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add_zero  |  Expand a matrix or a data.frame with zeros based on rownames matching

Description

For a given two-dimensional object with rownames and a character vector, `add_zero` produces a corresponding object whose rownames match the character vector, with zeros on the additional rows.

This function is an easy-to-use and reliable way to reintroduce non-responding units in the variance estimation process (after the non-response phase is taken into account).

Usage

```r
add_zero(y, rownames, remove = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- **y**: A (sparse) matrix or a data.frame. The object to add zeros to.
- **rownames**: A character vector (other types are coerced to character). The character vector giving the rows of the produced object.
- **remove**: Should rows of `y` whose name do not appear in the `rownames` argument be removed? TRUE by default, a warning is shown when rows are removed.

Value

A (sparse) matrix or data.frame depending on the type of `y`. 
define_statistic_wrapper

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Examples

# Data generation
set.seed(1)
n <- 10
p <- 2
y <- matrix(1:(n*p), ncol = p, dimnames = list(sample(letters, n)))
y[c(3, 8, 12)] <- NA
rownames <- letters

# Standard use
add_zero(y, rownames)

# Use when rownames in y do not match
# any element in the rownames argument
rownames(y)[1:3] <- toupper(rownames(y)[1:3])
add_zero(y, rownames)
add_zero(y, rownames, remove = FALSE)

Define a statistic wrapper

Description

define_statistic_wrapper defines statistic wrappers to be used together with variance estimation wrappers. A statistic wrapper produces both the point estimator and the linearized variable associated with a given statistic to estimate variance on (Deville, 1999). define_statistic_wrapper is intended for advanced use only, standard statistic wrappers are included in the gustave package (see standard statistic wrappers)

Usage

define_statistic_wrapper(
  statistic_function,
  arg_type,
  arg_not_affected_by_domain = NULL,
  display_function = standard_display
)
define_statistic_wrapper

**Arguments**

- **statistic_function**
  - An R function specific to the statistic to calculate. It should produce at least the point estimator and the linearized variable associated with the statistic (see Details).

- **arg_type**
  - A named list with three character vectors describing the type of each argument of statistic_function (see Details).

- **arg_not_affected_by_domain**
  - A character vector indicating the arguments which should not be affected by domain-splitting. Such parameters may appear in some complex linearization formula, for instance when the At-Risk of Poverty Rate (ARPR) is estimated by region but with a poverty line calculated at the national level.

- **display_function**
  - An R function which produces, for each variance estimation, the data.frame to be displayed by the variance estimation wrapper. The default display function (standard_display) uses standard metadata to display usual variance indicator (point estimate, variance, standard deviation, coefficient of variation, confidence interval) broken down by statistic wrapper, domain (if any) and level (if the variable is a factor).

**Details**

When the statistic to estimate is not a total, the application of analytical variance estimation formulae developed for the estimator of a total is not straightforward (Deville, 1999). An asymptotically unbiased variance estimator can nonetheless be obtained if the estimation of variance is performed on a variable obtained from the original data through a linearization step.

define_statistic_wrapper is the function used to create, for a given statistic, an easy-to-use function which calculates both the point estimator and the linearized variable associated with the statistic. These operations are implemented by the statistic_function, which can have any needed input (for example num and denom for a ratio estimator) and should output a list with at least two named elements:

- **point**: the point estimator of the statistic
- **lin**: the linearized variable to be passed on to the variance estimation formula. If several variables are to be associated with the statistics, lin can be a list itself.

All other named elements in the output of define_statistic_wrapper are treated as metadata (that may be used later on by display_function).

arg_type is a named list of three elements that describes the nature of the argument of statistic_function:

- **data**: data argument(s), numerical vector(s) to be used to calculate the point estimate and the linearized variable associated with the statistic
- **weight**: weight argument, numerical vector to be used as row weights
- **param**: parameters, non-data arguments to be used to control some aspect of the computation

Statistic wrappers are quite flexible tools to apply a variance function to an estimator requiring a linearization step (e.g. all estimators except the estimator of a total) with virtually no additional complexity for the end-user.
standard statistic wrappers are included within the gustave package and automatically added to the variance estimation wrappers. New statistic wrappers can be defined using the define_statistic_wrapper function and then explicitly added to the variance estimation wrappers using the objects_to_include argument.

Note: To some extent, statistic wrappers can be seen as ggplot2 geom_ and stat_ functions: they help the end-user in writing down what he or she wants without having to go too deep into the details of the corresponding layers.

Value

A function to be used within a variance estimation wrapper to estimate a specific statistic (see examples). Its formals are the ones of statistic_function with the addition of by and where (for domain estimation, set to NULL by default).

Author(s)

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References


See Also

standard_statistic_wrappers, define_variance_wrapper

Examples

### Example from the Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey

# Let's define a variance wrapper as for the ICT survey
# as in the examples of the qvar function:
precision_ict <- qvar(
  data = ict_sample,
  dissemination_dummy = "dissemination",
  dissemination_weight = "w_calib",
  id = "firm_id",
  scope_dummy = "scope",
  sampling_weight = "w_sample",
  strata = "strata",
  nrc_weight = "w_nrc",
  response_dummy = "resp",
  hrg = "hrg",
  calibration_weight = "w_calib",
  calibration_var = c(paste0("N_", 58:63), paste0("turnover_", 58:63)),
  define = TRUE
)
precision_ict(ict_survey, mean(speed_quanti))

# Let's now redefine the mean statistic wrapper
define_variance_wrapper

Define a variance estimation wrapper

Description

Given a variance estimation function (specific to a survey), define_variance_wrapper defines a variance estimation wrapper easier to use (e.g. automatic domain estimation, linearization).

Usage

```r
define_variance_wrapper(
  variance_function,
  reference_id,
  reference_weight,
  default_id = NULL,
  technical_data = NULL,
  technical_param = NULL,
  objects_to_include = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- **variance_function**: An R function. It is the methodological workhorse of the variance estimation: from a set of arguments including the variables of interest (see below), it should return a vector of estimated variances. See Details.

