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`add_dummy_variables` *Add Dummy Variables for Piecewise Linear Models*

Description

Adds dummy variables to an scdf for calculating piecewise linear models.

Usage

```
add_dummy_variables(
  scdf,
  model = c("W", "H-M", "B&L-B"),
  contrast_level = c("first", "preceding"),
  contrast_slope = c("first", "preceding")
)
```

Arguments

`scdf`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`model`	Model used for calculating the dummy parameters (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is `model = "W"`. Possible values are: `"B&L-B"`, `"H-M"`, `"W"`, and deprecated `"JW"`.
`contrast_level`	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.
`contrast_slope`	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.

Examples

```
add_dummy_variables(
 scdf = exampleABC,
 model = "W",
 contrast_level = "first",
 contrast_slope = "first"
)
```

`add_l2` *Add level-2 data*

Description

Merges variables with corresponding case names from a data.frame with an scdf file

Usage

```
add_l2(scdf, data_l2, cvar = "case")
```

Arguments

`scdf`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`data_l2`	A level 2 dataset.
`cvar`	Character string with the name of the "case" variable in the L2 dataset (default is 'case').

Details

This function is mostly used in combination with the `hplm()` function.

Value

An scdf

See Also

`hplm()`

Other data manipulation functions: `as.data.frame.scdf()`, `as_scdf()`, `fill_missing()`, `moving_median()`, `outlier()`, `ranks()`, `rescale()`, `scdf()`, `select_cases()`, `set_vars()`, `shift()`, `smooth_cases()`, `standardize()`, `truncate_phase()`

Examples

```
Leidig2018 |> add_l2(Leidig2018_l2)
```

anova.sc_plm *ANOVA Table for Piecewise Linear Models*

Description

Model comparison for piecewise regression models

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sc_plm'
anova(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_hplm'
anova(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_mplm'
anova(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object containing the results returned by a plm().
...	additional plm objects.

Examples

```
## For glm models with family = "gaussian"
mod1 <- plm(exampleAB$Johanna, level = FALSE, slope = FALSE)
mod2 <- plm(exampleAB$Johanna)
anova(mod1, mod2)
## For glm models with family = "poisson"
mod0 <- plm(example_A24, formula = injuries ~ 1, family = "poisson")
mod1 <- plm(example_A24, trend = FALSE, family = "poisson")
anova(mod0, mod1, mod2)
## For glm with family = "binomial"
mod0 <- plm(
  exampleAB_score$Christiano,
  formula = values ~ 1,
  family = "binomial",
  var_trials = "trials"
)
mod1 <- plm(
  exampleAB_score$Christiano,
  trend = FALSE,
  family = "binomial",
  var_trials = "trials"
)
anova(mod0, mod1)
## For multilevel models:
mod0 <- hplm(Leidig2018, trend = FALSE, slope = FALSE, level = FALSE)
```

```
mod1 <- hplm(Leidig2018, trend = FALSE)
mod2 <- hplm(Leidig2018)
anova(mod0, mod1, mod2)
## For mplm
mod0 <- mplm(
  Leidig2018$`1a1`,
  update = . ~  1, dvar = c("academic_engagement", "disruptive_behavior")
)
mod1 <- mplm(
  Leidig2018$`1a1`,
  trend = FALSE,
  dvar = c("academic_engagement", "disruptive_behavior")
)
mod2 <- mplm(
  Leidig2018$`1a1`,
  dvar = c("academic_engagement", "disruptive_behavior")
)

anova(mod0, mod1, mod2)
```

`as.data.frame.scdf` *Creating a long format data frame from several single-case data frames (scdf).*

Description

The as.data.frame function transposes an scdf into one long data frame. Additionally, a data frame can be merged that includes level 2 data of the subjects. This might be helpful to prepare data to be used with other packages than scan.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'scdf'
as.data.frame(x, ..., l2 = NULL, id = "case")
```

Arguments

`x`	An scdf object
`...`	Not implemented
`l2`	A data frame providing additional variables at Level 2. The scdf has to have names for all cases and the Level 2 data frame has to have a column with corresponding case names.
`id`	Variable name of the Level 2 data frame that contains the case names.

Value

Returns one data frame with data of all single-cases structured by the case variable.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: add_l2(), as_scdf(), fill_missing(), moving_median(), outlier(), ranks(), rescale(), scdf(), select_cases(), set_vars(), shift(), smooth_cases(), standardize(), truncate_phase()

Examples

```
## Convert the list of three single-case data frames from Grosche (2011)
### into one long data frame
Grosche2011
Grosche2011_long <- as.data.frame(Grosche2011)
Grosche2011_long

## Combine an scdf with data for l2
Leidig2018_long <- as.data.frame(Leidig2018, l2 = Leidig2018_l2)
names(Leidig2018_long)
summary(Leidig2018_long)
```

---

as_scdf *as_scdf*

Description

Converts a data frame to an scdf object.

Usage

```
as_scdf(
  object,
  cvar = "case",
  pvar = "phase",
  dvar = "values",
  mvar = "mt",
  phase_names = NULL,
  sort_cases = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

object	A data.frame
cvar	Sets the "case" variable. Defaults to case.
pvar	Sets the "phase" variable. Defaults to phase.

dvar	Sets the "values" variable. Defaults to values.
mvar	Sets the variable name of the "mt" variable. Defaults to mt.
phase_names	A character vector with phase names. Defaults to the phase names provided in the phase variable.
sort_cases	If set TRUE, the resulting list is sorted by label names (alphabetically increasing).

Value

An scdf.

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: add_l2(), as.data.frame.scdf(), fill_missing(), moving_median(), outlier(), ranks(), rescale(), scdf(), select_cases(), set_vars(), shift(), smooth_cases(), standardize(), truncate_phase()

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autocorr *Autocorrelation for single-case data*

Description

The autocorr function calculates autocorrelations within each phase and across all phases.

Usage

```
autocorr(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, lag_max = 3, lag.max, ...)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
lag_max, lag.max	The lag up to which autocorrelations will be computed.
...	Further arguments passed to the acf() function

Value

A data frame containing separate autocorrelations for each phase and for all phases (for each single-case). If lag_max exceeds the length of a phase minus one, NA is returned for this cell.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

acf()

Other regression functions: bplm(), corrected_tau(), hplm(), mplm(), plm(), trend()

Examples

```
## Compute autocorrelations for a list of four single-cases up to lag 2.
autocorr(Huber2014, lag_max = 2)
```

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batch_apply *Apply a function to each element in an scdf.*

Description

This function applies a given function to each case of a multiple case scdf, returning a list of the output of each function call.

Usage

```
batch_apply(scdf, fn, simplify = FALSE)
```

Arguments

scdf	A list of inputs to apply the function to.
fn	The function to apply to each element. Use a . as a placeholder for the scdf (e.g. describe(.)).
simplify	If simplify is TRUE and fn returns a vector of values, batch_apply will return a data frame case names.

Value

A list of the output of each function call.

Examples

```
batch_apply(exampleAB, coef(plm(.)))
```

between_smd *Between-Case Standardized Mean Difference*

Description

Calculates a standardized mean difference from a multilevel model as described in Pustejovsky et al. (2014)

Usage

```
between_smd(
  data,
  method = c("REML", "MCMCglmm"),
  ci = 0.95,
  include_residuals = TRUE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_bcsmd'
print(x, digits = 2, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_bcsmd'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  digits = 2,
  round = 2,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	Either an scdf or an object returned from the hplm() or bplm() function.
method	Either "REML" or "MCMglmm". This indicated which statistical method is applied to calculate the model.
ci	A numeric between 0 and 1 setting the width of the confidence interval (when method is REML) or the credible interval (when method is MCMCglmm). The default is 0.95 for a 95-percent interval.
include_residuals	Logical. See details.
...	Further arguments passed to the hplm() or bplm()function.
x	An object returned by baseline_smd().
digits	The minimum number of significant digits to be use. If set to "auto" (default), values are predefined.

object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.
footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.
round	Integer passed to the digits argument used to round values.

Details

The BC-SMD is calculate as `BC-SMD = Phase difference / sqrt(residual + random_intercept)`. This is most closely related to Cohen's *d*. If you want to have the most exact estimation based on the between case variance, you have to exclude the residual variance by setting the argument `include_residuals = FALSE` you get `BC-SMD = Phase difference / sqrt(random_intercept)`. The 'base' model only includes the phase level as a predictor like originally proposed by Hedges et al. Whereas the 'Full plm' model includes the trend and the phase slope as additional predictors.

Value

An object of class sc_bcsmd.

Functions

- `print(sc_bcsmd)`: Print results
- `export(sc_bcsmd)`: export results

References

Pustejovsky, J. E., Hedges, L. V., & Shadish, W. R. (2014). Design-Comparable Effect Sizes in Multiple Baseline Designs: A General Modeling Framework. Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics, 39(5), 368–393. https://doi.org/10.3102/1076998614547577

Examples

```
## Create a example scdf:
des <- design(
  n = 150,
  phase_design = list(A1 = 10, B1 = 10, A2 = 10, B2 = 10, C = 10),
  level = list(B1 = 1, A2 = 0, B2 = 1, C = 1),
  rtt = 0.7,
  random_start_value = TRUE
)
study <- random_scdf(des)

## Standard BC-SMD return:
between_smd(study)

## Specify the model and provide an hplm object:
```

```
model <- hplm(study, contrast_level = "preceding", slope = FALSE,  trend = FALSE)
between_smd(model)

## excluding the residuals gives a more accurate estimation:
between_smd(model, include_residuals = FALSE)
```

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bplm *Bayesian Piecewise Linear Model*

Description

Computes a bayesian (hierarchical) piecewise linear model based on a Markov chain Monte Carlo sampler.

Usage

```
bplm(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  model = c("W", "H-M", "B&L-B"),
  contrast_level = c("first", "preceding"),
  contrast_slope = c("first", "preceding"),
  trend = TRUE,
  level = TRUE,
  slope = TRUE,
  random_trend = FALSE,
  random_level = FALSE,
  random_slope = FALSE,
  fixed = NULL,
  random = NULL,
  update_fixed = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_bplm'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_bplm'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  round = 2,
```

```
  nice = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
model	Model used for calculating the dummy parameters (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "W". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "W", and deprecated "JW".
contrast_level	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.
contrast_slope	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.
trend	A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.
level	A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.
slope	A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.
random_trend	If TRUE, includes a random trend effect.
random_level	If TRUE, includes a random level effect.
random_slope	If TRUE, includes a random slope effect.
fixed	A formula that overwrites the automatically created fixed part of the regression model that defaults to the standard piecewise regression model. The parameter phase followed by the phase name (e.g., phaseB) indicates the level effect of the corresponding phase. The parameter 'inter' followed by the phase name (e.g., interB) adresses the slope effect based on the method provide in the model argument (e.g., "B&L-B"). The formula can be changed for example to include further L1 or L2 variables into the regression model.
random	A formula that overwrites the automatically created random part of the regression model.
update_fixed	An easier way to change the fixed model part (e.g., . ~ . + newvariable).
...	Further arguments passed to the mcmcglmm function.
x	An object returned by bplm()
digits	The minimum number of significant digits to be use. If set to "auto" (default), values are predefined.
object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.

footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.
round	Integer passed to the digits argument used to round values.
nice	If set TRUE (default) output values are rounded and optimized for publication tables.

Value

An object of class sc_bplm.

model	List containing information about the applied model.
N	Number of single-cases.
formula	A list containing the fixed and the random formulas of the hplm model.
mcmglmm	Object of class MCMglmm.
contrast	List with contrast definitions.

Functions

- print(sc_bplm): Print results
- export(sc_bplm): Export results as html table (see export())

Author(s)

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See Also

Other regression functions: autocorr(), corrected_tau(), hplm(), mplm(), plm(), trend()

Examples

```
# plm regression
bplm(example_A24)

# Multilevel plm regression with random intercept
bplm(exampleAB_50, nitt = 5000)

# Adding a random slope
bplm(exampleAB_50, random_level = TRUE, nitt = 5000)
```

cdc *Conservative Dual-Criterion Method*

Description

The cdc() function applies the Conservative Dual-Criterion Method (Fisher, Kelley, & Lomas, 2003) to scdf objects. It compares phase B data points to both phase A mean and trend (OLS, bi-split, tri-split) with an additional increase/decrease of .25 SD. A binomial test against a 50/50 distribution is computed and p-values below .05 are labeled "systematic change".

Usage

```
cdc(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  decreasing = FALSE,
  trend_method = c("OLS", "bisplit", "trisplit"),
  conservative = 0.25,
  phases = c(1, 2)
)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
decreasing	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set decreasing = TRUE. Default is decreasing = FALSE.
trend_method	Method used to calculate the trend line. Default is trend_method = "OLS". Possible values are: "OLS", "bisplit", and "trisplit". "bisplit", and "trisplit" should only be used for cases with at least five data-points in both relevant phases.
conservative	The CDC method adjusts the original mean and trend lines by adding (expected increase) or subtracting (expected decrease) an additional .25 SD before evaluating phase B data. Default is the CDC method with conservative = .25. To apply the Dual-Criterion (DC) method, set conservative = 0.
phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).

