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frair-package	<i>Functional Response Analysis in R</i>
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Description

A (draft) package for functional response analysis.

Details

The main workhorses are [frair_test](#), [frair_fit](#), [frair_compare](#) and [frair_boot](#). These should be the starting points for most users.

A full vignette with examples will be released with version 0.5, in the meantime users will find help on the relevant help pages.

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drawpoly	<i>Draw polygons</i>
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Description

Draw a closed polygon delineated by an 'upper' and 'lower' y limit.

Usage

```
drawpoly(x, upper, lower, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The x values of the polygon
upper	The upper 'edge' of the polygon
lower	The lower 'edge' of the polygon
...	Other arguments passed to polygon

Details

drawpoly is a generic method for drawing polygons where the polygon is drawn as:

```
polygon(x=c(x, rev(x), x[1]), y=c(upper, rev(lower), upper[1]))
```

i.e. a line following along the top edge (left-to-right along x) and back along the bottom edge (right-to-left along x).

The specific method implemented here for FRAIR is [drawpoly.frboot](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[drawpoly.frboot](#)

Examples

```
datx <- 1:6
upper <- datx*1.2
lower <- datx*0.8
plot(datx, datx, type='n', ylim=c(0,10), xlab='X', ylab='Y')
drawpoly(datx, upper, lower, col=2)
points(datx, datx, pch=20)
```

frair_boot

Bootstrap a predator-prey functional response.

Description

Bootstraps a previously fitted predator-prey functional response and returns data in a consistent, predictable way, exposing some useful methods.

Usage

```
frair_boot(frfit, start=NULL, strata=NULL, nboot=999,
           para=TRUE, ncores=NaN, WARN.OONLY=FALSE)
```

Arguments

frfit	An object returned by <code>frair_fit</code>
start	An optional named list. See Details.
strata	A character string. Specifies a column in the data original data.
nboot	An integer. How many bootstraps to perform?
para	A logical. Should the bootstrapping be performed in parallel?
ncores	An integer. The number of cores to use for parallelisation. See Details
WARN_ONLY	A logical. If true some errors are suppressed. See Details.

Details

This function provides a simple, consistent way to generate bootstrapped estimates from a functional response fit.

If `start` is not provided starting values for the bootstrapping are drawn from the original fit. This interface is provided so that a single set of starting parameters (e.g. a 'global' estimate) can be used when bootstrapping different functional response fits (e.g. different treatments)

Non-parametric bootstrapping and parallelisation is handled by `boot` from the `boot` package. Currently, if you request bootstrapped fits and `para=TRUE` (the default) then the function will attempt to use all except 1 available core. Note that this might affect performance of other tasks while the bootstrap is underway!

If more than 10% of the bootstrapped fits fail then a warning is generated and if more than 50% of the fits fail then an error is thrown and nothing is returned. These are sensible defaults, but if you are very sure that you know what you are doing you can suppress this with `WARN_ONLY=TRUE` (a warning is thrown instead).

Value

This function returns a named list of class `frboot` with the following named items:

call	The original call to <code>frair_fit</code> .
x	The original x data supplied to <code>frair_fit</code> .
y	The original y data supplied to <code>frair_fit</code> .
response	A string. The fitted response.
xvar	A string. The righthand side of formula.
yvar	A string. The lefthand side of formula.
optimvars	A character vector. The optimised values (passed to <code>start</code>).
fixedvars	A character vector. The fixed values (passed to <code>fixed</code>).
coefficients	A named numeric. All coefficients needed to draw the optimised curve.
sample	A <code>nboot</code> -by- <code>n</code> numeric matrix. Where each row represents one bootstrap sample.
fit	The raw object returned by the fitting procedure (response specific).
bootcoefs	A named numeric matrix. The bootstrapped coefficients.
n_failed	The number of failed fits.

n_duplicated The number of fits that were duplicated.
 n_boot The number of (requested) bootstrapped fits.
 stratified Was a stratified bootstrap performed?

Objects of class frboot have print, confint, plot, lines and drawpoly methods defined. See the help [for those methods](#) for more information.

Author(s)

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See Also

[frair_boot_methods](#), [frair_fit](#), [fr_rogersII](#).

Examples

```
data(gammarus)
frair_responses() # See what is available
# A typeII fit
outII <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus, response='rogersII',
  start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015), fixed=list(T=1))

## Not run:
outIIb <- frair_boot(outII) # Slow
confint(outIIb)

# Illustrate bootlines
plot(outIIb, xlim=c(0,30), type='n', main='All bootstrapped lines')
lines(outIIb, all_lines=TRUE)
points(outIIb, pch=20, col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2))

# Illustrate bootpolys
plot(outIIb, xlim=c(0,30), type='n', main='Empirical 95 percent CI')
drawpoly(outIIb, col=rgb(0,0.5,0))
points(outIIb, pch=20, col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2))

## End(Not run)
```

frair_boot_methods *frair methods*

Description

Documentation for methods for class frboot

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'frboot'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'frboot'
confint(object, parm='all', level=0.95, ..., citypes='all')
## S3 method for class 'frboot'
plot(x, xlab=x$xvar, ylab=x$yvar, ...)
## S3 method for class 'frboot'
lines(x, all_lines=FALSE, tozero=FALSE, bootcol=1, bootalpha=1/sqrt(x$n_boot), ...)
## S3 method for class 'frboot'
drawpoly(x, ..., probs=c(0.025, 0.975), tozero=FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'frconf'
print(x, ...)

```

Arguments

<code>x</code> , <code>object</code>	Output from a call to <code>frair_boot</code> (or <code>confint.frboot</code>).
<code>parm</code>	A character vector. Which parameter to get CIs for? See Details.
<code>level</code>	A numeric. The confidence limit for CIs.
<code>citypes</code>	A character vector. What kind of CI? See Details.
<code>all_lines</code>	A logical. Should the bootstrapped results be plotted?. See Details.
<code>tozero</code>	A logical. Should the line be drawn to the origin?. See Details.
<code>xlab</code>	Label for the x-axis.
<code>ylab</code>	Label for the y-axis.
<code>bootcol</code>	A valid colour for the bootstrapped lines.
<code>bootalpha</code>	A numeric (0-1). A transparency for the (inevitably overlapping) lines.
<code>probs</code>	Lower and upper tails for confidence interval polygons. See quantile .
<code>...</code>	Other items passed to underlying functions.

