diff_feat,
  diff_abun_features,
  diff_Y,
  null_Y,
  diff_bugs,
  nodiff_bugs,
  final_output = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
no_diff_feat number of non differentially abundant features
diff_abun_features
number of differentially abundant features
diff_Y simulated outcome for differentially abundant features
null_Y simulated outcome for non differentially abundant features
diff_bugs sample information for differentially abundant features
nodiff_bugs sample information for non differentially abundant features
final_output final object that will store the simulated data
```

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#### Value

final output list with the OTU table and corresponding bug feature data.frame

form_beta_check	Beta Specification Check
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#### **Description**

Function for checking that the appropriate beta parameters are specified for each of the mean trend specifications

## Usage

```
form_beta_check(form, beta, IP, timepoints)
```

#### Arguments

form character value	specifying the type	e of time trend.	Options include	'linear',
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'quadratic', 'cubic', 'M', 'W', 'L\_up', and 'L\_down'.

beta vector specifying the appropriate parameters for functional trend. See details of

mean\_trend for explanation for each form

IP vector specifying the inflection points. See details of mean\_trend for explana-

tion for each form

timepoints numeric vector specifying the points to fit the functional trend.

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#### Value

Nothing returned unless an error is returned.

```
gen_microbiome_norm_feature_check

Checking that features are specified appopriately
```

# Description

Checking that features are specified appopriately

#### Usage

```
gen_microbiome_norm_feature_check(features, diff_abun_features)
```

## **Arguments**

features Numeric value specifying the total number of features to simulate in the micro-

biome. Must be greater than zero

diff\_abun\_features

Number of features to simulate with differentially abundant pattern. Must be

between zero and number of features specified

#### Value

Potential warning message if no differentially abundant features or all differentially abundant features are specified

 ${\tt gen\_norm\_microbiome} \qquad {\tt Generate\ Longitduinal\ Differential\ Abundance\ from\ Multivariate\ Normal}$ 

#### **Description**

Generate Longitduinal Differential Abundance from Multivariate Normal

## Usage

```
gen_norm_microbiome(
  features = 10,
 diff_abun_features = 5,
 n_control,
 n_treat,
 control_mean,
  sigma,
 num_timepoints,
  t_interval,
  corr_str = c("ar1", "compound", "ind"),
  func_form = c("linear", "quadratic", "cubic", "M", "W", "L_up", "L_down"),
 beta,
  IP = NULL
 missing_pct,
 missing_per_subject,
 miss_val = NA,
  dis_plot = FALSE
 plot_trend = FALSE,
 zero_trunc = TRUE,
  asynch_time = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

numeric value specifying the number of features/microbes to simulate. Default is 10.

diff\_abun\_features
 numeric value specifying the number of differentially abundant features. Default is 5.

n\_control integer value specifying the number of control individuals

n\_treat integer value specifying the number of treated individuals

control\_mean numeric value specifying the mean value for control subjects. all control subjects are assummed to have the same population mean value.

sigma numeric value specifying the global population standard deviation for both con-

trol and treated individuals.

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num_timepoints	integer value specifying the number of timepoints per subject.
t_interval	numeric vector of length two specifying the interval of time from which to draw observations $[t_1, t_q]$ . Assumed to be equally spaced over the interval unless asynch_time is set to TRUE.
rho	value for the correlation parameter. must be between $[0,1]$ . see ${\tt mvrnorm\_corr\_gen}$ for details.
corr_str	correlation structure selected. see mvrnorm_corr_gen for details.
func_form	character value specifying the functional form for the longituuinal mean trend. see mean_trend for details.
beta	vector value specifying the parameters for the differential abundance function. see mean_trend for details.
IP	vector specifying any inflection points. depends on the type of functional form specified. see mean_trend for details. by default this is set to NULL.
missing_pct	numeric value that must be between [0, \1] that specifies what percentage of the individuals will have missing values.
missing_per_sub	
	integer value specifying how many observations per subject should be dropped. note that we assume that all individuals must have baseline value, meaning that the maximum number of missing_per_subject is equal to num_timepoints - 1.
miss_val	value used to induce missingness from the simulated data. by default missing values are assummed to be NA but other common choices include 0.
dis_plot	logical argument on whether to plot the simulated data or not. by default plotting is turned off.
plot_trend	specifies whether to plot the true mean trend. see mean_trend for details.
zero_trunc	logical indicator designating whether simulated outcomes should be zero truncated. default is set to TRUE
asynch_time	logical indicator designed to randomly sample timepoints over a specified interval if set to TRUE. default is FALSE.

