

# Package ‘IsoplotR’

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**Description** Plots U-Pb data on Wetherill and Tera-Wasserburg concordia diagrams. Calculates concordia and discordia ages. Performs linear regression of measurements with correlated errors using 'York', 'Titterton' and 'Ludwig' approaches. Generates Kernel Density Estimates (KDEs) and Cumulative Age Distributions (CADs). Produces Multidimensional Scaling (MDS) configurations and Shepard plots of multi-sample detrital datasets using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance as a dissimilarity measure. Calculates  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages, isochrons, and age spectra. Computes weighted means accounting for overdispersion. Calculates U-Th-He (single grain and central) ages, log-ratio plots and ternary diagrams. Processes fission track data using the external detector method and LA-ICP-MS, calculates central ages and plots fission track and other data on radial (a.k.a. 'Galbraith' plots). Constructs total Pb-U, Pb-Pb, Re-Os, Sm-Nd, Lu-Hf, Rb-Sr and  $^{230}\text{Th}$ -U isochrons as well as  $^{230}\text{Th}$ -U evolution plots.

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age	<i>Calculate isotopic ages</i>
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## Description

Calculates ages and propagates their analytical uncertainties.

## Usage

```
age(x, ...)
```

## Default S3 method:

```
age(x, method = "U238-Pb206", exterr = TRUE, J = c(NA,
  NA), zeta = c(NA, NA), rhoD = c(NA, NA), ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'UPb'

```
age(x, type = 1, wetherill = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, i = NA,
  sigdig = NA, common.Pb = 0, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'PbPb'

```
age(x, isochron = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, exterr = TRUE,
  i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'ArAr'

```
age(x, isochron = FALSE, i2i = TRUE, exterr = TRUE,
  i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'UThHe'

```
age(x, central = FALSE, i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'fissiontracks'
age(x, central = FALSE, i = NA, sigdig = NA,
    exterr = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ThU'
age(x, isochron = FALSE, i2i = TRUE, exterr = TRUE,
    i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ReOs'
age(x, isochron = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, exterr = TRUE,
    i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SmNd'
age(x, isochron = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, exterr = TRUE,
    i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)

## S3 method for class 'RbSr'
age(x, isochron = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, exterr = TRUE,
    i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)

## S3 method for class 'LuHf'
age(x, isochron = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, exterr = TRUE,
    i = NA, sigdig = NA, ...)
```

## Arguments

**x** can be:

- a scalar containing an isotopic ratio,
- a two element vector containing an isotopic ratio and its standard error, or the spontaneous and induced track densities  $N_s$  and  $N_i$  (if method='fissiontracks'),
- a four element vector containing Ar40Ar39, s[Ar40Ar39], J, s[J],
- a six element vector containing U, s[U], Th, s[Th], He and s[He],
- an eight element vector containing U, s[U], Th, s[Th], He, s[He], Sm and s[Sm]
- a six element vector containing Rb, s[Rb], Sr, s[Sr], Sr87Sr86, and s[Sr87Sr86]
- a six element vector containing Re, s[Re], Os, s[Os], Os187Os188, and s[Os187Os188]
- a six element vector containing Sm, s[Sm], Nd, s[Nd], Nd143Nd144, and s[Nd143Nd143]
- a six element vector containing Lu, s[Lu], Hf, s[Hf], Hf176Hf177, and s[Hf176Hf177]
- a five element vector containing  $\theta/8$ , s[ $\theta/8$ ], 4/8, s[4/8] and cov[ $\theta/8$ , 4/8]

**OR**

- an object of class UPb, PbPb, ArAr, ThU, RbSr, SmNd, ReOs, LuHf, UThHe or fissiontracks.

**...** additional arguments

method	one of either 'U238-Pb206', 'U235-Pb207', 'Pb207-Pb206', 'Ar-Ar', 'Th-U', 'Re-Os', 'Sm-Nd', 'Rb-Sr', 'Lu-Hf', 'U-Th-He' or 'fissiontracks'
exterr	propagate the external (decay constant and calibration factor) uncertainties?
J	two-element vector with the J-factor and its standard error.
zeta	two-element vector with the zeta-factor and its standard error.
rhoD	two-element vector with the track density of the dosimeter glass and its standard error.
type	scalar flag indicating whether each U-Pb analysis should be considered separately (type=1), a concordia age should be calculated from all U-Pb analyses together (type=2), or a discordia line should be fit through all the U-Pb analyses (type=3).
wetherill	logical flag to indicate whether the data should be evaluated in Wetherill (TRUE) or Tera-Wasserburg (FALSE) space. This option is only used when type=2
i	(optional) index of a particular aliquot
sigdig	number of significant digits for the uncertainty estimate (only used if type=1, isochron=FALSE or central=FALSE).
common.Pb	apply a common lead correction using one of three methods: 1: use the isochron intercept as the initial Pb-composition 2: use the Stacey-Kramer two-stage model to infer the initial Pb-composition 3: use the Pb-composition stored in settings('iratio', 'Pb206Pb204') and settings('iratio', 'Pb207Pb204')
isochron	logical flag indicating whether each Ar-Ar analysis should be considered separately (isochron=FALSE) or an isochron age should be calculated from all Ar-Ar analyses together (isochron=TRUE).
i2i	'isochron to intercept': calculates the initial (aka 'inherited', 'excess', or 'common') $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ , $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ or $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratio from an isochron fit. Setting i2i to FALSE uses the default values stored in settings('iratio', ...) or zero (for the Pb-Pb method). When applied to data of class ThU, setting i2i to TRUE applies a detrital Th-correction.
central	logical flag indicating whether each U-Th-He analysis should be considered separately (central=FALSE) or a central age should be calculated from all U-Th-He analyses together (central=TRUE).

### Value

1. if x is a scalar or a vector, returns the age using the geochronometer given by method and its standard error.
2. if x has class UPb and type=1, returns a table with the following columns: t.75, err[t.75], t.68, err[t.68], t.76, err[t.76], t.conc, err[t.conc], containing the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ -age and standard error, the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ -age and standard error, the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ -age and standard error, and the concordia age and standard error, respectively.
3. if x has class UPb and type=2, returns a list with the following items:
  - x a named vector with the (weighted mean) U-Pb composition

- cov** the covariance matrix of the (mean) U-Pb composition
- age** a 4-element vector with:  
 t: the concordia age (in Ma)  
 s[t]: the estimated uncertainty of t  
 ci[t]: the 95% confidence interval of t for the appropriate degrees of freedom  
 disp[t]: the 95% confidence interval for t augmented by  $\sqrt{MSWD}$  to account for overdispersed datasets.
- mswd** a vector with three items (equivalence, concordance and combined) containing the MSWD (Mean of the Squared Weighted Deviates, a.k.a the reduced Chi-squared statistic outside of geochronology) of isotopic equivalence, age concordance and combined goodness of fit, respectively.
- p.value** a vector with three items (equivalence, concordance and combined) containing the p-value of the Chi-square test for isotopic equivalence, age concordance and combined goodness of fit, respectively.
- df** the number of degrees of freedom used for the mswd calculation. These values are useful when expanding the analytical uncertainties when mswd>1.
4. if x has class UPb and type=3, returns a list with the following items:
- x** a two element vector with the upper and lower intercept ages (if wetherill=TRUE) or the lower intercept age and  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  intercept (for Tera-Wasserburg)
- cov** the covariance matrix of the elements in x
- err** a 3 x 2 matrix with the following rows:  
 s: the estimated standard deviation for x  
 ci: the 95% confidence interval of x for the appropriate degrees of freedom  
 disp[t]: the 95% confidence interval for x augmented by  $\sqrt{MSWD}$  to account for overdispersed datasets.
- df** the degrees of freedom of the concordia fit (concordance + equivalence)
- p.value** p-value of a Chi-square test for age homogeneity
- mswd** mean square of the weighted deviates – a goodness-of-fit measure. mswd > 1 indicates overdispersion w.r.t the analytical uncertainties.
5. if x has class PbPb, ArAr, RbSr, SmNd, ReOs, LuHf and isochron=FALSE, returns a table of Pb-Pb, Ar-Ar, Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd, Re-Os or Lu-Hf and standard errors.
6. if x has class PbPb, ArAr, RbSr, SmNd, ReOs or LuHf and isochron=TRUE, returns a list with the following items:
- a** the intercept of the straight line fit and its standard error.
- b** the slope of the fit and its standard error.
- cov.ab** the covariance of the slope and intercept
- mswd** the mean square of the residuals (a.k.a ‘reduced Chi-square’) statistic
- p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test for linearity
- y0** a 4-element vector containing:  
 t: the atmospheric  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  or initial  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  or  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratio.  
 s[t]: the estimated standard deviation of t  
 ci[t]: the 95% confidence interval of t for the appropriate degrees of freedom  
 disp[t]: the 95% confidence interval for t augmented by  $\sqrt{MSWD}$  to account for overdispersed datasets.

**age** a 4-element vector containing:

y: the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{187}\text{Re}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  or  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  age and its standard error.

s[y]: the estimated standard deviation of y

ci[y]: the 95% confidence interval of y for the appropriate degrees of freedom

disp[y]: the 95% confidence interval for y augmented by  $\sqrt{MSWD}$  to account for overdispersed datasets.

**tfact** the t-value for df degrees of freedom, which is used for the construction of ci[t] and ci[y]

**df** the degrees of freedom for the isochron fit

**model** copied from the input parameters

7. if x has class ThU and isochron=FALSE, returns a 5-column table with the Th-U ages, their standard errors, the initial  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ -ratios, their standard errors, and the correlation coefficient between the ages and the initial ratios.

8. if x has class ThU and isochron=TRUE, returns the output of an 'Osmond Type-II' isochron, i.e.:

**par** the best fitting  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  intercept,  $^{234}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$  slope,  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}$  intercept and  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$  slope.

