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**Description** We provide functions to perform taxometric analyses. This package contains 44 functions, but only 5 should be called directly by users. CheckData() should be run prior to any taxometric analysis to ensure that the data are appropriate for taxometric analysis. RunTaxometrics() performs taxometric analyses for a sample of data. RunCCFIProfile() performs a series of taxometric analyses to generate a CCFI profile. CreateData() generates a sample of categorical or dimensional data. ClassifyCases() assigns cases to groups using the base-rate classification method.

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AddVariance	<i>Adds variance</i>
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**Description**

This function adds variance if necessary

**Usage**

AddVariance(x, k, parameters)

**Arguments**

x	The supplied data matrix.
k	The number of variables.
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Data with necessary variance added

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AssignMAMBAC

*Assigns variables to input/output for MAMBAC procedure*

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**Description**

This function assigns variables to input/output configurations for MAMBAC analysis.

**Usage**

```
AssignMAMBAC(parameters)
```

**Arguments**

parameters	The data and program parameters
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**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Input/output variables per curve

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 AssignMAXEIG

*Assigns variables to input/output for MAXEIG procedure*


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**Description**

This function assigns variables to input/output configurations for MAXEIG analysis.

**Usage**

AssignMAXEIG(parameters)

**Arguments**

parameters      The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Input/output variables per curve

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 CalculateCCFI

*Calculates CCFIs*


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**Description**

This function calculates CCFIs for a MAMBAC, MAXEIG, or MAXSLOPE curve

**Usage**

CalculateCCFI(curve, curve.dim, curve.cat)

**Arguments**

curve              Empirical data curve  
 curve.dim         Average curve for dimensional comparison data  
 curve.cat         Average curve for categorical comparison data

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

CCFI value

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CalculateCCFIs	<i>Calculates CCFIs for profiles</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates CCFI results for CCFI profiles

**Usage**

```
CalculateCCFIs(x.results, x.dim.results, x.cat.results, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

x.results	Empirical data results
x.dim.results	Dimensional comparison data results
x.cat.results	Categorical comparison data results
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

CCFI values

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CalculateFitDensities *Calculates fit*

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**Description**

This function calculates fit for L-Mode curves

**Usage**

```
CalculateFitDensities(shift, data)
```

**Arguments**

shift	Horizontal shift
data	Curves for empirical and comparison data

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Fit value

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CalculateKurtosis *Calculates kurtosis*

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**Description**

This function calculates the sample kurtosis of a distribution

**Usage**

```
CalculateKurtosis(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	The data vector
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**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

The sample kurtosis of x

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CalculateLModeCCFI      *Calculates L-Mode CCFI*

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**Description**

This function calculates CCFI for an L-Mode curve

**Usage**

```
CalculateLModeCCFI(curve.x, curve.y, curve.dim.x, curve.dim.y, curve.cat.x, curve.cat.y)
```

**Arguments**

curve.x	Empirical data curve, x
curve.y	Empirical data curve, y
curve.dim.x	Average curve for dimensional comparison data, x
curve.dim.y	Average curve for dimensional comparison data, y
curve.cat.x	Average curve for categorical comparison data, x
curve.cat.y	Average curve for categorical comparison data, y

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

CCFI value

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CalculateMAMBAC	<i>Calculates MAMBAC curve</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates one MAMBAC curve

**Usage**

```
CalculateMAMBAC(input, output, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

input	Input indicator
output	Output indicator
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

One MAMBAC curve

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CalculateMAXEIG	<i>Calculates MAXEIG curve</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates one MAXEIG curve

**Usage**

```
CalculateMAXEIG(input, outputs, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

input	Input indicator
outputs	Output indicators
parameters	The data and program parameters



**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

List object with one MAXEIG curve:

curve.x            x values

curve.y            y values

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CalculateMAXSLOPE            *Calculates MAXSLOPE curve*

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**Description**

This function calculates one MAXSLOPE curve

**Usage**

```
CalculateMAXSLOPE(x, curve)
```

**Arguments**

x                    The data matrix

curve                Curve number

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

List object with one MAXSLOPE curve:

curve.x            x values

curve.y            y values

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CalculateSkew	<i>Calculates skew</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates the sample skewness of a distribution

