Package ‘ DeclareDesign’

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Description Researchers can characterize and learn about the properties of research designs before implementation using ‘DeclareDesign’. Ex ante declaration and diagnosis of designs can help researchers clarify the strengths and limitations of their designs and to improve their properties, and can help readers evaluate a research strategy prior to implementation and without access to results. It can also make it easier for designs to be shared, replicated, and critiqued.

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cite_design

Obtain the preferred citation for a design

cite_design(design, ...)

Description

Obtain the preferred citation for a design

Usage

cite_design(design, ...)

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compare_diagnoses

Arguments

design1
A design or a diagnosis.
design2
A design or a diagnosis.
sims
The number of simulations, defaulting to 1000. sims may also be a vector indicating the number of simulations for each step in a design, as described for simulate_design. Used for both designs.
bootstrap_sims
Number of bootstrap replicates for the diagnosands to obtain the standard errors of the diagnosands, defaulting to 1000. Set to FALSE to turn off bootstrapping. Used for both designs. Must be greater or equal to 100.
merge_by_estimator
A logical. Whether to include estimator in the set of columns used for merging. Defaults to TRUE.
alpha
The significance level, 0.05 by default.

Details

The function compare_diagnoses runs a many-to-many merge matching by inquiry and term (if present). If merge_by_estimator equals TRUE, estimator is also included in the merging condition. Any diagnosand that is not included in both designs will be dropped from the merge.

Value

A list with a data.frame of compared diagnoses and both diagnoses.
Examples

design_a <-
decorate_model(N = 100,
  U = rnorm(N),
  Y_Z_0 = U,
  Y_Z_1 = U + rnorm(N, mean = 2, sd = 2)) +
decorate_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
decorate_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, prob = 0.5)) +
decorate_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
decorate_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

design_b <- replace_step(
  design_a, step = "assignment",
  decorate_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, prob = 0.3))
)

comparison <- compare_diagnoses(design_a, design_b, sims = 40)

---

**compare_functions**  
*Compare two designs*

**Description**

Compare two designs

**Usage**

```r
compare_designs(
  design1,
  design2,
  format = "ansi8",
  pager = "off",
  context = -1L,
  rmd = FALSE
)
```

```r
compare_design_code(
  design1,
  design2,
  format = "ansi256",
  mode = "sidebyside",
  pager = "off",
  context = -1L,
  rmd = FALSE
)
```

```r
compare_design_summaries(
  design1,
```
Arguments

- **design1**: A design object, typically created using the + operator
- **design2**: A design object, typically created using the + operator
- **format**: Format (in console or HTML) options from `diffobj::diffChr`
- **pager**: Pager option from `diffobj::diffChr`
- **context**: Context option from `diffobj::diffChr` which sets the number of lines around differences that are printed. By default, all lines of the two objects are shown. To show only the lines that are different, set `context = 0`; to get one line around differences for context, set to 1.
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rmd

Set to TRUE use in Rmarkdown HTML output. NB: will not work with LaTeX, Word, or other .Rmd outputs.

mode

Mode options from diffobj::diffChr

Examples

design1 <- declare_model(N = 100, u = rnorm(N), potential_outcomes(Y ~ Z + u)) +
design_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
design_sampling(S = complete_rs(N, n = 75)) +
design_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = 50)) +
design_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
design_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

design2 <- declare_model(N = 200, U = rnorm(N),
  potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.5*Z + U)) +
design_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
design_sampling(S = complete_rs(N, n = 100)) +
design_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = 25)) +
design_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
design_estimator(Y ~ Z, .method = lm_robust, inquiry = "ATE")

compare_designs(design1, design2)
compare_design_code(design1, design2)
compare_design_summaries(design1, design2)
compare_design_data(design1, design2)
compare_design_estimates(design1, design2)
compare_design_inquiries(design1, design2)

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DeclareDesign

DeclareDesign package

Description

The four main types of functions are to declare a step, to combine steps into designs, and to manipulate designs and designers (functions that return designs).

Design Steps

design_model Model step
design_inquiry Inquiry step
design_sampling Data strategy step (sampling)
design_assignment Data strategy step (assignment)
design_measurement Data strategy step (measurement)
design_estimator Answer strategy step (Estimator)
design_test Answer strategy step (Testing function)
Design Objects

+ Add steps to create a design
  
  - redesign Change design parameters
  - draw_data Draw a simulated dataset
  - run_design Draw one set of inquiry values and estimates
  - diagnose_design Diagnose a design
  - cite_design Cite a design

Design Editing

  - modify_design Add, delete or replace a step
  - redesign Modify local variables within a design (advanced)

Designers

  - expand_design Generate designs from a designer
  - designs See also the DesignLibrary package for designers to use

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See Also

Useful links:

  - https://declaredesign.org/r/declaredesign/
Declare Data Strategy: Assignment

Description

Declare Data Strategy: Assignment

Usage

\[
\text{declare_assignment}(\ldots, \text{handler} = \text{assignment_handler}, \text{label} = \text{NULL})
\]

\[
\text{assignment_handler}(\text{data}, \ldots, \text{legacy} = \text{FALSE})
\]

Arguments

\[
\ldots \quad \text{arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler}
\]

\[
\text{handler} \quad \text{a tidy-in, tidy-out function}
\]

\[
\text{label} \quad \text{a string describing the step}
\]

\[
\text{data} \quad \text{A data.frame.}
\]

\[
\text{legacy} \quad \text{Use the legacy randomizr functionality. This will be disabled in future; please use legacy = FALSE.}
\]

Value

A function that takes a data.frame as an argument and returns a data.frame with assignment columns appended.

Examples

# declare_assignment in use
## Two-arm randomized experiment
\[
\text{design} <- \text{declare_model(}
  \text{N} = 500, \\
  \text{X} = \text{rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),} \\
  \text{U} = \text{rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),} \\
  \text{potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)}
) +
\]
\[
\text{declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y[Z == 1] - Y[Z == 0]))} +
\text{declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200))} +
\text{declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100))} +
\text{declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z))} +
\text{declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")}
\]
\[
\text{run_design(design)}
\]

# Set up population to assign
\[
\text{model} <- \text{declare_model(}
\]
villages = add_level(
    N = 30,
    N_households = sample(c(50:100), N, replace = TRUE)
),
households = add_level(
    N = N_households,
    N_members = sample(c(1, 2, 3, 4), N,
        prob = c(0.2, 0.3, 0.25, 0.25), replace = TRUE)
),
individuals = add_level(
    N = N_members,
    age = sample(18:90, N, replace = TRUE),
    gender = rbinom(n = N, size = 1, prob = .5)
)
)

# Assignment procedures
## Complete random assignment
design <-
    model +
    declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 1000))
head(draw_data(design))

## Cluster random assignment
design <-
    model +
    declare_assignment(Z = cluster_ra(clusters = villages,
        n = 15))
head(draw_data(design))

## Block and cluster random assignment
design <-
    model +
    declare_assignment(Z = block_and_cluster_ra(
        blocks = villages,
        clusters = households,
        block_m = rep(20, 30)
    ))
head(draw_data(design))

## Block random assignment
design <-
    model +
    declare_assignment(Z = block_ra(blocks = gender, m = 100))
head(draw_data(design))

