

Package ‘MethodOpt’

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Title Advanced Method Optimization for Spectra-Generating Sampling and Analysis Instrumentation

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anovaben	<i>Computes ANOVA test</i>
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Description

Runs an ANOVA test for any variables that were selected by the user.

Usage

```
anovaben(objectives, data, ffd, obj_results, alpha)
```

Arguments

objectives	User selected objectives.
data	Peak information (all times, heights, etc.).
ffd	Fractional factorial design
obj_results	Calculated objectives.
alpha	Alpha value.

Value

list containing the results of ANOVA on the data from the FFD (including p-values and which parameters are significant), the suggested changes to add a level for a BBD, suggested values for the BBD, row indices for the results, and the data frame of the FFD with objective results included

area	<i>Computes areas of peaks</i>
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Description

Computes the areas beneath the specified maxima.

Usage

```
area(data, hts, tms)
```

Arguments

data	dataframe of time versus intensity.
hts	heights of peaks in chronological order.
tms	time locations of peaks in chronological order.

Value

area for each peak

b1c	<i>Baseline correction</i>
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Description

Generates the baseline of the spectra, interpolates between points, and subtracts from the intensity to generate corrected baseline.

Usage

```
b1c(frame, noise = 10^5, subtract = NULL)
```

Arguments

frame	data frame of time versus intensity.
noise	strength of the baseline subtraction.
subtract	how much intensity to initially subtract.

Value

data frame of of data that has been baseline corrected

gauss *Generate a Gaussian fit*

Description

Generate a Gaussian fit with given parameters.

Usage

```
gauss(a, b, c, t)
```

Arguments

a	amplitude.
b	phase shift.
c	standard deviation.
t	time at which to fit.

Value

value of Gaussian function

MethodOpt *Method optimization GUI*

Description

'MethodOpt()' runs the GUI.

Usage

```
MethodOpt()
```

Details

No arguments are needed to initiate the GUI. 'MethodOpt()' is split into three main tabs.

Value

No return value, opens and runs the GUI

Fractional factorial design

The first step in method optimization is to build an experimental design. Hence, the first tab of the GUI is dedicated to designing a fractional factorial experimental design. Parameters are input with their corresponding low and high values. Pressing "Generate FFD" will yield the experimental design. The user will run experiments according to each method.

ANOVA

The second step in method optimization is to run an ANOVA test. This is carried out under the "Analysis" tab. Raw experimental screening data is uploaded, and the spectra can be viewed. In subtabs, the spectra peaks must be identified (either by an uploaded retention time file or by a built-in identification algorithm), objectives must be selected, and the initial experimental design must be uploaded; then the ANOVA test may be run. Statistically significant parameters are indicated.

Box-Behnken design

The third step is to generate a three-level Box-Behnken experimental design with the significant parameters. Low, middle, and high values are input with their corresponding parameters. The design can be generated by pressing "Generate BBD."

Optimization

The final step is to run the optimization with the results of the Box-Behnken design. Similarly to the second step, raw data is uploaded in the "Analysis" tab. Spectra peaks must be identified, objectives must be selected, and the experimental design must be uploaded; then the optimal values can be calculated.

Examples

```
# Please see the vignette for the MethodOpt package for a full example of how
# to use the GUI launched by MethodOpt::MethodOpt().
```

opt

Optimization algorithm

Description

Calculate the optimal parameter values for given objectives.

Usage

```
opt(objectives, bbd, results, lim_fac, valid_range_data)
```

Arguments

objectives	objectives input by user.
bbd	Box-Behnken design.
results	objective results.
lim_fac	limiting factors.
valid_range_data	ranges of validity corresponding to the limiting factors.

Value

a list containing the parameters which cannot be set to the unbounded solution, the maximum value of the objectives, and the unbounded parameter solutions

peaks	<i>Peak searching algorithm without retention times</i>
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Description

Returns the maxima, the times they occur at, the index location of the maxima, and the next viable peaks with times after the first 'keep'.

Usage

```
peaks(
  data,
  begin_search = NULL,
  end_search = NULL,
  keep = 11,
  precision = 15,
  factor = 10,
  bl_noise = 0
)
```

Arguments

data	time versus intensity dataframe.
begin_search	time at which to start the search for the peaks.
end_search	time at which to stop the search for the peaks.
keep	a whole number indicating how many peaks to search for and return.
precision	an integer indicating the size of the window for searching for local maxima.
factor	constant of proportionality indicating the cutoff peak height (i.e., peaks greater than 'factor' times height are not returned as viable peaks).
bl_noise	constant level at which response should be considered as noise.

Value

list containing spectra maxima, the times they occur at, the index location of the maxima, and the the same info for the next viable peaks with times after the first 'keep'.

peaks_rts	<i>peak calculations with retention times</i>
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Description

Locate the maxima of the peaks corresponding to the retention times.

Usage

```
peaks_rts(raw_data, retention_times, rt_index, bl_noise = 0)
```

Arguments

raw_data	time versus intensity dataframe.
retention_times	retention time file.
rt_index	which method to evaluate for.
bl_noise	constant level at which response should be considered as noise.

Value

list containing the peaks' heights, times where they occur, the full data TIC, full time index, and the peaks' widths

widths	<i>Calculate widths</i>
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Description

Calculate the widths (standard deviation) for each identified peak.

Usage

```
widths(data, hts, tms)
```

Arguments

data	time versus intensity dataframe.
hts	heights of peaks.
tms	times of peaks.

Value

width for each peak

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