

# Package ‘growthfd’

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## Description

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growthfd	<i>Fit a FPCA Growth Curve Model to a population</i>
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## Description

This function fits a model to the given measured data of a population.

## Usage

```
growthfd(
  data,
  x,
  y,
  id,
  model,
  verbose = 1,
  bounds = "negative",
  filename = "",
  startFromId = NULL,
  parallel = F,
  scores.filename = "parallel.txt"
)
```

## Arguments

data	Data frame containing age, height and id of individuals
x	Age at measured data points
y	Height at measured data points
id	Corresponding individual's id at measured data points
model	FPCA growth model to be fitted
verbose	Verbosity
bounds	Limitation of the interval for milestones estimation, 'negative' or 'inverse'
filename	File name for saving results after each individual
startFromId	Start the evaluation from this id
parallel	(Experimental) Parallel evaluation of the model fitting
scores.filename	File name for continuous saving of the scores

**Value**

List containing individuals id and model

**Examples**

```
filename <- system.file("extdata", "data.csv", package="growthfd", mustWork=TRUE)
csv <- read.csv(filename)
d <- data.frame('id'=as.factor(csv[, 'id']), 'x'=csv[, 'age'], 'y'=csv[, 'height'])
fit<-growthfd(data=d, x=x, y=y, id=id, model=model.bgs.m)
```

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growthfd.apv	<i>Compute apv of model instance</i>
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**Description**

This function computes apv related to the certain instance of the model described by the given parameters.

**Usage**

```
growthfd.apv(model, par)
```

**Arguments**

model	FPCA growth model
par	Params of the model, corresponding to some individual

**Value**

Age of maximum growth velocity

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growthfd.evaluate	<i>Generate a Discrete Growth Curve</i>
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**Description**

This function evaluates a curve function for given ages. Depending on a degree of derivation, the function produces stature, velocity or acceleration curve.

**Usage**

```
growthfd.evaluate(x, par, model, deriv = 0)
```

**Arguments**

x	Ages to be evaluated
par	Parameters of the model
model	FPCA growth model
deriv	Path to the input file

**Value**

Y-values of the evaluated curve

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growthfd.fit	<i>Fit a FPCA Growth Curve Model to measurements of a single individual</i>
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**Description**

This function fits a model to the given measured data of a single individual.

**Usage**

```
growthfd.fit(model, age, height, nprint = 1)
```

**Arguments**

model	FPCA growth model to be fitted
age	Age at measured data points
height	Height at at measured data points
nprint	Verbosity

**Value**

An optimization result object

**Examples**

```
age <- c(6.9, 8.2, 10, 12.1)
height <- c(114, 122, 130, 141)
fit <- growthfd.fit(model.bgs.m, age=c(6.9, 8.2, 10, 12.1), height=c(114, 122, 130, 141))
x11()
growthfd.plot(model.bgs.m, fit$par)
points(age, height)
x11()
growthfd.plot(model.bgs.m, fit$par, from=0.5, deriv = 1)
x11()
growthfd.plot(model.bgs.m, fit$par, from=0.5, deriv = 2)
```

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growthfd.plot	<i>Plot a Growth Curve</i>
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**Description**

This function plots a stature, velocity or acceleration curve.

**Usage**

```
growthfd.plot(model, par, deriv = 0, from = 0, to = 18)
```

**Arguments**

model	FPCA growth model
par	Parameters of the model
deriv	Path to the input file
from	The lower age limit
to	The upper age limit

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growthfd.plot.ApvRegVelocity	<i>Plot a velocity curve registered at apv</i>
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**Description**

This function plots a velocity curve, registered at population (model) apv in comparison with the mean curve.

**Usage**

```
growthfd.plot.ApvRegVelocity(model, par)
```

**Arguments**

model	FPCA growth model
par	Params of the model, corresponding to the individual

**Value**

Velocity at apv plot

**Examples**

```
filename <- system.file("extdata", "data.csv", package="growthfd", mustWork=TRUE)
csv <- read.csv(filename)
d <- data.frame('id'=as.factor(csv[, 'id']), 'x'=csv[, 'age'], 'y'=csv[, 'height'])
m <- d$id == 'John'
fit <- growthfd.fit(model.bgs.m, age=d$x[m], height=d$y[m])
p<-growthfd.plot.ApvRegVelocity(model.bgs.m, fit$par)
x11()
p
```

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```
growthfd.plot.RegVelocities
```

*Plot velocity boxplots registered on apv*

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### Description

This function plots boxplots in time of measurements, after registration of the individual on population apv.

### Usage

```
growthfd.plot.RegVelocities(model, par, ages, rndn = 100)
```

### Arguments

model	Model
par	Parameters of the model fitted to the measurements
ages	Ages of measurements points
rndn	Count of random curves to be evaluated

### Value

GGPlot2 plot

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```
growthfd.residuals
```

*Compute residuals*

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### Description

This function computes residuals between measured stature data and data generated from the growth model.

### Usage

```
growthfd.residuals(x, y, par, model)
```

### Arguments

x	Vector with input ages
y	Vector with target height measurements
par	Parameters of the model
model	FPCA growth model

### Value

A vector of residuals

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growthfd.std	<i>Generate a Curve Function</i>
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**Description**

This function generates a growth curve function based on given model and parameters, describing the growth phase and amplitude.

**Usage**

```
growthfd.std(par, model)
```

**Arguments**

par	Phase and amplitude parameters
model	FPCA growth model

**Value**

FDA function object

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model.bgs.f	<i>FPCA model for girls</i>
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**Description**

Model trained using 167 female individuals from Brno Growth Study (BGS).

**Usage**

```
model.bgs.f
```

**Format**

An object of class list of length 3.

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model.bgs.m	<i>FPCA model for boys</i>
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**Description**

Model trained using 167 male individuals from Brno Growth Study (BGS).

**Usage**

```
model.bgs.m
```

**Format**

An object of class list of length 3.

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