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example_sigmoid	<i>Example sigmoid plot</i>
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Description

Plot an example sigmoid function. For demonstration and documentation.

Usage

```
example_sigmoid()
```

Value

An object of class `ggplot`

Examples

```
example_sigmoid()
```

extract_pars	<i>Extract parameters from fitted model</i>
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Description

Extract maximum likelihood parameter estimates from a call to `switchde`.

Usage

```
extract_pars(sde, gene)
```

Arguments

sde	The <code>data.frame</code> returned by <code>switchde</code>
gene	The gene for which to extract parameters

Value

A vector of length 3 corresponding to the parameters μ_0 , k and t_0

Examples

```
data(synth_gex)
data(ex_pseudotime)
sde <- switchde(synth_gex, ex_pseudotime)
pars <- extract_pars(sde, "Gene1")
```

ex_pseudotime

*Synthetic gene pseudotimes***Description**

A vector with example pseudotimes for the synthetic gene expression data in example_gex

Usage

```
ex_pseudotime
```

Format

An object of class array of length 100.

Value

A vector of length 100

fit_nzi_model

*Fit a (non-zero-inflated) model for a single gene***Description**

Fits a sigmoidal expression model for a single gene vector, returning MLE model parameters and p-value.

Usage

```
fit_nzi_model(y, pst)
```

Arguments

y	Vector of gene expression values
pst	Pseudotime vector, of same length as y

Value

A vector with 5 entries: maximum likelihood estimates for μ_0 , k t_0 , σ^2 and a p-value

Examples

```
data(synth_gex)
data(ex_pseudotime)
y <- synth_gex[1, ]
fit <- fit_nzi_model(y, ex_pseudotime)
```

fit_zi_model

Fit a zero-inflated model for a single gene

Description

Fits a zero-inflated sigmoidal model for a single gene vector, returning MLE model parameters and p-value.

Usage

```
fit_zi_model(y, pst, maxiter = 10000, log_lik_tol = 0.001,
             verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

y	Vector of gene expression values
pst	Pseudotime vector, of same length as y
maxiter	Maximum number of iterations for EM algorithm if zero inflation enabled. Default 100
log_lik_tol	If the change in the log-likelihood falls below this for zero inflated EM the algorithm is assumed to have converged
verbose	Print convergence update for EM algorithm

Value

A vector with 6 entries: maximum likelihood estimates for μ_0 , k t_0 , λ , σ^2 and a p-value

Examples

```
data(synth_gex)
data(ex_pseudotime)
y <- synth_gex[1, ]
fit <- fit_zi_model(y, ex_pseudotime)
```

switchde*Switch-like model fitting and differential expression test*

Description

Fit sigmoidal differential expression models to gene expression across pseudotime. Parameter estimates are returned along with a p-value for switch-like differential expression over a null model (constant expression).

Usage

```
switchde(object, pseudotime = NULL, zero_inflated = FALSE,
         lower_threshold = 0.01, maxiter = 1000, log_lik_tol = 0.01,
         verbose = FALSE, sce_assay = "exprs")
```

Arguments

object	Gene expression data that is either
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vector of length number of cells for a single gene • A matrix of dimension number of genes x number of cells • An object of class <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> from package <code>SingleCellExperiment</code>
pseudotime	A pseudotime vector with a pseudotime corresponding to every cell. Can be <code>NULL</code> if <code>object</code> is of class <code>SCESet</code> and <code>colData(sce)\$pseudotime</code> is defined.
zero_inflated	Logical. Should zero inflation be implemented? Default <code>FALSE</code>
lower_threshold	The minimum threshold below which to set expression to zero to avoid numerical issues. Default is <code>0.01</code>
maxiter	Maximum number of iterations for EM algorithm if zero inflation enabled. Default <code>100</code>
log_lik_tol	If the change in the log-likelihood falls below this for zero inflated EM the algorithm is assumed to have converged
verbose	Print convergence update for EM algorithm
sce_assay	The assay from the <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> to be used as expression, defaulting to <code>"exprs"</code>

Value

A matrix where each column corresponds to a gene, the first row is the p-value for that gene and subsequent rows are model parameters.

Examples

```
data(synth_gex)
data(ex_pseudotime)
sde <- switchde(synth_gex, ex_pseudotime)
```

switchplot*Plot gene behaviour***Description**

Plot gene behaviour and MLE sigmoid as a function of pseudotime.

Usage

```
switchplot(x, pseudotime, pars)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	Gene expression vector
<code>pseudotime</code>	Pseudotime vector (of same length as <code>x</code>)
<code>pars</code>	Fitted model parameters

Details

This plots expression of a single gene. Fitted model parameters can either be specified manually or can be extracted from the `data.frame` returned by `switchde` using the function `extract_pars`.

Value

A `ggplot2` plot of gene expression and MLE sigmoid

Examples

```
data(synth_gex)
data(ex_pseudotime)
sde <- switchde(synth_gex, ex_pseudotime)
switchplot(synth_gex[1, ], ex_pseudotime, extract_pars(sde, "Gene1"))
```

synth_gex*Synthetic gene expression matrix***Description**

A matrix containing some synthetic gene expression data for 100 cells and 12 genes

Usage

```
synth_gex
```

Format

An object of class `matrix` with 12 rows and 100 columns.

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Value

A 12 by 100 matrix

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