# Package ‘causact’

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addPriorGroups

Add a column to a tidy dataframe of draws that groups parameters by their prior distribution. All parameters with the same prior distribution receive the same index.

Usage

```r
addPriorGroups(drawsDF)
```

Arguments

drawsDF: the dataframe created by `dag_numpyro()` where each row represents one draw of MCMC output. Two columns are expected, `param` - the parameter name, `value` - the realized value, and a third column, `priorGroup`, is appended as an integer grouping parameters by their prior distributions. The data for this third column is stored in an environment called cacheEnv when the `dag_numpyro()` function is called. Any parameters with the same prior end up in the same prior group; used by `dagp_plot()` to group parameters when plotted.

Value

a tidy dataframe of posterior draws. Useful for passing to `dagp_plot()` or for creating plots using `ggplot()`.

baseballData

Dataframe of 12,145 observations of baseball games in 2010 - 2014

Description

Dataframe of 12,145 observations of baseball games in 2010 - 2014

Usage

```r
baseballData
```
Format

A data frame with 12145 rows and 5 variables:

**Date** date game was played  
**Home** abbreviation for home team (i.e. stadium where game played)  
**Visitor** abbreviation for visiting team  
**HomeScore** Runs scored by the home team  
**VisitorScore** Runs scored by the visiting team

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```
beachLocDF
Dataframe where each row represents data about one of the 26 mile markers (fake) from mile 0 to mile 2.5 along the Ocean City, MD beach/boardwalk.
```

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Description

Dataframe where each row represents data about one of the 26 mile markers (fake) from mile 0 to mile 2.5 along the Ocean City, MD beach/boardwalk.

Usage

```
beachLocDF
```

Format

A data frame with 26 rows and 3 variables:

**mileMarker** a number representing a location on the Ocean City beach/boardwalk.  
**beachgoerProb** The probability of any Ocean City, MD beachgoer (during the hot swimming days) exiting the beach at that mile marker.  
**expenseEst** The estimated annual expenses of running a business at that location on the beach. It is assumed a large portion of the expense is based on commercial rental rates at that location. More populated locations tend to have higher expenses.
carModelDF

Dataframe of 1000 (fake) observations of whether certain car buyers were willing to get information on a credit card specializing in rewards for adventure travellers.

Description

Dataframe of 1000 (fake) observations of whether certain car buyers were willing to get information on a credit card specializing in rewards for adventure travellers.

Usage

carModelDF

Format

A data frame with 1000 rows and 3 variables:

- **customerID**  a unique id of a potential credit card customer. They just bought a car and are asked if they want information on the credit card.
- **carModel** The model of car purchased.
- **getCard** Whether the customer expressed interest in hearing more about the card.

check_r_causact_env

Check if ’r-causact’ Conda environment exists

Description

Check if ’r-causact’ Conda environment exists

Usage

check_r_causact_env()
chimpanzeesDF


Description


Usage

chimpanzeesDF

Format

A data frame with 504 rows and 9 variables:

actor name of actor
recipient name of recipient (NA for partner absent condition)
condition partner absent (0), partner present (1)
block block of trials (each actor x each recipient 1 time)
trial trial number (by chimp = ordinal sequence of trials for each chimp, ranges from 1-72; partner present trials were interspersed with partner absent trials)
prosoc_left prosocial_left : 1 if prosocial (1/1) option was on left
chose_prosoc choice chimp made (0 = 1/0 option, 1 = 1/1 option)
pulled_left which side did chimp pull (1 = left, 0 = right)
treatment narrative description combining condition and prosoc_left that describes the side the prosical food option was on and whether a partner was present

Source

corruptDF

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Dagp_plot

Plot posterior distribution from dataframe of posterior draws.

Description

[Stable]
Plot the posterior distribution of all latent parameters using a dataframe of posterior draws from a causact_graph model.

Usage

dagp_plot(drawsDF, densityPlot = FALSE, abbrevLabels = FALSE)

Arguments

drawsDF: the dataframe output of dag_numpyro(mcmc=TRUE) where each column is a parameter and each row a single draw from a representative sample.
densityPlot: If TRUE, each parameter gets its own density plot. If FALSE (recommended usage), parameters are grouped into facets based on whether they share the same prior or not. 10 and 90 percent credible intervals are displayed for the posterior distributions.
abbrevLabels: If TRUE, long labels on the plot are abbreviated to 10 characters. If FALSE the entire label is used.

Value

a credible interval plot of all latent posterior distribution parameters.

Examples

# A simple example
posteriorDF = data.frame(x = rnorm(100),
y = rexp(100),
z = runif(100))
posteriorDF %>%
dagp_plot(densityPlot = TRUE)

# More complicated example requiring 'numpyro'
## Not run:
# Create a 2 node graph
graph = dag_create() %>%
dag_node("Get Card","y",
    rhs = bernoulli(theta),
    data = carModelDF$getCard) %>%
dag_node(descr = "Card Probability by Car", label = "theta",
    rhs = beta(2,2),
    child = "y")
graph %>% dag_render()
# below requires Tensorflow installation
drawsDF = graph %>% dag_numpyro(mcmc=TRUE)
drawsDF %>% dagp_plot()

## End(Not run)

# A multiple plate example
library(dplyr)
poolTimeGymDF = gymDF %>%
mutate(stretchType = ifelse(yogaStretch == 1,
  "Yoga Stretch",
  "Traditional")) %>%
group_by(gymID,stretchType,yogaStretch) %>%
  summarize(nTrialCustomers = sum(nTrialCustomers),
    nSigned = sum(nSigned))
graph = dag_create() %>%
  dag_node("Cust Signed","k",
    rhs = binomial(n,p),
    data = poolTimeGymDF$nSigned) %>%
  dag_node("Probability of Signing","p",
    rhs = beta(2,2),
    child = "k") %>%
  dag_node("Trial Size","n",
    data = poolTimeGymDF$nTrialCustomers,
    child = "k") %>%
  dag_plate("Yoga Stretch","x",
    nodeLabels = c("p"),
    data = poolTimeGymDF$stretchType,
    addDataNode = TRUE) %>%
  dag_plate("Observation","i",
    nodeLabels = c("x","k","n")) %>%
  dag_plate("Gym","j",
    nodeLabels = "p",
    data = poolTimeGymDF$gymID,
    addDataNode = TRUE)

drawsDF %>% dag_rennder()

## End(Not run)

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dag_create

Create a graph object for drawing a DAG.

Description

[Stable]
Generates a causact_graph graph object that is set-up for drawing DAG graphs.
dag_diagrammer

Convert graph to Diagrammer object for visualization

Description

[Stable]

Convert a causact_graph to a DiagrammeR object for visualization.

Usage

dag_diagrammer(  
  graph,  
  wrapWidth = 24,  
  shortLabel = FALSE,  
  fillColor = "aliceblue",  
  fillColorObs = "cadetblue"  
)

Arguments

  graph a graph object of class causact_graph created using dag_create().
  wrapWidth a required character label that describes the node.
  shortLabel a longer more descriptive character label for the node.
  fillColor a valid R color to be used as the default node fill color.
  fillColorObs a valid R color to be used as the fill color for observed nodes.

Value

  a graph object of class dgr_graph. Useful for further customizing graph displays using the DiagrammeR package.
**Examples**

