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dry2wet	<i>Conversion between Moisture content (wet/fresh weight basis) and Moisture content (dry weight basis)</i>
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Description

These functions convert from moisture content determined on wet/fresh weight basis to equivalent value on dry weight basis and back. MoistureNomograph plots the nomograph for these conversions.

Usage

```
dry2wet(mc)

wet2dry(mc)

MoistureNomograph(min, max, basis = c("wet", "dry"), horiz = FALSE)
```

Arguments

mc	Moisture content.
min	Minimum value of moisture content to be plotted in nomograph.
max	Minimum value of moisture content to be plotted in nomograph.
basis	The basis on which moisture content is estimated
horiz	If TRUE, nomograph is plotted horizontally.

Details

Conversions between moisture content (%) determined on wet weight basis MC_{wb} and that on dry weight basis MC_{db} are computed based on the formulae Cromarty et al. (1982) as follows.

$$MC_{db} = \frac{100 \times MC_{wb}}{100 - MC_{wb}}$$

$$MC_{wb} = \frac{100 \times MC_{db}}{100 + MC_{db}}$$

$$MC_{wb} = \frac{w_i - w_f}{w_i}$$

$$MC_{db} = \frac{w_i - w_f}{w_f}$$

Where, w_i is the initial weight and w_f is the final weight.

If the moisture content (mc) for conversion is beyond limits (0-50 % for wet2dry and 0-100 % for dry2wet), a warning is issued.

Value

For wet2dry and dry2wet, the converted moisture content (%).

For MoistureNomograph, the nomograph as an object of class ggplot.

References

Cromarty AS, Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1982). *The Design of Seed Storage Facilities for Genetic Conservation*, Revised 1985 and 1990 edition. International Board for Plant Genetic Resources, Rome, Italy.

Examples

```
#-----
# Moisture content (wet basis) to moisture content (dry basis)
#-----
wet2dry(25)
# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-50 %)
wet2dry(60)
wet2dry(-10)

#-----
# Moisture content (dry basis) to moisture content (wet basis)
#-----
dry2wet(30)
# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-100 %)
dry2wet(-10)
dry2wet(110)

#-----
# Nomograph
```

```

#-----
# Horizontal
MoistureNomograph(min = 0, max = 50, basis = "wet", horiz = TRUE)
MoistureNomograph(min = 0, max = 100, basis = "dry", horiz = TRUE)

# Vertical
MoistureNomograph(min = 0, max = 50, basis = "wet", horiz = FALSE)
MoistureNomograph(min = 0, max = 100, basis = "dry", horiz = FALSE)

# Nomograph is a "ggplot" object
nom <- MoistureNomograph(min = 0, max = 50, basis = "wet", horiz = TRUE)
library(ggplot2)
nom + geom_hline(aes(yintercept=30), colour = "red")
p <- "Scale for converting moisture content values\nbetween dry and wet basis"
cap <- "based on Cromarty et al., 1982"
nom + labs(title = p, caption = cap) +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(hjust = 0.5))

```

FinalViability

Predict variables from the seed viability equation

Description

Predict the variables, final viability, storage period, storage temperature and storage period from the improved seed viability equation (Ellis and Roberts 1980).

FinalViability Compute the final viability after a period of storage at a set of storage conditions (seed moisture content and temperature).

StoragePeriod Compute the storage period from the final viability and the storage conditions (seed moisture content and temperature).

StorageMC Compute the storage moisture content to give final viability at a particular storage temperature.

StorageTemp Compute the storage temperature to give final viability at a particular storage temperature.

Usage

```
FinalViability(initial, period, vcindex, vcdirect, mc, temp,
  years = FALSE)
```

```
StorageMC(initial, final, period, vcindex, vcdirect, temp, years = FALSE)
```

```
StorageTemp(initial, final, period, vcindex, vcdirect, mc, years = FALSE,
  unit = c("celsius", "fahrenheit"))
```

```
StoragePeriod(initial, final, vcindex, vcdirect, mc, temp, years = FALSE)
```

Arguments

initial The initial viability (%).

period The time period of storage in days or years according to the argument years).

vcindex	An integer value indicating the index of seed viability. constants to be used from the <code>viabilityconstants</code> dataset in the package.
vcdirect	A numeric vector of length 4 with the four viability constants viz.: K_E , C_W , C_H and C_Q .
mc	Moisture content.
temp	Temperature in °C.
years	If TRUE, returns the output period in years instead of days.
final	The final viability (%).
unit	The unit of temperature.

Details

The improved seed viability equation of (Ellis and Roberts 1980) describes the relationship between final viability, storage period and storage environment conditions as follows.

$$v = K_i - \frac{p}{\sigma}$$

or

$$v = K_i - \left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \cdot p$$

Where, v is the probit percentage viability at storage time p (final viability), K_i is the probit percentage viability of the seedlot at the beginning of storage (seedlot constant) and $\frac{1}{\sigma}$ is the slope.

Germination percentages plotted against storage times yield a sigmoid seed survival curve which is converted to a linear relationship by the probit transformation with slope $\frac{1}{\sigma}$.

The slope is determined as follows.

$$\sigma = 10^{K_E - C_W \log m - C_H t - C_Q t^2}$$

Where, m is the moisture content (fresh weight basis), t is the temperature and K_E , C_W , C_H and C_Q are the species-specific seed viability constants.

