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growkar-package	<i>growkar: High-Throughput Microbial Phenotyping from Growth Assays</i>
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Description

growkar uses a single Bioconductor data container, the S4 class `GrowthExperiment` (an extension of `SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment`), and a single model-result class, `GrowthFit`. Tidy manipulation and display of these objects are delegated to `tidySummarizedExperiment` rather than reimplemented, and graphing is provided by optional `plot_*()` helpers.

Details

Scalar argument checks and optional-package checks are taken from `BiocBaseUtils` rather than reimplemented.

The import from `tidySummarizedExperiment` is deliberate: that package registers the `as_tibble()` method used to convert a `GrowthExperiment` to long form, and importing one of its exports loads its namespace (and hence registers those methods) whenever `growkar` is loaded.

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/sethiyap/growkar>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/sethiyap/growkar/issues>

<code>as_tidy_growth_data</code>	<i>Import Growth Data into Canonical Tidy Format</i>
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Description

Import adapter that converts vendor plate-reader exports and user tables into the canonical sample/time/od columns expected by `GrowthExperiment()`.

Usage

```
as_tidy_growth_data(
  data,
  sample_col = "sample",
  time_col = "time",
  od_col = "od",
  sample_sep = "_"
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame, tibble, SummarizedExperiment, or object coercible to a tibble.
<code>sample_col</code>	Name of the sample column for long-form input.
<code>time_col</code>	Name of the time column.
<code>od_col</code>	Name of the optical density column.
<code>sample_sep</code>	Separator used to infer metadata columns from sample names in wide data or in long data when sample is present.

Details

This function is an *import* layer, not an analysis container. Within growkar the canonical container is [SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment](#). Once data are in a SummarizedExperiment, tidy manipulation and display are better handled by the tidyomics stack: install `tidySummarizedExperiment` and use `dplyr/tidyr/ggplot2` verbs directly on the object rather than round tripping through this function. See `vignette("growkar-introduction", package = "growkar")` for worked interoperability examples.

Wide input is expected to contain time in the first column and sample names in the remaining column names. Tidy input is expected to contain at least sample, time, and od. When replicate identifiers are encoded in sample names, use a consistent suffix such as `_R1` or `_1` so replicate metadata can be inferred reliably. Common machine-exported column labels such as `Time [s]`, `Time [h]`, `Sample`, `Well`, `OD600`, `OD 600`, and `Absorbance 600` are detected automatically where possible, which helps when importing exports from Agilent microplate readers, BioTek Cytation instruments, LogPhase 600, and similar OD600-based plate-reader workflows.

Value

A tibble containing at least sample, time, and od. Additional metadata columns are preserved where available.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
head(tidy_growth)

se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
head(as_tidy_growth_data(se))
```

<code>augment_growth_fit</code>	<i>Augment Observed Data with Fitted Values</i>
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Description

Return the observed data used for fitting together with the fitted values from a [GrowthFit](#) object.

Usage

```
augment_growth_fit(fit, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
augment_growth_fit(fit, ...)
```

Arguments

fit A [GrowthFit](#) object returned by [fit_growth_curve\(\)](#).
... Arguments passed to methods.

Value

A tidy tibble containing the observed columns plus `.fitted`.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))
head(augment_growth_fit(fit))
```

compute_doubling_time *Compute Doubling Time*

Description

Compute doubling time from a growth rate estimate.

Usage

```
compute_doubling_time(mu)
```

Arguments

mu Numeric vector of specific growth-rate estimates. In `growkar`, `mu` is the slope of $\log(\text{od})$ versus time.

Details

This is a low-level helper for converting one or more growth-rate estimates into doubling times. For a convenience summary across all samples, use `summarize_growth_metrics()`.

Value

A numeric vector equal to $\log(2) / \mu$, with NA returned when $\mu \leq 0$.

Examples

```
compute_doubling_time(c(0.4, 0.7, NA, -0.1))
```

compute_growth_rate	<i>Compute Growth Rate</i>
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Description

Estimate per-sample growth rate from tidy growth data.

Usage

