

# Package ‘wispack’

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**Description** WSPmm are intended for hypothesis testing of spatially or temporally variable count data. They parameterize data in terms of blocks separated by transition points, each block having a process rate and each transition point having both a position and slope.

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analyze.residuals	<i>Analyze residuals from wisp fit</i>
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**Description**

This function takes a vector mu.B of sampled values of a variable X, and a single observation mu.obs of the same variable, and computes the p-value of mu.obs using the empirical cumulative distribution function (ecdf) of mu.B.

**Usage**

```
analyze.residuals(wisp.results, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- wisp.results      List, output of the wisp function.
- verbose           Logical, if TRUE, prints information during the statistical analysis.

**Value**

Numeric p-value.

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demo.sigmoid.plots	<i>Make plot demonstrating how the wisp function is determined by the Rt, slope, and tpoint parameters</i>
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**Description**

This function takes user-provided values for wisp function parameters and produces a panel of plots showing how the wisp model is determined by the Rt, slope, and tpoint parameters.

**Usage**

```
demo.sigmoid.plots(  
  r = 4,  
  s = 1,  
  Rt = c(6, 3, 0.2, 6) * 4.65,  
  tslope = c(0.4, 0.75, 1),  
  tpoint = c(15, 38, 80)  
)
```

**Arguments**

r	Numeric, upper asymptote for logistic (must be a single value).
s	Numeric, slope scalar at inflection point (must be a single value).
Rt	Numeric vector, rate parameters for the wisp function. Degree of the wisp model will be length of this vector minus 1.
tslope	Numeric vector, slope scalars for the wisp function. Must be one less than the length of Rt.
tpoint	Numeric vector, transition points for the wisp function. Must be one less than the length of Rt.

**Value**

Nothing. A ggplot object is printed to console.

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demo.warp.plots	<i>Make plot demonstrating how the wisp function is warped by the warping factors</i>
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**Description**

This function takes user-provided values for wisp function parameters and produces a panel of plots showing how the wisp model is warped by the warping factors

**Usage**