On the basis of the the improved seed viability equation, v , p , m and t can be estimated as follows.

$$v = K_i - \frac{p}{\sigma}$$

$$p = \sigma(K_i - v)$$

$$m = 10^{\left[\frac{K_E - C_H t - C_Q t^2 - \log\left(\frac{p}{K_i - v}\right)}{C_W} \right]}$$

$$t = \frac{-C_H \pm \sqrt{C_H^2 - 4C_Q \left(C_W \log m - K_E + \log\left(\frac{p}{K_i - v}\right) \right)}}{2C_Q}$$

The value of the species-specific seed viability constants can be specified either directly in the argument `vcdirect` or as the index value of the required seed viability constants from the [viabilityconstants](#) dataset through the argument `vcindex`.

The value of this prediction is appropriate for temperature between -20 to 90 °C and seed moisture content between 5 to 25%. For values beyond this range, a warning will be displayed.

Value

For FinalViability, the final viability (%).

For StorageMC, the storage moisture content (%).

For StorageTemp, the storage temperature (°C).

For StoragePeriod, the duration of storage (according to argument years).

Note

For initial and/or final viability percentage values of 0% and 100%, adjust it according to sample size using the [PercentAdjust](#) function to avoid infinity or extreme values in output.

References

Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1980). "Improved equations for the prediction of seed longevity." *Annals of Botany*, **45**(1), 13–30.

See Also

[Sigma](#), [PercentAdjust](#)

Examples

```
# Fetch the index from viabilityconstants dataset
viabilityconstants[grepl("oryza", x = viabilityconstants$Species,
                        ignore.case = TRUE),]

#-----
# Final viability
#-----
# Use index 87
FinalViability(initial = 98, period = 365, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,
               years = FALSE)
FinalViability(initial = 98, period = 1, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,
               years = TRUE)

# Input the viability constants directly
FinalViability(initial = 98, period = 365,
               vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
               mc = 10, temp = 5, years = FALSE)
FinalViability(initial = 98, period = 1,
               vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
               mc = 10, temp = 5, years = TRUE)

## Not run:
# Error if initial viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
FinalViability(initial = 110, period = 365, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5)

## End(Not run)

# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-100 %)
FinalViability(initial = 98, period = 365, vcindex = 87, mc = 110, temp = 5)

# Warning if temperature is beyond limits (-20 to 90 degree C)
FinalViability(initial = 98, period = 365, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 95)
```

```

# With initial viability 100
FinalViability(initial = 100, period = 365, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,
               years = FALSE)
FinalViability(initial = 100, period = 1, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,
               years = TRUE)

# With initial viability of 100%, use of PercentAdjust() to avoid extremes
FinalViability(initial = PercentAdjust(100, n = 50), period = 365,
               vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5, years = FALSE)
FinalViability(initial = PercentAdjust(100, n = 50), period = 1,
               vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5, years = TRUE)

#-----
# Storage moisture content
#-----
# Use index 87
StorageMC(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, temp = 5,
          years = FALSE)
StorageMC(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 10, vcindex = 87, temp = 5,
          years = TRUE)

# Input the viability constants directly
StorageMC(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 3650,
          vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
          temp = 5, years = FALSE)
StorageMC(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 10,
          vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
          temp = 5, years = TRUE)

## Not run:
# Error if initial viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StorageMC(initial = 110, final = 95, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, temp = 5)

# Error if final viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StorageMC(initial = 98, final = -10, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, temp = 5)

## End(Not run)

# Warning if temperature is beyond limits (-20 to 90 degree C)
StorageMC(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, temp = 95)

#-----
# Storage temperature
#-----
# Use index 87

# In Celsius
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, mc = 8,
            years = FALSE)
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 10, vcindex = 87, mc = 8,
            years = TRUE)

# In Fahrenheit
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, mc = 8,
            years = FALSE, unit = "fahrenheit")
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 10, vcindex = 87, mc = 8,
            years = TRUE, unit = "fahrenheit")

```

```

# Input the viability constants directly
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 3650,
             vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
             mc = 8, years = FALSE)
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 10,
             vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
             mc = 8, years = TRUE)

## Not run:
# Error if initial viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StorageTemp(initial = 110, final = 95, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, mc = 8)

# Error if final viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = -10, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, mc = 8)

## End(Not run)

# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StorageTemp(initial = 98, final = 95, period = 3650, vcindex = 87, mc = 110)

#-----
# Storage period
#-----
# Use index 87
StoragePeriod(initial = 98, final = 95, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,
              years = FALSE)
StoragePeriod(initial = 98, final = 95, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,
              years = TRUE)

# Input the viability constants directly
StoragePeriod(initial = 98, final = 95,
              vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
              mc = 10, temp = 5, years = FALSE)
StoragePeriod(initial = 98, final = 95,
              vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501),
              mc = 10, temp = 5, years = TRUE)

## Not run:
# Error if initial viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StoragePeriod(initial = 110, final = 95, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5)

# Error if final viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StoragePeriod(initial = 98, final = -5, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5)

## End(Not run)

# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-100 %)
StoragePeriod(initial = 98, final = 95, vcindex = 87, mc = 110, temp = 5)

# Warning if temperature is beyond limits (-20 to 90 degree C)
StoragePeriod(initial = 98, final = 95, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 95)

# With initial viability 100
StoragePeriod(initial = 100, final = 95, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,

```



```

        years = FALSE)
StoragePeriod(initial = 100, final = 95, vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5,
              years = TRUE)

# With initial viability of 100%, use of PercentAdjust() to avoid extremes
StoragePeriod(initial = PercentAdjust(100, n = 50), final = 95,
              vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5, years = FALSE)
StoragePeriod(initial = PercentAdjust(100, n = 50), final = 95,
              vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5, years = TRUE)

```

FitSigma

Seed viability curve fitting to estimate K_i and σ **Description**

Fit seed viability/survival curve to estimate the seed lot constant (K_i) and the period to lose unit probit viability (σ).

