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|------------------|---|
| cate_nelson_1965 | <i>Cate &amp; Nelson quadrants analysis (graphical)</i> |
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### Description

This function runs the quadrants analysis suggested by Cate and Nelson (1965)

### Usage

```
cate_nelson_1965(data = NULL, stv, ry, target, tidy = FALSE, plot = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| data   | argument to call a data.frame or data.table containing the data  |
| stv    | argument to call the vector or column containing the soil test value (stv) data  |
| ry     | argument to call the vector or column containing the relative yield (ry) data  |
| target | argument to specify the ry target (numeric) to estimate the critical stv for   |
| tidy   | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to decide the type of return. TRUE returns a data.frame, FALSE returns a list (default).   |
| plot   | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to decide the type of return. TRUE returns a ggplot, FALSE returns either a list (tidy == FALSE) or a data.frame (tidy == TRUE). |

### Details

See [online-documentation](#) for additional details.

**Value**

returns an object of type `ggplot` if `plot = TRUE`.

returns an object of class `data.frame` if `tidy = TRUE`,

returns an object of class `list` if `tidy = FALSE`.

**Note**

This code was adapted from Mangiafico, S. S. (2013). Cate-Nelson Analysis for Bivariate Data Using R-project. *The Journal of Extension*, 51(5), Article 33. <https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/joe/vol51/iss5/33/>

**References**

Cate & Nelson (1965). A rapid method for correlation of soil test analysis with plant response data. *North Carolina Agric. Exp. Stn., International soil Testing Series I. No. 1.*

**See Also**

[eval\\_tidy](#), [defusing-advanced lm](#), [anova ggplot](#), [aes](#), [geom\\_point](#), [labs](#), [geom\\_abline](#), [annotate](#), [theme](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example 1 dataset
dat <- data.frame("ry" = c(65,80,85,88,90,94,93,96,97,95,98,100,99,99,100),
                 "stv" = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15))
# Run
fit_example_cn_1965 <- cate_nelson_1965(data = dat,
ry = ry, stv = stv, target = 90, tidy=FALSE, plot=FALSE)

fit_example_cn_1965
```

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cate\_nelson\_1971

*Cate & Nelson quadrants analysis (statistical)*

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**Description**

This function runs the quadrants analysis suggested by Cate and Nelson (1971)

**Usage**

```
cate_nelson_1971(data = NULL, stv, ry, tidy = FALSE, plot = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| data | argument to call a data.frame or data.table containing the data  |
| stv  | argument to call the vector or column containing the soil test value (stv) data  |
| ry   | argument to call the vector or column containing the relative yield (ry) data  |
| tidy | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to decide the type of return. TRUE returns a data.frame, FALSE returns a list (default).   |
| plot | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to decide the type of return. TRUE returns a ggplot, FALSE returns either a list (tidy == FALSE) or a data.frame (tidy == TRUE). |

**Details**

See [online-documentation](#) for additional details.

**Value**

returns an object of type ggplot if plot = TRUE.  
 returns an object of class data.frame if tidy = TRUE,  
 returns an object of class list if tidy = FALSE.

**Note**

This code was adapted from Mangiafico, S. S. (2013). Cate-Nelson Analysis for Bivariate Data Using R-project. *The Journal of Extension*, 51(5), Article 33. <https://tigerprints.clemson.edu/joe/vol51/iss5/33/>

**References**

Cate & Nelson (1971). A simple statistical procedure for partitioning soil test correlation data into two classes. *Soil Sci. Soc. Am. Proc.* 35:658-660. doi:10.2136/sssaj1971.03615995003500040048x

**See Also**

[eval\\_tidy](#), [defusing-advanced lm](#), [anova ggplot](#), [aes](#), [geom\\_point](#), [labs](#), [geom\\_abline](#), [annotate](#), [theme](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example 1 dataset
dat <- data.frame("ry" = c(65,80,85,88,90,94,93,96,97,95,98,100,99,99,100),
                 "stv" = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15))

# Run
fit_example_cn_1971 <- cate_nelson_1971(data = dat,
ry = ry, stv = stv, tidy=FALSE, plot=FALSE)

fit_example_cn_1971
```

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`data_test`*Dataset 1*

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**Description**

Example dataset containing hypothetical pairs of soil test value (STV) and relative yield (RY).

