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auc *Calculate area under the curve*

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### Description

This function takes a vector of x and y values and returns a scalar for the area under the curve, calculated using the trapezoid rule

### Usage

```
auc(  
  x,  
  y,  
  xlim = NULL,  
  blank = 0,  
  subset = NULL,  
  na.rm = TRUE,  
  neg.rm = FALSE,  
  warn_xlim_out_of_range = TRUE,  
  warn_negative_y = TRUE  
)
```

### Arguments

x	Numeric vector of x values
y	Numeric vector of y values
xlim	Vector, of length 2, delimiting the x range over which the area under the curve should be calculated (where NA can be provided for the area to be calculated from the start or to the end of the data)
blank	Value to be subtracted from y values before calculating area under the curve
subset	A vector of logical values indicating which x and y values should be included (TRUE) or excluded (FALSE).
na.rm	a logical indicating whether missing values should be removed
neg.rm	a logical indicating whether y values below zero should be treated as zeros. If FALSE, area under the curve for negative y values will be calculated normally, effectively subtracting from the returned value.
warn_xlim_out_of_range	logical whether warning should be issued when xlim is lower than the lowest x value or higher than the highest x value.
warn_negative_y	logical whether warning should be issued when neg.rm == FALSE but some y values are below 0.

### Value

A scalar for the total area under the curve

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block_tidydesign	<i>Turn tidydesign into block format</i>
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### Description

This function allows users to convert designs created with tidydesign into a block format for easy output to csv for inclusion in lab notebooks, etc in a human-readable format

### Usage

```
block_tidydesign(  
  tidydesign,  
  collapse = NULL,  
  wellnames_sep = "_",  
  wellnames_colname = "Well"  
)
```

### Arguments

tidydesign	A tidydesign data.frame (e.g. as created by make_tidydesign)
collapse	NULL or a string to use for concatenating design elements together. If NULL each design column will be put into its own block. If a string, that string will be used to <a href="#">paste</a> together all design elements and all design elements will be returned in a single block
wellnames_sep	A string used when concatenating rownames and column names to create well names
wellnames_colname	Header for newly-created column containing the well names

### Value

A list of blockdesign data.frames (if collapse is not NULL the list is of length 1)

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calc_deriv	<i>Calculate derivatives of vector of data</i>
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### Description

Provided a vector of y values, this function returns either the plain or per-capita difference or derivative between sequential values

**Usage**

```
calc_deriv(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  return = "derivative",
  percapita = FALSE,
  x_scale = 1,
  blank = NULL,
  subset_by = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_width_frac = NULL,
  window_width_n_frac = NULL,
  trans_y = "linear",
  na.rm = TRUE,
  warn_ungrouped = TRUE,
  warn_logtransform_warnings = TRUE,
  warn_logtransform_infinite = TRUE,
  warn_window_toosmall = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

y	Data to calculate difference or derivative of
x	Vector of x values provided as a simple numeric.
return	One of c("difference", "derivative") for whether the differences in y should be returned, or the derivative of y with respect to x
percapita	When percapita = TRUE, the per-capita difference or derivative is returned
x_scale	Numeric to scale x by in derivative calculation Set x_scale to the ratio of the units of x to the desired units. E.g. if x is in seconds, but the desired derivative is in units of /minute, set x_scale = 60 (since there are 60 seconds in 1 minute).
blank	y-value associated with a "blank" where the density is 0. Is required when percapita = TRUE. If a vector of blank values is specified, blank values are assumed to be in the same order as unique(subset_by)
subset_by	An optional vector as long as y. y will be split by the unique values of this vector and the derivative for each group will be calculated independently of the others. This provides an internally-implemented approach similar to <a href="#">group_by</a> and <a href="#">mutate</a>
window_width, window_width_n, window_width_frac, window_width_n_frac	Set how many data points are used to determine the slope at each point. When all are NULL, calc_deriv calculates the difference or derivative of each point with the next point, appending NA at the end. When one or multiple are specified, a linear regression is fit to all points in the window to determine the slope.

	<p>window_width_n specifies the width of the window in number of data points. window_width specifies the width of the window in units of x. window_width_n_frac specifies the width of the window as a fraction of the total number of data points. When using multiple window specifications at the same time, windows are conservative. Points included in each window will meet all of the window_width, window_width_n, and window_width_n_frac.</p> <p>A value of window_width_n = 3 or window_width_n = 5 is often a good default.</p>
trans_y	<p>One of c("linear", "log") specifying the transformation of y-values. 'log' is only available when calculating per-capita derivatives using a fitting approach (when non-default values are specified for window_width or window_width_n). For per-capita growth expected to be exponential or nearly-exponential, "log" is recommended, since exponential growth is linear when log-transformed. However, log-transformations must be used with care, since y-values at or below 0 will become undefined and results will be more sensitive to incorrect values of blank.</p>
na.rm	logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing
warn_ungrouped	logical whether warning should be issued when calc_deriv is being called on ungrouped data and subset_by = NULL.
warn_logtransform_warnings	logical whether warning should be issued when log(y) produced warnings.
warn_logtransform_infinite	logical whether warning should be issued when log(y) produced infinite values that will be treated as NA.
warn_window_toosmall	logical whether warning should be issued when only one data point is in the window set by window_width_n, window_width, or window_width_n_frac, and so NA will be returned.

## Details

For per-capita derivatives, trans\_y = 'linear' and trans\_y = 'log' approach the same value as time resolution increases.

For instance, let's assume exponential growth  $N = e^r t$  with per-capita growth rate  $r$ .

With trans\_y = 'linear', note that  $dN/dt = re^r t = rN$ . So we can calculate per-capita growth rate as  $r = dN/dt * 1/N$ .

With trans\_y = 'log', note that  $\log(N) = \log(e^r t) = rt$ . So we can calculate per-capita growth rate as the slope of a linear fit of  $\log(N)$  against time,  $r = \log(N)/t$ .

## Value

A vector of values for the plain (if percapita = FALSE) or per-capita (if percapita = TRUE) difference (if return = "difference") or derivative (if return = "derivative") between y values. Vector will be the same length as y, with NA values at the ends

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**CentroidFunctions**      *Calculate centroid*

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**Description**

This function takes a vector of x and y values and returns the x and/or y position of the centroid of mass of the area under the curve

**Usage**

```
centroid(  
  x,  
  y,  
  return,  
  xlim = NULL,  
  blank = 0,  
  subset = NULL,  
  na.rm = TRUE,  
  neg.rm = FALSE,  
  warn_xlim_out_of_range = TRUE,  
  warn_negative_y = TRUE  
)  
  
centroid_x(x, y, return = "x", ...)  
  
centroid_y(x, y, return = "y", ...)  
  
centroid_both(x, y, return = "both", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Numeric vector of x values
y	Numeric vector of y values
return	One of c("x", "y", "both"), determining whether the function will return the x value of the centroid, the y value of the centroid, or a vector containing x then y
xlim	Vector, of length 2, delimiting the x range over which the centroid should be calculated (where NA can be provided for the area to be calculated from the start or to the end of the data)
blank	Value to be subtracted from y values before calculating the centroid
subset	A vector of logical values indicating which x and y values should be included (TRUE) or excluded (FALSE).
na.rm	a logical indicating whether missing values should be removed
neg.rm	a logical indicating whether y values below zero should be treated as zeros. If FALSE, the centroid for negative y values will be calculated normally, effectively pulling the centroid towards the x axis.

warn\_xlim\_out\_of\_range      logical whether warning should be issued when xlim is lower than the lowest x value or higher than the highest x value.

warn\_negative\_y              logical whether warning should be issued when neg.rm == FALSE but some y values are below 0.

...                              Other arguments to pass to centroid

**Details**

This function uses [st\\_centroid](#) to calculate the centroid of mass

**Value**

A scalar for the x value (if return = 'x') or y value (if return = 'y') of the centroid of the data

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doubling_time	<i>Calculate doubling time equivalent of per-capita growth rate</i>
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**Description**

Provided a vector of per-capita growth rates, this function returns the vector of equivalent doubling times

**Usage**

```
doubling_time(y, x_scale = 1)
```

**Arguments**

y                              Vector of per-capita derivative data to calculate the equivalent doubling time of

x\_scale                      Numeric to scale per-capita derivative values by

Set x\_scale to the ratio of the the units of y to the desired units. E.g. if y is in per-second, but the desired doubling time is in minutes, x\_scale = 60 (since there are 60 seconds in 1 minute).