Details

This documents standard methods for `frair` objects of class `frboot`. However, because standard naming conventions have been used, some undocumented utility functions might also work (e.g. [coefficients](#))

The code underlying `confint.frboot` is quite complex and relies heavily on the excellent work done by Brian Ripley in [boot.ci](#). Some of the complexity of `boot.ci` is hidden, but, like all FRIAR objects you can access the original method by passing the output directly (e.g. `boot.ci(object$fit)`).

Like [print.bootci](#) the `print()` method for objects produced by `print.frboot` will report potentially unstable intervals. However these are calculated and returned by `confint.frboot`, not when `print()` is called (see Value, below). When calling `confint.frboot` you can request (a combination of) different intervals. The default 'all' is equivalent to `c('norm', 'basic', 'stud', 'perc', 'bca')` which are the Normal approximation, Basic, Studentised, Percentile and BCa intervals, respectively. Each has strengths and weaknesses which the user should be aware of.

lines and drawpoly only add lines or polygons to an existing plot, so an active graphics device needs to be present. By default all is FALSE. The simple reason for this is because the code is a little slow (on some devices), so currently it is an 'opt-in' option.

drawpoly draws empirical confidence intervals. The intervals are constructed by evaluating every set of bootstrapped coefficients at:

```
seq(from=1, to=max(x$x), by=1) or seq(from=0, to=max(x$x), by=1) if tozero is TRUE.
```

and then calculating the empirical confidence limits at each value of x by:

```
apply(val, 2, quantile, na.rm=T, probs=probs)
```

Not that this is a rough approximation of a bootstrapped confidence interval and does not account for some of the intricacies (e.g. bootstrap bias) described in [boot.ci](#).

Value

confint.frboot returns a nested list with m items at the top level and n items at the second level, where m is the number of coefficients and n is the number of types of confidence intervals. Each named object at the second level is a list containing:

lower	The upper limit.
upper	The lower limit.
bootciout	The output from <code>boot.ci</code> (if successful; NA otherwise).

and optionally:

errors	The error(s) encountered by <code>boot.ci</code> .
warnings	The warning(s) encountered by <code>boot.ci</code> , plus a warning if extreme values were used.
notes	A comment on potential instability of intervals, if justified.

These last two items combine 'true' warnings and the tests for interval stability described in [print.bootci](#)

All confidence intervals are calculated on the original scale. If you want to calculate intervals on a transformed scale, call `boot.ci` directly using the `boot.ci(object$fit)` syntax.

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

See Also

[frair_boot](#), [lines](#), [polygon](#).

Examples

```
# This example is not run to save CRAN build server time...
## Not run:
data(gammarus)

# Holling's is the wrong fit for these data based on the experimental design
# But it bootstraps more quickly, so is a useful demonstration
```

```

outhol <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus, response='hollingsII',
  start=list(a = 1, h = 0.08), fixed=list(T=1))
outholb <- frair_boot(outhol)

confint(outholb)

# Illustrate bootlines
plot(outholb, xlim=c(0,30), type='n', main='All bootstrapped lines')
lines(outholb, all_lines=TRUE)
points(outholb, pch=20, col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2))

# Illustrate bootpolys
plot(outholb, xlim=c(0,30), type='n', main='Empirical 95 percent CI')
drawpoly(outholb, col=rgb(0,0.5,0))
points(outholb, pch=20, col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2))

## End(Not run)

```

frair_compare

Test the difference between two functional response fits

Description

Explicitly model, and then test, the difference between two functional response fits.

Usage

```
frair_compare(frfit1, frfit2, start = NULL)
```

Arguments

frfit1	An object of class frfit
frfit2	An object of class frfit
start	A named numeric list with starting values for the combined fit. See Details.

Details

This function provides a sensible test of the optimised coefficients between two functional responses fitted by `frair_fit`. This is achieved by explicitly modelling a 'difference' (delta) parameter for each optimised variable following the advice outlined in Julliano (2001). Briefly, consider the following Hollings type-II model:

$$a \cdot X \cdot T / (1 + a \cdot X \cdot h)$$

the model containing delta parameters becomes:

$$(a - Da \cdot grp) \cdot X \cdot T / (1 + (a - Da \cdot grp) \cdot X \cdot (h - Dh \cdot grp))$$

where `grp` is a dummy coding variable and `Da` and `Dh` are the delta parameters. Here, the first functional response fit (`frfit1`) is coded `grp=0` and the second fit (`frfit2`) is coded `grp=1`. Therefore `Da` and `Dh` represent the difference between the two modeled coefficients and the standard output

from the maximum likelihood fitting explicitly tests the null hypothesis of no difference between the two groups.

The difference model is re-fit to the combined data in `frfit1` and `frfit2` using the same maximum likelihood approaches outlined in [frair_fit](#).

This function could be seen as a less computationally intensive alternative to bootstrapping but relies on `mle2` successfully returning estimates of the standard error. `mle2` does this by inverting a Hessian matrix, a procedure which might not always be successful.

