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Description

AllCurves() runs multiple lactation curve models and extracts selection criteria for each model. This package summarises the most common lactation curve models from the last century and provides a tool for researchers to quickly decide on which model fits their data best to proceed with their analysis. Start parameters were optimized based on a dataset with 1.7 million Holstein-Friesian cows. If convergence fails, the start parameters need to be manually adjusted. The models included in the package are taken from:

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- The selection criteria measure the goodness of fit of the model and include:
Residual standard error (RSE),
R-square (R²),
log likelihood,

Akaike information criterion (AIC),
 Akaike information criterion corrected (AICC),
 Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC),
 Durbin Watson coefficient (DW).
 The following model parameters are included:
 Residual sum of squares (RSS),
 Residual standard deviation (RSD),
 F-value (F) based on F-ratio test.

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Description

AllCurves runs multiple lactation curve models and extracts selection criteria (RSE, R2, log likelihood, AIC, AICC, and BIC) for each model.

Usage

```
AllCurves(x, trait, dim)
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Arguments

x	data frame containing longitudinal trait records and time points of record collection
trait	specifies the column containing longitudinal trait records
dim	specifies the column containing time points

Value

Output

modelnames	provides names and order number of models
model	gives model equation, default starting parameters, and other model specifications
critall	gives selection criteria for all models sorted from best to worst according to specified criteria
modeldescrip	gives RSS, RSD, and F-value for each model
critbest	gives all selection criteria for best model
bestmodel	gives model equation for best model for each selection criterion
Error	gives a Warning if model failed to converge
ModelParam	gives a list of three tables containing the converged model parameters
summary*	gives the summary of a particular model. summary1 for example give the summary of the first model by Michaelis and Menten

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Note

lactcurved requires installation of packages polynom, orthopolynom, and splines.

In general, if a lactation curve model is linear, it can be fitted directly in a test-day (TD) model. If lactation curve model is non-linear, parameters need to be estimated first and then fitted in a TD model with other fixed and random effects if required.

In lactcurves, starting parameters (defined in start) have been optimized across the first three lactations of 1.7 million Holstein Friesian dairy cows. If a lactation curve model fails to converge with other data, it is recommended to extract the model code and optimize the start values for the new data.

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Examples

```
## create data set for 3 individuals with milk yield records on 24 days

ID=c(rep("ID123",24),rep("ID456",24),rep("ID789",24))

dim=as.integer(rep(seq(from=5, to=340, by=14),3))

mkg=as.numeric(c(23.4,28.3,30.5,31.3,31.5,31.3,30.9,30.5,30.1,29.6,29.1,28.7,28.2,27.7,27.2,26.7,
26.2,25.7,25.2,24.7,24.2,23.7,23.2,22.8,
21.3,25.7,26.9,27.2,26.9,26.5,26.1,25.6,25.1,24.6,24.1,23.6,23.1,22.6,22.1,21.6,21.1,20.6,20.1,
19.6,19.1,18.6,18.1,17.6,
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22.0,26.5,28.1,28.4,28.2,27.9,27.4,26.9,26.4,25.9,25.4,24.9,24.4,23.9,23.4,22.9,22.4,21.9,21.4,
20.9,20.4,19.9,19.4,18.9))

data=cbind.data.frame(ID,dim,mkg)

## run example

library(polynom)
library(orthopolynom)
library(splines)

output=AllCurves(data,mkg,dim)

output$critall
output$modeldescrip
output$critbest
output$bestmodel
output$Error
output$ModelParam
output$summary17b

## plot curve
# set the number of days to consider
dim=c(1:340)

# look up the model and its estimated parameters
output$summary17b

# use model and parameters to plot curve
plot(19.293701+(31.358471-19.293701)*(1-exp(1)^(-0.059874*dim))-0.035495*dim)
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