Usage

```
FitSigma(data, viability.percent, samp.size, storage.period,
         generalised.model = TRUE, use.cv = FALSE, control.viability = 100)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame with the seed viability data recorded periodically. It should possess columns with data on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viability percentage (to be indicated by the argument <code>viability.percent</code>), • Sample size (to be indicated by the argument <code>samp.size</code>) and • Storage period (to be indicated by the argument <code>storage.period</code>).
viability.percent	The name of the column in data with the viability percentages as a character string.
samp.size	The name of the column in data with the sample size used for calculating viability percentages as a character string.
storage.period	The name of the column in data with the time periods at which the viability percentages was recorded as a character string.
generalised.model	logical. If TRUE (recommended), the seed viability curve is fitted as a generalised linear model with a probit link function. If FALSE, it is fitted as a linear model with probit transformed viability percentages.
use.cv	logical. If TRUE, then the percentage value specified in the <code>control.viability</code> argument is incorporated as the control viability parameter into the seed viability equation for fitting. Default is FALSE.
control.viability	The control viability (%).

Details

This function fits seed survival data to the following seed viability equation (Ellis and Roberts 1980) which models the relationship between probit percentage viability and time period of storage.

$$v = K_i - \frac{p}{\sigma}$$

or

$$v = K_i - \left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \cdot p$$

Where, v is the probit percentage viability at storage time p (final viability), K_i is the probit percentage viability of the seedlot at the beginning of storage (seedlot constant) and $\frac{1}{\sigma}$ is the slope.

The above equation may be expressed as a generalized linear model (GLM) with a probit (cumulative normal distribution) link function as follows (Hay et al. 2014).

$$y = \phi(v) = \phi\left(K_i - \left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right)p\right)$$

Where, y is the proportion of seeds viable after time period p and the link function is ϕ^{-1} , the inverse of the cumulative normal distribution function.

The parameters estimated are the intercept K_i , theoretical viability of the seeds at the start of storage or the seed lot constant, and the slope $-\sigma^{-1}$, where σ is the standard deviation of the normal distribution of seed deaths in time or the period of time to lose unit probit viability.

This function can also incorporate a control viability parameter into the model to fit the modified model suggested by (Mead and Gray 1999). The modified model is as follows.

$$y = C_v \times \phi(v) = C_v \times \phi\left(K_i - \left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right)p\right)$$

Where, C_v is the control viability parameter which is the proportion of respondent seeds. This excludes the bias due to seeds of the ageing population that have already lost viability at the start of storage and those non-respondent seeds that are not part of the ageing population due to several reasons.

Value

A list of class `FitSigma` with the following components:

<code>data</code>	A data frame with the data used for computing the model.
<code>model</code>	The fitted model as an object of class <code>glm</code> (if <code>generalised.model = TRUE</code>) or <code>lm</code> (if <code>generalised.model = FALSE</code>).
<code>parameters</code>	A data.frame of parameter estimates, standard errors and p value.
<code>fit</code>	A one-row data frame with estimates of model fitness such as log likelihoods, Akaike Information Criterion, Bayesian Information Criterion, deviance and residual degrees of freedom.
<code>Ki</code>	The estimated seed lot constant from the model.
<code>sigma</code>	The estimated period of time to lose unit probit viability from the model.
<code>message</code>	Warning or error messages generated during fitting of model, if any.

References

- Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1980). "Improved equations for the prediction of seed longevity." *Annals of Botany*, **45**(1), 13–30.
- Hay FR, Mead A, Bloomberg M (2014). "Modelling seed germination in response to continuous variables: use and limitations of probit analysis and alternative approaches." *Seed Science Research*, **24**(3), 165–186.
- Mead A, Gray D (1999). "Prediction of seed longevity: A modification of the shape of the Ellis and Roberts seed survival curves." *Seed Science Research*, **9**(1), 63–73.

Examples

```
data(seedsurvival)
df <- seedsurvival[seedsurvival$crop == "Soybean" &
  seedsurvival$moisturecontent == 7 &
  seedsurvival$temperature == 25,
  c("storageperiod", "rep",
    "viabilitypercent", "sampsize")]

plot(df$storageperiod, df$viabilitypercent)

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (without cv)
#-----
model1a <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
  samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
  generalised.model = TRUE)

model1a
# Raw model
model1a$model

# Model parameters
model1a$parameters

# Model fit
model1a$fit

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (with cv)
#-----
model1b <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
  samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
  generalised.model = TRUE,
  use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

model1b
# Raw model
model1b$model

# Model parameters
model1b$parameters

# Model fit
model1b$fit
```

```

#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (without cv)
#-----
model2a <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
                    samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
                    generalised.model = FALSE)

model2a
# Raw model
model2a$model

# Model parameters
model2a$parameters

# Model fit
model2a$fit

#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (with cv)
#-----
model2b <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
                    samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
                    generalised.model = FALSE,
                    use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

model2b
# Raw model
model2b$model

# Model parameters
model2b$parameters

# Model fit
model2b$fit

```

FitSigma.batch

Seed viability curve fitting to estimate multiple values of K_i and σ according to a grouping variable

Description

Fit seed viability/survival curve to estimate multiple values of the seed lot constant (K_i) and the period to lose unit probit viability (σ) according to a grouping variable.

Usage

