# The germinationmetrics Package: A Brief Introduction

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# Overview

The package germinationmetrics is a collection of functions which implements various methods for describing the time-course of germination in terms of single-value germination indices as well as fitted curves.

The goal of this vignette is to introduce the users to these functions and get started in describing sequentially recorded germination count data. This document assumes a basic knowledge of R programming language.



# Installation

The package can be installed using the following functions:

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# Install from CRAN
install.packages('germinationmetrics', dependencies=TRUE)

# Install development version from Github
devtools::install_github("aravind-j/germinationmetrics")
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Then the package can be loaded using the function

library(germinationmetrics)

# Version History

The current version of the package is 0.1.1. The previous versions are as follows.

Table 1. Version history of germinationmetrics R package.

Version	Date
0.1.0	2018-04-17

To know detailed history of changes use news(package='germinationmetrics').

# Germination count data

Typically in a germination test, the germination count data of a fixed number of seeds is recorded at regular intervals for a definite period of time or until all the seeds have germinated. These germination count data can be either partial or cumulative (Table 2).

**Table 2**: A typical germination count data.

intervals	counts	cumulative.counts
1	0	0
2	0	0
3	0	0
4	0	0
5	4	4
6	17	21
7	10	31
8	7	38
9	1	39
10	0	39
11	1	40
12	0	40
13	0	40
14	0	40

The time-course of germination can be plotted as follows:



# Single-value germination indices

The details about the single-value germination indices implemented in **germinationmetrics** are described in Table 3.

 ${\bf Table~3:}~{\bf Single-value~germination~indices~implemented~in~germinationmetrics.}$ 

Germination index	function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Germination percentage or Germinability $(GP)$	GermPercent	It is computed as follows: $GP = \frac{N_g}{N_t} \times 100$	Percentage (%)	Germination capacity	ISTA (2015)
· /		Where, $N_g$ is the number of germinated seeds and $N_t$ is the total number of seeds.			
Time for the first germination or Germination time lag $(t_0)$	FirstGermTime	It is the time for first germination to occur (e.g. First day of germination)	time	Germination time	Edwards (1932); Czabator (1962); Goloff and Bazzaz (1975); Labouriau (1983a); Ranal (1999); Quintanilla et al. (2000)
Time for the last germination $(t_g)$	LastGermTime	It is the time for last germination to occur (e.g. Last day of germination)	time	Germination time	Edwards (1932)
Time spread of germination	TimeSpreadGerm	It is the difference between time for last germination $(t_g)$ and time for first germination $(t_0)$ .	time	Germination time	Al-Mudaris (1998); Kader (2005)
		$Time\ spread\ of\ germination = t_g - t_0$			
Peak period of germination or Modal time of germination	PeakGermTime	It is the time in which highest frequency of germinated seeds are observed and need not be unique.	time	Germination time	Ranal and Santana (2006)
Median germination time (Coolbear)	t50	It is the time to reach 50% of final/maximum germination. With argument method specified as "coolbear", it is computed according to the formula by (Coolbear et al., 1984) as follows: $t_{50} = T_i + \frac{(\frac{N+1}{2} - N_i)(T_j - T_i)}{N_j - N_i}$ Where, $t_{50}$ is the median germination time, $N$ is the final	time	Germination time	Coolbear et al. (1984)
		number of germinated seeds and $N_i$ and $N_j$ are the total number of seeds germinated in adjacent counts at time $T_i$ and $T_j$ respectively, when $N_i < \frac{N+1}{2} < N_j$ .			
Median germination time (Farooq)	t50	With argument method specified as "farooq", it is computed according to the formula by (Coolbear et al., 1984) as follows: $t_{50} = T_i + \frac{(\frac{N}{2} - N_i)(T_j - T_i)}{N_j - N_i}$ Where, $t_{50}$ is the median germination time, $N$ is the final number of germinated seeds and $N_i$ and $N_j$ are the total number of seeds germinated in adjacent counts at time $T_i$ and $T_j$ respectively, when $N_i < \frac{N}{2} < N_j$ .	time	Germination time	Farooq et al. (2005)

Germination index	function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Mean germination time or Mean length of incubation time $(\overline{T})$	MeanGermTime	It is the average length of time required for maximum germination of a seed lot and is estimated according to the following formula. $\overline{T} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i T_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}$ Where, $T_i$ is the time from the start of the experiment to the $i$ th observation, $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated in the $i$ th time (not the accumulated number, but the number correspondent to the $i$ th observation) and $k$ is the last time of germination. It is the inverse of mean germination rate $(\overline{V})$ . $\overline{T} = \frac{1}{\overline{V}}$	time	Germination time	Edmond and Drapala (1958); Czabator (1962); Ellis and Roberts (1980) Labouriau (1983a); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Variance of germination time $(s_T^2)$	VarGermTime	It is computed according to the following formula. $s_T^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i (T_i - \overline{T})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i - 1}$ Where, $T_i$ is the time from the start of the experiment to the $i$ th observation, $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated in the $i$ th time (not the accumulated number, but the number correspondent to the $i$ th observation) and $k$ is the last time of germination.	time	Germination time	Labouriau (1983a); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Standard error of germination time $(s_{\overline{T}})$	SEGermTime	It signifies the accuracy of the calculation of the mean germination time. It is estimated according to the following formula: $s_{\overline{T}} = \sqrt{\frac{s_T^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}}$ Where, $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated in the $i$ th time (not the accumulated number, but the number correspondent to the $i$ th observation) and $k$ is the last time of germination.	time	Germination time	Labouriau (1983a); Ranal and Santana (2006)