Value

cdc	CDC Evaluation based on a p-value below .05.
cdc_exc	Number of phase B datapoints indicating expected change.
cdc_nb	Number of phase B datapoints.
cdc_p	P value of Binomial Test.
cdc_all	Overall CDC Evaluation based on all instances/cases of a Multiple Baseline Design.
N	Number of cases.
decreasing	Logical argument from function call (see Arguments above).
conservative	Numeric argument from function call (see Arguments above).
case_names	Assigned name of single-case.
phases	-

Author(s)

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References

Fisher, W. W., Kelley, M. E., & Lomas, J. E. (2003). Visual Aids and Structured Criteria for Improving Visual Inspection and Interpretation of Single-Case Designs. *Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, 36*, 387-406. https://doi.org/10.1901/jaba.2003.36-387

See Also

Other overlap functions: ird(), nap(), overlap(), pand(), pem(), pet(), pnd(), tau_u()

Examples

```
## Apply the CDC method (standard OLS line)
design <- design(n = 1, slope = 0.2)
dat <- random_scdf(design, seed = 42)
cdc(dat)

## Apply the CDC with Koenig's bi-split and an expected decrease in phase B.
cdc(exampleAB_decreasing, decreasing = TRUE, trend_method = "bisplit")

## Apply the CDC with Tukey's tri-split, comparing the first and fourth phase
cdc(exampleABAB, trend_method = "trisplit", phases = c(1,4))

## Apply the Dual-Criterion (DC) method (i.e., mean and trend without
##shifting).
cdc(
 exampleAB_decreasing,
 decreasing = TRUE,
 trend_method = "bisplit",
```

```
 conservative = 0
)
```

`coef.sc_plm` *Extract coefficients from plm/hplm objects*

Description

Extract coefficients from plm/hplm objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sc_plm'
coef(object, ...)
```

Arguments

`object`	plm or hplm object
`...`	not implemented

Value

data frame with coefficient table

Examples

```
coefficients(plm(exampleAB$Johanna))
```

`combine` *Combine single-case data frames*

Description

Combine single-case data frames

Usage

```
combine(..., dvar = NULL, pvar = NULL, mvar = NULL, info = NULL, author = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'scdf'
c(...)
```

Arguments

...	scdf objects
dvar	Character string. Name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the dependent variable of the first case provided.
pvar	Character string. Name of the phase variable. Defaults to the phase variable of the first case provided.
mvar	Character string. Name of the measurement-time variable. Defaults to the measurement-time variable of the first case provided.
info	additional information on the scdf file.
author	author of the data.

Value

A scdf. If not set differently, the attributes of this scdf are copied from the first scdf provided (i.e the first argument of the function).

---

convert *Convert*

Description

Converts an scdf object into R code

Usage

```
convert(
  scdf,
  file = "",
  study_name = "study",
  case_name = "case",
  inline = FALSE,
  indent = 2,
  silent = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

scdf	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
file	A filename for exporting the syntax.
study_name	Character string. Name of the study object.
case_name	Character string. Name of the scdf objects.
inline	If TRUE, phase definition is in an online version.
indent	Integer. Indentation.
silent	If TRUE, syntax is not printed to the console

Value

Returns a string (invisible).

See Also

Other io-functions: `read_scdf()`, `write_scdf()`

Examples

```
filename <- tempfile()
convert(exampleABC, file = filename)
source(filename)
all.equal(study, exampleABC)
unlink(filename)
```

`corrected_tau` *Baseline corrected tau*

Description

Kendall's tau correlation for the dependent variable and the phase variable is calculated after correcting for a baseline trend.

Usage

```
corrected_tau(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  phases = c(1, 2),
  alpha = 0.05,
  continuity = FALSE,
  repeated = FALSE,
  tau_method = c("b", "a")
)
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).
alpha	Sets the p-value at and below which a baseline correction is applied.
continuity	If TRUE applies a continuity correction for calculating p
repeated	If TRUE applies the repeated median method for calculating slope and intercept.
tau_method	Character with values "a" or "b" (default) indicating whether Kendall Tau A or Kendall Tau B is applied.

Details

This method has been proposed by Tarlow (2016). The baseline data are checked for a significant autocorrelation (based on Kendall's Tau). If so, a non-parametric Theil-Sen regression is applied for the baseline data where the dependent values are regressed on the measurement time. The resulting slope information is then used to predict data of the B-phase. The dependent variable is now corrected for this baseline trend and the residuals of the Theil-Sen regression are taken for further calculations. Finally, Kendall's tau is calculated for the dependent variable and the dichotomous phase variable. The function here provides two extensions to this procedure: The more accurate Siegel repeated median regression is applied when repeated = TRUE and a continuity correction is applied when continuity = TRUE.

References

Tarlow, K. R. (2016). An Improved Rank Correlation Effect Size Statistic for Single-Case Designs: Baseline Corrected Tau. *Behavior Modification, 41(4)*, 427–467. https://doi.org/10.1177/0145445516676750

See Also

Other regression functions: autocorr(), bplm(), hplm(), mplm(), plm(), trend()

Examples

```
dat <- scdf(c(A = 33,25,17,25,14,13,15, B = 15,16,16,5,7,9,6,5,3,3,8,11,7))
corrected_tau(dat)
```

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describe *Descriptive statistics for single-case data*

Description

The describe() function provides common descriptive statistics for single-case data.

Usage

```
describe(data, dvar, pvar, mvar)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

Details

n = number of measurements; mis = number of missing vaues; m = mean; md = median; sd = standard deviation; mad = median average deviation; min = minimum; max = maximum; trend = weight of depended variable regressed on time (values ~ mt).

Value

A list containing a data frame of descriptive statistics (descriptives); the cse design (design); the number of cases (N)

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

overlap(), plot.scdf()

Examples

```
## Descriptive statistics for a study of three single-cases
describe(Grosche2011)

## Descriptives of a three phase design
describe(exampleABC)

## Write descriptive statistics to .csv-file
study <- describe(Waddell2011)
write.csv(study$descriptives, file = tempfile())
```

design *Generate a single-case design matrix*

Description

Generates a parameter list used for generating multiple random single-cases. This is used within the random_scdf function and the power_test function and for other Monte-Carlo tasks.

Usage

```
design(
  n = 1,
  phase_design = list(A = 5, B = 15),
  trend = 0,
  level = list(0),
  slope = list(0),
  start_value = 50,
  s = 10,
  rtt = 0.8,
  extreme_prop = list(0),
  extreme_range = c(-4, -3),
  missing_prop = 0,
  distribution = c("normal", "gaussian", "poisson", "binomial"),
  random_start_value = FALSE,
  n_trials = NULL,
  mt = NULL,
  B_start = NULL,
  m,
  phase.design,
  MT,
  B.start,
  extreme.p,
  extreme.d,
  missing.p
)
```

Arguments

n	Number of cases to be designed (Default is n = 1).
phase_design, phase.design	A list defining the length and label of each phase. E.g., phase_design = list(A1 = 10, B1 = 10, A2 = 10, B2 = 10). Use vectors if you want to define different values for each case phase_design = list(A = c(10, 15), B = c(10, 15).
trend	Defines the effect size of a trend added incrementally to each measurement across the whole data-set. To assign different trends to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g. trend = c(.1, .3, .5)). If the number of cases

exceeds the length of the vector, values are recycled. When using a 'gaussian' distribution, the `trend` parameters indicate effect size *d* changes. When using a binomial or poisson distribution, `trend` indicates an increase in points / counts per measurement.

`level` A list that defines the level increase (effect size *d*) at the beginning of each phase relative to the previous phase (e.g. `list(A = 0, B = 1)`). The first element must be zero as the first phase of a single-case has no level effect (if you have one less list element than the number of phases, scan will add a leading element with 0 values). Use vectors to define variable level effects for each case (e.g. `list(A = c(0, 0), B = c(1, 2))`). When using a 'gaussian' distribution, the `level` parameters indicate effect size *d* changes. When using a binomial or poisson distribution, `level` indicates an increase in points / counts with the onset of each phase.

`slope` A list that defines the increase per measurement for each phase compared to the previous phase. `slope = list(A = 0, B = .1)` generates an incremental increase of 0.1 per measurement starting at the B phase. The first list element must be zero as the first phase of a single-case has no slope effect (if you have one less list element than the number of phases, scan will add a leading element with 0 values). Use vectors to define variable slope effects for each case (e.g. `list(A = c(0, 0), B = c(0.1, 0.2))`). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are recycled. When using a 'gaussian' distribution, the `slope` parameters indicate effect size *d* changes per measurement. When using a binomial or poisson distribution, `slope` indicates an increase in points / counts per measurement.

`start_value`, `m` Starting value at the first measurement. Default is `50`. When `distribution = "poission"` the start_value represents frequency. When `distribution = "binomial"` start_value must range between 0 and 1 and they represent the probability of on event. To assign different start values to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g. `c(50, 42, 56)`). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are recycled. The `m` argument is deprecated.

`s` Standard deviation used to calculate absolute values from level, slope, trend effects and to calculate and error distribution from the `rtt` values. Set to `10` by default. To assign different variances to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g. `s = c(5, 10, 15)`). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are recycled. if the distribution is 'poisson' or 'binomial' s is not applied.

`rtt` Reliability of the underlying simulated measurements. Set `rtt = .8` by default. To assign different reliabilities to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g. `rtt = c(.6, .7, .8)`). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are repeated. `rtt` has no effect when you're using binomial or poisson distributions.

`extreme_prop`, `extreme.p`

Probability of extreme values. `extreme.p = .05` gives a five percent probability of an extreme value. A vector of values assigns different probabilities to multiple cases. If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are recycled.

extreme_range, extreme.d
: Range for extreme values. extreme_range = c(-7,-6) uses extreme values within a range of -7 and -6 . In case of a binomial or poisson distribution, extreme_range indicates frequencies. In case of a gaussian (or normal) distribution it indicates effect size d. Caution: the first value must be smaller than the second, otherwise the procedure will fail.

missing_prop, missing.p
: Portion of missing values. missing_prop = 0.1 creates 10\ different probabilities to multiple cases. If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are repeated.

distribution
: Distribution of the criteria varible. Default is "normal". Possible values are "normal", "binomial", and "poisson".

random_start_value
: If TRUE, the start_values are randomized based on the distribution.

n_trials
: If distribution (see below) is "binomial", n_trials is the number of trials/observations/items.

mt, MT
: Number of measurements (in each study). Default is mt = 20.

B_start, B.start
: Phase B starting point. The default setting B_start = 6 would assign the first five scores (of each case) to phase A, and all following scores to phase B. To assign different starting points for a set of multiple single-cases, use a vector of starting values (e.g., B_start = c(6, 7, 8)). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values will be recycled.

Value

An object of class sc_design.

Author(s)

Juergen Wibert

Examples

```
## Create random single-case data and inspect it
design <- design(
  n = 3, rtt = 0.75, slope = 0.1, extreme_prop = 0.1,
  missing_prop = 0.1
)
dat <- random_scdf(design, round = 1, random.names = TRUE, seed = 123)
describe(dat)

## And now have a look at poisson-distributed data
design <- design(
  n = 3, B_start = c(6, 10, 14), mt = c(12, 20, 22), start_value = 10,
  distribution = "poisson", level = -5, missing_prop = 0.1
)
dat <- random_scdf(design, seed = 1234)
pand(dat, decreasing = TRUE)
```

`estimate_design` *Estimate single-case design*

Description

This functions takes an scdf and extracts design parameters. The resulting object can be used to randomly create new scdf files with the same underlying parameters. This is useful for Monte-Carlo studies and bootstrapping procedures.