Future versions of FRAIR will look to improve the integration between `mle2` and allow users access to the various hessian control parameters. In the meantime the following delta functions are exported so that users can 'roll their own' maximum likelihood implementation using this approach:

Original Function	Difference Function	Difference NLL Function
typeI	<code>typeI_diff</code>	<code>typeI_nll_diff</code>
hollingsII	<code>hollingsII_diff</code>	<code>hollingsII_nll_diff</code>
rogersII	<code>rogersII_diff</code>	<code>rogersII_nll_diff</code>
bdII	<code>bdII_diff</code>	<code>bd_nll_diff</code>
hassIII	<code>hassIII_diff</code>	<code>hassIII_nll_diff</code>
hassIIIr	<code>hassIIIr_diff</code>	<code>hassIII_nllr_diff</code>
real77	<code>real77_diff</code>	<code>real77_nll_diff</code>
real77r	<code>real77r_diff</code>	<code>real77r_nll_diff</code>

Value

Prints the results of the test to screen and invisibly returns an object of class `frcompare` inheriting from `class(list)` containing:

<code>frfit1</code>	The first FR fit, as supplied.
<code>frfit2</code>	The second FR fit, as supplied.
<code>test_fit</code>	The output of the re-fitted model.
<code>result</code>	Coefficients from the test that are otherwise printed to screen.

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Juliano SA (2001) Nonlinear curve fitting: Predation and functional response curves. In: Scheiner SM, Gurevitch J (eds). Design and analysis of ecological experiments. Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom. pp 178–196.

See Also

[frair_fit](#)

Examples

```

data(gammarus)

pulex <- gammarus[gammarus$spp=='G.pulex',]
celt <- gammarus[gammarus$spp=='G.d.celticus',]

pulexfit <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=pulex,
                    response='rogersII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
                    fixed=list(T=1))
celtfit <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=celt,
                    response='rogersII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
                    fixed=list(T=1))
# The following tests the null hypothesis that the
# true difference between the coefficients is zero:
frair_compare(pulexfit, celtfit) # Reject null for 'h', do not reject for 'a'

## Not run:
# Provides a similar conclusion to bootstrapping followed by 95% CIs
pulexfit_b <- frair_boot(pulexfit)
celtfit_b <- frair_boot(celtfit)
confint(pulexfit_b)
confint(celtfit_b) # 'a' definitely overlaps

## End(Not run)

```

frair_fit

Fit predator-prey functional responses.

Description

Fits predator-prey functional responses and returns data in a consistent, predictable way, exposing some useful methods.

Usage

```
frair_fit(formula, data, response, start=list(), fixed=NULL)
```

Arguments

formula	A simple formula of the form $y \sim x$.
data	The dataframe containing x and y .
response	A string denoting the response to fit. See Details.
start	A named list. Starting values for optimised parameters.
fixed	A named list. Values that are not optimised.

Details

`frair_fit` is a utility function which helps users fit common non-linear predator-prey curves to integer data. It uses maximum likelihood estimation, via `mle2` from the `bbmle` package.

The response requested must be known to `frair`. To establish what is supported inspect the output from `frair_responses()`. All parameters listed by `frair_responses()` (except `X`) must be provided in either `start` or `fixed` and some guidance is given on the help pages for each function about what should (and should not) be optimised.

Generally speaking fitting non-linear curves to ecological datasets can be challenging. Approaches to fitting predator-prey functional response curves are described in further detail by Juliano (2001) and Bolker (2008). Many of the pitfalls (along with very sound advice) in non-linear curve fitting in general are described by Bolker *et al.* 2013. Users are directed there for more information.

Note that currently all fits encoded by FRAIR use the `optim` optimiser with a non-default number of iterations (5000 [`frair`] vs. 500 [default]) and that all fits except `typeI` use the 'Nelder-Mead' method (see Note). This is different from the `mle2` default, which currently (`bbmle` v. 1.0.15) uses the 'BFGS' method.

`mle2` is clever inasmuch as it will return fitted values even if inverting the Hessian matrix at the optimum fails. However, this will result in a warning along the lines of:

Warning message:

```
In mle2(fit, start = start, fixed = fixed, data = list(X = dat$X, :
  couldn't invert Hessian
```

If this happens it could mean many things, but generally speaking it is indicative of a poor fit to the data. You might consider:

- Checking the data for transcription errors or outliers
- Trying different starting values
- Trying a different (simpler) curve
- Fitting the curve outside of FRAIR using another optimiser or another approach (see the Note, below)
- Collecting more data

Note that the advice given in `mle2` to use the 'Nelder-Mead' method, is largely redundant because this is already the default in FRAIR (though you could try the 'BFGS' method quite safely...)

If convergence (*i.e.* fitting) fails for other reasons, see the manual page of `optim`.

Value

This function returns a named list of class `frfit` with the following named items:

<code>call</code>	The original call to <code>frair_fit</code> .
<code>x</code>	The original <code>x</code> data supplied to <code>frair_fit</code> .
<code>y</code>	The original <code>y</code> data supplied to <code>frair_fit</code> .
<code>response</code>	A string. The fitted response.
<code>xvar</code>	A string. The righthand side of formula.

yvar	A string. The lefthand side of formula.
optimvars	A character vector. The optimised values (passed to start).
fixedvars	A character vector. The fixed values (passed to fixed).
coefficients	A named numeric. All coefficients needed to draw the optimised curve.
sample	A numeric vector. Always samp=c(1:nrow(data)) (c.f. class <code>frair_boot</code>).
fit	The raw object returned by <code>mle2</code> .

Objects of class `frfit` have `print`, `plot` and `lines` methods defined. See the help [for those methods](#) for more information.

Note

FRAIR is still under development. Future versions will allow the user more control over the underlying fitting algorithms. In the meantime FRAIR exports all of it's (useful) functions so that users can fit the curves directly using their preferred method if the defaults are undesirable. See the Examples for an illustration of this approach.

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Juliano SA (2001) *Nonlinear curve fitting: Predation and functional response curves*. In: Scheiner SM, Gurevitch J (eds). *Design and analysis of ecological experiments*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom. pp 178–196.

Bolker, BM (2008) *Ecological Models and Data in R*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

Bolker BM and others (2013) *Strategies for fitting nonlinear ecological models in R, AD Model Builder, and BUGS*. *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* 4: 501–512. doi:10.1111/2041-210X.12044.