**Value**

A vector of values for the doubling time equivalent to the per-capita growth rate supplied for y



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example\_design\_tidy     *Design for example growth curve data A tidy-shaped dataset with the experimental design (i.e. plate layout) for the example data included with gcplyr.*

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### Description

Wells A1...A8 through F1...F8 contain 48 different simulated bacterial strains growing alone. Wells G1...G8 through L1...L8 contain the same 48 bacterial strains in an identical layout, but this time growing in the presence of a phage

### Usage

```
example_design_tidy
```

### Format

A dataframe with 96 rows and 3 variables:

**Well** The well of the plate

**Bacteria\_strain** The numbered bacterial strain growing in each well

**Phage** Whether or not the bacteria were simulated growing with phages

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example\_widedata     *Example noisy growth curve data in wide format*

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### Description

A dataset containing example growth of 96 wells of simulated bacteria or bacteria and phages

Wells A1...A8 through F1...F8 contain 48 different simulated bacterial strains growing alone. Wells G1...G8 through L1...L8 contain the same 48 bacterial strains in an identical layout, but this time growing in the presence of a phage

### Usage

```
example_widedata
```

### Format

A dataframe with 97 rows and 97 variables:

**time** time, in seconds, since growth curve began

**A1, A2...H11, H12** bacterial density in the given well

### Details

Bacterial populations exhibit diauxic growth as they approach their carrying capacity, and they also evolve resistance in the face of selection from the phage population.

This data includes some simulated noise to approximate the noise generated during data collection by plate readers

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example\_widedata\_noiseless

*Example growth curve data in wide format*

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### Description

A dataset containing example growth of 96 wells of simulated bacteria or bacteria and phages

Wells A1...A8 through F1...F8 contain 48 different simulated bacterial strains growing alone. Wells G1...G8 through L1...L8 contain the same 48 bacterial strains in an identical layout, but this time growing in the presence of a phage

### Usage

example\_widedata\_noiseless

### Format

A dataframe with 97 rows and 97 variables:

**time** time, in seconds, since growth curve began

**A1, A2...H11, H12** bacterial density in the given well

### Details

Bacterial populations exhibit diauxic growth as they approach their carrying capacity, and they also evolve resistance in the face of selection from the phage population.

This data does not include any simulated noise

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ExtremaFunctions      *Find local extrema of a numeric vector*

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### Description

These functions take a vector of y values and identify local extrema.

### Usage

```
find_local_extrema(  
  y,  
  x = NULL,  
  window_width = NULL,  
  window_width_n = NULL,  
  window_height = NULL,  
  window_width_frac = NULL,  
  window_width_n_frac = NULL,  
  return = "index",  
  return_maxima = TRUE,  
  return_minima = TRUE,  
  return_endpoints = TRUE,  
  subset = NULL,  
  na.rm = TRUE,  
  width_limit = NULL,  
  width_limit_n = NULL,  
  height_limit = NULL  
)
```

```
first_maxima(  
  y,  
  x = NULL,  
  window_width = NULL,  
  window_width_n = NULL,  
  window_height = NULL,  
  window_width_frac = NULL,  
  window_width_n_frac = 0.2,  
  return = "index",  
  return_endpoints = TRUE,  
  ...  
)
```

```
first_minima(  
  y,  
  x = NULL,  
  window_width = NULL,  
  window_width_n = NULL,  
  window_height = NULL,
```

```

    window_width_frac = NULL,
    window_width_n_frac = 0.2,
    return = "index",
    return_endpoints = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

## Arguments

<code>y</code>	Numeric vector of y values in which to identify local extrema
<code>x</code>	Optional numeric vector of corresponding x values
<code>window_width</code> , <code>window_width_n</code> , <code>window_height</code> , <code>window_width_frac</code> , <code>window_width_n_frac</code>	Arguments that set the width/height of the window used to search for local extrema. <code>window_width</code> is in units of x. <code>window_width_n</code> is in units of number of data points. <code>window_height</code> is the maximum change in y a single extrema-search step is allowed to take. <code>window_width_n_frac</code> is as a fraction of the total number of data points. For example, the function will not pass a peak or valley more than <code>window_width_n</code> data points wide, nor a peak/valley taller or deeper than <code>window_height</code> . A narrower width will be more sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima, while a wider width will be less sensitive to local maxima/minima. A smaller height will be more sensitive to shallow local maxima/minima, while a larger height will be less sensitive to shallow maxima/minima.
<code>return</code>	One of c("index", "x", "y"), determining whether the function will return the index, x value, or y value associated with the identified extremas
<code>return_maxima</code> , <code>return_minima</code>	logical for which classes of local extrema to return
<code>return_endpoints</code>	Should the first and last values in y be included if they are in the returned vector of extrema?
<code>subset</code>	A vector of logical values indicating which x and y values should be included (TRUE) or excluded (FALSE). If <code>return = "index"</code> , <code>index</code> will be for the whole vector and not the subset of the vector
<code>na.rm</code>	logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing
<code>width_limit</code>	Deprecated, use <code>window_width</code> instead
<code>width_limit_n</code>	Deprecated, use <code>window_width_n</code> instead
<code>height_limit</code>	Deprecated, use <code>window_height</code> instead
<code>...</code>	(for <code>first_maxima</code> and <code>first_minima</code> ), other parameters to pass to <code>find_local_extrema</code>

**Details**

For `find_local_extrema`, one of `window_width`, `window_width_n`, `window_height`, or `window_width_n_frac` must be provided.

For `first_minima` or `first_maxima`, set `window_width_n_frac = NULL` to override default width behavior.

If multiple of `window_width`, `window_width_n`, `window_height`, or `window_width_n_frac` are provided, steps are limited conservatively (a single step must meet all criteria).

In the case of exact ties in `y` values within a window, only the first local extrema is returned.

**Value**

`find_local_extrema` returns a vector corresponding to all the found local extrema.

`first_maxima` returns only the first maxima, so is a shortcut for `find_local_extrema(return_maxima = TRUE, return_minima = FALSE)[1]`

`first_minima` returns only the first minima, so is a shortcut for `find_local_extrema(return_maxima = FALSE, return_minima = TRUE)[1]`

If `return = "index"`, the returned value(s) are the indices corresponding to local extrema in the data

If `return = "x"`, the returned value(s) are the `x` value(s) corresponding to local extrema in the data

If `return = "y"`, the returned value(s) are the `y` value(s) corresponding to local extrema in the data

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extr_val	<i>Extract parts of an object</i>
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**Description**

A wrapper for `[` with handling of NA's for use in `dplyr::summarize()`

**Usage**

```
extr_val(x, i, allNA_NA = TRUE, na.rm = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	object from which to extract element(s)
<code>i</code>	index specifying element to extract.
<code>allNA_NA</code>	logical indicating whether NA should be returned when <code>all(is.na(i)) == TRUE</code> .
<code>na.rm</code>	a logical indicating whether missing index values should be removed.

**Value**

If `all_NA = FALSE` and `na.rm = FALSE`, identical to `x[i]`.

If `all_NA = FALSE` and `na.rm = TRUE`, identical to `x[i[!is.na(i)]]`.

If `all_NA = TRUE`, identical to `x[i]` unless `all(is.na(i)) == TRUE`, in which case returns NA

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 first\_peak

*Find the first local maxima of a numeric vector*


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### Description

This function has been deprecated in favor of the identical new function [first\\_maxima](#)

### Usage

```
first_peak(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  window_width = NULL,
  window_width_n = NULL,
  window_height = NULL,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

y	Numeric vector of y values in which to identify local extrema
x	Optional numeric vector of corresponding x values
window_width	Width of the window (in units of x) used to search for local extrema. A narrower width will be more sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima, while a wider width will be less sensitive to local maxima/minima.
window_width_n	The maximum number of data points a single extrema-search step is allowed to take. For example, when maxima-finding, the function will not pass a valley consisting of more than window_width_n data points. A smaller window_width_n will be more sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima, while a larger window_width_n will be less sensitive to narrow local maxima/minima. If not provided, defaults to $\sim 0.2 * \text{length}(y)$
window_height	The maximum change in y a single extrema-search step is allowed to take. For example, when maxima-finding, the function will not pass a valley deeper than window_height. A smaller window_height will be more sensitive to shallow local maxima/minima, while a larger window_height will be less sensitive to shallow maxima/minima.
return	One of c("index", "x", "y"), determining whether the function will return the index, x value, or y value associated with the first maxima in y values
return_endpoints	Should the first or last value in y be allowed to be returned?
...	Other parameters to pass to <a href="#">find_local_extrema</a>

**Details**

This function takes a vector of y values and returns the index (by default) of the first local maxima. It serves as a shortcut for `find_local_extrema(return_maxima = TRUE, return_minima = FALSE)[1]`

If none of `window_width`, `window_width_n`, or `window_height` are provided, default value of `window_width_n` will be used.

**Value**

If `return = "index"`, a vector of indices corresponding to local extrema in the data

If `return = "x"`, a vector of x values corresponding to local extrema in the data

If `return = "y"`, a vector of y values corresponding to local extrema in the data

**See Also**

[`first_maxima()`]

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from\_excel

*A function that converts base-26 Excel-style letters to numbers*

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**Description**

A function that converts base-26 Excel-style letters to numbers

**Usage**

```
from_excel(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A vector of column names in Excel-style base-26 letter format (any values that are already in base-10 will be returned as-is)

**Value**

A vector of numbers in base-10

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gc\_smooth.spline      *Fit a Smoothing Spline*

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### Description

This function is a wrapper for [smooth.spline](#), which fits a cubic smoothing spline to the supplied data, but includes the option to remove NA values, and returns values in the original order.

