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(See Reichert, P. and Schuwirth, N., A generic framework for deriving process stoichiometry in environmental models, Environmental Modelling and Software 25, 1241-1251, 2010 for more details.)

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stoichcalc-package     *R-Functions for Solving Stoichiometric Equations*

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## Description

Given a list of substance compositions, a list of substances involved in a process, and a list of constraints in addition to mass conservation of elementary constituents, the package contains functions to build the substance composition matrix, to analyze the uniqueness of process stoichiometry, and to calculate stoichiometric coefficients if process stoichiometry is unique (see reference given below for more details).

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The package contains the following three functions:

[calc.comp.matrix](#) constructs the substance composition matrix from a list of substance composition vectors,

[calc.stoich.basis](#) calculates the basis of the stoichiometry space that is compatible with mass balances of elementary constituents and additional constraints, [calc.stoich.coef](#) calculates the stoichiometric coefficients of a process from involved substances, their composition and constraints.

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## References

Reichert, P. and Schuwirth, N., A generic framework for deriving process stoichiometry in environmental models, *Environmental Modelling and Software* 25, 1241-1251, 2010.

## See Also

[calc.comp.matrix](#), [calc.stoich.basis](#), [calc.stoich.coef](#)

## Examples

```
subst.comp <-  
  list(NH4 = c(H      = 4*1/14, # gH/gNH4-N  
              N      = 1,      # gN/gNH4-N  
              charge = 1/14), # chu/gNH4-N
```

```

NO3 = c(O      = 3*16/14, # gO/gNO3-N
        N      = 1,      # gN/gNO3-N
        charge = -1/14), # chu/gNO3-N
HPO4 = c(O      = 4*16/31, # gO/gHPO4-P
         H      = 1*1/31, # gH/gHPO4-P
         P      = 1,      # gP/gHPO4-P
         charge = -2/31), # chu/gHPO4-P
HCO3 = c(C      = 1,      # gC/gHCO3-C
         O      = 3*16/12, # gO/gHCO3-C
         H      = 1*1/12, # gH/gHCO3-C
         charge = -1/12), # chu/gHCO3-C
O2   = c(O      = 1),      # gO/gO2-O
H    = c(H      = 1,      # gH/molH
        charge = 1),      # chu/molH
H2O  = c(O      = 1*12,   # gO/molH2O
         H      = 2*1),   # gH/molH2O
ALG  = c(N      = 0.06,   # gN/gALG
         P      = 0.005,  # gP/gALG
         O      = 0.50,   # gO/gALG
         H      = 0.07,   # gH/gALG
         C      = 0.365), # gC/gALG
ZOO  = c(N      = 0.06,   # gN/gZOO
         P      = 0.01,   # gP/gZOO
         O      = 0.50,   # gO/gZOO
         H      = 0.07,   # gH/gZOO
         C      = 0.36),  # gC/gZOO
POM  = c(N      = 0.04,   # gN/gPOM
         P      = 0.007,  # gP/gPOM
         O      = 0.40,   # gO/gPOM
         H      = 0.07,   # gH/gPOM
         C      = 0.483), # gC/gPOM
DOM  = c(N      = 0.04,   # gN/gDOM
         P      = 0.007,  # gP/gDOM
         O      = 0.40,   # gO/gDOM
         H      = 0.07,   # gH/gDOM
         C      = 0.483)) # gC/gDOM

Y.ZOO <- 0.2; f.POM <- 0.2; f.DOM <- 0.1

alpha <- calc.comp.matrix(subst.comp)

subst.gro.ALG.NO3 <- c("NO3", "HPO4", "HCO3",
                     "O2", "H", "H2O", "ALG")

basis.gro.ALG.NO3 <-
  calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst.gro.ALG.NO3)

nu.gro.ALG.NO3 <-
  calc.stoich.coef(alpha      = alpha,
                   name      = "gro.ALG.NO3",
                   subst     = subst.gro.ALG.NO3,
                   subst.norm = "ALG",
                   nu.norm   = 1)

```

```
subst.gro.Z00 <- c("NH4", "HP04", "HC03", "O2", "H",
                  "H2O", "ALG", "Z00", "POM", "DOM")

basis.gro.Z00 <-
  calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst.gro.Z00)

const.gro.Z00 <- list(c("Z00" = 1, "ALG" = Y.Z00),
                     c("POM" = 1, "ALG" = f.POM),
                     c("DOM" = 1, "ALG" = f.DOM))

nu.gro.Z00 <-
  calc.stoich.coef(alpha      = alpha,
                  name       = "gro.Z00",
                  subst      = subst.gro.Z00,
                  subst.norm = "Z00",
                  nu.norm    = 1,
                  constraints = const.gro.Z00)

nu <- rbind(nu.gro.ALG.N03,
            nu.gro.Z00)

print(nu, digits=2)
```

