# Package 'growthPheno'

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# Description

Test whether any values in x are less than the value of lower, if it is not NULL, or are greater than the value of upper, if it is not NULL, or both.

# Usage

```
anom(x, lower=NULL, upper=NULL, na.rm = TRUE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x A vector containing	g the values to be tested.
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lower A numeric such that values in x below it are considered to be anomalous.

upper A numeric such that values in x above it are considered to be anomalous.

na.rm A logical indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the testing

proceeds.

#### Value

A logical indicating whether any values have been found to be outside the limits specified by lower or upper or both.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
anom.val <- anom(longi.dat$Area.smooth.AGR, lower=2.5)</pre>
```

calcLagged	Replaces the values in a vector with the result of applying an operation
	to it and a lagged value

# **Description**

Replaces the values in x with the result of applying an operation to it and the value that is lag positions either before it or after it in x, depending on whether lag is positive or negative. For positive lag the first lag values will be NA, while for negative lag the last lag values will be NA. When operation is NULL, the values are moved lag positions down the vector.

# Usage

```
calcLagged(x, operation = NULL, lag = 1)
```

# **Arguments**

x A vector containing the values on which the calculations are to be made.

operation A character giving the operation to be performed on pairs of values in x. If

operation is NULL then the values are moved lag positions down the vector.

lag A integer specifying, for the second value in the pair to be operated on, the

number positions it is ahead of or behind the current value.

### Value

A vector containing the result of applying operation to values in x. For positive lag the first lag values will be NA, while for negative lag the last lag values will be NA.

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#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

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#### **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
longi.dat$Days.diffs <- calcLagged(longi.dat$xDays, operation ="-")</pre>
```

calcTimes

Calculates for a set of times, the time intervals after an origin time and the position of each within a time interval

# Description

For the column specified in imageTimes, having converted it to POSIXct if not already converted, calculates for each value the number of intervalUnits between the time and the startTime. Then the number of timePositions within the intervals is calculated for the values in imageTimes. The function difftimes is used in doing the calculations, but the results are converted to numeric. For example intervals could correspond to the number of Days after Planting and the timePositions to the hour within each day.

# Usage

### **Arguments**

data A data.frame containing any columns specified by imageTimes, intervals

and timePositions.

imageTimes A character giving the name of the column that contains the time that each cart

was imaged. Note that in importing data into R, spaces and nonalphanumeric characters in names are converted to full stops. If imageTimes is NULL then no

calculations are done.

timeFormat A character giving the POSIXct format of characters containing times, in

particular imageTimes and startTime. Note that if fractions of seconds are required options(digits.secs) must be used to set the number of decimal

places and timeFormat must use %OS for seconds in timeFormat.

intervals A character giving the name of the column in data containing, as a numeric

or a factor, the calculated times after startTime to be plotted on the x-axis. It is given as the number of intervalUnits between the two times. If startTime

is NULL then intervals is not calculated.

startTime A character giving the time, in the POSIXct format specified by timeFormat,

to be subtracted from imageTimes to caclualte intervals. For example, it might be the day of planting or treatment. If startTime is NULL then intervals

is not calculated.

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intervalUnit A character giving the name of the unit in which the values of the intervals should be expressed. It must be one of "secs", "mins", "hours" or "days".

timePositions A character giving the name of the column in data containing, as a numeric,

the value of the time position within an interval (for example, the time of imaging during the day expressed in hours plus a fraction of an hour). If timePositions

is NULL then it is not calculated.

#### Value

A data.frame, being the unchaged data data.frame when imageTimes is NULL or containing either intervals and/or timePositions depending on which is not NULL.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
as.POSIXct, imagetimesPlot.
```

# **Examples**

cumulate

Calculates the cumulative sum, ignoring the first element if exclude.1st is TRUE

# **Description**

Uses cumsum to calculate the cumulative sum, ignoring the first element if exclude.1st is TRUE.

# Usage

```
cumulate(x, exclude.1st = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

x A vector containing the values to be cumulated.

exclude.1st A logical indicating whether or not the first value of the cumulative sum is to be NA.

# Value

A vector containing the cumulative sum.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

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#### See Also

cumsum

#### **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
Area.cum <- cumulate(longi.dat$Area)</pre>
```

designFactors

Adds the factors and covariates for a blocked, split-plot design

#### **Description**

Add the following factors and covariates to a date frame containing imaging data from the Plant Accelerator: Zones, xZones, SHZones, ZLane, ZMainplots, Subplots and xMainPosn. It checks that the numbers of levels of the factors are consistent with the observed numbers of carts and observations

# Usage

```
designFactors(data, insertName = NULL, designfactorMethod = "LanePosition",
         nzones = 6, nlanesperzone = 4, nmainplotsperlane = 11, nsubplotspermain = 2)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

A data. frame to which are to be added the design factors and covariates and which must contain the following columns:

Smarthouse, Snapshot.ID.Tag, XDays, xPosn and,

if designfactorMethod = "LanePosition", Lane and Position.

insertName

A character giving the name of the column in the data. frame after which the new factors and covariates are to be inserted. If NULL, they are added after the last column.

designfactorMethod

A character giving the method to use to obtain the columns for the design factors Zones, ZLane, Mainplots and Subplots. For LanePosition, it is assumed that (i) Lane can be divided into Zones and ZLane, each with nzones and nlanesperzone levels, respectively, and (ii) Position can be divided into Mainplots and Subplots, each with nmainplotsperlane and nmainplotsperlane levels, respectively. The factor SHZones is formed by combining Smarthouse and Zones and ZMainplots is formed by combining ZLane and Mainplots. For StandardOrder, the factors Zones, ZLane, Mainplots, Subplots are generated in standard order, with the levels of Subplots changing for every observation and the levels of subsequent changing only after all combinations of the levels of the factors to its right have been cycled through.

nzones A numeric giving the number of zones in a smarthouse.

A numeric giving the number of lanes in each zone. nlanesperzone nmainplotsperlane

A numeric giving the number of mainplots in each lane.

nsubplotspermain

A numeric giving the number of subplots in a main plot.

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#### **Details**

The factors Zones, ZLane, ZMainplots and Subplots are derived for each Smarthouse based on the values of nzones, nlanesperzone, nmainplotsperlane, nsubplotspermain, Zones being the blocks in the split-plot design. Thus, the number of carts in each Smarthouse must be the product of these values and the number of observations must be the product of the numbers of smarthouse, carts and imagings for each cart. If this is not the case, it may be able to be achieved by including in data rows for extra observations that have values for the Snapshot.ID.Tag, Smarthouse, Lane, Position and Time.after.Planting..d. and the remaining columns for these rows have missing values (NA) Then SHZones is formed by combining Smarthouse and Zones and the covariates xZones and xMainPosn calculated. The covariate xZones is calculated from Zones and xMainPosn is formed from the mean of xPosn for each main plot.

#### Value

A data. frame including the columns:

- 1. Smarthouse: factor with levels for the Smarthouse
- 2. Zones: factor dividing the Lanes into groups, usually of 4 lanes
- 3. xZones: numeric corresponding to Zones, centred by subtracting the mean of the unique positions
- 4. SHZones: factor for the combinations of Smarthouse and Zones
- 5. ZLane: factor for the lanes within a Zone
- 6. ZMainplots: factor for the main plots within a Zone
- 7. Subplots: factor for the subplots
- 8. xMainPosn: numeric for the main-plot positions within a Lane, centred by subtracting the mean of the unique positions

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# **Examples**

exampleData

A small data set to use in function examples

# Description

Imaging data for 20 of the plants from an experiment in a Smarthouse in the Plant Accelerator. It is used as a small example in the documentation for growthPheno.

### Usage

```
data(exampleData)
```

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#### **Format**

Four data. frames: raw.dat (280 rows by 33 columns), longi.prime.dat (280 rows by 45 columns), longi.dat (280 rows by 63 columns), cart.dat (20 rows by 14 columns).

fitSpline	Produce the fits from a natural cubic smoothing spline applied to a response in a data.frame, and growth rates can be computed using derivatives
	aertvatives

#### **Description**

Uses smooth. spline to fit a spline to all the values of response stored in data.

The amount of smoothing can be controlled by df and the smoothing. method provides for direct amd logarithmic smoothing. If df = NULL, the amount of smoothing is controlled by the default arguments and those you supply for smooth.spline. The method of Huang (2001) for correcting the fitted spline for estimation bias at the end-points will be applied if correctBoundaries is TRUE.

The derivatives of the fitted spline can also be obtained, and the Absolute and Relative Growth Rates (AGR and RGR) computed using them, provided correctBoundaries is FALSE. Otherwise, growth rates can be obtained by difference using splitContGRdiff.

By default, smooth.spline will issue an error if there are not at least four distinct x-values. On the other hand, fitSplines issues a warning and sets all smoothed values and derivatives to NA. The handling of missing values in the observations is controlled via na.x.action and na.y.action.

### Usage

#### **Arguments**

data A data. frame containing the column to be smoothed.

response A character giving the name of the column in data that is to be smoothed.

x A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the values of

the predictor variable.

df A numeric specifying the desired equivalent number of degrees of freedom of

the smooth (trace of the smoother matrix). Lower values result in more smoothing. If df = NULL, the amount of smoothing is controlled by the default argu-

ments for and those that you supply to smooth.spline.

smoothing.method

A character giving the smoothing method to use. The two possibilites are (i) "direct", for directly smoothing the observed response, and (ii) "logarithmic", for smoothing the log-transformed response and then back-transforming by taking the exponentional of the fitted values.

### correctBoundaries

A logical indicating whether the fitted spline values are to have the method of Huang (2001) applied to them to correct for estimation bias at the end-points. Note that deriv must be NULL for correctBoundaries to be set to TRUE.

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deriv A numeric specifying one or more orders of derivatives that are required.

suffices.deriv A character giving the characters to be appended to the names of the deriva-

tives. If NULL and the derivative is to be retained then smooth. dv is appended.

A character giving the character to be appended to the smoothed response to create the RGR name, but only when smoothing.method is direct and the RGR is required. When smoothing.method is direct and the RGR is required RGR must not be NULL and deriv must include one so that the first derivative is available for calculating it. When smoothing.method is logarithmic, the RGR is the backtransformed first derivative and so, to obtain it, merely include 1 in deriv and any suffix for it in suffices.deriv. Leave RGR set to NULL.

A character giving the character to be appended to the smoothed response to create the AGR name, but only when smoothing.method is logarithmic and the AGR is required. When smoothing.method is logarithmic and the AGR is required AGR must not be NULL and deriv must include one so that the first derivative is available for calculating it. When smoothing.method is direct, the AGR is the backtransformed first derivative and so, to obtain it, merely include 1 in deriv and any suffix for it in suffices.deriv. Leave AGR

set to NULL.

A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of x are NA. The possible values are fail, exclude or omit. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will only be obtained for nonmissing values of x. The difference between these two codes is that for exclude the returned data. frame

will have as many rows as data, the missing values have been incorporated.

na.y.action A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of y, or the

response, are NA. The possible values are fail, exclude, omit, allx, trimx, ltrimx or rtrimx. For all options, except fail, missing values in y will be removed before smoothing. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will be obtained only for nonmissing values of x that do not have missing y values. Again, the difference between these two is that, only for exclude will the missing values be incorporated into the returned data.frame. For allx, predictions and derivatives will be obtained for all nonmissing x. For trimx, they will be obtained for all nonmissing x between the first and last nonmissing y values that have been ordered for x; for ltrimx and utrimx either the lower

or upper missing y values, respectively, are trimmed.

... allows for arguments to be passed to smooth.spline.

# Value

**RGR** 

**AGR** 

na.x.action

A data.frame containing x and the fitted smooth. The names of the columns will be the value of x and the value of response with .smooth appended. The number of rows in the data.frame will be equal to the number of pairs that have neither a missing x or response and it will have the same order of codex as data. If deriv is not NULL, columns containing the values of the derivative(s) will be added to the data.frame; the name each of these columns will be the value of response with .smooth.dvf appended, where f is the order of the derivative, or the value of response with .smooth. and the corresponding element of suffices.deriv appended. If RGR is not NULL, the RGR is calculated as the ratio of value of the first derivative of the fitted spline and the fitted value for the spline.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

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#### References

Huang, C. (2001). Boundary corrected cubic smoothing splines. *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, **70**, 107-121.

#### See Also