## Value

This function returns a list with the following objects

Y The full simulated feature sample matrix where each row represent a feature and each column a sample. Note that the differential and non-differential bugs are marked by row.names

```
gen_norm_microbiome_obs
```

Generate Longitduinal Differential Abundance from Multivariate Normal with Observed Data

## Description

Generate Longitduinal Differential Abundance from Multivariate Normal with Observed Data

## Usage

```
gen_norm_microbiome_obs(
  features = 10,
  diff_abun_features = 5,
  id,
  time,
  group,
  ref,
  control_mean,
  sigma,
  rho,
  corr_str = c("ar1", "compound", "ind"),
  func_form = c("linear", "quadratic", "cubic", "M", "W", "L_up", "L_down"),
  beta,
  IP = NULL,
  dis_plot = FALSE,
  plot_trend = FALSE,
  zero\_trunc = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

features	numeric value specifying the number of features/microbes to simulate. Default is 10.
diff_abun_feat	ures
	numeric value specifying the number of differentially abundant features. Default is 5.
id	vector of length N that identifies repeated measurements for each unit
time	vector of length N that determines when values will be sampled for each unit
group	factor vector with two levels indicating the group assignment for each respective id
ref	character value identifying which group value to treat as control and which value to treat as treatment
control_mean	numeric value specifying the mean value for control subjects. all control subjects are assummed to have the same population mean value.
sigma	numeric value specifying the global population standard deviation for both control and treated individuals.
rho	value for the correlation parameter. must be between [0, 1]. see mvrnorm_corr_gen

for details.

corr_str	correlation structure selected. see mvrnorm_corr_gen for details.
func_form	character value specifying the functional form for the longituuinal mean trend. see mean_trend for details.
beta	vector value specifying the parameters for the differential abundance function. see mean_trend for details.
IP	vector specifying any inflection points. depends on the type of functional form specified. see mean_trend for details. by default this is set to NULL.
dis_plot	logical argument on whether to plot the simulated data or not. by default plotting is turned off.
plot_trend	specifies whether to plot the true mean trend. see mean_trend for details.
zero_trunc	logical indicator designating whether simulated outcomes should be zero truncated. default is set to TRUE

#### Value

This function returns a list with the following objects

Y The full simulated feature sample matrix where each row represent a feature and each column a sample. Note that the differential and non-differential bugs are marked by row.names

```
set.seed(011520)
id_list <- lapply(seq_len(60), function(i){</pre>
obs <- sample(5:10, size=1)</pre>
id_rep <- rep(i, obs)</pre>
})
time_interval <- c(0, 10)
time_list <- lapply(id_list, function(x){</pre>
time_len <- length(x)</pre>
times <- runif(time_len, min=time_interval[1], max=time_interval[2])</pre>
times <- times[order(times)]</pre>
})
group_list <- lapply(id_list, function(x){</pre>
group_len <- length(x)</pre>
tx_ind <- sample(seq_len(2), 1)</pre>
tx_group <- ifelse(tx_ind==1, "Control", "Treatment")</pre>
groups <- rep(tx_group, group_len)</pre>
})
id <- unlist(id_list)</pre>
group <- factor(unlist(group_list), levels = c("Control", "Treatment"))</pre>
time <- unlist(time_list)</pre>
# control times
ct <- unlist(lapply(unique(id[group=="Control"]), function(x){</pre>
length(id[id==x])
tt <- unlist(lapply(unique(id[group=="Treatment"]), function(x){</pre>
length(id[id==x])
}))
mean(ct)
mean(tt)
```

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ggplot\_spaghetti

Spaghetti Plots using ggplot2

#### **Description**

This function allows the user to create spaghetti plots for individuals with time varying covariates. You can also break this down into subgroups to analyze different trentds.

## Usage