See Also

[frair_boot](#), [frair_responses](#), [fr_rogersII](#).

Examples

```
data(gammarus)

frair_responses() # See what is available
# A typeII fit
outII <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus, response='rogersII',
  start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015), fixed=list(T=1))

# A linear fit
outI <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus, response='typeI',
  start=list(a=0.5), fixed=list(T=1))

# Visualise fits
plot(outII, pch=20, col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2), xlim=c(0,30))
```

```

lines(outII)
lines(outI, lty=3)

# Have a look at original fits returned by mle2 (*highly* recommended)
summary(outII$fit)
summary(outI$fit)
# Compare models using AIC
AIC(outI$fit,outII$fit)

## Not run:
## Fitting curves outside of FRAIR (to diagnose problems)
# Using mle2 or mle manually:
manual_fit <- mle2(rogersII_nll, start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
                  fixed=list(T=1), method='SANN',
                  data=list('X'=gammarus$density, 'Y'=gammarus$eaten))
# Note that the SANN method is *not* a general-purpose algorithm,
# but it will return *something*

## End(Not run)

```

frair_fit_methods *frair methods*

Description

Documentation for methods for class frfit

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'frfit'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'frfit'
plot(x, xlab=x$xvar, ylab=x$yvar, ...)
## S3 method for class 'frfit'
lines(x, tozero=FALSE, ...)

```

Arguments

x	Output from a call to frair_fit.
xlab	Label for the x-axis.
ylab	Label for the y-axis.
tozero	A logical. Should the line be drawn to the origin?. See Details.
...	Other items passed to underlying functions.

Details

This documents standard methods for frair objects of class `frfit`. However, because standard naming conventions have been used, some undocumented utility functions might also work (e.g. [coefficients](#))

`lines` only adds lines to an existing plot, so an active graphics device needs to be present. `lines` draws the curve for the fitted response at values:

```
seq(from=1, to=max(x$x), by=1) or
```

```
seq(from=0, to=max(x$x), by=1) if tozero is TRUE.
```

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

See Also

[frair_fit](#), [lines](#).

Examples

```
data(gammarus)
outII <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus, response='rogersII',
  start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015), fixed=list(T=1))

# Visualise fit
plot(outII, pch=20, col=rgb(0,0,0,0.2), xlim=c(0,30))
lines(outII)
```

frair_responses

FRAIR responses

Description

Available predator-prey functional responses.

Usage

```
frair_responses(show=TRUE)
```

Arguments

`show` A logical. If TRUE, information is printed to screen and nothing is returned.

Details

`frair_responses` is both a vector of useful information (via `show=TRUE`) and a vehicle to keep track of implemented functional responses. The later is enforced by matching responses supplied to [frair_fit](#) to the names returned by `frair_responses(show=FALSE)`.

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

Examples

```
resp_known <- names(frair_responses(show=FALSE))
frair_responses(show=TRUE)
```

frair_test

Test for evidence of type-II or type-III functional responses

Description

Implements the phenomenological test of type-II *versus* type-III functional responses described by Juliano (2001)

Usage

```
frair_test(formula, data)
## S3 method for class 'frtest'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

formula	A simple formula of the form $y \sim x$.
data	The dataframe containing x and y .
x	Output from <code>frair_test</code> .
...	Other items passed to the print method.

Details

This function wraps up an otherwise trivial test for type-II *versus* type-III functional responses in a format consistent with the FRAIR syntax. It can be considered 'phenomenological' inasmuch as it tells the user if a type-II or type-III response is preferred, but not what form that curve should take nor if it is sensible to fit such a curve via non-linear regression.

The test relies on the established principle that a logistic regression on the *proportion* of prey consumed is a more sensitive test of functional response shape, especially at low prey densities, when a non-linear curve may not be able to distinguish the subtle difference in curve shape.

The logic follows that on the proportion scale, a type-II response will show an increasing (*i.e.* positive and statistically different from zero) initial slope with respect to density whereas a type-III response will show a negative slope, followed by a positive higher order slope.

The test proceeds by fitting two models:

```
glm(cbind(eaten,noteaten)~density, family='binomial')
glm(cbind(eaten,noteaten)~density+density^2, family='binomial')
```

where eaten is the lefthand side of the formula input, density is the righthand side and noteaten is the difference between the two. The output from these models to determine which functional response is preferred using the logic above.

Currently no consideration is given to a type-I (*i.e.* linear) response or any other potentially sensible fit other than a type-II or type-III response. It is up to the user to decide if it is appropriate to continue with fitting a mechanistic model of the functional response (*i.e.* [frair_fit](#), [frair_compare](#) and/or [frair_boot](#)) on the back of the results of this test.

Value

frair_test returns a list of class frtest with the following items:

call	The original call to frair_test.
x	The original x data supplied to frair_test.
y	The proportion of prey eaten: y/x
xvar	A string. The right hand side of formula.
yvar	A string. Always 'Proportion'.
modT2	The output from the type-II glm
modT3	The output form the type-III glm

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Juliano SA (2001) Nonlinear curve fitting: Predation and functional response curves. In: Scheiner SM, Gurevitch J (eds). Design and analysis of ecological experiments. Oxford University Press, Oxford, United Kingdom. pp 178–196.

See Also

[frair_fit](#)

Examples

```
data(gammarus)
frair_test(eaten~density, data=gammarus)

dat <- data.frame(x=1:100, y=floor(hassIII(1:100,b=0.01,c=0.001,h=0.03,T=1)))
frair_test(y~x, data=dat)
```

fr_bdII

*Beddington-DeAngelis Type II Response***Description**

Beddington-DeAngelis Type II decreasing prey function.