```
splitSplines, smooth.spline, predict.smooth.spline, splitContGRdiff
```

### **Examples**

getTimesSubset

Forms a subset of responses in data that contains their values for the nominated times

### **Description**

Forms a subset of responses in data that contains their values for the nominated times.

### Usage

# **Arguments**

responses A character giving the names of the columns in data whose values are to be

subsetted.

times.factor A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for

times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used to identify the

subset and should be numeric values stored as characters.

data A data. frame containing the column from which the growth rates are to be

calculated.

which.times A vector giving the times that are to be selected.

suffix A character giving the suffix to be appended to responses to form the names

of the columns containing the subset.

include.times.factor

A logical indicating whether or not to include the times. factor in the result, the name in the result having the suffix with a separating full appended.

include.individuals

A logical indicating whether or not to include the individuals column in the

result.

individuals A character giving the name of the column in data containing an identifier for

each individual.

# Value

A data.frame containing the subset of responses ordered by as many of the initial columns as are required to uniquely identify each row (see order for more information). The names of the columns for responses and times.factor in the subset are the concatenation of their names in data and suffix separated by a full stop.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# **Examples**

growthPheno-deprecated

Deprecated Functions in the Package asremlPlus

# Description

These functions have been renamed and deprecated in growthPheno:

```
1. getDates -> getTimesSubset
```

### Usage

```
getDates(...)
```

# Arguments

... absorbs arguments passed from the old functions of the style foo.bar().

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

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# **Description**

Assists in producing longitudinal or profile plots of measured traits. These allow checks to be made for anomalous data and growth patterns in the data to be explored. Smoothing of growth trends for individual plants using smoothing splines is available for removing transient effects. There are tools for diagnosing the adequacy of trait smoothing, either using this package or other packages, such as those that fit nonlinear growth models. A range of per-unit (pot, plant, plot) growth traits can be extracted from longitudinal data, including single time-point smoothed trait values and their growth rates, interval growth rates and other growth statistics, such as maximum growth. The package is particularly suited to preparing data from high-throughput phenotyping facilities, such as imaging data from a Lemna-Tec Scananalyzer (see <a href="https://www.lemnatec.com/products/conveyor-scanalyzer/">https://chris.brien.name/rpaclare/</a> growthPheno' can also be installed from <a href="https://chris.brien.name/rpaclare/">https://chris.brien.name/rpaclare/</a>

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(ii) Data frame manipulation

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split-plot design.

getTimesSubset Forms a subset of 'responses' in 'data' that

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longitudinalPrime Selects a set variables to be retained in a

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twoLevelOpcreate Creates a data.frame formed by applying, for

each response, abinary operation to the values of

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(iii) Plots

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values from the smoothed values over values of x. Plots the time within an interval versus the interval. For example, the hour of the day carts are imaged

against the days after planting (or some other

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plotLongitudinal Plots longitudinal data for a set of indiividuals plotMedianDeviations Calculates and plots the median of the deviations

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'data.frame'.

(iv) Growth rate and WUI calculation

fitSpline Produce the fits from a natural cubic smoothing

spline applied to a response in a 'data.frame', and growth rates can be computed using derivatives.

GrowthRates Calculates growth rates (AGR, PGR, RGRdiff)

between pairs of values in a vector.

intervalGRaverage Calculates the growth rates for a specified

time interval by taking weighted averages of growth rates for times within the interval. Calculates the growth rates for a specified

intervalGRdiff Calculates the growth rates for a spe

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splitContGRdiff Adds the growth rates calculated continuously

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'data.frame'.

splitSplines Adds the fits, and optionally growth rates computed

from derivatives, after fitting natural cubic smoothing splines to subsets of a response to a

'data.frame'.

WUI Calculates the Water Use Index (WUI).

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(v) General calculations

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calcLagged Replaces the values in a vector with the result

of applying an operation to it and a lagged value. Calculates for a set of times, the time intervals

after an origin time and the position of each

within a time interval

cumulate Calculates the cumulative sum, ignoring the

first element if exclude.1st is TRUE.

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Selects a subset of variables using PVA.

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Overview

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calcTimes

This package can be used to analyse growth data using splines to follow the time trend and then to extract traits for further analysis. There are tools that aid in choosing the degree of smoothing and the selection of traits. There are also functions for importing and organizing the data that are generally applicable, although they do have defaults that make them particularly adapted to data from a high-throughput phenotyping facility based on a Lemna-Tec Scananalyzer 3D system.

Data suitable for use with this package consists of columns of data obtained from a set of units (pots, carts or plots) over time. There should be a unique identifier for each unit, which by default is Snapshot.ID.Tag, and variable giving the Days after Planting for each measurement, by default Time.after.Planting..d.. In some cases, it is expected that there will be a column labelled Snapshot.Time.Stamp, which reflects the imaging time from which a particular data value was obtained. For imaging data, the carts/pots may be arranged in a grid of Lanes  $\times$  Positions.

Al-Tamimi et al. (2016) describe a seven-step process to produce phenotypic traits from imaging measurements, a subset of which may be applicable to any longitudinal data set. Some minor modifications of this process has resulted in the following eight-step process:

- 1. **Import the data:** Use importExcel to import the raw data from the Excel file (xlsx or csv). This step should also involve any editing of the data needed to take account of mishaps during the data collection and the need to remove faulty data (produces raw.dat). Generally, data can be removed by replacing only values for responses with missing values (NA) for carts whose data is to be removed, leaving the identifying information intact.
- Organize the data: Use longitudinalPrime to select a subset of the imaging variables
  produced by the Lemna Tec Scanalyzer and, if the design is a blocked, split-plot design, use
  designFactors to add covariates and factors that might be used in the analysis (produces the
  data frame longi.prime.dat).
- 3. **Form derived longitudinal traits** Add derived responses that result in a value for each observation: use splitContGRdiff to obtain continuous growth rates i.e. a growth rate for each

time of observation, except the first; WUI to produce continuous Water Use Indices (WUI) and cumulate to produce cumulative responses. (Produces the data frame longi.dat.)

- 4. **Exploratory analysis:** Use splitSplines to fit splines, using say direct smoothing and an arbitrary value of 5 for the df, to smooth the longitudinal trends in the primary traits and calculate continuous growth rates from the smoothed response (added to the data frame longi.dat). There are two options for calculating continuous smoothed growth rates: (i) by differencing use splitContGRdiff; (ii) from the first derivatives of the splines in splitSplines include 1 in the deriv argument, include "AGR" in suffices.deriv and set the RGR to say "RGR".Produce plots of the unsmoothed and smoothed longitudinal data using plotLongitudinal.
- 5. Choose the smoothing.method and df: Use probeSmoothing to compare the smooths for a number of values of df and for different smoothing.methods. If necessary, re-run splitSplines with a revised value of df, replacing replace the initial smoothed primary traits and derived tratis in longi.dat; replot using plotLongitudinal.
- 6. **Clean the data:** Check for anomalies in the data, perhaps employing plotAnom. Decide if excluding data is justified. To exclude data, consider whether it is better, especially for the analysis stage, if only the values of the responses are removed by setting them to missing (NA), rather than removing complete rows of the data.
- 7. **Extract per-cart traits:** These are traits for which there is a single value for each cart, pot or plot (by default, identified by the Snapshot.ID.Tag). (produces the data frame cart.dat)
  - (a) Initialize a cart data.frame with the factors and covariates for a single observation from all carts. This can be done by subsetting longi.dat so that there is one entry for each cart.
  - (b) Use getTimesSubset to add traits at specific times to the cart data. frame, often the first and last day of imaging for each Snapshot. ID. Tag. The times need to be selected so that there is one and only one observation for each cart. Also form traits, such as growth rates over the whole imaging period, based on these values
  - (c) Based on the longitudinal plots, decide on the intervals for which growth rates and WUIs are to be calculated. The growth rates for intervals are calculated from the continuous growth rates, using intervalGRdiff, if the continuous growth rates were calculated by differencing, or intervalGRaverage, if they were calculated from first derivatives. To calculate WUIs for intervals, use intervalWUI, The interval growth rates and WUIs are added to the cart data.frame.
- 8. (Optional) There is also the possibility that, for experiments investigating salinity, the Shoot Ion Independent Tolerance (SIIT) index can be calculated using twoLevelOpcreate.

The vignette Rice illustrates this process. Use 'vignette("Rice", package = "growthPheno") to access the vignette.

# Author(s)

NA

Maintainer: NA

### References

Al-Tamimi, N, Brien, C.J., Oakey, H., Berger, B., Saade, S., Ho, Y. S., Schmockel, S. M., Tester, M. and Negrao, S. (2016) New salinity tolerance loci revealed in rice using high-throughput non-invasive phenotyping. *Nature Communications*, **7**, 13342.

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#### See Also

dae

GrowthRates	Calculates growth rates (AGR, PGR, RGRdiff) between pairs of values
	in a vector

# Description

Calculates either the Absolute Growth Rate (AGR), Proportionate Growth Rate (PGR) or Relative Growth Rate (RGR) between pairs of time points, the second of which is lag positions before the first. in x.

### Usage

```
AGRdiff(x, time.diffs, lag=1)
PGR(x, time.diffs, lag=1)
RGRdiff(x, time.diffs, lag=1)
```

### **Arguments**

x A numeric from which the growth rates are to be calculated.

time.diffs a numeric giving the time differences between successive values in x.

lag A integer specifying, for the second value in the pair to be operated on, the

number positions it is ahead of the current value.

#### **Details**

The AGRdiff is calculated as the difference between a pair of values divided by the time.diffs. The PGR is calculated as the ratio of a value to a second value which is lag values ahead of the first in x and the ratio raised to the power of the reciprocal of time.diffs. The RGRdiff is calculated as the log of the PGR and so is equal to the difference between the logarithms of a pair of values divided by the time.diffs. The differences and ratios are obtained using calcLagged with lag = 1.

# Value

A numeric containing the growth rates which is the same length as x and in which the first lag values NA.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

```
intervalGRaverage, intervalGRdiff, splitContGRdiff, splitSplines, calcLagged
```

### **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
longi.dat$Area.AGR <- with(longi.dat, AGRdiff(Area, time.diffs = Days.diffs))</pre>
```

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Imports an Excel imaging file and allows some renaming of variables

### **Description**

Uses readxl to import a sheet of imaging data produced by the Lemna Tec Scanalyzer. Basically, the data consists of imaging data obtained from a set of pots or carts over time. There should be a column, which by default is called Snapshot.ID.Tag, containing a unique identifier for each cart and a column, which by default is labelled Snapshot.Time.Stamp, containing the time of imaging for each observation in a row of the sheet. Also, if startTime is not NULL, calcTimes is called to calculate, or recalculate if already present, timeAfterStart from imageTimes by subtracting a supplied startTime.