## Block random assignment using probabilities
design <-
    model +
```r
declare_assignment(Z = block_ra(blocks = gender,
                         block_prob = c(1 / 3, 2 / 3)))

head(draw_data(design))

## Factorial assignment
design <-
  model +
  declare_assignment(Z1 = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100),
                     Z2 = block_ra(blocks = Z1))

head(draw_data(design))

## Assignment using functions outside of randomizr
design <-
  model +
  declare_assignment(Z = rbinom(n = N, size = 1, prob = 0.35))

head(draw_data(design))
```

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### declare_design

**Declare a design**

#### Description

Declare a design

#### Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'dd'
lhs + rhs
```

#### Arguments

- `lhs` A step in a research design, beginning with a function that defines the model. Steps are evaluated sequentially. With the exception of the first step, all steps must be functions that take a `data.frame` as an argument and return a `data.frame`. Steps are declared using the `declare_functions`, i.e., `declare_model`, `declare_inquiry`, `declare_sampling`, `declare_assignment`, `declare_measurement`, `declare_estimator`, and `declare_test`.

- `rhs` A second step in a research design

#### Value

A design
Examples

```r
design <-
design <-
      declare_model(
        N = 500,
        U = rnorm(N),
        potential_outcomes(Y ~ Z + U)
      ) +
      declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
      declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N, n = 250)) +
      declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = 25)) +
      declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
      declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

dat <- draw_data(design)
head(dat)
run_design(design)

# You may wish to have a design with only one step:

design <-
design <-
      declare_model(N = 500, noise = rnorm(N)) +
      declare_estimator(N = 500, noise = rnorm(N)) +
      NULL

dat <- draw_data(design)
head(dat)
```

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declare_estimator  Declare estimator

Description

Declares an estimator which generates estimates and associated statistics.

Use of declare_test is identical to use of declare_estimator. Use declare_test for hypothesis testing with no specific inquiry in mind; use declare_estimator for hypothesis testing when you can link each estimate to an inquiry. For example, declare_test could be used for a K-S test of distributional equality and declare_estimator for a difference-in-means estimate of an average treatment effect.

Usage

```r
declare_estimator(
  ...
  handler = label_estimator(method_handler),
  label = "estimator"
)
```
declare_estimator

handler = label_estimator(method_handler),
label = "estimator"
)

label_estimator(fn)

method_handler(
  data,
  ...
  .method = estimatr::lm_robust,
  .summary = tidy_try,
  model,
  model_summary,
  term = FALSE
)

Arguments

... arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler
handler a tidy-in, tidy-out function
label a string describing the step
fn A function that takes a data.frame as an argument and returns a data.frame with the estimates, summary statistics (i.e., standard error, p-value, and confidence interval), and a term column for labeling coefficient estimates.
data a data.frame
.method A method function, e.g. lm or glm. By default, the method is the lm_robust function from the estimatr package, which fits OLS regression and calculates robust and cluster-robust standard errors.
.summary A method-in data-out function to extract coefficient estimates or method summary statistics, such as tidy or glance. By default, the DeclareDesign method summary function tidy_try is used, which first attempts to use the available tidy method for the method object sent to method, then if not attempts to summarize coefficients using the coef(summary()) and confint methods. If these do not exist for the method object, it fails.
.model Deprecated argument. Use .method instead.
.model_summary Deprecated argument. Use .summary instead.
term Symbols or literal character vector of term that represent quantities of interest, i.e. Z. If FALSE, return the first non-intercept term; if TRUE return all term. To escape non-standard-evaluation use !!.

Details

declare_estimator is designed to handle two main ways of generating parameter estimates from data.
In declare_estimator, you can optionally provide the name of an inquiry or an object created by declare_inquiry to connect your estimate(s) to inquiry(s).

The first is through label_estimator(method_handler), which is the default value of the handler argument. Users can use standard method functions like lm, glm, or iv_robust. The methods are summarized using the function passed to the summary argument. This will usually be a "tidier" like broom::tidy. The default summary function is tidy_try, which applies a tidy method if available, and if not, tries to make one on the fly.

An example of this approach is:

```
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z + X, .method = lm_robust, .summary = tidy, term = "Z", inquiry = "ATE")
```

The second approach is using a custom data-in, data-out function, usually first passed to label_estimator.

The reason to pass the custom function to label_estimator first is to enable clean labeling and linking to inquiries.

An example of this approach is:

```
my_fun <- function(data){ with(data, median(Y[Z == 1]) - median(Y[Z == 0])) }
declare_estimator(handler = label_estimator(my_fun), inquiry = "ATE")
```

label_estimator takes a data-in-data-out function to fn, and returns a data-in-data-out function that first runs the provided estimation function fn and then appends a label for the estimator and, if an inquiry is provided, a label for the inquiry.

Value

A function that accepts a data.frame as an argument and returns a data.frame containing the value of the estimator and associated statistics.

Examples

```r
# Setup for examples
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ rbinom(N, 1, prob = pnorm(0.2 * Z + 0.2 * gender + 0.1 * Z * gender + U)))
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y[Z == 1] - Y[Z == 0])) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z))
run_design(design)
```

# default estimator is lm_robust with tidy summary
design_0 <-
  design +
```
```
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
run_design(design_0)

# Linear regression using lm_robust and tidy summary
design_1 <-
design +
declare_estimator(
  formula = Y ~ Z,
  .method = lm_robust,
  .summary = tidy,
  term = "Z",
  inquiry = "ATE",
  label = "lm_no_controls"
)
run_design(design_1)

# Use glance summary function to view model fit statistics
design_2 <-
design +
declare_estimator(.method = lm_robust,
  formula = Y ~ Z,
  .summary = glance)
run_design(design_2)

# Use declare_estimator to implement custom answer strategies
my_estimator <- function(data) {
  data.frame(estimate = mean(data$Y))
}
design_3 <-
design +
declare_inquiry(Y_bar = mean(Y)) +
declare_estimator(handler = label_estimator(my_estimator),
  label = "mean",
  inquiry = "Y_bar")
run_design(design_3)

# Use `term` to select particular coefficients
design_4 <-
design +
declare_inquiry(difference_in_cates = mean(Y[Z_1[gender == 1]] - Y[Z_0[gender == 1]]) -
  mean(Y[Z_1[gender == 0]] - Y[Z_0[gender == 0]])) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z * gender,
  term = "Z:gender",
  inquiry = "difference_in_cates",
  .method = lm_robust)
run_design(design_4)
```
# Use glm from base R
design_5 <-
  design +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z + gender,
    family = "gaussian",
    inquiry = "ATE",
    .method = glm)
run_design(design_5)

# If we use logit, we'll need to estimate the average marginal effect with
# margins::margins. We wrap this up in function we'll pass to model_summary
library(margins) # for margins
library(broom) # for tidy
tidy_margins <- function(x) {
  tidy(margins(x, data = x$data), conf.int = TRUE)
}
design_6 <-
  design +
  declare_estimator(
    Y ~ Z + gender,
    .method = glm,
    family = binomial("logit"),
    .summary = tidy_margins,
    term = "Z"
  )
run_design(design_6)

# Multiple estimators for one inquiry
design_7 <-
  design +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z,
    .method = lm_robust,
    inquiry = "ATE",
    label = "OLS") +
  declare_estimator(
    Y ~ Z + gender,
    .method = glm,
    family = binomial("logit"),
    .summary = tidy_margins,
    inquiry = "ATE",
    term = "Z",
    label = "logit"
  )
run_design(design_7)
**declare_inquiry**

*Declare inquiry*

**Description**

Declares inquiries, or the inferential target of interest. Conceptually very close to "estimand" or "quantity of interest".