**cov** the covariance matrix of par.

**a** the  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  intercept (i.e. the detrital Th-corrected value) and its standard error.

**b** the  $^{234}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$  slope and its standard error.

**cov.ab** the covariance of a and b.

**mswd** the mean square of the residuals (a.k.a 'reduced Chi-square') statistic.

**p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test for linearity.

**y0** a 4-element vector containing:

y: the initial  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ -ratio

s[y]: the estimated standard deviation of y

ci[y]: the 95% confidence interval of y for the appropriate degrees of freedom

disp[y]: the 95% confidence interval for y augmented by  $\sqrt{MSWD}$  to account for overdispersed datasets.

**age** a 4-element vector containing:

t: the Th-U isochron age

s[t]: the estimated standard deviation of t

ci[t]: the 95% confidence interval of t for the appropriate degrees of freedom

disp[t]: the 95% confidence interval for t augmented by  $\sqrt{MSWD}$  to account for overdispersed datasets.

**df** the degrees of freedom for the isochron fit.

**tfact** the t-value for df degrees of freedom

9. if x has class UThHe and central=TRUE, returns a list with the following items:

**uvw** a three-element list with the weighted mean log[U/He], log[Th/He] and log[Sm/He] compositions.

**covmat** a 3 x 3 covariance matrix for uvw

**mswd** the reduced Chi-square value for the log[U/He]-log[Th/He] compositions.

**p.value** the p-value of concordance between the log[U/He]-log[Th/He] compositions.

**age** a 4-element vector containing:

t: the central age age, i.e. the U-Th-He age corresponding to the composition given by uvw

s[t]: the estimated standard deviation of t

ci[t]: the 95% confidence interval of t for the appropriate degrees of freedom

disp[t]: the 95% confidence interval for t augmented by  $\sqrt{MSWD}$  to account for overdispersed datasets.

**df** the degrees of freedom for the data fit.

**tfact** the t-value for df degrees of freedom

10. if x has class `fissiontracks` and `central=FALSE`, returns a table of fission track ages and standard errors.

11. if x has class `fissiontracks` and `central=TRUE`, returns a list with the following items:

**mswd** the reduced Chi-square value for the fission track ages.

**p.value** the p-value of concordance between the fission track ages.

**age** a three-element vector with the central age, its standard error and a 95% confidence interval for the appropriate degrees of freedom.

**disp** the (over)dispersion of the single grain ages beyond the formal analytical uncertainties.

**df** degrees of freedom for the Chi-square test

## Examples

```
data(examples)
print(age(examples$UPb))
print(age(examples$UPb,type=1))
print(age(examples$UPb,type=2))
```

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agespectrum

*Plot a ( $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ) release spectrum*

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## Description

Produces a plot of boxes whose widths correspond to the cumulative amount of  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  (or any other volume proxy), and whose heights express the analytical uncertainties. Only propagates the analytical uncertainty associated with decay constants and J-factors after computing the plateau composition.

## Usage

```
agespectrum(x, ...)
```

## Default S3 method:

```
agespectrum(x, alpha = 0.05, plateau = TRUE,
  plateau.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), non.plateau.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, line.col = "red", lwd = 2, title = TRUE,
  xlab = "cumulative fraction", ylab = "age [Ma]", ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ArAr'
agespectrum(x, alpha = 0.05, plateau = TRUE,
  plateau.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), non.plateau.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, exterr = TRUE, line.col = "red", lwd = 2, i2i = FALSE,
  ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	a three-column matrix whose first column gives the amount of $^{39}\text{Ar}$ in each aliquot, and whose second and third columns give the age and its uncertainty. OR an object of class <code>ArAr</code>
<code>...</code>	optional parameters to the generic plot function
<code>alpha</code>	the confidence limits of the error bars/boxes and confidence intervals.
<code>plateau</code>	logical flag indicating whether a plateau age should be calculated. If <code>plateau=TRUE</code> , the function will compute the weighted mean of the largest succession of steps that yield values passing the Chi-square test for age homogeneity. If <code>TRUE</code> , returns a list with plateau parameters.
<code>plateau.col</code>	the fill colour of the rectangles used to mark the steps belonging to the age plateau.
<code>non.plateau.col</code>	if <code>plateau=TRUE</code> , the steps that do NOT belong to the plateau are given a different colour.
<code>sigdig</code>	the number of significant digits of the numerical values reported in the title of the graphical output (only used if <code>plateau=TRUE</code> ).
<code>line.col</code>	colour of the isochron line
<code>lwd</code>	line width
<code>title</code>	add a title to the plot?
<code>xlab</code>	x-axis label
<code>ylab</code>	y-axis label
<code>exterr</code>	propagate the external (decay constant and calibration factor) uncertainties?
<code>i2i</code>	‘isochron to intercept’: calculates the initial (aka ‘inherited’, ‘excess’, or ‘common’) $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ ratio from an isochron fit. Setting <code>i2i</code> to <code>FALSE</code> uses the default values stored in <code>settings('iratio', ...)</code>

## Value

if `plateau=TRUE`, returns a list with the following items:

**mean** a 3-element vector with:

`x`: the plateau mean

`s[x]`: the estimated standard deviation of `x`

`ci[x]`: the  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence interval of `t` for the appropriate degrees of freedom



- disp** a 2-element vector with:  
     s: the standard deviation of the overdispersion  
     ci: the  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence interval of the overdispersion for the appropriate degrees of freedom
- df** the degrees of freedom for the weighted mean plateau fit
- mswd** the mean square of the weighted deviates of the plateau
- p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test with  $df = n - 2$  degrees of freedom, where  $n$  is the number of steps in the plateau and 2 degrees of freedom have been removed to estimate the mean and the dispersion.
- fract** the fraction of  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  contained in the plateau
- tfact** the t-factor for df degrees of freedom evaluated at  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence
- plotpar** plot parameters for the weighted mean, which are not used in the age spectrum
- i** indices of the steps that are retained for the plateau age calculation

### Examples

```
data(examples)
agespectrum(examples$ArAr, ylim=c(0, 80))
```

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cad

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*Plot continuous data as cumulative age distributions*


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### Description

Plot a dataset as a Cumulative Age Distribution (CAD), also known as a ‘empirical cumulative distribution function’.

### Usage

```
cad(x, ...)
```

## Default S3 method:

```
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    colmap = "heat.colors", col = "black", ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'detritals'

```
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    colmap = "heat.colors", ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'UPb'

```
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", type = 4, cutoff.76 = 1100, cutoff.disc = c(-15, 5),
    common.Pb = 0, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'PbPb'

```

cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", i2i = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ArAr'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", i2i = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ThU'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [ka]",
    col = "black", i2i = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ReOs'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SmNd'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'RbSr'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'LuHf'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UThHe'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    col = "black", ...)

## S3 method for class 'fissiontracks'
cad(x, pch = NA, verticals = TRUE,
    xlab = "age [Ma]", col = "black", ...)

```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	a numerical vector OR an object of class UPb, PbPb, ArAr, UThHe, fissiontracks, ReOs, RbSr, SmNd, LuHf, ThU or detritals
<code>...</code>	optional arguments to the generic plot function
<code>pch</code>	plot character to mark the beginning of each CAD step
<code>verticals</code>	logical flag indicating if the horizontal lines of the CAD should be connected by vertical lines
<code>xlab</code>	x-axis label
<code>colmap</code>	an optional string with the name of one of R's built-in colour palettes (e.g., <code>heat.colors</code> , <code>terrain.colors</code> , <code>topo.colors</code> , <code>cm.colors</code> ), which are to be used for plotting data of class detritals.

col	colour to give to single sample datasets (not applicable if x has class detritals)
type	scalar indicating whether to plot the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ age (type=1), the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (type=2), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (type=3), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (type=4), or the (Wetherill) concordia age (type=5)
cutoff.76	the age (in Ma) below which the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ -age and above which the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ -age is used. This parameter is only used if type=4.
cutoff.disc	two element vector with the maximum and minimum percentage discordance allowed between the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} < \text{cutoff.76}$ ) or between the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} > \text{cutoff.76}$ ). Set cutoff.disc=NA if you do not want to use this filter.
common.Pb	apply a common lead correction using one of three methods: 1: use the isochron intercept as the initial Pb-composition 2: use the Stacey-Kramer two-stage model to infer the initial Pb-composition 3: use the Pb-composition stored in settings('iratio', 'Pb206Pb204') and settings('iratio', 'Pb207Pb204')
i2i	'isochron to intercept': calculates the initial (aka 'inherited', 'excess', or 'common') $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ , $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ or $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratio from an isochron fit. Setting i2i to FALSE uses the default values stored in settings('iratio', ...) or zero (for the Pb-Pb method). When applied to data of class ThU, setting i2i to TRUE applies a detrital Th-correction.

## References

Vermeesch, P., 2007. Quantitative geomorphology of the White Mountains (California) using detrital apatite fission track thermochronology. *Journal of Geophysical Research: Earth Surface*, 112(F3).

## Examples

```
data(examples)
cad(examples$DZ, verticals=FALSE, pch=20)
```

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central

*Calculate U-Th-He and fission track central ages and compositions*

---

## Description

Computes the geometric mean composition of a set of fission track or U-Th-He data and returns the corresponding age and fitting parameters.