**Usage**

```
CalculateSkew(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	The data vector
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**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

The sample skewness of x

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CalculateValidity	<i>Calculates Validity</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates the standardized mean difference between two groups (Cohen's D)

**Usage**

```
CalculateValidity(x.1, x.2)
```

**Arguments**

x.1	Data for the first group
x.2	Data for the second group

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

The standardized mean difference between groups

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CheckClassification    *Checks classification*

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**Description**

This function checks classification for problems, and terminates the program if necessary

**Usage**

```
CheckClassification(group, n)
```

**Arguments**

group	Classification of cases
n	Sample size

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Nothing; text output if problem occurs

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CheckData

*Checks supplied data set*

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### Description

This function checks whether the supplied empirical data set is appropriate for taxometric analysis, and provides descriptive statistics about the data set. If data do not meet certain requirements, the program prints warnings in the output, with details about which specific criteria are not met.

### Usage

```
CheckData(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    The supplied data matrix. Cases missing any data will be removed prior to analysis.

### Details

This function should be called directly by users before performing any taxometric procedures.

### Value

This program returns nothing, and provides text output only.

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### Examples

```
# create or import data set

# creates a categorical data set
test.cat <- CreateData("cat")
# Checks data
CheckData(test.cat)

# creates a dimensional data set
test.dim <- CreateData("dim")
# Checks data
CheckData(test.dim)
```

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CheckParameters	<i>Checks parameters</i>
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**Description**

This function checks the parameter specifications for problems, and adjusts these parameters as needed.

**Usage**

```
CheckParameters(x, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

x	The data matrix
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Data parameters, adjusted as needed

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ClassifyCases	<i>Assigns cases to groups</i>
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**Description**

This function assigns cases to groups using the base-rate classification technique. Cases are sorted according to their total scores on all indicators, and the highest-scoring cases are assigned to the taxon such that the proportion of taxon members equals the specified base rate estimate.

**Usage**

```
ClassifyCases(x, p, cols = 0)
```

**Arguments**

x	The supplied data matrix.
p	The base rate estimate that will be used to classify cases.
cols	The column numbers that contain variables

**Details**

Users should call this function directly if they wish to assign cases to groups.

**Value**

Data matrix with a new classification variable.

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**References**

Ruscio, J. (2009). Assigning cases to groups using taxometric results: an empirical comparison of classification techniques. *Assessment*, 16(1), 55-70.

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CreateData	<i>Creates a data set</i>
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**Description**

This function creates an artificial data set based on either dimensional or categorical latent structure, which can vary according to a number of basic parameters. Such data can be useful for getting to know the taxometric programs and becoming familiar with their output by conducting analyses using data sets whose parameters are known.

**Usage**

```
CreateData(str, n = 600, k = 4, p = 0.5, d = 2, r = 0, r.tax = 0, r.comp = 0,
g = 0, h = 0, cuts = 0, uniform = F, seed = 1)
```

**Arguments**

str	The type of data to be generated. Specify either "dim" for dimensional data or "cat" (or anything else) for categorical data.
n	Sample size. The default value is 600.
k	Number of variables. The default value is 4.
p	Taxon base rate. The default value is .5.
d	Standardized mean difference between groups. The default value is 2.

r	Correlation among variables. The default value is 0.
r.tax	Correlation among variables within the taxon. The default value is 0.
r.comp	Correlation among variables within the complement. The default value is 0.
g	Parameter used to control asymmetry (scalar); sign indicates direction and absolute value indicates magnitude of skew (e.g., +/- .30 yields substantial asymmetry).
h	Parameter used to control tail weight (scalar); positive values yield tails that are longer/thinner than a standard normal curve, negative values do the reverse (e.g., +/- .15 is a substantial departure from normality).
cuts	Parameter used to create ordered categories, if nonzero (scalar); number of categories will be cuts + 1.
uniform	Whether to generate random values (the program default) or use uniformly distributed quantiles (T/F).
seed	Random number seed; specifying the same seed enables users to generate and analyze identical data sets. The default value is 1.

### Details

Users should call this function directly if they wish to create an artificial data set.

### Value

Data matrix; k columns contain data, final column contains classification.

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### Examples

```
# creates a categorical data set
test.cat <- CreateData("cat")

