

Additional file 12

Diversity (${}^\alpha D$) is divisible into *Species Richness* ($SR = {}^{\alpha=0}D$) and *Evenness* (${}^\alpha E$).

Proof. Let $f = \{f_i\}_{i=1,\dots,n}$ be the clonal frequency distribution of a given immune repertoire; f_i is the clonal frequency of each clone and the species richness (number of unique clones) of the immune repertoire is n . Let f_u be the uniform distribution of species richness n , wherein each clone is equally common ($f_{u,i} = \frac{1}{n}$ for all i in $1, \dots, n$). Taking advantage of the fact that the Rényi entropy (${}^\alpha \text{RE}$) decomposes into the logarithm of the Species Richness (SR) and into the Rényi divergence (${}^\alpha D(f||f_u)$), one gets:

$${}^\alpha \text{RE} = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \log \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p_i^\alpha \right) \quad (1)$$

$${}^\alpha \text{RE} = \log(\text{SR}) + {}^\alpha D(f||f_u) \quad (2)$$

$${}^\alpha \text{RE} = \log n - \frac{1}{\alpha-1} \log \left[\left(\frac{1}{n} \right)^{1-\alpha} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i^\alpha \right) \right] \quad (3)$$

$${}^\alpha \text{RE} = \log n - \left[\log n + \log \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i^\alpha \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha-1}} \right] \quad (4)$$

$$\exp({}^\alpha \text{RE}) = \exp \left[\log \left(n \times \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i^\alpha)^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}}{n} \right) \right] \quad (5)$$

$${}^\alpha D = \text{SR} \times \frac{{}^\alpha D}{\text{SR}} \quad (6)$$

$${}^\alpha D = \text{SR} \times {}^\alpha E \quad (7)$$

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