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Bayesian Accrual Prediction

Description

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There are major eight functions in the package. The accrual.gui function provides the gui version.

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References


Examples

accrual.n.inform(n=300, T=36, P=0.5, m=100, tm=10, Tp=36)
accrual.n.plot(n=300, T=36, P=0.5, m=100, tm=10, Tp=36, Method="Informative Prior")
accrual.T.plot(n=300, T=36, P=0.5, m=100, tm=10, np=300, Method="Informative Prior")
accrual.gui()
**accrual.data**

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**Example Accrual Data**

**Description**

An example dataset for subject accrual.

**Usage**

accrual.data

**Examples**

str(accrual.data)
plot(accrual.data)
accrual.plots(accrual.data)

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**accrual.gui**

**GUI Version of the Bayesian Accrual Prediction**

**Description**

The R GUI interface only needs the researchers to input the original design information that are required information for IRBs (total time proposed and total subjects proposed) and the updated accrual data (time since start and subjects accrual). It uses Bayesian prediction model in the background of calculation.

**Usage**

accrual.gui()

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**Examples**

accrual.gui()
accrual.n.hedging  
*Prediction of Accrual with Hedging Prior in Fixed Time Frame*

**Description**

Produce an output for prediction of the number of subjects can be recruited in a fixed time frame with Hedging Prior.

**Usage**

```r
accrual.n.hedging(n, t, m, tm, tp)
```

**Arguments**

- `n`  
  Target sample size
- `t`  
  Target completion time
- `m`  
  Sample observed to date
- `tm`  
  Time to date
- `tp`  
  The specific time that want to predict the recruitment

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**Examples**

```r
accrual.n.hedging(n=300, T=36, m=100, tm=10, Tp=36)[[1]]
```

accrual.n.inform  
*Prediction of Accrual with Informative Prior in Fixed Time Frame*

**Description**

Produce an output for prediction of the number of subjects can be recruited in a fixed time frame with Informative Prior.

**Usage**

```r
accrual.n.inform(n, T, P, m, tm, Tp)
```
**accrual.n.plot**

**Arguments**

- **n**: Target sample size
- **T**: Target completion time
- **P**: The prior certainty, range 0-1
- **m**: Sample observed to date
- **tm**: Time to date
- **Tp**: The specific time that want to predict the recruitment

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**Examples**

```
accrual.n.plot(n=300, T=36, P=0.5, m=100, tm=10, Tp=36)
```

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**accrual.n.plot**  *Plot for Prediction of Accrual in Fixed Time Frame*

**Description**

Produce a plot and output for prediction of the number of subjects can be recruited in a fixed time frame.

**Usage**

```
accrual.n.plot(n, T, P, m, tm, Tp, Method)
```

**Arguments**

- **n**: Target sample size
- **T**: Target completion time
- **P**: The prior certainty, range 0-1; For Accelerated Prior, \( P = 1 - \frac{m}{n} \)
- **m**: Sample observed to date
- **tm**: Time to date
- **Tp**: The specific time that want to predict the recruitment
- **Method**: Informative Prior, Accelerated Prior, Hedging Prior

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**Examples**

```
accrual.n.plot(n=300, T=36, P=0.5, m=100, tm=10, Tp=36, Method="Informative Prior")
accrual.n.plot(n=300, T=36, m=100, tm=10, Tp=36, Method="Accelerated Prior")
accrual.n.plot(n=300, T=36, m=100, tm=10, Tp=36, Method="Hedging Prior")
```
accrual.plots  

Dignostic Plots

Description

The diagnostic panel shows four figures that help to understand the data distribution. The figure on
the top left is the exponential quantile plot, which checks whether the distribution of waiting times
is exponential. The top right figure shows the histogram of the waiting times, with the red line is
the theoretical exponential distribution. The figure of waiting time verse cumulative accrual time is
shown on the bottom left. The figure of total accrual verse cumulative accrual time is shown on the
bottom right.

Usage

accrual.plots(w)

Arguments

w  The accrual dataset

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Examples

accrual.plots(accrual.data)

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accrual.T.hedging  

Prediction of Time with Hedging Prior

Description

Prediction of time frame with Hedging Prior for a certain number of subjects.

Usage

accrual.T.hedging(n, T, m, tm, np)

Arguments

n  Target sample size
T  Target completion time
m  Sample observed to date
tm  Time to date
np  The specific number of subjects want to be predicted
accrual.T.inform

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Examples

accrual.T.hedging(n=300, T=36, m=100, tm=10, np=300)[[1]]

accrual.T.inform

*Prediction of Time with Informative Prior*

Description

Prediction of time frame with Informative Prior for a certain number of subjects.

Usage

accrual.T.inform(n, T, P, m, tm, np)

Arguments

- **n**: Target sample size
- **T**: Target completion time
- **P**: The prior certainty, range 0-1
- **m**: Sample observed to date
- **tm**: Time to date
- **np**: The specific number of subjects want to be predicted

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Examples

accrual.T.inform(n=300, T=36, P=0.5, m=100, tm=10, np=300)[[1]]
accrual.T.plot  

*Plot for Prediction of Time*

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**Description**

Produce a plot and output for prediction of time frame for a certain number of subjects.

**Usage**

```r
accrual.T.plot(n, T, P, m, tm, np, Method)
```

**Arguments**

- `n`: Target sample size
- `T`: Target completion time
- `P`: The prior certainty, range 0-1; For Accelerated Prior, \( P = 1 - m/n \)
- `m`: Sample observed to date
- `tm`: Time to date
- `np`: The specific number of subjects want to be predicted
- `Method`: Informative Prior, Accelerated Prior, Hedging Prior

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**Examples**

```r
accrual.T.plot(n=300, T=36, P=0.5, m=100, tm=10, np=300, Method="Informative Prior")
accrual.T.plot(n=300, T=36, m=100, tm=10, np=300, Method="Accelerated Prior")
accrual.T.plot(n=300, T=36, m=100, tm=10, np=300, Method="Hedging Prior")
```
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