### Usage

```
gc_smooth.spline(x, y = NULL, ..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

x	A vector giving the values of the predictor variable.
y	A vector giving the values of the response variable. If y is missing or NULL, the responses are assumed to be specified by x, with x the index vector.
...	Additional arguments passed to <a href="#">smooth.spline</a> .
na.rm	logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing. Required to be TRUE if any x or y values are NA.

### Details

See [smooth.spline](#)

### Value

Similar to [smooth.spline](#), an object of class "smooth.spline" with many components. Differs in that x, y, and w have NA's at any indices where x or y were NA in the inputs, and x, y, and w are returned to match the input x in order and length

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import\_blockdesigns      *Import blockdesigns*

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### Description

Function to import block-shaped designs from files and return tidy designs. This function acts as a wrapper that calls [read\\_blocks](#), [paste\\_blocks](#), [trans\\_block\\_to\\_wide](#), [trans\\_wide\\_to\\_tidy](#), and [separate\\_tidy](#)



**Usage**

```
import_blockdesigns(
  files,
  block_names = NULL,
  block_name_header = "block_name",
  join_as_cols = TRUE,
  sep = NULL,
  values_colname = "Designs",
  into = NULL,
  keep_blocknames = !join_as_cols,
  warn_joinrows_nointo = TRUE,
  join_designs = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

files	A vector of filepaths relative to the current working directory where each filepath is a single plate read to be read by <a href="#">read_blocks</a> .
block_names	Vector of names corresponding to each design element (each block). Inferred from filenames, if not specified. When <code>keep_blocknames = TRUE</code> , the output will have a column containing these values, with the column name specified by <code>block_name_header</code> . When <code>join_as_cols = TRUE</code> , the <code>block_names</code> are also used as the output column names for each separated design column.
block_name_header	When <code>keep_blocknames = TRUE</code> , the column name of the column containing the <code>block_names</code> .
join_as_cols	logical indicating whether blocks (if there are multiple) should be joined as columns (i.e. describe the same plate) in the tidy output. If <code>FALSE</code> , blocks are joined as rows (i.e. describe different plates) in the tidy output.
sep	If designs have been pasted together, this specifies the string they should be split apart by via <a href="#">separate_tidy</a> .
values_colname	When <code>join_as_cols = FALSE</code> and <code>sep</code> is not specified, all the design values will be in a column named by <code>values_colname</code> . For other cases, see the <b>Value</b> section.
into	When <code>sep</code> is specified, <code>into</code> sets the names of the columns after splitting (see <b>Value</b> section for behavior when <code>into</code> is not set).
keep_blocknames	logical indicating whether the column containing <code>block_names</code> (or those inferred from file names) should be retained in the output. By default, blocknames are retained only if <code>join_as_cols = FALSE</code> .
warn_joinrows_nointo	logical indicating whether warning should be raised when multiple blocks are joined as rows ( <code>join_as_cols = FALSE</code> ) and <code>sep</code> is specified, but <code>into</code> is not specified.

`join_designs`    Deprecated, use `join_as_cols` instead  
`...`            Other arguments to pass to `read_blocks`, `paste_blocks`, `trans_block_to_wide`,  
                   `trans_wide_to_tidy`, or `separate_tidy`.  
                   See Details for more information

### Details

Other common arguments that you may want to provide via `...` include:

`startrow`, `endrow`, `startcol`, `endcol`, `sheet` - specifying the location of design information inside files to `read_blocks`.

`wellnames_sep` - specifying what character (or "" for none) should be used when pasting together the rownames and column names. Note that this should be chosen to match the well names in your measures.

`into` - specifying the column names resulting from using `separate_tidy` on the `values_colname` column.

Note that `import_blockdesigns` cannot currently handle metadata specified via the `metadata` argument of `read_blocks`.

If you find yourself needing more control, you can run the steps manually, first reading with `read_blocks`, pasting as needed with `paste_blocks`, transforming to tidy with `trans_block_to_wide` and `trans_wide_to_tidy`, and separating as needed with `separate_tidy`.

### Value

A tidy-shaped `data.frame` containing the design information from files. This always includes a "Well" column.

If `keep_blocknames = TRUE`, this includes a column with the column name specified by `block_name_header` and containing `block_names` (or block names inferred from file names).

The layout of the design values varies depending on the inputs:

If `join_as_cols = TRUE`, each block was joined as a column, with the columns named according to `block_names` (or block names inferred from file names). In this case, if `sep` was specified, each column was split by `sep` into columns named by splitting the corresponding block name by `sep` (post-split column names can alternatively be specified directly via `into`).

Otherwise, when `join_as_cols = FALSE`, each block was joined as rows, with the column containing all design values named by `values_colname`. In this case, if `sep` was specified, that single design column was split by `sep` into columns named by splitting `values_colname` (post-split column names can alternatively be specified directly via `into`).

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import\_blockmeasures    *Import blockmeasures*

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### Description

Function to import blockmeasures from files and return widemeasures This function acts as a wrapper to call `read_blocks`, `uninterleave`, then `trans_block_to_wide` in one go

**Usage**

```
import_blockmeasures(
  files,
  num_plates = 1,
  plate_names = NULL,
  wellnames_sep = "",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

files	Vector of filenames (as strings), each of which is a block-shaped file containing measures data. File formats can be .csv, .xls, or .xlsx
num_plates	Number of plates. If multiple plates uninterleave will be used to separate block-measures into those plates accordingly
plate_names	(optional) Names to put onto the plates when output
wellnames_sep	String to use as separator for well names between rowname and column name
...	Other arguments to pass to <a href="#">read_blocks</a> , <a href="#">uninterleave</a> , or <a href="#">trans_block_to_wide</a>

**Details**

Common arguments that you may want to provide via ... include:

startrow, endrow, startcol, endcol, sheet - specifying the location of design information inside files to [read\\_blocks](#)

metadata - specifying metadata to [read\\_blocks](#)

See [read\\_blocks](#) for more details

If you find yourself needing more control, you can run the steps manually, first reading with [read\\_blocks](#), separating plates as needed with [uninterleave](#), then transforming to wide with [trans\\_block\\_to\\_wide](#).

**Value**

If num\_plates = 1, a wide-shaped data.frame containing the measures data.

if num\_plates is greater than one, a list of data.frame's, where each data.frame is wide-shaped.

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lag\_time

*Calculate lag time*


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**Description**

Lag time is calculated by projecting a tangent line at the point of maximum (per-capita) derivative backwards to find the time when it intersects with the minimum y-value

**Usage**

```
lag_time(
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  deriv = NULL,
  trans_y = "log",
  na.rm = TRUE,
  slope = NULL,
  x1 = NULL,
  y1 = NULL,
  y0 = NULL,
  warn_logtransform_warnings = TRUE,
  warn_logtransform_infinite = TRUE,
  warn_min_y_mismatch = TRUE,
  warn_multiple_maxderiv = TRUE,
  warn_one_lag = TRUE,
  warn_no_lag = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Vector of x values (typically time)
y	Vector of y values (typically density)
deriv	Vector of derivative values (typically per-capita derivative)
trans_y	One of c("linear", "log") specifying the transformation of y-values. 'log' is the default, producing calculations of lag time assuming a transition to exponential growth 'linear' is available for alternate uses
na.rm	a logical indicating whether missing values or values that become NA or infinite during log-transformation should be removed
slope	Slope to project from x1,y1 to y0 (typically per-capita growth rate). If not provided, will be calculated as <code>max(deriv)</code>
x1	x value (typically time) to project slope from. If not provided, will be calculated as <code>x[which.max(deriv)]</code> .
y1	y value (typically density) to project slope from. If not provided, will be calculated as <code>y[which.max(deriv)]</code> .
y0	y value (typically density) to find intersection of slope from x1, y1 with. If not provided, will be calculated as <code>min(y)</code>
warn_logtransform_warnings	logical whether warning should be issued when <code>log(y)</code> produced warnings.
warn_logtransform_infinite	logical whether warning should be issued when <code>log(y)</code> produced infinite values that will be treated as NA.
warn_min_y_mismatch	logical whether warning should be issued when <code>min(y)</code> does not equal <code>min(y[!is.na(x)])</code> .

warn_multiple_maxderiv	logical whether warning should be issued when there are multiple points in deriv that are tied for the highest, and only the first will be used.
warn_one_lag	logical whether warning should be issued when some, but not all, inputs are vectorized, and only one lag time value will be returned.
warn_no_lag	logical whether warning should be issued when calculated lag time is less than the minimum value of x

### Details

For most typical uses, simply supply `x`, `y`, and `deriv` (using the per-capita derivative and `trans_y = 'log'`).