Using cameraType, keepCameraType, labsCamerasViews and prefix2suffix, some flexibility is provided for renaming the columns with imaging data. For example, if the column names are prefixed with 'RGB\_SV1', 'RGB\_SV2' or 'RGB\_TV', the 'RGB\_' can be removed and the 'SV1', 'SV2' or 'TV' become suffices.

### Usage

### **Arguments**

file A character giving the path and name of the file containing the data.

sheet A character giving the name of the sheet containing the data, that must include

columns whose names are as specified by cartId, which uniquely indexes the carts in the experiment, and imageTimes, which reflects the time of the imaging from which a particular data value was obtained. It is also assumed that a column whose name is specified by timeAfterStart is in the sheet or that it will be calculated from imageTimes using the value of startTime supplied in the

function call.

sep A character giving the separator used in a csv file.

cartId A character giving the name of the column that contains the unique Id for each

cart. Note that in importing data into R, spaces and nonalphanumeric characters

in names are converted to full stops.

imageTimes A character giving the name of the column that contains the time that each cart

was imaged. Note that in importing data into R, spaces and nonalphanumeric

characters in names are converted to full stops.

timeAfterStart A character giving the name of the column that contains or is to contain the difference between imageTimes and startTime. The function calcTimes is

called to calculate the differences. For example, it might contain the number of

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> days after planting. Note that in importing data into R, spaces and nonalphanumeric characters in names are converted to full stops.

cameraType

A character string nominating the abbreviation used for the cameraType. A warning will be given if no variable names include this cameraType.

keepCameraType A logical specifying whether to retain the cameraType in the variables names. It will be the start of the prefix or suffix and separated from the remander of the prefix or suffix by an underscore (\_).

#### labsCamerasViews

A named character whose elements are new labels for the camera-view combinations and the name of each element is the old label for the camera-view combination in the data being imported. If labsCamerasViews is NULL, all column names beginning with cameraType are classed as imaging variables and the unique prefixes amongst them determined. If no imaging variables are found then no changes are made. Note that if you want to include a recognisable cameraType in a camier-view label, it should be at the start of the the label in labsCamerasViews and separated from the rest of the label by an underscore

prefix2suffix

A logical specifying whether the variables names with prefixed camera-view labels are to have those prefixes transferred to become suffices. The prefix is assumed to be all the characters up to the first full stop (.) in the variable name and must contain cameraType to be moved. It is generally assumed that the characters up to the first underscore ( ) are the camera type and this is removed if keepCameraType is FALSE. If there is no underscore (\_), the whole prefix is moved. If labsCamerasViews is NULL, all column names beginning with cameraType are classed as imaging variables and the unique prefixes amongst them determined. If no imaging variables are found then no changes are made.

startTime

A character giving the time of planting, in the POSIXct format timeFormat, to be subtracted from imageTimes in recalculating timeAfterStart. If startTime is NULL then timeAfterStart is not recalculated.

timeFormat

A character giving the POSIXct format of characters containing times, in particular imageTimes and startTime.

plotImagetimes

A logical indicating whether a plot of the imaging times against the recalculated Time. After. Planting..d.. It aids in checking Time. After. Planting..d. and what occurred in imaging the plants.

allows for arguments to be passed to plotImagetimes. However, if intervals is passed an error will occur; use timeAfterStart instead.

# Value

A data. frame containing the data.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

### See Also

as.POSIXct, calcTimes, plotImagetimes

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# **Examples**

intervalGRaverage

Calculates the growth rates for a specified time interval by taking weighted averages of growth rates for times within the interval

### **Description**

Using previously calculated growth rates over time, calculates the Absolute Growth Rates for a specified interval using the weighted averages of AGRs for each time point in the interval (AGR) and the Relative Growth Rates for a specified interval using the weighted geometric means of RGRs for each time point in the interval (RGR).

# Usage

### **Arguments**

responses	A character giving the names of the responses for which there are columns in data that contain the growth rates that are to be averaged. The names of the growth rates should have either AGR or RGR appended to the responses names.
individuals	A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the data for which each subset corresponds to the responses for an individual.
which.rates	A character giving the growth rates that are to be averaged to obtain growth rates for an interval. It should be a combination "AGR" and "RGR".
suffices.rates	A character giving the suffices to be appended to response to form the names of the columns containing the calculated the growth rates and in which growth rates are to be stored. Their elements will be matched with those of which.rates.

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start.time	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times. factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot. ID. Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the start of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated.	
end.time	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times. factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot. ID. Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the end of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated.	
times.factor	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used in calculating growth rates and should be numeric values stored as characters.	
suffix.interval		
	A character giving the suffix to be appended to response.suffices.rates to form the names of the columns containing the calculated the growth rates.	
data	A data.frame containing the columns from which the growth rates are to be calculated.	
sep	A character giving the separator to use when the levels of individuals are combined. This is needed to avoid using a character that occurs in a factor to delimit levels when the levels of individuals are combined to identify subsets.	
na.rm	A logical indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the calculation of weighted means proceeds.	

#### **Details**

The AGR for an interval is calculated as the weighted mean of the AGRs for times within the interval. The RGR is calculated as the weighted geometric mean of the RGRs for times within the interval; in fact the exponential is taken of the weighted means of the logs of the RGRs. The weights are obtained from the times.factor. They are taken as the sum of half the time subintervals before and after each time, except for the end points; the end points are taken to be the subintervals at the start and end of the interval.

### Value

A data. frame with the growth rates. The name of each column is the concatenation of (i) one of responses, (ii) one of AGR, PGR or RGR, or the appropriate element of suffices.rates, and (iii) suffix.interval, the three components being separated by full stops.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

intervalGRdiff, intervalWUI, splitValueCalculate, getTimesSubset, GrowthRates, splitSplines, splitContGRdiff

# **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
longi.dat <- splitSplines(longi.dat, response="Area", x="xDays",</pre>
                          INDICES = "Snapshot.ID.Tag",
                          df = 4, deriv=1, suffices.deriv="AGRdv", RGR="RGRdv")
Area.smooth.GR <- intervalGRaverage("Area.smooth", which.rates = c("AGR", "RGR"),
                                     suffices.rates = c("AGRdv", "RGRdv"),
```

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```
start.time = 31, end.time = 35,
suffix.interval = "31to35",
data = longi.dat)
```

intervalGRdiff

Calculates the growth rates for a specified time interval

# Description

Using the values of the responses, calculates the specified combination of the Absolute Growth Rates using differences (AGR), the Proportionate Growth Rates (PGR) and Relative Growth Rates using log differences (RGR) between two nominated time points.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

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responses	A character giving the names of the columns in data from which the growth rates are to be calculated.	
individuals	A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the data for which each subset corresponds to the responses for an individual.	
which.rates	A character giving the growth rates that are to be calculated. It should be a combination "AGR", "PGR" and "RGR".	
suffices.rates	A character giving the characters to be appended to the names of the responses in constructing the names of the columns containing the calculated growth rates. The order of the suffices in suffices.rates should correspond to the order of the elements of which.rates.	
times.factor	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used in calculating growth rates and should be numeric values stored as characters.	
start.times	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times. factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot. ID. Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the start of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated.	
end.times	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times. factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot. ID. Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the end of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated.	

suffix.interval

data

A character giving the suffix to be appended to response to form the names of the columns containing the calculated the growth rates.

A data. frame containing the column from which the growth rates are to be calculated.

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#### **Details**

The AGR is calculated as the difference between the values of response at the end.times and start.times divided by the difference between end.times and start.times. The PGR is calculated as the ratio of response at the end.times to that at start.times and the ratio raised to the power of the reciprocal of the difference between end.times and start.times. The RGR is calculated as the log of the PGR and so is equal to the difference between the logarithms of response at the end.times and start.times divided by the difference between end.times and start.times.

#### Value

A data.frame with the growth rates. The name of each column is the concatenation of (i) one of responses, (ii) one of AGR, PGR or RGR, or the appropriate element of suffices.rates, and (iii) suffix.interval, the three components being separated by full stops.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

intervalGRaverage, intervalWUI, getTimesSubset, GrowthRates, splitSplines, splitContGRdiff

# **Examples**

intervalPVA

Selects a subset of variables observed within a specified time interval using Principal Variable Analysis (PVA)

### **Description**

Principal Variable Analysis (PVA) (Cummings, 2007) selects a subset from a set of the variables such that the variables in the subset are as uncorrelated as possible, in an effort to ensure that all aspects of the variation in the data are covered. Here, all observations in a specified time interval are used for calculation the correlations on which the selection is based.

### Usage

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### **Arguments**

responses	A character giving the names of the columns in data from which the variables are to be selected.
data	A data.frame containing the columns of variables from which the selection is to be made.
times.factor	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used to identify the subset and should be numeric values stored as characters.
start.time	A numeric giving the time, in terms of a level of times.factor, at which the time interval begins; observations at this time and up to and including end.time will be included.
end.time	A numeric giving the time, in terms of levels of times.factor, at the end of the interval; observations after this time will not be included.
nvarselect	A numeric specifying the number of variables to be selected, which includes those listed in include. If nvarselect = 1, as many variables are selected as is need to satisfy p.variance.
p.variance	A numeric specifying the minimum proportion of the variance that the selected variables must account for,
include	A character giving the names of the columns in data for the variables whose selection is mandatory.
plot	A logical indicating whether a plot of the cumulative proportion of the variance explained is to be produced.
	allows passing of arguments to other functions.

