

# Package ‘GrowthCurveME’

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**Description** Simple and user-friendly wrappers to the 'saemix' package for performing linear and non-linear mixed-effects regression modeling for growth data to account for clustering or longitudinal analysis via repeated measurements. The package allows users to fit a variety of growth models, including linear, exponential, logistic, and 'Gompertz' functions. For non-linear models, starting values are automatically calculated using initial least-squares estimates. The package includes functions for summarizing models, visualizing data and results, calculating doubling time and other key statistics, and generating model diagnostic plots and residual summary statistics. It also provides functions for generating publication-ready summary tables for reports. Additionally, users can fit linear and non-linear least-squares regression models if clustering is not applicable. The mixed-effects modeling methods in this package are based on Comets, Lavenu, and Lavielle (2017) <[doi:10.18637/jss.v080.i03](https://doi.org/10.18637/jss.v080.i03)> as implemented in the 'saemix' package. Please contact us at [models@dfci.harvard.edu](mailto:models@dfci.harvard.edu) with any questions.

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exponential\_mixed\_model

*Fit an exponential mixed-effects regression model*

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## Description

This function is utilized within the [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) function for fitting a mono-exponential mixed-effects regression model to growth data utilizing the saemix package. Starting values are derived from an initial least-squares model using the [nlsLM](#) function.

**Usage**

```
exponential_mixed_model(
  data_frame,
  model_type = "mixed",
  fixed_rate = TRUE,
  num_chains = 1,
  seed = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data_frame</code>	<p>A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cluster</code> - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in all values of <code>cluster</code> with a single placeholder character string, do NOT leave blank.</li> <li>• <code>time</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li> <li>• <code>growth_metric</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li> </ul>
<code>model_type</code>	A character string specifying the type of regression model to be used. If 'mixed', a mixed-effects regression model will be used with fixed and random-effects to account for clustering. For 'least-squares', a least-squares regression model with only fixed-effects is applied. Defaults to "mixed".
<code>fixed_rate</code>	A logical value specifying whether the rate constant of the function should be treated as a fixed effect (TRUE) or random effect (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE
<code>num_chains</code>	A numeric value specifying the number of chains to run in parallel in the MCMC algorithm of saemix. Increasing the number of chains may improve convergence but may also increase the computational time. Defaults to 1.
<code>seed</code>	A numeric value specifying a seed number to reproduce the random starting values sampled within the function. Defaults to NULL.

**Value**

Returns an exponential model object of class 'SaemixObject' when a mixed-effects model is specified or a model object of class 'nls' if a least-squares model is specified.

**See Also**

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load example data (exponential data from GrowthCurveME package)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an exponential mixed-effects growth model
exp_mixed_model <- growth_curve_model_fit(
```

```
    data_frame = exp_mixed_data,  
    function_type = "exponential"  
  )  
# Fit an exponential mixed-effected model using exponential_mixed_model()  
exp_mixed_model <- exponential_mixed_model(data_frame = exp_mixed_data)
```

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exp\_mixed\_data

*Sample exponential growth dataset*

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### Description

A dataset containing the minimum required variables needed to input data into the GrowthCurveME package functions

### Usage

```
exp_mixed_data
```

### Format

A data frame with 240 rows and 3 variables:

**cluster** A character type variable used to specify the clustering of values by a particular metric. Note even when selecting a least-squares, do not leave this variable NA or empty. Instead fill in these values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1') for the package to run properly

**time** A numeric type variable for any measurement in time such as minutes, hours, or days

**growth\_metric** A numeric type variable for measuring growth such as confluency or cell count

### Source

Created through simulation to serve as an example

### Examples

```
data(exp_mixed_data)
```

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gompertz\_mixed\_model *Fit a Gompertz mixed-effects regression model*

---

### Description

This function is utilized within the [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) function for fitting a Gompertz mixed-effects regression model to growth data utilizing the saemix package. Starting values are derived from an initial least-squares model using the [nlslm](#) function.

