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:

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

# Install development version from Github
devtools::install_github("aravind-j/germinationmetrics")
```

Then the package can be loaded using the function

library(germinationmetrics)

Version History

The current version of the package is 0.1.4. The previous versions are as follows.

Table 1. Version history of germinationmetrics R package.

Version	Date
0.1.0	2018-04-17
0.1.1	2018-07-26
0.1.1.1	2018-10-16
0.1.2	2018-10-31

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

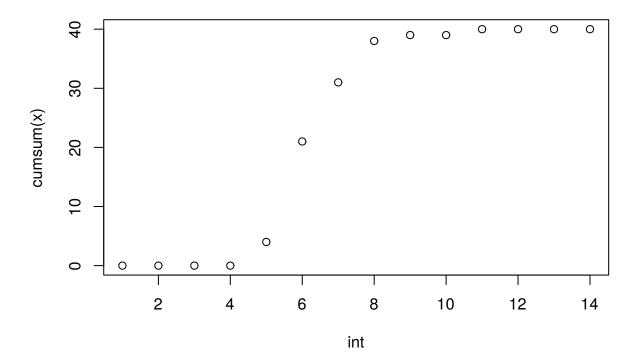
Germination count data

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 $\mathsf{germinationmetrics}$ are described in Table 3.

Table 3: Single-value germination indices implemented in germinationmetrics.

[1] "Package 'pander' and pandoc are required to generate this table"

Examples

[1] 6

```
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)
GermPercent()
[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
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)
FirstGermTime(), LastGermTime(), PeakGermTime(), TimeSpreadGerm()
[1] 5
LastGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 11
TimeSpreadGerm(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
```

```
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)
[1] 5
LastGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 11
TimeSpreadGerm(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 6
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 germing
[1] 5 6
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")
t50()
[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
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)
MeanGermTime(), VarGermTime(), SEGermTime(), CVGermTime()
[1] 6.7
VarGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 1.446154
SEGermTime(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 0.1901416
CVGermTime(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
CVGermTime(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
[1] 0.6512685
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)
MeanGermRate(), CVG(), VarGermRate(), SEGermRate(), GermRateRecip()
[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
```

```
# 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
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)
GermSpeed(), GermSpeedAccumulated(), GermSpeedCorrected()
[1] 6.138925
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
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[1] 34.61567

```
GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
                   method = "normal")
[1] 0.07673656
GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
               method = "accumulated")
[1] 0.4326958
# From partial germination counts (with percentages instead of counts)
GermSpeed(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
         percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 12.27785
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                     percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 69.23134
# 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, method = "normal")
[1] 0.07673656
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                   partial = FALSE, total.seeds = 50, method = "accumulated")
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# From cumulative germination counts (with percentages instead of counts)
GermSpeed(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
         percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
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[1] 12.27785

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GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,
                    percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 69.23134
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)
GermSpeed(), GermSpeedAccumulated(), GermSpeedCorrected()
[1] 6.138925
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 34.61567
GermSpeedCorrected(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
   method = "normal")
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                method = "accumulated")
[1] 0.4326958
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 percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 12.27785
GermSpeedAccumulated(germ.counts = x, intervals = int,
                   percent = TRUE, total.seeds = 50)
[1] 69.23134
# From cumulative germination counts
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[1] 6.138925

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

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

[1] 34.61567

[1] 0.07673656

[1] 0.4326958

[1] 12.27785

[1] 69.23134

WeightGermPercent()

[1] 47.42857

[1] 47.42857

MeanGermPercent(), MeanGermNumber()

[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)
```

[1] 5.714286

```
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()

[1] 664

```
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50,
            modification = "none")
[1] 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 = "khanungar")
[1] 47.42857
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int)
[1] 332
# With max specified
TimsonsIndex(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50, max = 10)
[1] 344
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 = "khanungar")
[1] 24.57143
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, max = 10)
[1] 172
GermRateGeorge(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, max = 14)
```

[1] 332

modification = "none")

[1] 664

[1] 8.3

[1] 47.42857

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

[1] 332

[1] 344

[1] 344

[1] 4.410256

[1] 24.57143

[1] 172

[1] 332

GermIndex()

[1] 5.84

[1] 5.84

[1] 7.3

[1] 5.84

[1] 5.84

[1] 7.3

EmergenceRateIndex()

[1] 292

[1] 292

[1] 7.3

[1] 5.970149

[1] 8.375