```
ggplot_spaghetti(
   y,
   id,
   time,
   alpha = 0.2,
   method = "loess",
   jit = 0,
   group = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

У	This is the y-axis parameter to specify. Generally it is a continuous variable.
id	This is the id parameter that identifies the unique individuals or units.
time	This is the time vector and must be numeric.
alpha	Scalar value between [0,1] that specifies the transparencey of the lineplots.
method	Character value that specifies which type of method to use for fitting. Optional methods come from geom_smooth function.
jit	Scalar value that specifies how much you want to jitter each individual observation. Useful if many of the values share the same y values at a time point.
group	Specifies a grouping variable to be used, and will plot it by color on one single plot.

## **Details**

Note that the data must be in long format.

# Value

Plots a time series data by each individual/unit with group trends overlayed.

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#### **Examples**

IP\_form\_check

Inflection point check for mean\_trend

## **Description**

Inflection point check for mean\_trend

#### Usage

```
IP_form_check(form, beta, IP, timepoints)
```

# Arguments

form	character value specifying the type of time trend. Options include 'linear', 'quadratic', 'cubic', 'M', 'W', 'L_up', and 'L_down'.
beta	vector specifying the appropriate parameters for functional trend. See details of mean_trend for explanation for each form
IP	vector specifying the inflection points. See details of $mean\_trend$ for explanation for each form
timepoints	numeric vector specifying the points to fit the functional trend.

### Value

Updated inflection point vector

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mean\_trend

Function for Generating Various Longitudinal Mean Trends

#### **Description**

In order to investigate different functional forms of longitudinal differential abundance we allow the mean time trend to take a variety of forms. These functional forms include linear, quadratic, cubic, M, W, L\_up, or L\_down. For each form the direction/concavity/fold change can be specified using the beta parameter.

