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Description

This package is to help researchers design cost-efficient and well-powered experimental studies investigating main, mediation, and moderation effects (and some combinations). Specifically, this package can (a) identify optimal sample allocations, (b) compare design efficiency between different sample allocations, and (c) perform power analyses with and without accommodating costs and budget.

Details

The package covers seven types of experiments aiming to detect main, moderation, and mediation effects. These experiments are individual randomized controlled trials (RCTs), two-, three-, and four-level cluster-randomized trials (CRTs), two-, three-, and four-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs). The two categorical functions are ‘od’ and ‘power’. The ‘od’ function can calculate the optimal sample allocation with and without constraint for each type of experiments. The ‘power’ function by default can calculate required budget (and required sample size) for desired power, minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under a fixed budget, statistical power under a fixed budget. The ‘power’ function can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, MDES calculation). The uniform function ‘re’ (or ‘rpe’) is to compare the relative (precision and) efficiency between two designs with different sample allocations (limited to main effects).

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**gen.design.pars**

Generate optimal design parameters using ant colony optimization

Description

This function can generate a set of optimal design parameters based on given distributions of the rank of optimization target (or budget).

Usage

```r
gen.design.pars(
  dist.mean,
  dist.rank,
  n.of.ants,
  n1,
)```
q = 1e-04,
n.of.archive = 100,
xi = 0.5
)

Arguments

- **dist.mean**: List of means - coordinates
- **dist.rank**: Rank of the archived values of objective function
- **n.of.ants**: Number of ants used in each iteration after the initialization of power analysis for calculating required budget, default value is 10.
- **nl**: Neighborhood of the search area
- **q**: Locality of the search (0,1), default is 0.0001.
- **n.of.archive**: Size of the solution archive, default is 100.
- **xi**: Convergence pressure (0, Inf), suggested: (0, 1), default is 0.5.

Value

Generated optimal design parameter value(s) (i.e., a matrix with n.of.ants rows and n.of.design.pars columns)

References


We thank Dr. Krzysztof Socha for providing us the original code (http://iridia.ulb.ac.be/supp/IridiaSupp2008-001/) for this function.

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**od.1**  
*Optimal sample allocation calculation for single-level experiments detecting main effects*

Description

The optimal design of single-level experiments detecting main effects is to choose the optimal sample allocation that minimizes the variance of a treatment effect under a fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameter is the proportion of individuals to be assigned to treatment (p).
Usage

od.1(
P = NULL,
r12 = NULL,
c1 = NULL,
c1t = NULL,
m = NULL,
plots = TRUE,
plim = NULL,
varlim = NULL,
plab = NULL,
varlab = NULL,
vartitle = NULL,
verbose = TRUE
)

Arguments

p
The proportion of individuals to be assigned to treatment.
r12
The proportion of outcome variance explained by covariates.
c1
The cost of sampling one unit in control condition.
c1t
The cost of sampling one unit in treatment condition.
m
Total budget, default value is the total costs of sampling 60 individuals across treatment conditions.
plots
Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.
plim
The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).
varlim
The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).
plab
The plot label for p, default value is "Proportion of Individuals in Treatment: p".
varlab
The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".
vartitle
The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.
verbose
Logical; print the value of p if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (p). The function also returns the variance of the treatment effect, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #--------
myod1 <- od.1(r12 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c1t = 5, varlim = c(0, 0.2))
myod1$out # output

# Constrained p, no calculation performed #--------
myod2 <- od.1(r12 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c1t = 5, varlim = c(0, 0.2), p = 0.5)
myod2$out

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.87

# When sampling costs are equal, a balanced design with p = 0.5 is the best #---------
myod3 <- od.1(r12 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c1t = 1, varlim = c(0, 0.2))
myod3$out # output

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**od.1.111**

*Optimal sample allocation calculation for single-level randomized controlled trials (RCTs) investigating mediation effects (1-1-1)*

**Description**

The optimal design of single-level RCTs probing mediation effects is to identify the optimal sample allocation that use the minimum budget to achieve a fixed level of statistical power. The optimal design parameter is the proportion of individuals/units to be assigned to the experimental condition. This function identifies the optimal p.

**Usage**

```r
od.1.111(
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  r.yx = 0,
  r.mx = 0,
  r.mw = 0,
  q.a = 0,
  q.b = 0,
  test = "joint",
  p = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  tol = 1e-11,
  power = 0.8,
  d.p = c(0.1, 0.5),
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  plim = c(0.01, 0.99),
  varlim = c(0, 0.001),
  plab = NULL,
  varlab = NULL,
  vartitle = NULL,
  nlim = c(6, 1e+06),
```

verbose = TRUE,
max.value = Inf,
max.iter = 300,
e = 1e-10,
n.of.ants = 10,
n.of.archive = 20,
q = 1e-04,
xi = 0.5
)

Arguments

a
The treatment effect on the mediator.

b
The within-treatment correlation between the outcome and the mediator.

c1
The cost of sampling an individual in the control group.

c1t
The cost of sampling an individual in the treated group.

m
Total budget.

r.yx
The within-treatment correlation between the outcome and the covariate(s) in the outcome model.

r.mx
The within-treatment correlation between the mediator and the covariate(s) in the outcome model.

r.mw
The within-treatment correlation between the mediator and the covariate(s) in the mediator model.

q.a
The number of covariates at the mediator model (except the treatment indicator), the default value is zero.

q.b
The number of covariates in the outcome model (except the treatment indicator and the mediator), the default value is zero.

test
The type of test will be used to detect mediation effects. The default is the joint significance test (i.e., test = "joint", "Joint","JOINT"). Another choice is the Sobel test by specifying the argument as test = "sobel", "Sobel", or "SOBEL".

p
The proportion of level-4 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

n
Total number of individuals in the experimental study, the default value is NULL.

tol
convergence tolerance.

power
Statistical power specified, default is .80.

d.p
The initial sampling domains for p. Default is c(0.10, 0.50).

sig.level
Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

two.tailed
Two tailed test, the default value is TRUE.

plim
The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).

varlim
The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).

plab
The plot label for p, default value is "Proportion of Individuals in Treatment: p".

varlab
The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".
vartitle  The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.
nlim The interval/range used to numerically solve for \(n\), the default values are \(c(6, 1e7)\).
verbose  Print out evaluation process if TRUE, default is TRUE.
max.value  Maximal value of optimization when used as the stopping criterion. Default is infinite.
max.iter  Maximal number of function evaluations when used as the stopping criterion. Default is 200.
e  Maximum error value used when solution quality used as the stopping criterion, default is 1e-10.
n.of.ants  Number of ants used in each iteration after the initialization stage, the default value is 10.
n.of.archive  Size of the solution archive, default is 20.
q  Locality of the search \((0,1)\), default is 0.0001.
xi  Convergence pressure \((0, \text{Inf})\), suggested: \((0, 1)\), default is 0.5.

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation \(p\). The function also returns statistical power, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Examples

```r
myod <- od.111(a = .3, b = .5, c1 = 10, c1t = 100)
myod
```

Description

The optimal design of two-level cluster randomized trials (CRTs) detecting main effects is to calculate the optimal sample allocation that minimizes the variance of a treatment effect under a fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameters include the level-1 sample size per level-2 unit \(n\) and the proportion of level-2 clusters/groups to be assigned to treatment \(p\). This function solves the optimal \(n\) and/or \(p\) with and without constraints.
Usage

od.2(
  n = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  r22 = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  c2t = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  plots = TRUE,
  plot.by = NULL,
  nlim = NULL,
  plim = NULL,
  varlim = NULL,
  nlab = NULL,
  plab = NULL,
  varlab = NULL,
  vartitle = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)

Arguments

n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

p The proportion of level-2 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

icc The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.

r12 The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.

r22 The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.

c1 The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.


c2 The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

c1t The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.


c2t The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.

m Total budget, default value is the total costs of sampling 60 level-2 units across treatment conditions.

plots Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

plot.by Plot the variance by n and/or p; default value is plot.by = list(n = "n", p = "p").

nlim The plot range for n, default value is c(2, 50).

plim The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).

varlim The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).

nlab The plot label for n, default value is "Level-1 Sample Size: n".
The plot label for p, default value is "Proportion Level-2 Units in Treatment: p".

The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".

The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.

Logical; print the values of n and p if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (n and p). The function also returns the variance of the treatment effect, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

References


Examples

```
# Unconstrained optimal design #---------
myod1 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50,
              varlim = c(0.01, 0.02))
myod1$out # output
# Plot by p
myod1 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50,
              varlim = c(0.01, 0.02), plot.by = list(p = 'Varp'))

# Constrained optimal design with n = 20 #---------
myod2 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50,
              n = 20, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
myod2$out
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.88

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5 #---------
myod3 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50,
              p = 0.5, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
myod3$out
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod3)
myre$re # RE = 0.90