- **reference_id**: A vector containing the ids of all the responding units of the survey. It can also be an unevaluated expression (enclosed in `quote()`) to be evaluated within the execution environment of the wrapper. It is compared with `default$id` (see below) to check whether some observations are missing in the survey file. The matrix of variables of interest passed on to `variance_function` has `reference_id` as rownames and is ordered according to its values.
**define_variance_wrapper**

**reference_weight**
A vector containing the reference weight of the survey. It can also be an unevaluated expression (enclosed in `quote()`) to be evaluated within the execution environment of the wrapper.

**default_id**
A character vector of length 1, the name of the default identifying variable in the survey file. It can also be an unevaluated expression (enclosed in `quote()`) to be evaluated within the survey file.

**technical_data**
A named list of technical data needed to perform the variance estimation (e.g. sampling strata, first- or second-order probabilities of inclusion, estimated response probabilities, calibration variables). Its names should match the names of the corresponding arguments in `variance_function`.

**technical_param**
A named list of technical parameters used to control some aspect of the variance estimation process (e.g. alternative methodology). Its names should match the names of the corresponding arguments in `variance_function`.

**objects_to_include**
(Advanced use) A character vector indicating the name of additional R objects to include within the variance wrapper.

**Details**

Defining variance estimation wrappers is the **key feature** of the `gustave` package. It is the workhorse of the ready-to-use `qvar` function and should be used directly to handle more complex cases (e.g. surveys with several stages or balanced sampling).

Analytical variance estimation is often difficult to carry out by non-specialists owing to the complexity of the underlying sampling and estimation methodology. This complexity yields complex variance estimation functions which are most often only used by the sampling expert who actually wrote them. A **variance estimation wrapper** is an intermediate function that is "wrapped around" the (complex) variance estimation function in order to provide the non-specialist with user-friendly features (see examples):

- calculation of complex statistics (see standard statistic wrappers)
- domain estimation
- handy evaluation and factor discretization

`define_variance_wrapper` allows the sampling expert to define a variance estimation wrapper around a given variance estimation function and set its default parameters. The produced variance estimation wrapper is standalone in the sense that it contains all technical data necessary to carry out the estimation (see `technical_data`).

The arguments of the `variance_function` fall into three types:

- the data argument (mandatory, only one allowed): the numerical matrix of variables of interest to apply the variance estimation formula on
- technical data arguments (optional, one or more allowed): technical and methodological information used by the variance estimation function (e.g. sampling strata, first- or second-order probabilities of inclusion, estimated response probabilities, calibration variables)
- technical parameters (optional, one or more allowed): non-data arguments to be used to control some aspect of the variance estimation (e.g. alternative methodology)
technical_data and technical_param are used to determine which arguments of variance_function relate to technical information, the only remaining argument is considered as the data argument.

Value
An R function that makes the estimation of variance based on the provided variance function easier. Its parameters are:

- **data**: one or more calls to a statistic wrapper (e.g. `total()`, `mean()`, `ratio()`). See examples and standard statistic wrappers
- **where**: a logical vector indicating a domain on which the variance estimation is to be performed
- **by**: a qualitative variable whose levels are used to define domains on which the variance estimation is performed
- **alpha**: a numeric vector of length 1 indicating the threshold for confidence interval derivation (0.05 by default)
- **display**: a logical vector of length 1 indicating whether the result of the estimation should be displayed or not
- **id**: a character vector of size 1 containing the name of the identifying variable in the survey file. Its default value depends on the value of default_id in define_variance_wrapper
- **envir**: an environment containing a binding to data

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References

See Also
`qvar`, standard statistic wrappers, `varDT`

Examples
```r
### Example from the Labour force survey (LFS)

# The (simulated) Labour force survey (LFS) has the following characteristics:
# - first sampling stage: balanced sampling of 4 areas (each corresponding to
#   about 120 dwellings) on first-order probability of inclusion (proportional to
#   the number of dwellings in the area) and total annual income in the area.
# - second sampling stage: in each sampled area, simple random sampling of 20
#   dwellings
# - neither non-response nor calibration

# As this is a multi-stage sampling design with balanced sampling at the first
# stage, the qvar function does not apply. A variance wrapper can nonetheless
# be defined using the core define_variance_wrapper function.
```
# Step 1 : Definition of the variance function and the corresponding technical data