```
FitSigma.batch(data, group, ...)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------|--|
| data | <p>A data frame with the seed viability data recorded periodically. It should possess columns with data on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viability percentage (to be indicated by the argument viability.percent), • Sample size (to be indicated by the argument samp.size), |
|------|--|

- Storage period (to be indicated by the argument `storage.period`) and
 - Grouping variable (to be indicated by the argument `group`).
- `group` The name of the column in data with grouping variable as a character string.
- `...` Arguments to be passed on to `FitSigma`.

Value

A list of class `FitSigma.batch` with the following components:

- `data` A data frame with the data used for computing the models.
- `models` A data frame with the group-wise values of model parameters, K_i and σ and the fit statistics.

See Also

[FitSigma](#)

Examples

```
data(seedsurvival)
df <- seedsurvival[seedsurvival$moisturecontent == 7 &
  seedsurvival$temperature == 25,
  c("crop", "storageperiod", "rep",
    "viabilitypercent", "sampsize")]

plot(df$storageperiod, df$viabilitypercent, col = df$crop)
legend(10, 60, legend=levels(df$crop),
  col = c("black", "red", "green"), pch = 1)

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (without cv)
#-----
model1a <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
  viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
  samp.size = "sampsize",
  storage.period = "storageperiod",
  generalised.model = TRUE)

model1a

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (with cv)
#-----
model1b <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
  viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
  samp.size = "sampsize",
  storage.period = "storageperiod",
  generalised.model = TRUE,
  use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

model1b

#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (without cv)
#-----
model2a <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
```

```

viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
samp.size = "sampsize",
storage.period = "storageperiod",
generalised.model = FALSE)

model2a

#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (with cv)
#-----
model2b <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
samp.size = "sampsize",
storage.period = "storageperiod",
generalised.model = FALSE,
use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

model2b

```

Ke	<i>Viability constant K_E based on the species-specific temperature coefficients</i>
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Description

Ke computes the viability constant K_E from the species-specific temperature coefficients in case of storage experiments conducted at constant temperature and varying moisture contents.

Usage

```
Ke(K, temp, temp.coeff = c(0.0329, 0.000478))
```

Arguments

K	The constant K associated with the relationship of temperature with seed longevity (see Details).
temp	Temperature in °C.
temp.coeff	The species-specific temperature coefficients (C_H and C_Q .) as a numeric vector of length 2.

Details

From seed storage experiments involving storage of seeds at a constant temperature in a range of moisture contents, the effect of moisture content on seed longevity (σ) can be estimated from the following linear relationship:

$$\log \sigma = K - C_w \log m$$

Where, K is the intercept, C_w is the slope and m is the moisture content.

The constant K associated with the relationship of temperature with seed longevity as follows.

$$K = K_E - C_{Ht} - C_{Qt}^2$$

Where, K_E , C_H and C_Q are the species-specific seed viability constants.
The constant K_E can be estimated from the universal temperature constants ($C_H = 0.0329$ and $C_Q = 0.000478$) in case of seed storage experiments at constant temperature and varying moisture content as follows.

$$K_E = K + C_H t + C_Q t^2$$

Value

The value of species-specific seed viability constant K_E .

References

Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1980). “Improved equations for the prediction of seed longevity.” *Annals of Botany*, **45**(1), 13–30.

Pritchard HW, Dickie JB (2003). “Predicting seed longevity: The use and abuse of seed viability equations.” In Smith RD, Dickie JB, Linington SH, Pritchard HW, Probert RJ (eds.), *Seed Conservation: Turning Science into Practice*, 653–721. Kew, UK, Royal Botanic Gardens.

See Also

[Sigma](#)

Examples

Ke(36, 10)

P50	Half-viability period
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Description

P50 computes the half-viability period, which is the time taken for 50% of the seeds to lose viability.

Usage

P50(initial, vcindex, vcdirect, mc, temp, years = FALSE)

Arguments

initial	The initial viability (%).
vcindex	An integer value indicating the index of seed viability. constants to be used from the viabilityconstants dataset in the package.
vcdirect	A numeric vector of length 4 with the four viability constants viz.: K_E , C_W , C_H and C_Q .
mc	Moisture content.
temp	Temperature in °C.
years	If TRUE, returns the output period in years instead of days.

Details

The period to lose 50% viability (P_{50}) is computed according to the relationship between probit percentage viabilities and time of storage described by Ellis and Roberts (1980) as follows.

$$v = K_i - \frac{p}{\sigma}$$

or

$$v = K_i - \left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \cdot p$$

Where, v is the probit percentage viability at storage time p (final viability), K_i is the probit percentage viability of the seedlot at the beginning of storage (seedlot constant) and $\frac{1}{\sigma}$ is the slope.

Germination percentages plotted against storage times yield a sigmoid seed survival curve which is converted to a linear relationship by the probit transformation with slope $\frac{1}{\sigma}$.

When $v = 0$ (equivalent to 50% viability), P_{50} can be computed as follows.

$$P_{50} = K_i \times \sigma$$

If the initial viability (`initial`) is beyond limits (0-100 %), an error is issued.