```
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
EmergenceRateIndex(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE,)
```

[1] 292

[1] 292

[1] 7.3

[1] 5.970149

[1] 8.375

PeakValue(), GermValue()

[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 DGS 17.0 5.666667 37.0 9.250000 47.5 9.500000 52.5 8.750000 54.5 7.785714 57.0 7.125000 58.5 6.500000 61.0 6.100000 65.0 5.909091 68.5 5.708333 72.0 5.538462 75.0 5.357143 78.0 5.200000 80.0 5.000000 80.0 4.705882 81.0 4.500000 81.0 4.263158 82.0 4.100000

```
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
    method = "dp", k = 10)
```

\$'Germination Value'

[1] 53.36595

[[2]]

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	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent	DGS	SumDGSbyN	GV
3	34	3	34	17.0	5.666667	5.666667	9.633333
4	40	4	74	37.0	9.250000	7.458333	27.595833
5	21	5	95	47.5	9.500000	8.138889	38.659722
6	10	6	105	52.5	8.750000	8.291667	43.531250
7	4	7	109	54.5	7.785714	8.190476	44.638095
8	5	8	114	57.0	7.125000	8.012897	45.673512
9	3	9	117	58.5	6.500000	7.796769	45.611097
10	5	10	122	61.0	6.100000	7.584673	46.266503
11	8	11	130	65.0	5.909091	7.398497	48.090230
12	7	12	137	68.5	5.708333	7.229481	49.521942
13	7	13	144	72.0	5.538462	7.075752	50.945411
14	6	14	150	75.0	5.357143	6.932534	51.994006
15	6	15	156	78.0	5.200000	6.799262	53.034246
16	4	16	160	80.0	5.000000	6.670744	53.365948
17	0	17	160	80.0	4.705882	6.539753	52.318022
18	2	18	162	81.0	4.500000	6.412268	51.939373
19	0	19	162	81.0	4.263158	6.285850	50.915385
20	2	20	164	82.0	4.100000	6.164414	50.548194

\$testend

[1] 16

```
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
    method = "czabator", from.onset = FALSE)
```

\$'Germination Value' [1] 38.95

[[2]]

	germ.counts	${\tt intervals}$	${\tt Cumulative.germ.counts}$	Cumulative.germ.percent	DGS
1	0	1	0	0.0	0.000000
2	0	2	0	0.0	0.000000
3	34	3	34	17.0	5.666667
4	40	4	74	37.0	9.250000
5	21	5	95	47.5	9.500000
6	10	6	105	52.5	8.750000
7	4	7	109	54.5	7.785714
8	5	8	114	57.0	7.125000
9	3	9	117	58.5	6.500000
10	5	10	122	61.0	6.100000
11	8	11	130	65.0	5.909091
12	7	12	137	68.5	5.708333
13	7	13	144	72.0	5.538462
14	6	14	150	75.0	5.357143
15	6	15	156	78.0	5.200000
16	4	16	160	80.0	5.000000
17	0	17	160	80.0	4.705882
18	2	18	162	81.0	4.500000
19	0	19	162	81.0	4.263158
20	2	20	164	82.0	4.100000