```r
library("DiagrammeR")
dag_create() %>%
dag_node("Get Card","y",
  rhs = bernoulli(theta),
  data = carModelDF$getCard) %>
  dag_diagrammer() %>%
  render_graph(title = "DiagrammeR Version of causact_graph")
```

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**dag_dim**

*Add dimension information to causact_graph*

**Description**

Internal function that is used as part of rendering graph or running greta.

**Usage**

`dag_dim(graph)`

**Arguments**

- `graph` a graph object of class `causact_graph` created using `dag_create()`.

**Value**

a graph object of class `causact_graph` with populated dimension information.

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**dag_edge**

*Add edge (or edges) between nodes*

**Description**

[Stable]

With a graph object of class `causact_graph` created from `dag_create`, add an edge between nodes in the graph. Vector recycling is used for all arguments.

**Usage**

`dag_edge(graph, from, to, type = as.character(NA))`
Arguments

- **graph**: a graph object of class `causact_graph`.
- **from**: a character vector representing the parent nodes label or description from which the edge is connected.
- **to**: the child node label or description from which the edge is connected.
- **type**: character string used to represent the DiagrammeR line type (e.g. "solid"). Use `type = "extract"` to encourage causact to only pass indexed elements of the parent node to each instance of the child node. Specify `type = "solid"` to override any automated extract behavior.

Value

a graph object of class `dgr_graph` with additional edges created by this function.

Examples

```r
# Create a graph with 2 connected nodes
dag_create() %>%
  dag_node("X") %>%
  dag_node("Y") %>%
  dag_edge(from = "X", to = "Y") %>%
  dag_render(shortLabel = TRUE)
```

Description

[Defunct]

This function is currently defunct. It has been superseded by `dag_numpyro()` because of tricky and sometimes unresolvable installation issues related to the greta package’s use of tensorflow. If the greta package resolves those issues, this function may return, but please use `dag_numpyro()` as a direct replacement.

Generate a representative sample of the posterior distribution. The input graph object should be of class `causact_graph` and created using `dag_create()`. The specification of a completely consistent joint distribution is left to the user. Helpful error messages are scheduled for future versions of the causact package.

Usage

