

# Package ‘Dark’

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**Description** The recovery of visual sensitivity in a dark environment is known as dark adaptation. In a clinical or research setting the recovery is typically measured after a dazzling flash of light and can be described by the Mahroo, Lamb and Pugh (MLP) model of dark adaptation. The functions in this package take dark adaptation data and use nonlinear regression to find the parameters of the model that 'best' describe the data. They do this by firstly, generating rapid initial objective estimates of data adaptation parameters, then a multi-start algorithm is used to reduce the possibility of a local minimum. There is also a bootstrap method to calculate parameter confidence intervals. The functions rely upon a 'dark' list or object. This object is created as the first step in the workflow and parts of the object are updated as it is processed.

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Dark-package

*Dark: A package to analyse dark adaptation data*

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## Description

A series of scripts to find the parameters of dark adaptation.

## Details

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Dark adaptation is the recovery of visual sensitivity in a dark environment and can be described by a physiological model. This package contains a series of functions to analyse data collected during dark adaptation.

The functions use the Mahroo Lamb and Pugh (MLP) model of dark adaptation. The functions in this package take dark adaptation data and find the parameters of the model that 'best fit' the data.

The functions generate rapid initial objective estimates of data adaptation parameters, a multi-start algorithm to reduce possibility of a local minimum. There is a bootstrap method to calculate parameter confidence intervals. There are also ancillary functions to facilitate the analysis.

The functions rely upon a \*dark\* list or object. This object is created by the first function and parts are added to the object as it is processed.

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O. Mahroo and T. Lamb. Recovery of the human photopic electroretinogram after bleaching exposures: estimation of pigment regeneration kinetics. *The Journal of Physiology*, 554(2):417, 2004.

T. Lamb and E. Pugh. Dark adaptation and the retinoid cycle of vision. *Progress in Retinal and Eye Research*, 23(3):307-380, 2004.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
Time<- seq(0,20)
tmp<- TestData(Time)
P<-Start(tmp,1000)
MSC<-ModelSelect(tmp, P)
tmp2<-BestFit(tmp, MSC)
tmp3<-MultiStart(tmp2,10)
BootDark(tmp3,50)
```

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AICc

*Akaike information criterion*


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**Description**

The Akaike information criterion corrected for small sample size is a measure of the relative quality of a model. The AICc is calculated from a 'dark' object.

**Usage**

```
AICc(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A dark object This object must have at least the following elements:
obj\$time	to calculate the number of observations
obj\$Pn	the number of parameters in the model
obj\$val	the sum of squared residual error

**Value**

The value returned is an indication of the information lost by fitting a particular model to the data, and is only of merit when compared to the value from another model.

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**References**

- See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akaike\\_information\\_criterion](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Akaike_information_criterion).
- K. Burnham and D. Anderson. Model selection and multi-model inference: a practical information-theoretic approach. Springer, 2002.
- Sakamoto, Y., Ishiguro, M., and Kitagawa G. (1986). Akaike Information Criterion Statistics. D. Reidel Publishing Company.

**See Also**

[AIC](#)

**Examples**

AICc(dark)

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BestFit

*BestFit*

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**Description**

This script takes a dark object, a list of parameters and AICc scores from `ModelSelect` to chose a model and then return optimised values for the parameter estimates. Analysis of the data can be halted here if wished.

However, a `MultiStart` check can be useful if it is suspected that a local minimum has been found. Furthermore, `BootDark` will provide confidence intervals for the parameter estimates.

**Usage**

```
BestFit(obj, MSC, draw)
```

**Arguments**

<code>obj</code>	A dark object
<code>MSC</code>	A list from the function <code>ModelSelect</code>
<code>draw</code>	A flag to indicate whether a figure should be drawn.

**Value**

A list with the following elements:

call	the last function call on the data
time	time of observations
thrs	thresholds
resid	residuals of best model fit
fit	fitted thresholds for the optimal model and parameters
thet	seed parameters of TestData, null if not TestData
sse	sum of squared error used in TestData
val	calculated sum of squared errors
data	source of the data
opt	optimal parameter estimates
Mod	optimal model
Pn	number of parameters required by the model to fit the data
AIC	AICc scores for the three models fitted
R2	an indication of the 'goodness' of fit

**Note**

This function makes extensive use of `optim`.