**Usage**

```
central(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
central(x, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UThHe'
central(x, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fissiontracks'
central(x, mineral = NA, alpha = 0.05, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class UThHe or fissiontracks, OR a 2-column matrix with (strictly positive) values and uncertainties
...	optional arguments
alpha	cutoff value for confidence intervals
mineral	setting this parameter to either apatite or zircon changes the default efficiency factor, initial fission track length and density to preset values (only affects results if x\$format=2.)

**Value**

if x has class UThHe, a list containing the following items:

**age** a four-element vector with:

t: the central age

s[t]: the standard error of s[t]

ci[t]: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for t for the appropriate number of degrees of freedom

disp[t]: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval enhanced by a factor of  $\sqrt{MSWD}$ .

**mswd** the reduced Chi-square statistic of data concordance, i.e.  $mswd = SS/df$ , where  $SS$  is the sum of squares of the log[U/He]-log[Th/He] compositions

**df** the degrees of freedom ( $2n - 2$ )

**p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test with df degrees of freedom

**uvw** (if the input data table contains Sm) or **uv** (if it doesn't): the geometric mean log[U/He], log[Th/He] (, log[Sm/He]) and log[Sm/He] composition

**covmat** the covariance matrix of uvw or uv

**tfact** the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  percentile of the t- distribution for df degrees of freedom

OR, otherwise:

**age** a three-element vector with:

t: the central age

`s[t]`: the standard error of `s[t]`

`ci[t]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `t` for the appropriate number of degrees of freedom

**disp** a two-element vector with the overdispersion (standard deviation) of the excess scatter, and the corresponding  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for the appropriate degrees of freedom.

**mswd** the reduced Chi-square statistic of data concordance, i.e.  $mswd = X^2/df$ , where  $X^2$  is a Chi-square statistic of the EDM data or ages

**df** the degrees of freedom ( $n - 2$ )

**p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test with `df` degrees of freedom

## References

Galbraith, R.F. and Laslett, G.M., 1993. Statistical models for mixed fission track ages. Nuclear tracks and radiation measurements, 21(4), pp.459-470.

Vermeesch, P., 2008. Three new ways to calculate average (U-Th)/He ages. Chemical Geology, 249(3), pp.339-347.

## Examples

```
data(examples)
print(central(examples$UThHe)$age)
```

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concordia

*Concordia diagram*

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## Description

Plots U-Pb data on Wetherill and Tera-Wasserburg concordia diagrams, calculate concordia ages and compositions, evaluates the equivalence of multiple ( $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ - $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$  or  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ ) compositions, computes the weighted mean isotopic composition and the corresponding concordia age using the method of maximum likelihood, computes the MSWD of equivalence and concordance and their respective Chi-squared p-values. Performs linear regression and computes the upper and lower intercept ages (for Wetherill) or the lower intercept age and the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$  intercept (for Tera-Wasserburg), taking into account error correlations and decay constant uncertainties.

## Usage

```
concordia(x, tlim = NULL, alpha = 0.05, wetherill = TRUE,
  show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA, ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080",
  "#FF000080"), concordia.col = "darksalmon", exterr = TRUE, show.age = 0,
  sigdig = 2, common.Pb = 0, ticks = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	an object of class UPb
<code>tlim</code>	age limits of the concordia line
<code>alpha</code>	probability cutoff for the error ellipses and confidence intervals
<code>wetherill</code>	logical flag (FALSE for Tera-Wasserburg)
<code>show.numbers</code>	logical flag (TRUE to show grain numbers)
<code>levels</code>	a vector with additional values to be displayed as different background colours within the error ellipses.
<code>ellipse.col</code>	a vector of two background colours for the error ellipses. If <code>levels=NA</code> , then only the first colour will be used. If <code>levels</code> is a vector of numbers, then <code>ellipse.col</code> is used to construct a colour ramp.
<code>concordia.col</code>	colour of the concordia line
<code>exterr</code>	show decay constant uncertainty?
<code>show.age</code>	one of either: 0: just plot the data but don't calculate the age 1: calculate the concordia age 2: fit a discordia line
<code>sigdig</code>	number of significant digits for the concordia/discordia age
<code>common.Pb</code>	apply a common lead correction using one of three methods: 1: use the isochron intercept as the initial Pb-composition 2: use the Stacey-Kramer two-stage model to infer the initial Pb-composition 3: use the Pb-composition stored in <code>settings('iratio', 'Pb206Pb204')</code> and <code>settings('iratio', 'Pb207Pb204')</code>
<code>ticks</code>	an optional vector of age ticks to be added to the concordia line.
<code>...</code>	optional arguments to the generic plot function

**References**

Ludwig, K.R., 1998. On the treatment of concordant uranium-lead ages. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 62(4), pp.665-676.

**Examples**

```
data(examples)
concordia(examples$UPb)
```

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ellipse	<i>Get coordinates of error ellipse for plotting</i>
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### Description

Construct an error ellipse age a given confidence level from its centre and covariance matrix

### Usage

```
ellipse(x, y, covmat, alpha = 0.05, n = 50)
```

### Arguments

x	x-coordinate (scalar) for the centre of the ellipse
y	y-coordinate (scalar) for the centre of the ellipse
covmat	covariance matrix of the x-y coordinates
alpha	the probability cutoff for the error ellipses
n	the resolution of the error ellipses

### Value

an [n x 2] matrix of plot coordinates

### Examples

```
x = 99; y = 101;
covmat <- matrix(c(1,0.9,0.9,1),nrow=2)
ell <- ellipse(x,y,covmat)
plot(c(90,110),c(90,110),type='l')
polygon(ell,col=rgb(0,1,0,0.5))
points(x,y,pch=21,bg='black')
```

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evolution	<i>Th-U evolution diagram</i>
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### Description

Plots Th-U data on a  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ - $^{230}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}$  evolution diagram, a  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ -age diagram, or (if  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  is assumed to be in secular equilibrium), a  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$ - $^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$  diagram, calculates isochron ages.

### Usage

```
evolution(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05, transform = FALSE,
  detrital = FALSE, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), line.col = "darksalmon",
  isochron = FALSE, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>ThU</code>
<code>xlim</code>	x-axis limits
<code>ylim</code>	y-axis limits
<code>alpha</code>	probability cutoff for the error ellipses and confidence intervals
<code>transform</code>	if TRUE, plots $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ vs. Th-U age.
<code>detrital</code>	apply a detrital Th correction by projecting the compositions along an isochron?
<code>show.numbers</code>	label the error ellipses with the grain numbers?
<code>levels</code>	a vector with additional values to be displayed as different background colours within the error ellipses.
<code>ellipse.col</code>	a vector of two background colours for the error ellipses. If <code>levels=NA</code> , then only the first colour will be used. If <code>levels</code> is a vector of numbers, then <code>ellipse.col</code> is used to construct a colour ramp.
<code>line.col</code>	colour of the age grid
<code>isochron</code>	fit a 3D isochron to the data?
<code>exterr</code>	propagate the decay constant uncertainty in the isochron age?
<code>sigdig</code>	number of significant digits for the isochron age
<code>...</code>	optional arguments to the generic plot function

**References**

Ludwig, K.R. and Titterton, D.M., 1994. Calculation of  $^{230}\text{Th}/\text{U}$  isochrons, ages, and errors. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 58(22), pp.5031-5042.

Ludwig, K.R., 2003. Mathematical-statistical treatment of data and errors for  $^{230}\text{Th}/\text{U}$  geochronology. *Reviews in Mineralogy and Geochemistry*, 52(1), pp.631-656.

**Examples**

```
data(examples)
evolution(examples$ThU)
```

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examples

*Example datasets for testing IsoplotR*

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**Description**

U-Pb, Pb-Pb, Ar-Ar, Re-Os, Sm-Nd, Rb-Sr, Lu-Hf, U-Th-He, Th-U, fission track and detrital datasets



## Details

examples an 18-item list containing:

UPb: an object of class UPb containing a high precision U-Pb dataset of Kamo et al. (1996) packaged with Ken Ludwig's Isoplot program.

PbPb: an object of class PbPb containing a Pb-Pb dataset from Connelley et al. (2017).

DZ: an object of class detrital containing a detrital zircon U-Pb dataset from Namibia (Vermeesch et al., 2015).

ArAr: an object of class ArAr containing a  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  spectrum of Skye basalt produced by Sarah Sherlock (Open University).

UThHe: an object of class UThHe containing a U-Th-Sm-He dataset of Fish Lake apatite produced by Daniel Stockli (UT Austin).

FT1: an object of class fissiontracks containing a synthetic external detector dataset.

FT2: an object of class fissiontracks containing a synthetic LA-ICP-MS-based fission track dataset using the zeta calibration method.

FT3: an object of class fissiontracks containing a synthetic LA-ICP-MS-based fission track dataset using the absolute dating approach.

ReOs: an object of class ReOs containing a  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{187}\text{Re}$ -dataset from Selby (2007).

SmNd: an object of class SmNd containing a  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{147}\text{Sm}$ -dataset from Lugmair et al. (1975).

RbSr: an object of class RbSr containing an  $^{87}\text{Rb}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ -dataset from Compston et al. (1971).

LuHf: an object of class LuHf containing an  $^{176}\text{Lu}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ -dataset from Barfod et al. (2002).

ThU: an object of class ThU containing a synthetic 'Osmond-type' dataset from Titterton and Ludwig (1994).

Namib: an object of class detritals containing a detrital zircon U-Pb dataset of Vermeesch and Garzanti (2015).

average: an object of class other containing the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ -ages and errors of dataset UPb.

KDE: an object of class 'other' containing the  $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ -ages (but not the errors) of dataset UPb.

spectrum: an object of class 'other' containing the  $^{39}\text{Ar}$  abundances,  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ -ages and errors of dataset ArAr.

MountTom: an object of class 'other' containing a dataset of dispersed zircon fission track ages from Brandon and Vance (1992).

## References

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Connelly, J.N., Bollard, J. and Bizzarro, M., 2017. Pb-Pb chronometry and the early Solar System. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 201, pp.345-363.

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Vermeesch, P., 2008. Three new ways to calculate average (U-Th)/He ages. *Chemical Geology*, 249(3), pp.339-347.

## Examples