# Constrained n and p, no calculation performed #--------
myod4 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50,
              n = 20, p = 0.5, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
myod4$out
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod4)
myre$re # RE = 0.83
```
Optimal sample allocation calculation for two-level CRTs probing mediation effects with cluster-level mediators

Description

The optimal design of two-level cluster randomized trials (CRTs) probing mediation effects with cluster-level mediators is to identify the optimal sample allocation that requires the minimum budget to achieve certain power level. The optimal design parameters include the level-1 sample size per level-2 unit (n) and the proportion of level-2 clusters/groups to be assigned to treatment (p). This function solves the optimal n and/or p with and without a constraint.

Usage

od.2.221(a = NULL, b = NULL, n = NULL, p = NULL, icc = NULL, c1 = NULL, c1t = NULL, c2 = NULL, c2t = NULL, m = NULL, r2m = 0, r.yx = 0, r.mw = 0, r.yw = 0, q.a = 0, q.b = 0, test = "joint", tol = 1e-11, power = 0.8, d.p = c(0.1, 0.5), d.n = c(2, 100), sig.level = 0.05, two.tailed = TRUE, Jlim = c(max(q.a, q.b) + 4, 1e+06), verbose = TRUE, nrange = c(1.5, 1e+06), max.value = Inf, max.iter = 300, e = 1e-10, n.of.ants = 10, n.of.archive = 50, q = 1e-04,
\[
\xi = 0.5
\]

**Arguments**

- **a**: The treatment effect on the mediator.
- **b**: The within treatment correlation between the outcome and the mediator at the cluster level.
- **n**: The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.
- **p**: The proportion of level-2 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.
- **icc**: The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.
- **c1**: The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.
- **c1t**: The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
- **c2**: The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.
- **c2t**: The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.
- **m**: Total budget.
- **r2m**: The proportion of mediator variance explained by covariates in the mediator model.
- **r.xy**: The correlation between the outcome and the covariate at the individual level.
- **r.mw**: The correlation between the mediator and the covariate at the cluster level.
- **r.yw**: The correlation between the outcome and the covariate at the cluster level.
- **q.a**: The number of covariates in the mediator model (except the treatment indicator).
- **q.b**: The number of covariates in the outcome model at the cluster level (except the treatment indicator and the mediator).
- **test**: The type of test will be used to detect mediation effects. Default is the joint significance test (i.e., test = "joint"). The other choice is the Sobel test by specifying the argument as test = "sobel".
- **tol**: Convergence tolerance.
- **power**: Statistical power specified. The default value is .80.
- **d.p**: The initial sampling domains for p. Default is c(0.1, 0.5).
- **d.n**: The initial sampling domain for n. Default is c(2, 100).
- **sig.level**: Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.
- **two.tailed**: Two tailed test, the default value is TRUE.
- **Jlim**: The range for J to solve for a numerical solution. Default is c(max(q.a, q.b)+4, 1e6).
- **verbose**: Print out evaluation process if TRUE, default is TRUE.
- **nrange**: The range of the individual-level sample size per cluster that used to exclude unreasonable values. Default value is c(1.5, 10000).
- **max.value**: Maximal value of optimization when used as the stopping criterion. Default is -Inf.
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max.iter
Maximal number of function evaluations when used as the stopping criterion.

e
Maximum error value used when solution quality used as the stopping criterion, default is 1e-10.

n.of.ants
Number of ants used in each iteration after the initialization of power analysis for calculating required budget, default value is 10.

n.of.archive
Size of the solution archive, default is 100.

q
Locality of the search (0,1), default is 0.0001.

xi
Convergence pressure (0, Inf), suggested: (0, 1), default is 0.5.

Value
Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (n and p). The function also returns the variance of a mediation effect or statistical power, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Description
The optimal design of two-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs) detecting main effects is to calculate the sample allocation that minimizes the variance of a treatment effect under a fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameters include the level-one sample size per site (n) and the proportion of level-one unit to be assigned to treatment (p). This function solves the optimal n and/or p with and without a constraint.

Usage
```r
od.2m(
  n = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  r22m = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  omega = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  plots = TRUE,
  plot.by = NULL,
  nlim = NULL,
  plim = NULL,
  varlim = NULL,
)```

od.2m
Optimal sample allocation calculation for two-level MRTs detecting main effects

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od.2m

Optimal sample allocation calculation for two-level MRTs detecting main effects

Description
The optimal design of two-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs) detecting main effects is to calculate the sample allocation that minimizes the variance of a treatment effect under a fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameters include the level-one sample size per site (n) and the proportion of level-one unit to be assigned to treatment (p). This function solves the optimal n and/or p with and without a constraint.

Usage
```r
od.2m(
  n = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  r22m = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  omega = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  plots = TRUE,
  plot.by = NULL,
  nlim = NULL,
  plim = NULL,
  varlim = NULL,
)```

Arguments

\begin{itemize}
  \item \texttt{n} \hspace{1cm} The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.
  \item \texttt{p} \hspace{1cm} The proportion of level-4 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.
  \item \texttt{icc} \hspace{1cm} The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.
  \item \texttt{r12} \hspace{1cm} The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.
  \item \texttt{r22m} \hspace{1cm} The proportion of variance of site-specific treatment effect explained by covariates.
  \item \texttt{c1} \hspace{1cm} The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.
  \item \texttt{c2} \hspace{1cm} The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.
  \item \texttt{c1t} \hspace{1cm} The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
  \item \texttt{omega} \hspace{1cm} The standardized variance of site-specific treatment effect.
  \item \texttt{m} \hspace{1cm} Total budget, default is the total costs of sampling 60 sites.
  \item \texttt{plots} \hspace{1cm} Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.
  \item \texttt{plot.by} \hspace{1cm} Plot the variance by \texttt{n} and/or \texttt{p}; default value is \texttt{plot.by = list(n = "n", p = "p")}.
  \item \texttt{nlim} \hspace{1cm} The plot range for \texttt{n}, default value is \texttt{c(2, 50)}.
  \item \texttt{plim} \hspace{1cm} The plot range for \texttt{p}, default value is \texttt{c(0, 1)}.
  \item \texttt{varlim} \hspace{1cm} The plot range for variance, default value is \texttt{c(0, 0.05)}.
  \item \texttt{nlab} \hspace{1cm} The plot label for \texttt{n}, default value is "Level-1 Sample Size: n".
  \item \texttt{plab} \hspace{1cm} The plot label for \texttt{p}, default value is "Proportion Level-1 Units in Treatment: p".
  \item \texttt{varlab} \hspace{1cm} The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".
  \item \texttt{vartitle} \hspace{1cm} The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.
  \item \texttt{verbose} \hspace{1cm} Logical; print the values of \texttt{n} and \texttt{p} if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.
  \item \texttt{iter} \hspace{1cm} Number of iterations; default value is 100.
  \item \texttt{tol} \hspace{1cm} Tolerance for convergence; default value is 1e-10.
\end{itemize}

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (\texttt{n} and \texttt{p}). The function also returns the variance of the treatment effect, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.
References


Examples

```r
# Unconstrained optimal design #--------
myod1 <- od.2m(icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10,
varlim = c(0, 0.005))
myod1$out # n = 20, p = 0.37

# Plots by p
myod1 <- od.2m(icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02,
r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10,
varlim = c(0, 0.005), plot.by = list(p = 'p'))

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5 #--------
myod2 <- od.2m(icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02,
r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10,
varlim = c(0, 0.005), p = 0.5)
myod2$out

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.86

# Constrained optimal design with n = 5 #--------
myod3 <- od.2m(icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02,
r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10,
varlim = c(0, 0.005), n = 5)
myod3$out

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod3)
myre$re # RE = 0.79

# Constrained n and p, no calculation performed #--------
myod4 <- od.2m(icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10,
varlim = c(0, 0.005), p = 0.5, n = 10)
myod4$out

