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**Description** Routines for estimating tree fiber (tracheid) length distributions in the standing tree based on increment core samples. Two types of data can be used with the package, increment core data measured by means of an optical fiber analyzer (OFA), e.g. such as the Kajaani Fiber Lab, or measured by microscopy. Increment core data analyzed by OFAs consist of the cell lengths of both cut and uncut fibres (tracheids) and fines (such as ray parenchyma cells) without being able to identify which cells are cut or if they are fines or fibres. The microscopy measured data consist of the observed lengths of the uncut fibres in the increment core. A censored version of a mixture of the fine and fiber length distributions is proposed to fit the OFA data, under distributional assumptions (Svensson et al., 2006) <doi:10.1111/j.1467-9469.2006.00501.x>. The package offers two choices for the assumptions of the underlying density functions of the true fiber (fine) lengths of those fibers (fines) that at least partially appear in the increment core, being the generalized gamma and the log normal densities.

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### Description

fiberLD provides functions for estimating tree fiber (tracheid) length distributions in the standing tree based on increment core samples. Two types of data can be used with the package, increment core data measured by means of an optical fiber analyzer (OFA), e.g. such as the Kajaani Fiber Lab, or measured by microscopy. Increment core data analyzed by OFAs consist of the cell lengths of both cut and uncut fibres (tracheids) and fines (such as ray parenchyma cells) without being able to identify which cells are cut or if they are fines or fibres. The microscopy measured data consist of the observed lengths of the uncut fibres in the increment core. A censored version of a mixture of the fine and fiber length distributions is proposed to fit the OFA data, under distributional assumptions. The package offers two choices for the assumptions of the underlying density functions of the true fiber (fine) lengths of those fibers (fines) that at least partially appear in the increment core, being the generalized gamma and the log normal densities.

Maximum likelihood estimation is used for estimating the model parameters for both the OFA analyzed data and the microscopy measured data. In addition a stochastic version of the expectation-maximization method is provided to fit the log normal model to the increment core data analyzed by OFAs. Details about methods and data can be found in references.

### Details

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cell.length

*Example of increment core data*

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**Description**

Simulated data of cell lengths of both cut and uncut fines and fibres from an increment core (as measured by means of an optical fiber analyzer). The data were simulated from a censored version of a mixture of the fine and fiber length distributions under the assumption that the true lengths of those cells (fines and fibers) that at least partially appear in the increment core follow generalized gamma distributions. Useful for illustrating the use of `flcd()`.

**Usage**

```
data(cell.length)
```

**Format**

`cell.length` is a vector of 3000 cell lengths simulated from the density

```
dx.mixture(x, par, r=6, model="ggamma")
```

 with parameters

```
par=c(.32,0.001, 0.276, 5.02, 2.31, 3.41, 1.69).
```

**References**

Svensson, I., Sjöstedt de Luna, S., Bondesson, L. (2006). Estimation of wood fibre length distributions from censored data through an EM algorithm. *Scandinavian Journal of Statistics*, **33**(3), 503–522.

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`dx.fibers`*Density functions of the fiber lengths*

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**Description**

Functions to get values of the density functions of the fiber length on three different scales: as observed in the increment core corresponding to cut and uncut fiber lengths in the core (`dx.fibers`), as true fiber lengths of the fibres that at least partially appear in the increment core (`dy.fibers`) and as the true fiber lengths in the standing tree (`dw.fibers`).

**Usage**

```
dx.fibers(x, par, r, model="ggamma")
dy.fibers(x, par, model="ggamma")
dw.fibers(x, par, r, model="ggamma")
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	vector of fiber lengths
<code>par</code>	vector of parameters for fiber length distribution
<code>r</code>	radius of the increment core
<code>model</code>	either <code>ggamma</code> (default) or <code>lognorm</code>

**Value**

returns a vector of density values

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**See Also**

[dx.mixture](#), [dy.mixture](#), [dw.mixture](#)

**Examples**

```
library(fiberLD)
r <- 2.5
par <- c(1.8,2.7,2.6)
x <- seq(.01, 2*r-.01,length=100)
f1 <- dy.fibers(x, par)
plot(x,f1,type="l")

f2 <- dx.fibers(x, par, r)
f3 <- dw.fibers(x, par, r)

## the same functions can be used for plotting fine densities...
```

```

par.fines <- c(-2, .5)
x <- seq(0, 2,length=100)
f1.fines <- dy.fibers(x, par.fines, model="lognorm")
plot(x,f1.fines,type="l")