# In this context, the variance estimation function specific to the LFS survey can be defined as follows:

```r
define_variance_wrapper

# Technical data at the area level
# The varDT function allows for the pre-calculation of most of the methodological quantities needed.
tech_data_lfs$area <- varDT(
  y = NULL,
  pik = lfs_samp_area$pik_area,
  x = as.matrix(lfs_samp_area["pik_area", "income"]),
  id = lfs_samp_area$id_area
)

# Technical data at the dwelling level
# In order to implement Rao (1975) formula for two-stage samples, we associate each dwelling with the diagonal term corresponding to its area in the first-stage variance estimator:
lfs_samp_dwel$q_area <- with(tech_data_lfs$area, setNames(diago, id))[lfs_samp_dwel$id_area]
tech_data_lfs$dwel <- lfs_samp_dwel[c("id_dwel", "pik_dwel", "id_area", "pik_area", "q_area")]

# Technical data at the individual level
tech_data_lfs$ind <- lfs_samp_ind[c("id_ind", "id_dwel", "sampling_weight")]

# Test of the variance function var_lfs
y <- matrix(as.numeric(lfs_samp_ind$unemp), ncol = 1, dimnames = list(lfs_samp_ind$id_ind))
with(tech_data_lfs, var_lfs(y = y, ind = ind, dwel = dwel, area = area))
```

```r
var_lfs <- function(y, ind, dwel, area){
  variance <- list()

  # Variance associated with the sampling of the dwellings
  y <- sum_by(y, ind$id_dwel)
  variance["dwel"] <- var_srs(
    y = y, pik = dwel$pik_dwel, strata = dwel$id_area,
    w = (1 / dwel$pik_area^2 - dwel$q_area)
  )

  # Variance associated with the sampling of the areas
  y <- sum_by(y = y, by = dwel$id_area, w = 1 / dwel$pik_dwel)
  variance["area"] <- varDT(y = y, precalc = area)

  Reduce("+", variance)
}
```

```r
# where y is the matrix of variables of interest and ind, dwel and area the technical data:

technical_data_lfs <- list()

# Technical data at the area level
# The varDT function allows for the pre-calculation of most of the methodological quantities needed.
technical_data_lfs$area <- varDT(
  y = NULL,
  pik = lfs_samp_area$pik_area,
  x = as.matrix(lfs_samp_area["pik_area", "income"]),
  id = lfs_samp_area$id_area
)

# Technical data at the dwelling level
# In order to implement Rao (1975) formula for two-stage samples, we associate each dwelling with the diagonal term corresponding to its area in the first-stage variance estimator:
lfs_samp_dwel$q_area <- with(technical_data_lfs$area, setNames(diago, id))[lfs_samp_dwel$id_area]
technical_data_lfs$dwel <- lfs_samp_dwel[c("id_dwel", "pik_dwel", "id_area", "pik_area", "q_area")]

# Technical data at the individual level
technical_data_lfs$ind <- lfs_samp_ind[c("id_ind", "id_dwel", "sampling_weight")]

# Test of the variance function var_lfs
y <- matrix(as.numeric(lfs_samp_ind$unemp), ncol = 1, dimnames = list(lfs_samp_ind$id_ind))
with(technical_data_lfs, var_lfs(y = y, ind = ind, dwel = dwel, area = area))
```
# Step 2 : Definition of the variance wrapper

# Call of define_variance_wrapper
precision_lfs <- define_variance_wrapper(
  variance_function = var_lfs,
  technical_data = technical_data_lfs,
  reference_id = technical_data_lfs$ind$id_ind,
  reference_weight = technical_data_lfs$ind$sampling_weight,
  default_id = "id_ind"
)

# Test
precision_lfs(lfs_samp_ind, unemp)

# The variance wrapper precision_lfs has the same features
# as variance wrappers produced by the qvar function (see
# qvar examples for more details).

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**ict_pop**

*Sampling frame of the Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey*

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**Description**

A (simulated) dataset containing basic identification information and auxiliary variables for the sampling of the Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey in the information and communication sector (NACE rev 2 J section).

**Usage**

```r
ict_pop
```

**Format**

A data frame with 7670 observations and 5 variables:

- **firm_id** identifier of the firm
- **division** identifier of the economic sub-sector
- **employees** number of employees
- **turnover** firm turnover, in thousand euros
- **strata** stratification variable

**See Also**

qvar, ict_sample, ict_survey
Sample of the Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey

Description

A (simulated) dataset containing sampling information about the sample of the Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey in the information and communication sector (NACE rev 2 J section)

Usage

ict_sample

Format

A data frame with 650 observations and 8 variables:

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<thead>
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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>firm_id</td>
<td>identifier of the firm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>division</td>
<td>identifier of the economic sub-sector</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>employees</td>
<td>number of employees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>turnover</td>
<td>firm turnover, in euros</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>strata</td>
<td>stratification variable</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>w_sample</td>
<td>sampling weight</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>scope</td>
<td>boolean indicating whether the firm did belong to the scope of the survey or not</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>resp</td>
<td>boolean indicating whether the firm did respond to the survey or not</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>nrc</td>
<td>boolean indicating whether the firm took part in the non-response correction process or not</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hrg</td>
<td>homogeneous response group used for the non-response correction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>response_prob_est</td>
<td>response probability of the unit estimated using homogeneous response groups</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>w_nrc</td>
<td>weight after unit non-response correction</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>calib</td>
<td>boolean indicating whether the firm was integrated in the calibration process or not (TRUE for all responding units)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>N_58, N_59, N_60, N_61, N_62, N_63, turnover_58, turnover_59, turnover_60, turnover_61, turnover_62, turnover_63</td>
<td>calibration variables (number of firms and turnover broken down by economic sub-sector)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>w_calib</td>
<td>calibrated weight</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>dissemination</td>
<td>boolean indicating whether the unit appears in the dissemination file</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

