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artifacts


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artifacts Accelerometer Artifact Correction

**Description**

Corrects abnormally high count values in accelerometer data by replacing such values with the average of neighboring count values. Returns integer vector despite the average calculation often producing a decimal; this follows the convention used in the NCI’s SAS programs (http://riskfactor.cancer.gov/tools/nhanes_pam).

**Usage**

artifacts(counts, thresh, counts_classify = NULL)

**Arguments**

- **counts**: Integer vector with accelerometer count values.
- **thresh**: Integer value specifying the smallest count value that should be considered an artifact.
- **counts_classify**: Integer vector with accelerometer count values to base artifact classification on, but not to adjust. Mainly included for triaxial data, where you might want to define artifacts based on vertical-axis counts but then actually adjust the triaxial sum or vector magnitude counts.

**Value**

Integer vector equivalent to `counts` except where artifacts were adjusted.
References


Examples

```r
# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21007
counts.part3 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21007, "paxinten"]

# Replace counts > 10,000 with average of neighboring values
counts.part3.corrected <- artifacts(counts = counts.part3, thresh = 10000)
```

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**blockaves**  
*Block Averages*

**Description**

Calculates block averages (i.e. moving averages but for non-overlapping intervals) or maximum block average. For optimal speed, use `integer = TRUE` if `x` is an integer vector and `integer = FALSE` otherwise. If `length(x)` is not an exact multiple of `window`, the last partial segment is dropped.

**Usage**

```r
blockaves(x, window, integer = FALSE, max = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- `x`  
  Integer or numeric vector.
- `window`  
  Integer value specifying window length.
- `integer`  
  Logical value for whether `x` is an integer vector.
- `max`  
  Logical value for whether to return maximum moving average (as opposed to vector of moving averages).

**Value**

Numeric value or vector depending on `max`.  

### blocksums

#### Description
Calculates block sums (i.e., moving sums but for non-overlapping intervals) or maximum block sum. For optimal speed, use `integer = TRUE` if `x` is an integer vector and `integer = FALSE` otherwise. If `length(x)` is not an exact multiple of `window`, the last partial segment is dropped.

#### Usage
```r
blocksums(x, window, integer = FALSE, max = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments
- **x**: Integer or numeric vector.
- **window**: Integer value specifying window length.
- **integer**: Logical value for whether `x` is an integer vector.
- **max**: Logical value for whether to return maximum moving average (as opposed to vector of moving averages).

#### Value
Numeric value or vector depending on `max`.

#### Examples
```r
# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21005, Saturday only
counts.sat <- unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005 & unidata[, "paxday"] == 7, 
"paxinten"

# Calculate and plot hourly count averages
hourly.averages <- blockaves(x = counts.sat, window = 60, integer = TRUE)
plot(hourly.averages)
```
# Calculate and plot hourly count sums
hourly.sums <- blocksums(x = counts.sat, window = 60, integer = TRUE)
plot(hourly.sums)

## bouts

### Physical Activity Bout Detection

#### Description

Identify bouts of physical activity based on a vector of accelerometer count values.