Germination index	function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Mean germination rate $(\overline{V})$	MeanGermRate	It is computed according to the following formula: $\overline{V} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i T_i}$ Where, $T_i$ is the time from the start of the experiment to the $i$ th observation, $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated in the $i$ th time (not the accumulated number, but the number correspondent to the $i$ th observation) and $k$ is the last time of germination. It is the inverse of mean germination rate $(\overline{V})$ . $\overline{V} = \frac{1}{\overline{T}}$	time <sup>-1</sup>	Germination rate	Labouriau and Valadares (1976); Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Coefficient of velocity/rate of germination or Kotowski's coefficient of velocity (CVG)	CVG	It is estimated according to the following formula. $CVG = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i T_i} \times 100$ $CVG = \overline{V} \times 100$ Where, $T_i$ is the time from the start of the experiment to the $i$ th observation, $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated in the $i$ th time (not the accumulated number, but the number correspondent to the $i$ th observation) and $k$ is the last time of germination.	% day <sup>-1</sup>	Germination rate	Kotowski (1926), Nichols and Heydecker (1968); Bewley and Black (1994); Labouriau (1983b); Scott et al. (1984)
Variance of germination rate $(s_V^2)$	VarGermRate	It is calculated according to the following formula. $s_V^2 = \overline{V}^4 \times s_T^2$ Where, $s_T^2$ is the variance of germination time.	${ m time^{-2}}$	Germination rate	Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Standard error of germination rate $(s_{\overline{V}})$	SEGermRate	It is estimated according to the following formula. $s_{\overline{V}} = \sqrt{\frac{s_V^2}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}}$ Where, $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated in the $i$ th time (not the accumulated number, but the number correspondent to the $i$ th observation) and $k$ is the last time of germination.	${ m time}^{-1}$	Germination rate	Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)
Germination rate as the reciprocal of the median time $(v_{50})$	GermRateRecip	It is the reciprocal of the median germination time $(t_{50})$ . $v_{50} = \frac{1}{t_{50}}$	${ m time}^{-1}$	Germination rate	Went (1957); Labouriau (1983b); Ranal and Santana (2006)

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Germination index	function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Speed of germination or Germination rate Index or Index of velocity of germination (Germination Index according to AOSA)	GermSpeed	It is the rate of germination in terms of the total number of seeds that germinate in a time interval. It is estimated as follows: $S = \frac{N_1}{T_1} + \frac{N_2}{T_2} + \frac{N_3}{T_3} + \dots + \frac{N_n}{T_n}$ Where, $N_1, N_2, N_3, \dots, N_n$ are the number of germinated seeds observed at time (days or hours) $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_n$ after sowing. (Not accumulated/cumulative number, but the number of seeds that germinated at the specific time).	% time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Throneberry and Smith (1955); Maguire (1962); Kendrick and Frankland (1969); AOSA (1983); Khandakar and Bradbeer (1983); Bradbeer (1988); Wardle et al. (1991)
Speed of accumulated germination	GermSpeedAccumulat	It is estimated as follows: $S_{accumulated} = \frac{N_1}{T_1} + \frac{N_1 + N_2}{T_2} + \frac{N_1 + N_2 + N_3}{T_3} + \dots + \frac{N_1 + N_2 + N_3}{T_1}$ Where, $N_1, N_2, N_3, \dots, N_n$ are the number of germinated seeds observed at time (days or hours) $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_n$ after sowing. (Not accumulated/cumulative number, but the number of seeds that germinated at the specific time).	% time <sup>-1</sup>	Mixed	Bradbeer (1988); Wardle et al. (1991); Haugland and Brandsaeter (1996); Santana and Ranal (2004)
Corrected germination rate index	GermSpeedCorrected	It is computed as follows: $S_{corrected} = \frac{S}{FGP}$ Where, $FGP$ : the final germination percentage or germinability.	${ m time^{-1}}$	Mixed	Evetts and Burnside (1972)
Mean germination percentage per unit time $\overline{GP}$	MeanGermPercent	It is estimated as follows: $\overline{G} = \frac{GP}{T_n}$ Where, $GP$ is the final germination percentage and $T_n$ is the total number of intervals (e.g. days) required for final germination.		Mixed	Czabator (1962)
Number of seeds germinated per unit time $\overline{N}$	MeanGermNumber	It is estimated as follows: $\overline{N} = \frac{N_g}{T_n}$ Where, $N_g$ is the number of germinated seeds and $T_n$ is the total number of intervals (e.g. days) required for final germination.		Mixed	Khamassi et al. (2013)