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**See Also**

[optim](#)

**Examples**

```
tmp <- TestData(0:20)
P<-Start(tmp,100)
MSC<-ModelSelect(tmp, P)
BestFit(tmp, MSC)
```

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 BootDark

*BootDark*


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### Description

A script using bootstrap techniques to calculate confidence intervals for parameter estimates from a 'dark' object.

### Usage

```
BootDark(obj, R, graph, progress = F)
```

### Arguments

obj	A 'dark' object.
R	The number of repeats for the bootstrap calculations.
graph	A flag to indicate whether a figure should be drawn.
progress	A flag to indicate whether a progress bar should be drawn to the console. This might be preferred if using a large number of repeats.

### Details

The script calculates bootstrap estimates of confidence intervals by sampling the residuals without replacement. The seven parameter model 'P7c' is always used. If 'P3' or 'P5c' have been found elsewhere to be a better fit then this will be confirmed by bootstrapping the 'P7c' model.

### Value

Returns a list 'out'

out\$time	times of observations
out\$thrs	thresholds
out\$opt	optimised parameter estimates
out\$Mod	the name of the optimal model
out\$Pn	number of parameters needed to describe the data
out\$AIC	the AICc scores for the three models
out\$fit	fitted values for the optimal parameter estimates
out\$resd	residuals of the best fits
out\$R2	the coefficient of determination
out\$Bootstrap	bootstrap parameter estimates, 2.5%, 50% and 97.5%
out\$weight	the reciprocal of the CI
out\$valid	an indication whether the parameter estimate is valid
out\$data	the source of the data
out\$call	updates the call label on the object

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**References**

B. Efron. Bootstrap methods: another look at the jackknife. *The Annals of Statistics*, 7(1):1-26, 1979.

B. Efron. Nonparametric estimates of standard error: The jackknife, the bootstrap and other methods. *Biometrika*, 68(3):589, 1981.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
Time<- seq(0,20)
tmp<- TestData(Time)
P<-Start(tmp,1000)
MSC<-ModelSelect(tmp, P)
tmp2<-BestFit(tmp, MSC)
tmp3<-MultiStart(tmp2,10)
BootDark(tmp3,50)
```

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dark

*Dark adaptation data.*

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**Description**

This data was extracted from Figure 1 in Rushton's paradox: rod dark adaptation after flash photolysis, E.N.Pugh Jr. *The Journal of Physiology*, 1975.

**Usage**

```
data("dark")
```

**Format**

dark is a list of 15 items, that are used or created by the functions in this package.

**Details**

The items are:

\$time: the time of observations

- \$thrs: the thresholds
- \$fit: thresholds predicted by the model
- \$resid: residuals between the fitted model and observed data
- \$R2: the coefficient of determination

- `$Bootstrap`: a table of quantiles (2.5%, 50% and 97.5%) for the parameter estimates from bootstrap methods
- `$weight`: the parameter estimate divided by the 95% quantile range
- `$valid`: an integer array indicating whether the quantile range encloses zero.
- `$opt`: parameter estimates of the optimal model
- `$Mod`: a string describing the optimal model
- `$Pn`: the number of parameters in the optimal model
- `$AIC`: an array with the AICc scores for the three models
- `$val`: sum of residuals squared
- `$call`: the last function call that produced the object
- `$data`: the source of the data

## References

E. Pugh. Rushton's paradox: rod dark adaptation after flash photolysis. *The Journal of Physiology*, 248(2):413, 1975.

<https://physoc.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1113/jphysiol.1975.sp010982>

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## Examples

```
data(dark)
## load(dark)
```

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Declutter

*Declutter*

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## Description

A function to remove multiple button presses, i.e. data that has multiple values for the same threshold.

## Usage

```
Declutter(tmp, delta)
```

## Arguments

<code>tmp</code>	a 'dark' object with at least two elements; <code>tmp\$time</code> and <code>tmp\$thrs</code> .
<code>delta</code>	The minimum time in seconds between responses. Thresholds set within two seconds of each other are discarded apart from the first threshold.

## Details

In early data collected with analogue equipment it was possible for a subject to return multiple button presses when setting just one threshold. This data is characterised by clusters of points within a very short time. This function removes the extra presses. It is rarely needed for data collected from digital equipment.

## Value

Returns an object with the same elements as 'tmp' but with object\$time and object\$thrs altered.

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## Examples

