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### Description

Extract coefficients from nlme_gastempt result

### Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'nlme_gastempt'
coef(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

- `object`: Result of a call to nlme_gastempt
- `...`: other arguments

### Value

A data frame with coefficients. See `nlme_gastempt` for an example.
**Extract coefficients from stan_gastempt result**

**Description**

Extract coefficients from stan_gastempt result

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'stan_gastempt'
coef(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `object`: Result of a call to stan_gastempt
- `...`: other arguments

**Value**

a data frame with coefficients. See `nlme_gastempt` for an example.

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**Functions for gastric emptying analysis**

**Description**

The `linexp` and the power exponential (`powexp`) functions can be used to fit gastric emptying curves.

**Usage**

```r
linexp(t, v0 = 1, tempt = NULL, kappa = NULL, pars = NULL)
linexp_slope(t, v0 = 1, tempt = NULL, kappa = NULL, pars = NULL)
linexp_auc(v0 = 1, tempt = NULL, kappa = NULL, pars = NULL)
powexp(t, v0 = 1, tempt = NULL, beta = NULL, pars = NULL)
powexp_slope(t, v0 = 1, tempt = NULL, beta = NULL, pars = NULL)
linexp_log(t, v0 = 1, logtempt = NULL, logkappa = NULL, pars = NULL)
powexp_log(t, v0 = 1, logtempt = NULL, logbeta = NULL, pars = NULL)
```
Arguments

t
Time after meal or start of scan, in minutes; can be a vector.

v0
Initial volume at t=0.

tempt
Emptying time constant in minutes (scalar).

kappa
Overshoot term for linexp function (scalar).

pars
Default NULL. If not NULL, the other parameters with exception of t are not used and are retrieved as named parameters from the numeric vector pars instead.

beta
Power term for power exponential function (scalar).

logtempt
Logarithm of emptying time constant in minutes (scalar).

logkappa
Logarithm of overshoot term for linexp function (scalar).

logbeta
Logarithm of power term for power exponential function (scalar).

Details

The linexp function can have an initial overshoot to model secretion.

\[ \text{vol}(t) = v_0 \times (1 + \kappa \times t / \text{tempt}) \times \exp(-t / \text{tempt}) \]

The powexp function introduced by Elashof et al. is monotonously decreasing but has more freedom to model details in the function tail.

\[ \text{vol}(t) = v_0 \times \exp(-(t / \text{tempt}) ^ \beta) \]

The _slope functions return the first derivatives of linexp and powexp. Use the _log functions to enforce positive parameters tempt and beta. Rarely required for gastric emptying curves.

Value

Vector of length(t) for computed volume.

Examples

t = seq(0,100, by=5)
kappa = 1.3
tempt = 60
v0 = 400
beta = 3

pars = c(v0 = v0, tempt = tempt, kappa = kappa)
oldpar = par(mfrow = c(1,3))
plot(t, linexp(t, v0, tempt, kappa), type = "l", ylab = "volume",
main = "linexp\n\kappa = 1.3 and 1.0")
lines(t, linexp(t, v0, tempt, 1), type = "l", col = "green")

# This should give the same plot as above
plot(t, linexp(t, pars = pars), type = "l", ylab = "volume",
main = "linexp\nkappa = 1.3 and 1.0\nwith vectored parameters")
lines(t, linexp(t, v0, tempt, 1), type = "l", col = "green")
plot(t, powexp(t, v0, tempt, beta), type = "l", ylab = "volume",
main = "powexp\n\beta = 2 and 1")
lines(t, powexp(t, v0, tempt, 1), type = "l", col = "green")
par(oldpar)
**nlme_gastempt**  

Simplified population fit of gastric emptying data

### Description

Compute coefficients v0, tempt and kappa of a mixed model fit to a linexp function with one grouping variable

### Usage

```r
nlme_gastempt(d, pnlsTol = 0.001, model = linexp, variant = 1)
```

### Arguments

- **d**  
  A data frame with columns
  - `record` Record descriptor as grouping variable, e.g. patient ID
  - `minute` Time after meal or start of recording.
  - `vol` Volume of meal or stomach

- **pnlsTol**  
  The value of pnlsTol at the initial iteration. See `nlmeControl` When the model does not converge, pnlsTol is multiplied by 5 and the iteration repeated until convergence or pnlsTol >= 0.5. The effective value of pnlsTol is returned in a separate list item. When it is known that a data set converges badly, it is recommended to set the initial pnlsTol to a higher value, but below 0.5, for faster convergence.