### Usage

```
gompertz_mixed_model(
  data_frame,
  model_type = "mixed",
  fixed_rate = TRUE,
  num_chains = 1,
  seed = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

data_frame	A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cluster - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in all values of cluster with a single placeholder character string, do NOT leave blank.</li> <li>• time - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li> <li>• growth_metric - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li> </ul>
model_type	A character string specifying the type of regression model to be used. If 'mixed', a mixed-effects regression model will be used with fixed and random-effects to account for clustering. For 'least-squares', a least-squares regression model with only fixed-effects is applied. Defaults to "mixed".
fixed_rate	A logical value specifying whether the rate constant of the function should be treated as a fixed effect (TRUE) or random effect (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE
num_chains	A numeric value specifying the number of chains to run in parallel in the MCMC algorithm of saemix. Increasing the number of chains may improve convergence but may also increase the computational time. Defaults to 1.
seed	A numeric value specifying a seed number to reproduce the random starting values sampled within the function. Defaults to NULL.

### Value

Returns a Gompertz model object of class 'SaemixObject' if a mixed-effects model is specified or a model object of class 'nls' if a least-squares model is specified.

**See Also**[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)**Examples**

```
# Load example data (Gompertz data from GrowthCurveME package)
data(gomp_mixed_data)
# Fit a Gompertz mixed-effects growth model
gomp_mixed_model <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = gomp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "gompertz"
)
# Fit a Gompertz mixed-effected model using gompertz_mixed_model()
gomp_mixed_model <- gompertz_mixed_model(data_frame = gomp_mixed_data)
```

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`gomp_mixed_data`*Sample Gompertz growth dataset*

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**Description**

A dataset containing the minimum required variables needed to input data into the GrowthCurveME package functions

**Usage**`gomp_mixed_data`**Format**

A data frame with 210 rows and 3 variables:

**cluster** A character type variable used to specify the clustering of values by a particular metric. Note even when selecting a least-squares, do not leave this variable NA or empty. Instead fill in these values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1') for the package to run properly

**time** A numeric type variable for any measurement in time such as minutes, hours, or days

**growth\_metric** A numeric type variable for measuring growth such as confluency or cell count

**Source**

Created through simulation to serve as an example

**Examples**

```
data(gomp_mixed_data)
```

---

 growth\_curve\_model\_fit

*Fit a growth function using mixed-effects regression modeling*


---

## Description

This function fits a mixed-effects model to a data frame based on a user-defined function to account for clustering.

## Usage

```
growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame,
  function_type = "exponential",
  model_type = "mixed",
  fixed_rate = TRUE,
  num_chains = 1,
  time_unit = "hours",
  return_summary = TRUE,
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

data_frame	<p>A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cluster - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in cluster values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1'), do not leave blank.</li> <li>• time - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li> <li>• growth_metric - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li> </ul>
function_type	A character string specifying the function for modeling the shape of the growth. Options include "exponential", "linear", "logistic", or "gompertz".
model_type	A character string specifying the type of regression model to be used. If 'mixed', a mixed-effects regression model will be used with fixed and random-effects to account for clustering. For 'least-squares', a least-squares regression model with only fixed-effects is applied. Defaults to "mixed".
fixed_rate	A logical value specifying whether the rate constant of the function should be treated as a fixed effect (TRUE) or random effect (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE
num_chains	A numeric value specifying the number of chains to run in parallel in the MCMC algorithm of saemix. Increasing the number of chains may improve convergence but may also increase the computational time. Defaults to 1.

time_unit	A character string specifying the units in which time is measured in. Defaults to "hours"
return_summary	A logical value specifying whether to return the <code>growth_model_summary_list</code> when TRUE (list object containing summarized data) or the object model object when FALSE. Defaults to TRUE.
seed	A numeric value specifying a seed number to reproduce the random starting values sampled within the function. Defaults to NULL.
verbose	A logical value specifying whether print statements will print in the console. Defaults to TRUE.