#### **Details**

The variable that is most correlated with the other variables is selected first for inclusion. The partial correlation for each of the remaining variables, given the first selected variable, is calculated and the most correlated of these variables is selects for inclusion next. Then the partial correlations are adjust for the second included variables. This process is repeated until the specified criteria have been satisfied. The possibilities are to:

- 1. the default (nvarselect = NULL and p.variance = 1) select all variables in increasing order of amount of information they provide;
- 2. select exactly nvarselect variables;
- 3. select just enough variables, up to a maximum of nvarselect variables, to explain at least p.variance\*100 per cent of the total variance.

# Value

A data.frame giving the results of the variable selection. It will contain the columns Variable, Selected, h.partial, Added.Propn and Cumulative.Propn.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

### References

Cumming, J. A. and D. A. Wood (2007) Dimension reduction via principal variables. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, **52**, 550–565.

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#### See Also

PVA, rcontrib

# **Examples**

intervalValueCalculate

Calculates a single value that is a function of an individual's values for a response over a specified time interval

# **Description**

Splits the values of a response into subsets corresponding individuals and applies a function that calculates a single value from each individual's observations during a specified time interval. It includes the ability to calculate the observation that corresponds to the calculated value of the function.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

response	A character giving the name of the column in data from which the values of ${\sf FUN}$ are to be calculated.
weights	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the weights to be supplied as $\mbox{\bf w}$ to FUN.
individuals	A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the data for which each subset corresponds to the response value for an individual.
FUN	A character giving the name of the function that calculates the value for each subset. $ \\$
which.obs	A logical indicating whether or not to determine the observation corresponding to the value of the function, instead of the value of the function itself.
which.levels	A character giving the name of the factor whose levels are to be identified as the level of the observation whose value matches the value of the function.
start.time	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times.factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot.ID.Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the start of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated. If

start.time is NULL, the interval will start with the first observation.

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end.time	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times.factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot.ID.Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the end of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated. If end.time is NULL, the interval will end with the last observation.
times.factor	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for times at which the data was collected. Its levels should be numeric values stored as characters.
suffix.interva	1
	A character giving the suffix to be appended to response to form the name of the column containing the calculated values. If it is NULL then nothing will be appended.
data	A ${\sf data.frame}$ containing the column from which the function is to be calculated.
na.rm	A $\log$ ical indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the calculation proceeds.
sep	A character giving the separator to use when the levels of individuals are combined. This is needed to avoid using a character that occurs in a factor to delimit levels when the levels of individuals are combined to identify subsets.
	allows for arguments to be passed to FUN.

# Value

A data. frame, with the same number of rows as there are individuals, containing a column for the individuals, a column with the values of the function for the individuals, and a column with the values of the times.factor. The name of the column with the values of the function will be result of concatenating the response, FUN and, if it is not NULL, suffix.interval, each separated by a full stop.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

intervalGRaverage, intervalGRdiff, intervalWUI, splitValueCalculate, getTimesSubset

# **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
Area.smooth.max <- intervalValueCalculate("Area.smooth",</pre>
                                            start.time = 31, end.time = 35,
                                            suffix.interval = "31to35",
                                            data = longi.dat)
```

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intervalWUI	Calculates water use indices (WUI) over a specified time interval to a data.frame

# Description

Calculates the Water Use Index (WUI) between two time points for a set of responses.

# Usage

# Arguments

responses	A character giving the names of the columns in data from which the growth rates are to be calculated.	
water.use	A character giving the names of the column in data which contains the water use values.	
individuals	A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the data for which each subset corresponds to the responses for an individual.	
times.factor	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used in identifying the intervals and should be numeric values stored as characters.	
start.times	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times. factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot. ID. Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the start of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated.	
end.times	A numeric giving the times, in terms of levels of times. factor, that will give a single value for each Snapshot. ID. Tag and that will be taken as the observation at the end of the interval for which the growth rate is to be calculated.	
suffix.interval		
	A character giving the suffix to be appended to response to form the names of the columns containing the calculated the growth rates.	
data	A data.frame containing the column from which the growth rates are to be calculated.	
include.total.water		
	A logical indicating whether or not to include a column in the results for the total of water. use for the interval for each individual.	
na.rm	A $\log$ ical indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the calculation proceeds.	

# **Details**

The WUI is calculated as the difference between the values of a response at the end.times and start.times divided by the sum of the water use after start.times until end.times. Thus, the water use up to start.times is not included.

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#### Value

A data.frame containing the WUIs, the name of each column being the concatenation of one of responses, WUI and, if not NULL, suffix.interval, the three components being separated by a full stop. If the total water is to be included, the name of the column will be the concatenation of water.use, Total and the suffix, each separated by a full stop('.').

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

intervalGRaverage, intervalGRdiff, splitValueCalculate, getTimesSubset, GrowthRates

# **Examples**

longitudinalPrime

Selects a set variables to be retained in a data frame of longitudinal data

# Description

Forms the prime traits by selecting a subset of the traits in a data.frame of imaging data produced by the Lemna Tec Scanalyzer. The imaging traits to be retained are specified using the traits and labsCamerasViews arguments. Some imaging traits are divided by 10000 to convert them from pixels to kilopixels. Also added are factors and explanatory variates that might be of use in an analysis.

# Usage

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### **Arguments**

data

 $A\, {\tt data.frame}\ containing\ the\ columns\ specified\ by\ {\tt cartId},\ {\tt imageTimes},\ {\tt timeAfterStart},$ 

idcolumns, traits and cameras along with the following columns:

Smarthouse, Lane, Position, Weight.Before, Weight.After, Water.Amount,

Projected.Shoot.Area..pixels.

The defaults for the arguments to longitudinalPrime requires a data.frame containing the following columns, although not necessarily in the order given

here:

Smarthouse, Lane, Position, Weight.Before, Weight.After, Water.Amount,

Projected.Shoot.Area..pixels., Area.SV1, Area.SV2, Area.TV,

Boundary.Points.To.Area.Ratio.SV1, Boundary.Points.To.Area.Ratio.SV2,

Boundary.Points.To.Area.Ratio.TV, Caliper.Length.SV1,

Caliper.Length.SV2, Caliper.Length.TV,

Compactness.SV1, Compactness.SV2, Compactness.TV,

Convex.Hull.Area.SV1, Convex.Hull.Area.SV2, Convex.Hull.Area.TV,

Center.Of.Mass.Y.SV1, Center.Of.Mass.Y.SV2,

Max.Dist.Above.Horizon.Line.SV1, Max.Dist.Above.Horizon.Line.SV2.

cartId A character giving the name of the column that contains the unique Id for each

cart.

imageTimes A character giving the name of the column that contains the time that each

cart was imaged.

timeAfterStart A character giving the name of the column that contains the time after some

nominated starting time e.g. the number of days after planting.

idcolumns A character vector giving the names of the columns that identify differences

between the plants or carts e.g. Genotype.ID, Treatment.1, Treatment.2.

traits A character or a list whose components are characters. Each character

gives the names of the columns for imaging traits whose values are required for each of the camera-view combinations given in the corresponding list component of labsCamerasViews. If labsCamerasViews or a component of labsCamerasViews is NULL, then the contents of traits or the coresponding component of traits are merely treated as the names of columns to be retained.

labsCamerasViews

A character or a list whose components are characters. Each character gives the labels of the camera-view combinations for which is required values of each of the imaging traits in the corresponding character of traits. It is assumed that the camera-view labels are appended to the trait names and separated from the trait names by a full stop (.). If labsCamerasViews or a component of labsCamerasViews is NULL, then the contents of the traits or the coresponding component of traits are merely treated as the names of columns to be

retained.

smarthouse.lev A character vector giving the levels to use for the Smarthouse factor. If NULL

then the unique values in Smarthouse will be used.

calcWaterLoss A logical indicating whether to calculate the Water.Loss. If it is FALSE, Water.Before,

Water.After and Water.Amount will not be in the returned data.frame. They can be copied across by listing them in a component of traits and set the cor-

responding component of cameras to NULL.

pixelsPERcm A numeric giving the number of pixels per cm for the images. No longer used.

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#### **Details**

The columns are copied from data, except for those columns in the list under **Value** that have '(calculated)' appended.

#### Value

A data. frame containing the columns specified by cartId, imageTimes, timeAfterStart, idcolumns, traits and cameras. The defaults will result in the following columns:

- 1. Smarthouse: factor with levels for the Smarthouse
- 2. Lane: factor for lane number in a smarthouse
- 3. Position: factor for east/west position in a lane
- 4. Days: factor for the number of Days After Planting (DAP)
- 5. cartId: unique code for each cart
- 6. imageTimes: time at which an image was taken in POSIXct format
- 7. Reps: factor indexing the replicates for each combination of the factors in idcolumns (calculated)
- 8. xPosn: numeric for the Positions within a Lane (calculated)
- 9. Hour: hour of the day, to 2 decimal places, at which the image was taken (calculated)
- xDays: numeric for the DAP that is centred by subtracting the mean of the unique days (calculated)
- 11. idcolumns: the columns listed in idcolumns that have been converted to factors
- 12. Weight.Before: weight of the pot before watering (only if calcWaterLoss is TRUE)
- 13. Weight. After: weight of the pot after watering (only if calcWaterLoss is TRUE)
- 14. Water.Amount: the weight of the water added (= Water.After Water.Before) (calculated)
- 15. Water.Loss: the difference between Weight.Before for the current imaging and the Weight.After for the previous imaging (calculated unless calcWaterLoss is FALSE)
- 16. Area: the Projected.Shoot.Area..pixels. divided by 1000 (calculated)
- 17. Area.SV1: the Projected.Shoot.Area from Side View 1 divided by 1000 (calculated)
- 18. Area.SV2: the Projected.Shoot.Area from Side View 2 divided by 1000 (calculated)
- 19. Area.TV: the Projected.Shoot.Area from Top View divided by 1000 (calculated)
- 20. Boundary.To.Area.Ratio.SV1
- 21. Boundary.To.Area.Ratio.SV2
- 22. Boundary.To.Area.Ratio.TV
- 23. Caliper.Length.SV1
- 24. Caliper.Length.SV2
- 25. Caliper.Length.TV
- 26. Compactness.SV1 from Side View 1
- 27. Compactness.SV2 from Side View 2
- 28. Compactness.TV: from Top View
- 29. Convex.Hull.Area.SV1: area of Side View 1 Convex Hull divided by 1000 (calculated)
- 30. Convex.Hull.Area.SV2: area of Side View 2 Convex Hull divided by 1000 (calculated)
- 31. Convex.Hull.TV: Convex.Hull.Area.TV divided by 1000 (calculated)

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- 32. Center.Of.Mass.Y.SV1: Centre of Mass from Side View 1
- 33. Center.Of.Mass.Y.SV2: Centre of Mass from Side View 2
- 34. Max.Dist.Above.Horizon.Line.SV1: the Max.Dist.Above.Horizon.Line.SV1 converted to cm using pixelsPERcm (calculated)
- 35. Max.Dist.Above.Horizon.Line.SV2: the Max.Dist.Above.Horizon.Line.SV2 converted to cm using pixelsPERcm (calculated)

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

### **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
longiPrime.dat <- longitudinalPrime(data=raw.dat, smarthouse.lev=1)</pre>
longiPrime.dat <- longitudinalPrime(data=raw.dat, smarthouse.lev=1,</pre>
                                      traits = list(a = "Area", c = "Compactness"),
                                     labsCamerasViews = list(all = c("SV1", "SV2", "TV"),
                                                               t = "TV")
longiPrime.dat <- longitudinalPrime(data=raw.dat, smarthouse.lev=1,</pre>
                                      traits = c("Area.SV1", "Area.SV2", "Area.TV",
                                                  "Compactness.TV"),
                                      labsCamerasViews = NULL)
longiPrime.dat <- longitudinalPrime(data=raw.dat, smarthouse.lev=1,</pre>
                                      calcWaterLoss = FALSE,
                                      traits = list(img = c("Area", "Compactness"),
                                                   H20 = c("Weight.Before","Weight.After",
                                                             "Water.Amount")),
                                     labsCamerasViews = list(all = c("SV1", "SV2", "TV"),
                                                               H20 = NULL))
```

plotAnom

Identifies anomalous individuals and produces longitudinal plots without them and with just them

# Description

Uses intervalValueCalculate and the function anom to identify anomalous individuals. The user can elect to print the anomalous individuals, a longitudinal profile plot without the anomalous individuals and/or a longitudinal profile plot with only the anomalous individuals. The plots are produced using ggplot. The plot can be facetted so that a grid of plots is produced.

