

PMAalyzer Output Files

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Source code @ <https://github.com/dacuevas/PMAalyzer>

In each file, **[name]** is a custom suffix appended to the name of each file.

raw_curves_[name].txt

The raw data formatted for input into the pipeline. Columns include:

1. *sample* – sample identifier
2. *rep* – replicate identifier
3. *plate* – plate filename. “plate” is used if a file was not specified
4. *mainsource* – type of compound
5. *compound* – compound name
6. *well* – well identifier
7. *time* – time in hours
8. *od* – optical density reading

These column names are consistent among all growth curve files listed in this document.

logistic_curves_sample_[name].txt

The logistic curves fitted for each replicate. Logistic curves are obtained by using a least-squares curve fitting to the Zwietering logistic growth equation. Parameters are located in the “logistic params” file.

$$\hat{y} = y_0 + \frac{A - y_0}{1 + \exp \left[\frac{4\mu_{max}}{A} (\lambda - t) + 2 \right]}$$

all_curves_mean_[name].txt

The mean growth curve for each well between replicates.

all_curves_median_[name].txt

The median growth curve for each well between replicates.

logistic_curves_mean_[name].txt

Logistic curve resulting from the logistic equation using the parameters from the “params_mean” file.

logistic_params_sample_[name].txt

The growth parameters used to create the logistic curves found in the “logistic curves” file.

Columns include:

1. *sample* – sample identifier
2. *rep* – replicate identifier
3. *well* – well identifier
4. *mainsource* – type of compound
5. *compound* – compound name
6. *y0 [OD]* – starting optical density value (estimated by curve fitting)
7. *lag [t]* – lag time (estimated by curve fitting)
8. *maxgrowth [OD/time]* – maximum growth rate (estimated by curve fitting)
9. *asymptote [OD]* – carrying capacity or biomass yield (estimated by curve fitting)
10. *growthlevel [OD]* – a growth level calculation based on the harmonic mean equation using the logistic fitted values and asymptote

$$g = \frac{n}{\sum_i^n \frac{1}{(\hat{y}_i - y_0) + (A - y_0)}}$$

11. *glscaled [dimensionless]* – a growth level calculation based on the logistic fitted values, scaled by the asymptote. This value is somewhat similar to *growthlevel* but is scaled by the asymptote value, making it dimensionless. The minus one in the equation creates a metric between zero and one.

$$g_{scaled} = \frac{n}{A \sum_i^n \frac{1}{\hat{y}_i + A}} - 1$$

12. *r [1/time]* – exponential growth rate

$$r = \frac{4\mu_{max}}{A}$$

13. *auc_raw* [OD time] – the area under the curve of the raw data up to the final time sampled. This is calculated using the composite trapezoidal rule (*scipy.integrate.trapz* SciPy function [link](#)).
14. *auc_rshift* [OD time] – the area under the curve (using calculation from *auc_raw*) while subtracting the area below the starting OD value

$$auc_{rshift} = auc_{raw} - y_0 t_f$$

15. *auc_log* [OD time] – the area under the curve of the logistic data up to the final time sampled. This is calculated using the integral.

$$\begin{aligned} auc_{log} &= \int_0^{t_f} \frac{A - y_0}{1 + \exp \left[\frac{4\mu_{max}}{A} (\lambda - t) + 2 \right]} dt \\ &= \frac{A(A - y_0) \log \left(\exp \left[\frac{4\mu_{max}(\lambda - t_f)}{A} + 2 \right] + 1 \right)}{4\mu_{max}} + At_f \\ &\quad - \frac{A(A - y_0) \log \left(\exp \left[\frac{4\mu_{max}}{A} + 2 \right] + 1 \right)}{4\mu_{max}} \end{aligned}$$

16. *auc_lshift* [OD time] – the area under the curve (using calculation from *auc_log*) while subtracting the area below the starting OD value (similar to 14).
17. *auc_log* [OD time] – the area under the curve of the logistic data up to the final time sampled. This is calculated using the integral.
18. *growthclass* – qualitative classification of growth based on *growthlevel*

$$class = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} + + + & g \geq 0.75 \\ ++ & 0.50 \leq g < 0.75 \\ + & 0.35 \leq g < 0.50 \\ - & 0.25 \leq g < 0.35 \\ -- & g < 0.25 \end{array} \right\}$$

19. *err_mse* – the mean squared error of the curve fit to the real data, an indicator to how well the logistic fits the raw data

logistic_params_mean_[name].txt

The mean *y0*, *lag time*, *maximum growth rate*, and *asymptote* are calculated for each well within a sample (between replicates). For example, if a sample contains three replicates, then the mean maximum growth rate is calculated between the replicates

$$(\mu_{max1} + \mu_{max2} + \mu_{max3}) / 3$$

This is performed for each fitted growth parameter (i.e., *y0*, *lag*, *maxgrowth*, *asymptote*). The other metrics are not averaged (*growthlevel*, *r*, *auc*, etc.). They are recalculated using the logistic curve in the “logistic_curves_mean” file and/or mean growth parameters.