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<i>agesurv</i>	<i>Age-based Survival Estimators</i>
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**Description**

Calculates annual survival (S) and instantaneous total mortality rates (Z) from age frequency by using catch curve (ln(numbers) versus age in linear regression), Heincke, and Chapman-Robson methods.

**Usage**

```
agesurv(age = NULL, full = NULL, last = NULL,
estimate = c("s", "z"), method = c("cc", "he", "cr"))
```

**Arguments**

<code>age</code>	the vector of ages. Each row represents the age of an individual.
<code>full</code>	the fully-recruited age
<code>last</code>	the maximum age to include in the calculation. If not specified, the oldest age is used.
<code>estimate</code>	argument to select estimate type: "s" for annual survival, "z" for instantaneous total mortality. Default is both.
<code>method</code>	argument to select the estimation method: "cc" for catch curve, "he" for Heincke, and "cr" for Chapman-Robson. Default is all.

**Details**

The individual age data are tabulated and subsetting 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.

**Value**

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

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## References

Seber, G. A. F. 1982. The Estimation of Animal Abundance and Related Parameters, Second Edition. The Blackburn Press, Caldwell, New Jersey. 654 pages. Quinn, T. J. and R. B. Deriso. 1999. Quantitative Fish Dynamics. Oxford University Press, New York, New York. 542 pages.

## 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.

## Author(s)

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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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 alkD

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


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## 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 (Ll 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	<i>Age-Length Key for Gulf of Hauraki snapper, 1992-1993</i>
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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 (Ll 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.

**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.

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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

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*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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baglimit	<i>Bag Limit Analysis of Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey Data</i>
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**Description**

Analysis of Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics data to determine the effect a simulated bag limit would have on the overall reduction in harvest.

**Usage**

```
baglimit(intdir = NULL, estdir = NULL, species = NULL,
         state = NULL, mode = NULL, wave = NULL, styr = NULL,
         endyr = NULL, bag = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

intdir	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which raw intercept sub-directories are stored.
estdir	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which catch/effort sub-directories are stored.
species	10-digit NODC species code. A complete list of species codes is provided at the MRFSS website
state	state(s) code of data to include. A complete list of state codes is provided at the MRFSS website. Atlantic and Gulf States: 23= ME, 33= NH, 25= MA, 44= RI, 9= CT, 36= NY, 34= NJ, 10= DE, 24= MD, 51= VA, 37= NC, 45= SC, 13= GA, 12= FL (121=East FL, 122=West FL), 1=AL, 28= MS, and 22= LA. Any combination of states can be included in c(). North Atlantic= c(9, 23, 25, 33, 44), Mid Atlantic= c(10, 24, 34, 36, 51), South Atlantic= c(13, 37, 45, 121), Gulf of Mexico= c(1, 22, 28, 122).
wave	bimonthly wave(s) of data to include. Bimonthly Waves: 1= Jan-Feb, 2= Mar-Apr, 3= May-Jun, 4= Jul-Aug, 5= Sept-Oct, and 6= Nov-Dec. Any combination of waves can be included in c().

mode	the fishing mode(s) of data to include. Valid codes will depend on year. Years 1982-2004: 3= Shore, 6= Party & Charter Boats, and 7= Private & Rental Boats. Years 2005-present: 3= Shore, 4= Party Boat, 5= Charter Boat, and 7= Private & Rental Boats. Any combination of modes can be included in c().
styr	the starting year of data to include.
endyr	the ending year of data to include.
bag	the bag limit(s) to simulate. If multiple bag limits, separate values by commas in c().

### Details

Raw intercept and catch & effort estimates must be extracted using function `extractMRFSS` before bag limit simulations can be done. Species-specific intercept data and associated effort estimates for each state, year, wave and mode are extracted. Harvest numbers with multiple contributors (CNTRBTRS) are split evenly among the number of contributors (fractional harvest frequencies may result). The analytical steps given in Chapter 7 of *Recreational Fisheries Data Users Manual* are followed. Estimated total harvest from the No Bag Limit table should be close to the MRFSS harvest estimate.

### Value

No Bag Limit	list element containing the table of catch, trip, intercept and harvest information with no bag limit.
Bag Limit i	list elements containing the table of catch, trip, intercept and harvest information with each bag limit applied. The number of elements will depend on number of bag limit simulations.
Results	the percent reduction in harvest associated with each bag limit.
Details	a list element summarizing the selected arguments.

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### References

Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey - Recreational Fisheries Data User's Manual  
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/SurveyMaterials.html>

### See Also

[extractMRFSS](#)

### Examples

```
## Example of a typical specification. Example is for bluefish from New
## York in 1990 (all waves and modes)- not a working example
## Not run:
baglimit(intdir="C:/Temp", estdir="C:/Temp", species=8835250101,
```

```
state=c(36),mode=c(3,6,7),wave=c(1,2,3,4,5,6),bag=c(5,10,15),
styr=1990,endyr=1990)
## End(Not run)
```

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bheq1	<i>Length-based Beverton-Holt Equilibrium Total Instantaneous Mortality Estimator</i>
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### Description

The equilibrium Beverton-Holt estimator of instantaneous total mortality ( $Z$ ) from length data with bootstrapped standard errors

### Usage