```r
dag_greta(graph, mcmc = TRUE, meaningfulLabels = TRUE, ...)
```
Arguments

graph: a graph object of class causact_graph representing a complete and consistent specification of a joint distribution.

mcmc: a logical value indicating whether to sample from the posterior distribution. When mcmc=FALSE, the greta code is printed to the console, but not executed. The user can cut and paste the code to another script for running line-by-line. This option is most useful for debugging purposes. When mcmc=TRUE, the code is executed and outputs a dataframe of posterior draws.

meaningfullLabels: a logical value indicating whether to replace the indexed variable names in draws with abbreviated names representing the factor value corresponding to the index. This argument is treated as TRUE regardless of user input. The ability to retain numerical indexing will be in a subsequent release.

... additional arguments to be passed onto greta::mcmc().

Value

If mcmc=TRUE, returns a dataframe of posterior distribution samples corresponding to the input causact_graph. Each column is a parameter and each row a draw from the posterior sample output. If mcmc=FALSE, running dag_greta returns a character string of code that would help the user create three objects representing the posterior distribution:

1. draws: An mcmc.list object containing raw output from the HMCMC sampler used by greta.
2. drawsDF: A wide data frame with all latent variables as columns and all draws as rows. This data frame is useful for calculations based on the posterior
3. tidyDrawsDF: A long data frame with each draw represented on one line. This data frame is useful for plotting posterior distributions.

Examples

```r
## Not run:
library(greta)
graph = dag_create() %>%
dag_node("Get Card","y",
  rhs = bernoulli(theta),
  data = carModelDF$getCard) %>%
dag_node(descr = "Card Probability by Car", label = "theta",
  rhs = beta(2,2),
  child = "y") %>%
dag_node("Car Model","x",
  data = carModelDF$carModel,
  child = "y") %>%
dag_plate("Car Model","x",
  data = carModelDF$carModel,
  nodeLabels = "theta")

graph %>% dag_render()
gretaCode = graph %>% dag_greta(mcmc=FALSE)
## default functionality returns a data frame
```
# below requires Tensorflow installation

drawsDF = graph %>% dag_greta()
drawsDF %>% dagp_plot()

## End(Not run)

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**dag_merge**

*Merge two non-intersecting causact_graph objects*

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**Description**

*[Experimental]*

Generates a single causact_graph graph object that combines multiple graphs.

**Usage**

```r
dag_merge(graph1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `graph1`: A causact_graph objects to be merged with
- `...`: As many causact_graph's as wish to be merged

**Value**

A merged graph object of class causact_graph. Useful for creating simple graphs and then merging them into a more complex structure.

**Examples**

# With `dag_merge()` we
# reset the node ID's and all other item ID's,
# bind together the rows of all given graphs, and
# add in nodes and edges later
# with other functions
# to connect the graph.
#
# THE GRAPHS TO BE MERGED MUST BE DISJOINT
# THERE CAN BE NO IDENTICAL NODES OR PLATES
# IN EACH GRAPH TO BE MERGED, AT THIS TIME

g1 = dag_create() %>%
dag_node("Demand for A","dA",
  rhs = normal(15,4)) %>%
dag_node("Supply for A","sA",
  rhs = uniform(0,100)) %>%
dag_node("Profit for A","pA",
  rhs = min(sA,dA)) %>%
dag_node

Add a node to an existing causact_graph object

Description

[Stable]
Add a node to an existing causact_graph object. The graph object should be of class causact_graph and created using dag_create().

Usage

dag_node(
  graph,
  descr = as.character(NA),
  label = as.character(NA),
  rhs = NA,
  child = as.character(NA),
  data = NULL,
  obs = FALSE,
  keepAsDF = FALSE,
  extract = as.logical(NA),
  dec = FALSE,
  det = FALSE
)

Arguments

graph a graph object of class causact_graph. An initial object gets created using dag_create().
descr a longer more descriptive character label for the node.
**label**

A shorter character label for referencing the node (e.g., "X","beta"). Labels with . in the name will be replaced by _ to ensure inter-operability with Python. Additionally, Python reserved words, like lambda should not be used.

**rhs**

Either a distribution such as uniform, normal, lognormal, bernoulli, etc. or an R expression. Valid values include `normal(mu,sigma)`, `normal`, and `normal(6,2)`. R computation/expression examples include `alpha+beta*x`, `c(int, coefs)`, or `1 / exp(-(alpha + beta * x))`. Concatenation using `c()` is NOT supported. If a distribution is given, this is a random/stochastic node, if a formula is given it is a deterministic node once given the values of its parents. Quotes should not be used as all function/computations should consist of R objects, functions, and constants. Common R arithmetic and geometric operators are supported, but less common R expressions may yield errors when running `dag_numpyro()`.

