

# Package ‘irg’

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calc_irg	<i>IRG</i>
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### Description

Calculate the instantaneous rate of green-up.

### Usage

```
calc_irg(DT, id = "id", year = "yr", scaled = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

DT	data.table of model parameters (output from model_params).
id	id column. default is 'id'. See details.
year	year column name. default is 'yr'.
scaled	boolean indicating if irg should be rescaled between 0-1 within id and year. If TRUE, provide id and year. Default is TRUE.

### Details

The DT argument expects a data.table of model estimated parameters for double logistic function of NDVI for each year and individual. Since it is the rate of green-up, model parameters required are only xmidS and scalS.

The scaled argument is used to optionally rescale the IRG result to 0-1, for each year and individual.

The id argument is used to split between sampling units. This may be a point id, polygon id, pixel id, etc. depending on your analysis. This should match the id provided to filtering functions. The formula used is described in Bischoff et al. (2012):

$$IRG = (exp((t+xmidS)/scalS))/(2*scalS*(exp(1)^{(t+xmidS)/scalS})+(scalS*(exp(1)^{(2*t)/scalS}))+scalS)$$

(See the "Getting started with irg vignette" for a better formatted formula.)

### Value

Extended data.table 'irg' column of instantaneous rate of green-up calculated for each day of the year, for each individual and year.

**See Also**

Other irg: [irg\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read in example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Filter and scale NDVI time series
filter_ndvi(ndvi)
scale_doy(ndvi)
scale_ndvi(ndvi)

# Guess starting parameters
model_start(ndvi)

# Double logistic model parameters given starting parameters for nls
mods <- model_params(
  ndvi,
  return = 'models',
  xmidS = 'xmidS_start',
  xmidA = 'xmidA_start',
  scalS = 0.05,
  scalA = 0.01
)

# Fit double logistic curve to NDVI time series
fit <- model_ndvi(mods, observed = FALSE)

# Calculate IRG for each day of the year
calc_irg(fit)
```

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filter\_ndvi

*Filter NDVI*

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**Description**

Meta function, calling all filtering steps, in order. Only defaults.

**Usage**

```
filter_ndvi(DT)
```

**Arguments**

DT                    data.table of NDVI time series

**Value**

filtered NDVI time series.

**See Also**

Other filter: [filter\\_qa\(\)](#), [filter\\_roll\(\)](#), [filter\\_top\(\)](#), [filter\\_winter\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Use filter_ndvi to apply all filtering steps (with defaults)
filter_ndvi(ndvi)
```

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filter\_qa

*Filter with QA Band*

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**Description**

Using QA band information, filter the NDVI time series.

**Usage**

```
filter_qa(DT, ndvi = "NDVI", qa = "SummaryQA", good = c(0, 1))
```

**Arguments**

DT	data.table of NDVI time series
ndvi	ndvi column name. default is 'NDVI'.
qa	QA column. default is 'SummaryQA'.
good	values which correspond to quality pixels. default is 0 and 1.

**Details**

See the details for the example data in `?sampled-ndvi-Landsat-LC08-T1-L2.csv` and `?sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv`.

For MODIS MOD13Q1, the SummaryQA band

For Landsat

**Value**

filtered data.table with appended 'filtered' column of "quality" NDVI.

**See Also**

Other filter: [filter\\_ndvi\(\)](#), [filter\\_roll\(\)](#), [filter\\_top\(\)](#), [filter\\_winter\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

filter_qa(ndvi, ndvi = 'NDVI', qa = 'SummaryQA', good = c(0, 1))
```

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filter_roll	<i>Filter with rolling median</i>
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**Description**

Using a rolling median, filter the NDVI time series for each id.

**Usage**

```
filter_roll(DT, window = 3L, id = "id", method = "median")
```

**Arguments**

DT	data.table of NDVI time series
window	window size. default is 3.
id	id column. default is 'id'. See details.
method	median. no other options yet. let me know if you are looking for something else.

**Details**

The id argument is used to split between sampling units. This may be a point id, polygon id, pixel id, etc. depending on your analysis.

**Value**

filtered data.table with appended 'rolled' column of each id's rolling median, filtered NDVI time series.