```
GermValue(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 200,
    method = "dp", k = 10, from.onset = FALSE)
```

\$'Germination Value'

[1] 46.6952

[[2]]

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	germ.counts	${\tt intervals}$	Cumulative.germ.counts	${\tt Cumulative.germ.percent}$	DGS	${\tt SumDGSbyN}$	GV
1	0	1	0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
2	0	2	0	0.0	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
3	34	3	34	17.0	5.666667	1.888889	3.211111
4	40	4	74	37.0	9.250000	3.729167	13.797917
5	21	5	95	47.5	9.500000	4.883333	23.195833
6	10	6	105	52.5	8.750000	5.527778	29.020833
7	4	7	109	54.5	7.785714	5.850340	31.884354
8	5	8	114	57.0	7.125000	6.009673	34.255134
9	3	9	117	58.5	6.500000	6.064153	35.475298
10	5	10	122	61.0	6.100000	6.067738	37.013202
11	8	11	130	65.0	5.909091	6.053316	39.346552
12	7	12	137	68.5	5.708333	6.024567	41.268285
13	7	13	144	72.0	5.538462	5.987174	43.107655
14	6	14	150	75.0	5.357143	5.942172	44.566291
15	6	15	156	78.0	5.200000	5.892694	45.963013
16	4	16	160	80.0	5.000000	5.836901	46.695205
17	0	17	160	80.0	4.705882	5.770370	46.162961
18	2	18	162	81.0	4.500000	5.699794	46.168331
19	0	19	162	81.0	4.263158	5.624182	45.555871
20	2	20	164	82.0	4.100000	5.547972	45.493374

\$testend

[1] 16

[1] 9.5

\$'Germination Value'

[1] 38.95

[[2]]

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent	DGS
3	34	3	34	17.0	5.666667
4	40	4	74	37.0	9.250000
5	21	5	95	47.5	9.500000
6	10	6	105	52.5	8.750000
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8	5	8	114	57.0	7.125000
9	3	9	117	58.5	6.500000
10	5	10	122	61.0	6.100000
11	8	11	130	65.0	5.909091
12	7	12	137	68.5	5.708333
13	7	13	144	72.0	5.538462
14	6	14	150	75.0	5.357143
15	6	15	156	78.0	5.200000
16	4	16	160	80.0	5.000000
17	0	17	160	80.0	4.705882
18	2	18	162	81.0	4.500000
19	0	19	162	81.0	4.263158
20	2	20	164	82.0	4.100000

\$'Germination Value'

[1] 53.36595

[[2]]

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent	DGS	${\tt SumDGSbyN}$	GV
3	34	3	34	17.0	5.666667	5.666667	9.633333
4	40	4	74	37.0	9.250000	7.458333	27.595833
5	21	5	95	47.5	9.500000	8.138889	38.659722
6	10	6	105	52.5	8.750000	8.291667	43.531250
7	4	7	109	54.5	7.785714	8.190476	44.638095
8	5	8	114	57.0	7.125000	8.012897	45.673512

9	3	9	117	58.5 6.500000	7.796769 45.611097
10	5	10	122	61.0 6.100000	7.584673 46.266503
11	8	11	130	65.0 5.909091	7.398497 48.090230
12	7	12	137	68.5 5.708333	7.229481 49.521942
13	7	13	144	72.0 5.538462	7.075752 50.945411
14	6	14	150	75.0 5.357143	6.932534 51.994006
15	6	15	156	78.0 5.200000	6.799262 53.034246
16	4	16	160	80.0 5.000000	6.670744 53.365948
17	0	17	160	80.0 4.705882	6.539753 52.318022
18	2	18	162	81.0 4.500000	6.412268 51.939373
19	0	19	162	81.0 4.263158	6.285850 50.915385
20	2	20	164	82.0 4.100000	6.164414 50.548194

\$testend

[1] 16

\$'Germination Value'

[1] 38.95

[[2]]

	germ.counts	intervals	Cumulative.germ.counts	Cumulative.germ.percent	DGS
1	0	1	0	0.0	0.000000
2	0	2	0	0.0	0.000000
3	34	3	34	17.0	5.666667
4	40	4	74	37.0	9.250000
5	21	5	95	47.5	9.500000
6	10	6	105	52.5	8.750000
7	4	7	109	54.5	7.785714
8	5	8	114	57.0	7.125000
9	3	9	117	58.5	6.500000
10	5	10	122	61.0	6.100000
11	8	11	130	65.0	5.909091
12	7	12	137	68.5	5.708333
13	7	13	144	72.0	5.538462
14	6	14	150		5.357143
15	6	15	156	78.0	5.200000
16	4	16	160	80.0	5.000000
17	0	17	160	80.0	4.705882
18	2	18	162		4.500000
19	0	19	162		4.263158
20	2	20	164		4.100000
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\$'Germination Value'

[1] 46.6952

[[2]]

germ.counts intervals Cumulative.germ.counts Cumulative.germ.percent

DGS SumDGSbyN

1	0	1	0	0.0 0.000000	0.000000 0.000000
2	0	2	0	0.0 0.000000	0.000000 0.000000
3	34	3	34	17.0 5.666667	1.888889 3.211111
4	40	4	74	37.0 9.250000	3.729167 13.797917
5	21	5	95	47.5 9.500000	4.883333 23.195833
6	10	6	105	52.5 8.750000	5.527778 29.020833
7	4	7	109	54.5 7.785714	5.850340 31.884354
8	5	8	114	57.0 7.125000	6.009673 34.255134
9	3	9	117	58.5 6.500000	6.064153 35.475298
10	5	10	122	61.0 6.100000	6.067738 37.013202
11	8	11	130	65.0 5.909091	6.053316 39.346552
12	7	12	137	68.5 5.708333	6.024567 41.268285
13	7	13	144	72.0 5.538462	5.987174 43.107655
14	6	14	150	75.0 5.357143	5.942172 44.566291
15	6	15	156	78.0 5.200000	5.892694 45.963013
16	4	16	160	80.0 5.000000	5.836901 46.695205
17	0	17	160	80.0 4.705882	5.770370 46.162961
18	2	18	162	81.0 4.500000	5.699794 46.168331
19	0	19	162	81.0 4.263158	5.624182 45.555871
20	2	20	164	82.0 4.100000	5.547972 45.493374

\$testend

[1] 16

CUGerm()

[1] 0.7092199