Usage

```
estimate_design(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  s = NULL,
  rtt = NULL,
  overall_effects = FALSE,
  overall_rtt = TRUE,
  model = "JW",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`s`	The standard deviation depicting the between case variance of the overall performance. If more than two single-cases are included in the scdf, the variance is estimated if s is set to NULL.
`rtt`	The reliability of the measurements. The reliability is estimated when rtt = NULL.
`overall_effects`	If TRUE, trend, level, and slope effect estimations will be identical for each case. If FALSE, effects are estimated for each case separately.
`overall_rtt`	Ignored when `rtt` is set. If TRUE, rtt estimations will be based on all cases and identical for each case. If FALSE rtt is estimated for each case separately.
`model`	Model used for calculating the dummy parameters (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is `model = "W"`. Possible values are: `"B&L-B"`, `"H-M"`, `"W"`, and deprecated `"JW"`.

... Further arguments passed to the plm function used for parameter estimation.

Value

A list of parameters for each single-case. Parameters include name, length, and starting measurement time of each phase, trend, level, and slope effects for each phase, start value, standard deviation, and reliability for each case.

Examples

```
# create a random scdf with predefined parameters
set.seed(1234)
design <- design(
  n = 10, trend = -0.02,
  level = list(0, 1), rtt = 0.8,
  s = 1
)
scdf<- random_scdf(design)

# Estimate the parameters based on the scdf and create a new random scdf
# based on these estimations
design_est <- estimate_design(scdf, rtt = 0.8)
scdf_est <- random_scdf(design_est)

# Analyze both datasets with an hplm model. See how similar the estimations
# are:
hplm(scdf, slope = FALSE)
hplm(scdf_est, slope = FALSE)

# Also similar results for pand and randomization tests:
pand(scdf)
pand(scdf_est)
rand_test(scdf)
rand_test(scdf_est)
```

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export *Export scan objects to html or latex*

Description

Export creates html files of tables or displays them directly in the viewer pane of rstudio. When applied in rmarkdown/quarto, tables can also be created for pdf/latex output.

Usage

```
export(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_desc'
export(
```

```
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  flip = FALSE,
  round = 2,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_nap'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  select = c("Case", "NAP", "NAP Rescaled", "w", "p", "d", "R²"),
  round = 2,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_overlap'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NULL,
  filename = NA,
  round = 2,
  decimals = 2,
  flip = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_pem'
export(object, caption = NA, footnote = NA, filename = NA, round = 2, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_pet'
export(object, caption = NA, footnote = NA, filename = NA, round = 1, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_pnd'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  select = c("Case", "PND", "Total", "Exceeds"),
  round = 2,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'sc_power'
export(object, caption = NA, footnote = NA, filename = NA, round = 3, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_smd'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
 select = c("Case", `Mean A` = "mA", `Mean B` = "mB", `SD A` = "sdA", `SD B` = "sdB",
   `SD Cohen` = "sd cohen", `SD Hedges` = "sd hedges", "Glass' delta", "Hedges' g",
    "Hedges' g correction", "Hedges' g durlak correction", "Cohen's d"),
  round = 2,
  decimals = 2,
  flip = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_trend'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  round = 3,
  decimals = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'scdf'
export(
  object,
  summary = FALSE,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  cols,
  round = 2,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'scdf_summary'
export(object, caption = NA, footnote = NA, filename = NA, round = 2, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.

...	Further Arguments passed to internal functions.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.
footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.
flip	If TRUE, some objects are exported with rows and columns flipped.
round	Integer passed to the digits argument used to round values.
select	A character vector containing the names of the variables to be included. If the vector is named, the variables will be renamed accordingly.
decimals	Decimal places that are reported.
summary	If TRUE, exports the summary of an scdf.
cols	Defines which columns are included when exporting an scdf. It is either a vector of variable names or the string "main" will select the central variables.

Value

Returns or displays a specially formatted html (or latex) file.

`fetch` *Fetches elements from scan objects Getter function for scan objects*

Description

Fetches elements from scan objects Getter function for scan objects

Usage

```
fetch(object, what, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object returned from a scan function.
what	Element/part to be extracted.
...	Further parameters passed to the function.

Value

An object of the respective regression model class.

`fill_missing` *Replacing missing measurement times in single-case data*

Description

The `fillmissing()` function replaces missing measurements in single-case data.

Usage

```
fill_missing(data, dvar, mvar, na.rm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`na.rm`	If set `TRUE`, `NA` values are also interpolated. Default is `na.rm = TRUE`.

Details

This procedure is recommended if there are gaps between measurement times (e.g. MT: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... 8, 9) or explicitly missing values in your single-case data and you want to calculate overlap indices (`overlap()`) or a randomization test (`rand_test()`).

Value

A single-case data frame with interpolated missing data points. See `scdf()` to learn about the SCDF Format.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: `add_l2()`, `as.data.frame.scdf()`, `as_scdf()`, `moving_median()`, `outlier()`, `ranks()`, `rescale()`, `scdf()`, `select_cases()`, `set_vars()`, `shift()`, `smooth_cases()`, `standardize()`, `truncate_phase()`

Examples

```
## In his study, Grosche (2011) could not realize measurements each
## single week for all participants. During the course of 100 weeks,
## about 20 measurements per person at different times were administered.

## Fill missing values in a single-case dataset with discontinuous
## measurement times
Grosche2011filled <- fill_missing(Grosche2011)
study <- c(Grosche2011[2], Grosche2011filled[2])
names(study) <- c("Original", "Filled")
study

## Fill missing values in a single-case dataset that are NA
Maggie <- random_scdf(design(level = list(0,1)), seed = 123)
Maggie_n <- Maggie
replace.positions <- c(10,16,18)
Maggie_n[[1]][replace.positions,"values"] <- NA
Maggie_f <- fill_missing(Maggie_n)
study <- c(Maggie, Maggie_n, Maggie_f)
names(study) <- c("original", "missing", "interpolated")
study
```

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hplm *Hierarchical piecewise linear model / piecewise regression*

Description

The hplm() function computes a hierarchical piecewise regression model.

Usage

```
hplm(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  model = c("W", "H-M", "B&L-B", "JW"),
  contrast = c("first", "preceding"),
  contrast_level = NA,
  contrast_slope = NA,
  method = c("ML", "REML"),
  control = list(opt = "optim"),
  random.slopes = FALSE,
  lr.test = FALSE,
  ICC = TRUE,
  trend = TRUE,
  level = TRUE,
```

```
  slope = TRUE,
  random_trend = FALSE,
  random_level = FALSE,
  random_slope = FALSE,
  fixed = NULL,
  random = NULL,
  ar = 0,
  unequal_variances = FALSE,
  update.fixed = NULL,
  data.l2 = NULL,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_hplm'
print(x, digits = 3, bcsmd = FALSE, casewise = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_hplm'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  round = 2,
  nice = TRUE,
  casewise = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_hplm'
coef(object, casewise = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
model	Model used for calculating the dummy parameters (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "W". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "W", and deprecated "JW".
contrast	Sets contrast_level and contrast_slope. Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix.
contrast_level	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.

contrast_slope	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.
method	Method used to fit your model. Pass "REML" to maximize the restricted log-likelihood or "ML" for maximized log-likelihood. Default is "ML".
control	A list of settings for the estimation algorithm, replacing the default values passed to the function lmeControl of the nlme package.
random.slopes	If random.slopes = TRUE random slope effects of the level, trend, and treatment parameter are estimated.
lr.test	If set TRUE likelihood ratio tests are calculated comparing model with vs. without random slope parameters.
ICC	If ICC = TRUE an intraclass-correlation is estimated.
trend	A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.
level	A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.
slope	A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.
random_trend	If TRUE, includes a random trend trend effect.
random_level	If TRUE, includes a random level trend effect.
random_slope	If TRUE, includes a random slope trend effect.
fixed	Defaults to the fixed part of the standard piecewise regression model. The parameter phase followed by the phase name (e.g., phaseB) indicates the level effect of the corresponding phase. The parameter 'inter' followed by the phase name (e.g., interB) adresses the slope effect based on the method provide in the model argument (e.g., "B&L-B"). The formula can be changed for example to include further L1 or L2 variables into the regression model.
random	The random part of the model.
ar	Maximal lag of autoregression. Modelled based on the Autoregressive-Moving Average (ARMA) function.
unequal_variances	Logical. If set TRUE, estimations are weighted by phase variances.
update.fixed	An easier way to change the fixed model part (e.g., . ~ . + newvariable).
data.l2	A data frame providing additional variables at Level 2. The scdf File has to have names for all cases and the Level 2 data frame has to have a column named 'cases' with the names of the cases the Level 2 variables belong to.
...	Further arguments passed to the lme function.
x	An object returned by hplm()
digits	The minimum number of significant digits to be use. If set to "auto" (default), values are predefined.
bcsmd	If TRUE, reports between-case standardized mean differences.
casewise	Returns the estimations for each case
object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.

footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.
round	Integer passed to the digits argument used to round values.
nice	If set TRUE (default) output values are rounded and optimized for publication tables.

Value

| | | | — | — | | model | List containing infromation about the applied model. | | N | Number of single-cases. | | formula |A list containing the fixed and the random formulas of the hplm model. | | hplm | Object of class lme contaning the multilevel model. | | model.0 | Object of class lme containing the zero model. | | ICC | List containing intraclass correlation and test parameters. | | model.without | Object of class gls containing the fixed effect model. | | contrast | List with contrast definitions. |

Functions

- print(sc_hplm): Print results
- export(sc_hplm): Export results as html table (see export())
- coef(sc_hplm): Extract model coefficients

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other regression functions: autocorr(), bplm(), corrected_tau(), mplm(), plm(), trend()

Examples

```
## Compute hplm model on a MBD over fifty cases (restricted log-likelihood)
hplm(exampleAB_50, method = "REML", random.slopes = FALSE)

## Analyzing with additional L2 variables
Leidig2018 |>
  add_l2(Leidig2018_l2) |>
  hplm(update.fixed = .~. + gender + migration + ITRF_TOTAL*phaseB,
       slope = FALSE, random.slopes = FALSE, lr.test = FALSE
  )
```

import_scdf *Import scdf – RStudio Addin*

Description

Import scdf – RStudio Addin

Usage

```
import_scdf()
```

ird *IRD - Improvement rate difference*

Description

`ird()` calculates the robust improvement rate difference as proposed by Parker and colleagues (2011).

Usage

```
ird(data, dvar, pvar, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))

## S3 method for class 'sc_ird'
print(x, digits = 3, ...)
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`decreasing`	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set `decreasing = TRUE`. Default is `decreasing = FALSE`.
`phases`	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A","C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c(1,2)`.
`x`	An object returned by `ird()`
`digits`	The minimum number of significant digits to be use.
`...`	Further arguments passed to the function.

Details

The adaptation of the improvement rate difference for single-case phase comparisons was developed by Parker and colleagues (2009). A variation called robust improvement rate difference was proposed by Parker and colleagues in 2011. This function calculates the robust improvement rate difference. It follows the formula suggested by Pustejovsky (2019). For a multiple case design, ird is based on the overall improvement rate of all cases which is the average of the irds for each case.

Functions

- `print(sc_ird)`: Print results

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See Also

Other overlap functions: `cdc()`, `nap()`, `overlap()`, `pand()`, `pem()`, `pet()`, `pnd()`, `tau_u()`

`is.scdf` *scdf objects Tests for objects of type "scdf"*

Description

scdf objects Tests for objects of type "scdf"

Usage

```
is.scdf(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	An object to be tested

Value

Returns TRUE or FALSE depending on whether its argument is of scdf type or not.

`moving_median` *Transform every single case of a single case data frame*

Description

Takes an scdf and applies transformations to each individual case. This is useful to calculate or modify new variables.

Usage

```
moving_median(x, lag = 1)

moving_mean(x, lag = 1)

local_regression(x, mt = 1:length(x), f = 0.2)

set_na_at(x, first_of, positions = 0)

center_at(x, at = TRUE, shift = 0, part = 0)

first_of(x, positions = 0)

across_cases(...)

all_cases(...)

rowwise(...)