#### Usage

```r
bouts(counts, weartime = NULL, bout_length = 10L, thresh_lower = 0L,
      thresh_upper = 100000L, tol = 0L, tol_lower = 0L, tol_upper = 100000L,
      nci = FALSE, days_distinct = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

- **counts**: Integer vector with accelerometer count values.
- **weartime**: Integer vector with 1’s for wear time minutes and 0’s for non-wear time minutes.
- **bout_length**: Integer value specifying minimum length of an activity bout.
- **thresh_lower**: Integer value specifying lower bound for count values to be included for the intensity level.
- **thresh_upper**: Integer value specifying upper bound for count values to be included for the intensity level.
- **tol**: Integer value specifying number of minutes with count values outside of \([\text{thresh_lower, thresh_upper}]\) to allow during an activity bout.
- **tol_lower**: Integer value specifying lower cut-off for count values outside of intensity range during an activity bout.
- **tol_upper**: Integer value specifying upper cut-off for count values outside of intensity range during an activity bout.
- **nci**: Logical value for whether to use algorithm from NCI’s SAS programs. See Details.
- **days_distinct**: Logical value for whether to treat each day of data as distinct, i.e. identify non-wear time and activity bouts for day 1, then day 2, etc. If FALSE, algorithm is applied to full monitoring period continuously. If protocol has participants remove accelerometer for sleep, strongly recommend setting to FALSE to capture non-wear periods that start between 11 pm and midnight. Function assumes that first 1440 data points are day 1, next 1440 are day 2, and so on.
bouts

Details

If nci = FALSE, the algorithm uses a moving window to go through every possible interval of length bout_length in counts. Any interval in which all counts are \( \geq tol\_lower \) and \( \leq tol\_upper \), and no more than tol counts are less than \( thresh\_lower \) or greater than \( thresh\_upper \), is classified as an activity bout.

If nci = TRUE, activity bouts are classified according to the algorithm used in the NCI's SAS programs. Briefly, this algorithm defines an activity bout as an interval of length bout_length that starts with a count value in \([thresh\_lower, \ thresh\_upper]\) and has no more than tol counts outside of that range. If these criteria are met, the bout continues until there are \((tol + 1)\) consecutive minutes outside of \([thresh\_lower, \ thresh\_upper]\). The parameters tol\_lower and tol\_upper are not used.

If the user allows for a tolerance (e.g. tol = 2) and does not use the NCI algorithm (i.e. nci = FALSE), specifying a non-zero value for tol\_lower is highly recommended. Otherwise the algorithm will tend to classify minutes immediately before and after an activity bout as being part of the bout.

Specifying thresh\_lower while using an arbitrarily large value for thresh\_upper is generally recommended. Specifying both of these parameters can be overly restrictive in that the algorithm may miss bouts of activity in which counts are consistently high, but not exclusively in one intensity range.

Value

Integer vector with 1's for minutes that are part of an activity bout and 0's for minutes that are not.

References


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Examples

```r
# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21005
counts.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "paxinten"]

# Identify periods of valid wear time
wear.part1 <- weartime(counts = counts.part1)

# Identify moderate-to-vigorous activity bouts
mvpa.bouts <- bouts(counts = counts.part1, weartime = wear.part1,
                        thresh_lower = 2020)
```
cut_counts  

_Cut Count Values into Intensity Ranges_

**Description**

Given a vector of accelerometer count values, classifies each count value into intensity level 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 (typically representing sedentary, light, lifestyle, moderate, and vigorous).

**Usage**

```r
cut_counts(counts, int_cuts = as.integer(c(100, 760, 2020, 5999)))
```

**Arguments**

- `counts`  
  Integer vector with accelerometer count values.
- `int_cuts`  
  Numeric vector with four cutpoints from which five intensity ranges are derived. For example, `int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999)` creates: 0-99 = intensity 1; 100-759 = intensity level 2; 760-2019 = intensity 3; 2020-5998 = intensity 4; >= 5999 = intensity 5.

**Value**

Integer vector.

**Examples**

```r
# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21005
counts.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "paxinten"]

# Cut into 5 intensity levels and plot
intensity.part1 <- cut_counts(counts = counts.part1)
plot(intensity.part1)
```

**intensities**  

_Physical Activity Intensities_

**Description**

Given a vector of accelerometer count values, calculates time spent in 5 mutually exclusive user-defined intensity levels (typically representing sedentary, light, lifestyle, moderate, and vigorous) as well as the total counts accumulated in various intensities. Non-wear time should be removed from counts before calling intensities to avoid overestimating sedentary time.
inverse_rle2

Usage

```r
intensities(counts, int_cuts = as.integer(c(100, 760, 2020, 5999)))
```

Arguments

- **counts**: Integer vector with accelerometer count values.
- **int_cuts**: Numeric vector with four cutpoints from which five intensity ranges are derived. For example, `int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999)` creates: 0-99 = intensity 1; 100-759 = intensity level 2; 760-2019 = intensity 3; 2020-5998 = intensity 4; >= 5999 = intensity 5.

Value

Integer vector of length 16 in which the first eight values are minutes in intensities 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 2-3, 4-5, and 2-5, and the next eight are counts accumulated during time spent in each of those intensities.

Examples