Warning: anomPlot will be deprecated in future versions, its synonym plotAnom being preferred.

# Usage

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# **Arguments**

data A data. frame containing the data to be tested and plotted.

x A character giving the variable to be plotted on the x-axis.

response A character specifying the response variable that is to be tested and plotted on

the y-axis.

individuals A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the

data for which each subset corresponds to the response value for an individual.

breaks A numeric vector giving the breaks to be plotted on the x-axis scale.

vertical.line A numeric giving position on the x-axis at which a vertical line is to be drawn.

If NULL, no line is drawn.

groupsFactor A factor giving the name of a factor that defines groups of individuals be-

tween which the test for anomalous individuals can be varied by setting values for one or more of lower, upper, start.time and end.time to be NULL, a single value or a set of values whose number equals the number of levels of groupsFactor. If NULL or only a dingle value is supplied, the test is the same

for all individuals.

lower A numeric such that values in response below it are considered to be anoma-

lous. If NULL, there is no testing for values below the lower bound.

upper A numeric such that values in response above it are considered to be anoma-

lous. If NULL, there is no testing for values above the upper bound.

start.time A numeric giving the start of the time interval, in terms of a level of times.factor,

during which testing for anomalous values is to occur. If NULL, the interval will

start with the first observation.

end.time A numeric giving the end of the time interval, in terms of a level of times.factor,

during which testing for anomalous values is to occur. If NULL, the interval will

end with the last observation.

times.factor A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for

times at which the data was collected. Its levels should be numeric values stored

as characters.

suffix.interval

A character giving the suffix to be appended to response to form the name of the column containing the calculated values. If it is NULL then nothing will be

appended.

columns.retained

A character giving the names of the columns in data that are to be retained in

the data. frame of anomalous individuals.

whichPrint A character indicating what is to be printed. If anomalous is included, the

columns.retained are printed for the anomalous individuals.

na.rm A logical indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the testing

proceeds.

allows for arguments to be passed to plotLongitudinal.

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#### Value

A list with three components:

1. data, a data frame resulting from the merge of data and the logical identifying whether or not an individual is anomalous;

- 2. innerPlot, an object of class ggplot storing the longitudinal plot of the individuals that are not anomalous;
- 3. outerPlot, an object of class ggplot storing the longitudinal plot of only the individuals that are anomalous.

The name of the column indicating anomalous individuals will be result of concatenating the response, anomand, if it is not NULL, suffix.interval, each separated by a full stop. The ggplot objects can be plotted using print and can be modified by adding ggplot functions before printing. If there are no observations to plot, NULL will be returned for the plot.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
anom, intervalValueCalculate, ggplot.
```

# **Examples**

plotCorrmatrix

Calculates and plots correlation matrices for a set of responses

# Description

Having calculated the correlations a heat map indicating the magnitude of the correlations is produced using ggplot. In this heat map, the darker the red in a cell then the closer the correlation is to -1, while the deeper the blue in the cell, then the closer the correlation is to 1. Also produced is a matrix plot of all pairwise combinations of the variables. The matrix plot contains a scatter diagram for each pair, as well as the value of the correlation coefficient. The argument pairs.sets can be used to restrict the pairs in the matrix plot to those combinations within each set.

Warning: corrPlot will be deprecated in future versions, its synonym plotCorrmatrix being preferred.

### Usage

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# **Arguments**

responses	A character giving the names of the columns in data containing the variables to be correlated.
data	A data. frame containing the columns of variables to be correlated.
which.plots	A character specifying the plots of the correlations to be produced.
title	Title for the plots.
labels	A character specifying the labels to be used in the plots. If labels is NULL, responses is used for the labels.
labelSize	A numeric giving the size of the labels in the matrixplot.
show.sig	A logical indicating whether or not to give asterisks indicating significance on the plot.
pairs.sets	A list each of whose components is a numeric giving the position of the variable names in responses that are to be included in the set. All pairs of variables in this pairs.set will be included in a matrix plot.

allows passing of arguments to other functions

### Value

NULL.

### Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

ggplot.

# **Examples**

plotDeviationsBoxes

Produces boxplots of the deviations of the observed values from the smoothed values over values of x.

# Description

Produces boxplots of the deviations of the observed values from the smoothed values over values of  $\mathbf{x}$ .

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# Usage

# **Arguments**

data	A data.frame containing the observed and smoothed values from which the deviations are to be computed.	
observed	A character specifying the response variable for which the observed values are supplied.	
smoothed	A character specifying the smoothed response variable, corresponding to observed, for which values are supplied.	
x.factor	A character giving the factor to be plotted on the x-axis.	
x.title	Title for the x-axis. If NULL then set to xname.	
y.titles	A character giving the titles for the y-axis, one for each plot specified deviations.plots.	
facet.x	A data.frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate columns of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted. For which.plots set to methodcompare or dfcompare facet.x is ignored.	
facet.y	A data.frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate rows of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted.	
labeller	A ggplot function for labelling the facets of a plot produced using the ggplot function. For more information see ggplot.	
df	A numeric specifying the smoothing degrees of freedom used in producing the response. smoothed and which is to be used in labelling the plot.	
deviations.plots		
	A character specifying whether absolute and/or relative deviations are to be plotted.	
ggplotFuncs	A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element.	
	allows passing of arguments to plotLongitudinal.	

# Value

A data. frame containing the median deviations that have been plotted.

# Author(s)

Chris Brien

# See Also

 $\verb|plotMedianDeviations|, \verb|probeSmoothing|, \verb|ggplot|.$ 

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# **Examples**

plotImagetimes Plots the position of a time within an interval against the interval for each cart

# **Description**

Uses ggplot to produce a plot of the time position within an interval against the interval. For example, one might plot the hour of the day carts are imaged against the days after planting (or some other number of days after an event). A line is produced for each value of groupVariable and the colour is varied according to the value of the colourVariable. Each Smarthouse is plotted separately. It aids in checking whether delays occurred in imaging the plants.

Warning: imagetimesPlot will be deprecated in future versions, its synonym plotImagetimes being preferred.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

data	$A \verb  data.frame  containing any columns specified by intervals, time Positions, group Variable and colour Variable.$
intervals	A character giving the name of the column in data containing, as a numeric or a factor, the calculated times to be plotted on the x-axis. For example, it could be the days after planting or treatment.
timePositions	A character giving the name of the column in data containing, as a numeric, the value of the time position within an interval (for example, the time of imaging during the day expressed in hours plus a fraction of an hour).
groupVariable	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the variable to be used to group the plotting.
colourVariable	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the variable to be used to colour the plotting.
ggplotFuncs	A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element.

# Value

An object of class "ggplot", which can be plotted using print.

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#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
ggplot, calcTimes.
```

### **Examples**

plotLongitudinal

Plots longitudinal data for a set of indiividuals

### **Description**

Produce profile or longitudinal plots of a response using ggplot. A line is drawn for the data for each individual and the plot can be facetted so that a grid of plots is produced. For each facet a line for the medians over time can be added, along with the vaue of the outer whiskers (median +/-1.5 \* IQR).

Warning: longiPlot will be deprecated in future versions, its synonym plotLongitudinal being preferred.

#### **Usage**

### **Arguments**

data A data. frame containing the data to be plotted.

x A character giving the variable to be plotted on the x-axis.

response A character specifying the response variable that is to be plotted on the y-axis.

individuals A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the

data for which each subset corresponds to the response values for an individ-

ual.

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x.title	Title for the x-axis.
y.title	Title for the y-axis.
title	Title for the plot.
facet.x	A data.frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate columns of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted.
facet.y	A data.frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate rows of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted.
labeller	A ggplot function for labelling the facets of a plot produced using the ggplot function. For more information see ggplot.
colour	A character specifying a single colour to use in drawing the lines for the profiles. If colouring according to the values of a variable is required then use colour.column.
colour.column	A character giving the name of a column in data over whose values the colours of the lines are to be varied. The colours can be specified using colour.values .
colour.values	A character vector specifying the values of the colours to use in drawing the lines for the profiles. If this is a named vector, then the values will be matched based on the names. If unnamed, values will be matched in order (usually alphabetical) with the limits of the scale.
alpha	A numeric specifying the degrees of transparency to be used in plotting. It is a ratio in which the denominator specifies the number of points (or lines) that must be overplotted to give a solid cover.
addMediansWhis	
	A logical indicating whether plots over time of the medians and outer whiskers are to be added to the plot. The outer whiskers are related to the whiskers on a box-and-whisker and are defined as the median plus (and minus) 1.5 times the interquartile range (IQR). Points lying outside the whiskers are considered to be potential outliers.
xname	A character giving the name of the numeric that contains the values of the predictor variable from which x is derived, it being that x may incorporate an expression.
ggplotFuncs	A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element.

A logical indicating whether or not to print the plot.

## Value

An object of class "ggplot", which can be plotted using print.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

printPlot

## See Also

ggplot, labeller.

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#### **Examples**

plotMedianDeviations Calculates and plots the median of the deviations of the smoothed values from the observed values.

## **Description**

Calculates and plots the median of the deviations of the supplied smoothed values from the supplied observed values for traits and combinations of different smoothing methods and smoothing degrees of freedom, possibly for subsets of factor combinations. The requisite values can be generated using probeSmoothing with both which.plots and deviations.plots set to none. The results of smoothing methods applied externally to growthPheno can be included via the extra.smooths argument. Envelopes of the median value of a trait for each factor combination can be added.