Germination index	function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Timson's index $(\sum 10 \text{ (Ten summation)}, \sum 5 \text{ or } \sum 20)$	index TimsonsIndex It is the progressive total of cumulative germination percentage recorded at specific intervals for a set period of time and is			Mixed	Timson (1965); Brown and Mayer (1988); Baskin and Baskin (1998); Goodchild and Walker (1971)
Modified Timson's Index (Labouriau)	TimsonsIndex	It is estimated as Timson's index $T$ divided by the sum of partial germination percentages. $T_{mod} = \frac{T}{\sum_{i=1}^t g_i}$		Mixed	Ranal and Santana (2006)
Modified Timson's Index (Khan and Unger)	TimsonsIndex	It is estimated as Timson's index $(T)$ divided by the number of intervals $(t).$ $T_{mod} = \frac{T}{t} \label{eq:Tmod}$		Mixed	Khan and Ungar (1984)
George's index	GermRateGeorge	It is estimated as follows: $GR = \sum_{i=1}^t N_i K_i$ Where $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated by $i$ th interval and $K_i$ is the number of intervals(eg. days) until the end of the test.		Mixed	George (1961); Tucker and Wright (1965); Nichols and Heydecker (1968)
Peak value (Czabator)	PeakValue	It is the maximum quotient obtained by dividing successive cumulative germination values by the relevant incubation time.		Mixed	Czabator (1962)

Germination index	function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Germination value (Czabator)	GermValue	It is computed as follows: $GV = PV \times MDG$ Where, $PV$ is the peak value and $MDG$ is the mean daily germination percentage.		Mixed	Czabator (1962)
		It can also be computed for other time intervals of successive germination counts, by replacing $MDG$ with the mean germination percentage per unit time $(\overline{GP})$ .			
Germination value (Diavanshir and Pourbiek)	GermValue	It is computed as follows: $GV = \frac{\sum DGS}{N} \times GP \times k$ Where, $DGS$ is the daily germination speed computed by dividing cumulative germination percentage by the number of days since the beginning of the test, $N$ is the frequency or number of DGS calculated during the test, $GP$ is the germination percentage expressed over 100 and $k$ is a constant. The value of $k$ is decided on the basis of average daily speed of germination $(\frac{\sum DGS}{N})$ . If it is less than 10, then $k$ value of 10 can be used and if it is more than 10, then value of 7 or 8 can be used for $k$ .		Mixed	Djavanshir and Pourbeik (1976)
Coefficient of uniformity of germination	CUGerm	It is computed as follows: $CUG = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k (\overline{T} - T_i)^2 N_i}$ Where, $\overline{T}$ is the the mean germination time, $T_i$ is the time from the start of the experiment to the $i$ th observation (day for the example); $N_i$ is the number of seeds germinated in the $i$ th time (not the accumulated number, but the number correspondent to the $i$ th observation), and $k$ is the last time of germination.		Germinatin unifromity	Heydecker (1972); Bewley and Black (1994)
Coefficient of variation of the germination time	CVSEGermTime	It is estimated as follows: $CV_T=\sqrt{\frac{s_T^2}{\overline{T}}}$ Where, $s_T^2$ is the variance of germination time and $\overline{T}$ is the mean germination time.		Germinatin unifromity	Ranal and Santana (2006)

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Germination index	function	Details	Unit	Measures	Reference
Synchronization index $(\overline{E})$ or Uncertainty of the germination process $(U)$ or informational entropy $(H)$	GermUncertainty	It is estimated as follows: $\overline{E} = -\sum_{i=1}^k f_i \log_2 f_i$ Where, $f_i$ is the relative frequency of germination $(f_i = \frac{N_i}{\sum_{i=1}^k N_i}),  N_i \text{ is the number of seeds germinated on the}$ $i$ th time and $k$ is the last day of observation.	bit	Germination synchrony	Shannon (1948); Labouriau and Valadares (1976); Labouriau (1983b)
Synchrony of germination $(Z \text{ index})$	GermSynchrony	It is computed as follows: $Z = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k C_{N_i,2}}{C_{\Sigma N_i,2}}$ Where, $C_{N_i,2}$ is the partial combination of the two germinated seeds from among $N_i$ , the number of seeds germinated on the $i$ th time (estimated as $C_{N_i,2} = \frac{Ni(Ni-1)}{2}$ ) and $C_{\Sigma N_i,2}$ is the partial combination of the two germinated seeds from among the total number of seeds germinated at the final count, assuming that all seeds that germinated did so simultaneously.		Germination synchrony	Primack (1985); Ranal and Santana (2006)