See Also

qvar, ict_pop, ict_survey
**Description**

A (simulated) dataset containing calibration and survey variables of the respondents to the Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey in the information and communication sector (NACE rev 2 J section)

**Usage**

ICT_survey

**Format**

A data frame with 612 observations and 11 variables:

- **firm_id**: identifier of the firm
- **division**: identifier of the economic sub-sector
- **employees**: number of employees
- **turnover**: firm turnover, in euros
- **w_calib**: calibrated weight
- **speed_quanti, speed_quanti_NA**: internet connection speed of the firm in Mbps, without or with missing values
- **speed_quali, speed_quali_NA**: internet connection speed of the firm recoded in classes, without or with missing values
- **big_data, big_data_NA**: use of big data analytics within the firm, without or with missing values

**See Also**

qvar, ict_pop, ict_sample

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**Description**

A (simulated) dataset containing information about 4 geographical areas (about 120 dwellings each) sampled for the labour force survey.

**Usage**

lfs_samp_area
**lfs_samp_dwel**

**Format**

A data frame with 4 observations and 3 variables:

- **id_area** identifier of the area
- **income** total annual income of the area in thousand euros (from income registry)
- **pik_area** first-order inclusion probability of the area (proportional to the number of dwellings in the area)

**See Also**

define_variance_wrapper, lfs_samp_dwel, lfs_samp_ind

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**lfs_samp_dwel**

*Sample of dwellings in the Labour force survey*

**Description**

A (simulated) dataset containing information about 80 dwellings sampled for the Labour force survey (in the 4 areas described in lfs_samp_area).

**Usage**

lfs_samp_dwel

**Format**

A data frame with 80 observations and 6 variables:

- **id_dwel** identifier of the dwelling
- **id_area** identifier of the area
- **income** total annual income of the dwelling in thousand euros (from income registry)
- **pik_area** first-order inclusion probability of the area
- **pik_dwel** first-order inclusion probability of the dwelling within the area (20 dwelling sampled per area)
- **pik** first-order inclusion probability of the dwelling

**See Also**

define_variance_wrapper, lfs_samp_area, lfs_samp_ind
**Description**

A (simulated) dataset containing information about 157 individuals sampled for the Labour force survey (all members of the 80 dwellings described in `lfs_samp_dwel`). It also contains the unemployment status extracted from the survey file (no non-response).

**Usage**

`lfs_samp_ind`

**Format**

A data frame with 157 observations and 5 variables:

- **id_ind**: identifier of the individual
- **id_dwel**: identifier of the dwelling
- **income**: total annual income of the individual in thousand euros (from income registry)
- **unemp**: unemployment status
- **sampling_weight**: sampling weight of the individual (inverse of the first-order inclusion probability of the dwelling)

**See Also**

`define_variance_wrapper, lfs_samp_area, lfs_samp_dwel`

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**Description**

`qvar` (for "quick variance estimation") is a function performing analytical variance estimation in most common cases, that is:

- stratified simple random sampling
- non-response correction (if any) through reweighting
- calibration (if any)

Used with `define = TRUE`, it defines a so-called variance wrapper, that is a standalone ready-to-use function that can be applied to the survey dataset without having to specify the methodological characteristics of the survey (see `define_variance_wrapper`).
Usage

qvar(
  data,
  ..., by = NULL,
  where = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05,
  display = TRUE,
  id,
  dissemination_dummy,
  dissemination_weight,
  sampling_weight,
  strata = NULL,
  scope_dummy = NULL,
  nrc_weight = NULL,
  response_dummy = NULL,
  nrc_dummy = NULL,
  calibration_weight = NULL,
  calibration_dummy = NULL,
  calibration_var = NULL,
  define = FALSE,
  envir = parent.frame()
)

Arguments

data       The data.frame containing all the technical information required to prepare
            the variance estimation process (see other arguments below). Note that this
            file should contain all the units sampled, including the out-of-scope and non-
            responding units. If a variance estimation is to be performed right away (when
            define = FALSE), it should also contain the variables of interest.

...        One or more calls to a statistic wrapper (e.g. total(), mean(), ratio()). See
            examples and standard statistic wrappers

by         A qualitative variable whose levels are used to define domains on which the
            variance estimation is performed.

where      A logical vector indicating a domain on which the variance estimation is to be
            performed.

alpha      A numeric vector of length 1 indicating the threshold for confidence interval
            derivation (0.05 by default).

display    A logical vector of length 1 indicating whether the result of the estimation
            should be displayed or not.

id         The identification variable of the units in data. It should be unique for each row
            in data and not contain any missing values.

dissemination_dummy
            A character vector of length 1, the name of the logical variable in data indicating
            whether the unit does appear in the disseminated file and should be used for point
            estimates. It should not contain any missing values.
dissemination_weight
A character vector of length 1, the name of the numerical variable in data corresponding to the dissemination weight of the survey. It should not contain any missing values.

sampling_weight
A character vector of length 1, the name of the numeric variable in data corresponding to the sampling weights of the survey. It should not contain any missing values.

strata
A character vector of length 1, the name of the factor variable in data whose level match the stratification used in the survey. Character variables are coerced to factor. If defined, it should not contain any missing value. If NULL, the variance estimation process does not take any stratification into account.

scope_dummy
A character vector of length 1, the name of the logical variable in data indicating whether the unit belongs to the scope of the survey or not. Numerical variables are coerced to logical. If defined, it should not contain any missing value. If NULL, all units are supposed to be within the scope of the survey.