### Value

A list object with the following data frames within the list:

- `model_summary_wide` - a data frame with 1 row containing key model estimates, doubling-time, and model metrics depending on the `model_type` and `function_type` specified
- `model_summary_long` - a data frame that is a long dataset version of 'model\_summary\_wide' that can be used to generate a table of the model results (see function [growth\\_model\\_summary\\_table](#))
- `model_residual_data` - a data frame containing the original data frame values as well as predicted values, residuals, and theoretical quantiles of the residuals depending on the `model_type` selected (see functions [growth\\_model\\_residual\\_plots](#) and [growth\\_vs\\_time\\_plot](#))
- `simulated_data` - a data frame with the 95% prediction intervals calculated using the median for the estimate and the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the simulated data at each time point (not to be confused with the 95% confidence intervals calculated from the model estimates). See [summarize\\_growth\\_model](#).

Note when `return_summary` is FALSE, will return a model object of class 'SaemixObject' when a mixed-effects model is specified or a model object of class 'nls' if a least-squares model is specified.

### Examples

```
# Load example data (exponential data)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an mixed-effects growth model to the data and return summary
exp_mixed_model_summary <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "exponential",
  verbose = FALSE)
# Create flextable object from the summary list object for documentation
exp_model_table <- growth_model_summary_table(
  growth_model_summary_list = exp_mixed_model_summary)
exp_model_table
# Create growth vs time plot of data with fitted values (plot_type = 2),
# adjust aesthetics and parameters as desired
exp_growth_plot <- growth_vs_time_plot(
  growth_model_summary_list = exp_mixed_model_summary,
  plot_type = 2)
print(exp_growth_plot)
# Check residuals and model assumptions
```



```
residual_diag_plot <- growth_model_residual_plots(  
  growth_model_summary_list = exp_mixed_model_summary)  
print(residual_diag_plot)
```

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growth\_model\_residual\_plots

*Create residual diagnostic plots for growth model*

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## Description

This function provides a wrapper to ggplot2 for generating residual diagnostic plots and summary statistics for a growth model summary list object produced by [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#).

## Usage

```
growth_model_residual_plots(  
  growth_model_summary_list,  
  residual_type = "cluster",  
  weighted = TRUE  
)
```

## Arguments

growth_model_summary_list	A list object created by the <a href="#">growth_curve_model_fit</a> function.
residual_type	A character string specifying the type of residuals to be displayed in the plot. Options include "population" for the fixed-effects residuals for mixed-effects and least-squares models and "cluster" for fixed and random-effects residuals for mixed-effects regression models. Defaults to "cluster".
weighted	A logical value, when TRUE displays weighted residuals for mixed-effects models or standardized residuals for least-squares models, when FALSE displays the raw residuals for mixed-effects and least-squares models. Defaults to "TRUE".

## Value

Returns a patchwork collage of ggplot2 model diagnostic plots with the following plots displayed:

- Residual vs Fitted Values - a model diagnostic plot for assessing the distribution of the residuals vs the model fitted values, useful in detecting improper function specification, homogeneity of variance, and outlier detection.
- Q-Q Plot - a model diagnostic plot (quantile-quantile) plot for comparing the residuals vs their theoretical quantiles, useful in assessing normality assumptions and outlier detection.
- Residual Density Plot - a model diagnostic showing the distribution of the residuals (histogram) with a normal distribution curve overlaid based on the residuals mean and standard deviation, useful in assessing normality assumptions and skewness.
- Residual Summary Statistics - a list of descriptive statistics of the the residuals including: mean, median, minimum, maximum, skewness, and kurtosis.

**See Also**[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)**Examples**

```
# Load example data (exponential data)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an mixed-effects growth model to the data and produce summary list
exp_mixed_model_summary <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "exponential",
  verbose = FALSE)
# Check residuals and model assumptions
residual_diag_plot <- growth_model_residual_plots(
  growth_model_summary_list = exp_mixed_model_summary)
print(residual_diag_plot)
```

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growth\_model\_summary\_table

*Create a printable table of the summarized growth model result reporting*

---

**Description**

This function creates a flextable object that can be used for documentation or Rmarkdown reports from the list object created by [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#). The 'model\_summary\_long' data frame from the list object is used to generate the table.

