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agesurv

*Age-based Survival Estimators***Description**

Calculates annual survival (S) and instantaneous total mortality rates (Z) from age frequency by using linear regression (standard and weighted), Heincke, Chapman-Robson, Poisson GLM and GLMER methods.

**Usage**

```
agesurv(type=1, age=NULL, number=NULL, full=NULL, last=NULL, estimate=c("s","z"),
method=c("lr","he","cr","crcb","riipois","wlr","pois"), sign.est=3, sign.se=3,
glmer.control=glmerControl(optCtrl=list(maxfun=10000),optimizer="bobyqa"))
```

**Arguments**

type	the format of data. 1 = a single vector, each row represents the age of an individual (default), 2 = summarized, one column of age and one column of numbers-at-age.
age	the vector of ages.
number	if type = 2, a vector of numbers-at-age matching the length of the age vector.
full	the fully-recruited age
last	the maximum age to include in the calculation. If not specified, the oldest age is used.
estimate	argument to select estimate type: "s" for annual survival, "z" for instantaneous total mortality. Default is both.
method	argument to select the estimation method: "lr" for standard linear regression, "he" for Heincke, "cr" for Chapman-Robson, "crcb" for Chapman-Robson Z estimate with bias-correction (Seber p. 418) and over-dispersion correction (Smith et al., 2012), "riipois" for Millar (2015) random-intercept Poisson mixed model estimator, "wlr" for Maceine-Bettoli weighted regression, "pois" for Poisson generalized linear model with overdispersion correction. Default is all.
sign.est	significant digits for survival estimates.
sign.se	significant digits for standard error of survival estimates.
glmer.control	controls for function <code>glmer</code> used in the random-intercept Poisson mixed model. See <code>glmerControl</code> .

**Details**

If type = 1, the individual age data are tabulated. The age data are then subsetted based on the `full` and `last` arguments. Most calculations follow descriptions in Seber(1982), pages 414-418. If only two ages are present, a warning message is generated and the catch curve method is not calculated. Plus groups are not allowed. Any NAs represent no estimates due to some issue with model fit like

convergence. If age samples were collected via a survey using gears such as seines or trawl, or were subsampled from catch, the least biased estimators are the "pois" and "crcb" methods (Nelson, 2019).

### Value

results            list element containing table of parameters and standard errors.  
 data                list element containing the age frequency data used in the analysis.

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### References

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### Examples

```
data(rockbass)
agesurv(age=rockbass$age, full=6)
```

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agesurvcl

*Age-Based Survival and Mortality Estimators for Cluster Sampling*

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### Description

Calculates the survival and mortality estimators of Jensen (1996) where net hauls are treated as samples

### Usage

```
agesurvcl(age = NULL, group = NULL, full = NULL, last = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

age	the vector of ages. Each row represents the age of an individual.
group	the vector containing variable used to identify the sampling unit (e.g., haul). Identifier can be numeric or character.
full	the fully-recruited age.
last	the maximum age to include in the calculation. If not specified, the oldest age is used.

**Details**

The individual age data are tabulated and subsetting based on `full` and `last`. The calculations follow Jensen(1996). If only two ages are present, a warning message is generated.

**Value**

Matrix containing estimates of annual mortality (a), annual survival (S), and instantaneous total mortality (Z) and associated standard errors.

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**References**

Jensen, A. L. 1996. *Ratio estimation of mortality using catch curves*. Fisheries Research 27: 61-67.

**See Also**

[agesurv](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Jensen)
agesurvcl(age=Jensen$age, group=Jensen$group, full=0)
```

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 alk

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*Create An Age-Length Key*


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**Description**

Creates an age-length key in numbers or proportions-at-age per size.

**Usage**

```
alk(age=NULL, size=NULL, binsize=NULL, type=1)
```

**Arguments**

age	a vector of individual age data.
size	a vector of individual size data.
binsize	size of the length class (e.g., 5-cm, 10, cm, etc.) used to group size data. The formula used to create bins is $\text{trunc}(\text{size}/\text{binsize}) * \text{binsize} + \text{binsize}/2$ . If use of the raw length classes is desired, then $\text{binsize}=0$ .
type	If $\text{type}=1$ , numbers-at-age per size are produced. This format is used in functions <code>alkprop</code> , <code>alkss</code> , and <code>alkD</code> . If $\text{type}=2$ , proportions-at-age per size are produced.

**Details**

Create age-length keys with either numbers-at-age per size class. Records with missing size values are deleted prior to calculation. Missing ages are allowed.

**Value**

A table of size, total numbers at size, and numbers (or proportions)-at-age per size class.

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**References**

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. Quantitative Fish Dynamics. Oxford University Press, New York, New York. 542 pages

**See Also**

[alkD](#) [alkss](#) [alkprop](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
data(pinfish)  
with(pinfish,alk(age=round(age,0),size=s1,binsize=10))  
  
## End(Not run)
```

alkD

*Sample Size Determination for Age Subsampling Using the D statistic***Description**

Calculates the D statistic (sqrt of accumulated variance among ages; Lai 1987) for a range of age sample sizes using data from an age-length key. Assumes a two-stage random sampling design with proportional or fixed allocation.

**Usage**

```
alkD(x, lss = NULL, minss = NULL, maxss = NULL, sampint = NULL,
     allocate = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	a data frame containing an age-length key (similar to Table 8.3 on page 307 of Quinn and Deriso (1999)). The first column must contain the length intervals as numeric labels (no ranges), the second column must contain the number of samples within each length interval (LI in Q & D), and the third and remaining columns must contain the number of samples for each age class within each length interval (one column for each age class). Column labels are not necessary but are helpful. Columns l and Al in Table 8.3 should not be included. Empty cells must contain zeros.
lss	the sample size for length frequency
minss	the minimum age sample size
maxss	the maximum age sample size. Value can not be larger than the sample size for the length frequency(lss)
sampint	the sample size interval
allocate	the type of allocation: 1=proportional, 2=fixed.

**Details**

Following Quinn and Deriso (1999:pages 308-309), the function calculates the D statistic (sqrt of accumulated variance among ages; Lai 1987) for a range of age sample sizes defined by minss, maxss, and sampint at a given length sample size lss. The size of an age sample at a desired level of D can be obtained by the comparison. See reference to Table 8.8, p. 314 in Quinn and Deriso.

**Value**

label	list element containing the summary of input criteria
comp2	list element containing the D statistic for each age sample size given lss

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**References**

- Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. Quantitative Fish Dynamics. Oxford University Press, New York, New York. 542 pages
- Lai, H.L. 1987. Optimum allocation for estimating age composition using age-length keys. U.S. Fish. Bull. 85:179-185

**See Also**

[alkss](#) [alkprop](#)

**Examples**

```
data(alkdata)
alkD(alkdata, lss=1000, minss=25, maxss=1000, sampint=20, allocate=1)
```

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alkdata

*Age-Length Key for Gulf of Hauraki snapper, 1992-1993*

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**Description**

The alkdata data frame has 39 rows and 16 columns. The age-length key for Gulf of Hauraki snapper shown in Table 8.3 of Quinn and Deriso (1999)

**Usage**

```
alkdata
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**len** length interval

**nl** number measured in length interval

**A3** number of fish aged in each age class 3 within each length interval

**A4** number of fish aged in each age class 4 within each length interval

**A5** number of fish aged in each age class 5 within each length interval

**A6** number of fish aged in each age class 6 within each length interval

**A7** number of fish aged in each age class 7 within each length interval

**A8** number of fish aged in each age class 8 within each length interval

**A9** number of fish aged in each age class 9 within each length interval

**A10** number of fish aged in each age class 10 within each length interval

**A11** number of fish aged in each age class 11 within each length interval

**A12** number of fish aged in each age class 12 within each length interval

**A13** number of fish aged in each age class 13 within each length interval

**A14** number of fish aged in each age class 14 within each length interval

**A15** number of fish aged in each age class 15 within each length interval

**A16** number of fish aged in each age class 16 within each length interval

### Source

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. *Quantitative Fish Dynamics*. Oxford University Press, New York, NY. 542 p.

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alkprop

*Age-Length Key Proportions-At-Age*

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### Description

Calculates proportions-at-age and standard errors from an age-length key assuming a two-stage random sampling design.

### Usage

alkprop(x)

### Arguments

x a data frame containing an age-length key (similar to Table 8.3 on page 307 of Quinn and Deriso (1999)). The first column must contain the length intervals as single numeric labels (no ranges), the second column must contain the number of samples within each length interval (LI in Q & D), and the third and remaining columns must contain the number of samples for each age class within each length interval (one column for each age class). Column labels are not necessary but are helpful. Columns l and A1 in Table 8.3 should not be included. Empty cells must contain zeros.

### Details

If individual fish from catches are sampled randomly for lengths and then are further subsampled for age structures, Quinn and Deriso (1999: pages 304-305) showed that the proportions of fish in each age class and corresponding standard errors can be calculated assuming a two-stage random sampling design. See reference to Table 8.4, page 308 in Quinn and Deriso.

### Value

results list element containing a table of proportions, standard errors, and coefficients of variation for each age class.

### Author(s)

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**References**

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. Quantitative Fish Dynamics. Oxford University Press, New York, New York. 542 pages

**See Also**

[alkD](#) [alkss](#)

**Examples**

```
data(alkdata)
alkprop(alkdata)
```

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alkss

*Sample Size Determination for Age Subsampling*

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**Description**

Calculates sample sizes for age subsampling assuming a two-stage random sampling design with proportional or fixed allocation.

**Usage**

```
alkss(x, lss = NULL, cv = NULL, allocate = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	a data frame containing an age-length key (similar to Table 8.3 on page 307 of Quinn and Deriso (1999)). The first column must contain the length intervals as numeric labels (no ranges), the second column must contain the number of samples within each length interval (LI in Q & D), and the third and remaining columns must contain the number of samples for each age class within each length interval (one column for each age class). Column labels are not necessary but are helpful. Columns l and Al in Table 8.3 should not be included. Empty cells must contain zeros.
lss	the sample size for length frequency
cv	the desired coefficient of variation
allocate	the type of allocation: 1=proportional, 2=fixed.

**Details**

If individual fish from catches are sampled randomly for lengths and then are further subsampled for age structures, Quinn and Deriso (1999: pages 306-309) showed that sample sizes for age structures can be determined for proportional (the number of fish aged is selected proportional to the length frequencies) and fixed (a constant number are aged per length class) allocation assuming a two-stage random sampling design. Sample sizes are determined based on the length frequency sample size, a specified coefficient of variation, and proportional or fixed allocation. The number of age classes is calculated internally. See reference to Table 8.6, p. 312 in Quinn and Deriso.

**Value**

label	list element containing the summary of input criteria
n	list element containing the sample size estimates for each age

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**References**

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. Quantitative Fish Dynamics. Oxford University Press, New York, New York. 542 pages

**See Also**

[alkD](#) [alkprop](#)

**Examples**

```
data(alkdata)
alkss(alkdata,lss=1000,cv=0.25,allocate=1)
```

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astrocalc4r

*Solar zenith angles for biological research*

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**Description**

This function calculates the solar zenith, azimuth and declination angles, time at sunrise, local noon and sunset, day length, and PAR (photosynthetically available radiation, 400-700 nm) under clear skies and average atmospheric conditions (marine or continental) anywhere on the surface of the earth based on date, time, and location.

**Usage**

```
astrocalc4r(day, month, year, hour, timezone, lat, lon,
  withinput = FALSE,
  seaorland = "maritime", acknowledgment = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

day	day of month in the local time zone (integers). Value is required. Multiple observations should be enclosed with the c() function.
month	month of year in the local time zone (integers). Value is required. Multiple observations should be enclosed with the c() function.
year	year in the local time zone (integers). Value is required. Multiple observations should be enclosed with the c() function.

hour	local time for each observation (decimal hours, e.g. 11:30 PM is 23.5, real numbers). Value is required. Multiple observations should be enclosed with the c() function.
timezone	local time zone in +/- hours relative to GMT to link local time and GMT. For example, the difference between Eastern Standard Time and GMT is -5 hours. Value is required. Multiple observations should be enclosed with the c() function. timezone should include any necessary adjustments for daylight savings time.
lat	Latitude in decimal degrees (0o to 90 o in the northern hemisphere and -90 o to 0 o degrees in the southern hemisphere, real numbers). For example, 42o 30' N is 42.5 o and 42o 30' S is -42.5o. Value is required. Multiple observations should be enclosed with the c() function.
lon	Longitude in decimal degrees (-0 o to 180 o in the western hemisphere and 0o to 180 o in the eastern hemisphere, real numbers). For example, 110o 15' W is -110.25 o and 110o 15' E is 110.25o. Value is required. Multiple observations should be enclosed with the c() function.
withinput	logical:TRUE to return results in a dataframe with the input data; otherwise FALSE returns a dataframe with just results. Default is FALSE.
searland	text: "maritime" for typical maritime conditions or "continental" for typical continental conditions. Users must select one option or the other based on proximity to the ocean or other factors.
acknowledgment	logical: use TRUE to output acknowledgement. Default is FALSE.

## Details

Astronomical definitions are based on definitions in Meeus (2009) and Seidelmann (2006). The solar zenith angle is measured between a line drawn "straight up" from the center of the earth through the observer and a line drawn from the observer to the center of the solar disk. The zenith angle reaches its lowest daily value at local noon when the sun is highest. It reaches its maximum value at night after the sun drops below the horizon. The zenith angle and all of the solar variables calculated by *astrocalc4r* depend on latitude, longitude, date and time of day. For example, solar zenith angles measured at the same time of day and two different locations would differ due to differences in location. Zenith angles at the same location and two different dates or times of day also differ.

Local noon is the time of day when the sun reaches its maximum elevation and minimum solar zenith angle at the observers location. This angle occurs when the leading edge of the sun first appears above, or the trailing edge disappears below the horizon (0.83o accounts for the radius of the sun when seen from the earth and for refraction by the atmosphere). Day length is the time in hours between sunrise and sunset. Solar declination and azimuth angles describe the exact position of the sun in the sky relative to an observer based on an equatorial coordinate system (Meeus 2009). Solar declination is the angular displacement of the sun above the equatorial plane. The equation of time accounts for the relative position of the observer within the time zone and is provided because it is complicated to calculate. PAR irradiance in lux (lx, approximately  $W m^{-2}$ ) at the surface of the earth under clear skies calculated based on the solar zenith angle and assumptions about marine or terrestrial atmospheric properties. *astrocalc4r* calculates PAR for wavelengths between 400-700 nm. Calculations for other wavelengths can be carried out by modifying the code to use parameters from Frouin et al. (1989). Following Frouin et al. (1989), PAR is assumed to be zero at solar

zenith angles  $\geq 90^\circ$  although some sunlight may be visible in the sky when the solar zenith angle is  $< 108^\circ$ . Angles in `astrocalc4r` output are in degrees although radians are used internally for calculations. Time data and results are in decimal hours (e.g. 11:30 pm = 23.5 h) local time but internal calculations are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT). The user must specify the local time zone in terms of +/- hours relative to GMT to link local time and GMT. For example, the difference between Eastern Standard Time and GMT is -5 hours. The user must ensure that any adjustments for daylight savings time are included in the `timezone` value. For example, `timezone=-6` for Eastern daylight time.

### Value

Time of solar noon, sunrise and sunset, angles of azimuth and zenith, eqtime, declination of sun, daylight length (hours) and PAR.

### Author(s)

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### References

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Meeus, J. 2009. *Astronomical Algorithms*, 2nd Edition. Willmann-Bell, Inc., Richmond, VA.  
Seidelmann, P.K. 2006. *Explanatory Supplement to the Astronomical Almanac*. University Science Books, Sausalito, CA.

Seidelmann, P.K. 2006. *Explanatory Supplement to the Astronomical Almanac*. University Science Books, Sausalito, CA. This function is an R implementation of:

Jacobson L, Seaver A, Tang J. 2011. *AstroCalc4R: software to calculate solar zenith angle; time at sunrise, local noon and sunset; and photosynthetically available radiation based on date, time and location*. US Dept Commer, Northeast Fish Sci Cent Ref Doc. 11-14; 10 p.

### Examples

```
astrocalc4r(day=12,month=9,year=2000,hour=12,timezone=-5,lat=40.9,lon=-110)
```

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bheq	<i>Length-based Beverton-Holt Equilibrium Total Instantaneous Mortality Estimator</i>
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### Description

Calculate the equilibrium Beverton-Holt estimator of instantaneous total mortality ( $Z$ ) from length data with bootstrapped standard errors or the same using the Ehrhardt and Ault(1992) bias-correction

### Usage

```
bheq(len, type = c(1,2), K = NULL, Linf = NULL, Lc = NULL,
     La = NULL, nboot = 100)
```

### Arguments

len	the vector of length data. Each row represents one record per individual fish.
type	numeric indicate which estimation method to use. 1 = Beverton-Holt, 2 = Beverton-Holt with bias correction. Default is both, c(1,2).
K	the growth coefficient from a von Bertalanffy growth model.
Linf	the L-infinity coefficient from a von Bertalanffy growth model.
Lc	the length at first capture.
La	the largest length of the largest size class.
nboot	the number of bootstrap runs. Default=100.

### Details

The standard Beverton-Holt equilibrium estimator of instantaneous total mortality ( $Z$ ) from length data (page 365 in Quinn and Deriso (1999)) is calculated. The mean length for lengths  $\geq Lc$  is calculated automatically. Missing data are removed prior to calculation. Estimates of standard error are made by bootstrapping length data  $\geq Lc$  using package boot.

### Value

Dataframe of length 1 containing mean length  $\geq Lc$ , sample size  $\geq Lc$ ,  $Z$  estimate and standard error.

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

### References

Ehrhardt, N. M. and J. S. Ault. 1992. Analysis of two length-based mortality models applied to bounded catch length frequencies. *Trans. Am. Fish. Soc.* 121:115-122.

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. *Quantitative Fish Dynamics*. Oxford University Press, New York, New York. 542 pages.

**See Also**[bhnoneq](#)**Examples**

```
data(pinfish)
bheq(pinfish$sl, type=1, K=0.33, Linf=219.9, Lc=120, nboot=200)
```

bhnoneq

*Length-based Beverton-Holt Nonequilibrium Z Estimator***Description**

A nonequilibrium Beverton-Holt estimator of instantaneous total mortality ( $Z$ ) from length data.

**Usage**

```
bhnoneq(year=NULL, mlen=NULL, ss=NULL, K = NULL, Linf = NULL,
Lc = NULL, nbreaks = NULL, styrs = NULL, stZ = NULL,
graph = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

year	the vector of year values associated with mean length data. The number of year values must correspond to the number of length records. Include year value even if mean length and numbers (see below) are missing.
mlen	the vector of mean lengths for lengths $\geq L_c$ . One record for each year.
ss	the vector of numbers of observations associated with the mean length.
K	the growth coefficient from a von Bertalanffy growth model.
Linf	the L-infinity coefficient from a von Bertalanffy growth model.
Lc	the length at first capture.
nbreaks	the number of times (breaks) mortality is thought to change over the time series. Can be 0 or greater.
styrs	the starting guess(es) of the year(s) during which mortality is thought to change. The number of starting guesses must match the number of mortality breaks, should be separated by commas within the concatenation function and should be within the range of years present in the data.
stZ	the starting guesses of $Z$ values enclosed within the concatenation function. There should be $nbreaks+1$ values provided.
graph	logical indicating whether the observed vs predicted and residual plots should be drawn. Default=TRUE.



## Details

The mean lengths for each year for lengths  $\geq L_c$ . Following Gedamke and Hoening(2006), the model estimates nbreaks+1 Z values, the year(s) in which the changes in mortality began, the standard deviation of lengths  $\geq L_c$ , and standard errors of all parameters. An AIC value is produced for model comparison. The estimated parameters for the number of nbreaks is equal to  $2 \times \text{nbreaks} + 2$ . Problematic parameter estimates may have extremely large t-values or extremely small standard error. Quang C. Huynh of Virginia Institute of Marine Science revised the function to make estimation more stable. Specifically, the derivative method BFGS is used in `optim` which allows more reliable convergence to the global minimum from a given set of starting values, a function is included to estimate Z assuming equilibrium, sigma is estimated analytically and convergence results . Use 0 nbreaks to get Z equilibrium.

## Value

summary	list element containing table of parameters with estimates, standard errors, and t-values.
convergence	list element specifying if convergence was reached.
hessian	list element specifying if hessian is positive definite
results	list element containing, observed value, predicted values, and residuals from the model fit.

## Note

Todd Gedamke provided the predicted mean length code in C++.

## Author(s)

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Quang C. Huynh of Virginia Institute of Marine Science

## References

Gedamke, T. and J. M. Hoenig. 2006. Estimating mortality from mean length data in nonequilibrium situations, with application to the assessment of goosfish. *Trans. Am. Fish. Soc.* 135:476-487

## See Also

[bheq](#)

## Examples

```
data(goosefish)
bhoneq(year=goosefish$year,mLen=goosefish$mLen, ss=goosefish$ss,
K=0.108,Linf=126,Lc=30,nbreaks=1,styrs=c(1982),stZ=c(0.1,0.3))
```

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 bonito

*Data from an age and growth study of the pacific bonito.*


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**Description**

Growth increment data derived from tagging experiments on Pacific bonito (*Sarda chiliensis*) used to illustrate Francis's maximum likelihood method estimation of growth and growth variability (1988).

**Usage**

bonito

**Format**

A data frame with 138 observations on the following 4 variables.

T1 a numeric vector describing the release date

T2 a numeric vector describing the recovery date

L1 a numeric vector describing the length at release in centimeters

L2 a numeric vector describing the length at recapture in centimeters

**Details**

Note that Francis (1988) has discarded several records from the original dataset collected by Campbell et al. (1975).

**Source**

- 1 Francis, R.I.C.C., 1988. Maximum likelihood estimation of growth and growth variability from tagging data. *New Zealand Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research*, 22, p.42-51.
- 2 Campbell, G. & Collins, R., 1975. The age and growth of the Pacific bonito, *Sarda chiliensis*, in the eastern north Pacific. *Calif. Dept. Fish Game*, 61(4), p.181-200.

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 bt.log

*Back-transformation of log-transformed mean and variance*


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**Description**

Converts a log-mean and log-variance to the original scale and calculates confidence intervals

**Usage**

bt.log(meanlog = NULL, sdlog = NULL, n = NULL, alpha = 0.05)

**Arguments**

meanlog	sample mean of natural log-transformed values
sdlog	sample standard deviation of natural log-transformed values
n	sample size
alpha	alpha-level used to estimate confidence intervals

**Details**

There are two methods of calculating the bias-corrected mean on the original scale. The `bt.mean` is calculated following equation 14 (the infinite series estimation) in Finney (1941). `approx.bt.mean` is calculated using the commonly known approximation from Finney (1941):

$mean = \exp(meanlog + sdlog^2/2)$ . The variance is  $var = \exp(2 * meanlog) * (Gn(2 * sdlog^2) - Gn((n-2)/(n-1) * sdlog^2))$  and standard deviation is  $\sqrt{var}$  where  $Gn$  is the infinite series function (equation 10). The variance and standard deviation of the back-transformed mean are  $var.mean = var/n$ ;  $sd.mean = \sqrt{var.mean}$ . The median is calculated as  $\exp(meanlog)$ . Confidence intervals for the back-transformed mean are from the Cox method (Zhou and Gao, 1997) modified by substituting the z distribution with the t distribution as recommended by Olsson (2005):

$LCI = \exp(meanlog + sdlog^2/2 - t(df, 1 - alpha/2) * \sqrt{(sdlog^2/n) + (sdlog^4/(2 * (n-1)))})$  and

$UCI = \exp(meanlog + sdlog^2/2 + t(df, 1 - alpha/2) * \sqrt{(sdlog^2/n) + (sdlog^4/(2 * (n-1)))})$

where  $df = n - 1$ .

**Value**

A vector containing `bt.mean`, `approx.bt.mean`, `var`, `sd`, `var.mean`, `sd.mean`, `median`, `LCI` (lower confidence interval), and `UCI` (upper confidence interval).

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Finney, D. J. 1941. On the distribution of a variate whose logarithm is normally distributed. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Supplement* 7: 155-161.

Zhou, X-H., and Gao, S. 1997. Confidence intervals for the log-normal mean. *Statistics in Medicine* 16:783-790.

Olsson, F. 2005. Confidence intervals for the mean of a log-normal distribution. *Journal of Statistics Education* 13(1). [www.amstat.org/publications/jse/v13n1/olsson.html](http://www.amstat.org/publications/jse/v13n1/olsson.html)

**Examples**

```
## The example below shows accuracy of the back-transformation
y<-rlnorm(100,meanlog=0.7,sdlog=0.2)
known<-unlist(list(known.mean=mean(y),var=var(y),sd=sd(y),
  var.mean=var(y)/length(y),sd.mean=sqrt(var(y)/length(y))))
est<-bt.log(meanlog=mean(log(y)),sdlog=sd(log(y)),n=length(y))[c(1,3,4,5,6)]
known;est
```

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buffalo	<i>Life Table Data for African Buffalo</i>
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**Description**

The buffalo data frame has 20 rows and 3 columns. Cohort size and deaths for African buffalo from Sinclair (1977) as reported by Krebs (1989) in Table 12.1, page 415.

**Usage**

buffalo

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**age** age interval

**nx** number alive at start of each age interval

**dx** number dying between age interval X and X+1

**Source**

Krebs, C. J. 1989. *Ecological Methodologies*. Harper and Row, New York, NY. 654 p.

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catch	<i>Number of cod captured in 10 standardized bottom trawl hauls from Massachusetts, 1985</i>
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**Description**

The catch data frame has 10 rows and 1 column.

**Usage**

catch

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**value** catch data

**Source**

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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catch.select	<i>Selectivity Ogive from a Catch Curve</i>
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### Description

Estimates selectivity-at-length from catch lengths and von Bertalanffy growth parameters.