Usage

```
bdII_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
bdII_nll(a, h, P, T, X, Y)
bdII(X, a, h, P, T)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe containing X and Y.
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually 'a' and 'h'.
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually 'P' and 'T'.
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
a, h	Capture rate and handling time. Usually items to be optimised.
P, T	P: Number of predators. T: Total time available
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This implements the Beddington-DeAngelis Type-II functional response which is an extension of the Roger's random predator equation to allow for multiple predators. With the exception of P these functions are identical to those used in [rogersII](#).

The bdII function solves the random predator equation using the LambertW equation (using the [lambertW](#) function from the emdbook package), giving:

$$X - \text{lambertW}(a * h * X * \exp(-a * (P * T - h * X)))/(a * h)$$

Note that generally speaking P is determined by the experimental design and is therefore usually provided as a 'fixed' variable. When $P = 1$ the results should be identical to those provided by [rogersII](#).

This is exactly the function in chapter 8 of Bolker (2008), which in turn presents examples from Vonesh and Bolker (2005). Users are directed there for more information.

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can call them directly if desired. The intention is that they are called via `frair_fit`, which calls them in the order they are specified above.

`bdII_fit` does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the `statistic` function for bootstrapping (via `boot()` in the `boot` package). The `windows` argument if required to prevent needless calls to `require(frair)` on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by `mle2` from the `bbmle` package and users are directed there for more information. `mle2` uses the `bdII_nll` function to optimise `bdII`.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for `frair_fit`.

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Vonesh JR, Bolker BM (2005) Compensatory larval responses shift trade-offs associated with predator-induced hatching plasticity. *Ecology* 86: 1580–1591. doi:10.1890/04-0535.

Bolker, BM (2008) *Ecological Models and Data in R*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

See Also

`frair_fit`.

Examples

```
data(gammarus)
fitP1 <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus,
  response='bdII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
  fixed=list(T=1, P=1))
fitP2 <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus,
  response='bdII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
  fixed=list(T=1, P=2))
# Note that the coefficients are scaled to per per prey item
coef(fitP1)
coef(fitP2)

# Should give identical answers to rogersII when P=1
rogII <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=gammarus,
  response='rogersII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
  fixed=list(T=1))

coef(fitP1)
coef(rogII)

stopifnot(coef(fitP1)[1]==coef(rogII)[1])
stopifnot(coef(fitP1)[2]==coef(rogII)[2])
```

fr_hassIII

*Hassell's Type III Response***Description**

Hassell's original type III response (assuming replacement)

Usage

```
hassIII_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
hassIII_nll(b, c, h, T, X, Y)
hassIII(X, b, c, h, T)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame containing X and Y (at least).
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required.
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> and <i>h</i> .
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually <i>T</i> .
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
b, c, h	Hassell's <i>b</i> and <i>c</i> , plus <i>h</i> , the handling time. Usually items to be optimised.
T	<i>T</i> , the total time available.
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This implements the original Hassell's Type-III functional response, assuming prey density is kept constant (*i.e.* a 'replacement' experimental design). In practice, constant prey density might be an unrealistic assumption, in which case users should consider the [hassIIIr](#) function instead.

In Hassell *et al.*'s original formulation, the capture rate *a* is assumed to vary with the prey density in the following hyperbolic relationship:

$$a \leftarrow (b \cdot X) / (1 + c \cdot X)$$

where *b* and *c* are coefficients to be fitted and *X* is the initial prey density. This is the initial formulation of Hassell *et al.* (1977) and uses their naming conventions. The value for *a* is then used within a traditional Holling's disc equation (see [hollingsII](#)).

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can do so if desired. The intention is that they are called via [frair_fit](#), which calls them in the order they are specified above.

hassIII_fit does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the statistic function for bootstrapping (*via* boot() in the boot package). The windows argument if required to prevent needless calls to require(frair) on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by mle2 from the bbmle package and users are directed there for more information. mle2 uses the hassIII_nll function to optimise hassIII.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for [frair_fit](#).

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Hassell M, Lawton J, Beddington J (1977) Sigmoid functional responses by invertebrate predators and parasitoids. The Journal of Animal Ecology 46: 249–262.

See Also

[frair_fit](#).

Examples

```
datx <- rep(c(1,2,3,4,6,12,24,50,100), times=10)
daty1 <- round(hassIII(X=datx,
                    b=0.08*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
                    c=0.1*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
                    h=0.1*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
                    T=1),0)
daty2 <- round(hassIII(X=datx,
                    b=0.05*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
                    c=0.1*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
                    h=0.2*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
                    T=1),0)
dat <- data.frame(datx,daty1,daty2)

hassIII_1 <- frair_fit(daty1~datx, data=dat, response='hassIII',
                    start=list(b=0.05, c=0.1, h=0.1), fixed=list(T=1))
hassIII_2 <- frair_fit(daty2~datx, data=dat, response='hassIII',
                    start=list(b=0.05, c=0.1, h=0.1), fixed=list(T=1))

plot(c(0,100), c(0,15), type='n', xlab='Density', ylab='No. Eaten')
points(hassIII_1)
points(hassIII_2, col=4)
lines(hassIII_1)
lines(hassIII_2, col=4)

frair_compare(hassIII_1, hassIII_2)
```

fr_hassIIIr

*Hassell's Type III Response, without replacement***Description**

Hassell's type III response (not assuming replacement)