#### Usage

```
mean_trend(
   timepoints,
   form = c("linear", "quadratic", "cubic", "M", "W", "L_up", "L_down"),
   beta,
   IP = NULL,
   plot_trend = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

timepoints numeric vector specifying the points to fit the functional trend.

form character value specifying the type of time trend. Options include 'linear',

'quadratic', 'cubic', 'M', 'W', 'L\_up', and 'L\_down'.

beta vector specifying the appropriate parameters for the equation. In the case of

'linear', beta should be a two-dimensional vector specifying the intercept and slope. See details for the further explanation of the beta value for each form.

IP vector specifying the inflection points where changes occur for functional forms

M, W, and L trends.

plot\_trend logical value indicating whether a plot should be produced for the time trend.

By default this is set to TRUE.

## **Details**

Linear Form Notes:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$$

• Sign of  $\beta_1$  determines whether the trend is increasing (+) or decreasing (-)

Quadratic Form Notes:

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2$$

- Critical point for quadratic function occurs at the point  $\frac{-\beta_1}{2\beta_2}$
- $\beta_2$  determines whether the quadratic is concave up (+) or concave down (-)

**Cubic Form Notes:** 

$$f(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \beta_3 x^3$$

- Point of Inflection for cubic function occurs  $\frac{-\beta_2}{(3\beta_3)}$
- Critical points for cubic function occur at  $\frac{-\beta_2\pm\sqrt{\beta_2^2-3\beta_1\beta_3}}{3\beta_3}$

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• Can generate piecewise linear trends, i.e. 'V' form, by placing either one of the IP points outside of the timepoints specified

#### M/W Form Notes:

- Must specify beta as  $(\beta_0, \beta_1)$  and IP as  $(IP_1, IP_2, IP_3)$
- This form should be specified with an initial intercept,  $\beta_0$ , and slope,  $\beta_1$ , that will connect to the first point of change (IP) specified.
- Subsequent slopes are constructed such that the mean value at the second IP value and final timepoint are 0
- The mean value at the third IP is set to be equal to the calculcated mean value at the first IP based on the specified intercept and slope.
- $\beta_0$ =intercept, i.e. timepoint when y=0
- $\beta_1$ =slope between  $\beta_0$  and  $IP_1$

## L\_up Form Notes:

The structure of this form assumes that there is no trend from  $t_1$  to  $IP_1$ . Then at the point of change specified,  $IP_1$ , there occurs a linearly increasing trend with slope equal to  $\beta_{slope}$  up to the last specified timepoint  $t_q$ .

- Must specify beta as  $(\beta_{slope})$ , and must be positive
- Specify a single point of change (IP) variable where positive trend will start
- IP must be between  $[t_1, t_a]$

#### L down Form Notes:

Similarily, the L\_down form assumes that there are two region within the range of timepoints. The first region is a decreasing trend and the second region has no trend. The decreasing trend must start with a Y intercept greater than zero, and the slope must be specified as negative. There is one point of change (IP), but this is calculated automatically based on the values of the Y intercept and slope provided,  $IP=-\beta_{yintercept}/\beta_{slope}$ .

- Must specify beta as  $(\beta_{yintercept}, \beta_{slope})$  where  $\beta_{yintercept}$ >0 and  $\beta_{slope}$ <0
- IP variable should be specified as NULL, if value is provided it will be ignored.

#### Value

This function returns a list of the following

form - character value repeating the form selected

trend - data.frame with the variables mu representing the estimated mean value at timepoints used for fitting the trend

beta - returning the numeric vector used to fit the functional form

mean\_trend\_beta\_vec

Create beta vector for mean\_trend for all functional forms

#### **Description**

Create beta vector for mean\_trend for all functional forms

#### Usage

```
mean_trend_beta_vec(form, beta, IP, timepoints)
```

#### **Arguments**

form	character value specifying the type of time trend. Options include 'line	ear',

'quadratic', 'cubic', 'M', 'W', 'L\_up', and 'L\_down'.

beta vector specifying the appropriate parameters for functional trend. See details of

mean\_trend for explanation for each form

IP vector specifying the inflection points. See details of mean\_trend for explana-

tion for each form

timepoints numeric vector specifying the points to fit the functional trend.

#### Value

Vector with beta values used to create mean\_tend

## **Description**

By taking in the user specified parameters, we can return a design matrix to use when creating the differential longitudinal abundance.

```
mean_trend_design_mat(form, beta, IP, timepoints)
```

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#### **Arguments**

form character value specifying the type of time trend. Options include 'linear',

'quadratic', 'cubic', 'M', 'W', 'L\_up', and 'L\_down'.

beta vector specifying the appropriate parameters for functional trend. See details of

mean\_trend for explanation for each form

IP vector specifying the inflection points. See details of mean\_trend for explana-

tion for each form

timepoints numeric vector specifying the points to fit the functional trend.

#### Value

Numeric matrix with values that will be used to generate functional trends

mvrnorm\_corr\_gen

Generate Multivariate Random Normal Longitudinal Data

#### **Description**

For this methodology we assume that we draw a set of n independent each with  $q_i$  observations.

## Usage

```
mvrnorm_corr_gen(
    n,
    obs,
    t,
    mu,
    sigma,
    rho,
    corr_str = c("ar1", "compound", "ind"),
    zero_trunc = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

n integer scalar representing the total number of individuals

obs vector of length n specifying the number of observations per indivdiual.

t vector corresponding to the timepoints for each individual.

mu vector specifying the mean value for individuals.

sigma scalar specifying the standard deviation for all observations.

rho numeric scalar value between [0, 1] specifying the amount of correlation be-

tween. assumes that the correlation is consistent for all subjects.

corr\_str character value specifying the correlation structure. Currently available methods

are \'ar1\', \'compound\', and \'ind\' which correspond to first-order autoregres-

sive, compound or equicorrelation, and independence respecitvely.

zero\_trunc logical value to specifying whether the generating distribution should come from

a multivariate zero truncated normal or an untruncated multivariate normal. by default we assume that zero truncation occurs since this is assummed in our

microbiome setting.