The value of this computation is appropriate for temperature between -20 to 90 °C and seed moisture content between 5 to 25%. For values beyond this range, a warning will be displayed.

Value

The half-viability period in days or years (according to argument years).

Note

For initial viability percentage values of 100%, adjust it according to sample size using the [PercentAdjust](#) function to avoid infinity values in output.

References

Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1980). "Improved equations for the prediction of seed longevity." *Annals of Botany*, **45**(1), 13–30.

See Also

[Sigma](#), [PercentAdjust](#)

Examples

```
P50(initial = 98, vcindex = 24, mc = 5, temp = -20)
P50(initial = 98, vcindex = 24, mc = 5, temp = -20, years = TRUE)

# With intial viability of 100%
P50(initial = 100, vcindex = 24, mc = 5, temp = -20)
P50(initial = 100, vcindex = 24, mc = 5, temp = -20, years = TRUE)

# With intial viability of 100%, use of PercentAdjust() to avoid Inf
P50(initial = PercentAdjust(100, n = 50), vcindex = 24, mc = 5, temp = -20)
```



```

P50(initial = PercentAdjust(100, n = 50), vcindex = 24, mc = 5, temp = -20,
     years = TRUE)

## Not run:
# Error if initial viability is beyond limits (0-100 %)
P50(initial = 110, vcindex = 24, mc = 5, temp = -20)

## End(Not run)

```

Percent2Probit	<i>Probit transformation</i>
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Description

These functions transform data between percentage, probit and Normal Equivalent Deviate (NED) (Bliss 1934; Finney 1952).

Usage

PercentAdjust(percentage, n)

Percent2NED(percentage)

Percent2Probit(percentage)

Probit2NED(probit)

NED2Probit(NED)

NED2Percent(NED)

Probit2Percent(probit)

Arguments

percentage	The percentage value.
n	Sample size for estimation of percentage.
probit	The probit value
NED	The NED value.

Details

Probit transformation can be used to transform a sigmoid curve of percentage data to a linear one. The probit transformation is defined as $NED + 5$. However the two terms probit and NED are used interchangeably in literature.

NED function (Φ^{-1}) is the inverse of the cumulative distribution function (Φ) of the standard normal distribution ($z \sim N(0, 1)$) or the quantile function associated with the standard normal distribution.

For percentage p ,

$$\text{NED}(p) = \Phi^{-1}(p) = \sqrt{2} \operatorname{erf}^{-1}(2p - 1)$$

and

$$\text{probit}(p) = \text{NED}(p) + 5$$

The PercentAdjust function adjusts the percentage values of 0 and 100 to $100 \times \frac{0.25}{n}$ and $100 \times \frac{n-0.25}{n}$ respectively, according to the sample size n to avoid infinity values during probit transformation (Miller and Tainter 1944).

Value

The transformed value.

References

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Examples

```
Percent2NED(0:100)
Percent2Probit(0:100)

Percent2NED(25)
Percent2Probit(25)
Percent2NED(25) +5
NED2Probit(-0.6744898)

# Percentage adjustment for 0 and 100
Percent2Probit(100)
Percent2Probit(0)
n = 50
Percent2Probit(PercentAdjust(100, n))
Percent2Probit(PercentAdjust(0, n))
```

plot.FitSigma

Plot the fitted seed viability curve from a FitSigma object

Description

plot.FitSigma plots the fitted seed viability/survival curve from a FitSigma object as an object of class ggplot.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FitSigma'
plot(x, limits = TRUE, annotate = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class FitSigma obtained as output from the FitSigma function.
limits	logical. If TRUE, set the limits of y axis (viability percentage) between 0 and 100 in the viability curve plot. If FALSE, limits are set according to the data. Default is TRUE.
annotate	logical. If TRUE, K_i and σ values are annotated on the plot. Default is TRUE.
...	Default plot arguments.

Value

The plot of the seed viability curve as an object of class ggplot.

See Also

[FitSigma](#)

Examples

```
data(seedsurvival)
df <- seedsurvival[seedsurvival$crop == "Soybean" &
  seedsurvival$moisturecontent == 7 &
  seedsurvival$temperature == 25,
  c("storageperiod", "rep",
    "viabilitypercent", "sampsize")]

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (without cv)
#-----
model1a <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
  samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
  generalised.model = TRUE)

plot(model1a)

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (with cv)
#-----
model1b <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
  samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
  generalised.model = TRUE,
  use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

plot(model1b)

#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (without cv)
#-----
model2a <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
  samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
  generalised.model = FALSE)

plot(model2a)
```

```
#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (with cv)
#-----
model2b <- FitSigma(data = df, viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
                    samp.size = "sampsize", storage.period = "storageperiod",
                    generalised.model = FALSE,
                    use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

plot(model2b)
```

plot.FitSigma.batch *Plot the fitted seed viability curves from a FitSigma.batch object*

Description

plot.FitSigma.batch plots the group-wise fitted seed viability/survival curves from a FitSigma.batch object as an object of class ggplot.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FitSigma.batch'
plot(x, limits = TRUE, grid = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class FitSigma.batch obtained as output from the FitSigma.batch function.
limits	logical. If TRUE, set the limits of y axis (viability percentage) between 0 and 100 in the viability curve plot. If FALSE, limits are set according to the data. Default is TRUE.
grid	logical. If TRUE, a symmetric matrix grid of plots is produced instead of a single plot with multiple curves. Default is FALSE.
...	Default plot arguments.