```
bheq1(len, K = NULL, Linf = NULL, Lc = NULL, nboot = 100)
```

### Arguments

len	the vector of length data. Each row represents one record per individual fish.
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.
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  $\geq L_c$  is calculated automatically. Missing data are removed prior to calculation. Estimates of standard error are made by bootstrapping length data  $\geq L_c$  using package boot.

### Value

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

### 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**[bheq2 bhoneq](#)**Examples**

```
data(herring)
bheq1(herring[,1],K=0.54,Linf=339,Lc=240,nboot=200)
```

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bheq2	<i>Length-based Beverton-Holt Equilibrium Total Instantaneous Mortality Estimator with Bias-Correction</i>
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**Description**

The equilibrium Beverton-Holt estimator of instantaneous total mortality ( $Z$ ) from length data using Ehrhardt and Ault (1992) bias-correction

**Usage**

```
bheq2(len = NULL, Linf = NULL, K = NULL, Lc = NULL, La = NULL,
      nboot = 100)
```

**Arguments**

len	the vector of length data. Each row represents one record per individual fish.
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 Beverton-Holt equilibrium estimator of instantaneous total mortality ( $Z$ ) from length data (page 365 in Quinn and Deriso (1999)) using Ehrhardt and Ault (1992) bias-correction is calculated. The mean length for lengths  $\geq L_c$  is calculated automatically. Missing data are removed prior to calculation. Estimates of standard error are made by bootstrapping length data  $\geq L_c$  using package boot.

**Value**

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

**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
- 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.

## See Also

[bheq1](#) [bhoneq](#)

## Examples

```
data(herring)
bheq2(herring[,1],K=0.54,Linf=339,Lc=240,La=314,nboot=200)
```

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bhoneq

*Length-based Beverton-Holt Nonequilibrium Z Estimator*

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## Description

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

## Usage

```
bhoneq(year=NULL,mLen=NULL, ss=NULL, K = NULL, Linf = NULL,
Lc = NULL, nbreaks = NULL, styrs = NULL, stZ = NULL,
stsigma = NULL)
```

## 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. Must be 1 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.
stsigma	the starting guess of sigma.

**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. Try different starting values to ensure consistent parameter estimates.

**Value**

results	list element containing table of parameters with estimates, standard errors, and t-values.
obs	list element containing year, mean length of lengths $\geq L_c$ , and sample size.
pred	list element containing year and predicted mean lengths.

**Note**

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

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**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**

[bheq2](#) [bheq2](#)

**Examples**

```
data(goosefish)
bhoneq(year=goosefish$year,mlen=goosefish$mmlen, ss=goosefish$ss,
K=0.108,Linf=126,Lc=30,nbreaks=1,styrs=c(1982),stZ=c(0.1,0.3),
stsigma=20)
```

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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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 buffalo

*Life Table Data for African Buffalo*


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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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catchpertrip	<i>Catch-Per-Trip Analysis for Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey Data</i>
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**Description**

Catch-per-trip analysis for Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey data following the Chapter 4 of Recreational Fisheries Data User's Manual.

**Usage**

```
catchpertrip(intdir = NULL, estdir = NULL, species = NULL,
             state = NULL, mode = NULL, wave = NULL, styr = NULL,
             endyr = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>intdir</code>	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which raw intercept sub-directories are stored.
<code>estdir</code>	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which catch/effort sub-directories are stored.
<code>species</code>	10-digit NODC species code. A complete list of species codes is provided at the MRFSS website.
<code>state</code>	state(s) code of data to include. A complete list of state codes is provided at the MRFSS website. Atlantic and Gulf States: 23= ME, 33= NH, 25= MA, 44= RI, 9= CT, 36= NY, 34= NJ, 10= DE, 24= MD, 51= VA, 37= NC, 45= SC, 13= GA, 12= FL (121= East FL, 122= West FL), 1= AL, 28= MS, and 22= LA. Any combination of states can be included in <code>c()</code> . North Atlantic= <code>c(9, 23, 25, 33, 44)</code> , Mid Atlantic= <code>c(10, 24, 34, 36, 51)</code> , South Atlantic= <code>c(13, 37, 45, 121)</code> , Gulf of Mexico= <code>c(1, 22, 28, 122)</code> .
<code>wave</code>	bimonthly wave(s) of data to include. Bimonthly Waves: 1= Jan-Feb, 2= Mar-Apr, 3= May-Jun, 4= Jul-Aug, 5= Sept-Oct, and 6= Nov-Dec. Any combination of waves can be included in <code>c()</code> .
<code>mode</code>	the fishing mode(s) of data to include. Valid codes will depend on year. Years 1982-2004: 3= Shore, 6= Party & Charter Boats, 7= Private & Rental Boats. Years 2005-present: 3= Shore, 4= Party Boat, 5= Charter Boat, and 7= Private & Rental Boats. Any combination of modes can be included in <code>c()</code> .
<code>styr</code>	the starting year of data to include.
<code>endyr</code>	the ending year of data to include.

**Details**

Raw intercept data and catch/effort estimates must be extracted using function `extractMRFSS` before catch-per-trip analysis can be conducted. When performing catch-per-trip analyses within a state/mode/wave stratum, reweighting of data is not necessary since intercept sampling is random within each stratum and an assumption can be made that the true effort distributions are represented. However, if catch-per-trip analyses are performed among state/mode/wave strata, data must be reweighted prior to pooling among strata. This function properly reweights and combines data for catch-per-trip analyses.