## Usage

## Arguments

data

A data.frame containing the observed and smoothed values from which the deviations are to be computed. There should be a column of smoothed values for each combination of smoothing.methods, df and the types specified by trait.types. In addition, there should be a column of values for each element of extra.smooths in combination with the elements of trait.types.

Also, there should be a column of observed values for the types specified by trait.typesThe naming of the columns for smoothed traits should follow the convention that a name is made up, in the order sepcified, of a response.smoothed, the trait.type if not a response only, a smoothing.method or an extra.smooths and, if a smoothing.method, a df; each component should be separated by a period (.).

response

A character specifying the response variable for which the observed values are supplied. Depending on the setting of trait.types, the observed values of related trait.types may also need to be be supplied.

response.smoothed

A character specifying the name of the column containing the values of the smoothed response variable, corresponding to response and obtained for the combinations of smoothing.methods and df, usually using smoothing splines. Depending on the setting of trait.types, the smoothed values of related trait.types may also need to be be supplied.

x A character giving the variable to be plotted on the x-axis; it may incorporate

an expression. If x is NULL then xname is used.

xname A character giving the name of the numeric that contains the values from

which x is derived, it being that x may incorporate an expression.

individuals A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the

data for which each subset corresponds to the response values for an individ-

ual.

x. title Title for the x-axis. If NULL then set to xname.

y.titles A character giving the titles for the y-axis, one for each trait specified by

trait.types. If NULL then set to the traits derived for response from trait.types.

facet.x A data.frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate columns of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted. For

which.plots set to methodcompare or dfcompare facet.x is ignored.

facet.y A data.frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in

separate rows of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted.

labeller A ggplot function for labelling the facets of a plot produced using the ggplot

function. For more information see ggplot.

trait.types A character giving the traits types that are to be plotted. While AGR and RGR are

commonly used, the names can be arbitrary, except that response is a special

case that indicates that the original response is to be plotted.

propn.types A numeric giving the proportion of the medians the values of each of the trait.types

that are to be plotted in the median deviations plots. If set to NULL, the plots of

the proprotions are omitted.

propn.note A logical indicating whether a note giving the proportion of the median values

plotted in the compare.medians plots.

alpha.med.devn A numeric specifying the degrees of transparency to be used in plotting a me-

dian deviations plot. It is a ratio in which the denominator specifies the number

of points (or lines) that must be overplotted to give a solid cover.

smoothing.methods

A character giving the smoothing method used in producing the response. smoothed

and which is to be used in labelling the plot.

df A numeric specifying the smoothing degrees of freedom used in producing the

response. smoothed and which is to be used in labelling the plot.

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extra.smooths

A character specifying a smoothing.method label that has been used in naming of columns of smooths of the response obtained by methods other than the smoothing spline methods provided by growthPheno. Depending on the setting of trait.types, the smoothed values of related trait types must also be supplied, with names constructed according to the convention described under data.

ggplotFuncsMedDevn

A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element.

allows passing of arguments to plotLongitudinal.

#### Value

A data. frame containing the median deviations that have been plotted.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

plotDeviationsBoxes, probeSmoothing, ggplot.

## **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
vline <- list(ggplot2::geom_vline(xintercept=20, linetype="longdash", size=1),</pre>
              ggplot2::scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(12, 36, by=2)))
traits <- probeSmoothing(data = longi.dat, response = "Area",</pre>
                          df = c(4:7), x="xDays+24.16666667",
                          facet.x = ".", facet.y = ".",
                          which.plots = "none",
                          deviations.plots = "none",
                          propn.types = NULL)
med <- plotMedianDeviations(data = traits,</pre>
                             response = "Area", response.smoothed = "Area.smooth",
                             x="xDays+24.16666667", xname = "xDays",
                             df = c(4,7), x.title = "DAP",
                             facet.x = ".", facet.y = ".",
                             trait.types = "response", propn.types = 0.05,
                             ggplotFuncsMedDevn = vline)
```

probeDF

Compares, for a set of specified values of df, a response and the smooths of it, possibly along with growth rates calculated from the smooths

#### **Description**

Takes a response and, for each individual, uses splitSplines to smooth its values for each individual using the degrees of freedom values in df. Provided get.rates is TRUE, both the Absolute Growth Rates (AGR) and the Relative Growth Rates (RGR) are calculated for each smooth, either using differences or first derivatives. A combination of the unsmoothed and smoothed values, as well as the AGR and RGR, can be plotted for each value in df. Note that the arguments that modify the plots apply to all plots that are produced. The handling of missing values is controlled via na.x.action and na.y.action

#### Usage

## **Arguments**

data A data. frame containing the data.

response A character specifying the response variable to be supplied to smooth.spline

and that is to be plotted on the y-axis.

xname A character giving the name of the numeric that contains the values of the

predictor variable to be supplied to smooth. spline and from which x is derived.

individuals A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the data for which each subset corresponds to the response values for an individ-

ual.

na.x.action A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of x are

NA. The possible values are fail, exclude or omit. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will only be obtained for nonmissing values of x. The difference between these two codes is that for exclude the returned data. frame will have as many rows as data, the missing values have been incorporated.

na.y.action A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of y, or the

response, are NA. The possible values are fail, exclude, omit, allx, trimx, ltrimx or rtrimx. For all options, except fail, missing values in y will be removed before smoothing. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will be obtained only for nonmissing values of x that do not have missing y values. Again, the difference between these two is that, only for exclude will the missing values be incorporated into the returned data.frame. For allx, predictions and derivatives will be obtained for all nonmissing x. For trimx, they will be obtained for all nonmissing x between the first and last nonmissing y values that have been ordered for x; for ltrimx and utrimx either the lower

or upper missing y values, respectively, are trimmed.

df A numeric specifying the set of degrees of freedom to be probed.

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smoothing.scale

A character giving the scale on which smoothing is to be performed. The two possibilites are "identity", for directly smoothing the observed response, and "logarithmic", for smoothing the log-transformed response.

correctBoundaries

A logical indicating whether the fitted spline values are to have the method of Huang (2001) applied to them to correct for estimation bias at the end-points. Note that if rates.method is set to "derivatives" then it is not possible to have correctBoundaries set to TRUE.

A logical specifying whether or not the growth rates (AGR and RGR) are to get.rates be computed and stored.

A character specifying the method to use in calculating the growth rates. The rates method two possibilities are "differences" and "derivates".

times.factor A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used in calculating

growth rates and should be numeric values stored as characters.

A character giving the variable to be plotted on the x-axis; it may incorporate х

an expression. If x is NULL then xname is used.

x.title Title for the x-axis. If NULL then set to times.factor.

facet.x A data.frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate columns of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted.

facet.y A data. frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in

separate rows of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted.

A ggplot function for labelling the facets of a plot produced using the ggplot labeller

function. For more information see ggplot.

colour A character specifying a single colour to use in drawing the lines for the pro-

files. If colouring according to the values of a variable is required then use

colour.column.

colour.column A character giving the name of a column in data over whose values the

colours of the lines are to be varied. The colours can be specified using colour.values

colour.values A character vector specifying the values of the colours to use in drawing the

> lines for the profiles. If this is a named vector, then the values will be matched based on the names. If unnamed, values will be matched in order (usually al-

phabetical) with the limits of the scale.

A numeric specifying the degrees of transparency to be used in plotting. It is alpha

a ratio in which the denominator specifies the number of points (or lines) that

must be overplotted to give a solid cover.

A character giving the traits that are to be produced. One of more of response, which.traits

AGR and RGR. If all, all three traits are produced. The unsmoothed growth rates

are not calculated if only smoothed plots are requested.

A character giving the plots that are to be produced. If none, no plots are prowhich.plots

> duced. If smoothedonly, plots of the smoothed traits are plotted. If bothseparatetly, plots of the unsmoothed trait followed by the smoothed trait are produced for each trait. If compare, a combined plot of the unsmoothed trait and the smoothed

trait is produced for each value of df.

deviations.boxplots

A character specifying whether boxplots of the absolute and/or relative deviations of the values of a trait from their smoothed values are to be produced (observed - smoothed). If none, no plots are produced. The argument which traits controls the traits for which boxplots are produced.

ggplotFuncs

A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. Note that these functions are applied to all three plots produced.

... allows passing of arguments to plotLongitudinal.

#### Value

A data frame containing individuals, times factor, facet.x, facet.y, xname, response, and, for each df, the smoothed response, the AGR and the RGR. It is returned invisibly. The names of the new data are constructed by joining elements separated by full stops (.). In all cases, the last element is the value of df. For the smoothed response, the other elements are response and "smooth"; for AGR and RGR, the other elements are the name of the smoothed response and either "AGR" or "RGR".

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
splitSplines, splitContGRdiff, smooth.spline, ggplot.
```

## **Examples**

probeSmoothing

Compares, for a set of specified values of df and different smoothing methods, a response and the smooths of it, possibly along with growth rates calculated from the smooths

## **Description**

Takes a response and, for each individual, uses splitSplines to smooth its values for each individual using the degrees of freedom values in df. Provided get.rates is TRUE, both the Absolute Growth Rates (AGR) and the Relative Growth Rates (RGR) are calculated for each smooth, either using differences or first derivatives. A combination of the unsmoothed and smoothed values, as well as the AGR and RGR, can be plotted for each value in smoothing methods in combination with df. Note that the arguments that modify the plots apply to all plots that are produced. The handling of missing values is controlled via na.x.action and na.y.action

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

times.factor

data A data. frame containing the data.

response A character specifying the response variable to be supplied to smooth.spline

and that is to be plotted on the y-axis.

A character giving the variable to be plotted on the x-axis; it may incorporate an expression, it being that x may incorporate an expression. If x is NULL then

xname is used.

xname A character giving the name of the numeric that contains the values of the

predictor variable to be supplied to smooth. spline and from which x is derived.

A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for

times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used in calculating growth rates and should be numeric values stored as characters.

individuals A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the data for which each subset corresponds to the response values for an individ-

ual.

na.x.action A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of x are

NA. The possible values are fail, exclude or omit. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will only be obtained for nonmissing values of x. The difference between these two codes is that for exclude the returned data. frame will have as many rows as data, the missing values have been incorporated.

na.y.action A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of y, or the

response, are NA. The possible values are fail, exclude, omit, allx, trimx, ltrimx or rtrimx. For all options, except fail, missing values in y will be removed before smoothing. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will be obtained only for nonmissing values of x that do not have missing y values. Again, the difference between these two is that, only for exclude will the missing values be incorporated into the returned data.frame. For allx, predictions and derivatives will be obtained for all nonmissing x. For trimx, they will be obtained for all nonmissing x between the first and last nonmissing y values that have been ordered for x; for ltrimx and utrimx either the lower

or upper missing y values, respectively, are trimmed.

df A numeric specifying the set of degrees of freedom to be probed.

smoothing.methods

A character giving one or more methods to use for smoothing. Currently, the two possibilites are (i) "direct", for directly smoothing the observed response, and (ii) "logarithmic", for smoothing the log-transformed response, followed by taking exponentials of the fitted values to back-trasnform them.

correctBoundaries

A logical indicating whether the fitted spline values are to have the method of Huang (2001) applied to them to correct for estimation bias at the end-points. Note that if rates.method is set to "derivatives" then it is not possible to have correctBoundaries set to TRUE.

