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`calculate_distance`     *Calculate distance between sample data before and after registration*

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### Description

`calculate_distance()` is a function that allows users to calculate pairwise distances between samples from different time points to investigate the similarity of progression before or after registration.

### Usage

```
calculate_distance(results, type = c("registered", "all"), genes_list = NULL)
```

### Arguments

- `results`     Result of registration process using `register()`.
- `type`       Whether to calculate distance considering only "registered" genes (default) or "all" genes.
- `genes_list`   Optional vector indicating the gene\_id values to be considered.

### Value

This function returns a `dist_greatR` object containing two data frames:

- `registered`    pairwise distance between scaled reference and query expressions using registered time points.
- `original`      pairwise distance between scaled reference and query expressions using original time points.

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```
get_approximate_stretch  
    Get approximate stretch factor
```

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## Description

`get_approximate_stretch()` is a function to get a stretch factor estimation given input data. This function will take the time point ranges of both reference and query data and compare them to estimate the stretch factor.

## Usage

```
get_approximate_stretch(data, reference = "ref", query = "query")
```

## Arguments

data	Input data frame, either containing all replicates of gene expression or not.
reference	Accession name of reference data.
query	Accession name of query data.

## Value

This function returns an estimation of a stretch factor for registering the data.

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```
plot          Visualise registration results
```

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## Description

Visualise registration results

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'res_greatR'  
plot(  
  x,  
  type = c("result", "original"),  
  genes_list = NULL,  
  show_rep_mean = FALSE,  
  ncol = NULL,  
  title = NULL,  
  ...  
)  
  
## S3 method for class 'dist_greatR'
```

```

plot(
  x,
  type = c("result", "original"),
  match_timepoints = TRUE,
  title = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'summary.res_greatR'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("all", "registered"),
  type_dist = c("histogram", "density"),
  genes_list = NULL,
  bins = 30,
  alpha = NA,
  scatterplot_size = c(4, 3),
  title = NULL,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	Input object.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For <code>plot.res_greatR()</code>: registration results, output of the <code>register()</code> registration process.</li> <li>• For <code>plot.summary.res_greatR()</code>: registration results summary, output of <code>summary()</code>.</li> <li>• For <code>plot.dist_greatR()</code>: pairwise distances between reference and query time points, output of <code>calculate_distance()</code>.</li> </ul>
<code>type</code>	Type of plot.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For both <code>plot.res_greatR()</code> and <code>plot.dist_greatR()</code>: whether to use registration "result" (default) or "original" time points.</li> <li>• For <code>plot.summary.res_greatR()</code>: whether to show "all" genes (default) or only "registered" ones.</li> </ul>
<code>genes_list</code>	Optional vector indicating the gene_id values to be plotted.
<code>show_rep_mean</code>	Whether to show replicate mean values.
<code>ncol</code>	Number of columns in the plot grid. By default this is calculated automatically.
<code>title</code>	Optional plot title.
<code>...</code>	Arguments to be passed to methods (ignored).
<code>match_timepoints</code>	If TRUE, will match query time points to reference time points.
<code>type_dist</code>	Type of marginal distribution. Can be either "histogram" (default), or "density".
<code>bins</code>	Number of bins to use when <code>type_dist = "histogram"</code> . By default, 30.
<code>alpha</code>	Optional opacity of the points in the scatterplot.

**scatterplot\_size**

Vector c(width, height) specifying the ratio of width and height of the scatterplot with respect to stretch and shift distribution plots.

**Value**

- For `plot.res_greatR()`: plot of genes of interest after registration process (type = "result") or showing original time points (type = "original").
- For `plot.dist_greatR()`: distance heatmap of gene expression profiles over time between reference and query.
- For `plot.summary.res_greatR()`: TODO.

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**register**

*Register or synchronize different expression profiles*

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**Description**

`register()` is a function to register expression profiles a user wishes to compare.

**Usage**

```
register(  
  input,  
  stretches = NA,  
  shifts = NA,  
  reference,  
  query,  
  scaling_method = c("none", "z-score", "min-max"),  
  overlapping_percent = 50,  
  use_optimisation = TRUE,  
  optimisation_method = c("lbfgsb", "nm", "sa"),  
  optimisation_config = NULL,  
  exp_sd = NA,  
  num_cores = NA  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>input</code>	Input data frame containing all replicates of gene expression in each genotype at each time point.
<code>stretches</code>	Candidate registration stretch factors to apply to query data, only required if <code>use_optimisation = FALSE</code> .
<code>shifts</code>	Candidate registration shift values to apply to query data, only required if <code>use_optimisation = FALSE</code> .
<code>reference</code>	Accession name of reference data.
<code>query</code>	Accession name of query data.

<code>scaling_method</code>	Scaling method applied to data prior to registration process. Either <code>none</code> (default), <code>z-score</code> , or <code>min-max</code> .
<code>overlapping_percent</code>	Minimum percentage of overlapping time point range of the reference data. Shifts will be only considered if it leaves at least this percentage of overlapping time point range after applying the registration.
<code>use_optimisation</code>	Whether to optimise registration parameters. By default, <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>optimisation_method</code>	Optimisation method to use. Either <code>"lbfgsb"</code> for L-BFGS-B (default), <code>"nm"</code> for Nelder-Mead, or <code>"sa"</code> for Simulated Annealing.
<code>optimisation_config</code>	Optional list with arguments to override the default optimisation configuration.
<code>exp_sd</code>	Optional experimental standard deviation on the expression replicates.
<code>num_cores</code>	Number of cores to use if the user wants to register genes asynchronously (in parallel) in the background on the same machine. By default, <code>NA</code> , the registration will be run without parallelisation.

## Value

This function returns a `res_greatR` object containing:

<code>data</code>	a table containing the scaled input data and an additional <code>timepoint_reg</code> column after applying registration parameters to the query data.
<code>model_comparison</code>	a table comparing the optimal registration function for each gene (based on <code>all_shifts_df</code> scores) to model with no registration applied.
<code>fun_args</code>	a list of arguments used when calling the function.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Load a data frame from the sample data
data_path <- system.file("extdata/brapa_arabidopsis_data.csv", package = "greatR")
all_data <- utils::read.csv(data_path)

# Running the registration
registration_results <- register(
  input = all_data,
  reference = "Ro18",
  query = "Col0"
)
## End(Not run)
```

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summary	<i>Summarise registration results</i>
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## Description

Summarise registration results

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'res_greatR'  
summary(object, ...)
```

## Arguments

object            Registration results, output of the `register()` registration process.  
...                Arguments to be passed to methods (ignored).

## Value

This function returns a list containing:

summary	table containing the summary of the registration results.
registered_genes	vector of gene accessions which were successfully registered.
non_registered_genes	vector of non-registered gene accessions.
reg_params	table containing distribution of registration parameters.