## S3 method for class 'scdf'
transform(`_data`, ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	A logical vector.
`lag`	Number of values surrounding a value to calculate the average
`mt`	A vector with measurement times.
`f`	the proportion of surrounding data influencing each data point.
`first_of`	A logical vector
`positions`	A numeric vector with relative positions to the first appearance of a TRUE value in x.
`at`	A logical vector. E.g. `phase == "A"`. The first TRUE value of that vector is the target position for centring. By default, this is the first position.
`shift`	A value indicating a shift in measurement times for centring. E.g. `shift = 4` will centre four measurement-times after the position defined by the `at` and `part` arguments.

part	A numeric value between 0 and 1. 0 refers to the first TRUE in the at vector, 1 to the last, and 0.5 to the midpoint of the sequence of TRUE values. E.g. if you want to centre at the middle of phase A, set at = phase == A, part = 0.5. Note: decimals are rounded to integers.
...	Expressions.
_data	An scdf.

Details

This function is a method of the generic transform() function. Unlike the generic version, expressions are evaluated **serially**: the result of one expression is used as the basis for subsequent computations.

Several helper functions can be used inside expressions:

- n(): returns the number of measurements in a case.
- all_cases(): extracts the values of a variable across all cases. Takes an expression as argument. For example:
  - mean(all_cases(values)) calculates the mean of values across all cases.
  - mean(all_cases(values[phase == "A"])) calculates the mean of all values where phase == "A".
- rowwise(): applies a calculation separately to each row. Example: rowwise(sum(values, mt, na.rm = TRUE)).
- across_cases(): creates new variables or replaces existing ones across all cases. Example: across_cases(values_ranked = rank(values, na.last = "keep"))

Value

An scdf.

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: add_l2(), as.data.frame.scdf(), as_scdf(), fill_missing(), outlier(), ranks(), rescale(), scdf(), select_cases(), set_vars(), shift(), smooth_cases(), standardize(), truncate_phase()

Examples

```
## Creates a single-case with frequency distributions. The proportion and
## percentage of the frequencies are calculated with transform:
design <- design(
 n = 3,
 level = 5,
 distribution = "binomial",
 n_trials = 20,
 start_value = 0.5
)
study <- random_scdf(design)
transform(study, proportion = values/trials, percentage = proportion * 100)
```

```
## Z standardize the dependent variable and add two new variables:
exampleAB |>
  transform(
    values = scale(values),
    mean_values = mean(values),
    sd_values = sd(values)
  )

## Use `all` to calculate global variables.
exampleAB |>
  transform(
    values_center_case = values - mean(values[phase == "A"]),
    values_center_global = values - mean(all(values[phase == "A"])),
    value_dif = values_center_case - values_center_global
  )

## Use `across_cases` to calculate or replace a variable with values from
## all cases. E.g., standardize the dependent variable:
exampleABC |>
  transform(
    across_cases(values = scale(values))
  )

## Rank transform the values based on all cases vs. within each case:
exampleABC |>
  transform(
    across_cases(values_across = rank(values, na.last="keep")),
    value_within = rank(values, na.last="keep")
  )

## Three helper functions to smooth the data
Huber2014$Berta |>
transform(
  "compliance (moving median)" = moving_median(compliance),
  "compliance (moving mean)" = moving_mean(compliance),
  "compliance (local regression)" = local_regression(compliance, mt)
)

## Function first_of() helps to set NAs for specific phases.
## E.g., you want to replace the first two values of phase A and the first
## value of phase B and its preceding value.

byHeart2011 |>
  transform(
    values = set_na_at(values, phase == "A", 0:1),
    values = set_na_at(values, phase == "B", -1:0)
  )
```

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mplm *Multivariate Piecewise linear model / piecewise regression*

Description

The mplm() function computes a multivariate piecewise regression model.

Usage

```
mplm(
  data,
  dvar,
  mvar,
  pvar,
  model = c("W", "H-M", "B&L-B", "JW"),
  contrast = c("first", "preceding"),
  contrast_level = c(NA, "first", "preceding"),
  contrast_slope = c(NA, "first", "preceding"),
  trend = TRUE,
  level = TRUE,
  slope = TRUE,
  formula = NULL,
  update = NULL,
  na.action = na.omit,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_mplm'
print(x, digits = "auto", std = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_mplm'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  nice = TRUE,
  std = FALSE,
  decimals = 2,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

model	Model used for calculating the dummy parameters (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "W". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "W", and deprecated "JW".
contrast	Sets contrast_level and contrast_slope. Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix.
contrast_level	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.
contrast_slope	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.
trend	A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.
level	A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.
slope	A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.
formula	Defaults to the standard piecewise regression model. The parameter phase followed by the phase name (e.g., phaseB) indicates the level effect of the corresponding phase. The parameter 'inter' followed by the phase name (e.g., interB) adresses the slope effect based on the method provide in the model argument (e.g., "B&L-B"). The formula can be changed for example to include further variables into the regression model.
update	An easier way to change the regression formula (e.g., . ~ . + newvariable).
na.action	Defines how to deal with missing values.
...	Further arguments passed to the lm() function.
x	Object returned from mplm().
digits	The minimum number of significant digits to be use. If set to "auto" (default), values are predefined.
std	If TRUE, a table with standardized estimates is included.
object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.
footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.
nice	If set TRUE (default) output values are rounded and optimized for publication tables.
decimals	Decimal places that are reported.

Value

model	Character string from function call (see arguments above).
contrast	List with contrast definitions.
full.model	Full regression model list.

formula	Formula of the mplm model.

Functions

- print(sc_mplm): Print results
- export(sc_mplm): Export results as html

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other regression functions: autocorr(), bplm(), corrected_tau(), hplm(), plm(), trend()

Examples

```
res <- mplm(Leidig2018$`1a1`,
  dvar = c("academic_engagement", "disruptive_behavior")
)
print(res)
## also report standardized coefficients:
print(res, std = TRUE)
```

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na.omit.scdf *scdf objects Removes any row with a missing value*

Description

scdf objects Removes any row with a missing value

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'scdf'
na.omit(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	A scdf.
...	not implemented yet.

Value

A scdf object.

nap *Nonoverlap of all Pairs*

Description

The `nap()` function calculates the nonoverlap of all pairs (NAP; Parker & Vannest, 2009). NAP summarizes the overlap between all pairs of phase A and phase B data points. If an increase of phase B scores is expected, a non-overlapping pair has a higher phase B data point. The NAP equals *number of pairs showing no overlap / number of pairs* where ties are counted as half non-overlaps. Because NAP can take values between 0 and 100 percent where values below 50 percent indicate an inverse effect, an nap rescaled from -100 to 100 percent where negative values indicate an inverse effect is also displayed ($nap_{rescaled} = 2 * nap - 100$).

Usage

```
nap(data, dvar, pvar, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`decreasing`	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set `decreasing = TRUE`. Default is `decreasing = FALSE`.
`phases`	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A","C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c(1,2)`.

Value

`nap`	A data frame with NAP and additional values for each case.
`N`	Number of cases.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

References

Parker, R. I., & Vannest, K. (2009). An improved effect size for single-case research: Nonoverlap of all pairs. *Behavior Therapy*, *40*, 357-367.

See Also

Other overlap functions: `cdc()`, `ird()`, `overlap()`, `pand()`, `pem()`, `pet()`, `pnd()`, `tau_u()`

Examples

```
## Calculate NAP for a study with  lower expected phase B scores
## (e.g. aggressive behavior)
gretchen <- scdf(c(A = 12, 14, 9, 10, B = 10, 6, 4, 5, 3, 4))
nap(gretchen, decreasing = TRUE)

## Request NAP for all cases from the Grosche2011 scdf
nap(Grosche2011)
```

---

outlier *Handling outliers in single-case data*

Description

Identifies and drops outliers within a single-case data frame (scdf).

Usage

```
outlier(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  method = c("MAD", "Cook", "SD", "CI"),
  criteria = 3.5
)
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

method	Specifies the method for outlier identification. Set method = "MAD" for mean average deiviation, method = "SD" for standard deviations, method = "CI" for confidence intervals, method = "Cook" for Cook's Distance based on the Piece-wise Linear Regression Model.
criteria	Specifies the criteria for outlier identification. Based on the method setting.

Details

For method = "SD", criteria = 2 would refer t0 two standard deviations. For method = "MAD", criteria = 3.5 would refer to 3.5 times the mean average deviation. For method = "CI", criteria = 0.99 would refer to a 99 percent confidence interval. For method = "cook", criteria = "4/n" would refer to a Cook's Distance greater than 4/n.

Value

data	A single-case data frame with substituted outliers.
dropped.n	A list with the number of dropped data points for each single-case.
dropped.mt	A list with the measurement-times of dropped data points for each single-case (values are based on the mt varia
sd.matrix	A list with a matrix for each case with values for the upper and lower boundaries based on the standard deviatio
ci.matrix	A list with a matrix for each single-case with values for the upper and lower boundaries based on the confidenc
cook	A list of Cook's Distances for each measurement of each single-case.
criteria	Criteria used for outlier analysis.
N	Number of single-cases.
case.names	Case identifier.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: add_l2(), as.data.frame.scdf(), as_scdf(), fill_missing(), moving_median(), ranks(), rescale(), scdf(), select_cases(), set_vars(), shift(), smooth_cases(), standardize(), truncate_phase()

Examples

```
## Identify outliers using 1.5 standard deviations as criterion
susanne <- random_scdf(level = 1.0)
res_outlier <- outlier(susanne, method = "SD", criteria = 1.5)
res_outlier

## Identify outliers in the original data from Grosche (2011)
## using Cook's Distance greater than 4/n as criterion
res_outlier <- outlier(Grosche2011, method = "Cook", criteria = "4/n")
```

```
res_outlier
```

`overlap` *Overlap indices for single-case data*

Description

The `overlap` function provides the most common overlap indices for single-case data and some additional statistics.

Usage

```
overlap(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`decreasing`	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set `decreasing = TRUE`. Default is `decreasing = FALSE`.
`phases`	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A","C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c(1,2)`.

Details

See corresponding functions of PND, PEM, PET, NAP, PAND for calculation. Tau_U(A) reports "A vs. B - Trend A" whereas Tau_U(BA) reports "A vs. B + Trend B - Trend A". Base_Tau is baseline corrected tau (correction applied when autocorrelation in phase A is significant). Diff_mean is the mean difference. Diff_trend is the difference in the regression estimation of the dependent variable on measurement-time (`x ~ mt`) for each phase. SMD is the mean difference divided by the standard deviation of phase A. Hedges_g is the mean difference divided by the pooled standard deviation: $\sqrt{\frac{(n_A-1)sd_A^2+(n_B-1)sd_B^2}{n_A+n_B-2}}$ with a hedges correction applied: $Hedges_g * (1 - \frac{3}{4n-9})$).

Value

overlap	A data frame consisting of the following indices for each single-case for all cases: PND, PEM, PET, NAP, PAND
phases.A	Selection for A phase.
phases.B	Selection for B phase.
design	Phase design.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other overlap functions: cdc(), ird(), nap(), pand(), pem(), pet(), pnd(), tau_u()

Examples

```
## Display overlap indices for one single-case
overlap(Huitema2000, decreasing = TRUE)

## Display overlap indices for six single-cases
overlap(GruenkeWilbert2014)

## Combining phases for analyszing designs with more than two phases
overlap(exampleA1B1A2B2, phases = list(c("A1","A2"), c("B1","B2")))
```

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pand *Percentage of all non-overlapping data*

Description

The pand() function calculates the percentage of all non-overlapping data (PAND; Parker, Hagan-Burke, & Vannest, 2007), an index to quantify a level increase (or decrease) in performance after the onset of an intervention.