# creates a dimensional data set
test.dim <- CreateData("dim")
```

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CreateSample                      *Creates sample of data*

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### Description

Generates sample of correlated data with univariate g-and-h distributions.

### Usage

```
CreateSample(n, k, r, g, h, uniform)
```

**Arguments**

n	Sample size
k	Number of variables
r	Correlation among variables
g	Parameter used to control asymmetry (scalar); sign indicates direction and absolute value indicates magnitude of skew (e.g., +/- .30 yields substantial asymmetry).
h	Parameter used to control tail weight (scalar); positive values yield tails that are longer/thinner than a standard normal curve, negative values do the reverse (e.g., +/- .15 is a substantial departure from normality).
uniform	Whether to generate random values (the program default) or use uniformly distributed quantiles (T/F).

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Sample of data

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CreateVariable	<i>Creates a variable</i>
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**Description**

Generates variable with g-and-h distribution.

**Usage**

```
CreateVariable(n, g, h, uniform)
```

**Arguments**

n	Size of sample to create
g	Parameter used to control asymmetry (scalar); sign indicates direction and absolute value indicates magnitude of skew (e.g., +/- .30 yields substantial asymmetry).
h	Parameter used to control tail weight (scalar); positive values yield tails that are longer/thinner than a standard normal curve, negative values do the reverse (e.g., +/- .15 is a substantial departure from normality).



uniform      Whether to generate random values (the program default) or use uniformly distributed quantiles (T/F).

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Single variable

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DisplayBaseRates      *Displays base rates*

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**Description**

This function calculates and reports base rate estimates for taxometric analysis.

**Usage**

```
DisplayBaseRates(x.results, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

x.results      Empirical data results  
parameters      The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

This function returns nothing, and provides text output only

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DisplayCCFIs	<i>Calculates and displays CCFIs</i>
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**Description**

This function calculates and reports CCFI results for taxometric analysis

**Usage**

```
DisplayCCFIs(x.results, x.dim.results, x.cat.results, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

x.results	Empirical data results
x.dim.results	Dimensional comparison data results
x.cat.results	Categorical comparison data results
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

This function returns nothing, and provides text output only

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DisplayPanels	<i>Displays panels of graphs</i>
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**Description**

This function provides panels of graphs for taxometric analysis

**Usage**

```
DisplayPanels(x.results, x.dim.results, x.cat.results, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

x.results	Empirical data results
x.dim.results	Dimensional comparison data results
x.cat.results	Categorical comparison data results
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

This function returns nothing, and provides graphical output only

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DisplayProfiles

*Plots CCFI Profiles*

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**Description**

This function plots CCFI profiles

**Usage**

```
DisplayProfiles(CCFIs, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

CCFIs	CCFI values across base rates and procedures
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

This function returns nothing, and provides graphical output only

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DisplaySpecifications *Displays analytic specifications*

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**Description**

This function provides text output for analytic specifications

**Usage**

DisplaySpecifications(parameters)

**Arguments**

parameters      The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

This function returns nothing, and provides text output only

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DisplayTextOutput      *Displays CCFI profile output*

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**Description**

This function displays aggregated CCFIs and base rate estimates for CCFI profile

**Usage**

DisplayTextOutput(CCFIs, parameters)

**Arguments**

CCFIs              CCFI values across base rates and procedures  
parameters        The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

This function returns nothing, and provides text output only

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EstimateLMode	<i>Estimates L-Mode base rate</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates the taxon base rate for an L-Mode curve

**Usage**

```
EstimateLMode(curve.x, curve.y, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

curve.x	X values of density
curve.y	Y values of density
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

List of base rate estimates:

p.r	Based on location of left mode
p.l	Based on location of right mode
p.estimate	mean

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EstimateMAMBAC	<i>Estimates MAMBAC base rate</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates the taxon base rate for a MAMBAC curve

**Usage**

```
EstimateMAMBAC(curve)
```

**Arguments**

curve	MAMBAC curve
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**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Base rate estimate

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EstimateMAXEIG	<i>Estimates MAXEIG base rate</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates the taxon base rate for a MAXEIG curve

**Usage**

```
EstimateMAXEIG(curve)
```

**Arguments**

curve	MAXEIG curve
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**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Base rate estimate

