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**Description** An R package designed for sound analysis through spectral analysis in octaves and one-thirds octaves, making possible calibration to obtain Sound Pressure Level (SPL) and Sound Intensity Level (SIL).

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dBtoLinear	<i>Convert deciBels scales to linear</i>
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## Description

Function to convert dB scales. The conversion can be made either from dB to  $\mu\text{Pa}$  (dBtoLinear) or from  $\mu\text{Pa}$  to dB ([LineartodB](#)).

## Usage

```
dBtoLinear(x, factor="IL", ref=1)
```

## Arguments

x	Numerical. A numeric vector or a numeric matrix with dB values.
factor	Character. Specify in what factor the function should use to convert your data. SPL (Sound Pressure Level) for amplitude like data (factor 20) or IL (Intensity Level) for power like (fator 10). (By default IL)
ref	Numerical. Reference value for conversion. For Sound in water the ref is 1 $\mu\text{Pa}$ and on air 20 $\mu\text{Pa}$ . (By default 1)

## Details

For details about the factor choice, we recommend the reading of [this](#) web page.

## Value

The same object of the input with the converted values.

## See Also

[rms.dB](#), [LineartodB](#), [convSPL](#)

## Examples

```
dBtoLinear(c(80,60,65,62))
LineartodB(dBtoLinear(c(80,60,65,62)))
```

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freq.bands*Interval Limits*

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## Description

Function to compute intervals from patterns defined by the user. This function was adapted from [octaves](#) functions from [seewave](#) package.

## Usage

```
freq.bands(x, interval = 2, below = 3, above = 3)
```

## Arguments

x	Numerical. The frequency values to start the bands' calculation.
interval	Numeric. The interval pattern to be applied. See details for more.
below	Numerical. Number of intervals below x.
above	Numerical. Number of intervals above x.

## Details

The interval specified is applied by  $x/\text{interval}$  (for bellow) or  $x*\text{interval}$  (for upper). Some examples of intervals that can be applied are:

- Octaves = 2
- Third of octaves =  $2^{(1/3)}$
- Perfect fifth (music theory) =  $3/2$
- Major third (music theory) =  $5/4$
- Minor third (music theory) =  $6/5$
- This [link](#) shows other values that can be used.

## Value

A numeric vector with the frequency limits of each interval.

## See Also

[octaves](#)

## Examples

```
freq.bands(1000, interval=2, below = 1, above = 1) #octaves
freq.bands(1000, interval=2^(1/3), below = 3, above = 3) #Third of octaves

#https://academics.hamilton.edu/music/spellman/class_notes/music_theory.htm
freq.bands(440, interval=3/2, below = 0, above = 1) #Perfect fifth (music theory) of A 440
freq.bands(440, interval=5/4, below = 0, above = 1) #Major third (music theory) of A 440
freq.bands(440, interval=6/5, below = 0, above = 1) #Minor third (music theory) of A 440
```

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LineartodB

*Convert linear scales to deciBels*

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## Description

Function to convert dB scales. The conversion can be made either from dB to  $\mu\text{Pa}$  ([dBtoLinear](#)) or from  $\mu\text{Pa}$  to dB ([LineartodB](#)).

## Usage

```
LineartodB(x, factor="IL", ref=1)
```

## Arguments

x	Numerical. A numeric vector or a numeric matrix with dB values linear values ( $\mu\text{Pa}$ ).
factor	Character. Specify in what factor the function should use to convert your data. SPL (Sound Pressure Level) for amplitude like data (factor 20) or IL (Intensity Level) for power like (fator 10). (By default IL)
ref	Numerical. Reference value for conversion. For Sound in water the ref is 1 $\mu\text{Pa}$ and on air 20 $\mu\text{Pa}$ . (By default 1)

## Details

For details about the factor choice, we recommend the reading of [this](#) web page.

## Value

The same object of the input with the converted values.

## See Also

[rms.dB](#), [dBtoLinear](#), [convSPL](#)

## Examples

```
dBtoLinear(c(80,60,65,62))
LineartodB(dBtoLinear(c(80,60,65,62)))
```

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pwrspec	<i>Power Spectrum of a sound file</i>
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## Description

This functions computes a power spectrum from a sound file.