Advanced users may wish to use alternate values for the slope, origination point, or minimum y-value. In that case, values can be supplied to `slope`, `x1`, `y1`, and/or `y0`, which will override the default calculations. If and only if all of `slope`, `x1`, `y1`, and `y0` are provided, `lag_time` is vectorized on their inputs and will return a vector of lag time values.

### Value

Typically a scalar of the lag time in units of `x`. See Details for cases when value will be a vector.

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`makemethod_train_smooth_data`

*Create method argument for [train](#) of growth curve smoothers*

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### Description

This function generates a list which is compatible to be used as the method argument to [train](#). This enables users to call [train](#) directly themselves with `smooth_data` smoothing functions.

### Usage

```
makemethod_train_smooth_data(sm_method, tuneGrid = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>sm_method</code>	Argument specifying which smoothing method should be used. Options include "moving-average", "moving-median", "loess", "gam", and "smooth.spline".
<code>tuneGrid</code>	A data frame with possible tuning value. The columns should be named the same as the tuning parameters. Note that, when using <a href="#">train</a> , the <code>tuneGrid</code> must be passed both to this function as well as directly to <a href="#">train</a> .

### Value

A list that can be used as the method argument to [train](#). Contains elements: `library`, `type`, `prob`, `fit`, `parameters`, `grid`, `fit`, and `predict`.

See documentation on using a custom model model in [train](#) for more details.

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make_design	<i>Make design data.frame(s)</i>
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### Description

This is a function to easily input experimental design elements for later merging with read data

### Usage

```
make_design(
  nrows = NULL,
  ncols = NULL,
  block_row_names = NULL,
  block_col_names = NULL,
  block_name_header = "block_name",
  output_format = "tidy",
  wellnames_numeric = FALSE,
  wellnames_sep = "",
  wellnames_colname = "Well",
  colnames_first = FALSE,
  lookup_tbl_start = 1,
  pattern_split = "",
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

`nrows, ncols`      Number of rows and columns in the plate data

`block_row_names, block_col_names`  
Names of the rows, columns of the plate blockmeasures data

`block_name_header`  
The name of the field containing the `block_names`

`output_format`    One of `c("blocks", "blocks_pasted", "wide", "tidy")` denoting the format of the resulting `data.frame`  
For easy merging with `tidymeasures`, leave as default of `'tidy'`.  
For human-readability to confirm design is correct, choose `'blocks'` or `'blocks_pasted'`.  
For writing to block-shaped file(s), choose `'blocks'` or `'blocks_pasted'`.

`wellnames_numeric`  
If `block_row_names` or `block_col_names` are not specified, then names will be generated automatically according to `wellnames_numeric`.  
If `wellnames_numeric` is `TRUE`, rows and columns will be numbered with "R" and "C" prefixes, respectively.  
If `wellnames_numeric` is `FALSE`, rows will be lettered A through Z, while columns will be numbered

wellnames_sep	A string used when concatenating rownames and column names to create well names, when <code>output_format = "wide"</code> or <code>output_format = "tidy"</code>
wellnames_colname	Header for newly-created column containing the well names, when <code>output_format = "tidy"</code>
colnames_first	When wellnames are created for <code>output_format = "wide"</code> or <code>output_format = "tidy"</code> by <code>paste</code> -ing the rownames and column names, should the column names come first.
lookup_tbl_start	Value in the lookup table for the split pattern values that corresponds to the first value in the vector. Lookup table by default is <code>c(1,2,...,8,9,A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z)</code> . If, for example, <code>lookup_tbl_start = "A"</code> , then the lookup table will now be <code>c(A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z)</code>
pattern_split	character to split pattern elements provided in ... by, if they're not already a vector
...	Each ... argument must be named, and must be a list with five elements: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a vector of the values</li> <li>2. a vector of the rows the pattern should be applied to</li> <li>3. a vector of the columns the pattern should be applied to</li> <li>4. a string or vector denoting the pattern in which the values should be filled into the rows and columns specified. If it's a string, will be split by <code>pattern_split</code>. Pattern will be used as the indices of the values vector.</li> <li>5. a logical for whether this pattern should be filled byrow</li> </ol>

## Details

Note that either `nrows` or `block_row_names` must be provided and that either `ncols` or `block_col_names` must be provided

## Value

Depends on `output_format`:

If `output_format = "blocks"`, a list of `data.frame`'s where each `data.frame` is block-shaped containing the information for a single design element

If `output_format = "blocks_pasted"`, a single `data.frame` containing the `paste`-ed information for all design elements

If `output_format = "wide"`, a wide-shaped `data.frame` containing all the design elements

If `output_format = "tidy"`, a tidy-shaped `data.frame` containing all the design elements

**Examples**

```

make_design(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
            design_element_name = list(c("A", "B", "C"),
                                      2:7,
                                      2:11,
                                      "112301",
                                      TRUE))

## To be reminded what arguments are needed, use make_designpattern:
make_design(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
            design_element_name = make_designpattern(
              values = c("A", "B", "C"),
              rows = 2:7,
              cols = 2:11,
              pattern = "112301",
              byrow = TRUE))

```

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make\_designpattern      *Make design pattern*

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**Description**

A helper function for use with [make\\_design](#)

**Usage**

```

make_designpattern(
  values,
  rows,
  cols,
  pattern = 1:length(values),
  byrow = TRUE
)

mdp(values, rows, cols, pattern = 1:length(values), byrow = TRUE)

```

**Arguments**

values	Vector of values to use
rows	Vector of rows where pattern applies
cols	Vector of cols where pattern applies
pattern	Numeric pattern itself, where numbers refer to entries in values
byrow	logical for whether pattern should be created by row

**Value**

list(values, rows, cols, pattern, byrow)



**See Also**

[gcplyr::make\_design()]

**Examples**

```
make_design(nrows = 8, ncols = 12,
            design_element_name = make_designpattern(
              values = c("A", "B", "C"),
              rows = 2:7,
              cols = 2:11,
              pattern = "112301",
              byrow = TRUE))
```

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make\_example

*Create R objects or files as seen in vignette examples*

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**Description**

This function makes it easy to generate R objects or files that are created in the vignette examples. Note that this function should not be counted on to produce the same output across different versions of gcplyr, as it will be frequently changed to match the examples in the vignettes.

**Usage**

```
make_example(vignette, example, dir = ".")
```

**Arguments**

vignette	Number of the vignette the example object or file is created in.
example	Number of the example the object or file is created in.
dir	The directory files should be saved into.

**Value**

An R object, or the names of the files if files have been written

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make_tidydesign	<i>Make tidy design data.frames</i>
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## Description

This is a function to easily input experimental design elements for later merging with read data

## Usage

```
make_tidydesign(
  nrows = NULL,
  ncols = NULL,
  block_row_names = NULL,
  block_col_names = NULL,
  wellnames_sep = "",
  wellnames_colname = "Well",
  wellnames_Excel = TRUE,
  lookup_tbl_start = 1,
  pattern_split = "",
  colnames_first = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

nrows, ncols	Number of rows and columns in the plate data
block_row_names, block_col_names	Names of the rows, columns of the plate blockmeasures data
wellnames_sep	A string used when concatenating rownames and column names to create well names
wellnames_colname	Header for newly-created column containing the well names
wellnames_Excel	If block_row_names or block_col_names are not specified, should rows and columns be named using Excel-style base-26 lettering for rows and numbering for columns? If FALSE, rows and columns will be numbered with "R" and "C" prefix.
lookup_tbl_start	Value in the lookup table for the split pattern values that corresponds to the first value in the vector. Lookup table by default is c(1,2,...,8,9,A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z). If, for example, lookup_tbl_start = "A", then the lookup table will now be c(A,B,...Y,Z,a,b,...,y,z)
pattern_split	character to split pattern elements provided in ... by
colnames_first	In the wellnames created by paste-ing the rownames and column names, should the column names come first

... Each ... argument must be a list with five elements:

1. a vector of the values
2. a vector of the rows the pattern should be applied to
3. a vector of the columns the pattern should be applied to
4. a string of the pattern itself, where numbers refer to the indices in the values vector

0's refer to NA  
 This pattern will be split using `pattern_split`, which defaults to every character

5. a logical for whether this pattern should be filled byrow

### Details

Note that either `nrows` or `block_row_names` must be provided and that either `ncols` or `block_col_names` must be provided

Examples: `my_example <- make_tidydesign(nrows = 8, ncols = 12, design_element_name = list(c("Value1", "Value2", "Value3"), rowstart:rowend, colstart:colend, "111222333000", TRUE)` To make it easier to pass arguments, use `make_designpattern`: `my_example <- make_tidydesign(nrows = 8, ncols = 12, design_element_name = make_designpattern(values = c("L", "G", "C"), rows = 2:7, cols = 2:11, pattern = "11223300", byrow = TRUE))`

### Value

a tidy-shaped data.frame containing all the design elements

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merge\_dfs

*Collapse a list of dataframes, or merge two dataframes together*

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### Description

This function is essentially a wrapper for any of `dplyr`'s [mutate-joins](#) (by default, a [full\\_join](#)). The most typical use of this function is to merge designs with measures data, or to use the collapse functionality to merge a list of dataframes into a single dataframe. Merging is done by column names that match between `x` and `y`.

### Usage