**See Also**

Other filter: [filter\\_ndvi\(\)](#), [filter\\_qa\(\)](#), [filter\\_top\(\)](#), [filter\\_winter\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

filter_qa(ndvi, ndvi = 'NDVI', qa = 'SummaryQA', good = c(0, 1))
filter_winter(ndvi, probs = 0.025, limits = c(60L, 300L), doy = 'DayOfYear', id = 'id')
filter_roll(ndvi, window = 3L, id = 'id')
```

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filter_top	<i>Filter top NDVI</i>
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**Description**

Using upper quantile (default = 0.925) of multi-year MODIS data, determine the top NDVI for each id.

**Usage**

```
filter_top(DT, probs = 0.925, id = "id")
```

**Arguments**

DT	data.table of NDVI time series
probs	quantile probability to determine top. default is 0.925.
id	id column. default is 'id'. See details.

**Details**

The id argument is used to split between sampling units. This may be a point id, polygon id, pixel id, etc. depending on your analysis.

**Value**

filtered data.table with appended 'top' column of each id's top (quantile) NDVI value.

**See Also**

Other filter: [filter\\_ndvi\(\)](#), [filter\\_qa\(\)](#), [filter\\_roll\(\)](#), [filter\\_winter\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

filter_qa(ndvi, ndvi = 'NDVI', qa = 'SummaryQA', good = c(0, 1))
filter_winter(ndvi, probs = 0.025, limits = c(60L, 300L), doy = 'DayOfYear', id = 'id')
filter_roll(ndvi, window = 3L, id = 'id')
filter_top(ndvi, probs = 0.925, id = 'id')
```

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filter_winter	<i>Filter winter NDVI</i>
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**Description**

Using lower quantile (default = 0.025) of multi-year MODIS data, determine the "winterNDVI" for each id.

**Usage**

```
filter_winter(
  DT,
  probs = 0.025,
  limits = c(60L, 300L),
  doy = "DayOfYear",
  id = "id"
)
```

**Arguments**

DT	data.table of NDVI time series
probs	quantile probability to determine "winterNDVI". default is 0.025.
limits	integer vector indicating limit days of absolute winter (snow cover, etc.). default is c(60, 300): 60 days after Jan 1 and 65 days before Jan 1.
doy	julian day column. default is 'DayOfYear'.
id	id column. default is 'id'. See details.

**Details**

The id argument is used to split between sampling units. This may be a point id, polygon id, pixel id, etc. depending on your analysis.

**Value**

filtered data.table with appended 'winter' column of each id's "winterNDVI" baseline value.

**See Also**

Other filter: [filter\\_ndvi\(\)](#), [filter\\_qa\(\)](#), [filter\\_roll\(\)](#), [filter\\_top\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))
filter_qa(ndvi, ndvi = 'NDVI', qa = 'SummaryQA', good = c(0, 1))
filter_winter(ndvi, probs = 0.025, limits = c(60L, 300L), doy = 'DayOfYear', id = 'id')
```

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irg

*IRG*

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**Description**

Wrapper function for one step IRG calculation. Only defaults.

**Usage**

```
irg(DT)
```

**Arguments**

DT                    data.table of NDVI time series

**Details**

data.table must have columns:

- 'id' - individual identifier
- 'yr' - year of observation
- 'NDVI' - NDVI value
- 'DayOfYear' - day of year/julian day of observation
- 'SummaryQA' - summary quality value for each sample (provided by MODIS)

**Value**

Extended data.table 'irg' column of instantaneous rate of green-up calculated for each day of the year, for each individual and year.

**See Also**

Other irg: [calc\\_irg\(\)](#)



**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read in example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Calculate IRG for each day of the year and individual
out <- irg(ndvi)
```

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model_ndvi	<i>Model NDVI time series</i>
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**Description**

Fit double logistic model to NDVI time series given parameters estimated with model\_params.