```
compute_growth_rate(
  data,
  method = c("rolling_window", "defined_interval", "rule_based"),
  interval = NULL,
  select_replicates = NULL,
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  window_size = 5,
  min_od = 0.02,
  first_timepoint = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format. All inputs are standardized internally to the canonical SummarizedExperiment representation before analysis.
method	Estimation method. One of "rolling_window", "defined_interval", or "rule_based".
interval	Interval definition for defined_interval. Supply either a numeric vector of length two to use the same interval for all samples, or a data frame containing sample-specific start and end times. Interval tables may use columns named sample, start_time, and end_time, or the first three columns may be sample, start time, and end time.
select_replicates	Optional character vector of replicate IDs to retain before estimation. When NULL, all replicates are retained.
average_replicates	Logical; if TRUE, average replicates before estimation when replicate metadata are available.
window_size	Rolling window size for rolling_window.
min_od	Minimum OD retained when fitting log-linear models.
first_timepoint	Reference time used by the "rule_based" method.

Details

The returned mu column is the specific growth rate, estimated as the slope of $\log(\text{od})$ versus time over the selected interval or window.

Available methods:

- `rolling_window`: scans rolling windows across the time series and selects the window with the strongest positive log-linear slope.

- `defined_interval`: fits the growth rate over a user-supplied start and end time interval. Supply either one interval for all samples or a per-sample interval table.
- `rule_based`: starts from a reference OD, finds the nearest successive OD doublings, and estimates growth from the interval between those doubling anchors.

For the `rule_based` method, `growkar` first picks a reference OD at the earliest time point, or at `first_timepoint` when supplied. It then finds the observations nearest to approximately 2x and 4x that reference OD. The growth rate is estimated from the log-linear slope between those two doubling anchors. This provides a simple empirical approximation when users want a heuristic interval rather than a rolling search or manually defined bounds.

Value

A tibble with `sample`, `mu`, `start_time`, `end_time`, `r_squared`, and `method`. Here `mu` is the estimated specific growth rate. Additional diagnostic columns describe the number of points used and whether the estimate required degraded fallback behavior. Here `degraded = TRUE` indicates that the preferred estimation path could not be used cleanly, so the result comes from a reduced-window or fallback path and should be interpreted with extra caution.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
compute_growth_rate(
  dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id),
  method = "rolling_window"
)
compute_growth_rate(
  tidy_growth,
  method = "defined_interval",
  interval = c(2, 6)
)
```

`detect_exponential_phase`

Detect Candidate Exponential-Phase Windows

Description

Identify rolling windows with the strongest evidence for exponential growth. For multi-sample input, detection is performed separately for each sample. When `average_replicates = TRUE`, replicate trajectories are averaged first and exponential-phase detection is then run on the averaged curves.

Usage

```
detect_exponential_phase(
  data,
  select_replicates = NULL,
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  window_size = 5,
  min_od = 0.02
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	Growth data for one sample or multiple samples in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
<code>select_replicates</code>	Optional character vector of replicate IDs to retain before detection. When NULL, all replicates are retained.
<code>average_replicates</code>	Logical; if TRUE, average replicate trajectories before detection when replicate metadata are available.
<code>window_size</code>	Number of observations in each rolling window.
<code>min_od</code>	Minimum OD retained for log-linear fitting.

Value

A tibble with `sample`, `start_time`, `end_time`, `slope`, and `r_squared`, ranked by highest positive slope and then `r_squared`. The returned tibble also includes `rank`, `n_points`, `selection_reason`, and degraded metadata describing how the candidate windows were selected. For multi-sample input, windows are returned for each sample. Here `degraded = TRUE` indicates that detection required fallback behavior, such as reducing the requested window size or returning a placeholder result because too few usable observations were available.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
phase_tbl <- detect_exponential_phase(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))
head(phase_tbl)
averaged_phase_tbl <- detect_exponential_phase(
  tidy_growth,
  average_replicates = TRUE
)
head(averaged_phase_tbl)
```

extract_params

Extract Fitted Growth Parameters

Description

Extract fitted coefficients and model-derived quantities, such as the asymptote and the model-based doubling time, from a [GrowthFit](#) object.

Usage

```
extract_params(fit, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
extract_params(fit, ...)
```

Arguments

`fit` A [GrowthFit](#) object returned by `fit_growth_curve()`.
`...` Arguments passed to methods.

Value

A tibble with one row containing `sample`, `model`, `asymptote`, `r`, `t0`, and `doubling_time_model`.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))
extract_params(fit)
```

<code>fit_growth_curve</code>	<i>Fit a Parametric Growth Model</i>
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Description

Fit a logistic or Gompertz growth model to a single sample.