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod4)
myre$re # RE = 0.84
```

Optimal sample allocation calculation for two-level multisite-randomized trials investigating mediation effects with individual-level mediators (1-1-1)
Description

The optimal design of two-level multisite-randomized trials (MRTs) probing mediation effects with individual-level mediators, for the Sobel test, is to calculate the optimal sample allocation that minimizes the variance of a mediation effect under a fixed budget. For the joint significance test, it is to identify the optimal sample allocation that requires the minimum budget to achieve certain power level. The optimal design parameters include the level-1 sample size per level-2 unit (n) and the proportion of level-1 individuals/units to be assigned to treatment (p). This function solves the optimal n and/or p with and without a constraint.

Usage

od.2m.111(
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  icc.m = NULL,
  icc = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  r12m = 0,
  r22m = 0,
  r12 = 0,
  omega = 0.01,
  q.a = 0,
  q.b = 3,
  test = "joint",
  n = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  iter = 100,
  tol = 1e-11,
  power = 0.8,
  d.p = c(0.1, 0.5),
  d.n = c(5, 50),
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  plots = TRUE,
  nlim = c(4, 100),
  plim = c(0.01, 0.99),
  varlim = c(0, 0.001),
  nlab = NULL,
  plab = NULL,
  varlab = NULL,
  vartitle = NULL,
  Jlim = c(3, 1e+05),
  verbose = TRUE,
  max.value = Inf,
  max.iter = 300,
e = 1e-10,
n.of.ants = 10,
n.of.archive = 50,
q = 1e-04,
xi = 0.5,
plot.by = list(n = "n", p = "p")
)

Arguments

a The treatment effect on the mediator.
b The within treatment correlation between the outcome and the mediator.
icc.m The intraclass correlation coefficient for the mediator.
icc The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.
c1 The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.
c1t The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
c2 The cost of sampling one level-2 unit.
m Total budget.
r12m The proportion of within treatment mediator variance at the level one explained by covariates.
r22m The proportion of treatment-by-site variance explained by covariates.
r12 The proportion of within treatment individual-level outcome variance explained by covariates.
omega The treatment-by-site variance of the outcome.
q.a The number of covariates at the individual level of the mediator model (except the treatment indicator).
q.b The number of covariates in the outcome model (except the treatment indicator and the mediator).
test The type of test will be used to detect mediation effects. Default is the joint significance test (i.e., test = "joint"). Another choice is the Sobel test by specifying the argument as test = "sobel".
n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.
p The proportion of level-1 units to be assigned to treatment.
iter number of iteration used for solving roots in the Sobel test.
tol convergence tolerance.
power Statistical power specified, default is .80.
d.p The initial sampling domains for p. Default is c(0.10, 0.50).
d.n The initial sampling domain for n. Default is c(4, 500).
sig.level Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.
two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.
plots Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.
nlim The plot range for n, default value is c(2, 50).
plim The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).
varlim The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).
nlab The plot label for n, default value is "Level-1 Sample Size: n".
plab The plot label for p, default value is "Proportion Level-3 Units in Treatment: p".
varlab The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".
vartitle The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.
Jlim The range for J to search for a numerical solution. Default is c(3, 10e4).
verbose Print out evaluation process if TRUE, default is TRUE.
max.value Maximal value of optimization when used as the stopping criterion. Default is infinite.
max.iter Maximal number of function evaluations when used as the stopping criterion. Default is 200.
e Maximum error value used when solution quality used as the stopping criterion, default is 1e-10.
n.of.ants Number of ants used in each iteration after the initialization of power analysis for calculating required budget, default value is 10.
n.of.archive Size of the solution archive, default is 100.
q Locality of the search (0,1), default is 0.0001.
xi Convergence pressure (0, Inf), suggested: (0, 1), default is 0.5.
plot.by Plot the variance by n, J, K and/or p; default value is plot.by = list(n = "n", J = "J", K = 'K', p = "p")

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (n and p). The function also returns statistical power, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Description

The optimal design of three-level cluster randomized trials (CRTs) is to calculate the optimal sample allocation that minimizes the variance of treatment effect under fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameters include the level-1 sample size per level-2 unit (n), the level-2 sample size per level-3 unit (J), and the proportion of level-3 clusters/groups to be assigned to treatment (p). This function solves the optimal n, J and/or p with and without constraints.
Usage

od.3(
    n = NULL,
    J = NULL,
    p = NULL,
    icc2 = NULL,
    icc3 = NULL,
    r12 = NULL,
    r22 = NULL,
    r32 = NULL,
    c1 = NULL,
    c2 = NULL,
    c3 = NULL,
    c1t = NULL,
    c2t = NULL,
    c3t = NULL,
    m = NULL,
    plots = TRUE,
    plot.by = NULL,
    nlim = NULL,
    Jlim = NULL,
    plim = NULL,
    varlim = NULL,
    nlab = NULL,
    Jlab = NULL,
    plab = NULL,
    varlab = NULL,
    vartitle = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE,
    iter = 100,
    tol = 1e-10
)

Arguments

n             The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.
J             The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.
p             The proportion of level-3 clusters/units assigned to treatment.
icc2          The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.
icc3          The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.
r12           The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.
r22           The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.
r32           The proportion of level-3 variance explained by covariates.
c1             The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.
c2             The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.
c3  The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in control condition.
c1t  The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
c2t  The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.
c3t  The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in treatment condition.
m  Total budget, default is the total costs of sampling 60 level-3 units across treatment conditions.
plots  Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.
plot.by  Plot the variance by n, J and/or p; default is plot.by = list(n = "n", J = "J", p = "p").
nlim  The plot range for n, default value is c(2, 50).
Jlim  The plot range for J, default value is c(2, 50).
plim  The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).
varlim  The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).
nlab  The plot label for n, default value is "Level-1 Sample Size: n".
Jlab  The plot label for J, default value is "Level-2 Sample Size: J".
plab  The plot label for p, default value is "Proportion Level-3 Units in Treatment: p".
varlab  The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".
vartitle  The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.
verbose  Logical; print the values of n, J, and p if TRUE, otherwise not; default is TRUE.
iter  Number of iterations; default value is 100.
tol  Tolerance for convergence; default value is 1e-10.

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (n, J, and p). The function also returns the variance of the treatment effect, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

References


Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #--------
myod1 <- od.3(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
myod1$out # output

# Plots by p and J
myod1 <- od.3(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025), plot.by = list(p = 'p', J = 'J'))
# Constrained optimal design with J = 20 #---------
myod2 <- od.3m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, J = 20,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250,
varlim = c(0, 0.025))
myod2$out
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.53

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5 #---------
myod3 <- od.3m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, p = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250,
varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
myod3$out
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod3)
myre$re # RE = 0.84

# Constrained n, J and p, no calculation performed #---------
myod4 <- od.3m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, n = 10, J = 10, p = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250,
varlim = c(0, 0.025))
myod4$out
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod4)
myre$re # RE = 0.61

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**od.3m**  
*Optimal sample allocation calculation for three-level MRTs detecting main effects*

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**Description**

The optimal design of three-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs) is to calculate the optimal sample allocation that minimizes the variance of treatment effect under fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameters include the level-1 sample size per level-2 unit (n), the level-2 sample size per level-3 unit (J), and the proportion of level-2 unit to be assigned to treatment (p). This function solves the optimal n, J and/or p with and without constraints.

**Usage**

```r
od.3m(
  n = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc2 = NULL,
  icc3 = NULL,
)```
r12 = NULL,
r22 = NULL,
r32m = NULL,
c1 = NULL,
c2 = NULL,
c3 = NULL,
c1t = NULL,
c2t = NULL,
omega = NULL,
m = NULL,
plots = TRUE,
plot.by = NULL,
nlim = NULL,
Jlim = NULL,
plim = NULL,
varlim = NULL,
nlab = NULL,
Jlab = NULL,
plab = NULL,
varlab = NULL,
vartitle = NULL,
verbose = TRUE,
it = 100,
tol = 1e-10
)

Arguments

n
The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

J
The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.

p
The proportion of level-4 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

icc2
The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.

icc3
The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.

r12
The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.

r22
The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.

r32m
The proportion of variance of site-specific treatment effect explained by covariates.

c1
The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

c2
The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

c3
The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in control condition.

c1t
The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.

c2t
The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.

omega
The standardized variance of site-specific treatment effect.

m
Total budget, default is the total costs of sampling 60 level-3 units.
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plots
Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

plot.by
Plot the variance by n, J and/or p; default value is plot.by = list(n = "n", J = "J", p = "p").

nlim
The plot range for n, default value is c(2, 50).

Jlim
The plot range for J, default value is c(2, 50).

pplim
The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).

varlim
The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).

nlab
The plot label for n, default value is "Level-1 Sample Size: n".

Jlab
The plot label for J, default value is "Level-2 Sample Size: J".

plab
The plot label for p, default value is "Proportion Level-2 Units in Treatment: p".

varlab
The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".

vartitle
The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.

verbose
Logical; print the values of n, J, and p if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

iter
Number of iterations; default value is 100.

tol
Tolerance for convergence; default value is 1e-10.

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (n, J, and p). The function also returns the variance of the treatment effect, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

References


Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #--------
myod1 <- od.3m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32m = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 200, c3 = 200, varlim = c(0, 0.005))
myod1$od1 # output

# Plots by p and J
myod1 <- od.3m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32m = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 200, c3 = 200, varlim = c(0, 0.005), plot.by = list(p = 'p', J = 'J'))

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5 #--------
myod2 <- od.3m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32m = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5,
od.4

Optimal sample allocation calculation for four-level CRTs detecting main effects

Description

The optimal design of four-level cluster randomized trials (CRTs) is to calculate the optimal sample allocation that minimizes the variance of treatment effect under fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameters include the level-1 sample size per level-2 unit \((n)\), the level-2 sample size per level-3 unit \((J)\), the level-3 sample size per level-4 unit \((K)\), and the proportion of level-4 clusters/groups to be assigned to treatment \((p)\). This function solves the optimal \(n\), \(J\), \(K\) and/or \(p\) with and without constraints.

Usage

\[
\text{od.4(}
\begin{align*}
&\text{n = NULL,} \\
&\text{J = NULL,}
\end{align*}
\text{)}
\]
Arguments

n  The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

J  The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.

K  The level-3 sample size per level-4 unit.

p  The proportion of level-4 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

icc2 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.

icc3 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.

icc4 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 4.

r12 The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.
The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.

The proportion of level-3 variance explained by covariates.

The proportion of level-4 variance explained by covariates.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-4 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-4 unit in treatment condition.

Total budget, default value is the total costs of sampling 60 level-4 units across treatment conditions.

Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

Plot the variance by n, J, K and/or p; default value is plot.by = list(n = "n", J = "J", K = 'K', p = "p").

The plot range for n, default value is c(2, 50).

The plot range for J, default value is c(2, 50).

The plot range for K, default value is c(2, 50).

The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).

The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).

The plot label for n, default value is "Level-1 Sample Size: n".

The plot label for J, default value is "Level-2 Sample Size: J".

The plot label for K, default value is "Level-3 Sample Size: K".

The plot label for p, default value is "Proportion Level-4 Units in Treatment: p".

The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".

The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.

Logical; print the values of n, J, K, and p if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

Number of iterations; default value is 100.

Tolerance for convergence; default value is 1e-10.