**Usage**

```
model_ndvi(DT, observed = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

DT	data.table of model parameters (output from model_params).
observed	boolean indicating if a full year of fitted values should be returned (observed = FALSE) or if only observed values will be fit (observed = TRUE)

**Value**

Model parameter data.table appended with 'fitted' column of double logistic model of NDVI for a full year. Calculated at the daily scale with the following formula from Bischoff et al. (2012).

$$fitted = \frac{1}{1 + \exp \frac{xmidS-t}{scalS}} - \frac{1}{1 + \exp \frac{xmidA-t}{scalA}}$$

(See the "Getting started with irg vignette" for a better formatted formula.)

**References**

<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/667590>

**See Also**

Other model: [model\\_params\(\)](#), [model\\_start\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read in example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Filter and scale NDVI time series
filter_ndvi(ndvi)
scale_doy(ndvi)
scale_ndvi(ndvi)

# Guess starting parameters for xmidS and xmidA
model_start(ndvi)

## Two options: fit to full year or observed data
# Option 1 - returns = 'models'

# Double logistic model parameters
# given global starting parameters for scalS, scalA
# and output of model_start for xmidS, xmidA
mods <- model_params(
  ndvi,
  returns = 'models',
  xmidS = 'xmidS_start',
  xmidA = 'xmidA_start',
  scalS = 0.05,
  scalA = 0.01
)

# Fit to the whole year (requires assignment)
fit <- model_ndvi(mods, observed = FALSE)

# Option 2 - returns = 'columns'
model_params(
  ndvi,
  returns = 'columns',
  xmidS = 'xmidS_start',
  xmidA = 'xmidA_start',
  scalS = 0.05,
  scalA = 0.01
)

# Fit double logistic curve to NDVI time series for the observed days
model_ndvi(ndvi, observed = TRUE)
```

**Description**

Model estimated parameters for fitting double logistic curve.

**Usage**

```
model_params(
  DT,
  returns = NULL,
  id = "id",
  year = "yr",
  xmidS = NULL,
  xmidA = NULL,
  scalS = NULL,
  scalA = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

DT	data.table of NDVI time series. Also optionally starting estimates. See Details.
returns	either 'models' or 'columns'. 'models' will return a data.table of model outcomes by id and year. 'columns' will append model estimate parameters to the input DT.
id	id column. default is 'id'. See details.
year	year column name. default is 'yr'.
xmidS	starting estimates. see Details. - "spring inflection point"
xmidA	starting estimates. see Details. - "fall inflection point"
scalS	starting estimates. see Details. - "scale parameter for spring green-up portion of the NDVI curve"
scalA	starting estimates. see Details. - "scale parameter for fall dry-down portion of the NDVI curve"

**Details**

Arguments xmidS, xmidA, scalS, scalA allow users to provide either group level or global starting estimates to be used for all models.

Either: a character indicating the column name which stores a group level starting parameter (possibly created by `model_start` OR a numeric value used as a global value for all models. See `nls` for more details on starting parameters.

Default value for the year column is 'yr'. If you only have one year of data, set to NULL.

The id argument is used to split between sampling units. This may be a point id, polygon id, pixel id, etc. depending on your analysis. This should match the id provided to filtering functions.

Formula and arguments xmidS, xmidA, scalS, scalA following this from Bischoff et al. (2012).

$$fitted = \frac{1}{1 + \exp \frac{xmidS-t}{scalS}} - \frac{1}{1 + \exp \frac{xmidA-t}{scalA}}$$

**Value**

data.table of model estimated parameters for double logistic model. If any rows are NULL, nls could not fit a model given starting parameters to the data provided.

**References**

<https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/667590>

**See Also**

Other model: `model_ndvi()`, `model_start()`

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read in example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Filter and scale NDVI time series
filter_ndvi(ndvi)
scale_doy(ndvi)
scale_ndvi(ndvi)

# Guess starting parameters for xmidS and xmidA
model_start(ndvi)

# Double logistic model parameters
# given global starting parameters for scalS, scalA
# and output of model_start for xmidS, xmidA
mods <- model_params(
  ndvi,
  returns = 'models',
  xmidS = 'xmidS_start',
  xmidA = 'xmidA_start',
  scalS = 0.05,
  scalA = 0.01
)
```

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model\_start

*Model starting parameters*

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**Description**

Try guessing starting parameters for `model_params` and `model_ndvi`.

**Usage**

```
model_start(DT, id = "id", year = "yr")
```

**Arguments**

DT	filtered and scaled data.table of NDVI time series. Expects columns 'scaled' and 't' are present.
id	id column. default is 'id'. See details.
year	year column name. default is 'yr'.

**Details**

The id argument is used to split between sampling units. This may be a point id, polygon id, pixel id, etc. depending on your analysis. This should match the id provided to filtering functions.