Usage

```
fit_growth_curve(data, model = c("logistic", "gompertz"))
```

Arguments

`data` Growth curve data for one sample in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
`model` Model type: "logistic" or "gompertz".

Value

A [GrowthFit](#) object. Failed fits return the same class with `converged = FALSE` and a `status` slot describing the failure, so that plate-wide fitting is not aborted by a single problematic sample.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(
  dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id),
  model = "logistic"
)
fit
```

fit_growth_models	<i>Fit and Store Growth Models</i>
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Description

Fit logistic or Gompertz growth models for tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment input. When data is a SummarizedExperiment, fitted model objects and extracted parameter summaries are stored in metadata(), and the updated object is returned.

Usage

```
fit_growth_models(
  data,
  model = c("logistic", "gompertz"),
  store_metadata = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

data	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
model	Model type: "logistic" or "gompertz".
store_metadata	Logical; when TRUE and data is a SummarizedExperiment, store fitted models and parameter summaries in metadata().

Value

A tibble with fitted models for non-SummarizedExperiment input, or an updated SummarizedExperiment when data is a SummarizedExperiment.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
se <- fit_growth_models(se, model = "logistic")
S4Vectors::metadata(se)$growth_model_parameters
```

fit_growth_plate	<i>Fit Growth Models Across a Plate</i>
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Description

Split tidy growth data by sample and fit a parametric model to each sample.

Usage

```
fit_growth_plate(data, model = c("logistic", "gompertz"))
```

Arguments

data	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
model	Model type: "logistic" or "gompertz".

Value

A tibble with `sample` and a list-column of [GrowthFit](#) objects.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
fits <- fit_growth_plate(yeast_growth_data, model = "logistic")
fits
```

GrowthExperiment	<i>Construct a GrowthExperiment</i>
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Description

Build a [GrowthExperiment](#) object, the canonical growkar container, from tidy or wide growth curve data. `GrowthExperiment` extends [SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment](#), so the result can be used directly by any Bioconductor package.

Usage

```
GrowthExperiment(
  data,
  metrics = NULL,
  sample_col = "sample",
  time_col = "time",
  od_col = "od",
  sample_sep = "_"
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	Growth curve data in tidy or wide format, or a <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> .
<code>metrics</code>	Optional data frame of precomputed sample-level metrics to store in <code>metadata(x)\$growth_metrics</code> . Metrics computed by growkar itself are normally attached with growth_metrics() instead.
<code>sample_col</code>	Name of the sample column for long-form input.
<code>time_col</code>	Name of the time column.
<code>od_col</code>	Name of the optical density column.
<code>sample_sep</code>	Separator used to infer metadata columns from sample names.

Details

The resulting object stores time points in `rowData(x)$time`, sample-level metadata in `colData(x)`, optical density measurements in `assay(x, "od")`, and derived results in `metadata(x)`.

Coercion methods are also provided, so `as(x, "GrowthExperiment")` works for a `data.frame`, `tibble`, `matrix`, or existing `SummarizedExperiment`, and `as(x, "SummarizedExperiment")` is available in the other direction. Use the constructor when you need to control column-name resolution; use `as()` for the default behaviour.

Value

A [GrowthExperiment](#) object with one assay named od.

See Also

[GrowthExperiment](#)

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)

ge <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
ge

# Equivalent, using standard coercion.
as(yeast_growth_data, "GrowthExperiment")
```

GrowthExperiment-class

Growth Assay Experiment

Description

GrowthExperiment is the data container used throughout growkar. It is an S4 class that directly extends [SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment](#), adding a validity method that enforces the canonical growth-assay layout:

Details

- an assay named od holding optical density measurements, with timepoints in rows and samples in columns;
- a numeric time column in `rowData()`;
- sample annotations in `colData()`;
- derived results (growth metrics, exponential-phase windows, model fits) in `metadata()`.