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calc.comp.matrix

*Construct Composition Matrix*

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## Description

Construct substance composition matrix from list of substance composition vectors

## Usage

```
calc.comp.matrix(subst.comp, verbose=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

subst.comp	Named list of named composition vectors. The list must contain entries labelled by the substance names containing vectors of the mass fractions of elementary constituents (typically chemical elements, charge or COD resp. ThOD) that characterize the composition of the substance. Each element of these vectors must be labelled by the name of the corresponding elementary constituent.
verbose	indicator for whether or not to write basic information to the console.

## Details

This function compiles the substance composition matrix used in the other functions of the **stoich-calc** package. It can alternatively be composed manually or by a user-defined function. The main advantage of the use of this function is that substance compositions can be maintained in lists. This makes it much easier to remove and add substances and elementary constituents.

**Value**

Composition matrix of all substances (labelled columns) and mass fractions of elementary constituents (labelled rows).

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**References**

Reichert, P. and Schuwirth, N., A generic framework for deriving process stoichiometry in environmental models, *Environmental Modelling and Software* 25, 1241-1251, 2010.

**See Also**

[calc.stoich.basis](#), [calc.stoich.coef](#)

**Examples**

```
subst.comp <-
list(NH4 = c(H      = 4*1/14, # gH/gNH4-N
            N      = 1,     # gN/gNH4-N
            charge = 1/14), # chu/gNH4-N
     NO3  = c(O      = 3*16/14, # gO/gNO3-N
            N      = 1,     # gN/gNO3-N
            charge = -1/14), # chu/gNO3-N
     HPO4 = c(O      = 4*16/31, # gO/gHPO4-P
            H      = 1*1/31, # gH/gHPO4-P
            P      = 1,     # gP/gHPO4-P
            charge = -2/31), # chu/gHPO4-P
     HCO3 = c(C      = 1,     # gC/gHCO3-C
            O      = 3*16/12, # gO/gHCO3-C
            H      = 1*1/12, # gH/gHCO3-C
            charge = -1/12), # chu/gHCO3-C
     O2   = c(O      = 1),    # gO/gO2-O
     H    = c(H      = 1,    # gH/molH
            charge = 1),    # chu/molH
     H2O  = c(O      = 1*12, # gO/molH2O
            H      = 2*1), # gH/molH2O
     ALG  = c(N      = 0.06, # gN/gALG
            P      = 0.005, # gP/gALG
            O      = 0.50, # gO/gALG
            H      = 0.07, # gH/gALG
            C      = 0.365), # gC/gALG
     ZOO  = c(N      = 0.06, # gN/gZOO
            P      = 0.01, # gP/gZOO
            O      = 0.50, # gO/gZOO
            H      = 0.07, # gH/gZOO
            C      = 0.36), # gC/gZOO
     POM  = c(N      = 0.04, # gN/gPOM
            P      = 0.007, # gP/gPOM
            O      = 0.40, # gO/gPOM
```

```

      H      = 0.07,    # gH/gPOM
      C      = 0.483), # gC/gPOM
DOM = c(N    = 0.04,    # gN/gDOM
      P      = 0.007,   # gP/gDOM
      O      = 0.40,    # gO/gDOM
      H      = 0.07,    # gH/gDOM
      C      = 0.483)) # gC/gDOM

```

```
alpha <- calc.comp.matrix(subst.comp)
```

```
print(alpha)
```

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calc.stoich.basis      *Calculate Basis of Stoichiometric Space*

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### Description

Calculate the basis of the stoichiometry space that is compatible with mass balances of elementary constituents and additional constraints

### Usage

```
calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst = NA, constraints = list(), eps = 1e-5, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

alpha	Substance composition matrix of all substances (labelled columns) and mass fractions of elementary constituents (labelled rows). Typically calculated by the function <code>calc.comp.matrix</code> .
subst	Character vector of names of substances to be used for analysis (this must be a subset of the column names of alpha).
constraints	list of stoichiometric constraints in addition to mass conservation of elementary constituents. Each stoichiometric constraint must be stored as a vector containing the coefficients of the linear equation in elementary constituents that defines the constraint. The elements of this vector must be labelled by the names of the corresponding elementary constituents.
eps	relative tolerance for checking ratios of stoichiometric coefficients (only used for informing user about substance pairs with fixed stoichiometric ratio)
verbose	indicator for whether or not to write basic information to the console.

