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auc *Calculate area under the curve*

## Description

This function takes a `vector` of `x` and `y` values and returns a scalar for the area under the curve, calculated using the trapezoid rule

## Usage

```
auc(
  x,
  y,
  xlim = NULL,
  blank = 0,
  subset = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE,
  neg.rm = FALSE,
  warn_xlim_out_of_range = TRUE,
  warn_negative_y = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `x` | `numeric vector` of `x` values |
| `y` | `numeric vector` of `y` values |
| `xlim` | `vector`, of length 2, delimiting the `x` range over which the area under the curve should be calculated (where `NA` can be provided for the area to be calculated from the start or to the end of the data) |
| `blank` | Value to be subtracted from `y` values before calculating area under the curve |
| `subset` | A `vector` of `logical` values indicating which `x` and `y` values should be included (`TRUE`) or excluded (`FALSE`). |
| `na.rm` | a `logical` indicating whether missing values should be removed |
| `neg.rm` | a `logical` indicating whether `y` values below zero should be treated as zeros. If `FALSE`, area under the curve for negative `y` values will be calculated normally, effectively subtracting from the returned value. |
| `warn_xlim_out_of_range` | `logical` whether warning should be issued when `xlim` is lower than the lowest `x` value or higher than the highest `x` value. |
| `warn_negative_y` | `logical` whether warning should be issued when `neg.rm == FALSE` but some `y` values are below 0. |

## Value

A scalar for the total area under the curve

## block_tidydesign *Turn tidydesign into block format*

### Description

This function allows users to convert designs created with tidydesign into a block format for easy output to csv for inclusion in lab notebooks, etc in a human-readable format

### Usage

```
block_tidydesign(
  tidydesign,
  collapse = NULL,
  wellnames_sep = "_",
  wellnames_colname = "Well"
)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `tidydesign` | A tidydesign `data.frame` (e.g. as created by make_tidydesign) |
| `collapse` | `NULL` or a `string` to use for concatenating design elements together. If `NULL` each design column will be put into its own block. If a `string`, that `string` will be used to paste together all design elements and all design elements will be returned in a single block |
| `wellnames_sep` | A `string` used when concatenating rownames and column names to create well names |
| `wellnames_colname` | Header for newly-created column containing the well names |

### Value

A `list` of blockdesign `data.frames` (if `collapse` is not `NULL` the `list` is of length 1

## calc_deriv *Calculate derivatives of vector of data*

### Description

Provided a `vector` of `y` values, this function returns either the plain or per-capita difference or derivative between sequential values

## Usage

```
calc_deriv(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  return = "derivative",
  percapita = FALSE,
  x_scale = 1,
  blank = NULL,
  subset_by = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_width_frac = NULL,
  window_width_n_frac = NULL,
  trans_y = "linear",
  na.rm = TRUE,
  warn_ungrouped = TRUE,
  warn_logtransform_warnings = TRUE,
  warn_logtransform_infinite = TRUE,
  warn_window_toosmall = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `y` | Data to calculate difference or derivative of |
| `x` | `vector` of `x` values provided as a simple `numeric`. |
| `return` | One of `c("difference", "derivative")` for whether the differences in `y` should be returned, or the derivative of `y` with respect to `x` |
| `percapita` | When `percapita = TRUE`, the per-capita difference or derivative is returned |
| `x_scale` | `numeric` to scale `x` by in derivative calculation<br>Set `x_scale` to the ratio of the units of `x` to the desired units. E.g. if `x` is in seconds, but the desired derivative is in units of /minute, set `x_scale = 60` (since there are 60 seconds in 1 minute). |
| `blank` | `y`-value associated with a "blank" where the density is 0. Is required when `percapita = TRUE`.<br>If a `vector` of `blank` values is specified, `blank` values are assumed to be in the same order as `unique(subset_by)` |
| `subset_by` | An optional `vector` as long as `y`. `y` will be split by the unique values of this `vector` and the derivative for each group will be calculated independently of the others.<br>This provides an internally-implemented approach similar to group_by and mutate |
| `window_width, window_width_n, window_width_frac, window_width_n_frac` | Set how many data points are used to determine the slope at each point.<br>When all are `NULL`, `calc_deriv` calculates the difference or derivative of each point with the next point, appending `NA` at the end. |

When one or multiple are specified, a linear regression is fit to all points in the window to determine the slope.

`window_width_n` specifies the width of the window in number of data points. `window_width` specifies the width of the window in units of `x`. `window_width_n_frac` specifies the width of the window as a fraction of the total number of data points.

When using multiple window specifications at the same time, windows are conservative. Points included in each window will meet all of the `window_width`, `window_width_n`, and `window_width_n_frac`.

A value of `window_width_n = 3` or `window_width_n = 5` is often a good default.

`trans_y` One of `c("linear", "log")` specifying the transformation of `y`-values.

`'log'` is only available when calculating per-capita derivatives using a fitting approach (when non-default values are specified for `window_width` or `window_width_n`).

For per-capita growth expected to be exponential or nearly-exponential, `"log"` is recommended, since exponential growth is linear when log-transformed. However, log-transformations must be used with care, since `y`-values at or below 0 will become undefined and results will be more sensitive to incorrect values of `blank`.

`na.rm` `logical` whether `NA`'s should be removed before analyzing

`warn_ungrouped` `logical` whether warning should be issued when `calc_deriv` is being called on ungrouped data and `subset_by = NULL`.

`warn_logtransform_warnings`
`logical` whether warning should be issued when `log(y)` produced warnings.

`warn_logtransform_infinite`
`logical` whether warning should be issued when `log(y)` produced infinite values that will be treated as `NA`.

`warn_window_toosmall`
`logical` whether warning should be issued when only one data point is in the window set by `window_width_n`, `window_width`, or `window_width_n_frac`, and so `NA` will be returned.

## Details

For per-capita derivatives, `trans_y = 'linear'` and `trans_y = 'log'` approach the same value as time resolution increases.

For instance, let's assume exponential growth $N = e^rt$ with per-capita growth rate $r$.

With `trans_y = 'linear'`, note that $dN/dt = r e^rt = r N$. So we can calculate per-capita growth rate as $r = dN/dt * 1/N$.

With `trans_y = 'log'`, note that $log(N) = log(e^rt) = rt$. So we can calculate per-capita growth rate as the slope of a linear fit of $log(N)$ against time, $r = log(N)/t$.

## Value

A `vector` of values for the plain (if `percapita = FALSE`) or per-capita (if `percapita = TRUE`) difference (if `return = "difference"`) or derivative (if `return = "derivative"`) between `y` values. `vector` will be the same length as `y`, with `NA` values at the ends

CentroidFunctions *Calculate centroid*

## Description

This function takes a vector of x and y values and returns the x and/or y position of the centroid of mass of the area under the curve

## Usage

```
centroid(
  x,
  y,
  return,
  xlim = NULL,
  blank = 0,
  subset = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE,
  neg.rm = FALSE,
  warn_xlim_out_of_range = TRUE,
  warn_negative_y = TRUE
)

centroid_x(x, y, return = "x", ...)

centroid_y(x, y, return = "y", ...)

centroid_both(x, y, return = "both", ...)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | numeric vector of x values |
| y | numeric vector of y values |
| return | One of c("x", "y", "both"), determining whether the function will return the x value of the centroid, the y value of the centroid, or a vector containing x then y |
| xlim | vector, of length 2, delimiting the x range over which the centroid should be calculated (where NA can be provided for the area to be calculated from the start or to the end of the data) |
| blank | Value to be subtracted from y values before calculating the centroid |
| subset | A vector of logical values indicating which x and y values should be included (TRUE) or excluded (FALSE). |
| na.rm | a logical indicating whether missing values should be removed |
| neg.rm | a logical indicating whether y values below zero should be treated as zeros. If FALSE, the centroid for negative y values will be calculated normally, effectively pulling the centroid towards the x axis. |

warn_xlim_out_of_range
: logical whether warning should be issued when xlim is lower than the lowest x value or higher than the highest x value.

warn_negative_y
: logical whether warning should be issued when neg.rm == FALSE but some y values are below 0.

...
: Other arguments to pass to centroid

## Details

This function uses st_centroid to calculate the centroid of mass

## Value

A scalar for the x value (if return = 'x') or y value (if return = 'y') of the centroid of the data

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# doubling_time *Calculate doubling time equivalent of per-capita growth rate*

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## Description

Provided a vector of per-capita growth rates, this function returns the vector of equivalent doubling times

## Usage

```
doubling_time(y, x_scale = 1)
```

## Arguments

y
: vector of per-capita derivative data to calculate the equivalent doubling time of

x_scale
: numeric to scale per-capita derivative values by

  Set x_scale to the ratio of the the units of y to the desired units. E.g. if y is in per-second, but the desired doubling time is in minutes, x_scale = 60 (since there are 60 seconds in 1 minute).