Usage

```
pand(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  decreasing = FALSE,
  phases = c(1, 2),
```

```
  method = c("sort", "minimum")
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_pand'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sc_pand'
export(object, caption = NA, footnote = NA, filename = NA, round = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
decreasing	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set decreasing = TRUE. Default is decreasing = FALSE.
phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).
method	Either "sort"" or "minimum". See details.
x	An object returned by pand()
...	Further arguments passed to the function.
object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.
footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.
round	Integer passed to the digits argument used to round values.

Details

PAND was proposed by Parker, Hagan-Burke, and Vannest in 2007. The authors emphasize that PAND is designed for application in a multiple case design with a substantial number of measurements, technically at least 20 to 25, but preferably 60 or more. PAND is defined as 100% minus the percentage of data points that need to be removed from either phase in order to ensure nonoverlap between the phases. Several approaches have been suggested to calculate PAND, leading to potentially different outcomes. In their 2007 paper, Parker and colleagues present an algorithm for computing PAND. The algorithm involves sorting the scores of a time series, including the associated phases, and comparing the resulting phase order with the original phase order using a

contingency table. To account for ties, the algorithm includes a randomization process where ties are randomly assigned to one of the two phases. Consequently, executing the algorithm multiple times could yield different results. It is important to note that this algorithm does not produce the same results as the PAND definition provided earlier in the same paper. However, it offers the advantage of allowing the calculation of an effect size measure `phi`, and the application of statistical tests for frequency distributions. Pustejovsky (2019) presented a mathematical formulation of Parker's original definition for comparing two phases of a single case:

$$PAND = \frac{1}{m+n} max\{(i+j)I(y_i^A < y_{n+1-j}^B\}$$

This formulation provides accurate results for PAND, but the original definition has the drawback of an unknown distribution under the null hypothesis, making a statistical test difficult. The `pand()` function enables the calculation of PAND using both methods. The first approach (`method = "sort"`) follows the algorithm described above, with the exclusion of randomization before sorting to avoid ambiguity. It calculates a phi measure and provides the results of a chi-squared test and a Fisher exact test. The second approach (`method = "minimum"`) applies the aforementioned formula. The code of this function is based on the code of the `SingleCaseES` package (function `calc_PAND`). For a multiple case design, overlaps are calculated for each case, summed, and then divided by the total number of measurements. No statistical test is conducted for this method.

Value

`pand`	Percentage of all non-overlapping data.
`method`	Calculation method.
`phi`	Effect size Phi based on expected and observed values.
`perc_overlap`	Percentage of overlapping data points.
`overlaps`	Number of overlapping data points.
`n`	Number of data points.
`N`	Number of cases.
`n_a`	Number of data points in phase A.
`n_b`	Number of data points in phase B.
`matrix`	2x2 frequency matrix of phase A and B comparisons.
`matrix_counts`	2x2 counts matrix of phase A and B comparisons.
`chi_test`	A Chi-squared analysis of expected and observed data (chisq.test()).
`fisher_test`	A Fisher exact test analysis of expected and observed data (fisher.test()).

Functions

- `print(sc_pand)`: Print results
- `export(sc_pand)`: Export results as html table (see `export()`)

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

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See Also

Other overlap functions: `cdc()`, `ird()`, `nap()`, `overlap()`, `pem()`, `pet()`, `pnd()`, `tau_u()`

Examples

```
## REplication of the Parker et al. 2007 example
pand(Parker2007)

## Calculate the PAND with an expected decrease of phase B scores
cubs <- scdf(c(20,22,24,17,21,13,10,9,20,9,18), B_start = 5)
pand(cubs, decreasing = TRUE)
```

---

pem *Percent exceeding the median*

Description

The pem function returns the percentage of phase B data exceeding the phase A median. Additionally, a chi square test against a 50/50 distribution is computed. Different measures of central tendency can be addressed for alternative analyses.

Usage

```
pem(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  decreasing = FALSE,
  binom.test = TRUE,
  chi.test = FALSE,
  FUN = median,
  phases = c(1, 2),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
decreasing	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set decreasing = TRUE. Default is decreasing = FALSE.
binom.test	Computes a binomial test for a 50/50 distribution. Default is binom.test = TRUE.
chi.test	Computes a Chi-square test. The default setting chi.test = FALSE skips the Chi-square test.
FUN	Data points are compared with the phase A median. Use this argument to implement alternative measures of central tendency. Default is FUN = median
phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).
...	Additional arguments for the FUN parameter (e.g. FUN = mean, trim = 0.1 will use the 10 percent trimmed arithmetic mean instead of the median for comparisons). The function must take a vector of numeric values and the na.rm argument and return a numeric value.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other overlap functions: cdc(), ird(), nap(), overlap(), pand(), pet(), pnd(), tau_u()

Examples

```
## Calculate the PEM including the Binomial and Chi-square tests for a single-case
dat <- random_scdf(5, level = 0.5)
pem(dat, chi.test = TRUE)
```

pet *Percent exceeding the trend*

Description

The pet function returns the percentage of Phase B data points that exceed the prediction based on the Phase A trend. A binomial test against a 50/50 distribution is calculated. It also calculates the percentage of Phase B data points that exceed the upper (or lower) 95 percent confidence interval of the predicted progression.

Usage

```
pet(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, ci = 0.95, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
ci	Width of the confidence interval. Default is ci = 0.95.
decreasing	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set decreasing = TRUE. Default is decreasing = FALSE.
phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).

Value

PET	Percent exceeding the trend.
ci	Width of confidence interval.
decreasing	Logical argument from function call (see Arguments above).

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other overlap functions: cdc(), ird(), nap(), overlap(), pand(), pem(), pnd(), tau_u()

Examples

```
## Calculate the PET and use a 99%-CI for the additional calculation
# create random example data
design <- design(n = 5, slope = 0.2)
dat <- random_scdf(design, seed = 23)
pet(dat, ci = .99)
```

---

plm *Piecewise linear model / piecewise regression*

Description

The plm function computes a piecewise regression model (see Huitema & McKean, 2000).

Usage

```
plm(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  AR = 0,
  model = c("W", "H-M", "B&L-B", "JW"),
  family = "gaussian",
  trend = TRUE,
  level = TRUE,
  slope = TRUE,
  contrast = c("first", "preceding"),
  contrast_level = c(NA, "first", "preceding"),
  contrast_slope = c(NA, "first", "preceding"),
  formula = NULL,
  update = NULL,
  na.action = na.omit,
  r_squared = TRUE,
  var_trials = NULL,
  dvar_percentage = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_plm'
print(
  x,
```

```
  lag_max = 3,
  ci = 0.95,
  q = FALSE,
  r_squared = getOption("scan.rsquared"),
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_plm'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  nice = TRUE,
  ci = 0.95,
  q = FALSE,
  round = 2,
  r_squared = getOption("scan.rsquared"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
AR	Maximal lag of autoregression. Modelled based on the Autoregressive-Moving Average (ARMA) function. When AR is set, the family argument must be set to family = "gaussian".
model	Model used for calculating the dummy parameters (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "W". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "W", and deprecated "JW".
family	Set the distribution family. Defaults to a gaussian distribution. See the family function for more details.
trend	A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.
level	A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.
slope	A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.
contrast	Sets contrast_level and contrast_slope. Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix.
contrast_level	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.

contrast_slope	Either "first", "preceding" or a contrast matrix. If NA contrast_level is a copy of contrast.
formula	Defaults to the standard piecewise regression model. The parameter phase followed by the phase name (e.g., phaseB) indicates the level effect of the corresponding phase. The parameter 'inter' followed by the phase name (e.g., interB) adresses the slope effect based on the method provide in the model argument (e.g., "B&L-B"). The formula can be changed for example to include further variables into the regression model.
update	An easier way to change the regression formula (e.g., `. ~ . + newvariable`).
na.action	Defines how to deal with missing values.
r_squared	Either "delta", "partial", or "none".
var_trials	Name of the variable containing the number of trials (only for binomial regressions). If a single integer is provided this is considered to be a the constant number of trials across all measurements.
dvar_percentage	Only for binomial distribution. If set TRUE, the dependent variable is assumed to represent proportions `[0,1]`. Otherwise dvar is assumed to represent counts.
...	Further arguments passed to the glm function.
x	Object
lag_max	Maximum lag to be reported for autocorrelation of residuals. Default is `3`. Set `FALSE` for no report of autocorrelations.
ci	Print confidence intervals. Either FALSE, TRUE or a number between 0 and 1 (0.90 for a 90% intervals).
q	Logical. If set `TRUE`, Yule's Q is reported.
object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.
footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.
nice	If set TRUE (default) output values are rounded and optimized for publication tables.
round	Integer passed to the digits argument used to round values.

Value

formula	plm formula. Uselful if you want to use the update or formula argument and you don't know the names of the parameters.
model	Character string from function call (see `Arguments` above).
F.test	F-test values of modelfit.
r.squares	Explained variance R squared for each model parameter.
ar	Autoregression lag from function call (see `Arguments` above).
family	Distribution family from function call (see `Arguments` above).
full.model	Full regression model list from the gls or glm function.

Functions

- `print(sc_plm)`: Print
- `export(sc_plm)`: Export results as html table (see `export()`)

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

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See Also

Other regression functions: `autocorr()`, `bplm()`, `corrected_tau()`, `hplm()`, `mplm()`, `trend()`

Examples

```
## Compute a piecewise regression model for a random single-case
set.seed(123)
AB <- design(
  phase_design = list(A = 10, B = 20),
  level = list(A = 0, B = 1), slope = list(A = 0, B = 0.05),
  trend = 0.05
)
dat <- random_scdf(design = AB)
plm(dat, AR = 3)

## Another example with a more complex design
A1B1A2B2 <- design(
  phase_design = list(A1 = 15, B1 = 20, A2 = 15, B2 = 20),
  level = list(A1 = 0, B1 = 1, A2 = -1, B2 = 1),
  slope = list(A1 = 0, B1 = 0.0, A2 = 0, B2 = 0.0),
  trend = 0.0)
dat <- random_scdf(design = A1B1A2B2, seed = 123)
plm(dat, contrast = "preceding")

## no slope effects were found. Therefore, you might want to the drop slope
## estimation:
plm(dat, slope = FALSE, contrast = "preceding")

## and now drop the trend estimation as well
plm(dat, slope = FALSE, trend = FALSE, contrast = "preceding")

## A poisson regression
example_A24 |>
  plm(family = "poisson")
```

```
## A binomial regression (frequencies as dependent variable)
plm(exampleAB_score$Christiano, family = "binomial", var_trials = "trials")

## A binomial regression (percentage as dependent variable)
exampleAB_score$Christiano |>
  transform(percentage = values/trials) |>
  set_dvar("percentage") |>
  plm(family = "binomial", var_trials = "trials", dvar_percentage = TRUE)
## Print
plm(exampleAB$Johanna) |>
  print(ci = 0.9, r_squared = c("delta", "partial"))
## Export
plm(exampleAB$Johanna) |> export()
```

`plot.scdf` *(Deprecated) Plot single-case data*

Description

This function provides a plot of a single-case or multiple single-cases.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'scdf'
plot(...)

plotSC(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  ylim = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  xinc = 1,
  lines = NULL,
  marks = NULL,
  phase.names = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  main = "",
  case.names = NULL,
  style = getOption("scan.plot.style"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`...`	Further arguments passed to the plot command.
`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`ylim`	Lower and upper limits of the y-axis (e.g., `ylim = c(0, 20)` sets the y-axis to a scale from 0 to 20). With multiple single-cases you can use `ylim = c(0, NA)` to scale the y-axis from 0 to the maximum of each case. `ylim` is not set by default, which makes `scan` set a proper scale based on the given data.
`xlim`	Lower and upper limits of the x-axis (e.g., `xlim = c(0, 20)` sets the x-axis to a scale from 0 to 20). With multiple single-cases you can use `ylim = c(0, NA)` to scale the x-axis from 0 to the maximum of each case. `xlim` is not set by default, which makes `scan` set a proper scale based on the given data.
`xinc`	An integer. Increment of the x-axis. 1 :each mt value will be printed, 2 : every other value, 3 : every third values etc.
`lines`	A list defining one or multiple lines or curves to be plotted. The argument is passed as a list (e.g., `list(type = "median")`). Some of the procedures can be refined with an additional argument (e.g., `lines = list(type = "mean", trim = 0.2)` adds a 20\ line. For multiple lines, provide a list element for each line (e.g., `list( list(type = "median", col = "red"), list(type = "trend", col = "blue"))`. Possible lines are:

- `"median"` Separate lines for phase A and B medians.
- `"mean"` Separate lines for phase A and B means. By default it is 10\ `lines = list(type = "mean", trim = 0.2)` draws a 20\
- `"trend"` Separate lines for phase A and B trends.
- `"trendA"` OLS trend line for phase A, extrapolated throughout phase B.
- `"trendA_bisplit"` Split middle (bi-split) trend line for phase A, extrapolated throughout phase B.
- `"trendA_trisplit"` Tukey tri-split trend line for phase A, extrapolated throughout phase B.
- `"maxA/minA"` Line at the level of the highest or lowest phase A score.
- `"medianA"` Line at the phase A median score.
- `"meanA"` Line at the phase A 10\ using the additional argument (e.g., `lines = list(type = "meanA", trim = 0.2)`).
- `"plm"` Regression lines for piecewise linear regression model.
- `"plm.ar"` Regression lines for piecewise autoregression model. The lag is specified like this: `lines = list(type = "plm.ar", ar = 2)`. Default lag is set to 2.
- `"movingMean"` Draws a moving mean curve, with a specified lag: `lines = list(type = "movingMean", lag = 2)`. Default is a lag 1 curve.