**Usage**`data_test`**Format**

this data frame has 137 rows and the following 2 columns:

**STV** soil test value

**RY** relative yield, %

**Source**

[doi:10.7910/DVN/NABA57](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/NABA57)

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`freitas1966`*Dataset 2*

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**Description**

Example dataset containing real data reported by Cate & Nelson (1971) from Freitas et al. (1966). Soil test potassium values (STK) and relative yield as percentage (RY).

**Usage**`freitas1966`**Format**

this data frame has 24 rows and the following 2 columns:

**RY** relative yield, %

**STK** soil test potassium, ppm

**Source**

Freitas et al. (1966) cited and used by Cate & Nelson (1971). Soil Sci. Soc. Am. Proc. 35:658-659

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| linear_plateau | <i>Linear-plateau response function</i> |
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### Description

This function helps to fit a linear-plateau model in order to estimate critical soil test values (CSTV) above which yield response becomes flat.

### Usage

```
LP_f(x, intercept, slope, cx)
```

```
SS_LP(x, intercept, slope, cx)
```

```
linear_plateau(
  data = NULL,
  stv,
  ry,
  target = NULL,
  tidy = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  resid = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | selfstart vector for independent variable, Default: NULL   |
| intercept | selfstart arg. for intercept Default: NULL   |
| slope     | selfstart arg. for slope Default: NULL   |
| cx        | selfstart arg. for critical X (cx) value Default: NULL   |
| data      | Optional argument to call and object of type data.frame or data.table containing the soil test value (STV) and relative yield (RY) data, Default: NULL |
| stv       | name of the vector containing soil test values (-) of type numeric.  |
| ry        | name of the vector containing relative yield values (%) of type numeric.   |
| target    | numeric value of relative yield target (e.g. 90 for 90%) to estimate the CSTV. The target needs to be < plateau, otherwise, target = plateau.          |
| tidy      | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to decide the type of return. TRUE returns a data.frame, FALSE returns a list (default).                                 |
| plot      | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to plot the linear-plateau model, Default: FALSE   |
| resid     | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to plot residuals analysis, Default: FALSE   |

### Details

See [online-documentation](#) for additional details.

**Value**

returns an object of type `ggplot` if `plot = TRUE`.  
returns a residuals plot if `resid = TRUE`.  
returns an object of class `data.frame` if `tidy = TRUE`,  
returns an object of class `list` if `tidy = FALSE`.  
LP\_f: vector of the same length as `x` using the linear-plateau function  
SS\_LP: selfStart object to pass into the `linear_plateau` fit  
`linear_plateau`: function

**Note**

For extended reference, we recommend to visit: <https://gradcylinder.org/linear-plateau/> & <https://github.com/austinwpearce/S>  
by Austin Pearce. Self-start function code adapted from `nltraa` package by F. Miguez <https://github.com/femiguez/nltraa>

**References**

Anderson, R. L., and Nelson, L. A. (1975). A Family of Models Involving Intersecting Straight Lines and Concomitant Experimental Designs Useful in Evaluating Response to Fertilizer Nutrients. *Biometrics*, 31(2), 303–318. doi:10.2307/2529422

**See Also**

[eval\\_tidy](#), [defusing-advanced-nlsLM](#), [AIC](#), [lm](#), [optim](#), [coef](#), [predict](#), [AICc](#), [model-quality-nlsResiduals](#), [bind](#), [ggplot](#), [aes](#), [geom\\_rug](#), [geom\\_point](#), [geom\\_abline](#), [geom\\_path](#), [annotate](#), [labs](#), [theme](#), [annotate](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example dataset
dat <- data.frame("ry" = c(65,80,85,88,90,94,93,96,97,95,98,100,99,99,100),
                 "stv" = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15))
# Run
fit_example_lp <- linear_plateau(data = dat,
ry = ry, stv = stv, resid = TRUE, plot = FALSE)
fit_example_lp
```

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mitscherlich

*Mitscherlich response function*

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**Description**

This function helps to fit a Mitscherlich response model for relative yield (`ry`) as a function of soil test values (`stv`).