### Details

This function is primarily used in the function `calc.stoich.coef`. However, it can also be used to check the number of required stoichiometric constraints in addition to mass conservation of elementary constituents for a given process. In this case the composition matrix should only contain the substances relevant for this process. The number of required constraints is then equal to the row dimension of the output matrix minus 1.

**Value**

Matrix of basis vectors (in rows) that span the compatible stoichiometric space.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Reichert, P. and Schuwirth, N., A generic framework for deriving process stoichiometry in environmental models, *Environmental Modelling and Software* 25, 1241-1251, 2010.

**See Also**

[calc.comp.matrix](#), [calc.stoich.coef](#)

**Examples**

```
subst.comp <-
list(NH4 = c(H      = 4*1/14, # gH/gNH4-N
             N      = 1,     # gN/gNH4-N
             charge = 1/14), # chu/gNH4-N
      NO3  = c(O      = 3*16/14, # gO/gNO3-N
             N      = 1,     # gN/gNO3-N
             charge = -1/14), # chu/gNO3-N
      HPO4 = c(O      = 4*16/31, # gO/gHPO4-P
             H      = 1*1/31, # gH/gHPO4-P
             P      = 1,     # gP/gHPO4-P
             charge = -2/31), # chu/gHPO4-P
      HCO3 = c(C      = 1,     # gC/gHCO3-C
             O      = 3*16/12, # gO/gHCO3-C
             H      = 1*1/12, # gH/gHCO3-C
             charge = -1/12), # chu/gHCO3-C
      O2   = c(O      = 1),    # gO/gO2-O
      H    = c(H      = 1,     # gH/molH
             charge = 1),    # chu/molH
      H2O  = c(O      = 1*12,  # gO/molH2O
             H      = 2*1),   # gH/molH2O
      ALG  = c(N      = 0.06,  # gN/gALG
             P      = 0.005,  # gP/gALG
             O      = 0.50,   # gO/gALG
             H      = 0.07,   # gH/gALG
             C      = 0.365), # gC/gALG
      ZOO  = c(N      = 0.06,  # gN/gZOO
             P      = 0.01,   # gP/gZOO
             O      = 0.50,   # gO/gZOO
             H      = 0.07,   # gH/gZOO
             C      = 0.36),  # gC/gZOO
      POM  = c(N      = 0.04,  # gN/gPOM
             P      = 0.007,  # gP/gPOM
             O      = 0.40,   # gO/gPOM
             H      = 0.07,   # gH/gPOM
```

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      C      = 0.483), # gC/gPOM
DOM = c(N    = 0.04,  # gN/gDOM
      P    = 0.007,  # gP/gDOM
      O    = 0.40,   # gO/gDOM
      H    = 0.07,   # gH/gDOM
      C    = 0.483)) # gC/gDOM

Y.Z00 <- 0.2; f.POM <- 0.2; f.DOM <- 0.1

alpha <- calc.comp.matrix(subst.comp)

subst.gro.ALG.N03 <- c("N03", "HPO4", "HCO3",
                     "O2", "H", "H2O", "ALG")

basis.gro.ALG.N03 <-
  calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst.gro.ALG.N03)

subst.gro.Z00 <- c("NH4", "HPO4", "HCO3", "O2", "H",
                  "H2O", "ALG", "Z00", "POM", "DOM")

basis.gro.Z00 <-
  calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst.gro.Z00)

const.gro.Z00 <- list(c("Z00" = 1, "ALG" = Y.Z00),
                     c("POM" = 1, "ALG" = f.POM),
                     c("DOM" = 1, "ALG" = f.DOM))

basis.gro.Z00 <-
  calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst.gro.Z00, const.gro.Z00)

```

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calc.stoich.coef      *Calculate Stoichiometric Coefficients*

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### Description

Calculate stoichiometric coefficients of a process from involved substances, their composition and constraints

### Usage

```
calc.stoich.coef(alpha, name, subst, subst.norm, nu.norm = 1, constraints = list(),
                eps = 1e-5, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

alpha	Substance composition matrix of all substances (labelled columns) and mass fractions of elementary constituents (labelled rows). Typically calculated by the function <a href="#">calc.comp.matrix</a> .
name	Name of the process



subst	Character vector of names of substances affected by the process (this must be a subset of the column names of alpha)
subst.norm	Name of the substance that should have a normalized (given) stoichiometric coefficient
nu.norm	Stoichiometric coefficient of the substance the name of which is specified in the argument subst.norm
constraints	List of stoichiometric constraints in addition to mass conservation of elementary constituents. Each stoichiometric constraint must be stored as a vector containing the coefficients of the linear equation in elementary constituents that defines the constraint. The elements of this vector must be labelled by the names of the corresponding elementary constituents.
eps	relative tolerance for checking ratios of stoichiometric coefficients (only used for informing user about substance pairs with fixed stoichiometric ratio)
verbose	indicator for whether or not to write basic information to the console.

