Package ‘ONEST’

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ment in reading PD-L1 assays (Reisenbichler et al. (2020 <doi:10.1038/s41379-020-0544-
x>)), to determine the minimum number of evaluators needed to estimate agreement involv-
ing a large number of raters. Input to the program should be binary(1/0) pathology data, where “0” may stand for negative and “1” for positive. Additional exam-
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Precomputed dataset

Description

A precomputed dataset only used by the ONEST_vignettes function to create the vignettes.

Usage

data('empirical')

Details

- columns: different permutations
- rows: agreement percentage

NCCN_22c3_t

Example dataset

Description

NCCN 22c3 tumor data from Rimm et al. (2017) used to illustrate the ONEST method.

Usage

data('NCCN_22c3_t')

Details

- columns: different raters
- rows: different cases

References

Description
NCCN SP142 stromal data from Rimm et al. (2017) used to illustrate the ONEST method.

Usage
data('NCCN_sp142')

Details
- columns: different raters
- rows: different cases

References

Description
NCCN SP142 tumor data from Rimm et al. (2017) used to illustrate the ONEST method.

Usage
data('NCCN_sp142_t')

Details
- columns: different raters
- rows: different cases

References
Description

The ONEST software implements a statistical method in Reisenbichler et al. (2020[1]), to determine the minimum number of evaluators needed to estimate agreement involving a large number of raters. This method could be utilized by regulatory agencies, such as the FDA, when evaluating agreement levels of a newly proposed subjective laboratory test. Input to the program should be binary(1/0) pathology data, where “0” may stand for negative and “1” for positive. The example datasets in this software are from Rimm et al. (2017[2]) (the SP142 assay), and Reisenbichler et al. 2020. This program can run in R version 3.5.0 and above.

References


Description

This function uses the binary (0/1) pathology data to test if the agreement proportion will converge to 0 with an increasing number of observers.

Usage

ONEST_inflation_test(Y)

Arguments

Y pathology data as a matrix (missing values are allowed)

Value

p_value: chi-square p-value, a small p-value indicates significant evidence that the observers’ agreement will converge to a non-zero proportion.
Example

```r
data("sp263_bin")
ONEST_inflation_test(sp263_bin)
```

Description

This is the ONEST main function taking binary (0/1) pathology data as input. This function utilizes the plotline function to produce the ONEST graphs and estimates.

Usage

```r
ONEST_main(data)
```

Arguments

- `data`: a matrix containing the binary pathology data. Each row is the data from one case, and each column is the data from one rater. Missing values are allowed and can be denoted as NA or left blank. If there are `n` cases and `k` raters, the input ‘data’ is a matrix with dimension `n` by `k`.

Value

- `consist_p`: a vector of length `k-1`, indicating proportion of identical reads among a set of pathologists. For example, the first element of “consist_p” is the estimate of agreement percentage for 2 raters. The k-1 th element is the estimate of agreement percentage for k raters.
- `consist_low`: a vector of length `k-1`, indicating the lower bound of the agreement percentage with 95 percent confidence level corresponding to “consist_p”.
- `diff_consist`: a vector of length `k-2`, indicating the difference between the consist_p. For example, the first element of “diff_consist” is the estimated difference of agreement percentage after increasing from 2 to 3 raters. The k-2 th element is the difference of agreement percentage after increasing from k-1 to k raters.
- `diff_high`: a vector of length `k-2`, indicating the upper bound of the change of agreement percentage corresponding to “diff_consist” with 95 percent confidence level.
- `size_case`: number of cases `n`
- `size_rater`: number of raters `k`
- `p`: the probability of of being rated positive among the proportion of ‘1-p_plus-p_minus’ cases.
- `p_plus`: proportion of the cases rated positive by all raters.
- `p_minus`: proportion of the cases rated negative by all raters.
- `empirical`: a matrix of dimension `k-1` by 3, including the empirical estimate of the agreement percentage, and the empirical 95 percent confidence intervals (CI) of the agreement percentage with equal tail probabilities on the two sides. The empirical estimate and CI were calculated by permuting the raters with 1000 random permutations, and using the mean, 2.5th percentile, and 97.5th percentile.
**Examples**

```r
data("sp142_bin")
ONEST_main(sp142_bin)
```

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**Description**

This function is only used to create vignettes. Although it can get the same results from `ONEST_main(sp142_bin)`, it uses some precomputed data to decrease the time to get the results. Therefore, it can only be applied to the `sp142_bin` dataset. Please use `ONEST_main` instead.

**Usage**

```r
ONEST_vignettes(data, empirical)
```

**Arguments**

- `data`: a matrix containing the binary pathology data. Each row is the data from one case, and each column is the data from one rater. Missing values are allowed and can be denoted as NA or left blank. If there are n cases and k raters, the input `data` is a matrix with dimension n by k.

- `empirical`: a matrix containing data used to plot the empirical confidence intervals for the `sp142_bin` dataset.

**Value**

- `consist_p`: a vector of length k-1, indicating proportion of identical reads among a set of pathologists. For example, the first element of “consist_p” is the estimate of agreement percentage for 2 raters. The k-1 th element is the estimate of agreement percentage for k raters.

- `consist_low`: a vector of length k-1, indicating the lower bound of the agreement percentage with 95 percent confidence level corresponding to “consist_p”.

- `diff_consist`: a vector of length k-2, indicating the difference between the `consist_p`. For example, the first element of “diff_consist” is the estimated difference of agreement percentage after increasing from 2 to 3 raters. The k-2 th element is the difference of agreement percentage after increasing from k-1 to k raters.

- `diff_high`: a vector of length k-2, indicating the upper bound of the change of agreement percentage corresponding to “diff_consist” with 95 percent confidence level.

- `size_case`: number of cases n

- `size_rater`: number of raters k

- `p`: the probability of of being rated positive among the proportion of ‘1-p_plus-p_minus’ cases.

- `p_plus`: proportion of the cases rated positive by all raters.

- `p_minus`: proportion of the cases rated negative by all raters.
empirical: a matrix of dimension k-1 by 3, including the empirical estimate of the agreement percentage, and the empirical 95 percent confidence intervals (CI) of the agreement percentage with equal tail probabilities on the two sides. The empirical estimate and CI were calculated by permuting the raters with 1000 random permutations, and using the mean, 2.5th percentile, and 97.5th percentile.

Examples

data('sp142_bin')
data('empirical')
ONEST_vignettes(sp142_bin,empirical)

plotline

Description
This function uses the binary (0/1) pathology data to plot the percentage of agreement.

Usage

plotline(path,indi=1,color="red")

Arguments

path  pathology data as a matrix (missing values are allowed)
indi  an indicator; if indi=0: then do not make plot; indi=1: then make plot, original scale. Labels on the x and y-axis are on the original scale
color  the color used to draw pictures

Value
A matrix with percentage of agreement from the original scale

Examples

data("sp142_bin")
plotline(sp142_bin,1,"red")
**sp142_bin**  
*Example dataset 1*

**Description**
A pathology reads dataset of triple negative breast cancer in Reisenbichler et al. (2020). A value of 0 means negative and a value of 1 means positive.

**Usage**
```
data('sp142_bin')
```

**Details**
- columns: different raters
- rows: different cases

**References**

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**sp263_bin**  
*Example dataset 2*

**Description**
A pathology reads dataset of triple negative breast cancer in Reisenbichler et al. (2020). A value of 0 means negative and a value of 1 means positive.

**Usage**
```
data('sp263_bin')
```

**Details**
- columns: different raters
- rows: different cases

**References**
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