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EstimateMAXSLOPE	<i>Estimates MAXSLOPE base rate</i>
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**Description**

This function estimates the taxon base rate for a MAXSLOPE curve

**Usage**

```
EstimateMAXSLOPE(curve.x, curve.y)
```

**Arguments**

curve.x	X values of curve
curve.y	Y values of curve

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Base rate estimate

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GenerateData	<i>Generates comparison data</i>
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**Description**

This function generates a population of comparison data

**Usage**

```
GenerateData(x, n, n.factors = 0, max.trials = 5, initial.multiplier = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	The data matrix
n	Size of population to create
n.factors	The number of factors used to reproduce correlations. The default value is 0.
max.trials	Maximum number of trials. The default value is 5.
initial.multiplier	Size of multiplier to adjust target correlations. The default value is 1.

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Population of comparison data

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PlotPanel	<i>Plots a panel of curves</i>
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**Description**

This function plots a two-panel graph with results for empirical and comparison data

**Usage**

```
PlotPanel(x.results, x.dim.results, x.cat.results, parameters, procedure)
```



**Arguments**

x.results	Empirical data results
x.dim.results	Dimensional comparison data results
x.cat.results	Categorical comparison data results
parameters	The data and program parameters
procedure	Name of taxometric procedure

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

This function returns nothing, and provides graphical output only

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 ProcessProfile

*Calculates CCFIs and base rates for CCFI profile*


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**Description**

This function calculates the aggregated CCFI and base rate estimate for one CCFI profile

**Usage**

```
ProcessProfile(CCFIs, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

CCFIs	CCFI values across base rates for a single procedure
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

List of aggregated CCFI and base rate estimate

CCFI	Aggregated CCFI
p.est	Base rate estimate

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RemoveMissingData      *Removes missing data*

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**Description**

This function performs listwise deletion of missing data

**Usage**

```
RemoveMissingData(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      The data matrix

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Data after listwise deletion of missing data

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RunCCFIProfile              *Performs taxometric analyses to generate a CCFI profile*

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**Description**

This function performs a series of taxometric analysis using categorical comparison data sets that vary in taxon base rates, and plots a profile of CCFI values across this range of base rates.

**Usage**

```
RunCCFIProfile(x, seed = 1, min.p = 0.025, max.p = 0.975, num.p = 39,  
n.pop = 1e+05, n.samples = 100, reps = 1, MAMBAC = TRUE, assign.MAMBAC = 1,  
n.cuts = 50, n.end = 25, MAXEIG = TRUE, assign.MAXEIG = 1, windows = 50,  
overlap = 0.9, LMode = TRUE, mode.l = -0.001, mode.r = 0.001, MAXSLOPE = FALSE,  
profile = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	Supplied data matrix. Cases missing any data will be removed prior to analysis.
seed	Random number seed provided prior to analysis of empirical data as well as prior to generating each population of comparison data. The default value is 1.
min.p	Minimum base rate for CCFI profile. The default value is .025.
max.p	Maximum base rate for CCFI profile. The default value is .975.
num.p	Number of base rates for CCFI profile. The default value is 39.
n.pop	Size of the finite populations of categorical and dimensional comparison data. The default value is 100,000.
n.samples	Number of comparison data sets of each structure to generate and analyze. The default value is 100.
reps	Number of times to resort cases along the input indicator at random and redo the calculations (if tied scores are found), averaging to obtain final results. The default value is 1 if no tied scores are found, and 10 if tied scores are found.
MAMBAC	Whether the MAMBAC procedure is performed. The default value is TRUE.
assign.MAMBAC	How variables are assigned as input and output variables in the MAMBAC procedure. Variables may be used in all possible input-output pairings (assign.MAMBAC = 1), or variables may be summed to form the input variable (assign.MAMBAC = 2). The default value is 1.
n.cuts	The total number of cuts to make along the input variable when performing the MAMBAC procedure. The default value is 25.
n.end	The number of cases to set aside at each extreme along the input variable before making the first and last cuts when performing the MAMBAC procedure. The default value is 25.
MAXEIG	Whether the MAXEIG procedure is performed. The default value is TRUE if k is $\geq 3$ , and FALSE if $k < 3$ .
assign.MAXEIG	How variables are assigned as input and output variables in the MAXEIG procedure. Variables may be used in all input-output triplets (assign.MAXEIG = 1), each variable may serve as input once (assign.MAXEIG = 2), or variables may be summed to form the input (assign.MAXEIG = 3). The default value is 1.
windows	The number of overlapping windows to use when performing the MAXEIG procedure. The default value is 50.
overlap	The amount of overlap between windows when performing the MAXEIG procedure. The default value is .90.
LMode	Whether the L-Mode procedure is performed. The default value is TRUE if k is $\geq 3$ , and FALSE if $k < 3$ .
mode.l	Position beyond which to search for the left mode when performing the L-Mode procedure. The default value is -.001.
mode.r	Position beyond which to search for the right mode when performing the L-Mode procedure. The default value is .001.
MAXSLOPE	Whether the MAXSLOPE procedure is performed. The default value is FALSE if $k \geq 3$ , and TRUE if $k < 3$ .
profile	Whether a CCFI profile is generated. The default value is TRUE.