## Usage

```
pwrspec(
  file,
  channel = "left",
  from = 0,
  to = Inf,
  bandpass = c(0, Inf),
  res.scale = "microPa",
  ref = 1
)
```

## Arguments

file	A wave file path in your computer or a class Wave object already loaded into R environment.
channel	Character. Choose “left” or “right” channel. Argument passe to <a href="#">mono</a> function from <a href="#">tuneR</a> to extract the desired channel.
from	Numeric. The start time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
to	Numeric. The end time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
bandpass	A vector with length two with lower and upper limits of the band pass interval in Hz.
res.scale	Character. Specify the kind of scale the power spectrum amplitude should be adjusted. microPa for linear values in $\mu\text{Pa}$ , and dB fo decibells values in dB-SPL. (By default "microPa")
ref	Numerical. Reference value for dB conversion. For Sound in water the ref is 1 $\mu\text{Pa}$ and on air 20 $\mu\text{Pa}$ . (By default 1)

## Value

This function returns a data.frame with Frequency (Hz) and Intensity (microPa) of the file.

## References

Power spectrum adapted from: Carcagno, S. 2013. Basic Sound Processing with R [Blog post]. Retrieved from <http://samcarcagno.altervista.org/blog/basic-sound-processing-r/>

Miyara, F. 2017. Software-Based Acoustical Measurements. Springer. 429 pp. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-55871-4

## Examples

```
data(tham)
pwrspec(tham)

#with from, to and bandpass
pwrspec(tham, from=3.8, to=7.1, bandpass=c(900,2000))

#from and to relative to duration (negatives values from the end of the soundfiles)
pwrspec(tham, from=-3.49, to=-0.9, bandpass=c(900,2000))
```

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rms.dB	<i>Root Mean Square with dB values</i>
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## Description

Function to compute the root mean square (RMS) of values in decibels (dB).

## Usage

```
rms.dB(x, level = "SPL", na.rm = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x	Numerical. A numeric vector or a numeric matrix with dB values.
level	Character. Specify in what scale your data is. SPL for Sound Pressure Level or IL for Intensity Level. (By default SPL)
na.rm	Logical. Argument passed to <a href="#">mean</a> . Should NA be removed? (By default FALSE)

## Details

This function converts your dB data to linear values (through [dBtoLinear](#) function), compute the Root Mean Square (rms), and converts the result back to dB (through [LineartodB](#) function).

This function was adapted from [meandB](#) and [rms](#) functions from [seewave](#) package. See their help for more details.

## Value

A numeric value that represents the root mean square of x.

## See Also

[meandB](#), [rms](#)

**Examples**

```
rms.dB(c(80,60,65,62))
```

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song.level	<i>RMS from a sample of a sound file</i>
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**Description**

RMS from a sample of a sound file

**Usage**

```
song.level(
  files = "wd",
  channel = "left",
  from = 0,
  to = Inf,
  freq.interval = c(0, Inf),
  fdom.int = c(0, Inf),
  wl = 512,
  ovlp = 50,
  CalibPosition = NULL,
  CalibValue = NULL,
  freq.weight = "none",
  ref = 20,
  progressbar = T
)
```

**Arguments**

files	The audiofile to be analyzed. Can be "wd" to get all ".wav" files on the work directory, a file name (or a character containing a list of filenames) that exist in the work directory (only ".wav" files accepted), or an Wave object (or a list containing more than one Wave object). (By default: "wd")
channel	Argument passed to <a href="#">mono</a> function from <a href="#">tuneR</a> to extract the desired channel.
from	Numeric. The start time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
to	Numeric. The end time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
freq.interval	Frequency interval to compute the RMS. Can be a vector with length two with lower and upper interval of frequencies (in Hz), or a pattern to calculate a interval (as octaves). For the last, see <a href="#">freq.bands</a> function for details.
fdom.int	Vector with length two. Vector with length two with lower and upper interval of frequencies (in Hz) to find the dominant frequency. This frequency will be used as the center the interval only if a pattern is specified in freq.interval.

wl	Explain.
ovlp	Explain.
CalibPosition	Missing
CalibValue	Canbe a value to apply of the ref value from a calib signal (specified by Calib-Position).
freq.weight	Character. Argument passed to dBweight to indicate the weighting curve to use on the anlysis. 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'ITU', and 'none' are supported. See dBweight for details. (By default: "none")
ref	Numerical. The reference value for dB conversion. For sound in water, the common is 1 microPa, and for sound on air 20 microPa. (By default 20)
progressbar	Logical. Activate or deactivate a progress bar with elapsed time and the last concluded file number. (By default: TRUE)

Examples

