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| fitSingleSigmoid | <i>Fit sigmoid model</i> |
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Description

Fit sigmoid model

Usage

```
fitSingleSigmoid(x, y, start = c(Pl = 0, a = 550, b = 10))
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|---|
| x | numeric vector of the independent variables (typically temperature) |
| y | numeric vector of the dependent variables (typically relative abundance measurements) |
| start | numeric vector of start parameters for the melting curve equation |

Details

Fits the following function to the data: $y = (1 - Pl)/(1 + \exp((b - a/x))) + Pl$

Value

model summary of type "nls"

Examples

```
data(stauro_TPP_data_tidy)
stk4 <- dplyr::filter(stauro_TPP_data_tidy, grepl("STK4", uniqueID))
fitSingleSigmoid(stk4$temperature, stk4$relAbundance)
```

`getParams`*Control parameters for model fitting*

Description

Control parameters for model fitting

Usage

```
getParams(start = c(P1 = 0, a = 550, b = 10), maxAttempts = 100)
```

Arguments

`start` Numeric vector of start parameters for the melting curve equation
`maxAttempts` Number of resampling steps in case of unsuccessful model fits

Value

list of two elements: 1) "start" listing the starting parameters for melting curve fitting, 2) "maxAttempts" listing the maximal number of attempts the fit should be allowed

Examples

```
data(stauro_TPP_data_tidy)
df <- dplyr::filter(stauro_TPP_data_tidy, grepl("MAPK|ATP|CDK|GTP|CRK", uniqueID))
testResults <- runNPARC(x = df$temperature,
  y = df$relAbundance,
  id = df$uniqueID,
  groupsAlt = df$compoundConcentration,
  dfType = "empirical",
  control = getParams(maxAttempts = 50))
```

`NPARC`*NPARC package*

Description

Non-parametric analysis of response curves

Details

See the preprint on [Childs, Bach, Franken et al. \(2019\): Non-parametric analysis of thermal proteome profiles reveals novel drug-binding proteins](#)

NPARCtest

Perform F-test

Description

Perform F-test

Usage

```
NPARCtest(modelMetrics, dfType = c("empirical", "theoretical"))
```

Arguments

modelMetrics data.frame with results of the model fit in long format.

dfType character value indicating the method for degrees of freedom computation for the F-test. Theoretical yields the text-book solution. Empirical yields estimates derived from the distribution moments of the RSS.

Value

data frame with fitted model parameters and additional columns listing e.g. residuals sum of squares of null and alternative model and raw and adjusted p values retrieved from testing

Examples

```
data(stauro_TPP_data_tidy)
df <- dplyr::filter(stauro_TPP_data_tidy, grepl("CDK|GTP|CRK", uniqueID))
fits <- NPARCfit(x = df$temperature,
                y = df$relAbundance,
                id = df$uniqueID,
                groupsNull = NULL,
                groupsAlt = df$compoundConcentration,
                returnModels = FALSE)
modelMetrics <- fits$metrics
testRes <- NPARCtest(modelMetrics, dfType = "theoretical")
```

runNPARC

Non-parametric analysis of response curves

Description

Wrapper function for melting curve fitting and hypothesis testing.

Usage

```
runNPARC(x, y, id, groupsNull = NULL, groupsAlt,
         BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam(progressbar = TRUE),
         dfType = c("theoretical", "empirical"), control = getParams())
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| x | numeric vector of the independent variables (typically temperature) |
| y | numeric vector of the dependent variables (typically relative abundance measurements) |
| id | character vector with the protein ID to which each data point belongs. |
| groupsNull | one or more vectors with grouping variables for the null models. See details. |
| groupsAlt | one or more vectors with grouping variables for the alternative models. See details. |
| BPPARAM | BiocParallel parameter object to invoke curve fitting in parallel. Default: BiocParallel::SerialParam() |
| dfType | character value indicating the method for degrees of freedom computation for the F-test. Theoretical yields the text-book solution. Empirical yields estimates derived from the distribution moments of the RSS. |
| control | list of parameters used to control specific parts of the analyse |

Details

groupsNull or groupsAlt can either be a single vector each, or data.frames of the same length as x and y with one column per factor

Value

data frame with fitted model parameters and additional columns listing e.g. residuals sum of squares of null and alternative model

Examples

```
data(stauro_TPP_data_tidy)
df <- dplyr::filter(stauro_TPP_data_tidy, grepl("CDK|GTP|CRK", uniqueID))
testResults <- runNPARC(x = df$temperature,
  y = df$relAbundance,
  id = df$uniqueID,
  groupsAlt = df$compoundConcentration,
  dfType = "empirical")
```

stauro_TPP_data_tidy *TPP dataset of staurosporine treated cells.*

Description

Data from a thermal proteome profiling (TPP) experiment investigating the ATP-competitive pan-kinase inhibitor staurosporine on K562 cells. The data has been downloaded from the supplement of the respective publication and converted into tidy format.

Usage

```
data(stauro_TPP_data_tidy)
```

Format

An object of class "data.frame"

References

Savitski et al. (2014): Tracking cancer drugs in living cells by thermal profiling of the proteome. Science 346, 1255784.

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