#### Examples

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GermPercent()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
# From partial germination counts
GermPercent(germ.counts = x, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 80
# From cumulative germination counts
GermPercent(germ.counts = y, total.seeds = 50, partial = FALSE)
[1] 80
# From number of germinated seeds
GermPercent(germinated.seeds = 40, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 80
FirstGermTime(), LastGermTime(), PeakGermTime(), TimeSpreadGerm()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
z \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 11, 11, 9, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
FirstGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 5
LastGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 11
TimeSpreadGerm(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 6
PeakGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 6
# For multiple peak germination times
PeakGermTime(germ.counts = z, intervals = int)
Warning in PeakGermTime(germ.counts = z, intervals = int): Multiple peak
germination times exist.
[1] 5 6
# From cumulative germination counts
FirstGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
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LastGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 11
TimeSpreadGerm(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
PeakGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 6
# For multiple peak germination time
PeakGermTime(germ.counts = cumsum(z), intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
Warning in PeakGermTime(germ.counts = cumsum(z), intervals = int, partial =
FALSE): Multiple peak germination times exist.
[1] 5 6
t50()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
t50(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "coolbear")
[1] 5.970588
t50(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "farooq")
[1] 5.941176
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
t50(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE, method = "coolbear")
[1] 5.970588
t50(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE, method = "farooq")
[1] 5.941176
MeanGermTime(), VarGermTime(), SEGermTime(), CVSEGermTime()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
MeanGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
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[1] 6.7

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VarGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 1.446154
SEGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.1901416
CVSEGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.1794868
# From cumulative germination counts
MeanGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 6.7
VarGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 19.04012
SEGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.2394781
CVSEGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.6512685
MeanGermRate(), CVG(), VarGermRate(), SEGermRate(), GermRateRecip()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
MeanGermRate(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.1492537
CVG(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 14.92537
VarGermRate(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.0007176543
SEGermRate(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.004235724
GermRateRecip(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "coolbear")
[1] 0.1674877
GermRateRecip(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, method = "farooq")
[1] 0.1683168
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# From cumulative germination counts
MeanGermRate(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.1492537
CVG(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 14.92537
VarGermRate(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.009448666
SEGermRate(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.005334776
GermRateRecip(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
              method = "coolbear", partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.1674877
GermRateRecip(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
              method = "farooq", partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.1683168
GermSpeed(), GermSpeedAccumulated(), GermSpeedCorrected()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
GermSpeed(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 6.138925
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 34.61567
GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 0.07673656
# From cumulative germination counts
GermSpeed(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 6.138925
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 34.61567
GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
                   partial = FALSE, total.seeds = 50)
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#### [1] 0.009245369

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GermSpeed(), GermSpeedAccumulated(), GermSpeedCorrected()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
GermSpeed(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 6.138925
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 34.61567
GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 0.07673656
# From cumulative germination counts
GermSpeed(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 6.138925
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 34.61567
GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,
                   partial = FALSE, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 0.009245369
MeanGermPercent(), MeanGermNumber()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
MeanGermPercent(germ.counts = x, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int)
[1] 5.714286
MeanGermNumber(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 2.857143
# From cumulative germination counts
MeanGermPercent(germ.counts = y, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
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[1] 5.714286

