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*Compute the Posterior Distribution of the CACE*

**Description**

cace takes a sample from the posterior distribution of the model parameters and computes the corresponding posterior distribution of the Complier Average Causal Effect.

**Usage**

cace(chain, outcome_model, strong_access)

**Arguments**

- `chain` a matrix containing the draws from the posterior distribution of the model parameters. The matrix should either be the result of a call to `compliance_chain` or have the same structure as one.
- `outcome_model` a character string indicating which outcome model was used in fitting the model, either "binary" for a dichotomous outcome or "normal" for the Normal model.
- `strong_access` a logical indicating whether the strong access monotonicity assumption was made when fitting the model

**Value**

a vector containing the draws from the posterior distribution of the CACE

**Examples**

# CACE based on a subset of the vitaminA dataset
set.seed(4923)
chain <- compliance_chain(vitaminA[sample(1:nrow(vitaminA), 1000),], outcome_model = "binary",
exclusion_restriction = TRUE, strong_access = TRUE, n_iter = 10, n_burn = 1)
cace(chain, outcome_model = "binary", strong_access = TRUE)

# matrix representing the samples from the posterior distribution of the model parameters
posterior_mat <- matrix(rnorm(10*8, mean = 10), nrow = 10, ncol = 8)
cace(posterior_mat, "normal", strong_access = TRUE)
compliance_chain fits a Bayesian non-compliance model by running a single chain of the data augmentation algorithm

Usage

compliance_chain(dat, outcome_model = NULL, exclusion_restriction = T,
strong_access = T, starting_values = NULL, hyper_parameters = NULL,
n_iter = 10000, n_burn = 1000)

Arguments

dat a data frame. The first column of the data frame should be the outcome variable, the second column should be the treatment assignment variable, and the third column should be the indicator for the treatment actually received.

outcome_model a character string indicating how the outcome should be modeled. Either "normal" for the normal model or "binary" for the binary model.

exclusion_restriction a logical value indicating whether the exclusion restriction assumption should be made.

strong_access a logical value indicating whether the strong access monotonicity assumption should be made.

starting_values the initial parameter values. If NULL, then the initial parameter values are based on either a random draw from the prior distribution (for the binary model) or sample statistics (for the normal model).

hyper_parameters a numerical vector containing the values that determine the prior distribution for the model parameters. If NULL, then the hyper parameters are chosen to give non-informative or reference priors.

n_iter number of iterations of the data augmentation algorithm to perform.

n_burn number of initial iterations to discard.

Value

a matrix containing the draws from the posterior distribution.
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Examples

# runs 10 iterations of the data augmentation algorithm on a subset of the vitaminA data
set.seed(4923)
compliance_chain(vitaminA[sample(1:nrow(vitaminA), 1000),], outcome_model = "binary",
exclusion_restriction = TRUE, strong_access = TRUE, n_iter = 10, n_burn = 1)

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## See function help files for examples

summarize_chain

Posterior Inference based on a Sample from the Posterior

Description

summarize_chain provides posterior summaries based off a sample from the posterior distribution.

Usage

summarize_chain(chain, digits = 3)

Arguments

chain a numeric vector containing the samples from the posterior distribution.
digits the number of decimal places

Value

a list containing the posterior mean, median, and quantile-based credible intervals calculated from the values in the chain.

Examples

# Suppose the posterior distribution was Normal(15, 5)
posterior_chain <- rnorm(100, 15, 5); summarize_chain(posterior_chain)
Description

A dataset containing the results of an RCT investigating the effect of Vitamin A supplementation on mortality. The variables are as follows:

Usage

data(vitaminA)

Format

A data frame with 23682 rows and 3 variables

Details

• survived. indicator of survival (survived = 1) or death (survived = 0)
• vitaminA_assigned. indicator of assignment to Vitamin A (vitaminA_assigned = 1) or placebo (vitaminA_assigned = 0)
• vitaminA_received. indicator of whether Vitamin A supplements were received (vitaminA_received = 1) or not received (vitaminA_received = 0)

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