**Value**

<code>Results</code>	Dataframe containing catch level ( <code>CATCH</code> ), estimated number of trips ( <code>TRIPS</code> ), intercept frequency ( <code>CF</code> ) and proportion of successful trips ( <code>PROP.TRIP</code> )
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**References**

Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey - Recreational Fisheries Data User's Manual  
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/SurveyMaterials.html>

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

```
## Example of a typical specification - for Mid-Atlantic
## black sea bass wave 4, all modes in 1992. Figure 11 of Chapter 4
## in User Manual
## Not run: catchpertrip(intdir="C:/Temp",estdir="C:/Temp",species=8835020301,
state=c(10,24,34,36,51),mode=c(3,6,7),wave=c(4), styr=1992,endyr=1993)
## End(Not run)
```

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catchseries	<i>Summary of Catch Estimates from the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey</i>
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**Description**

Species-specific estimates of harvest weight and numbers of fish, released fish, and total catch are summarized for any combination of year(s), state(s), bimonthly wave(s), fishing mode(s), and fishing area(s) from the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) data.

**Usage**

```
catchseries(estdir = NULL, species = NULL, state = NULL,
  byst = 1, wave = NULL, bywave = 0, mode = NULL,
  bymode = 0, area = NULL, byarea = 0, styr = NULL,
  endyr = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

estdir	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which catch/effort sub-directories are stored.
species	10-digit NODC species code. A complete list of species codes is provided at the MRFSS website
state	state(s) code of data to include. A complete list of state codes is provided at the MRFSS website. Atlantic and Gulf States: 23= ME, 33= NH, 25= MA, 44= RI, 9= CT, 36= NY, 34= NJ, 10= DE, 24= MD, 51= VA, 37= NC, 45= SC, 13= GA, 12= FL (121= East FL, 122= West FL), 1= AL, 28= M S, and 22= LA. Any combination of states can be included in c(). North Atlantic= c(9, 23, 25, 33, 44), Mid Atlantic= c(10, 24, 34, 36, 51), South Atlantic= c(13, 37, 45, 121), Gulf of Mexico= c(1, 22, 28, 122).
byst	numeric value. 0 = combine data from states, 1 = show data on state-by-state basis. Default=1
wave	bimonthly wave(s) of data to include. Bimonthly Waves: 1= Jan-Feb, 2= Mar-Apr, 3= May-Jun, 4= Jul-Aug, 5= Sept-Oct, 6= Nov-Dec. Any combination of waves can be included in c().

bywave	numeric value. 0 = combine data across waves, 1 = show data on wave-by-wave basis. Default=0
mode	the fishing mode(s) of data to include. Valid codes will depend on year. Years 1982-2004: 3= Shore, 6= Party & Charter Boats, and 7= Private & Rental Boats. Years 2005-present: 3= Shore, 4= Party Boat, 5= Charter Boat, and 7= Private & Rental Boats. Any combination of modes can be included in c().
bymode	numeric value. 0 = combine data across modes, 1 = show data on mode-by-mode basis. Default=0
area	area code of data to include. Area codes: 1= State Territorial Seas (Ocean<=3 mi excluding Inland), 2= Exclusive Economic Zone (Ocean>3 mi), 3= Ocean <=10 mi West FL and TX, 4= Ocean > 10 mi West FL and TX, 5= Inland, 6= Unknown. Any combination of areas can be included in c().
byarea	numeric value. 0 = combine data across areas, 1 = show data on area-by-area basis. Default=0
styr	the starting year of data to include.
endyr	the ending year of data to include.

### Details

Catch/effort estimates must be extracted using function `extractMRFSS` before summarization. Harvest, release and weight estimates are always summed by year regardless of whether other factors (state, mode, wave, and area) are aggregated or not. Additional statistics (standard error and proportional standard error) are provided for each estimate. Definition of estimates can be found at the MRFSS website.

### Value

Details	a list element summarizing the selected arguments.
Results	a list element containing the table of summary statistics (i.e., estimate, standard errors, and proportional standard errors) of harvest and release numbers and harvest weight (kg).

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### References

Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey  
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/index.html>

### See Also

[extractMRFSS](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
outpt<-catchseries(estdir="C:/Temp",species=8835250101,
  state=c(37,45,13,121),mode=c(4,5,6),bymode=1,wave=c(1:6),
  area=c(1,2,3,4,5,7),styr=2000,endyr=2007)
## End(Not run)
```

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catchsurvey

*Catch-Survey Analysis*


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**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,N
```

**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.

**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**

```
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
```

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clusmean	<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, and effective sample size for samples collected by simple random cluster sampling.

**Usage**

```
clusmean(popchar = NULL, cluster = NULL, clustotal = NULL)
```

**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.

**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 variance follows 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. 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).

**Value**

Matrix table of total number of clusters (n), total number of samples (M), total number of samples measured (m), the mean attribute (R), variance of R (varR), variance of population attribute (s2x), and effective sample size (meff).

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

**References**

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(codlengths)
clusmean(popchar=codlengths$t1,cluster=codlengths$station,
clustotal=codlengths$total)
```