## getting the distribution in the tree that goes beyond the length
## of the diameter, 2r ...
w <- seq(0,8,length=200)
f5 <- dw.fibers(w,par,r) ## fiber density in the tree
par.fines <- c(.06,1.5,3.3)
f2.fines <- dw.fibers(w, par.fines,r)
par(mfrow=c(1,2))
plot(w,f5,type="l", main="fiber density")
plot(w,f2.fines,type="l", main="fine density")

```

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dx.fibers.micro

*Density functions of the fiber length based on microscopy data*


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### Description

Functions to get values of the density functions of the fiber length on three different scales based on microscopy data, being the uncut fibres in the core: the uncut fibres in the increment core (dx.fibers.micro), as true fiber lengths of those fibres that at least partially appears in the increment core (dy.fibers.micro) and as the true fiber lengths in the standing tree (dw.fibers.micro).

### Usage

```

dx.fibers.micro(x, par, r, model="ggamma")
dy.fibers.micro(x, par, model="ggamma")
dw.fibers.micro(x, par, r, model="ggamma")

```

### Arguments

x	vector of fiber length
par	vector of parameters for fiber length distribution
r	radius of the increment core
model	either ggamma (default) or lognorm

### Value

returns a vector of density values

### Author(s)

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**See Also**

[dx.fibers](#), [dy.mixture](#)

**Examples**

```
library(fiberLD)
r <- 2.5
par <- c(1.8,2.7,2.6)
x <- seq(.01, 2*r-.01,length=100)
f1 <- dy.fibers.micro(x, par)
plot(x,f1,type="l")

f2 <- dx.fibers.micro(x, par, r)

## getting the density in the tree that goes beyond the length
## of the diameter, 2r,...
w <- seq(0,8,length=200)
f3 <- dw.fibers.micro(w, par, r)
plot(w,f3,type="l")
```

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dx.mixture

*Mixture density functions of the cell lengths in the increment core*


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**Description**

Functions to get values of the mixture density functions of the cell lengths on three different scales: as observed in the increment core, i.e. cut or uncut fibers or fines (`dx.mixture`), as true cell lengths (fibers or fines) that at least partially appears in the increment core (`dy.mixture`) and as the true cell lengths (fines or fibres) in the standing tree (`dw.mixture`).

**Usage**

```
dx.mixture(x, par, r, model="ggamma")
dy.mixture(x, par, model="ggamma")
dw.mixture(x, par, r, model="ggamma")
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of cell length values
par	vector of mixture model parameters
r	radius of the increment core
model	either ggamma (default) or lognorm

**Value**

returns a vector of density values

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[dx.fibers](#), [dy.fibers](#), [dw.fibers](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
library(fiberLD)
data(cell.length)
r <- 6
d <- fled(data=cell.length,model="lognorm",r=r)
x <- seq(0, 8,length=100)
f1 <- dx.mixture(x=x, par=d$par,r=r, model="lognorm")
plot(x,f1,type="l")

w <- seq(0, 2*r+2,length=150)
f2 <- dy.mixture(w, d$par, model="lognorm")
f3 <- dw.mixture(w, d$par, 6, model="lognorm")
plot(w,f3,type="l")

## End(Not run)
```

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fled

*Fiber length determination*

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**Description**

This function estimates fiber (tracheid) and fine (e.g. ray parenchyma cells and other small particles) lengths distribution in standing trees based on increment cores (cylindric wood samples). The data from the increment cores contain uncut fiber, fibers cut once or twice (cut by the borer) as well as non-fiber cells so-called 'fines'. A censored version of a mixture of the fine and fiber length distributions is therefore proposed to fit the data. The function offers two choices for the underlying density functions of the true unobserved uncut lengths of the fines and fibers in the increment core such as generalized gamma and log normal densities. The parameters of the mixture models are estimated by log likelihood maximization. The routine calls an `optim()` or `nlm()` functions for optimization procedure with the possibility to use a supplied gradient function. Some parameters of the generalized gamma mixture model can be fixed (rather than estimated) at the given values.

**Usage**