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#### Value

This function returns a list with the following objects:

df - data.frame object with complete outcome Y, subject ID, time, group, and outcome with missing data

Y - vector of complete outcome

Mu - vector of complete mean specifications used during simulation

Sigma - block diagonal symmetric matrix of complete data used during simulation

N - total number of observations

#### **Examples**

```
size <- 15
reps <- 4
N <- size*reps
mvrnorm_corr_gen(n=size, obs=rep(reps, size), t=rep(seq_len(4), size),
mu=rep(1, N), sigma=2, rho=0.9, corr_str="ar1")</pre>
```

mvrnorm\_sim

Simulate Microbiome Longitudinal Data from Multivariate Random Normal

#### **Description**

This function is used in the gen\_norm\_microbiome call when the user specified the method as myrnorm.

```
mvrnorm_sim(
  n_control,
  n_treat,
  control_mean,
  sigma,
  num_timepoints,
  t_interval,
  corr_str = c("ar1", "compound", "ind"),
  func_form = c("linear", "quadratic", "cubic", "M", "W", "L_up", "L_down"),
  beta,
  IP = NULL
  missing_pct,
  missing_per_subject,
  miss_val = NA,
  dis_plot = FALSE
  plot_trend = FALSE,
  zero_trunc = TRUE,
  asynch_time = FALSE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

integer value specifying the number of control individuals n\_control n treat integer value specifying the number of treated individuals control\_mean numeric value specifying the mean value for control subjects. all control subjects are assummed to have the same population mean value. sigma numeric value specifying the global population standard deviation for both control and treated individuals. either an integer value specifying the number of timepoints per subject or a num\_timepoints vector of timepoints for each subject. If supplying a vector the lenght of the vector must equal the total number of subjects. numeric vector of length two specifying the interval of time from which to draw t\_interval observatoins [t\_1, t\_q]. Assumed to be equally spaced over the interval unless asynch\_time is set to TRUE. rho value for the correlation parameter. must be between [0, 1]. see mvrnorm\_corr\_gen for details. correlation structure selected. see mvrnorm\_corr\_gen for details. corr\_str character value specifying the functional form for the longituuinal mean trend. func\_form see mean\_trend for details. vector value specifying the parameters for the differential abundance function. beta see mean\_trend for details. ΙP vector specifying any inflection points. depends on the type of functional form specified. see mean\_trend for details. by default this is set to NULL. missing\_pct numeric value that must be between [0, \1] that specifies what percentage of the individuals will have missing values. missing\_per\_subject integer value specifying how many observations per subject should be dropped. note that we assume that all individuals must have baseline value, meaning that the maximum number of missing\_per\_subject is equal to num\_timepoints miss\_val value used to induce missingness from the simulated data. by default missing values are assummed to be NA but other common choices include 0. dis\_plot logical argument on whether to plot the simulated data or not. by default plotting is turned off. plot\_trend specifies whether to plot the true mean trend. see mean\_trend for details. zero\_trunc logical indicator designating whether simulated outcomes should be zero truncated. default is set to TRUE logical indicator designed to randomly sample timepoints over a specified interasynch\_time val if set to TRUE, default is FALSE.

#### Value

This function returns a list with the following objects:

df - data.frame object with complete outcome Y, subject ID, time, group, and outcome with missing data

Y - vector of complete outcome

Mu - vector of complete mean specifications used during simulation

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Sigma - block diagonal symmetric matrix of complete data used during simulation

N - total number of observations

miss\_data - data.frame object that lists which ID's and timepoints were randomly selected to induce missingness

Y\_obs - vector of outcome with induced missingness

#### **Examples**

mvrnorm\_sim\_obs

Simulate Microbiome Longitudinal Data from Multivariate Random Normal with Observed Data

#### **Description**

This function is used in the gen\_norm\_microbiome\_obs call.