A logical specifying whether or not the growth rates (AGR and RGR) are to get.rates be computed and stored.

> A character specifying the method to use in calculating the growth rates. The two possibilities are "differences" and "derivates".

A data. frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate columns of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted. For which.plots set to methodscompare or dfcompare, facet.x is ignored.

facet.y A data. frame giving the variable to be used to form subsets to be plotted in separate rows of plots. Use "." if a split into columns is not wanted.

labeller A ggplot function for labelling the facets of a plot produced using the ggplot function. For more information see ggplot.

x.title Title for the x-axis. If NULL then set to times. factor.

colour A character specifying a single colour to use in drawing the lines for the profiles. If colouring according to the values of a variable is required then use colour.column.

> A character giving the name of a column in data over whose values the colours of the lines are to be varied. The colours can be specified using colour.values

A character vector specifying the values of the colours to use in drawing the lines for the profiles. If this is a named vector, then the values will be matched based on the names. If unnamed, values will be matched in order (usually alphabetical) with the limits of the scale.

A numeric specifying the degrees of transparency to be used in plotting. It is a ratio in which the denominator specifies the number of points (or lines) that must be overplotted to give a solid cover.

A character giving the trait. types that are to be produced. One of more of response, AGR and RGR. If all, all three traits are produced. The unsmoothed growth rates are not calculated if only smoothed plots are requested.

A  $\operatorname{numeric}$  giving the proportion of the median values of each of the  $\operatorname{trait}$ .  $\operatorname{types}$ that are to be plotted in the compare. medians plots of the deviations of the observed values from the smoothed values. If set to NULL, the plots of the proprotions of the median values of the traits are omitted.

A logical indicating whether a note giving the proportion of the median values plotted in the compare.medians plots.

A character giving the plots that are to be produced. If none, no plots are produced. If smoothedonly, plots of the smoothed traits are plotted. If bothseparately, plots of the unsmoothed trait followed by the smoothed traits are produced for each trait. If methodscompare, a combined plot of the smoothed traits for each

rates.method

facet.x

colour.column

colour.values

alpha

propn.types

trait.types

propn.note

which.plots

> smoothing.methods is produced, for each value of df. If methods+rawcompare, the unsmoothed trait is added to the combined plot. if dfcompare, a combined plot of the smoothed trait for each df is produced, for each smoothing.methods. If df+rawcompare, the unsmoothed trait is added to the combined plot.

#### deviations.plots

A character is either none or any combination of absolute.boxplots, relative.boxplots and compare. medians. If none, no plots are produced. Boxplots of the absolute and relative deviations are specified by absolute.boxplots and relative.boxplots. The absolute deviations are the values of a trait minus their smoothed values (observed - smoothed); the relative deviations are the absolute deviations divided by the smoothed values of the trait. The option compare.medians results in a plot that compares the medians of the deviations over the times.factor for each combination of the smoothing methods and the df. The argument trait.types controls the traits for which boxplots are produced.

alpha.med.devn A numeric specifying the degrees of transparency to be used in plotting a median deviations plot. It is a ratio in which the denominator specifies the number of points (or lines) that must be overplotted to give a solid cover.

ggplotFuncs

A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. Note that these functions are applied to all three plots produced.

ggplotFuncsMedDevn

A list, each element of which contains the results of evaluating a ggplot function. It is created by calling the list function with a ggplot function call for each element. Note that these functions are applied to the compare.median deviations plots only.

allows passing of arguments to plotLongitudinal.

## Value

A data.frame containing individuals, times.factor, facet.x, facet.y, xname, response, and, for each df, the smoothed response, the AGR and the RGR. It is returned invisibly. The names of the new data are constructed by joining elements separated by full stops (.). In all cases, the last element is the value of df. For the smoothed response, the other elements are response and "smooth"; for AGR and RGR, the other elements are the name of the smoothed response and either "AGR" or "RGR".

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
splitSplines, splitContGRdiff, smooth.spline, ggplot.
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
vline <- list(ggplot2::geom_vline(xintercept=20, linetype="longdash", size=1),</pre>
              ggplot2::scale_x_continuous(breaks=seq(12, 36, by=2)))
probeSmoothing(data = longi.dat, response = "Area", df = c(4,7), x="xDays+24.16666667",
               ggplotFuncs=vline)
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#### **Description**

Principal Variable Analysis (PVA) (Cummings, 2007) selects a subset from a set of the variables such that the variables in the subset are as uncorrelated as possible, in an effort to ensure that all aspects of the variation in the data are covered.

#### Usage

```
PVA(responses, data, nvarselect = NULL, p.variance = 1, include = NULL,
    plot = TRUE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

responses	A character giving the names of the columns in data from which the variables are to be selected.
data	A data. frame containing the columns of variables from which the selection is to be made.
nvarselect	A numeric specifying the number of variables to be selected, which includes those listed in include. If nvarselect = 1, as many variables are selected as is need to satisfy p.variance.
p.variance	A numeric specifying the minimum proportion of the variance that the selected variables must account for,
include	A character giving the names of the columns in data for the variables whose selection is mandatory.
plot	A logical indicating whether a plot of the cumulative proportion of the variance explained is to be produced.
	allows passing of arguments to other functions

## Details

The variable that is most correlated with the other variables is selected first for inclusion. The partial correlation for each of the remaining variables, given the first selected variable, is calculated and the most correlated of these variables is selects for inclusion next. Then the partial correlations are adjust for the second included variables. This process is repeated until the specified criteria have been satisfied. The possibilities are:

- 1. the default (nvarselect = NULL and p.variance = 1), which selects all variables in increasing order of amount of information they provide;
- 2. to select exactly nvarselect variables;
- 3. to select just enough variables, up to a maximum of nvarselect variables, to explain at least p.variance\*100 per cent of the total variance.

## Value

A data.frame giving the results of the variable selection. It will contain the columns Variable, Selected, h.partial, Added.Propn and Cumulative.Propn.

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#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Cumming, J. A. and D. A. Wood (2007) Dimension reduction via principal variables. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, **52**, 550–565.

#### See Also

```
intervalPVA, rcontrib
```

## **Examples**

rcontrib

Computes a measure of how correlated each variable in a set is with the other variable, conditional on a nominated subset of them

#### **Description**

A measure of how correlated a variable is with those in a set is given by the square root of the sum of squares of the correlation coefficients between the variables and the other variables in the set (Cummings, 2007). Here, the partial correlation between the subset of the variables listed in response that are not listed in include is calculated from the partial correlation matrix for the subset, adjusting for those variables in include. This is useful for manually deciding which of the variables not in include should next be added to it.

## Usage

```
rcontrib(responses, data, include = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

responses A character giving the names of the columns in data from which the correla-

tion measure is to be calculated.

data A data. frame containing the columns of variables from which the correlation

measure is to be calculated.

include A character giving the names of the columns in data for the variables for

which other variables are to be adjusted.

#### Value

A numeric giving the correlation measures.

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Chris Brien

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#### References

Cumming, J. A. and D. A. Wood (2007) Dimension reduction via principal variables. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, **52**, 550–565.

#### See Also

PVA, intervalPVA

#### **Examples**

RiceRaw.dat

Data for an experiment to investigate a rice germplasm panel

#### **Description**

The data is from an experiment in a Smarthouse in the Plant Accelerator. It is described in Al-Tamimi et al. (2016). It is used in growthPheno-pkg as an executable example to illustrate the use of growthPheno.

#### Usage

```
data(RiceRaw.dat)
```

#### **Format**

A data frame containing 1120 observations on 15 variables.

#### Source

Al-Tamimi N, Brien C, Oakey H, Berger B, Saade S, Ho YS, Schmockel SM, Tester M, Negrao S: Data from: Salinity tolerance loci revealed in rice using high-throughput non-invasive phenotyping. Retrieved from: http://dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.3118j.

#### References

Al-Tamimi, N, Brien, C.J., Oakey, H., Berger, B., Saade, S., Ho, Y. S., Schmockel, S. M., Tester, M. and Negrao, S. (2016) New salinity tolerance loci revealed in rice using high-throughput non-invasive phenotyping. *Nature Communications*, 7, 13342. Retrieved from http://dx.doi.org/10.1038/ncomms13342.

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splitContGRdiff	Adds the growth rates calculated continuously over time for subsets of a response to a data.frame

#### **Description**

Uses AGRdiff, PGR and RGRdiff to calculate growth rates continuously over time for subsets of the values of response and stores the results in data. The subsets are those values with the same levels combinations of the factors listed in INDICES.

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

data	A data. frame containing the columns for which growth rates are to be calcu-

lated.

responses A character giving the names of the columns in data for which growth rates

are to be calculated.

INDICES A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of

response for which growth rates are to be calculated continuously. If the columns corresponding to INDICES are not factor(s) then they will be coerced

to factor(s). The subsets are formed using by.

which rates A character giving the growth rates that are to be calculated. It should be a

combination "AGR", "PGR" and "RGR".

times.factor A character giving the name of the column in data containing the factor for

times at which the data was collected. Its levels will be used in calculating

growth rates and should be numeric values stored as characters.

suffices.rates A character giving the characters to be appended to the names of the responses

to provide the names of the columns containing the calculated growth rates. The order of the suffices in suffices.rates should correspond to the order of the elements of which.rates. If NULL, the values of which.rates are used.

## Value

A data.frame containing data to which has been added a column for the differences between the times.factor, if it is not already in data, and columns with growth rates. The name of the column for times.factor differences will be the times.factor with ".diff" appended and, for each of the growth-rate columns will be the value of response with one of ".AGR", ".PGR" or "RGR" or the corresponding value from suffices.GR appended.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
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```

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#### **Examples**

## Description

Uses fitSpline to fit a spline to a subset of the values of response and stores the fitted values in data. The subsets are those values with the same levels combinations of the factors listed in INDICES. The degree of smoothing is controlled by df and the smoothing.method provides for direct amd logarithmic smoothing.

The derivatives of the fitted spline can also be obtained, and the Absolute and Relative Growth Rates (AGR and RGR) computed using them, provided correctBoundaries is FALSE. Otherwise, growth rates can be obtained by difference using splitContGRdiff.

By default, smooth.spline will issue an error if there are not at least four distinct x-values. On the other hand, fitSpline issues a warning and sets all smoothed values and derivatives to NA. The handling of missing values in the observations is controlled via na.x.action and na.y.action.