```
fled(data=stop("No data supplied"), data.type="ofa", r=2.5,
      model="ggamma", method="ML", parStart=NULL, fixed=NULL,
      optimizer=c("optim", "L-BFGS-B", "grad"), lower=-Inf, upper=Inf, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A numeric vector of cell lengths from increment cores.
<code>data.type</code>	type of data supplied: "ofa" (default) measured by an optical fiber analyser, or measured by "microscopy" (only the lengths of uncut fibers in the core).
<code>r</code>	radius of the increment core (default 2.5).
<code>model</code>	if <code>model="ggamma"</code> then the distributions of the true lengths of the fibers (fines) that at least partially appear in the increment core are assumed to follow generalized gamma distributions; if <code>model="lognorm"</code> then log normal distributions are assumed on those fiber (fine) lengths.
<code>method</code>	Currently only maximum likelihood method 'ML' is available.
<code>parStart</code>	numerical vector of starting values of parameters (or fixed values for <code>ggamma</code> model when <code>!is.null(fixed)</code> ). The parameter values of the generalized gamma model should be given in the following order, $(\epsilon, b_{fines}, d_{fines}, k_{fines}, b_{fibers}, d_{fibers}, k_{fibers})$ . The parameter values of the log normal model are in the order $(\epsilon, \mu_{fines}, \sigma_{fines}, \mu_{fibers}, \sigma_{fibers})$ (see Details below).
<code>fixed</code>	TRUE/FALSE vector of seven components used to tell which parameters of <code>ggamma</code> model to fix. These are fixed at the values given in the argument <code>parStart</code> . The positive values in <code>parStart</code> for non-fixed parameters are starting values for the optimiser, the negative or zero values indicate that no starting values are assumed. Note, fixing parameter values currently works only with 'optim'.
<code>optimizer</code>	numerical optimization method used to minimize 'minus' the loglikelihood function of the observed data: 'optim', 'nlm' or 'nlm.fd' (nlm is based on finite-difference approximation of the derivatives). If <code>optimizer=="optim"</code> then the second argument specifies the numerical method to be used in 'optim' ("Nelder-Mead", "BFGS", "CG", "L-BFGS-B", "SANN"). The third element of <code>optimizer</code> indicates whether the finite difference approximation should be used ('fd') or analytical gradient ('grad') for the 'BFGS', 'CG' and 'L-BFGS-B' methods. The default is <code>optimizer=c("optim", "L-BFGS-B", "grad")</code> .
<code>lower, upper</code>	Bounds on the parameters for the "L-BFGS-B" method. The order of the bounds values has to be the same as the order of the <code>parStart</code> . Note that these bounds are on the original rather than transformed scale of the parameters used for optimization.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to be passed to <code>optim</code> .

**Details**

The probability density function of the three-parameter generalized gamma distribution proposed by Stacy (1962) can be written as

$$f(y; b, d, k) = db^{-dk} y^{dk-1} \exp[-(y/b)^d] / \Gamma(k),$$

where  $b > 0$ ,  $d > 0$ ,  $k > 0$ , and  $y > 0$ .



The probability density function of the log normal distribution can be written as

$$f(y; \mu, \sigma) = \exp[-(\log(y) - \mu)^2 / (2\sigma^2)] / (y\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}),$$

where  $\sigma > 0$  and  $y > 0$ .

### Value

cov.par	approximate covariance matrix of the estimated parameters.
cov.logpar	approximate covariance matrix of the transformed estimated parameters.
loglik	the log likelihood value corresponding to the estimated parameters.
model	model used
mu.fibers	estimated mean value of the fiber lengths in the standing tree.
mu.fines	estimated mean value of the fine lengths in the standing tree.
mu.cell	estimated mean value of the cell lengths in the standing tree.
prop.fines	estimated proportion of fines in the standing tree.
par	the estimated parameters on the original scale.
logpar	the estimated values of the transformed parameters.
termcode	an integer indicating why the optimization process terminated (see <a href="#">optim</a> ).
conv	indicates why the optimization algorithm terminated.
iterations	number of iterations of the optimization method taken to get convergence.
fixed	TRUE/FALSE vector denoting if a parameter of ggamma model is fixed or not.
n	number of observations

### Warning

Fixing the parameters with the generalized gamma model may lead to unstable results of the `optim` method.

### Note

The idea and some of the code for fixing parameters with `optim()` is due to Barry Rowlingson, October 2011.