nrc_weight
A character vector of length 1, the name of the numerical variable in data corresponding to the weights after non-response correction. If defined, all responding units should have a non-missing value. If NULL, all units are supposed to be responding and the variance estimation process does not include a second phase in order to take non-response into account.

response_dummy
A character vector of length 1, the name of the logical variable in data indicating whether the unit is a responding unit or not. Numerical variables are coerced to logical. response_dummy should be defined as long as a nrc_weight is provided. All units in the scope of the survey should have a non-missing value.

nrc_dummy
A character vector of length 1, the name of the logical variable in data indicating whether the units did take part in the non-response correction process. All units in the scope of the survey should have a non-missing value.

calibration_weight
A character vector of length 1, the name of the numerical variable in data corresponding to the calibrated weights. If defined, all responding units should have a non-missing value. If NULL, the variance estimation process does not take any calibration step into account.

calibration_dummy
A character vector of length 1, the name of the logical variable in data indicating whether the unit did take part in the calibration process or not. Numerical variables are coerced to logical. If defined, all responding units should have a non-missing value. If NULL, calibration is supposed to have been performed on all responding units.

calibration_var
A character vector, the name of the variable(s) used in the calibration process. Logical variables are coerced to numeric. Character and factor variables are automatically discretized. calibration_var should be defined as long as a calibration_weight is provided. All units taking part in the calibration process should have only non-missing values for all variables in calibration_var.

define
Logical vector of length 1. Should a variance wrapper be defined instead of performing a variance estimation (see details and examples)?
qvar

envir An environment containing a binding to data.

Details

qvar performs not only technical but also methodological checks in order to ensure that the standard variance estimation methodology does apply (e.g. equal probability of inclusion within strata, number of units per stratum).

Used with define = TRUE, the function returns a variance estimation wrapper, that is a ready-to-use function that implements the described variance estimation methodology and contains all necessary data to do so (see examples).

Note: To some extent, qvar is analogous to the qplot function in the ggplot2 package, as it is an easier-to-use function for common cases. More complex cases are to be handled by using the core functions of the gustave package, e.g. define_variance_wrapper.

See Also

define_variance_wrapper, standard_statistic_wrapper

Examples

### Example from the Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey

# The (simulated) Information and communication technologies (ICT) survey
# has the following characteristics:
# - stratified one-stage sampling design
# - non-response correction through reweighting in homogeneous response groups
# - calibration on margins.

# The ict_survey data.frame is a (simulated) subset of the ICT
# survey file containing the variables of interest for the 612
# responding firms.

# The ict_sample data.frame is the (simulated) sample of 650
# firms corresponding to the ict_survey file. It contains all
# technical information necessary to estimate a variance with
# the qvar() function.

## Methodological description of the survey

# Direct call of qvar()
qvar(

  # Sample file
data = ict_sample,

  # Dissemination and identification information
  dissemination_dummy = "dissemination",
dissemination_weight = "w_calib",
id = "firm_id",

  # Scope
scope_dummy = "scope",

# Sampling design
sampling_weight = "w_sample",
strata = "strata",

# Non-response correction
nrc_weight = "w_nrc",
response_dummy = "resp",
hrg = "hrg",

# Calibration
calibration_weight = "w_calib",
calibration_var = c(paste0("N_", 58:63), paste0("turnover_", 58:63)),

# Statistic(s) and variable(s) of interest
mean(employees)

}

# Definition of a variance estimation wrapper
precision_ict <- qvar(

# As before
data = ict_sample,
dissemination_dummy = "dissemination",
dissemination_weight = "w_calib",
id = "firm_id",
scope_dummy = "scope",
sampling_weight = "w_sample",
strata = "strata",
nrc_weight = "w_nrc",
response_dummy = "resp",
hrg = "hrg",
calibration_weight = "w_calib",
calibration_var = c(paste0("N_", 58:63), paste0("turnover_", 58:63)),

# Replacing the variables of interest by define = TRUE
define = TRUE

)

# Use of the variance estimation wrapper
precision_ict(ict_sample, mean(employees))

# The variance estimation wrapper can also be used on the survey file
precision_ict(ict_survey, mean(speed_quanti))

## Features of the variance estimation wrapper

# Several statistics in one call (with optional labels)
precision_ict(ict_survey,
"Mean internet speed in Mbps" = mean(speed_quanti),
"Turnover per employee" = ratio(turnover, employees)
)

# Domain estimation with where and by arguments
precision_ict(ict_survey,
    mean(speed_quanti),
    where = employees >= 50
)
precision_ict(ict_survey,
    mean(speed_quanti),
    by = division
)

# Domain may differ from one estimator to another
precision_ict(ict_survey,
    "Mean turnover, firms with 50 employees or more" = mean(turnover, where = employees >= 50),
    "Mean turnover, firms with 100 employees or more" = mean(turnover, where = employees >= 100)
)

# On-the-fly evaluation (e.g. discretization)
precision_ict(ict_survey, mean(speed_quanti > 100))

# Automatic discretization for qualitative (character or factor) variables
precision_ict(ict_survey, mean(speed_quali))

# Standard evaluation capabilities
variables_of_interest <- c("speed_quanti", "speed_quali")
precision_ict(ict_survey, mean(variables_of_interest))

# Integration with %>% and dplyr
library(magrittr)
library(dplyr)
ict_survey %>%
    precision_ict("Internet speed above 100 Mbps" = mean(speed_quanti > 100)) %>%
    select(label, est, lower, upper)

---

res_cal  

**Linear Regression Residuals Calculation**

**Description**

res_cal calculates linear regression residuals in an efficient way: handling several dependent variables at a time, using Matrix::TsparseMatrix capabilities and allowing for pre-calculation of the matrix inverse.