Value

The plot of the seed viability curves as an object of class ggplot.

See Also

[FitSigma.batch](#)

Examples

```
data(seedsurvival)
df <- seedsurvival[seedsurvival$moisturecontent == 7 &
                   seedsurvival$temperature == 25,
                   c("crop", "storageperiod", "rep",
                     "viabilitypercent", "sampsize")]
```

```

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (without cv)
#-----
model1a <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
                        viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
                        samp.size = "sampsiz",
                        storage.period = "storageperiod",
                        generalised.model = TRUE)

plot(model1a)
plot(model1a, grid = TRUE)

#-----
# Generalised linear model with probit link function (with cv)
#-----
model1b <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
                        viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
                        samp.size = "sampsiz",
                        storage.period = "storageperiod",
                        generalised.model = TRUE,
                        use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

plot(model1b)
plot(model1b, grid = TRUE)

#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (without cv)
#-----
model2a <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
                        viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
                        samp.size = "sampsiz",
                        storage.period = "storageperiod",
                        generalised.model = FALSE)

plot(model2a)
plot(model2a, grid = TRUE)

#-----
# Linear model after probit transformation (with cv)
#-----
model2b <- FitSigma.batch(data = df, group = "crop",
                        viability.percent = "viabilitypercent",
                        samp.size = "sampsiz",
                        storage.period = "storageperiod",
                        generalised.model = FALSE,
                        use.cv = TRUE, control.viability = 98)

plot(model2b)
plot(model2b, grid = TRUE)

```

print.FitSigma

Prints K_i and σ from a FitSigma object

Description

print.FitSigma prints to console the seed lot constant (K_i) and the period to lose unit probit viability (σ).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FitSigma'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class <code>print.FitSigma</code> .
...	Unused

Value

The K_i and σ values (degree Celsius) in the console.

See Also

[FitSigma](#)

`print.FitSigma.batch` *Prints K_i and σ from a `FitSigma.batch` object*

Description

`print.FitSigma.batch` prints to console the seed lot constant (K_i) and the period to lose unit probit viability (σ).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'FitSigma.batch'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class <code>print.FitSigma.batch</code> .
...	Unused

Value

The K_i and σ values (degree Celsius) in the console.

See Also

[FitSigma.batch](#)

SeedEqMC	<i>Seed equilibrium moisture content and equilibrium relative humidity of the seed storage environment</i>
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Description

Compute the following metrics:

SeedEqMC The seed equilibrium moisture content from known environmental conditions and oil content.

EqRH The equilibrium relative humidity of the seed storage environment from seed equilibrium moisture content, oil content and temperature.

Usage

```
SeedEqMC(oilcontent, rh, temp, basis = c("wet", "dry"))
```

```
EqRH(oilcontent, mc, temp, basis = c("wet", "dry"))
```

Arguments

oilcontent	The percentage oil content of seed (dry basis).
rh	Relative humidity expressed in percentage.
temp	Temperature in °C.
basis	The type of estimation of moisture content specified in the argument mc. Either "wet" or "dry".
mc	The seed equilibrium moisture content on wet or dry basis (according to argument basis).

Details

This relationship between seed equilibrium moisture content, seed oil content, the equilibrium relative humidity and temperature of the storage environment was described by Cromarty et al. (1982) as follows.

$$(1 - R) = e^{-\left(\frac{\left[\frac{M_e \times (1.1 + \frac{T}{96})}{1 - D_O}\right]^2}{440}\right)}$$

Where, R is the relative humidity expressed as decimal, M_e is the equilibrium percentage moisture content (dry basis), T is the temperature in °C of air or the seed equilibrium, D_O is the oil content of seed (dry basis) expressed as decimal and e is the mathematical constant 2.718282.

For values of oil content (oilcontent), relative humidity (rh) and seed equilibrium moisture content (mc) beyond the limits of 0-100 %, a warning is issued.

Value

For SeedEqMC, the seed equilibrium moisture content on wet or dry basis (according to argument basis) expressed in percentage.

For EqRH, the equilibrium relative humidity expressed in percentage.

Note

The above expression by Cromarty et al. (1982) is recommended for temperature and humidity ranges of 0-40 °C and 10-70% RH for starchy seeds (eg. cereals); and 15-25 °C and 10-70% RH for oilseeds.

References

Cromarty AS, Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1982). *The Design of Seed Storage Facilities for Genetic Conservation*, Revised 1985 and 1990 edition. International Board for Plant Genetic Resources, Rome, Italy.

See Also

[wet2dry](#)

Examples

```
SeedEqMC(oilcontent = 29, rh = 13, temp = 25, basis = "wet")
SeedEqMC(oilcontent = 29, rh = 13, temp = 25, basis = "dry")

EqRH(oilcontent = 29, mc = 5, temp = 25, basis = "wet")
EqRH(oilcontent = 29, mc = 5, temp = 25, basis = "dry")

# Warning if oilcontent is beyond limits (0-100 %)
SeedEqMC(oilcontent = 125, rh = 13, temp = 25, basis = "wet")
EqRH(oilcontent = 125, mc = 5, temp = 25, basis = "wet")

# Warning if relative humidity is beyond limits (0-100 %)
SeedEqMC(oilcontent = 29, rh = 115, temp = 25, basis = "wet")

# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-100 %)
EqRH(oilcontent = 29, mc = 115, temp = 25, basis = "wet")
```

seedsurvival

Seed survival dataset

Description

Seed survival data of three crops - groundnut, soybean and wheat stored for 15 years at combinations of three different moisture contents (3%, 5% and 7%) and temperatures (0 °C, 10 °C and 25 °C).