```
data(examples)

concordia(examples$UPb)

agespectrum(examples$ArAr)

isochron(examples$ReOs)

radialplot(examples$FT1)

helioplot(examples$UThHe)

evolution(examples$ThU)

kde(examples$Namib)

radialplot(examples$MountTom)

agespectrum(examples$spectrum)

weightedmean(examples$average)
```

helioplot

*Visualise U-Th-He data on a logratio plot or ternary diagram***Description**

Plot U-Th(-Sm)-He data on a ( $\log[\text{He}/\text{Th}]$  vs.  $\log[\text{U}/\text{He}]$ ) logratio plot or U-Th-He ternary diagram

**Usage**

```
helioplot(x, logratio = TRUE, show.central.comp = TRUE,
  show.numbers = FALSE, alpha = 0.05, contour.col = c("white", "red"),
  levels = NA, ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#0000FF80"), sigdig = 2,
  xlim = NA, ylim = NA, fact = NA, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>UThHe</code>
<code>logratio</code>	Boolean flag indicating whether the data should be shown on bivariate $\log[\text{He}/\text{Th}]$ vs. $\log[\text{U}/\text{He}]$ diagramme, or a U-Th-He ternary diagramme.
<code>show.central.comp</code>	show the geometric mean composition as a white ellipse?
<code>show.numbers</code>	show the grain numbers inside the error ellipses?
<code>alpha</code>	probability cutoff for the error ellipses and confidence intervals
<code>contour.col</code>	two-element vector with the fill colours to be assigned to the minimum and maximum age contour
<code>levels</code>	a vector with additional values to be displayed as different background colours within the error ellipses.
<code>ellipse.col</code>	a vector of two background colours for the error ellipses. If <code>levels=NA</code> , then only the first colour will be used. If <code>levels</code> is a vector of numbers, then <code>ellipse.col</code> is used to construct a colour ramp.
<code>sigdig</code>	number of significant digits for the central age
<code>xlim</code>	optional limits of the x-axis ( $\log[\text{U}/\text{He}]$ ) of the logratio plot. If <code>xlim=NA</code> , the axis limits are determined automatically.
<code>ylim</code>	optional limits of the y-axis ( $\log[\text{Th}/\text{He}]$ ) of the logratio plot. If <code>ylim=NA</code> , the axis limits are determined automatically.
<code>fact</code>	three-element vector with the scaling factors of the ternary diagram if <code>fact=NA</code> , these will be determined automatically
<code>...</code>	optional arguments to the generic plot function

**References**

Vermeesch, P., 2010. HelioPlot, and the treatment of overdispersed (U-Th-Sm)/He data. *Chemical Geology*, 271(3), pp.108-111.

## Examples

```
data(examples)
helioplot(examples$UThHe)
dev.new()
helioplot(examples$UThHe, logratio=FALSE)
```

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isochron

*Calculate and plot isochrons*


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## Description

Plots cogenetic Ar-Ar, Pb-Pb, Rb-Sr, Sm-Nd, Re-Os, Lu-Hf, U-Th-He or Th-U data as X-Y scatter-plots, fits an isochron curve through them using the york function, and computes the corresponding isochron age, including decay constant uncertainties.

## Usage

```
isochron(x, ...)
```

## Default S3 method:

```
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), line.col = "red", lwd = 2,
  title = TRUE, model = 1, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'ArAr'

```
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), inverse = TRUE,
  line.col = "red", lwd = 2, plot = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, model = 1,
  ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'PbPb'

```
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), inverse = TRUE,
  line.col = "red", lwd = 2, plot = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, model = 1,
  ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'RbSr'

```
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), line.col = "red", lwd = 2,
  plot = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, model = 1, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'ReOs'

```
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
```

```

sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), line.col = "red", lwd = 2,
plot = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, model = 1, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SmNd'
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), line.col = "red", lwd = 2,
  plot = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, model = 1, ...)

## S3 method for class 'LuHf'
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), line.col = "red", lwd = 2,
  plot = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, model = 1, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ThU'
isochron(x, type = 2, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, levels = NA,
  ellipse.col = c("#00FF0080", "#FF000080"), line.col = "red", lwd = 2,
  plot = TRUE, exterr = TRUE, model = 1, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UTHe'
isochron(x, xlim = NA, ylim = NA, alpha = 0.05,
  sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, line.col = "red", lwd = 2,
  plot = TRUE, model = 1, ...)

```

## Arguments

<b>x</b>	EITHER a matrix with the following five columns: <b>X</b> the x-variable <b>sX</b> the standard error of X <b>Y</b> the y-variable <b>sY</b> the standard error of Y <b>rXY</b> the correlation coefficient of X and Y OR an object of class ArAr, PbPb, ReOs, RbSr, SmNd, LuHf, UThHe or ThU.
<b>...</b>	optional arguments to be passed on to the generic plot function if model=2
<b>xlim</b>	2-element vector with the plot limits of the x-axis
<b>ylim</b>	2-element vector with the plot limits of the y-axis
<b>alpha</b>	confidence cutoff for the error ellipses and confidence intervals
<b>sigdig</b>	the number of significant digits of the numerical values reported in the title of the graphical output
<b>show.numbers</b>	logical flag (TRUE to show grain numbers)
<b>levels</b>	a vector with additional values to be displayed as different background colours within the error ellipses.

<code>ellipse.col</code>	a vector of two background colours for the error ellipses. If <code>levels=NA</code> , then only the first colour will be used. If <code>levels</code> is a vector of numbers, then <code>ellipse.col</code> is used to construct a colour ramp.
<code>line.col</code>	colour of the isochron line
<code>lwd</code>	line width
<code>title</code>	add a title to the plot?
<code>model</code>	construct the isochron using either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Error weighted least squares regression</li> <li>2. Ordinary least squares regression</li> </ol>
<code>inverse</code>	if TRUE and <code>x</code> has class <code>ArAr</code> , plots $^{36}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ vs. $^{39}\text{Ar}/^{40}\text{Ar}$ . if TRUE and <code>x</code> has class <code>PbPb</code> , plots $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ vs. $^{204}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ .
<code>plot</code>	if FALSE, suppresses the graphical output
<code>exterr</code>	propagate external sources of uncertainty (J, decay constant)?
<code>type</code>	following the classification of Ludwig and Titterton (1994), one of either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 'Rosholt type-II' isochron, setting out <math>^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}</math> vs. <math>^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}</math></li> <li>2. 'Osmond type-II' isochron, setting out <math>^{230}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}</math> vs. <math>^{232}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}</math></li> <li>3. 'Rosholt type-II' isochron, setting out <math>^{234}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}</math> vs. <math>^{238}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}</math></li> <li>4. 'Osmond type-II' isochron, setting out <math>^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}</math> vs. <math>^{232}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}</math></li> </ol>

### Value

if `x` has class `PbPb`, `ArAr`, `RbSr`, `SmNd`, `ReOs` or `LuHf`, or `UThHe`, returns a list with the following items:

**a** the intercept of the straight line fit and its standard error.

**b** the slope of the fit and its standard error.

**cov.ab** the covariance of the slope and intercept

**df** the degrees of freedom of the linear fit ( $df = n - 2$ )

**y0** a four-element list containing:

`y`: the atmospheric  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$  or initial  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  or  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  ratio.

`s[y]`: the propagated uncertainty of `y`

`ci[y]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `y` given the appropriate degrees of freedom.

`disp[y]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `y` enhanced by  $\sqrt{mswd}$  (only applicable if `model=1`).

**age** a four-element list containing:

`t`: the  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ ,  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{187}\text{Os}/^{187}\text{Re}$ ,  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ,  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  or  $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$  age.

`s[t]`: the propagated uncertainty of `t`

`ci[t]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `t` given the appropriate degrees of freedom.

`disp[t]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `t` enhanced by  $\sqrt{mswd}$  (only applicable if `model=1`).

**tfact** the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  percentile of a t-distribution with `df` degrees of freedom.

additionally, if `model=1`:

**mswd** the mean square of the residuals (a.k.a ‘reduced Chi-square’) statistic (omitted if `model=2`).

**p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test for linearity

OR, if `x` has class `ThU`:

**par** if `type=1` or `type=3`: the best fitting  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$  intercept,  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}$  slope,  $^{234}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$  intercept and  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  slope, OR, if `type=2` or `type=4`: the best fitting  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  intercept,  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$  slope,  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  intercept and  $^{234}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$  slope.

**cov** the covariance matrix of `par`.

**df** the degrees of freedom for the linear fit, i.e.  $(3n-3)$  if `x$format=1` or `x$format=2`, and  $(2n-2)$  if `x$format=3` or `x$format=4`

**a** if `type=1`: the  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$  intercept; if `type=2`: the  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}$  intercept; if `type=3`: the  $^{234}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$  intercept; if `type=4`: the  $^{234}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}$  intercept and its propagated uncertainty.

**b** if `type=1`: the  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{238}\text{U}$  slope; if `type=2`: the  $^{230}\text{Th}/^{232}\text{Th}$  slope; if `type=3`: the  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$  slope; if `type=4`: the  $^{234}\text{U}/^{232}\text{Th}$  slope and its propagated uncertainty.

**cov.ab** the covariance between `a` and `b`.

**mswd** the mean square of the residuals (a.k.a ‘reduced Chi-square’) statistic.

**p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test for linearity.

**y0** a four-element vector containing:

`y`: the initial  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ -ratio

`s[y]`: the propagated uncertainty of `y`

`ci[y]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `y`

`disp[y]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `y` enhanced by  $\sqrt{\text{mswd}}$ .

**age** a four-element vector containing:

`t`: the initial  $^{234}\text{U}/^{238}\text{U}$ -ratio

`s[t]`: the propagated uncertainty of `t`

`ci[t]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `t`

`disp[t]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `t` enhanced by  $\sqrt{\text{mswd}}$ .

**d** a matrix with the following columns: the X-variable for the isochron plot, the analytical uncertainty of X, the Y-variable for the isochron plot, the analytical uncertainty of Y, and the correlation coefficient between X and Y.