**child**

An optional character vector of existing node labels. Directed edges from the newly created node to the supplied nodes will be created.

**data**

A vector or data frame (with observations in rows and variables in columns).

**obs**

A logical value indicating whether the node is observed. Assumed to be TRUE when data argument is given.

**keepAsDF**

A logical value indicating whether the data argument should be split into one random variable node per column or kept together as a random matrix for matrix computation. Defaults to creating one node per column of the data frame.

**extract**

A logical value. When TRUE, child nodes will try to extract an indexed value from this node. When FALSE, the entire random object (e.g. scalar, vector, matrix) is passed to children nodes. Only use this argument when overriding default behavior seen using `dag_render()`.

**dec**

A logical value indicating whether the node is a decision node. Used to show nodes as rectangles instead of ovals when using `dag_render()`.

**det**

A logical value indicating whether the node is a deterministic function of its parents. Used to draw a double-line (i.e. peripheries = 2) around a shape when using `dag_render()`. Assumed to be TRUE when rhs is a formula.

**Value**

A graph object of class `causact_graph` with an additional node(s).

**Examples**

```r
# Create an empty graph and add 2 nodes by using
# the `dag_node()` function twice
graph2 = dag_create() %>%
  dag_node("Get Card","y",
    rhs = bernoulli(theta),
    data = carModelDF$getCard) %>%
  dag_node(descr = "Card Probability by Car", label = "theta",
    rhs = beta(2,2),
    child = "y")
graph2 %>% dag_render()
```
# The Eight Schools Example from Gelman et al.:

```r
schools_dat <- data.frame(y = c(28, 8, -3, 7, -1, 1, 18, 12),
sigma = c(15, 10, 16, 11, 9, 11, 10, 18), schoolName = paste0("School",1:8))
```

```r
graph = dag_create() %>%
dag_node("Treatment Effect","y",
  rhs = normal(theta, sigma),
  data = schools_dat$y) %>%
dag_node("Std Error of Effect Estimates","sigma",
  data = schools_dat$sigma,
  child = "y") %>%
dag_node("Exp. Treatment Effect","theta",
  child = "y",
  rhs = avgEffect + schoolEffect) %>%
dag_node("Pop Treatment Effect","avgEffect",
  child = "theta",
  rhs = normal(0,30)) %>%
dag_node("School Level Effects","schoolEffect",
  rhs = normal(0,30),
  child = "theta") %>%
dag_plate("Observation","i",nodeLabels = c("sigma","y","theta")) %>%
dag_plate("School Name","school",
  nodeLabels = "schoolEffect",
  data = schools_dat$schoolName,
  addDataNode = TRUE)
```

```r
dag_numpyro(graph %>% dag_render())
```

## Not run:

```r
# below requires Tensorflow installation
drawsDF = graph %>% dag_numpyro(mcmc=TRUE)
tidyDrawsDF %>% dagp_plot()
```

## End(Not run)

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**dag_numpyro**

*Generate a representative sample of the posterior distribution*

**Description**

Generate a representative sample of the posterior distribution. The input graph object should be of class `causact_graph` and created using `dag_create()`. The specification of a completely consistent joint distribution is left to the user.

**Usage**

```r
dag_numpyro(
  graph,
)```

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```r
dag = dag_create()
  %>
  dag_node("Get Card","y",
    rhs = bernoulli(theta),
    data = carModelDF$getCard) %>
  dag_node(descr = "Card Probability by Car",label = "theta",
    rhs = beta(2,2),
    child = "y") %>
  dag_node("Car Model","x",
    data = carModelDF$carModel,
    child = "y") %>
  dag_plate("Car Model","x",
    data = carModelDF$carModel,
    nodeLabels = "theta")

graph %> dag_render()
numpyroCode = graph %> dag_numpyro(mcmc=FALSE)
## Not run:
## default functionality returns a data frame
# below requires numpyro installation
```

Arguments

- **graph**: a graph object of class causact_graph representing a complete and consistent specification of a joint distribution.
- **mcmc**: a logical value indicating whether to sample from the posterior distribution. When mcmc=FALSE, the numpyro code is printed to the console, but not executed. The user can cut and paste the code to another script for running line-by-line. This option is most useful for debugging purposes. When mcmc=TRUE, the code is executed and outputs a dataframe of posterior draws.
- **num_warmup**: an integer value for the number of initial steps that will be discarded while the markov chain finds its way into the typical set.
- **num_samples**: an integer value for the number of samples.
- **seed**: an integer-valued random seed that serves as a starting point for a random number generator. By setting the seed to a specific value, you can ensure the reproducibility and consistency of your results.