**Usage**

```
growth_model_summary_table(
  growth_model_summary_list,
  font_name = "Albany AMT",
  font_size_header = 14,
  font_size_body = 12,
  use_knit_print = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

**growth\_model\_summary\_list** A list object created by the [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) function.

**font\_name** A character string specifying the name of the font to use when rendering the table. Defaults to "Albany AMT". See [font](#).

**font\_size\_header** A numeric value specifying the size of the font for the header of the table. Defaults to 14. See [fontsize](#).

- `font_size_body` A numeric value specifying the size of the font for the body of the table. Defaults to 12. See [fontsize](#).
- `use_knit_print` A logical value to specify whether the flextable should be printed using [knit\\_print](#) function instead of the flextable object being returned. Defaults to FALSE.

**Value**

A flextable object of the 'model\_summary\_long' data frame.

**See Also**

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load example data (exponential data)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an mixed-effects growth model to the data
exp_mixed_model_summary <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "exponential",
  verbose = FALSE)
# Create flextable object of the growth model results
exp_model_table <- growth_model_summary_table(
  growth_model_summary_list = exp_mixed_model_summary)
# Print the table in the view pane
exp_model_table
```

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growth\_vs\_time\_plot    *Generate growth vs time plots*

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**Description**

This function provides a wrapper to `ggplot2` in order to generate different plots from a growth curve model summary list object generated by the [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) function. Please refer to the documentation for the 'plot\_type' parameter for the different plot options.

**Usage**

```
growth_vs_time_plot(
  growth_model_summary_list,
  plot_type = 2,
  growth_metric_name = "growth_metric",
  time_name = "time",
  cluster_name = "cluster",
  plot_title = "Growth vs Time",
  x_axis_breaks = ggplot2::waiver(),
  x_limits = c(NA, NA),
```

```

n_x_axis_breaks = NULL,
y_axis_breaks = ggplot2::waiver(),
y_limits = c(NA, NA),
n_y_axis_breaks = NULL,
x_axis_text_size = 8,
y_axis_text_size = 12,
x_axis_title_size = 14,
y_axis_title_size = 14,
plot_title_size = 20,
geom_point_size = 2,
geom_line_width = 0.5,
pred_plot_annotate_value = "double_time",
annotate_value_text_size = 5
)

```

## Arguments

growth_model_summary_list	A list object created by the <a href="#">growth_curve_model_fit</a> function.
plot_type	A numeric value used to specify the plot type to graph. Values include 1, 2, 3, 4 with descriptions of each below (defaults to 2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 - A scatterplot of the growth_metric vs time data where each point is colored by cluster if applicable.</li> <li>• 2 - A scatterplot of the growth_metric vs time data where each point is colored by cluster if applicable and the model predicted values are overlaid as line. When a mixed-effect model summary list is input, the predicted values are the ind_fit_value which accounts for both fixed and random-effects. When a least-squares model summary list is input the predicted values are the fitted values accounting for fixed-effects only (pop_fit_value).</li> <li>• 3 - A scatterplot version of plot_type = 2 where each cluster is separated into their own plot forming a matrix of growth_metric vs time plots by cluster.</li> <li>• 4 - A plot of the estimates and prediction intervals of the model. When a mixed-effects model summary list is input, the prediction intervals are calculated from the median and the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the saemix model simulations to assist in showing the variability of both the population trends and variation among the cluster-level predictions (see <a href="#">compute.sres</a>). When a least-squares model summary list is input, the prediction intervals are calculated through Taylor-series approximations of the nls model (see <a href="#">predFit</a>). By default will also add an annotation of the doubling time with 95% confidence intervals calculated directly from the original model estimates.</li> </ul>
growth_metric_name	A character string for specifying the name of the growth metric (y-axis title) to be displayed on the plot. Defaults to "growth_metric".
time_name	A character string for specifying the name of the time variable (x-axis title) to be displayed on the plot. Defaults to "time".