```
# From cumulative germination counts
#-----
CUGerm(germ.counts = y, intervals = int, partial = FALSE)
```

[1] 0.05267935

GermSynchrony(), GermUncertainty()

[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

Non-linear regression analysis

Several mathematical functions have been used to fit the cumulative germination count data and describe the germination process by non-linear regression analysis. They include functions 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.

[1] "Package 'pander' and pandoc are required to generate this table"

Examples

```
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
#-----
FourPHFfit(germ.counts = x, intervals = int, total.seeds = 50, tmax = 20)
FourPHFfit()
$data
  gp csgp intervals
     0
  0
2
     0
  0
               2
3 0 0
              3
4 0 0
               4
5 8
      8
               5
6 34 42
               6
7 20 62
              7
8 14 76
              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
1 a 80.000000 1.24158597 64.43372 1.973240e-14
2 b 9.881947 0.70779381 13.96162 6.952324e-08
  c 6.034954 0.04952654 121.85294 3.399384e-17
4 y0 0.000000 0.91607007 0.00000 1.000000e+00
$Fit
    sigma isConv finTol logLik
                                   AIC
                                             BIC deviance df.residual
1 1.769385 TRUE 1.490116e-08 -25.49868 60.99736 64.19265 31.30723
$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
     10
              60
4.956266 6.744598
$t50.Germinated
[1] 6.034954
$txp.Germinated
     10
              60
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
[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
      0
2
  0
                  2
  0
      0
```

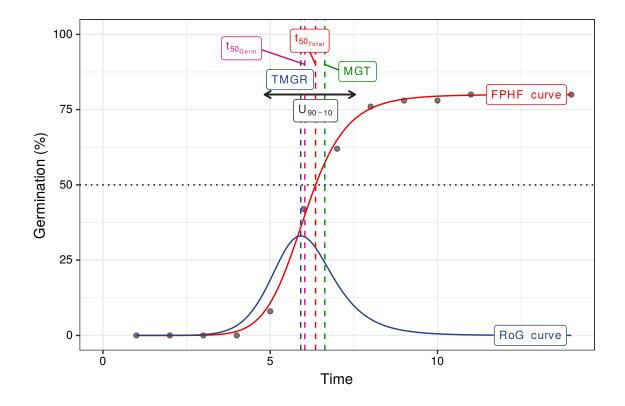
4

0 0

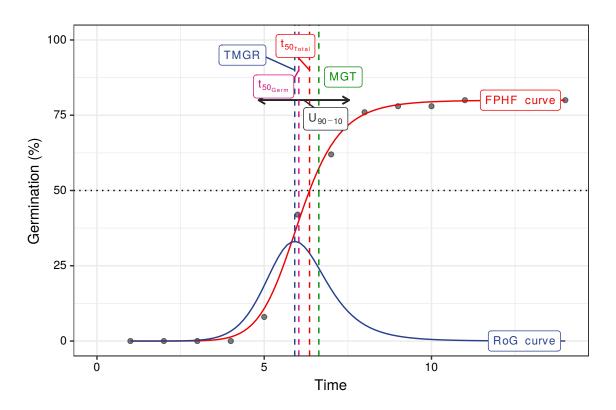
```
5
   8
        8
6
  34
       42
                  6
                  7
7
  20
       62
8 14
       76
                  8
                  9
9
       78
10 0
       78
                 10
11 2
       80
                 11
                 12
12 0
       80
13 0
       80
                 13
14 0
       80
                 14
$Parameters
 term estimate std.error statistic
                                       p.value
1 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
                                logLik
    sigma isConv
                      finTol
                                           AIC
                                                    BIC deviance df.residual
1 1.769385 TRUE 1.490116e-08 -25.49868 60.99736 64.19265 31.30723
$a
[1] 80
[1] 9.881927
$с
[1] 6.034953
$y0
[1] 0
$lag
[1] 0
$Dlag50
[1] 6.034953
$t50.total
[1] 6.355121
$txp.total
     10
4.956263 6.744599
$t50.Germinated
[1] 6.034953
$txp.Germinated
     10
```

4.831806 6.287723

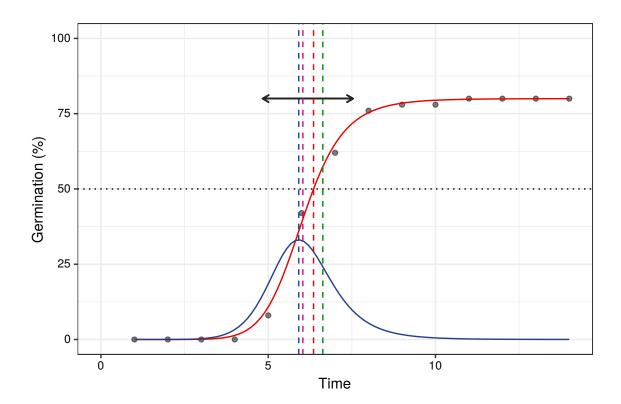
```
$Uniformity
      90 10 uniformity
 7.537691 4.831806 2.705885
$TMGR
[1] 5.912194
$AUC
[1] 1108.976
$MGT
[1] 6.632252
$Skewness
[1] 1.098973
$msg
[1] "#1. Relative error in the sum of squares is at most 'ftol'."
$isConv
[1] TRUE
attr(,"class")
[1] "FourPHFfit"
x \leftarrow c(0, 0, 0, 0, 4, 17, 10, 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)
```



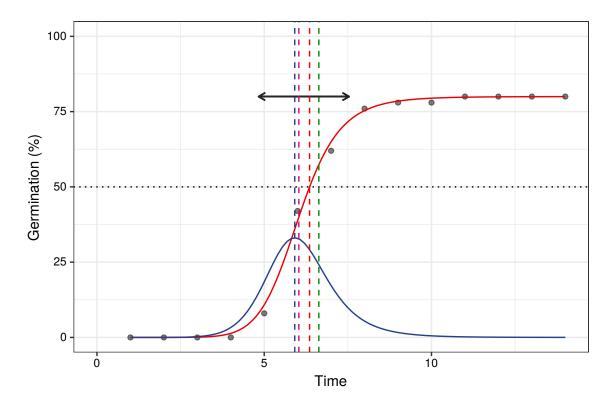
plot(fit2)



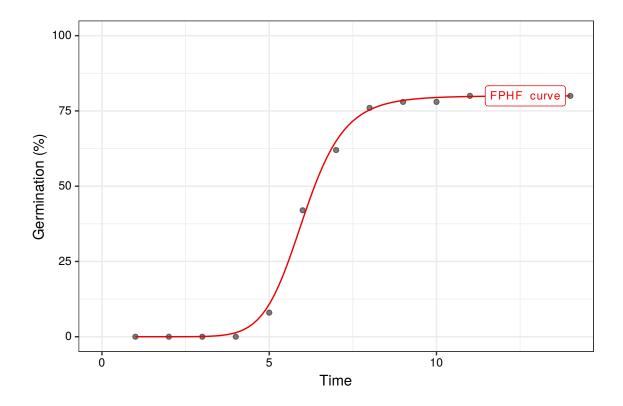
No labels plot(fit1, plotlabels = FALSE)



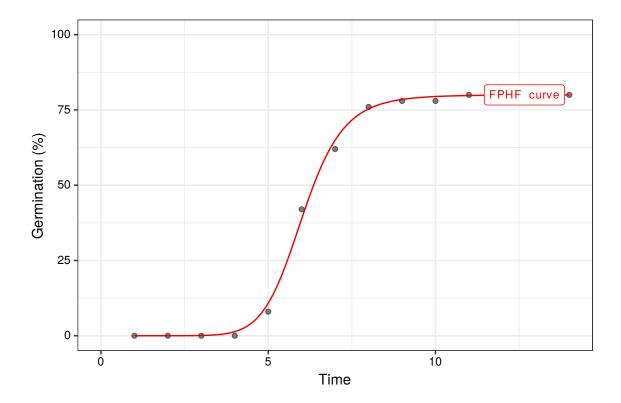
plot(fit2, plotlabels = FALSE)



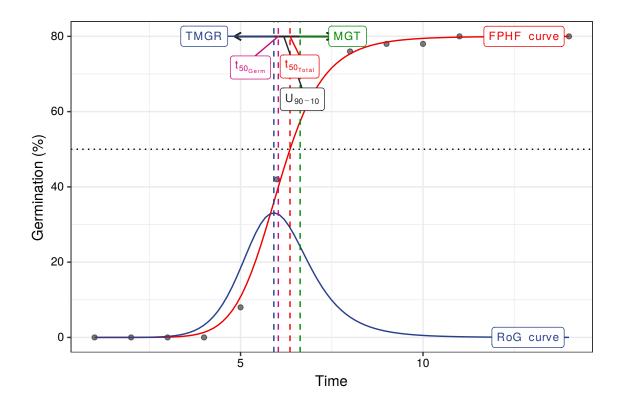
```
# Only the FPHF curve
plot(fit1, rog = FALSE, t50.total = FALSE, t50.germ = FALSE,
     tmgr = FALSE, mgt = FALSE, uniformity = FALSE)
```



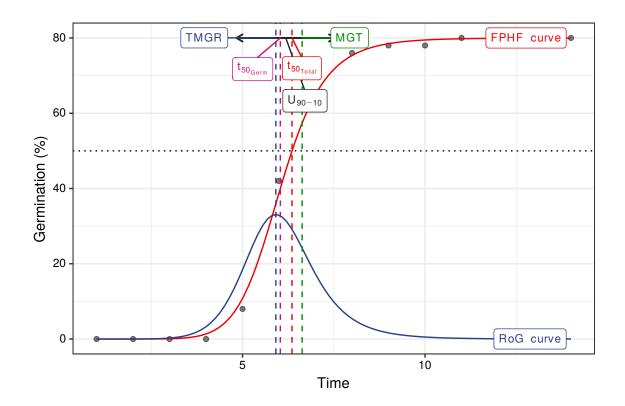
```
plot(fit2, rog = FALSE, t50.total = FALSE, t50.germ = FALSE,
    tmgr = FALSE, mgt = FALSE, uniformity = FALSE)
```



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



plot(fit2, limits = FALSE)



Wrapper functions

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Wrapper functions germination.indices() and FourPHFfit.bulk() are available in the package for computing results for multiple samples in batch from a data frame of germination counts recorded at specific time intervals.

germination.indices() This wrapper function can be used to compute several germination indices simultaneously for multiple samples in batch.