```
merge_dfs(
  x,
  y = NULL,
  by = NULL,
  drop = FALSE,
  collapse = FALSE,
  names_to = NA,
  join = "full",
  warn_morerows = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	First data.frame, or list of data frames, to be joined
<code>y</code>	Second data.frame, or list of data frames, to be joined
<code>by</code>	A character vector of variables to join by, passed directly to the join function
<code>drop</code>	Should only complete_cases of the resulting data.frame be returned?
<code>collapse</code>	A logical indicating whether x or y is a list containing data frames that should be merged together before being merged with the other
<code>names_to</code>	Column name for where names(x) or names(y) will be entered in if collapse = TRUE. If a value of NA then names(x) or names(y) will not be put into a column in the returned data.frame
<code>join</code>	Type of join used to merge x and y. Options are 'full' (default), 'inner', 'left', and 'right'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A full join keeps all observations in x and y</li> <li>• A left join keeps all observations in x</li> <li>• A right join keeps all observations in y</li> <li>• An inner join only keeps observations found in both x and y (inner joins are not appropriate in most cases because observations are frequently dropped).</li> </ul> See <a href="#">full_join</a> , <a href="#">left_join</a> , <a href="#">right_join</a> , or <a href="#">inner_join</a> for more details
<code>warn_morerows</code>	logical, should a warning be passed when the output has more rows than x and more rows than y?
<code>...</code>	Other arguments to pass to the underlying join function. See <a href="#">full_join</a> , <a href="#">left_join</a> , <a href="#">right_join</a> , or <a href="#">inner_join</a> for options.

**Value**

Data.frame containing merged output of x and y

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 MinMaxGC

*Maxima and Minima*


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**Description**

Returns the maxima and minima of the input values.

**Usage**

```
max_gc(..., na.rm = TRUE, allmissing_NA = TRUE)
```

```
min_gc(..., na.rm = TRUE, allmissing_NA = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

... numeric or character arguments  
na.rm a logical indicating whether missing values should be removed.  
allmissing\_NA a logical indicating whether NA should be returned when there are no non-missing arguments passed to min or max (often because na.rm = TRUE but all values are NA)

**Details**

These functions are wrappers for min and max, with the additional argument allmissing\_NA.

**Value**

If allmissing\_NA = FALSE, identical to min or max.

If allmissing\_NA = TRUE, identical to min or max except that, in cases where min or max would return an infinite value and raise a warning because there are no non-missing arguments, min\_gc and max\_gc return NA

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MovingWindowFunctions *Moving window smoothing*

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**Description**

These functions use a moving window to smooth data

**Usage**

```
moving_average(  
  formula = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  x = NULL,  
  y = NULL,  
  window_width_n = NULL,  
  window_width = NULL,  
  window_width_n_frac = NULL,  
  window_width_frac = NULL,  
  na.rm = TRUE,  
  warn_nonnumeric_sort = TRUE  
)
```

```
moving_median(  
  formula = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  x = NULL,  
  y = NULL,  
  window_width_n = NULL,
```

```

window_width = NULL,
window_width_n_frac = NULL,
window_width_frac = NULL,
na.rm = TRUE,
warn_nonnumeric_sort = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

formula	Formula specifying the numeric response (density) and numeric predictor (time).
data	Dataframe containing variables in formula
x	A vector of predictor values to smooth along (e.g. time)
y	A vector of response values to be smoothed (e.g. density).
window_width_n	Number of data points wide the moving window is (therefore, must be an odd number of points)
window_width	Width of the moving window (in units of x)
window_width_n_frac	Width of the window (as a fraction of the total number of data points).
window_width_frac	Width of the window (as a fraction of the range of x)
na.rm	logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing
warn_nonnumeric_sort	logical whether warning should be issued when predictor variable that data is sorted by is non-numeric.

### Details

Either x and y or formula and data must be provided.

Values of NULL or NA will be ignored for any of window\_width\_n, window\_width, window\_width\_n\_frac, or window\_width\_frac

### Value

Vector of smoothed data, with NA's appended at both ends

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paste\_blocks

*Paste a list of blocks into a single block*

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### Description

This function uses [paste](#) to concatenate the same-location entries of a list of data.frames together (i.e. all the first row-first column values are pasted together, all the second row-first column values are pasted together, etc.)

**Usage**

```
paste_blocks(blocks, sep = "_", nested_metadata = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

blocks	Blocks, either a single data.frame or a list of data.frames
sep	String to use as separator for output pasted values
nested_metadata	A logical indicating the existence of nested metadata in the blockmeasures list, e.g. as is typically output by <a href="#">read_blocks</a> . If NULL, will attempt to infer existence of nested metadata

**Value**

If nested\_metadata = TRUE (or is inferred to be TRUE), a list containing a list containing: 1. a data.frame with the pasted data values from blocks, and 2. a vector with the pasted metadata values from blocks

If nested\_metadata = FALSE (or is inferred to be FALSE), a list containing data.frame's with the pasted values from blocks

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predict\_interpolation *Predict data by linear interpolation from existing data*

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**Description**

Predict data by linear interpolation from existing data

**Usage**

```
predict_interpolation(
  x,
  y,
  newdata,
  extrapolate_predictions = TRUE,
  na.rm = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A vector of known predictor values.
y	A vector of known response values.
newdata	A vector of new predictor values for which the response value will be predicted
extrapolate_predictions	Boolean indicating whether values of newdata that are out of the domain of x should be predicted (by extrapolating the slope from the endpoints of x). If FALSE, such values will be returned as NA.
na.rm	logical whether NA's should be removed before making predictions

**Value**

A vector of response values for each predictor value in newdata

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print_df	<i>Nicely print the contents of a data.frame</i>
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**Description**

This function uses `write.table` to print the input `data.frame` in a nicely-formatted manner that is easy to read

**Usage**

```
print_df(x, col.names = FALSE, row.names = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	The <code>data.frame</code> to be printed
<code>col.names</code>	Boolean for whether column names should be printed
<code>row.names</code>	Boolean for whether row names should be printed

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read_blocks	<i>Read blocks</i>
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**Description**

A function that reads blocks into the R environment

**Usage**

```
read_blocks(
  files,
  filetype = NULL,
  startrow = NULL,
  endrow = NULL,
  startcol = NULL,
  endcol = NULL,
  sheet = NULL,
  metadata = NULL,
  block_names = NULL,
  block_names_header = "block_name",
  block_names_dot = FALSE,
  block_names_path = TRUE,
  block_names_ext = FALSE,
  header = NA,
```



```

sider = NA,
wellnames_numeric = FALSE,
na.strings = c("NA", ""),
extension,
block_name_header,
...
)

```

## Arguments

files	A vector of filepaths relative to the current working directory where each filepath is a single plate read
filetype	(optional) the type(s) of the files. Options include: "csv", "xls", or "xlsx". "tbl" or "table" to use <a href="#">read.table</a> to read the file, "csv2" to use <a href="#">read.csv2</a> , "delim" to use <a href="#">read.delim</a> , or "delim2" to use <a href="#">read.delim2</a> . If none provided, read_blocks will infer filetype(s) from the extension(s) in files. When extension is not "csv", "xls", or "xlsx", will use "table".
startrow, endrow, startcol, endcol	(optional) the rows and columns where the measures data are located in files. Can be a vector or list the same length as files, or a single value that applies to all files. Values can be numeric or a string that will be automatically converted to numeric by <a href="#">from_excel</a> . If not provided, data is presumed to begin on the first row and column of the file(s) and end on the last row and column of the file(s).
sheet	(optional) If data is in .xls or .xlsx files, which sheet it is located on. Defaults to the first sheet if not specified
metadata	(optional) non-spectrophotometric data that should be associated with each read blockmeasures. A named list where each item in the list is either: a vector of length 2, or a list containing two vectors. In the former case, each vector should provide the row and column where the metadata is located in all of the blockmeasures input files. In the latter case, the first vector should provide the rows where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files, and the second vector should provide the columns where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files. (This case is typically used when reading multiple blocks from a single file.)
block_names	(optional) vector of names corresponding to each plate in files. If not provided, block_names are inferred from the filenames
block_names_header	The name of the metadata field containing the block_names
block_names_dot	If block_names are inferred from filenames, should the leading './' (if any) be retained
block_names_path	If block_names are inferred from filenames, should the path (if any) be retained

block_names_ext	If block_names are inferred from filenames, should the file extension (if any) be retained
header	TRUE, FALSE, or NA, or a vector of such values, indicating whether the file(s) contains the column names as its first line. If header = NA will attempt to infer the presence of column names. If header = FALSE or no column names are inferred when header = NA, column names will be generated automatically according to wellnames_numeric
sider	TRUE, FALSE, or NA, or a vector of such values, indicating whether the file(s) contains the row names as its first column. If sider = NA will attempt to infer the presence of row names. If sider = FALSE or no row names are inferred when sider = NA, row names will be generated automatically according to wellnames_numeric
wellnames_numeric	If row names and column names are not provided in the input dataframe as specified by header and sider, then names will be generated automatically according to wellnames_numeric. If wellnames_numeric is TRUE, rows and columns will be numbered with "R" and "C" prefixes, respectively. If wellnames_numeric is FALSE, rows will be lettered A through Z, while columns will be numbered
na.strings	A character vector of strings which are to be interpreted as NA values by <a href="#">read.csv</a> , <a href="#">read_xls</a> , <a href="#">read_xlsx</a> , or <a href="#">read.table</a>
extension	Deprecated, use filetype instead
block_name_header	Deprecated, use block_names_header instead
...	Other arguments passed to <a href="#">read.csv</a> , <a href="#">read_xls</a> , <a href="#">read_xlsx</a> , or <a href="#">read.table</a>

## Details

For metadata, `read_blocks` can handle an arbitrary number of additional pieces of information to extract from each blockcurve file as metadata. These pieces of information are specified as a named list of vectors where each vector is the `c(row, column)` where the information is to be pulled from in the input files.

This metadata is returned as the second list element of each blockcurve, e.g.:

```
[[1]] [1] "data" #1 [2] "metadata" [2][1] name #1
[2][2] date-time #1
[2][3] temp #1
[[2]] [1] "data" #2 [2] "metadata" [2][1] name #2
[2][2] date-time #2
[2][3] temp #2
...
```

Calling [uninterleave](#) on the output of `read_blocks` works on block data and the associated metadata because `uninterleave` operates on the highest level entries of the list (the `[[1]]` `[[2]]` level items), leaving the meta-data associated with the block data

[trans\\_block\\_to\\_wide](#) integrates this metadata into the wide-shaped dataframe it produces

### Value

A list where each entry is a list containing the block data frame followed by the block\_names (or filenames, if block\_names is not provided) and any specified metadata.

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read_tidys	<i>Read tidy-shaped files</i>
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### Description

A function that imports tidy-shaped files into R. Largely acts as a wrapper for [read.csv](#), [read\\_xls](#), [read\\_xls](#), or [read\\_xlsx](#), but can handle multiple files at once and has additional options for taking subsets of rows/columns rather than the entire file and for adding filename or run names as an added column in the output.

### Usage

```
read_tidys(
  files,
  filetype = NULL,
  startrow = NULL,
  endrow = NULL,
  startcol = NULL,
  endcol = NULL,
  sheet = NULL,
  run_names = NULL,
  run_names_header = NULL,
  run_names_dot = FALSE,
  run_names_path = TRUE,
  run_names_ext = FALSE,
  na.strings = c("NA", ""),
  extension,
  names_to_col,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

files	A vector of filepaths (relative to current working directory) where each one is a tidy-shaped data file
filetype	(optional) the type(s) of the files. Options include: "csv", "xls", or "xlsx". "tbl" or "table" to use <a href="#">read.table</a> to read the file, "csv2" to use <a href="#">read.csv2</a> , "delim" to use <a href="#">read.delim</a> , or "delim2" to use <a href="#">read.delim2</a> . If none provided, read_tidys will infer filetype(s) from the extension(s) in files. When extension is not "csv", "xls", or "xlsx", will use "table".

startrow, endrow, startcol, endcol	(optional) the rows and columns where the data are located in files. Can be a vector or list the same length as files, or a single value that applies to all files. Values can be numeric or a string that will be automatically converted to numeric by <a href="#">from_excel</a> . If not provided, data is presumed to begin on the first row and column of the file(s) and end on the last row and column of the file(s).
sheet	The sheet of the input files where data is located (if input files are .xls or .xlsx). If not specified defaults to the first
run_names	Names to give the tidy files read in. By default uses the file names if not specified. These names may be added to the resulting data frame depending on the value of the names_to_col argument
run_names_header	Should the run names (provided in run_names or inferred from files) be added as a column to the output? If run_names_header is TRUE, they will be added with the column name "run_name" If run_names_header is FALSE, they will not be added. If run_names_header is a string, they will be added and the column name will be the string specified for run_names_header. If run_names_header is NULL, they only will be added if there are multiple tidy data.frames being read. In which case, the column name will be "run_name"
run_names_dot	If run_names are inferred from filenames, should the leading './' (if any) be retained
run_names_path	If run_names are inferred from filenames, should the path (if any) be retained
run_names_ext	If run_names are inferred from filenames, should the file extension (if any) be retained
na.strings	A character vector of strings which are to be interpreted as NA values by <a href="#">read.csv</a> , <a href="#">read_xls</a> , <a href="#">read_xlsx</a> , or <a href="#">read.table</a>
extension	Deprecated, use filetype instead
names_to_col	Deprecated, use run_names_header instead
...	Other arguments passed to <a href="#">read.csv</a> , <a href="#">read_xls</a> , <a href="#">read_xlsx</a> , or <a href="#">read.table</a> sheet

### Details

startrow, endrow, startcol, endcol, sheet and filetype can either be a single value that applies for all files or vectors or lists the same length as files

Note that the startrow is always assumed to be a header

### Value

A dataframe containing a single tidy data.frame, or A list of tidy-shaped data.frames named by filename

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read_wides	<i>Read_wides</i>
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### Description

A function that imports widemeasures in files into the R environment

### Usage

```
read_wides(
  files,
  filetype = NULL,
  startrow = NULL,
  endrow = NULL,
  startcol = NULL,
  endcol = NULL,
  header = TRUE,
  sheet = NULL,
  run_names = NULL,
  run_names_header = "file",
  run_names_dot = FALSE,
  run_names_path = TRUE,
  run_names_ext = FALSE,
  metadata = NULL,
  na.strings = c("NA", ""),
  extension,
  names_to_col,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

<code>files</code>	A vector of filepaths (relative to current working directory) where each one is a widemeasures set of data
<code>filetype</code>	(optional) the type(s) of the files. Options include: "csv", "xls", or "xlsx". "tbl" or "table" to use <a href="#">read.table</a> to read the file, "csv2" to use <a href="#">read.csv2</a> , "delim" to use <a href="#">read.delim</a> , or "delim2" to use <a href="#">read.delim2</a> . If none provided, <code>read_wides</code> will infer <code>filetype(s)</code> from the extension(s) in files. When extension is not "csv", "xls", or "xlsx", will use "table".
<code>startrow</code> , <code>endrow</code> , <code>startcol</code> , <code>endcol</code>	(optional) the rows and columns where the data are located in files. Can be a vector or list the same length as <code>files</code> , or a single value that applies to all files. Values can be numeric or a string that will be automatically converted to numeric by <a href="#">from_excel</a> . If not provided, data is presumed to begin on the first row and column of the file(s) and end on the last row and column of the file(s).

header	logical for whether there is a header in the data. If FALSE columns are simply numbered. If TRUE, the first row of the data (startrow if specified) is used as the column names
sheet	The sheet of the input files where data is located (if input files are .xls or .xlsx). If not specified defaults to the first sheet
run_names	Names to give the widemeasures read in. By default uses the file names if not specified
run_names_header	Should the run names (provided in run_names or inferred from files) be added as a column to the widemeasures? If run_names_header is NULL, they will not be. If run_names_header is a string, that string will be the column header for the column where the names will be stored
run_names_dot	If run_names are inferred from filenames, should the leading './' (if any) be retained
run_names_path	If run_names are inferred from filenames, should the path (if any) be retained
run_names_ext	If run_names are inferred from filenames, should the file extension (if any) be retained
metadata	(optional) non-spectrophotometric data that should be associated with each read widemeasures. A named list where each item in the list is either: a vector of length 2, or a list containing two vectors.  In the former case, each vector should provide the row and column where the metadata is located in all of the blockmeasures input files.  In the latter case, the first vector should provide the rows where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files, and the second vector should provide the columns where the metadata is located in each of the corresponding input files. (This case is typically used when reading multiple blocks from a single file.)
na.strings	A character vector of strings which are to be interpreted as NA values by <a href="#">read.csv</a> , <a href="#">read_xls</a> , <a href="#">read_xlsx</a> , or <a href="#">read.table</a>
extension	Deprecated, use filetype instead
names_to_col	Deprecated, use run_names_header instead
...	Other arguments passed to <a href="#">read.csv</a> , <a href="#">read_xls</a> , <a href="#">read_xlsx</a> , or <a href="#">read.table</a>

### Details

startrow, endrow, startcol, endcol, timecol, sheet and filetype can either be a single value that applies for all files or vectors or lists the same length as files,

### Value

A dataframe containing a single widemeasures, or A list of widemeasures named by filename

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separate_tidy	<i>Separate a column into multiple columns</i>
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**Description**

This function is primarily a wrapper for [separate](#), which turns a single character column into multiple columns

**Usage**

