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ADDT-package

*Accelerated Destructive Degradation Testing*


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addt.confint.ti.mle    *Confidence Interval for Thermal Index (TI)*.

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## Description

Computes a confidence interval for the TI.

## Usage

```
addt.confint.ti.mle(obj, conflevel)
```

## Arguments

obj	An addt.fit object.
conflevel	Confidence level in decimal form (i.e., 95% is 0.95)

## Value

Returns a vector containing the estimated TI, standard error, and lower and upper confidence limits.

## Note

This currently only implements the CI procedure for *ML* approach.

## See Also

[addt.fit](#)

addt.fit

ADDT Model Fitting

**Description**

Fits degradation data using the least-squares, maximum likelihood, and semiparametric methods and estimates the thermal indices (TI).

**Usage**

```
addt.fit(formula, data, initial.val = 100, proc = "All",
         failure.threshold, time.rti = 1e+05, method = "Nelder-Mead",
         subset, na.action, starts = NULL, fail.thres.vec = c(70, 80),
         semi.control = list(cor = F,...),...)
```

**Arguments**

formula	A formula of type <i>Response~Time+Temperature</i> . The order of <i>Time</i> and <i>Temperature</i> cannot be changed.
data	A data frame contains the ADDT data to be analyzed.
initial.val	We need response measurements at time point 0 to compute the initial degradation level in the model. If the data does not contain that information, user must supply the initial.value. Otherwise, the function will give an error message.
proc	The type of analysis to be performed which can be "LS" (least squares), "ML" (maximum likelihood), "SemiPara" (semiparametric), or "All" (the least-squares, maximum likelihood and semiparametric methods).
failure.threshold	The value below which a soft failure occurs. Must be in the form of a percent of the initial value.
time.rti	The time associated with the thermal index (TI) or relative thermal index (RTI). Typically 100,000 hours.
method	An argument passed to <code>optim</code> specifying the optimization procedure. Default is Nelder-Mead.
subset	An optional statement that allows the use of only part of the dataset.
na.action	Indicates the action required when data contain missing values.
starts	A vector of starting values for the maximum likelihood procedure. See <code>fail.thres.vec</code> for alternative.
fail.thres.vec	If the user does not specify " <i>starts</i> " argument, the user may specify a vector of two different <i>failure.thresholds</i> . The least-squares procedure is then used for the two different <i>failure.thresholds</i> to produce starting values for the maximum likelihood procedure.
semi.control	<code>list(cor=F,...)</code> , control parameters related to the semiparametric method. If not specified, default is no correlation. When <code>cor = T</code> in the list is specified, model assumes a correlation term.
...	Optional arguments.

## Details

A thermal index (TI) or relative thermal index (RTI) is often used to evaluate long-term performance of polymeric materials. Accelerated destructive degradation testing (ADDT) is widely used to calculate the TI of certain polymeric materials.

The dataset considered in `addt.fit` function contain repeated measurements of a response, say tensile strength, at some combinations of time and temperature.

The least squares procedure aggregates data into the average of measurements at each combination of time and temperature. Then, polynomial regression is used to interpolate the failure time for each combination. A least squares line is fitted to the failure time data and the TI is then obtained by

$$TI = \frac{beta1}{\log_{10}(time.rti) - beta0} - 273.16.$$

It is important to note that observations are required after failure in order for this procedure to be successful.

The maximum likelihood procedure assumes a degradation path dependent on time and temperature. An example of a parametric form for this path can be found in Vaca-Trigo and Meeker (2009) and is the form currently used here. The error term is assumed to follow a multivariate normal distribution. A TI can be directly estimated from the parameter estimates for the degradation path. The `addt.fit` function will be generalized to allow other parametric forms of the mean function, and/or other non-Gaussian distribution in later versions.

The semiparametric model assembles both parametric model like Arrhenius model for degradation variable extrapolation as well as non-parametric model in order to be more compatible for various materials.

## Value

An object of class "addt.fit", which is a list containing:

<code>LS.obj</code>	If least-squares approach is used, a <code>LS.obj</code> will returned. It contains estimates of coefficients in the TI formula, estimated TI, a matrix contains the failure time by polynomial interpolation.
<code>ML.obj</code>	A <code>ML.obj</code> object is returned if maximum likelihood approach is specified.
<code>SemiPara.obj</code>	A <code>SemiPara.obj</code> is returned if <code>SemiPara</code> approach is specified.
<code>dat</code>	The data set used in least square/maximum likelihood approaches.
<code>time.rti</code>	An argument stored to be used for functions related to "addt.fit" object.
<code>initial.val</code>	An argument stored to be used for functions related to "addt.fit" object.
<code>failure.threshold</code>	An argument stored to be used for functions related to "addt.fit" object.