```
song.level(tham, freq.interval=c(22, 20000))

song.level(tham, freq.interval=c(22, 20000), CalibValue = 130.24)

song.level(tham, freq.interval=c(22, 20000), CalibValue = 130.24, freq.weight="A")

song.level(tham, freq.interval=c(22, 20000), CalibValue = 130.24, freq.weight="B")

song.level(tham, freq.interval=c(22, 20000), CalibValue = 130.24, freq.weight="C")

song.level(tham, from = 3.883035, to=7.044417, freq.interval=c(22.09429, 22627.38), CalibValue = 130.24, freq.weight="A")

#Perfect fifth (music theory)
song.level(tham, fdom.int = c(800, 2000), from = 3.8, to=7, freq.interval=3/2, CalibValue = 130.24, freq.weight="A")

#Perfect fifth (music theory)
song.level(tham, fdom.int = c(800, 2000), from = 3.8, to=7, freq.interval=3/2, CalibValue = 130.24, freq.weight="A")
```

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soundmeter	<i>Function that makes sound meter alike measurements</i>
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Description

Function that makes sound meter alike measurements

Usage

```
soundmeter(
  files = "wd",
  from = 0,
  to = Inf,
```



```

    CalibPosition = NULL,
    CalibValue = NULL,
    ref = 20,
    fw = "none",
    bands = "octaves",
    tw = "fast",
    progressbar = T,
    channel = "left",
    saveresults = F,
    outname = NULL
)

```

### Arguments

files	The audiofile to be analyzed. Can be "wd" to get all ".wav" files on the work directory, a file name (or a character containing a list of filenames) that exist in the work directory (only ".wav" files accepted), or an Wave object (or a list containing more than one Wave object). (By default: "wd")
from	Numeric. The start time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
to	Numeric. The end time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
CalibPosition	anda de mãos dadas com calib value. Pode ser negativo, positivo ou data.frame com essas combinações
CalibValue	Anda de mãos dadas com calib position. Quando tem o position, ele é considerado o valor de referência, quando não tem o position, ele é considerado o valor de calibração.
ref	Numerical. The reference value for dB conversion. For sound in water, the common is 1 microPa, and for sound on air 20 microPa. (By default 20)
fw	Character. Argument passed to <a href="#">dBweight</a> to indicate the frequency weighting curve to use on the anlysis. 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'ITU', and 'none' are supported. See <a href="#">dBweight</a> for details. (By default: "none")
bands	Character. Choose the type of frequency band of the output. "octaves" to octaves bands intervals or "thirds" to one-third octaves bands intervals. (by deaefault: "thirds")
tw	Time weighting
progressbar	Logical. Activate or deactivate a progress bar with elapsed time and the last concluded file number. (By default: TRUE)
channel	Only "left" or "right" accepted. By default "left"
saveresults	Logical. Set TRUE if you want to save a txt file with the results of the function execution. (By default: FALSE)
outname	Character. If saveresults is TRUE, you can specify a name to appear on the txt file name after the default name. (By default: NULL)

Details

If your reference signal is in a separate file, we recommend you to get the CalibValue with [timbre](#) function. It's examples provide more details.

Examples

```
data("tham")
soundmeter(tham, CalibValue = 130.24, tw="slow") #slow time window with calib value
soundmeter(tham, CalibValue = 130.24, tw="fast") #fast

soundmeter(tham, CalibValue = 130.24, tw="fast", fw="A") #fast with frequency weight

soundmeter(tham, CalibValue = NULL, tw="fast", ref=1) #fast time window in dBFS
```

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sumdB	<i>Sum with dB values</i>
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Description

Sum with dB values

Usage

```
sumdB(x, level = "IL", na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	Numerical. A numeric vector or matrix with dB values.
level	Character. Specify in what scale your data is. SPL for Sound Pressute Level or IL for Intensity Level. (By default SPL)
na.rm	Logical. Argument passed to <a href="#">sum</a> . Should NA be removed? (By default FALSE)

Details

This function computes the sum of dB values.