**Usage**

```
declare_inquiry(..., handler = inquiry_handler, label = "inquiry")
declare_inquiries(..., handler = inquiry_handler, label = "inquiry")
declare_estimand(...)  
declare_estimands(...)  
inquiry_handler(data, ..., subset = NULL, term = FALSE, label)
```

**Arguments**

- `...` arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler
- `handler` a tidy-in, tidy-out function
- `label` a string describing the step
- `data` a data.frame
- `subset` a subset expression
- `term` TRUE/FALSE

**Details**

For the default diagnosands, the return value of the handler should have `inquiry` and `estimand` columns.

If `term` is TRUE, the names of ... will be returned in a `term` column, and `inquiry` will contain the step label. This can be used as an additional dimension for use in diagnosis.

**Value**

a function, I(), that accepts a data.frame as an argument and returns a data.frame containing the value of the inquiry, a^m.
Examples

# Set up a design for use in examples:
### Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
declare_model(
  N = 500,
  X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
  U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
  potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 250)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z))

head(draw_data(design))

# Some common inquiries
design +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0))

design +
declare_inquiry(difference_in_var = var(Y_Z_1) - var(Y_Z_0))

design +
declare_inquiry(mean_Y = mean(Y))

# Inquiries among a subset
design +
declare_inquiry(ATT = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0),
  subset = (Z == 1))

design +
declare_inquiry(CATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0),
  subset = X == 1)

# equivalently
design +
declare_inquiry(CATE = mean(Y_Z_1[X == 1] - Y_Z_0[X == 1]))

# Add inquiries to a design along with estimators that
# reference them
diff_in_variances <-
function(data) {
  data.frame(estimate = with(data, var(Y[Z == 1]) - var(Y[Z == 0])))
}

design_1 <-
design +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0),
  difference_in_var = var(Y_Z_1) - var(Y_Z_0)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_measurement

```
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z,
                   inquiry = "ATE",
                   label = "DIM") +
declare_estimator(handler =
                   label_estimator(diff_in_variances),
                   inquiry = "difference_in_var",
                   label = "DIV")
```

run_design(design_1)

# Two inquiries using one estimator

design_2 <-
design +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y Z_1 - Y Z_0)) +
declare_inquiry(ATT = mean(Y Z_1 - Y Z_0), subset = (Z == 1)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = c("ATE", "ATT"))

run_design(design_2)

# Two inquiries using different coefficients from one estimator

design_3 <-
design +
declare_inquiry(intercept = mean(Y Z_0),
                 slope = mean(Y Z_1 - Y Z_0)) +
declare_estimator(
  Y ~ Z,
  .method = lm_robust,
  term = TRUE,
  inquiry = c("intercept", "slope")
)

run_design(design_3)

# declare_inquiries usage

design_4 <- design +
declare_inquiries(
  ATE = mean(Y Z_1[X == 1] - Y Z_0[X == 1]),
  CATE_X0 = mean(Y Z_1[X == 0] - Y Z_0[X == 0]),
  CATE_X1 = mean(Y Z_1[X == 1] - Y Z_0[X == 1]),
  Difference_in_CATEs = CATE_X1 - CATE_X0,
  mean_Y = mean(Y))

run_design(design_4)
```
**Declare Measurement**

Description

This function adds measured data columns that can be functions of unmeasured data columns.

Usage

```r
declare_measurement(..., handler = measurement_handler, label = NULL)
```

```r
measurement_handler(data, ...)
```

Arguments

- `...`: arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler
- `handler`: a tidy-in, tidy-out function
- `label`: a string describing the step
- `data`: A data.frame.

Details

It is also possible to include measured variables in your `declare_model` call or to add variables using `declare_step`. However, putting latent variables in `declare_model` and variables-as-measured in `declare_measurement` helps communicate which parts of your research design are in M and which parts are in D.

Value

A function that returns a data.frame.

Examples

```r
# declare_measurement in use
## Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
run_design(design)
```

# Reveal potential outcomes according to treatment assignment
```r
design <-
declare_model(N = 100,
```

```r
```
potential_outcomes(Y ~ rbinom(
    N, size = 1, prob = 0.1 * Z + 0.5
  ))) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = 50)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z))

declare_model(..., handler = fabricate, label = NULL)

Description
Declare the size and features of the population

Usage
declare_model(..., handler = fabricate, label = NULL)

Arguments
... arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler
handler a tidy-in, tidy-out function
label a string describing the step
Value
A function that returns a data.frame.

Examples

# declare_model is usually used when concatenating
# design elements with '+'

## Example: Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
declare_model(
  N = 500,
  X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
  U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
  potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 250)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

# declare_model returns a function:
M <- declare_model(N = 100)
M()

# Declare a population from existing data
M <- declare_model(data = mtcars)
M()

# Resample from existing data
M <- declare_model(N = 100, data = mtcars, handler = resample_data)
M()

# Declare a model with covariates:
# observed covariates X1 and X2 and
# unobserved heterogeneity U that each affect
# outcome Y
M <- declare_model(
  N = 100,
  U = rnorm(N),
  X1 = rbinom(N, size = 1, prob = 0.5),
  X2 = X1 + rnorm(N),
  Y = 0.1 * X1 + 0.2 * X2 + 0.1 * X1 * X2 + U
)
M()

# We can draw correlated variables using draw_multivariate
M <-
declare_model(
  draw_multivariate(c(X1, X2) ~ MASS::mvrnorm(
    n = 1000,
    mu = c(0, 0),
    Sigma = matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 1), 2, byrow = TRUE)
  ))
)
Sigma = matrix(c(1, 0.3, 0.3, 1), nrow = 2)
M()

# Declare potential outcomes model dependent on assignment Z
## Manually
M <-
declare_model(N = 100,
    Y_Z_0 = rbinom(N, size = 1, prob = 0.5),
    Y_Z_1 = rbinom(N, size = 1, prob = 0.6)
)
M()

## Using potential_outcomes
M <-
declare_model(N = 100,
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ rbinom(N, size = 1, prob = 0.1 * Z + 0.5))
)
M()

## we can draw from a distribution of effect sizes
M <-
declare_model(
    N = 100,
    tau = runif(1, min = 0, max = 1),
    U = rnorm(N),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ tau * Z + U)
)
M()

## we can simulate treatment-by-covariate effect heterogeneity:
M <-
declare_model(
    N = 100,
    U = rnorm(N),
    X = rbinom(N, 1, prob = 0.5),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.3 * Z + 0.2*X + 0.1*Z*X + U)
)
M()

## potential outcomes can respond to two treatments:
M <- declare_model(
    N = 6,
    U = rnorm(N),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ Z1 + Z2 + U,
                      conditions = list(Z1 = c(0, 1), Z2 = c(0, 1))))
M()

# Declare a two-level hierarchical population
# containing varying numbers of individuals within
# households and an age variable defined at the individual
# level
\texttt{M <- declare_model()}
\begin{verbatim}
households = add_level(
  N = 100,
  N_members = sample(c(1, 2, 3, 4), N, 
  prob = c(0.2, 0.3, 0.25, 0.25),
  replace = TRUE)
),
individuals = add_level(
  N = N_members,
  age = sample(18:90, N, replace = TRUE)
)

M()
\end{verbatim}

## Panel data have a more complex structure:
\texttt{M <-
declare_model(
  countries = add_level(
    N = 196,
    country_shock = rnorm(N)
  ),
  years = add_level(
    N = 100,
    time_trend = 1:N,
    year_shock = runif(N, 1, 10),
    nest = FALSE
  ),
  observation = cross_levels(
    by = join_using(countries, years),
    observation_shock = rnorm(N),
    Y = 0.01 * time_trend + country_shock + year_shock + observation_shock
  )
)

M()

# Declare a population using a custom function
# the default handler is fabricatr::fabricate,
# but you can supply any function that returns a data.frame
my_model_function <- function(N) {
  data.frame(u = rnorm(N))
}

M <- declare_model(N = 10, handler = my_model_function)
M()
Usage