```
demo.warp.plots(
  w = 2,
  point_pos = 60,
  point_neg = 40,
  Rt = c(6, 3, 0.2, 6) * 4.65,
  tslope = c(0.4, 0.75, 1),
  tpoint = c(15, 38, 80),
  w_factors = c(0.6, -0.9, 0.5)
)
```

**Arguments**

w	Numeric, warping factor (must be a single value).
point_pos	Numeric, x coordinate at which to place positive warp segment (must be a single value).
point_neg	Numeric, x coordinate at which to place negative warp segment (must be a single value).
Rt	Numeric vector, rate parameters for the wisp function. Degree of the wisp model will be length of this vector minus 1.
tslope	Numeric vector, slope scalars for the wisp function. Must be one less than the length of Rt.
tpoint	Numeric vector, transition points for the wisp function. Must be one less than the length of Rt.

`w_factors`      Numeric vector, warping factors for the `wisp` function. Must be length 3. First element is the warping factor for `Rt`, second for `tslope`, and third for `tpoint`. Note that this is more restrictive than the real `wisp` model, which not only allows for different warping factors across the model components (`Rt`, `tslope`, and `tpoint`), but also across the different elements within each model component as well.

### Value

Nothing. A `ggplot` object is printed to console.

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<code>plot.child.summary</code>	<i>Print rate-count, residual, and parameter plots for one child level together.</i>
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### Description

Function to summarize all important information for an individual child level on one plot.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'child.summary'
plot(wisp.results, these.parents = NULL, these.childs = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>wisp.results</code>	List, output of the <code>wisp</code> function.
<code>these.parents</code>	Character vector, optional, specifies which parent levels to summarize. Defaults to all.
<code>these.childs</code>	Character vector, optional, specifies which child levels to summarize. Defaults to all.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, if <code>TRUE</code> , prints information during plotting.

### Value

Nothing, plots are printed to the current graphics device.

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<code>plot.decomposition</code>	<i>Plot individual components of wisp fit for a single child level</i>
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### Description

Extension of `plot.ratecount` which plots the individual pieces of the rate-count plot for a single child separately. Returns individual plots for data points only, fit lines only, and data points plus fit lines for individual random levels.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'decomposition'
plot(wisp.results, child, log = FALSE, dim.boundaries = c(), y.lim = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

wisp.results	List, output of the wisp function.
child	Character string, the child level to plot. Must be provided, and only one at a time.
log	Logical, if TRUE, plots on a log scale. Defaults to FALSE.
dim.boundaries	Numeric vector, independent block boundaries to plot for comparison. If empty, the argument is ignored.
y.lim	Numeric vector of length 2, limits for the y-axis of the plots. If NA, defaults to automatic limits.

**Value**

List of ggplot objects containing the decomposed rate-count plots.

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plot.effect.dist	<i>Plot parameter distributions from WISP results as histograms</i>
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**Description**

Function to make nicely formatted histograms of fitted parameters from WISP results.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'effect.dist'
plot(wisp.results, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

wisp.results	List, output of the wisp function.
verbose	Logical, if TRUE, prints information during plotting.

**Value**

List of ggplot objects containing histograms of fitted parameters.

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plot.MCMC.bs.comparison	<i>Visually compare normality and autocorrelation of bootstrap and MCMC parameter estimates</i>
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**Description**

Function allowing for visual comparison of the parameter estimates from bootstrapping vs MCMC simulation. Shows density for ten representative parameters from bootstrapping and MCMC walk, the distributions of Shapiro-Walk p-values for bootstrapping vs MCMC walks, and the density of autocorrelation results for bootstrapping vs MCMC walks.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'MCMC.bs.comparison'
plot(wisp.results, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

wisp.results      List, output of the wisp function.

verbose            Logical, if TRUE, prints information during plotting.

**Value**

List of ggplot objects containing plots of representative parameter distributions, Shapiro-Wilk normality test results, and autocorrelation plots for bootstrap and MCMC parameter estimates.

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plot.MCMC.walks	<i>Plot sampling of random walks and negative log likelihood from MCMC simulations</i>
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**Description**

Function to make nicely formatted histograms of fitted parameters from WISP results.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'MCMC.walks'
plot(wisp.results, verbose = TRUE, low_samples = 10)
```

**Arguments**

wisp.results      List, output of the wisp function.

verbose            Logical, if TRUE, prints information during plotting.

low\_samples       Integer, number of low-value parameters to plot. Defaults to 10.

**Value**

List of ggplot objects containing plots of walks for low-value parameters, high-value parameters, and normalized negative log likelihood.

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plot.parameters	<i>Plot of wisp parameters</i>
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### Description

Function to make nicely formatted violin (or bar) plots of the fitted wisp parameters, including confidence intervals if stat information is available.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'parameters'
plot(
  wisp.results,
  child.lvl = NULL,
  violin = TRUE,
  print.plots = TRUE,
  child.classes = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

wisp.results	List, output of the wisp function.
child.lvl	Character string, the child level to be plotted. If NULL, all child levels are plotted.
violin	Logical, if TRUE, plots violin plots for each parameter; if FALSE, uses bar plots.
print.plots	Logical, if TRUE, prints the plots to the console; if FALSE, only returns a list of plots without printing.
child.classes	List, a list of character vectors specifying which child levels to include together in plots. If NULL, all child levels are included in a single plot.
verbose	Logical, if TRUE, prints updates about the plotting process.

### Value

List of ggplot objects for parameter plots.