cluster_name	A character string for specifying the name of the cluster variable (legend title) to be displayed on the plot. Defaults to "cluster".
plot_title	A character string for specifying the title to be displayed over the plot. Defaults to "Growth vs Time".
x_axis_breaks	A numeric vector specifying manual numeric breaks. Defaults to <code>ggplot2::waiver()</code> . See <a href="#">scale_x_continuous</a> .
x_limits	A numeric vector of length two providing limits for the x-axis. Use NA to refer to the existing minimum or maximum. Defaults to <code>c(NA, NA)</code> . See <a href="#">scale_x_continuous</a> .
n_x_axis_breaks	An integer specifying the number of major breaks for the x-axis. Defaults to NULL. See <a href="#">scale_x_continuous</a> .
y_axis_breaks	A numeric vector specifying manual numeric breaks. Defaults to <code>ggplot2::waiver()</code> . See <a href="#">scale_y_continuous</a> .
y_limits	A numeric vector of length two providing limits for the y-axis. Use NA to refer to the existing minimum or maximum. Defaults to <code>c(NA, NA)</code> . See <a href="#">scale_y_continuous</a> .
n_y_axis_breaks	An integer specifying the number of major breaks for the x-axis. Defaults to NULL. See <a href="#">scale_y_continuous</a> .
x_axis_text_size	A numeric value specifying the size of the x-axis text. Defaults to 8. See <a href="#">element_text</a> .
y_axis_text_size	A numeric value specifying the size of the y-axis text. Defaults to 12. See <a href="#">element_text</a> .
x_axis_title_size	A numeric value specifying the size of the x-axis title. Defaults to 14. See <a href="#">element_text</a> .
y_axis_title_size	A numeric value specifying the size of the y-axis title. Defaults to 14. See <a href="#">element_text</a> .
plot_title_size	A numeric value specifying the size of the plot title. Defaults to 20. See <a href="#">element_text</a> .
geom_point_size	A numeric value specifying the size of the points on the graph. Defaults to 2. See <a href="#">geom_point</a> .
geom_line_width	A numeric value specifying the width of the line (applicable only for <code>plot_type = 2, 3, or 4</code> ). Defaults to 0.5.
pred_plot_annotate_value	A character string specifying whether to add the doubling time or rate estimates from the model to plot 4. Options include "double_time" for the doubling time with 95% CI, "rate" for the rate estimate with 95% CI, or "none" for no annotation. Defaults to "double_time"
annotate_value_text_size	A numeric value specifying the size of the annotation text. Defaults to 5. See <a href="#">geom_text</a> .

**Value**

Returns a ggplot2 plot

**See Also**

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load example data (exponential data)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an mixed-effects growth model to the data
exp_mixed_model_summary <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "exponential",
  verbose = FALSE
)
# Create growth vs time plot of data with fitted values (plot_type = 2)
exp_growth_plot <- growth_vs_time_plot(
  growth_model_summary_list = exp_mixed_model_summary,
  plot_type = 2
)
print(exp_growth_plot)
```

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linear\_mixed\_model      *Fit a linear mixed-effects regression model*

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**Description**

This function is utilized within the [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) function for fitting a linear mixed-effects regression model to growth data utilizing the saemix package. Starting values are derived from an initial least-squares model using the [nlsLM](#) function.

**Usage**

```
linear_mixed_model(
  data_frame,
  model_type = "mixed",
  fixed_rate = TRUE,
  num_chains = 1,
  seed = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

data\_frame      A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cluster - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in all values of cluster with a single placeholder character string, do NOT leave blank.</li> <li>• time - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li> <li>• growth_metric - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li> </ul>
model_type	A character string specifying the type of regression model to be used. If 'mixed', a mixed-effects regression model will be used with fixed and random-effects to account for clustering. For 'least-squares', a least-squares regression model with only fixed-effects is applied. Defaults to "mixed".
fixed_rate	A logical value specifying whether the rate constant of the function should be treated as a fixed effect (TRUE) or random effect (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE
num_chains	A numeric value specifying the number of chains to run in parallel in the MCMC algorithm of saemix. Increasing the number of chains may improve convergence but may also increase the computational time. Defaults to 1.
seed	A numeric value specifying a seed number to reproduce the random starting values sampled within the function. Defaults to NULL.

**Value**

Returns a linear model object of class 'SaemixObject' when a mixed-effects model is specified or a model object of class 'nls' if a least-squares model is specified.