Because the class extends SummarizedExperiment, every method written for SummarizedExperiment — including subsetting, `assay()`, `rowData()`, `colData()`, `metadata()`, and the tidyomics verbs provided by `tidySummarizedExperiment` — applies unchanged, and `as(x, "SummarizedExperiment")` is always available for handing objects to other Bioconductor packages.

Construct objects with [GrowthExperiment\(\)](#), or coerce with `as(x, "GrowthExperiment")` from a `data.frame`, `tibble`, `matrix`, or existing SummarizedExperiment.

Value

A GrowthExperiment object.

See Also

[GrowthExperiment\(\)](#), [validate_growth_experiment\(\)](#)

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)

ge <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
ge

# Standard coercion in both directions.
se <- as(ge, "SummarizedExperiment")
identical(ge, as(se, "GrowthExperiment"))

# Inherited SummarizedExperiment methods apply unchanged.
SummarizedExperiment::assayNames(ge)
dim(ge[, 1:3])
```

GrowthExperiment-coerce

Coerce to a GrowthExperiment

Description

Standard S4 coercion methods for [GrowthExperiment](#). Coercion in the opposite direction, `as(x, "SummarizedExperiment")`, is inherited from the class hierarchy and always available.

Arguments

`from` A `data.frame`, `matrix`, or `SummarizedExperiment` to coerce.

Value

A [GrowthExperiment](#) object.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)

ge <- as(yeast_growth_data, "GrowthExperiment")
ge

se <- as(ge, "SummarizedExperiment")
as(se, "GrowthExperiment")
```

GrowthFit-accessors

Accessors for GrowthFit Objects

Description

Extract individual components of a [GrowthFit](#) object. These accessors are the supported interface; slots should not be accessed directly with `@`.

Usage

```
fit_sample(x, ...)

fit_model(x, ...)

fit_status(x, ...)

fit_converged(x, ...)

fit_data(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
fit_sample(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
fit_model(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
fit_status(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
fit_converged(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
fit_data(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A GrowthFit object.
...	Arguments passed to methods.

Value

- `fit_sample()`: a character scalar naming the fitted sample.
- `fit_model()`: a character scalar naming the fitted model.
- `fit_status()`: a character scalar describing the fit outcome.
- `fit_converged()`: a logical scalar.
- `fit_data()`: a tibble of the observed data used for fitting.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))

fit_sample(fit)
fit_model(fit)
fit_status(fit)
fit_converged(fit)
head(fit_data(fit))
```

GrowthFit-model-methods

Model Components of a GrowthFit Object

Description

Methods for the standard modelling generics `stats::coef()`, `stats::fitted()`, `stats::residuals()`, and `stats::nobs()`.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
coef(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
fitted(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
residuals(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
nobs(object, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	A GrowthFit object.
<code>...</code>	Unused, present for generic compatibility.

Value

- `coef()`: a named numeric vector of fitted coefficients.
- `fitted()`: a numeric vector of fitted optical densities.
- `residuals()`: a numeric vector of observed minus fitted values.
- `nobs()`: an integer count of observations used for fitting.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))

coef(fit)
head(fitted(fit))
head(residuals(fit))
nobs(fit)
```

growth_assay	<i>Growth Assay Matrix</i>
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Description

Access the canonical OD assay from a SummarizedExperiment.

Usage

```
growth_assay(x)
```

Arguments

x A SummarizedExperiment compatible with growkar.

Value

A numeric matrix with time points in rows and samples in columns.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
growth_assay(se)
```

growth_metrics	<i>Compute and Store Growth Metrics</i>
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Description

Compute growth metrics for tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment input. When data is a SummarizedExperiment, the resulting metrics table is stored in `metadata(data)$growth_metrics`, and the updated object is returned.