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plot.ratecount	<i>Plot fitted model and data</i>
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### Description

This function takes wisp model results (a fitted line) and observed data (counts) and plots them together for visual comparison. It can also include independent block boundaries for comparison if provided.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'ratecount'
plot(
  wisp.results,
  pred.type = "pred.log",
  count.type = "count.log",
  dim.boundaries = c(),
  print.all = FALSE,
  y.lim = NA,
  count.alpha.none = NA,
  count.alpha.ran = NA,
  pred.alpha.none = NA,
  pred.alpha.ran = NA,
  rans.to.print = c(),
  childs.to.print = c(),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>wisp.results</code>	List, output of the wisp function.
<code>pred.type</code>	Character string, the name of the predicted rate column in the count data (e.g., "pred.log" or "pred").
<code>count.type</code>	Character string, the name of the observed count column in the count data (e.g., "count.log" or "count").
<code>dim.boundaries</code>	Numeric vector, independent block boundaries to plot for comparison. If empty, the argument is ignored.
<code>print.all</code>	Logical, if TRUE, prints all plots; if FALSE, only returns plots in list without printing any.
<code>y.lim</code>	Numeric vector of length 2, limits for the y-axis of the plots. If NA, defaults to automatic limits.
<code>count.alpha.none</code>	Numeric, transparency for count points when random level is "none". If left NA, defaults to 0.25.
<code>count.alpha.ran</code>	Numeric, transparency for count points when random level is not "none". If left NA, defaults to 0.25.
<code>pred.alpha.none</code>	Numeric, transparency for predicted lines when random level is "none". If left NA, defaults to 1.0.
<code>pred.alpha.ran</code>	Numeric, transparency for predicted lines when random level is not "none". If left NA, defaults to 0.9.
<code>rans.to.print</code>	Character vector, list of random levels to include on each child plot. If c(), all random levels are included.
<code>childs.to.print</code>	Character vector, list of child levels to place on their own plot. If c(), all child levels are plotted individually.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, if TRUE, prints updates about the plotting process.



**Value**

List of ggplot objects for rate-count plots.

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pvalues.samples	<i>Compute p-values using ecdf from parameter resamples</i>
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**Description**

This function takes a vector mu.B of sampled values of a variable X, and a single observation mu.obs of the same variable, and computes the p-value of mu.obs using the empirical cumulative distribution function (ecdf) of mu.B.

**Usage**

```
pvalues.samples(mu.B, mu.obs)
```

**Arguments**

mu.B	Numeric vector of sampled values of a variable X, e.g., bootstrapped or MCMC estimates, used to make an empirical cumulative distribution function (ecdf).
mu.obs	Numeric value of the observed variable X, e.g., the mean of mu.B or an actual observation.

**Value**

Numeric p-value.

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sample.stats	<i>Estimate p-values and confidence intervals from resampled parameters</i>
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**Description**

Runs statistical analysis on the resampled parameters from the wisp function. It computes p-values and confidence intervals for each parameter, adjusting for multiple comparisons using either the Bonferroni correction or the Holm-Bonferroni method.

**Usage**

```
sample.stats(
  wisp.results,
  alpha = 0.05,
  Bonferroni = FALSE,
  conv.resamples.only = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>wisp.results</code>	List, output of the <code>wisp</code> function.
<code>alpha</code>	Numeric value giving significance level for p-values and confidence intervals. Default is 0.05.
<code>Bonferroni</code>	Logical, if TRUE, uses the Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons; if FALSE, uses the Holm-Bonferroni method. Default is FALSE.
<code>conv.resamples.only</code>	Logical, if TRUE, only resamples with a converged fit are used for statistical analysis; if FALSE, all resamples are used. Default is TRUE.
<code>verbose</code>	Logical, if TRUE, prints information during the statistical analysis.

**Value**

Data frame giving, for each parameter, its name, estimate, confidence interval (CI.low, CI.high), p-value, adjusted p-value (`p.value.adj`), adjusted alpha (`alpha.adj`), and significance level (significance).

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<code>wisp</code>	<i>Fit wisp to count data</i>
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**Description**

This function takes a data frame of `wisp` variables (as columns) and fits a `wisp` model to it. Statistical analyses and plots are generated from the fitted model.

**Usage**

