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Description Package to select best model among several linear and nonlinear models. The main function uses the gnls() function from the 'nlme' package to fit the data to nine regression models, named: ``linear``, ``quadratic``, ``cubic``, ``logistic``, ``exponential``, ``power``, ``monod``, ``hal-dane``, ``logit``.

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auxiliary functions *Auxiliary functions in Model Selection (MS)*

Description

Auxiliary functions.

Usage

```
func(mod, X, Y, name_mod, k=2, SST, N, file_name=NULL, form=NULL, make_plot=TRUE)
```

Arguments

form	An object of class formula for the regression analysis.
mod	Output of gnls.
X, Y	Independent and dependent variables.
name_mod	Name of the current regression model performed.
k	Number of parameters used in the regression analysis.
SST	Total Sum of Squares.
N	X length.
file_name	Name of the file where to save results.
make_plot	Boolean value.

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model_selection *Model Selection (MS)*

Description

This function fits the input data to nine regression models. It gives AIC (Akaike Information Index) and RSE (Residual Standard Error) as goodness of fit measures. The models implemented are: "linear", "quadratic", "cubic", "logistic", "exponential", "power", "monod", "haldane", "logit". For the function gnls() from the 'nlme' package is taken for all the models. Furthermore, the shapiro.test() function from the 'stats' package is used to test residuals normality. The function has been thought to run over several values. This is, when 'data' is composed by several dependent variables Y.

Usage

```
model_selection(data=NULL, name_dir=NULL,
               name_results=NULL)
```

Arguments

data	Matrix with at least two columns. First column is taken as the X, ie the independent variable. Next columns are recursively taken as the Y variable (dependent). Note: in the current version X must be positive.
name_dir	Directory to save function results. Default is a temporary directory set by tempdir().
name_results	Name of the file for the global results. Default is "nlMS_results". Note: by default, the extension of the output file is .csv. You do not need to specify it.

Value

There are two kinds of outputs. First one is a .csv file, that takes its name from the argument name_results, it consists of a table with the value of AIC, RSE and R.squared (only for linear models) for each tested model. As well a fourth row with the Saphiro.Wilk normality test result applied to the residuals. If you want to use AIC, then the residuals must follow a normal distribution. In case input Y data consists of more than one column, the model performs several runs always taking the same variable X as independent values.

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The package has been tested in

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Examples

```
X<-rnorm(100)
X<-X-min(X)+0.001
Y<-rnorm(100)
model_selection(data=cbind(X, Y))
```

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