Usage

```
seedsurvival
```

Format

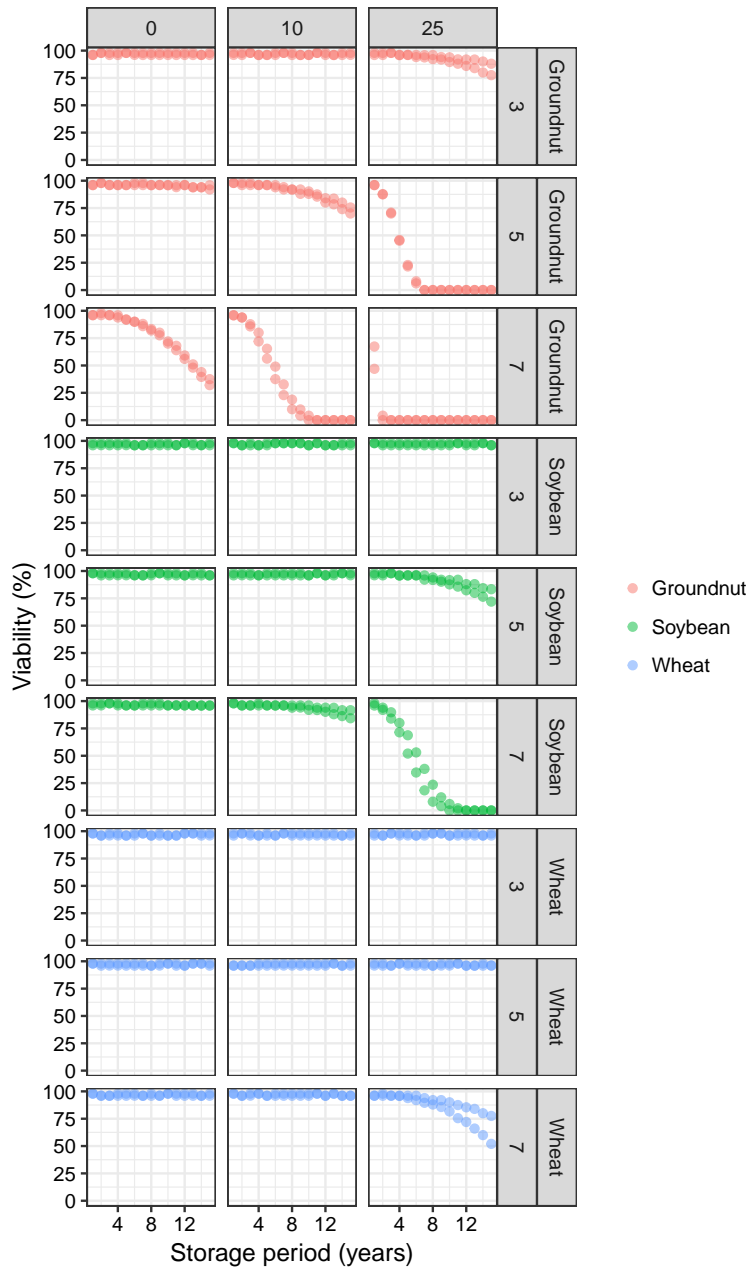
A data frame with 7 columns:

crop The crop name.

moisturecontent The moisture content (%).

temperature The temperature (°C).
storageperiod The period of storage, i.e. the year at which viability was recorded.
rep The replication.
viabilitypercent The viability percentage value recorded.
sampsize The sample size used for estimating viability percentage.

Details



Examples

```
# Load ggplot2 package
library(ggplot2)

# Plot with seedsurvival dataset with ggplot2
ggplot(data = seedsurvival, aes(x = storageperiod, y = viabilitypercent)) +
  geom_point(aes(colour = crop), alpha = 0.5) +
  labs(x = "Storage period (years)", y = "Viability (%)") +
  facet_grid(crop + moisturecontent ~ temperature) +
  theme_bw() +
  theme(axis.text = element_text(colour = "black"),
        legend.title = element_blank())
```

Sigma

Period to lose unit probit viability

Description

Sigma calculates the period to lose one probit viability (σ) under storage at a given moisture content and temperature.

Usage

```
Sigma(vcindex, vcdirect, mc, temp, years = FALSE)
```

Arguments

vcindex	An integer value indicating the index of seed viability. constants to be used from the viabilityconstants dataset in the package.
vcdirect	A numeric vector of length 4 with the four viability constants viz.: K_E , C_W , C_H and C_Q .
mc	Moisture content.
temp	Temperature in °C.
years	If TRUE, returns the output period in years instead of days.

Details

This function computes the period to lose one probit viability (σ) according to the improved seed viability equation of Ellis and Roberts (1980) as follows.

$$v = K_i - \frac{p}{\sigma}$$

or

$$v = K_i - \left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) \cdot p$$

Where, v is the probit percentage viability at storage time p (final viability), K_i is the probit percentage viability of the seedlot at the beginning of storage (seedlot constant) and $\frac{1}{\sigma}$ is the slope.