- "movingMedian" Draws a moving median curve, with a specified lag: lines = list(type = "movingMedian", lag = 3). Default is a lag 1 curve.
- "loreg" Draws a non-parametric local regression line. The proportion of data influencing each data point can be specified using lines = list(type = "loreg"m f = 0.66). The default is 0.5.
- "lty" Use this argument to define the line type. Examples are: "solid", "dashed", "dotted".
- "lwd" Use this argument to define the line's thickness, e.g., lwd = 4.
- "col" Use this argument to define the line's color, e.g., col = "red".

marks — A list of parameters defining markings of certain data points.

- "positions" A vector or a list of vectors indicating measurement-times to be highlighted. In case of a vector, the marked measurement-times are the same for all plotted cases. In case of a list of vectors, marks are set differently for each case. The list must have the same length as there are cases in the data file.
- "col" Color of the marks.
- "cex" Size of the marks.

Use for example marks = list(positions = c(1, 8, 15), col = "red", cex = 3) to make the MTs one, eight and 18 appear big and red.

phase.names — By default phases are labeled based on the levels of the phase variable. Use this argument to specify different labels: phase.names = c("Baseline","Intervention").

xlab — The label of the x-axis. Default is xlab = "Measurement time".

ylab — The labels of the y-axis. Default is ylab = "Score".

main — Main title of the plot.

case.names — Case names. If not provided, names are taken from the scdf. Set case.names = "" if you don't like to include case names.

style — Either a character with the name of a pre-implemented style or a style object. See style_plot to learn about this format.

Value

Returns a plot of one or multiple single-cases.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

Examples

```
## Request the default plot of the data from Borckhardt (2014)
plot(Borckardt2014)

## Plot the three cases from Grosche (2011) and visualize the phase A trend
plot(Grosche2011, style = "grid", lines = "trendA")

## Request the local regression line for Georg from that data set and customize the plot
```

```
plot(Grosche2011$Georg, style = "sienna", ylim = c(0,NA),
       xlab = "Training session", ylab = "Words per minute",
       phase.names = c("Baseline", "Intervention"), xinc = 5,
       lines = list(type = "loreg", f = 0.2, lty = "solid", col = "black", lwd = 3))

## Plot a random MBD over three cases and mark interesting MTs
dat <- random_scdf(design = design(3))
plot(dat, marks = list(positions = list(c(2,4,5),c(1,2,3),c(7,8,9)), col = "blue",
       cex = 1.4), style = c("grid", "annotate", "tiny"))
```

`plot_rand` *Plot random distribution*

Description

This function takes the return of the rand_test function and creates a histogram with the distribution of the rand sample statistics.

Usage

```
plot_rand(
  object,
  type = "hist",
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  text_observed = "observed",
  color = "lightgrey",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

`object`	Object returned from the rand_test() function
`type`	'hist' or 'xy'.
`xlab`	Label for the x-axis.
`ylab`	Label for the y-axis.
`title`	Plot title.
`text_observed`	Text for marking the number of observed statistic.
`color`	Bar color.
`...`	Further arguments passed to the plot function.

pnd *Percentage of non-overlapping data*

Description

This function returns the percentage of non-overlapping data. Due to its error-proneness the PND should not be used, but nap or pand instead (see Parker & Vannest, 2009).

Usage

```
pnd(data, dvar, pvar, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
decreasing	If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set decreasing = TRUE. Default is decreasing = FALSE.
phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).

Value

PND	Percentage of non-overlapping data.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other overlap functions: cdc(), ird(), nap(), overlap(), pand(), pem(), pet(), tau_u()

Examples

```
## Calculate the PND for multiple single-case data
pnd(GruenkeWilbert2014)
```

power_test *Empirical power analysis for single-case data*

Description

Conducts a Monte-Carlo study on the test-power and alpha-error probability of a statistical function.

Usage

```
power_test(
  design,
  method = c("plm_level", "rand", "tauU"),
  effect = "level",
  n_sim = 100,
  design_is_one_study = TRUE,
  alpha_test = TRUE,
  power_test = TRUE,
  binom_test = FALSE,
  binom_test_alpha = FALSE,
  binom_test_power = FALSE,
  binom_test_correct = FALSE,
  ci = FALSE,
  alpha_level = 0.05
)
```

Arguments

design	An object returned from the design function.
method	A (named) list that defines the methods the power analysis is based on. Each element can contain a function (that takes an scdf file and returns a p value) or a character string (the name of predefined functions). default method = list("plm_level", "rand", "tauU") computes a power analysis based on tau_u(), rand_test() and plm() analyses. (Further predefined functions are: "plm_slope", "plm_poisson_level", "plm_poisson_slope", "hplm_level", "hplm_slope", "base_tau".
effect	Either "level" or "slope". The respective effect of the provided design is set to 0 when computing the alpha-error proportion.
n_sim	Number of sample studies created for the the Monte-Carlo study. Default is n = 100. Ignored if design_is_one_study = FALSE.
design_is_one_study	If TRUE, the design is assumed to define all cases of one study that is repeatedly randomly created n_sim times. If false, the design is assumed to contain all cases from which a random sample is generated. This is useful for very specific complex simulation studies.
alpha_test	Logical. If TRUE, alpha error is calculated.
power_test	Logical. If TRUE, power is calculated.

`binom_test` Shortcut. When set TRUE, binom_test_power is set to 0.80, binom_test_alpha is set to 0.05, and binom_test_correct is set to 0.875.

`binom_test_alpha` Either FALSE or a value. If a value is provided, a binomial test is calculated testing if the alpha error proportion is less than the provided value.

`binom_test_power` Either FALSE or a value. If a value is provided, a binomial test is calculated testing if the power is greater than the provided value.

`binom_test_correct` Either FALSE or a value. If a value is provided, a binomial test is calculated testing if the correct proportion is greater than the provided value.

`ci` Either FALSE or a value. If a value is provided, confidence intervals at the provided level are calculated for power, alpha error, and correct proportions.

`alpha_level` Alpha level used to calculate the proportion of significant tests. Default is `alpha_level = 0.05`.

Details

Based on a `design()` object, a large number of single-cases are generated and re-analysed with a provided statistical function. The proportion of significant analyses is the test power. In a second step, a specified effect of the design object is set to 0 and again single-cases are generated and re-analysed. The proportion of significant analyses is the alpha error probability.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

`random_scdf()`, `design()`

Examples

```
## Assume you want to conduct a single-case study with 15 measurements
## (phases: A = 6 and B = 9) using a highly reliable test and
## an expected level effect of d = 1.4.
## A (strong) trend effect is trend = 0.05. What is the power?
## (Note: n_sims is set to 10. Set n_sims to 1000 for a serious calculation.)
design <- design(
  n = 1, phase_design = list(A = 6, B = 9),
  rtt = 0.8, level = 1.4, trend = 0.05
)
power_test(design, n_sim = 10)

## Would you achieve higher power by setting up a MBD with three cases?
design <- design(
  n = 3, phase_design = list(A = 6, B = 9),
  rtt = 0.8, level = 1.4, trend = 0.05
)
power_test(design, n_sim=10, method=list("hplm_level", "rand", "tauU_meta"))
```

print.scdf *Print an scdf*

Description

Print an scdf

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'scdf'
print(
  x,
  cases = getOption("scan.print.cases"),
  rows = getOption("scan.print.rows"),
  cols = getOption("scan.print.cols"),
  long = getOption("scan.print.long"),
  digits = getOption("scan.print.digits"),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	An scdf object
cases	Number of cases to be printed. "fit" fits the number to the current screen width.
rows	Number of rows to be printed.
cols	Columns to be printed. "Main" only prints the dependent, measurement-time and phase variable.
long	Logical. If TRUE cases are printed in one by a time.
digits	Number of digits.
...	Further arguments passed to the print function.

Details

Print options for scdf objects could be set globally: option(scan.print.cases = "all"), option(scan.print.rows = 10), option(scan.print.cols = "main"), option(scan.print.long = TRUE), option(scan.print.digits = 0), option(scan.print.scdf.name = FALSE)

random_scdf *Single-case data generator*

Description

The random_scdf function generates random single-case data frames for monte-carlo studies and demonstration purposes. design is used to set up a design matrix with all parameters needed for the random_scdf function.

Usage

```
random_scdf(design = NULL, round = NA, random_names = FALSE, seed = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

design	A design matrix which is created by design and specifies all parameters.
round	Rounds the scores to the defined decimal. To round to the second decimal, set round = 2.
random_names	Is FALSE by default. If set random_names = TRUE cases are assigned random first names. If set "neutral", "male" or "female" only gender neutral, male, or female names are chosen. The names are drawn from the 2,000 most popular names for newborns in 2012 in the U.S. (1,000 male and 1,000 female names).
seed	A seed number for the random generator.
...	arguments that are directly passed to the design function for a more concise coding.

Value

A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.

Author(s)

Juergen Wibert

Examples

```
## Create random single-case data and inspect it
design <- design(
  n = 3, rtt = 0.75, slope = 0.1, extreme_prop = 0.1,
  missing_prop = 0.1
)
dat <- random_scdf(design, round = 1, random_names = TRUE, seed = 123)
describe(dat)

## And now have a look at poisson-distributed data
design <- design(
  n = 3, B_start = c(6, 10, 14), mt = c(12, 20, 22), start_value = 10,
```

```
  distribution = "poisson", level = -5, missing_prop = 0.1
)
dat <- random_scdf(design, seed = 1234)
pand(dat, decreasing = TRUE)
```

`rand_test` *Randomization Tests for single-case data*

Description

The `rand_test` function computes a randomization test for single or multiple baseline single-case data. The function is based on an algorithm from the `SCRT` package (Bulte & Onghena, 2009, 2012), but rewritten and extended for the use in AB designs.

Usage

```
rand_test(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  statistic = c("Mean B-A", "Mean A-B", "Median B-A", "Median A-B", "Mean |A-B|",
    "Median |A-B|", "SMD hedges", "SMD glass", "W-test", "T-test", "NAP",
    "NAP decreasing", "Slope B-A", "Slope A-B"),
  statistic_function = NULL,
  number = 500,
  complete = FALSE,
  limit = 5,
  startpoints = NA,
  exclude.equal = FALSE,
  phases = c(1, 2),
  graph = FALSE,
  output = NULL,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`statistic`	Defines the statistic on which the comparison of phases A and B is based on. Default setting is `statistic = "Mean B-A"`. See details.
`statistic_function`	A list with a user defined function to calculate the statistic. When set, overwrites the `statistic` argument. See details.

number	Sample size of the randomization distribution. The exactness of the p-value can not exceed $1/number$ (i.e., number = 100 results in p-values with an exactness of one percent). Default is number = 500. For faster processing use number = 100. For more precise p-values set number = 1000).
complete	If TRUE, the distribution is based on a complete permutation of all possible starting combinations. This setting overwrites the number Argument. The default setting is FALSE.
limit	Minimal number of data points per phase in the sample. The first number refers to the A-phase and the second to the B-phase (e.g., limit = c(5,3)). If only one number is given, this number is applied to both phases. Default is limit = 5.
startpoints	Alternative to the limit-parameter startpoints exactly defines the possible start points of phase B (e.g., startpoints = 4:9 restricts the phase B start points to measurements 4 to 9. startpoints overruns the limit-parameter.
exclude.equal	If set to exclude.equal = FALSE, which is the default, random distribution values equal to the observed distribution are counted as null-hypothesis conform. That is, they decrease the probability of rejecting the null-hypothesis (increase the p-value). exclude.equal should be set to TRUE if you analyse one single-case design (not a multiple baseline data set) to reach a sufficient power. But be aware, that it increases the chance of an alpha-error.
phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).
graph	If graph = TRUE, a histogram of the resulting distribution is plotted. It is FALSE by default. *Note: use the more versatile* plot_rand() *function instead.*
output	(deprecated and not implemented)
seed	A seed number for the random generator.