**See Also**

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load example data (linear data from GrowthCurveME package)
data(lin_mixed_data)
# Fit a linear mixed-effects growth model
lin_mixed_model <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = lin_mixed_data,
  function_type = "linear")
# Fit a linear mixed-effects model using linear_mixed_model()
lin_mixed_model <- linear_mixed_model(data_frame = lin_mixed_data)
```

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lin_mixed_data	<i>Sample linear growth dataset</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing the minimum required variables needed to input data into the GrowthCurveME package functions

**Usage**

```
lin_mixed_data
```

**Format**

A data frame with 110 rows and 3 variables:

**cluster** A character type variable used to specify the clustering of values by a particular metric. Note even when selecting a least-squares, do not leave this variable NA or empty. Instead fill in these values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1') for the package to run properly

**time** A numeric type variable for any measurement in time such as minutes, hours, or days

**growth\_metric** A numeric type variable for measuring growth such as confluency or cell count

**Source**

Created through simulation to serve as an example

**Examples**

```
data(lin_mixed_data)
```

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```
logistic_mixed_model
```

*Fit a logistic mixed-effects regression model*

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**Description**

This function is utilized within the [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) function for fitting a logistic mixed-effects regression model to growth data utilizing the saemix package. Starting values are derived from an initial least-squares model using the [nlslm](#) function.

**Usage**

```
logistic_mixed_model(  
  data_frame,  
  model_type = "mixed",  
  fixed_rate = TRUE,  
  num_chains = 1,  
  seed = NULL  
)
```



## Arguments

data_frame	<p>A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• cluster - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in all values of cluster with a single placeholder character string, do NOT leave blank.</li><li>• time - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li><li>• growth_metric - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li></ul>
model_type	<p>A character string specifying the type of regression model to be used. If 'mixed', a mixed-effects regression model will be used with fixed and random-effects to account for clustering. For 'least-squares', a least-squares regression model with only fixed-effects is applied. Defaults to "mixed".</p>
fixed_rate	<p>A logical value specifying whether the rate constant of the function should be treated as a fixed effect (TRUE) or random effect (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE</p>
num_chains	<p>A numeric value specifying the number of chains to run in parallel in the MCMC algorithm of saemix. Increasing the number of chains may improve convergence but may also increase the computational time. Defaults to 1.</p>
seed	<p>A numeric value specifying a seed number to reproduce the random starting values sampled within the function. Defaults to NULL.</p>

## Value

Returns a logistic model object of class 'SaemixObject' when a mixed-effects model is specified or a model object of class 'nls' if a least-squares model is specified.

## See Also

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)

## Examples

```
# Load example data (logistic data from GrowthCurveME package)
data(log_mixed_data)
# Fit a logistic mixed-effects growth model to the data
log_mixed_model <- growth_curve_model_fit(data_frame = log_mixed_data,
function_type = "logistic")
# Fit a logistic mixed-effects model using logistic_mixed_model()
log_mixed_model <- logistic_mixed_model(data_frame = log_mixed_data)
```

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log_mixed_data	<i>Sample logistic growth dataset</i>
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**Description**

A dataset containing the minimum required variables needed to input data into the GrowthCurveME package functions

**Usage**

```
log_mixed_data
```

**Format**

A data frame with 800 rows and 3 variables:

**cluster** A character type variable used to specify the clustering of values by a particular metric. Note even when selecting a least-squares, do not leave this variable NA or empty. Instead fill in these values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1') for the package to run properly

**time** A numeric type variable for any measurement in time such as minutes, hours, or days

**growth\_metric** A numeric type variable for measuring growth such as confluency or cell count

**Source**

Created through simulation to serve as an example

**Examples**

```
data(log_mixed_data)
```

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summarize_growth_model	<i>Summarize growth model object and data</i>
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**Description**

This function is used to create a list object of data frames based on a user's input data and output growth model object from `growth_curve_model_fit`. The list object (referred to in this package as 'growth\_model\_summary\_list') can be used to extract model predicted values, residuals, and can be inputted into supporting functions from GrowthCurveME to generate plots and perform model diagnostics.