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MeanGermNumber(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 2.857143
# From number of germinated seeds
MeanGermPercent(germinated.seeds = 40, total.seeds = 50, intervals = int)
[1] 5.714286
TimsonsIndex(), GermRateGeorge()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
# Wihout max specified
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50)
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TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
 modification = "none")
Г17 664
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "labouriau")
[1] 8.3
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             modification = "khanunger")
[1] 47.42857
# With max specified
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50, max = 10)
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "none")
[1] 344
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "labouriau")
[1] 4.410256
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
             max = 10, modification = "khanunger")
[1] 24.57143
# Wihout max specified
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
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[1] 332
# With max specified
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, max = 10)
[1] 172
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, max = 14)
[1] 332
# From cumulative germination counts
# Wihout max specified
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, partial = TRUE)
[1] 332
# With max specified
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, partial = TRUE, max = 10)
[1] 172
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, partial = TRUE, max = 14)
[1] 332
PeakValue(), GermValue()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 34, 40, 21, 10, 4, 5, 3, 5, 8, 7, 7, 6, 6, 4, 0, 2, 0, 2)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 34, 74, 95, 105, 109, 114, 117, 122, 130, 137, 144, 150,
      156, 160, 160, 162, 162, 164)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
total.seeds = 200
# From partial germination counts
PeakValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200)
[1] 9.5
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
         method = "czabator")
$`Germination Value`
[1] 38.95
[[2]]
   germ.counts intervals Cumulative.germ.counts Cumulative.germ.percent
3
           34
                       3
                                             34
                       4
                                              74
                                                                    37.0
4
            40
5
            21
                       5
                                              95
                                                                    47.5
                                                                    52.5
6
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                                             105
7
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                                             109
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8
            5
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                                             114
9
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                                                                    58.5
10
           5
                     10
                                             122
                                                                    61.0
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11
             8
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                                            130
                                                                   65.0
12
             7
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                                            137
                                                                   68.5
13
             7
                      13
                                            144
                                                                   72.0
14
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15
             6
                      15
                                            156
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                                            160
                                                                   80.0
             0
                                                                   80.0
17
                      17
                                            160
18
             2
                      18
                                            162
                                                                   81.0
19
             0
                      19
                                            162
                                                                   81.0
                      20
20
             2
                                            164
                                                                   82.0
       DGS
3 5.666667
4 9.250000
5 9.500000
6 8.750000
7 7.785714
8 7.125000
9 6.500000
10 6.100000
11 5.909091
12 5.708333
13 5.538462
14 5.357143
15 5.200000
16 5.000000
17 4.705882
18 4.500000
19 4.263158
20 4.100000
```

# \$`Germination Value`

[1] 53.36595

#### [[2]]

LL								
	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent				
3	34	3	34	17.0				
4	40	4	74	37.0				
5	21	5	95	47.5				
6	10	6	105	52.5				
7	4	7	109	54.5				
8	5	8	114	57.0				
9	3	9	117	58.5				
10	5	10	122	61.0				
11	8	11	130	65.0				
12	7	12	137	68.5				
13	7	13	144	72.0				
14	6	14	150	75.0				
15	6	15	156	78.0				
16	4	16	160	80.0				
17	0	17	160	80.0				
18	2	18	162	81.0				
19	0	19	162	81.0				

GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,

method = "dp", k = 10)

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82.0
20
            2
                                           164
       DGS SumDGSbyN
                            GV
3 5.666667 5.666667 9.633333
4 9.250000 7.458333 27.595833
5 9.500000 8.138889 38.659722
6 8.750000 8.291667 43.531250
7 7.785714 8.190476 44.638095
8 7.125000 8.012897 45.673512
9 6.500000 7.796769 45.611097
10 6.100000 7.584673 46.266503
11 5.909091 7.398497 48.090230
12 5.708333 7.229481 49.521942
13 5.538462 7.075752 50.945411
14 5.357143 6.932534 51.994006
15 5.200000 6.799262 53.034246
16 5.000000 6.670744 53.365948
17 4.705882 6.539753 52.318022
18 4.500000 6.412268 51.939373
19 4.263158 6.285850 50.915385
20 4.100000 6.164414 50.548194
$testend
[1] 16
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
PeakValue(germ.counts = y, interval = int, total.seeds = 200,
         partial = FALSE)
[1] 9.5
GermValue(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
         partial = FALSE, method = "czabator")
$`Germination Value`
[1] 38.95
[[2]]
  germ.counts intervals Cumulative.germ.counts Cumulative.germ.percent
3
           34
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       DGS
3 5.666667
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13 5.538462
14 5.357143
15 5.200000
16 5.000000
17 4.705882
18 4.500000
19 4.263158
20 4.100000
GermValue(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
         partial = FALSE, method = "dp", k = 10)
```

# \$`Germination Value`

[1] 53.36595

# [[2]]

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	germ.coun	ts interva	als	Cumulative	.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent
3		34	3		34	17.0
4		40	4		74	37.0
5		21	5		95	47.5
6		10	6		105	52.5
7		4	7		109	54.5
8		5	8		114	57.0
9		3	9		117	58.5
10		5	10		122	61.0
11		8	11		130	65.0
12		7	12		137	68.5
13		7	13		144	72.0
14		6	14		150	75.0
15		6	15		156	78.0
16		4	16		160	80.0
17		0	17		160	80.0
18		2	18		162	81.0
19		0	19		162	81.0
20		2	20		164	82.0
	DGS	${\tt SumDGSbyN}$		GV		
3	5.666667	5.666667	9	. 633333		
4	9.250000	7.458333	27	. 595833		
5	9.500000	8.138889	38	.659722		
6	8.750000	8.291667	43	.531250		
7	7.785714	8.190476	44	. 638095		
8	7.125000	8.012897	45	.673512		

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9 6.500000 7.796769 45.611097
10 6.100000 7.584673 46.266503
11 5.909091 7.398497 48.090230
12 5.708333 7.229481 49.521942
13 5.538462 7.075752 50.945411
14 5.357143 6.932534 51.994006
15 5.200000 6.799262 53.034246
16 5.000000 6.670744 53.365948
17 4.705882 6.539753 52.318022
18 4.500000 6.412268 51.939373
19 4.263158 6.285850 50.915385
20 4.100000 6.164414 50.548194
$testend
[1] 16
CUGerm()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
#-----
CUGerm(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.7092199
# From cumulative germination counts
CUGerm(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.05267935
GermSynchrony(), GermUncertainty()
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
# From partial germination counts
#-----
GermSynchrony(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.2666667
GermUncertainty(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 2.062987
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
GermSynchrony(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

[1] 0.2666667

GermUncertainty(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)

[1] 2.062987

# Curve fitting

Several mathematical functions have been used to fit the cumulative germination count data and describe the germination process such as Richard's, Weibull, logistic, log-logistic, gaussian, four-parameter hill function etc. Currently germinationmetrics implements the four-parameter hill function to fit the count data and computed various associated metrics.

