

# Package ‘allomr’

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## Usage

allomr( $X$ ,  $Y$ ,  $X_0$ ,  $a$ ,  $b$ )

## Arguments

$X$	Required. A numerical vector, containing the first set of body measurements.
$Y$	Required. Either a numerical vector or an entire data set, containing the second set of body measurements. These are the measurements from which allometric effects will be removed. This is achieved by calculating $Y^*$ , the normalized value of $Y$ this subject would reach when $X=X_0$ .
$X_0$	Optional. The value of $X$ for which $Y$ should be normalized. Default is the mean of $X$ .
$a$	Optional. The regression parameter $a$ . Derived from data if not specified or if $Y$ is a data set.
$b$	Optional. The regression parameter $b$ . Derived from data if not specified or if $Y$ is a data set.

## Details

Calculates  $X_0$  as the mean of  $X$  and the regression parameters  $a$  and  $b$  (if not specified) according to equation (A.5).  $Y^*$  is calculated according to equation (13) and the particular shape factor  $exp(\varepsilon_i)$  according to equation (9) in Lleonart et al. (2000) <doi:10.1006/jtbi.2000.2043>.

## Value

A list containing sample size for  $X$  ( $n$ ), the regression parameters  $a$  ( $a$ ) and  $b$  ( $b$ ),  $X_0$  ( $X_0$ ), a vector containing the normalized values  $Y^*$  ( $Y_x$ ) and a vector containing the values for the particular shape factor  $exp(\varepsilon_i)$  ( $exp\_e$ ).

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## References

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**Examples**

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## examples from Lleonart et al. (2000), Appendix B
## note: small differences due to rounding in paper

## Table B1
gr1<-NULL
gr1$X<- c(10.223, 11.184,12.251,11.922,11.485,11.625,11.303,11.662)
gr1$Y<- c(1.184,1.371,1.676,1.662,1.509,1.539,1.481,1.417)
gr1$Group<-c(rep(1, 8))
gr1d <- as.data.frame(gr1)

gr2<-NULL
gr2$X<- c(11.415,11.684,11.668, 11.322,12.553,12.213, 10.814, 10.493)
gr2$Y<-c(1.364,1.508,1.535,1.387,1.522,1.502,1.256,1.230)
gr2$Group<-c(rep(2, 8))
gr2d <- as.data.frame(gr2)

B1 <- as.data.frame(rbind(gr1d, gr2d))

allomr(B1$X, B1$Y)

## Table B2
gr1<-NULL
gr1$X<- c(3.050,2.783,2.492,3.543,2.495)
gr1$Y<- c(2.349,2.129,1.936,2.813,1.908)
gr1$Group<-c(rep(1, 5))
gr1d <- as.data.frame(gr1)

gr2<-NULL
gr2$X<- c(4.088,4.264,3.200,4.038,3.855)
gr2$Y<- c(3.307,3.405,2.528,3.217,3.102)
gr2$Group<-c(rep(2, 5))
gr2d <- as.data.frame(gr2)

B2 <- as.data.frame(rbind(gr1d, gr2d))

allomr(X=B2$X, Y=B2$Y, X0=3.4, a=0.705, b=1.092)

## The function is currently defined as
allomr <- function(X, Y, X0, a, b){
  if (is.vector(Y)==TRUE){
    m1 <- lm(log(Y)~log(X))
    n <- length(X[!is.na(X)])
    if (missing(a)){
      a <- exp(m1$coefficients[1])
    }
    if (missing(b)){
      b <- m1$coefficients[2]
    }
    if (missing(X0)){

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    X0 <- mean(X, na.rm=TRUE)
  }
  Yx <- Y*(X0/X)^b
  exp_e <- Y/(a*X^b)
  obj <-list(n, a, b, X0, Yx, exp_e)
  names(obj) <-c("n","a","b","X0","Yx","exp_e")
  class(obj) <- "allomr"
  return(obj)
}
else {
  if (!missing(a) | !missing(b)){
    message("NOTE: Y is a data set. Regression parameters will be derived from data.")
  }
  a<-NULL
  b<-NULL
  Yx<-NULL
  exp_e<-NULL
  for (i in 1:ncol(Y)){
    m1<- lm(log(Y[[i]])~log(X))
    n<-length(X[!is.na(X)])
    a<- cbind(a, exp(m1$coefficients[1]))
    b<- cbind(b, m1$coefficients[2])
    if (missing(X0)){
      X0<-mean(X, na.rm=TRUE)
    }
    Yx<- cbind(Yx, Y[[i]]*(X0/X)^m1$coefficients[2])
    exp_e<- cbind(exp_e, Y[[i]]/(exp(m1$coefficients[1])*X^m1$coefficients[2]))
  }
  obj <-list(n, a, b, X0, Yx, exp_e)
  names(obj) <-c("n","a","b","X0","Yx","exp_e")
  class(obj) <- "allomr"
  return(obj)
}
}

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