Value

If mcmc=TRUE, returns a dataframe of posterior distribution samples corresponding to the input causact_graph. Each column is a parameter and each row a draw from the posterior sample output. If mcmc=FALSE, running dag_numpyro returns a character string of code that would help the user generate the posterior distribution; useful for debugging.

Examples

```r
dag = dag_create()
  %>
  dag_node("Get Card","y",
    rhs = bernoulli(theta),
    data = carModelDF$getCard) %>
  dag_node(descr = "Card Probability by Car",label = "theta",
    rhs = beta(2,2),
    child = "y") %>
  dag_node("Car Model","x",
    data = carModelDF$carModel,
    child = "y") %>
  dag_plate("Car Model","x",
    data = carModelDF$carModel,
    nodeLabels = "theta")

graph %> dag_render()
numpyroCode = graph %> dag_numpyro(mcmc=FALSE)
## Not run:
## default functionality returns a data frame
# below requires numpyro installation
```
dag_plate

Create a plate representation for repeated nodes.

Description

[Experimental]

Given a graph object of class causact_graph, create collections of nodes that should be repeated i.e. represent multiple instances of a random variable, random vector, or random matrix. When nodes are on more than one plate, graph rendering will treat each unique combination of plates as separate plates.

Usage

dag_plate(
  graph,
  descr,
  label,
  nodeLabels,
  data = as.character(NA),
  addDataNode = FALSE,
  rhs = NA
)

Arguments

graph a graph object of class dgr_graph created using dag_create().
descr a longer more descriptive label for the cluster/plate.
label a short character string to use as an index. Any . in the names is automatically replaced by _ for interoperability with Python.
nodeLabels a character vector of node labels or descriptions to include in the list of nodes.
data a vector representing the categorical data whose unique values become the plate index. To use with addDataNode = TRUE, this vector should represent observations of a variable that can be coerced to a factor.
addDataNode a logical value. When addDataNode = TRUE, the code attempts to add a node of observed data that is used as an index for extracting the correct parameter from parent nodes that are on the newly created plate. Verify the graphical model using dag_render() to ensure correct behavior.
Optional rhs expression for when addDataNode = TRUE. This can be either a distribution such as uniform, normal, lognormal, bernoulli, etc. or an R expression. Distribution arguments are optional. Valid values include normal(mu, sigma), normal, and normal(6, 2). R computation/expression examples include alpha+beta*x. If a distribution is given, this is a random/stochastic node, if a formula is given it is a deterministic node once given the values of its parents. Quotes should not be used as all function/computations should consist of R objects, functions, and constants.

**Value**

an expansion of the input causact_graph object with an added plate representing the repetition of nodeLabels for each unique value of data.

**Examples**

```r
# single plate example
graph = dag_create() %>%
dag_node("Get Card","y",
  rhs = bernoulli(theta),
  data = carModelDF$getCard) %>%
dag_node(descr = "Card Probability by Car", label = "theta",
  rhs = beta(2,2),
  child = "y") %>%
dag_node("Car Model","x",
  data = carModelDF$carModel,
  child = "y") %>%
dag_plate("Car Model","x",
  data = carModelDF$carModel,
  nodeLabels = "theta")

graph %>% dag_render()

# multiple plate example
library(dplyr)
poolTimeGymDF = gymDF %>%
mutate(stretchType = ifelse(yogaStretch == 1,
  "Yoga Stretch",
  "Traditional")) %>%
group_by(gymID, stretchType, yogaStretch) %>%
summarize(nTrialCustomers = sum(nTrialCustomers),
  nSigned = sum(nSigned))

graph = dag_create() %>%
dag_node("Cust Signed","k",
  rhs = binomial(n,p),
  data = poolTimeGymDF$nSigned) %>%
dag_node("Probability of Signing","p",
  rhs = beta(2,2),
  child = "k") %>%
dag_node("Trial Size","n",
  data = poolTimeGymDF$nTrialCustomers,
  child = "k") %>%
dag_plate("Yoga Stretch","x",
"theta")
```

### dag_render

Render the graph as an htmlwidget

**Description**

[Stable]

Using a causact_graph object, render the graph in the RStudio Viewer.

**Usage**

```r
dag_render(
  graph,
  shortLabel = FALSE,
  wrapWidth = 24,
  width = NULL,
  height = NULL,
  fillColor = "aliceblue",
  fillColorObs = "cadetblue"
)
```

**Arguments**

- `graph` a graph object of class dgr_graph.
- `shortLabel` a logical value. If set to TRUE, distribution and formula information is suppressed. Meant for communication with non-statistical stakeholders.
- `wrapWidth` a numeric value. Used to restrict width of nodes. Default is wrap text after 24 characters.
- `width` a numeric value. an optional parameter for specifying the width of the resulting graphic in pixels.
- `height` a numeric value. an optional parameter for specifying the height of the resulting graphic in pixels.
- `fillColor` a valid R color to be used as the default node fill color during `dag_render()`.
- `fillColorObs` a valid R color to be used as the fill color for observed nodes during `dag_render()`.
Value

Returns an object of class grViz and htmlwidget that is also rendered in the RStudio viewer for interactive building of graphical models.