**Usage**

```
summarize_growth_model(
  data_frame,
  growth_model_object,
  model_type = "mixed",
  function_type = "exponential",
  fixed_rate = TRUE,
  time_unit = "hours"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data_frame</code>	A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cluster</code> - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in cluster values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1'), do not leave blank.</li> <li>• <code>time</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li> <li>• <code>growth_metric</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li> </ul>
<code>growth_model_object</code>	The model object that is created using the <a href="#">growth_curve_model_fit</a>
<code>model_type</code>	A character string specifying the <code>model_type</code> that was fit using the <a href="#">growth_curve_model_fit</a> function. Options include either "mixed" or "least-squares". Defaults to "mixed".
<code>function_type</code>	A character string specifying the function for modeling the shape of the growth. Options include "exponential", "linear", "logistic", or "gompertz".
<code>fixed_rate</code>	A logical value specifying whether the rate constant of the function should be treated as a fixed effect (TRUE) or random effect (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE
<code>time_unit</code>	A character string specifying the units in which time is measured in. Defaults to "hours"

**Value**

A list object with the following data frames within the list:

- `model_summary_wide` - a data frame with 1 row containing key model estimates, doubling-time, and model metrics depending on the `model_type` and `function_type` specified
- `model_summary_long` - a data frame that is a long dataset version of 'model\_summary\_wide' that can be used to generate a table of the model results (see function [growth\\_model\\_summary\\_table](#))
- `model_residual_data` - a data frame containing the original data frame values as well as predicted values, residuals, and theoretical quantiles of the residuals depending on the `model_type` selected (see functions [growth\\_model\\_residual\\_plots](#) and [growth\\_vs\\_time\\_plot](#))
- `model_sim_pred_data` - a data frame with estimates and 95% prediction intervals (not to be confused with the 95% confidence intervals calculated from the model estimates), for mixed-effects models, values are calculated as the median estimate and the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the simulated data from the saemix model at each time point (see [compute.sres](#))

and `plot` with `plot.type = "vpc"`). For least-squares models, prediction intervals are calculated through Taylor-series approximations using the `predFit` function.

### See Also

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#)

### Examples

```
# Load example data (exponential data)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an mixed-effects growth model to the data
exp_mixed_model <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "exponential",
  return_summary = FALSE)
# Summarize the data by creating a summary list object
exp_mixed_model_summary <- summarize_growth_model(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  growth_model_object = exp_mixed_model,
  model_type = "mixed",
  function_type = "exponential",
  time_unit = "hours")
# Extracting a data frame from the list object
model_summary_wide <- exp_mixed_model_summary[["model_summary_wide"]]
```

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`summarize_growth_model_ls`

*Summarize least-squares growth model object and data*

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### Description

This function is used within the `summarize_growth_model` function to create a list object of data frames based on a user's input data frame and output least-squares growth model object from `growth_curve_model_fit`. The list object (referred to in this package as 'growth\_model\_summary\_list') can be used to extract model predicted values, residuals, and can be inputted into supporting functions from GrowthCurveME to generate plots and perform model diagnostics.

### Usage

```
summarize_growth_model_ls(
  data_frame,
  ls_model,
  function_type = "exponential",
  time_unit = "hours"
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data_frame</code>	A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cluster</code> - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in cluster values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1'), do not leave blank.</li> <li>• <code>time</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li> <li>• <code>growth_metric</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li> </ul>
<code>ls_model</code>	The least-squares model object that is created using the <a href="#">growth_curve_model_fit</a>
<code>function_type</code>	A character string specifying the function for modeling the shape of the growth. Options include "exponential", "linear", "logistic", or "gompertz".
<code>time_unit</code>	A character string specifying the units in which time is measured in. Defaults to "hours"

**Value**

A list object with the following data frames within the list:

- `model_summary_wide` - a data frame with 1 row containing key model estimates, doubling-time, and model metrics depending on the `model_type` and `function_type` specified
- `model_summary_long` - a data frame that is a long dataset version of 'model\_summary\_wide' that can be used to generate a table of the model results (see function [growth\\_model\\_summary\\_table](#))
- `model_residual_data` - a data frame containing the original data frame values as well as predicted values, residuals, and theoretical quantiles of the residuals depending on the `model_type` selected (see functions [growth\\_model\\_residual\\_plots](#) and [growth\\_vs\\_time\\_plot](#))
- `model_sim_pred_data` - a data frame with estimates and 95% prediction intervals (not to be confused with the 95% confidence intervals calculated from the model estimates), for mixed-effects models, values are calculated as the median estimate and the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the simulated data from the saemix model at each time point (see [compute.sres](#) and [plot](#) with `plot.type = "vpc"`). For least-squares models, prediction intervals are calculated through Taylor-series approximations using the [predFit](#) function.