```r
# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21005
counts.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "paxinten"]

# Create vector of counts during valid wear time only
counts.part1.wear <- counts.part1[weartime(counts = counts.part1) == 1]

# Calculate physical activity intensity variables
intensity.variables <- intensities(counts = counts.part1.wear)
```

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**Inverse Run Length Encoding (Alternate Implementation)**

Description

Re-constructs vector compressed by `rle2`.

Usage

```r
inverse_rle2(x)
```

Arguments

- **x**: Object returned by `rle2`. 
Value

Integer or numeric vector.

Examples

# Create dummy vector x
x <- c(0, 0, 0, -1, -1, 10, 10, 4, 6, 6)

# Summarize x using rle2
x.summarized <- rle2(x)

# Reconstruct x
x.reconstructed <- inverse_rle2(x.summarized)

Description

Calculates moving averages or maximum moving average. For optimal speed, use integer = TRUE if x is an integer vector and integer = FALSE otherwise.

Usage

movingaves(x, window, integer = FALSE, max = FALSE)

Arguments

x

Integer or numeric vector.

window

Integer value specifying window length.

integer

Logical value for whether x is an integer vector.

max

Logical value for whether to return maximum moving average (as opposed to vector of moving averages).

Value

Numeric value or vector depending on max.

Examples

# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21005
id.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "seqn"]
counts.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "paxinten"]
Calculating Daily Averages for Physical Activity Variables

Description

Not intended for direct use.

Usage

personvars(dayvars, rows, days, wk, we)

Arguments

dayvars: Numeric matrix with daily physical activity variables.
rows: Numeric value specifying number of rows in the matrix to be returned.
days: Integer value specifying minimum number of valid days a participant must have to be included.
wk: Integer value specifying minimum number of valid weekdays a participant must have to be included.
we: Integer value specifying minimum number of valid weekend days a participant must have to be included.

Value

Numeric matrix.
Description

Calculates a variety of physical activity variables based on triaxial minute-to-minute accelerometer count values for individual participants. Assumes first 1440 minutes are day 1, next 1440 are day 2, and so on. If final day has less than 1440 minutes, it is excluded. A data dictionary for the variables created is available here: https://github.com/vandomed/accelerometry/blob/master/process_tri_dictionary.csv.

Usage

process_tri(counts, steps = NULL, nci_methods = FALSE, start_day = 1, start_date = NULL, id = NULL, brevity = 1, hourly_var = "cpm", hourly_wearmin = 0, hourly_normalize = FALSE, valid_days = 1, valid_wk_days = 0, valid_we_days = 0, int_axis = "vert", int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999), cpm_nci = FALSE, days_distinct = FALSE, nonwear_axis = "vert", nonwear_window = 60, nonwear_tol = 0, nonwear_tol_upper = 99, nonwear_nci = FALSE, weartime_minimum = 600, weartime_maximum = 1440, active_bout_length = 10, active_bout_tol = 0, mvpa_bout_tol_lower = 0, vig_bout_tol_lower = 0, active_bout_nci = FALSE, sed_bout_tol = 0, sed_bout_tol_maximum = int_cuts[2] - 1, artifact_axis = "vert", artifact_thresh = 25000, artifact_action = 1, weekday_weekend = FALSE, return_form = "daily")

Arguments

counts : Integer matrix with three columns of count values, e.g. vertical-axis counts, anteroposterior (AP)-axis counts, and mediolateral (ML)-axis counts.

steps : Integer vector with steps.

nci_methods : Logical value for whether to set all arguments so as to replicate the data processing methods used in the NCI’s SAS programs. More specifically:
valid_days = 4
valid_wk_days = 0
valid_we_days = 0
int_axis = "vert"
int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999)
cpm_nci = TRUE
days_distinct = TRUE
nonwear_axis = "vert"
nonwear_window = 60
nonwear_tol = 2
nonwear_tol_upper = 100
nonwear_ncl = TRUE
weartime_minimum = 600
weartime_maximum = 1440
active_bout_length = 10
active_bout_tol = 2
mvpa_bout_tol_lower = 0
vig_bout_tol_lower = 0
active_bout_ncl = TRUE
sed_bout_tol = 0
sed_bout_tol_maximum = 759
artifact_thresh = 32767
artifact_action = 3

If TRUE, you can still specify non-default values for brevity and weekday_weekend.