Germination percentages plotted against storage times yield a sigmoid seed survival curve which is converted to a linear relationship by the probit transformation with slope $\frac{1}{\sigma}$.

$$\sigma = 10^{K_E - C_W \log m - C_H t - C_Q t^2}$$

The value of this prediction is appropriate for temperature between -20 to 90 °C and seed moisture content between 5 to 25%. For values beyond this range, a warning will be displayed.

The period to lose one probit in days or years (according to argument years).

References

Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1980). "Improved equations for the prediction of seed longevity." *Annals of Botany*, **45**(1), 13–30.

Examples

```
#-----  
# Days/Years to lose unit probit viability for rice seeds stored at  
# 5 degree celsius and 10% moisture content.  
#-----  
# Fetch the index from viabilityconstants dataset  
viabilityconstants[grepl("oryza", x = viabilityconstants$Species,  
                          ignore.case = TRUE),]  
  
# Use index 87  
Sigma(vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5)  
Sigma(vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 5, years = TRUE)  
  
# Input the viability constants directly  
Sigma(vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501), mc = 10, temp = 5)  
Sigma(vcdirect = c(8.242, 4.345, 0.0307, 0.000501), mc = 10, temp = 5,  
      years = TRUE)  
  
# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-100 %)  
Sigma(vcindex = 87, mc = 110, temp = 5)  
  
# Warning if temperature is beyond limits (-20 to 90 degree C)  
Sigma(vcindex = 87, mc = 10, temp = 95)  
#-----  
# Days/Years to lose unit probit viability for soybean seeds stored at  
# -18 degree celsius and 8% moisture content.  
#-----  
# Fetch the index from viabilityconstants dataset  
viabilityconstants[grepl("glycine", x = viabilityconstants$Species,  
                          ignore.case = TRUE),]  
  
# Use index 59
```

```

Sigma(vcindex = 59, mc = 8, temp = -18)
Sigma(vcindex = 59, mc = 8, temp = -18, years = TRUE)

# Input the viability constants directly
Sigma(vcdirect = c(7.292, 3.996, 0.0295, 0.000491), mc = 8, temp = -18)
Sigma(vcdirect = c(7.292, 3.996, 0.0295, 0.000491), mc = 8, temp = -18,
      years = TRUE)

# Warning if moisture content is beyond limits (0-100 %)
Sigma(vcindex = 59, mc = 110, temp = 5)

# Warning if temperature is beyond limits (-20 to 90 degree C)
Sigma(vcindex = 59, mc = 10, temp = 95)

```

SigmaTransformed

SigmaTransformed

Description

SigmaTransformed transforms the measured sigma value at a specific temperature to an estimate of sigma at another temperature. This useful in comparative seed testing protocol to compare seed longevities among species tested at different temperatures (Probert et al. 2009).

Usage

```
SigmaTransformed(sigma, temp1, temp2, temp.coeff = c(0.0329, 0.000478))
```

Arguments

sigma	The inverse of slope from the seed viability equation (σ), estimated at temperature temp1.
temp1	The temperature at which sigma is estimated in °C.
temp2	The temperature at which the transformed σ is to be estimated in °C.
temp.coeff	The species-specific temperature coefficients (C_H and C_Q .) as a numeric vector of length 2.

Details

The transformation is based on the effect of temperature on seed longevity (σ) (identified by storage experiment with constant moisture content and varying temperature) which is as follows.

$$\log \sigma = \beta - C_H t - C_H t^2$$

Where, C_H and C_Q are the species-specific temperature coefficients, t is the temperature and β is the constant associated with moisture relations of seed longevity.

Value

The transformed value of σ at temperature temp2.

References

Ellis RH, Roberts EH (1980). "Improved equations for the prediction of seed longevity." *Annals of Botany*, **45**(1), 13–30.

Probert RJ, Daws MI, Hay FR (2009). "Ecological correlates of ex situ seed longevity: A comparative study on 195 species." *Annals of Botany*, **104**(1), 57–69.

See Also

[Sigma](#)

Examples

```
SigmaTransformed(250, 60, 45)
```

viabilityconstants	<i>Viability constants</i>
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Description

A dataset of the known species-specific seed viability constants estimated from the 'improved seed viability equation' of Ellis and Roberts (1980).

Usage

```
viabilityconstants
```

Format

A data frame with 7 columns:

Index A unique index value, called by the `vcindex` argument in different functions.

Species The species for which the constants were estimated.

Ke The species-specific moisture constant K_E

Cw The species-specific moisture constant C_W

Ch The species-specific temperature constant C_H

Cq The species-specific temperature constant C_Q

Reference Source of the data.

Details

Various functions such as [Sigma](#), [StorageMC](#) use the viability constants from this dataset for computation through the argument `vcindex`.

Note

Viability constants derived from storage experiment at a single temperature are highlighted by "*" in species column. In such cases, C_H and C_Q are the universal temperature coefficients (0.0329 and 0.000478 respectively).

Source

Primarily from Hong et al. (1996), updated with more species. The source for each record is mentioned in the **Reference** column.

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Examples

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# Rice
viabilityconstants[grepl("oryza", x = viabilityconstants$Species,
                        ignore.case = TRUE),]

# Wheat
viabilityconstants[grepl("triticum", x = viabilityconstants$Species,
                        ignore.case = TRUE),]

## Not run:
# View dataset
```

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View(viabilityconstants)
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## End(Not run)
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