**See Also**

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) [summarize\\_growth\\_model](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load example data (exponential data)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an mixed-effects growth model to the data
exp_ls_model <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "exponential",
  model_type = "least-squares",
```

```

return_summary = FALSE)
# Summarize the data by creating a summary list object
exp_ls_model_summary <- summarize_growth_model_ls(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  ls_model = exp_ls_model,
  function_type = "exponential",
  time_unit = "hours")

```

---

```
summarize_growth_model_mixed
```

*Summarize mixed-effects growth model object and data*

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### Description

This function is used within the [summarize\\_growth\\_model](#) function to create a list object of data frames based on a user's input data frame and output mixed-effects growth model object from [growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#). The list object (referred to in this package as 'growth\_model\_summary\_list') can be used to extract model predicted values, residuals, and can be inputted into supporting functions from GrowthCurveME to generate plots and perform model diagnostics.

### Usage

```

summarize_growth_model_mixed(
  data_frame,
  mixed_growth_model,
  function_type = "exponential",
  fixed_rate = TRUE,
  time_unit = "hours"
)

```

### Arguments

<code>data_frame</code>	<p>A data frame object that at minimum contains three variables:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>cluster</code> - a character type variable used to specify how observations are nested or grouped by a particular cluster. Note if using a least-squares model, please fill in cluster values with a single repetitive dummy variable (e.g., '1'), do not leave blank.</li> <li>• <code>time</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring time such as minutes, hours, or days</li> <li>• <code>growth_metric</code> - a numeric type variable used for measuring growth over time such as cell count or confluency</li> </ul>
<code>mixed_growth_model</code>	The mixed-effects model object that is created using the <a href="#">growth_curve_model_fit</a>
<code>function_type</code>	A character string specifying the function for modeling the shape of the growth. Options include "exponential", "linear", "logistic", or "gompertz".
<code>fixed_rate</code>	A logical value specifying whether the rate constant of the function should be treated as a fixed effect (TRUE) or random effect (FALSE). Defaults to TRUE

`time_unit` A character string specifying the units in which time is measured in. Defaults to "hours"

### Value

A list object with the following data frames within the list:

- `model_summary_wide` - a data frame with 1 row containing key model estimates, doubling-time, and model metrics depending on the `model_type` and `function_type` specified
- `model_summary_long` - a data frame that is a long dataset version of 'model\_summary\_wide' that can be used to generate a table of the model results (see function [growth\\_model\\_summary\\_table](#))
- `model_residual_data` - a data frame containing the original data frame values as well as predicted values, residuals, and theoretical quantiles of the residuals depending on the `model_type` selected (see functions [growth\\_model\\_residual\\_plots](#) and [growth\\_vs\\_time\\_plot](#))
- `model_sim_pred_data` - a data frame with estimates and 95% prediction intervals (not to be confused with the 95% confidence intervals calculated from the model estimates), for mixed-effects models, values are calculated as the median estimate and the 2.5th and 97.5th percentiles of the simulated data from the saemix model at each time point (see [compute.sres](#) and [plot](#) with `plot.type = "vpc"`). For least-squares models, prediction intervals are calculated through Taylor-series approximations using the [predFit](#) function.

### See Also

[growth\\_curve\\_model\\_fit](#) [summarize\\_growth\\_model](#)

### Examples

```
# Load example data (exponential data)
data(exp_mixed_data)
# Fit an mixed-effects growth model to the data
exp_mixed_model <- growth_curve_model_fit(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  function_type = "exponential",
  return_summary = FALSE)
# Summarize the data by creating a summary list object
exp_mixed_model_summary <- summarize_growth_model_mixed(
  data_frame = exp_mixed_data,
  mixed_growth_model = exp_mixed_model,
  fixed_rate = TRUE,
  function_type = "exponential",
  time_unit = "hours")
model_summary_wide <- exp_mixed_model_summary[["model_summary_wide"]]
```

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