Usage

```
growth_metrics(
  data,
  method = c("rolling_window", "defined_interval", "rule_based"),
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  select_replicates = NULL,
  comparison_col = NULL,
  compare_to = NULL,
  error = c("se", "sd"),
  pvalue_method = c("t_test", "wilcox"),
  store_metadata = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
method	Estimation method passed to compute_growth_rate().
average_replicates	Logical; if TRUE, average replicate trajectories before computing metrics. When select_replicates is NULL, all available replicates are averaged.
select_replicates	Optional character vector of replicate IDs to retain before summarizing. When NULL, all replicates are retained.
comparison_col	Optional column used to summarize replicate-level doubling times and compute group-wise statistics. Typical values are "condition" or "sample".
compare_to	Optional reference group in comparison_col used for doubling-time p-value comparisons.
error	Statistic used for doubling-time error bars and summary output. One of "se" or "sd".
pvalue_method	Statistical test used when compare_to is supplied. One of "t_test" or "wilcox".
store_metadata	Logical; when TRUE and data is a SummarizedExperiment, store the derived metrics and analysis parameters in metadata().
...	Additional arguments passed to compute_growth_rate().

Value

A tidy tibble for non-SummarizedExperiment input, or an updated SummarizedExperiment when data is a SummarizedExperiment.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
se <- growth_metrics(se, method = "rolling_window", average_replicates = TRUE)
S4Vectors::metadata(se)$growth_metrics
```

growth_model_fits	<i>Stored Growth Model Fits</i>
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Description

Retrieve fitted growth model objects stored in metadata().

Usage

```
growth_model_fits(x)
```

Arguments

x A SummarizedExperiment compatible with growkar.

Value

A tibble of stored model fits, or NULL if no fits have been stored.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
se <- fit_growth_models(se, model = "logistic")
growth_model_fits(se)
```

nlsOrNULL-class

Parametric Growth Model Fit

Description

A formal S4 representation of a parametric growth model fitted to a single sample by `fit_growth_curve()`. growkar uses `SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment` as its only data container; the `GrowthFit` class represents a *model result*, not assay data, and is stored in `metadata()` alongside the experiment it was derived from.

Details

Fits that fail are returned as valid `GrowthFit` objects with `converged = FALSE` and a `status` slot describing the failure, so that plate-wide fitting never aborts on a single problematic sample.

Value

An object of class `GrowthFit`.

Slots

`sample` Character scalar identifying the fitted sample.

`model` Character scalar naming the model, "logistic" or "gompertz".

`fit` The underlying `stats::nls()` object, or NULL when the fit failed.

`coefficients` Named numeric vector of fitted coefficients K, r, and t0.

`fitted` A `data.frame` with columns `time` and `.fitted`.

`residuals` Numeric vector of observed minus fitted values.

`rss` Residual sum of squares.

`aic` Akaike information criterion.

`bic` Bayesian information criterion.

`data` A `data.frame` of the observed data used for fitting.

`converged` Logical scalar indicating whether the fit converged.

`status` Character scalar describing the fit outcome, one of "converged", "insufficient_points", "flat_curve", or "fit_failed".

`message` Character scalar with a diagnostic message, or NA when the fit converged.

`n_points` Integer number of observations used for fitting.

`starting_values` Named numeric vector of starting values.

`bounds` Named numeric vector of lower bounds.

See Also

`fit_growth_curve()`, `extract_params()`, `augment_growth_fit()`

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))
fit
isVirtualClass("GrowthFit")
```

phase_windows

*Compute and Store Exponential-Phase Windows***Description**

Detect exponential-phase windows for tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment input. When data is a SummarizedExperiment, the detected windows are stored in `metadata(data)$exponential_phase_windows`, and the updated object is returned.

Usage

```
phase_windows(
  data,
  window_size = 4L,
  min_od = 0.02,
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  select_replicates = NULL,
  store_metadata = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	Growth data for one sample or multiple samples in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
<code>window_size</code>	Number of observations in each rolling window.
<code>min_od</code>	Minimum OD retained for log-linear fitting.
<code>average_replicates</code>	Logical; if TRUE, average replicate trajectories before detection when replicate metadata are available.
<code>select_replicates</code>	Optional character vector of replicate IDs to retain before detection. When NULL, all replicates are retained.
<code>store_metadata</code>	Logical; when TRUE and data is a SummarizedExperiment, store the detected windows and analysis parameters in <code>metadata()</code> .

Value

A tibble for non-SummarizedExperiment input, or an updated SummarizedExperiment when data is a SummarizedExperiment.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
se <- phase_windows(se, average_replicates = TRUE)
S4Vectors::metadata(se)$exponential_phase_windows
```

plot_doubling_time	<i>Plot Doubling Time Summary</i>
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Description

Plot replicate-based doubling-time summaries as a bar chart with error bars and optional bracketed p-value annotations.