## Value

A vector of values for the doubling time equivalent to the per-capita growth rate supplied for y

## example_design_tidy *Design for example growth curve data*

### Description

A tidy-shaped dataset with the experimental design (i.e. plate layout) for the example data included with `gcplyr`.

### Usage

```
example_design_tidy
```

### Format

A `data.frame` with 96 rows and 3 variables:

- `Well`: The well of the plate
- `Bacteria_strain`: The numbered bacterial strain growing in each well
- `Phage`: Whether or not the bacteria were simulated growing with phages

### Details

Wells `A1...A8` through `F1...F8` contain 48 different simulated bacterial strains growing alone. Wells `G1...G8` through `L1...L8` contain the same 48 bacterial strains in an identical layout, but this time growing in the presence of a phage

## example_widedata *Example noisy growth curve data in wide format*

### Description

A dataset containing example growth of 96 wells of simulated bacteria or bacteria and phages

### Usage

```
example_widedata
```

### Format

A `data.frame` with 97 rows and 97 variables:

- `time`: time, in seconds, since growth curve began
- `A1, A2...H11, H12`: bacterial density in the given well

### Details

Wells A1...A8 through F1...F8 contain 48 different simulated bacterial strains growing alone. Wells G1...G8 through L1...L8 contain the same 48 bacterial strains in an identical layout, but this time growing in the presence of a phage

Bacterial populations exhibit diauxic growth as they approach their carrying capacity, and they also evolve resistance in the face of selection from the phage population.

This data includes some simulated noise to approximate the noise generated during data collection by plate readers

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## example_widedata_noiseless

*Example growth curve data in wide format*

---

### Description

A dataset containing example growth of 96 wells of simulated bacteria or bacteria and phages

### Usage

```
example_widedata_noiseless
```

### Format

A data.frame with 97 rows and 97 variables:

- time: time, in seconds, since growth curve began
- A1, A2...H11, H12: bacterial density in the given well

### Details

Wells A1...A8 through F1...F8 contain 48 different simulated bacterial strains growing alone. Wells G1...G8 through L1...L8 contain the same 48 bacterial strains in an identical layout, but this time growing in the presence of a phage

Bacterial populations exhibit diauxic growth as they approach their carrying capacity, and they also evolve resistance in the face of selection from the phage population.

This data does not include any simulated noise

ExtremaFunctions *Find local extrema of a numeric vector*

## Description

These functions take a vector of y values and identify local extrema.

## Usage

```
find_local_extrema(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_height = NULL,
  window_width_frac = NULL,
  window_width_n_frac = NULL,
  return = "index",
  return_maxima = TRUE,
  return_minima = TRUE,
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  subset = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE,
  width_limit = NULL,
  width_limit_n = NULL,
  height_limit = NULL
)

first_maxima(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_height = NULL,
  window_width_frac = NULL,
  window_width_n_frac = 0.2,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)

first_minima(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_height = NULL,
```

```
  window_width_frac = NULL,
  window_width_n_frac = 0.2,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| y | numeric vector of y values in which to identify local extrema |
| x | Optional numeric vector of corresponding x values |
| window_width, window_width_n, window_height, window_width_frac, window_width_n_frac | Arguments that set the width/height of the window used to search for local extrema.<br>window_width is in units of x.<br>window_width_n is in units of number of data points.<br>window_height is the maximum change in y a single extrema-search step is allowed to take.<br>window_width_n_frac is as a fraction of the total number of data points.<br>For example, the function will not pass a peak or valley more than window_width_n data points wide, nor a peak/valley taller or deeper than window_height.<br>A narrower width will be more sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima, while a wider width will be less sensitive to local maxima/minima. A smaller height will be more sensitive to shallow local maxima/minima, while a larger height will be less sensitive to shallow maxima/minima. |
| return | One of c("index", "x", "y"), determining whether the function will return the index, x value, or y value associated with the identified extremas |
| return_maxima, return_minima | logical for which classes of local extrema to return |
| return_endpoints | Should the first and last values in y be included if they are in the returned vector of extrema? |
| subset | A vector of logical values indicating which x and y values should be included (TRUE) or excluded (FALSE).<br>If return = "index", index will be for the whole vector and not the subset of the vector |
| na.rm | logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing |
| width_limit | Deprecated, use window_width instead |
| width_limit_n | Deprecated, use window_width_n instead |
| height_limit | Deprecated, use window_height instead |
| ... | (for first_maxima and first_minima), other parameters to pass to find_local_extrema |

## Details

For find_local_extrema, one of window_width, window_width_n, window_height, or window_width_n_frac must be provided.

For first_minima or first_maxima, set window_width_n_frac = NULL to override default width behavior.

If multiple of window_width, window_width_n, window_height, or window_width_n_frac are provided, steps are limited conservatively (a single step must meet all criteria).

In the case of exact ties in y values within a window, only the first local extrema is returned.

## Value

find_local_extrema returns a vector corresponding to all the found local extrema.

first_maxima returns only the first maxima, so is a shortcut for find_local_extrema(return_maxima = TRUE, return_minima = FALSE)[1]

first_minima returns only the first minima, so is a shortcut for find_local_extrema(return_maxima = FALSE, return_minima = TRUE)[1]

If return = "index", the returned value(s) are the indices corresponding to local extrema in the data

If return = "x", the returned value(s) are the x value(s) corresponding to local extrema in the data

If return = "y", the returned value(s) are the y value(s) corresponding to local extrema in the data

---

# extr_val *Extract parts of an object*

---

## Description

A wrapper for [ that handles NA indices better when using inside summarize

## Usage

```
extr_val(x, i, allNA_NA = TRUE, na.rm = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | object from which to extract element(s) |
| i | index specifying element to extract. |
| allNA_NA | logical indicating whether NA should be returned when all(is.na(i)) == TRUE. |
| na.rm | a logical indicating whether missing values should be removed. |

## Details

This function was created to better handle the common situation of extracting values by index inside summarize when some indices may be NA. Often this arises when using a function to find indices of interest might fail to find any, as can sometimes happen when using which_max_gc or which_min_gc (wrappers for which.max and which.min, respectively), find_local_extrema and its wrappers first_maxima and first_minima, or find_threshold_crosses and its wrappers first_below and first_above. When all indices are NA, [ returns a vector of all NA of length length(x). Since this typically raises an undesirable warning or error from summarize, extr_val instead returns a single NA value.

An alternative (but largely superseded) use of this function is to extract a value by index *after* NA values have been removed. This is not applicable for any common functions with gcplyr, which all return index values for the original vector.

## Value

If allNA_NA = FALSE and na.rm = FALSE, identical to x[i].

If allNA_NA = FALSE and na.rm = TRUE, identical to x[i[!is.na(i)]].

If allNA_NA = TRUE, identical to x[i] unless all(is.na(i)) == TRUE, in which case returns NA

---

# first_peak *Find the first local maxima of a* numeric vector

---

## Description

This function has been deprecated in favor of the identical new function first_maxima

## Usage

```
first_peak(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_height = NULL,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| y | numeric vector of y values in which to identify local extrema |
| x | Optional numeric vector of corresponding x values |
| window_width | Width of the window (in units of x) used to search for local extrema. A narrower width will be more sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima, while a wider width will be less sensitive to local maxima/minima. |

`window_width_n` The maximum number of data points a single extrema-search step is allowed to take. For example, when maxima-finding, the function will not pass a valley consisting of more than `window_width_n` data points.

A smaller `window_width_n` will be more sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima, while a larger `window_width_n` will be less sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima.

If not provided, defaults to `~0.2*length(y)`

`window_height` The maximum change in `y` a single extrema-search step is allowed to take. For example, when maxima-finding, the function will not pass a valley deeper than `window_height`.

A smaller `window_height` will be more sensitive to shallow local maxima/minima, while a larger `window_height` will be less sensitive to shallow maxima/minima.

`return` One of `c("index", "x", "y")`, determining whether the function will return the index, `x` value, or `y` value associated with the first maxima in `y` values

`return_endpoints`

Should the first or last value in `y` be allowed to be returned?

`...` Other parameters to pass to find_local_extrema

## Details

This function takes a `vector` of `y` values and returns the index (by default) of the first local maxima. It serves as a shortcut for `find_local_extrema(return_maxima = TRUE, return_minima = FALSE)[1]`

If none of `window_width`, `window_width_n`, or `window_height` are provided, default value of `window_width_n` will be used.

## Value

If `return = "index"`, a `vector` of indices corresponding to local extrema in the data

If `return = "x"`, a `vector` of `x` values corresponding to local extrema in the data

If `return = "y"`, a `vector` of `y` values corresponding to local extrema in the data

## See Also

first_maxima

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# `from_excel` *A function that converts base-26 Excel-style letters to numbers*

---

## Description

A function that converts base-26 Excel-style letters to numbers

## Usage

```
from_excel(x)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | A vector of column names in Excel-style base-26 letter format (any values that are already in base-10 will be returned as-is) |

### Value

A vector of numbers in base-10

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## gc_smooth.spline *Fit a Smoothing Spline*

---

### Description

This function is a wrapper for smooth.spline, which fits a cubic smoothing spline to the supplied data, but includes the option to remove NA values, and returns values in the original order.