**Usage**

res_cal(y = NULL, x, w = NULL, by = NULL, precalc = NULL, id = NULL)
Arguments

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{y} \hspace{1cm} A (sparse) numerical matrix of dependent variable(s).
\item \textbf{x} \hspace{1cm} A (sparse) numerical matrix of independent variable(s).
\item \textbf{w} \hspace{1cm} An optional numerical vector of row weights.
\item \textbf{by} \hspace{1cm} An optional categorical vector (factor or character) when residuals calculation is to be conducted within by-groups (see Details).
\item \textbf{precalc} \hspace{1cm} A list of pre-calculated results (see Details).
\item \textbf{id} \hspace{1cm} A vector of identifiers of the units used in the calculation. Useful when \textbf{precalc} = TRUE in order to assess whether the ordering of the \textbf{y} data matrix matches the one used at the precalculation step.
\end{itemize}

Details

In the context of the \texttt{gustave} package, linear regression residual calculation is solely used to take into account the effect of calibration on variance estimation. Independent variables are therefore most likely to be the same from one variance estimation to another, hence the inversion of the matrix $t(x) \%\% \text{Diagonal}(x = w) \%\% x$ can be done once and for all at a pre-calculation step.

The parameters \textbf{y} and \textbf{precalc} determine whether a list of pre-calculated data should be used in order to speed up the regression residuals computation at execution time:

- if \textbf{y} not \texttt{NULL} and \textbf{precalc} \texttt{NULL} : on-the-fly calculation of the matrix inverse and the regression residuals (no pre-calculation).
- if \textbf{y} \texttt{NULL} and \textbf{precalc} \texttt{NULL} : pre-calculation of the matrix inverse which is stored in a list of pre-calculated data.
- if \textbf{y} not \texttt{NULL} and \textbf{precalc} not \texttt{NULL} : calculation of the regression residuals using the list of pre-calculated data.

The \textbf{by} parameter allows for calculation within by-groups : all calculation are made separately for each by-group (when calibration was conducted separately on several subsamples), but in an efficient way using \texttt{Matrix::TsparseMatrix} capabilities (especially when the matrix inverse is pre-calculated).

Value

- if \textbf{y} is not \texttt{NULL} (calculation step) : a numerical matrix with same structure (regular \texttt{base::matrix} or \texttt{Matrix::TsparseMatrix}) and dimensions as \textbf{y}.
- if \textbf{y} is \texttt{NULL} (pre-calculation step) : a list containing pre-calculated data.

Author(s)

Martin Chevalier
Examples

```r
# Generating random data
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
H <- 5
y <- matrix(rnorm(2*n), nrow = n)
x <- matrix(rnorm(10*n), nrow = n)
by <- letters[sample(1:H, n, replace = TRUE)]

# Direct calculation
res_cal(y, x)

# Calculation with pre-calculated data
precalc <- res_cal(y = NULL, x)
res_cal(y, precalc = precalc)
identical(res_cal(y, x), res_cal(y, precalc = precalc))

# Matrix::TsparseMatrix capability
require(Matrix)
X <- as(x, "TsparseMatrix")
Y <- as(y, "TsparseMatrix")
identical(res_cal(y, x), as.matrix(res_cal(Y, X)))

# by parameter for within by-groups calculation
res_cal(Y, X, by = by)
all.equal(res_cal(Y, X, by = by)[by == "a", ],
         res_cal(Y[by == "a", ], X[by == "a", ]) )
```

standard_statistic_wrapper

**Standard statistic wrappers**

**Description**

Functions to be used within variance estimation wrappers in order to specify which statistic is to be estimated.

**Usage**

- `total(y, by = NULL, where = NULL)`
- `ratio(num, denom, by = NULL, where = NULL)`
- `mean(y, by = NULL, where = NULL)`
- `diff_of_ratio(num1, denom1, num2, denom2, by = NULL, where = NULL)`
ratio_of_ratio(num1, denom1, num2, denom2, by = NULL, where = NULL)

Arguments

y
A vector corresponding to the variable to calculate the statistic on. If not numeric (character or factor), it is automatically discretized.

by
Factor vector (character vectors are coerced to factors) whose levels are used to break down the estimation by domains.

where
Logical vector indicating the domain to perform variance estimation on.

num, num1, num2
Numerical vector(s) corresponding to the numerator(s) to be used in the estimation.

denom, denom1, denom2
Numerical vector(s) corresponding to the denominator(s) to be used in the estimation.

Details

When the estimator is not the estimator of a total, the application of analytical variance estimation formulae developed for the estimator of a total is not straightforward (Deville, 1999). An asymptotically unbiased variance estimator can nonetheless be obtained if the estimation of variance is performed on a variable obtained from the original data through a linearization step.

The ratio, mean, diff_of_ratio and ratio_of_ratio functions produce the point estimate of the statistic and derive the corresponding linearized variable which is later on passed on to the variance estimation function within the variance estimation wrapper.

Note: The total function does not perform any linearization (as none is needed for the estimator of a total) and solely produces the corresponding point estimator.

