Package ‘retrodesign’

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Type Package

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Description Provides tools for working with Type S (Sign) and Type M (Magnitude) errors, as proposed in Gelman and Tuerlinckx (2000) <doi:10.1007/s001800000040> and Gelman & Carlin (2014) <doi:10.1177/1745691614551642>. In addition to simply calculating the probability of Type S/M error, the package includes functions for calculating these errors across a variety of effect sizes for comparison, and recommended sample size given “tolerances” for Type S/M errors. To improve the speed of these calculations, closed forms solutions for the probability of a Type S/M error from Lu, Qiu, and Deng (2018) <doi:10.1111/bmsp.12132> are implemented. As of 1.0.0, this includes support only for simple research designs. See the package vignette for a fuller exposition on how Type S/M errors arise in research, and how to analyze them using the type of design analysis proposed in the above papers.

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retrodesign

retrodesign: Calculates Power, Type S, and Type M error

Description

Calculates Power, Type S, and Type M error and returns them in a list or df, depending on whether a single true effect size or range is provided. retro_design() is faster as it uses the closed form solution from Lu et al. (2018), but this function can be used for t distributions, whereas retro_design() cannot. Function originally provided in Gelman and Carlin (2014), modified with permission.

Usage

retrodesign(A, s, alpha = 0.05, df = Inf, n.sims = 10000)

Arguments

A a numeric or list, an estimate of the true effect size
s a numeric, standard error of the estimate
alpha a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
df a numeric, the degrees of freedom. df=Inf is equivalent to a normal distribution.
n.sims a numeric, how many times to simulate when calculating Type M error.
Value

either a list of length 3 containing the power, type s, and type M error, or if A is a list, a df that is
4 by length(A), with an effect size and it’s corresponding power, type s, and type m errors in each
row.

Examples

retrodesign(1,3.28)
retrodesign(list(.2,2,20),8.1)
retrodesign(.5,1,df=10)

retrodesign.list  List retrodesign

Description

retrodesign.list is the S3 method of the generic retrodesign() function, used when a list is passed for
A.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'list'
retrodesign(A, s, alpha = 0.05, df = Inf, n.sims = 10000)

Arguments

A  a list, estimates of the true effect size
s  a numeric, standard error of the estimate
alpha  a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
df  a numeric, the degrees of freedom. df=Inf is equivalent to a normal distribution. df=Inf is equivalent to a normal distribution.
n.sims  a numeric, how many times to simulate when calculating Type M error

Value

A df that is 4 by length(A), with an effect size and it’s corresponding power, type s, and type m
errors in each row.

Examples

retrodesign(list(.2,2,20), 8.1)
retrodesign(list(.2,2,20), 8.1,df = 10)
Description

retrodesign.numeric is the S3 method of the generic retrodesign() function, used when a single numeric is passed for A. Martijn Weterings kindly provided code to slightly improve this in the very low N case using the non-central t-distribution.

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
retrodesign(A, s, alpha = 0.05, df = Inf, n.sims = 10000)
```

Arguments

- **A**  
  a numeric, an estimate of the true effect size
- **s**  
  a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- **alpha**  
  a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
- **df**  
  a numeric, the degrees of freedom. df=Inf is equivalent to a normal distribution. df=Inf is equivalent to a normal distribution.
- **n.sims**  
  a numeric, how many times to simulate when calculating Type M error

Value

A list of length 3 containing the power, type s, and type M error.

Examples

```r
retrodesign(1,3.28)
retrodesign(2,8.1)
retrodesign(.5,1,df=10)
```

Description

This function name is deprecated in favor of the more clearly named retro_design_closed_form; it won’t be removed in any hurry, just trying to move the naming conventions to be clearer and easier to use.

Usage