- **model**  
  linexp (default) or powexp

- **variant**  
  For both models, there are 3 variants
  - `variant = 1` The most generic version with independent estimates of all three parameters per record (random = v0 + tempt + kappa ~ 1 | record). The most likely to fail for degenerate cases. If this variant converges, use it.
  - `variant = 2` Diagonal random effects (random = pdDiag(v0 + tempt + kappa) ~ 1; groups = ~record). Better convergence in critical cases. Note: I never found out why I have to use the groups parameter instead of the |; see also p. 380 of Pinheiro/Bates.
  - `variant = 3` Since parameters kappa and beta respectively are the most difficult to estimate, these are fixed in this variant (random = v0 + tempt ~ 1). This variant converges in all reasonable cases, but the estimates of kappa and beta cannot be use for secondary between-group analysis. If you are only interested in t50, you can use this safe version.

### Value

A list of class `nlme_gastempt` with elements `coef`, `summary`, `plot`, `pnlsTol`, `message`

- `coef` is a data frame with columns:
- record Record descriptor, e.g. patient ID
- v0 Initial volume at t=0
- tempt Emptying time constant
- kappa Parameter kappa for model = linexp
- beta Parameter beta for model = powexp
- t50 Half-time of emptying
- slope_t50 Slope in t50; typically in units of ml/minute

On error, coef is NULL

- nlme_result Result of the nlme fit; can be used for addition processing, e.g. to plot residuals or via summary to extract AIC. On error, nlme_result is NULL.
- plot A ggplot graph of data and prediction. Plot of raw data is returned even when convergence was not achieved.
- pnlsTol Effective value of pnlsTo after convergence or failure.
- message String "Ok" on success, and the error message of nlme on failure.

Examples

```r
suppressWarnings(RNGversion("3.5.0"))
set.seed(4711)
d = simulate_gastempt(n_record = 10, kappa_mean = 0.9, kappa_std = 0.3,
  model = linexp)$data
fit_d = nlme_gastempt(d)
  # fit_d$coef # direct access
  coef(fit_d) # better use accessor function
  coef(fit_d, signif = 3) # Can also set number of digits
  # Avoid ugly ggplot shading (not really needed...)
  library(ggplot2)
  theme_set(theme_bw() + theme(panel.spacing = grid::unit(0,"lines")))
  # fit_d$plot # direct access is possible
  plot(fit_d) # better use accessor function
```

```
plot.nlme_gastempt  Plot data points and fit curve of an nlme_gastempt fit
```

Description

Plot data points and fit curve of an nlme_gastempt fit

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'nlme_gastempt'
plot(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x` Result of a call to nlme_gastempt
- `...` other arguments
plot.stan_gastempt

Value

A ggplot object. Use print() if used non-interactively to show the curve.

Description

Plot data points and fit curve of an stan_gastempt fit.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'stan_gastempt'
plot(x, ...)

Arguments

x

Result of a call to stan_gastempt

...

Other arguments

Value

A ggplot object. Use print() if used non-interactively to show the curve.

run_shiny

Run shiny app demonstrating fit strategies with simulated data.

Description

Run shiny app demonstrating fit strategies with simulated data.

Usage

run_shiny()

Value

Not used, starts shiny app.
**simulate_gastempt**  
_Simulate gastric emptying data following a linexp or powexp function_