	Genotype	Rep	Day01	Day02	Day03	Day04	Day05	Day06	Day07	Day08	Day09	9 Day10	Day11	Day12	Day13	Day14	Tota
1	G1	1	0	0	0	0	4	17	10	7	-	L 0	1	0	0	0	
2	G2	1	0	0	0	1	3	15	13	6	2	2 1	0	1	0	0	
3	G3	1	0	0	0	2	3	18	9	8	2	2 1	1	1	0	0	
4	G4	1	0	0	0	0	4	19	12	6	2	2 1	1	1	0	0	
5	G5	1	0	0	0	0	5	20	12	8	:	L 0	0	1	1	0	
6	G1	2	0	0	0	0	3	21	11	7	-	1	1	1	0	0	
7	G2	2	0	0	0	0	4	18	11	7	-	L 0	1	0	0	0	
8	G3	2	0	0	0	1	3	14	12	6	2	2 1	0	1	0	0	
9	G4	2	0	0	0	1	3	19	10	8	-	1	1	1	0	0	
10	G5	2	0	0	0	0	4	18	13	6	2	2 1	0	1	0	0	
11	G1	3	0	0	0	0	5	21	11	8	-	L 0	0	1	1	0	
12	G2	3	0	0	0	0	3	20	10	7	-	1	1	1	0	0	
13	G3	3	0	0	0	0	4	19	12	8	-	1	0	1	1	0	
14	G4	3	0	0	0	0	3	21	11	6	:	L 0	1	1	0	0	
15	G5	3	0	0	0	0	4	17	10	8	-	1	1	0	0	0	
	LastGerm	Γime	PeakGe	ermTime	Times	SpreadO	erm t	50 Coo	lbear t	t50 Fa	roog 1	leanGer:	mTime	VarGer	nTime	SEGerm'	Time

	${\tt LastGermTime}$	${\tt PeakGermTime}$	${\tt TimeSpreadGerm}$	t50_Cool	bear t50	_Farooq	${\tt MeanGermTime}$	VarGermTime	SEGermTime
1	11	6	6	5.97	0588 5	.941176	6.700000	1.446154	0.1901416
2	12	6	8	6.19	2308 6	.153846	6.857143	2.027875	0.2197333
3	12	6	8	6.00	0000 5	.972222	6.866667	2.572727	0.2391061
4	12	6	7	6.04	1667 6	.000000	6.891304	2.187923	0.2180907
5	13	6	8	5.97	5000 5	.950000	6.812500	2.368351	0.2221275
6	12	6	7	5.97	6190 5	.952381	6.869565	2.071498	0.2122088
7	11	6	6	5.97	2222 5	.944444	6.690476	1.389663	0.1818989
8	12	6	8	6.20	8333 6	.166667	6.875000	2.112179	0.2297923
9	12	6	8	6.00	0000 5	.973684	6.866667	2.300000	0.2260777
10	12	6	7	6.07	6923 6	.038462	6.822222	1.831313	0.2017321
11	13	6	8	5.92	8571 5	.904762	6.791667	2.381206	0.2227295
12	12	6	7	5.97	5000 5	.950000	6.886364	2.149577	0.2210295
13	13	6	8	6.08	3333 6	.041667	6.936170	2.539315	0.2324392
14	12	6	7	5.92	8571 5	.904762	6.772727	1.900634	0.2078370

 VarGermRate
 SEGermRate
 CVG
 GermRateRecip_Coolbear
 GermRateRecip_Farooq
 GermSpeed_Count
 GermSpeed_Count

 1
 0.0007176543
 0.004235724
 14.92537
 0.1674877
 0.1683168
 6.138925

 2
 0.0009172090
 0.004673148
 14.58333
 0.1614907
 0.1625000
 6.362698

6.050000

6.000000

6.809524

1.670151 0.1994129

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0.0011572039 0.005071059 14.56311
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                                                                                             6.882179
   0.0009701218 0.004592342 14.51104
                                                                           0.1666667
                                                     0.1655172
                                                                                             6.927417
  0.0010995627 0.004786184 14.67890
                                                     0.1673640
                                                                           0.1680672
                                                                                             7.318987
  0.0009301809 0.004496813 14.55696
6
                                                     0.1673307
                                                                           0.1680000
                                                                                             6.931782
7
   0.0006935558 0.004063648 14.94662
                                                     0.1674419
                                                                           0.1682243
                                                                                             6.448449
  0.0009454531 0.004861721 14.54545
                                                     0.1610738
                                                                           0.1621622
                                                                                             6.053175
   0.0010345321 0.004794747 14.56311
                                                     0.1666667
                                                                           0.1674009
                                                                                             6.830592
10 0.0008453940 0.004334343 14.65798
                                                     0.1645570
                                                                           0.1656051