Examples

```r
# Render a simple graph
dag_create() %>%
  dag_node("Demand","X") %>%
  dag_node("Price","Y", child = "X") %>%
  dag_render()

# Hide the mathematical details of a graph
dag_create() %>%
  dag_node("Demand","X") %>%
  dag_node("Price","Y", child = "X") %>%
  dag_render(shortLabel = TRUE)
```

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delivDF  
117,790 line items associated with 23,339 shipments.

Description

A dataset containing the line items, mostly parts, associated with 23,339 shipments from a US-based warehouse.

Usage

delivDF

Format

A data frame (tibble) with 117,790 rows and 5 variables:

- **shipID**: unique ID for each shipment
- **plannedShipDate**: shipment date promised to customer
- **actualShipDate**: date the shipment was actually shipped
- **partID**: unique part identifier
- **quantity**: quantity of partID in shipment

Source

Adam Fleischhacker
distributions

Description

These functions can be used to define random variables in a causact model.

Usage

uniform(min, max, dim = NULL)

normal(mean, sd, dim = NULL, truncation = c(-Inf, Inf))

lognormal(meanlog, sdlog, dim = NULL)

bernoulli(prob, dim = NULL)

binomial(size, prob, dim = NULL)

negative_binomial(size, prob, dim = NULL)

poisson(lambda, dim = NULL)

gamma(shape, rate, dim = NULL)

inverse_gamma(alpha, beta, dim = NULL, truncation = c(0, Inf))

weibull(shape, scale, dim = NULL)

exponential(rate, dim = NULL)

pareto(a, b, dim = NULL)

student(df, mu, sigma, dim = NULL, truncation = c(-Inf, Inf))

laplace(mu, sigma, dim = NULL, truncation = c(-Inf, Inf))

beta(shape1, shape2, dim = NULL)

cauchy(location, scale, dim = NULL, truncation = c(-Inf, Inf))

chi_squared(df, dim = NULL)

logistic(location, scale, dim = NULL, truncation = c(-Inf, Inf))

multivariate_normal(mean, Sigma, dimension = NULL)
lkj_correlation(eta, dimension = 2)
multinomial(size, prob, dimension = NULL)
categorical(prob, dimension = NULL)
dirichlet(alpha, dimension = NULL)

Arguments

min, max  scalar values giving optional limits to uniform variables. Like lower and upper, these must be specified as numerics, unlike lower and upper, they must be finite. min must always be less than max.
dim  Currently ignored. If dag_greta becomes functional again, this specifies the dimensions of the greta array to be returned, either a scalar or a vector of positive integers. See details.
mean, meanlog, location, mu  unconstrained parameters
sd, sdlog, sigma, lambda, shape, rate, df, scale, shape1, shape2, alpha, beta, a, b, eta, size  positive parameters, alpha must be a vector for dirichlet.
truncation  a length-two vector giving values between which to truncate the distribution.
prob  probability parameter (0 < prob < 1), must be a vector for multinomial and categorical
Sigma  positive definite variance-covariance matrix parameter
dimension  Currently ignored. If dag_greta becomes functional again, this specifies, the dimension of a multivariate distribution

Details

The discrete probability distributions (bernoulli, binomial, negative_binomial, poisson, multinomial, categorical) can be used when they have fixed values, but not as unknown variables.

For univariate distributions dim gives the dimensions of the array to create. Each element will be (independently) distributed according to the distribution. dim can also be left at its default of NULL, in which case the dimension will be detected from the dimensions of the parameters (provided they are compatible with one another).

For multivariate distributions (multivariate_normal(), multinomial(), categorical(), and dirichlet() each row of the output and parameters corresponds to an independent realisation. If a single realisation or parameter value is specified, it must therefore be a row vector (see example).
n_realisations gives the number of rows/realisations, and dimension gives the dimension of the distribution. I.e. a bivariate normal distribution would be produced with multivariate_normal(..., dimension = 2). The dimension can usually be detected from the parameters.
multinomial() does not check that observed values sum to size, and categorical() does not check that only one of the observed entries is 1. It’s the user’s responsibility to check their data matches the distribution!