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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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codlengths	<i>Individual lengths of Atlantic cod from cooperative trawling in winter of 2000, Massachusetts Bay</i>
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**Description**

The codlengths data frame has 184 rows and 3 columns. Station, total number of fish caught, and total lengths (cm) of Atlantic cod (*Gadus morhua*) collected via trawling from northern Massachusetts during winter of 2000

**Usage**

codlengths

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**station** trawl haul ID  
**total** total number of cod caught in trawl haul  
**tl** total length of individual fish measured in each haul

**Source**

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

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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

*Combining Mean and Variances from Multiple Samples*

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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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`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)**

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**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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darter

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*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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deltadist

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*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)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

**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*


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**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", "m1",
  "hosc", "hesc", "hemqle", "wh"), kwh=NULL, nboot = 500)
```

**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, m1= 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

### 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.

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

### References

- Braaten, D. O. 1969. Robustness of the Delury population estimator. J. Fish. Res. Board Can. 26: 339-355.
- Chao, A. and S. Chang. 1999. An estimating function approach to the inference of catch-effort models. Environ. Ecol. Stat. 6: 313-334.
- Delury, D. B. 1947. On the estimation of biological populations. Biometrics 3: 145-167.

Gould, W. R. and K. H. Pollock. 1997. Catch-effort maximum likelihood estimation of important population parameters. *Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci* 54: 890-897.

Leslie, P. H. and D. H.S. Davis. 1939. An attempt to determine the absolute number of rats on a given area. *J. Anim. Ecol.* 9: 94-113.

Otis, D. L., K. P. Burnham, G. C. White, and D. R. Anderson. 1978. Statistical inference from capture data on closed animal populations. *Wildl. Monogr.* 62: 1-135.

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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epr

*Eggs-Per-Recruit Analysis*

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### Description

Eggs-per-recruit(SBPR) 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 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 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 SBPR will be calculated. SBPR is calculated for F = 0 to maxF.
incrF	F increment for SBPR 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

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

### 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=0.001, oldest=10)
```

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extractMRFSS	<i>Extraction of Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey Data from SAS Transport Files</i>
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### Description

MRFSS intercept and catch/effort data in SAS transport files (.xpt) are extracted using package `foreign` and are saved as .csv files under data and year-specific subdirectories.

### Usage

```
extractMRFSS(indir = NULL, outdir = NULL, type = NULL,
             state = NULL, styr = NULL, endyr = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>indir</code>	the path and directory (in quotes) under which the SAS transport files are stored.
<code>outdir</code>	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which data- and year-specific subdirectories will be created and .csv files will be stored.
<code>type</code>	the type of data to extract. 1 = raw intercept data, 2= catch/effort estimates.
<code>state</code>	the state code(s) designating which state(s) data to extract. If multiple states, separate state codes with commas within the concatenation function. If data from all states are desired, do not include the <code>state=</code> argument. State codes are found on the MRFSS website.
<code>styr</code>	the starting year of data to extract.
<code>endyr</code>	the ending year of data to extract.

### Details

Download the zipped intercept data and catch/effort estimates from the MRFSS website <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/index.html>. Unzip/extract the SAS transport files (.xpt) to the `indir` directory. Using this function, specify the `indir` and `outdir` directories, which data type to extract, the state code(s), and the starting and ending years (from .xpt files) of data to be extracted. If the `outdir` directory is not specified, the files will be stored under the `indir` directory.

### Value

Raw intercept data and catch & effort estimates saved as .csv files.

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

### References

<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/index.html>.

**Examples**

```
## This is a typical specification, not a working example
## Not run: extractMRFSS(indir="C:/Temp",outdir="C:/MRFSS",type=1,state=25,
styr=1981,endyr=2007)
## End(Not run)
```

Gerking

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

goosefish

*Mean Length and Numbers of Lengths for Northern Goosefish, 1963-2002***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  
**m1en** 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 = 0.01, 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 time at release of tagged fish
T2	Vector of 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 parameters 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.

**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,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,u=0,w=0),control=list(maxit=1e4)))

```

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 growth

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


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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```

growth(intype=1,unit=1,size=NULL,age=NULL,calctype=1,wgtby=1,s2=NULL,error=1,
  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.
s2	if intype=2 and wgtby=2, specify vector of sample variances associated with mean size-at-age data.
error	the error structure: 1 = additive; 2 = multiplicative. Default error=1.
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

If unit is length, a standard von Bertalanffy growth curve is fitted to length-at-age data using non-linear 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, three growth models (von Bertalanffy, Gompert and logistic) are fitted to weight-at-age data. The exponent for the von Bertalanffy growth in weight model is not estimated and must be specified (*B*). Individual and mean weight data can be used. 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*.

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()*).