                                                                                             6.812698
11 0.0011191581 0.004828643 14.72393
                                                     0.1686747
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                                                                                             7.342796
12 0.0009558577 0.004660905 14.52145
                                                     0.1673640
                                                                           0.1680672
                                                                                             6.622258
13 0.0010970785 0.004831366 14.41718
                                                     0.1643836
                                                                           0.1655172
                                                                                             7.052320
14 0.0009033254 0.004531018 14.76510
                                                     0.1686747
                                                                           0.1693548
                                                                                             6.706782
15 0.0007767634 0.004300508 14.68531
                                                     0.1652893
                                                                           0.1666667
                                                                                             6.363925
   GermSpeedAccumulated_Count GermSpeedAccumulated_Percent GermSpeedCorrected_Normal GermSpeedCorrected
                      34.61567
                                                     69.23134
                                                                               0.07673656
1
2
                      35.54058
                                                     69.68741
                                                                               0.07726134
3
                      38.29725
                                                     79.78594
                                                                               0.07340991
4
                      38.68453
                                                     75.85202
                                                                               0.07680397
5
                      41.00786
                                                     82.01571
                                                                              0.07623944
6
                      38.77620
                                                     79.13509
                                                                              0.07383855
7
                      36.38546
                                                     75.80304
                                                                              0.07369656
8
                      33.77079
                                                     71.85275
                                                                               0.07112480
9
                                                     73.29829
                      38.11511
                                                                              0.07893128
10
                      38.19527
                                                     76.39054
                                                                               0.07569665
11
                      41.17452
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12
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13
                      39.29399
                                                     80.19182
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14
                      37.69490
                                                     78.53103
                                                                               0.07316490
15
                      35.69697
                                                     74.36868
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                          2.857143
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                          3.000000