start_day  Integer value specifying day of week for first day of monitoring, with 1 = Sunday, ..., 7 = Saturday.
start_date  Date for first day of monitoring, which function can use to figure out start_day.
id  Numeric value specifying ID number of participant.
brevity  Integer value controlling the number of physical activity variables generated. Choices are 1 for basic indicators of physical activity volume, 2 for additional indicators of activity intensities, activity bouts, sedentary behavior, and peak activity, and 3 for additional hourly count averages.

hourly_var  Character string specifying what hourly activity variable to record, if brevity = 3. Choices are "counts_vert", "counts_ap", "counts_ml", "counts_sum", "counts_vm", "cpm_vert", "cpm_ap", "cpm_ml", "sed_min", "sed_bouted_10min", and "sed_breaks".
hourly_wearmin  Integer value specifying minimum number of wear time minutes needed during a given hour to record a value for the hourly activity variable.
hourly_normalize  Logical value for whether to normalize hourly activity by number of wear time minutes.
valid_days  Integer value specifying minimum number of valid days to be considered valid for analysis.
valid_wk_days  Integer value specifying minimum number of valid weekdays to be considered valid for analysis.
valid_we_days  Integer value specifying minimum number of valid weekend days to be considered valid for analysis.
int_axis  Character string specifying which axis should be used to classify intensities. Choices are "vert", "ap", "ml", "sum" (for triaxial sum), and "vm" (for triaxial vector magnitude).
int_cuts  Numeric vector with four cutpoints from which five intensity ranges are derived. For example, int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999) creates: 0-99 = intensity 1; 100-759 = intensity level 2; 760-2019 = intensity 3; 2020-5998 = intensity 4; >= 5999 = intensity 5. Intensities 1-5 are typically viewed as sedentary, light, lifestyle, moderate, and vigorous.
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<td>Integer value specifying lower cut-off for count values outside of required intensity range for an MVPA bout.</td>
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<td>Integer value specifying lower cut-off for count values outside of required intensity range for a vigorous bout.</td>
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<td>Logical value for whether to use algorithm from the NCI’s SAS programs for classifying active bouts.</td>
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<td>sed_bout_tol</td>
<td>Integer value specifying number of minutes with counts outside sedentary range to allow during a sedentary bout.</td>
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<td>sed_bout_tol_maximum</td>
<td>Integer value specifying upper cut-off for count values outside sedentary range during a sedentary bout.</td>
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artifact_axis  Character string specifying which axis should be used to identify artifacts (impossibly high count values). Choices are "vert", "ap", "ml", "sum" (for triaxial sum), and "vm" (for triaxial vector magnitude).

artifact_thresh  Integer value specifying the smallest count value that should be considered an artifact.

artifact_action  Integer value controlling method of correcting artifacts. Choices are 1 to exclude days with one or more artifacts, 2 to lump artifacts into non-wear time, 3 to replace artifacts with the average of neighboring count values, and 4 to take no action.

weekday_weekend  Logical value for whether to calculate averages for weekdays and weekend days separately (in addition to all valid days).

return_form  Character string controlling how variables are returned. Choices are "daily" for per-day summaries, "averages" for averages across all valid days, and "both" for a list containing both.

Value

Numeric matrix or list of two numeric matrices, depending on return_form.

References


Examples

# Note that the 'tridata' dataset contains 7 days of fake triaxial accelerometer data

# Process data using default parameters and request per-day variables
accel.days <- process_tri(
  counts = tridata,
  return_form = "daily"
)

# Repeat, but request averages across all valid days
accel.averages <- process_tri(
  counts = tridata,
  return_form = "averages"
)

# Create per-day summary again, but with many more variables
accel.days2 <- process_tri(
  counts = tridata,
