

# Package: LAD (via r-universe)

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**Title** Derive Leaf Angle Distribution (LAD) from Measured Leaf Inclination Angles

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**Description** Calculate mean statistics and leaf angle distribution type from measured leaf inclination angles. LAD distribution is fitted using a two-parameters ( $\mu$ ,  $\nu$ ) Beta distribution and compared with six theoretical LAD distributions. Additional information is provided in Chianucci and Cesaretti (2022) <doi:10.1101/2022.10.28.513998>.

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| calcLAD | <i>Calculate summary statistics from measured leaf inclination angles</i> |
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### Description

The function derives summary statistics from measured leaf inclination angles:.

- Mean (MTA), standard deviation (SD) and frequency (NR) observations.
- The two ( $\mu$ ,  $\nu$ ) Beta parameters derived from the formula provided by Goel and Strebel (1984) [doi:10.2134/agronj1984.00021962007600050021x](https://doi.org/10.2134/agronj1984.00021962007600050021x).
- The distribution type, comparing the distribution against the six theoretical LAD distributions provided by [de Wit \(1965\)](#).

### Arguments

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| data   | Dataframe. The dataframe containing leaf inclination angle measurements.   |
| angles | Numeric. The column containing leaf inclination angle measurements (in degrees).   |
| type   | Character. If set to "summary", it gives summary distributions. If set to "extended", it calculates LAD probability density (pdf) and G-function (G) for view or inclination angles (theta). Default set to "summary". |
| ...    | The column(s) indicating the grouping variables to be considered for calculating summary statistics.   |

### Value

A dataframe with the grouping variable(s), and:

- summary statistics (MTA, SD, N,  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$ , distribution) in case of type="summary";
- LAD (pdf) and G-function (G) in case of type="extended".

### Examples

```
head(Chianucci)

calcLAD(Chianucci, Angle_degree, type='summary', Genus, Species)
calcLAD(Chianucci, Angle_degree, type='extended', Genus, Species)
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| Chianucci | <i>Chianucci dataset</i> |
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### Description

The dataset provide measured leaf inclination angles from 138 temperate and boreal woody species.

### Usage

Chianucci

### Format

Chianucci:

A data frame with 23,882 rows and 9 columns:

**N** row ID record

**ICP\_Code** ICP species code, when available

**Family, Genus, Species** Family, Genus, Species taxonomy information

**Author\_citation** Species author name

**Canopy\_sector** The portion of the canopy where the leaves have been measured

**Angle\_degree** Measured leaf inclination angles (degree)

**Date** Date of sampling (dd-mm-yy) ...

### Source

[doi:10.1007/s13595-018-0730-x](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13595-018-0730-x)

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| fitLAD | <i>Fit Leaf Angle Distribution (LAD) from two-parameters (mu, nu) Beta distribution</i> |
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### Description

The function derives both the Leaf Angle Distribution (LAD) and the G-function from two-parameters (mu, nu) Beta distribution.

- The LAD function is fitted through a Beta distribution as recommended by [Goel and Strebel \(1984\)](#).
- The G-function is derived from LAD using the formula provided by [Ross \(1981\)](#) and reported as Equations 2-3 by [Chianucci et al. \(2018\)](#).
- The fitted LAD is also compared with six theoretical LAD distributions provided by [de Wit \(1965\)](#).
- The distribution type is then classified using a leaf inclination index [Ross \(1975\)](#) and reported as Equation 8 by [Chianucci et al. \(2018\)](#).

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| mu   | Numeric. The mu parameter of the Beta distribution.   |
| nu   | Numeric. The nu parameter of the Beta distribution.   |
| plot | Logical. If set to TRUE, it plots the measured and theoretical LAD and G distributions. Default set to FALSE. |

**Value**

A list of two elements:

- dataset: a dataframe with three columns indicating the measured LAD (pdf), the G-function (G), for view or inclination angle (theta).
- distribution: a vector containing the matched distribution type.

**Examples**

```
fitLAD(0.9,0.9) # uniform LAD distribution
fitLAD(2.8,1.18)# planophile LAD distribution
fitLAD(1.1,1.7, plot=TRUE)# spherical LAD distribution
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