#### Four-parameter hill function

The four-parameter hill function defined as follows (El-Kassaby et al., 2008):

$$f(x) = y = y_0 + \frac{ax^b}{x^b + c^b}$$

Where, y is the cumulative germination percentage at time x,  $y_0$  is the intercept on the y axis, a is the asymptote, b is a mathematical parameter controlling the shape and steepness of the germination curve and c is the "half-maximal activation level".

The details of various parameters that are computed from this function are given in Table 4.

Table 4 Germination parameters estimated from the four-parameter hill function.

Germination parameters	Details	Unit	Measures
y intercept $(y_0)$	The intercept on the y axis.		
Asymptote $(a)$	It is the maximum cumulative germination percentage, which is equivalent to germination capacity.	%	Germination capacity
Shape and steepness $(b)$	Mathematical parameter controlling the shape and steepness of the germination curve. The larger the $b$ , the steeper the rise toward the asymptote $a$ , and the shorter the time between germination onset and maximum germination.		Germination rate
Half-maximal activation level $(c)$	Time required for $50\%$ of viable seeds to germinate.		Germination time
lag	It is the time at germination onset and is computed by solving four-parameter hill function after setting y to 0 as follows: $lag = b\sqrt{\frac{-y_0c^b}{a+y_0}}$	time	Germination time
$D_{lag-50}$	The duration between the time at germination onset $(lag)$ and that at 50% germination $(c)$ .	time	Germination time
$t_{50_{total}}$	Time required for $50\%$ of total seeds to germinate.	time	Germination time

Germination parameters	Details	$\operatorname{Unit}$	Measures
$t_{50_{germinated}}$	Time required for $50\%$ of viable/germinated seeds to germinate	time	Germination time
$t_{x_{total}}$	Time required for $x\%$ of total seeds to germinate.	time	Germination time
$t_{x_{germinated}}$	Time required for $x\%$ of viable/germinated seeds to germinate	time	Germination time
Uniformity $(U_{t_{max}-t_{min}})$	It is the time interval between the percentages of viable seeds specified in the arguments umin and umin to germinate.	time	Germination time
Time at maximum germination rate $(TMGR)$	The partial derivative of the four-parameter hill function gives the instantaneous rate of germination $(s)$ as follows:	time	Germination time
	$s = \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} = \frac{abc^b x^{b-1}}{(c^b + x^b)^2}$		
	From this function for instantaneous rate of germination, $TMGR$ can be estimated as follows:		
	$TMGR = b\sqrt{\frac{c^b(b-1)}{b+1}}$		
	It represents the point in time when the instantaneous rate of germination starts to decline.		
Area under the curve $(AUC)$	It is obtained by integration of the fitted curve between time 0 and time specified in the argument tmax.		Mixed
MGT	Calculated by integration of the fitted curve and proper normalisation.	time	Germination time
Skewness	It is computed as follows:		
	$\frac{MGT}{t_{50_{germinated}}}$		