**Value**

The input DT data.table appended with xmidS\_start and xmidA\_start columns. Note - we currently do not attempt to guess appropriate starting values for scalS and scalA.

**See Also**

Other model: [model\\_ndvi\(\)](#), [model\\_params\(\)](#)

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read in example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Filter and scale NDVI time series
filter_ndvi(ndvi)
scale_doy(ndvi)
scale_ndvi(ndvi)

# Guess starting parameters for xmidS and xmidA
model_start(ndvi)
```

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sampled-ndvi-Landsat-LC08-T1-L2.csv

*Raw Landsat NDVI data*

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**Description**

A CSV containing NDVI samples for seven points over ten years (2005-2010). Data extracted using Earth Engine with the example script provided by the `use_example_ee_script()` function with sensor set to 'Landsat'.

**Format**

A data.table with 1652 rows and 5 variables:

- id - individual identifier
- ndvi - sampled NDVI value
- mask - mask value, see details below
- doy - julian day/day of year of sample
- year - year of sample

mask details:

- 0 - Good data
- 1 - if QA\_PIXEL indicates unwanted pixels OR if QA\_RADSAT indicates saturated pixels
- 2 - if QA\_PIXEL indicates unwanted pixels AND if QA\_RADSAT indicates saturated pixels

**Details**

Note: these are the same locations as in the example 'MODIS' data.

**Examples**

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file('extdata', 'sampled-ndvi-Landsat-LC08-T1-L2.csv', package = 'irg'))
```

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sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv

*Raw MODIS MOD13Q1 NDVI data*

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**Description**

A CSV containing NDVI samples for seven points over ten years (2005-2010). Data extracted using Earth Engine with the example script provided by the use\_example\_ee\_script() function with sensor set to 'MODIS'.

**Format**

A data.table with 805 rows and 5 variables:

- id - individual identifier
- NDVI - sampled value
- SummaryQA - Summary quality assessment value, see details below
- DayOfYear - julian day/day of year of sample

- yr - year of sample

SummaryQA details:

- 0 - Good data, use with confidence
- 1 - Marginal data, useful but look at detailed QA for more information
- 2 - Pixel covered with snow/ice
- 3 - Pixel is cloudy

### Details

Note: these are the same locations as in the example 'Landsat' data.

### Examples

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file('extdata', 'sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv', package = 'irg'))
```

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scale_doy	<i>Scale DOY</i>
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### Description

Scale the day of the year to 0-1 (like NDVI).

### Usage

```
scale_doy(DT, doy = "DayOfYear")
```

### Arguments

DT	data.table of NDVI time series
doy	julian day column. default is 'DayOfYear'.

### Value

data.table with appended 't' column of 0-1 scaled day of year.

### See Also

Other scale: [scale\\_ndvi\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read in example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Scale DOY
scale_doy(ndvi)
```

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scale\_ndvi

*Scale NDVI*

---

## Description

Using filtered NDVI time series, scale it to 0-1.

## Usage

```
scale_ndvi(DT)
```

## Arguments

DT                    data.table of NDVI time series

## Details

This functions expects the input DT is the output of previous four filtering steps, or `filter_ndvi`.

## Value

data.table with appended 'scaled' column of 0-1 scaled NDVI.

## See Also

Other scale: [scale\\_doy\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
# Load data.table
library(data.table)

# Read in example data
ndvi <- fread(system.file("extdata", "sampled-ndvi-MODIS-MOD13Q1.csv", package = "irg"))

# Filter and scale NDVI time series
filter_ndvi(ndvi)
scale_ndvi(ndvi)
```



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use\_example\_ee\_script *Use an example sampling script for Earth Engine*

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**Description**

Provides an example script for use in Earth Engine, as a preceding step to using the `irg` package. Use the script to sample NDVI in Earth Engine, then use the `irg` package to calculate the instantaneous rate of green-up.

**Usage**

```
use_example_ee_script(sensor = "MODIS", filepath = NULL, overwrite = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>sensor</code>	either 'MODIS' or 'Landsat'
<code>filepath</code>	file path relative to current working director, indicating where to save the example script. default is NULL, simply printing lines to the console.
<code>overwrite</code>	boolean indicating if the file should overwrite existing files. default is FALSE.

**Value**

`use_example_ee_script` prints an example NDVI extraction script or if `filepath` is provided, saves it at the location specified.

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