### Usage

```
catch.select(len = NULL, lenmin = NULL, binsize = NULL,
             peakplus = 1, Linf = NULL, K = NULL, t0 = NULL, subobs = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

len	vector of lengths. One row per individual.
lenmin	the starting length from which to construct length intervals.
binsize	the length interval width. Must be >0. This is used to create the lower length of intervals starting from lenmin to the maximum observed in len.
peakplus	numeric. Allows user to specify the number of length intervals following the length interval at the peak $\log(\text{catch}/\text{deltat})$ to use as the start length interval in the catch curve analysis. Default = 1 based on standard catch curve analysis recommendations of Smith et al. (2012).
Linf	numeric. The L-infinity value from a von Bertalanffy growth equation. This is a required value.
K	numeric. The growth coefficient from a von Bertalanffy growth equation. This is a required value.
t0	numeric. The t-subzero value from a von Bertalanffy growth equation. This is a required value.
subobs	logical. If the "observed" selectivity for those under-represented length intervals not used in the catch curve analysis is equal to 1, the inverse logit (used in fit of selectivity ogive) can not be calculated. If subobs is set to TRUE, 1 will be substituted with 0.9999

### Details

This function applies the method of Pauly (1984) for calculating the selectivity-at-length from catch lengths and parameters from a von Bertalanffy growth curve. See Sparre and Venema(1998) for a detailed example of the application.

Length intervals are constructed based on the lenmin and binsize specified, and the maximum length observed in the data vector. Catch-at-length is tabularized using the lower and upper intervals and the data vector of lengths. The inclusion of a length in an interval is determined by  $\text{lower interval} \leq \text{length} < \text{upper interval}$ . The age corresponding to the interval midpoint ( $t$ ) is determined using the von Bertalanffy equation applied to the lower and upper bounds of each interval, summing the ages and dividing by 2.  $\text{deltat}$  is calculated for each interval using the equation:

$(1/k) \cdot \log((L_{inf}-L1)/(L_{inf}-L2))$  where L1 and L2 are the lower and upper bounds of the length interval.  $\log(\text{catch}/\text{deltat})$  is the dependent variable and  $t$  is the predictor used in linear regression to estimate Z. Using the parameters from the catch curve analysis, "observed" selectivities (stobs) for the length intervals not included in the catch curve analysis are calculated using the equation:  $\text{stobs} = \text{catch}/(\text{deltat} \cdot \exp(a-Z \cdot t))$  where  $a$  and  $Z$  are the intercept and slope from the linear regression. The stobs values are transformed using an inverse logit ( $\log(1/\text{stobs}-1)$ ) and are regressed against  $t$  to obtain parameter estimates for the selectivity ogive. The estimated selectivity ogive (stest) is then calculated as  $\text{stest} = 1/(1 + \exp(T1 - T2 \cdot t))$  where T1 and T2 are the intercept and slope from the  $\log(1/\text{stobs}-1)$  versus  $t$  regression.

### Value

list containing a dataframe with the lower and upper length intervals, the mid-point length interval, age corresponding to the interval mid-point, catch of the length interval,  $\log(\text{catch}/\text{deltat})$ , the predicted  $\log(\text{catch}/\text{deltat})$  from the catch curve model fit (only for the peakplus interval and greater), the observed selectivities and the estimated selectivity, and two dataframes containing the parameters and their standard errors from the linear regressions for catch curve analysis and the selectivity ogive.

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### References

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- Smith, M. W. and 5 others. 2012. Recommendations for catch-curve analysis. N. Am. J. Fish. Manage. 32: 956-967.
- Sparre, P. and S. C. Venema. 1998. Introduction to tropical fish stock assessment. Part 1. Manual. FAO Fisheries Technical Paper, No. 206.1, Rev. 2. Rome. 407 p. Available on the world-wide web.

### Examples

```
data(sblen)
catch.select(len=sblen$len_inches, binsize=2, lenmin=10, peakplus=1, Linf=47.5, K=0.15,
t0=-0.3)
```

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catchmsy

*Estimating MSY from catch and resilience*

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### Description

This function estimates MSY following Martell and Froese(2012).

**Usage**

```
catchmsy(year = NULL, catch = NULL, catchCV = NULL,
catargs = list(dist = "none", low = 0, up = Inf, unit = "MT"),
l0 = list(low = 0, up = 1, step = 0), lt = list(low = 0, up = 1,
refyr = NULL),
sigv = 0, k = list(dist = "unif", low = 0, up = 1, mean = 0, sd = 0),
r = list(dist = "unif", low = 0, up = 1, mean = 0, sd = 0),
M = list(dist = "unif", low = 0.2, up = 0.2, mean = 0, sd = 0),
nsims = 10000, catchout = 0, grout = 1,
graphs = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11),
grargs = list(lwd = 1, pch = 16, cex = 1, nclasses = 20, mains = " ",
cex.main = 1,
cex.axis = 1, cex.lab = 1),
pstats = list(ol = 1, mlt = 1, mlwd = 1.5, llty = 3, llwd = 1, ulty = 3,
ulwd = 1),
grtif = list(zoom = 4, width = 11, height = 13, pointsize = 10))
```

**Arguments**

year	vector containing the time series of numeric year labels.
catch	vector containing the time series of catch data (in weight). Missing values are not allowed.
catchCV	vector containing the time series of coefficients of variation associated with catch if resampling of catch is desired; otherwise, catchCV = NULL.
catargs	list arguments associated with resampling of catch. <code>dist</code> is the specification of the resampling distribution to use ("none" = no resampling, "unif"=uniform, "norm" = normal, and "lnorm" =log-normal). If "lnorm" is selected, catch is log transformed and standard deviation on the log scale is calculated from the specified CVs using the relationship $sdlog=\sqrt{\log(CV^2+1)}$ . <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper limit of distribution (if truncation is desired). <code>unit</code> is the weight unit of catch (used in graph labels; default="MT"). If "unif", the catch must be incorporated in <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> arguments. For instance, if the lower limit to sample is the value of catch, specify <code>low=catch</code> . If some maximum above catch will be the upper limit, specify <code>up=50*catch</code> . The limits for each year will be applied to catch internally.
l0	list arguments for the relative biomass in year 1. <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of the starting value of relative biomass (in relation to <code>k</code> ) in year 1. <code>step</code> is the step increment to examine. If <code>step=0</code> , then <code>l0</code> is randomly selected from a uniform distribution using the lower and upper starting values. If <code>step&gt;0</code> , then step increments are used (in this case, the number of simulations ( <code>nsims</code> ) are used for each increment).
lt	list arguments for the depletion level in the selected reference year ( <code>refyr</code> ). <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of depletion level in <code>refyr</code> . <code>refyr</code> can range from the first year to the year after the last year of catch ( <code>t+1</code> ).
sigv	standard deviation of the log-normal random process error. <code>sigv = 0</code> for no process error.

k	list arguments for the carrying capacity. <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample <code>k</code> . <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of <code>k</code> in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. The following are valid distributions: "none", "unif" - uniform, "norm" - normal, "lnorm" - log-normal, "gamma" - gamma, and "beta" - beta distributions. "unif" requires non-missing values for <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> . "norm", "lnorm", "gamma" and "beta", require non-missing values for <code>low</code> , <code>up</code> , <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> . If "lnorm" is used, <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> must be on the natural log scale (keep <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> on the original scale). If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed value.
r	list arguments for the intrinsic growth rate. <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample <code>r</code> . <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of <code>r</code> in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. Valid distributions are the same as in <code>k</code> . If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed value.
M	list arguments for natural mortality. <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample <code>M</code> . <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of <code>M</code> in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. Valid distributions are the same as in <code>k</code> . <code>M</code> is used to determine exploitation rate ( <code>Umsy</code> ) at <code>MSY</code> . If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed value.
nsims	number of Monte Carlos samples.
catchout	If resampling catch, save catch trajectories from each Monte Carlos simulation - 0 = No (default), 1 = Yes.
grout	numeric argument specifying whether graphs should be printed to console only (1) or to both the console and TIF graph files (2). Use <code>setwd</code> before running function to direct <code>.tif</code> files to a specific directory. Each name of each file is automatically determined.
graphs	vector specifying which graphs should be produced. 1 = line plot of observed catch versus year, 2 = point plot of plausible <code>k</code> versus <code>r</code> values, 3 = histogram of plausible <code>r</code> values, 4 = histogram of plausible <code>k</code> values, 5 = histogram of <code>M</code> values, 6 = histogram of <code>MSY</code> from plausible values of <code>l0</code> , <code>k</code> , <code>r</code> , and <code>Bmsy/k</code> , 7 = histogram of <code>Bmsy</code> from plausible values of <code>l0</code> , <code>k</code> , <code>r</code> , and <code>Bmsy/k</code> , 8 = histogram of <code>Fmsy</code> from plausible values of <code>l0</code> , <code>k</code> , <code>r</code> , and <code>Bmsy/k</code> , 9 = histogram of <code>Umsy</code> values from <code>Fmsy</code> and <code>M</code> , 10 = histogram of overfishing limit (OFL) in last year+1 values from <code>Umsys</code> , and 11 = line plots of accepted and rejected biomass trajectories with median and 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles (in red). Any combinations of graphs can be selected within <code>c()</code> . Default is all.
grargs	list control arguments for plotting functions. <code>lwd</code> is the line width for graph = 1 and 11, <code>pch</code> and <code>cex</code> are the symbol character and character expansion value used in graph = 2, <code>nclasses</code> is the <code>nclass</code> argument for the histogram plots (graphs 3-11), <code>mains</code> and <code>cex.main</code> are the titles and character expansion values for the graphs, <code>cex.axis</code> is the character expansion value(s) for the x and y-axis tick labels and <code>cex.lab</code> is the character expansion value(s) for the x and y-axis labels. Single values of <code>nclasses</code> , <code>mains</code> , <code>cex.main</code> , <code>cex.axis</code> , <code>cex.lab</code> are applied to all graphs. To change arguments for specific graphs, enclose arguments within <code>c()</code> in order of the number specified in graphs.



`pstats` list control arguments for plotting the mean and 95 and management quantities on respective graphs. `ol = 0`, do not overlay values on plots, `1 = overlay values on plots`. `m1ty` and `m1wd` are the line type and line width of the mean value; `l1ty` and `l1wd` are the line type and line width of the 2.5 `u1wd` are the line type and line width of the 97.5

`grtif` list arguments for the .TIF graph files. See `tiff` help file in R.

## Details

The method of Martell and Froese (2012) is used to produce estimates of MSY where only catch and information on resilience is known.

The Schaefer production model is

$$B[t+1] <- B[t] + r * B[t] * (1 - B[t]/k) - \text{catch}[t]$$

where  $B$  is biomass in year  $t$ ,  $r$  is the intrinsic rate of increase,  $k$  is the carrying capacity and  $\text{catch}$  is the catch in year  $t$ . Biomass in the first year is calculated by  $B[1] = k * 10$ . For  $\text{sigv} > 0$ , the production equation is multiplied by  $\exp(\text{rnorm}(1, 0, \text{sigv}))$  if process error is desired. The maximum sustainable yield (MSY) is calculated as

$$\text{MSY} = r * k / 4$$

Biomass at MSY is calculated as

$$\text{Bmsy} = k / 2$$

Fishing mortality at MSY is calculated as

$$\text{Fmsy} = r / 2$$

Exploitation rate at MSY is calculated as

$$\text{Umsy} = (\text{Fmsy} / (\text{Fmsy} + M)) * (1 - \exp(-\text{Fmsy} - M))$$

The overfishing limit in last year+1 is calculated as

$$\text{OFL} = B[\text{last year} + 1] * \text{Umsy}$$

`length(year)+1` biomass estimates are made for each run.

If using the R Gui (not Rstudio), run

```
graphics.off() windows(width=10, height=12, record=TRUE) .SavedPlots <- NULL
```

before running the `catchmsy` function to recall plots.

## Value

`Initial` dataframe containing the initial values for each explored parameter.

`Parameters` dataframe containing the mean, median, 2.5th and 97.5 plausible (likelihood=1) parameters.

`Estimates` dataframe containing the mean, median, 2.5th and 97.5 of the management quantities (i.e., MSY, Bmsy, etc.) for the plausible parameters (likelihood=1)

`Values` dataframe containing the values of  $10$ ,  $k$ ,  $r$ ,  $\text{Bmsy}/k$ ,  $M$  and associated management quantities for all (likelihood=0 and likelihood=1) random draws.

`end1yr` value of the last year of catch data + 1 for use in function `d1proj`.

type                    designates the output object as a catchmsy object for use in function dlproj.

The biomass estimates from each simulation are not stored in memory but are automatically saved to a .csv file named "Biotraj-cmsy.csv". Yearly values for each simulation are stored across columns. The first column holds the likelihood values for each simulation (1= accepted, 0 = rejected). The number of rows equals the number of simulations (nsims). This file is loaded to plot graph 11 and it must be present in the default or setwd() directory.

When catchout=1, catch values randomly selected are saved to a .csv file named "Catchtraj-cmsy.csv". Yearly values for each simulation are stored across columns. The first column holds the likelihood values (1= accepted, 0 = rejected). The number of rows equals the number of simulations (nsims).

Use setwd() before running the function to change the directory where .csv files are stored.

### Note

The random distribution function was adapted from Nadarajah, S and S. Kotz. 2006. R programs for computing truncated distributions. Journal of Statistical Software 16, code snippet 2.

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### References

Martell, S. and R. Froese. 2012. A simple method for estimating MSY from catch and resilience. Fish and Fisheries 14:504-514.

### See Also

[dbsra dlproj](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
data(lingcod)
outpt<-catchmsy(year=lingcod$year,
  catch=lingcod$catch,catchCV=NULL,
  catargs=list(dist="none",low=0,up=Inf,unit="MT"),
  l0=list(low=0.8,up=0.8,step=0),
  lt=list(low=0.01,up=0.25,refyr=2002),sigv=0,
  k=list(dist="unif",low=4333,up=433300,mean=0,sd=0),
  r=list(dist="unif",low=0.015,up=0.1,mean=0,sd=0),
  M=list(dist="unif",low=0.18,up=0.18,mean=0.00,sd=0.00),
  nsims=30000)

## End(Not run)
```

**Description**

This function applies the catch-survey analysis method of Collie and Kruse (1998) for estimating abundance from catch and survey indices of relative abundance

**Usage**

```
catchsurvey(year = NULL, catch = NULL, recr = NULL, post = NULL, M = NULL,
            T = NULL, phi = NULL, w = 1, initial = c(NA,NA,NA),uprn = NA, graph = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

year	vector containing the time series of numeric year labels.
catch	vector containing the time series of catch (landings) data.
recr	vector containing the time series of survey indices for recruit individuals.
post	vector containing the time series of survey indices for post-recruit individuals.
M	instantaneous natural mortality rate. Assumed constant throughout time series
T	proportion of year between survey and fishery.
phi	relative recruit catchability.
w	recruit sum of squares weight.
initial	initial recruit estimate,initial postrecruit estimate in year 1, and initial catchability estimate.
uprn	the upper bound for the recruit and postrecruit estimates.
graph	logical indicating whether observed versus predicted recruit and post-recruit indices, total abundance and fishing mortality should be plotted. Default=TRUE.

**Details**

Details of the model are given in Collie and Kruse (1998).

**Value**

List containing the estimate of catchability, predicted recruit index by year (rest), estimate of recruit abundance (R), predicted post-recruit index by year (nest), post-recruit abundance (N), total abundance (TA: R+N), total instantaneous mortality (Z), and fishing mortality (Fmort)

**Author(s)**

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## References

Collie JS and GH Kruse 1998. Estimating king crab (*Paralithodes camtschaticus*) abundance from commercial catch and research survey data. In: Jamieson GS, Campbell A, eds. Proceedings of the North Pacific Symposium on Invertebrate Stock Assessment and Management. Can Spec Publ Fish Aquat Sci. 125; p 73-83.

See also Collie JS and MP Sissenwine. 1983. Estimating population size from relative abundance data measured with error. Can J Fish Aquat Sci. 40:1871-1879.

## Examples

```
## Example takes a bit of time to run
## Not run:
data(nshrimp)
catchsurvey(year=nshrimp$year, catch=nshrimp$C, recr=nshrimp$r, post=nshrimp$n, M=0.25,
            T=0.5, phi=0.9, w=1, initial=c(500, 500, 0.7), uprn=10000)
## End(Not run)
```

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clus.lf	<i>Statistical Comparison of Length Frequencies from Simple Random Cluster Sampling</i>
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## Description

Statistical comparison of length frequencies is performed using the two-sample Kolmogorov & Smirnov test. Randomization procedures are used to derive the null probability distribution.

## Usage

```
clus.lf(group = NULL, haul = NULL, len = NULL, number = NULL,
        binsize = NULL, resamples = 100)
```

## Arguments

group	vector containing the identifier used for group membership of length data. This variable is used to determine the number of groups and comparisons. Identifier can be numeric or character.
haul	vector containing the variable used to identify the sampling unit (e.g., haul) of length data. Identifier can be numeric or character.
len	vector containing the length class data. There should be one record for each length class by group and haul.
number	vector containing the numbers of fish in each length class.
binsize	size of the length class (e.g., 5-cm, 10, cm, etc.) used to construct the cumulative length frequency from raw length data. The formula used to create bins is $\text{trunc}(\text{len}/\text{binsize}) * \text{binsize} + \text{binsize}/2$ . If use of the raw length classes is desired, then <code>binsize=0</code> .
resamples	number of randomizations. Default = 100.

## Details

Length frequency distributions of fishes are commonly tested for differences among groups (e.g., regions, sexes, etc.) using a two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (K-S). Like most statistical tests, the K-S test requires that observations are collected at random and are independent of each other to satisfy assumptions. These basic assumptions are violated when gears (e.g., trawls, haul seines, gillnets, etc.) are used to sample fish because individuals are collected in clusters. In this case, the "haul", not the individual fish, is the primary sampling unit and statistical comparisons must take this into account.

To test for difference between length frequency distributions from simple random cluster sampling, a randomization test that uses "hauls" as the primary sampling unit can be used to generate the null probability distribution. In a randomization test, an observed test statistic is compared to an empirical probability density distribution of a test statistic under the null hypothesis of no difference. The observed test statistic used here is the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic ( $D_s$ ) under a two-tailed test:

$$D_s = \max|S1(X) - S2(X)|$$

where  $S1(X)$  and  $S2(X)$  are the observed cumulative length frequency distributions of group 1 and group 2 in the paired comparisons.  $S1(X)$  and  $S2(X)$  are calculated such that  $S(X)=K/n$  where  $K$  is the number of scores equal to or less than  $X$  and  $n$  is the total number of length observations (Seigel, 1956).

To generate the empirical probability density function (pdf), haul data are randomly assigned without replacement to the two groups with samples sizes equal to the original number of hauls in each group under comparison. The K-S statistic is calculated from the cumulative length frequency distributions of the two groups of randomized data. The randomization procedure is repeated resamples times to obtain the pdf of  $D$ . To estimate the significance of  $D_s$ , the proportion of all randomized  $D$  values that were greater than or equal to  $D_s$  is calculated.

It is assumed all fish caught are measured. If subsampling occurs, the number at length (measured) must be expanded to the total caught.

Data vectors described in arguments should be aggregated so that each record contains the number of fish in each length class by group and haul identifier. For example,

group	tow	length	number
North	1	10	2
North	1	12	5
North	2	11	3
North	1	10	17
North	2	14	21
.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.
South	1	12	34
South	1	14	3

## Value

results list element containing the  $D_s$  statistics from the observed data comparisons and significance probabilities.

obs\_prop            list element containing the observed cumulative proportions for each group.  
 Drandom            list element containing the D statistics from randomization for each comparison.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Manly, B. F. J. 1997. Randomization, Bootstrap and Monte Carlos Methods in Biology. Chapman and Hall, New York, NY, 399 pp.  
 Seigel, S. 1956. Nonparametric Statistics for Behavioral Sciences. McGraw-Hill, New York, NY. 312 p.

**See Also**

[clus.str.lf](#)

**Examples**

```
data(codcluslen)
clus.lf(group=codcluslen$region,haul=c(paste("ST-",codcluslen$tow,sep="")),
  len=codcluslen$length, number=codcluslen$number,
  binsize=5,resamples=100)
```

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clus.mean	<i>Estimation of Population Attributes and Effective Sample Size for Fishes Collected Via Cluster Sampling</i>
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**Description**

Calculates mean attribute, variance, effective sample size, and degrees of freedom for samples collected by simple random cluster sampling.

**Usage**

```
clus.mean(popchar = NULL, cluster = NULL, clustotal = NULL, rho = NULL,
  nboot = 1000)
```

**Arguments**

popchar            vector of population characteristic measurements (e.g., length, weight, etc.). One row represents the measurement for an individual.  
 cluster            vector of numeric or character codes identifying individual clusters (or hauls).  
 clustotal          vector of total number of fish caught per cluster.  
 rho                intraclass correlation coefficient for data. If NULL, degrees of freedom are not calculated.  
 nboot              number of bootstrap samples for calculation of bootstrap variance. Default = 1000

## Details

In fisheries, gears (e.g., trawls, haul seines, gillnets, etc.) are used to collect fishes. Often, estimates of mean population attributes (e.g., mean length) are desired. The samples of individual fish are not random samples, but cluster samples because the "haul" is the primary sampling unit. Correct estimation of mean attributes requires the use of cluster sampling formulae. Estimation of the general mean attribute and usual variance approximation follows Pennington et al. (2002). Variance of the mean is also estimated using the jackknife and bootstrap methods (Pennington and Volstad, 1994; Pennington et al., 2002). In addition, the effective sample size (the number of fish that would need to be sampled randomly to obtain the same precision as the mean estimate from cluster sampling) is also calculated for the three variance estimates. The total number of fish caught in a cluster (`clustotal`) allows correct computation for one- and two-stage sampling of individuals from each cluster (haul). In addition, if `rho` is specified, degrees of freedom are calculated by using Hedges (2007) for unequal cluster sizes (p. 166-167).

## Value

Matrix table of total number of clusters (`n`), total number of samples (`M`), total number of samples measured (`m`), the mean attribute (`R`), usual variance approximation (`varU`), jackknife variance (`varJ`), bootstrap variance (`varB`), variance of population attribute (`s2x`), usual variance effective sample size (`meffU`), jackknife variance effective sample size, (`meffJ`), bootstrap variance effective sample size (`meffB`) and degrees of freedom (`df`) if applicable.

## Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

## References

- Hedges, L.V. 2007. Correcting a significance test for clustering. *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*. 32: 151-179.
- Pennington, M. and J. J. Volstad. 1994. Assessing the effect of intra-haul correlation and variable density on estimates of population characteristics from marine surveys. *Biometrics* 50: 725-732.
- Pennington, M., L. Burmeister, and V. Hjellvik. 2002. Assessing the precision of frequency distributions estimated from trawl-survey samples. *Fish. Bull.* 100:74-80.

## Examples

```
data(codcluslen)
temp<-codcluslen[codcluslen$region=="NorthCape" & codcluslen$number>0,]
temp$station<-c(paste(temp$region,"-",temp$tow,sep=""))
total<-aggregate(temp$number,list(temp$station),sum)
names(total)<-c("station","total")
temp<-merge(temp,total,by.x="station",by.y="station")
newdata<-data.frame(NULL)
for(i in 1:as.numeric(length(temp[,1]))) {
  for(j in 1:temp$number[i]) {
    newdata<-rbind(newdata,temp[i,])
  }
}
```

```
clus.mean(popchar=newdata$length,cluster=newdata$station,
          clustotal=newdata$total)
```

clus.rho

*Intracluster Correlation Coefficients for Clustered Data***Description**

Calculates the intracluster correlation coefficients according to Lohr (1999) and Donner (1986) for a single group

**Usage**

```
clus.rho(popchar=NULL, cluster = NULL, type = c(1,2,3), est = 0, nboot = 500)
```

**Arguments**

popchar	vector containing containing the population characteristic (e.g., length, weight, etc.). One line per individual.
cluster	vector containing the variable used to identify the cluster. Identifier can be numeric or character.
type	method of intracluster correlation calculation. 1 = Equation 5.8 of Lohr (1999), 2 = Equation 5.10 in Lohr (1999) and 3 = ANOVA. Default = c(1,2,3).
est	estimate variance and percentiles of intracluster correlation coefficients via bootstrapping. 0 = No estimation (Default), 1 = Estimate.
nboot	number of bootstrap replicates for estimation of variance. nboot = 500 (Default).

**Details**

The intracluster correlation coefficient ( $\rho$ ) provides a measure of similarity within clusters.  $type = 1$  is defined to be the Pearson correlation coefficient for  $NM(M-1)$  pairs ( $y_{ij}, y_{ik}$ ) for  $i$  between 1 and  $N$  and  $j < k$  (see Lohr (1999: p. 139). The average cluster size is used as the equal cluster size quantity in Equation 5.8 of Lohr (1999). If the clusters are perfectly homogeneous (total variation is all between-cluster variability), then  $ICC=1$ .

$type = 2$  is the adjusted r-square, an alternative quantity following Equation 5.10 in Lohr (1999). It is the relative amount of variability in the population explained by the cluster means, adjusted for the number of degrees of freedom. If the clusters are homogeneous, then the cluster means are highly variable relative to variation within clusters, and the r-square will be high.

$type = 3$  is calculated using one-way random effects models (Donner, 1986). The formula is

$$\rho = (BMS - WMS) / (BMS + (m - 1) * WMS)$$

where BMS is the mean square between clusters, WMS is the mean square within clusters and  $m$  is the adjusted mean cluster size for clusters with unequal sample size. All clusters with zero elementary units should be deleted before calculation.  $type = 3$  can be used with binary data (Ridout et al. 1999)

If  $est=1$ , the bootstrap mean (value), variance of the mean and 0.025 and 0.975 percentiles are outputted.



**Value**

rho values, associated statistics, and bootstrap replicates

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**References**

Donner, A. 1986. A review of inference procedures for the intraclass correlation coefficient in the one-way random effects model. *International Statistical Review*. 54: 67-82.

Lohr, S. L. *Sampling: design and analysis*. Duxbury Press, New York, NY. 494 p.

Ridout, M. S., C. G. B. Demetrio, and D. Firth. 1999. Estimating intraclass correlation for binary data. *Biometrics* 55: 137-148.

**See Also**

[clus.lf](#) [clus.str.lf](#) [clus.mean](#)

**Examples**

```
data(codcluslen)
tem<-codcluslen[codcluslen[,1]=="NorthCape" & codcluslen[,3]>0,]
outs<-data.frame(tow=NA,len=NA)
cnt<-0
for(i in 1:as.numeric(length(tem$number))){
  for(j in 1:tem$number[i]){
    cnt<-cnt+1
    outs[cnt,1]<-tem$tow[i]
    outs[cnt,2]<-tem$length[i]
  }
}
clus.rho(popchar=outs$len,cluster=outs$tow)
```

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clus.rho.g

*Calculate A Common Intracluster Correlation Coefficient Among Groups*

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**Description**

Calculates a common intracluster correlation coefficients according to Donner (1986: 77-79) for two or more groups with unequal cluster sizes, and tests for homogeneity of residual error among groups and a common coefficient among groups.

**Usage**

```
clus.rho.g(popchar=NULL, cluster = NULL, group = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

popchar	vector containing containing the population characteristic (e.g., length, weight, etc.). One line per individual.
cluster	vector containing the variable used to identify the cluster. Identifier can be numeric or character.
group	vector containing the identifier used for group membership of length data. This variable is used to determine the number of groups. Identifier can be numeric or character.

**Details**

The intraclass correlation coefficient (rho) provides a measure of similarity within clusters. rho is calculated using a one-way nested random effects model (Donner, 1986: 77-79). The formula is

$$\rho = \frac{BMS - WMS}{BMS + (m - 1) * WMS}$$

where BMS is the mean square among clusters within groups, WMS is the mean square within clusters and m is the adjusted mean cluster size for clusters with unequal sample sizes. All clusters with zero elementary units should be deleted before calculation. In addition, approximate 95 are generated and a significance test is performed.

Bartlett's test is used to determine if mean square errors are constant among groups. If Bartlett's test is not significant, the test for a common correlation coefficient among groups is valid.

**Value**

rho value and associate statistics

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**References**

Donner, A. 1986. A review of inference procedures for the intraclass correlation coefficient in the one-way random effects model. *International Statistical Review*. 54: 67-82.

**See Also**

[clus.str.lf](#) [clus.lf](#) [clus.mean](#)

**Examples**

```
data(codcluslen)
temp<-codcluslen[codcluslen$number>0,]
temp$station<-c(paste(temp$region,"-",temp$tow,sep=""))
total<-aggregate(temp$number,list(temp$station),sum)
names(total)<-c("station","total")
temp<-merge(temp,total,by.x="station",by.y="station")
newdata<-data.frame(NULL)
for(i in 1:as.numeric(length(temp[,1]))){
```

```

    for(j in 1:temp$number[i]){
      newdata<-rbind(newdata,temp[i,])
    }
  }
  newdata<-newdata[,-c(5)]
  clus.rho.g(popchar=newdata$length,cluster=newdata$station,group=newdata$region)

```

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clus.str.lf	<i>Statistical Comparison of Length Frequencies from Stratified Random Cluster Sampling</i>
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### Description

Statistical comparison of length frequencies is performed using the two-sample Kolmogorov & Smirnov test. Randomization procedures are used to derive the null probability distribution.

### Usage

```
clus.str.lf(group = NULL, strata = NULL, weights = NULL,
  haul = NULL, len = NULL, number = NULL, binsize = NULL,
  resamples = 100)
```

### Arguments

group	vector containing the identifier used for group membership of length data. This variable is used to determine the number of groups and comparisons. Identifier can be numeric or character.
strata	vector containing the numeric identifier used for strata membership of length data. There must be a unique identifier for each stratum regardless of group membership.
weights	vector containing the strata weights (e.g., area, size, etc.) used to calculate the stratified mean length for a group.
haul	vector containing the variable used to identify the sampling unit (e.g., haul) of length data. Identifier can be numeric or character.
len	vector containing the length class. Each length class record must have associated group, strata, weights, and haul identifiers.
number	vector containing the number of fish in each length class.
binsize	size of the length class (e.g., 5-cm, 10, cm, etc.) used to construct the cumulative length frequency from raw length data. The formula used to create bins is $\text{trunc}(\text{len}/\text{binsize}) * \text{binsize} + \text{binsize}/2$ . If use of the raw length classes is desired, then binsize=0.
resamples	number of randomizations. Default = 100.

## Details

Length frequency distributions of fishes are commonly tested for differences among groups (e.g., regions, sexes, etc.) using a two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnov test (K-S). Like most statistical tests, the K-S test requires that observations are collected at random and are independent of each other to satisfy assumptions. These basic assumptions are violated when gears (e.g., trawls, haul seines, gillnets, etc.) are used to sample fish because individuals are collected in clusters. In this case, the "haul", not the individual fish, is the primary sampling unit and statistical comparisons must take this into account.

To test for difference between length frequency distributions from stratified random cluster sampling, a randomization test that uses "hauls" as the primary sampling unit can be used to generate the null probability distribution. In a randomization test, an observed test statistic is compared to an empirical probability density distribution of a test statistic under the null hypothesis of no difference. The observed test statistic used here is the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic ( $D_s$ ) under a two-tailed test:

$$D_s = \max |S_1(X) - S_2(X)|$$

where  $S_1(X)$  and  $S_2(X)$  are the observed cumulative proportions at length for group 1 and group 2 in the paired comparisons.

Proportion of fish of length class  $j$  in strata-set (group variable) used to derive  $D_s$  is calculated as

$$p_j = \frac{\sum A_k \bar{X}_{jk}}{\sum A_k \bar{X}_k}$$

where  $A_k$  is the weight of stratum  $k$ ,  $\bar{X}_{jk}$  is the mean number per haul of length class  $j$  in stratum  $k$ , and  $\bar{X}_k$  is the mean number per haul in stratum  $k$ . The numerator and denominator are summed over all  $k$ . Before calculation of cumulative proportions, the length class distributions for each group are corrected for missing lengths and are constructed so that the range and intervals of each distribution match.

It is assumed all fish caught are measured. If subsampling occurs, the numbers at length (measured) must be expanded to the total caught.

To generate the empirical probability density function (pdf), length data of hauls from all strata are pooled and then hauls are randomly assigned without replacement to each stratum with haul sizes equal to the original number of stratum hauls. Cumulative proportions are then calculated as described above. The K-S statistic is calculated from the cumulative length frequency distributions of the two groups of randomized data. The randomization procedure is repeated  $\text{resamples}$  times to obtain the pdf of  $D$ . To estimate the significance of  $D_s$ , the proportion of all randomized  $D$  values that were greater than or equal to  $D_s$  is calculated (Manly, 1997).

Data vectors described in `arguments` should be aggregated so that each record contains the number of fish in each length class by group, strata, weights, and haul identifier. For example,

group	stratum	weights	tow	length	number
North	10	88	1	10	2
North	10	88	1	12	5
North	10	88	2	11	3
North	11	103	1	10	17

North	11	103	2	14	21
.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.
South	31	43	1	12	34
South	31	43	1	14	3

To correctly calculate the stratified mean number per haul, zero tows must be included in the dataset. To designate records for zero tows, fill the length class and number at length with zeros. The first line in the following table shows the appropriate coding for zero tows:

group	stratum	weights	tow	length	number
North	10	88	1	0	0
North	10	88	2	11	3
North	11	103	1	10	17
North	11	103	2	14	21
.	.	.	.	.	.
.	.	.	.	.	.
South	31	43	1	12	34
South	31	43	1	14	3

### Value

results	list element containing the Ds statistics from the observed data comparisons and significance probabilities.
obs_prop	list element containing the cumulative proportions from each group.
Drandom	list element containing the D statistics from randomization for each comparison.

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

### References

- Manly, B. F. J. 1997. Randomization, Bootstrap and Monte Carlos Methods in Biology. Chapman and Hall, New York, NY, 399 pp.
- Seigel, S. 1956. Nonparametric Statistics for Behavioral Sciences. McGraw-Hill, New York, NY. 312 p.