Usage

```
plot_doubling_time(
  data,
  comparison_col = NULL,
  compare_to = NULL,
  exclude_groups = NULL,
  select_replicates = NULL,
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  method = c("rolling_window", "defined_interval", "rule_based"),
  error = c("se", "sd"),
  pvalue_method = c("t_test", "wilcox"),
  palette_name = "all_colors",
  custom_colors = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format. Inputs are standardized internally to the canonical SummarizedExperiment representation before plotting.
comparison_col	Column used to group replicate-level doubling times. Typical values are "condition" or "sample".
compare_to	Optional reference group used for p-value comparisons.
exclude_groups	Optional character vector of groups in comparison_col to remove from the plotted summary.
select_replicates	Optional character vector of replicate IDs to retain before computing doubling times.
average_replicates	Logical; if TRUE, compute doubling time from averaged replicate trajectories and plot one bar per averaged sample.
method	Estimation method passed to summarize_growth_metrics().
error	Statistic used for error bars. One of "se" or "sd".

pvalue_method	Statistical test used when compare_to is supplied. One of "t_test" or "wilcox".
palette_name	Name of the qualitative palette used by select_palette().
custom_colors	Optional character vector of colours. When supplied, these user-defined colours are used instead of the selected palette.
...	Additional arguments passed to summarize_growth_metrics().

Value

A ggplot2 object. Requires the suggested package ggplot2.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
plot_doubling_time(
  yeast_growth_data,
  comparison_col = "condition",
  compare_to = "Cg",
  palette_name = "Dark2"
)
```

plot_fitted_curve	<i>Plot a Fitted Growth Curve</i>
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Description

Overlay observed points and fitted values from a parametric growth model.

Usage

```
plot_fitted_curve(
  fit,
  model = c("logistic", "gompertz"),
  select_replicates = NULL,
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  colour_col = "sample",
  facet_col = NULL,
  palette_name = "all_colors",
  custom_colors = NULL
)
```

Arguments

fit	A GrowthFit object, or growth curve data in tidy or wide format.
model	Model type used when fit is raw data rather than a GrowthFit object.
select_replicates	Optional character vector of replicate IDs to retain before fitting. When NULL, all replicates are retained.
average_replicates	Logical; if TRUE, average replicate trajectories before fitting and plotting.

colour_col	Name of the column mapped to colour when plotting from raw data.
facet_col	Optional name of a column used for faceting when plotting from raw data.
palette_name	Name of the qualitative palette used by <code>select_palette()</code> . Supported values include "all_colors" (combined palette), "Accent" (8), "Dark2" (8), "Paired" (12), "Pastel1" (9), "Pastel2" (8), "Set1" (9), "Set2" (8), and "Set3" (12).
custom_colors	Optional character vector of colours. When supplied, these user-defined colours are used instead of the selected palette.

Value

A ggplot2 object. Requires the suggested package ggplot2.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))
plot_fitted_curve(fit)
```

plot_growth_curve	<i>Plot Growth Curves</i>
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Description

Plot observed growth curves from growth data standardized internally to a canonical SummarizedExperiment.

Usage

```
plot_growth_curve(
  data,
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  colour_col = "sample",
  facet_col = NULL,
  palette_name = "all_colors",
  custom_colors = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
average_replicates	Logical; if TRUE, average replicate trajectories before plotting when a replicate column is available.
colour_col	Name of the column mapped to colour.
facet_col	Optional name of a column used for faceting.
palette_name	Name of the qualitative palette used by <code>select_palette()</code> . Supported values include "all_colors" (combined palette), "Accent" (8), "Dark2" (8), "Paired" (12), "Pastel1" (9), "Pastel2" (8), "Set1" (9), "Set2" (8), and "Set3" (12).
custom_colors	Optional character vector of colours. When supplied, these user-defined colours are used instead of the selected palette.