# Examples

#### FourPHFfit()

#### \$data

gp csgp intervals

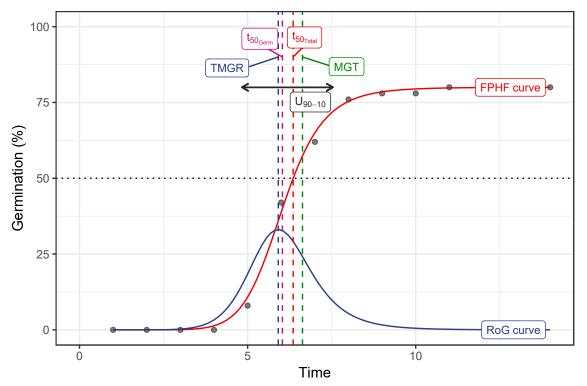
```
0
        0
                  1
2
   0
        0
                  2
3
   0
        0
                  3
4
   0
        0
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5
   8
                  5
        8
6 34
       42
                  6
7 20
       62
                  7
       76
8 14
                  8
9
   2
       78
                  9
10 0
       78
                 10
11
   2
       80
                 11
12 0
       80
                 12
13 0
       80
                 13
14 0
       80
                 14
$Parameters
 term estimate std.error statistic
                                          p.value
    a 80.000000 1.24158595 64.43372 1.973240e-14
   b 9.881947 0.70779379 13.96162 6.952322e-08
    c 6.034954 0.04952654 121.85294 3.399385e-17
4 y0 0.000000 0.91607007 0.00000 1.000000e+00
$Fit
     sigma isConv
                       finTol
                                 logLik
                                             AIC
                                                      BIC deviance
1 1.769385 TRUE 1.490116e-08 -25.49868 60.99736 64.19265 31.30723
 df.residual
1
          10
$a
[1] 80
$b
[1] 9.881947
$c
[1] 6.034954
$y0
[1] 0
$lag
[1] 0
$Dlag50
[1] 6.034954
$t50.total
[1] 6.355122
$txp.total
[1] 4.956266 6.744598
$t50.Germinated
[1] 6.034954
```

```
$txp.Germinated
[1] 4.831809 6.287724
$Uniformity
       90
                  10 uniformity
 7.537688 4.831809
                       2.705880
$TMGR
[1] 5.912195
$AUC
[1] 1108.975
$MGT
[1] 6.632252
$Skewness
[1] 1.098973
$msg
[1] "#1. Relative error in the sum of squares is at most `ftol'."
$isConv
[1] TRUE
attr(,"class")
[1] "FourPHFfit"
# From cumulative germination counts
FourPHFfit(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20,
partial = FALSE)
$data
  gp csgp intervals
  0
        0
                  1
1
                  2
2
   0
        0
3
   0
        0
                  3
4
   0
        0
5
  8
        8
                  5
6 34
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7 20
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                  7
8 14
       76
                  8
9
   2
       78
                  9
10 0
       78
                 10
11 2
       80
                 11
12 0
       80
                 12
       80
                 13
13 0
14 0
       80
                 14
$Parameters
 term estimate std.error statistic
   a 80.000000 1.2415867 64.43368 1.973252e-14
```

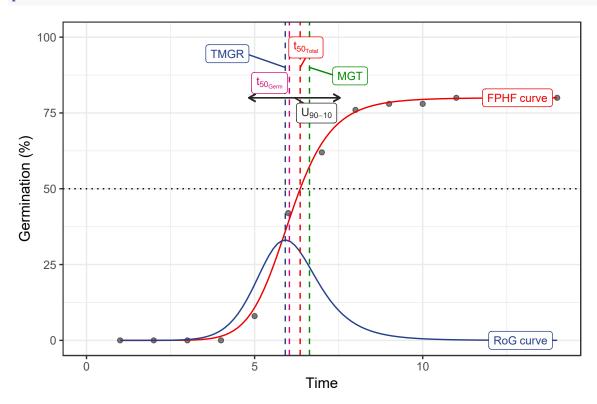
b 9.881927 0.7077918 13.96163 6.952270e-08

```
c 6.034953 0.0495266 121.85275 3.399437e-17
  y0 0.000000 0.9160705 0.00000 1.000000e+00
$Fit
    sigma isConv
                       finTol
                                 logLik
                                             AIC
                                                      BIC deviance
1 1.769385 TRUE 1.490116e-08 -25.49868 60.99736 64.19265 31.30723
 df.residual
          10
1
$a
[1] 80
$b
[1] 9.881927
$с
[1] 6.034953
$y0
[1] 0
$lag
[1] 0
$Dlag50
[1] 6.034953
$t50.total
[1] 6.355121
$txp.total
[1] 4.956263 6.744599
$t50.Germinated
[1] 6.034953
$txp.Germinated
[1] 4.831806 6.287723
$Uniformity
                  10 uniformity
       90
 7.537691 4.831806 2.705885
$TMGR
[1] 5.912194
$AUC
[1] 1108.976
$MGT
[1] 6.632252
$Skewness
[1] 1.098973
```

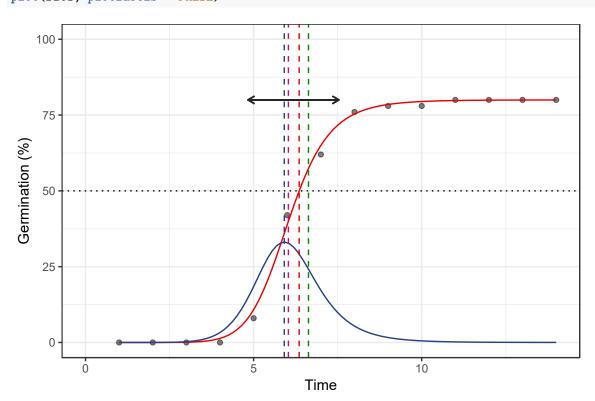
```
$msg
[1] "#1. Relative error in the sum of squares is at most `ftol'."
$isConv
[1] TRUE
attr(,"class")
[1] "FourPHFfit"
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 7, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0)
y \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 21, 31, 38, 39, 39, 40, 40, 40, 40)
int <- 1:length(x)</pre>
total.seeds = 50
# From partial germination counts
fit1 <- FourPHFfit(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,</pre>
                    total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20)
# From cumulative germination counts
fit2 <- FourPHFfit(germ.counts = y, intervals = int,</pre>
                    total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20, partial = FALSE)
# Default plots
plot(fit1)
```