```r
declare_sampling(..., handler = sampling_handler, label = NULL)
```

```r
sampling_handler(data, ..., legacy = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- `...`: arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler
- `handler`: a tidy-in, tidy-out function
- `label`: a string describing the step
- `data`: A data.frame.
- `legacy`: Use the legacy randomizr functionality. This will be disabled in future; please use `legacy = FALSE`.

Value

A sampling declaration, which is a function that takes a data.frame as an argument and returns a data.frame subsetted to sampled observations and (optionally) augmented with inclusion probabilities and other quantities.

Examples

```r
# declare_sampling in use
## Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
run_design(design)
```

```r
# Set up population to sample from
model <- declare_model(
  villages = add_level(
    N = 30,
    N_households = sample(c(50:100), N, replace = TRUE)
  ),
  households = add_level(
    N = N_households,
    N_members = sample(c(1, 2, 3, 4), N,
      prob = c(0.2, 0.3, 0.25, 0.25), replace = TRUE)
)
declare_step

\)
indivduals = add_level(
  N = N_members,
  age = sample(18:90, \(N\), replace = TRUE),
  gender = rbinom(n = \(N\), size = 1, prob = .5)
)

# Sampling procedures
## Complete random sampling
design <- model +
decclare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = \(N\), n = 1000))
head(draw_data(design))

## Cluster random sampling
design <- model +
decclare_sampling(S = cluster_rs(clusters = villages,
  n = 15))
head(draw_data(design))

## Strata and cluster random sampling
design <- model +
decclare_sampling(S = strata_and_cluster_rs(
  strata = villages,
  clusters = households,
  strata_n = rep(20, 30)))
head(draw_data(design))

## Stratified random sampling
design <- model +
decclare_sampling(S = strata_rs(strata = gender, n = 100))
head(draw_data(design))

---

**declare_step**

*Declare a custom step*

**Description**

With declare_step, you can include any function that takes data as one of its arguments and returns data in a design declaration. The first argument is always a "handler", which is the name of the data-in, data-out function. For handy data manipulations use declare_step(fabricate, ...).

**Usage**

declare_step(
\begin{verbatim}
...
handler = function(data, ...f, ...) ...f(data, ...),
label = NULL
)

Arguments

...                 arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler
handler            a tidy-in, tidy-out function
label               a string describing the step

Value

A function that returns a data.frame.

Examples

population <- declare_model(N = 5, noise = rnorm(N))
manipulate <- declare_step(fabricate, noise_squared = noise^2, zero = 0)

design <- population + manipulate
draw_data(design)

\end{verbatim}

**Declaration**

Declares an test which generates a test statistic and associated inferential statistics.

Use of declare_test is identical to use of declare_estimator. Use declare_test for hypothesis testing with no specific inquiry in mind; use declare_estimator for hypothesis testing when you can link each estimate to an inquiry. For example, declare_test could be used for a K-S test of distributional equality and declare_estimator for a difference-in-means estimate of an average treatment effect.

See declare_estimator help for an explanation of how to use method_handler, which is used identically in both declare_estimator and declare_test. The main difference between declare_estimator and declare_test is that declare_test does not link with an explicit inquiry.

**Usage**

```
dependent_test(..., handler = label_test(method_handler), label = "test")
```

label_test(fn)
declare_test

Arguments

... arguments to be captured, and later passed to the handler

handler a tidy-in, tidy-out function

label a string describing the step

fn A function that takes a data.frame as an argument and returns a data.frame with test statistics as columns.

Details

label_test takes a data-in-data out function to fn, and returns a data-in-data-out function that first runs the provided test function fn and then appends a label for the test.

Value

A function that accepts a data.frame as an argument and returns a data.frame containing the value of the test statistic and other inferential statistics.

See Also

See declare_estimator for documentation of the method_handler function.

Examples

# Balance test F test

balance_test_design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 100,
    cov1 = rnorm(N),
    cov2 = rnorm(N),
    cov3 = rnorm(N)
  ) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, prob = 0.2)) +
  declare_test(Z ~ cov1 + cov2 + cov3, .method = lm_robust, .summary = glance)

## Not run:
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(
  design = balance_test_design,
  diagnosands = declare_diagnosands(
    false_positive_rate = mean(p.value <= 0.05)
  )
)

## End(Not run)

# K-S test of distributional equality

ks_test <- function(data) {
  test <- with(data, ks.test(x = Y[Z == 1], y = Y[Z == 0]))
  data.frame(statistic = test$statistic, p.value = test$p.value)
distributional_equality_design <-
declare_model(
  N = 100,
  Y_Z_1 = rnorm(N),
  Y_Z_0 = rnorm(N, sd = 1.5)
) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, prob = 0.5)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_test(handler = label_test(ks_test), label = "ks-test")

## Not run:
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(
  design = distributional_equality_design,
  diagnosands = declare_diagnosands(power = mean(p.value <= 0.05))
)

## End(Not run)

# Thanks to Jake Bowers for this example

library(coin)

our_ttest <- function(data) {
  res <- coin::oneway_test(~ factor(Xclus),
                           data = data,
                           distribution = "asymptotic"
  )
  data.frame(p.value = pvalue(res)[[1]])
}

ttest_design <-
declare_model(
  N = 100,
  Xclus = rbinom(n = N, size = 1, prob = 0.2),
  outcome = 3 + rnorm(N)) +
declare_test(handler = label_test(our_ttest), label = "t-test")

## Not run:
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(
  design = ttest_design,
  diagnosands = declare_diagnosands(energy = mean(p.value <= 0.05))
)

## End(Not run)
Description

Declare diagnosands

Usage

```r
diagnosand_handler(data, ..., subset = NULL, alpha = 0.05, label)
```

```r
declare_diagnosands(..., handler = diagnosand_handler, label = NULL)
```

Arguments

- **data**: A data.frame.
- **...**: A set of new diagnosands.
- **subset**: A subset of the simulations data frame within which to calculate diagnosands. e.g. `subset = p.value < .05`.
- **alpha**: Alpha significance level. Defaults to .05.
- **label**: Label for the set of diagnosands.
- **handler**: A tidy-in, tidy-out function

Details

If `term` is `TRUE`, the names of `...` will be returned in a `term` column, and `inquiry` will contain the step label. This can be used as an additional dimension for use in diagnosis.

Diagnosands summarize the simulations generated by `diagnose_design` or `simulate_design`. Typically, the columns of the resulting simulations data.frame include the following variables: `estimate`, `std.error`, `p.value`, `conf.low`, `conf.high`, and `inquiry`. Many diagnosands will be a function of these variables.

Value

A function that returns a data.frame

Examples