```
mvrnorm_sim_obs(
   id,
   time,
   group,
   ref,
   control_mean,
   sigma,
   rho,
   corr_str = c("ar1", "compound", "ind"),
   func_form = c("linear", "quadratic", "cubic", "M", "W", "L_up", "L_down"),
   beta,
   IP = NULL,
   dis_plot = FALSE,
   plot_trend = FALSE,
```

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```
zero_trunc = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

id	vector of length N that identifies repeated measurements for each unit
time	vector of length N that determines when values will be sampled for each unit
group	factor vector with two levels indicating the group assignment for each respective id
ref	character value identifying which group value to treat as control and which value to treat as treatment
control_mean	numeric value specifying the mean value for control subjects. all control subjects are assummed to have the same population mean value.
sigma	numeric value specifying the global population standard deviation for both control and treated individuals.
rho	value for the correlation parameter. must be between $[0, 1]$ . see mvrnorm_corr_gen for details.
corr_str	correlation structure selected. see mvrnorm_corr_gen for details.
func_form	character value specifying the functional form for the longituuinal mean trend. see mean_trend for details.
beta	vector value specifying the parameters for the differential abundance function. see mean_trend for details.
IP	vector specifying any inflection points. depends on the type of functional form specified. see mean_trend for details. by default this is set to NULL.
dis_plot	logical argument on whether to plot the simulated data or not. by default plotting is turned off.
plot_trend	specifies whether to plot the true mean trend. see mean_trend for details.
zero_trunc	logical indicator designating whether simulated outcomes should be zero trun-

#### Value

This function returns a list with the following objects:

df - data.frame object with complete outcome Y, subject ID, time, group, and outcome with missing data

Y - vector of complete outcome

 $\mbox{\it Mu}$  - vector of complete mean specifications used during simulation

Sigma - block diagonal symmetric matrix of complete data used during simulation

N - total number of observations

```
set.seed(011520)
id_list <- lapply(seq_len(30), function(i){
obs <- sample(seq_len(10), size=1)
id_rep <- rep(i, obs)
})</pre>
```

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```
time_interval <- c(0, 10)</pre>
time_list <- lapply(id_list, function(x){</pre>
time_len <- length(x)</pre>
times <- runif(time_len, min=time_interval[1], max=time_interval[2])</pre>
times <- times[order(times)]</pre>
})
group_list <- lapply(id_list, function(x){</pre>
group_len <- length(x)</pre>
tx_ind <- sample(seq_len(2), 1)</pre>
tx_group <- ifelse(tx_ind==1, "Control", "Treatment")</pre>
groups <- rep(tx_group, group_len)</pre>
})
id <- unlist(id_list)</pre>
group <- factor(unlist(group_list), levels = c("Control", "Treatment"))</pre>
time <- unlist(time_list)</pre>
# N=173 total repeated measurements
length(id)
# 15 control and 15 treated subjects
table(group[unique(id)])
# control times
ct <- unlist(lapply(unique(id[group=="Control"]), function(x){</pre>
length(id[id==x])
}))
#treatment times
tt <- unlist(lapply(unique(id[group=="Treatment"]), function(x){</pre>
length(id[id==x])
}))
# on average the treatment group has one more observation than control
mean(ct)
mean(tt)
mvrnorm_sim_obs(id=id, time=time, group=group, ref="Control", control_mean=2,
                sigma=1, rho=0.7, corr_str="compound", func_form="L_up",
                beta=1, IP=5, plot_trend=TRUE, dis_plot=TRUE, zero_trunc=TRUE)
```

