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| indo | <i>Formant values for Indonesian vowels</i> |
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Description

This data set gives F1 and F2 values for five vowels of Standard Indonesian, as spoken by eight speakers (4 male, 4 female), measured from wordlist recordings.

Usage

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Format

A data frame of 1725 rows, with columns “subj”, “gender”, “vowel”, “f1”, and “f2”.

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| normalizeVowels | <i>Normalize formant values using a variety of algorithms</i> |
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Description

Transforms vowel formant data measured in Hertz using one of several normalization schemes commonly used in phonetic and sociolinguistic research. Returns an n-by-m matrix of n data points by m formants in ascending order, with fundamental frequency first (if present), except for method “wattfabricius” which only and always returns F1 and F2, regardless of whether f0 and F3 were supplied.

Usage

```
normalizeVowels(method, f0=NULL, f1=NULL, f2=NULL, f3=NULL,
vowel=NULL, grouping.factor=NULL)
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Arguments

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| method | Normalization method to use. Possible values are “none”, “bark”, “mel”, “erb”, “log”, “z” “zscore” “ztransform” “lobanov”, “logmean” “nearey1”, “nearey2”, “s” “scentroid” “wattfabricius”. |
| f0 | Vector of f0 (fundamental frequency) values. Required for method “nearey2”. |
| f1 | Vector of F1 (first formant) values. Required for methods “nearey2”, “wattfabricius”. |
| f2 | Vector of F2 (second formant) values. Required for methods “nearey2”, “wattfabricius”. |
| f3 | Vector of F3 (third formant) values. Required for method “nearey2”. |

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| vowel | Vector of vowel symbols. Required for method “wattfabricius”, ignored for all other methods. |
| grouping.factor | Vector of grouping factor values. If supplied, used to calculate group-intrinsic normalizations for methods “lobanov”, “nearey1”, “nearey2”, and “wattfabricius”. |

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See Also

[plotVowels](#)

Examples

```
data(indoVowelData)
bark <- normalizeVowels('bark', f1=indo$f1, f2=indo$f2)
wattfab <- normalizeVowels('wattfabricius', f1=indo$f1, f2=indo$f2,
                          vowel=indo$vowel, grouping.factor=indo$subj)
```

plotVowels

Plot F1 and F2 values from separate vectors or from a data frame

Description

Generates high-quality plots of provided formant values using either the default onscreen device (X11, Quartz, or Win32) or direct-to-file using R base graphics functions (PDF, SVG, JPG, PNG, TIFF, or BMP). Can also normalize values on-the-fly before plotting, through a call to `normalizeVowels`.

Usage

```
plotVowels(data=NULL, vowel=NULL, f1=NULL, f2=NULL, f3=NULL, f0=NULL,
grouping.factor=NULL, norm.method='none', match.unit=TRUE,
match.axes='absolute', points='text', means='text', points.alpha=0.5,
means.alpha=1, points.cex=0.6, means.cex=1.2, ignore.hidden=TRUE,
ellipses=TRUE, ellipse.alpha=0.3173, polygon=TRUE, poly.order=NULL,
poly.include=NULL, single.plot=TRUE, titles='auto', axis.titles='auto',
axis.cex=0.8, garnish.col='#666666FF', grayscale=FALSE,
vary.colors=!grayscale, vary.shapes=grayscale, vary.lines=grayscale,
legend=single.plot, output='screen', family='', pointsize=12,
units='in', width=6.5, height=6.5, res=72, asp=NULL)
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Arguments

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| <code>data</code> | Optional data frame containing the values to be plotted. If data is specified, the values of <code>f0</code> , <code>f1</code> , <code>f2</code> , <code>f3</code> , <code>vowel</code> , and <code>grouping.factor</code> should be enclosed in quotes and should reference column names in data. |
| <code>vowel</code> | Vector (or column name in data) of vowel symbols. If data is specified and <code>vowel</code> is <code>NULL</code> , it looks for a column in data called “vowel”. If data and <code>vowel</code> are both <code>NULL</code> , it looks for an object named <code>vowel</code> . |
| <code>f1</code> | Vector (or column name in data) of F1 values. If data is specified and <code>f1</code> is <code>NULL</code> , it looks for a column in data called “f1”. If data and <code>f1</code> are both <code>NULL</code> , it looks for an object named <code>f1</code> . |
| <code>f2</code> | Vector (or column name in data) of F2 values. If data is specified and <code>f2</code> is <code>NULL</code> , it looks for a column in data called “f2”. If data and <code>f2</code> are both <code>NULL</code> , it looks for an object named <code>f2</code> . |
| <code>f3</code> | Vector (or column name in data) of F3 values (required for normalization method “nearey2”). |
| <code>f0</code> | Vector (or column name in data) of f0 values (required for normalization method “nearey2”). |
| <code>grouping.factor</code> | Vector (or column from data) of grouping factor values. Allows for plotting data by color/shape/linestyle (if <code>single.plot</code> is <code>TRUE</code>), or separating to individual plots (if <code>single.plot</code> is <code>FALSE</code>). |