```r
# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  ```
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

## Not run:
# using built-in defaults:
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design)
diagnosis

# You can choose your own diagnosands instead of the defaults:
my_diagnosands <-
  declare_diagnosands(median_bias = median(estimate - estimand))

## You can set diagnosands within the diagnose_design function
## using the 'diagnosands =' argument
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design, diagnosands = my_diagnosands)
diagnosis

## You can also set diagnosands with set_diagnosands
design <- set_diagnosands(design, diagnosands = my_diagnosands)
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design)
diagnosis

# If you do not specify diagnosands in diagnose_design,
# the function default_diagnosands() is used,
# which is reproduced below.
alpha <- 0.05

default_diagnosands <-
  declare_diagnosands(
    mean_estimand = mean(estimand),
    mean_estimate = mean(estimate),
    bias = mean(estimate - estimand),
    sd_estimate = sqrt(pop.var(estimate)),
    rmse = sqrt(mean((estimate - estimand)^2)),
    power = mean(p.value <= alpha),
    coverage = mean(estimand <= conf.high & estimand >= conf.low)
  )

diagnose_design(
  design,
  diagnosands = default_diagnosands
)

# A longer list of potentially useful diagnosands might include:
extended_diagnosands <-
  declare_diagnosands(
    mean_estimand = mean(estimand),
    mean_estimate = mean(estimate),
    bias = mean(estimate - estimand),
    sd_estimate = sd(estimate),
    rmse = sqrt(mean((estimate - estimand)^2)),
    # ...
power = mean(p.value <= alpha),
coverage = mean(estimand <= conf.high & estimand >= conf.low),
mean_se = mean(std.error),
type_s_rate = mean((sign(estimate) != sign(estimand))[p.value <= alpha]),
exaggeration_ratio = mean((estimate/estimand)[p.value <= alpha]),
var_estimate = pop.var(estimate),
mean_var_hat = mean(std.error^2),
prop_pos_sig = mean(estimate > 0 & p.value <= alpha),
mean_ci_length = mean(conf.high - conf.low)
)

diagnose_design(
  design,
  diagnosands = extended_diagnosands
)

## End(Not run)

diagnose_design

Diagnose the design

**Description**

Generates diagnosands from a design or simulations of a design. Speed gains can be achieved by running `diagnose_design` in parallel, see Examples.

**Usage**

```r
diagnose_design(
  ..., 
  diagnosands = NULL, 
  sims = 500, 
  bootstrap_sims = 100, 
  future.seed = TRUE, 
  make_groups = NULL, 
  add_grouping_variables = NULL
)

diagnose_designs(
  ..., 
  diagnosands = NULL, 
  sims = 500, 
  bootstrap_sims = 100, 
  future.seed = TRUE, 
  make_groups = NULL, 
  add_grouping_variables = NULL
)

diagnose_designs(...)
```

```r
diagnose_design(
  ..., 
  diagnosands = NULL, 
  sims = 500, 
  bootstrap_sims = 100, 
  future.seed = TRUE, 
  make_groups = NULL, 
  add_grouping_variables = NULL
)

diagnose_designs(
  ..., 
  diagnosands = NULL, 
  sims = 500, 
  bootstrap_sims = 100, 
  future.seed = TRUE, 
  make_groups = NULL, 
  add_grouping_variables = NULL
)

diagnose_designs(...)
```
Arguments

... A design or set of designs typically created using the + operator, or a data.frame of simulations, typically created by simulate_design.

diagnosands A set of diagnosands created by declare_diagnosands. By default, these include bias, root mean-squared error, power, frequentist coverage, the mean and standard deviation of the estimate(s), the "type S" error rate (Gelman and Carlin 2014), and the mean of the inquiry(s).

sims The number of simulations, defaulting to 500. sims may also be a vector indicating the number of simulations for each step in a design, as described for simulate_design

bootstrap_sims Number of bootstrap replicates for the diagnosands to obtain the standard errors of the diagnosands, defaulting to 100. Set to FALSE to turn off bootstrapping.

future.seed Option for parallel diagnosis via the function future_lapply. A logical or an integer (of length one or seven), or a list of length(X) with pre-generated random seeds. For details, see ?future_lapply.

make_groups Add group variables within which diagnosand values will be calculated. New variables can be created or variables already in the simulations data frame selected. Type name-value pairs within the function vars, i.e. vars(significant = p.value <= 0.05).

add_grouping_variables Deprecated. Please use make_groups instead. Variables used to generate groups of simulations for diagnosis. Added to default list: c("design", "estimand_label", "estimator", "outcome", "term")

Details

If the diagnosand function contains a group_by attribute, it will be used to split-apply-combine diagnosands rather than the intersecting column names.

If sims is named, or longer than one element, a fan-out strategy is created and used instead.

If the packages future and future.apply are installed, you can set plan to run multiple simulations in parallel.

Value

a list with a data frame of simulations, a data frame of diagnosands, a vector of diagnosand names, and if calculated, a data frame of bootstrap replicates.

Examples

# Two-arm randomized experiment
n <- 500

design <-
declare_model(
  N = 1000,
  gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = n)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = n/2)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

## Not run:
# Diagnose design using default diagnosands
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design)
diagnosis

# Use tidy to produce data.frame with bootstrapped standard
# errors and confidence intervals for each diagnosand
diagnosis_df <- tidy(diagnosis)
diagnosis_df

# Use sims argument to change the number of simulations used
# to calculate diagnosands, and bootstrap_sims to change how
# many bootstraps are used to calculate standard errors.
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design,
  sims = 500,
  bootstrap_sims = 150)
tidy(diagnosis)

# You may also run diagnose_design in parallel using
# the future package on a personal computer with multiple
# cores or on high performance computing clusters.
library(future)
options(parallelly.fork.enable = TRUE) # required for use in RStudio
plan(multicore) # note other plans are possible, see future
diagnose_design(design, sims = 500)

# Select specific diagnosands
reshape_diagnosis(diagnosis, select = "Power")

# Use your own diagnosands
my_diagnosands <-
declare_diagnosands(median_bias = median(estimate - estimand),
  absolute_error = mean(abs(estimate - estimand)))
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design, diagnosands = my_diagnosands)
diagnosis

geta_diagnosands(diagnosis)
get_simulations(diagnosis)
# Diagnose using an existing data frame of simulations

```r
simulations <- simulate_design(design, sims = 500)
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(simulations_df = simulations)
diagnosis
```

## End(Not run)

# If you do not specify diagnosands, the function default_diagnosands() is used,
# which is reproduced below.

```r
alpha <- 0.05

default_diagnosands <-
declare_diagnosands(
  mean_estimand = mean(estimand),
  mean_estimate = mean(estimate),
  bias = mean(estimate - estimand),
  sd_estimate = sqrt(pop.var(estimate)),
  rmse = sqrt(mean((estimate - estimand) ^ 2)),
  power = mean(p.value <= alpha),
  coverage = mean(estimand <= conf.high & estimand >= conf.low)
)

# A longer list of useful diagnosands might include:

```r
extended_diagnosands <-
declare_diagnosands(
  mean_estimand = mean(estimand),
  mean_estimate = mean(estimate),
  bias = mean(estimate - estimand),
  sd_estimate = sd(estimate),
  rmse = sqrt(mean((estimate - estimand) ^ 2)),
  power = mean(p.value <= alpha),
  coverage = mean(estimand <= conf.high & estimand >= conf.low),
  mean_se = mean(std.error),
  type_s_rate = mean((sign(estimate) != sign(estimand))[p.value <= alpha]),
  exaggeration_ratio = mean((estimate/estimand)[p.value <= alpha]),
  var_estimate = pop.var(estimate),
  mean_var_hat = mean(std.error^2),
  prop_pos_sig = mean(estimate > 0 & p.value <= alpha),
  mean_ci_length = mean(conf.high - conf.low)
)
```

## Not run:

```r
diagnose_design(
  design,
  diagnosands = extended_diagnosands
)
# Adding a group for within group diagnosis:
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design,
   make_groups = vars(significant = p.value <= 0.05),
)
diagnosis

n <- 500
design <-
declare_model(
   N = 1000,
   gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
   X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
   U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
   potential_outcomes(Y ~ rnorm(1) * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = n)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = n/2)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design,
   make_groups =
   vars(effect_size =
     cut(estimand, quantile(estimand, (0:4)/4),
        include.lowest = TRUE)),
)
diagnosis

# redesign can be used in conjunction with diagnose_designs
# to optimize the design for specific diagnosands
design_vary_N <- redesign(design, n = c(100, 500, 900))
diagnose_designs(design_vary_N)

# Calculate and plot the power of a design over a range of
# effect sizes
design <-
declare_model(
   N = 200,
   U = rnorm(N),
   potential_outcomes(Y ~ runif(1, 0.0, 0.5) * Z + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
library(tidyverse)
simulations_df <-
diagnose_design(design) |>
get_simulations() |> mutate(significant = if_else(p.value <= 0.05, 1, 0))

ggplot(simulations_df) +
  stat_smooth(
    aes(estimand, significant),
    method = 'loess',
    color = "#3564ED",
    fill = "#72B4F3",
    formula = 'y ~ x'
  ) +
  geom_hline(
    yintercept = 0.8, color = "#C6227F", linetype = "dashed") +
  annotate("text", x = 0, y = 0.85,
    label = "Conventional power threshold = 0.8",
    hjust = 0, color = "#C6227F") +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = seq(0, 1, 0.2)) +
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 1)) +
  theme(legend.position = "none") +
  labs(x = "Model parameter: true effect size",
       y = "Diagnosand: statistical power") +
  theme_minimal()

## End(Not run)

diagnosis_helpers Explore your design diagnosis

Description

Explore your design diagnosis

Usage

get_diagnosands(diagnosis)

get_simulations(diagnosis)

Arguments

diagnosis A design diagnosis created by diagnose_design.

Examples

# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
```r

gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

## Not run:
# Diagnose design using default diagnosands
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design)
diagnosis

# Use get_diagnosands to explore diagnosands:
get_diagnosands(diagnosis)

# Use get_simulations to explore simulations
get_simulations(diagnosis)

# Exploring user-defined diagnosis your own diagnosands
my_diagnosands <-
declare_diagnosands(median_bias = median(estimate - estimand),
                  absolute_error = mean(abs(estimate - estimand)))
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design, diagnosands = my_diagnosands)
diagnosis
tidy(diagnosis)
reshape_diagnosis(diagnosis)
get_diagnosands(diagnosis)
get_simulations(diagnosis)

## End(Not run)
```

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**draw_functions**

**Draw data, estimates, and inquiries from a design**

**Description**

Draw data, estimates, and inquiries from a design
Usage

draw_data(design, data = NULL, start = 1, end = length(design))

draw_estimand(...)

draw_estimands(...)

draw_estimates(...)

Arguments

design  A design object, typically created using the + operator

data     A data.frame object with sufficient information to get the data, estimates, inquiries, an assignment vector, or a sample.

start    (Defaults to 1) a scalar indicating which step in the design to begin with. By default all data steps are drawn, from step 1 to the last step of the design.

design  A design or set of designs typically created using the + operator

Examples

# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

# Use draw_data to create a dataset using a design
dat <- draw_data(design)

# Use end argument to draw data up to a certain design component
dat_no_sampling <- draw_data(design, end = 3)

# Use draw_estimands to extract value of inquiry
draw_estimands(design)

# Use draw_estimates to extract value of estimator
draw_estimates(design)
**expand_design**

Declare a design via a designer

**Description**

`expand_design` easily generates a set of design from a designer function.

**Usage**

```r
expand_design(designer, ..., expand = TRUE, prefix = "design")
```

**Arguments**

- `designer`: a function which yields a design
- `...`: Options sent to the designer
- `expand`: boolean - if true, form the crossproduct of the ..., otherwise recycle them
- `prefix`: prefix for the names of the designs, i.e. if you create two designs they would be named `prefix_1`, `prefix_2`

**Value**

if set of designs is size one, the design, otherwise a 'by'-list of designs. Designs are given a parameters attribute with the values of parameters assigned by `expand_design`.

**Examples**

```r
## Not run:
# in conjunction with DesignLibrary
library(DesignLibrary)
designs <- expand_design(multi_arm_designer, outcome_means = list(c(3,2,4), c(1,4,1)))
diagnose_design(designs)

# with a custom designer function
designer <- function(N) {
  design <-
    declare_model(
      N = N,
      U = rnorm(N),
      potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.20 * Z + U)
    ) +
    declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
    declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = N/2)) +
```
```r
get_functions

Get estimates, inquiries, assignment vectors, or samples from a design given data

**Description**

Get estimates, inquiries, assignment vectors, or samples from a design given data

**Usage**

```r
get_estimates(design, data = NULL, start = 1, end = length(design))
```

**Arguments**

- `design` A design object, typically created using the + operator
- `data` A data.frame object with sufficient information to get the data, estimates, inquiries, an assignment vector, or a sample.
- `start` (Defaults to 1) a scalar indicating which step in the design to begin with. By default all data steps are drawn, from step 1 to the last step of the design.
- `end` (Defaults to length(design)) a scalar indicating which step in the design to finish with.

**Examples**

```r
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 100,
    declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
    declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
  return(design)
)

# returns list of eight designs
designs <- expand_design(designer, N = seq(30, 100, 10))

# diagnose a list of designs created by expand_design or redesign
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(designs, sims = 50)

# returns a single design
large_design <- expand_design(designer, N = 200)
diagnose_large_design <- diagnose_design(large_design, sims = 50)
```
```
modify_design

```r
U = rnorm(N),
potential_outcomes(Y ~ Z + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N, n = 75)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = 50)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

dat <- draw_data(design)
draw_data(design, data = dat, start = 2)
get_estimates(design, data = dat)
```

---

**modify_design**

*Modify a design after the fact*

**Description**

Insert, delete and replace steps in an (already declared) design object.

**Usage**

```r
insert_step(design, new_step, before, after)
delete_step(design, step)
replace_step(design, step, new_step)
```

**Arguments**

- `design` A design object, usually created using the `+` operator, `expand_design`, or the design library.
- `new_step` The new step; Either a function or a partial call.
- `before` The step before which to add steps.
- `after` The step after which to add steps.
- `step` The quoted label of the step to be deleted or replaced.

**Details**

See `modify_design` for details.