**Usage**

```
mits_formula_1(x, a, b, c)
```

```
mits_formula_2(x, b, c)
```

```
mits_formula_3(x, c)
```

```
mitscherlich(
  data = NULL,
  stv,
  ry,
  type,
  target = NULL,
  tidy = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  resid = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| x      | selfstart vector. for model fit Default: NULL  |
| a      | selfstart arg. for asymptote, Default: NULL  |
| b      | selfstart arg. for xintercept Default: NULL  |
| c      | selfstart arg. for curvature Default: NULL   |
| data   | Optional argument to call and object of type data.frame or data.table containing the stv and ry data, Default: NULL  |
| stv    | name of the vector containing soil test values (-) of type numeric.  |
| ry     | name of the vector containing relative yield values (%) of type numeric.   |
| type   | string or number that indicates the type of Mitscherlich model to fit. Default: 1<br>type = "no restrictions" or type = 1 for model with 'no restrictions'; type = "asymptote 100" or type = 2 for model with 'asymptote = 100'; type = "asymptote 100 from 0" or type = 3 for model with 'asymptote = 100 and xintercept = 0' |
| target | numeric value of relative yield target (e.g. 90 for 90%) to estimate the CSTV. Default: NULL   |
| tidy   | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to decide the type of return. TRUE returns a data.frame, FALSE returns a list (default).   |
| plot   | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to plot the Mitscherlich model, Default: FALSE   |
| resid  | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to plot residuals analysis, Default: FALSE   |

**Details**

See [online-documentation](#) for additional details.



**Value**

returns an object of type `ggplot` if `plot = TRUE`.  
returns a residuals plot if `resid = TRUE`.  
returns an object of class `data.frame` if `tidy = TRUE`,  
returns an object of class `list` if `tidy = FALSE`.  
Mitscherlich type 1 formula  
Mitscherlich type 2 formula  
Mitscherlich type 3 formula  
mitscherlich: function

**Note**

For extended reference, we recommend to visit: <https://github.com/austinwpearce/SoilTestCocaCola> by Austin Pearce.

**References**

Melsted, S.W. and Peck, T.R. (1977). The Mitscherlich-Bray Growth Function. *In Soil Testing (eds T. Peck, J. Cope and D. Whitney)*. doi:10.2134/asaspecpub29.c1

**See Also**

[eval\\_tidy](#), [defusing-advanced-nls](#), [LM](#), [AIC](#), [lm](#), [optim](#), [coef](#), [predict](#), [AICc](#), [model-quality-nls](#), [Residuals](#), [bind](#), [ggplot](#), [aes](#), [geom\\_rug](#), [geom\\_point](#), [geom\\_abline](#), [geom\\_path](#), [annotate](#), [labs](#), [theme](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example dataset
dat <- data.frame("ry" = c(65,80,85,88,90,94,93,96,97,95,98,100,99,99,100),
                 "stv" = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15))

# Run
fit_example_mits <- mitscherlich(data = dat, type = 1,
                                ry = ry, stv = stv, resid = TRUE, plot = FALSE)

fit_example_mits
```

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mod\_alcc

*Modified Arcsine-Log Calibration Curve*

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**Description**

This function runs the modified arcsine-log calibration curve to estimate critical soil test values (CSTV) following Correndo et al. (2017)

**Usage**

```

mod_alcc(
  data = NULL,
  ry,
  stv,
  target,
  confidence = 0.95,
  tidy = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| data       | Optional argument to call and object of type <code>data.frame</code> or <code>data.table</code> containing the <code>stv</code> and <code>ry</code> data, Default: <code>NULL</code>   |
| ry         | name of the vector containing relative yield values (%) of type <code>numeric</code> .   |
| stv        | name of the vector containing soil test values of type <code>numeric</code> .  |
| target     | numeric value of relative yield target (e.g. 90 for 90%) to estimate the CSTV.   |
| confidence | numeric value of confidence level (e.g. 0.95 for significance = 0.05)  |
| tidy       | logical operator ( <code>TRUE/FALSE</code> ) to decide the type of return. <code>TRUE</code> returns a <code>data.frame</code> , <code>FALSE</code> returns a list (default).  |
| plot       | logical operator ( <code>TRUE/FALSE</code> ) to decide the type of return. <code>TRUE</code> returns a <code>ggplot</code> , <code>FALSE</code> returns either a list ( <code>tidy == FALSE</code> ) or a <code>data.frame</code> ( <code>tidy == TRUE</code> ). |

**Details**

See [online-documentation](#) for additional details.

**Value**

returns an object of type `ggplot` if `plot = TRUE`.

returns an object of class `data.frame` if `tidy = TRUE`,

returns an object of class `list` if `tidy = FALSE`.

**Note**

For extended reference, we recommend to visit [doi:10.7910/DVN/NABA57](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/NABA57) and <https://github.com/adriancorrendo/modified-ALCC> by Adrian Correndo.

**References**

Correndo et al. (2017). A modification of the arcsine–log calibration curve for analysing soil test value–relative yield relationships. *Crop and Pasture Science*, 68(3), 297-304. [doi:10.1071/CP16444](https://doi.org/10.1071/CP16444)

**See Also**

[eval\\_tidy](#), [defusing-advanced](#) [TDist](#), [cor](#), [cor.test](#), [sd](#), [bind](#), [filter](#), [nest](#), [ggplot](#), [aes](#), [geom\\_point](#), [scale\\_manual](#), [geom](#), [annotate](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example 1 dataset
dat <- data.frame("ry" = c(65,80,85,88,90,94,93,96,97,95,98,100,99,99,100),
                  "stv" = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15))

# Run
fit_example <- mod_alcc(data = dat, ry = ry, stv = stv, target=90, confidence = 0.95)
fit_example
```