### See Also

[clus.lf](#)

### Examples

```
data(codstrcluslen)
clus.str.lf(
  group=codstrcluslen$region, strata=codstrcluslen$stratum,
  weights=codstrcluslen$weights, haul=codstrcluslen$tow,
  len=codstrcluslen$length, number=codstrcluslen$number,
```

```
binsize=5,resamples=100)
```

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```
clus.t.test
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*Correcting a Two-Sample Test for Clustering*

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### Description

Calculates Hedges (2007) t-statistic adjustment and degrees of freedom for a t-test assuming unequal variances and clustered data with clusters of unequal size.

### Usage

```
clus.t.test(popchar = NULL, cluster = NULL, group = NULL,
            rho = NULL, alpha = 0.05, alternative = c("two.sided"))
```

### Arguments

popchar	vector of population characteristic measurements (e.g., length, weight, etc.). One row represents the measurement for an individual.
cluster	vector of numeric or character codes identifying individual clusters (or hauls).
group	vector of group membership identifiers.
rho	common intra-cluster correlation for groups.
alpha	alpha level used to calculate t critical value. Default=0.05
alternative	a character string specifying the alternative hypothesis, must be one of "two.sided" (default), "greater" or "less".

### Details

A two-sample t-test with unequal variances (Sokal and Rohlf, 1995) is performed on clustered data. The t-statistic and degrees of freedom are corrected for clustering according to Hedges (2007).

### Value

List with null hypothesis of test and matrix table with mean of each group, rho, ntilda (Equation 14 of Hedges 2007), nu (Equation 15), degrees of freedom (Equation 16), uncorrected t-statistic, cu (Equation 18), the t-statistic adjusted for clustering, critical t value for degrees of freedom and alpha, and probability of significance.

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

### References

Sokal,R.R.and F.J.Rohlf. 1995. Biometry, 3rd Edition. W.H. Freeman and Company, New York, NY. 887 p.

Hedges,L.V. 2007. Correcting a significance test for clustering. Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics. 32: 151-179.

**Examples**

```

data(codcluslen)
temp<-codcluslen[codcluslen$number>0,]
temp$station<-c(paste(temp$region,"-",temp$tow,sep=""))
total<-aggregate(temp$number,list(temp$station),sum)
names(total)<-c("station","total")
temp<-merge(temp,total,by.x="station",by.y="station")
newdata<-data.frame(NULL)
for(i in 1:as.numeric(length(temp[,1]))){
  for(j in 1:temp$number[i]){
    newdata<-rbind(newdata,temp[i,])
  }
}
newdata<-newdata[,-c(5)]
clus.t.test(popchar=newdata$length,cluster=newdata$station,
            group=newdata$region,rho=0.72,
            alpha=0.05,alternative="two.sided")

```

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clus.vb.fit	<i>Fit a Von Bertalanffy growth equation to clustered data via bootstrapping</i>
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**Description**

Fits the von Bertalanffy growth equation to clustered length and age by using nonlinear least-squares and by bootstrapping clusters

**Usage**

```
clus.vb.fit(len = NULL, age = NULL, cluster = NULL, nboot = 1000,
            sumtype = 1, control = list(maxiter=10000, minFactor=1/1024,tol=1e-5))
```

**Arguments**

len	vector of lengths of individual fish
age	vector of ages of individual fish
cluster	haul or cluster membership identifier
nboot	number of bootstrap samples
sumtype	use 1 = mean or 2 = median of bootstrap runs as the parameter and correlation coefficients values. Default is 1.
control	see control under function <i>nls</i> .

**Details**

A standard von Bertalanffy growth curve is fitted to length-at-age data of each *nboot* sample of clusters using nonlinear least-squares (function *nls*). Standard errors are calculated using function *sd* applied to bootstrap parameters.

**Value**

List containing a summary of successful model fits and parameter estimates, standard errors and 95 percent confidence intervals, and the average correlation matrix.

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(pinfish)
with(pinfish,clus.vb.fit(len=s1,age=age,cluster=field_no,nboot=100))

## End(Not run)
```

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codcluslen

*Lengths of Atlantic cod caught during Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries bottom trawl survey, spring 1985.*

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**Description**

The codcluslen data frame has 334 rows and 4 columns.

**Usage**

```
codcluslen
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**region** NorthCape = North of Cape Cod; SouthCape =South of Cape Cod

**tow** Tow number

**length** Length class (total length, cm)

**number** Number in length class

**Source**

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries



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codstrcluslen	<i>Lengths of Atlantic cod caught during Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries stratified random bottom trawl survey, spring 1985.</i>
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**Description**

The codstrcluslen data frame has 334 rows and 6 columns.

**Usage**

```
codstrcluslen
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**region** NorthCape = North of Cape Cod; SouthCape = South of Cape Cod

**stratum** Stratum number

**tow** Tow number

**weights** Stratum area (square nautical-miles)

**length** Length class (total length cm)

**number** Number in length class

**Source**

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930

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combinevar	<i>Combining Mean and Variances from Multiple Samples</i>
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**Description**

This function takes multiple mean and sample variance estimates and combines them.

**Usage**

```
combinevar(xbar = NULL, s_squared = NULL, n = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

xbar                    vector of means

s\_squared              vector of sample variances

n                        vector of number of observations

**Details**

If a Monte Carlo simulation is run over 1000 loops and then again over another 1000 loops, one may wish to update the mean and variance from the first 1000 loops with the second set of simulation results.

**Value**

Vector containing the combined mean and sample variance.

**Author(s)**

John M. Hoenig, Virginia Institute of Marine Science <hoenig@vims.edu>

**Examples**

```
xbar <- c(5,5)
s<-c(2,4)
n <- c(10,10)
combinevar(xbar,s,n)
```

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compare2

*Comparisons of two age readers or two aging methods*

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**Description**

Function compares graphically the readings of two age readers and calculates 2 chi-square statistics for tests of symmetry.

**Usage**

```
compare2(readings, usecols = c(1,2), twosone = TRUE, plot.summary = TRUE,
  barplot = TRUE, chi = TRUE, pool.criterion = 1, cont.cor = TRUE,
  correct = "Yates", first.name = "Reader A", second.name = "Reader B")
```

**Arguments**

readings	dataframe or matrix containing the readings by Reader 1 and those by Reader 2.
usecols	columns of the dataframe or matrix corresponding to the readings of Reader 1 and those of Reader 2. Default=c(1,2).
twosone	logical for whether first type of graph is produced.
plot.summary	logical for whether summary table is put on first graph.
barplot	logical for whether barplot of frequency of disagreements is drawn.
chi	logical for whether 2 chi-square tests are performed.
pool.criterion	used to collapse pairs where the expected number of observations is < pooling criterion (default is 1).

cont.cor	logical for whether a continuity correction should be used in 1st chisquare test.
correct	character for whether "Yates" or "Edwards" continuity correction should be done (if cont.cor=TRUE).
first.name	character string describing the first reader or the first aging method. The default is to specify "Reader A".
second.name	character string describing the second reader or the second aging method. The default is to specify "Reader B".

### Details

This function can plot the number of readings of age  $j$  by reader 2 versus the number of readings of age  $i$  by reader 1 (if `twovsone=TRUE`). Optionally, it will add the number of readings above, on, and below the 45 degree line (if `plot.summary=TRUE`). The function can make a histogram of the differences in readings (if `barplot=TRUE`). Finally, the program can calculate 2 chi-square test statistics for tests of the null hypothesis that the two readers are interchangeable vs the alternative that there are systematic differences between readers (if `chi=TRUE`). The tests are tests of symmetry (Evans and Hoenig, 1998). If `cont.cor=T`, then correction for continuity is applied to the McNemar-like chi-square test statistic; the default is to apply the Yates correction but if `correct="Edwards"` is specified then the correction for continuity is 1.0 instead of 0.5.

### Value

Separate lists with tables of various statistics associated with the method.

### Author(s)

John Hoenig, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, 18 December 2012. <hoenig@vims.edu>

### References

Evans, G.T. and J.M. Hoenig. 1998. Viewing and Testing Symmetry in Contingency Tables, with Application to Fish Ages. *Biometrics* 54:620-629.

### Examples

```
data(sbotos)
compare2(readings=sbotos, usecols=c(1,2), twovsone=TRUE, plot.summary=TRUE,
barplot=FALSE, chi=TRUE, pool.criterion=1, cont.cor=TRUE, correct="Yates",
first.name="Reader A", second.name="Reader B")
```

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`convmort`*Conversion of Mortality Rates*

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**Description**

Convert instantaneous fishing mortality rate (F) to annual exploitation rate ( $\mu$ ) and vice versa for Type I and II fisheries.

**Usage**

```
convmort(value = NULL, fromto = 1, type = 2, M = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>value</code>	mortality rate
<code>fromto</code>	conversion direction: 1=from F to $\mu$ ; 2 = from $\mu$ to F. Default is 1.
<code>type</code>	type of fishery following Ricker (1975): 1=Type I; 2=Type II. Default is 2.
<code>M</code>	natural mortality rate (for Type II fishery)

**Details**

Equations 1.6 and 1.11 of Ricker (1975) are used.

**Value**

A vector of the same length as `value` containing the converted values.

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**References**

Ricker, W. E. 1975. Computation and interpretation of biological statistics of fish populations. Bull. Fish. Res. Board. Can. 191: 382 p.

**Examples**

```
convmort(0.3, fromto=1, type=2, M=0.15)
```

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counts	<i>Run size data for alewife (Alosa pseudoharengus)</i>
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**Description**

The counts data frame has 31 rows and 2 columns. Run size data of alewife (*Alosa pseudoharengus*) in Herring River, MA from 1980-2010

**Usage**

counts

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**year** vector of run year

**number** vector of run counts in number of fish

**Source**

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA

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cowcod	<i>Catch data (metric tons) for cowcod <i>Sebastes levis</i> 1900 to 2008</i>
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**Description**

Cowcod catch data from literature sources in Martell and Froese (2012).

**Usage**

cowcod

**Format**

A data frame with 109 observations on the following 2 variables.

**year** a numeric vector describing the year of catch

**catch** a numeric vector describing the annual catch in metric tons

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cpuekapp	<i>Trawl survey based abundance estimation using data sets with unusually large catches</i>
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### Description

Calculates the mean cpue after replacing unusually large catches with expected values using the method of Kappenman (1999)

### Usage

```
cpuekapp(x = NULL, nlarge = NULL, absdif = 0.001)
```

### Arguments

x	vector of non-zero trawl catch data.
nlarge	the number of values considered unusually large.
absdif	convergence tolerance

### Details

Use function gap to choose the number of unusually large values.

### Value

kappmean	list element containing new arithmetic mean.
expectations	list element containing the original observation(s) and expected order statistic(s).

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### References

Kappenman, R. F. 1999. Trawl survey based abundance estimation using data sets with unusually large catches. ICES Journal of Marine Science. 56: 28-35.

### See Also

[gap](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
## Data from Table 1 in Kappenman (1999)  
data(kappenman)  
cpuekapp(kappenman$cpue,1)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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darter

*Catch Removal Data For Fantail Darter*

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## Description

The darter data frame has 7 rows and 2 columns. Sequence of catch data for the faintail darter from removal experiments by Mahon as reported by White et al.(1982). This dataset is often use to test new depletion estimators because the actual abundance is known (N=1151).

## Usage

darter

## Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

**catch** catch data

**effort** constant effort data

## Source

White, G. C., D. R. Anderson, K. P. Burnham, and D. L. Otis. 1982. *Capture-recapture and Removal Methods for Sampling Closed Populations*. Los Alamos National Laboratory LA-8787-NERP. 235 p.

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dbsra

*Depletion-Based Stock Reduction Analysis*

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## Description

This function estimates MSY from catch following Dick and MAcCall (2011).

**Usage**

```
dbsra(year = NULL, catch = NULL, catchCV = NULL,
      catargs = list(dist = "none", low = 0, up = Inf, unit = "MT"),
      agemat = NULL, maxn=25, k = list(low = 0, up = NULL, tol = 0.01, permax = 1000),
      b1k = list(dist = "unif", low = 0, up = 1, mean = 0, sd = 0),
      btk = list(dist = "unif", low = 0, up = 1, mean = 0, sd = 0, refyr = NULL),
      fmsym = list(dist = "unif", low = 0, up = 1, mean = 0, sd = 0),
      bmsyk = list(dist = "unif", low = 0, up = 1, mean = 0, sd = 0),
      M = list(dist = "unif", low = 0, up = 1, mean = 0, sd = 0), nsims = 10000,
      catchout = 0, grout = 1,
      graphs = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15),
      grargs = list(lwd = 1, cex = 1, nclasses = 20, mains = " ", cex.main = 1,
      cex.axis = 1,
      cex.lab = 1), pstats = list(ol = 1, mlty = 1, mlwd = 1.5, llty = 3, llwd = 1,
      ulty = 3, ulwd = 1),
      grtif = list(zoom = 4, width = 11, height = 13, pointsize = 10))
```

**Arguments**

year	vector containing the time series of numeric year labels.
catch	vector containing the time series of catch data (in weight). Missing values are not allowed.
catchCV	vector containing the time series of coefficients of variation associated with catch if resampling of catch is desired; otherwise, catchCV = NULL.
catargs	list arguments associated with resampling of catch. <code>dist</code> is the specification of the resampling distribution to use ("none" = no resampling, "unif"=uniform, "norm" = normal, and "lnorm" =log-normal). If "lnorm" is selected, catch is log transformed and standard deviation on the log scale is calculated from the specified CVs using the relationship $sdlog = \sqrt{\log(CV^2 + 1)}$ . <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper limit of distribution (if truncation is desired). <code>unit</code> is the weight unit of catch (used in graph labels; default="MT"). If "unif", the catch must be incorporated in <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> arguments. For instance, if the lower limit to sample is the value of catch, specify <code>low=catch</code> . If some maximum above catch will be the upper limit, specify <code>up=50*catch</code> . The limits for each year will be applied to catch internally.
agemat	median age at entry to the reproductive biomass.
maxn	the maximum limit of the Pella-Tomlinson shape parameter that should not be exceeded in the rule for accepting a run.
k	list arguments for estimation of <code>k</code> (carrying capacity). <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of the minimization routine and <code>tol</code> is the tolerance level for minimization. A simple equation $((btk) - (b[refyr]/k))^2$ is used as the objective function. R function <code>optimize</code> is used to find <code>k</code> . <code>btk</code> is described below. <code>permax</code> is the absolute percent difference between the maximum biomass estimate and <code>k</code> that should not be exceeded in the rule for accepting a run (see details).



b1k	list arguments for B1/K, the relative depletive level in the first year. <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample b1k. <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of b1k in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. The following are valid distributions: "none", "unif" - uniform, "norm" - normal, "lnorm" - log-normal, "gamma" - gamma, and "beta" - beta distributions. "unif" requires non-missing values for <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> . "norm", "lnorm", "gamma" and "beta" require non-missing values for <code>low</code> , <code>up</code> , <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> . If "lnorm" is used, <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> must be on the natural log scale (keep <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> on the original scale). If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed constant.
btk	list arguments for Bt/K, the relative depletive level in a specific reference year ( <code>refyr</code> ). <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample btk. <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of btk in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. The following are valid distributions: "none", "unif" - uniform, "norm" - normal, "lnorm" - log-normal, "gamma" - gamma, and "beta" - beta distributions. "unif" requires non-missing values for <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> . "norm", "lnorm", "gamma" and "beta" require non-missing values for <code>low</code> , <code>up</code> , <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> . If "lnorm" is used, <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> must be on the natural log scale (keep <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> on the original scale). If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed constant. <code>refyr</code> is the selected terminal year and can range from the first year to the year after the last year of catch ( <code>t+1</code> ).
fmsym	list arguments for Fmsy/M. <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample Fmsy/M. <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of Fmsy/M in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. Valid distributions are the same as in btk. If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed constant.
bmsyk	list arguments for Bmsy/k. <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample Bmsy/k. <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of Bmsy/k in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. Valid distributions are the same as in btk. If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed constant.
M	list arguments for natural mortality. <code>dist</code> is the statistical distribution name from which to sample M. <code>low</code> and <code>up</code> are the lower and upper bounds of M in the selected distribution. <code>mean</code> and <code>sd</code> are the mean and standard deviation for selected distributions. Valid distributions are the same as in btk. If <code>dist</code> = "none", the mean is used as a fixed constant. M is used to determine exploitation rate (Umsy) at MSY.
nsims	number of Monte Carlos samples.
catchout	if catch is resampled, output the time series from every MC sample to a .csv file. 0 = no (default), 1 = yes.
grout	numeric argument specifying whether graphs should be printed to console only (1) or to both the console and TIF graph files (2). Use <code>setwd</code> before running function to direct .tif files to a specific directory. Each name of each file is automatically determined.
graphs	vector specifying which graphs should be produced. 1 = line plot of observed catch versus year, 2 = histogram of plausible (accepted) k values, 3 = histogram

of plausible Bmsy values, 4 = histogram of plausible MSY values, 5 = histogram of plausible Fmsy values, 6 = histogram of Umsy values, 7 = histogram of plausible Cmsy, 8 = histogram of Bmsy from plausible M, 9 = histogram of plausible Bt/k values, 10 = histogram of plausible Fmsy/M values, 11 = histogram of plausible Bmsy/k values and 12 = histogram of plausible biomasses in termyr, 13 = line plots of accepted and rejected biomass trajectories with median and 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles (in red) and 14 = stacked histograms of accepted and rejected values for each input parameter and resulting estimates and if grout=2, .tif files are saved with "AR" suffix. Any combination of graphs can be selected within c(). Default is all.

grargs	list control arguments for plotting functions. lwd is the line width for graph = 1 and 13, nclasses is the nclass argument for the histogram plots (graphs 2-12,14), mains and cex.main are the titles and character expansion values for the graphs, cex.axis is the character expansion value(s) for the x and y-axis tick labels and cex.lab is the character expansion value(s) for the x and y-axis labels. Single values of nclasses,mains, cex.main,cex.axis, cex.lab are applied to all graphs. To change arguments for specific graphs, enclose arguments within c() in order of the number specified in graphs.
pstats	list control arguments for plotting the median and 2.5 and management quantities on respective graphs. ol = 0, do not overlay values on plots, 1 = overlay values on plots. mlt and mlwd are the line type and line width of the median value; llty and llwd are the line type and line width of the 2.5 ulwd are the line type and line width of the 97.5
grtif	list arguments for the .TIF graph files. See tiff help file in R.

## Details

The method of Dick and MAcCall (2011) is used to produce estimates of MSY where only catch and information on resilience and current relative depletion is known.

The delay-difference model is used to propagate biomass:

$$B[t+1] <- B[t] + P[Bt-a] - C[t]$$

where  $B[t]$  is biomass in year  $t$ ,  $P[Bt-a]$  is latent annual production based on parental biomass  $a$  years earlier and  $C[t]$  is the catch in year  $t$ . Biomass in the first year is assumed equal to  $k$ .

If  $Bmsy/k \geq 0.5$ , then  $P[t]$  is calculated as

$$P[t] <- g * MSY * (B[t-agemat]/k) - g * MSY * (B[t-agemat]/k)^n$$

where  $MSY$  is  $k * Bmsy/k * Umsy$ ,  $n$  is solved iteratively using the equation,  $Bmsy/k = n^{1/(1-n)}$ , and  $g$  is  $(n^{n/(n-1)})/(n-1)$ .  $Fmsy$  is calculated as  $Fmsy = Fmsy/M * M$  and  $Umsy$  is calculated as  $(Fmsy/(Fmsy+M)) * (1 - \exp(-Fmsy-M))$ .

If  $Bmsy/k < 0.5$ ,  $Bjoin$  is calculated based on linear rules: If  $Bmsy/k < 0.3$ ,  $Bjoin = 0.5 * Bmsy/k * k$  If  $Bmsy/k > 0.3$  and  $Bmsy/k < 0.5$ ,  $Bjoin = (0.75 * Bmsy/k - 0.075) * k$

If any  $B[t-a] < Bjoin$ , then the Schaefer model is used to calculate  $P$ :

$$P[Bt-agemat < Bjoin] <- B[t-agemat] * (P(Bjoin)/Bjoin + c(B[t-agemat] - Bjoin))$$

where  $c = (1-n) * g * MSY * Bjoin^{(n-2)} * K^{(-n)}$

Biomass at MSY is calculated as:  $Bmsy = (Bmsy/k) * k$

The overfishing limit (OFL) is  $Umsy * B[termyr]$ .  
 $length(year)+1$  biomass estimates are made for each run.  
 The rule for accepting a run is:  $if(\min(B)>0 \ \&\& \ \max(B)\leq k \ \&\& \ (objective \ function \ minimum \leq tol^2) \ \&\& \ abs(((\max(B)-k)/k)*100)\leq permax \ \&\& \ n\leq maxn)$   
 If using the R Gui (not Rstudio), run  
`graphics.off() windows(width=10, height=12, record=TRUE) .SavedPlots <- NULL`  
 before running the `dbsra` function to recall plots.

### Value

Initial	dataframe containing the descriptive statistics for each explored parameter.
Parameters	dataframe containing the mean, median, 2.5th and 97.5 of the plausible (accepted: $likelihood(l)=1$ ) parameters.
Estimates	dataframe containing the mean, median, 2.5th and 97.5 of the management quantities (i.e., MSY, Bmsy, etc.) from the plausible parameters ( $likelihood=1$ )
Values	dataframe containing the values of likelihood, k, Bt/k, Bmsy/k, M and associated management quantities for all ( $likelihood=0$ and $likelihood=1$ ) random draws.
agemat	agemat for use in function <code>dlproj</code> .
end1yr	value of the last year of catch data + 1 for use in function <code>dlproj</code> .
type	designates the output object as a <code>catchmsy</code> object for use in function <code>dlproj</code> .

The biomass estimates from each simulation are not stored in memory but are automatically saved to a .csv file named "Biotraj-dbsra.csv". Yearly values for each simulation are stored across columns. The first column holds the likelihood values for each simulation (1= accepted, 0 = rejected). The number of rows equals the number of simulations (`nsims`). This file is loaded to plot graph 13 and it must be present in the default or `setwd()` directory.

When `catchout=1`, catch values randomly selected are saved to a .csv file named "Catchtraj-dbsra.csv". Yearly values for each simulation are stored across columns. The first column holds the likelihood values (1= accepted, 0 = rejected). The number of rows equals the number of simulations (`nsims`).

Use `setwd()` before running the function to change the directory where .csv files are stored.

### Note

The random distribution function was adapted from Nadarajah, S and S. Kotz. 2006. R programs for computing truncated distributions. Journal of Statistical Software 16, code snippet 2.

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### References

Dick, E. J. and A. D. MacCall. 2011. Depletion-based stock reduction analysis: a catch-based method for determining sustainable yield for data-poor fish stocks. Fisheries Research 110: 331-341.

**See Also**

[catchmsy dlproj](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(cowcod)
dbsra(year = cowcod$year, catch = cowcod$catch, catchCV = NULL,
      catargs = list(dist="none", low=0, up=Inf, unit="MT"),
      agemat=11, k = list(low=100, up=15000, tol=0.01, permax=1000),
      blk = list(dist="none", low=0.01, up=0.99, mean=1, sd=0.1),
      btk = list(dist="beta", low=0.01, up=0.99, mean=0.4, sd=0.1, refyr=2009),
      fmsym = list(dist="lnorm", low=0.1, up=2, mean=-0.223, sd=0.2),
      bmsyk = list(dist="beta", low=0.05, up=0.95, mean=0.4, sd=0.05),
      M = list(dist="lnorm", low=0.001, up=1, mean=-2.90, sd=0.4),
      nsims = 10000)

## End(Not run)
```

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deltadist

*Delta Distribution Mean and Variance Estimators*


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**Description**

Calculates the mean and variance of a catch series based on the delta distribution described in Pennington (1983).

**Usage**

```
deltadist(x = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x                    vector of catch values, one record for each haul. Include zero and nonzero catches. Missing values are deleted prior to estimation.

**Details**

Data from marine resources surveys usually contain a large proportion of hauls with no catches. Use of the delta-distribution can lead to more efficient estimators of the mean and variance because zeros are treated separately. The methods used here to calculate the delta distribution mean and variance are given in Pennington (1983).

**Value**

vector containing the delta mean and associated variance.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Pennington, M. 1983. Efficient estimators of abundance for fish and plankton surveys. *Biometrics* 39: 281-286.

**Examples**

```
data(catch)
deltadist(catch$value)
```

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 deplet

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*Catch-Effort Depletion Methods For a Closed Population*


---

**Description**

Variable and constant effort models for the estimation of abundance from catch-effort depletion data assuming a closed population.

**Usage**

```
deplet(catch = NULL, effort = NULL, method = c("l", "d", "ml",
  "hosc", "hesc", "hemqle", "wh"), kwh=NULL, nboot = 500, Nstart=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

catch	the vector containing catches for each removal period (in sequential order).
effort	the vector containing effort associated with catch for each removal period. Rows must match those of catch.
method	the depletion method. <i>Variable Effort Models</i> : l= Leslie estimator, d= effort corrected Delury estimator, ml= maximum likelihood estimator of Gould and Pollock (1997), hosc= sampling coverage estimator for homogeneous model of Chao and Chang (1999), hesc= sampling coverage estimator for heterogeneous model of Chao and Chang (1999), and hemqle= maximum quasi likelihood estimator for heterogeneous model of Chao and Chang (1999). <i>Constant Effort Model</i> : wh= the generalized removal method of Otis et al. (1978).
kwh	the number of capture parameters (p) to fit in method wh. NULL for all possible capture parameters.
nboot	the number of bootstrap resamples for estimation of standard errors in the ml, hosc, hesc, and hemqle methods
Nstart	starting value for N in method "wh". If NULL, start value is automatically determined

## Details

The variable effort models include the Leslie-Davis (1) estimator (Leslie and Davis, 1939), the effort-corrected Delury (d) estimator (Delury, 1947; Braaten, 1969), the maximum likelihood (ml) method of Gould and Pollock (1997), sample coverage estimator for the homogeneous model (hosc) of Chao and Chang (1999), sample coverage estimator for the heterogeneous model (hesc) of Chao and Chang (1999), and the maximum quasi-likelihood estimator for the heterogeneous model (hemqle) of Chao and Chang (1999). The variable effort models can be applied to constant effort data by simply filling the effort vector with 1s. Three removals are required to use the Leslie, Delury, and Gould and Pollock methods.

The constant effort model is the generalized removal method of Otis et al. 1978 reviewed in White et al. (1982: 109-114). If only two removals, the two-pass estimator of N in White et al. (1982:105) and the variance estimator of Otis et al. (1978: 108) are used.

Note: Calculation of the standard error using the ml method may take considerable time.

For the Delury method, zero catch values are not allowed because the log-transform is used.

For the generalized removal models, if standard errors appear as NAs but parameter estimates are provided, the inversion of the Hessian failed. If parameter estimates and standard errors appear as NAs, then model fitting failed.

For the Chao and Chang models, if the last catch value is zero, it is deleted from the data. Zero values between positive values are permitted.

## Value

Separate output lists with the method name and extension .out are created for each method and contain tables of various statistics associated with the method.

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## References

- Braaten, D. O. 1969. Robustness of the Delury population estimator. *J. Fish. Res. Board Can.* 26: 339-355.
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- White, G. C., D. R. Anderson, K. P. Burnham, and D. L. Otis. 1982. Capture-recapture and Removal Methods for Sampling Closed Populations. Los Alamos National Laboratory LA-8787-NERP. 235 p.

**Examples**

```
data(darter)
deplet(catch=darter$catch,effort=darter$effort,method="hosc")
hosc.out
```

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dlproj

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*This function performs projections for dbsra and catchmsy objects*


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**Description**

Make biomass projections by using inputted catch and results of dbsra or catchmsy functions

**Usage**

```
dlproj(dlobj = NULL, projyears = NULL, projtype = 1, projcatch = NULL,
grout = 1, grargs = list(lwd = 1, unit = "MT", mains = " ", cex.main = 1,
cex.axis = 1, cex.lab = 1), grtif = list(zoom = 4, width = 11, height = 13,
pointsize = 10))
```

**Arguments**

dlobj	function dbsra or catchmsy output object
projyears	the number of years for projection. The first year will be the last year of catch data plus one in the original dbsra or catchmsy run.
projtype	the type of catch input. 0 = use median MSY from dbsra or catchmsy object, 1 = use mean MSY from dbsra or catchmsy object, 2 = user-inputted catch
projcatch	if projtype = 2, a single catch value used over all projection years or a vector of catch values (length is equal to projyears).
grout	numeric argument specifying whether projection graph should be shown on the console only (grout=1) or shown on the console and exported to a TIF graph file (grout=2). No graph (grout== 0). If plotted, the median (solid line), mean (dashed line), and 2.5th and 97.5 percentiles(dotted lines) are displayed. Use setwd before running function to direct .tif file to a specific directory. The name of .tif file is automatically determined.
grargs	list control arguments for plotting functions. lwd is the line width, unit is the biomass unit for the y-axis label,mains and cex.main are the title and character expansion value for the graph, cex.axis is the character expansion value for the x and y-axis tick labels and cex.lab is the character expansion value(s) for the x and y-axis labels.
grtif	list control arguments for the .TIF graph file. See tiff help file in R.

## Details

The biomass estimate of the last year+1 is used as the starting biomass (year 1 in projections) and leading parameters from each plausible (accepted) run are used to project biomass ahead `projyears` years using either the MSY estimate (median or mean) from all plausible runs or inputted catch values. The biomass estimates are loaded from either the "Biotraj-dbsra.csv" or "Biotroj-cmsy.csv" files that were automatically saved in functions "dbsra" and "catchmsy".

Use `setwd()` before running the function to change the directory where .csv files are stored.

## Value

<code>type</code>	object projection type
<code>ProjBio</code>	dataframe of biomass projections for each plausible run

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## References

Martell, S. and R. Froese. 2012. A simple method for estimating MSY from catch and resilience. *Fish and Fisheries* 14:504-514.

Dick, E. J. and A. D. MacCall. 2011. Depletion-based stock reduction analysis: a catch-based method for determining sustainable yield for data-poor fish stocks. *Fisheries Research* 110: 331-341.