```
set.seed(123)
Time <-c(0, 0.02, 1, 2, 3, 3.02, 5, 6, 6.02, 7, 9, 9.02, 11,
12, 12.02, 13, 15, 15.02, 16, 18, 18.02, 20)
# with duplicated times
set.seed(1234)
tmp <- TestData(Time, sse=0.05)
## Not run: plot(tmp$time, tmp$thrs, ylim=c(-4,0))
tmp <- Declutter(tmp)
## Not run: points(tmp$time, tmp$thrs, col='red', pch=16)
```

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GetData

*GetData*

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## Description

A template function that gets the data from a file and converts it to a *dark* object for use by other scripts. The script can be modified to format the data. A *dark* object has time data in minutes and thresholds in log units. If the data have been collected in other units then the script should convert them.

The script defaults to returning data generated by TestData.

## Usage

```
GetData(path, .....)
```

## Arguments

path	This is the location of the data and will usually be a file path string.
.....	This can be any other values that might be needed to identify the data, e.g. subject number or study reference.

**Details**

This script can be altered in any way desired and then saved with a different name. I suggest the format 'GetData...R', where the ellipsis describes the data in some way.

**Value**

A *dark* object with at least two elements

time            the time elapsed after measurements begin in minutes

thrs            the thresholds recorded in log units

other possible values include

data            the name of the data source

init            initial estimates of the optimal model parameters

opt            optimal estimates of the optimal model parameters

resid           the residuals of the data for an optimal model

...            others to be added

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**See Also**

[TestData](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
tmp <- GetData()
```

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H

*This is a simple switch function.*

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**Description**

This function is used to transition from 'off' to 'on'.

**Usage**

```
H(x, k = 100, t)
```

**Arguments**

x	is the measured time.
k	is the transition constant, set arbitrarily high.
t	is the time at which the transition occurs.

**Details**

This helper function used in P5c and P7c enables the `optim` function to find parameters three times as quickly than if the transitions between the phases are modelled by a logical function e.g. a step function.

**Value**

For times before 't' the output is less than or equal to 0.5, after this time the the output is greater than 0.5. As 'k' grows larger the rate of transition from 0 to 1 increases.

**Note**

H is a logistic function that maps inputs to a values between zero and one

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**References**

The logistic function: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logistic\\_function](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logistic_function)

The step function: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heaviside\\_step\\_function](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heaviside_step_function)

**See Also**

[P5c, P7c](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- seq(0, 20, by=0.1)
k <- 10
t <- 10
op <- par(las=1, bty='n')
## Not run: plot(x,H(x,k,t), 'l')
par(op)
```

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`ModelSelect`*ModelSelect*

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### Description

Returns a list with two elements; an array of AICc scores indexed by the number of parameters in the model considered and a matrix of parameters with three rows, one for each model.

### Usage

```
ModelSelect(obj, P)
```

### Arguments

<code>obj</code>	A 'dark' object.
<code>P</code>	Is a matrix with seven columns and at least one row. The values of each element can be zero.

### Details

This is a *brute-force* method to make a first estimate of the optimal model parameters.

The matrix 'P' holds rows of possible parameter values. Each row is passed to the 3, 5, and 7 parameter models and the sum of residuals squared is calculated for the given times (`obj$time`) and thresholds (`obj$thrs`). So for each row in 'P' there is a score for each model. Then for each model the row which yields the lowest SSE is chosen as a starting point for optimisation. The optimised parameters are stored in 'param' and once the three parameter arrays have been found their AICc scores are found and returned as AIC.

### Value

Returns a list

<code>AIC</code>	An array of seven values with AIC scores at the index of model parameter count.
<code>param</code>	A three row by seven column matrix. Each row containing the optimised parameters for each model.

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### References

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brute-force\\_search](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brute-force_search)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
tmp<- TestData(0:20)
P<-Start(tmp)
ModelSelect(tmp,P)
```

MultiStart

*MultiStart***Description**

Given a *dark* object, `obj`, this function repeatedly optimises the parameters in the vicinity of the seed array. The width of the search is dependent upon the value of `spread`.