### Usage

```
gc_smooth.spline(x, y = NULL, ..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | A vector giving the values of the predictor variable. |
| y | A vector giving the values of the response variable. If y is missing or NULL, the responses are assumed to be specified by x, with x the index vector. |
| ... | Additional arguments passed to smooth.spline. |
| na.rm | logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing. Required to be TRUE if any x or y values are NA. |

### Details

See smooth.spline

### Value

Similar to smooth.spline, an object of class "smooth.spline" with many components. Differs in that x, y, and w have NA's at any indices where x or y were NA in the inputs, and x, y, and w are returned to match the input x in order and length

`import_blockdesigns` *Import blockdesigns*

## Description

Function to import block-shaped designs from files and return tidy designs. This function acts as a wrapper that calls read_blocks, paste_blocks, trans_block_to_wide, trans_wide_to_tidy, and separate_tidy

## Usage

```
import_blockdesigns(
  files,
  block_names = NULL,
  block_name_header = "block_name",
  join_as_cols = TRUE,
  sep = NULL,
  values_colname = "Designs",
  into = NULL,
  keep_blocknames = !join_as_cols,
  warn_joinrows_nointo = TRUE,
  join_designs = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `files` | A `vector` of filepaths relative to the current working directory where each filepath is a single plate read to be read by read_blocks. |
| `block_names` | `vector` of names corresponding to each design element (each block). Inferred from filenames, if not specified.<br>When `keep_blocknames = TRUE`, the output will have a column containing these values, with the column name specified by `block_name_header`.<br>When `join_as_cols = TRUE`, the `block_names` are also used as the output column names for each separated design column. |
| `block_name_header` | When `keep_blocknames = TRUE`, the column name of the column containing the `block_names`. |
| `join_as_cols` | `logical` indicating whether blocks (if there are multiple) should be joined as columns (i.e. describe the same plate) in the tidy output. If `FALSE`, blocks are joined as rows (i.e. describe different plates) in the tidy output. |
| `sep` | If designs have been pasted together, this specifies the `string` they should be split apart by via separate_tidy. |
| `values_colname` | When `join_as_cols = FALSE` and `sep` is not specified, all the design values will be in a column named by `values_colname`. For other cases, see the **Value** section. |

| | |
|---|---|
| into | When sep is specified, into sets the names of the columns after splitting (see **Value** section for behavior when into is not set). |
| keep_blocknames | logical indicating whether the column containing block_names (or those inferred from file names) should be retained in the output. By default, blocknames are retained only if join_as_cols = FALSE. |
| warn_joinrows_nointo | logical indicating whether warning should be raised when multiple blocks are joined as rows (join_as_cols = FALSE) and sep is specified, but into is not specified. |
| join_designs | Deprecated, use join_as_cols instead |
| ... | Other arguments to pass to read_blocks, paste_blocks, trans_block_to_wide, trans_wide_to_tidy, or separate_tidy.<br>See Details for more information |

## Details

Other common arguments that you may want to provide via ... include:

startrow, endrow, startcol, endcol, sheet - specifying the location of design information inside files to read_blocks.

wellnames_sep - specifying what character (or "" for none) should be used when pasting together the rownames and column names. Note that this should be chosen to match the well names in your measures.

into - specifying the column names resulting from using separate_tidy on the values_colname column.

Note that import_blockdesigns cannot currently handle metadata specified via the metadata argument of read_blocks.

If you find yourself needing more control, you can run the steps manually, first reading with read_blocks, pasting as needed with paste_blocks, transforming to tidy with trans_block_to_wide and trans_wide_to_tidy, and separating as needed with separate_tidy.

## Value

A tidy-shaped data.frame containing the design information from files. This always includes a Well column.

If keep_blocknames = TRUE, this includes a column with the column name specified by block_name_header and containing block_names (or block names inferred from file names).

The layout of the design values varies depending on the inputs:

If join_as_cols = TRUE, each block was joined as a column, with the columns named according to block_names (or block names inferred from file names). In this case, if sep was specified, each column was split by sep into columns named by splitting the corresponding block name by sep (post-split column names can alternatively be specified directly via into).

Otherwise, when join_as_cols = FALSE, each block was joined as rows, with the column containing all design values named by values_colname. In this case, if sep was specified, that single design column was split by sep into columns named by splitting values_colname (post-split column names can alternatively be specified directly via into).

`import_blockmeasures` *Import blockmeasures*

## Description

Function to import blockmeasures from files and return widemeasures. This function acts as a wrapper to call read_blocks, uninterleave, then trans_block_to_wide in one go.

## Usage

```
import_blockmeasures(
  files,
  num_plates = 1,
  plate_names = NULL,
  wellnames_sep = "",
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `files` | `vector` of filenames (as `strings`), each of which is a block-shaped file containing measures data. File formats can be .csv, .xls, or .xlsx |
| `num_plates` | Number of plates. If multiple plates uninterleave will be used to separate blockmeasures into those plates accordingly |
| `plate_names` | (optional) Names to put onto the plates when output |
| `wellnames_sep` | `string` to use as separator for well names between rowname and column name |
| `...` | Other arguments to pass to read_blocks, uninterleave, or trans_block_to_wide |

## Details

Common arguments that you may want to provide via `...` include:

`startrow`, `endrow`, `startcol`, `endcol`, `sheet` - specifying the location of design information inside `files` to read_blocks

`metadata` - specifying metadata to read_blocks

See read_blocks for more details

If you find yourself needing more control, you can run the steps manually, first reading with read_blocks, separating plates as needed with uninterleave, then transforming to wide with trans_block_to_wide.

## Value

If `num_plates = 1`, a wide-shaped `data.frame` containing the measures data.

if `num_plates` is greater than one, a `list` of `data.frame`'s, where each `data.frame` is wide-shaped.

lag_time *Calculate lag time*

## Description

Lag time is calculated by projecting a tangent line at the point of maximum (per-capita) derivative backwards to find the time when it intersects with the minimum y-value

## Usage

```
lag_time(
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  deriv = NULL,
  blank = NULL,
  trans_y = "log",
  na.rm = TRUE,
  slope = NULL,
  x1 = NULL,
  y1 = NULL,
  y0 = NULL,
  warn_logtransform_warnings = TRUE,
  warn_logtransform_infinite = TRUE,
  warn_min_y_mismatch = TRUE,
  warn_multiple_maxderiv = TRUE,
  warn_one_lag = TRUE,
  warn_no_lag = TRUE,
  warn_blank_length = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | vector of x values (typically time) |
| y | vector of y values (typically density) |
| deriv | vector of derivative values (typically per-capita derivative) |
| blank | y-value associated with a "blank" where the density is 0. Is required when trans_y = TRUE.<br>A vector of blank values may be specified only when all of slope, x1, y1, and y0 are provided as vectors |
| trans_y | One of c("linear", "log") specifying the transformation of y-values.<br>'log' is the default, producing calculations of lag time assuming a transition to exponential growth<br>'linear' is available for alternate uses |
| na.rm | a logical indicating whether missing values or values that become NA or infinite during log-transformation should be removed |

slope — Slope to project from x1,y1 to y0 (typically per-capita growth rate). If not provided, will be calculated as max(deriv)

x1 — x value (typically time) to project slope from. If not provided, will be calculated as x[which.max(deriv)].

y1 — y value (typically density) to project slope from. If not provided, will be calculated as y[which.max(deriv)].

y0 — y value (typically density) to find intersection of slope from x1, y1 with. If not provided, will be calculated as min(y)

warn_logtransform_warnings — logical whether warning should be issued when log(y) produced warnings.

warn_logtransform_infinite — logical whether warning should be issued when log(y) produced infinite values that will be treated as NA.

warn_min_y_mismatch — logical whether warning should be issued when min(y) does not equal min(y[!is.na(x)]).

warn_multiple_maxderiv — logical whether warning should be issued when there are multiple points in deriv that are tied for the highest, and only the first will be used.

warn_one_lag — logical whether warning should be issued when some, but not all, inputs are vectorized, and only one lag time value will be returned.

warn_no_lag — logical whether warning should be issued when calculated lag time is less than the minimum value of x.

warn_blank_length — logical whether warning should be issued when an unexpected number of blank values was provided and only the first will be used

## Details

For most typical uses, simply supply x, y, and deriv (using the per-capita derivative and trans_y = 'log').