**xlab** the x-label of the isochron plot

**ylab** the y-label of the isochron plot

## References

- Nicolaysen, L.O., 1961. Graphic interpretation of discordant age measurements on metamorphic rocks. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, 91(1), pp.198-206.
- Ludwig, K.R. and Titterton, D.M., 1994. Calculation of  $^{230}\text{Th}/\text{U}$  isochrons, ages, and errors. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 58(22), pp.5031-5042.

## Examples

```
data(examples)
isochron(examples$ArAr)
```

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IsoplotR	<i>library(IsoplotR)</i>
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## Description

IsoplotR is a toolkit for isotope geochronology. Plots U-Pb data on Wetherill and Tera-Wasserburg concordia diagrams. Calculates concordia and discordia ages. Performs linear regression of measurements with correlated errors using ‘York’, ‘Titterton’ and ‘Ludwig’ approaches. Generates Kernel Density Estimates (KDEs) and Cumulative Age Distributions (CADs). Produces Multidimensional Scaling (MDS) configurations and Shepard plots of multi-sample detrital datasets using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance as a dissimilarity measure. Calculates  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  ages, isochrons, and age spectra. Computes weighted means accounting for overdispersion. Calculates U-Th-He (single grain and central) ages, logratio plots and ternary diagrams. Processes fission track data using the external detector method and LA-ICP-MS, calculates central ages and plots fission track and other data on radial (a.k.a. ‘Galbraith’ plots). Constructs total Pb-U, Pb-Pb, Re-Os, Sm-Nd, Lu-Hf, Rb-Sr and  $^{230}\text{Th}$ -U isochrons as well as  $^{230}\text{Th}$ -U evolution plots.

## Details

A list of documented functions may be viewed by typing `help(package='IsoplotR')`. Detailed instructions are provided at <http://isoplotr.london-geochron.com>. A manuscript with the theoretical background is in preparation.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <http://isoplotr.london-geochron.com>



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kde	<i>Create (a) kernel density estimate(s)</i>
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## Description

Creates one or more kernel density estimates using a combination of the Botev (2010) bandwidth selector and the Abramson (1982) adaptive kernel bandwidth modifier.

## Usage

```
kde(x, ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'UPb'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, type = 4,
    cutoff.76 = 1100, cutoff.disc = c(-15, 5), common.Pb = 0, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'detritals'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA,
    samebandwidth = TRUE, normalise = TRUE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'PbPb'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, i2i = FALSE,
    ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ArAr'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, i2i = FALSE,
    ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ThU'
```

```

kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [ka]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, i2i = FALSE,
    ...)

## S3 method for class 'ReOs'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, i2i = TRUE,
    ...)

## S3 method for class 'SmNd'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, i2i = TRUE,
    ...)

## S3 method for class 'RbSr'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, i2i = TRUE,
    ...)

## S3 method for class 'LuHf'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, i2i = TRUE,
    ...)

## S3 method for class 'UThHe'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA, adaptive = TRUE,
    log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA, xlab = "age [Ma]",
    ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6), hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2),
    show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n", binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fissiontracks'
kde(x, from = NA, to = NA, bw = NA,
    adaptive = TRUE, log = FALSE, n = 512, plot = TRUE, pch = NA,
    xlab = "age [Ma]", ylab = "", kde.col = rgb(1, 0, 1, 0.6),
    hist.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.2), show.hist = TRUE, bty = "n",
    binwidth = NA, ncol = NA, ...)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a vector of numbers OR an object of class UPb, PbPb, ArAr, ReOs, SmNd, RbSr, UThHe, fissiontracks, ThU or detrital
<code>...</code>	optional arguments to be passed on to density
<code>from</code>	minimum age of the time axis. If NULL, this is set automatically
<code>to</code>	maximum age of the time axis. If NULL, this is set automatically
<code>bw</code>	the bandwidth of the KDE. If NULL, bw will be calculated automatically using <code>botev()</code>
<code>adaptive</code>	logical flag controlling if the adaptive KDE modifier of Abramson (1982) is used
<code>log</code>	transform the ages to a log scale if TRUE
<code>n</code>	horizontal resolution of the density estimate
<code>plot</code>	show the KDE as a plot
<code>pch</code>	the symbol used to show the samples. May be a vector. Set <code>pch=NA</code> to turn them off.
<code>xlab</code>	the x-axis label
<code>ylab</code>	the y-axis label
<code>kde.col</code>	the fill colour of the KDE specified as a four element vector of <code>r</code> , <code>g</code> , <code>b</code> , <code>alpha</code> values
<code>hist.col</code>	the fill colour of the histogram specified as a four element vector of <code>r</code> , <code>g</code> , <code>b</code> , <code>alpha</code> values
<code>show.hist</code>	logical flag indicating whether a histogram should be added to the KDE
<code>bty</code>	change to "o", "l", "7", "c", "u", or "]" if you want to draw a box around the plot
<code>binwidth</code>	scalar width of the histogram bins, in Myr if <code>x\$log = FALSE</code> , or as a fractional value if <code>x\$log = TRUE</code> . Sturges' Rule is used if <code>binwidth = NA</code>
<code>ncol</code>	scalar value indicating the number of columns over which the KDEs should be divided. This option is only used if <code>x</code> has class <code>detritals</code> .
<code>type</code>	scalar indicating whether to plot the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ age ( <code>type=1</code> ), the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age ( <code>type=2</code> ), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age ( <code>type=3</code> ), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age ( <code>type=4</code> ), or the (Wetherill) concordia age ( <code>type=5</code> )
<code>cutoff.76</code>	the age (in Ma) below which the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and above which the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age is used. This parameter is only used if <code>type=4</code> .
<code>cutoff.disc</code>	two element vector with the maximum and minimum percentage discordance allowed between the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} < \text{cutoff.76}$ ) or between the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} > \text{cutoff.76}$ ). Set <code>cutoff.disc=NA</code> if you do not want to use this filter.
<code>common.Pb</code>	apply a common lead correction using one of three methods: 1: use the isochron intercept as the initial Pb-composition 2: use the Stacey-Kramer two-stage model to infer the initial Pb-composition 3: use the Pb-composition stored in <code>settings('iratio', 'Pb206Pb204')</code> and <code>settings('iratio', 'Pb207Pb204')</code>

<code>samebandwidth</code>	logical flag indicating whether the same bandwidth should be used for all samples. If <code>samebandwidth = TRUE</code> and <code>bw = NULL</code> , then the function will use the median bandwidth of all the samples.
<code>normalise</code>	logical flag indicating whether or not the KDEs should all integrate to the same value.
<code>i2i</code>	‘isochron to intercept’: calculates the initial (aka ‘inherited’, ‘excess’, or ‘common’) $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ , $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ or $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratio from an isochron fit. Setting <code>i2i</code> to <code>FALSE</code> uses the default values stored in <code>settings('iratio', ...)</code> or zero (for the Pb-Pb method). When applied to data of class <code>ThU</code> , setting <code>i2i</code> to <code>TRUE</code> applies a detrital Th-correction.

### Value

if `plot = TRUE`, returns an object of class `KDE`, i.e. a list containing the following items:

**x** horizontal plot coordinates  
**y** vertical plot coordinates  
**bw** the base bandwidth of the density estimate  
**ages** the data values from the input to the `kde` function

or, if `x` has class `=detritals`, an object of class `KDEs`, i.e. a list containing the following items:

**kdes** a named list with objects of class `KDE`  
**from** the beginning of the common time scale  
**to** the end of the common time scale  
**themax** the maximum probability density of all the `KDEs`  
**xlabel** the x-axis label to be used by `plot.KDEs`

### References

- Abramson, I.S., 1982. On bandwidth variation in kernel estimates-a square root law. *The annals of Statistics*, pp.1217-1223.
- Botev, Z. I., J. F. Grotowski, and D. P. Kroese. "Kernel density estimation via diffusion." *The Annals of Statistics* 38.5 (2010): 2916-2957.
- Vermeesch, P., 2012. On the visualisation of detrital age distributions. *Chemical Geology*, 312, pp.190-194.

### Examples

```
data(examples)
kde(examples$DZ[['N1']],kernel="epanechnikov")
kde(examples$DZ,from=0,to=3000)
```

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ludwig	<i>Linear regression of X,Y,Z-variables with correlated errors, taking into account decay constant uncertainties.</i>
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## Description

Implements the maximum likelihood algorithm of Ludwig (1998)

## Usage

```
ludwig(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
ludwig(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UPb'
ludwig(x, exterr = FALSE, alpha = 0.05, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class UPb
<code>...</code>	optional arguments
<code>exterr</code>	propagate external sources of uncertainty (e.g., decay constant)?
<code>alpha</code>	cutoff value for confidence intervals

## Value

**par** a two-element vector with the lower concordia intercept and initial  $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ -ratio.  
**cov** the covariance matrix of par  
**df** the degrees of freedom of the model fit ( $3n - 3$ , where  $n$  is the number of aliquots).  
**mswd** the mean square of weighted deviates (a.k.a. reduced Chi-square statistic) for the fit.  
**p.value** p-value of a Chi-square test for the linear fit

## References

Ludwig, K.R., 1998. On the treatment of concordant uranium-lead ages. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 62(4), pp.665-676.