Wherever possible, the parameterizations and argument names of causact distributions match commonly used R functions for distributions, such as those in the stats or extraDistr packages. The
The following table states the distribution function to which causact’s implementation corresponds (this code largely borrowed from the greta package):

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Examples

```r
## Not run:

# a uniform parameter constrained to be between 0 and 1
phi <- uniform(min = 0, max = 1)

# a length-three variable, with each element following a standard normal
distribution
alpha <- normal(0, 1, dim = 3)

# a length-three variable of lognormals
sigma <- lognormal(0, 3, dim = 3)

# a hierarchical uniform, constrained between alpha and alpha + sigma,
eta <- alpha + uniform(0, 1, dim = 3) * sigma

# a hierarchical distribution
mu <- normal(0, 1)
```
sigma <- lognormal(0, 1)
theta <- normal(mu, sigma)

# a vector of 3 variables drawn from the same hierarchical distribution
thetas <- normal(mu, sigma, dim = 3)

# a matrix of 12 variables drawn from the same hierarchical distribution
thetas <- normal(mu, sigma, dim = c(3, 4))

# a multivariate normal variable, with correlation between two elements
# note that the parameter must be a row vector
Sig <- diag(4)
Sig[3, 4] <- Sig[4, 3] <- 0.6
theta <- multivariate_normal(t(rep(mu, 4)), Sig)

# 10 independent replicates of that
theta <- multivariate_normal(t(rep(mu, 4)), Sig, n_realisations = 10)

# 10 multivariate normal replicates, each with a different mean vector,
# but the same covariance matrix
means <- matrix(rnorm(40), 10, 4)
theta <- multivariate_normal(means, Sig, n_realisations = 10)
dim(theta)

# a Wishart variable with the same covariance parameter
theta <- wishart(df = 5, Sigma = Sig)

## End(Not run)

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**gymDF**

Dataframe of 44 observations of free crossfit classes data Each observation indicates how many students that participated in the free month of crossfit signed up for the monthly membership afterwards

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**Description**

Dataframe of 44 observations of free crossfit classes data Each observation indicates how many students that participated in the free month of crossfit signed up for the monthly membership afterwards

**Usage**

gymDF

**Format**

A data frame with 44 rows and 5 variables:

- **gymID** unique gym identifier
- **nTrialCustomers** number of unique customers taking free trial classes
**nSigned**  number of customers from trial that sign up for membership

**yogaStretch**  whether trial classes included a yoga type stretch

**timePeriod**  month number, since inception of company, for which trial period was offered

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**Description**

Dataframe of 1,460 observations of home sales in Ames, Iowa. Known as The Ames Housing dataset, it was compiled by Dean De Cock for use in data science education. Each observation is a home sale. See houseDFDescr for more info.

**Usage**
	houseDF

**Format**

A data frame with 1,460 rows and 37 variables:

- **SalePrice**  the property’s sale price in dollars. This is the target variable
- **MSSubClass**  The building class
- **MSZoning**  The general zoning classification
- **LotFrontage**  Linear feet of street connected to property
- **LotArea**  Lot size in square feet
- **Street**  Type of road access
- **LotShape**  General shape of property
- **Utilities**  Type of utilities available
- **LotConfig**  Lot configuration
- **Neighborhood**  Physical locations within Ames city limits
- **BldgType**  Type of dwelling
- **HouseStyle**  Style of dwelling
- **OverallQual**  Overall material and finish quality
- **OverallCond**  Overall condition rating
- **YearBuilt**  Original construction date
- **YearRemodAdd**  Remodel date
- **ExterQual**  Exterior material quality
- **ExterCond**  Present condition of the material on the exterior
BsmtQual Height of the basement
BsmtCond General condition of the basement
BsmtExposure Walkout or garden level basement walls
BsmtUnfSF Unfinished square feet of basement area
TotalBsmtSF Total square feet of basement area
1stFlrSF First Floor square feet
2ndFlrSF Second floor square feet
LowQualFinSF Low quality finished square feet (all floors)
GrLivArea Above grade (ground) living area square feet
FullBath Full bathrooms above grade
HalfBath Half baths above grade
BedroomAbvGr Number of bedrooms above basement level
TotRmsAbvGrd Total rooms above grade (does not include bathrooms)
Functional Home functionality rating
GarageCars Size of garage in car capacity
MoSold Month Sold
YrSold Year Sold
SaleType Type of sale
SaleCondition Condition of sale

Source


Description

Dataframe of 523 descriptions of data values from "The Ames Housing dataset", compiled by Dean De Cock for use in data science education. Each observation is a possible value from a variable in the houseDF dataset.

Usage

houseDFDescr
install_causact_deps

Format

A data frame with 260 rows and 2 variables:

- **varName**: the name and description of a variable stored in the houseDF dataset
- **varValueDescr**: The value and accompanying interpretation for values in the houseDF dataset

Source


install_causact_deps  Install causact’s python dependencies like numpyro, arviz, and xarray.

Description

install_causact_deps() installs python, the numpyro and arviz packages, and their direct dependencies.