## Author(s)

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## References

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

## Examples

```
data(rockfish)
growth(intype=1,unit=1,size=rockfish$len,age=rockfish$age,
      calctype=1,wgtby=1,error=1,Sinf=50,K=0.2,t0=0.1)
```

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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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herring	<i>Total length data for alewife (Alosa pseudoharengus) from Massachusetts waters</i>
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**Description**

The herring data frame has 52 rows and 1 column. Total length (mm)

**Usage**

herring

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**tl** total length of individual alewife

**Source**

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

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Hoenig

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


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**Description**

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

**Usage**

Hoenig

**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

*Age-Independent Instantaneous Rates Model of Jiang et al. (2007)  
Incorporating Catch and Release Tag Returns*


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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 loss ( $\phi$ ) 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 loss estimates (phi) for harvested fish. One value for each recovery year.
rphi	vector of initial tag loss estimates (phi) for recaptured fish re-released with tag removed fish. One value for each recovery year.
hmrate	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 non-zero cells from the harvested and released recovery matrices minus the number of estimated parameters. Total chi-square is calculated by summing cell chi-square values for all non-zero observed 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 nat-

ural 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); 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.
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- 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)
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)
```

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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 loss ( $\phi$ ) and reporting rate ( $\lambda$ )

### Usage

```
irm_h(relyrs = NULL, recapys = 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)).
recapys	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 loss estimates ( $\phi$ ) for harvested fish. 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.
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 non-zero cells from the harvested and released recovery matrices minus the number of estimated parameters. Total chi-square is calculated by summing cell chi-square values for all non-zero observed 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$relyrs, recapyrs = Hoenig$recapyrs, 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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 Kimura

*Length and Age Data For Male and Female Pacific Hake*


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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.

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 lengthfreq

*Calculate Length Frequencies from Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey Data*


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**Description**

A combined length frequency table for a species is generated for any combination of year(s), state(s), bimonthly wave(s), fishing mode(s), and fishing area(s) from the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS) data. The analytical steps given in Recreational Fisheries Data User's Manual are followed.

**Usage**

```
lengthfreq(intdir = NULL, estdir = NULL, species = NULL,
  state = NULL, wave = NULL, mode = NULL, area = NULL,
  styr = NULL, endyr = NULL, conveq = FALSE,
  parms = c(0, 1))
```

**Arguments**

intdir	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which raw intercept sub-directories are stored.
estdir	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which catch/effort sub-directories are stored.
species	10-digit NODC species code. A complete list of species codes is provided at the MRFSS website
state	state(s) code of data to include. A complete list of state codes is provided at the MRFSS website. Atlantic and Gulf States: 23= ME, 33= NH, 25= MA, 44= RI, 9= CT, 36= NY, 34= NJ, 10= DE, 24= MD, 51= VA, 37= NC, 45= SC, 13= GA, 12= FL (121= East FL, 122= West FL), 1=AL, 28= MS, and 22= LA. Any combination of states can be included in c(). North Atlantic= c(9, 23, 25, 33, 44), Mid Atlantic= c(10, 24, 34, 36, 51), South Atlantic= c(13, 37, 45, 121), Gulf of Mexico= c(1, 22, 28, 122).
wave	bimonthly wave(s) of data to include. Bimonthly Waves: 1= Jan-Feb, 2= Mar-Apr, 3= May-Jun, 4= Jul-Aug, 5= Sept-Oct, and 6= Nov-Dec. Any combination of waves can be included in c().
mode	the fishing mode(s) of data to include. Valid codes will depend on year. Years 1982-2004: 3= Shore, 6= Party & Charter Boats, and 7= Private & Rental Boats. Years 2005-present: 3= Shore, 4= Party Boat, 5= Charter Boat, and 7= Private & Rental Boats. Any combination of modes can be included in c().
area	area code of data to include. Valid codes are: 1= State Territorial Seas (Ocean<= 3 mi excluding Inland), 2= Federal Exclusive Economic Zone (Ocean > 3 mi), 3= Ocean <=10 mi West FL and TX, 4= Ocean > 10 mi West FL and TX, 5= Inland, and 6= Unknown. Any combination of areas can be included in c().
conveq	logical to indicate whether a length conversion equation will be provided. If TRUE, provide the intercept and slope in parms argument below. Conversion equation is used to convert MRFSS fork length (mm) to other length measurements.
parms	vector containing the intercept (position 1) and slope (position 2) of the conversion equation
styr	the starting year of data to include.
endyr	the ending year of data to include.

**Details**

Raw intercept data and catch/effort estimates must be extracted using function `extractMRFSS` before length frequencies can be created. Length frequencies are produced with one-inch length groups identical to the MRFSS website. Before creation of the length frequency table, fork length (in millimeters) is converted to inches. The intercept and slope parameters of a conversion equation can be introduced to convert fork length into other length measurements before creating the length frequencies. Length data and harvest estimates from the catch/effort files are extracted using the argument values. Length frequencies are created for each state/mode/wave/area fished stratum and are weighted with matching harvest estimates before being combined across strata.

**Value**

Details	a list element summarizing the selected arguments.
Results	a list element containing the length frequency table with one-inch length group, numbers-at-length, and proportions-at-length

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey - Recreational Fisheries Data User's Manual  
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/SurveyMaterials.html>

**See Also**

[extractMRFSS](#)

**Examples**

```
##Example of a typical specification - not a working example
## Not run:
dodo<-lengthfreq(intdir="C:/Temp",estdir="C:/Temp",species=8835250101,
  state=c(25),mode=c(3,4,5,7),wave=c(1,2,3,4,5,6),area=c(1,2,3,4,5,7),
  styr=2007,endyr=2007)
## End(Not run)
```