Usage

```
hassIIIr_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
hassIIIr_nll(b, c, h, T, X, Y)
hassIIIr(X, b, c, h, T)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame containing X and Y (at least).
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required.
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> and <i>h</i> .
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually <i>T</i> .
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
b, c, h	Hassell's <i>b</i> and <i>c</i> , plus <i>h</i> , the handling time. Usually items to be optimised.
T	<i>T</i> , the total time available.
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This implements Hassell's Type-III extension to the 'random predator' functional response. This does not assume prey are replaced throughout the experiment (*c.f.* [hassIII](#)). The number of prey eaten (*N_e*) follow the same relationship defined for [the Roger's Type-II response](#), however the capture rate (*a*) is assumed to vary with prey density in the following hyperbolic relationship:

$$a \leftarrow (b \cdot X) / (1 + c \cdot X)$$

where *b* and *c* are coefficients to be fitted and *X* is the initial prey density. This is the initial formulation of Hassell *et al.* (1977) and uses their naming conventions. The value for *a* is then used within the Roger's Type-II 'random predator' equation (see [rogersII](#)).

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can do so if desired. The intention is that they are called via [frair_fit](#), which calls them in the order they are specified above.

[hassIIIr_fit](#) does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the statistic function for bootstrapping (*via* [boot\(\)](#) in the [boot](#) package). The [windows](#) argument if required to prevent needless calls to [require\(frair\)](#) on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by [mle2](#) from the `bbmle` package and users are directed there for more information. `mle2` uses the `hassIIIr_nll` function to optimise `hassIIIr`.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for [frair_fit](#).

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Hassell M, Lawton J, Beddington J (1977) Sigmoid functional responses by invertebrate predators and parasitoids. *The Journal of Animal Ecology* 46: 249–262.

See Also

[frair_fit](#).

Examples

```
datx <- rep(c(1,2,3,4,6,12,24,50,100), times=10)
daty1 <- round(hassIIIr(X=datx,
  b=0.08*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  c=0.1*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  h=0.08*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  T=1),0)
daty2 <- round(hassIIIr(X=datx,
  b=0.05*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  c=0.08*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  h=0.1*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  T=1),0)
dat <- data.frame(datx,daty1,daty2)

hassIIIr_1 <- frair_fit(daty1~datx, data=dat, response='hassIIIr',
  start=list(b=0.05, c=0.1, h=0.1), fixed=list(T=1))
hassIIIr_2 <- frair_fit(daty2~datx, data=dat, response='hassIIIr',
  start=list(b=0.05, c=0.1, h=0.1), fixed=list(T=1))

plot(c(0,100), c(0,15), type='n', xlab='Density', ylab='No. Eaten')
points(hassIIIr_1)
points(hassIIIr_2, col=4)
lines(hassIIIr_1)
lines(hassIIIr_2, col=4)

frair_compare(hassIIIr_1, hassIIIr_2)
```

fr_hollingsII *Holling's Original Type II Response*

Description

Holling's Type II predator-prey function.

Usage

```
hollingsII_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
hollingsII_nll(a, h, T, X, Y)
hollingsII(X, a, h, T)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe containing X and Y.
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually 'a' and 'h'.
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually 'T'.
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
a, h	Capture rate and handling time. Usually items to be optimised.
T	T: Total time available
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This implements the Hollings original Type-II functional response, otherwise known as the 'disc equation'. An important assumption of this equation is that prey density remains constant (*i.e.* a 'replacement' experimental design). In practice this is often not the case and often the Roger's 'random predator' equation might be more appropriate (see [rogersII](#)).

In Holling's original formulation the number of prey eaten (N_e) follows the relationship:

$$N_e = \frac{aN_0T}{1 + aN_0h}$$

Where N_0 is the initial number of prey and a , h and T are the capture rate, handling time and the total time available, receptively. It is implemented internally in FRAIR as:

```
Ne <- (a*X*T)/(1+a*X*h)
```

where $X = N_0$.

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can call them directly if desired. The intention is that they are called via `frair_fit`, which calls them in the order they are specified above.

`rogersII_fit` does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the statistic function for bootstrapping (*via* `boot()` in the `boot` package). The `windows` argument if required to prevent needless calls to `require(frair)` on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by `mle2` from the `bbmle` package and users are directed there for more information. `mle2` uses the `rogersII_nll` function to optimise `rogersII`.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for `frair_fit`.

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Bolker, BM (2008) *Ecological Models and Data in R*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

See Also

`frair_fit`.

Examples

```
datx <- rep(c(1,2,3,4,6,12,24,50,100), times=10)
daty1 <- round(hollingsII(X=datx,
  a=0.75*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  h=0.1*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  T=1),0)
daty2 <- round(hollingsII(X=datx,
  a=0.75*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  h=0.01*rnorm(length(datx), mean=1, sd=0.1),
  T=1),0)
dat <- data.frame(datx,daty1,daty2)

hollII_1 <- frair_fit(daty1~datx, data=dat, response='hollingsII',
  start=list(a=1, h=0.1), fixed=list(T=1))
hollII_2 <- frair_fit(daty2~datx, data=dat, response='hollingsII',
  start=list(a=1, h=0.01), fixed=list(T=1))

plot(c(0,100), c(0,40), type='n', xlab='Density', ylab='No. Eaten')
points(hollII_1)
points(hollII_2, col=4)
lines(hollII_1)
lines(hollII_2, col=4)

frair_compare(hollII_1, hollII_2)
```

fr_real77

*Scaling Exponent Response, assuming replacement***Description**

Scaling exponent response (assuming replacement) based on ideas dating back to Real (1977, at least)