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### Examples

```
library(fiberLD)
## using microscopy data (uncut fiber lengths in the increment core)
data(microscopy)
dat <- microscopy[1:200]
m1 <- fled(data=dat,data.type="microscopy",model="ggamma",r=2.5)
summary(m1)
plot(m1)

## and with log normal model...
m2 <- fled(data=dat,data.type="microscopy",model="lognorm",r=2.5)
summary(m2)
plot(m2)

## Not run:
## using data measured by an optical fiber analyser
data(cell.length)
d1 <- fled(data=cell.length,model="lognorm",r=6)
summary(d1)
plot(d1)
x11()
plot(d1,density.scale="uncut.core")

## change the model to generalized gamma
## and set lower and upper bounds on the parameters for
## the "L-BFGS-B" method ...
d2 <- fled(data=cell.length,model="ggamma",r=6,lower=c(.12,1e-3,.05,rep(.3,4)),
           upper=c(.5,2,rep(7,5)))
d2
summary(d2)
plot(d2,select=1)

## End(Not run)
```

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microscopy

*Data of uncut fiber lengths in the increment core*

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### Description

Simulated data of lengths of uncut fibers in the increment core (as measured by microscopy), under the assumption that the true lengths of those fibers that at least partially appear in the increment core follow a generalized gamma distribution with parameters  $\text{par}=\text{c}(2.4, 3.3, 1.5)$ . Useful for illustrating the use of `fled()`.

**Usage**

```
data(microscopy)
```

**Format**

microscopy is a vector of 300 fiber lengths simulated from the density  
 dx.fibers.micro(x, par, r=2.5, model="ggamma") with parameters par=c(2.4, 3.3, 1.5)

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 plot.fled

*FLED plotting*


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**Description**

The function takes a fled object produced by fled() and creates several density plots. When the data consists of cell lengths from the increment core measured by an optical fiber analyzer ("ofa"), the function creates a histogram of the given data values together with the estimated density of the mixture model and two separate plots of the estimated fiber and fine lengths densities in the standing tree. With a microscopy sample (consisting of the lengths of uncut fibers in the increment core) the function creates two plots, a histogram of the given data with the estimated density of lengths of the uncut fibers in the increment core and the estimated fiber length density in the standing tree.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fled'
plot(x,select=NULL, density.scale="tree", rvec=NULL, xlab=NULL,
      ylab=NULL, main=NULL, col=4, lwd=2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a fled object as produced by fled().
select	allows one plot to be selected for printing. e.g., if you just want the plot for the fiber length density set select=2. When 'NULL' (default) all three plots are plotted.
density.scale	one of three options which define the scale on which the fiber/fine length densities should be plotted: "tree" (default) plots the estimated densities of the fiber/fine lengths in the tree, "uncut.core" plots densities of cell lengths of those cells that at least partially appear in the increment core, "core" plots densities of the observed (cut or uncut) cell lengths in the increment core
rvec	values of cell lengths used to get estimates of densities.
xlab	If supplied then this will be used as the x label for all plots.
ylab	If supplied then this will be used as the y label for all plots.
main	Used as title for plots if supplied.
col	defines the color used for density plotting.
lwd	defines the line width.
...	other graphics parameters to pass on to plotting commands.

**Value**

The function generates plots.

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**See Also**

[fled](#)

**Examples**

```
## see ?fled help files
```

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print.fled	<i>Print a fiber length determination object.</i>
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**Description**

The default print method for a fled object.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

x, ... fitted model objects of class fled as produced by fled().

**Details**

Prints the model, type of data, estimated model parameters, optimized value of the minus log likelihood and number of observations supplied.

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summary.fled	<i>Summary for a fled fit</i>
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**Description**

Takes a fled object produced by fled() and produces various useful summaries from it.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fled'
summary(object,...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.fled'
print(x,digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3),...)
```

**Arguments**

object	a fitted fled object as produced by fled().
x	a summary.fled object produced by summary.fled().
digits	controls the number of digits printed in the output.
...	other arguments.

**Value**

summary.fled produces the following list of summary information for a fled object.

fixed	is a logical vector for any model parameters that are fixed
n	number of observations
loglik	minimized minus log likelihood for the model
model	the model used
method	'ML' method used
data.type	type of data used
conv	indicates why the optimization algorithm terminated
p.table	table of model parameters
ss.table	table of summary statistics for cell lengths in the increment core
w.fine	table of summary statistics for fine lengths in the standing tree
w.fiber	table of summary statistics for fiber lengths in the standing tree
mean.w	expected value of the cell lengths in the standing tree
eps.tree	proportion of fines in the standing tree
se.eps.tree	standard error of eps.tree

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**See Also**

[fled](#)

**Examples**

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## see ?fled help files
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