**Usage**

```
MultiStart(obj, repeats, draw, spread, debug)
```

**Arguments**

<code>obj</code>	A <i>dark</i> object containing at least;
<code>obj\$time</code>	time
<code>obj\$thrs</code>	thresholds
<code>obj\$init</code>	an initial estimate of the parameters of dark adaptation.
<code>repeats</code>	The number of times the algorithm is repeated
<code>draw</code>	A flag indicating whether a figure should be drawn.
<code>spread</code>	The amount by which the seed array should be varied. A larger value gives a greater range of possible starting points.
<code>debug</code>	A flag used in debugging the software.

**Details**

To reduce the possibility of selecting non-optimal parameter estimates, the optimisation is repeated in the region of initial estimates. The

**Value**

Returns a list;

<code>time</code>	times of threshold setting
<code>out\$thrs</code>	observed thresholds
<code>out\$resid</code>	residuals
<code>out\$fit</code>	optimal fitted values

out\$thet	seed parameters if test data
out\$sse	sum of squared residuals if test data
out\$data	source of the data
out\$opt	optimal parameter estimates of the chosen model
out\$Mod	name of the optimal model
out\$Pn	the number of parameters needed to describe the data
out\$AIC	array of AICc scores
out\$val	calculated sum of squared residuals
out\$R2	the coefficient of determination
out\$warning	if none of the nearby values converge
out\$call	updates the function call label

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**References**

Nelder, J.A.; Mead, R. 1965: A simplex for function minimization. *Comput. J.* 7, 308-313

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
Time<- seq(0,20)
tmp<- TestData(Time)
P<-Start(tmp,1000)
MSC<-ModelSelect(tmp, P)
tmp2<-BestFit(tmp, MSC)
tmp3<-MultiStart(tmp2,10)
```

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P3

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*Three parameter model.*


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**Description**

The three parameter model. A simple exponential decay.

**Usage**

P3(a, X)

**Arguments**

a	An array of parameters;		
	a:	parameter	Units
	a[1]:	cone threshold	(log lum)
	a[2]:	cone coefficient	(log lum)
	a[3]:	cone time constant	(minutes)
X	The times when the model predicts thresholds.		

**Details**

This function has three roles, to calculate the thresholds for given parameters a and times X. If missing X, then the function calls the values x and y from the .Globalenv and calculates the sum of residuals squared error (SSE) for a. If a is an array of length 1L or boolean then a description of the model is returned.

The use of the function H rather than an impulse function gives a three-fold increase in speed for the optim function.

**Value**

The output depends upon the input. If the input is an array of length 1L or a boolean then a list is returned

Pn	number of parameters
Mod	name of the model

If a parameter array is passed then the sum of residuals squared is calculated. This is used by optim to optimise the parameter estimates.

Passing a parameter array and a series of putative times causes the function to return predicted thresholds.

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**References**

- O. Mahroo and T. Lamb. Recovery of the human photopic electroretinogram after bleaching exposures: estimation of pigment regeneration kinetics. *The Journal of Physiology*, 554(2):417, 2004.
- T. Lamb and E. Pugh. Dark adaptation and the retinoid cycle of vision. *Progress in Retinal and Eye Research*, 23(3):307-380, 2004.

**See Also**

[P5c,P6c,P7c](#)

**Examples**

```

set.seed(1234)
x <- 0:20
a <- c(-1.00, 1.00, 1.00, -0.24, 6.00, 0.20, 13.00)
tmp <- TestData(x, a)
y <- tmp$resid
P3(TRUE)
# Describes the model

P3(a)
# The sum of squared residuals

P3(a,x)
# The fitted thresholds for given parameters 'theta' and times 'x'

```

P5c

*Five parameter model.***Description**

The five parameter model. An exponential decay followed by a linear phase.

**Usage**