**Details**

This function should be called directly by users who wish to perform taxometric analyses to generate a CCFI profile.

**Value**

This program returns nothing, and provides text and graphical output only.

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RunFactorAnalysis	<i>Performs factor analysis</i>
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**Description**

This function performs factor analysis

**Usage**

```
RunFactorAnalysis(x, cor.matrix = FALSE, n.factors = 0, max.iter = 50, criterion = 0.01)
```

**Arguments**

x	The data or correlation matrix
cor.matrix	Whether x is a correlation matrix. The default is FALSE.
n.factors	The number of factors to use. The default value is 0.
max.iter	The maximum number of iterations. The default value is 50.
criterion	Acceptably small change in h2 between iterations. The default value is .01.

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

List of factor loadings and number of factors

loadings	The factor loadings
factors	The number of factors

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RunLMode

*Performs L-Mode*

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**Description**

This function performs the L-Mode analysis

**Usage**

RunLMode(x)

**Arguments**

x                      The data matrix

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

L-Mode curve:

curve.x                X values of curve

curve.y                Y values of curve

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**References**

Waller, N.G., & Meehl, P.E. (1998). *Multivariate normal procedures: Distinguishing types from continua*. Thousand Oaks, CA, US: Sage Publications, Inc.

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RunMAMBAC

*Performs MAMBAC*

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**Description**

This function performs the MAMBAC analysis

**Usage**

RunMAMBAC(x, parameters)

**Arguments**

x                    The data matrix  
parameters        The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Panel of MAMBAC curves

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**References**

Meehl, P.E., & Yonce, L.J. (1994). Taxometric analysis: I. Detecting taxonomy with two quantitative indicators using means above and below a sliding cut (MAMBAC procedure). *Psychological Reports*, 74(3, Pt 2), 1059-1274.

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RunMAXEIG

*Performs MAXEIG*

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**Description**

This function performs the MAXEIG analysis

**Usage**

RunMAXEIG(x, parameters)

**Arguments**

x	The data matrix
parameters	The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Panel of MAXEIG curves:

curve.x	X values of curve
curve.y	Y values of curve

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**References**

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RunMAXSLOPE	<i>Performs MAXSLOPE</i>
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**Description**

This function performs the MAXSLOPE analysis

**Usage**

```
RunMAXSLOPE(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	The data matrix
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**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

Panel of MAXSLOPE curves

curve.x            X values of curve

curve.y            Y values of curve

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**References**

Grove, W.M., & Meehl, P.E. (1993). Simple regression-based procedures for taxometric investigations. *Psychological Reports*, 73, 707-737.

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RunProcedures

*Runs taxometric procedures for empirical data*

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**Description**

This function runs the MAMBAC, MAXEIG, L-Mode, and MAXSLOPE analyses for empirical data

**Usage**

RunProcedures(x, parameters)

**Arguments**

x                    The data matrix

parameters        The data and program parameters

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

A list of curve-level data for each procedure performed:

MAMBAC            MAMBAC curve

MAXEIG.x          X values of MAXEIG curve

MAXEIG.y          Y values of MAXEIG curve

LMode.x            X values of LMode curve

LMode.y            Y values of LMode curve

MAXSLOPE.x        X values of MAXSLOPE curve

MAXSLOPE.y        Y values of MAXSLOPE curve



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RunProceduresComp      *Runs taxometric procedures for comparison data*

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**Description**

This function runs the MAMBAC, MAXEIG, L-Mode, and MAXSLOPE analyses for comparison data

**Usage**