## Examples

```
f <- system.file("UPb4.csv", package="IsoplotR")
d <- read.data(f, method="U-Pb", format=4)
fit <- ludwig(d)
```

mds

*Multidimensional Scaling***Description**

Performs classical or nonmetric Multidimensional Scaling analysis

**Usage**

```
mds(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
mds(x, classical = FALSE, plot = TRUE, shepard = FALSE,
     nnlines = FALSE, pos = NULL, col = "black", bg = "white", xlab = "",
     ylab = "", ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'detritals'
mds(x, classical = FALSE, plot = TRUE,
     shepard = FALSE, nnlines = FALSE, pos = NULL, col = "black",
     bg = "white", xlab = "", ylab = "", ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a dissimilarity matrix OR an object of class <code>detrital</code>
<code>...</code>	optional arguments to the generic plot function
<code>classical</code>	logical flag indicating whether classical (TRUE) or nonmetric (FALSE) MDS should be used
<code>plot</code>	show the MDS configuration (if <code>shepard=FALSE</code> ) or Shepard plot (if <code>shepard=TRUE</code> ) on a graphical device
<code>shepard</code>	logical flag indicating whether the graphical output should show the MDS configuration ( <code>shepard=FALSE</code> ) or a Shepard plot with the 'stress' value. This argument is only used if <code>plot=TRUE</code> .
<code>nnlines</code>	if TRUE, draws nearest neighbour lines
<code>pos</code>	a position specifier for the labels (if <code>pch!=NA</code> ). Values of 1, 2, 3 and 4 indicate positions below, to the left of, above and to the right of the MDS coordinates, respectively.
<code>col</code>	plot colour (may be a vector)
<code>bg</code>	background colour (may be a vector)
<code>xlab</code>	a string with the label of the x axis
<code>ylab</code>	a string with the label of the y axis

**Value**

returns an object of class MDS, i.e. a list containing the following items:

**points** a two column vector of the fitted configuration

**classical** a logical flag indicating whether the MDS configuration was obtained by classical (TRUE) or nonmetric (FALSE) MDS

**diss** the dissimilarity matrix used for the MDS analysis

**stress** (only if classical=TRUE) the final stress achieved (in percent)

**References**

Vermeesch, P., 2013. Multi-sample comparison of detrital age distributions. *Chemical Geology*, 341, pp.140-146.

**Examples**

```
data(examples)
mds(examples$DZ, nnlines=TRUE, pch=21, cex=5)
dev.new()
mds(examples$DZ, shepard=TRUE)
```

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peakfit

*Finite mixture modelling of geochronological datasets*


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**Description**

Implements the discrete mixture modelling algorithms of Galbraith and Green (1993) and applies them to fission track and other geochronological datasets.

**Usage**

```
peakfit(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
peakfit(x, k = "auto", sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fissiontracks'
peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2,
        log = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UPb'
peakfit(x, k = 1, type = 4, cutoff.76 = 1100,
        cutoff.disc = c(-15, 5), exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'PbPb'
```

```

peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ArAr'
peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        i2i = FALSE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ReOs'
peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SmNd'
peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'RbSr'
peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'LuHf'
peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = TRUE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ThU'
peakfit(x, k = 1, exterr = FALSE, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE,
        i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UThHe'
peakfit(x, k = 1, sigdig = 2, log = TRUE, alpha = 0.05,
        ...)

```

## Arguments

x	either a [2 x n] matrix with measurements and their standard errors, or an object of class fissiontracks, UPb, PbPb, ArAr, ReOs, SmNd, RbSr, LuHf, ThU or UThHe
...	optional arguments (not used)
k	the number of discrete age components to be sought. Setting this parameter to 'auto' automatically selects the optimal number of components (up to a maximum of 5) using the Bayes Information Criterion (BIC).
sigdig	number of significant digits to be used for any legend in which the peak fitting results are to be displayed.
log	take the logs of the data before applying the mixture model?
alpha	cutoff value for confidence intervals
exterr	propagate the external sources of uncertainty into the component age errors?
type	scalar indicating whether to plot the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ age (type=1), the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (type=2), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (type=3), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age



	(type=4), or the (Wetherill) concordia age (type=5)
cutoff.76	the age (in Ma) below which the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and above which the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age is used. This parameter is only used if type=4.
cutoff.disc	two element vector with the maximum and minimum percentage discordance allowed between the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} < \text{cutoff.76}$ ) or between the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} > \text{cutoff.76}$ ). Set cutoff.disc=NA if you do not want to use this filter.
i2i	‘isochron to intercept’: calculates the initial (aka ‘inherited’, ‘excess’, or ‘common’) $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ , $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ or $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratio from an isochron fit. Setting i2i to FALSE uses the default values stored in settings('iratio', ...) or zero (for the Pb-Pb method). When applied to data of class ThU, setting i2i to TRUE applies a detrital Th-correction.

## Value

returns a list with the following items:

**peaks** a 3 × k matrix with the following rows:

t: the ages of the k peaks

s[t]: the estimated uncertainties of t

ci[t]: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for t

**props** a 2 × k matrix with the following rows:

p: the proportions of the k peaks

s[p]: the estimated uncertainties of p

**L** the log-likelihood of the fit

**tfact** the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  percentile of the t-distribution with  $(n - 2k + 1)$  degrees of freedom

**legend** a vector of text expressions to be used in a figure legend

## References

Galbraith, R.F. and Laslett, G.M., 1993. Statistical models for mixed fission track ages. Nuclear tracks and radiation measurements, 21(4), pp.459-470.

## Examples

```
data(examples)
peakfit(examples$FT1,k=2)
```

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radialplot

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Visualise heteroscedastic data on a radial plot

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## Description

Implementation of a graphical device developed by Rex Galbraith to display several estimates of the same quantity that have different standard errors.

## Usage

```
radialplot(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21,
  levels = NA, bg = c("white", "red"), title = TRUE, k = 0,
  markers = NULL, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fissiontracks'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "arcsin", sigdig = 2, show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21,
  levels = NA, bg = c("white", "red"), title = TRUE, markers = NULL,
  k = 0, exterr = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UPb'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", type = 4, cutoff.76 = 1100,
  cutoff.disc = c(-15, 5), show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, exterr = TRUE,
  common.Pb = 0, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'PbPb'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, exterr = TRUE,
  i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ArAr'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, exterr = TRUE,
  i2i = FALSE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UThHe'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, alpha = 0.05, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'ReOs'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, exterr = TRUE,
  i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SmNd'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, exterr = TRUE,
  i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'RbSr'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, exterr = TRUE,
  i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'LuHf'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, exterr = TRUE,
  i2i = TRUE, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ThU'
radialplot(x, from = NA, to = NA, t0 = NA,
  transformation = "log", show.numbers = FALSE, pch = 21, levels = NA,
  bg = c("white", "red"), markers = NULL, k = 0, i2i = TRUE,
  alpha = 0.05, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	Either an nx2 matrix of (transformed) values z and their standard errors s OR and object of class fissiontracks, UThHe, ArAr, ReOs, SmNd, RbSr, LuHf, ThU, PbPb or UPb
...	additional arguments to the generic points function
from	minimum age limit of the radial scale
to	maximum age limit of the radial scale
t0	central value
transformation	one of either log, linear or (if x has class fissiontracks)
sigdig	the number of significant digits of the numerical values reported in the title of the graphical output.
show.numbers	boolean flag (TRUE to show grain numbers)
pch	plot character (default is a filled circle)

levels	a vector with additional values to be displayed as different background colours of the plot symbols.
bg	a vector of two background colours for the plot symbols. If levels=NA, then only the first colour will be used. If levels is a vector of numbers, then bg is used to construct a colour ramp.
title	add a title to the plot?
k	number of peaks to fit using the finite mixture models of Galbraith and Green (1993). Setting k='auto' automatically selects an optimal number of components based on the Bayes Information Criterion (BIC). Setting k='min' estimates the minimum value using a three parameter model consisting of a Normal distribution truncated by a discrete component.
markers	vector of ages of radial marker lines to add to the plot.
alpha	cutoff value for confidence intervals
exterr	propagate the external sources of uncertainty into the mixture model errors?
type	scalar indicating whether to plot the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ age (type=1), the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (type=2), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (type=3), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (type=4), or the (Wetherill) concordia age (type=5)
cutoff.76	the age (in Ma) below which the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and above which the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age is used. This parameter is only used if type=4.
cutoff.disc	two element vector with the maximum and minimum percentage discordance allowed between the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} < \text{cutoff.76}$ ) or between the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} > \text{cutoff.76}$ ). Set cutoff.disc=NA if you do not want to use this filter.
common.Pb	apply a common lead correction using one of three methods: 1: use the isochron intercept as the initial Pb-composition 2: use the Stacey-Kramer two-stage model to infer the initial Pb-composition 3: use the Pb-composition stored in settings('iratio', 'Pb206Pb204') and settings('iratio', 'Pb207Pb204')
i2i	'isochron to intercept': calculates the initial (aka 'inherited', 'excess', or 'common') $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ , $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ or $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$ ratio from an isochron fit. Setting i2i to FALSE uses the default values stored in settings('iratio', ...) or zero (for the Pb-Pb method). When applied to data of class ThU, setting i2i to TRUE applies a detrital Th-correction.