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3
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4
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          6.442577
                          3.285714
                                        7.843137
                                                                                        0.5602241
5
          6.857143
                          3.428571
                                       10.000000
                                                                     1.00
                                                                                        0.7142857
6
                          3.285714
                                                                     1.00
          6.705539
                                        6.122449
                                                                                        0.4373178
7
          6.250000
                          3.000000
                                        8.333333
                                                                     1.00
                                                                                        0.5952381
8
          6.079027
                          2.857143
                                       10.638298
                                                                     1.25
                                                                                        0.7598784
9
          6.181319
                          3.214286
                                        9.615385
                                                                     1.25
                                                                                        0.6868132
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          6.428571
                          3.214286
                                        8.000000
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11
          6.722689
                          3.428571
                                        9.803922
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          6.162465
                          3.142857
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13
          6.851312
                          3.357143
                                        8.163265
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14
          6.547619
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                          3.000000
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          6.250000
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   EmergenceRateIndex_Melville EmergenceRateIndex_Melville_mod EmergenceRateIndex_BilbroWanjura Emergen
1
                            292
                                                         7.300000
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2
                            300
                                                         7.142857
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3
                            321
                                                         7.133333
                                                                                            6.553398
4
                            327
                                                         7.108696
                                                                                            6.675079
5
                            345
                                                         7.187500
                                                                                            7.045872
6
                            328
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                                                                                            6.696203
7
                            307
                                                         7.309524
                                                                                            6.277580
8
                            285
                                                         7.125000
                                                                                            5.818182
```