## See Also

[catchmsy](#) [dbsra](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(lingcod)
outs<-catchmsy(year=lingcod$year,
  catch=lingcod$catch,catchCV=NULL,
  catargs=list(dist="none",low=0,up=Inf,unit="MT"),
  l0=list(low=0.8,up=0.8,step=0),
  lt=list(low=0.01,up=0.25,refyr=2002),sigv=0,
  k=list(dist="unif",low=4333,up=433300,mean=0,sd=0),
  r=list(dist="unif",low=0.015,up=0.5,mean=0,sd=0),
  bk=list(dist="unif",low=0.5,up=0.5,mean=0,sd=0),
  M=list(dist="unif",low=0.24,up=0.24,mean=0.00,sd=0.00),
  nsims=30000)
outbio<-dlproj(dlobj = outs, projyears = 20, projtype = 0, grout = 1)

## End(Not run)
```



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epr *Eggs-Per-Recruit Analysis*

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### Description

Eggs-per-recruit(EPR) analysis is conducted following Gabriel et al. (1989) except fecundity-at-age is substituted for weight-at-age. Reference points of F and EPR for percentage of maximum spawning potential are calculated.

### Usage

```
epr(age = NULL, fecund = NULL, partial = NULL, pmat = pmat,
    M = NULL, pF = NULL, pM = NULL, MSP = 40, plus = FALSE,
    oldest = NULL, maxF = 2, incrF = 1e-04)
```

### Arguments

age	vector of cohort ages. If the last age is a plus group, do not add a "+" to the age.
fecund	vector of fecundity (number of eggs per individual) for each age. Length of vector must correspond to the length of the age vector.
partial	partial recruitment vector applied to fishing mortality (F) to obtain partial F-at-age. Length of this vector must match length of the age vector.
pmat	proportion of mature fish at each age. Length of this vector must match the length of the age vector.
M	vector containing a single natural mortality (M) rate if M is assumed constant over all ages, or a vector of Ms, one for each age. If the latter, the vector length must match the length of the age vector.
pF	the proportion of fishing mortality that occurs before spawning.
pM	the proportion of natural mortality that occurs before spawning.
MSP	the percentage of maximum spawning potential (percent MSP reference point) for which F and EPR should be calculated.
plus	a logical value indicating whether the last age is a plus-group. Default is FALSE.
oldest	if plus=TRUE, a numeric value indicating the oldest age in the plus group.
maxF	the maximum value of F range over which EPR will be calculated. EPR is calculated for F = 0 to maxF.
incrF	F increment for EPR calculation.

### Details

Eggs-per-recruit analysis is conducted following Gabriel et al. (1989). The F and EPR for the percentage maximum spawning potential reference point are calculated. If the last age is a plus-group, the cohort is expanded to the oldest age and the fecund, partial, pmat, and M values for the plus age are applied to the expanded cohort ages.

**Value**

Reference\_Points      F and EPR values for the percentage MSP  
 EPR\_vs\_F              Eggs-per-recruit values for each F increment

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**References**

Gabriel, W. L., M. P. Sissenwine, and W. J. Overholtz. 1989. Analysis of spawning stock biomass per recruit: an example for Georges Bank haddock. *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 9: 383-391.

**See Also**

[ypr sbpr](#)

**Examples**

```
data(menhaden)
epr(age=menhaden$age, fecund=menhaden$fecundity, partial=menhaden$partial,
pmat=menhaden$pmat, M=menhaden$M, pF=0, pM=0, MSP=40, plus=TRUE, maxF=4, incrF=0.01, oldest=10)
```

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fm\_checkdesign

*Check parameter structure of Hightower et al. (2001) models*

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**Description**

Check design of parameter structure before use in function fm\_telemetry.

**Usage**

```
fm_checkdesign(occasions = NULL, design = NULL, type = "F" )
```

**Arguments**

occasions      total number of occasions that will be modeled in data  
 design        vector of characters specifying the occasion parameter structure (see details).  
 type          character type of parameter to which design will be applied: F = fishing mortality, M = natural mortality, and P = probability of detection. Default = F.

## Details

The program allows the configuration of different parameter structure for the estimation of fishing and natural mortalities, and detection probabilities. These structures are specified in design. Consider the following examples:

### *Example 1*

Tags are relocated over seven occasions. One model structure might be constant fishing mortality estimates over occasions 1-3 and 4-6. To specify this model structure: design is c("1","4").

Note: The structures of design must always contain the first occasion for fishing mortality and natural mortality, whereas the structure for the probability of detection must not contain the first occasion.

### *Example 2*

Tags are relocated over six occasions. One model structure might be separate fishing mortality estimates for occasion 1-3 and the same parameter estimates for occasions 4-6. The design is c("1:3\*4:6").

Note: The structures of Fdesign and Mdesign must always start with the first occasion, whereas the structure for Pdesign must always start with the second occasion.

Use the multiplication sign to specify occasions whose estimates of F, M or P will be taken from values of other occasions.

### *Example 3*

Specification of model 3 listed in Table 1 of Hightower et al. (2001) is shown. Each occasion represented a quarter of the year. The quarter design for F specifies that quarterly estimates are the same in both years. design is c("1\*14","4\*17","7\*20","11\*24").

### *Example 4*

In Hightower et al. (2001), the quarter and year design specifies that estimates are made for each quarter but are different for each year. design is c("1", "4", "7", "11", "14", "17", "20", "24").

If the number of occasions to be assigned parameters from other occasions are less than the number of original parameters (e.g., c("11:13\*24:25")), then only the beginning sequence of original parameters equal to the number of occasions are used. For instance, in c("11:13\*24:25"), only parameters 11 and 12 would be assigned to occasions 24 and 25.

If the number of occasions to be assigned parameters from other occasions are greater than the number of original parameters (e.g., c("11:12\*24:26")), then the last original parameter is re-cycled. In the example c("11:12\*24:26"), the parameter for occasion 12 is assigned to occasions 25 *and* 26.

## Value

dataframe containing the parameter order by occasion.

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## See Also

[fm\\_telemetry](#)

**Examples**

```
fm_checkdesign(occasions=27, design=c("1*14", "4*17", "7*20", "11*24"), type="F")
```

---

 fm\_model\_avg

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*Model Averaging for the Telemetry Method of Hightower et al. (2001)*


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**Description**

Calculates model averaged estimates of instantaneous fishing, natural and probability of detection for telemetry models of Hightower et al. (2001).

**Usage**

```
fm_model_avg(..., global = NULL, chat = 1)
```

**Arguments**

...	model object names separated by commas
global	specify global model name in quotes. If the global model is the first model included in the list of candidate models, this argument can be ignored.
chat	chat for the global model.

**Details**

Model estimates are generated from function `fm_telemetry`. Averaging of model estimates follows the procedures in Burnham and Anderson (2002). Variances of parameters are adjusted for overdispersion using the  $\hat{c}$  estimate from the global model:  $\sqrt{\text{var} * \hat{c}}$ . If  $\hat{c}$  of the global model is  $< 1$ , then  $\hat{c}$  is set to 1. The  $\hat{c}$  is used to calculate the quasi-likelihood AIC and AICc metrics for each model (see page 69 in Burnham and Anderson(2002)). QAICc differences among models are calculated by subtracting the QAICc of each model from the model with the smallest QAICc value. These differences are used to calculate the Akaike weights for each model following the formula on page 75 of Burnham and Anderson (2002). The Akaike weights are used to calculate the weighted average and standard error of parameter estimates by summing the product of the model-specific Akaike weight and parameter estimate across all models. An unconditional standard error is also calculated by  $\sqrt{\text{sum}(\text{QAICc wgt of model } i * (\text{var of est of model } i + (\text{est of model } i - \text{avg of all est})^2))}$ .

**Value**

List containing model summary statistics, model-averaged estimates of fishing, natural and probability of detections and their weighted and unconditional standard errors .

**Author(s)**

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## References

Burnham, K. P. and D. R. Anderson. 2002. Model selection and multimodel inference : A Practical Information-Theoretic Approach, 2nd edition. Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. 488 p.

## See Also

[fm\\_telemetry](#)

## Examples

```
## This is a typical specification, not a working example
## Not run:
fm_model_avg(model1,model2,model3,model4,model5,model6,model7,global="model7")
## End(Not run)
```

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fm\_telemetry

*Estimation of Fishing and Natural Mortality from Telemetry Data*

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## Description

The method of Hightower et al. (2001) is implemented to estimate fishing mortality, natural mortality and probability of detection from telemetry data.

## Usage

```
fm_telemetry(filetype = c(1), caphistory = NULL, Fdesign = NULL, Mdesign = NULL,
Pdesign = NULL, whichlivecells = NULL,
whichdeadcells = NULL, constant = 1e-14, initial = NULL,
invtol = 1e-44, control = list(reltol=1e-8,maxit=1000000))
```

## Arguments

filetype	type of file to read. 1 = R character vector with individual capture histories (1 history per row), or 2 = an external text file with individual capture histories. If filetype=2, then the capture histories in the file should not be enclosed in quotes and there should not be a column name.
caphistory	File or R object with capture histories. If filetype=2, location and filename of text file enclosed in quotes (e.g., "C:/temp/data.txt").
Fdesign	vector of characters specifying the occasion parameter structure for fishing mortality (F). See details.
Mdesign	vector of characters specifying the occasion parameter structure for natural mortality (M). See details.
Pdesign	vector of characters specifying the occasion parameter structure for the probability of detection (P). See details.

<code>whichlivecells</code>	list containing the structure of occasion live cells to use in each release during the estimation process. Multiple ranges may be specified. For each range, specify the first release, last release, and number of observed occasions (cells) enclosed within <code>c()</code> . For example, to use the first 4 cells of releases 1-5, specify <code>c(1,5,4)</code> . <code>whichlivecells</code> is a list object of all ranges (e.g., <code>whichlivecells=list(c(1,5,4),c(6,26,6))</code> ). Specify <code>whichlivecells=NULL</code> to use all cells. The Hightower et al. (2001) specification is <code>whichlivecells=list(c(1,5,4),c(6,6,5),c(7,26,4))</code> .
<code>whichdeadcells</code>	list containing the structure of occasion dead cells to used in each release during the estimation process. Same as <code>whichlivecells</code> . The Hightower et al. (2001) specification is <code>whichdeadcells=list(c(1,5,4),c(6,6,6),c(7,26,4))</code>
<code>constant</code>	A small number to use in the multinomial log-likelihood ( $\text{Obs} * \log(\max(\text{constant}, \text{Expected Prob}))$ ) to avoid errors if any probability is 0. If the number is too large, it may affect the minimization of the likelihood. Default is $1e-14$ .
<code>initial</code>	vector of starting values for fishing and natural mortality, and the probability of detection. First position is the starting value for all Fs, the second position is the starting value for all Ms, and the third position is the starting value for all Ps (e.g., <code>c(0.1,0.2,0.8)</code> ).
<code>invtol</code>	the tolerance for detecting linear dependencies in the columns of a <code>in solve</code> (the function used to invert the hessian matrix). Adjust this value if errors about tolerance limits arise.
<code>control</code>	A list of control parameters for <code>optim</code> . See function <code>optim</code> for details.

## Details

The telemetry method of Hightower et al. (2001) is implemented. Individual capture histories are used in the function. The function uses complete capture histories (Burnham et al., 1987) and it is the presence of specific codes in the individual capture histories that split the capture histories into live and dead arrays. F and M estimates are needed for occasions 1 to the total number of occasions minus 1 and P estimates are needed for occasions 2 to the total number of occasions.

Capture histories are coded following Burnham et al. (1987)(i.e., 0 = not relocated, and 1 = relocated) with the following exceptions:

All live relocations are coded with 1. If a fish is relocated and is dead, then D is used. For example,

101011 - fish released on occasion 1 is relocated alive on occasions 3,5 and 6

10111D - fish released on occasion 1 is relocated alive on occasions 3,4,and 5 but is relocated dead on occasion 6.

New releases are allowed to occur on multiple occasions. The capture history of newly-released individuals should be coded with a zero (0) for the occasions before their release.

100110 - fish released on occasion 1 is relocated live on occasion 4 and 5

101000 - fish released on occasion 1 is relocated live on occasion 3

010111 - fish released on occasion 2 is relocated live on occasion 4, 5 and 6

011000 - fish released on occasion 2 is relocated live on occasion 3

001101 - fish released on occasion 3 is relocated live on occasion 4 and 6

00100D - fish released on occasion 3 is relocated dead on occasion 6.

To censor fish from the analyses, specify E after the last live encounter. For example,

10111E000 - fish released on occasion 1 is relocated alive on occasions 3,4,and 5 but is believed to have emigrated from the area by occasion 6. The capture history before the E will be used, but the fish is not included in the virtual release in occasion 6.

All life histories are summarized to reduced m-arrays (Burnham et al. (1987: page 47, Table 1.15).

The function `optim` is used to find F, M and P parameters that minimize the negative log-likelihood. Only cells specified in `whichlivecells` and `whichdeadcells` are used in parameter estimation.

The logit transformation is used in the estimation process to constrain values between 0 and 1. Logit-scale estimated parameters are used to calculate  $Sf=1/(1+\exp(-B))$ ,  $Sm=1/(1+\exp(-C))$  and  $P=1/(1+\exp(-D))$ . F and M are obtained by  $-\log(Sf)$  and  $-\log(Sm)$ .

The standard error of Sfs, Sm, P, F and M are obtained by the delta method:

$$SE(Sf)=\sqrt{(\text{var}(B)*\exp(2*B))/(1+\exp(B))^4},$$

$$SE(Sm)=\sqrt{(\text{var}(C)*\exp(2*C))/(1+\exp(C))^4},$$

$$SE(P)=\sqrt{(\text{var}(D)*\exp(2*D))/(1+\exp(D))^4},$$

$$SE(F)=\sqrt{SE(Sf)^2/Sf^2},$$

$$SE(M)=\sqrt{SE(Sm)^2/Sm^2}.$$

All summary statistics follow Burnham and Anderson (2002). Model degrees of freedom are calculated as  $n_{live}+n_{dead}+n_{never}-n_{releases}-1-n_{par}$  where  $n_{live}$  is the number of `whichlivecells` cells,  $n_{dead}$  is the number of `whichdeadcells` cells,  $n_{never}$  is the number of never-seen cells,  $n_{releases}$  is the number of releases and  $n_{par}$  is the number of estimated parameters. Total chi-square is calculated by summing the cell chi-square values.

The program allows the configuration of different model structures (biological realistic models) for the estimation of fishing and natural mortalities, and detection probabilities. These structures are specified in `Fdesign`, `Mdesign` and `Pdesign`. Consider the following examples:

#### Example 1

Tags are relocated over seven occasions. One model structure might be constant fishing mortality estimates over occasions 1-3 and 4-6, one constant estimate of natural mortality for the entire sampling period, and one estimate of probability of detection for each occasion. To specify this model structure: `Fdesign` is `c("1","4")`, `Mdesign` is `c("1")` and the `Pdesign` is `c("2:2")`.

Note: The structures of `Fdesign` and `Mdesign` must always start with the first occasion, whereas the structure for `Pdesign` must always start with the second occasion.

Use the multiplication sign to specify occasions whose estimates of F, M or P will be taken from values of other occasions.

#### Example 2

Tags are relocated over six occasions. One model structure might be separate fishing mortality estimates for occasions 1-3 but assign the same parameter estimates to occasions 4-6, one constant estimate of natural mortality for occasions 1-5 and 6, and one constant probability of detection over all occasions. The `Fdesign` is `c("1:3*4:6")`, the `Mdesign` is `c("1","6")` and the `Pdesign` is `c("2")`.

#### Example 3

Specification of model 18 listed in Table 1 of Hightower et al. (2001) is shown. Each occasion represented a quarter of the year. The quarter-year design for F, M and P specifies that quarterly estimates are made in each year. `Fdesign` is `c("1","4","7","11","14","17","20","24")`. `Mdesign` is

c("1","4","7","11","14","17","20","24") and the Pdesign is c("2","4","7","11","14","17", "20", "24").

If the number of occasions to be assigned parameters from other occasions are less than the number of original parameters (e.g., c("11:13\*24:25")), then only the beginning sequence of original parameters equal to the number of occasions are used. For instance, in c("11:13\*24:25"), only parameters 11 and 12 would be assigned to occasions 24 and 25.

If the number of occasions to be assigned parameters from other occasions are greater than the number of original parameters (e.g., c("11:12\*24:26")), then the last original parameter is re-cycled. In the example c("11:12\*24:26"), the parameter for occasion 12 is assigned to occasions 25 *and* 26.

To assist with the parameter structures, function fm\_checkdesign may be used to check the desired design before use in this function.

If values of standard error are NA in the output, the hessian matrix used to calculate the variance-covariance matrix could not be inverted. If this occurs, try adjusting the reltol argument (for more information, see function optim).

In this function, the never-seen expected number is calculated by summing the live and dead probabilities, subtracting the number from 1, and then multiplying it by the number of releases. No rounding occurs in this function.

The multinomial likelihood includes the binomial coefficient.

Model averaging of model can be accomplished using the function fm\_model\_avg.

Note: In Hightower et al.'s original analysis, the cell probability code in SURVIV for the dead relocation in release occasion 6 had an error. The corrected analysis changed the estimates for occasions 11-13 compared to the original published values.

## Value

List containing summary statistics for the model fit, model convergence status, parameter estimates estimates of fishing mortality, natural mortality, and probabilities of detection and standard errors by occasion, the parameter structure (Fdesign, Mdesign and Pdesign), the m-arrays, the expected (predicted) number of live and dead relocations, cell chi-square and Pearson values for live and dead relocations, matrices with the probability of being relocated alive and dead by occasion, the whichlivecells and whichdeadcells structures, and configuration label (type) used in the fm\_model\_avg function.

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- Hightower, J. E., J. R. Jackson, and K. H. Pollock. 2001. Use of telemetry methods to estimate natural and fishing mortality of striped bass in Lake Gaston, North Carolina. Transactions of the American Fisheries Society 130: 557-567.



**See Also**

fm\_model\_avg, fm\_checkdesign

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Set up for Full model of Hightower et al.(2001)
data(Hightower)
fm_telemetry(filetype=1, caphistory=Hightower$caphistory, Fdesign=c("1:26"),
  Mdesign=c("1:26"), Pdesign = c("2:25"),
  whichlivecells=list(c(1,5,4), c(6,6,5),
    c(7,26,4)),
  whichdeadcells=list(c(1,5,4), c(6,6,6),
    c(7,26,4)),
  initial=c(0.05,0.02,0.8),
  control=list(reltol=1e-5,maxit=1000000))

#Set up for best model F(Qtr,yr), M constant, Pocc
fm_telemetry(filetype=1, caphistory=Hightower$caphistory, Fdesign=c("1", "4", "7", "11",
  "14", "17", "20", "24"),
  Mdesign=c("1"), Pdesign = c("2:27"),
  whichlivecells=list(c(1,5,4), c(6,6,5),
    c(7,26,4)),
  whichdeadcells=list(c(1,5,4), c(6,6,6),
    c(7,26,4)),
  initial=c(0.05,0.02,0.8),
  control=list(reltol=1e-8,maxit=1000000))

## End(Not run)
```

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fpc

*Fishing Power Correction Factor from Experimental Fishing*

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**Description**

Calculates fishing power correction ratios between two vessels or gears

**Usage**

```
fpc(cpue1 = NULL, cpue2 = NULL, method = c(1,2,3,4), deletezerosets = FALSE,
kapp_zeros = "paired", boot_type = "paired", nboot = 1000, dint = c(1e-9,5),
rint = c(1e-9, 20), decimals = 2, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

cpue1                    vector of CPUEs from vessel or gear considered the standard or baseline  
cpue2                    vector of CPUEs from other vessel or gear

method	method(s) to use to estimate fishing power correction. 1 = Ratio of Means, 2 = Randomized Block ANOVA, 3 = Multiplicative Model, 4 = Kappenman 1992. Default = c(1,2,3,4)
deletezerosets	if TRUE, paired observations with any CPUE=0 are eliminated prior to estimation. Default = FALSE.
kapp_zeros	for method = 4, how CPUE=0 is eliminated. "paired" eliminates the row of paired CPUE observations if CPUE = 0 is present for any observation within the pair, "ind" eliminates CPUE = 0 from the individual CPUE vectors.
boot_type	the method for bootstrapping data. "paired" = resample paired CPUE observations, "unpaired" = resample individual CPUE vectors
nboot	the number of bootstrap replicates. Default = 1000.
dint	the lower and upper limits of the function interval searched by function uniroot to solve Kappenman's <i>d</i> .
rint	the lower and upper limits of the function interval searched by function optimize to solve Kappenman's <i>r</i> .
decimals	the number of decimal places for output of estimates.
alpha	the alpha level used to calculate confidence intervals.

### Details

The four methods for estimating fishing power correction factors given in Wilderbuer et al. (1998) are encoded.

If paired CPUE observations are both zero, the row is automatically eliminated. If deletezerosets = TRUE, the paired CPUE observations with any CPUE = 0 will be eliminated.

Zeros are allowed in methods 1, 2 and 3.

For the Kappenman method (method=4), only non-zero CPUEs are allowed. Use kapp\_zeros to select the elimination method. An unequal number of observations between vessels is allowed in this method and can result using kapp\_zeros = "ind". FPC is derived by using the methodology where *r* that minimizes the sum of squares under the first conjecture relative to the second is estimated (Kappenman 1992: 2989; von Szalay and Brown 2001).

Standard errors and confidence intervals of FPC estimates are derived for most methods by using an approximation formula (where applicable), jackknifing and/or bootstrapping. Specify the type of bootstrapping through boot\_type. For methods 1-3, jackknife estimates are provided only when boot\_type="paired". If method = 4, jackknife estimates are provided only when boot\_type="paired" and kapp\_zeros="paired".

Confidence intervals are provided for the approximation formulae specified in Wilderbuer et al (1998), the jackknife estimates and bootstrap estimates. Confidence intervals for the jackknife method are calculated using the standard formula (estimate+/-z[alpha/2]\*jackknife standard error). Bootstrap confidence intervals are derived using the percentile method (Haddon 2001).

### Value

A dataframe containing method name, sample size for cpue1 (n1) and cpue2 (n2), mean cpue1, mean cpue2, fishing power correction (FPC), standard error from approximation formulae (U\_SE), standard error from jackknifing (Jack\_SE), standard error from bootstrapping (Boot\_SE), lower

and upper confidence intervals from approximation formulae (U\_X%\_LCI and U\_X%\_UCI), lower and upper confidence intervals from jackknifing (Jack\_X%\_LCI and Jack\_X%\_UCI) and lower and upper confidence intervals from bootstrapping (Boot\_X%\_LCI and Boot\_X%\_UCI).

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Wilderbuer, T. K., R. F. Kappenman and D. R. Gunderson. 1998. Analysis of fishing power correction factor estimates from a trawl comparison experiment. North American Journal of Fisheries Management 18:11-18.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
##FPC for flathead sole from von Szalay and Brown 2001
data(sole)
fpc(cpue1=sole$nmfs, cpue2=sole$adfg, boot_type="unpaired", kapp_zeros="ind", method=c(4),
    alpha=0.05)
## End(Not run)
```

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gap

*Tukey's Gapping*

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### Description

This function finds unusual spaces or gaps in a vector of random samples

### Usage

```
gap(x = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x                      vector of values

**Details**

Values ( $x$ ) are sorted from smallest to largest. Then  $Z$  values are calculated as follows:  $Z_{n-i+1} = [i * (n-i) (X_{n-i+1} - X_{n-i})]^{0.5}$

where  $n$  is the sample size

for  $i = 2, \dots, n$  calculate the 25 percent trimmed mean and divide into  $Z$ . This standardizes the distribution of the weighted gaps around a middle value of one. Suspiciously large observations should correspond to large standardized weighted gaps.

**Value**

vector of standardized weighted gaps

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**References**

Tukey, J. W. 1971. Exploratory data analysis. Addison-Wesley, Reading, MA. 431 pp.

**Examples**

```
y<-c(rnorm(10,10,2),1000)
gap(y)
```

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Gerking

*Mark-Recapture Data for Sunfish in an Indiana Lake*

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**Description**

The Gerking data frame has 14 rows and 3 columns. Marked and released sunfish in an Indiana lake for 14 days by Gerking (1953) as reported by Krebs (1989, Table 2.1).

**Usage**

Gerking

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**C** column of number of captures (column names is unnecessary).

**R** column of number of recaptures (column name is unnecessary).

**nM** column of number of newly marked animal (column name is unnecessary).

**Source**

Krebs, C. J. 1989. *Ecological Methodologies*. Harper and Row, New York, NY. 654 p.

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goosefish	<i>Mean Length and Numbers of Lengths for Northern Goosefish, 1963-2002</i>
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**Description**

The goosefish data frame has 40 rows and 3 columns. The mean lengths (mlen) by year and number (ss) of observations for length  $\geq$  smallest length at first capture (Lc) for northern goosefish used in Gedamke and Hoenig (2006)

**Usage**

```
goosefish
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**year** year code

**mlen** mean length of goosefish, total length (cm)

**ss** number of samples used to calculate mean length

**Source**

Gedamke, T. and J. M. Hoenig. 2006. Estimating mortality from mean length data in nonequilibrium situations, with application to the assessment of goosefish. *Trans. Am. Fish. Soc.* 135:476-487

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grotag	<i>Maximum likelihood estimation of growth and growth variability from tagging data - Francis (1988)</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates parameters of Francis (1988)'s growth model using tagging data. The data are fitted using a constrained maximum likelihood optimization performed by optim using the "L-BFGS-B" method.

**Usage**

```
grotag(L1 = NULL, L2 = NULL, T1 = NULL, T2 = NULL, alpha = NULL, beta = NULL,
  design = list(nu = 0, m = 0, p = 0, sea = 0),
  stvalue = list(sigma = 0.9, nu = 0.4, m = -1, p = 0.1, u = 0.4, w = 0.4),
  upper = list(sigma = 5, nu = 1, m = 2, p = 1, u = 1, w = 1),
  lower = list(sigma = 0, nu = 0, m = -2, p = 0, u = 0, w = 0), gestimate = TRUE,
  st.ga = NULL, st.gb = NULL, st.galow = NULL, st.gaup = NULL, st.gblow = NULL,
  st.gbup = NULL, control = list(maxit = 10000))
```

**Arguments**

L1	Vector of length at release of tagged fish
L2	Vector of length at recovery of tagged fish
T1	Vector of julian time at release of tagged fish
T2	Vector of julian time at recovery of tagged fish
alpha	Numeric value giving an arbitrary length alpha
beta	Numeric value giving an arbitrary length beta (beta > alpha)
design	List specifying the design of the model to estimate. Use 1 to designate whether a parameter(s) should be estimated. Type of parameters are: nu=growth variability (1 parameter), m=bias parameter of measurement error (1 parameter), p=outlier probability (1 parameter), and sea=seasonal variation (2 parameters: u and w). Model 1 of Francis is the default settings of 0 for nu, m, p and sea.
stvalue	Starting values of sigma (s) and depending on the design argument, nu, m, p, u, and w used as input in the nonlinear estimation (function <i>optim</i> ) routine.
upper	Upper limit of the model parameters' (nu, m, p, u, and w) region to be investigated.
lower	Lower limit of the model parameters' (nu, m, p, u, and w) region to be investigated.
gestimate	Logical specifying whether starting values of ga and gb (growth increments of alpha and beta) should be estimated automatically. Default = TRUE.
st.ga	If gestimate=FALSE, user-specified starting value for ga.
st.gb	If gestimate=FALSE, user-specified starting value for gb.
st.galow	If gestimate=FALSE, user-specified lower limit for st.ga used in optimization.
st.gaup	If gestimate=FALSE, user-specified upper limit for st.ga used in optimization.
st.gblow	If gestimate=FALSE, user-specified lower limit for st.gb used in optimization.
st.gbup	If gestimate=FALSE, user-specified upper limit for st.gb used in optimization.
control	Additional controls passed to the optimization function <i>optim</i> .

**Details**

The methods of Francis (1988) are used on tagging data to the estimate of growth and growth variability. The estimation of all models discussed is allowed. The growth variability defined by equation 5 in the reference is used throughout.

**Value**

table	list element containing the model output similar to Table 3 of Francis (1988). The Akaike's Information Criterion (AIC) is also added to the output.
VBparms	list element containing the conventional paramaters of the von Bertalanffy model (Linf and K).
correlation	list element containing the parameter correlation matrix.
predicted	list element containing the predicted values from the model.
residuals	list element containing the residuals of the model fit.

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**References**

Francis, R.I.C.C., 1988. Maximum likelihood estimation of growth and growth variability from tagging data. *New Zealand Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research*, 22, p.42-51.