## References

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## Examples

```
data(examples)
radialplot(examples$FT1)
```

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read.data	<i>Read geochronology data</i>
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## Description

Cast a .csv file or a matrix into one of IsoplotR's data classes

## Usage

```
read.data(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
read.data(x, method = "U-Pb", format = 1, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
read.data(x, method = "U-Pb", format = 1, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	either a file name (.csv format) OR a matrix
...	optional arguments to the read.csv function
method	one of 'U-Pb', 'Pb-Pb', 'Ar-Ar', 'detritals', 'Rb-Sr', 'Sm-Nd', 'Re-Os', 'Th-U', 'U-Th-He', 'fissiontracks' or 'other'
format	formatting option, depends on the value of method. if method='U-Pb', then format is one of either: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 7/5, s[7/5], 6/8, s[6/8], rho</li> <li>2. 8/6, s[8/6], 7/6, s[7/6] (, rho)</li> <li>3. X=7/6, s[X], Y=7/5, s[Y], Z=6/8, s[Z] (, rho[X,Y]) (, rho[Y,Z])</li> <li>4. X=7/5, s[X], Y=6/8, s[Y], Z=4/8, rho[X,Y], rho[X,Z], rho[Y,Z]</li> <li>5. X=8/6, s[X], Y=7/6, s[Y], Z=4/6, rho[X,Y], rho[X,Z], rho[Y,Z]</li> <li>6. 7/5, s[7/5], 6/8, s[6/8], 4/8, s[4/8], 7/6, s[7/6], 4/7, s[4/7], 4/6, s[4/6]</li> </ol>

where optional columns are marked in round brackets

if method='Pb-Pb', then format is one of either:

1. 6/4, s[6/4], 7/4, s[7/4], rho
2. 4/6, s[4/6], 7/6, s[7/6], rho
3. 6/4, s[6/4], 7/4, s[7/4], 7/6, s[7/6]

if method='Ar-Ar', then format is one of either:

1. 9/6, s[9/6], 0/6, s[0/6], rho (, 39)
2. 6/0, s[6/0], 9/0, s[9/0] (, rho) (, 39)
3. 9/0, s[9/0], 6/0, s[6/0], 9/6, s[9/6] (, 39)

if method='Rb-Sr', then format is one of either:

1. Rb87/Sr86, s[Rb87/Sr86], Sr87/Sr86, s[Sr87/Sr86] (, rho)

2. Rb, s[Rb], Sr, s[Sr], Sr87/Sr86, s[Sr87/Sr86]

where Rb and Sr are in ppm

if method='Sm-Nd', then format is one of either:

1. Sm147/Nd144, s[Sm147/Nd144], Nd143/Nd144, s[Nd143/Nd144] (, rho)
2. Sm, s[Sm], Nd, s[Nd], Nd143/Nd144, s[Nd143/Nd144]

where Sm and Nd are in ppm

if method='Re-Os', then format is one of either:

1. Re187/Os188, s[Re187/Os188], Os187/Os188, s[Os187/Os188] (, rho)
2. Re, s[Re], Os, s[Os], Os187/Os188, s[Os187/Os188]

where Re and Os are in ppm

if method='Lu-Hf', then format is one of either:

1. Lu176/Hf177, s[Lu176/Hf177], Hf176/Hf177, s[Hf176/Hf177] (, rho)
2. Lu, s[Lu], Hf, s[Hf], Hf176/Hf177, s[Hf176/Hf177]

where Lu and Hf are in ppm

if method='Th-U', then format is one of either:

1. X=8/2, s[X], Y=4/2, s[Y], Z=0/2, s[Z], rho[X,Y], rho[X,Z], rho[Y,Z]
2. X=2/8, s[X], Y=4/8, s[Y], Z=0/8, s[Z], rho[X,Y], rho[X,Z], rho[Y,Z]

where all values are activity ratios

if method='fissiontracks', then format is one of either:

1. the External Detector Method (EDM), which requires a  $\zeta$ -calibration constant and its uncertainty, the induced track density in a dosimeter glass, and a table with the spontaneous and induced track densities.
2. LA-ICP-MS-based fission track data using the  $\zeta$ -calibration method, which requires a 'session  $\zeta$ ' and its uncertainty and a table with the number of spontaneous tracks, the area over which these were counted and one or more U/Ca- or U-concentration measurements and their analytical uncertainties.
3. LA-ICP-MS-based fission track data using the 'absolute dating' method, which only requires a table with the the number of spontaneous tracks, the area over which these were counted and one or more U/Ca- or U-concentration measurements and their analytical uncertainties.

## Details

IsoplotR provides the following example input files:

- U-Pb: UPb1.csv, UPb2.csv, UPb3.csv, UPb4.csv, UPb5.csv, UPb6.csv
- Pb-Pb: PbPb1.csv, PbPb2.csv, PbPb3.csv
- Ar-Ar: ArAr1.csv, ArAr2.csv, ArAr3.csv
- Re-Os: ReOs1.csv, ReOs2.csv
- Sm-Nd: SmNd1.csv, SmNd2.csv
- Rb-Sr: RbSr1.csv, RbSr2.csv
- Lu-Hf: LuHf1.csv, LuHf2.csv

- Th-U: ThU1.csv, ThU2.csv, ThU3.csv, ThU4.csv
- fissiontracks: FT1.csv, FT2.csv, FT3.csv
- U-Th-He: UThHe.csv, UThSmHe.csv
- detritals: Namib.csv
- other: MountTom.csv, average.csv, spectrum.csv

The contents of these files can be viewed using the `system.file(...)` function.

### Value

an object of class UPb, PbPb, ArAr, UThHe, ReOs, SmNd, RbSr, LuHf, detritals, fissiontracks, ThU or other

### Examples

```
file.show(system.file("spectrum.csv",package="IsoplotR"))

f1 <- system.file("UPb1.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d1 <- read.data(f1,method="U-Pb",format=1)
concordia(d1)

f2 <- system.file("ArAr1.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d2 <- read.data(f2,method="Ar-Ar",format=1)
agespectrum(d2)

f3 <- system.file("ReOs1.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d3 <- read.data(f3,method="Re-Os",format=1)
isochron(d2)

f4 <- system.file("FT1.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d4 <- read.data(f4,method="fissiontracks",format=1)
radialplot(d4)

f5 <- system.file("UThSmHe.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d5 <- read.data(f5,method="U-Th-He")
helioplot(d5)

f6 <- system.file("ThU2.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d6 <- read.data(f6,method="Th-U",format=2)
evolution(d6)

# one detrital zircon U-Pb file (detritals.csv)
f7 <- system.file("Namib.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d7 <- read.data(f7,method="detritals")
kde(d7)

# three 'other' files (MountTom.csv, spectrum.csv, average.csv)
f8 <- system.file("MountTom.csv",package="IsoplotR")
d8 <- read.data(f8,method="other")
radialplot(d8)
```

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set.zeta

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*Calculate the zeta calibration coefficient for fission track dating*


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## Description

Determines the zeta calibration constant of a fission track dataset (EDM or LA-ICP-MS) given its true age and analytical uncertainty.

## Usage

```
set.zeta(x, tst = c(0, 0), exterr = TRUE, update = TRUE, sigdig = 2)
```

## Arguments

x	an object of class <code>fissiontracks</code>
tst	a two-element vector with the true age and its standard error
exterr	logical flag indicating whether the external uncertainties associated with the age standard or the dosimeter glass (for the EDM) should be accounted for when propagating the uncertainty of the zeta calibration constant.
update	logical flag indicating whether the function should return an updated version of the input data, or simply return a two-element vector with the calibration constant and its standard error.
sigdig	number of significant digits

## Value

an object of class `fissiontracks` with an updated `x$zeta` value

## References

Vermeesch, P., 2017. Statistics for LA-ICP-MS based fission track dating. *Chemical Geology*, 456, pp.19-27.

## Examples

```
data(examples)
print(examples$FT1$zeta)
FT <- set.zeta(examples$FT1, tst=c(250,5))
print(FT$zeta)
```



settings

*Load settings to and from json***Description**

Get and set preferred values for decay constants, isotopic abundances, molar masses, fission track etch efficiencies, and etchable lengths, and mineral densities, either individually or via a .json file format.

**Usage**

```
settings(setting = NA, ..., fname = NA)
```

**Arguments**

setting	unless fname is provided, this should be one of either: 'lambda': to get and set decay constants 'iratio': isotopic ratios 'imass': isotopic molar masses 'mindens': mineral densities 'etchfact': fission track etch efficiency factors 'tracklength': equivalent isotropic fission track length
...	depends on the value for setting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• for 'lambda': the isotope of interest (one of either "fission", "U238", "U235", "U234", "Th232", "Th230", "Re187", "Sm147", "Rb87", "Lu176", or "K40") PLUS (optionally) the decay constant value and its analytical error. Omitting these two numbers simply returns the existing values.</li> <li>• for 'iratio': the isotopic ratio of interest (one of either "Ar40Ar36", "Ar38Ar36", "Rb85Rb87", "Sr88Sr86", "Sr87Sr86", "Sr84Sr86", "Re185Re187", "Os184Os192", "Os186Os192", "Os187Os192", "Os188Os192", "Os189Os192", "Os190Os192", "U238U235", "Sm144Sm152", "Sm147Sm152", "Sm148Sm152", "Sm149Sm152", "Sm150Sm152", "Sm154Sm152", "Nd142Nd144", "Nd143Nd144", "Nd145Nd144", "Nd146Nd144", "Nd148Nd144", "Nd150Nd144", "Lu176Lu175", "Hf174Hf177", "Hf176Hf177", "Hf178Hf177", "Hf179Hf177", "Hf180Hf177") PLUS (optionally) the isotopic ratio and its analytical error. Omitting these two numbers simply returns the existing values.</li> <li>• for 'imass': the (isotopic) molar mass of interest (one of either "U", "Rb", "Rb85", "Rb87", "Sr84", "Sr86", "Sr87", "Sr88", "Re", "Re185", "Re187", "Os", "Os184", "Os186", "Os187", "Os188", "Os189", "Os190", "Os192", "Sm", "Nd", "Lu", "Hf") PLUS (optionally) the molar mass and its analytical error. Omitting these two numbers simply returns the existing values.</li> <li>• for 'mindens': the mineral of interest (one of either "apatite" or "zircon") PLUS the mineral density. Omitting this number simply returns the existing value.</li> </ul>

- 'etchfact': the mineral of interest (one of either "apatite" or "zircon") PLUS the etch efficiency factor. Omitting this number simply returns the existing value.
- 'tracklength': the mineral of interest (one of either "apatite" or "zircon") PLUS the equivalent isotropic fission track length. Omitting this number simply returns the existing value.

fname                      the path of a .json file

## Value

if setting=NA and fname=NA, returns a .json string

if ... contains only the name of an isotope, isotopic ratio, element, or mineral and no new value, settings returns either a scalar with the existing value, or a two-element vector with the value and its uncertainty.

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**Examples**

```
# load and show the default constants that come with IsoplotR
json <- system.file("constants.json", package="IsoplotR")
settings(fname=json)
print(settings())

# use the decay constant of Kovarik and Adams (1932)
settings('lambda', 'U238', 0.0001537, 0.0000068)
print(settings('lambda', 'U238'))

# returns the 238U/235U ratio of Hiess et al. (2012):
print(settings('iratio', 'U238U235'))
# use the 238U/235U ratio of Steiger and Jaeger (1977):
settings('iratio', 'U238U235', 138.88, 0)
print(settings('iratio', 'U238U235'))
```

titterington

*Linear regression of X,Y,Z-variables with correlated errors***Description**

Implements the maximum likelihood algorithm of Ludwig and Titterington (1994)

**Usage**

```
titterington(x, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

**x** a [9 x n] matrix with the following columns: X, sX, Y, sY, Z, sZ, rhoXY, rhoXZ, rhoYZ.

**alpha** cutoff value for confidence intervals

**Value**

a four-element list of vectors containing:

**par** 4-element vector c(a,b,A,B) where a is the intercept of the X-Y regression, b is the slope of the X-Y regression, A is the intercept of the X-Z regression, and B is the slope of the X-Z regression.