Usage

```
real77_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
real77_nll(b, q, h, T, X, Y)
real77(X, b, q, h, T)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe containing X and Y.
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually 'a' and 'h'.
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually 'T'.
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
b, q, h	The search coefficient (<i>b</i>), scaling exponent (<i>q</i>) and the handling time (<i>h</i>). Usually items to be optimised.
T	<i>T</i> , the total time available.
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This implements a type-II response with a scaling exponent on *X*, based on the use of Hill's exponents described by Real (1977). When $q \geq 0$ the response becomes progressively more 'type-III-ish'. Integer values of *q* have useful interpretations based in enzymatic biochemistry but extending to many other fields (*e.g.* Flynn *et. al* 1997, Vucic-Pestic *et. al* 2010). Importantly, this function assumes that prey are replaced throughout the experiment (*c.f.* [real77r](#)).

The capture rate (*a*) and number of prey eaten (*Ne*) follow the following relationships:

$$a = bX^q$$

$$N_e = \frac{aX^{(q+1)}T}{1 + aX^{(q+1)}h}$$

Where b is a search coefficient and other coefficients are as defined in [hollingsII](#). Indeed when $q = 0$ then $a = b$ and the relationship collapses to traditional type-II [Holling's Disc Equation](#). The use of $q + 1$ in the equation for number of prey eaten (*vs.* $q - 1$ in the equation for a) exposes a useful test on $q = 0$ in the summary of the fit and follows the approach used by other authors (*e.g.* Vucic-Pestic *et. al* 2010)

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can call them directly if desired. The intention is that they are called via [frair_fit](#), which calls them in the order they are specified above.

`real77_fit` does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the `statistic` function for bootstrapping (*via* `boot()` in the `boot` package). The `windows` argument if required to prevent needless calls to `require(frair)` on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by `mle2` from the `bbmle` package and users are directed there for more information. `mle2` uses the `real77_nll` function to optimise `real77`.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for [frair_fit](#).

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Flynn KJ, Fasham MJR, Hipkin CR (1997) Modelling the interactions between ammonium and nitrate uptake in marine phytoplankton. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences* 352: 1625–1645.

Real LA (1977) The Kinetics of Functional Response. *The American Naturalist*, 111: 289–300.

Vucic-Pestic O, Rall BC, Kalinkat G, Brose U (2010) Allometric functional response model: body masses constrain interaction strengths. *Journal of Animal Ecology* 79: 249–256. doi:10.1111/j.1365-2656.2009.01622.x.

See Also

[frair_fit](#), [real77r](#).

Examples

```
# TODO: For v.0.5
# Find / generate example data that doesn't have Hessian problems!
# See examples at help(real77r)
```

fr_real77r *Scaling Exponent Response, not assuming replacement*

Description

Scaling exponent response (not assuming replacement) based on ideas dating back to Real (1977, at least)

Usage

```
real77r_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
real77r_nll(b, q, h, T, X, Y)
real77r(X, b, q, h, T)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe containing X and Y.
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually 'a' and 'h'.
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually 'T'.
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
b, q, h	The search coefficient (<i>b</i>), scaling exponent (<i>q</i>) and the handling time (<i>h</i>). Usually items to be optimised.
T	<i>T</i> , the total time available.
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This combines a type-II non-replacement functional response (*i.e.* a [Roger's random predator equation](#)) with a scaling exponent on *X*. This function is generalised from that described in [real77](#) relaxing the assumption that prey are replaced throughout the experiment.

The capture rate (*a*) and number of prey eaten (*Ne*) follow the following relationships:

$$a = bX^q$$

$$N_e = N_0^{(q+1)}(1 - e^{(a(N_e h - T))})$$

Where *b* is a search coefficient and other coefficients are as defined in [rogersII](#). Because *Ne* appears on both side of the equation, the solution is found using Lambert's transcendental equation. FRAIR uses the [lambertW](#) function from the *emdbook* package and the internal function is:

```
Ne <- X^(q+1)-lambertW(a*h*X^(q+1)*exp(-a*(T-h*X^(q+1))))/(a*h)
```

where $X = N0$. When $q = 0$ then $a = b$ and the relationship collapses to traditional type-II Roger's random predator equation. The use of $q + 1$ in the equation for number of prey eaten (vs. $q - 1$ in the equation for a) exposes a useful test on $q = 0$ in the summary of the fit.

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can call them directly if desired. The intention is that they are called via `frair_fit`, which calls them in the order they are specified above.

`real77r_fit` does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the statistic function for bootstrapping (via `boot()` in the `boot` package). The `windows` argument if required to prevent needless calls to `require(frair)` on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by `mle2` from the `bbmle` package and users are directed there for more information. `mle2` uses the `real77r_nll` function to optimise `real77r`.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for [frair_fit](#).

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Real LA (1977) The Kinetics of Functional Response. *The American Naturalist*, 111: 289–300.

See Also

[frair_fit](#), [real77](#).

Examples

```
data(gammarus)

pulex <- gammarus[gammarus$spp=='G.pulex',]

rogfit <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=pulex,
                  response='rogersII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
                  fixed=list(T=1))
expofit <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=pulex,
                   response='real77r', start=list(b = 1.2, q = 0, h = 0.015),
                   fixed=list(T=1))

# Plot
plot(rogfit)
lines(rogfit)
lines(expofit, col=2)

summary(rogfit$fit)
summary(expofit$fit)
# No evidence that q is different from zero...
```

fr_rogersII

*Roger's Type II Response***Description**

Roger's Type II decreasing prey function.

Usage

```
rogersII_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
rogersII_nll(a, h, T, X, Y)
rogersII(X, a, h, T)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe containing X and Y.
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually 'a' and 'h'.
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually 'T'.
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
a, h	Capture rate and handling time. Usually items to be optimised.
T	T: Total time available
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This implements the Roger's 'random predator' Type-II functional response. This does not assume prey are replaced throughout the experiment (*c.f.* [hollingsII](#)). The number of prey eaten (N_e) follows the relationship:

$$N_e = N_0(1 - e^{(a(N_e h - T))})$$

Where N_0 is the initial number of prey and a , h and T are the capture rate, handling time and the total time available, respectively. The fact that N_e appears on both side of the equation, poses some problems, but can be efficiently dealt with using Lambert's transcendental equation (Bolker, 2008). FRAIR uses the [lambertW](#) function from the *emdbook* package and uses this function internally as:

```
Ne <- X - lambertW(a * h * X * exp(-a * (T - h * X)))/(a * h)
```

where $X = N_0$. For further information users are directed to Chapter 8 (and preceding chapters, if needed) of Bolker (2008) where this approach is discussed in depth. Note that Bolker (2008) uses the more general 'Beddington-DeAngelis' curve, which is implemented in FRAIR as [bdII](#).

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can call them directly if desired. The intention is that they are called via `frair_fit`, which calls them in the order they are specified above.

`hollingsII_fit` does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the statistic function for bootstrapping (*via* `boot()` in the `boot` package). The `windows` argument if required to prevent needless calls to `require(frair)` on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by `mle2` from the `bbmle` package and users are directed there for more information. `mle2` uses the `hollingsII_nll` function to optimise `hollingsII`.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for `frair_fit`.

Author(s)

Daniel Pritchard

References

Bolker, BM (2008) *Ecological Models and Data in R*. Princeton University Press, Princeton, NJ.

See Also

`frair_fit`.

Examples