### Details

This is the key function of the package for the calculation of stoichiometric coefficients of individual processes. The results for different processes can easily be bound to the comprehensive stoichiometric matrix of all processes by using `rbind`.

### Value

Matrix consisting of one row of stoichiometric coefficients of the process or an error message if the process stoichiometry is not uniquely defined. The row name of the matrix is equal to the process name specified as an argument (to allow binding the stoichiometries of several processes to a comprehensive stoichiometric matrix), the column names are equal to the substance names provided by the substance composition matrix `alpha`.

### Author(s)

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### References

Reichert, P. and Schuwirth, N., A generic framework for deriving process stoichiometry in environmental models, *Environmental Modelling and Software* 25, 1241-1251, 2010.

### See Also

[calc.comp.matrix](#), [calc.stoich.basis](#)

### Examples

```
subst.comp <-
  list(NH4 = c(H      = 4*1/14, # gH/gNH4-N
              N      = 1,    # gN/gNH4-N
              charge = 1/14), # chu/gNH4-N
       NO3  = c(O      = 3*16/14, # gO/gNO3-N
```

```

      N      = 1,      # gN/gNO3-N
      charge = -1/14), # chu/gNO3-N
HPO4 = c(O      = 4*16/31, # gO/gHPO4-P
      H      = 1*1/31, # gH/gHPO4-P
      P      = 1,      # gP/gHPO4-P
      charge = -2/31), # chu/gHPO4-P
HCO3 = c(C      = 1,      # gC/gHCO3-C
      O      = 3*16/12, # gO/gHCO3-C
      H      = 1*1/12, # gH/gHCO3-C
      charge = -1/12), # chu/gHCO3-C
O2    = c(O      = 1),      # gO/gO2-O
H      = c(H      = 1,      # gH/molH
      charge = 1),      # chu/molH
H2O   = c(O      = 1*12,   # gO/molH2O
      H      = 2*1),      # gH/molH2O
ALG   = c(N      = 0.06,   # gN/gALG
      P      = 0.005,   # gP/gALG
      O      = 0.50,   # gO/gALG
      H      = 0.07,   # gH/gALG
      C      = 0.365), # gC/gALG
ZOO   = c(N      = 0.06,   # gN/gZOO
      P      = 0.01,   # gP/gZOO
      O      = 0.50,   # gO/gZOO
      H      = 0.07,   # gH/gZOO
      C      = 0.36), # gC/gZOO
POM   = c(N      = 0.04,   # gN/gPOM
      P      = 0.007,   # gP/gPOM
      O      = 0.40,   # gO/gPOM
      H      = 0.07,   # gH/gPOM
      C      = 0.483), # gC/gPOM
DOM   = c(N      = 0.04,   # gN/gDOM
      P      = 0.007,   # gP/gDOM
      O      = 0.40,   # gO/gDOM
      H      = 0.07,   # gH/gDOM
      C      = 0.483)) # gC/gDOM

Y.ZOO <- 0.2; f.POM <- 0.2; f.DOM <- 0.1

alpha <- calc.comp.matrix(subst.comp)

subst.gro.ALG.N03 <- c("NO3", "HPO4", "HCO3",
                    "O2", "H", "H2O", "ALG")

basis.gro.ALG.N03 <-
  calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst.gro.ALG.N03)

nu.gro.ALG.N03 <-
  calc.stoich.coef(alpha      = alpha,
                  name       = "gro.ALG.N03",
                  subst      = subst.gro.ALG.N03,
                  subst.norm = "ALG",
                  nu.norm    = 1)

```

```
subst.gro.Z00 <- c("NH4", "HPO4", "HCO3", "O2", "H",
                  "H2O", "ALG", "Z00", "POM", "DOM")

basis.gro.Z00 <-
  calc.stoich.basis(alpha, subst.gro.Z00)

const.gro.Z00 <- list(c("Z00" = 1, "ALG" = Y.Z00),
                     c("POM" = 1, "ALG" = f.POM),
                     c("DOM" = 1, "ALG" = f.DOM))

nu.gro.Z00 <-
  calc.stoich.coef(alpha      = alpha,
                   name      = "gro.Z00",
                   subst     = subst.gro.Z00,
                   subst.norm = "Z00",
                   nu.norm   = 1,
                   constraints = const.gro.Z00)

nu <- rbind(nu.gro.ALG.NO3,
            nu.gro.Z00)

print(nu, digits=2)
```

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