Value

statistic	Character string from function call (see Arguments above).
N	Number of single-cases.
n1	Number of data points in phase A.
n2	Number of data points in phase B.
limit	Numeric from function call (see Arguments above).
startpoints	A vector defining the start points passed from the function call (see Arguments above).
p.value	P-value of the randomization test for the given data.
number	Sample size of randomization distribution from function call (see Arguments above).
complete	Logical argument from function call (see Arguments above).

`observed.statistic`
: Test statistic observed for the given single-case data. (see `statistic` in the `Arguments` above.)

`Z`
: Z-value of observed test statistic.

`p.z.single`
: Probability of z-value.

`distribution`
: Test statistic distribution from randomized data sets.

`possible.combinations`
: Number of possible combinations under the given restrictions.

`auto.corrected.number`
: `TRUE` indicates that a corrected number of combinations was used. This happens, if the number of possible combinations (under the given restrictions) undercuts the requested `number` of combinations.

`ecxlude.equal`
: see argument above

Details

Predefinded statisic:

Use the `statistic` argument to choose a predefnied statistic. The following comparisons are possible:

- `Mean A-B`: Uses the difference between the mean of phase A and the mean of phase B. This is appropriate if a decrease of scores was expected for phase B.
- `Mean B-A`: Uses the difference between the mean of phase B and the mean of phase A. This is appropriate if an increase of scores was expected for phase B.
- `Mean |A-B|`: Uses the absolute value of the difference between the means of phases A and B.
- `Median A-B`: The same as `Mean A-B`, but based on the median.
- `Median B-A`: The same as `Mean B-A`, but based on the median.
- `SMD hedges / SMD glass`: Standardizes mean difference of B-A as Hedges's g or Glass' delta.
- `NAP`: Non-overlap of all pairs.
- `W-test`: Wilcoxon-test statistic W.
- `T-test`: T-test statistic t.

Create own statistic function:

Use the `statistic_function` argument to proved your own function in a list. This list must have an element named `statistic` with a function that takes two arguments `a` and `b` and returns a single numeric value. E.g. `list(statistic = function(a, b) mean(a) - mean(b)`. A second element of the list is named `aggregate` which takes a function with one numeric argument that returns a numeric argument. This function is used to aggregate the values of a multiple case design. If you do not provide this element, it uses the default `function(x) sum(x)/length(x)`. The third optional argument is `name` which provides a name for your user function.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

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Examples

```
## Compute a randomization test on the first case of the byHeart2011 data and include a graph
rand_test(byHeart2011[1], statistic = "Median B-A", graph = TRUE, seed = 123)

## Compute a randomization test on the Grosche2011 data using complete permutation
rand_test(Grosche2011, statistic = "Median B-A", complete = TRUE, limit = 4, seed = 123)
```

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rci *Reliable change index*

Description

The `rci()` function computes indices of reliable change (Wise, 2004) and corresponding descriptive statistics.

Usage

```
rci(data, dvar, pvar, rel, ci = 0.95, graph = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`rel`	Reliability of the measure, used to compute the standard error.
`ci`	Width of confidence interval as a decimal. Default is `ci = 0.95` applying a 95 percent confidence interval.
`graph`	If set `TRUE`, a box plot of phase A and B scores is displayed. `graph = FALSE` by default.
`phases`	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A","C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c(1,2)`.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Report the RCIs of the first case from the byHeart data and include a graph
rci(byHeart2011[1], graph = TRUE, rel = 0.8)
```

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read_scdf *Load single-case data from files*

Description

Use the read_scdf function to load single-case data csv, excel, or yaml files.

Usage

```
read_scdf(
  file,
  cvar = "case",
  pvar = "phase",
  dvar = "values",
  mvar = "mt",
  sort_cases = FALSE,
  phase_names = NULL,
  type = NA,
  na = c("", "NA"),
  sort.labels = NULL,
  phase.names = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

file	Either a character string defining the file to be loaded (e.g. "SC_Anita.csv" (if left empty a dialog box for choosing will be opened) or a data.frame.
cvar	Sets the variable name of the "case" variable. Defaults to "case".
pvar	Sets the variable name of the "phase" variable. Defaults to "phase".
dvar	Sets the variable name of the "values" variable. Defaults to "values".
mvar	Sets the variable name of the "mt" variable. Defaults to "mt".
sort_cases, sort.labels	If set TRUE, the resulting list is sorted by label names (alphabetically increasing).
phase_names, phase.names	A character vector with phase names. Defaults to the phase names provided in the phase variable.
type	Format of the file to be loaded. Either "csv", "xlsx", "xls", "excel", "yml" is possible. By default (NA) the type is extracted from the file extension.
na	Character vector of strings to interpret as missing values.
...	Further arguments passed to the respective read function.

Value

Returns a single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about the format of these data frames.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

read.table(), readRDS()

Other io-functions: convert(), write_scdf()

Examples

```
## Read SC-data from a file named "study1.csv" in your working directory
# study1 <- read_scdf("study1.csv")

## Read SC-data from a .csv-file with semicolon as field and comma as decimal separator
# study2 <- read_scdf("study2.csv", sep = ";", dec = ",")

## write_scdf and read_scdf
filename <- file.path(tempdir(), "test.csv")
write_scdf(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt, filename)
dat <- read_scdf(filename, cvar = "case", pvar = "part", dvar = "zvt", mvar = "day")
res1 <- describe(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt)$descriptives
res2 <- describe(dat)$descriptives
all.equal(res1,res2)
```

sample_names *Samples random names*

Description

Samples random names

Usage

```
sample_names(n = 1, type = "neutral", seed = NULL)
```

Arguments

n	Number of names
type	"neutral", "male", "female", or "mixed"
seed	A seed for the random number generator.

Value

A character vector with random names

Examples

```
sample_names(3)
```

scdf *Single case data frame*

Description

`scdf()` is the constructor for objects of class `scdf`. It stores data from single-case studies with one or more cases in a structured format suitable for analysis with the `scan` package.

Usage

```
scdf(
  ...,
  B_start = NULL,
  phase_starts = NULL,
  phase_design = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  dvar = "values",
  pvar = "phase",
  mvar = "mt"
)
```

Arguments

...	One or more vectors representing measurement variables. See the *Details* section.
B_start	The first measurement point of phase B (simple coding; only applicable if the design follows a strict AB pattern).
phase_starts	A named vector defining the label and measurement time of each phase start. For example: phase_starts = c(A1 = 1, B1 = 6, A2 = 14, B2 = 19).
phase_design	A named vector defining the length and label of each phase. For example: phase_design = c(A1 = 10, B1 = 10, A2 = 10, B2 = 10).
name	Optional name for the case.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

Details

If no variable matching the name of the dependent variable is provided (the default name is values, which can be changed via the dvar argument), and the first provided variable is unnamed, that variable will be interpreted as the dependent variable.

If no measurement-time variable is provided (default name mt, configurable via the mvar argument), measurement times are automatically defined as a sequence (1, 2, 3, ..., n).

If the dependent variable is a **named vector**, the names will be used to define a phase design. For example, values = c(A = 2, 3, 5, 4, 3, B = 6, 5, 4, 3) will be interpreted as an AB phase design with five measurements in phase A and four in phase B.

If a vector matching the name of the phase variable is provided, it will be used to define the phase design directly.

Value

Returns a single-case data frame scdf suitable for all functions in the scan package.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: add_l2(), as.data.frame.scdf(), as_scdf(), fill_missing(), moving_median(), outlier(), ranks(), rescale(), select_cases(), set_vars(), shift(), smooth_cases(), standardize(), truncate_phase()

Examples

```
## Scores on a letter naming task were collected on eleven days in a row.
## The intervention started after the fifth measurement,
## so the first B phase measurement was 6 (B_start = 6).
klaas <- scdf(
  c(5, 7, 8, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, 15, 14, 19),
  B_start = 6, name = "Klaas"
)
describe(klaas)

# Alternative: using named vector
klaas <- scdf(
  c(A = 5, 7, 8, 5, 7, B = 12, 16, 18, 15, 14, 19),
  name = "Klaas"
)

# Alternative: using phase_design
klaas <- scdf(
  c(5, 7, 8, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, 15, 14, 19),
  phase_design = c(A = 5, B = 6), name = "Klaas"
)

# Alternative: using phase_starts
klaas <- scdf(
  c(5, 7, 8, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, 15, 14, 19),
  phase_starts = c(A = 1, B = 7), name = "Klaas"
)

## Unfortunately in a similar study there were no data collected on
## days 3 and 9. Use NA to pass them to the function:
emmi <- scdf(c(5, 7, NA, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, NA, 14, 19),
  phase_design = c(A = 5, B = 6), name = "Emmi"
)
describe(emmi)

## In a MBD over three cases, data were collected eleven days in a row.
## Intervention starting points differ between subjects as they were
## randomly assigned. The three SCDFs are then combined in a list for
## further conjoined analyses.
charlotte <- scdf(c(A = 5, 7, 10, 5, 12, B = 7, 10, 18, 15, 14, 19))
theresa <- scdf(c(A = 3, 4, 3, 5, B = 7, 4, 7, 9, 8, 10, 12))
tonia <- scdf(c(A = 9, 8, 8, 7, 5, 7, B = 6, 14, 15, 12, 16))
mbd <- c(charlotte, theresa, tonia)
names(mbd) <- c("Charlotte", "Theresa", "Tonia")
overlap(mbd)

## In a classroom-based intervention it was not possible to measure outcomes
## every day, but only on schooldays. The sequence of measurements is passed
## to the package by using a vector of measurement times.
frida <- scdf(
  c(A = 3, 2, 4, 2, 2, 3, 5, 6, B = 8, 10, 8, 12, 14, 13, 12),
  mt = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)
```

```
)
summary(frida)
describe(frida)

## example with two independent variables and four phases
jim <- scdf(
  zvt = c(47, 58, 76, 63, 71, 59, 64, 69, 72, 77, 76, 73),
  d2 = c(131, 134, 141, 141, 140, 140, 138, 140, 141, 140, 138, 140),
  phase_design = c(A1 = 3, B1 = 3, A2 = 3, B2 = 3), dvar = "zvt"
)
overlap(jim, phases = list(c("A1", "A2"), c("B1", "B2")))
```

`select_cases` *Select a subset of cases*

Description

Select a subset of cases

Usage

```
select_cases(scdf, ...)
```

Arguments

`scdf`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`...`	Selection criteria. Either numeric, objectnames, or as characters.

Value

An scdf with a subset of cases

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: `add_l2()`, `as.data.frame.scdf()`, `as_scdf()`, `fill_missing()`, `moving_median()`, `outlier()`, `ranks()`, `rescale()`, `scdf()`, `set_vars()`, `shift()`, `smooth_cases()`, `standardize()`, `truncate_phase()`

Examples

```
select_cases(exampleAB, Johanna, Karolina)
select_cases(exampleAB, c(Johanna, Karolina))
select_cases(exampleAB, 1,2)
select_cases(exampleAB, 1:2)
select_cases(exampleAB, -Johanna)
select_cases(exampleAB, -c(Johanna, Karolina))
v <- c("Moritz", "Jannis")
select_cases(exampleA1B1A2B2, v)
```

select_phases *Select and combine phases for overlap analyses*

Description

Useful when working with pipe operators.

Usage

```
select_phases(data, A, B, phase_names = "auto")
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
A	Selection of the A phase
B	Selection of the B phase
phase_names	A character vector with names for the resulting phases. The default "auto" generates phase names from the combination of the names of the recombined phases.