  brevity = 2,
  return_form = "daily"
Process Uniaxial Minute-to-Minute Accelerometer Data

Description

Calculates a variety of physical activity variables based on uniaxial minute-to-minute accelerometer count values for individual participants. Assumes first 1440 minutes are day 1, next 1440 are day 2, and so on. If final day has less than 1440 minutes, it is excluded. A data dictionary for the variables created is available here: https://github.com/vandomed/accelerometry/blob/master/process_uni_dictionary.csv.

Usage

process_uni(counts, steps = NULL, nci_methods = FALSE, start_day = 1, start_date = NULL, id = NULL, brevity = 1, hourly_var = "cpm", hourly_wearmin = 0, hourly_normalize = FALSE, valid_days = 1, valid_wk_days = 0, valid_we_days = 0, int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999), cpm_nci = FALSE, days_distinct = FALSE, nonwear_window = 60, nonwear_tol = 0, nonwear_tol_upper = 99, nonwear_nci = FALSE, weartime_minimum = 600, weartime_maximum = 1440, active_bout_length = 10, active_bout_tol = 0, mvpa_bout_tol = 0, vig_bout_tol = 0, active_bout_nci = FALSE, sed_bout_tol = 0, sed_bout_tol_maximum = int_cuts[2] - 1, artifact_thresh = 25000, artifact_action = 1, weekday_weekend = FALSE, return_form = "averages")

Arguments

- **counts**: Integer vector with accelerometer count values.
- **steps**: Integer vector with steps.
- **nci_methods**: Logical value for whether to set all arguments so as to replicate the data processing methods used in the NCI's SAS programs. More specifically:
  - valid_days = 4
  - valid_wk_days = 0
  - valid_we_days = 0
  - int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999)
  - cpm_nci = TRUE
  - days_distinct = TRUE
  - nonwear_window = 60
  - nonwear_tol = 2
  - nonwear_tol_upper = 100
nonwear_nci = TRUE
weartime_minimum = 600
weartime_maximum = 1440
active_bout_length = 10
active_bout_tol = 2
mvpa_bout_tol_lower = 0
vig_bout_tol_lower = 0
active_bout_nci = TRUE
sed_bout_tol = 0
sed_bout_tol_maximum = 759
artifact_thresh = 32767
artifact_action = 3

If TRUE, you can still specify non-default values for brevity and weekday_weekend.

start_day  Integer value specifying day of week for first day of monitoring, with 1 = Sunday, .... 7 = Saturday.
start_date  Date for first day of monitoring, which function can use to figure out start_day.
id  Numeric value specifying ID number of participant.
brevity  Integer value controlling the number of physical activity variables generated.
Choices are 1 for basic indicators of physical activity volume, 2 for addditional indicators of activity intensities, activity bouts, sedentary behavior, and peak activity, and 3 for additional hourly count averages.
hourly_var  Character string specifying what hourly activity variable to record, if brevity = 3.
Choices are "counts", "cpm", "sed_min", "sed_bouted_10min", and "sed_breaks".
hourly_wearmin  Integer value specifying minimum number of wear time minutes needed during a given hour to record a value for the hourly activity variable.
hourly_normalize  Logical value for whether to normalize hourly activity by number of wear time minutes.
valid_days  Integer value specifying minimum number of valid days to be considered valid for analysis.
valid_wk_days  Integer value specifying minimum number of valid weekdays to be considered valid for analysis.
valid_we_days  Integer value specifying minimum number of valid weekend days to be considered valid for analysis.
int_cuts  Numeric vector with four cutpoints from which five intensity ranges are derived. For example, int_cuts = c(100, 760, 2020, 5999) creates: 0-99 = intensity 1; 100-759 = intensity level 2; 760-2019 = intensity 3; 2020-5998 = intensity 4; >= 5999 = intensity 5. Intensities 1-5 are typically viewed as sedentary, light, lifestyle, moderate, and vigorous.
cpm_nci  Logical value for whether to calculate average counts per minute by dividing average daily counts by average daily wear time, as opposed to taking the average of each day’s counts per minute value. Strongly recommend leave as FALSE unless you wish to replicate the NCI’s SAS programs.
days_distinct Logical value for whether to treat each day of data as distinct, as opposed to analyzing the entire monitoring period as one continuous segment.

nonwear_window Integer value specifying minimum length of a non-wear period.

nonwear_tol Integer value specifying tolerance for non-wear algorithm, i.e. number of minutes with non-zero counts allowed during a non-wear interval.