```
P5c(a,X)
```

**Arguments**

a	An array of parameters;		
	a:	parameter	Units
	a[1]:	cone threshold	(log lum)
	a[2]:	cone coefficient	(log lum)
	a[3]:	cone time constant	(minutes)
	a[4]:	S2	(log lum / minute)
	a[5]:	alpha point	(minutes)
X	The times when the model predicts thresholds.		

**Details**

This function has three roles, to calculate the thresholds for given parameters a and times X. If missing X, then the function calls the values x and y from the `.Globalenv` and calculates the sum of residuals squared error (SSE) for a. If a is an array of length 1L or boolean then a description of the model is returned.

The use of the function H rather than an impulse function gives a three-fold increase in speed for the `optim` function.

**Value**

If the input is an array of length 1L or a boolean then a list is returned

Pn                    number of parameters  
 Mod                  name of the model

If a parameter array is passed then the sum of residuals squared is calculated. This is used by `optim` to optimise the parameter estimates.

Passing a parameter array and a series of putative times causes the function to return predicted thresholds.

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**References**

O. Mahroo and T. Lamb. Recovery of the human photopic electroretinogram after bleaching exposures: estimation of pigment regeneration kinetics. *The Journal of Physiology*, 554(2):417, 2004.

T. Lamb and E. Pugh. Dark adaptation and the retinoid cycle of vision. *Progress in Retinal and Eye Research*, 23(3):307-380, 2004.

**See Also**

[P3,P6c,P7c](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
x <- 0:20
a <- c(-1.00, 1.00, 1.00, -0.24, 6.00, 0.20, 13.00)
tmp <- TestData(x, a)
y <- tmp$resid
P5c(TRUE)
# Describes the model

P5c(a)
# The sum of squared residuals

P5c(a,x)
# The fitted thresholds for given parameters 'theta' and times 'x'
```

P6c

*A six parameter model***Description**

An exponential decay followed by a second exponential decay.

**Usage**

P6c(a, X)

**Arguments**

a                    An array of parameters;

a:	parameter	Units
a[1]:	absolute (rod) threshold	(log lum)
a[2]:	cone coefficient	(log10 lum)
a[3]:	1/cone time constant	(1/minutes)
a[4]:	alpha point	(minutes)
a[5]:	absolute threshold offset	(log10 lum)
a[6]:	1/rod time constant	(1/minutes)

note that the cone threshold is  $a[1] + a[5] \log_{10}(\text{lum})$

X                    The times in minutes when the model predicts thresholds.

**Details**

This function has three roles, to calculate the thresholds for given parameters a and times X. If missing X, then the function calls the values x and y from the .Globalenv and calculates the sum of residuals squared error (SSE) for a. If a is an array of length 1L or boolean then a description of the model is returned.

The use of the function H rather than an impulse function gives a three-fold increase in speed for the optim function.

**Value**

The output depends upon the input. If the input is an array of length 1L or a boolean then a list is returned

Pn                    number of parameters  
 Mod                  name of the model

If a parameter array is passed then the sum of residuals squared is calculated. This is used by optim to optimise the parameter estimates.

Passing a parameter array and a series of putative times causes the function to return predicted thresholds.

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**References**

O. Mahroo and T. Lamb. Recovery of the human photopic electroretinogram after bleaching exposures: estimation of pigment regeneration kinetics. *The Journal of Physiology*, 554(2):417, 2004.

T. Lamb and E. Pugh. Dark adaptation and the retinoid cycle of vision. *Progress in Retinal and Eye Research*, 23(3):307-380, 2004.

**See Also**

[P3,P5c,P6c](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
x <- 0:20
a <- c(-2, 2, 1/2, 10, 3, 1/8)
# P6c(TRUE)
# Describes the model