Value

An scdf with selected phases

Examples

```
exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt |>
  select_phases(A = c(1, 3), B = c(2, 4)) |>
  overlap()
```

set_vars *Set analysis variables in an scdf*

Description

Set analysis variables in an scdf

Usage

```
set_vars(data, dvar, mvar, pvar)

set_dvar(data, dvar)

set_mvar(data, mvar)

set_pvar(data, pvar)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string. Name of the dependent variable.
mvar	Character string. Name of the measurement-time variable.
pvar	Character string. Name of the phase variable.

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: add_l2(), as.data.frame.scdf(), as_scdf(), fill_missing(), moving_median(), outlier(), ranks(), rescale(), scdf(), select_cases(), shift(), smooth_cases(), standardize(), truncate_phase()

Examples

```
exampleAB_add |>
  set_dvar("depression") |>
  describe()
```

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shinyscan *A Shiny app for scan*

Description

Run a Shiny app with most of the scan functions.

Usage

```
shinyscan(scdf = NULL, quiet = TRUE, browser = c("external", "viewer"), ...)
```

Arguments

scdf	If you provide an *scdf* here, it will be loaded at startup.
quiet	If TRUE (default) does not report shiny messages in the console.
browser	c("external","viewer")
...	Further arguments passed to the shiny::runApp() function.

Details

This function launches a shiny application. You need to have scplot and shiny installed. These packages are suggested but not necessarily installed along with scan. shinyscan() will ask to install missing packages.

smd *Standardized mean differences*

Description

The `smd()` function provides various standardized mean effect sizes for single-case data.

Usage

```
smd(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, phases = c(1, 2))
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`phases`	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A","C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c(1,2)`.

Details

'sd cohen' is the (unweigted) average of the variance of phase A and B. 'sd Hedges' is the weighted average of the variance of phase A and B (with a degrees of freedom correction). 'Hedges' g' is the mean difference divided by 'sd Hedges'. 'Hedges' g correction' and 'Hedges' g durlak correction' are two approaches of correcting Hedges' g for small sample sizes. 'Glass' delta' is the mean difference divided by the standard deviation of the A-phase. 'Cohens d' is the mean difference divided by 'sd cohen'.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

`overlap()`, `describe()`

Examples

```
smd(exampleAB)
```

style_plot *(Deprecated) Create styles for single-case data plots*

Description

The style_plot function is used to create graphical styles for a single-case plot

Usage

```
style_plot(style = "default", ...)
```

Arguments

style	A character string or a vector of character strings with predefined styles.
...	Further arguments passed to the plot command.

Details

style_plot("") will return a list of predefined styles. Predefined styles can be combined style_plot(style = c("grid2", "tiny")) where settings of a latter style overwrite settings of the former. Additional style paramters are set following the style argument and can be combined with those: style_plot(style = "grid2", fill = "grey50", pch = 18).

Value

Returns a list to be provided for the style argument of the plot.scdf() function.

- fill If set, the area under the line is filled with the given color (e.g., fill = "tomato"). Use the standard R command colors() to get a list of all possible colours. fill is empty by default.
- annotations A list of parameters defining annotations to each data point. This adds the score of each MT to your plot.
  - "pos" Position of the annotations: 1 = below, 2 = left, 3 = above, 4 = right.
  - "col" Color of the annotations.
  - "cex" Size of the annotations.
  - "round" Rounds the values to the specified decimal.
- annotations = list(pos = 3, col = "brown", round = 1) adds scores rounded to one decimal above the data point in brown color to the plot.
- "names" A list of parameters defining the depiction of phase names (e.g. names = list(cex = 0.8, col = "red", side = 1): cex for size, col for color, and side for position). See mtext for more details.
- "lwd" Width of the plot line. Default is lwd = 2.
- "pch" Point type. Default is pch = 17 (triangles). Other options are for example: 16 (filled circles) or "A" (uses the letter A).
- "main" Main title of the plot.

- "mai" Sets the margins of the plot.
- "bty" Shape of the frame surrounding the inner plot
- "fill.bg" Background color of the plot. If a vector is provided, these colors will be assigned to phases (each phase name becomes a color).
- "grid" Color of a grid.
- "text.ABlag" Text displayed between phases.
- "cex.axis" Size of the axis annotations
- "las" Orientation of the axis annotations
- "col.lines" Color of the lines
- "col.dots" Color of the dots
- "col.seperator" Color of the phase seperating lines
- "col.bg" Color of the outer plot
- "col" General color setting for the plot
- "col.text" Color of all labels of the plot.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

plot.scdf()

Examples

```
newstyle <- style_plot(style = "default")
newstyle$text.ABlag <- c("START", "END")
newstyle$col.dots <- ""
newstyle$annotations <- list(cex = 0.6, col = "grey10", offset = 0.4)
newstyle$names <- list(cex = 0.8, col = "blue", side = 1, adj = 1, line = -1, at = 31)
newstyle$fill.bg <- c("grey99", "grey95", "grey90")
plot(exampleABC, style = newstyle, main = "Example Plot")
```

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subset.scdf *Subset cases, rows, and variables*

Description

This function is mainly used to filter rows by a logical expression. It has also arguments to filter variables and cases.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'scdf'
subset(x, subset, select, cases, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An scdf object.
subset	Logical expression indicating rows to keep: missing values are taken as false.
select	Expression, indicating columns to select from an scdf.
cases	Expression, indicating cases to keep from an scdf.
...	not implemented

Value

An scdf.

Examples

```
exampleAB |>
  subset((values < 60 & phase == "A") | (values >= 60 & phase == "B"))
subset(exampleAB_add, select = c(-cigarrets, -depression))
subset(exampleAB, cases = c(Karolina, Johanna))
subset(exampleA1B1A2B2, phase %in% c("A1", "B2"), cases = Pawel:Moritz)
```

---

summary.scdf *Summary function for an scdf*

Description

Summary function for an scdf

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'scdf'
summary(object, all_cases = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	scdf
all_cases	IF TRUE, more that 10 cases are summarized
...	not in use

tau_u *Tau-U for single-case data*

Description

This function calculates indices of the Tau-U family as proposed by Parker et al. (2011a).

Usage

```
tau_u(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  method = c("complete", "parker", "tarlow"),
  phases = c(1, 2),
  meta_analyses = TRUE,
  ci = 0.95,
  ci_method = c("z", "tau", "s"),
  meta_weight_method = c("z", "tau"),
  tau_method = c("b", "a"),
  continuity_correction = FALSE
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_tauu'
print(
  x,
  complete = FALSE,
  digits = "auto",
  select = c("Tau", "CI lower", "CI upper", "SD_S", "Z", "p"),
  nice_p = TRUE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'sc_tauu'
export(
  object,
  caption = NA,
  footnote = NA,
  filename = NA,
  select = "auto",
  meta = FALSE,
  round = 3,
  decimals = 3,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
dvar	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
method	"complete" (default), "parker" or "tarlow". The "parker" calculates the number of possible pairs as described in Parker et al. (2011) which might lead to tau-U values greater than 1. "tarlow" follows an online calculator and R code developed by Tarlow (2017).
phases	A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c(1,2).
meta_analyses	If TRUE, a meta analysis is conducted.
ci	Confidence intervals
ci_method	String to specify the method for calculating the standard error of tau. Either "tau", "z", or "s" (not recommended).
meta_weight_method	String to specify the method for calculating the weights of the studies. Either "tau" or "z".
tau_method	Character with values "a" or "b" (default) indicating whether Kendall Tau A or Kendall Tau B is applied. Ignored for methods 'tarlow' and 'parker'.
continuity_correction	If TRUE, a continuity correction is applied for calculating p-values of correlations (here: S will be reduced by one before calculating Z). Ignored for methods 'tarlow' and 'parker'.
x	Object returned from tau_u().
complete	Print all parameters.
digits	The minimum number of significant digits to be use. If set to "auto" (default), values are predefined.
select	Character vector with name of variables to be included. When the vector is named, variables are renamed appropriately.
nice_p	If TRUE, p-values are printed in publication friendly form.
...	Further arguments passed to the function.
object	An scdf or an object exported from a scan function.
caption	Character string with table caption. If left NA (default) a caption will be created based on the exported object.
footnote	Character string with table footnote. If left NA (default) a footnote will be created based on the exported object.
filename	String containing the file name. If a filename is given the output will be written to that file.

meta	If TRUE, the results of the meta analysis will be exported. If FALSE, each single-case is exported.
round	Integer passed to the digits argument used to round values.
decimals	Decimal places that are reported.

Details

Tau-U is an inconsistently operationalized construct. Parker et al. (2011b) describe a method which may result in Tau-U outside the [-1;1] interval. A different implementation of the method (provided at http://www.singlecaseresearch.org/calculators/tau-u) uses tau-b (instead of tau-a as in the original formulation by Parker). Bossart et. al (2018) describe inconsistencies in the results from this implementation as well. Another problems lies in the calculation in overall Tau-U values from several single cases. The function presented here applies a meta-analysis to gain the overall values. Each tau value is weighted by the inverse of the variance (ie. the tau standard error). The confidence intervals for single cases are calculated by Fisher-Z transforming tau, calculating the confidence intervals, and inverse transform them back to tau (see Long & Cliff, 1997).

Value

table	A data frame containing statistics from the Tau-U family, including: Pairs, positive and negative comparisons, S, and Tau
matrix	The matrix of comparisons used for calculating the statistics.
tau_u	Tau-U value.

Functions

- `print(sc_tauu)`: Print results
- `export(sc_tauu)`: Export results as html table

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

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See Also

Other overlap functions: `cdc()`, `ird()`, `nap()`, `overlap()`, `pand()`, `pem()`, `pet()`, `pnd()`

Examples

```
tau_u(Grosche2011$Eva)

## Replicate  tau-U calculation from Parker et al. (2011)
bob <- scdf(c(A = 2, 3, 5, 3, B = 4, 5, 5, 7, 6), name = "Bob")
res <- tau_u(bob, method = "parker")
print(res, complete = TRUE)

## Request tau-U for all single-cases from the Grosche2011 data set
tau_u(Grosche2011)
```

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trend *Trend analysis for single-cases data*

Description

The `trend()` function provides an overview of linear trends in single case data. By default, it provides the intercept and slope of a linear and quadratic regression of measurement time on scores. Models are calculated separately for each phase and across all phases. For more advanced use, you can add regression models using the R-specific formula class.

Usage

```
trend(
  data,
  dvar,
  pvar,
  mvar,
  offset = "deprecated",
  first_mt = 0,
  model = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`data`	A single-case data frame. See `scdf()` to learn about this format.
`dvar`	Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`pvar`	Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`mvar`	Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
`offset`	(Deprecated. Please use first_mt). An offset for the first measurement-time of each phase. If `offset = 0`, the phase measurement is handled as MT 1. Default is `offset = -1`, setting the first value of MT to 0.
`first_mt`	A numeric setting the value for the first measurement-time. Default = 0.

model	A string or a list of (named) strings each depicting one regression model. This is a formula expression of the standard R class. The parameters of the model are values, mt and phase.

Value

trend	A matrix containing the results (Intercept, B and beta) of separate regression models for phase A, phase B, and the whole data.
first_mt	Numeric argument from function call (see arguments section).

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

describe()

Other regression functions: autocorr(), bplm(), corrected_tau(), hplm(), mplm(), plm()

Examples

```
## Compute the linear and squared regression for a random single-case
design <- design(slope = 0.5)
matthea <- random_scdf(design)
trend(matthea)

## Besides the linear and squared regression models compute two custom models:
## a) a cubic model, and
## b) the values predicted by the natural logarithm of the
## measurement time.
design <- design(slope = 0.3)
ben <- random_scdf(design)
trend(
  ben,
  model = list("Cubic" = values ~ mt^3, "Log Time" = values ~ log(mt)),
  first_mt = 1 # must be set to 1 because log(0) would be -Inf
)
```

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write_scdf *Data output*

Description

This function restructures and writes single-case data into a .csv-file.

Usage

```
write_scdf(data, filename = NULL, sep = ",", dec = ".", ...)
```

Arguments

data	A single-case data frame. See scdf() to learn about this format.
filename	A character string defining the output file name (e.g. "SC_data.csv".
sep	The field separator string. Values within each row of x are separated by this string.
dec	The string to use for decimal points in numeric or complex columns: must be a single character.
...	Further arguments passed to write.table.

Details

This is a wrapper for the write.table function with predefined parameters.

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See Also

write.table(), saveRDS()

Other io-functions: convert(), read_scdf()

Examples

```
## write single-case data to a .csv-file
filename <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
jessica <- random_scdf(design(level = .5))
write_scdf(jessica, tempfile())

## write multiple cases to a .csv-file with semicolon as field and comma as
## decimal separator
write_scdf(Grosche2011, filename, sep = ";", dec = ",")

## read_scdf and write_scdf
write_scdf(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt, filename)
dat <- read_scdf(filename, cvar = "case", pvar = "part",
                 dvar = "zvt", mvar = "day")
res1 <- describe(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt)$descriptives
res2 <- describe(dat)$descriptives
all.equal(res1,res2)
```

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