Value

A ggplot2 object. Requires the suggested package ggplot2.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
plot_growth_curve(
  yeast_growth_data,
  average_replicates = TRUE,
  colour_col = "condition",
  palette_name = "Dark2"
)
```

```
plot_growth_curve_facets
```

Plot Growth Curves as Facets

Description

Plot observed growth curves with replicates averaged and grouped into separate sample-family facets. For condition labels such as KN99(100) and CM2448(50), this produces one facet for KN99, one for CM2448, and so on, with the different conditions shown within each facet. By default, when labels include parenthesized dose values such as (0) or (100), those shared values are used for colour mapping across facets.

Usage

```
plot_growth_curve_facets(
  data,
  colour_col = NULL,
  palette_name = "all_colors",
  custom_colors = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
colour_col	Name of the column mapped to colour. When NULL, the plot uses a derived dose label from condition/sample when available and otherwise falls back to condition or sample.
palette_name	Name of the qualitative palette used by select_palette(). Supported values include "all_colors" (combined palette), "Accent" (8), "Dark2" (8), "Paired" (12), "Pastel1" (9), "Pastel2" (8), "Set1" (9), "Set2" (8), and "Set3" (12).
custom_colors	Optional character vector of colours. When supplied, these user-defined colours are used instead of the selected palette.

Value

A ggplot2 object. Requires the suggested package ggplot2.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
plot_growth_curve_facets(
  yeast_growth_data,
  palette_name = "Dark2"
)
```

sample_data	<i>Sample Metadata</i>
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Description

Access sample-level metadata from a SummarizedExperiment.

Usage

```
sample_data(x)
```

Arguments

x A SummarizedExperiment compatible with growkar.

Value

A tibble containing colData(x).

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
sample_data(se)
```

select_palette	<i>select_palette</i>
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Description

allows to select contrasting colors from 8 different palettes contributing a total of 74 colors

Usage

```
select_palette(num_of_colors, palette_name = "all_colors")
```

Arguments

- num_of_colors numeric, number of colors to be obtained from palette
- palette_name character, name palettes Default: 'all_colors' Supported individual palettes are:
- Accent (8)
 - Dark2 (8)
 - Paired (12)
 - Pastel1 (9)
 - Pastel2 (8)
 - Set1 (9)
 - Set2 (8)
 - Set3 (12)

Details

select_palette is particularly useful as individual palette from many color palettes contain less than 10 colors. The palettes themselves come from `grDevices::palette.colors()`, which ships with R, so no colour package is needed.

Value

a vector of colors from selected palette

Examples

```
## Not run:
if(interactive()){
  # colors combined from all palettes
  select_palette(num_of_colors = 10)

  # colors from Accent palette
  select_palette(num_of_colors = 4, palette_name = "Accent")
}

## End(Not run)
```

show, GrowthFit-method *Display a GrowthFit Object*

Description

Compact one-line summary of a fitted growth model.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
show(object)
```

Arguments

object A [GrowthFit](#) object.

Value

object, invisibly. Called for its side effect of printing.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))
fit
```

```
summarize_growth_metrics
```

Summarize Growth Metrics

Description

Compute growth rate and doubling time per sample.