**See Also**

[grotagplus](#)

**Examples**

```
data(bonito)

#Model 4 of Francis (1988)
with(bonito,
  grotag(L1=L1, L2=L2, T1=T1, T2=T2,alpha=35,beta=55,
  design=list(nu=1,m=1,p=1,sea=1),
  stvalue=list(sigma=0.9,nu=0.4,m=-1,p=0.2,u=0.4,w=0.4),
  upper=list(sigma=5,nu=1,m=2,p=0.5,u=1,w=1),
  lower=list(sigma=0,nu=0,m=-2,p=0.0,u=0,w=0),control=list(maxit=1e4))
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grotagplus	<i>Flexible maximum likelihood estimation of growth from multiple tagging datasets.</i>
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**Description**

This is an extension of fishmethods function grotag to allow a wider variety of growth models and also the simultaneous analysis of multiple tagging datasets with parameter sharing between datasets (see Details).

As in grotag, the data are fitted using a constrained maximum likelihood optimization performed by optim using the "L-BFGS-B" method. Estimated parameters can include galpha, gbeta (mean annual growth at reference lengths alpha and beta); b (a curvature parameter for the Schnute models); Lstar (a transitional length for the asymptotic model); m, s (mean and s.d. of the measurement error for length increment); nu, t (growth variability); p (outlier probability); u, w (magnitude and phase of seasonal growth).

**Usage**

```
grotagplus(tagdata, dataID=NULL,alpha, beta = NULL,
  model=list(mean="Francis",var="linear",seas="sinusoid"),
  design, stvalue, upper, lower,fixvalue=NULL,
  traj.Linit=c(alpha,beta),control = list(maxit = 10000), debug = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

tagdata	Dataframe with components L1, L2 (lengths at release and recovery of tagged fish), T1, T2 (julian times (y) at release and recovery), and (optionally), a numeric or character vector (named by argument dataID) identifying which dataset each data record belongs to (with n datasets this must include n unique values). Other components are ignored, as are any records with missing values in the required components.
dataID	Name of optional component of tagdata identifying separate datasets within tagdata. The default dataID=NULL means there is no such component (so there is only one dataset).
alpha	Numeric value giving an arbitrary length alpha.
beta	Numeric value giving an arbitrary length beta (must have beta > alpha).
model	List with components mean, var, seas, specifying which model equations to use for the mean (or expected) growth, individual variability in growth, and seasonal variation in growth (see Details for valid values). The default is that of model 4 in Francis (1988).
design	List specifying the design of the estimation: which parameters are estimated, and whether multiple values are estimated. There should be one component for each parameter of the model specified by model. Each component must be either 0 (not estimated), 1 (same parameter value estimated for all data), or, when there are multiple datasets, a list in which each component is a sub-vector of unique(tagdata[[dataID]]) and all members of unique(tagdata[[dataID]]) occur in one and only one component of the list (e.g., galpha=list("Area2",c("Area1", "Area3")) means that two values of galpha are to be estimated: one applying to the dataset Area2, and the other to datasets Area1 and Area3).
stvalue	List containing starting values of estimated parameters, used as input in the non-linear estimation (function <i>optim</i> ) routine. There should be one component for each estimated parameter (except, optionally, galpha and gbeta). Each component should be either a single number or a vector whose length is the number of separate values of that parameter (as specified in design). In the latter case, the order of the parameter values should correspond to that in design (e.g., if design\$galpha is as above and stvalue\$galpha=c(10,15) then 10 will apply to Area2 and 15 to Area1 & Area3). If galpha or gbeta are omitted from stvalue then their starting values are calculated from the data.
lower	Lists containing lower limits for each parameter, with structure as for stvalue. galpha and/or gbeta may be omitted if they don't appear in stvalue.
upper	Lists containing upper limits for each parameter, with structure as for stvalue. galpha and/or gbeta may be omitted if they don't appear in stvalue.
fixvalue	Optional list containing fixed values for parameters that are needed (according to model) but are not being estimated (according to design) and do not have default values (the only default parameter values are nu = 0, m = 0, p = 0). The list should have one named component for each fixed parameter. Usually, each component will be a single number. See example below for the required format when a fixed parameter takes different values for different datasets.
traj.Linit	Vector of initial length(s) for output growth trajectories. Default is c(alpha,beta).



control	Additional controls passed to the optimization function <i>optim</i> .
debug	output debugging information.

### Details

Valid values of `model$mean` are "Francis" as in Francis (1988). "Schnute" as in Francis (1995). "Schnute.aeq0" special case of Schnute - see equns (5.3), (5.4) of Francis (1995). "asymptotic" as in Cranfield et al. (1996).

Valid values of `model$var` are "linear" as used in the example in Francis(1988) - see equn (5). "capped" as in equn (6) of Francis(1988). "exponential" as in equn (7) of Francis(1988).

"asymptotic" as in equn (8) of Francis(1988). "least-squares" ignore individual variability and fit data by least-squares, as in Model 1 of Francis(1988).

Valid values of `model$seas` are "sinusoid" as in model 4 of Francis(1988). "switched" as in Francis & Winstanley (1989). "none" as in all but model 4 of Francis(1988).

The option of multiple data sets with parameter sharing is intended to allow for the situation where we wish to estimate different mean growth for two or more datasets but can reasonably assume that other parameters (e.g., for growth variability, measurement error, outlier contamination) are the same for all datasets. This should produce stronger estimates of these other parameters. For example, Francis & Francis (1992) allow growth to differ by sex, and in Francis & Winstanley (1989) it differs by stock and/or habitat.

`grotagplus` may fail if parameter starting values are too distant from their true value, or if parameter bounds are too wide. Try changing these values. Sometimes reasonable starting values can be found by fitting the model with other parameters fixed at plausible values.

### Value

<code>parest</code>	Parameter estimates and their s.e.s.
<code>parfix</code>	Parameter values, if any, fixed by user.
<code>correlations</code>	Correlations between parameter estimates. When there are multiple estimates of a parameter these are numbered by their ordering in argument design, so in example given above <code>galpha1</code> would apply to Area1, and <code>galpha2</code> to Area2 and Area3.
<code>stats</code>	Negative log-likelihood and AIC statistic.
<code>model</code>	The three components of the <code>grotagplus</code> argument model.
<code>datasetnames</code>	The dataset names, if there are multiple datasets.
<code>pred</code>	Dataframe of various predicted quantities need for residual plots - one row per data record.
<code>Linf.k</code>	Values of parameters <code>Linf</code> and <code>k</code> as calculated between equations (1) and (2) of Francis (1988) (but not possible for the Schnute model). These are provided for computational convenience only; they are not comparable with <code>Linf</code> and <code>k</code> estimated from age-length data. Comparisons of growth estimates from tagging and age-length data are better done using output <code>meananngrowth</code> .
<code>meananngrowth</code>	Data for plot of mean annual growth vs length, as in Fig. 8 of Francis and Francis (1992).
<code>traj</code>	Data for plots of growth trajectories like Fig. 2 of Francis (1988).

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**References**

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**See Also**

[plot.grotagplus](#) [print.grotagplus](#)

**Examples**

```
#Model 4 of Francis (1988)
data(bonito)
grotagplus(bonito,alpha=35,beta=55,
           design=list(galpha=1,gbeta=1,s=1,nu=1,m=1,p=1,u=1,w=1),
           stvalue=list(s=0.81,nu=0.3,m=0,p=0.01,u=0.5,w=0.5),
           upper=list(s=3,nu=1,m=2,p=0.1,u=1,w=1),
           lower=list(s=0.1,nu=0.1,m=-2,p=0,u=0,w=0))

#Model 1 of Francis (1988), using least-squares fit
grotagplus(bonito,alpha=35,beta=55,
           model=list(mean="Francis",var="least-squares",seas="none"),
           design=list(galpha=1,gbeta=1,s=1,p=0),
           stvalue=list(s=1.8),upper=list(s=3),lower=list(s=1))

#Paphies donacina model in Table 4 of Cranfield et al (1996) with
#asymptotic model
data(P.donacina)
grotagplus(P.donacina,alpha=50,beta=80,
           model=list(mean="asymptotic",var="linear",seas="none"),
           design=list(galpha=1,gbeta=1,Lstar=0,s=1,nu=0,m=0,p=0),
           stvalue=list(galpha=10,gbeta=1.5,s=2),
           upper=list(galpha=15,gbeta=2.7,s=4),
           lower=list(galpha=7,gbeta=0.2,s=0.5),
           fixvalue=list(Lstar=80))
```

```

#Paphies donacina model in Table 4 of Cranfield et al (1996) with
#asymptotic model
data(P.donacina)
grotagplus(P.donacina,alpha=50,beta=80,
           model=list(mean="asymptotic",var="linear",seas="none"),
           design=list(galpha=1,gbeta=1,Lstar=0,s=1,nu=0,m=0,p=0),
           stvalue=list(galpha=10,gbeta=1.5,s=2),
           upper=list(galpha=15,gbeta=2.7,s=4),
           lower=list(galpha=7,gbeta=0.2,s=0.5),
           fixvalue=list(Lstar=80))

# Model 4 fit from Francis and Francis (1992) with different growth by sex
data(rig)
grotagplus(rig,dataID="Sex",alpha=70,beta=100,
           model=list(mean="Francis",var="linear",seas="none"),
           design=list(galpha=list("F","M"),gbeta=list("F","M"),s=1,nu=1,m=0,p=0),
           stvalue=list(galpha=c(5,4),gbeta=c(3,2),s=2,nu=0.5),
           upper=list(galpha=c(8,6),gbeta=c(5,4),s=4,nu=1),
           lower=list(galpha=c(3,2),gbeta=c(1.5,1),s=0.5,nu=0.2))

#Example where all parameters are fixed
# to the values estimated values for model 4 of Francis and Francis (1992)]
grotagplus(rig,dataID="Sex",alpha=70,beta=100,
           model=list(mean="Francis",var="linear",seas="none"),
           design=list(galpha=0,gbeta=0,s=0,nu=0,m=0,p=0),
           stvalue=list(),upper=list(),lower=list(),
           fixvalue=list(galpha=list(design=list("F","M"),value=c(5.87,3.67)),
                        gbeta=list(design=list("F","M"),value=c(2.52,1.73)),s=1.57,nu=0.58))

```

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growhamp

*von Bertalanffy Growth Models for Tagging Data Incorporating Individual Variation*

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## Description

Function fits growth models of Hampton (1991) to length and time-at-large data from tagging studies

## Usage

```

growhamp(L1 = NULL, L2 = NULL, TAL = NULL,
         models = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7),
         method = c("Nelder-Mead", "Nelder-Mead", "Nelder-Mead",
                    "Nelder-Mead", "Nelder-Mead", "Nelder-Mead", "Nelder-Mead"),
         varcov = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE),
         Linf = list(startLinf = NULL, lowerLinf = NULL, upperLinf = NULL),
         K = list(startK = NULL, lowerK = NULL, upperK = NULL),
         sigma2_error = list(startsigma2 = NULL, lowersigma2 = NULL, uppersigma2 = NULL),

```

```
sigma2_Linf = list(startsigma2 = NULL, lowersigma2 = NULL, uppersigma2 = NULL),
sigma2_K = list(startsigma2 = NULL, lowersigma2 = NULL, uppersigma2 = NULL),
mu_measure = 0, sigma2_measure = 0,
control = list(maxit = 1000))
```

## Arguments

L1	Vector of release lengths. Each row presents the length of an individual.
L2	Vector of recapture lengths.
TAL	vector of associated time-at-large data. Calculated as the recapture date minus release date.
models	The models to fit. 1 = Faber model, 2 = Kirkwood and Somers model, 3 = Kirkwood and Somers model with model error, 4 = Kirkwood and Somers model with model and release-length-measurement error, 5 = Sainsbury model, 6 = Sainsbury model with model error, and 7 = Sainsbury model with model and release-length-measurement error. Default is all: c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7).
method	Character vector of optimization methods used in <code>optim</code> to solve parameters for each model. A different method can be selected for each model. Choices are "Nelder-Mead", "BFGS", "CG", "L-BFGS-B" and "SANN". See help for <code>optim</code> . Default is "Nelder-Mead". If there are fewer values specified in <code>method</code> than the number specified in <code>models</code> , a warning message is produced and the last value in the <code>method</code> vector is used for the remaining models.
varcov	Logical vector specifying whether the parameter variance-covariance matrix of each model should be outputted. A different logical can be specified for each model. If there are fewer values specified in <code>varcov</code> than the number specified in <code>models</code> , a warning message is produced and the last value in the <code>varcov</code> vector is used for the remaining models.
Linf	A list of starting ( <code>startLinf</code> ), lower bound ( <code>lowerLinf</code> ) and upper bound ( <code>upperLinf</code> ) of Linfinity of the von Bertalanffy equation used in the optimization. The lower and upper bounds are used only with method "L-BFGS-B".
K	A list of starting ( <code>startK</code> ), lower bound ( <code>lowerK</code> ) and upper bound ( <code>upperK</code> ) of K (growth coefficient) of the von Bertalanffy equation used in the optimization. The lower and upper bounds are used only with method "L-BFGS-B".
sigma2_error	A list of starting ( <code>startsigma2</code> ), lower bound ( <code>lowersigma2</code> ) and upper bound ( <code>uppersigma2</code> ) of the error variance used in the optimization. The lower and upper bounds are used only with method "L-BFGS-B". This parameter is used in models 1,3,4,6 and 7.
sigma2_Linf	A list of starting ( <code>startsigma2</code> ), lower bound ( <code>lowersigma2</code> ) and upper bound ( <code>uppersigma2</code> ) of the Linfinity variance used in the optimization. The lower and upper bounds are used only with method "L-BFGS-B". This parameter is used in models 2,3,4,5,6, and 7.
sigma2_K	A list of starting ( <code>startsigma2</code> ), lower bound ( <code>lowersigma2</code> ) and upper bound ( <code>uppersigma2</code> ) of the K (growth coefficient) variance used in the optimization. The lower and upper bounds are used only with method "L-BFGS-B". This parameter is used in models 5,6, and 7.

mu_measure	Release measurement error. This parameter is used in models 4 and 7. Default=0.
sigma2_measure	Variance of release measurement error. This parameter is used in models 4 and 7. Default=0.
control	A list of control parameters for optim. See function optim for details.

### Details

The seven models are fitted by maximum likelihood using formulae shown in Hampton 1991. Due to the number of parameters estimated, some models can be sensitive to the initial starting values. It is recommended that the starting values are tested for sensitivity to ensure the global minimum has been reached. Sometimes, the hessian matrix, which is inverted to obtain the variance-covariance matrix, will not be positive, definite and therefore will produce an error. Again, try different starting values for parameters and lower and upper bounds if applicable.

### Value

results	list element containing the parameter estimates in table format for each model. Column names are model, Linf, K, s2Linf (variance of Linf), s2K (variance of K), s2error (error variance), boundary (0 = no issues; 1 = one or more parameter estimates are at constraint boundaries), -Log Likelihood, AIC (Akaike's Information Criterion, and method
varcov	if varcov=TRUE, list element containing the variance-covariance matrix for each model.
residuals	list element containing the residuals (observed-predicted values) for each model.

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### References

Hampton, J. 1991. Estimation of southern bluefin tuna *Thunnus maccoyii* growth parameters from tagging data, using von Bertalanffy models incorporating individual variation. U. S. Fishery Bulletin 89: 577-590.

### See Also

[mort.al](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
## Models 1,2 and 3 below are models 1,2, and 4 in Table 4.17 of ##Quinn and Deriso
data(trout)
growhamp(L1=trout$L1,L2=trout$L2,TAL=trout$dt,models=c(1,2,3),
         method=c("Nelder-Mead","Nelder-Mead","L-BFGS-B"),
         varcov=c(TRUE,TRUE,TRUE),
         Linf=list(startLinf=650,lowerLinf=400,upperLinf=800),
```

```

K=list(startK=0.30,lowerK=0.01,upperK=1),
sigma2_error=list(startsigma2=100,lowersigma2=0.1,uppersigma2=10000),
sigma2_Linf=list(startsigma2=100,lowersigma2=0.1,uppersigma2=100000),
sigma2_K=list(startsigma2=0.5,lowersigma2=1e-8,uppersigma2=10))

## End(Not run)

```

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growth

*Fitting Growth Curves to Length- or Weight-at-Age Data*

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### Description

Fits three growth models to length and weight-at-age data.

### Usage

```

growth(intype=1,unit=1,size=NULL,age=NULL,calctype=1,wgtby=1,se2=NULL,error=1,
specwgt=0.0001,Sinf=NULL,K=NULL,t0=NULL,B=3,graph=TRUE,
control=list(maxiter=10000,minFactor=1/1024,tol=1e-5))

```

### Arguments

intype	the input format: 1= individual size data; 2 = mean size data. Default intype=1.
unit	the size unit: 1= length; 2 = weight. Default unit=1.
size	the vector of size (length or weight) data.
age	the vector of ages associated with the size vector.
calctype	if intype=1, 1 = use individual size data; 2 = calculate mean size from individual size data. Default calctype=1.
wgtby	weighting scheme: 1 = no weighting; 2 = weight means by inverse variance. Weighting of individual data points is not allowed. Default wgtby=1.
se2	if intype=2 and wgtby=2, specify vector of variances ( $SE^2$ ) associated with mean size-at-age data.
error	the error structure: 1 = additive; 2 = multiplicative. Default error=1.
specwgt	if <i>intype</i> =1 and <i>wgtby</i> =2, the weight value to use for cases where var=0 or only one individual is available at a given age.
Sinf	the starting value for <i>L-infinity</i> or <i>W-infinity</i> of the growth models. Required.
K	the starting value for <i>K</i> of the growth models.
t0	the starting value for <i>t0</i> of the growth models.
B	the length-weight equation exponent used in the von Bertalanffy growth model for weight. Default B=3.
graph	logical value specifying if fit and residual plots should be drawn. Default graph = TRUE.
control	see function <i>nls</i> .

**Details**

Three growth models (von Bertalanffy, Gompert and logistic) are fitted to length- or weight-at-age data using nonlinear least-squares (function *nls*). If individual data are provided, mean size data can be calculated by specifying *calctype=2*. When fitting mean size data, observations can be weighted by the inverse sample variance (*wgtby=2*), resulting in weighted nonlinear least squares. Additive or multiplicative error structures are specified via *error*. See page 135 in Quinn and Deriso (1999) for more information on error structures.

If unit is weight, the exponent for the von Bertalanffy growth in weight model is not estimated and must be specified (*B*).

Plots of model fit and residuals are generated unless *graph=FALSE*.

**Value**

List containing list elements of the equation/structure and *nls* output for each model. Information from *nls* output can be extracted using standard functions (e.g., *summary()*).

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**References**

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. Quantitative fish dynamics. Oxford University Press. 542 pages.

**Examples**

```
data(pinfish)
growth(intype=1,unit=1,size=pinfish$sl,age=pinfish$age,
       calctype=1,wgtby=1,error=1,Sinf=200,K=0.3,t0=-1)
```

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growthlrt

*Likelihood Ratio Tests for Comparing Multiple Growth Curves*

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**Description**

Likelihood ratio tests for comparison of two or more growth curves (von Bertalanffy, Gompertz and logistic)

**Usage**

```
growthlrt(len = NULL, age = NULL, group = NULL, model = 1, error = 1,
          select = 1, Linf = c(NULL), K = c(NULL), t0 = c(NULL), plottype=0,
          control=list(maxiter=10000,minFactor=1/1024,tol=1e-5))
```

**Arguments**

len	the vector of lengths of individual fish.
age	the vector of ages associated with the length vector.
group	the vector of character names specifying group association. The first character in the name must be a letter.
model	code indicating the growth model to use. 1 = von Bertalanffy, 2= Gompertz and 3= logistic. Default=1.
error	the error variance assumption. 1= constant variance for all <i>lijs</i> ; 2= constant variance for all mean lengths at age; 3=var of <i>lij</i> varies with age. See methods a-c in Kimura (1980: pp. 766). The required statistics for each type of error are calculated from the individual length-age observations.
select	the selection of starting values of <i>L-infinity</i> , <i>K</i> , and <i>t0</i> . 1=automatic selection, 2=user-specified. If <i>select</i> =1, initial starting values of <i>L-infinity</i> , <i>K</i> , and <i>t0</i> are calculated from Walford lines (Everhart et al. 1975), and ages represented as decimal values are truncated to the integer before linear regression is applied. If <i>select</i> =2, the user must specify the values of <i>L-infinity</i> , <i>K</i> , and <i>t0</i> .
Linf	if <i>select</i> =2, the starting values of <i>L-infinity</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation for each group.
K	if <i>select</i> =2, the starting values of <i>K</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation for each group.
t0	if <i>select</i> =2, the starting values of <i>t0</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation for each group.
plottype	the type of plot for each model. 1= observed versus predicted, 2= residuals. Default= 0 (no plot).
control	see function <i>nls</i> .

**Details**

Following Kimura (1980), the general model (one *L-infinity*, *K*, and *t0* for each group) and four sub models are fitted to the length and age data using function *nls* (nonlinear least squares). For each general model-sub model comparison, likelihood ratios are calculated by using the residual sum-of-squares and are tested against chi-square statistics with the appropriate degrees of freedom. Individual observations of lengths-at-age are required. If error variance assumptions 2 or 3, mean lengths and required statistics are calculated. The parameters are fitted using a *model.matrix* where the 1st column is a row of 1s representing the parameter estimate of the reference group (lowest alpha-numeric order) and the remaining group columns have 1 if group identifier is the current group and 0 otherwise. The group number depends on the alpha-numeric order. See function *model.matrix*.

The model choices are:

von Bertalanffy  $La = Linf(1 - \exp(-K*(a-t0)))$

Gompertz  $La = Linf * \exp(-\exp(-K*(a-t0)))$

Logistic  $La = Linf / (1 + \exp(-K*(a-t0)))$

To extract the growth parameters for each group under an hypothesis:

`x$'model Ho'$coefficients`



x\$model H1\$coefficients

x\$model H2\$coefficients

x\$model H3\$coefficients

x\$model H4\$coefficients

where  $x$  is the output object.

As an example, let's say three groups were compared. To get the L-infinity estimates for each groups,

```
Linf1<-x$model Ho$coefficients[1]
```

```
Linf2<-Linf1+ x$model Ho$coefficients[2]
```

```
Linf3<-Linf1+ x$model Ho$coefficients[3]
```

For models H1, H2, H3 and H4, the parameter L1 or K1 or t01 will be shared across groups.

If  $RSSHX > RSSH0$ , less information is accounted for by RSSHX model (where X is hypothesis 1, 2,..etc.). If Chi-square is significant, RSSH0 is the better model. If Chi-square is not significant, RSSHX is the better model.

### Value

results	list element with the likelihood ratio tests comparing von Bertalanffy models.
model Ho	list element with the nls fit for the general model.
model H1	list element with the nls for model H1 ( $Linf1=Linf2=...=Linfn$ ) where n is the number of groups.
model H2	list element with the nls fit for model H2 ( $K1=K2=...=Kn$ ).
model H3	list element with the nls fit for model H3 ( $t01=t02=...=t0n$ ).
model H4	list element with the nls fit for model H4 ( $Linf1=Linf2=...=Linfn$ , $K1=K2=...=Kn$ , $t01=t02=...=t0n$ ).
rss	list element with the residual sum-of-squares from each model.
residuals	list element with the residuals from each model.

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### References

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- Kimura, D. K. 1980. Likelihood methods for the von Bertalanffy growth curve. U. S. Fish. Bull. 77(4): 765-776.

**Examples**

```
## Normally, the length and age data will represent data for individuals.
## Kimura's data are mean lengths-at-age but are usable because error=2
## will calculate mean lengths-at-age from individual data. Since only
## one value is present for each age, the mean length will be calculated
## as the same value.
data(Kimura)
growthlrt(len=Kimura$length, age=Kimura$age, group=Kimura$sex, model=1, error=2, select=1,
plottype=2)
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growthmultifit                      *Fit a Multi-Group Growth Model*

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**Description**

Fits a von Bertalanffy, Gompertz or logistic growth curve to length and age for two or more groups.

**Usage**

```
growthmultifit(len=NULL, age=NULL, group=NULL, model=1, fixed=c(1,1,1), error=1,
select=1, Linf=c(NULL), K=c(NULL), t0=c(NULL), plot=FALSE,
control=list(maxiter=10000, minFactor=1/1024, tol=1e-5))
```

**Arguments**

len	the vector of lengths of individual fish.
age	the vector of ages associated with the length vector.
group	the vector of character names specifying group association. The first character in the name must be a letter.
model	which model to fit. 1= von Bertalanffy, 2= Gompertz, and 3 = logistic. Default=1.
fixed	arguments specifying that Linf, K or t0 should be fitted as a constant between groups or as separate parameters for each group. 1 = single parameter between groups, 2 = separate parameters for each group. The order of <i>fixed</i> is c(Linf,K,t0).
error	the error variance assumption. 1= constant variance for all <i>lijs</i> ; 2= constant variance for all mean lengths at age; 3=var of <i>lij</i> varies with age. See methods a-c in Kimura (1980: pp. 766). The required statistics for each type of error are calculated from the individual length-age observations.
select	the selection of starting values of <i>L-infinity</i> , <i>K</i> , and <i>t0</i> . 1=automatic selection, 2=user-specified. If <i>select</i> =1, initial starting values of <i>L-infinity</i> , <i>K</i> , and <i>t0</i> are calculated from Walford lines (Everhart et al. 1975), and ages represented as decimal values are truncated to the integer before linear regression is applied. If <i>select</i> =2, the user must specify values of <i>L-infinity</i> , <i>K</i> , and <i>t0</i> for each group.

Linf	if <i>select=2</i> , the starting values for <i>L-infinity</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation, one for each group.
K	if <i>select=2</i> , the starting values for <i>K</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation, one for each group.
t0	if <i>select=2</i> , the starting value for <i>t0</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation, one for each group.
plot	logical argument specifying whether observed versus predicted and residuals graphs should be plotted. Default is FALSE.
control	see function <i>nls</i> .

### Details

A von Bertalanffy, Gompertz or logistic model is fitted to the length and age data of two or more groups using function *nls* (nonlinear least squares). Parameters can be estimated for each group or as constants across groups. Individual observations of lengths-at-age are required. If error variance assumptions 2 or 3, mean lengths and required statistics are calculated. The parameters are fitted using a *model.matrix* where the 1st column is a row of 1s representing the parameter estimate of the reference group (group with lowest alpha-numeric order) and the remaining group columns have 1 if group identifier is the current group and 0 otherwise. See function *model.matrix*. This is a companion function to function *growthlrt*. If errors arise using automatic selection, switch to *select=2*.

When separate parameters are estimated for each group, estimates for the the non-reference groups would be the reference-group estimated parameters (e.g., Linf1 or K1 or t01) plus the coefficient estimate for the nth group (e.g., group 2: Linf2 or K2, or t02) based on the alpha-numeric order. If the parameter is assumed constant across groups, then estimates of Linf1 or K1 or t01 is used as the parameter for each group. The von Bertalanffy equation is  $L_t = Linf * (1 - \exp(-K * (age - t_0)))$ . The Gompertz equation is  $L_t = \exp(-\exp(-K * (age - t_0)))$ . The logistic equation is  $L_t = Linf / (1 + \exp(-K * (age - t_0)))$ .

### Value

results	list element containing summary statistics of <i>nls</i> fit
residuals	list element with the residuals from the model.

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### References

- Everhart, W. H., A. W. Eipper, and W. D. Youngs. 1975. Principles of Fishery Science. Cornell University Press.
- Kimura, D. K. 1980. Likelihood methods for the von Bertalanffy growth curve. U. S. Fish. Bull. 77(4): 765-776.

### See Also

[growthlrt](#)

**Examples**

```
data(Kimura)
growthmultifit(len=Kimura$length,age=Kimura$age,group=as.character(Kimura$sex),
model=1,fixed=c(2,1,1),
error=1,select=1,Linf=NULL,K=NULL,t0=NULL,plot=FALSE,control=list(maxiter=10000,
minFactor=1/1024,tol=1e-5))
```

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growthResid

*Plot residuals of growth model fitted to tag data*

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**Description**

Plot residuals (observed - expected growth increments) vs relative age at the time of tagging and versus time at liberty.

**Usage**

```
growthResid(K, Linf, dat, lentag, lenrec, timelib, graph =1,
main = "Residuals of growth increments",
cex.lab=1.5, cex.axis=1.5, cex.main=1,
xlab1="Relative age, yr", xlab2="Time at liberty, yr",
ylab="Observed - expected increment",
xlim1=NULL, xlim2=NULL, ylim=NULL, col=1, returnvec=FALSE,
returnlimits=FALSE, warn=TRUE,...)
```

**Arguments**

K	parameter of the von Bertalanffy growth equation
Linf	parameter of the von Bertalanffy growth equation
dat	dataframe containing length at tagging, length at recapture and time at liberty. These must be named lentag, lenrec and timelib or else column 1 must contain the length at tagging, column 2 must contain length at recapture and column 3 must contain time at liberty
lentag	alternative way to pass data to function
lenrec	alternative way to pass data to function
timelib	alternative way to pass data to function
graph	which graph to plot - 1: residuals versus Relative age, 2: residuals versus time-at-liberty
main	an overall title for the plot
cex.lab	The magnification to be used for x and y labels relative to the current setting of cex
cex.axis	The magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of cex
cex.main	The magnification to be used for main titles relative to the current setting of cex

xlab1	a title for the x axis 1
xlab2	a title for the x axis 2
ylab	a title for the y axis
xlim1	lower and upper limits of x axis 1 e.g., c(0,100)
xlim2	lower and upper limits of x axis 2 e.g., c(0,100)
ylim	lower and upper limits of y axis e.g., c(0,100)
col	color of points in plot
returnvec	logical - if TRUE, function returns a dataframe with the computed age at tagging and the residual (obs - pred increment)
returnlimits	logical - if TRUE, function returns the x and y limits for the plot
warn	logical - if TRUE, function issues a warning if names of variables in dat do not match the 3 names expected.
...	other arguments to pass to <i>plot</i>

### Details

Function plots residuals (observed - expected growth increments) vs relative age at the time of tagging and vs time at liberty from VB growth model fitted to tagging data. Relative age is calculated by inverting the von Bertalanffy growth curve.