Usage

install_causact_deps()

Details

You may be prompted to download and install miniconda if reticulate did not find a non-system installation of python. Miniconda is the only supported installation method for users, as it ensures that the R python installation is isolated from other python installations. All python packages will by default be installed into a self-contained conda or venv environment named "r-causact". Note that "conda" is the only supported method for install.

If you initially declined the miniconda installation prompt, you can later manually install miniconda by running **reticulate::install_miniconda()**.

If you manually configure a python environment with the required dependencies, you can tell R to use it by pointing reticulate at it, commonly by setting an environment variable:

Sys.setenv("RETICULATE_PYTHON" = "~/path/to/python-env/bin/python")
meaningfulLabels  

*Store meaningful parameter labels*

**Description**

*[Experimental]*  
Store meaningful parameter labels as part of running `dag_numpyro()`. When `numpyro` creates posterior distributions for multi-dimensional parameters, it creates an often meaningless number system for the parameter (e.g. beta[1,1], beta[2,1], etc.). Since parameter dimensionality is often determined by a factor, this function creates labels from the factors unique values. `replaceLabels()` applies the text labels stored using this function to the `numpyro` output. The meaningful parameter names are stored in an environment, `cacheEnv`.

**Usage**

```r
meaningfulLabels(graph)
```

**Arguments**

- **graph**  
a causact_graph object.

**Value**

a data frame `meaningfulLabels` stored in an environment named `cacheEnv` that contains a lookup table between greta labels and meaningful labels.

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**prodLineDF**  
*Product line and product category assignments for 12,026 partID’s.*

**Description**

A dataset containing partID attributes.

**Usage**

```r
prodLineDF
```

**Format**

A data frame (tibble) with 117,790 rows and 5 variables:

- **partID**  
  unique part identifier
- **productLine**  
a product line associated with the partID
- **prodCategory**  
a product category associated with the partID

**Source**

Adam Fleischhacker
rbern

The Bernoulli Distribution

Description

#’ [Stable]
Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the bernoulli distribution with parameter prob.

Usage

rbern(n, prob)

Arguments

n number of observations. If length(n) > 1, the length is taken to be the number required.
prob probability of success of each trial

Value

A vector of 0’s and 1’s representing failure and success.

Examples

#Return a random result of a Bernoulli trial given 'prob'.
rbern(n =1, prob = 0.5)

schoolsDF

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Usage

schoolsDF

Format

A data frame with 8 rows and 3 variables:
y estimated treatment effect at a particular school
sigma standard error of the treatment effect estimate
schoolName an identifier for the school represented by this row
setDirectedGraphTheme  Set DiagrammeR defaults for graphical models

Description

setDirectedGraph returns a graph with good defaults.

Usage

```
setDirectedGraphTheme(
  dgrGraph,
  fillColor = "aliceblue",
  fillColorObs = "cadetblue"
)
```

Arguments

- `dgrGraph`: A DiagrammeR graph
- `fillColor`: Default R color for filling nodes.
- `fillColorObs`: R color for filling observed nodes.

Value

An updated version of `dgrGraph` with good defaults for graphical models.

return a `dgrGraph` object with the color and shape defaults used by the causact package.

Examples

```
library(DiagrammeR)
create_graph() %>% add_node() %>% render_graph()  # default DiagrammeR aesthetics
create_graph() %>% add_node() %>% setDirectedGraphTheme() %>% render_graph()  # causact aesthetics
```

ticketsDF  Dataframe of 55,167 observations of the number of tickets written by NYC precincts each day Data modified from https://github.com/stan-dev/stancon_talks/tree/master/2018/Contributed-Talks/01_auerbach which originally sourced data from https://opendata.cityofnewyork.us/

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Usage
ticketsDF

Format
A data frame with 55167 rows and 4 variables:

- **precinct**: unique precinct identifier representing precinct of issuing officer
- **date**: the date on which ticket violations occurred
- **month_year**: the month_year extracted from date column
- **daily_tickets**: Number of tickets issued out of precinct on this day

**totalBeachgoersRepSample**

A representative sample from a random variable that represents the annual number of beachgoers to Ocean City, MD beaches on hot days. Think of this representative sample as coming from either a prior or posterior distribution. An example using this sample is can be found in The Business Analyst’s Guide To Business Analytics at https://www.causact.com/.

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Usage
totalBeachgoersRepSample

Format
A 4,000 element vector.

**totalBeachgoersRepSample** a draw from a representative sample of total beachgoers to Ocean City, MD.
The magrittr pipe

**Description**

causact uses the pipe function, `\%\%` to turn function composition into a series of imperative statements.

**Value**

Pipe a value forward into a function- or call expression and return the function on the *rhs* with the *lhs* used as the first argument.
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