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| norm.method | Normalization method to use to transform data before plotting. Possible values are “none”, “bark”, “mel”, “erb”, “log”, “z” “zscore” “ztransform” “lobanov”, “logmean” “nearey1”, “nearey2”, “s” “scentroid” “wattfabricius”. |
| match.unit | If TRUE (and norm.method is not “none”), axis tickmarks will be in the normalized unit. If FALSE (and norm.method is not “none”), axis tickmark values will be in Hertz, with tickmark locations scaled according to the chosen normalization method. |
| match.axes | If “absolute”, all plots have same bounds. If “relative”, all plots span the same range, but may have different endpoints. If “none”, extrema are calculated separately for each plot. Ignored (coerced to “absolute”) if single.plot is TRUE. |
| points | If “text”, plots vowel tokens with the character string given in vowel. If “shape”, plots vowel tokens as geometric shapes. If “none”, omits plotting the vowel tokens. |
| means | If “text”, plots vowel means with the character string given in vowel. If “shape”, plots vowel means as geometric shapes. If “none”, omits plotting the vowel means. |
| points.alpha | Opacity of individual vowel points (permissible values between 0 and 1 inclusive.) |
| means.alpha | Opacity of vowel means (permissible values between 0 and 1 inclusive.) |
| points.cex | Size of individual vowel points relative to pointsize. |
| means.cex | Size of vowel means relative to pointsize. |
| ignore.hidden | If TRUE and if points is “none”, plotting dimensions are calculated based only on means, (or ellipses, if present). |
| ellipses | If TRUE, plot an ellipse around each vowel mean tracing an equidensity contour of the bivariate normal distribution. |
| ellipse.alpha | Size of the ellipse [0,1] expressed as an alpha-level (i.e., 0.05 gives a 95% confidence ellipse). Defaults to alpha level of 0.3173 (an ellipse encompassing 68.27% of the data points, equivalent to plus-or-minus 1 standard deviation). Note that because this is an alpha level, HIGHER numbers give SMALLER ellipses. |
| polygon | If TRUE, draw a series of line segments connecting the vowel means, in the order given by poly.order. |
| poly.order | Vector of strings determining the order in which connecting lines are drawn for the vowel polygon. Should match the levels of the factor vowel. If there are values of vowel not included in poly.order, the function will do its best to recognize them and put them in a sensible order but polygon drawing results may be ugly. |
| poly.include | Indicates how many of the vowels in poly.order should be connected into a polygon. To exclude vowels from the polygon drawing, put them at the end of poly.order and provide a value for poly.include shorter than the length of poly.order. |
| single.plot | If TRUE, plot each value of the grouping factor on the same graph. If FALSE and output is “screen”, result is an on-screen lattice plot. If FALSE and output is “pdf” or “jpg”, result is a collection of separate PDF or JPG files (one per level of grouping.factor). |

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| titles | If “auto”, will auto-generate titles based on grouping.factor. If “none”, titles are omitted. Also accepts a single string (all titles will be the same), or a vector of strings that matches the number of levels in grouping.factor. |
| axis.titles | If “auto”, will auto-generate axis labels based on norm.method. Also accepts a two-element vector of strings (useful for cases where the F1 and F2 values passed to the function have already been normalized). Order of elements is F2 (horizontal) label before F1 (vertical) label. |
| axis.cex | Size of the axis numbers relative to pointsize. |
| garnish.col | Color for the axis lines, ticks, numbers, and labels. |
| grayscale | If TRUE, plot without color. Note that if grayscale is FALSE, graphs may still come out colorless if uniform.style is TRUE and there is only one group on the graph, because the first color plotted defaults to black. |
| vary.colors | If TRUE, vary token and mean colors by group. Defaults to the opposite value as grayscale. If both grayscale and vary.colors are TRUE, colors are shades of gray varying in equal luminance steps. |
| vary.shapes | If TRUE, vary token and mean shapes by group (when either points or means has the value “shape”). Defaults to same value as grayscale. Ignored if uniform.style is TRUE. |
| vary.lines | If TRUE, vary line style by group (when ellipses or polygon are TRUE). Defaults to same value as grayscale. Ignored if uniform.style is TRUE. |
| legend | If TRUE, prints a legend in the lower left corner of the graph. Also accepts the standard keyword values for the base graphics legend() command (“top”, “topright”, “right”, “bottomright”, “bottom”, “bottomleft”, “left”, “topleft”, “center”). |
| output | Possible values are “screen”, “pdf”, “svg”, “jpg”, “tif”, “png”, “bmp”. |
| family | Character string indicating the name of the font family to use for all text in the plot. If points=’text’ or means=’text’ and vowels includes non-ASCII unicode IPA symbols, be sure to specify a font that has glyphs at those codepoints. Note that font specification may fail if plotting to screen and then saving as PDF or Postscript from the onscreen plot window menu. To ensure PDF font fidelity, run plotVowels() with output=’pdf’ instead. |
| pointsize | Base size of font used for plotting. |
| units | Unit of plot dimensions: “in”, “cm”, “mm”, or “px”. Ignored when output is “screen”. |
| width | Width of the plot. Ignored when output is “screen”. |
| height | Height of the plot. Ignored when output is “screen”. |
| res | Resolution of output in dots-per-inch. Ignored for screen or vector output formats (pdf, svg), defaults to 72dpi for raster formats. |
| asp | Aspect ratio for plot area. Default is NULL, which changes the aspect ratio to maximize use of the available plot area; if specified, must be a positive numeric value. |

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See Also

[normalizeVowels](#)

Examples

```
data(indoVowelData)
plotVowels(vowel=indo$vowel, f1=indo$f1, f2=indo$f2, grouping.factor=
  indo$gender, norm.method='bark', match.unit=FALSE,
  poly.order=c('i','e','a','o','u'))
plotVowels(data=indo, grouping.factor='subj', single.plot=FALSE,
  match.axes='relative', points='none', means.cex=1.5,
  poly.order=c('i','e','a','o','u'))
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