Advanced users may wish to use alternate values for the slope of the tangent line (slope), origination point of the tangent line (x1, y1), or minimum y-value y0. If specified, these values will override the default calculations. If and only if all of slope, x1, y1, and y0 are provided, lag_time is vectorized on their inputs and will return a vector of lag time values.

## Value

Typically a scalar of the lag time in units of x. See Details for cases when value will be a vector.

## makemethod_train_smooth_data *Create method argument for train of growth curve smoothers*

### Description

This function generates a `list` which is compatible to be used as the `method` argument to train. This enables users to call train directly themselves with smooth_data smoothing functions.

### Usage

```
makemethod_train_smooth_data(sm_method, tuneGrid = NULL)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `sm_method` | Argument specifying which smoothing method should be used. Options include "moving-average", "moving-median", "loess", "gam", and "smooth.spline". |
| `tuneGrid` | A `data.frame` with possible tuning values. The columns should be named the same as the tuning parameters.<br>Note that, when using train, the `tuneGrid` must be passed both to this function as well as directly to train. |

### Value

A `list` that can be used as the `method` argument to train. Contains elements: `library`, `type`, `prob`, `fit`, `parameters`, `grid`, `fit`, and `predict`.

See documentation on using a custom model model in train for more details.

## make_design *Make design data.frame(s)*

### Description

This is a function to easily input experimental design elements for later merging with read data

### Usage

```
make_design(
  nrows = NULL,
  ncols = NULL,
  block_row_names = NULL,
  block_col_names = NULL,
  block_name_header = "block_name",
  output_format = "tidy",
  wellnames_numeric = FALSE,
```

```
  wellnames_sep = "",
  wellnames_colname = "Well",
  colnames_first = FALSE,
  lookup_tbl_start = 1,
  pattern_split = "",
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| nrows, ncols | Number of rows and columns in the plate data |
| block_row_names, block_col_names | Names of the rows, columns of the plate blockmeasures data |
| block_name_header | The name of the field containing the block_names |
| output_format | One of c("blocks", "blocks_pasted", "wide", "tidy") denoting the format of the resulting data.frame<br>For easy merging with tidymeasures, leave as default of 'tidy'.<br>For human-readability to confirm design is correct, choose 'blocks' or 'blocks_pasted'.<br>For writing to block-shaped file(s), choose 'blocks' or 'blocks_pasted'. |
| wellnames_numeric | If block_row_names or block_col_names are not specified, then names will be generated automatically according to wellnames_numeric.<br>If wellnames_numeric is TRUE, rows and columns will be numbered with "R" and "C" prefixes, respectively.<br>If wellnames_numeric is FALSE, rows will be lettered A through Z, while columns will be numbered |
| wellnames_sep | A string used when concatenating rownames and column names to create well names, when output_format = "wide" or output_format = "tidy" |
| wellnames_colname | Header for newly-created column containing the well names, when output_format = "tidy" |
| colnames_first | When wellnames are created for output_format = "wide" or output_format = "tidy" by paste-ing the rownames and column names, should the column names come first. |
| lookup_tbl_start | Value in the lookup table for the split pattern values that corresponds to the first value in the vector.<br>Lookup table by default is c(1,2,...,8,9,A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z). If, for example, lookup_tbl_start = "A", then the lookup table will now be c(A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z) |
| pattern_split | character to split pattern elements provided in ... by, if they're not already a vector |
| ... | Each ... argument must be named, and must be a list with five elements:<br>1. a vector of the values<br>2. a vector of the rows the pattern should be applied to |

3. a `vector` of the columns the pattern should be applied to
4. a `string` or `vector` denoting the pattern in which the values should be filled into the rows and columns specified.
   If it's a `string`, will be split by `pattern_split`. Pattern will be used as the indices of the values `vector`.
   0's refer to `NA`. The pattern will be recycled as necessary to fill all the wells of the rows and columns specified.
5. a `logical` for whether this pattern should be filled byrow

## Details

Note that either `nrows` or `block_row_names` must be provided and that either `ncols` or `block_col_names` must be provided

## Value

Depends on `output_format`:

If `output_format = "blocks"`, a `list` of `data.frame`'s where each `data.frame` is block-shaped containing the information for a single design element

If `output_format = "blocks_pasted"`, a single `data.frame` containing the paste-ed information for all design elements

If `output_format = "wide"`, a wide-shaped `data.frame` containing all the design elements

If `output_format = "tidy"`, a tidy-shaped `data.frame` containing all the design elements

## Examples

```
make_design(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
            design_element_name = list(c("A", "B", "C"),
                                       2:7,
                                       2:11,
                                       "112301",
                                       TRUE))

## To be reminded what arguments are needed, use make_designpattern:
make_design(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
            design_element_name = make_designpattern(
                 values = c("A", "B", "C"),
                 rows = 2:7,
                 cols = 2:11,
                 pattern = "112301",
                 byrow = TRUE))
```

make_designpattern *Make design pattern*

## Description

A helper function for use with make_design

## Usage

```
make_designpattern(
  values,
  rows,
  cols,
  pattern = 1:length(values),
  byrow = TRUE
)

mdp(values, rows, cols, pattern = 1:length(values), byrow = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| values | vector of values to use |
| rows | vector of rows where pattern applies |
| cols | vector of cols where pattern applies |
| pattern | numeric pattern itself, where numbers refer to entries in values |
| byrow | logical for whether pattern should be created by row |

## Value

list(values, rows, cols, pattern, byrow)

## See Also

make_design

## Examples

```
make_design(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
            design_element_name = make_designpattern(
                 values = c("A", "B", "C"),
                 rows = 2:7,
                 cols = 2:11,
                 pattern = "112301",
                 byrow = TRUE))
```

## make_example *Create R objects or files as seen in vignette examples*

### Description

This function makes it easy to generate R objects or files that are created in the vignette examples. Note that this function should not be counted on to produce the same output across different versions of gcplyr, as it will be frequently changed to match the examples in the vignettes.

### Usage

```
make_example(vignette, example, dir = ".")
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| vignette | Number of the vignette the example object or file is created in. |
| example | Number of the example the object or file is created in. |
| dir | The directory files should be saved into. |

### Value

An R object, or the names of the files if files have been written

## make_tidydesign *Make tidy design data.frame's*

### Description

This is a function to easily input experimental design elements for later merging with read data

### Usage

```
make_tidydesign(
  nrows = NULL,
  ncols = NULL,
  block_row_names = NULL,
  block_col_names = NULL,
  wellnames_sep = "",
  wellnames_colname = "Well",
  wellnames_Excel = TRUE,
  lookup_tbl_start = 1,
  pattern_split = "",
  colnames_first = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| nrows, ncols | Number of rows and columns in the plate data |
| block_row_names, block_col_names | Names of the rows, columns of the plate blockmeasures data |
| wellnames_sep | A string used when concatenating rownames and column names to create well names |
| wellnames_colname | Header for newly-created column containing the well names |
| wellnames_Excel | If block_row_names or block_col_names are not specified, should rows and columns be named using Excel-style base-26 lettering for rows and numbering for columns? If FALSE, rows and columns will be numbered with "R" and "C" prefix. |
| lookup_tbl_start | Value in the lookup table for the split pattern values that corresponds to the first value in the vector.<br>Lookup table by default is c(1,2,...,8,9,A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z). If, for example, lookup_tbl_start = "A", then the lookup table will now be c(A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z) |
| pattern_split | character to split pattern elements provided in ... by |
| colnames_first | In the wellnames created by paste-ing the rownames and column names, should the column names come first |
| ... | Each ... argument must be a list with five elements:<br>1. a vector of the values<br>2. a vector of the rows the pattern should be applied to<br>3. a vector of the columns the pattern should be applied to<br>4. a string of the pattern itself, where numbers refer to the indices in the values vector<br>0's refer to NA<br>This pattern will be split using pattern_split, which defaults to every character<br>5. a logical for whether this pattern should be filled byrow |

## Details

Note that either nrows or block_row_names must be provided and that either ncols or block_col_names must be provided

Examples:

```
my_example <- make_tidydesign(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
    design_element_name = list(c("Value1", "Value2", "Value3"),
                      rowstart:rowend, colstart:colend,
                      "111222333000", TRUE)
```

To make it easier to pass arguments, use make_designpattern:

```
my_example <- make_tidydesign(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
  design_element_name = make_designpattern(values = c("L", "G", "C"),
                                           rows = 2:7, cols = 2:11,
                                           pattern = "11223300",
                                           byrow = TRUE))
```

## Value

a tidy-shaped `data.frame` containing all the design elements

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`merge_dfs` *Collapse a list of data.frame's, or merge two data.frame's together*

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## Description

This function is essentially a wrapper for any of `dplyr`'s mutate-joins (by default, a full_join). The most typical use of this function is to merge designs with measures data, or to use the `collapse` functionality to merge a `list` of `data.frames` into a single `data.frame`. Merging is done by column names that match between `x` and `y`.

## Usage

```
merge_dfs(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  by = NULL,
  drop = FALSE,
  collapse = FALSE,
  names_to = NA,
  join = "full",
  warn_morerows = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `x` | First `data.frame`, or `list` of `data.frames`, to be joined |
| `y` | Second `data.frame`, or `list` of `data.frames`, to be joined |
| `by` | A `character vector` of variables to join by, passed directly to the join function |
| `drop` | Should only `complete_cases` of the resulting `data.frame` be returned? |
| `collapse` | A `logical` indicating whether `x` or `y` is a `list` containing `data.frames` that should be merged together before being merged with the other |
| `names_to` | Column name for where `names(x)` or `names(y)` will be entered in if `collapse = TRUE`.<br>If a value of `NA` then `names(x)` or `names(y)` will not be put into a column in the returned `data.frame` |

| | |
|---|---|
| join | Type of join used to merge x and y. Options are 'full' (default), 'inner', 'left', and 'right'.<br>• A full join keeps all observations in x and y<br>• A left join keeps all observations in x<br>• A right join keeps all observations in y<br>• An inner join only keeps observations found in both x and y (inner joins are not appropriate in most cases because observations are frequently dropped).<br>See full_join, left_join, right_join, or inner_join for more details |
| warn_morerows | logical, should a warning be passed when the output has more rows than x and more rows than y? |
| ... | Other arguments to pass to the underlying join function. See full_join, left_join, right_join, or inner_join for options. |

## Value

data.frame containing merged output of x and y

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MinMaxGC *Maxima and Minima*

---

## Description

Returns the maxima and minima of the input values.

## Usage

```
max_gc(..., na.rm = TRUE, allmissing_NA = TRUE)

min_gc(..., na.rm = TRUE, allmissing_NA = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| ... | numeric or character arguments |
| na.rm | a logical indicating whether missing values should be removed. |
| allmissing_NA | a logical indicating whether NA should be returned when there are no non-missing arguments passed to min or max (often because na.rm = TRUE but all values are NA) |

## Details

These functions are wrappers for min and max, with the additional argument allmissing_NA.

## Value

If `allmissing_NA = FALSE`, identical to min or max.

If `allmissing_NA = TRUE`, identical to min or max except that, in cases where min or max would return an infinite value and raise a warning because there are no non-missing arguments, `min_gc` and `max_gc` return `NA`

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`MovingWindowFunctions` *Moving window smoothing*

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## Description

These functions use a moving window to smooth data

## Usage

```
moving_average(
  formula = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n_frac = NULL,
  window_width_frac = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE,
  warn_nonnumeric_sort = TRUE
)

moving_median(
  formula = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n_frac = NULL,
  window_width_frac = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE,
  warn_nonnumeric_sort = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `formula` | Formula specifying the `numeric` response (density) and `numeric` predictor (time). |
| `data` | `data.frame` containing variables in `formula` |
| `x` | A `vector` of predictor values to smooth along (e.g. time) |

| | |
|---|---|
| y | A vector of response values to be smoothed (e.g. density). |
| window_width_n | Number of data points wide the moving window is (therefore, must be an odd number of points) |
| window_width | Width of the moving window (in units of x) |
| window_width_n_frac | Width of the window (as a fraction of the total number of data points). |
| window_width_frac | Width of the window (as a fraction of the range of x) |
| na.rm | logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing |
| warn_nonnumeric_sort | logical whether warning should be issued when predictor variable that data is sorted by is non-numeric. |

## Details

Either x and y or formula and data must be provided.

Values of NULL or NA will be ignored for any of window_width_n, window_width, window_width_n_frac, or window_width_frac

## Value

vector of smoothed data, with NA's appended at both ends

---

# paste_blocks *Paste a list of blocks into a single block*

---

## Description

This function uses paste to concatenate the same-location entries of a list of data.frames together (i.e. all the first row-first column values are pasted together, all the second row-first column values are pasted together, etc.)

## Usage

```
paste_blocks(blocks, sep = "_", nested_metadata = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| blocks | Blocks, either a single data.frame or a list of data.frames |
| sep | string to use as separator for output pasted values |
| nested_metadata | A logical indicating the existence of nested metadata in the blockmeasures list, e.g. as is typically output by read_blocks. If NULL, will attempt to infer existence of nested metadata |

## Value

If nested_metadata = TRUE (or is inferred to be TRUE), a list containing a list containing: 1. a data.frame with the pasted data values from blocks, and 2. a vector with the pasted metadata values from blocks

If nested_metadata = FALSE (or is inferred to be FALSE), a list containing data.frame's with the pasted values from blocks

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# predict_interpolation *Predict data by linear interpolation from existing data*

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## Description

Predict data by linear interpolation from existing data

## Usage

```
predict_interpolation(
  x,
  y,
  newdata,
  extrapolate_predictions = TRUE,
  na.rm = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | A vector of known predictor values. |
| y | A vector of known response values. |
| newdata | A vector of new predictor values for which the response value will be predicted |
| extrapolate_predictions | Boolean indicating whether values of newdata that are out of the domain of x should be predicted (by extrapolating the slope from the endpoints of x). If FALSE, such values will be returned as NA. |
| na.rm | logical whether NA's should be removed before making predictions |

## Value

A vector of response values for each predictor value in newdata

## print_df *Nicely print the contents of a data.frame*

### Description

This function uses write.table to print the input data.frame in a nicely-formatted manner that is easy to read

### Usage

```
print_df(x, col.names = FALSE, row.names = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | The data.frame to be printed |
| col.names | Boolean for whether column names should be printed |
| row.names | Boolean for whether row names should be printed |

## read_blocks *Read blocks*

### Description

A function that reads blocks into the R environment

### Usage

```
read_blocks(
  files,
  filetype = NULL,
  startrow = NULL,
  endrow = NULL,
  startcol = NULL,
  endcol = NULL,
  sheet = NULL,
  metadata = NULL,
  block_names = NULL,
  block_names_header = "block_name",
  block_names_dot = FALSE,
  block_names_path = TRUE,
  block_names_ext = FALSE,
  header = NA,
  sider = NA,
  wellnames_numeric = FALSE,
  na.strings = c("NA", ""),
```

```
  extension,
  block_name_header,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `files` | A `vector` of filepaths relative to the current working directory where each filepath is a single plate read |
| `filetype` | (optional) the type(s) of the files. Options include:<br>"csv", "xls", or "xlsx".<br>"tbl" or "table" to use read.table to read the file, "csv2" to use read.csv2, "delim" to use read.delim, or "delim2" to use read.delim2.<br>If none provided, `read_blocks` will infer filetype(s) from the extension(s) in `files`. When extension is not "csv", "xls", or "xlsx", will use "table". |
| `startrow`, `endrow`, `startcol`, `endcol` | (optional) the rows and columns where the measures data are located in `files`.<br>Can be a `vector` or `list` the same length as `files`, or a single value that applies to all `files`. Values can be `numeric` or a `string` that will be automatically converted to `numeric` by from_excel.<br>If not provided, data is presumed to begin on the first row and column of the file(s) and end on the last row and column of the file(s). |
| `sheet` | (optional) If data is in .xls or .xlsx files, which sheet it is located on. Defaults to the first sheet if not specified |
| `metadata` | (optional) non-density data that should be associated with each read blockmeasures. A named `list` where each item in the `list` is either: a `vector` of length 2, or a `list` containing two `vectors`.<br>In the former case, each `vector` should provide the row and column where the metadata is located in all of the blockmeasures input files.<br>In the latter case, the first `vector` should provide the rows where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files, and the second `vector` should provide the columns where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files. (This case is typically used when reading multiple blocks from a single file.) |
| `block_names` | (optional) `vector` of names corresponding to each plate in `files`. If not provided, `block_names` are inferred from the filenames |
| `block_names_header` | The name of the metadata field containing the `block_names` |
| `block_names_dot` | If `block_names` are inferred from filenames, should the leading './' (if any) be retained |
| `block_names_path` | If `block_names` are inferred from filenames, should the path (if any) be retained |
| `block_names_ext` | If `block_names` are inferred from filenames, should the file extension (if any) be retained |

header — TRUE, FALSE, or NA, or a vector of such values, indicating whether the file(s) contains the column names as its first line. If header = NA will attempt to infer the presence of column names. If header = FALSE or no column names are inferred when header = NA, column names will be generated automatically according to wellnames_numeric

sider — TRUE, FALSE, or NA, or a vector of such values, indicating whether the file(s) contains the row names as its first column. If sider = NA will attempt to infer the presence of row names. If sider = FALSE or no row names are inferred when sider = NA, row names will be generated automatically according to wellnames_numeric

wellnames_numeric

If row names and column names are not provided in the input data.frame as specified by header and sider, then names will be generated automatically according to wellnames_numeric.