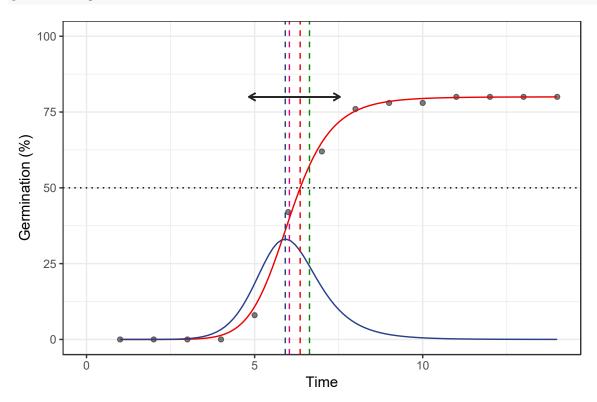
# plot(fit2)



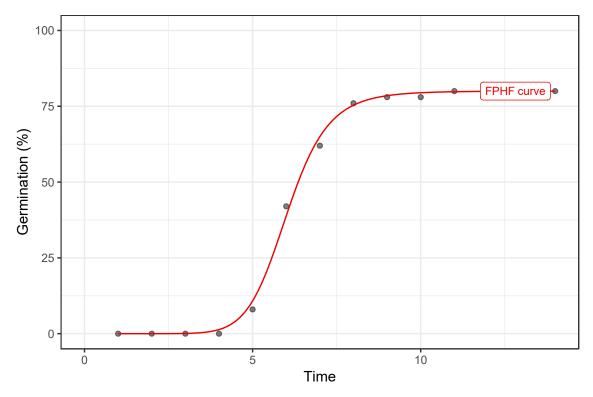
# # No labels plot(fit1, plotlabels = FALSE)

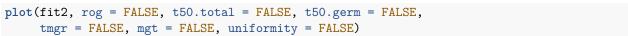


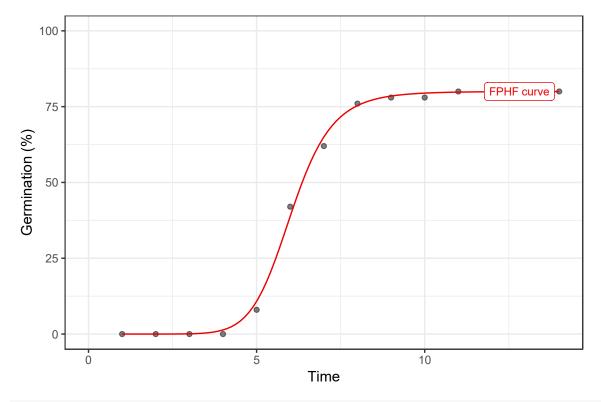
# plot(fit2, plotlabels = FALSE)



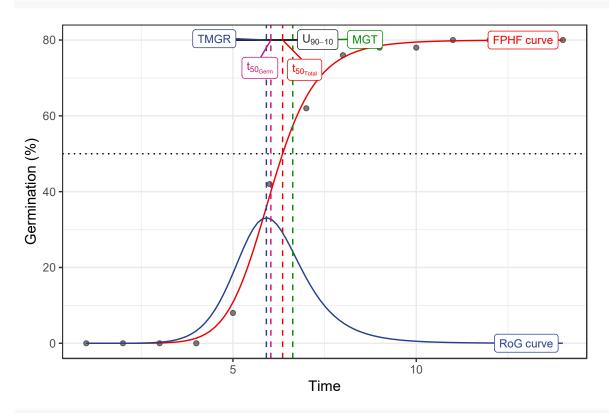
```
# Only the FPHF curve
plot(fit1, rog = FALSE, t50.total = FALSE, t50.germ = FALSE,
     tmgr = FALSE, mgt = FALSE, uniformity = FALSE)
```



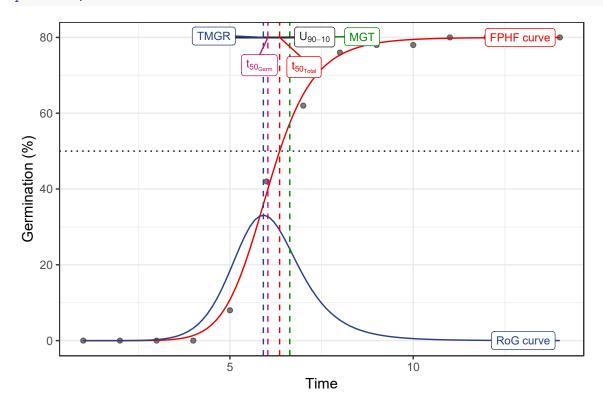




```
# Without y axis limits adjustment
plot(fit1, limits = FALSE)
```



# plot(fit2, limits = FALSE)



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  https://github.com/aravind-j/germinationmetricshttps://cran.r-project.org/package=germinationmetrics.
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