This function converts your dB data to linear values (through [dBtoLinear](#) function), compute the sum, and converts the result back to dB (through [LineartodB](#) function).

Value

A numeric value that represents the sum of x.

See Also

[moredB](#)

Examples

```
sumdB(c(80,60,65,62))
sumdB(c(30,30), level="IL")
sumdB(c(30,30), level="SPL")
```

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tham	Thamnophilus stictocephalus song in a landscape
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Description

*Thamnophilus stictocephalus* song in a landscape

Usage

```
data(tham)
```

Format

An object of class "Wave"; see [readWave](#).

Details

A landscape recording presenting *Thamnophilus stictocephalus* song between 3.883035 and 7.044417 seconds. The "calib.value" for this record is 130.24.

Source

Recording by Ingrid Maria Denóbile Torres

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timbre	Level per octaves or one-thirds octaves
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Description

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**Usage**

```
timbre(
  files = "wd",
  channel = "left",
  from = 0,
  to = Inf,
  weighting = "none",
  bands = "thirds",
  ref = 20,
  saveresults = F,
  outname = NULL,
  Leq.calib = NULL,
  Calib.value = NULL,
  time.mess = T,
  stat.mess = T
)
```

**Arguments**

files	The audiofile to be analyzed. Can be "wd" to get all ".wav" files on the work directory, a file name (or a character containing a list of filenames) that exist in the work directory (only ".wav" files accepted), or an Wave object (or a list containing more than one Wave object). (By default: "wd")
channel	Character. Choose "left" or "right" channel. Argument passe to <a href="#">mono</a> function from <a href="#">tuneR</a> to extract the desired channel.
from	Numeric. The start time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
to	Numeric. The end time in seconds of the sample you want to analyze. Could also be relative to the end of the file (in negative values), see examples.
weighting	Character. Argument passed to <a href="#">dBweight</a> to indicate the weighting curve to use on the anlysis. 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'ITU', and 'none' are supported. See <a href="#">dBweight</a> for details. (By default: "none")
bands	Character. Choose the type of frequency band of the output. "octaves" to octaves bands intervals or "thirds" to one-third octaves bands intervals. (by deafault: "thirds")
ref	Numerical. The reference value for dB conversion. For sound in water, the common is 1 microPa, and for sound on air 20 microPa. (By default 20)
saveresults	Logical. Set TRUE if you want to save a txt file with the results of the function execution. (By default: FALSE)
outname	Character. If saveresults is TRUE, you can specify a name to appear on the txt file name after the default name. (By default: NULL)
Leq.calib	Numerical. The sound pressure level (in dB SPL) that the signal in the audio file must have (by default: NULL). Can not be set if Calib.value is also set.
Calib.value	Numerical. The calibration value returned from the analysis of a reference signal using Leq.calib (by default: NULL). Can not be set if Leq.calib is also set.

<code>time.mess</code>	Logical. Activate or deactivate message of time to complete the function execution. (By default: TRUE)
<code>stat.mess</code>	Logical. Activate or deactivate status message of the function execution. (By default: TRUE)

## Details

Caution: You need to use an audiofile with entire values of seconds of duration to avoid bugs. Example: 35s, 60s, 19s. By default, the function will trunc your audiofile to the next entire value of seconds.

These function works only with mono audiofiles.

The audio files need to have at least 44100Hz of sampling rate.

If you intend to work with decibels at full scale (dBFS), we recommend setting `ref=1`. With this, your results will be relative to 0 dBFS.