**Value**

A new design object.
Examples

```r
my_model <-
  declare_model(
    N = 100,
    U = rnorm(N),
    Y_Z_0 = U,
    Y_Z_1 = U + rnorm(N, mean = 2, sd = 2)
  )

my_assignment <- declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = 50))
my_assignment_2 <- declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = 25))
design <- my_model + my_assignment

draw_data(design)

design_modified <- replace_step(design, 2, my_assignment_2)
draw_data(design)

## Not run:
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 100,
    U = rnorm(N),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.20 * Z + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = N/2)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

insert_step(design, declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N, n = 50)),
            after = 1)

# If you are using a design created by a designer, for example from
# the DesignLibrary package, you will not have access to the step
# objects. Instead, you can always use the label of the step.
design <- DesignLibrary::two_arm_designer()

# get the labels for the steps
names(design)

insert_step(design,
            declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N, n = 50)),
            after = "potential_outcomes")

## End(Not run)
```
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 100,
    U = rnorm(N),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.20 * Z + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = N/2)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
delete_step(design, step = 5)

design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 100,
    U = rnorm(N),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.20 * Z + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N, m = N/2)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
replace_step(
  design,
  step = 3,
  new_step = declare_assignment(Z = simple_ra(N, prob = 0.5)))

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pop.var | Population variance function
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Description
Population variance function

Usage
pop.var(x, na.rm = FALSE)

Arguments
x a numeric vector, matrix or data frame.
na.rm logical. Should missing values be removed?

Value
numeric scalar of the population variance
### Examples

```r
x <- 1:4
var(x) # divides by (n-1)
pop.var(x) # divides by n
```

---

### Description

Explore your design

Print code to recreate a design

### Usage

```r
print_code(design)
```

### Arguments

- `design`: A design object, typically created using the `+` operator
- `x`: A design object, typically created using the `+` operator
- `verbose`: an indicator for printing a long summary of the design, defaults to `TRUE`
- `...`: optional arguments to be sent to summary function
- `object`: a design object created using the `+` operator

### Examples

# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
declare_model(
  N = 500,
  gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
  X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
  U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
  potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
```
# Two-arm randomized experiment

design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

print_code(design)

summary(design)
Description
redesign quickly generates a design from an existing one by resetting symbols used in design handler parameters in a step’s environment (Advanced).

Usage
redesign(design, ..., expand = TRUE)

Arguments
  design: An object of class design.
  ...: Arguments to redesign e.g., n = 100. If redesigning multiple arguments, they must be specified as a named list.
  expand: If TRUE, redesign using the crossproduct of . . . , otherwise recycle them.

Details
Warning: redesign will edit any symbol in your design, but if the symbol you attempt to change does not exist in a step’s environment no changes will be made and no error or warning will be issued.

Please note that redesign functionality is experimental and may be changed in future versions.

Value
A design, or, in the case of multiple values being passed onto . . . , a ‘by’-list of designs.

Examples

# Two-arm randomized experiment
n <- 500
design <-
declare_model(
  N = 1000,
  gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
  X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N/2),
  U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
  potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = n)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = n/2)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = “ATE”)# Use redesign to return a single modified design
modified_design <- redesign(design, n = 200)

# Use redesign to return a series of modified designs
## Sample size is varied while the rest of the design remains constant

design_vary_N <- redesign(design, n = c(100, 500, 900))

## Not run:
# redesign can be used in conjunction with diagnose_designs
# to optimize the design for specific diagnosands
diagnose_designs(design_vary_N)

## End(Not run)

# When redesigning with arguments that are vectors,
# use list() in redesign, with each list item
# representing a design you wish to create

prob_each <- c(.1, .5, .4)

population <- declare_model(N = 1000)
assignment <- declare_assignment(
    Z = complete_ra(prob_each = prob_each),
    legacy = FALSE)

design <- population + assignment

## returns two designs

designs_vary_prob_each <- redesign(
    design,
    prob_each = list(c(.2, .5, .3), c(0, .5, .5)))

# To illustrate what does and does not get edited by redesign,
# consider the following three designs. In the first two, argument
# X is called from the step's environment; in the third it is not.
# Using redesign will alter the role of X in the first two designs
# but not the third one.

X <- 3
f <- function(b, X) b*X
g <- function(b) b*X

design1 <- declare_model(N = 1, A = X) + NULL
design2 <- declare_model(N = 1, A = f(2, X)) + NULL
design3 <- declare_model(N = 1, A = g(2)) + NULL

draw_data(design1)
draw_data(design2)
draw_data(design3)

draw_data(redesign(design1, X=0))
draw_data(redesign(design2, X=0))
draw_data(redesign(design3, X=0))
reshape_diagnosis  

Clean up a diagnosis object for printing

Description

Take a diagnosis object and returns a pretty output table. If diagnosands are bootstrapped, se’s are put in parentheses on a second line and rounded to digits.

Usage

reshape_diagnosis(diagnosis, digits = 2, select = NULL, exclude = NULL)

Arguments

diagnosis  

A diagnosis object generated by diagnose_design.
digits  

Number of digits.
select  

List of columns to include in output. Defaults to all.
exclude  

Set of columns to exclude from output. Defaults to none.

Value

A formatted text table with bootstrapped standard errors in parentheses.

Examples

# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

## Not run:
# Diagnose design using default diagnosands
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design)
diagnosis

# Return diagnosis output table
reshape_diagnosis(diagnosis)
# Return table with subset of diagnosands
reshape_diagnosis(diagnosis, select = c("Bias", "Power"))

# With user-defined diagnosands
my_diagnosands <-
  declare_diagnosands(median_bias = median(estimate - estimand),
                      absolute_error = mean(abs(estimate - estimand)))

diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design, diagnosands = my_diagnosands)
diagnosis

reshape_diagnosis(diagnosis)

reshape_diagnosis(diagnosis, select = "Absolute Error")

# Alternative: Use tidy to produce data.frame with results of
diagnosis including bootstrapped standard errors and
# confidence intervals for each diagnosand
diagnosis_df <- tidy(diagnosis)
diagnosis_df

## End(Not run)

---

**run_design**

*Run a design one time*

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**Description**

Run a design one time

**Usage**

`run_design(design)`

**Arguments**

- `design` a DeclareDesign object

**Examples**

# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
  )
potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = \text{mean}(Y_{Z=1} - Y_{Z=0})) +
declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

# Use run_design to run a design object
run_design(design)

---

### set_citation

**Set the citation of a design**

**Description**

Set the citation of a design

**Usage**

```r
set_citation(
  design,
  title = NULL,
  author = NULL,
  year = NULL,
  description = "Unpublished research design declaration",
  citation = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

- `design`: A design typically created using the + operator
- `title`: The title of the design, as a character string.
- `author`: The author(s) of the design, as a character string.
- `year`: The year of the design, as a character string.
- `description`: A description of the design in words, as a character string.
- `citation`: (optional) The preferred citation for the design, as a character string, in which case title, author, year, and description may be left unspecified.

**Value**

A design object with a citation attribute
Examples

```r
# Setup for example
design <-
  declare_model(data = sleep) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N, n = 10))

# Set citation using set_citation
design <-
  set_citation(design,
    author = "Lovelace, Ada",
    title = "Notes",
    year = 1953,
    description =
      "This is a text description of a design")

# View citation information using cite_design
cite_design(design)
```

Description

A researcher often has a set of diagnosands in mind to appropriately assess the quality of a design. `set_diagnosands` sets the default diagnosands for a design, so that later readers can assess the design on the same terms as the original author. Readers can also use `diagnose_design` to diagnose the design using any other set of diagnosands.