```
wisp(
  count.data,
  variables = list(),
  use.median = FALSE,
  MCMC.settings = list(),
  bootstraps.num = 0,
  converged.resamples.only = TRUE,
  max.fork = 1,
  dim.bounds = c(),
  verbose = TRUE,
  print.child.summaries = TRUE,
  model.settings = list()
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>count.data</code>	Data.frame, data to be modeled, with columns for model variables ( <code>count</code> , <code>bin</code> , <code>parent</code> , <code>child</code> , <code>ran</code> , <code>fixedeffects</code> ), or equivalent variables as specified in the <code>variables</code> argument.
<code>variables</code>	List, names of the columns in <code>count.data</code> that correspond to the model variables. The list should contain only (but not necessarily all) named elements: <code>count</code> , <code>bin</code> , <code>parent</code> , <code>child</code> , <code>ran</code> , and <code>fixedeffects</code> .

use.median	Logical, if TRUE, the median of the resamples is used as the final parameter estimates; if FALSE, the initial fit by L-BFGS is used.
MCMC.settings	List, settings for the MCMC simulation, including MCMC.burnin, MCMC.steps, MCMC.step.size, MCMC.prior, and MCMC.neighbor.filter. Default values are provided.
bootstraps.num	Integer, number of bootstrap resamples to perform. If 0, only MCMC is run.
converged.resamples.only	Logical, if TRUE, only resamples with a converged fit are used for statistical analysis; if FALSE, all resamples are used. Applies only to bootstraps.
max.fork	Integer, maximum number of parallel processes to use for bootstrapping.
dim.bounds	Numeric vector, block boundaries for plotting in rate-count plots. If empty, the argument is ignored.
verbose	Logical, if TRUE, prints information during the fitting process.
print.child.summaries	Logical, if TRUE, prints summaries of each child level.
model.settings	List, settings for the C++ model, including buffer_factor, ctol, max_penalty_at_distance_factor, LROcutoff, LROwindow_factor, rise_threshold_factor, max_evals, rng_seed, and warp_precision. Default values are provided.

**Value**

List giving the results of the fitted model, including: model.component.list, count.data.summed, fitted.parameters, gamma.disperson, param.names, fix, treatment, grouping.variables, param.idx0, settings, sample.params, sample.params.bs, sample.params.MCMC, diagnostics.bs, diagnostics.MCMC, stats, and plots

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wisp.sigmoid	<i>Wisp sigmoid function, implemented in R</i>
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**Description**

This function provides an R implementation of the wisp sigmoid function. It assumes the parameters Rt, tslope, and tpoint have already been warped by wisp.warp.

**Usage**

```
wisp.sigmoid(x, Rt, tslope, tpoint)
```

**Arguments**

x	Numeric, input spatial position, either a scalar, vector, or 2D array/matrix
Rt	Numeric vector, rate parameters for the wisp function. Degree of the wisp model will be length of this vector minus 1.
tslope	Numeric vector, slope scalars for the wisp function. Must be one less than the length of Rt.
tpoint	Numeric vector, transition points for the wisp function. Must be one less than the length of Rt.

**Value**

Numeric vector or matrix, wisp sigmoid values for given input. Returned object will have the same dimensions as input x.

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wisp.warp	<i>Wisp warping function, implemented in R</i>
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**Description**

This function provides an R implementation of the warping function used to warp model components before input into wisp.sigmoid.

**Usage**

```
wisp.warp(z, b, w)
```

**Arguments**

z	Numeric vector or matrix, values to warp. Scalar values fine as well. Matrix must be 2D.
b	Numeric, warping bound (must be a single value).
w	Numeric, warping factor (must be a single value).

**Value**

Numeric vector or matrix, warped values. Returned object will have the same dimensions as input z.

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