## References

Y. Hong, C. B. King, Y. Xie, J. H. Van Mullekom, S. P. Dehart, and P. A. DeFeo (2014). "A Comparison of Least Squares and Maximum Likelihood Approaches to Estimating Thermal Indices for Polymeric Materials," *Journal of Quality Technology*, in press, 2016.

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### See Also

[plot.addt.fit](#), [summary.addt.fit](#)

### Examples

```
data(AdhesiveBondB)

## Least Squares
addt.fit.lsa<-addt.fit(Response~TimeH+TempC,data=AdhesiveBondB,proc="LS",
failure.threshold=70)

## Maximum Likelihood
addt.fit.mla<-addt.fit(Response~TimeH+TempC,data=AdhesiveBondB,proc="ML",
failure.threshold=70)

## Semiparametric
## Not run: addt.fit.semi<-addt.fit(Response~TimeH+TempC,data=AdhesiveBondB,proc="SemiPara",
failure.threshold=70)
## End(Not run)

## All LS, ML and Semi-Parametric procedures
## Not run: addt.fit.all<-addt.fit(Response~TimeH+TempC,data=AdhesiveBondB,proc="All",
failure.threshold=70)
## End(Not run)

summary(addt.fit.lsa)
summary(addt.fit.mla)
## Not run: summary(addt.fit.semi)
## Not run: summary(addt.fit.all)

## Not run: plot(addt.fit.all, type="data")
## Not run: plot(addt.fit.all, type="LS")
## Not run: plot(addt.fit.all, type="ML")
## Not run: plot(addt.fit.semi, type="SEMI")

## Not run: addt.confint.ti.mle(addt.fit.mla,confllevel=0.95)
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addt.mean.summary      *ADDT Batch Means Summary*

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### Description

Function that returns the averaged responses for each time-temperature batch.

**Usage**

```
addt.mean.summary(dat)
```

**Arguments**

`dat` A dataframe contains the measurements from the ADDT. The dataframe contains temperature, time, and response from left to right.

**Value**

Returns a dataframe giving the mean response for each time-temperature batch.

**References**

Y. Hong, C. B. King, Y. Xie, J. H. Van Mullekom, S. P. Dehart, and P. A. DeFeo (2014). “A Comparison of Least Squares and Maximum Likelihood Approaches to Estimating Thermal Indices for Polymeric Materials,” *Journal of Quality Technology*, in press, 2016.

**Examples**

```
data(AdhesiveBondB)
addt.mean.summary(AdhesiveBondB)
```

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`addt.predint.ybar.mle` *Prediction of the mean of future observations*

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**Description**

Given observations for one temperature level up to some time point, computes a prediction interval for the mean degradation level at some future time point.

**Usage**

```
addt.predint.ybar.mle(obj, conflevel, num.fut.obs = 5, temp, tt)
```

**Arguments**

`obj` An `addt.fit` object.

`conflevel` The confidence level of the prediction interval. This argument is in decimal form (i.e., 95% is 0.95).

`num.fut.obs` The number of future observations within a batch at the future time point.

`temp` The temperature level at which predictions are to be made.

`tt` The future time point where prediction is desired.

**Value**

Returns a vector containing the lower and upper bounds of the prediction interval.

**Note**

This function only works with an object resulted from *ML* approach.

**References**

Y. Hong, C. B. King, Y. Xie, J. H. Van Mullekom, S. P. Dehart, and P. A. DeFeo (2014). “A Comparison of Least Squares and Maximum Likelihood Approaches to Estimating Thermal Indices for Polymeric Materials,” *Journal of Quality Technology*, in press, 2016.

**See Also**

[addt.fit](#)

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AdhesiveBondB

*Adhesive Bond B dataset*

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**Description**

A dataset from Escobar et al. (2003) containing the results of an accelerated destructive degradation testing on the strength of an adhesive bond.

**Usage**

```
data(AdhesiveBondB)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 82 observations on the following 3 variables.