nonwear_tol_upper Integer value specifying maximum count value for a minute with non-zero counts during a non-wear interval.

nonwear_nci Logical value for whether to use non-wear algorithm from NCI's SAS programs.

weartime_minimum Integer value specifying minimum number of wear time minutes for a day to be considered valid.

weartime_maximum Integer value specifying maximum number of wear time minutes for a day to be considered valid. The default is 1440, but you may want to use a lower value (e.g. 1200) if participants were instructed to remove devices for sleeping, but often did not.

active_bout_length Integer value specifying minimum length of an active bout.

active_bout_tol Integer value specifying number of minutes with counts outside the required range to allow during an active bout. If non-zero and active_bout_nci = FALSE, specifying non-zero values for mvpa_bout_tol_lower and vig_bout_tol_lower is highly recommended. Otherwise minutes immediately before and after an active bout will tend to be classified as part of the bout.

mvpa_bout_tol_lower Integer value specifying lower cut-off for count values outside of required intensity range for an MVPA bout.

vig_bout_tol_lower Integer value specifying lower cut-off for count values outside of required intensity range for a vigorous bout.

active_bout_nci Logical value for whether to use algorithm from the NCI’s SAS programs for classifying active bouts.

sed_bout_tol Integer value specifying number of minutes with counts outside sedentary range to allow during a sedentary bout.

sed_bout_tol_maximum Integer value specifying upper cut-off for count values outside sedentary range during a sedentary bout.

artifact_thresh Integer value specifying the smallest count value that should be considered an artifact.

artifact_action Integer value controlling method of correcting artifacts. Choices are 1 to exclude days with one or more artifacts, 2 to lump artifacts into non-wear time, 3 to replace artifacts with the average of neighboring count values, and 4 to take no action.
weekday_weekend

Logical value for whether to calculate averages for weekdays and weekend days separately (in addition to all valid days).

return_form

Character string controlling how variables are returned. Choices are "daily" for per-day summaries, "averages" for averages across all valid days, and "both" for a list containing both.

Value

Numeric matrix or list of two numeric matrices, depending on return_form.

References


Examples

# Note that the 'unidata' dataset contains accelerometer data for first 5 subjects in NHANES 2003-2004

# Get data from ID number 21005
id.part1 <- unidata[unidata["seqn"] == 21005, "seqn"]
counts.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "paxinten"]

# Process data from ID 21005 and request per-day variables
accel.days <- process_uni(counts = counts.part1, id = id.part1, return_form = "daily")

# Repeat, but request averages across all valid days
accel.averages <- process_uni(counts = counts.part1, id = id.part1, return_form = "averages")

# Process data according to methods used in NCI's SAS programs
accel.nci1 <- process_uni(counts = counts.part1, id = id.part1, brevity = 2, valid_days = 4, cpm_nci = TRUE, days_distinct = TRUE, nonwear_tol = 2, nonwear_tol_upper = 100, nonwear_nci = TRUE, weartime_maximum = 1440)
active_bout_tol = 2,
active_bout_nci = TRUE,
artifact_thresh = 32767,
artifact_action = 3,
return_form = "averages"
)

# Repeat, but use nci_methods input for convenience
accel.nci2 <- process_uni(
  counts = counts.part1,
  id = id.part1,
  nci_methods = TRUE,
  brevity = 2,
  return_form = "averages"
)

# Results are identical
all.equal(accel.nci1, accel.nci2)

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**rle2**  
*Run Length Encoding (Alternate Implementation)*

**Description**

Summarizes vector containing runs of repeated values. Very similar to rle, but sometimes much faster, and with an option to return the start/end indices for each run.

**Usage**

`rle2(x, class = NULL, indices = FALSE)`

**Arguments**

- **x**: Vector (see class).
- **class**: Character string specifying class of x. If unspecified, function figures it out (at cost of slightly slower run time).
- **indices**: Logical value for whether to record start/stop positions in addition to values and lengths for each run.