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lfclus	<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**

```
lfclus(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 $\text{binsize}=0$ .
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 Kolmogov-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:

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

where  $S_1(X)$  and  $S_2(X)$  are the observed cumulative length frequency distributions of group 1 and group 2 in the paired comparisons.  $S_1(X)$  and  $S_2(X)$  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  $\text{resamples}$  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  $D_s$ , including the occurrence of  $D_s$  in the numerator and denominator, is calculated (Manly, 1997).

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 Ds 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)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

### 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

[lfstrclus](#)

### Examples

```
data(codcluslen)
lfclus(group=codcluslen$region,haul=codcluslen$tow,len=codcluslen$length,
number=codcluslen$number,binsize=5,resamples=100)
```

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lfstrclus	<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

```
lfstrclus(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:

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

where  $S1(X)$  and  $S2(X)$  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  $D_s$ , including the occurrence of  $D_s$  in the numerator and denominator, 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@state.ma.us>

### 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

[lfclus](#)

### Examples

```
data(codstrcluslen)
lfstrclus(
  group=codstrcluslen$region, strata=codstrcluslen$stratum,
  weights=codstrcluslen$weights, haul=codstrcluslen$tow,
  len=codstrcluslen$length, number=codstrcluslen$number,
  binsize=5, resamples=100)
```

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)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

## 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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M.empirical

*Estimation of Natural Mortality Rates from Life History Parameters*

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## Description

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

## Usage

```
M.empirical(Linf = NULL, Winf = NULL, Kl = NULL, Kw = NULL,
  T = NULL, tmax = NULL, tm = NULL, GSI = NULL, Wdry = NULL,
  Wwet = NULL, Bl = NULL,method = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9))
```

## 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.
T	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 body weight).
Wdry	total dry weight in grams.
Wwet	total wet weight at mean length in grams.
Bl	body length in cm.
method	vector of method code(s). Any combination of methods can employed. 1= Pauly (1980) length equation - requires Linf, Kl, and T; 2= Pauly (1980) weight equation - requires Winf, Kw, and T; 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.

**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.

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

**References**

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- Gislason, H., N. Daan, J. C. Rice, and J. G. Pope. 2010. Size, growth, temperature and the natural mortality of marine fish. *Fish and Fisheries* 11: 149-158.
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- Hoenig, J. M. 1983. Empirical use of longevity data to estimate mortality rates. *Fish. Bull.* 82: 898-903.
- Lorenzen, K. 1996. The relationship between body weight and natural mortality in juvenile and adult fish: a comparison of natural ecosystems and aquaculture. *J. Fish. Biol.* 49: 627-647.
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- Peterson, I. and J. S. Wroblewski. 1984. Mortality rate of fishes in the pelagic ecosystem. *Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci.* 41: 1117-1120.
- Roff, D. A. 1984. The evolution of life history parameters in teleosts. *Can. J. Fish. Aquat. Sci.* 41: 989-1000.

**Examples**

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

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menhaden	<i>Biological data for menhaden (Brevoortia tyrannus)</i>
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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 weights at spawning 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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mrN.single	<i>Estimate of Population Size from a Single Mark-Recapture Experiment</i>
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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@state.ma.us>

**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**

<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/nefsc/publications/crd/crd0716/a.pdf>

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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)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

### 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
 

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*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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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 (psere1), 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).

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

**References**

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

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**Examples**

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

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pstrat	<i>Post-stratification of Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey Estimates of Catch</i>
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**Description**

Post-stratified catch and variance estimates are generated from the original intercept data and catch & effort estimates provided by the Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey (MRFSS).

**Usage**

```
pstrat(intdir = NULL, estdir = NULL, pstdir = NULL, state = NULL,  
year = NULL, stwave = NULL, endwave = NULL, psfactor = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>intdir</code>	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which raw intercept sub-directories are stored.
<code>estdir</code>	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which catch/effort sub-directories are stored.
<code>pstdir</code>	the path and main directory (in quotes) under which post-stratified estimates will be stored. The program will store the post-stratification estimates as a .csv file under a subdirectory named <i>peyear</i> .
<code>year</code>	year of data to include.
<code>state</code>	state(s) code of data to include. A complete list of state codes is provided at the MRFSS website. Atlantic and Gulf States: 23= ME, 33= NH, 25= MA, 44= RI, 9= CT, 36= NY, 34= NJ, 10= DE, 24= MD, 51= VA, 37= NC, 45= SC, 13= GA, 12= FL (121= East FL, 122= West FL), 1=AL, 28= MS, and 22= LA. Any combination of states can be included in <code>c()</code> . North Atlantic= <code>c(9, 23, 25, 33, 44)</code> , Mid Atlantic= <code>c(10, 24, 34, 36, 51)</code> , South Atlantic= <code>c(13, 37, 45, 121)</code> , Gulf of Mexico= <code>c(1, 22, 28, 122)</code> .
<code>stwave</code>	bimonthly wave(s) of data to include. Bimonthly Waves: 1= Jan-Feb, 2= Mar-Apr, 3= May-Jun, 4= Jul-Aug, 5= Sept-Oct, and 6= Nov-Dec. Any combination of waves can be included in <code>c()</code> .
<code>endwave</code>	last bimonthly wave of data to include.
<code>psfactor</code>	name of dataframe with poststratification variable(s)

## Details

Raw intercept data and catch/effort estimates must be extracted using function `extractMRFSS`. Post-stratification methodology follows the SAS post-stratification program available from MRFSS. A dataframe must be created that contains the MRFSS variable(s) linked to the variable `AREA.G` which identifies the post-stratification scheme.

As a first example, the State of Massachusetts post-stratifies catch estimates by county to examine regional fishing harvest. The MRFSS variable `CNTY` is used to group the regions. To code the post-stratification variable, a dataframe containing `CNTY` numbers and the associated grouping labels under variable `AREA.G` is created as follows:

```
post<-data.frame(CNTY=c(9,21,25,23,1,7,5,18,17,27),
  AREA.G=c("A","B","C","D","E","F","G","H","Y","Y"))
```

Each `AREA.G` label is matched to a specific county. `AREA.G` must be the name of the grouping label. More than one variable (other than `CNTY`) can be used to parse the data into more specific strata by creating an additional column in the dataframe.

As a second example, the State of Florida post-stratifies catch estimates into four regions (Northeast, Southeast, Southwest and Northwest Florida) related to spotted seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) management. The coding for the four regions uses `CNTY` to create groupings:

```
post<-data.frame(CNTY=c(89,31,109,35,19,107,127,9,61,111,85,
  99,11,25,87,21,51,71,15,27,115,81,
```

```

57,103,101,53,17,75,1,29,123,65,129,37,
77,45,5,133,131,91,113,33
),
AREA.G=c("N","N","N","N","N","N",
"S","S","S","S","S","S","S",
"S","S","S","S","S","S","S",
"S","S","S","S","N","N","N",
"N","N","N","N","N","N","N",
"N","N","N","N","N","N","N",
"N"))

```

Notice that there are not four AREA.G labels for the different areas because post-stratification is automatically performed over the sub-region variable (Florida East Coast SUB.REG=6 and Florida West Coast is SUB.REG=7). For states with only one SUB.REG code, four AREA.G labels would need to be created.

The AREA.S variable, which is the AREA.G and AREA.X labels combined, is created in the output file and designates the post-stratification levels.

All variables coded found in the MRFSS Recreational Fisheries Data User's Manual.

### Value

Post-stratified estimates from each year and wave are written to comma-delimited (.csv) files and are stored under the pestdir directory as AG\_yyyywv.csv (e.g., AG\_20075.csv).

### Note

The MRFSS post-stratification program written in SAS by Gerry Gray et al. of the National Marine Fisheries Service was converted to R-code.

### Author(s)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

### References

Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey - Recreational Fisheries Data User's Manual  
<http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/recreational/SurveyMaterials.html>

### See Also

[extractMRFSS](#)

### Examples

```

## An example of code - not a working example
## Not run:
post<-data.frame(CNTY=c(9,21,25,23,1,7,5,18,17,27),
                AREA.G=c("A","B","C","D","E","F","G","H","Y","Y"))

```

```
pstrat(intdir="C:/Temp", estdir="C:/Temp",pstdir="C:/Temp",state=25,
year=2007,stwave=2,endwave=6,psfactor=post)

## End(Not run)
```

---

 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.

---

 rockfish

*Individual length and age data for rougheye rockfish*


---

### Description

The rockfish data frame has 545 rows and 2 columns. The individual length-at-age data were generated from mean length-at-age data and standard deviations given in Table 4.3 of Quinn and Deriso (1990).

### Usage

```
rockfish
```

### Format

This data frame contains the following columns:

**age** age of individual rockfish in years

**len** length of individual rockfish in cm

**Source**

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

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 sbpr

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*Spawning Stock Biomass-Per-Recruit Analysis*


---

**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, sswgt = 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.
sswgt	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 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 SBPR will be calculated. SBPR is calculated for F = 0 to maxF.
incrF	F increment for SBPR calculation.

**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

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

**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

*Population Size Estimates from Repeated Mark-Recapture Experiments*

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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).

**Author(s)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

**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$nM,
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=*explore*, 2=*evaluate*.
- 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)

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

### 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),
Krange=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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striper	<i>Age and length data of the striped bass</i>
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### Description

Length and age (from scales) data for striped bass (*Morone saxatilis*) from recreational and commercial fisheries in Massachusetts during 2009.

### Usage

```
striper
```

### Format

A data frame with 846 observations on the following 2 variables.

age a numeric vector of individual ages

t1 a numeric vector of individual lengths (total length in millimeter)

### Source

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

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surveyfit	<i>Estimating the Relative Abundance of Fish From a Trawl Survey</i>
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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

year	vector containing the time series of numeric year labels.
index	vector containing the time series of mean catch per tow data.
logtrans	a logical value indicating whether the natural log-transform should be applied to the mean catch per tow values. Default is TRUE.
graph	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)**

Gary A. Nelson, Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries <gary.nelson@state.ma.us>

**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

*Quantitative reference points from stock abundance indices based on research surveys*

---

**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, comyear = NULL, reffix = FALSE,
          refrange = NULL, nboot = 1000, allboots = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	output object from function <code>surveyfit</code> .
<code>refpt</code>	the lower quantile (percentile) of the fitted time series used as the reference point.
<code>compyear</code>	the index year to compare to the reference point. Multiple years can be included in the comparison using the <code>c()</code> function.
<code>reffiix</code>	a logical value specifying whether the lower quantile should be determined from a fixed set of years. Default = FALSE.
<code>refrange</code>	If <code>reffiix = TRUE</code> , the beginning and ending year of the time series to include in determination of the lower quantile. The values should be enclosed within <code>c()</code> (e.g., <code>c(1963,1983)</code> ).
<code>nboot</code>	the number of bootstrap replicates.
<code>allboots</code>	a logical value specifying whether the fitted values for the bootstrap replicates should be included in the output. Default = FALSE.

**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. A probability profile specifying the probability that the selected index value is less than the quantile reference point for various decision confidence levels is calculated following Helser et al. (2002).

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 `reffiix` 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@state.ma.us>

## References

Helsler, T. E. and D. B. Hayes. 1995. Providing quantitative management advice from stock abundance indices based on research surveys. *Fishery Bulletin* 93: 290-298.

Hesler, T. E., A. Sharov, and D. M. Kahn. 2002. A stochastic decision-based approach to assessing the status of the Delaware Bay blue crab stock. *American Fisheries Society Symposium* 27: 63-82.

## See Also

[surveyfit](#)

## Examples