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (n, J, K, and p). The function also returns the variance of the treatment effect, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.
Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #--------
myod1 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05,
    r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
    c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
    c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
    varlim = c(0, 0.01))
myod1$out # output

# Plots by p and K
myod1 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05,
    r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
    c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
    c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
    varlim = c(0, 0.01), plot.by = list(p = 'p', K = 'K'))

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5 #--------
myod2 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, p = 0.5,
    r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
    c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
    c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
    varlim = c(0, 0.01))
myod2$out # output

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.78

# Constrained optimal design with K = 20 #--------
myod3 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, K = 20,
    r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
    c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
    c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
    varlim = c(0, 0.01))
myod3$out # output

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod3)
myre$re # RE = 0.67

# Constrained n, J, K and p, no calculation performed #--------
myod4 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05,
    r12 = 0.5, n = 10, J = 10, K = 20, p = 0.5,
    r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
    c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
    c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
    varlim = c(0, 0.01))
myod4$out # output

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod4)
myre$re # RE = 0.27
od.4m

Optimal sample allocation calculation for four-level MRTs detecting main effects

Description

The optimal design of four-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs) is to calculate the optimal sample allocation that minimizes the variance of treatment effect under fixed budget, which is approximately the optimal sample allocation that maximizes statistical power under a fixed budget. The optimal design parameters include the level-1 sample size per level-2 unit \( (n) \), the level-2 sample size per level-3 unit \( (J) \), the level-3 sample size per level-4 unit \( (K) \), and the proportion of level-3 units to be assigned to treatment \( (p) \). This function solves the optimal \( n \), \( J \), \( K \) and/or \( p \) with and without constraints.

Usage

od.4m(
  n = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  K = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc2 = NULL,
  icc3 = NULL,
  icc4 = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  r22 = NULL,
  r32 = NULL,
  r42m = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  c3 = NULL,
  c4 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  c2t = NULL,
  c3t = NULL,
  omega = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  plots = TRUE,
  plot.by = NULL,
  nlim = NULL,
  Jlim = NULL,
  Klim = NULL,
  plim = NULL,
  varlim = NULL,
  nlab = NULL,
  Jlab = NULL,
  Klab = NULL,
Arguments

n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.
J The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.
K The level-3 sample size per level-4 unit.
p The proportion of level-3 units to be assigned to treatment.
icc2 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.
icc3 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.
icc4 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 4.
r12 The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.
r22 The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.
r32 The proportion of level-3 variance explained by covariates.
r42m The proportion of variance of site-specific treatment effect explained by covariates.
c1 The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.
c2 The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.
c3 The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in control condition.
c4 The cost of sampling one level-4 unit.
c1t The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
c2t The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.
c3t The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in treatment condition.
omega The standardized variance of site-specific treatment effect.
m Total budget, default is the total costs of sampling 60 level-4 units.
plots Logical, provide variance plots if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.
plot.by Plot the variance by n, J, K and/or p; default value is plot.by = list(n = "n", J = "J", K = "K", p = "p").
nlim The plot range for n, default value is c(2, 50).
Jlim The plot range for J, default value is c(2, 50).
Klim The plot range for K, default value is c(2, 50).
p1im The plot range for p, default value is c(0, 1).
varlim The plot range for variance, default value is c(0, 0.05).
nlab The plot label for n, default value is "Level-1 Sample Size: n".
The plot label for \( J \), default value is "Level-2 Sample Size: \( J \)."

The plot label for \( K \), default value is "Level-3 Sample Size: \( K \)."

The plot label for \( p \), default value is "Proportion Level-3 Units in Treatment: \( p \)."

The plot label for variance, default value is "Variance".

The title of variance plot, default value is NULL.

Logical; print the values of \( n \), \( J \), \( K \), and \( p \) if TRUE, otherwise not; default value is TRUE.

Number of iterations; default value is 100.

Tolerance for convergence; default value is 1e-10.

Value

Unconstrained or constrained optimal sample allocation (\( n \), \( J \), \( K \), and \( p \)). The function also returns the variance of the treatment effect, function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #----------
myod1 <- od.4m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02,
                   r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5,
                   c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25,
                   c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500,
                   varlim = c(0, 0.005))
myod1$out # output

# Plots by p and K
myod1 <- od.4m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02,
                   r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5,
                   c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25,
                   c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500,
                   varlim = c(0, 0.005), plot.by = list(p = "p", K = "K"))

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5 #----------
myod2 <- od.4m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02,
                   r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5,
                   c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25,
                   c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500,
                   varlim = c(0, 0.005), p = 0.5)
myod2$out

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.88

# Constrained optimal design with J = 20 #----------
myod3 <- od.4m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02,
                   r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5,
                   c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25,
                   c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500,
                   varlim = c(0, 0.005), J = 20)
myod3$re # Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod3)
myre$re # RE = 0.58

# Constrained n, J, K and p, no calculation performed #--------
myod4 <- od.4m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02, 
r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5, 
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, 
c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500, 
varlim = c(0, 0.005), p = 0.5, n = 15, J = 20, K = 5)
myod4$re # Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod = myod4)
myre$re # RE = 0.46

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**power.1**  
*Budget and/or sample size, power, MDES calculation for single-level experiments detecting main effects*

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**Description**

This function can calculate required budget for desired power, power or minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under fixed budget for single-level experiments. It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, and MDES calculation).

**Usage**

```
power.1(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  d = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  q = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  dlim = NULL,
  powerlim = NULL,
  nlim = NULL,
  mlim = NULL,
)```
rounded = TRUE
)

Arguments

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

expr Returned object from function od.1; default value is NULL; if expr is specified, parameter values of r12, c1, c1t, and p used or solved in function od.1 will be passed to the current function; only the value of p that specified or solved in function od.1 can be overwritten if constraint is specified.

constraint Specify the constrained value of p in list format to overwrite that from expr; default value is NULL.

sig.level Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

d Effect size.

power Statistical power.

m Total budget.

n The total sample size.

p The proportion of individuals to be assigned to treatment.

r12 The proportion of outcome variance explained by covariates.

q The number of covariates.

c1 The cost of sampling one unit in control condition.

c1t The cost of sampling one unit in treatment condition.

dlim The range for solving the root of effect size (d) numerically, default value is c(0, 5).

powerlim The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).

nlim The range for searching the root of sample size (n) numerically, default value is c(4, 10e10).

mlim The range for searching the root of budget (m) numerically, default value is the costs sampling nlim units across treatment conditions or c(4 * ncost, 10e10 * ncost) with ncost = ((1 - p) * c1 + p * c1t).

rounded Logical; round p that is from functions od.1 to two decimal places if TRUE, otherwise no rounding; default value is TRUE.

Value

Required budget (or required sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.
Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design
myod1 <- od.1(r12 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c1t = 5, varlim = c(0, 0.2))
myod1$out # p = 0.31

# -------- Power analyses by default considering costs and budget --------
# Required budget and sample size
mym.1 <- power.1(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
mym.1$out # m = 1032 n = 461
# mym.1$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
mym.1 <- power.1(d = 0.2, power = 0.8, c1 = 1, c1t = 5,
r12 = 0.5, p = 0.31, q = 1)
# Required budget and sample size with constrained p
mym.2 <- power.1(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mym.2$out # m = 1183, n = 394

# Power calculation
mypower <- power.1(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 1032)
mypower$out # power = 0.80
# Power calculation under constrained p (p = 0.5)
mypower.1 <- power.1(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 1032,
constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mypower.1$out # power = 0.74

# MDES calculation
mymdes <- power.1(expr = myod1, q = 1, power = 0.80, m = 1032)
mymdes$out # d = 0.20

# -------- Conventional power analyses with cost.model = FALSE--------
# Required sample size n
myn <- power.1(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
myn$out # n = 461
# myn$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
myn <- power.1(cost.model = FALSE, d = 0.2, power = 0.8,
r12 = 0.5, p = 0.31, q = 1)

# Power calculation
mypower1 <- power.1(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, n = 461, d = 0.2, q = 1)
mypower1$out # power = 0.80

# MDES calculation
mymdes1 <- power.1(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, n = 461, power = 0.8, q = 1)
mymdes1$out # d = 0.20
Description

This function can calculate required budget for desired power and power under a fixed budget for multisite-randomized trials (MRTs) with individual mediators probing mediation effects. It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size and power calculation).

Usage

