

# Package ‘epifitter’

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**Description** Analysis and visualization of plant disease progress curve data. Functions for fitting two-parameter population dynamics models (exponential, monomolecular, logistic and Gompertz) to proportion data for single or multiple epidemics using either linear or no-linear regression. Statistical and visual outputs are provided to aid in model selection. Synthetic curves can be simulated for any of the models given the parameters. See Laurence V. Maden, Gareth Hughes, and Frank van den Bosch (2007) <[doi:10.1094/9780890545058](https://doi.org/10.1094/9780890545058)> for further information on the methods.

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AUDPC	<i>Area under disease progress curve</i>
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### Description

Calculates the area under disease progress curves.

### Usage

```
AUDPC(time, y, y_proportion = TRUE, type = "absolute")
```

### Arguments

time	A vector object of time.
y	A vector object of disease intensity.
y_proportion	Logical. If disease intensity is proportion (TRUE) or percentage(FALSE).
type	Set if is absolute or relative AUDPC. type = "absolute" is default.

### Author(s)

Kaique dos S. Alves

## References

Madden, L. V., Hughes, G., and van den Bosch, F. 2007. The Study of Plant Disease Epidemics. American Phytopathological Society, St. Paul, MN.

## Examples

```
epi = sim_logistic(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.3, alpha = 0.5, n = 1)
AUDPC(time = epi$time, y = epi$y, y_proportion = TRUE)
```

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AUDPS

*Area under disease progress stairs*

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## Description

Calculates the area under disease progress stairs.

## Usage

```
AUDPS(time, y, y_proportion = TRUE, type = "absolute")
```

## Arguments

time	A vector object of time.
y	A vector object of disease intensity.
y_proportion	Logical. If disease intensity is proportion (TRUE) or percentage(FALSE)
type	Set if is absolute or relative AUDPC. type = "absolute" is default.

## Author(s)

Kaique dos S. Alves

## References

Simko, I., and Piepho, H.-P. 2012. The area under the disease progress stairs: Calculation, advantage, and application. *Phytopathology* 102:381- 389.

## Examples

```
epi = sim_logistic(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.3, alpha = 0.5, n = 1)
AUDPS(time = epi$time, y = epi$y, y_proportion = TRUE)
```

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expo_fun	<i>Function for Exponential model</i>
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**Description**

Base function for the Exponential model. This function is used in the Exponential model simulation function `sim_exponential()`

**Usage**

```
expo_fun(t, y, par)
```

**Arguments**

t	Vector of time
y	Vector of disease intensity
par	List of parameters

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fit_lin	<i>Fits epidemic models using data linearization</i>
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**Description**

Fits epidemic models (Exponential, Monomolecular, Logistic and Gompertz) to data using data linearization

**Usage**

```
fit_lin(time,y)
```

**Arguments**

time	Numeric vector which refers to the time steps in the epidemics
y	Numeric vector which refers to the disease intensity

**Author(s)**

Kaique dos S. Alves

**Examples**

```

set.seed(1)
epi1 <- sim_logistic(N = 30,
                    y0 = 0.01,
                    dt = 5,
                    r = 0.3,
                    alpha = 0.2,
                    n = 4)
data = data.frame(time = epi1[,2], y = epi1[,4])
fit_lin( time = data$time, y = data$y)

```

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fit\_multi

*Estimate model parameters for multiple disease progress curves*


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**Description**

Estimate model parameters for multiple disease progress curves

**Usage**

```

fit_multi(time_col,
          intensity_col,
          data,
          strata_cols ,
          starting_par = list(y0 = 0.01, r = 0.03, K = 0.8),
          maxiter=500,
          nlin = FALSE,
          estimate_K = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

time_col	Character name specifying the column for the time. eg: time_col = "days".
intensity_col	Character name specifying the column for the disease intensity.
data	data.frame object containing the variables for model fitting.
strata_cols	Character name or vector specifying the columns for stratification.
starting_par	Starting value for initial inoculum (y0) and apparent infection rate (r). Please inform in that specific order
maxiter	Maximum number of iterations. Only used if is nlin = TRUE
nlin	Logical. If FALSE estimates parameters using data linearization. If nlin=TRUE, estimates nonlinear approach. <a href="#">fit_nlin</a> .
estimate_K	Logical. If nlin=TRUE, estimates maximum disease intensity. (default: nlin=FALSE) <a href="#">fit_nlin2</a> .

**Value**

Returns a data.frame containing estimated parameters for individual strata levels.

**See Also**

[fit\\_lin](#), [fit\\_nlin](#), [fit\\_nlin2](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
# create stratified dataset
data_A1 = sim_gompertz(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.3, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
data_A1 = dplyr::mutate(data_A1,
                        fun = "A",
                        cultivar = "BR1")

set.seed(1)
data_B1 = sim_gompertz(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.2, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
data_B1 = dplyr::mutate(data_B1,
                        fun = "B",
                        cultivar = "BR1")

set.seed(1)
data_A2 = sim_gompertz(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.1, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
data_A2 = dplyr::mutate(data_A2,
                        fun = "A",
                        cultivar = "BR2")

set.seed(1)
data_B2 = sim_gompertz(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.1, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
data_B2 = dplyr::mutate(data_B2,
                        fun = "B",
                        cultivar = "BR2")

data = dplyr::bind_rows(data_A1, data_B1, data_A2, data_B2)

fit_multi(time_col = "time",
          intensity_col = "random_y",
          data = data,
          strata_col = c("fun", "cultivar"),
          starting_par = list(y0 = 0.01, r = 0.03),
          maxiter = 1024,
          nlin = FALSE,
          estimate_K = FALSE)
```