**cov** [4 x 4]-element covariance matrix of par

**mswd** the mean square of the residuals (a.k.a ‘reduced Chi-square’) statistic

**p.value** p-value of a Chi-square test for linearity

**df** the number of degrees of freedom for the Chi-square test ( $3n-3$ )

**References**

Ludwig, K.R. and Titterington, D.M., 1994. Calculation of  $^{230}\text{Th}/\text{U}$  isochrons, ages, and errors. *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*, 58(22), pp.5031-5042.

**Examples**

```
d <- matrix(c(0.1677,0.0047,1.105,0.014,0.782,0.015,0.24,0.51,0.33,
              0.2820,0.0064,1.081,0.013,0.798,0.015,0.26,0.63,0.32,
              0.3699,0.0076,1.038,0.011,0.819,0.015,0.27,0.69,0.30,
              0.4473,0.0087,1.051,0.011,0.812,0.015,0.27,0.73,0.30,
              0.5065,0.0095,1.049,0.010,0.842,0.015,0.27,0.76,0.29,
              0.5520,0.0100,1.039,0.010,0.862,0.015,0.27,0.78,0.28),
            nrow=6,ncol=9)
colnames(d) <- c('X','sX','Y','sY','Z','sZ','rXY','rXZ','rYZ')
titterington(d)
```

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weightedmean

*Calculate the weighted mean age*

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**Description**

Models the data as a Normal distribution with two sources of variance. Estimates the mean and ‘overdispersion’ using the method of Maximum Likelihood. Computes the MSWD of a Normal fit without overdispersion. Implements Chauvenet’s Criterion to detect and reject outliers. Only propagates the analytical uncertainty associated with decay constants and J-factors after computing the weighted mean isotopic composition.

**Usage**

```
weightedmean(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'UPb'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, type = 4, cutoff.76 = 1100, cutoff.disc = c(-15, 5),
  alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, common.Pb = 0, ...)

## S3 method for class 'PbPb'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, i2i = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ThU'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ArAr'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, i2i = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'ReOs'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SmNd'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'RbSr'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'LuHf'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, i2i = TRUE, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'UThHe'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, ...)

## S3 method for class 'fissiontracks'
weightedmean(x, detect.outliers = TRUE, plot = TRUE,
  rect.col = rgb(0, 1, 0, 0.5), outlier.col = rgb(0, 1, 1, 0.5),
  sigdig = 2, alpha = 0.05, exterr = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	a two column matrix of values (first column) and their standard errors (second column) OR an object of class UPb, PbPb, ArAr, ReOs, SmNd, RbSr, LuHf, ThU, fissiontracks or UThHe
<code>...</code>	optional arguments
<code>detect.outliers</code>	logical flag indicating whether outliers should be detected and rejected using Chauvenet's Criterion.
<code>plot</code>	logical flag indicating whether the function should produce graphical output or return numerical values to the user.
<code>rect.col</code>	the fill colour of the rectangles used to show the measurements or age estimates.
<code>outlier.col</code>	if <code>detect.outliers=TRUE</code> , the outliers are given a different colour.
<code>sigdig</code>	the number of significant digits of the numerical values reported in the title of the graphical output.
<code>alpha</code>	the confidence limits of the error bars/rectangles.
<code>type</code>	scalar indicating whether to plot the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ age ( <code>type=1</code> ), the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age ( <code>type=2</code> ), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age ( <code>type=3</code> ), the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ - $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age ( <code>type=4</code> ), or the (Wetherill) concordia age ( <code>type=5</code> )
<code>cutoff.76</code>	the age (in Ma) below which the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age and above which the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age is used. This parameter is only used if <code>type=4</code> .
<code>cutoff.disc</code>	two element vector with the maximum and minimum percentage discordance allowed between the $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} < \text{cutoff.76}$ ) or between the $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U}$ and $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{206}\text{Pb}$ age (if $^{206}\text{Pb}/^{238}\text{U} > \text{cutoff.76}$ ). Set <code>cutoff.disc=NA</code> if you do not want to use this filter.
<code>exterr</code>	propagate decay constant uncertainty?
<code>common.Pb</code>	apply a common lead correction using one of three methods: 1: use the isochron intercept as the initial Pb-composition 2: use the Stacey-Kramer two-stage model to infer the initial Pb-composition 3: use the Pb-composition stored in <code>settings('iratio', 'Pb206Pb204')</code> and <code>settings('iratio', 'Pb207Pb204')</code>
<code>i2i</code>	'isochron to intercept': calculates the initial (aka 'inherited', 'excess', or 'common') $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{36}\text{Ar}$ , $^{207}\text{Pb}/^{204}\text{Pb}$ , $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , $^{187}\text{Os}/^{188}\text{Os}$ or $^{176}\text{Hf}/^{177}\text{Hf}$

ratio from an isochron fit. Setting `i2i` to `FALSE` uses the default values stored in `settings('iratio', ...)` or zero (for the Pb-Pb method). When applied to data of class `ThU`, setting `i2i` to `TRUE` applies a detrital Th-correction.

## Value

returns a list with the following items:

**mean** a three element vector with:

`x`: the weighted mean

`s[x]`: the estimated analytical uncertainty of `x`

`ci[x]`: the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval for `x` given the appropriate degrees of freedom

**disp** a two element vector with the (over)dispersion the corresponding  $100(1 - \alpha/2)\%$  confidence interval.

**mswd** the Mean Square of the Weighted Deviates (a.k.a. ‘reduced Chi-square’ statistic)

**p.value** the p-value of a Chi-square test with `n-1` degrees of freedom, testing the null hypothesis that the underlying population is not overdispersed.

**df** the degrees of freedom for the Chi-square test

**tfact** the  $100(1 - \alpha/2)$  percentile of a t-distribution with `df` degrees of freedom

**valid** vector of logical flags indicating which steps are included into the weighted mean calculation

**plotpar** list of plot parameters for the weighted mean diagram

## Examples

```
ages <- c(251.9, 251.59, 251.47, 251.35, 251.1, 251.04, 250.79, 250.73, 251.22, 228.43)
errs <- c(0.28, 0.28, 0.63, 0.34, 0.28, 0.63, 0.28, 0.4, 0.28, 0.33)
weightedmean(cbind(ages, errs))
data(examples)
weightedmean(examples$ArAr)
```

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york

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*Linear regression of X,Y-variables with correlated errors*


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## Description

Implements the unified regression algorithm of York et al. (2004) which, although based on least squares, yields results that are consistent with maximum likelihood estimates of Titterton and Halliday (1979)

## Usage

```
york(x, alpha = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

<b>x</b>	a 5-column matrix with the X-values, the analytical uncertainties of the X-values, the Y-values, the analytical uncertainties of the Y-values, and the correlation coefficients of the X- and Y-values.
<b>alpha</b>	cutoff value for confidence intervals

### Value

a four-element list of vectors containing:

**a** the intercept of the straight line fit and its standard error

**b** the slope of the fit and its standard error

**cov.ab** the covariance of the slope and intercept

**mswd** the mean square of the residuals (a.k.a 'reduced Chi-square') statistic

**df** degrees of freedom of the linear fit ( $2n - 2$ )

**p.value** p-value of a Chi-square value with df degrees of freedom

### References

Titterton, D.M. and Halliday, A.N., 1979. On the fitting of parallel isochrons and the method of maximum likelihood. *Chemical Geology*, 26(3), pp.183-195.

York, Derek, et al. "Unified equations for the slope, intercept, and standard errors of the best straight line." *American Journal of Physics* 72.3 (2004): 367-375.

### Examples

```
x <- c(1.550,12.395,20.445,20.435,20.610,24.900,
      28.530,50.540,51.595,86.51,106.40,157.35)
Y <- c(.7268,.7849,.8200,.8156,.8160,.8322,
      .8642,.9584,.9617,1.135,1.230,1.490)
n <- length(X)
sX <- X*0.01
sY <- Y*0.005
rXY <- rep(0.8,n)
dat <- cbind(X,sX,Y,sY,rXY)
fit <- york(dat)
covmat <- matrix(0,2,2)
plot(range(X),fit$a[1]+fit$b[1]*range(X),type='l',ylim=range(Y))
for (i in 1:n){
  covmat[1,1] <- sX[i]^2
  covmat[2,2] <- sY[i]^2
  covmat[1,2] <- rXY[i]*sX[i]*sY[i]
  covmat[2,1] <- covmat[1,2]
  ell <- ellipse(X[i],Y[i],covmat,alpha=0.05)
  polygon(ell)
}
```



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