```r
power.1.111(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  test = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  r.yx = 0,
  r.mx = 0,
  r.mw = 0,
  q.a = 0,
  q.b = 0,
  max.iter = 300,
  alim = c(0, 4),
  blim = c(0.01, 0.99),
  powerlim = NULL,
  nlim = c(6, 1e+07),
  mlim = NULL
)
```

Arguments

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for a desired power, power under fixed budget) if TRUE. Otherwise, conventional power analyses are performed (e.g., required sample size and power calculation); default value is TRUE.

expr Returned object from function `od.1.111`; default value is NULL; if `expr` is specified, parameter values of `a`, `b`, `c`, `ct`, and `p` used or solved in function
od.1.111 will be passed to the current function; only the values of p that specified or solved in function od.1.111 can be overwritten if constraint is specified.

**constraint**
If specified, the constrained value of p in a list format (e.g., constraint = list(p = 0.5)) will overwrite that from expr; default value is NULL.

**sig.level**
Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

**two.tailed**
Two tailed test, the default value is TRUE.

**a**
The treatment effect on the mediator.

**b**
The within-treatment correlation between the outcome and the mediator.

**power**
Statistical power specified, default is .80.

**m**
Total budget.

**test**
The type of test will be used to detect mediation effects. The default is the NULL or the one used in the expr Choices are the joint significance test (i.e., test = "joint", "Joint","JOINT") or the Sobel test (test = "sobel", "Sobel", or "SOBEL").

**n**
Total number of individuals in the experimental study, the default value is NULL.

**p**
The proportion of level-4 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

**c1**
The cost of sampling an individual in the control group.

**c1t**
The cost of sampling an individual in the treated group.

**r.yx**
The within-treatment correlation between the outcome and the covariate(s) in the outcome model.

**r.mx**
The within-treatment correlation between the mediator and the covariate(s) in the outcome model.

**r.mw**
The within-treatment correlation between the mediator and the covariate(s) in the mediator model.

**q.a**
The number of covariates at the mediator model (except the treatment indicator), the default value is zero.

**q.b**
The number of covariates in the outcome model (except the treatment indicator and the mediator), the default value is zero.

**max.iter**
Maximal number of function evaluations when used as the stopping criterion. Default is 200.

**alim**
The range for identifying the root of a path effect (a) numerically. Default value is c(0, 4).

**blim**
The range for identifying the root of b path within-treatment correlation between the mediator and outcome (b) numerically. Default value is (.01, .99), if (b) is negative, please re-code the outcome or mediator to make it positive.

**powerlim**
The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).

**nlim**
The interval/range used to numerically solve for n, the default values are c(6, 1e7).

**mlim**
The range for identifying the root of budget (m) numerically, default value is the costs sampling nlim units.
Value

Required budget (or required sample size), statistical power, (a), or (b) depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Examples

# Optimal design and power analyses accommodating costs and budget
myod <- od.1.111(a = .3, b = .5, c1 = 10, c1t = 100)
# myod
mypower <- power.1.111(expr = myod, power = .8)
# mypower

# Conventional power analyses
mypsower <- power.1.111(cost.model = FALSE, a = .3, b = .5, test = "joint",
                         power = .8, p = .5)
# mypsower
mypsower <- power.1.111(cost.model = FALSE, n = 350, b = .5, test = "joint",
                         power = .8, p = .5)
# mypsower

Description

This function can calculate required budget for desired power, power or minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under fixed budget for two-level cluster randomized trials (CRTs). It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, and MDES calculation).

Usage

power.2(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  d = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
\[
\begin{align*}
r_{22} &= \text{NULL}, \\
z &= \text{NULL}, \\
c_1 &= \text{NULL}, \\
c_2 &= \text{NULL}, \\
c_{1t} &= \text{NULL}, \\
c_{2t} &= \text{NULL}, \\
d_{\text{lim}} &= \text{NULL}, \\
power_{\text{lim}} &= \text{NULL}, \\
J_{\text{lim}} &= \text{NULL}, \\
m_{\text{lim}} &= \text{NULL}, \\
\text{rounded} &= \text{TRUE}
\end{align*}
\]

Arguments

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

eexpr Returned object from function \textsf{od.2}; default is NULL; if \texttt{eexpr} is specified, parameter values of \texttt{icc}, \texttt{r12}, \texttt{r22}, \texttt{c1}, \texttt{c2}, \texttt{c_{1t}}, \texttt{c_{2t}}, \texttt{n}, and \texttt{p} used or solved in function \textsf{od.2} will be passed to the current function; only the values of \texttt{n} and \texttt{p} that specified or solved in function \textsf{od.2} can be overwritten if \texttt{constraint} is specified.

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

eexpr Returned object from function \textsf{od.2}; default is NULL; if \texttt{eexpr} is specified, parameter values of \texttt{icc}, \texttt{r12}, \texttt{r22}, \texttt{c1}, \texttt{c2}, \texttt{c_{1t}}, \texttt{c_{2t}}, \texttt{n}, and \texttt{p} used or solved in function \textsf{od.2} will be passed to the current function; only the values of \texttt{n} and \texttt{p} that specified or solved in function \textsf{od.2} can be overwritten if \texttt{constraint} is specified.

constraint Specify the constrained values of \texttt{n} and/or \texttt{p} in list format to overwrite those from \texttt{eexpr}; default is \texttt{NULL}.

sig.level Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

d Effect size.

power Statistical power.

m Total budget.

n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

J The total level-2 sample size.

p The proportion of level-2 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

icc The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.

r_{12} The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.

r_{22} The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.

q The number of level-2 covariates.

c_1 The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

c_2 The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

c_{1t} The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
power.2

c2t The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.
dlim The range for solving the root of effect size (d) numerically, default value is c(0, 5).
powerlim The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).
Jlim The range for searching the root of level-2 sample size (J) numerically, default is c(4, 10e10).
mlim The range for searching the root of budget (m) numerically, default is the costs sampling Jlim level-2 units across treatment conditions or c(4 * Jcost, 10e10 * Jcost), with Jcost = ((1 - p) * (c1 * n + c2) + p * (c1t * n + c2t)).

rounded Logical; round n and p that are from functions od.2 to integer and two decimal places, respectively if TRUE, otherwise no rounding; default value is TRUE.

Value

Required budget (and/or required level-2 sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

References


Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design
myod1 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50)
myod1$par # n = 8.9, p = 0.33

# ------- Power analyses by default considering costs and budget -------
# Required budget and sample size
mym.1 <- power.2(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
mym.1$par # parameters and their values used for the function
mym.1$sout # m = 3755, J = 130.2

# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
mym.1 <- power.2(d = 0.2, power = 0.8, icc = 0.2, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, n = 9, p = 0.33, q = 1)

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p
mym.2 <- power.2(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8, constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mym.2$sout # m = 4210, J = 115.3

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p and n
mym.3 <- power.2(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8, constraint = list(p = 0.5, n = 20))
mym.3$sout # m = 4568, J = 96.2

# Power calculation
mypower <- power.2(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 3755)
# Power calculation under constrained p (p = 0.5)
mypower.1 <- power.2(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 3755, constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mypower.1$out # power = 0.75

# MDES calculation
mymdes <- power.2(expr = myod1, q = 1, power = 0.80, m = 3755)
mymdes$out # d = 0.20

# Conventional power analyses with cost.model = FALSE
# Required J
myJ <- power.2(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
myJ$out # J = 130.2

# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
myJ <- power.2(cost.model = FALSE, d = 0.2, power = 0.8, icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, n = 9, p = 0.33, q = 1)

# Power calculation
mypower1 <- power.2(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, J = 130, d = 0.2, q = 1)
mypower1$out # power = 0.80

# MDES calculation
mymdes1 <- power.2(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, J = 130, power = 0.8, q = 1)
mymdes1$out # d = 0.20

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**power.2.221**  
*Budget and/or sample size, power calculation for CRTs probing mediation effects with cluster-level mediators*

**Description**

This function can calculate required budget for desired power and power under a fixed budget for experimental studies with group mediators probing mediation effects. It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size and power calculation).

**Usage**

```r
power.2.221(
  cost.model1 = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
```
test = "joint",
n = NULL,
p = NULL,
power = NULL,
J = NULL,
m = NULL,
c1 = NULL,
c1t = NULL,
c2 = NULL,
c2t = NULL,
r2m = r2m,
r.yx = 0,
r.mw = 0,
r.yw = 0,
icc = NULL,
q = 0,
q.a = 0,
q.b = 0,
powerlim = NULL,
Jlim = NULL,
mlim = NULL
)

Arguments

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

expr returned object from function od.2.221; default value is NULL; if expr is specified, parameter values of \(a\), \(b\), \(c_1\), \(c_{1t}\), and \(p\) used or solved in function od.2.221 will be passed to the current function; only the values of \(p\) and \(n\) that specified or solved in function od.2.221 can be overwritten if constraint is specified.

constraint specify the constrained value of \(p\) and/or \(n\) in a list format to overwrite that/those from expr; default value is NULL.

sig.level Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

a The treatment effect on the mediator.

b The within treatment correlation between the outcome and the mediator at the cluster level.

test The type of test will be used to detect mediation effects. Default is the joint significance test (i.e., test = "joint"). The other choice is the Sobel test by specifying the argument as test = "sobel".

n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.
power.2m

p
power
J
m
c1
c1t
c2
c2t
r2m
r.yx
r.mw
r.yw
icc
q
q.a
q.b
powerlim
Jlim
nlim

description

The proportion of level-2 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

Statistical power.

The total level-2 sample size.

Total budget.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.

The proportion of mediator variance explained by covariates in the mediator model.

The correlation between the outcome and the covariate at the individual level.

The correlation between the mediator and the covariate at the cluster level.

The correlation between the outcome and the covariate at the cluster level.

The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.

The number of level-2 covariates.

The number of covariates in the mediator model (except the treatment indicator).

The number of covariates in the outcome model at the cluster level (except the treatment indicator and the mediator).

The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).

The range for searching the root of level-2 sample size (J) numerically, default is c(4, 10e10).

The range for searching the root of budget (m) numerically, default value is the costs sampling nlim units across treatment conditions or c(4 * ncost, 10e10 * ncost) with ncost = (((1 - p) * c1 + p * c1t)

Value

Required budget (or required sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Description

This function can calculate required budget for desired power, power or minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under fixed budget for two-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs). It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, and MDES calculation).
Usage

```r
power.2m(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  d = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  r22m = NULL,
  q = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  omega = NULL,
  dlim = NULL,
  powerlim = NULL,
  Jlim = NULL,
  mlim = NULL,
  rounded = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

expr Returned objects from function od.2m; default is NULL; if expr is specified, parameter values of icc, r12, r22m, c1, c2, c1t, p, and n used or solved in function od.2m will be passed to current function; only the values of p and n that specified or solved in function od.2m can be overwritten if constraint is specified.

constraint Specify the constrained values of p and/or n in list format to overwrite those from expr; default value is NULL.

sig.level Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

d Effect size.

power Statistical power.
power.2m

m Total budget.
n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.
J The number of sites.
p The proportion of level-1 units to be assigned to treatment.
icc The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.
r12 The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.
r22m The proportion of variance of site-specific treatment effect explained by covariates.
q The number of covariates at level 2.
c1 The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.
c2 The cost of sampling one level-2 unit.
c1t The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
omega The standardized variance of site-specific treatment effect.
dlim The range for solving the root of effect size (d) numerically, default value is c(0, 5).
powerlim The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).
Jlim The range for searching the root of level-2 sample size (J) numerically, default is c(4, 10e10).
mlim The range for searching the root of budget (m) numerically, default is the costs sampling Jlim level-2 units or c(4 * Jcost, 1e+10 * Jcost) with Jcost = (1 - p) * c1 * n + p * c1t * n + c2.
rounded Logical; round the values of p, n/J/K that are from functions od.4 to two decimal places and integer, respectively if TRUE, otherwise no rounding; default value is TRUE.