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fit\_nlin

*Fits epidemic models using nonlinear approach*

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**Description**

Fits epidemic models (Exponential, Monomolecular, Logistic and Gompertz) using nonlinear approach for estimate parameters.

**Usage**

```
fit_nlin(time,
  y,
  starting_par = list(y0 = 0.01, r = 0.03),
  maxiter = 50)
```

**Arguments**

time	Numeric vector which refers to the time steps in the epidemics
y	Numeric vector which refers to the disease intensity
starting_par	Starting value for initial inoculun (y0) and apparent infection rate (r). Please informe in that especific order
maxiter	Maximun number of iterations

**Author(s)**

Kaique dos S. Alves

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
epi1 <- sim_logistic(N = 30,
  y0 = 0.01,
  dt = 5,
  r = 0.3,
  alpha = 0.5,
  n = 4)
data = data.frame(time = epi1[,2], y = epi1[,4])
fit_nlin(time = data$time, y = data$y, starting_par = list(y0 = 0.001, r = 0.03), maxiter = 1024)
```

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fit\_nlin2

*Fits epidemic models using nonlinear aproach. This function also estimates the maximum disease intensity parameter K*

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**Description**

Fits epidemic models (Exponential, Monomolecular, Logistic and Gompertz) using nonlinear approach for estimate parameters. This function also estimates the maximum disease intensity parameter K.

**Usage**

```
fit_nlin2(time,
  y,
  starting_par = list(y0 = 0.01, r = 0.03, K = 0.8),
  maxiter = 50)
```

**Arguments**

time	Numeric vector which refers to the time steps in the epidemics.
y	Numeric vector which refers to the disease intensity.
starting_par	starting value for initial inoculun ( $y_0$ ) and apparent infection rate ( $r$ ), and maximum disease intensity ( $K$ ). Please informe in that especific order
maxiter	Maximun number of iterations.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1)

epi1 <- sim_logistic(N = 30,
                    y0 = 0.01,
                    dt = 5,
                    r = 0.3,
                    alpha = 0.5,
                    n = 4)

data = data.frame(time = epi1[,2], y = epi1[,4])
fit_nlin2(time = data$time,
          y = data$y,
          starting_par = list(y0 = 0.01, r = 0.03, K = 1),
          maxiter = 1024)
```

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gompi\_fun

*Function for Gompertz model*


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**Description**

Base function for the Gompertz model. This function is used in the Gompertz model simulation function `sim_gompertz()`

**Usage**

```
gompi_fun(t, y, par)
```

**Arguments**

t	Vector of time
y	Vector of disease intensity
par	List of parameters



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logi_fun	<i>Function for logistic model</i>
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**Description**

Base function for the Logistic model. This function is used in the Logistic model simulation function `sim_logistic()`

**Usage**

```
logi_fun(t, y, par)
```

**Arguments**

t	Vector of time
y	Vector of disease intensity
par	List of parameters

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mono_fun	<i>Function for Monomolecular model</i>
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**Description**

Base function for the Monomolecular model. This function is used in the Monomolecular model simulation function `sim_monomolecular()`

**Usage**

```
mono_fun(t, y, par)
```

**Arguments**

t	Vector of time
y	Vector of disease intensity
par	List of parameters

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`plot_fit`*Creates a plot panel for the fitted models*

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### Description

Create a ggplot2-style plot with the fitted models curves and the epidemic data.

### Usage

```
plot_fit(object,  
  point_size = 1.2,  
  line_size = 1,  
  models = c("Exponential", "Monomolecular", "Logistic", "Gompertz"))
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	A <code>fit_lin</code> or a <code>fit_nlin</code> object
<code>point_size</code>	Point size
<code>line_size</code>	Line size
<code>models</code>	Select the models to be displayed in the panel

### Details

It is possible to add more ggplot components by using the `+` syntax. See examples below.

### Examples

```
epi1 <- sim_logistic(N = 30,  
  y0 = 0.01,  
  dt = 5,  
  r = 0.3,  
  alpha = 0.5,  
  n = 4)  
data = data.frame(time = epi1[,2], y = epi1[,4])  
fitted = fit_lin( time = data$time, y = data$y)  
plot_fit(fitted)  
  