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| quadratic_plateau | <i>Quadratic-plateau response function</i> |
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**Description**

This function helps to fit a quadratic-plateau response model and to estimate a critical soil test values (CSTV) above which yield response becomes flat.

**Usage**

```
QP_f(x, intercept, slope, Xc)
```

```
SS_QP(x, intercept, slope, Xc)
```

```
quadratic_plateau(
  data = NULL,
  stv,
  ry,
  target = NULL,
  tidy = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  resid = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| x         | selfstart vector for independent variable, Default: NULL  |
| intercept | selfstart arg. for intercept Default: NULL  |
| slope     | selfstart arg. for slope Default: NULL  |
| Xc        | selfstart arg. for critical value Default: NULL   |
| data      | Optional argument to call and object of type data.frame or data.table containing the stv and ry data, Default: NULL |

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| stv    | name of the vector containing soil test values (-) of type numeric.   |
| ry     | name of the vector containing relative yield values (%) of type numeric.  |
| target | numeric value of relative yield target (e.g. 90 for 90%) to estimate the CSTV. The target needs to be < plateau, otherwise, target = plateau. |
| tidy   | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to decide the type of return. TRUE returns a data.frame, FALSE returns a list (default).                        |
| plot   | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to plot the quadratic-plateau model, Default: FALSE   |
| resid  | logical operator (TRUE/FALSE) to plot residuals analysis, Default: FALSE  |

### Details

See [online-documentation](#) for additional details.

### Value

returns an object of type `ggplot` if `plot = TRUE`.

returns a residuals plot if `resid = TRUE`.

returns an object of class `data.frame` if `tidy = TRUE`,

returns an object of class `list` if `tidy = FALSE`.

QP\_f: vector of the same length as `x` using the quadratic-plateau function

SS\_QP: selfStart object to pass into the quadratic\_plateau fit

quadratic\_plateau: function

### Note

For extended reference, we recommend to visit <https://gradcylinder.org/quad-plateau/> & <https://github.com/austinwpearce/SoilTestCocaCola> by Austin Pearce. Self-start function code adapted from nlraa package by F. Miguez <https://github.com/femiguez/nlraa>

### References

Bullock, D.G. and Bullock, D.S. (1994) Quadratic and Quadratic-Plus-Plateau Models for Predicting Optimal Nitrogen Rate of Corn: A Comparison. *Agron. J.*, 86: 191-195. doi:10.2134/agronj1994.00021962008600010033x

### See Also

[eval\\_tidy](#), [defusing-advanced-nls](#), [LM](#), [AIC](#), [lm](#), [optim](#), [coef](#), [predict](#), [AICc](#), [model-quality-nls](#), [Residuals](#), [bind](#), [ggplot](#), [aes](#), [geom\\_rug](#), [geom\\_point](#), [geom\\_abline](#), [geom\\_path](#), [annotate](#), [labs](#), [theme](#), [annotate](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example dataset
dat <- data.frame("ry" = c(65,80,85,88,90,94,93,96,97,95,98,100,99,99,100),
                 "stv" = c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15))

# Run
fit_example_qp <- quadratic_plateau(data = dat,
ry = ry, stv = stv, resid = TRUE, plot = FALSE)
fit_example_qp
```

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