Author(s)

Martin Chevalier

References


See Also

define_statistic_wrapper, define_variance_wrapper

Examples

# See qvar examples
sum_by

**Efficient by-group (weighted) summation**

**Description**

`sum_by` performs an efficient and optionally weighted by-group summation by using linear algebra and the Matrix package capabilities. The by-group summation is performed through matrix cross-product of the `y` parameter (coerced to a matrix if needed) with a (very) sparse matrix built up using the `by` and the (optional) `w` parameters.

Compared to base R, dplyr or data.table alternatives, this implementation aims at being easier to use in a matrix-oriented context and can yield efficiency gains when the number of columns becomes high.

**Usage**

```r
sum_by(y, by, w = NULL, na_rm = TRUE, keep_sparse = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

- **y**: A (sparse) vector, a (sparse) matrix or a data.frame. The object to perform by-group summation on.
- **by**: The factor variable defining the by-groups. Character variables are coerced to factors.
- **w**: The optional row weights to be used in the summation.
- **na_rm**: Should NA values in `y` be removed (ie treated as 0 in the summation)? Similar to `na.rm` argument in `sum`, but TRUE by default. If FALSE, NA values in `y` produce NA values in the result.
- **keep_sparse**: When `y` is a sparse vector or a sparse matrix, should the result also be sparse? FALSE by default. As `sparseVector-class` does not have a name attribute, when `y` is a sparseVector the result does not have any name (and a warning is cast).

**Value**

A vector, a matrix or a data.frame depending on the type of `y`. If `y` is sparse and `keep_sparse = TRUE`, then the result is also sparse (without names when it is a sparse vector, see `keep_sparse` argument for details).

**Author(s)**

Martin Chevalier
Examples

```r
# Data generation
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
p <- 10
H <- 3
y <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), ncol = p, dimnames = list(NULL, paste0("var", 1:10)))
y[1, 1] <- NA
by <- letters[sample.int(H, n, replace = TRUE)]
w <- rep(1, n)
w[by == "a"] <- 2

# Standard use
sum_by(y, by)

# Keeping the NAs
sum_by(y, by, na_rm = FALSE)

# With a weight
sum_by(y, by, w = w)
```

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**varDT**

Variance approximation with Deville-Tillé (2005) formula

**Description**

varDT estimates the variance of the estimator of a total in the case of a balanced sampling design with equal or unequal probabilities using Deville-Tillé (2005) formula. Without balancing variables, it falls back to Deville’s (1993) classical approximation. Without balancing variables and with equal probabilities, it falls back to the classical Horvitz-Thompson variance estimator for the total in the case of simple random sampling. Stratification is natively supported.

**var_srs** is a convenience wrapper for the (stratified) simple random sampling case.

**Usage**

```r
varDT(
  y = NULL,
  pik,
  x = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
  w = NULL,
  precalc = NULL,
  id = NULL
)

var_srs(y, pik, strata = NULL, w = NULL, precalc = NULL)
```
Arguments

\( y \)  
A (sparse) numerical matrix of the variable(s) whose variance of their total is to be estimated.

\( \pi_k \)  
A numerical vector of first-order inclusion probabilities.

\( x \)  
An optional (sparse) numerical matrix of balancing variable(s).

\( \text{strata} \)  
An optional categorical vector (factor or character) when variance estimation is to be conducted within strata.

\( w \)  
An optional numerical vector of row weights (see Details).

\( \text{precalc} \)  
A list of pre-calculated results (see Details).

\( \text{id} \)  
A vector of identifiers of the units used in the calculation. Useful when \( \text{precalc} = \text{TRUE} \) in order to assess whether the ordering of the \( y \) data matrix matches the one used at the pre-calculation step.

Details

\text{varDT} \) aims at being the workhorse of most variance estimation conducted with the \text{gustave} package. It may be used to estimate the variance of the estimator of a total in the case of (stratified) simple random sampling, (stratified) unequal probability sampling and (stratified) balanced sampling. The native integration of stratification based on \text{Matrix::TsparseMatrix} allows for significant performance gains compared to higher level vectorizations (*apply especially).

Several time-consuming operations (e.g. collinearity-check, matrix inversion) can be pre-calculated in order to speed up the estimation at execution time. This is determined by the value of the parameters \( y \) and \( \text{precalc} \):

- if \( y \) not NULL and \( \text{precalc} \) NULL : on-the-fly calculation (no pre-calculation).
- if \( y \) NULL and \( \text{precalc} \) NULL : pre-calculation whose results are stored in a list of pre-calculated data.
- if \( y \) not NULL and \( \text{precalc} \) not NULL : calculation using the list of pre-calculated data.

\( w \) is a row weight used at the final summation step. It is useful when \text{varDT} or \text{var_srs} are used on the second stage of a two-stage sampling design applying the Rao (1975) formula.

Value

- if \( y \) is not NULL (calculation step) : the estimated variances as a numerical vector of size the number of columns of \( y \).
- if \( y \) is NULL (pre-calculation step) : a list containing pre-calculated data.

Difference with \text{varest} from package \text{sampling}

\text{varDT} \) differs from \text{varest} in several ways:

- The formula implemented in \text{varDT} is more general and encompasses balanced sampling.
- Even in its reduced form (without balancing variables), the formula implemented in \text{varDT} slightly differs from the one implemented in \text{varest}. Caron (1998, pp. 178-179) compares the two estimators (\text{varest} implements \( V_2 \), \text{varDT} implements \( V_1 \)).
• **varDT** introduces several optimizations:
  – matrixwise operations allow to estimate variance on several interest variables at once
  – `Matrix::TsparseMatrix` capability and the native integration of stratification yield significant performance gains.
  – the ability to pre-calculate some time-consuming operations speeds up the estimation at execution time.
• **varDT** does not natively implements the calibration estimator (i.e. the sampling variance estimator that takes into account the effect of calibration). In the context of the *gustave* package, `res_cal` should be called before **varDT** in order to achieve the same result.

**Author(s)**

Martin Chevalier

**References**


Deville, J.-C., Tillé, Y. (2005), "Variance approximation under balanced sampling", *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 128, issue 2 569-591


**See Also**

`res_cal`

**Examples**