# adding ggplot components  
library(ggplot2)  
plot_fit(fitted)+  
  theme_minimal()+  
  ylim(0,1)+  
  labs(y = "Disease intensity", x = "Time")
```

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PowderyMildew	<i>Dataset powdery mildew disease progress curves</i>
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**Description**

Dataset containing experimental data of disease progress curves of powdery mildew under different irrigation systems and soil moisture levels in organic tomato.

**Usage**

```
data("PowderyMildew")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 240 observations on the following 2 variables.

irrigation\_type Irrigations Systems: MS = Micro Sprinkler

moisture Levels of soils moisture

block Experimental blocks

time a numeric vector containing the time points

sev a numeric vector containg disease severity data in proportional scales

**References**

Lage, D. A. C., Marouelli, W. A., and Café-Filho, A. C. 2019. Management of powdery mildew and behaviour of late blight under different irrigation configurations in organic tomato. Crop Protection. 125:104886.

**Examples**

```
data(PowderyMildew)
## maybe str(PowderyMildew) ; plot(PowderyMildew) ...
```

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print.fit_lin	<i>Print fit_lin() or fit_nlin() outputs</i>
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**Description**

The print method for density objects.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fit_lin'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	output from fit_lin() or fit_nlin()
...	...

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print.fit_nlin2	<i>Print fit_nlin2() outputs</i>
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**Description**

The print method for density objects.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fit_nlin2'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	output from fit_nlin2()
...	...

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sim_exponential	<i>Simulate an epidemic using the Exponential model</i>
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**Description**

Simulate a stochastic epidemic curve using the Exponential model.

**Usage**

```
sim_exponential(N = 10, dt = 1, y0 = 0.01, r, n, alpha = 0.2)
```

**Arguments**

N	Total time course of the epidemic
dt	Time step
y0	Initial inoculum or initial disease intensity
r	Infection rate
n	Number or replicates or sample size for each time step
alpha	Variation parameter. stands for the variation for the replicates for each time step. The standard deviation is calculated as $sd = \alpha * y * (1 - y)$ , being y the disease intensity for each time step.

**Value**

rep	Replicates
time	Time after epidemic start
y	Disease intensity
random_y	Disease intensity after applying the random alpha error

**Examples**

```
sim_exponential(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.1, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
```

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sim_gompertz	<i>Simulate an epidemic using the Gompertz model</i>
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**Description**

Simulate a stochastic epidemic curve using the Gompertz model.

**Usage**

```
sim_gompertz(N = 10, dt = 1, y0 = 0.01, r, K = 1, n, alpha = 0.2)
```

**Arguments**

N	Total time course of the epidemic
dt	Time step
y0	Initial inoculum or initial disease intensity
r	Infection rate
K	Maximum asymptote
n	Number or replicates or sample size for each time step
alpha	Variation parameter. stands for the variation for the replicates for each time step. The standard deviation is calculated as $sd = \alpha * y * (1 - y)$ , being y the disease intensity for each time step.

**Value**

rep	Replicates
time	Time after epidemic start
y	Disease intensity
random_y	Disease intensity after applying the random alpha error

**Examples**

```
sim_gompertz(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.3, K = 1, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
```

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sim_logistic	<i>Simulate an epidemic using the logistic model</i>
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### Description

Simulate a stochastic epidemic curve using the logistic model.

### Usage

```
sim_logistic(N = 10, dt = 1, y0 = 0.01, r, K = 1, n, alpha = 0.2)
```

### Arguments

N	Total time course of the epidemic
dt	Time step
y0	Initial inoculum or initial disease intensity
r	Infection rate
K	Maximum asymptote
n	Number or replicates or sample size for each time step
alpha	Variation parameter. stands for the variation for the replicates for each time step. The standard deviation is calculated as $sd = \alpha * y * (1 - y)$ , being y the disease intensity for each time step.

### Value

rep	Replicates
time	Time after epidemic start
y	Disease intensity
random_y	Disease intensity after applying the random alpha error

### Examples

```
sim_logistic(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.3, K = 1, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
```

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sim\_monomolecular      *Simulate an epidemic using the Monomolecular model*

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### Description

Simulate a stochastic epidemic curve using the Monomolecular model.

### Usage

```
sim_monomolecular(N = 10, dt = 1, y0 = 0.01, r, K = 1, n, alpha = 0.2)
```

### Arguments

N	Total time course of the epidemic
dt	Time step
y0	Initial inoculum or initial disease intensity
r	Infection rate
K	Maximum asymptote
n	Number or replicates or sample size for each time step
alpha	Variation parameter. stands for the variation for the replicates for each time step. The standard deviation is calculated as $sd = \alpha * y * (1 - y)$ , being y the disease intensity for each time step.

### Value

rep	Replicates
time	Time after epidemic start
y	Disease intensity
random_y	Disease intensity after applying the random alpha error

### Examples

```
sim_monomolecular(N = 30, y0 = 0.01, dt = 5, r = 0.3, K = 1, alpha = 0.5, n = 4)
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