Value

Required budget (and/or required level-2 sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

References


Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #----------
myod1 <- od.2m(icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5, 
c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10, 
varlim = c(0, 0.005))
myod1$out # n = 19.8, p = 0.37
# ------ Power analyses by default considering costs and budget ------

# Required budget and sample size
mym.1 <- power.2m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
mym.1$out # m = 2019, J = 20.9

# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
mym.1 <- power.2m(d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
  icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5,
  c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10,
  n = 20, p = 0.37)

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p
mym.2 <- power.2m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
  constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mym.2$out # m = 2373, J = 19.8

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p and n
mym.3 <- power.2m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
  constraint = list(p = 0.5, n = 5))
mym.3$out # m = 2502, J = 66.7

# Power calculation
mypower <- power.2m(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 2019)
mypower$out # power = 0.80

# Power calculation under constrained p (p = 0.5)
mypower.1 <- power.2m(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 2019,
  constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mypower.1$out # power = 0.72

# MDES calculation
mymdes <- power.2m(expr = myod1, q = 1, power = 0.80, m = 2019)
mymdes$out # d = 0.20

# ------ Conventional power analyses with cost.model = FALSE------

# Required sample size
myJ <- power.2m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
myJ$out # J = 6.3

# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
myJ <- power.2m(cost.model = FALSE, d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
  icc = 0.2, omega = 0.02, r12 = 0.5, r22m = 0.5,
  c1 = 1, c2 = 10, c1t = 10,
  n = 20, p = 0.37)

# Power calculation
mypower1 <- power.2m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, J = 6.3, d = 0.2, q = 1)
mypower1$out # power = 0.80

# MDES calculation
mymdes1 <- power.2m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, J = 6.3, power = 0.8, q = 1)
mymdes1$out # d = 0.20
Description

This function can calculate required budget for desired power and power under a fixed budget for multisite-randomized trials (MRTs) with individual mediators probing mediation effects. It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size and power calculation).

Usage

```r
power.2m.111(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  a = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  test = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  r12 = 0,
  r22m = 0,
  r12m = 0,
  icc.m = NULL,
  omega = NULL,
  icc = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  q = 0,
  q.a = 0,
  q.b = 0,
  max.iter = 300,
  powerlim = NULL,
  Jlim = NULL,
  mlim = NULL,
  rounded = TRUE
)
```
Arguments

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

expr returned object from function od.2m.111; default value is NULL; if expr is specified, parameter values of a, b, c1, c1t, and p used or solved in function od.2m.111 will be passed to the current function; only the values of p and n that specified or solved in function od.2m.111 can be overwritten if constraint is specified.

constraint specify the constrained value of p and/or n in a list format to overwrite that/those from expr; default value is NULL.

sig.level Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

a The treatment effect on the mediator.

b The within treatment correlation between the outcome and the mediator.

power Statistical power.

m Total budget.

test The type of test will be used to detect mediation effects. Default is the joint significance test (i.e., test = "joint"). Another choice is the Sobel test by specifying the argument as test = "sobel".

n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

p The proportion of level-1 units to be assigned to treatment.

c1 The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

c1t The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.

c2 The cost of sampling one level-2 unit.

r12 The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.

r22m The proportion of variance of site-specific treatment effect explained by covariates.

r12m The proportion of within treatment mediator variance at the level one explained by covariates.

icc.m The intraclass correlation coefficient for the mediator.

omega The standardized variance of site-specific treatment effect.

icc The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) in population or in each treatment condition.

J The number of sites.

q The number of covariates at level 2.

q.a The number of covariates at the individual level of the mediator model (except the treatment indicator).
The number of covariates in the outcome model (except the treatment indicator and the mediator).

Maximal number of function evaluations when used as the stopping criterion. Default is 200.

The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is \( c(1e^{-10}, 1 - 1e^{-10}) \).

The range for searching the root of level-2 sample size \( (J) \) numerically, default is \( c(4, 10e10) \).

The range for searching the root of budget \( (m) \) numerically, default value is the costs sampling \( nJ/K \) units.

Logical; round the values of \( p, n/J/k \) that are from functions \( od.4 \) to two decimal places and integer, respectively if TRUE, otherwise no rounding; default value is TRUE.

Required budget (or required sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

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**Description**

This function can calculate required budget for desired power, power or minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under fixed budget for three-level cluster randomized trials (CRTs). It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, and MDES calculation).

**Usage**

```r
power.3(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  d = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  K = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc2 = NULL,
)```
icc3 = NULL,  
r12 = NULL,  
r22 = NULL,  
r32 = NULL,  
q = NULL,  
c1 = NULL,  
c2 = NULL,  
c3 = NULL,  
c1t = NULL,  
c2t = NULL,  
c3t = NULL,  
dlim = NULL,  
powerlim = NULL,  
Klim = NULL,  
mlim = NULL,  
rounded = TRUE 
)

Arguments

cost.model Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

expr Returned objects from function od.3; default is NULL; if expr is specified, parameter values of icc2, icc3, r12, r22, r32, c1, c2, c3, c1t, c2t, c3t, p, n, and J used or solved in function od.3 will be passed to the current function; only the values of p, n, and/or J that specified or solved in function od.3 can be overwritten if constraint is specified.

constraint Specify the constrained values of p, n, and/or J in list format to overwrite those from expr; default is NULL.

sig.level Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

d Effect size.

power Statistical power.

m Total budget.

n The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

J The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.

K The total level-3 sample size.

p The proportion of level-3 clusters/units assigned to treatment.

icc2 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.

icc3 The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.

r12 The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.
power.3

$r22$ The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.
$r32$ The proportion of level-3 variance explained by covariates.
$q$ The number of covariates at level 3.
c1 The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.
c2 The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.
c3 The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in control condition.
c1t The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.
c2t The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.
c3t The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in treatment condition.
dlim The range for solving the root of effect size ($d$) numerically, default value is c(0, 5).
powerlim The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).
Klim The range for searching the root of level-3 sample size (K) numerically, default value is c(4, 1e+10).
mlim The range for searching the root of budget (m) numerically, default value is the costs sampling Klim level-3 units across treatment conditions or c(4 * Kcost, 1e+10 * Kcost) with Kcost = ((1 - p) * (c1 * n * J + c2 * J + c3) + p * (c1t * n * J + c2t * J + c3t)).
rounded Logical; round the values of $p$, $n/J$ that are from functions od.3 to two decimal places and integer, respectively if TRUE, otherwise no rounding; default value is TRUE.

Value

Required budget (and/or required level-3 sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

References


Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design
myod1 <- od.3(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250)
myod1$par # output # n = 7.9, J = 3.2, p = 0.28

# ------- Power analyses by default considering costs and budget -------
# Required budget and sample size
mym.1 <- power.3(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
mym.1$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
mym.1 <- power.3(d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
   icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5,
   c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250,
   n = 8, J = 3, p = 0.28)

# Required budget and sample size with constrained `p`
mym.2 <- power.3(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
   constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mym.2$out # m = 19239, K = 78.8

# Required budget and sample size with constrained `p` and `J`
mym.3 <- power.3(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
   constraint = list(p = 0.5, J = 20))
mym.3$out # m = 39774, K = 46.9

# Power calculation
mypower <- power.3(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 16032)
mypower$out # power = 0.80

# Power calculation under constrained `p` (p = 0.5)
mypower.1 <- power.3(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 16032,
   constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mypower.1$out # power = 0.72

# MDES calculation
mymdes <- power.3(expr = myod1, q = 1, power = 0.80, m = 16032)
mymdes$out # d = 0.20

# ------- Conventional power analyses with `cost.model = FALSE`-------
# Required sample size
myK <- power.3(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
myK$out # K = 97.3

# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
myK <- power.3(cost.model = FALSE, d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
   icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5,
   n = 8, J = 3, p = 0.28)

# Power calculation
mypower1 <- power.3(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, K = 97, d = 0.2, q = 1)
mypower1$out # power = 0.80

# MDES calculation
mymdes1 <- power.3(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, K = 97, power = 0.8, q = 1)
mymdes1$out # d = 0.20
**Description**

This function can calculate required budget for desired power, power or minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under fixed budget for three-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs). It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, and MDES calculation).

**Usage**

```r
power.3m(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  d = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  K = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc2 = NULL,
  icc3 = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  r22 = NULL,
  r32m = NULL,
  q = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  c3 = NULL,
  c1t = NULL,
  c2t = NULL,
  omega = NULL,
  dlim = NULL,
  powerlim = NULL,
  Klim = NULL,
  mlim = NULL,
  rounded = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

- **cost.model** Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.
- **expr** Returned objects from function `od.3m`; default is NULL; if `expr` is specified, parameter values of `icc2`, `icc3`, `r12`, `r22`, `r32m`, `c1`, `c2`, `c3`, `c1t`, `c2t`, `p`, `n`, and `J` used or solved in function `od.3m` will be passed to current function; only
the values of \( p, n, \) and/or \( J \) that specified or solved in function \texttt{od.3m} can be overwritten if \texttt{constraint} is specified.