```
RunProceduresComp(x, parameters)
```

**Arguments**

x	The data matrix
parameters	The data and program parameters.

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

A list of averaged curves for each procedure performed:

MAMBAC	MAMBAC curve
MAXEIG.x	X values of MAXEIG curve
MAXEIG.y	Y values of MAXEIG curve
LMode.x	X values of LMode curve
LMode.y	Y values of LMode curve
MAXSLOPE.x	X values of MAXSLOPE curve
MAXSLOPE.y	Y values of MAXSLOPE curve

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RunTaxometrics

*Taxometric analysis for a sample of data***Description**

Performs taxometric analysis for a sample of data and provides text (analytic specifications, CCFI values, base rate estimates) and graphical (panels of empirical data curves superimposed above comparison data curves) output. By default, the function will run MAMBAC, MAXEIG, and L-Mode, unless only 2 variables are provided, in which case the program will run MAMBAC and MAXSLOPE.

**Usage**

```
RunTaxometrics(x, seed = 1, n.pop = 1e+05, n.samples = 100, reps = 1,
MAMBAC = TRUE, assign.MAMBAC = 1, n.cuts = 50, n.end = 25, MAXEIG =
TRUE, assign.MAXEIG = 1, windows = 50, overlap = 0.9, LMode = TRUE, mode.l =
-0.001, mode.r = 0.001, MAXSLOPE = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	The supplied data matrix. Cases missing any data will be removed prior to analysis.
seed	Random number seed provided prior to analysis of empirical data as well as prior to generating each population of comparison data. The default value is 1.
n.pop	Size of the finite populations of categorical and dimensional comparison data. The default value is 100,000.
n.samples	Number of comparison data sets of each structure to generate and analyze. The default value is 100.
reps	Number of times to resort cases along the input indicator at random and redo the calculations (if tied scores are found), averaging to obtain final results. The default value is 1 if no tied scores are found, and 10 if tied scores are found.
MAMBAC	Whether the MAMBAC procedure is performed. The default value is TRUE.
assign.MAMBAC	How variables are assigned as input and output variables in the MAMBAC procedure. Variables may be used in all possible input-output pairings (assign.MAMBAC = 1), or variables may be summed to form the input variable (assign.MAMBAC = 2). The default value is 1.
n.cuts	The total number of cuts to make along the input variable when performing the MAMBAC procedure. The default value is 25.
n.end	The number of cases to set aside at each extreme along the input variable before making the first and last cuts when performing the MAMBAC procedure. The default value is 25.
MAXEIG	Whether the MAXEIG procedure is performed. The default value is TRUE if k is $\geq 3$ , and FALSE if $k < 3$ .

assign.MAXEIG	How variables are assigned as input and output variables in the MAXEIG procedure. Variables may be used in all input-output triplets (assign.MAXEIG = 1), each variable may serve as input once (assign.MAXEIG = 2), or variables may be summed to form the input (assign.MAXEIG = 3). The default value is 1.
windows	The number of overlapping windows to use when performing the MAXEIG procedure. The default value is 50.
overlap	The amount of overlap between windows when performing the MAXEIG procedure. The default value is .90.
LMode	Whether the L-Mode procedure is performed. The default value is TRUE if $k \geq 3$ , and FALSE if $k < 3$ .
mode.l	Position beyond which to search for the left mode when performing the L-Mode procedure. The default value is -.001.
mode.r	Position beyond which to search for the right mode when performing the L-Mode procedure. The default value is .001.
MAXSLOPE	Whether the MAXSLOPE procedure is performed. The default value is FALSE if $k \geq 3$ , and TRUE if $k < 3$ .

### Details

This function should be called directly by users who wish to perform taxometric analyses for a sample of data.

### Value

This program returns nothing, and provides text and graphical output only.

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SummarizeDist

*Summarizes distribution*

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### Description

This function calculates the sample mean, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis

### Usage

```
SummarizeDist(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    The data vector

**Details**

Called by higher-order functions; users do not need to call this function directly.

**Value**

The sample mean, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis of  $x$ .

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