# P6c(a)
# The sum of squared residuals

# P6c(a,x)
# The fitted thresholds for given parameters 'a' and times 'x'
```

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P7c

*Seven parameter model*

---

**Description**

The seven parameter model. An exponential decay followed by two linear phases.

**Usage**

P7c(a, X)

**Arguments**

a	An array of parameters;		
	a:	parameter	Units
	a[1]:	cone threshold	(log lum)
	a[2]:	cone coefficient	(log lum)
	a[3]:	cone time constant	(minutes)
	a[4]:	S2	(log lum/ minute)
	a[5]:	alpha point	(minutes)
	a[6]:	-(S2 + S3)	(log luminance)
	a[7]:	beta point	(log luminance)
x	The times when the model predicts thresholds.		

**Details**

This function has three roles, to calculate the thresholds for given parameters a and times X. If missing X, then the function calls the values x and y from the .Globalenv and calculates the sum of residuals squared error (SSE) for a. If a is an array of length 1L or boolean then a description of the model is returned.

The use of the function H rather than an impulse function gives a three-fold increase in speed for the optim function.

**Value**

The output depends upon the input. If the input is an array of length 1L or a boolean then a list is returned

Pn	number of parameters
Mod	name of the model

If a parameter array is passed then the sum of residuals squared is calculated. This is used by optim to optimise the parameter estimates.

Passing a parameter array and a series of putative times causes the function to return predicted thresholds.

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**References**

- O. Mahroo and T. Lamb. Recovery of the human photopic electroretinogram after bleaching exposures: estimation of pigment regeneration kinetics. *The Journal of Physiology*, 554(2):417, 2004.
- T. Lamb and E. Pugh. Dark adaptation and the retinoid cycle of vision. *Progress in Retinal and Eye Research*, 23(3):307-380, 2004.

**See Also**

[P3,P5c,P6c](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
x <- 0:20
a <- c(-1.00, 1.00, 1.00, -0.24, 6.00, 0.20, 13.00)
tmp <- TestData(x, a)
y <- tmp$resid
# P7c(TRUE)
# Describes the model

# P7c(a)
# The sum of squared residuals

# P7c(a,x)
# The fitted thresholds for given parameters 'a' and times 'x'
```

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Start

*Start*

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**Description**

A function to build an array of starting parameters from a *dark* object.

**Usage**

```
Start(obj, Reps)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A <i>dark</i> object
Reps	The number of rows in the array.

**Details**

The array of starting parameters is built from the time and threshold data in the object, obj.

Each parameter is assumed to have a possible range given the data.

Each range is constructed as follows; the time points; *alpha* (cone-rod transition  $\alpha$  minutes) and *beta* (rod-rod transition  $\beta$  minutes) are assumed to fall in the first and second halves of the time data respectively (obj\$time).

The *cone threshold* is assumed to be in the upper half of the threshold data (obj\$thrs log units). The *cone coefficient* (log units) or threshold at time zero is presumed to be positive and the same values are used for the *time constants* (*tau* minutes).

The rate of rod recovery  $S2$ , and the combined parameter  $-(S2 + S3)$  are ranged between -0.6 and 0 log units/minute.

These ranges of possible values are compiled into an array by sampling without replacement from each range for each parameter.

### Value

Output is an array of seven columns and number of rows = 'Reps'.

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### Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
tmp<-TestData(0:20)
Start(tmp, 10)
```

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TestData

*Data that can be used to test other scripts.*

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### Description

This script creates data in the form of a *dark* object from specified times, parameters, and level of variability. It is used for testing and developing other scripts. Presently only the seven parameter model and its subsets are implemented.

### Usage

```
TestData(x, theta, sse, repeatable)
```

### Arguments

x                    the times at which observations are made.  
theta                the parameters of the Mahroo Lamb Pugh model

theta :	parameter	default	Units
theta[1]:	cone threshold	-1	(log lum)
theta[2]:	cone coefficient	1	(log lum)
theta[3]:	cone time constant	1	(minutes)
theta[4]:	S2	-0.24	(log lum/ minute)
theta[5]:	alpha point	6	(minutes)
theta[6]:	-(S2 + S3)	0.20	(log luminance)
theta[7]:	beta point	13	(log luminance)

sse	the variability of the data
repeatable	a boolean flag that ensures that the function can return the same values each time it is called.

### Details

The parameters values chosen as defaults are entirely arbitrary. The sixth parameter is the negative sum of the rates of rod recovery called  $S2$  and  $S3$

### Value

The function returns a *dark* object with the following components;

call	a label describing the last call the object was subject to
time	the time observations
thrs	thresholds
resid	residuals
fit	thresholds predicted in the absence of noise
thet	parameters passed to the function
sse	the sum of squared residuals value used to describe the variability in the data
val	the actual sse of the generated data
data	the name of the data source

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### Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
x <- seq(0,20)
tmp <- TestData(x)
tmp
```

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