## References

Power spectrum adapted from: Carcagno, S. 2013. Basic Sound Processing with R [Blog post]. Retrieved from <http://samcarcagno.altervista.org/blog/basic-sound-processing-r/>

Miyara, F. 2017. Software-Based Acoustical Measurements. Springer. 429 pp. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-55871-4

## Examples

```
data(tham)
timbre(tham)
timbre(tham, Calib.value=130.24)
timbre(tham, Calib.value=130.24, weighting="A")
timbre(tham, Calib.value=130.24, weighting="A", bands="octaves")

timbre(tham, Leq.calib=48.17, weighting="A")

timbre(tham, from=-3.49, to=-0.9, ref=1) #dB at Full Scale
timbre(tham, from=-3.49, to=-0.9, Calib.value=130.24) #song Sound Pressure Level
timbre(tham, from=0, to=3.8, Calib.value=130.24) #background Sound Pressure Level
```

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timbreCal

*Timbre analysis for audiofiles with reference signal*


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## Description

This function passes the parameters to `timbre` to automatize the calibration and return spectral analysis with dB SPL results.

**Usage**

```
timbreCal(
  files = "wd",
  channel = "left",
  SignalDur = NULL,
  RefValue = NULL,
  ref = 20,
  weighting = "none",
  bands = "thirds",
  saveresults = F,
  outname = NULL,
  time.mess = T,
  stat.mess = T
)
```

**Arguments**

files	The audiofile to be analyzed. Can be "wd" to get all ".wav" files on the work directory, a file name (or a character containing a list of filenames) that exist in the work directory (only ".wav" files accepted), or an Wave object (or a list containing more than one Wave object). (By default: "wd")
channel	Argument passed to <a href="#">mono</a> function from <a href="#">tuneR</a> to extract the desired channel.
SignalDur	Numerical. Specify the reference signal duration (in seconds) on the beginning of the audiofile. (By default: NULL)
RefValue	Numerical. Specify the reference signal sound pressure level (in deciBells SPL) on the beginning of the audiofile. (By default: NULL)
ref	Numerical. The reference value for dB conversion. For sound in water, the common is 1 microPa, and for sound on air 20 microPa. (By default 20)
weighting	Character. Indicate the weighting curve to use on the analysis. A, B, C and none are supported. (By default: "none")
bands	Character. Choose the type of frequency band of the output. "octaves" to octaves bands intervals or "thirds" to one-third octaves bands intervals. (by default: "thirds")
saveresults	Logical. Set TRUE if you want to save a txt file with the results of the function execution. (By default: FALSE)
outname	Character. If saveresults is TRUE, you can specify a name to appear on the txt file name after the default name. (By default: NULL)
time.mess	Logical. Activate or deactivate message of time to complete the function execution. (By default: TRUE)
stat.mess	Logical. Activate or deactivate status message of the function execution. (By default: TRUE)

**Details**

To use this function, the audio file must begin with 2 seconds of silence, followed by a reference signal with known SPL, followed by another 2 seconds of silence, and the following sound to analyze.

The duration of the reference signal must be specified (in seconds) on the SignalDur argument and his value (in dB SPL) on the refValue argument.

See Also

[timbre](#)

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Tweighting	<i>Time Weighting of a Audiofile</i>
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Description

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Usage

```
Tweighting(file, window = "fast", Leq.calib = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

file	Wave object
window	Character. Wich time window should be used. 'fast' or 'slow' are accepted. (by default: "fast")
Leq.calib	Numeric. The sound pressure level (in dB SPL) that the signal in the audio file must have (by default: NULL). This parameter is passed to <a href="#">timbre</a> function.
...	Further arguments passed to <a href="#">timbre</a> .

Details

This function split your audiofile in smaller files defined as fast (0.125s) and slow (1s) and analyze each one with [timbre](#) function.

Value

A numeric vector

See Also

[timbre](#), [soundmeter](#)

**Examples**

```
#creating an example sound file
som=sine(1000, duration = 44500)

#default options without calibration (results in dBFS)
Tweighting(som)

#Simulation of a calib signal with a Leq of 94dB in the field ####
#fast
Tweighting(som, window = "fast", bands="octaves", Leq.calib=94)
#slow
Tweighting(som, window = "slow", bands="octaves", Leq.calib=94)

#Using the result of the simulation above to calibrate the sound and output
#fast
Tweighting(som, window = "fast", bands="octaves", Calib.value=309.67)
#slow
Tweighting(som, window = "slow", bands="octaves", Calib.value=309.67)

#With tham data
data(tham)
Tweighting(tham, window = "fast", bands="octaves", Calib.value=130.24) #fast
Tweighting(tham, window = "slow", bands="octaves", Calib.value=130.24) #slow
```



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