TempC Temperature.

TimeH Time in hours.

Response Strength (Newtons).

**Source**

L. A. Escobar, W. Q. Meeker, D. L. Kugler, and L. L. Kramer, “Accelerated destructive degradation tests: Data, models, and analysis,” in *Mathematical and Statistical Methods in Reliability*, B. H. Lindqvist and K. A. Doksum, Eds. River Edge, NJ: World Scientific Publishing Company, 2003, ch. 21.



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AdhesiveFormulationK *Adhesive Formulation K Data*

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**Description**

A dataset from Xie al. (2015) Strength was tested at 40, 50, and 60 degree C.

**Usage**

```
data(AdhesiveFormulationK)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 101 observations on the following 3 variables.

TempC Temperature.

TimeH Time in hours.

Response Strength (Newtons).

**Source**

Y. Xie, C. B. King, Y. Hong, and Q. Yang (2015). Semiparametric Models for Accelerated Destructive Degradation Test Data Analysis. Preprint: arXiv:1512.03036.

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plot.addt.fit *ADDT Plotting*

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**Description**

Provides graphical tools for ADDT analysis.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'addt.fit'
plot(x, type, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An <i>addt.fit</i> object.
type	Type of plot ("data", "ML", "LS", "SEMI") to be generated. If <i>type</i> ="data", a scatter plot of the dataset in <i>addt.fit</i> object is generated. If <i>type</i> ="ML", a plot of data along with the results of ML approach is produced. If <i>type</i> ="LS", the polynomial fit to the data is plotted. If <i>type</i> ="SEMI", the semi-parametric fit to the data is plotted.
...	Optional arguments.

**See Also**[addt.fit](#)

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PolymerY

*Polymeric Material*

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**Description**

A dataset from Tsai et al. (2013) conducting a study on the tensile strength of a new type of polymer material.

**Usage**

```
data(PolymerY)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 76 observations on the following 3 variables.

TempC Temperature.

TimeH Time in hours.

Response Strength (Newtons).

**Source**

Tsai, C.-C., S.-T. Tseng, N. Balakrishnan, and C.-T. Lin (2013). Optimal design for accelerated destructive degradation tests. *Quality Technology and Quantitative Management* 10, 263-276.

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SealStrength

*Data for Seal Strength*

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**Description**

Seal Strength dataset presented in Li and Doganaksoy (2014).

In the R package ADDT, Seal Strength dataset has minor modifications where the temperature at time point 0 is changed to 200 degree where in the original dataset, it is 100 degree. This is a computing trick that will not affect the model results.

**Usage**

```
data(SealStrength)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 210 observations on the following 3 variables.

TempC Temperature.

TimeH Time in hours.

Response Strength (Newtons)

**Details**

Seal strength dataset is collected under an experiment of testing the strength of a new seal.

**Source**

M. Li, and N. Doganaksoy (2014). Batch variability in accelerated-degradation testing. *Journal of Quality Technology* 46, 171-180.

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summary.addt.fit	<i>Summary of an "addt.fit" object.</i>
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**Description**

Provides a brief summary of an *addt.fit* object.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object	An addt.fit object.
...	Optional arguments.

**Value**

Returns a list whose items vary depending on which procedure was used in [addt.fit](#). If *proc="ML"*, then the output has the following items:

coef.mle.mat	A matrix giving the estimated coefficients, their standard errors, and the lower and upper bounds of a 95% confidence interval.
ti.CI	The estimated thermal index of the material, its standard error, and 95% confidence interval.
logLik	The maximum log-likelihood value achieved.

If *proc="LS"*, the output has the following items:

coefs	A vector giving the estimated coefficients for the time-temperature line.
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TI	The estimated thermal index of the material.
interp. time	A matrix contains the interpolated time at the <i>failure.threshold</i> specified for each temperature level.

If *proc*="SemiPara", the output has the following items:

betahat	An estimate of our model coefficient under the users chosen setups.
knots	Knots used in the B-spline, these are the optimal knots if <i>best.knots</i> =TRUE.
Loglik	The maximum log-likelihood value achieved.
aic	aic value for the final model.
aicc	aicc value for the final model.

If *proc*="All", the output will give the preceding values for all the *LS.obj*, *ML.obj* and *Semi-Para.obj*.

### See Also

[addt.fit](#)

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