```
separate_tidy(
  data,
  col,
  into = NULL,
  sep = "_",
  coerce_NA = TRUE,
  na.strings = "NA",
  message_inferred_into = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

data	A data frame
col	Column name or position
into	A character vector of the new column names. Use NA to omit the variable in the output. If NULL, <code>separate_tidy</code> will attempt to infer the new column names by splitting the column name of <code>col</code>
sep	Separator between columns passed to <a href="#">separate</a> : If character, <code>sep</code> is interpreted as a regular expression. If numeric, <code>sep</code> is interpreted as character positions to split at. Positive values start at 1 at the far-left of the string; negative values start at -1 at the far-right of the string. The length of <code>sep</code> should be one less than <code>into</code>
coerce_NA	logical dictating if strings matching any of <code>na.strings</code> will be coerced into NA values after separating.
na.strings	A character vector of strings which are to be interpreted as NA values if <code>coerce_NA == TRUE</code>
message_inferred_into	logical whether column names for <code>into</code> should be printed in a message when inferred
...	Other arguments passed to <a href="#">separate</a>

**Value**

A data frame containing new columns in the place of `col`

smooth\_data

*Smooth data***Description**

This function calls other functions to smooth growth curve data

**Usage**

```
smooth_data(
  ...,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  sm_method,
  subset_by = NULL,
  return_fitobject = FALSE,
  warn_ungrouped = TRUE,
  warn_gam_no_s = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

...	Arguments passed to <a href="#">loess</a> , <a href="#">gam</a> , <a href="#">moving_average</a> , <a href="#">moving_median</a> , or <a href="#">smooth.spline</a> . Typically includes tuning parameter(s), which in some cases are required. See Details for more information.
x	An (often optional) vector of predictor values to smooth along (e.g. time)
y	A vector of response values to be smoothed (e.g. density). If NULL, formula and data <i>must</i> be provided via ...
sm_method	Argument specifying which smoothing method should be used to smooth data. Options include "moving-average", "moving-median", "loess", "gam", and "smooth.spline".
subset_by	An optional vector as long as y. y will be split by the unique values of this vector and the smoothed data for each group will be calculated independently of the others. This provides an internally-implemented approach similar to <a href="#">group_by</a> and <a href="#">mutate</a>
return_fitobject	logical whether entire object returned by fitting function should be returned. If FALSE, just fitted values are returned.
warn_ungrouped	logical whether warning should be issued when smooth_data is being called on ungrouped data and subset_by = NULL.
warn_gam_no_s	logical whether warning should be issued when gam is used without s() in the formula.



## Details

For [moving\\_average](#) and [moving\\_median](#), passing `window_width` or `window_width_n` via `...` is required. `window_width` sets the width of the moving window in units of  $x$ , while `window_width_n` sets the width in units of number of data points. Larger values for either will produce more "smoothed" data.

For [loess](#), the `span` argument sets the fraction of data points that should be included in each calculation. It's typically best to specify, since the default of 0.75 is often too large for growth curves data. Larger values of `span` will produce more "smoothed" data

For [gam](#), both arguments to [gam](#) and [s](#) can be provided via `...`. Most frequently, the `k` argument to [s](#) sets the number of "knots" the spline-fitting can use. Smaller values will be more "smoothed".

When using `sm_method = "gam"`, advanced users may also modify other parameters of `s()`, including the smoothing basis `bs`. These bases can be thin plate (`bs = "tp"`, the default), cubic regressions (`bs = "cr"`), or many other options (see [s](#)). I recommend leaving the default thin plate regressions, whose main drawback is that they are computationally intensive to calculate. For growth curves data, this is unlikely to be relevant.

As an alternative to passing `y`, for more advanced needs with [loess](#) or [gam](#), `formula` and `data` can be passed to `smooth_data` via the `...` argument (in lieu of `y`).

In this case, the `formula` should specify the response (e.g. density) and predictors. For [gam](#) smoothing, the `formula` should typically be of the format:  $y \sim s(x)$ , which uses [s](#) to smooth the data. The `data` argument should be a `data.frame` containing the variables in the `formula`. In such cases, `subset_by` can still be specified as a vector with length `nrow(data)`

## Value

If `return_fitobject == FALSE`:

A vector, the same length as `y`, with the now-smoothed `y` values

If `return_fitobject == TRUE`:

A list the same length as `unique(subset_by)` where each element is an object of the same class as returned by the smoothing method (typically a named list-like object)

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solve\_linear

*Return missing information about a line*

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## Description

Takes a set of inputs that is sufficient information to infer a line and then returns information not provided (either the slope, an  $x$  point on the line, or a  $y$  point on the line)

## Usage

```
solve_linear(
  x1,
  y1,
  x2 = NULL,
```

```

y2 = NULL,
x3 = NULL,
y3 = NULL,
m = NULL,
named = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

x1, y1	A point on the line
x2, y2	An additional point on the line
x3, y3	An additional point on the line
m	The slope of the line
named	logical indicating whether the returned value(s) should be named according to what they are (m, x2, y2, x3, or y3)

### Details

Note that there is no requirement that  $x1 < x2 < x3$ : the points can be in any order along the line.

`solve_linear` works with vectors of all inputs to solve multiple lines at once, where the  $i$ th element of each argument corresponds to the  $i$ th output. Note that all lines must be missing the same information. Input vectors will be recycled as necessary.

### Value

A named vector with the missing information from the line:

If  $m$  and  $x2$  are provided,  $y2$  will be returned

If  $m$  and  $y2$  are provided,  $x2$  will be returned

If  $x2$  and  $y2$  are provided, but neither  $x3$  nor  $y3$  are provided,  $m$  will be returned

If  $x2$  and  $y2$  are provided and one of  $x3$  or  $y3$  are provided, the other ( $y3$  or  $x3$ ) will be returned

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ThresholdFunctions      *Find point(s) when a numeric vector crosses some threshold*

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### Description

These functions take a vector of  $y$  values and identify points where the  $y$  values cross some threshold  $y$  value.

**Usage**

```
find_threshold_crosses(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  threshold,
  return = "index",
  return_rising = TRUE,
  return_falling = TRUE,
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  subset = NULL,
  na.rm = TRUE
)
```

```
first_below(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  threshold,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

```
first_above(
  y,
  x = NULL,
  threshold,
  return = "index",
  return_endpoints = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Numeric vector of y values in which to identify threshold crossing event(s)
<code>x</code>	Optional numeric vector of corresponding x values
<code>threshold</code>	Threshold y value of interest
<code>return</code>	One of c("index", "x"), determining whether the function will return the index or x value associated with the threshold-crossing event. If index, it will refer to the data point immediately after the crossing event. If x, it will use linear interpolation and the data points immediately before and after the threshold-crossing to return the exact x value when the threshold crossing occurred
<code>return_rising</code>	logical for whether crossing events where y rises above threshold should be returned
<code>return_falling</code>	logical for whether crossing events where y falls below threshold should be returned

return_endpoints	logical for whether startpoint should be returned when the startpoint is above threshold and return_rising = TRUE, or when the startpoint is below threshold and return_falling = TRUE
subset	A vector of logical values indicating which x and y values should be included (TRUE) or excluded (FALSE). If return = "index", index will be for the whole vector and not the subset of the vector
na.rm	logical whether NA's should be removed before analyzing. If return = 'index', indices will refer to the original y vector <i>*including*</i> NA values
...	(for first_above and first_below) other arguments to pass to find_threshold_crosses

**Value**

find\_threshold\_crosses returns a vector corresponding to all the threshold crossings.

first\_above returns only the first time the y values rise above the threshold, so is a shortcut for find\_threshold\_crosses(return\_rising = TRUE, return\_falling = FALSE)[1]

first\_below returns only the first time the y values fall below the threshold, so is a shortcut for find\_threshold\_crosses(return\_rising = FALSE, return\_falling = TRUE)[1]

If return = "index", the returned value(s) are the indices immediately following threshold crossing(s)

If return = "x", the returned value(s) are the x value(s) corresponding to threshold crossing(s)

If no threshold-crossings are detected that meet the criteria, will return NA

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to\_excel

*A function that converts numbers into base-26 Excel-style letters*


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**Description**

A function that converts numbers into base-26 Excel-style letters

**Usage**

```
to_excel(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A vector of numbers in base-10

**Value**

A vector of letters in Excel-style base-26 format

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train_smooth_data	<i>Test efficacy of different smoothing parameters</i>
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### Description

This function is based on [train](#), which runs models (in our case different smoothing algorithms) on data across different parameter values (in our case different smoothness parameters).

### Usage

```
train_smooth_data(
  ...,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  sm_method,
  preProcess = NULL,
  weights = NULL,
  metric = ifelse(is.factor(y), "Accuracy", "RMSE"),
  maximize = ifelse(metric %in% c("RMSE", "logLoss", "MAE", "logLoss"), FALSE, TRUE),
  trControl = caret::trainControl(method = "cv"),
  tuneGrid = NULL,
  tuneLength = ifelse(trControl$method == "none", 1, 3),
  return_trainobject = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