\texttt{constraint} Specify the constrained values of \( p, n, \) and/or \( J \), in list format to overwrite those from \texttt{expr}; default value is \texttt{NULL}.

\texttt{sig.level} Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

\texttt{two.tailed} Logical; two-tailed tests if \texttt{TRUE}, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is \texttt{TRUE}.

\texttt{d} Effect size.

\texttt{power} Statistical power.

\texttt{m} Total budget.

\texttt{n} The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

\texttt{J} The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.

\texttt{K} The level-3 sample size per level-4 unit.

\texttt{p} The proportion of level-2 units to be assigned to treatment.

\texttt{icc2} The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.

\texttt{icc3} The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.

\texttt{r12} The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.

\texttt{r22} The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.

\texttt{r32m} The proportion of variance of site-specific treatment effect explained by covariates.

\texttt{q} The number of covariates at level 3.

\texttt{c1} The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

\texttt{c2} The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

\texttt{c3} The cost of sampling one level-3 unit.

\texttt{c1t} The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.

\texttt{c2t} The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.

\texttt{omega} The standardized variance of site-specific treatment effect.

\texttt{dlim} The range for solving the root of effect size (\( d \)) numerically, default value is \texttt{c(0, 5)}.

\texttt{powerlim} The range for solving the root of power (\texttt{power}) numerically, default value is \texttt{c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10)}.

\texttt{Klim} The range for searching the root of level-3 sample size (\( K \)) numerically, default value is \texttt{c(4, 1e+10)}.

\texttt{mlim} The range for searching the root of budget (\( m \)) numerically, default is the costs sampling \( K \texttt{lim} \) level-3 units or \texttt{c(4 * Kcost, 1e+10 * Kcost)} with \( Kcost = ((1 - p) \times (c1 \times n \times J + c2 \times J) + p \times (c1t \times n \times J + c2t \times J) + c3) \times Klim \).

\texttt{rounded} Logical; round the values of \( p, n/J/K \) that are from functions \texttt{od.4} to two decimal places and integer, respectively if \texttt{TRUE}, otherwise no rounding; default value is \texttt{TRUE}. 
Value

Required budget (and/or required level-3 sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

References


Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #--------
myod1 <- od.3m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, omega = 0.02, 
               r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32m = 0.5, 
               c1 = 1, c2 = 5, 
               c1t = 1, c2t = 200, c3 = 200, 
               varlim = c(0, 0.005))
myod1$out # n = 13.1, J = 15.3, p = 0.23

# ------- Power analyses by default considering costs and budget -------
# Required budget and sample size
mym.1 <- power.3m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
mym.1$out # m = 15491, K = 13.6
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
mym.1 <- power.3m(d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1, 
                  icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, omega = 0.02, 
                  r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32m = 0.5, 
                  c1 = 1, c2 = 5, 
                  c1t = 1, c2t = 200, c3 = 200, 
                  n = 13, J = 15, p = 0.23)

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p
mym.2 <- power.3m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8, 
                  constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mym.2$out # m = 21072, K = 10.9

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p and n
mym.3 <- power.3m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8, 
                  constraint = list(p = 0.5, n = 20))
mym.3$out # m = 21252, K = 10.4

# Power calculation
mypower <- power.3m(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 15491)
mypower$out # power = 0.80

# Power calculation under constrained p (p = 0.5)
mypower.1 <- power.3m(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 15491, 
                      constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mypower.1$out # power = 0.62

# MDES calculation
mymdes <- power.3m(expr = myod1, q = 1, power = 0.80, m = 15491)
mymdes$out # d = 0.20
# ------ Conventional power analyses with cost.model = FALSE------
# Required sample size
myK <- power.3m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
myK$out # K = 13.6
# myK$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
myK <- power.3m(cost.model = FALSE, d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
    icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, omega = 0.02,
    r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32m = 0.5,
    c1 = 1, c2 = 5,
    c1t = 1, c2t = 200, c3 = 200,
    n = 13, J = 15, p = 0.23)

# Power calculation
mypower1 <- power.3m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, K = 13.6, d = 0.2, q = 1)
mypower1$out # power = 0.80

# MDES calculation
mymdes1 <- power.3m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, K = 13.6, power = 0.8, q = 1)
mymdes1$out # d = 0.20

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**power.4**

*Budget and/or sample size, power, MDES calculation for four-level CRTs detecting main effects*

### Description

This function can calculate required budget for desired power, power or minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under fixed budget for four-level cluster randomized trials (CRTs). It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, and MDES calculation).

### Usage

```r
power.4(
    cost.model = TRUE,
    expr = NULL,
    constraint = NULL,
    sig.level = 0.05,
    two.tailed = TRUE,
    d = NULL,
    power = NULL,
    m = NULL,
    n = NULL,
    J = NULL,
    K = NULL,
    L = NULL,
)```

Arguments

- **cost.model** Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

- **expr** Returned objects from function `od.4`; default value is NULL; if `expr` is specified, parameter values of `icc2`, `icc3`, `icc4`, `r12`, `r22`, `r32`, `r42`, `c1`, `c2`, `c3`, `c4`, `c1t`, `c2t`, `c3t`, `c4t`, `p`, `n`, `J`, and `K` used or solved in function `od.4` will be passed to current function; only the values of `p`, `n`, `J`, and/or `K` that specified or solved in function `od.4` can be overwritten if `constraint` is specified.

- **constraint** Specify the constrained values of `p`, `n`, `J`, and/or `K` in list format to overwrite those from `expr`; default value is NULL.

- **sig.level** Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

- **two.tailed** Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

- **d** Effect size.

- **power** Statistical power.

- **m** Total budget.

- **n** The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

- **J** The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.

- **K** The level-3 sample size per level-4 unit.
The total level-4 sample size.

The proportion of level-4 clusters/units to be assigned to treatment.

The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.

The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.

The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 4.

The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.

The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.

The proportion of level-3 variance explained by covariates.

The proportion of level-4 variance explained by covariates.

The number of covariates at level 4.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-4 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-4 unit in treatment condition.

The range for solving the root of effect size (d) numerically, default value is c(0, 5).

The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).

The range for solving the root of level-4 sample size (L) numerically, default value is c(4, 1e+10).

The range for searching the root of budget (m) numerically, default value is c(4 * Lcost, 1e+10 * Lcost) with Lcost = ((1 - p) * (c1 * n * J * K + c2 * J * K + c3 * K + c4) + p * (c1t * n * J * K + c2t * J * K + c3t * K + c4t)).

Logical; round the values of p, n/J/K that are from functions od.4 to two decimal places and integer, respectively if TRUE, otherwise no rounding; default value is TRUE.

Required budget (and/or required level-4 sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.
Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design
myod1 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05,
             r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
             c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
             c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500)
myod1$out # output # n = 7.1, J = 3.2, K = 4.2, p = 0.23

# ------- Power analyses by default considering costs and budget -------
# Required budget and sample size
mym.1 <- power.4(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
mym.1$out # m = 71161, L = 57.1
#mym.1$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
mym.1 <- power.4(d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
                 icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05,
                 r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
                 c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
                 c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
                 n = 7, J = 3, K = 4, p = 0.23)

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p (p = 0.5)
mym.2 <- power.4(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
                 constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mym.2$out # m = 93508, L = 41.1
# Required budget and sample size with constrained p and K
mym.3 <- power.4(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
                 constraint = list(p = 0.5, K = 20))
mym.3$out # m = 157365, L = 25.7

# Power calculation
mypower <- power.4(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 71161)
mypower$out # power = 0.80
# Power calculation under constrained p (p = 0.5)
mypower.1 <- power.4(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 71161,
                     constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mypower.1$out # power = 0.68

# MDES calculation
mymdes <- power.4(expr = myod1, q = 1, power = 0.80, m = 71161)
mymdes$out # d = 0.20

# ------- Conventional power analyses with cost.model = FALSE-------
# Required sample size
myL <- power.4(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
myL$out # L = 57.1
#myL$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
myL <- power.4(cost.model = FALSE, d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
               icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05,
               r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
               n = 7, J = 3, K = 4, p = 0.23)
# Power calculation
mypower1 <- power.4(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, L = 57, d = 0.2, q = 1)
mypower1$out # power = 0.80

# MDES calculation
mymdes1 <- power.4(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, L = 57, power = 0.8, q = 1)
mymdes1$out # d = 0.20

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power.4m

Budget and/or sample size, power, MDES calculation for four-level MRTs detecting main effects

Description

This function can calculate required budget for desired power, power or minimum detectable effect size (MDES) under fixed budget for four-level multisite randomized trials (MRTs). It also can perform conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, and MDES calculation).

Usage

```
power.4m(
  cost.model = TRUE,
  expr = NULL,
  constraint = NULL,
  sig.level = 0.05,
  two.tailed = TRUE,
  d = NULL,
  power = NULL,
  m = NULL,
  n = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  K = NULL,
  L = NULL,
  p = NULL,
  icc2 = NULL,
  icc3 = NULL,
  icc4 = NULL,
  r12 = NULL,
  r22 = NULL,
  r32 = NULL,
  r42m = NULL,
  q = NULL,
  c1 = NULL,
  c2 = NULL,
  c3 = NULL,
  c4 = NULL,
)```
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  c1t = NULL,
c2t = NULL,
c3t = NULL,
omega = NULL,
dlim = NULL,
powerlim = NULL,
Llim = NULL,
mlim = NULL,
rounded = TRUE
)

Arguments

  cost.model  Logical; power analyses accommodating costs and budget (e.g., required budget for desired power, power/MDES under fixed budget) if TRUE, otherwise conventional power analyses (e.g., required sample size, power, or MDES calculation); default value is TRUE.

  expr       Returned objects from function od.4m; default is NULL; if expr is specified, parameter values of icc2, icc3, icc4, r12, r22, r32, r42m, c1, c2, c3, c4, c1t, c2t, c3t, p, n, J, and K used or solved in function od.4m will be passed to current function; only the values of p, n, J, and/or K that specified or solved in function od.4m can be overwritten if constraint is specified.

  constraint The constrained values of p, n, J, and/or K in list format to overwrite those from expr; default value is NULL.

  sig.level  Significance level or type I error rate, default value is 0.05.

  two.tailed Logical; two-tailed tests if TRUE, otherwise one-tailed tests; default value is TRUE.

  d          Effect size.

  power      Statistical power.

  m          Total budget.

  n          The level-1 sample size per level-2 unit.