```
data(wolffish)
out<-surveyfit(year=wolffish$year, index=wolffish$index, logtrans=TRUE)
surveyref(out, refpt=25, comyear=c(1990))
```

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tag\_model\_avg

*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:  $\sqrt{\text{var} * \hat{c}}$ . 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  $\sqrt{\sum(\text{QAICc wgt of model } i * (\text{var of estimate of model } i + (\text{estimate of model } i - \text{avg of all estimates})^2))}$ .

**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@state.ma.us>

**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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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.

<code>gestimate</code>	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 <code>gestimate=FALSE</code> , user-specified starting, lower and upper limits of parameters must be entered.
<code>Lhiparms</code>	If <code>gestimate=FALSE</code> , starting value, lower limit and upper limit of <i>lphi</i> used in <i>nls</i> .
<code>Lchiparms</code>	If <code>gestimate=FALSE</code> , starting value, lower limit and upper limit of <i>lchi</i> used in <i>nls</i> .
<code>Lpsiparms</code>	If <code>gestimate=FALSE</code> , starting value, lower limit and upper limit of <i>lpsi</i> used in <i>nls</i> .
<code>control</code>	see <code>control</code> 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:

$$L_{inf} = lphi + (lpsi - lphi) / (1 - r^2) \text{ where } r = (lpsi - lchi) / (lchi - lphi)$$

$$K = -(2 * \log(r)) / (agepsi - agephi)$$

$$t_0 = agephi + (1/K) * \log((L_{inf} - lphi) / L_{inf})$$

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@state.ma.us>

### 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(striper)
with(striper, vbfr(age=age, L=t1, agephi=6, agepsi=13))
```

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vb1rt                                      *Likelihood Ratio Tests for Comparing Two von Bertalanffy Growth Curves*

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### Description

Likelihood ratio tests for comparison of two von Bertalanffy growth curves following Kimura (1980).

### Usage

```
vb1rt(len = NULL, age = NULL, group = NULL, error = 1,
      select = 1, Linf = NULL, K = NULL, t0 = NULL, 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 or numeric codes specifying group association.
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 specified the values of <i>L-infinity</i> , <i>K</i> , and <i>t0</i> .
Linf	if <i>select</i> =2, the starting value for <i>L-infinity</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation.
K	if <i>select</i> =2, the starting value for <i>K</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation.
t0	if <i>select</i> =2, the starting value for <i>t0</i> of the von Bertalanffy equation.
control	see function <i>nls</i> .

### Details

Following Kimura (1980), the general model (6 parameters; 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. A dummy vector called *cat*, containing 0s for the first group with lower alpha-numeric order and 1s for the second group, is used in the estimation of group parameters.

**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 ( $L_{inf1}=L_{inf2}$ ).
model H2	list element with the nls fit for model H2 ( $K1=K2$ ).
model H3	list element with the nls fit for model H3 ( $t01=t02$ ).
model H4	list element with the nls fit for model H4 ( $L_{inf1}=L_{inf2}$ , $K1=K2$ , $t01=t02$ ).
rss	list element with the residual sum-of-squares from each model.
residuals	list element with the residuals from each model.

**Author(s)**

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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.

**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)
vblrt(len=Kimura$length, age=Kimura$age, group=Kimura$sex, error=2, select=1)
```

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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.

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ypr *Yield-Per-Recruit Analysis*

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**Description**

Yield-per-recruit (YPR) analysis is conducted following the modified Thompson-Bell algorithm. Reference points Fmax and F0.1 are calculated.

**Usage**

```
ypr(age = NULL, wgt = NULL, partial = NULL, M = NULL,
     plus = FALSE, oldest = NULL, maxF = 2, incrF = 0.001)
```

**Arguments**

age	the vector of cohort ages, e.g. c(1,2,3,4,5). 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. c(0.2,0.4,0.7,1.0,1.2). 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.

**Details**

Yield-per-recruit analysis is conducted following the modified Thompson-Bell algorithm. Reference points Fmax and F0.1 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 Fmax and F0.1
F_vs_YPR	Yield-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**

[sbpr](#)

**Examples**

```
data(haddock)
ypr(age=haddock$age,wgt=haddock$ssbwgt,partial=haddock$partial,M=0.4,
plus=TRUE,oldest=100,maxF=2,incrF=0.001)
```

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