```
data(gammarus)

pulex <- gammarus[gammarus$spp=='G.pulex',]
celt <- gammarus[gammarus$spp=='G.d.celticus',]

pulexfit <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=pulex,
                    response='rogersII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
                    fixed=list(T=1))
celtfit <- frair_fit(eaten~density, data=celt,
                    response='rogersII', start=list(a = 1.2, h = 0.015),
                    fixed=list(T=1))

plot(c(0,30), c(0,30), type='n', xlab='Density', ylab='No. Eaten')
points(pulexfit)
points(celtfit, col=4)
lines(pulexfit)
lines(celtfit, col=4)

frair_compare(pulexfit, celtfit)

## Not run:
pulexfit_b <- frair_boot(pulexfit)
celtfit_b <- frair_boot(celtfit)
confint(pulexfit_b)
confint(celtfit_b)

## End(Not run)
```

fr_typeI	<i>Type I Response</i>
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Description

A generic type I (linear) response.

Usage

```
typeI_fit(data, samp, start, fixed, boot=FALSE, windows=FALSE)
typeI_nll(a, T, X, Y)
typeI(X, a, T)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe containing X and Y.
samp	A vector specifying the rows of data to use in the fit. Provided by boot() or manually, as required
start	A named list. Starting values for items to be optimised. Usually 'a'.
fixed	A names list. 'Fixed data' (not optimised). Usually 'T'.
boot	A logical. Is the function being called for use by the boot function?
windows	A logical. Is the operating system Microsoft Windows?
a	The capture rate
T	T: Total time available
X	The X variable. Usually prey density.
Y	The Y variable. Usually the number of prey consumed.

Details

This implements a simple Type-I, or linear functional response. This is helpful when the response is known (or suspected) to be handling time independent. It is implemented as:

$$N_e = aN_0T$$

where a is the capture rate, T is the total time available and N_0 ($= X$) is the initial prey density.

None of these functions are designed to be called directly, though they are all exported so that the user can call them directly if desired. The intention is that they are called via `frair_fit`, which calls them in the order they are specified above.

`typeI_fit` does the heavy lifting and also pulls double duty as the statistic function for bootstrapping (via `boot()` in the `boot` package). The `windows` argument is required to prevent needless calls to `require(frair)` on platforms that can manage sane parallel processing.

The core fitting is done by `mle2` from the `bbmle` package and users are directed there for more information. `mle2` uses the `typeI_nll` function to optimise `typeI`.

Further references and recommended reading can be found on the the help page for `frair_fit`.

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See Also[frair_fit](#).**Examples**

```

datx <- rep(1:60, times=5)
r1 <- rnorm(60*5, mean = 0.25, sd = 0.1)
r2 <- rnorm(60*5, mean = 0.75, sd = 0.1)
r1[r1>1] <- 1
r2[r2>1] <- 1
daty1 <- abs(round(r1*datx, 0))
daty2 <- abs(round(r2*datx, 0))
dat <- data.frame(datx, daty1, daty2)

TI1 <- frair_fit(daty1~datx, data=dat, response='typeI',
  start=list(a=0.5), fixed=list(T=1))
TI2 <- frair_fit(daty2~datx, data=dat, response='typeI',
  start=list(a=0.5), fixed=list(T=1))

plot(c(0,60), c(0,60), type='n', xlab='Density', ylab='No. Eaten')
points(TI1)
points(TI2, col=4)
lines(TI1)
lines(TI2, col=4)

# Test with frair_compare
frair_compare(TI1, TI2)

## Not run:
# Test with a big stick
TI1b <- frair_boot(TI1)
TI2b <- frair_boot(TI2)
confint(TI1b)
confint(TI2b)

plot(c(0,60), c(0,60), type='n', xlab='Density', ylab='No. Eaten')
drawpoly(TI1b, col=1)
drawpoly(TI2b, col=4)
points(TI1b, pch=20)
points(TI2b, pch=20, col=4)

## End(Not run)

```

 gammarus

Gammarus Functional Response Data

Description

Functional response dataset for two species of *Gammarus* (freshwater amphipods) eating *Simulium* (black fly) larvae.

Usage

```
data(gammarus)
```

Format

A dataframe with the following structure:

```
density:  An integer. The initial density of prey
eaten:    An integer. The number of prey eaten
alive:    An integer. The number of prey left alive
spp:      A factor with levels 'G.d.celticus' and 'G.pulex'. The species of predator.
```

Details

This dataset is a stripped-down version of that presented in Paterson *et al.* 2014. It contains only *Simulium* data with all other treatments (other than predator identity) pooled. The predators are amphipods which are either native (*Gammarus duebeni celticus*) or invasive (*Gammarus pulex*) to waterways in Ireland.

Source

Paterson R.A., Dick J.T.A., Pritchard D.W., Ennis M., Hatcher M.J., Dunn A.M. In Review. Predicting invasive species impacts: community module functional response experiments reveal context dependencies. Submitted to *Journal of Animal Ecology*, December 2013.

Examples

```
data(gammarus)
str(gammarus)

with(gammarus,
     plot(density, eaten, type='n',
          xlab='Density', ylab='No. Prey Eaten'))
with(gammarus[gammarus$spp=='G.d.celticus',],
     points(density-0.2, eaten, pch=20, col=rgb(0,0.5,0,0.2)))
with(gammarus[gammarus$spp=='G.pulex',],
     points(density+0.2, eaten, pch=20, col=rgb(0.5,0,0,0.2)))

legend(2,20, c('Native', 'Invasive'), pch=20,
       col=c(rgb(0,0.5,0), rgb(0.5,0,0)))
```

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