  J          The level-2 sample size per level-3 unit.

  K          The level-3 sample size per level-4 unit.

  L          The total level-4 sample size.

  p          The proportion of level-3 units to be assigned to treatment.

  icc2       The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 2.

  icc3       The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 3.

  icc4       The unconditional intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC) at level 4.

  r12        The proportion of level-1 variance explained by covariates.

  r22        The proportion of level-2 variance explained by covariates.

  r32        The proportion of level-3 variance explained by covariates.

  r42m       The proportion of variance of site-specific treatment effect explained by covariates.
The number of covariates at level 4.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in control condition.

The cost of sampling one level-4 unit.

The cost of sampling one level-1 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-2 unit in treatment condition.

The cost of sampling one level-3 unit in treatment condition.

The standardized variance of site-specific treatment effect.

The range for solving the root of effect size (d) numerically, default value is c(0, 5).

The range for solving the root of power (power) numerically, default value is c(1e-10, 1 - 1e-10).

The range for solving the root of level-4 sample size (L) numerically, default value is c(4, 1e+10).

The range for searching the root of budget (m) numerically, default is the costs sampling Llim level-4 units or c(4 * Lcost, 1e+10 * Lcost) with Lcost = ((1 - p) * (c1 * n * J * K + c2 * J * K + c3 * K) + p * (c1t * n * J * K + c2t * J * K + c3t * K) + c4.

Logical; round the values of p, n/J/K that are from functions od.4 to two decimal places and integer, respectively if TRUE, otherwise no rounding; default value is TRUE.

Required budget (and/or required level-4 sample size), statistical power, or MDES depending on the specification of parameters. The function also returns the function name, design type, and parameters used in the calculation.

Examples

# Unconstrained optimal design #----------
myod1 <- od.4m(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02,
               r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5,
               c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25,
               c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500,
               varlim = c(0, 0.005))
myod1$out # n = 8.3, J = 3.2, K = 4.9, p = 0.36

# ------ Power analyses by default considering costs and budget ------
# Required budget and sample size
mym.1 <- power.4m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
mym.1$par # m = 30201, L = 20.6
# mym.1$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
mym.1 <- power.4m(d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02,
r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25,
c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500,
n = 8, J = 3, K = 5, p = 0.36)

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p
mym.2 <- power.4m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mym.2$out # m = 33183, L = 19.3

# Required budget and sample size with constrained p and n
mym.3 <- power.4m(expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8,
constraint = list(p = 0.5, n = 20))
mym.3$out # m = 34262, L = 18.0

# Power calculation
mypower <- power.4m(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 30201)
mypower$out # power = 0.80

# Power calculation under constrained p (p = 0.5)
mypower.1 <- power.4m(expr = myod1, q = 1, d = 0.2, m = 30201,
constraint = list(p = 0.5))
mypower.1$out # power = 0.76

# MDES calculation
mymdes <- power.4m(expr = myod1, q = 1, power = 0.80, m = 30201)
mymdes$out # d = 0.20

# ------- Conventional power analyses with cost.model = FALSE-------
# Required sample size
myL <- power.4m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, d = 0.2, q = 1, power = 0.8)
myL$out # L = 20.6

# myL$par # parameters and their values used for the function
# Or, equivalently, specify every argument in the function
myL <- power.4m(cost.model = FALSE, d = 0.2, power = 0.8, q = 1,
icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, omega = 0.02,
r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42m = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25,
c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4 = 500,
n = 8, J = 3, K = 5, p = 0.36)

# Power calculation
mypower1 <- power.4m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, L = 20.6, d = 0.2, q = 1)
mypower1$out # power = 0.80

# MDES calculation
mymdes1 <- power.4m(cost.model = FALSE, expr = myod1, L = 20.6, power = 0.8, q = 1)
mymdes1$out # d = 0.20

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**Relative efficiency (RE) calculation**
Description

Calculate the relative efficiency (RE) between two designs, it returns same results as those from function `rpe`.

Usage

\[\text{re}(\text{od, subod, rounded = TRUE, verbose = TRUE})\]

Arguments

- **od**: Returned object of first design (e.g., unconstrained optimal design) from function `od.1`, `od.2`, `od.3`, `od.4`, `od.2m`, `od.3m`, or `od.4m`.
- **subod**: Returned object of second design (e.g., constrained optimal design) from function `od.1`, `od.2`, `od.3`, `od.4`, `od.2m`, `od.3m`, or `od.4m`.
- **rounded**: Logical; round the values of \(p, n/J/K\) that are from functions to two decimal places and integer, respectively if TRUE, no rounding if FALSE; default is TRUE.
- **verbose**: Logical; print the value of relative efficiency if TRUE, otherwise not; default is TRUE.

Value

Relative efficiency value.

References


Examples

```r
# Unconstrained optimal design of 2-level CRT #----------
myod1 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, varlim = c(0.01, 0.02))
# Constrained optimal design with n = 20
myod2 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, n = 20, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.88
# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5
myod2 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, p = 0.5, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
```
myre$re # RE = 0.90

# Unconstrained optimal design of 3-level CRT #----------
myod1 <- od.3(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250,
varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))

# Constrained optimal design with J = 20
myod2 <- od.3(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, J = 20,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250,
varlim = c(0, 0.025))

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.53

# Unconstrained optimal design of 4-level CRT #---------
myod1 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, r12 = 0.5,
r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
varlim = c(0, 0.01))

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5
myod2 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, r12 = 0.5, p = 0.5,
r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
varlim = c(0, 0.01))

# Relative efficiency (RE)
myre <- re(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
myre$re # RE = 0.78

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**rpe**

*Relative precision and efficiency (RPE) calculation*

**Description**

Calculate the relative precision and efficiency (RPE) between two designs, it returns same results as those from function `re`.

**Usage**

```r
rpe(od, subod, rounded = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

- `od` Returned object of first design (e.g., unconstrained optimal design) from function `od.1`, `od.2`, `od.3`, `od.4`, `od.2m`, `od.3m`, or `od.4m`.
- `subod` Returned object of second design (e.g., constrained optimal design) from function `od.1`, `od.2`, `od.3`, `od.4`, `od.2m`, `od.3m`, or `od.4m`.  

rounded Logical; round the values of p, n/J/K that are from functions to two decimal places and integer, respectively if TRUE, no rounding if FALSE; default is TRUE.

verbose Logical; print the value of relative precision and efficiency if TRUE, otherwise not; default is TRUE.

Value
Relative precision and efficiency value.

References

Examples

```
# Unconstrained optimal design of 2-level CRT #----------
myod1 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, varlim = c(0.01, 0.02))
# Constrained optimal design with n = 20
myod2 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, n = 20, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
# Relative precision and efficiency (RPE)
myrpe <- rpe(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
myrpe$rpe # RPE = 0.88
# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5
myod2 <- od.2(icc = 0.2, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, p = 0.5, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
# Relative precision and efficiency (RPE)
myrpe <- rpe(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
myrpe$rpe # RPE = 0.90

# Unconstrained optimal design of 3-level CRT #----------
myod1 <- od.3(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, varlim = c(0.005, 0.025))
# Constrained optimal design with J = 20
myod2 <- od.3(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, r12 = 0.5, r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, J = 20, c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, varlim = c(0, 0.025))
# Relative precision and efficiency (RPE)
myrpe <- rpe(od = myod1, subod= myod2)
myrpe$rpe # RPE = 0.53

# Unconstrained optimal design of 4-level CRT #----------
myod1 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, r12 = 0.5,
r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
varlim = c(0, 0.01))

# Constrained optimal design with p = 0.5
myod2 <- od.4(icc2 = 0.2, icc3 = 0.1, icc4 = 0.05, r12 = 0.5, p = 0.5,
r22 = 0.5, r32 = 0.5, r42 = 0.5,
c1 = 1, c2 = 5, c3 = 25, c4 = 125,
c1t = 1, c2t = 50, c3t = 250, c4t = 2500,
varlim = c(0, 0.01))

# Relative precision and efficiency (RPE)
myrpe <- rpe(od = myod1, subod = myod2)
myrpe$rpe # RPE = 0.78
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