...	Arguments passed to <a href="#">smooth_data</a> . These arguments cannot overlap with any of those to be tuned.
x	A vector of predictor values to smooth along (e.g. time)
y	A vector of response values to be smoothed (e.g. density).
sm_method	Argument specifying which smoothing method should be used. Options include "moving-average", "moving-median", "loess", "gam", and "smooth.spline".
preProcess	A string vector that defines a pre-processing of the predictor data. The default is no pre-processing. See <a href="#">train</a> for more details.
weights	A numeric vector of case weights. This argument currently does not affect any <code>train_smooth_data</code> models.
metric	A string that specifies what summary metric will be used to select the optimal model. By default, possible values are "RMSE" and "Rsquared" for regression. See <a href="#">train</a> for more details.
maximize	A logical: should the metric be maximized or minimized?
trControl	A list of values that define how this function acts. See <a href="#">train</a> and <a href="#">trainControl</a> for more details.

tuneGrid	A data frame with possible tuning values, or a named list containing vectors with possible tuning values. If a data frame, the columns should be named the same as the tuning parameters. If a list, the elements of the list should be named the same as the tuning parameters. If a list, <a href="#">expand.grid</a> will be used to make all possible combinations of tuning parameter values.
tuneLength	An integer denoting the amount of granularity in the tuning parameter grid. By default, this argument is the number of levels for each tuning parameter that should be generated. If <code>trControl</code> has the option <code>search = "random"</code> , this is the maximum number of tuning parameter combinations that will be generated by the random search. (NOTE: If given, this argument must be named.)
return_trainobject	A logical indicating whether the entire result of <a href="#">train</a> should be returned, or only the <code>results</code> element.

### Details

See [train](#) for more information.

The default method is k-fold cross-validation (`trControl = caret::trainControl(method = "cv")`).

For less variable, but more computationally costly, cross-validation, users may choose to increase the number of folds. This can be done by altering the number argument in [trainControl](#), or by setting `method = "LOOCV"` for leave one out cross-validation where the number of folds is equal to the number of data points.

For less variable, but more computationally costly, cross-validation, users may alternatively choose `method = "repeatedcv"` for repeated k-fold cross-validation.

For more control, advanced users may wish to call [train](#) directly, using [makemethod\\_train\\_smooth\\_data](#) to specify the method argument.

### Value

If `return_trainobject = FALSE` (the default), a data frame with the values of all tuning parameter combinations and the training error rate for each combination (i.e. the `results` element of the output of [train](#)).

If `return_trainobject = TRUE`, the output of [train](#)

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trans\_block\_to\_wide     *Transform blocks to wide*

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### Description

Takes blocks and returns them in a wide format

**Usage**

```
trans_block_to_wide(
  blocks,
  wellnames_sep = "",
  nested_metadata = NULL,
  colnames_first = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

blocks	Blocks, either a single data.frame or a list of data.frames
wellnames_sep	String to use as separator for well names between rowname and column name (ordered according to colnames_first)
nested_metadata	A logical indicating the existence of nested metadata in the blockmeasures list, e.g. as is typically output by <a href="#">read_blocks</a> . If NULL, will attempt to infer existence of nested metadata
colnames_first	In the wellnames created by <a href="#">paste</a> -ing the rownames and column names, should the column names come first

**Value**

A single widemeasures data.frame

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trans\_wide\_to\_tidy      *Pivot widemeasures longer*

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**Description**

Essentially a wrapper for `tidyr::pivot_longer` that works on both a single widemeasures as well as a list of widemeasures

**Usage**

```
trans_wide_to_tidy(
  wides,
  data_cols = NA,
  id_cols = NA,
  names_to = "Well",
  values_to = "Measurements",
  values_to_numeric = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

wides	A single widemeasures data.frame, or a list of widemeasures data.frame's
data_cols, id_cols	Specifies which columns have data vs are ID's (in <a href="#">pivot_longer</a> parlance). Each can be a single vector (which will be applied for all widemeasures) or a list of vectors, with each vector corresponding to the same-index widemeasure in widemeasures Entries that are NA in the list will not be used If neither data_cols nor id_cols are specified, user must provide arguments to tidyr::pivot_longer via ... for at least the cols argument and these arguments provided via ... will be used for all widemeasures data.frame's
names_to, values_to	Specifies the output column names created by tidyr::pivot_longer. Each can be provided as vectors the same length as widemeasures Note that if neither data_cols nor id_cols
values_to_numeric	logical indicating whether values will be coerced to numeric. See below for when this may be overridden by arguments passed in ...
...	Other functions to be passed to <a href="#">pivot_longer</a> Note that including values_transform here will override the behavior of values_to_numeric

**Value**

Pivoted longer data.frame (if widemeasures is a single data.frame) or list of pivoted longer data.frame's (if widemeasures is a list of data.frame's)

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uninterleave	<i>Uninterleave list</i>
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**Description**

Takes a list that is actually interleaved elements from multiple sources and uninterleaves them into the separate sources. For instance, a list of blockmeasures that actually corresponds to two different plates can be split into two lists, each of the blockmeasures corresponding to a single plate. Uninterleave assumes that the desired sub-groups are perfectly interleaved in the input (e.g. items belong to sub-groups 1,2,3,1,2,3,...)

**Usage**

```
uninterleave(interleaved_list, n)
```

**Arguments**

interleaved_list	A list of R objects
n	How many output sub lists there should be (i.e. how many groups the interleaved list should be divided into)



**Value**

A list of lists of R objects

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WhichMinMaxGC	<i>Where is the Min() or Max() or first TRUE or FALSE?</i>
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**Description**

Determines the location, i.e. index, of the (first) minimum or maximum of a numeric (or logical) vector.

**Usage**

```
which_min_gc(x, empty_NA = TRUE)
```

```
which_max_gc(x, empty_NA = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	numeric (logical, integer, or double) vector or an R object for which the internal coercion to double works whose min or max is searched for.
empty_NA	logical, indicating if an empty value should be returned as NA (the default) or as integer(0) (the same as which.min and which.max).

**Details**

These functions are wrappers for which.min and which.max, with the additional argument empty\_NA.

**Value**

If empty\_NA = FALSE, identical to which.min or which.max

If empty\_NA = TRUE, identical to which.min or which.max except that, in cases where which.min or which.max would return integer(0), which\_min\_gc and which\_max\_gc return NA

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write_blocks	<i>Write block designs to csv</i>
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### Description

This function writes block-shaped lists (as created by [read\\_blocks](#) or [make\\_design](#)) to csv files, including both data and metadata in a variety of output formats

### Usage

```
write_blocks(
  blocks,
  file,
  output_format = "multiple",
  block_name_location = NULL,
  block_name_header = "block_name",
  paste_sep = "_",
  filename_sep = "_",
  na = "",
  dir = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

blocks	list of block-shaped data to be written to file
file	<p>NULL, a character string naming a file to write to, or a vector of character strings naming files to write to.</p> <p>A file name is required when <code>output_format = "single"</code></p> <p>A file name can be specified when <code>output_format = "pasted"</code>, or file can be set to NULL as long as <code>block_name_location = "filename"</code> (where pasted block_name metadata will be used for the file name)</p> <p>File names can be specified when <code>output_format = "multiple"</code>, or file can be set to NULL as long as <code>block_name_location = "filename"</code> (where the block_name metadata will be used for the file names)</p>
output_format	<p>One of "single", "pasted", "multiple".</p> <p>"single" will write all blocks into a single csv file, with an empty row between successive blocks.</p> <p>"pasted" will paste all blocks together using a <code>paste_sep</code>, and then write that now-pasted block to a single csv file.</p> <p>"multiple" will write each block to its own csv file.</p>
block_name_location	<p>Either NULL, 'filename' or 'file'.</p> <p>If NULL, <code>block_name_location</code> will be automatically selected based on <code>output_format</code>.</p> <p>For <code>output_format = 'single'</code> and <code>output_format = 'pasted'</code>, <code>block_name_location</code></p>

defaults to 'file'. For `output_format = 'multiple'`, `block_name_location` defaults to 'filename'

If 'filename', the `block_name` metadata will be used as the output file name(s) when no file name(s) are provided, or appended to file name(s) when they have been provided.

If 'file', the `block_name` metadata will be included as a row in the output file.

<code>block_name_header</code>	The name of the field containing the <code>block_names</code>
<code>paste_sep</code>	When <code>output_format = 'pasted'</code> , what character will be used to paste together blocks.
<code>filename_sep</code>	What character will be used to paste together filenames when <code>block_name_location = 'filename'</code> .
<code>na</code>	The string to use for missing values in the data.
<code>dir</code>	The directory that file(s) will be written into. When <code>dir = NULL</code> , writes to the current working directory. (Can only be used when <code>file = NULL</code> )
<code>...</code>	Other arguments passed to <a href="#">write.table</a>

**Value**

Nothing, but R objects are written to files

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