### Value

output            If returnvec = TRUE, computed age and residuals. If returnlimits=TRUE, x and y limits for plot

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
data(bonito)
temp<-bonito[c(bonito$T2-bonito$T1)>0,]
growthResid(0.19,97.5,lentag=temp$L1, lenrec=temp$L2, timelib=c(temp$T2-temp$T1),graph=1)
```

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growthTraject

*Plot growth trajectories obtained from tagging data*

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### Description

Age and length coordinates for the time of tagging and time of recapture are plotted as line segments overlaid on the von Bertalannfy growth curve

**Usage**

```
growthTraject(K, Linf, dat, lentag, lenrec, timelib, subsets=NULL,
  main = "Growth trajectories & fitted curve",
  cex.lab=1.5, cex.axis=1.5, cex.main=1,
  xlab="Relative age, yr", ylab="Length, cm",
  xlim=NULL, ylim=NULL, ltytraject=1, lwdtraject=1,
  coltraject=1, ltyvonB=1, lwdvonB=2, colvonB="red",
  returnvec=FALSE, returnlimits=FALSE, warn=TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

K	parameter of the von Bertalanffy growth equation
Linf	parameter of the von Bertalanffy growth equation
dat	dataframe containing length at tagging, length at recapture and time at liberty. These must be named lentag, lenrec and timelib or else column 1 must contain the length at tagging, column 2 must contain length at recapture and column 3 must contain time at liberty OR the variables must be named lentag, lenrec and timelib
lentag	alternative way to pass data to function
lenrec	alternative way to pass data to function
timelib	alternative way to pass data to function
subsets	factor or integer variable specifying subsets of the data to be plotted with separate colors or line types
main	an overall title for the plot
cex.lab	The magnification to be used for x and y labels relative to the current setting of cex
cex.axis	The magnification to be used for axis annotation relative to the current setting of cex
cex.main	The magnification to be used for main titles relative to the current setting of cex
xlab	a title for the x axis
ylab	a title for the y axis
xlim	lower and upper limits of x axis e.g., c(0,100)
ylim	lower and upper limits of y axis e.g., c(0,100)
ltytraject	line type for the growth trajectories
lwdtraject	line width for the growth trajectories
coltraject	line color for the growth trajectories
ltyvonB	line type for the fitted von Bertalanffy growth curve
lwdvonB	line width for the fitted von Bertalanffy growth curve
colvonB	line color for the fitted von B. curve
returnvec	logical for whether the coordinates of the line segments should be returned)
returnlimits	logical for whether the x-axis and y-axis limits should be returned
warn	logical - if TRUE, function issues a warning if names of variables in dat do not match the 3 names expected.
...	other arguments to pass to <i>plot</i>

**Details**

The relative age at tagging is computed from the inverted von Bertalanffy growth equation (i.e., age expressed as a function of length); the age at recapture is taken to be the age at tagging plus the time at liberty. Then the (age, length) coordinates for the time of tagging and time of recapture are plotted as a line segment. Additional parameters control the format of the plot as follows. A call to `plot()` sets up the axes. Then a call to `arrows()` draws the line segments. Finally, a call to `curve()` adds the von Bertalanffy growth curve. Specifying additional graphical parameters is permissible but these will be passed only to `plot()`.

**Value**

output                    if `returnvec = TRUE`, coordinates of the line segments are returned. If `returnlimits=TRUE`, x and y limits for plot are returned

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**Examples**

```
data(bonito)
temp<-bonito[c(bonito$T2-bonito$T1)>0,]
growthTraject(0.19,97.5,lentag=temp$L1, lenrec=temp$L2,timelib=c(temp$T2-temp$T1))
```

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growtrans	<i>Growth Transition Matrix for a Size-Structured Population Dynamics Model</i>
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**Description**

Generates a growth transition matrix from parameters of the von Bertalanffy growth equation following Chen et al. (2003)

**Usage**

```
growtrans(Lmin = NULL, Lmax = NULL, Linc = NULL, Linf = NULL, SELinf = NULL,
          K = NULL, SEK = NULL, rhoLinfK = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

Lmin	Mid-point of starting size class.
Lmax	Mid-point of end size class. This should be one increment larger than Linf.
Linc	Size class increment.
Linf	L-infinity parameter of the von Bertalanffy growth equation.
SELinf	Standard error of Linf.
K	Growth parameter of the von Bertalanffy growth equation.
SEK	Standard error of K.
rhoLinfK	Correlation between Linf and K. Usually from a parameter correlation matrix.

**Details**

Transition probabilities are calculated by using formulae 3-9 and procedures in Chen et al. (2003). Negative growth increments result if Lmax is beyond Linf, so the transition matrix is truncated at Linf. The last size class acts as a plus group and has a probability of 1.

**Value**

A matrix of dimensions n size classes x n size classes.

**Note**

This function is based on an example EXCEL spreadsheet provided by Yong Chen.

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**References**

Chen, Y., M. Hunter, R. Vadas, and B. Beal. 2003. Developing a growth-transition matrix for stock assessment of the green sea urchin (*Strongylocentrotus droebachiensis*) off Maine. Fish. Bull. 101: 737-744.

**Examples**

```
# For Chen et al. 2003
growtrans(Lmin=40,Lmax=101,Linc=1,Linf=100,SELinf=15,K=0.100588,SEK=0.04255,rhoLinfK=0.94)
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haddock

*Biological data for haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus)*

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**Description**

The haddock data frame has 15 rows and 4 columns. Age, weight at spawning, partial recruitment, and fraction mature data for haddock (*Melanogrammus aeglefinus*) used by Gabriel et al. (1989) to calculate spawning stock biomass-per-recruit.

**Usage**

haddock

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**age** vector of ages  
**ssbwgt** vector of weights at spawning for each age  
**partial** partial recruitment vector  
**pmat** vector of fraction of females mature at age



**Source**

Gabriel, W. L., M. P. Sissenwine, and W. J. Overholtz. 1989. Analysis of spawning stock biomass per recruit: an example for Georges Bank haddock. *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 9: 383-391.

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Hightower

*Original data used in Hightower et al. (2001)*

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**Description**

The Hightower has 51 rows and 1 column. The complete capture histories of striped bass for Lake Gaston, North Carolina.

**Usage**

Hightower

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**caphistory** capture histories of 51 striped bass

**Source**

Hightower, J. E., J. R. Jackson, and K. H. Pollock. 2001. Use of telemetry methods to estimate natural mortality and fishing mortality of striped bass in Lake Gaston, North Carolina. *Trans. Am. Fish. Soc.* 130:557-567.

Thanks to Joe Hightower of NC Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit for providing his original data.

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Hoening

*Tag Data from Hoening et al. (1998)*

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**Description**

The Hoening list containing 8 components of data. Data were obtained from the Hoening et al.(1998).

**Usage**

Hoening

**Format**

This list contains the following components:

**relyrs** vector of start and end years of release years

**recapyrs** vector of start and end years of recapture years

**N** vector of number of tags released in each release year

**recapharv** recapture matrix of harvested fish

**lambda** vector of reporting rates (one for each recapture year)

**phi** vector of initial tag loss (one for each recapture year)

**Fyr** vector of years to estimate fishing mortality

**Myr** vector of years to estimate natural mortality

**Source**

Hoenig, J. M, N. J. Barrowman, W. S. Hearn, and K. H. Pollock. 1998. Multiyear tagging studies incorporating fishing effort data. *Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences* 55: 1466-1476.

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irm_cr	<i>Age-Independent Instantaneous Rates Model of Jiang et al. (2007) Incorporating Catch and Release Tag Returns</i>
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**Description**

The age-independent instantaneous rates model of Jiang et al. (2007) for estimating fishing and natural mortality from catch-release tag returns is implemented assuming known values of initial tag survival ( $\phi$ ) and reporting rate ( $\lambda$ )

**Usage**

```
irm_cr(relyrs = NULL, recapyrs = NULL, N = NULL, recapharv = NULL,
recaprel = NULL, hlambda = NULL, rlambda = NULL, hphi = NULL,
rphi = NULL, hmrate = NULL, Fyr = NULL, FAyr = NULL, Myr = NULL,
initial = c(0.1,0.05,0.1), lower = c(0.0001,0.0001,0.0001),
upper=c(5,5,5),maxiter=10000)
```

**Arguments**

relyrs	vector containing the start and end year of the entire release period (e.g., c(1992, 2006)).
recapyrs	vector containing the start year and end year of entire recapture period (e.g., c(1992, 2008)).
N	vector of total number of tagged fish released in each release year (one value per year).

recapharv	matrix of the number of tag recoveries of harvested fish by release year (row) and recovery year (column). The lower triangle (blank cells) may be filled with -1s as place holders. Missing values in the upper triangle (release/recovery cells) are not allowed.
recaprel	matrix of the number of tag recoveries of fish recaptured and re-released with the tag removed by release year (row) and recovery year (column). The lower triangle (blank cells) may be filled with -1s as place holders. Missing values in the upper triangle (release/recovery cells) are not allowed.
hlambda	vector of reporting rate estimates (lambda) for harvested fish. One value for each recovery year.
rlambda	vector of reporting rate estimates (lambda) for recaptured fish re-released with tag removed. One value for each recovery year.
hphi	vector of initial tag survival estimates (phi) for harvested fish. One value for each recovery year. 1 = no loss
rphi	vector of initial tag survival estimates (phi) for recaptured fish re-released with tag removed fish. One value for each recovery year. 1 = no loss
hmrates	vector of hooking mortality rates. One value for each recovery year.
Fyr	vector of year values representing the beginning year of a period over which to estimate a constant fishing mortality rate (F). If estimation of F for each recovery year is desired, enter the year value for each year. The first year value must be the start year for the recovery period.
FAyr	vector of year values representing the beginning year of a period over which to estimate a constant tag mortality rate (FA). If estimation of FA for each recovery year is desired, enter the year value for each year. The first year value must be the start year for the recovery period.
Myr	vector of year values representing the beginning year of a period over which to estimate a constant natural mortality rate (M). If estimation of M for each recovery year is desired, enter the year value for each year. The first year value must be the start year for the recovery period.
initial	vector of starting values for fishing, tag, and natural mortality estimates. First position is the starting value for all Fs, second position is the starting value for all FAs, and the third position is the starting value for all Ms (e.g., c(0.1,0.1,0.2)).
lower	vector of lower bounds of F, FA, and M estimates used in optimization routine. First position is the lower value for all Fs, second position is the lower value for all FAs, and the third position is the lower value for all Ms.
upper	vector of upper bounds of F, FA, and M estimates used in optimization routine. First position is the upper value for all Fs, second position is the upper value for all FAs, and the third position is the upper value for all Ms.
maxiter	maximum number iterations used in the optimization routine.

### Details

Jiang et al (2007) provides an extension of the Hoenig et al. (1998) instantaneous tag return model to account for catch/release of tagged fish. The benefits of this instantaneous rates model are that

data from tagged fish that are recaptured and released alive are directly incorporated in the estimation of fishing and natural mortality. Jiang et al. models mortality of harvested fish and the mortality experienced by the tag because fish are often released after the tag has been removed. Therefore, additional tag mortality parameters are estimated in the model. The age-independent model of Jiang et al. is implemented here and initial tag loss and reporting rates are assumed known. This model assumes that tagged fish are fully-recruited to the fishery and that fishing took place throughout the year. Similar to Hoenig et al. (1998), observed recovery matrices from the harvest and catch/release fish with removed tags are compared to expected recovery matrices to estimate model parameters. Asymmetric recovery matrices are allowed (recovery years > release years). All summary statistics follow Burnham and Anderson (2002). Model degrees of freedom are calculated as the number of cells from the harvested and released recapture matrices and not-seen vector minus the number of estimated parameters. Total chi-square is calculated by summing cell chi-square values for all cells of the harvest, released, and not seen matrices. C-hat, a measure of overdispersion, is estimated by dividing the total chi-square value by the model degrees of freedom. Pooling of cells to achieve an expected cell value of 1 is performed and pooled chi-square and c-hat metrics are additionally calculated. Pearson residuals are calculated by subtracting the observed numbers of recoveries in each cell from the predicted numbers of recoveries and dividing each cell by the square-root of the predicted cell value. The variance of instantaneous total mortality ( $Z$ ) is calculated by  $\text{var}F + \text{hmrate}^2 \cdot \text{var}FA + \text{var}M + 2 \cdot \text{sum}(\text{cov}(F, M) + \text{hmrate}^2 \cdot \text{cov}(F, FA) + \text{hmrate}^2 \cdot \text{cov}(FA, M))$ , and the variance of survival ( $S$ ) is calculated from  $Z$  using the delta method. The `optim` routine is used to find the parameters that minimize the  $-1 \cdot \text{negative log-likelihood}$ .

The program allows the configuration of different model structures (biological realistic models) for the estimation of fishing, natural, and tag mortalities. Consider the following examples:

#### *Example 1*

Release years range from 1991 to 2003 and recovery years from 1991 to 2003. One model structure might be constant fishing mortality estimates over the recovery years of 1991-1994 and 1995-2003, one constant estimate of tag mortality and one constant estimate of natural mortality for the entire recovery period. To designate this model structure, the beginning year of each interval is assigned to the `Fyr` vector (e.g., `Fyr<-c(1991, 1995)`), and the beginning year of the recovery period is assigned to the `FAyr` vector and the `Myr` vector (e.g., `FAyr<-c(1991)`; `Myr<-c(1991)`). The first value of each vector must always be the beginning year of the recovery period regardless of the model structure.

#### *Example 2*

Release years range from 1991 to 2003 and recovery years from 1991 to 2003. One model might be fishing and tag mortality estimates for each year of recovery years and two constant estimates of natural mortality for 1991-1996 and 1997-2003. To designate this model structure, one value for each year is assigned to the `Fyr` and `FAyr` vectors (e.g., `Fyr<-c(1991,1992,1993,1994,1995,1996,1997, 1998,1999,2000,2001,2002,2003)` and `FAyr<-c(1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003)`), and the beginning years of the natural mortality intervals are assigned to the `Myr` vector (e.g., `Myr<-c(1991,1997)`).

Averaging of model results can be accomplished using the function `tag_model_avg`.

### **Value**

List containing summary statistics for the model fit, model convergence status, parameter correlation matrix, estimates of fishing mortality, natural mortality, tag mortality, total instantaneous

mortality (Z), and survival (S) and their variances and standard errors by year, observed and predicted recoveries for harvested, released, and "not-seen" fish, cell chi-square and Pearson values for harvested, released, and "not seen" fish, and a model configuration label (type) used in the tag\_model\_avg function.

### Author(s)

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### References

Burnham, K. P. and D. R. Anderson. 2002. Model selection and multimodel inference : A Practical Information-Theoretic Approach, 2nd edition. Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. 488 p.

Hoenig, J. M, N. J. Barrowman, W. S. Hearn, and K. H. Pollock. 1998. Multiyear tagging studies incorporating fishing effort data. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 55: 1466-1476.

Jiang, H. 2005. Age-dependent tag return models for estimating fishing mortality, natural mortality and selectivity. Doctoral dissertation. North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Jiang, H., K. H. Pollock, C. Brownie, J. M. Hoenig, R. J. Latour, B. K. Wells, and J. E. Hightower. 2007. Tag return models allowing for harvest and catch and release: evidence of environmental and management impacts on striped bass fishing and natural mortality rates. North American Journal of Fisheries Management 27:387-396.

### See Also

[irm\\_h tag\\_model\\_avg](#)

### Examples

```
## Data come from Appendix Table A2 and model structure from model (a) in
## Table 3.2 of Jiang (2005)
## Example takes a bit of time to run
## Not run:
data(Jiang)
model1<-irm_cr(relyrs = Jiang$relyrs, recapyrs = Jiang$recapyrs,
  N = Jiang$N, recapharv = Jiang$recapharv, recaprel = Jiang$recaprel,
  hlambd = Jiang$hlambd, rlambd = Jiang$rlambd, hphi = Jiang$hphi,
  rphi = Jiang$rphi, hmrate = Jiang$hmrate, Fyr = Jiang$Fyr,
  FAyr = Jiang$FAyr, Myr = Jiang$Myr, initial = c(0.1,0.05,0.1),
  lower = c(0.0001,0.0001,0.0001), upper=c(5,5,5),maxiter=10000)

## End(Not run)
```

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irm_h	<i>Age-Independent Instantaneous Rates Tag Return Model of Hoenig et al. (1998)</i>
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### Description

The age-independent instantaneous rates model of Hoenig et al. (1998) for estimating fishing and natural mortality from tag returns of harvested fish is implemented assuming known values of initial tag survival ( $\phi$ ) and reporting rate ( $\lambda$ )

### Usage

```
irm_h(relyrs = NULL, recapyrs = NULL, N = NULL, recapharv = NULL,
      lambda = NULL, phi = NULL, Fyr = NULL, Myr = NULL, initial = NULL,
      lower = c(0.0001, 0.0001), upper = c(5, 5), maxiter = 10000)
```

### Arguments

relyrs	vector containing the start and end year of the entire release period (e.g., c(1992, 2006)).
recapyrs	vector containing the start year and end year of entire recapture period (e.g., c(1992, 2008)).
N	vector of total number of tagged fish released in each release year (one value per year).
recapharv	matrix of the number of tag recoveries of harvested fish by release year (row) and recovery year (column). The lower triangle (blank cells) may be filled with -1s as place holders. Missing values in the upper triangle (release/recovery cells) are not allowed.
lambda	vector of reporting rate estimates for harvested fish. One value for each recovery year.
phi	vector of initial tag survival estimates ( $\phi$ ) for harvested fish. One value for each recovery year. 1=no loss
Fyr	vector of year values representing the beginning year of a period over which to estimate a constant fishing mortality rate (F). If estimation of F for each recovery year is desired, enter the year value for each year. The first year value must be the start year for the recovery period.
Myr	vector of year values representing the beginning year of a period over which to estimate a constant natural mortality rate (M). If estimation of M for each recovery year is desired, enter the year value for each year. The first year value must be the start year for the recovery period.
initial	vector of starting values for fishing, and natural mortality estimates. First position is the starting value for all Fs and second position is the starting value for all Ms (e.g., c(0.1, 0.2)).

lower	vector of lower bounds of F and M estimates used in optimization routine. First position is the lower value for all Fs and second position is the lower value for all Ms. Default = 0.0001.
upper	vector of upper bounds of F and M estimates used in optimization routine. First position is the upper value for all Fs and second position is the upper value for all Ms. Default = 5
maxiter	maximum number iterations used in the optimization routine.

## Details

The instantaneous tag return model of Hoening et al. (1998) assuming known initial tag loss and reporting rates is implemented. This model assumes that tagged fish are fully-recruited to the fishery and that fishing took place throughout the year. The observed recovery matrices are compared to expected recovery matrices to estimate model parameters. Asymmetric recovery matrices are allowed (recovery years > release years). All summary statistics follow Burnham and Anderson (2002). Model degrees of freedom are calculated as the number of all cells from the harvested recovery matrix and not-seen vector minus the number of estimated parameters. Total chi-square is calculated by summing cell chi-square values for all cells of the harvest, released, and not seen matrices. C-hat, a measure of overdispersion, is estimated by dividing the total chi-square value by the model degrees of freedom. Pooling of cells to achieve an expected cell value of 1 is performed and pooled chi-square and c-hat metrics are additionally calculated. Pearson residuals are calculated by subtracting the observed numbers of recoveries in each cell from the predicted numbers of recoveries and dividing each cell by the square-root of the predicted cell value. The `optim` routine is used to find the parameters that minimize the  $-1 \times \text{negative log-likelihood}$ . The variance of instantaneous total mortality (Z) is calculated by  $\text{varF} + \text{varM} + 2\text{cov}(F, M)$ , and the variance of survival (S) is estimated from the variance of Z using the delta method.

The program allows the configuration of different model structures (biological realistic models) for the estimation of fishing and natural mortalities. Consider the following examples:

### *Example 1*

Release years range from 1991 to 2003 and recovery years from 1991 to 2003. One model structure might be constant fishing mortality estimates over the recovery years of 1991-1994 and 1995-2003, and one constant estimate of natural mortality for the entire recovery period. To specify this model structure, the beginning year of each interval is assigned to the `Fyr` vector (e.g., `Fyr<-c(1991, 1995)`), and the beginning year of the recovery period is assigned to the `Myr` vector (e.g., `Myr<-c(1991)`). The first value of each vector must always be the beginning year of the recovery period regardless of the model structure.

### *Example 2*

Release years range from 1991 to 2003 and recovery years from 1991 to 2003. One model might be fishing mortality estimates for each year of recovery years and two constant estimates of natural mortality for 1991-1996 and 1997-2003. To specify this model structure, one value for each year is assigned to the `Fyr` vector (e.g., `Fyr<-c(1991,1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003)`) and the beginning years of the natural mortality intervals are assigned to the `Myr` vector (e.g., `Myr<-c(1991, 1997)`).

Averaging of model results can be accomplished using the function `tag_model_avg`.

**Value**

List containing summary statistics for the model fit, model convergence status, parameter correlation matrix, estimates of fishing mortality, natural mortality, total instantaneous mortality ( $Z$ ), and survival ( $S$ ) and their variances and standard errors by year, observed and predicted recoveries for harvested, released, and "not-seen" fish, cell chi-square and Pearson values for harvested, released, and "not seen" fish and a model configuration label (type) used in the `tag_model_avg` function.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Burnham, K. P. and D. R. Anderson. 2002. Model selection and multimodel inference : A Practical Information-Theoretic Approach, 2nd edition. Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. 488 p.

Hoenig, J. M, N. J. Barrowman, W. S. Hearn, and K. H. Pollock. 1998. Multiyear tagging studies incorporating fishing effort data. Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences 55: 1466-1476.

**See Also**

[irm\\_cr tag\\_model\\_avg](#)

**Examples**

```
# Data come from Table 4 and model structure from Table 5 under "year-specific F,
# constant M" in Hoenig et al. (1998)
data(Hoenig)
model1<-irm_h(relyrs = Hoenig$relyrs, recapys = Hoenig$recapys,
N = Hoenig$N, recapharv = Hoenig$recapharv,lambda = Hoenig$lambda,
phi = Hoenig$phi, Fyr = Hoenig$Fyr, Myr = Hoenig$Myr, initial = c(0.1,0.1),
lower = c(0.0001,0.0001),upper = c(5,5), maxiter = 10000)
```

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Jensen

*Age Frequency Data for Lake Whitefish By Individual Haul*

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**Description**

The Jensen data frame has 312 rows and 2 columns. The age data are from reconstructed catches of lake whitefish reported by Jensen (1996) in Table 1 and were expanded to individual observations from the age frequency table.

**Usage**

Jensen



**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**group** net haul label

**age** age of an individual fish

**Source**

Jensen, A. L. 1996. *Ratio estimation of mortality using catch curves*. Fisheries Research 27: 61-67.

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Jiang

*Tag Data from Jiang (2005)*

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**Description**

The Jiang list containing 13 components of data. Data were obtained from the Jiang (2005).

**Usage**

Jiang

**Format**

This list contains the following components:

**relyrs** vector of start and end years of release years

**recapyrs** vector of start and end years of recapture years

**N** vector of number of tags released in each release year

**recapharv** recapture matrix of harvest fish

**recaprel** recapture matrix of recaptured and re-released fish with tag removed

**hlambda** vector of reporting rates of harvested fish (one value for each recapture year)

**rlambda** vector of reporting rates of recaptured and re-released fish (one value for each recapture year)

**hphi** vector of initial tag loss of harvested fish (one value for each recapture year)

**rphi** vector of initial tag loss of harvested fish (one value for each recapture year)

**hmrate** vector of hooking mortality rates (one value for each recapture year)

**Fyr** vector of years to estimate fishing mortality

**FAyr** vector of years to estimate tag mortality

**Myr** vector of years to estimate natural mortality

**Source**

Jiang, H. 2005. Age-dependent tag return models for estimating fishing mortality, natural mortality and selectivity. Doctoral dissertation. North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

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kappenman	<i>Pacific cod catch per effort from Table 1 in Kappenman (1999)</i>
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**Description**

The kappenman data frame has 55 rows and 1 column.

**Usage**

kappenman

**Format**

This data frame contains one column:

**cpue** Pacific cod cpue from 1994

**Source**

Kappenman, R. F. 1999. Trawl survey based abundance estimation using data sets with unusually large catches. *ICES Journal of Marine Science* 56: 28-35.

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Kimura	<i>Length and Age Data For Male and Female Pacific Hake</i>
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**Description**

The Kimura data frame has 24 rows and 3 columns. Mean length-at-age data for male and female Pacific hake as reported by Kimura (1980)

**Usage**

Kimura

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**age** fish age

**length** mean length of fish of age *age*

**sex** sex code

**Source**

Kimura, D. K. 1980. *Likelihood methods for the von Bertalanffy growth curve*. U. S. Fishery Bulletin 77:765-776.

lifetable

*Life Table Construction***Description**

Life tables are constructed from either numbers of individuals of a cohort alive at the start of an age interval (nx) or number of individuals of a cohort dying during the age interval (dx).

**Usage**

```
lifetable(age = NULL, numbers = NULL, r = NULL, type = 1)
```

**Arguments**

age                    vector of age intervals (e.g., 0 to maximum cohort age).

numbers                number of individual alive (nx) or dead (dx)

r                        known rate of increase (r) for methods 3 and 4

type                    numeric value of method to use to calculate life table.

1 = Age at death recorded directly and no assumption made about population stability or stability of age structure - Method 1 in Krebs (1989). 2 = Cohort size recorded directly and and no assumption made about population stability or stability of age structure - Method 2 in Krebs (1989). 3 = Ages at death recorded for a population with stable age distribution and known rate of increase - Method 5 in Krebs (1989). 4 = Age distribution recorded for a population with a stable age distribution and known rate of increase - Method 6 in Krebs (1989).

**Details**

Following Krebs (1989:413-420), standard life tables are calculated given age intervals and either cohort size or deaths.  $X$ =age interval,  $n_x$ =number of individuals of a cohort alive at the start of age interval  $X$ ,  $l_x$  = proportion of individuals surviving at the start of age interval  $X$ ,  $d_x$  = number of individuals of a cohort dying during the age interval  $X$ ,  $q_x$ =finite rate of mortality during the age interval  $X$  to  $X+1$ ,  $p_x$ =finite rate of survival during the age interval  $X$  to  $X+1$ ,  $e_x$ =mean expectation of life for individuals alive at start of age  $X$ . For method 5,  $d_x$  is corrected for population growth by  $d_x' = d_x * \exp(r * x)$  and in method 6,  $n_x$  is corrected for the same by  $n_x * e^{(r * x)}$ . See Krebs for formulae.

**Value**

Dataframe containing life table values.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Krebs, C. J. 1989. *Ecological Methodologies*. Harper and Row, New York, NY. 654 p.

**Examples**

```
data(buffalo)
lifetable(age=buffalo$age,numbers=buffalo$nx,type=2)
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lingcod	<i>Catch data (metric tons) for lingcod 1889 to 2001</i>
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**Description**

Lingcod catch data from literature sources in Martell and Froese (2012).

**Usage**

```
lingcod
```

**Format**

A data frame with 113 observations on the following 2 variables.

year a numeric vector describing the year of catch

catch a numeric vector describing the annual catch in metric tons

**Details**

Note some data points are not exactly the same as shown in Figure 7 of Martell and Froese 2012.

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M.empirical	<i>Estimation of Natural Mortality Rates from Life History Parameters</i>
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**Description**

The approaches of Pauly (1980), Hoenig (1983), Alverson and Carney (1975), Roff (1984), Gundersen and Dygert (1988), Petersen and Wroblewski (1984), Lorenzen (1996), Gislason et al. (2010), Then et al. (2015), Brey (1999) and Charnov et al. (2013) are encoded for estimation of natural mortality (M).

**Usage**

```
M.empirical(Linf = NULL, Winf = NULL, K1 = NULL, Kw = NULL,
  TC = NULL, tmax = NULL, tm = NULL, GSI = NULL, Wdry = NULL,
  Wwet = NULL, B1 = NULL, TK = NULL, BM = NULL, L = NULL, method = c(1, 2,
  3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13))
```

**Arguments**

Linf	Length-infinity value from a von Bertalanffy growth curve (total length-cm).
Winf	Weight-infinity value from a von Bertalanffy growth curve (wet weight-grams).
Kl	Kl is the growth coefficient (per year) from a von Bertalanffy growth curve for length.
Kw	Kw is the growth coefficient (per year) from a von Bertalanffy growth curve for weight.
TC	the mean water temperature (Celsius) experienced by the stock.
tmax	the oldest age observed for the species.
tm	the age at maturity.
GSI	gonadosomatic index (wet ovary weight over wet somatic weight(total-gonad wgt)).
Wdry	total dry weight in grams.
Wwet	total wet weight at mean length in grams.
Bl	body length in cm.
TK	mean temperature (Kelvin).
BM	maximum body mass (kJ - kiloJoules)
L	fish length along the growth trajectory
method	vector of method code(s). Any combination of methods can employed. 1= Pauly (1980) length equation - requires Linf, Kl, and TC; 2= Pauly (1980) weight equation - requires Winf, Kw, and TC; 3= Hoenig (1983) joint equation - requires tmax; 4= Alverson and Carney (1975) - requires Kl and tmax; 5= Roff (1984) - requires Kl and tm; 6= Gunderson and Dygert (1988) - requires GSI; 7= Peterson and Wroblewski (1984) - requires Wdry; 8= Lorenzen (1996) - requires Wwet; 9= Gislason et al. (2010) - requires Linf, K and Bl; 10= Then et al. (2015) tmax - requires tmax; 11= Then et al. (2015) growth - requires Kl and Linf. 12= Brey (1999) - requires tmax, TK, and BM. 13= Charnov et al (2013) - requires Linf, Kl, and L.

**Details**

Please read the references below for details about equations. Some estimates of M will not be valid for certain fish groups.

**Value**

A matrix of M estimates.

**Note**

Original functions for the Pauly (1980) length equation and the Hoenig (1983) fish equation were provided by Michael H. Prager, National Marine Fisheries Service, Beaufort, North Carolina.

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**Examples**

```
M.empirical(Linf=30.1,Kl=0.31,TC=24,method=c(1))
```

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maki

*Data from Maki et al. 2001*

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**Description**

The maki data frame has 876 rows and 2 columns. From Table 1 for 3 years combined

**Usage**

```
maki
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**capture\_age** age at capture

**age\_mature** age at first maturity (from spawning checks on scales)

**Source**

Maki, K. L., J. M. Hoenig and J. E. Olney. 2001. Estimating proportion mature at age when immature fish are unavailable for study, with applications to American shad in the York River, Virginia. *North Am. J. Fish. Manage.* 21: 703-716.

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mature	<i>Estimation of proportion mature at age when immature fish are unavailable</i>
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**Description**

Calculates proportion mature-at-age based on Maki et al. (2001).