```r
library(sampling)
set.seed(1)

# Simple random sampling case
N <- 1000
n <- 100
y <- rnorm(N)[as.logical(srswor(n, N))]
pik <- rep(n/N, n)
varDT(y, pik)
sampling::varest(y, pik = pik)
N^2 * (1 - n/N) * var(y) / n

# Unequal probability sampling case
N <- 1000
n <- 100
pik <- runif(N)
s <- as.logical(UPsystematic(pik))
y <- rnorm(N)[s]
pik <- pik[s]
varDT(y, pik)
varest(y, pik = pik)
```
# The small difference is expected (see Details).

# Balanced sampling case
N <- 1000
n <- 100
pik <- runif(N)
x <- matrix(rnorm(N*3), ncol = 3)
s <- as.logical(samplecube(x, pik))
y <- rnorm(N)[s]
pik <- pik[s]
x <- x[s, ]
varDT(y, pik, x)

# Balanced sampling case (variable of interest
# among the balancing variables)
N <- 1000
n <- 100
pik <- runif(N)
y <- rnorm(N)
x <- cbind(matrix(rnorm(N*3), ncol = 3), y)
s <- as.logical(samplecube(x, pik))
y <- y[s]
pik <- pik[s]
x <- x[s, ]
varDT(y, pik, x)

# As expected, the total of the variable of interest is perfectly estimated.

# strata argument
n <- 100
H <- 2
pik <- runif(n)
y <- rnorm(n)
strata <- letters[sample.int(H, n, replace = TRUE)]
all.equal(
  varDT(y, pik, strata = strata),
  varDT(y[strata == "a"], pik[strata == "a"])
     + varDT(y[strata == "b"], pik[strata == "b"])
)

# precalc argument
n <- 1000
H <- 50
pik <- runif(n)
y <- rnorm(n)
strata <- sample.int(H, n, replace = TRUE)
precalc <- varDT(y = NULL, pik, strata = strata)
identical(
  varDT(y, precalc = precalc),
  varDT(y, pik, strata = strata)
)
Description

varSYG computes the Sen-Yates-Grundy variance estimator.

Usage

varSYG(y = NULL, pikl, precalc = NULL)

Arguments

y A (sparse) numerical matrix of the variable(s) whose variance of their total is to be estimated.
pikl A numerical matrix of second-order inclusion probabilities.
precalc A list of pre-calculated results (analogous to the one used by varDT).

Details

varSYG aims at being an efficient implementation of the Sen-Yates-Grundy variance estimator for sampling designs with fixed sample size. It should be especially useful when several variance estimations are to be conducted, as it relies on (sparse) matrix linear algebra.

Moreover, in order to be consistent with varDT, varSYG has a precalc argument allowing for the re-use of intermediary results calculated once and for all in a pre-calculation step (see varDT for details).

Value

• if y is not NULL (calculation step): a numerical vector of size the number of columns of y.
• if y is NULL (pre-calculation step): a list containing pre-calculated data (analogous to the one used by varDT).

Difference with varHT from package sampling

varSYG differs from sampling::varHT in several ways:

• The formula implemented in varSYG is solely the Sen-Yates-Grundy estimator, which is the one calculated by varHT when method = 2.
• varSYG introduces several optimizations:
  – matrixwise operations allow to estimate variance on several interest variables at once
  – Matrix::TsparseMatrix capability yields significant performance gains.

Author(s)

Martin Chevalier
Examples

```r
library(sampling)
set.seed(1)

# Simple random sampling case
N <- 1000
n <- 100
y <- rnorm(N)[as.logical(srswor(n, N))]
pikl <- matrix(rep((n*(n-1))/(N*(N-1)), n*n), nrow = n)
diag(pikl) <- rep(n/N, n)
varSYG(y, pikl)
sampling::varHT(y = y, pikl = pikl, method = 2)
```

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**var_pois**

*Variance estimator for a Poisson sampling design*

**Description**

`var_pois` estimates the variance of the estimator of a total for a Poisson sampling design.

**Usage**

```r
var_pois(y, pik, w = rep(1, length(pik)))
```

**Arguments**

- `y`: A (sparse) numerical matrix of the variable(s) whose variance of their total is to be estimated.
- `pik`: A numerical vector of first-order inclusion probabilities.
- `w`: An optional numerical vector of row weights (see Details).

**Details**

`w` is a row weight used at the final summation step. It is useful when `var_pois` is used on the second stage of a two-stage sampling design applying the Rao (1975) formula.

**Value**

The estimated variances as a numerical vector of size the number of columns of `y`.

**Author(s)**

Martin Chevalier

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