9		321	7.13	3333		6.553398	
1	0	323	7.17	7778		6.596091	
1	1	346	7.20	8333		7.067485	
1	2	313	7.113	6.389439			
1	3	332	7.06	6.776074			
1	4	318	7.22	6.496644			
1	5	302	7.19	6.167832			
	GermValue_Czabator Ger	mValue_DP	<pre>GermValue_Czabator_mod (</pre>	GermValue_DP_mod	CUGerm	GermSynchrony	Germ
1	54.28571	57.93890	54.28571	39.56076	0.7092199	0.2666667	
2	54.78662	52.58713	54.78662	40.99260	0.5051546	0.2346109	
3	69.75446	68.62289	69.75446	53.42809	0.3975265	0.2242424	
4	64.74158	70.43331	64.74158	48.86825	0.4672113	0.2502415	
5	77.14286	80.16914	77.14286	56.23935	0.4312184	0.2606383	
6	71.84506	76.51983	71.84506	53.06435	0.4934701	0.2792271	
7	65.10417	69.41325	65.10417	47.37690	0.7371500	0.2729384	
8	58.20345	56.00669	58.20345	43.67948	0.4855842	0.2256410	
9	60.92165	58.13477	60.92165	45.30801	0.4446640	0.2494949	
1	0 65.89286	70.91875	65.89286	49.10820	0.5584666	0.255556	
1	1 74.14731	77.39782	74.14731	54.27520	0.4288905	0.2686170	
1	2 60.41632	64.44988	60.41632	44.71582	0.4760266	0.2737844	
1	3 75.15470	78.16335	75.15470	54.94192	0.4023679	0.2506938	
1	4 69.90947	74.40140	69.90947	51.41913	0.5383760	0.2991543	
1	5 63.47656	67.62031	63.47656	46.48043	0.6133519	0.2497096	

FourPHFfit.bulk() This wrapper function can be used to fit the four-parameter hill function for multiple samples in batch.

```
Genotype Rep Day01 Day02 Day03 Day04 Day05 Day06 Day07 Day08 Day09 Day10 Day11 Day12 Day13 Day14 To
1:
          G1
               1
                      0
                                                     17
                                                           10
                                                                   7
                                                                         1
                                                                                0
                                                                                      1
                                                                                            0
                                                                                                   0
                                                                                                         0
 2:
          G2
                      0
                                   0
                                               3
                                                     15
                                                           13
                                                                         2
                                                                                1
                                                                                      0
                                                                                             1
                                                                                                   0
                                                                                                         0
               1
                            0
                                         1
                                                                   6
                                         2
                                                     18
 3:
          G3
               1
                      0
                            0
                                   0
                                               3
                                                            9
                                                                   8
                                                                         2
                                                                               1
                                                                                      1
                                                                                            1
                                                                                                   0
                                                                                                         0
          G4
                                   0
                                         0
                                               4
                                                     19
                                                                         2
                                                                                                         0
 4:
               1
                      0
                            0
                                                           12
                                                                               1
                                                                                                   0
 5:
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