If wellnames_numeric is TRUE, rows and columns will be numbered with "R" and "C" prefixes, respectively.

If wellnames_numeric is FALSE, rows will be lettered A through Z, while columns will be numbered

na.strings — A character vector of strings which are to be interpreted as NA values by read.csv, read_xls, read_xlsx, or read.table

extension — Deprecated, use filetype instead

block_name_header

Deprecated, use block_names_header instead

... — Other arguments passed to read.csv, read_xls, read_xlsx, or read.table

## Details

For metadata, read_blocks can handle an arbitrary number of additional pieces of information to extract from each blockcurve file as metadata. These pieces of information are specified as a named list of vectors where each vector is the c(row, column) where the information is to be pulled from in the input files.

This metadata is returned as the second list element of each blockcurve, e.g.:

```
[[1]]
[1] data #1
[2] metadata
[2][1] name #1
[2][2] date-time #1
[2][3] temp #1
[[2]]
[1] data #2
[2] metadata
[2][1] name #2
[2][2] date-time #2
[2][3] temp #2

...
```

Calling uninterleave on the output of `read_blocks` works on block data and the associated metadata because uninterleave operates on the highest level entries of the `list` (the `[[1]]` `[[2]]` level items), leaving the meta-data associated with the block data

trans_block_to_wide integrates this metadata into the wide-shaped `data.frame` it produces

## Value

A `list` where each entry is a `list` containing the block `data.frame` followed by the `block_names` (or filenames, if `block_names` is not provided) and any specified metadata.

---

`read_tidys` *Read tidy-shaped files*

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## Description

A function that imports tidy-shaped files into R. Largely acts as a wrapper for read.csv, read_xls, read_xls, or read_xlsx, but can handle multiple files at once and has additional options for taking subsets of rows/columns rather than the entire file and for adding filename or run names as an added column in the output.

## Usage

```
read_tidys(
  files,
  filetype = NULL,
  startrow = NULL,
  endrow = NULL,
  startcol = NULL,
  endcol = NULL,
  sheet = NULL,
  run_names = NULL,
  run_names_header = NULL,
  run_names_dot = FALSE,
  run_names_path = TRUE,
  run_names_ext = FALSE,
  na.strings = c("NA", ""),
  extension,
  names_to_col,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `files` | A `vector` of filepaths (relative to current working directory) where each one is a tidy-shaped data file |

`filetype` (optional) the type(s) of the files. Options include:

"csv", "xls", or "xlsx".

"tbl" or "table" to use read.table to read the file, "csv2" to use read.csv2, "delim" to use read.delim, or "delim2" to use read.delim2.

If none provided, `read_tidys` will infer filetype(s) from the extension(s) in `files`. When extension is not "csv", "xls", or "xlsx", will use "table".

`startrow`, `endrow`, `startcol`, `endcol`

(optional) the rows and columns where the data are located in `files`.

Can be a `vector` or `list` the same length as `files`, or a single value that applies to all `files`. Values can be `numeric` or a `string` that will be automatically converted to `numeric` by from_excel.

If not provided, data is presumed to begin on the first row and column of the file(s) and end on the last row and column of the file(s).

`sheet` The sheet of the input files where data is located (if input files are .xls or .xlsx). If not specified defaults to the first

`run_names` Names to give the tidy files read in. By default uses the file names if not specified. These names may be added to the resulting `data.frame` depending on the value of the `names_to_col` argument

`run_names_header`

Should the run names (provided in `run_names` or inferred from `files`) be added as a column to the output?

If `run_names_header` is `TRUE`, they will be added with the column name `run_name`

If `run_names_header` is `FALSE`, they will not be added.

If `run_names_header` is a `string`, they will be added and the column name will be the `string` specified for `run_names_header`.

If `run_names_header` is `NULL`, they only will be added if there are multiple tidy `data.frames` being read. In which case, the column name will be `run_name`

`run_names_dot` If `run_names` are inferred from filenames, should the leading './' (if any) be retained

`run_names_path` If `run_names` are inferred from filenames, should the path (if any) be retained

`run_names_ext` If `run_names` are inferred from filenames, should the file extension (if any) be retained

`na.strings` A `character vector` of `strings` which are to be interpreted as `NA` values by read.csv, read_xls, read_xlsx, or read.table

`extension` Deprecated, use `filetype` instead

`names_to_col` Deprecated, use `run_names_header` instead

`...` Other arguments passed to read.csv, read_xls, read_xlsx, or read.table sheet

## Details

`startrow`, `endrow`, `startcol`, `endcol`, `sheet` and `filetype` can either be a single value that applies for all files or `vectors` or `lists` the same length as `files`

Note that the `startrow` is always assumed to be a header

## Value

A `data.frame` containing a single tidy `data.frame`, or A `list` of tidy-shaped `data.frames` named by filename

---

`read_wides` *Read wides*

---

## Description

A function that imports widemeasures in files into the R environment

## Usage

```
read_wides(
  files,
  filetype = NULL,
  startrow = NULL,
  endrow = NULL,
  startcol = NULL,
  endcol = NULL,
  header = TRUE,
  sheet = NULL,
  run_names = NULL,
  run_names_header = "file",
  run_names_dot = FALSE,
  run_names_path = TRUE,
  run_names_ext = FALSE,
  metadata = NULL,
  na.strings = c("NA", ""),
  extension,
  names_to_col,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `files` | A `vector` of filepaths (relative to current working directory) where each one is a widemeasures set of data |
| `filetype` | (optional) the type(s) of the files. Options include:<br>"csv", "xls", or "xlsx".<br>"tbl" or "table" to use read.table to read the file, "csv2" to use read.csv2, "delim" to use read.delim, or "delim2" to use read.delim2.<br>If none provided, `read_wides` will infer filetype(s) from the extension(s) in `files`. When extension is not "csv", "xls", or "xlsx", will use "table". |

`startrow`, `endrow`, `startcol`, `endcol`
: (optional) the rows and columns where the data are located in `files`.

  Can be a `vector` or `list` the same length as `files`, or a single value that applies to all `files`. Values can be `numeric` or a `string` that will be automatically converted to `numeric` by from_excel.

  If not provided, data is presumed to begin on the first row and column of the file(s) and end on the last row and column of the file(s).

`header`
: `logical` for whether there is a header in the data. If `FALSE` columns are simply numbered. If `TRUE`, the first row of the data (`startrow` if specified) is used as the column names

`sheet`
: The sheet of the input files where data is located (if input files are .xls or .xlsx). If not specified defaults to the first sheet

`run_names`
: Names to give the widemeasures read in. By default uses the file names if not specified

`run_names_header`
: Should the run names (provided in `run_names` or inferred from `files`) be added as a column to the widemeasures? If `run_names_header` is `NULL`, they will not be. If `run_names_header` is a `string`, that `string` will be the column header for the column where the names will be stored

`run_names_dot`
: If `run_names` are inferred from filenames, should the leading './' (if any) be retained

`run_names_path`
: If `run_names` are inferred from filenames, should the path (if any) be retained

`run_names_ext`
: If `run_names` are inferred from filenames, should the file extension (if any) be retained

`metadata`
: (optional) non-spectrophotometric data that should be associated with each read widemeasures. A named `list` where each item in the `list` is either: a `vector` of length 2, or a `list` containing two `vectors`.

  In the former case, each `vector` should provide the row and column where the metadata is located in all of the blockmeasures input files.

  In the latter case, the first `vector` should provide the rows where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files, and the second `vector` should provide the columns where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files. (This case is typically used when reading multiple blocks from a single file.)