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\tt sigma\_corr\_function} & {\tt \it Generating the longitudinal correlation \it matrix for repeated \it observations} \\ & {\tt \it tions} \end{array}$ 

## **Description**

Generating the longitudinal correlation matrix for repeated observations

```
sigma_corr_function(t, sigma, corr_str, rho)
```

#### Arguments

t	timepoints	for repeated	observations

sigma the standard deviation parameter for the covariance matrix

corr\_str the type of correlatin structure chosen. options currently available include "ar1",

"compound", and "ind"

rho the correlation coefficient for non-independent structures

#### Value

Return the covariance matrix V as a list

simulate2MRexperiment Convert simulated output to MRexperiment object

## **Description**

In order to allow investigators to more easily incorporate simulated data, this package converts the raw output into an MRexperiment object used in the metagenomeSeq package.

#### Usage

```
simulate2MRexperiment(obj, missing = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

obj output from either gen\_norm\_microbiome or mvrnorm\_sim

missing logical indicator for objects from mvrnorm\_sim. If missing = TRUE then create

MRexperiment object with Y\_obs else use Y.

#### Value

An MRexperiment object

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simulate2phyloseq

Convert simulated output to phyloseg object

#### **Description**

This function will convert simulated data into a phyloseq object.

#### Usage

```
simulate2phyloseq(obj, missing = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj output from either gen\_norm\_microbiome or mvrnorm\_sim

missing logical indicator for objects from mvrnorm\_sim. If missing = TRUE then create

MRexperiment object with Y\_obs else use Y.

#### Value

A phyloseq object

#### **Examples**

 ${\tt timepoint\_process}$ 

Function for processing and checking the inputed timepoints

#### **Description**

To allow for increased flexibility the user may specify the number of timepoints as either a single value or separately for each individual. There is also an added option about whether to draw the timepoints evenly spaced across the interval of interest or whether to randomly draw them.

```
timepoint_process(
  num_timepoints,
  t_interval,
  n,
  asynch_time,
  missing_per_subject
```

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#### **Arguments**

num\_timepoints either an integer value specifying the number of timepoints per subject or a

vector of timepoints for each subject. If supplying a vector the lenght of the

vector must equal the total number of subjects.

t\_interval numeric vector of length two specifying the interval of time from which to draw

observatoins [t\_1, t\_q]. Assumed to be equally spaced over the interval unless

asynch\_time is set to TRUE.

n numeric value representing the total number of obserations

asynch\_time logical indicator designed to randomly sample timepoints over a specified inter-

val if set to TRUE.

#### **Details**

It is assummed that there is a known time interval of interest over which samples will be collected longitudinally on subjects. This interval is specified as [t\_1, t\_q]. All subjects are assumed to have baseline observations, i.e., t\_1.

Over this study interval each subject can have a potentially different number of measurements taken. In the most simple case we assume that all subjects will have the same number of measurements and can specify num\_timepoints as a single scalar value. Otherwise, we must specify how many timepoints will be collected for each individual. In this latter case num\_timepoints must have the same length as the number of subjects.

Finally, we can select whether we want the timepoints to be drawn at equal spaces over our study interal, or whether we want to randomly sample asynchronous timepoints. In the asynchronous case we randomly draw from a uniform distribution over the study interval with the restriction that the first observation must occur at t\_1.

#### Value

Returns a list of the number of timepoints and the times for each unit

trunc_bugs	Function for inducing truncation of outcome

#### **Description**

Function for inducing truncation of outcome

#### Usage

```
trunc_bugs(Y, N, Mu, Sigma, zero_trunc)
```

## Arguments

Y The original N x I vector of simulated multivariate	outcomes
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N Total number of observations equal to sum of repeated measurements for all

individuals

Mu N x 1 vector representing the mean values

Sigma N x N numeric matrix representing the covariance matrix for the feature

zero\_trunc Logical indicator whether to perform zero-truncation

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# Value

Potentially truncated outcome vector Y

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