Usage

```
summarize_growth_metrics(
  data,
  method = c("rolling_window", "defined_interval", "rule_based"),
  average_replicates = FALSE,
  select_replicates = NULL,
  comparison_col = NULL,
  compare_to = NULL,
  error = c("se", "sd"),
  pvalue_method = c("t_test", "wilcox"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	Growth curve data in tidy, wide, or SummarizedExperiment format.
<code>method</code>	Estimation method passed to <code>compute_growth_rate()</code> .
<code>average_replicates</code>	Logical; if TRUE, average replicate trajectories before computing metrics. When <code>select_replicates</code> is NULL, all available replicates are averaged.
<code>select_replicates</code>	Optional character vector of replicate IDs to retain before summarizing. When NULL, all replicates are retained.
<code>comparison_col</code>	Optional column used to summarize replicate-level doubling times and compute group-wise statistics. Typical values are "condition" or "sample".
<code>compare_to</code>	Optional reference group in <code>comparison_col</code> used for doubling-time p-value comparisons.
<code>error</code>	Statistic used for doubling-time error bars and summary output. One of "se" or "sd".
<code>pvalue_method</code>	Statistical test used when <code>compare_to</code> is supplied. One of "t_test" or "wilcox".
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>compute_growth_rate()</code> .

Details

This is the convenience wrapper for obtaining both metrics across multiple samples in one tidy table. Internally, doubling time is derived from the estimated growth rate using `compute_doubling_time()`. Inputs are standardized internally to the canonical `SummarizedExperiment` representation before summary tables are derived.

Value

A tidy tibble with one row per sample by default. When `comparison_col` is supplied, returns one row per comparison group with replicate-level doubling-time summary statistics and optional p-values.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
metrics <- summarize_growth_metrics(
  yeast_growth_data,
  method = "rolling_window",
  average_replicates = TRUE
)
head(metrics)
```

summary, GrowthFit-method

Summarize a GrowthFit Object

Description

Tabular summary of fit status and goodness-of-fit statistics.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GrowthFit'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	A GrowthFit object.
<code>...</code>	Unused, present for generic compatibility.

Value

A one-row tibble with `sample`, `model`, `converged`, `status`, `message`, `n_points`, `rss`, `aic`, and `bic`.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_growth <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
sample_id <- unique(tidy_growth$sample)[1]
fit <- fit_growth_curve(dplyr::filter(tidy_growth, sample == sample_id))
summary(fit)
```

timepoints	<i>Timepoint Metadata</i>
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Description

Access timepoint metadata from a SummarizedExperiment.

Usage

```
timepoints(x)
```

Arguments

x A SummarizedExperiment compatible with growkar.

Value

A tibble containing rowData(x).

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
timepoints(se)
```

validate_growth_data	<i>Validate Canonical Growth Data</i>
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Description

Validate tidy growth data before downstream analysis.

Usage

```
validate_growth_data(  
  data,  
  allow_negative_od = FALSE,  
  require_increasing_time = TRUE,  
  min_points_per_sample = 2L,  
  warn_zero_od = FALSE,  
  require_finite = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

data A data frame containing at least sample, time, and od.
allow_negative_od Logical; if FALSE, negative optical density values are rejected.
require_increasing_time Logical; if TRUE, time must be strictly increasing within each sample.
min_points_per_sample Minimum number of rows required within each sample.
warn_zero_od Logical; if TRUE, emit a warning when zero OD values are present.
require_finite Logical; if TRUE, reject non-finite numeric values in time or od.

Value

The validated tibble after coercion to tibble.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
tidy_data <- as_tidy_growth_data(yeast_growth_data)
validate_growth_data(tidy_data)
```

```
validate_growth_experiment
```

Validate a Growth SummarizedExperiment

Description

Check that a SummarizedExperiment follows the canonical growkar layout.

Usage

```
validate_growth_experiment(x, require_finite = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x A SummarizedExperiment.
require_finite Logical; if TRUE, reject non-finite assay values and time values.

Details

The layout itself (an od assay, a numeric rowData(x)\$time of matching length) is enforced by the [GrowthExperiment](#) validity method, which this function calls rather than re-checking. Only the finiteness requirement, which the class deliberately does not impose, is checked here.

Value

The validated SummarizedExperiment.

Examples

```
data(yeast_growth_data)
se <- GrowthExperiment(yeast_growth_data)
validate_growth_experiment(se)
```

yeast_growth_data	<i>Optical Density (OD600) of growing yeast cells</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the time-interval and OD600 of growing yeast cells recorded upto 24 hours.

Format

A data frame with 49 rows and 6 variables:

Time Time, time-interval at which OD600 was recorded

Cg_R1, Cg_R2, Cg_R3 Optical Density (OD600) of yeast cells, at each time-interval

CgFlu_R1, CgFlu_R2, CgFlu_R3 Optical Density (OD600) of yeast cells treated with fluconazole, at each time-interval

YPD_R1, YPD_R2, YPD_R3 Optical Density (OD600) of medium without cells as control, at each time-interval ...

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