`na.strings`
: A `character vector` of `strings` which are to be interpreted as `NA` values by read.csv, read_xls, read_xlsx, or read.table

`extension`
: Deprecated, use `filetype` instead

`names_to_col`
: Deprecated, use `run_names_header` instead

`...`
: Other arguments passed to read.csv, read_xls, read_xlsx, or read.table

## Details

`startrow`, `endrow`, `startcol`, `endcol`, `sheet` and `filetype` can either be a single value that applies for all files or `vectors` or `lists` the same length as `files`,

## Value

A `data.frame` containing a single widemeasures, or A `list` of widemeasures named by filename

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`separate_tidy` *Separate a column into multiple columns*

---

## Description

This function is primarily a wrapper for separate, which turns a single `character` column into multiple columns

## Usage

```
separate_tidy(
  data,
  col,
  into = NULL,
  sep = "_",
  coerce_NA = TRUE,
  na.strings = "NA",
  message_inferred_into = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `data` | A `data.frame` |
| `col` | Column name or position |
| `into` | A `character vector` of the new column names. Use `NA` to omit the variable in the output.<br>If `NULL`, `separate_tidy` will attempt to infer the new column names by splitting the column name of `col` |
| `sep` | Separator between columns passed to separate:<br>If `character`, `sep` is interpreted as a regular expression.<br>If `numeric`, `sep` is interpreted as character positions to split at. Positive values start at 1 at the far-left of the `string`; negative values start at -1 at the far-right of the `string`. The length of `sep` should be one less than `into` |
| `coerce_NA` | `logical` dictating if `strings` matching any of `na.strings` will be coerced into `NA` values after separating. |
| `na.strings` | A `character vector` of `strings` which are to be interpreted as `NA` values if `coerce_NA == TRUE` |
| `message_inferred_into` | `logical` whether column names for `into` should be printed in a message when inferred |
| `...` | Other arguments passed to separate |

## Value

A `data.frame` containing new columns in the place of `col`

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`smooth_data` *Smooth data*

---

## Description

This function calls other functions to smooth growth curve data

## Usage

```
smooth_data(
  ...,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  sm_method,
  subset_by = NULL,
  return_fitobject = FALSE,
  warn_ungrouped = TRUE,
  warn_gam_no_s = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `...` | Arguments passed to loess, gam, moving_average, moving_median, or smooth.spline. Typically includes tuning parameter(s), which in some cases are required. See Details for more information. |
| `x` | An (often optional) `vector` of predictor values to smooth along (e.g. time) |
| `y` | A `vector` of response values to be smoothed (e.g. density). If `NULL`, `formula` and `data` *must* be provided via `...` |
| `sm_method` | Argument specifying which smoothing method should be used to smooth data. Options include "moving-average", "moving-median", "loess", "gam", and "smooth.spline". |
| `subset_by` | An optional `vector` as long as `y`. `y` will be split by the unique values of this `vector` and the smoothed data for each group will be calculated independently of the others.<br>This provides an internally-implemented approach similar to group_by and mutate |
| `return_fitobject` | `logical` whether entire object returned by fitting function should be returned. If `FALSE`, just fitted values are returned. |
| `warn_ungrouped` | `logical` whether warning should be issued when `smooth_data` is being called on ungrouped data and `subset_by = NULL`. |
| `warn_gam_no_s` | `logical` whether warning should be issued when gam is used without s in the formula. |

## Details

For moving_average and moving_median, passing window_width or window_width_n via ... is required. window_width sets the width of the moving window in units of x, while window_width_n sets the width in units of number of data points. Larger values for either will produce more "smoothed" data.

For loess, the span argument sets the fraction of data points that should be included in each calculation. It's typically best to specify, since the default of 0.75 is often too large for growth curves data. Larger values of span will produce more "smoothed" data

For gam, both arguments to gam and s can be provided via .... Most frequently, the k argument to s sets the number of "knots" the spline-fitting can use. Smaller values of k will be more "smoothed".

When using sm_method = "gam", advanced users may also modify other parameters of s, including the smoothing basis bs. These bases can be thin plate (bs = "tp", the default), cubic regressions (bs = "cr"), or many other options (see s). I recommend leaving the default thin plate regressions, whose main drawback is that they are computationally intensive to calculate. For growth curves data, this is unlikely to be relevant.

As an alternative to passing y, for more advanced needs with loess or gam, formula and data can be passed to smooth_data via the ... argument (in lieu of y).

In this case, the formula should specify the response (e.g. density) and predictors. For gam smoothing, the formula should typically be of the format: y ~ s(x), which uses s to smooth the data. The data argument should be a data.frame containing the variables in the formula. In such cases, subset_by can still be specified as a vector with length nrow(data)

## Value

If return_fitobject == FALSE:

A vector, the same length as y, with the now-smoothed y values

If return_fitobject == TRUE:

A list the same length as unique(subset_by) where each element is an object of the same class as returned by the smoothing method (typically a named list-like object)

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# solve_linear *Return missing information about a line*

---

## Description

Takes a set of inputs that is sufficient information to infer a line and then returns information not provided (either the slope, an x point on the line, or a y point on the line)

## Usage

```
solve_linear(
  x1,
  y1,
  x2 = NULL,
```

```
  y2 = NULL,
  x3 = NULL,
  y3 = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  named = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x1, y1 | A point on the line |
| x2, y2 | An additional point on the line |
| x3, y3 | An additional point on the line |
| m | The slope of the line |
| named | logical indicating whether the returned value(s) should be named according to what they are (m, x2, y2, x3, or y3) |

## Details

Note that there is no requirement that x1 < x2 < x3: the points can be in any order along the line.

solve_linear works with vectors of all inputs to solve multiple lines at once, where the ith element of each argument corresponds to the ith output. Note that all lines must be missing the same information. Input vectors will be recycled as necessary.

## Value

A named vector with the missing information from the line:

If m and x2 are provided, y2 will be returned

If m and y2 are provided, x2 will be returned

If x2 and y2 are provided, but neither x3 nor y3 are provided, m will be returned

If x2 and y2 are provided and one of x3 or y3 are provided, the other (y3 or x3) will be returned

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# ThresholdFunctions *Find point(s) when a numeric vector crosses some threshold*

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## Description

These functions take a vector of y values and identify points where the y values cross some threshold y value.

## Usage

```
find_threshold_crosses(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  threshold,
  return = "index",
  return_rising = TRUE,
  return_falling = TRUE,
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  subset = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE
)

first_below(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  threshold,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)

first_above(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  threshold,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| y | numeric vector of y values in which to identify threshold crossing event(s) |
| x | Optional numeric vector of corresponding x values |
| threshold | Threshold y value of interest |
| return | One of c("index", "x"), determining whether the function will return the index or x value associated with the threshold-crossing event.<br>If index, it will refer to the data point immediately after the crossing event.<br>If x, it will use linear interpolation and the data points immediately before and after the threshold-crossing to return the exact x value when the threshold crossing occurred |
| return_rising | logical for whether crossing events where y rises above threshold should be returned |
| return_falling | logical for whether crossing events where y falls below threshold should be returned |

return_endpoints
: logical for whether startpoint should be returned when the startpoint is above threshold and return_rising = TRUE, or when the startpoint is below threshold and return_falling = TRUE

subset
: A vector of logical values indicating which x and y values should be included (TRUE) or excluded (FALSE).

  If return = "index", index will be for the whole vector and not the subset of the vector

na.rm
: logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing. If return = 'index', indices will refer to the original y vector *including* NA values

...
: (for first_above and first_below) other arguments to pass to find_threshold_crosses

## Value

find_threshold_crosses returns a vector corresponding to all the threshold crossings.

first_above returns only the first time the y values rise above the threshold, so is a shortcut for find_threshold_crosses(return_rising = TRUE, return_falling = FALSE)[1]

first_below returns only the first time the y values fall below the threshold, so is a shortcut for find_threshold_crosses(return_rising = FALSE, return_falling = TRUE)[1]

If return = "index", the returned value(s) are the indices immediately following threshold crossing(s)

If return = "x", the returned value(s) are the x value(s) corresponding to threshold crossing(s)

If no threshold-crossings are detected that meet the criteria, will return NA

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# to_excel *A function that converts numbers into base-26 Excel-style letters*

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## Description

A function that converts numbers into base-26 Excel-style letters

## Usage

```
to_excel(x)
```

## Arguments

x
: A vector of numbers in base-10

## Value

A vector of letters in Excel-style base-26 format

`train_smooth_data` *Test efficacy of different smoothing parameters*

## Description

This function is based on train, which runs models (in our case different smoothing algorithms) on data across different parameter values (in our case different smoothness parameters).