Usage

```r
set_diagnosands(x, diagnosands = default_diagnosands)
```

Arguments

- `x` A design typically created using the + operator, or a simulations data.frame created by `simulate_design`.
- `diagnosands` A set of diagnosands created by `declare_diagnosands`.

Value

A design object with a diagnosand attribute.
Examples

# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
  declare_model(
    N = 500,
    gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
    X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
    U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
    potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
  ) +
  declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_{Z=1} - Y_{Z=0})) +
  declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
  declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
  declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
  declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")

# You can choose your own diagnosands instead of the defaults:

my_diagnosands <-
  declare_diagnosands(median_bias = median(estimate - estimand))

## Not run:
## You can set diagnosands with set_diagnosands
design <- set_diagnosands(design, diagnosands = my_diagnosands)
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design)
diagnosis

## Using set_diagnosands to diagnose simulated data
simulations_df <- simulate_design(design)
simulations_df <- set_diagnosands(simulations_df, my_diagnosands)
diagnose_design(simulations_df)

# If you do not specify diagnosands in diagnose_design,
# the function default_diagnosands() is used,
# which is reproduced below.

alpha <- 0.05
default_diagnosands <-
  declare_diagnosands(
    mean_estimand = mean(estimand),
    mean_estimate = mean(estimate),
    bias = mean(estimate - estimand),
    sd_estimate = sqrt(pop.var(estimate)),
    rmse = sqrt(mean((estimate - estimand) ^ 2)),
    power = mean(p.value <= alpha),
    coverage = mean(estimand <= conf.high & estimand >= conf.low)
  )
simulate_design

```r
# A longer list of potentially useful diagnosands might include:

extended_diagnosands <-
declare_diagnosands(
  mean_estimand = mean(estimand),
  mean_estimate = mean(estimate),
  bias = mean(estimate - estimand),
  sd_estimate = sd(estimate),
  rmse = sqrt(mean((estimate - estimand) ^ 2)),
  power = mean(p.value <= alpha),
  coverage = mean(estimand <= conf.high & estimand >= conf.low),
  mean_se = mean(std.error),
  type_s_rate = mean((sign(estimate) != sign(estimand))[p.value <= alpha]),
  exaggeration_ratio = mean((estimate/estimand)[p.value <= alpha]),
  var_estimate = pop.var(estimate),
  mean_var_hat = mean(std.error^2),
  prop_pos_sig = mean(estimate > 0 & p.value <= alpha),
  mean_ci_length = mean(conf.high - conf.low)
)

diagnose_design(
  simulations_df,
  diagnosands = extended_diagnosands
)

### End(Not run)
```

# simulate_design

**Simulate a design**

**Description**

Runs many simulations of a design and returns a simulations data.frame. Speed gains can be achieved by running `simulate_design` in parallel, see Examples.

**Usage**

```r
simulate_design(..., sims = 500, future.seed = TRUE)

simulate_designs(..., sims = 500, future.seed = TRUE)
```
Arguments

... A design created using the + operator, or a set of designs. You can also provide a single list of designs, for example one created by `expand_design`.

`sims` The number of simulations, defaulting to 500. If `sims` is a vector of the form `c(10, 1, 2, 1)` then different steps of a design will be simulated different numbers of times.

`future.seed` Option for parallel diagnosis via the function `future_lapply`. A logical or an integer (of length one or seven), or a list of length(X) with pre-generated random seeds. For details, see `?future_lapply`.

Details

Different steps of a design may each be simulated different a number of times, as specified by `sims`. In this case simulations are grouped into "fans". The nested structure of simulations is recorded in the dataset using a set of variables named "step_x_draw." For example if `sims = c(2,1,1,3)` is passed to `simulate_design`, then there will be two distinct draws of step 1, indicated in variable "step_1_draw" (with values 1 and 2) and there will be three draws for step 4 within each of the step 1 draws, recorded in "step_4_draw" (with values 1 to 6).

Examples

```r
# Two-arm randomized experiment
design <-
declare_model(
  N = 500,
  gender = rbinom(N, 1, 0.5),
  X = rep(c(0, 1), each = N / 2),
  U = rnorm(N, sd = 0.25),
  potential_outcomes(Y ~ 0.2 * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y_Z_1 - Y_Z_0)) +
declare_sampling(S = complete_rs(N = N, n = 200)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N = N, m = 100)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE")
```

```r
## Not run:
# Simulate design
simulations <- simulate_design(design, sims = 100)
simulations

# Diagnose design using simulations
diagnosis <- diagnose_design(simulations_df = simulations)
diagnosis

# Simulate one part of the design for a fixed population
# (The 100 simulates different assignments)
head(simulate_design(design, sims = c(1, 1, 1, 100, 1, 1)))
```
# You may also run simulate_design in parallel using
# the future package on a personal computer with multiple
# cores or on high performance computing clusters.

library(future)
options(parallelly.fork.enable = TRUE) # required for use in RStudio
plan(multicore) # note other plans are possible, see future

simulate_design(design, sims = 500)

## End(Not run)

### tidy.diagnosis

**Tidy diagnosis**

**Description**
Tidy diagnosis

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'diagnosis'
tidy(x, conf.int = TRUE, conf.level = 0.95, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`: A diagnosis object generated by `diagnose_design`.
- `conf.int`: Logical indicating whether or not to include a confidence interval in the tidied output. Defaults to `TRUE`.
- `conf.level`: The confidence level to use for the confidence interval if `conf.int = TRUE`. Must be strictly greater than 0 and less than 1. Defaults to 0.95, which corresponds to a 95 percent confidence interval.
- `...`: extra arguments (not used)

**Value**
A data.frame with columns for diagnosand names, estimated diagnosand values, bootstrapped standard errors and confidence intervals

**Examples**

```r
effect_size <- 0.1
design <-
declare_model(
  N = 100,
```

U = rnorm(N),
X = rnorm(N),
potential_outcomes(Y ~ effect_size * Z + X + U)
) +
declare_inquiry(ATE = mean(Y.Z_1 - Y.Z_0)) +
declare_assignment(Z = complete_ra(N)) +
declare_measurement(Y = reveal_outcomes(Y ~ Z)) +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z, inquiry = "ATE", label = "unadjusted") +
declare_estimator(Y ~ Z + X, inquiry = "ATE", label = "adjusted")

diagnosis <- diagnose_design(design, sims = 100)
tidy(diagnosis)

---

Tidy Model Results and Filter to Relevant Coefficients

Description

Tidy function that returns a tidy data.frame of model results and allows filtering to relevant coefficients. The function will attempt to tidy model objects even when they do not have a tidy method available. For best results, first load the broom package via library(broom).

Usage

tidy_try(fit, term = FALSE)

Arguments

fit A model fit, as returned by a modeling function like lm, glm, or estimatr::lm_robust.
term A character vector of the terms that represent quantities of interest, i.e., "Z". If FALSE, return the first non-intercept term; if TRUE return all terms.

Value

A data.frame with coefficient estimates and associated statistics.

Examples

fit <- lm(mpg ~ hp + disp + cyl, data = mtcars)
tidy_try(fit)
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