#### Usage

## **Arguments**

data	A data. frame containing the column to be smoothed.
response	A character giving the name of the column in data that is to be smoothed.
x	A character giving the name of the column in data that contains the values of the predictor variable.
INDICES	A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of response that are to be smoothed separately. If the columns corresponding to INDICES are not factor(s) then they will be coerced to factor(s). The subsets are formed using split.
df	A numeric specifying the desired equivalent number of degrees of freedom of the smooth (trace of the smoother matrix). Lower values result in more smoothing. If df = NULL, ordinary leave-one-out cross-validation is used to determine

smoothing.method

the amount of smooth.

A character giving the smoothing method to use. The two possibilites are (i) "direct", for directly smoothing the observed response, and (ii) "logarithmic", for smoothing the log-transformed response and then back-transforming by taking the exponentional of the fitted values.

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A logical indicating whether the fitted spline values are to have the method of Huang (2001) applied to them to correct for estimation bias at the end-points. Note that deriv must be NULL for correctBoundaries to be set to TRUE.

deriv A numeric specifying one or more orders of derivatives that are required.

suffices.deriv A character giving the characters to be appended to the names of the derivatives. If NULL and the derivative is to be retained then smooth, dv is appended.

> A character giving the character to be appended to the smoothed response to create the RGR name, but only when smoothing.method is direct and the RGR is required. When smoothing method is direct and the RGR is required RGR must not be NULL and deriv must include one so that the first derivative is available for calculating it. When smoothing.method is logarithmic, the RGR is the backtransformed first derivative and so, to obtain it, merely include 1 in deriv and any suffix for it in suffices. deriv. Leave RGR set to NULL.

> A character giving the character to be appended to the smoothed response to create the AGR name, but only when smoothing.method is logarithmic and the AGR is required. When smoothing.method is logarithmic and the AGR is required AGR must not be NULL and deriv must include one so that the first derivative is available for calculating it. When smoothing.method is direct, the AGR is the backtransformed first derivative and so, to obtain it, merely include 1 in deriv and any suffix for it in suffices.deriv. Leave AGR set to NULL.

> A character giving the separator to use when the levels of INDICES are combined. This is needed to avoid using a character that occurs in a factor to

delimit levels when the levels of INDICES are combined to identify subsets.

A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of x are NA. The possible values are fail, exclude or omit. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will only be obtained for nonmissing values of x. The difference between these two codes is that for exclude the returned data. frame will have as many rows as data, the missing values have been incorporated.

A character string that specifies the action to be taken when values of y, or the response, are NA. The possible values are fail, exclude, omit, allx, trimx, ltrimx or rtrimx. For all options, except fail, missing values in y will be removed before smoothing. For exclude and omit, predictions and derivatives will be obtained only for nonmissing values of x that do not have missing y values. Again, the difference between these two is that, only for exclude will the missing values be incorporated into the returned data.frame. For allx, predictions and derivatives will be obtained for all nonmissing x. For trimx, they will be obtained for all nonmissing x between the first and last nonmissing y values that have been ordered for x; for ltrimx and utrimx either the lower or upper missing y values, respectively, are trimmed.

allows for arguments to be passed to smooth. spline.

#### Value

A data frame containing data to which has been added a column with the fitted smooth, the name of the column being response with .smooth appended to it. If deriv is not NULL, columns containing the values of the derivative(s) will be added to data; the name each of these columns will be the value of response with . smooth. dvf appended, where f is the order of the derivative, or the value of response with . smooth. and the corresponding element of suffices.deriv appended. If RGR is not NULL, the RGR is calculated as the ratio of value of the first derivative of the fitted spline

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and the fitted value for the spline. Any pre-existing smoothed and derivative columns in data will be replaced. The ordering of the data. frame for the x values will be preserved as far as is possible; the main difficulty is with the handling of missing values by the function merge. Thus, if missing values in x are retained, they will occur at the bottom of each subset of INDICES and the order will be problematic when there are missing values in y and na.y.action is set to omit.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### References

Huang, C. (2001). Boundary corrected cubic smoothing splines. *Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation*, **70**, 107-121.

#### See Also

```
fitSpline, smooth.spline, predict.smooth.spline, splitContGRdiff, split
```

#### **Examples**

 ${\tt splitValueCalculate}$ 

Calculates a single value that is a function of an individual's values for a response

## Description

Splits the values of a response into subsets corresponding individuals and applies a function that calculates a single value to each individual's observations. It includes the ability to calculate the observation that corresponds to the calculated value of the function.

#### Usage

## **Arguments**

response	A character giving the name of the column in data from which the values of FUN are to be calculated.
weights	A character giving the name of the column in data containing the weights to be supplied as w to FUN.
individuals	A character giving the name(s) of the factor(s) that define the subsets of the data for which each subset corresponds to the response value for an individual.
FUN	A character giving the name of the function that calculates the value for each subset.

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which.obs	A logical indicating whether or not to determine the observation corresponding to the value of the function, instead of the value of the function itself.
which.levels	A character giving the name of the factor whose levels are to be identified as the level of the observation whose value matches the value of the function.
data	A data.frame containing the column from which the function is to be calculated.
na.rm	A $\log$ ical indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the calculation proceeds.
sep	A character giving the separator to use when the levels of individuals are combined. This is needed to avoid using a character that occurs in a factor to delimit levels when the levels of individuals are combined to identify subsets.
	allows for arguments to be passed to FUN.

#### Value

A data. frame, with the same number of rows as there are individuals, containing the values of the function for the individuals.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

#### See Also

```
splitContGRdiff, splitSplines
```

## **Examples**

```
data(exampleData)
Area.smooth.max <- splitValueCalculate("Area.smooth", data = longi.dat)</pre>
```

tomato.dat	Longitudinal data for an experiment to investigate tomato response to
	mycorrhizal fungi and zinc

## **Description**

The data is from an experiment in a Smarthouse in the Plant Accelerator and is decribed by Watts-Williams et al. (2019). The experiment involves 32 plants, each placed in a pot in a cart, and the carts were assigned 8 treatments using a randomized complete-block design. The main response is Projected Shoot Area (Area for short), being the sum of the plant pixels from three images. The eight treatments were the combinations of 4 Zinc (Zn) levels by two Arbuscular Mycorrhiza Fungi (AMF) levls. Each plant was imaged on 35 different days after planting (DAPs). It is used to explore the analysis of growth dynamics.

## Usage

```
data(tomato.dat)
```

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## **Format**

A data.frame containing 14784 observations on 33 variables. The names of the columns in the data.frame are:

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Column	Name	Class	Description
1	Lane	factor	the Lane in the 2 Lane x 16 Positions grid.
2	Position	factor	the Position in the 2 Lane x 16 Positions grid.
3	DAP	factor	the numbers of days after planting on which the current data was observed.
4	Snapshot.ID.Tag	character	a unique identifier for each cart in the experiment.
5	xDAP	numeric	a centered numberic covariate for DAP.
6	Days.diffs	numeric	the number of Days between this and the previous observations (all one for this experiment).
7	xPosn	numeric	a centered numeric covaariate for Positions.
8	Block	factor	the block of the randomized complete-block design to
0	ā.	<b>C</b> .	which the current cart belonged.
9	Cart	factor	the number of the cart within a block.
10	AMF	factor	the AMF treatment (- AMF, +AMF) assigned to the cart.
11	Zn	factor	the Zinc level (0, 10, 40, 90) assigned to the cart.
12	Treatments	factor	the combined factor formed from AMF and Zn with
			levels: (-,0; -,10; -,40; -,90; +,0; +,10; +,40; +,90).
12	Weight.After	numeric	the weight of the cart after watering.
13	Water.Amount	numeric	the amount of water added to the cart.
14	Water.Loss	numeric	the amount of water lost since the previous watering.
15	Area	numeric	the total number of plant pixels in three plant images.

#### References

Watts-Williams SJ, Jewell N, Brien C, Berger B, Garnett T, Cavagnaro TR (2019) Using high-throughput phenotyping to explore growth responses to mycorrhizal fungi and zinc in three plant species. *Plant Phenomics*, **2019**, 12.

twoLevelOpcreate	Creates a data.frame formed by applying, for each response, a binary
	operation to the paired values of two different treatments

## **Description**

Takes pairs of values for a set of responses indexed by a two-level treatment.factor and calculates, for each of pair, the result of applying a binary operation to their values for the two levels of the treatment.factor. The level of the treatment.factor designated the control will be on the right of the binary operator and the value for the other level will be on the left.

## Usage

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#### **Arguments**

responses A character giving the names of the columns in data that contain the responses

to which the binary operations are to be applied.

data A data. frame containing the columns specified by treatment.factor, columns.retained

and responses.

treatment.factor

A factor with two levels corresponding to what is to be designated the control

and treated observations.

suffices.treatment

A character giving the characters to be appended to the names of the responses and columns.suffixed in constructing the names of the columns containing the responses and columns.suffixed for each level of the treatment.factor. The order of the suffices in suffices.treatment should correspond to the or-

der of the levels of treatment.factor.

control A numeric, equal to either 1 or 2, that specifies the level of treatment.factor

that is the control treatment. The value for the control level will be on the right

of the binary operator.

columns.suffixed

A character giving the names of the columns.retained in data that are to be have the values for each treatment retained and whose names are to be suffixed using suffices.treatment. Generally, this is done when columns.retained

has different values for different levels of the treatment.factor.

operations A character giving the binary operations to perform on the values for the two

different levels of the treatment.factor. It should be either of length one, in which case the same operation will be performed for all columns specified in response.GR, or equal in length to response.GR so its elements correspond to

those of response. GR.

suffices.results

A character giving the characters to be appended to the names of the responses in constructing the names of the columns containing the results of applying the operations. The order of the suffices in suffices.results should correspond

to the order of the operators in operations.

columns.retained

A character giving the names of the columns in data that are to be retained in the data. frame being created. These are usually factors that index the results

of applying the operations and that might be used subsequently.

A character giving the names of the columns in data whose combinations will be unique for the observation for each treatment. It is used by merge when combining the values of the two treatments in separate columns in the data.frame

to be returned.

#### Value

by

A data. frame containing the following columns and the values of the:

- 1. those from data nominated in columns.retained;
- 2. those containing the treated values of the columns whose names are specified in responses; the treated values are those having the other level of treatment.factor to that specified by control;

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3. those containing the control values of the columns whose names are specified in responses; the control values are those having the level of treatment.factor specified by control;

4. those containing the values calculated using the binary operations; the names of these columns will be constructed from responses by appending suffices.results to them.

#### Author(s)

Chris Brien

## **Examples**

WUI

Calculates the Water Use Index (WUI)

#### **Description**

Calculates the Water Use Index, returning NA if the water use is zero.

#### Usage

```
WUI(response, water)
```

## Arguments

response A numeric giving the value of the response achieved.

water A numeric giving the amount of water used.

#### Value

A numeric containing the water divided by the response, unless water is zero in which caseNA is returned.

## Author(s)

Chris Brien

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## Examples

```
data(exampleData)
Area.WUE <- with(longi.dat, WUI(Area.AGR, Water.Loss))</pre>
```

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