**Description**

Simulate gastric emptying data following a linexp or powexp function

**Usage**

```r
simulate_gastempt(
  n_records = 10,
  v0_mean = 400,
  v0_std = 50,
  tempt_mean = ifelse(identical(model, linexp), 60, 120),
  tempt_std = tempt_mean/3,
  kappa_mean = 0.7,
  kappa_std = kappa_mean/3,
  beta_mean = 0.7,
  beta_std = beta_mean/3,
  noise = 20,
  student_t_df = NULL,
  missing = 0,
  model = linexp,
  seed = NULL,
  max_minute = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- **n_records**  
  Number of records

- **v0_mean, v0_std**  
  Mean and between record standard deviation of initial volume, typically in ml.

- **tempt_mean, tempt_std**  
  Mean and between record standard deviation of parameter $t_empt$, typically in minutes.

- **kappa_mean, kappa_std**  
  For linexp only: Mean and between-record standard deviation of overshoot parameter kappa. For values of kappa above 1, curve has an overshoot that can be used to follow volume time series with secretion.

- **beta_mean, beta_std**  
  For powexp only: Mean and between-record standard deviation of the so called lag parameter.

- **noise**  
  Standard deviation of normal noise when student_t_df = NULL; scaling of noise when student_t_df >= 2.
student_t_df  When NULL (default), Gaussian noise is added; when $\geq 2$, Student_t distributed noise is added, which generates more realistic outliers. Values from 2 to 5 are useful, when higher values are used the result comes close to that of Gaussian noise. Values below 2 are rounded to 2.

missing  When 0 (default), all curves have the same number of data points. When > 0, this is the fraction of points that were removed randomly to simulate missing points. Maximum value is 0.5.

model  linexp (default) or powexp

seed  optional seed; not set if seed = NULL (default)

max_minute  Maximal time in minutes; if NULL, a sensible default rounded to hours is used

Value

A list with 3 elements:

record  Data frame with columns record(chr), v0, tempt, kappa/beta giving the effective linexp or powexp parameters for the individual record. v0 is rounded to nearest integer.

data  Data frame with columns record(chr), minute(dbl), vol(dbl) giving the time series and grouping parameters. vol is rounded to nearest integer.

stan_data  A list for use as data in Stan-based fits with elements prior_v0, n, n_record, record, minute, volume.

A comment is attached to the return value that can be used as a title

Examples

suppressWarnings(RNGversion("3.5.0"))
set.seed(4711)
library(ggplot2)
vol_linexp = simulate_gastempt(n_records = 4, noise = 20)
ggplot(vol_linexp$data, aes(x = minute, y = vol)) + geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~record) + ggtitle("linexp, noise = 0, no missing")

vol_powexp = simulate_gastempt(n_records = 4, missing = 0.2, student_t_df = 2)
ggplot(vol_powexp$data, aes(x = minute, y = vol)) + geom_point() +
  facet_wrap(~record) + ggtitle("powexp, noise = 10 (default), 20% missing,
  Student-t (df = 2) noise")

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stan_gastempt  Fit gastric emptying curves with Stan

Description

Fit gastric emptying curves with Stan
Usage

```r
stan_gastempt(
  d,
  model_name = "linexp_gastro_2b",
  lkj = 2,
  student_df = 5L,
  init_r = 0.2,
  chains = 1,
  iter = 2000,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

- **d**: A data frame with columns
  - `rec`: Record descriptor as grouping variable, e.g. patient ID
  - `minute`: Time after meal or start of recording.
  - `vol`: Volume of meal or stomach

- **model_name**: Name of predefined model in gastempt/exec. Use `stan_model_names()` to get a list of available models.

- **lkj**: LKJ prior for kappa/tempf correlation, only required for model `linexp_gastro_2b`. Values from 1.5 (strong correlation) to 50 (almost independent) are useful.

- **student_df**: Student-t degrees of freedom for residual error; default 5. Use 3 for strong outliers; values above 10 are close to gaussian residual distribution.

- **init_r**: for Stan, default = 0.2; Stan's own default is 2, which often results in stuck chains.

- **chains**: for Stan; default = 1

- **iter**: A positive integer specifying the number of iterations for each chain (including warmup). The default is 2000.

... Additional parameter passed to `sampling` and `stan`

Value

A list of class `stan_gastempt` with elements `coef`, `fit`, `plot`

- **coef** is a data frame with columns:
  - `rec`: Record descriptor, e.g. patient ID
  - `v0`: Initial volume at t=0
  - `tempf`: Emptying time constant
  - `kappa`: Parameter kappa for model = `linexp`
  - `beta`: Parameter beta for model = `powexp`
  - `t50`: Half-time of emptying
  - `slope_t50`: Slope in t50; typically in units of ml/minute On error, `coef` is NULL

- **fit** Result of class `stanfit`

- **plot** A ggplot graph of data and prediction. Plot of raw data is returned even when convergence was not achieved.
Examples

```r
# Runs 30+ seconds on CRAN
dd = simulate_gastempt(n_records = 6, seed = 471)
d = dd$data
ret = stan_gastempt(d)
print(ret$coef)
```

stan_model_names

*Names and descriptions of precompiled Stan models*

Description

By default, line 2 and 3 of comments starting with # or // in Stan file are returned

Usage

```r
stan_model_names(n_lines = 2, skip = 1, sep = "\n")
```

Arguments

- `n_lines` Number of comment lines to retrieve
- `skip` Number of lines to skip from beginning of Stan Model file
- `sep` separator for multiline strings

Value

A data frame with `model_name` and the first `n_lines` comment lines in model as description

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t50

*Compute half-emptying time from nlme parameters*

Description

No closed solution known for `linexp`, we use a Newton approximation.

Usage

```r
t50(x)
```

Arguments

- `x` Result of a nlme fit, with named components ‘tempt, beta, logbeta, kappa, logkappa’ depending on model. Function used ‘logbeta’ when it is present, in ‘x’, otherwise beta, and similar for logkappa/kappa.
Value

Half-emptying time. Name of evaluated function is returned as attribute `fun`. Negative of slope is returned as attribute `slope`. 
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