**Usage**

```
mature(cap_age=NULL, mature_age=NULL, age_all_immature=NULL,
age_all_mature=NULL, initial=NULL, nrandoms=1000)
```

**Arguments**

cap_age	vector of ages representing age when fish was capture. One record per individual.
mature_age	vector of ages representing age at which individual mature. One record per individual.
age_all_immature	age at which all fish are deemed immature. All ages below this age are assumed immature also.
age_all_mature	age at which all fish are deemed mature. All ages above this age are also assumed mature.
initial	starting values for proportion estimates. There should be <i>age_all_mature - age_all_immature - 2</i> values. If not, the last value is used for missing values or if the vector is too large, the vector is truncated.
nrandoms	the number of randomizations used to estimate standard errors.

**Details**

Estimation of probability follows Maki et al. (2001). The standard errors of parameters are estimated via Monte Carlo methods where the number of each maturing age for each capture age are randomly drawn from a multinomial distribution parameterized with probabilities and total sample size of the original data. The methods of Maki et al. (2001) are applied to the randomized data and the randomization is repeated *nrandoms* times. The mean and standard deviation of all runs are treated as the parameter estimates and standard errors.

**Value**

a list object containing the estimated proportions-at-age and standard errors, the original data and expected values

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Maki, K. L., J. M. Hoenig and J. E. Olney. 2001. Estimating proportion mature at age when immature fish are unavailable for study, with applications to American shad in the York River, Virginia. *North Am. J. Fish. Manage.* 21: 703-716.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Maki data for 3 years combined
data(maki)
mature(cap_age=maki$capture_age,mature_age=maki$age_mature,age_all_immature=2,
        age_all_mature=8,initial=c(0.1,0.05,0.05,0.05),nrandoms=1000)

## End(Not run)
```

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menhaden

*Biological data for menhaden (Brevoortia tyrannus)*

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**Description**

The menhaden data frame has 15 rows and 4 columns. Age, fecundity-at-age, partial recruitment, fraction mature, and natural mortality data for menhaden to calculate eggs-per-recruit.

**Usage**

menhaden



**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**age** vector of ages

**fecundity** vector of mean eggs per individual for each age

**partial** partial recruitment vector

**pmat** vector of fraction of females mature at age

**M** vector of natural mortality value-at-age

**Source**

Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission. 2010. 2009 stock assessment report for Atlantic menhaden. ASMFC SAR 10-02.

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mort.al

*Estimation of Mortality using Times-At-Large Data from Tagging*


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**Description**

Calculates total instantaneous (Z), natural mortality (M) and/or fishing mortality (F) using times-at-large data and methods of Gulland (1955) and McGarvey et al. (2009).

**Usage**

```
mort.al(relyr = NULL, tal = NULL, N = NULL, method = c(1, 2, 3),
np = 0, stper = NULL, nboot = 500)
```

**Arguments**

relyr	a vector of release year (or cohort) for individual times-at-large observations.
tal	a vector of individual times-at-large observations.
N	a vector of number of releases for each release year (or cohort). Each individual observation from a release year should have the same N value.
method	1 = McGarvey et al., 2 = Gulland. Default is all (i.e., c(1,2)).
np	the number of periods over which to combine data to make period estimates of mortality. Set np=0 to estimate mortality for each release year.
stper	vector of year values representing the beginning year of each period over which to estimate mortality. The first year in c() must always be the first release year.
nboot	the number of resamples for the Gulland method.

**Details**

The methods of Gulland (1955) and McGarvey et al (2009) are used to estimate Z, F and M (depending on the method) from tagging times-at-large data. For the Gulland method, the standard error of the Z, M, and F estimates are made using a parametric bootstrap method similar to Tanaka (2006). When periods are specified, period-specific mortality estimates and standard errors are derived by averaging release-year-specific mortality estimates. The standard errors are calculated by taking the square-root of the averaged variances of the estimates. To combine data over all years prior to estimation, change all relyr within a period to the same year value.

**Value**

dataframe containing the M, F and Z estimates and associated standard errors by period.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Gulland, J. A. 1955. On the estimation of population parameters from marked members. *Biometrika* 42: 269-270.

McGarvey, R., J. M. Matthews, and J. E. Feenstra. 2009. Estimating mortality from times-at-large: testing accuracy and precision using simulated single tag-recovery data. *ICES Journal of Marine Science* 66: 573-581.

Tanaka, E. 2006. Simultaneous estimation of instantaneous mortality coefficients and rate of effective survivors to number of released fish using multiple sets of tagging experiments. *Fisheries Science* 72: 710-718.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(tanaka)
mort.al(relyr = tanaka$relyr, tal = tanaka$tal, N = tanaka$N)

## End(Not run)
```

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mrN.single

*Estimate of Population Size from a Single Mark-Recapture Experiment*


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**Description**

Estimates population sizes, standard errors, and confidence intervals for the bias-corrected Petersen and the Bailey binomial estimators.

**Usage**

```
mrN.single(M = NULL, C = NULL, R = NULL, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

M	Number of marked animals released
C	Number of animals captured
R	Number of animals recaptured
alpha	alpha level for confidence intervals

**Details**

The bias-corrected Petersen estimator and its variance (Seber 2002: p.60), and the Bailey binomial estimator and its variance (Seber 2002: p.61) are calculated. The hypergeometric distribution is used to estimate confidence intervals for the Petersen model and the binomial distribution is used to estimate confidence intervals for the Bailey model.

**Value**

Dataframe containing the population estimates (N), standard errors of N, the lower confidence limits (LCI), and the upper confidence limits(UCI).

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**References**

Seber, G. A. F. 2002. *The Estimation of Animal Abundance and Related Parameters, Second Edition*. The Blackburn Press, Caldwell, New Jersey. 654 p.

**Examples**

```
mrN.single(M=948,C=421,R=167)
```

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nshrimp

*Data for Gulf of Maine northern shrimp*

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**Description**

Recruit and postrecruit survey indices and catch data for Gulf of Maine northern shrimp (*Pandulus borealis*), 1985-2007

**Usage**

```
data(nshrimp)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 23 observations on the following 4 variables.

year a numeric vector describing the year

r a numeric vector of the recruit index

n a numeric vector of the postrecruit index

C a numeric vector of the landings (in numbers)

**Source**

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/region/new-england-mid-atlantic#science>

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opt\_slot

*Optimum Slot and Trophy Size Limits for Recreational Fisheries*

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**Description**

Calculates optimum trophy catch given a slot size over a range of F values. Also, finds Fmax for a cohort given age-at-first recruitment, age-at-first-entry, slot age, and age at which fish are considered trophy size following Jensen (1981).

**Usage**

```
opt_slot(M = NULL, N = 1000, recage = NULL, entage = NULL,
         trage = NULL, slage = NULL, stF = 0, endF = 2, intF = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

M	natural mortality
N	cohort size
recage	age-at-first recruitment
entage	age-at-entry into the fishery
slage	upper age of slot for legal fish
trage	age of fish considered trophy size
stF	starting F of range to explore
endF	ending F of range to explore
intF	increment of F

**Details**

Calculations follow equations given in Jensen (1981).

**Value**

Catch	dataframe containing range of Fs and associated total catch, nontrophy, and trophy catch of designated cohort size
Fmax	F at which trophy catch is maximum given slot

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Jense, A. L. 1981. Optimum size limits for trout fisheries. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 38: 657-661.

**See Also**

[opt\\_trophy](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example from Jensen (1981) page 661
opt_slot(M=0.70,N=1000,recage=1,entage=1,slage=3,trage=4)
```

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opt\_trophy

*Optimum Trophy Size Limits for Recreational Fisheries*

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**Description**

Calculates optimum trophy catch over a range of F values and finds Fmax for a cohort given age-at-first recruitment, age-at-first-entry, and age at which fish are considered trophy size following Jensen (1981).

**Usage**

```
opt_trophy(M = NULL, N = 1000, recage = NULL, entage = NULL,
  trage = NULL, stF = 0, endF = 2, intF = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

M	natural mortality
N	cohort size
recage	age-at-first recruitment
entage	age-at-entry into the fishery
trage	age of fish considered trophy size
stF	starting F of range to explore
endF	ending F of range to explore
intF	increment of F

**Details**

Calculations follow equations given in Jensen (1981).

**Value**

Catch	dataframe containing range of Fs and associated total catch and trophy catch of designated cohort size
Fmax	F at which trophy catch is maximum

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Jense, A. L. 1981. Optimum size limits for trout fisheries. Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci. 38: 657-661.

**See Also**

[opt\\_slot](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example from Jensen (1981) page 659
opt_trophy(M=0.70,N=1000,recage=1,entage=1,trage=4)
```

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P.donacina

*Data from a growth study of New Zealand intertidal clams.*

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**Description**

Growth increment data derived from a tagging experiment on Paphis donacina

**Usage**

P.donacina

**Format**

A data frame with 150 observations on the following 4 variables.

T1 a numeric vector describing the release date (y)

T2 a numeric vector describing the recovery date (y)

L1 a numeric vector describing the length at release (mm)

L2 a numeric vector describing the length at recapture (mm)

**Details**

Note that the data have been corrected for measurement bias, as described by Cranfield et al (1996).

**Source**

Cranfield, H.J., Michael, K.P., and Francis, R.I.C.C. 1996. Growth rates of five species of subtidal clam on a beach in the South Island, New Zealand. *Marine and Freshwater Research* 47: 773–784.

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p<sub>gen</sub>

*Probability of a Management Parameter Exceeding a Reference Point*

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**Description**

Calculates the probability of a management value exceeding a reference point with or without error

**Usage**

```
pgen(est=NULL, limit=NULL, estSD=0, limSD=0, corr=0, dist=1, comp=1, nreps=10000)
```

**Arguments**

est	management value (mv) or vector containing individual parameter values from, say, bootstrap runs.
limit	reference point (rp) or vector containing individual reference point values from, say, bootstrap runs.
estSD	standard deviation of management value if a single value is used. Must be >0 if a single value is used. If a vector of individual values is provided, estSD is not used.
limSD	standard deviation of reference point if a single value is used. If a vector of individual values is provided, limSD is not used. limSD = 0 if the reference point is considered a point estimate (no error).
corr	correlation between est and limit. Only used if est and limit are single values with error.
dist	assumed distribution of est or limit if they are single values with error. 1 = normal; 2 = log-normal.
comp	the direction of comparison: 1: mv < rp, 2: mv <= rp, 3: mv > rp, 4: mv >= rp.
nreps	the number of samples to draw to create normal or log-normal distributions. User should explore different sample sizes to determine if the probability obtained is stable.

## Details

Randomization methods as approximations to Equations 1, 2 and 3 in Shertzer et al. (2008) are used to calculate the probability that a management value with error (e.g., fishing mortality) passes a reference point without (Eq. 1) or with (Eq. 2) error. Either may be represented by a single value and its associated standard deviations or a vector of individual values that represent results from, say, bootstrap runs. If log-normal is assumed, *mv* and *rp* and associated standard deviations must be in natural log-units (i.e., *meanlog* and *sdlog*).

If the management value and reference point are specified as single values with standard deviations, samples of size *nreps* are drawn randomly from the specified distribution parameterized with *est* and *limit* and associated standard deviations. If *corr*>0 (Eq. 3), then the *est* and *limit* distributions are drawn from a multivariate normal (function *mvrnorm*) distribution. If log-normal is assumed, function *mvrnorm* is used with the *meanlog* and *sdlog* estimates and then output values are bias-corrected and back-transformed.

If the management value and the reference point are represented by vectors of individual values, the probability is calculated by tallying the number of management values that exceed (or pass) the reference points and then dividing by number of *est* values\*number of *limit* values. If either the management value or reference point is specified as a single value with standard deviation, then a vector of individual values of size equal to the size of the other vector is generated by using the *rnorm* or *rlnorm* function parameterized with the single value and its standard deviation.

## Value

probability value of comparison

## Note

Chris Legault of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Woods Hole, MA provided R code for the randomization method and Daniel Hennen of the the National Marine Fisheries Service, Woods Hole, MA provided the R code for using *mvrnorm* to obtain log-normal distributions.

## Author(s)

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## References

Shertzer, K. W., M. H. Prager, and E. K. Williams. 2008. A probability-based approach to setting annual catch levels. *Fishery Bulletin* 106: 225-232.

## Examples

```
## est = 2010 Spawning Stock Biomass of Striped Bass, limit = SSB Reference Point
pgen(est=50548,limit=36881,estSD=5485,limSD=1901,corr=0.05,dist=1,comp=2,nreps=1000)
```



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pinfish	<i>Length, age and sex data for pinfish (Lagodon rhomboides) from Tampa Bay, Florida</i>
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**Description**

The pinfish data frame has 670 rows and 4 columns.

**Usage**

```
pinfish
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**field\_no** haul identifier

**sl** standard length (mm) of individual pinfish

**age** age in year with decimal extension reflecting age past January 1

**sex** sex of fish. 1=male, 2=female, 0 = unknown

**Source**

Nelson, G. A. 2002. Age, growth, mortality, and distribution of pinfish (*Lagodon rhomboides*) in Tampa Bay and adjacent Gulf of Mexico waters. *Fishery Bulletin* 100: 582-592.

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plot.grotagplus	<i>Plotting Tagging-Growth Objects</i>
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**Description**

Plotting method for output from function grotagplus, which has class "grotagplus".

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'grotagplus'
plot(x, plot.type="meangrowth", linitial=NULL, resid.spec=list(Pearson=T,
  x="mean.dell"), xlim=NULL, ylim=NULL, pch=20, leg.loc=NULL,
  age.based.growth=NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Growth-model fit to tagging data as output by function "grotagplus".
<code>plot.type</code>	Character string identifying the type of plot required: "meangrowth" = mean annual growth vs initial length; "traj" = one-year growth trajectory of fish of initial length specified by <code>Linitial</code> ; or "resid" = plot of ordinary or Pearson residuals (plot details specified by <code>resid.spec</code> ).
<code>Linitial</code>	Initial length to use for plot of growth trajectory.
<code>resid.spec</code>	List, specifying details of a residual plot, with components "Pearson" (logical, if T [default] plot Pearson residuals, otherwise simple residuals) and "x" (the x-variable in the plot - either "L1", length at tagging; "delT", time at liberty; or "mean.delL", expected length increment).
<code>xlim</code>	Allow the user to set x-limits for a plot that differ from those defined by the range of the plotted data.
<code>ylim</code>	Allow the user to set y-limits for a plot that differ from those defined by the range of the plotted data.
<code>pch</code>	Allows the user to change the plotting symbol for residual plots from the default <code>pch=20</code> .
<code>leg.loc</code>	Allows the user to change the legend location from its default position ("topright" for meangrowth and resid; "topleft" for traj). Note that a legend is used only for traj or for other plots with multiple datasets.
<code>age.based.growth</code>	This argument allows the user to add, to a meangrowth plot, growth estimates (plotted as dashed lines) from age-length datasets. It should be a list of vectors, each of which contains estimates of mean length corresponding to a vector of increasing ages whose increments are always 1 year (the ages are not included in the argument because they are not used in the plot, and the age vectors need not be the same in each component). If the list is named then the names will be interpreted as identifying different datasets. If a name appears in <code>fit\$datasetnames</code> the age-based growth will be plotted with the same colour as the corresponding tagging growth. If the list is not named then it must be of the same length as <code>fit\$datasetnames</code> (or of length 1 if there is only one dataset in the tagging data) and it will be assumed that the <i>i</i> th component corresponds to the <i>i</i> th tagging dataset.
<code>...</code>	Other graphical parameters. See <code>par</code>

**Details**

Examples of the three plot types are given in Figs 7 & 8 of Francis and Francis (1992), for "resid" and "meangrowth", respectively; and in Fig. 2 of Francis (1988), for "traj".

`plot.type="meangrowth"` is the recommended way for plotting growth rates estimated from tagging data. Argument `age.based.growth` allows a rough comparison between these growth estimates and those from age-length data (the comparison is between the mean growth at length *L* and that at the age for which the mean length is *L*).

The traj plot, as well as showing the mean (i.e., expected) growth (solid line), shows 95 (dashed lines) and with (dotted lines) allowance for measurement error.

In residual plots, a dashed lowess line is plotted for each dataset to indicate any trend and, for Pearson residuals, dotted lines at +/- 2 indicate approximate 95

For fits using multiple datasets, colour is used to distinguish the datasets. Use "palette" to change the match between colour and dataset (the ith colour in the palette is associated with the ith element in fit\$datasetnames).

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### References

1 Francis, R.I.C.C., 1988. Maximum likelihood estimation of growth and growth variability from tagging data. *New Zealand Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research*, 22, p.42-51.

2 Francis, M.P. and Francis, R.I.C.C. 1992. Growth rate estimates for New Zealand rig (*Mustelus lenticulatus*). *Australian Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research* 43: 1157-1176

### See Also

[grotagplus print.grotagplus](#)

### Examples

```
# Plot of mean growth like that in Fig 8. of Francis & Francis (1992)
data(rig)
fit <- grotagplus(rig,dataID="Sex",alpha=70,beta=100,
  model=list(mean="Francis",var="linear",seas="none"),
  design=list(galpha=list("F","M"),gbeta=list("F","M"),
    s=1,nu=1,m=0,p=0),
  stvalue=list(galpha=c(5,4),gbeta=c(3,2),s=2,nu=0.5),
  upper=list(galpha=c(8,6),gbeta=c(5,4),s=4,nu=1),
  lower=list(galpha=c(3,2),gbeta=c(1.5,1),s=0.5,nu=0.2))
mnlentage <- list(F=90.7*(1-exp(-0.42*(seq(1.5,6.5)-0.77))),
  M= 118.7*(1-exp(-0.16*(seq(4,11)-2.02))),
  PGM=161.1*(1-exp(-0.11*(seq(3.5,10.5)-1.91))))
plot(fit,age.based.growth=mnlentage)
## Residual plots
fit <- grotagplus(rig,dataID="Sex",alpha=70,beta=100,
  model=list(mean="Francis",var="linear",seas="none"),
  design=list(galpha=list("F","M"),gbeta=list("F","M"),
    s=1,nu=1,m=0,p=0),
  stvalue=list(galpha=c(5,4),gbeta=c(3,2),s=2,nu=0.5),
  upper=list(galpha=c(8,6),gbeta=c(5,4),s=4,nu=1),
  lower=list(galpha=c(3,2),gbeta=c(1.5,1),s=0.5,nu=0.2))
plot(fit,"resid")
plot(fit,"resid",resid.spec=list(Pearson=FALSE,x="L1"))
## Trajectory plot as in Fig. 2 of Francis (1988)
data(bonito)
```

```
fit <- grotagplus(bonito,alpha=35,beta=55,
  design=list(galpha=1,gbeta=1,s=1,nu=1,m=1,p=1,u=1,w=1),
  stvalue=list(s=0.81,nu=0.3,m=0,p=0.01,u=0.5,w=0.5),
  upper=list(s=3,nu=1,m=2,p=0.1,u=1,w=1),
  lower=list(s=0.1,nu=0.1,m=-2,p=0,u=0,w=0))
plot(fit,"traj",Linitial=35)
```

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powertrend

*Power Analysis For Detecting Trends*

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### Description

Power analysis for detecting trends in linear regression is implemented following procedures in Gerrodette (1987; 1991).

### Usage

```
powertrend(trend = 1, A1 = NULL, PSE = NULL, pserel = 1,
  maxyrs = 3, pR = 100, step = 5, alpha = 0.05, tail = 2, graph = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

trend	1 = Linear, 2 = Exponential. Default = 1.
A1	the start year abundance. In actuality, it can be population size, productivity, diversity, mortality rate, etc.
PSE	the proportional standard error $(SE(A)/A) = CV$ in Gerrodette (1987;1991).
pserel	the relationship between abundance and PSE: 1 = $1/\sqrt{A1}$ , 2 = constant, 3 = $\sqrt{A1}$ . Default = 1.
maxyrs	the maximum number of samples or years to project start year abundance. Default = 3.
pR	the highest positive percent change to investigate. Default = 100.
step	the increment of the range of percent change to investigate. Default = 5.
alpha	the alpha level (Type I error) to use. Default = 0.05.
tail	type of tailed test: 1 = one-tailed, 2= two-tailed. Default = 2.
graph	logical specifying whether a graph of power versus percent change should be produced. Default is TRUE.

### Details

The probability that an upward or downward trend in abundance (power) will be detected is calculated using linear regression given number of samples (maxyrs), estimates of sample variability (PSE) and abundance-PSE relationship (pserel), and percent rate of change. The program calculates power for each step increment beginning at -100 percent for declining changes and ending at pR percent for increasing changes. See Gerrodette (1987;1991) for full details. It is assumed that time intervals between samplings is equal.

**Value**

Dataframe containing columns of number of samples (years), trend selected (trend), the PSE (pse), alpha level (alpha), tail of test (tail), percent change (R) over maxyrs, and power (power).

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**References**

Gerrodette, T. 1987. A power analysis for detecting trends. *Ecology*. 68(5): 1364-1372.

Gerrodette, T. 1991. Models for power of detecting trends - a reply to Link and Hatfield. *Ecology* 72(5): 1889-1892.

**Examples**

```
powertrend(A1=1000,PSE=0.1)
```

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```
print.grotagplus      Printing Tagging-Growth Objects
```

---

**Description**

Printing method for output from function grotagplus, which has class "grotagplus".

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'grotagplus'
print(x,precision=c(est="sig3",stats="dec1",cor="dec2"),...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Growth-model fit to tagging data as output by function "grotagplus".
precision	Named character vector specifying the printing precision for each of three categories of output: "est" (applies to fixed and estimated parameters and to Linf.k); "stats" (for negloglikl and AIC); and "cor" (for the parameter correlation matrix). Values should be either "sigx", for x significant figures, or "decx" for x decimal places.
...	Other print parameters.

**Details**

Outputs from grotagplus are produced to a precision which is usually much greater than is warranted. To see this full precision print individual components, e.g., print(fit\$parest).

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**See Also**

[grotagplus](#) [plot.grotagplus](#)

**Examples**

```
#Model 4 of Francis (1988)
data(bonito)
fit <- grotagplus(bonito,alpha=35,beta=55,
                 design=list(galpha=1,gbeta=1,s=1,nu=1,m=1,p=1,u=1,w=1),
                 stvalue=list(s=0.81,nu=0.3,m=0,p=0.01,u=0.5,w=0.5),
                 upper=list(s=3,nu=1,m=2,p=0.1,u=1,w=1),
                 lower=list(s=0.1,nu=0.1,m=-2,p=0,u=0,w=0))
print(fit)
```

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pwpop

*Estimate Net Reproductive Rates Over Multiple Periods Of An Abundance Time Series Using Piecewise Regression*

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**Description**

Function estimates net reproductive rates for periods of change over a time series of abundance data.

**Usage**

```
pwpop(abund = NULL, year = NULL, periods = NULL, Cs = NULL,
      startR = NULL, upperR = NULL, lowerR = NULL, graph = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

abund	the vector of time series of abundance data (e.g. run counts, indices of relative abundance, etc.).
year	the vector of years associated with abundance data.
periods	the number of periods over which to fit the population model.
Cs	the vector of user-specified initial starting value for year(s) of change - number of values equals <i>periods</i> - 1 (enclose within <code>c()</code> ).
startR	the vector of user-specified initial starting values for R - one value for each period (enclose within <code>c()</code> ).
upperR	the vector of user-specified upper limits for R (one for each period) used in optimization (enclose within <code>c()</code> ).

lowerR	the vector of user-specified lower limits for R (one for each period) used in optimization (enclose within c()).
graph	Logical specifying whether a graph of observed versus predicted values is plotted. Default=TRUE.

### Details

A simple population model is fitted to abundance data to estimate the net reproductive rate for specified periods of time. The model is  $N_t = N_0 * R^t$  where  $N_t$  is the abundance at time  $t$ ,  $N_0$  is the estimated initial population size and  $R$  is the net reproductive rate.  $R$  can be used as an indication that the population is stable ( $R=1$ ), is increasing ( $R>1$ ) or is declining ( $R<1$ ) over a specified time period. The fitted equation is the linearized form:  $\log(N_t) = \log(N_0) + \log(R) * t$ , where  $\log$  is the natural-log; therefore, zeros are not allowed.

To simultaneously estimate the parameters for periods of trends in the abundance data, a piecewise regression approach is used. The linearized model is fitted separately to data for each period but models are linked so that the ending year for the preceding period is also the intercept for the current period. As an example, the models for three periods are

$$\log(N_{1,t}) = \log(N_{1,0}) + \log(R_1) * t \text{ for } t < C_1$$

$$\log(N_{2,t}) = \log(N_{1,0}) + C_1 * (\log(R_1) - \log(R_2)) + \log(R_2) * t \text{ for } t \geq C_1 \text{ and } t < C_2$$

$$\log(N_{3,t}) = \log(N_{1,0}) + C_1 * (\log(R_1) - \log(R_2)) + C_2 * (\log(R_2) - \log(R_3)) + \log(R_3) * t \text{ for } t \geq C_2$$

The parameters estimated for these models are  $\log(N_{1,0})$ ,  $\log(R_1)$ ,  $C_1$ ,  $\log(R_2)$ ,  $C_2$ , and  $\log(R_3)$ .  $t$  is time starting at 1 for the first year of abundance and ending at  $x$  for the last year of abundance (year information is still needed for plotting). Entered  $C$ s value are converted to the same scale as  $t$ . Back-transform the  $\log(R)$  values using *exp* to obtain the  $R$  values for each period. The function *optim* is used to obtain parameter estimates and associated standard errors by minimizing the sum of squares  $(\log(N) - \log(\text{pred}))^2$ . Add first year-1 to each  $C$  to put estimates on year scale.

### Value

Estimates	list element with the parameter estimates and associated standard errors, residual sum of squares, Akaike's Information Criterion for least squares (AIC), and coefficient of determination ( $r^2$ ).
Data	list element with the abundance data, years, $t$ , log predicted values, and back-transformation predicted values.

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### References

Neter, J. , M. H. Kutner, C. J. Nachtsheim, and W. Wasserman. 1996. Applied Linear Statistical Models. The McGraw-Hill Companies. 1408 p.

**Examples**

```
data(counts)
pwpop(abund = counts$number, year = counts$year, periods = 3, Cs = c(2000,2005),
startR = c(0.5,0.5,0.5),
upperR = c(10,10,10),
lowerR = c(-10,-10,-10))
```

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remp

*Random Number Generation from an Empirical Distribution*

---

**Description**

Generates random numbers from a distribution created with empirical data

**Usage**

```
remp(n, obs=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of random observations to generate.
obs	vector of empirical observations.

**Details**

An empirical probability distribution is formed from empirical data with each observation having  $1/T$  probability of selection, where  $T$  is the number of data points. The cumulative distribution function (cdf) is then created so that cumulative probability of the smallest observation = 0 and the largest observation = 1. Random values are generated by applying the probability integral transform to the empirical cdf using uniformly distributed random variable ( $U$ ) on the interval  $[0,1]$ . If  $U$  corresponds directly to the cdf probability of a particular empirical observation, then the actual observation is selected. If  $U$  falls between cdf probabilities of empirical observations, then an observation is obtained by linear interpolation.

**Value**

random observation(s)

**Note**

Jon Brodziak of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Honolulu, HI described this technique in his AGEPRO program.

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### Examples

```
# Striped bass recruits per spawning stock biomass ratios
# for 2001-2011 from 2013 assessment
ratios<-c(799.22,794.78,969.81,1038.80,1101.45,1117.46,1126.16,
          1647.51,1882.30,1966.13,2189.25)
# Select new recruits per SSB ratio for projection
remp(1,ratios)
```

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rig	<i>Tagging data from a growth study of rig</i>
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### Description

Tagging growth increment data for New Zealand rig (*Mustelus lenticulatus*), after removal of outliers, as analysed in models 2-4 of Table 6 of Francis and Francis (1992).

### Usage

```
rig
```

### Format

A data frame with 114 observations and the following components

L1 Length at release (cm)

L2 Length at recapture (cm)

T1 Time of release (y from 1 January 1981)

T2 Time of recapture (y from 1 January 1981)

Sex Sex of fish (F or M)

### Source

1 Francis, M.P. and Francis, R.I.C.C. 1992. Growth rate estimates for New Zealand rig (*Mustelus lenticulatus*). Australian Journal of Marine and Freshwater Research 43: 1157–1176

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 rockbass

*Age Frequency Data for Rock Bass*


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**Description**

The rockbass data frame has 243 rows and 1 column. The age data are from a sample of rock bass trap-netted from Cayuga Lake, New York by Chapman and Robson, as reported by Seber (2002; page 417) and were expanded to individual observations from the age frequency table.

**Usage**

rockbass

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**age** age of individual rock bass in years

**Source**

Seber, G. A. F. 2002. *The Estimation of Animal Abundance and Related Parameters, Second Edition*. The Blackburn Press, Caldwell, New Jersey. 654 p.

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 sblen

*Total length (inches) of striped bass collected by Massachusetts volunteer anglers in 2014*


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**Description**

sblen data frame has 311 rows and 1 columns. Total length of striped bass

**Usage**

sblen

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**len\_inches** vector of lengths

**Source**

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA

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 sbotos

*Otolith ages of striped bass made by two age readers*


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**Description**

The sbotos data frame has 135 rows and 2 columns. Ages of striped bass interpreted from the same otolith sections by two age readers

**Usage**

```
sbotos
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**reader1** vector of ages

**reader2** vector of ages

**Source**

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA

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 sbpr

*Spawning Stock Biomass-Per-Recruit Analysis*


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**Description**

Spawning stock biomass-per-recruit(SBPR) analysis is conducted following Gabriel et al. (1989). Reference points of F and SBPR for a percentage of maximum spawning potential are calculated.