## Usage

```
train_smooth_data(
  ...,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  sm_method,
  preProcess = NULL,
  weights = NULL,
  metric = ifelse(is.factor(y), "Accuracy", "RMSE"),
 maximize = ifelse(metric %in% c("RMSE", "logLoss", "MAE", "logLoss"), FALSE, TRUE),
  trControl = caret::trainControl(method = "cv"),
  tuneGrid = NULL,
  tuneLength = ifelse(trControl$method == "none", 1, 3),
  return_trainobject = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `...` | Arguments passed to smooth_data. These arguments cannot overlap with any of those to be tuned. |
| `x` | A `vector` of predictor values to smooth along (e.g. time) |
| `y` | A `vector` of response values to be smoothed (e.g. density). |
| `sm_method` | Argument specifying which smoothing method should be used. Options include "moving-average", "moving-median", "loess", "gam", and "smooth.spline". |
| `preProcess` | A `string vector` that defines a pre-processing of the predictor data. The default is no pre-processing. See train for more details. |
| `weights` | A `numeric vector` of case weights. This argument currently does not affect any `train_smooth_data` models. |
| `metric` | A `string` that specifies what summary metric will be used to select the optimal model. By default, possible values are "RMSE" and "Rsquared" for regression. See train for more details. |
| `maximize` | A `logical`: should the metric be maximized or minimized? |
| `trControl` | A `list` of values that define how this function acts. See train and trainControl for more details. |

tuneGrid A data.frame with possible tuning values, or a named list containing vectors with possible tuning values. If a data frame, the columns should be named the same as the tuning parameters. If a list, the elements of the list should be named the same as the tuning parameters. If a list, expand.grid will be used to make all possible combinations of tuning parameter values.

tuneLength An integer denoting the amount of granularity in the tuning parameter grid. By default, this argument is the number of levels for each tuning parameter that should be generated. If trControl has the option search = "random", this is the maximum number of tuning parameter combinations that will be generated by the random search. (NOTE: If given, this argument must be named.)

return_trainobject A logical indicating whether the entire result of train should be returned, or only the results element.

## Details

See train for more information.

The default method is k-fold cross-validation (trControl = caret::trainControl(method = "cv")).

For less variable, but more computationally costly, cross-validation, users may choose to increase the number of folds. This can be done by altering the number argument in trainControl, or by setting method = "LOOCV" for leave one out cross-validation where the number of folds is equal to the number of data points.

For less variable, but more computationally costly, cross-validation, users may alternatively choose method = "repeatedcv" for repeated k-fold cross-validation.

For more control, advanced users may wish to call train directly, using makemethod_train_smooth_data to specify the method argument.

## Value

If return_trainobject = FALSE (the default), a data.frame with the values of all tuning parameter combinations and the training error rate for each combination (i.e. the results element of the output of train).

If return_trainobject = TRUE, the output of train

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# trans_block_to_wide *Transform blocks to wides*

---

## Description

Takes blocks and returns them in a wide format

## Usage

```
trans_block_to_wide(
  blocks,
  wellnames_sep = "",
  nested_metadata = NULL,
  colnames_first = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| blocks | Blocks, either a single data.frame or a list of data.frames |
| wellnames_sep | string to use as separator for well names between row name and column name (ordered according to colnames_first |
| nested_metadata | A logical indicating the existence of nested metadata in the blockmeasures list, e.g. as is typically output by read_blocks. If NULL, will attempt to infer existence of nested metadata |
| colnames_first | In the wellnames created by paste-ing the rownames and column names, should the column names come first? |

## Value

A single wide-shaped data.frame

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# trans_wide_to_tidy *Pivot wide-shaped into tidy*

---

## Description

Essentially a wrapper for pivot_longer that works on both a single wide-shaped data.frame as well as a list of wide-shaped data.frame's

## Usage

```
trans_wide_to_tidy(
  wides,
  data_cols = NA,
  id_cols = NA,
  names_to = "Well",
  values_to = "Measurements",
  values_to_numeric = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| wides | A single wide-shaped data.frame, or a list of wide-shaped data.frame's |
| data_cols, id_cols | Specifies which columns have data vs are ID's (in pivot_longer parlance). Each can be a single vector (which will be applied for all data.frames) or a list of vectors, with each vector corresponding to the same-index data.frame in wides<br>Entries that are NA in the list will not be used<br>If neither data_cols nor id_cols are specified, user must provide arguments to pivot_longer via ... for at least the cols argument and these arguments provided via ... will be used for all wides data.frame's |
| names_to, values_to | Specifies the output column names created by pivot_longer. Each can be provided as vectors the same length as wides |
| values_to_numeric | logical indicating whether values will be coerced to numeric. See below for when this may be overridden by arguments passed in ... |
| ... | Other arguments to be passed to pivot_longer Note that including values_transform here will override the behavior of values_to_numeric |

### Value

Pivoted longer data.frame (if wides is a single data.frame) or list of pivoted longer data.frames (if wides is a list of data.frames)

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## uninterleave *Uninterleave list*

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### Description

Takes a list that is actually interleaved elements from multiple sources and uninterleaves them into the separate sources. For instance, a list of blockmeasures that actually corresponds to two different plates can be split into two lists, each of the blockmeasures corresponding to a single plate. uninterleave assumes that the desired sub-groups are perfectly interleaved in the input (e.g. items belong to sub-groups 1,2,3,1,2,3,...)

### Usage

```
uninterleave(interleaved_list, n)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| interleaved_list | A list of R objects |
| n | How many output sub lists there should be (i.e. how many groups the interleaved list should be divided into) |

## Value

A list of lists of R objects

---

WhichMinMaxGC *Where is the Min() or Max() or first TRUE or FALSE?*

---

## Description

Determines the location, i.e. index, of the (first) minimum or maximum of a numeric (or logical) vector.

## Usage

```
which_min_gc(x, empty_NA = TRUE)

which_max_gc(x, empty_NA = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| x | numeric (logical, integer, or double) vector or an R object for which the internal coercion to double works whose min or max is searched for. |
| empty_NA | logical, indicating if an empty value should be returned as NA (the default) or as integer(0) (the same as which.min and which.max). |

## Details

These functions are wrappers for which.min and which.max, with the additional argument empty_NA.

## Value

If empty_NA = FALSE, identical to which.min or which.max

If empty_NA = TRUE, identical to which.min or which.max except that, in cases where which.min or which.max would return integer(0), which_min_gc and which_max_gc return NA

write_blocks *Write block designs to csv*

## Description

This function writes block-shaped `lists` (as created by read_blocks or make_design) to csv files, including both `data` and `metadata` in a variety of output formats

## Usage

```
write_blocks(
  blocks,
  file,
  output_format = "multiple",
  block_name_location = NULL,
  block_name_header = "block_name",
  paste_sep = "_",
  filename_sep = "_",
  na = "",
  dir = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `blocks` | `list` of block-shaped data to be written to file |
| `file` | `NULL`, a `character string` naming a file to write to, or a `vector` of `character strings` naming files to write to.<br>A file name is required when `output_format = "single"`<br>A file name can be specified when `output_format = "pasted"`, or `file` can be set to `NULL` as long as `block_name_location = "filename"` (where pasted `block_name` metadata will be used for the file name)<br>File names can be specified when `output_format = "multiple"`, or `file` can be set to `NULL` as long as `block_name_location = "filename"` (where the `block_name` metadata will be used for the file names) |
| `output_format` | One of "single", "pasted", "multiple".<br>"single" will write all blocks into a single csv file, with an empty row between successive blocks.<br>"pasted" will paste all blocks together using a `paste_sep`, and then write that now-pasted block to a single csv file.<br>"multiple" will write each block to its own csv file. |
| `block_name_location` | Either `NULL`, 'filename' or 'file'.<br>If `NULL`, `block_name_location` will be automatically selected based on `output_format`. For `output_format = 'single'` and `output_format = 'pasted'`, `block_name_location` |

defaults to 'file'. For `output_format = 'multiple'`, `block_name_location` defaults to 'filename'

If 'filename', the `block_name` metadata will be used as the output file name(s) when no file name(s) are provided, or appended to file name(s) when they have been provided.

If 'file', the `block_name` metadata will be included as a row in the output file.

`block_name_header`
: The name of the field containing the `block_names`

`paste_sep`
: When `output_format = 'pasted'`, what character will be used to paste together blocks.

`filename_sep`
: What character will be used to paste together filenames when `block_name_location = 'filename'`.

`na`
: The `string` to use for missing values in the data.

`dir`
: The directory that file(s) will be written into. When `dir = NULL`, writes to the current working directory. (Can only be used when `file = NULL`)

`...`
: Other arguments passed to write.table

## Value

Nothing, but R objects are written to files

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