**Value**

Integer or numeric matrix.
Examples

# Create dummy vector x
x <- c(0, 0, 0, -1, -1, 10, 10, 4, 6, 6)

# Summarize x using rle2
x.summarized <- rle2(x)

# Repeat, but also record start/stop indices for each run
x.summarized <- rle2(x = x, indices = TRUE)

sedbreaks

Sedentary Breaks

Description

Identifies sedentary breaks in accelerometer count data.

Usage

sedbreaks(counts, weartime = NULL, thresh = 100, flags = FALSE)

Arguments

counts  Integer vector with accelerometer count values.
weartime Integer vector with 1’s for wear time minutes and 0’s for non-wear time minutes.
thresh  Integer value specifying minimum count value to consider a break from sedentary time.
flags   Logical value for whether to return a vector of 1’s and 0’s flagging the sedentary breaks (as opposed to the total number of sedentary breaks).

Value

Integer value or vector depending on flags.

Examples

# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21005
id.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "seqn"]
counts.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "paxinten"]

# Identify periods of valid wear time
wear.part1 <- weartime(counts = counts.part1)
# Count number of sedentary breaks (over full week)
\texttt{n.sedbreaks <- sedbreaks(counts = counts.part1, weartime = wear.part1)}

# Flag sedentary breaks
\texttt{sedbreaks.flagged <- sedbreaks(counts = counts.part1, weartime = wear.part1, flags = TRUE)}

\begin{center}
\textbf{tridata} \\
\textit{Triaxial Sample Data}
\end{center}

**Description**

Toy dataset with triaxial minute-to-minute counts generated from a trivariate normal distribution. Does not closely resemble real accelerometer data.

\begin{center}
\textbf{unidata} \\
\textit{Uniaxial Sample Data}
\end{center}

**Description**

Accelerometer data for the first 5 participants in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 2003-2004 dataset.

**Source**


\begin{center}
\textbf{weartime} \\
\textit{Wear Time Classification}
\end{center}

**Description**

Classifies wear time vs. non-wear time based on a vector of accelerometer count values.

**Usage**

\texttt{weartime(counts, window = 60L, tol = 0L, tol_upper = 99L, nci = FALSE, days_distinct = FALSE, units_day = 1440L)}
Arguments

**counts** Integer vector with accelerometer count values.

**window** Integer value specifying minimum length of a non-wear period.

**tol** Integer value specifying tolerance for non-wear algorithm, i.e. number of seconds/minutes with non-zero counts allowed during a non-wear interval.

**tol_upper** Integer value specifying maximum count value for a second/minute with non-zero counts during a non-wear interval.

**nci** Logical value for whether to use algorithm from NCI’s SAS programs. See Details.

**days_distinct** Logical value for whether to treat each day of data as distinct, as opposed to analyzing the entire monitoring period as one continuous segment. For minute-to-minute counts, strongly recommend setting to FALSE to correctly classify time near midnight.

**units_day** Integer value specifying how many data point are in a day. Typically either 1440 or 86400 depending on whether count values are minute-to-minute or second-to-second.

Details

If nci = FALSE, the algorithm uses a moving window to go through every possible interval of length window in counts. Any interval in which no more than tol counts are non-zero, and those are still < tol.upper, is classified as non-wear time.

If nci = TRUE, non-wear time is classified according to the algorithm used in the NCI’s SAS programs. Briefly, this algorithm defines a non-wear period as an interval of length window that starts with a count value of 0, does not contain any periods with \((tol + 1)\) consecutive non-zero count values, and does not contain any counts > tol.upper. If these criteria are met, the non-wear period continues until there are \((tol + 1)\) consecutive non-zero count values or a single count value > tol.upper.

Value

Integer vector with 1's for valid wear time and 0's for non-wear time.

References


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Examples

```r
# Load accelerometer data for first 5 participants in NHANES 2003-2004
data(unidata)

# Get data from ID number 21005
```
counts.part1 <- unidata[unidata[, "seqn"] == 21005, "paxinten"]

# Identify periods of valid wear time
weartime.flag <- weartime(counts = counts.part1)
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