**Usage**

```
sbpr(age = NULL, ssbwgt = NULL, partial = NULL, pmat = pmat,
      M = NULL, pF = NULL, pM = NULL, MSP = 40, plus = FALSE,
      oldest = NULL, maxF = 2, incrF = 1e-04, graph = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

age	vector of cohort ages. If the last age is a plus group, do not add a "+" to the age.
ssbwgt	vector of spawning stock weights for each age. Length of vector must correspond to the length of the age vector.
partial	partial recruitment vector applied to fishing mortality (F) to obtain partial F-at-age. Length of this vector must match length of the age vector.

pmat	proportion of mature fish at each age. Length of this vector must match the length of the age vector.
M	vector containing a single natural mortality (M) rate if M is assumed constant over all ages, or a vector of Ms, one for each age. If the latter, the vector length match the length of the age vector.
pF	the proportion of fishing mortality that occurs before spawning.
pM	the proportion of natural mortality that occurs before spawning.
MSP	the percentage of maximum spawning potential (percent MSP reference point) for which F and SBPR should be calculated.
plus	a logical indicating whether the last age is a plus-group. Default=FALSE.
oldest	if plus=TRUE, a numeric value indicating the oldest age in the plus group.
maxF	the maximum value of F range over which SBPR will be calculated. SBPR is calculated for F = 0 to maxF.
incrF	F increment for SBPR calculation.
graph	a logical indicating whether SPR and Percent Max SPR versus F should be plotted. Default=TRUE.

### Details

Spawning stock biomass-per-recruit analysis is conducted following Gabriel et al. (1989). The F and SBPR for the percentage maximum spawning potential reference point are calculated. If the last age is a plus-group, the cohort is expanded to the oldest age and the *ssbwgt*, *partial*, *pmat*, and *M* values for the plus age are applied to the expanded cohort ages.

### Value

Reference_Points	F and SBPR values for the percentage MSP
SBPR_vs_F	Spawning stock biomass-per-recruit values for each F increment

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### References

Gabriel, W. L., M. P. Sissenwine, and W. J. Overholtz. 1989. Analysis of spawning stock biomass per recruit: an example for Georges Bank haddock. *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 9: 383-391.

### See Also

[ypr](#)

**Examples**

```
data(haddock)
sbpr(age=haddock$age,ssbwgt=haddock$ssbwgt,partial=haddock$partial,
pmat=haddock$pmat,M=0.2,pF=0.2, pM=0.1667,MSP=30,plus=FALSE,maxF=2,
incrF=0.001)
```

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schnabel	<i>Population Size Estimates from Repeated Mark-Recapture Experiments</i>
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**Description**

Estimates of population abundance from Schnabel (1938) and Schumacher and Eschmeyer (1943) are calculated from repeated mark-recapture experiments following Krebs (1989).

**Usage**

```
schnabel(catch = NULL, recaps = NULL, newmarks = NULL,
alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

catch	A vector containing the number of animal caught in each mark-recapture experiment.
recaps	A vector containing the number of animal recaptured in each mark-recapture experiment.
newmarks	A vector containing the newly marked animals in each mark-recapture experiment.
alpha	the alpha level for confidence intervals. Default = 0.05

**Details**

All computations follow Krebs (1989: p. 30-34). For the Schnabel method, the poisson distribution is used to set confidence intervals if the sum of all recaptures is <50, and the t distribution is used if the sum of all recaptures is >=50. For the Schumacher-Eschmeyer method, the t distribution is used to set confidence intervals.

**Value**

Dataframe containing the population estimates for the Schnabel and Schumacher & Eschmeyer methods (N), the inverse standard errors (invSE), lower (LCI) and upper (UCI) confidence intervals, and the type of distribution used to set confidence intervals (CI Distribution).

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## References

Krebs, C. J. 1989. *Ecological Methodologies*. Harper and Row, New York, NY. 654 p.

## Examples

```
data(Gerking)
schnabel(catch=Gerking$C, recaps=Gerking$R, newmarks=Gerking$N,
alpha=0.10)
```

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Shepherd

*Seasonal Length Frequencies for Raja clavata*

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## Description

The Shepherd data frame has 24 rows and 4 columns. The seasonal length frequency data of *Raja clavata* are from Shepherd's working document.

## Usage

Shepherd

## Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

**length** lower limit of length interval

**f1** length frequency from first sampling event in year.

**f2** length frequency from second sampling event in year.

**f3** length frequency from third sampling event in year.

## Source

Shepherd, J. G. 1987. *A weakly parametric method for the analysis of length composition data*. In: D. Pauly and G. Morgan, (eds). *The Theory and Application of Length-Based Methods of Stock Assessment*. ICLARM Conf. Ser. Manilla.

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slca	<i>A Weakly Parametric Method for the Analysis of Length Composition Data</i>
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### Description

Shepherd's method for the decomposition of seasonal length frequencies into age classes.

### Usage

```
slca(x, type = 1, fryr=NULL, Linf = NULL, K = NULL, t0 = NULL,
     Lrange = NULL, Krange = NULL)
```

### Arguments

x	the dataframe containing the seasonal length frequencies. The first column contains the lower limit of the length bin as a single numeric value, and the second and remaining columns contain the number of fish in each length bin for each seasonal length frequency. The increment of length frequencies should be constant, e.g. every 3 cm. Empty cells must be coded as zeros. Column headers are not required.
type	the analysis to be conducted: 1= <i>explore</i> , 2= <i>evaluate</i> .
fryr	the fraction of the year corresponding to when each seasonal length frequency was collected. Enter one numeric value for each length frequency separated by commas within the concatenation function, e.g. c(0.2,0.45). Values must be entered for type=1 and type=2.
Linf	the von Bertalanffy L-infinity parameter. If type=2, then value must be entered.
K	the von Bertalanffy growth parameter. If type=2, then value must be entered.
t0	the von Bertalanffy t-sub zero parameter. If type=2, the value must be entered.
Lrange	the L-infinity range (minimum and maximum) and increment to explore. If type=1, then values must be entered. The first position is the minimum value, the second position is the maximum value, and the third position is the increment. Values should be separated by commas within the concatenation function, e.g. c(100,120,10).
Krange	the K range and increment to explore. If type=1, then values must be entered. The first position is the minimum value, the second position is the maximum value, and the third position is the increment. Values should be separated by commas within the concatenation function, e.g. c(0.1,0.3,0.02).

### Details

There are two analytical steps. In the "explore" analysis, a set of von Bertalanffy parameters that best describes the growth of the seasonal length groups is selected from a table of goodness-of-fit measures mapped over the range of specified K and L-infinity values. Once the best K and L-infinity parameters are selected, the corresponding t0 value is obtained off the second table. In the "evaluate" analysis, the selected parameters are used to 'slice' the seasonal length frequencies into age classes.

**Value**

If type=1, tables of goodness of fit measures versus L-infinity and K parameters, and t0 values versus L-infinity and K parameters. If type=2, table of age classes produced from slicing the length frequencies.

**Note**

Shepherd's Fortran code provided in his original working document was translated into R code.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Shepherd, J. G. 1987. A weakly parametric method for the analysis of length composition data. In: D. Pauly and G. Morgan, (eds). *The Theory and Application of Length-Based Methods of Stock Assessment*. ICLARM Conf. Ser. Manilla.

**Examples**

```
#Data are from Shepherd working document - seasonal length frequencies
# for Raja clavata.
data(Shepherd)

#explore
slca(Shepherd,1,fryr=c(0.2,0.45,0.80),Lrange=c(100,150,10),
Krangle=c(0.1,0.3,0.02))

#evaluate
slca(Shepherd,2,fryr=c(0.2,0.45,0.80),Linf=120,K=0.2,t0=0.57)
```

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sole

*Flathead sole CPUEs*


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**Description**

Flathead sole CPUEs for a side-by-side trawl calibration study of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG) vessels

**Usage**

```
data(sole)
```



**Format**

A data frame with 33 observations on the following 3 variables.

haul a numeric vector of the experimental paired haul number

nmfs catch-per-unit-effort (kg per km<sup>2</sup>) for the NMFS vessel Peggy Jo from 33 experimental hauls

adfg catch-per-unit-effort (kg per km<sup>2</sup>) for the ADFG vessel Resolution from 33 experimental hauls

**Source**

von Szalay, P. G. and E. Brown. 2001. Trawl comparisons of fishing power differences and their applicability to National Marine Fisheries Service and Alask Department of Fish and Game trawl survey gear. Alaska Fishery Research Bulletin 8(2):85-95.

Data were graciously provided by Paul G. von Szalay, National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle, Washington.

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sr	<i>Estimation and Model Comparison of Stock-Recruitment Relationships</i>
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**Description**

This function fits 14 models of recruitment-stock relationships to recruitment numbers and spawning stock (e.g., spawning stock biomass or fecundity) data and provides model selection statistics for determining the best model fit.

**Usage**

```
sr(recruits = NULL, stock = NULL, model = c(0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
  10, 11, 12, 13, 14),
  select = 1, initial = list(RA = NULL, RB = NULL, Rrho = NULL, BHA = NULL,
  BHB = NULL, Bhrho = NULL,
  SHA = NULL, SHB = NULL, SHC = NULL, DSA = NULL, DSB = NULL, DSC = NULL,
  MYA = NULL, MYB = NULL,
  MYC = NULL), control = list(maxit = 10000), plot = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

recruits	a vector of numbers of recruits
stock	any spawning stock quantity (e.g., spawning biomass, numbers, fecundity) corresponding to the vector of recruits.
model	the model to fit. Models are 0 = Density-Independent, 1 = Ricker with uncorrelated normal errors (N-U), 2 = Ricker with uncorrelated log-normal errors (L-U), 3 = Ricker with correlated normal errors (N-C), 4 = Ricker with correlated log-normal errors (L-C), 5 = Beverton-Holt with uncorrelated normal errors, 6 = Beverton-Holt with uncorrelated log-normal errors, 7 = Beverton-Holt with

correlated normal errors, 8 = Beverton-Holt with correlated log-normal errors, 9 = Shepherd with uncorrelated normal errors, 10 = Shepherd with uncorrelated log-normal errors, 11 = Deriso-Schnute with uncorrelated normal errors, 12 = Deriso-Schnute with uncorrelated log-normal errors, 12 = Myers depensatory model with uncorrelated normal errors, and 14 = Myers depensatory model with uncorrelated log-normal errors. Default is all.

select	method used to determine starting values. 1 = automatic, 2 = user-specified. Default=1. Automatic selection of starting might not always work given the data provided.
initial	if select = 2, list of starting values for each equation type. See equation parameter names in <i>Details</i> .
control	see function <i>optim</i> .
plot	logical indicating whether an observed-predicted plot should be produced. Default = FALSE.

### Details

The following equations are fitted:

Ricker:  $\text{recruits} = RA * \text{stock} * \exp(-RB * \text{stock})$

Beverton-Holt:  $\text{recruits} = (BHA * \text{stock}) / (1 + (BHA * \text{stock}) / BHB)$

Shepherd:  $\text{recruits} = (SHA * \text{stock}) / (1 + SHB * \text{stock}^{SHC})$

Deriso-Schnute:  $\text{recruits} = DSA * \text{stock} * (1 - DSB * DSC * \text{stock})^{(1/DSC)}$

Myers:  $(MYA * \text{datar} \$ \text{stock}^{MYC}) / (1 + ((\text{datar} \$ \text{stock}^{MYC}) / MYB))$

Maximum likelihood is used to estimate model parameters.

For uncorrelated normal errors, the negative log-likelihood is

$$n/2 * \log(2 * \pi) + n * \log(\sqrt{\text{sigma}2}) + 1 / (2 * \text{sigma}2) * \text{sum}((\text{recruits} - \text{predicted})^2)$$

where n is the number of observation, sigma2 is the maximum likelihood of residual variance and predicted is the model predicted recruits. sigma2 is calculated internally as

$$\text{sigma}2 = \text{sum}((\text{recruits} - \text{predicted})^2) / n.$$

For uncorrelated log-normal errors, the negative log-likelihood is

$$n/2 * \log(2 * \pi) + n * \log(\sqrt{\text{lsigma}2}) + \text{sum}(\log(\text{recruits})) + 1 / (2 * \text{lsigma}2) * \text{sum}((\log(\text{recruits}) - \log(\text{predicted}) + \text{lsigma}2 / 2)^2)$$

lsigma2 is calculated internally as  $\text{lsigma}2 = \text{sum}((\log(\text{recruits}) - \log(\text{predicted}))^2) / n.$

For correlated normal errors, the negative log-likelihood is

$$n/2 * \log(2 * \pi) + n * \log(\sqrt{\text{sigma}2w}) - 0.5 * \log(1 - \rho^2) + 1 / (2 * \text{sigma}2w) * \text{sum}R + ((1 - \rho^2) / (2 * \text{sigma}2w)) * (\text{datar} \$ \text{recruits}[1] - \text{predicted}[1])^2$$

where rho is the estimated autocorrelation (AR1) parameter, sigma2w is the white noise residual variance, and sumR is calculated as

$$\text{for}(k \text{ in } 2:n) \text{sum}R <- \text{sum}R + (\text{recruits}[k] - \rho * \text{recruits}[k-1] - \text{predicted}[k] + \rho * \text{predicted}[k-1])^2$$

sigma2w is calculated internally as

```

res = recruits -predicted
es = c(res[1:c(length(res)-1)]*rho)
sigma2w = sum((res[-1]-es)^2)/c(n-1)
For correlated log-normal errors, the negative log-likelihood is
n/2*log(2*pi)+n*log(sqrt(lsigma2w))+sum(log(recruits))-0.5*log(1-rho^2)+
1/(2*lsigma2w)*lsumR+((1-rho^2)/(2*lsigma2w))*(log(recruits[1])-
log(predicted[1])+lsigma2w/2)^2
where lsumR is calculated as
for(k in 2:n) lsumR<-lsumR+(log(recruits[k])-rho*log(recruits[k-1])
-log(predicted[k])+rho*log(predicted[k-1]))+(1-phi)*lsigma2w/2)^2
and lsigma2w is calculated as
res = log(recruits)-log(predicted)
es = c(res[1:c(length(res)-1)]*rho)
lsigma2w = sum((res[-1]-es)^2)/c(n-1).

```

Correlated error structures are available for the Ricker and Beverton-Holt model only. The names for specification of starting values of the AR1 parameter are Rrho and BHRho.

Akaike Information Criterion for small sample sizes (AICc), Akaike weights and evidence ratios (Burnham and Anderson 2002) are provided for each model selected above.

This function uses function *optim* to estimate parameters and function *hessian* in package *numDeriv* to calculate the hessian matrix from which standard errors are derived.

## Value

Lists containing estimation results. *results* contains parameter estimates, associated standard errors, residual variances, negative log-likelihoods and AICc values for each model. If the standard errors are NaN, the hessian could not be inverted (i.e., poor model fit). *evidence\_ratios* contains Akaike weights and evidence ratios for model selection. *convergence* contains convergence criterion: 0 = no problems, >0 = problems (see function *optim*). *correlations* contains the estimated parameter correlations. Correlation will be NA if hessian could not be inverted. *predicted* contains the predicted values from each model. *residuals* contains the residuals from each model.

## Author(s)

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## References

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- Brodziak, J, and C. M. Legault. 2010. Reference manual for SRFIT version 7. NOAA Fisheries Toolbox.
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Myers, R. A., N. J. Barrowman, J. A. Hutching and A. A. Rosenberg. 1995. Population dynamics of exploited fish stocks at low population levels. *Science* 269: 1106-1108.

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. *Quantitative fish dynamics*. Oxford University Press. 542 pages.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
data(striper)
outs<-sr(recruits=striper$recruits,stock=striper$stock,select=2,model=c(5,6,7,8),
         initial=list(RA=5e3, RB=2e-5, Rrho=0.1,
                     BHA=8e3, BHB=1e8, Bhrho=0.1,
                     SHA=1.5e3, SHB=5.6e8, SHC=1,
                     DSA=9e3, DSB=9e-5, DSC=-1.14,
                     MYA=1e6, MYB=1e5, MYC=0.4), plot=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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striper	<i>Recruitment Numbers and Female Spawning Stock Biomass for Striped Bass</i>
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### Description

The striper data frame has 34 rows and 2 column. Estimates of recruits and female spawning stock biomass for striped bass from the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries 2016 stock assessment.

### Usage

```
striper
```

### Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

**recruits** number of recruits

**stock** female spawning stock biomass (metric tons)

### Source

<http://www.asmfcr.org>

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`surveyfit`*Estimating the Relative Abundance of Fish From a Trawl Survey*

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**Description**

This function applies the time series method of Pennington (1986) for estimating relative abundance to a survey series of catch per tow data

**Usage**

```
surveyfit(year = NULL, index = NULL, logtrans = TRUE, graph = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>year</code>	vector containing the time series of numeric year labels.
<code>index</code>	vector containing the time series of mean catch per tow data.
<code>logtrans</code>	a logical value indicating whether the natural log-transform should be applied to the mean catch per tow values. Default is TRUE.
<code>graph</code>	a logical value indicating whether a graph of the observed and model fit should be drawn. Default is TRUE.

**Details**

Parameters for a first difference, moving average model of order 1 are estimated from the trawl time series using function `arima`. Following Equation 4 in Pennington (1986), fitted values are calculated from the model residuals and the estimate of theta.

**Value**

List containing summary statistics (sample size (n), the first three sample autocorrelations (r1-r3) for the first differenced logged series) and parameter estimates (theta, theta standard error, and sigma2), the observed log-transformed index and fitted values, and the ARIMA function output.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Pennington, M. P. 1986. Some statistical techniques for estimating abundance indices from trawl surveys. Fishery Bulletin 84(3): 519-525.

**See Also**

[surveyref](#)

**Examples**

```
data(yellowtail)
surveyfit(year=yellowtail$year, index=yellowtail$index)
```

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surveyref	<i>Quantitative reference points from stock abundance indices based on research surveys</i>
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**Description**

This function implements the methodology of Helser and Hayes (1995) for generating quantitative reference points from relative abundance indices based on research surveys

**Usage**

```
surveyref(x = NULL, refpt = 25, compyear = NULL, reffix = FALSE,
          refrange = NULL, nboot = 500, allboots = FALSE, nreps = 10000)
```

**Arguments**

x	output object from function surveyfit.
refpt	the lower quantile (percentile) of the fitted time series used as the reference point.
compyear	the index year to compare to the reference point. Multiple years can be included in the comparison using the c() function.
reffix	a logical value specifying whether the lower quantile should be determined from a fixed set of years. Default = FALSE.
refrange	If reffix = TRUE, the beginning and ending year of the time series to include in determination of the lower quantile. The values should be enclosed within c() (e.g., c(1963,1983)).
nboot	the number of bootstrap replicates.
allboots	a logical value specifying whether the fitted values for the bootstrap replicates should be included in the output. Default = FALSE.
nreps	the number of samples to draw in function pgen. Default = 10000.

**Details**

Using the output object from function surveyfit, the methodology of Helser and Hayes (1995) is applied to generate the probability distribution that the abundance index value for a given year lies below the value of a lower quantile (reference point). The procedure is : 1) add to the original fitted time series residuals randomly selected with replacement from the Pennington model fit, 2) repeat this nboot times to create new time series, 3) fit the Pennington model to each new time series using the original theta estimate to get nboot replicates of new fitted time series, and 4) determine the lower quantile for each new fitted time series. The probability of the abundance index being less than the quartile reference point is calculated using function pgen with comp=1.

If comparisons between the current year's index and the reference point will be made year-after-year, Helser and Hayes (1995) recommend using a fixed set of years to select the lower quantile. This procedure will avoid a change in reference point over time as a survey time series is updated. Use arguments `reffix` and `refrange` to accomplish this.

### Value

list containing the lower quantile of the original fitted time series and the mean quantile of the fitted bootstrap replicates (`comp_refpt`), the original fitted time series values versus the mean of the fitted bootstrap time series values (`comp_fitted`), the empirical distribution of the selected index (`emp_dist_index`), the empirical distribution of the lower quantile (`emp_dist_refpt`), the probability that the index value lies below the reference point for a given decision confidence level (`prob_index`), and, if argument `allboots` is TRUE, the fitted values of the bootstrap replicates (`boot_runs`).

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

### References

Helser, T. E. and D. B. Hayes. 1995. Providing quantitative management advice from stock abundance indices based on research surveys. *Fishery Bulletin* 93: 290-298.

### See Also

[surveyfit](#)

### Examples

```
data(wolffish)
out<-surveyfit(year=wolffish$year,index=wolffish$index,logtrans=TRUE)
surveyref(out,refpt=25,compyear=c(1990))
```

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tag\_model\_avg

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*Model Averaging for Instantaneous Rates Tag Return Models*


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### Description

Calculates model averaged estimates of instantaneous fishing, natural and total mortality, and survival rates for instantaneous rates tag return models (Hoenig et al. (1998) and Jiang et al. (2007)).

### Usage

```
tag_model_avg(..., global = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

... model object names separated by commas

global specify global model name in quotes. If the global model is the first model included in the list of candidate models, this argument can be ignored.

**Details**

Model estimates are generated from functions `irm_cr` and `irm_h`. Averaging of model estimates follows the procedures in Burnham and Anderson (2002). Variances of parameters are adjusted for overdispersion using the  $\hat{c}$  estimate from the global model :  $\sqrt{\text{var} \times \hat{c}}$ . If  $\hat{c}$  of the global model is  $<1$ , then  $\hat{c}$  is set to 1. The  $\hat{c}$  is used to calculate the quasi-likelihood AIC and AICc metrics for each model (see page 69 in Burnham and Anderson(2002)). QAICc differences among models are calculated by subtracting the QAICc of each model from the model with the smallest QAICc value. These differences are used to calculate the Akaike weights for each model following the formula on page 75 of Burnham and Anderson (2002). The Akaike weights are used to calculate the weighted average and standard error of parameter estimates by summing the product of the model-specific Akaike weight and parameter estimate across all models. An unconditional standard error is also calculated by  $\sqrt{\text{sum}(\text{QAICc wgt of model } i * (\text{var of est of model } i + (\text{est of model } i - \text{avg of all est})^2))}$ .

**Value**

List containing model summary statistics, model-averaged estimates of fishing, natural, tag, and total mortality, and survival and their weighted and unconditional standard errors .

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**References**

Burnham, K. P. and D. R. Anderson. 2002. Model selection and multimodel inference : A Practical Information-Theoretic Approach, 2nd edition. Springer-Verlag, New York, NY. 488 p.

**See Also**

[irm\\_h](#) [irm\\_cr](#)

**Examples**

```
## This is a typical specification, not a working example
## Not run:
tag_model_avg(model1,model2,model3,model4,model5,model6,model7,global="model7")
## End(Not run)
```



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tanaka	<i>Simulated alfonsino data for Tanaka (2006)</i>
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**Description**

The tanaka data frame has 138 rows and 3 columns. The number of returns and the mean times-at-large from Table 2 of Tanaka (2006) were used to generate individual times-at-large data from a random normal distributions using a CV of 0.1.

**Usage**

tanaka

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**relyr** release year (cohort)

**tal** individual times-at-large (in years)

**N** Total number of releases for relear year (cohort)

**Source**

Tanaka, E. 2006. Simultaneous estimation of instantaneous mortality coefficients and rate of effective survivors to number of released fish using multiple sets of tagging experiments. Fisheries Science 72: 710-718.

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trout	<i>Mark-recapture data for Kenai River trout trout</i>
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**Description**

The trout data frame has 102 rows and 3 columns. Release lengths, recapture lengths and times-at-large for trout trout in the Kenai River from Table 4.10 of Quinn and Deriso (1999).

**Usage**

trout

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**L1** vector of release lengths

**L2** vector of recapture lengths

**dt** vector of times-at-large

**Source**

Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. Quantitative Fish Dynamics. Oxford University Press, New York, New York. 542 pages

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vbfr	<i>Francis' re-parameterization of the von Bertalanffy growth equation for length-age data</i>
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**Description**

Fits the re-parameterized von Bertalanffy growth equation of Francis (1988) by using nonlinear least-squares

**Usage**

```
vbfr(age = NULL, L = NULL, agephi = NULL, agepsi = NULL, graph = TRUE,
gestimate = TRUE, Lhiparms = c(NA, NA, NA), Lchiparms = c(NA, NA, NA),
Lpsiparms = c(NA, NA, NA), control = list(maxiter = 10000))
```

**Arguments**

age	Vector of ages of individual fish.
L	Vector of lengths of individual fish.
agephi	Arbitrary reference age phi
agepsi	Arbitrary reference age psi. agepsi>agephi.
graph	Logical specifying whether observed versus predicted, and residual plots should be drawn. Default=TRUE.
gestimate	Logical specifying whether automatic generation of starting values of <i>lphi</i> , <i>lchi</i> and <i>lpsi</i> should be used. Default=TRUE. If gestimate=FALSE, user-specified starting, lower and upper limits of parameters must be entered.
Lhiparms	If gestimate=FALSE, starting value, lower limit and upper limit of <i>lphi</i> used in <i>nls</i> .
Lchiparms	If gestimate=FALSE, starting value, lower limit and upper limit of <i>lchi</i> used in <i>nls</i> .
Lpsiparms	If gestimate=FALSE, starting value, lower limit and upper limit of <i>lpsi</i> used in <i>nls</i> .
control	see control under function <i>nls</i> .

**Details**

Francis (1988) re-parameterized the von Bertalanffy growth equation for age-length in order to make equivalent comparison of parameters to parameters of a common model used to estimate growth from tagging data. Three parameters, *lphi*, *lchi* and *lpsi*, are estimated. The re-parameterization also has better statistical properties than the original equation.

The formulae to get the conventional von Bertalanffy parameters are:

$$\text{Lin}f = \text{lphi} + (\text{lpsi} - \text{lphi}) / (1 - r^2) \text{ where } r = (\text{lpsi} - \text{lchi}) / (\text{lchi} - \text{lphi})$$

$$K = -(2 * \log(r)) / (\text{agepsi} - \text{agephi})$$

$$t0 = \text{agephi} + (1/K) * \log((\text{Lin}f - \text{lphi}) / \text{Lin}f)$$

If `gestimate=TRUE`, unconstrained nonlinear least-squares (function *nls*) is used to fit the model. If `gestimate=FALSE`, constrained nonlinear least-squares is used (algorithm "port" in *nls*).

**Value**

*nls* object of model results. Use *summary* to extract results.

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**References**

Francis, R. I. C. C. 1988. Are growth parameters estimated from tagging and age-length data comparable? *Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci.* 45: 936-942.

**Examples**

```
data(pinfish)
with(pinfish, vbfr(age=age, L=s1, agephi=3, agepsi=6))
```

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wolffish	<i>Spring untransformed mean catch per tow for wolffish (Anarhichas lupus)</i>
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**Description**

The wolffish data frame has 25 rows and 2 columns. The mean catch per tow values were digitized from Figure 4 of Helser and Hayes (1995) and back-transformed to the original scale.

**Usage**

```
wolffish
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**year** survey year of catch per tow

**index** mean catch per tow value (untransformed)

**Source**

Helser, T. E. and D. B. Hayes. 1995. Providing quantitative management advice from stock abundance indices based on research surveys. *Fishery Bulletin* 93: 290-298.

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yellowtail	<i>Fall average catch per tow for southern New England yellowtail flounder</i>
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**Description**

The yellowtail data frame has 22 rows and 2 columns. The average catch per tow values were digitized from Figure 4 of Pennington (1986)

**Usage**

yellowtail

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**year** survey year of catch per tow

**index** average catch per tow value (untransformed)

**Source**

Pennington, M. P. 1986. Some statistical techniques for estimating abundance indices from trawl surveys. *Fishery Bulletin* 84(3): 519-525.

ypr

*Yield-Per-Recruit Analysis***Description**

Yield-per-recruit (YPR) analysis is conducted following the modified Thompson-Bell algorithm. Reference points  $F_{max}$  and  $F_{0.1}$  are calculated.

**Usage**

```
ypr(age = NULL, wgt = NULL, partial = NULL, M = NULL,
     plus = FALSE, oldest = NULL, maxF = 2, incrF = 0.001, graph = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

age	the vector of cohort ages, e.g. <code>c(1,2,3,4,5)</code> . If the last age is a plus group, do not add a "+" to the age.
wgt	the vector of catch weights for each age, e.g. <code>c(0.2,0.4,0.7,1.0,1.2)</code> . Length of vector must correspond to the length of the age vector.
partial	the partial recruitment vector applied to fishing mortality (F) to obtain partial F-at-age. Length of the partial recruitment vector must correspond to the length of the age vector.
M	vector containing a single natural mortality (M) rate if M is assumed constant over all ages, or a vector of Ms, one for each age. If the latter, the vector length must correspond to the length of the age vector.
plus	a logical value indicating whether the last age is a plus-group. Default is FALSE.
oldest	if plus=TRUE, a numeric value indicating the oldest age in the plus group.
maxF	the maximum value of F range over which YPR will be calculated. YPR is calculated for $F = 0$ to maxF.
incrF	F increment for YPR calculation.
graph	logical indicating whether YPR versus F should be plotted. Default=TRUE.

**Details**

Yield-per-recruit analysis is conducted following the modified Thompson-Bell algorithm. Reference points  $F_{max}$  and  $F_{0.1}$  are calculated. If the last age is a plus-group, the cohort is expanded to the oldest age and the wgt, partial, and M values for the plus age are applied to the expanded cohort ages.

**Value**

Reference_Points	F and yield-per-recruit values for $F_{max}$ and $F_{0.1}$
F_vs_YPR	Yield-per-recruit values for each F increment

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**References**

Gabriel, W. L., M. P. Sissenwine, and W. J. Overholtz. 1989. Analysis of spawning stock biomass per recruit: an example for Georges Bank haddock. *North American Journal of Fisheries Management* 9: 383-391.

**See Also**

[sbpr](#)

**Examples**

```
data(haddock)
ypr(age=haddock$age,wgt=haddock$ssbwgt,partial=haddock$partial,M=0.4,
plus=TRUE,oldest=100,maxF=2,incrF=0.01)
```

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 zt

*Z-transform or center a time series*

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**Description**

Z-transforms observations of a time series or centers observations of a time series to the mean.

**Usage**

```
zt(x = NULL, ctype = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of observations. Missing values are allowed.
ctype	the type of transformation. 1 = Z transform $((x - \text{mean } x) / \text{sd } x)$ ; 2 = center $(x - \text{mean } x)$ . Default = 1

**Details**

Z-transforms observations of a time series or centers observations of a time series to the mean.

**Value**

vector containing the transformed time series.

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@mass.gov>

**Examples**

```
data(wolffish)
zt(wolffish$index)
```

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