```r
retro_design(A, s, alpha = 0.05)
```
Arguments

A  a numeric or list, an estimate of the true effect size
s  a numeric, standard error of the estimate
alpha  a numeric, the statistical significance threshold

Details

Calculates Power, Type S, and Type M error and returns them in a list or df, depending on whether a single true effect size or range is provided. Uses the closed form solution found for the Type-M error found by Lu et al. (2018), and thus is faster than retrodesign. For t distributions, use retrodesign() instead; the closed form solution only applies in the normal case.

Value

either a list of length 3 containing the power, type s, and type M error, or if A is a list, a df that is 4 by length(A), with an effect size and it’s corresponding power, type s, and type m errors in each row.

Examples

retrodesign(1,3.28)
retrodesign(list(.2,2,20),8.1)
Value

either a list of length 3 containing the power, type s, and type M error, or if A is a list, a df that is 4 by length(A), with an effect size and it’s corresponding power, type s, and type m errors in each row.

Examples

retrodesign(1,3.28)
retrodesign(list(.2,2,20),8.1)

## S3 method for class 'list'
retro_design_closed_form(A, s, alpha = 0.05)

Arguments

A a list, estimates of the true effect size
s a numeric, standard error of the estimate
alpha a numeric, the statistical significance threshold

Value

A df that is 4 by length(A), with an effect size and it’s corresponding power, type s, and type m errors in each row.

Examples

retro_design(list(.2,2,20),8.1)
Description

retro_design_closed_form.numeric is the S3 method of the generic retro_design_closed_form() function, used when a single numeric is passed for A.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'numeric'
retro_design_closed_form(A, s, alpha = 0.05)

Arguments

A a numeric, an estimate of the true effect size
s a numeric, standard error of the estimate
alpha a numeric, the statistical significance threshold

Value

A list of length 3 containing the power, type s, and type M error.

Examples

retrodesign(1,3.28)
retrodesign(2,8.1)

Description

Graphs type S/M errors resulting from a simulation using the provided parameters (using the same simulation method as retrodesign()). Can optionally display using ggplot.

Usage

sim_plot(A, s, alpha = 0.05, df = Inf, n.sims = 5000, gg = TRUE)
Arguments

- **A**: a numeric, an estimate of the true effect size
- **s**: a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- **alpha**: a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
- **df**: a numeric, the degrees of freedom
- **n.sims**: a numeric, how many times to simulate when calculating Type M error
- **gg**: If TRUE and ggplot2 is installed, uses ggplot2 for graphic

Value

A list of length 3 containing the power, type s, and type M error.

Examples

```r
sim_plot(1,3.28)
sim_plot(.5,1)
```

Description

Calculates type m error. Is calculated using simulation, and thus supports t distributions through the df parameter.

Usage

```r
type_m(A, s, alpha = 0.05, df = Inf, n.sims = 10000)
```

Arguments

- **A**: a numeric or list, estimate(s) of the true effect size
- **s**: a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- **alpha**: a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
- **df**: a numeric, the number of degrees of freedom. df=Inf is equivalent to a normal distribution.
- **n.sims**: a numeric, how many times to simulate when calculating Type M error

Value

either the type m error, a numeric if a single A is provided, or a df of length 2 by A, with the effect size and corresponding type m error in each row.

Examples

```r
type_m(1,3.28)
type_m(list(.2,2,20),8.1)
```


### type_m.list

**Description**

type_m.list is the S3 method of the generic type_m() function, used when a list is passed for A.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'list'
type_m(A, s, alpha = 0.05, df = Inf, n.sims = 10000)
```

**Arguments**

- `A`: a list, estimates of the true effect size
- `s`: a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- `alpha`: a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
- `df`: a numeric, the number of degrees of freedom. `df=Inf` is equivalent to a normal distribution.
- `n.sims`: a numeric, how many times to simulate when calculating Type M error

**Value**

A df that is 2 by length(A), with an effect size and it’s corresponding type m errors in each row.

**Examples**

```r
type_s(list(.2,2,20),8.1)
```

### type_m.numeric

**Description**

this is the S3 method of the generic type_m() function, used when a numeric is passed for A.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
type_m(A, s, alpha = 0.05, df = Inf, n.sims = 1e+05)
```
Arguments

- **A**: a numeric, estimate of the true effect size
- **s**: a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- **alpha**: a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
- **df**: a numeric, the number of degrees of freedom. df=Inf is equivalent to a normal distribution.
- **n.sims**: a numeric, how many times to simulate when calculating Type M error

Value

either the type m, a numeric if a single A is provided, or a df of length 2 by A, with the effect size and corresponding type m error in each row.

Examples

type_m(1,3.28)

type_s(1,3.28)

type_s(list(.2,2,20),8.1)

Description

Calculates type s error.

Usage

```
type_s(A, s, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

- **A**: a numeric or list, estimate(s) of the true effect size
- **s**: a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- **alpha**: a numeric, the statistical significance threshold

Value

either the type S, a numeric if a single A is provided, or a df of length 2 by A, with the effect size and corresponding type S error in each row.

Examples

type_s(1,3.28)

type_s(list(.2,2,20),8.1)
**type_s.list**  

*List type_s*

**Description**

type_s.list is the S3 method of the generic type_s() function, used when a list is passed for A.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'list'
type_s_list(A, s, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

- **A**  
a list, estimates of the true effect size
- **s**  
a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- **alpha**  
a numeric, the statistical significance threshold

**Value**

A df that is 2 by length(A), with an effect size and it’s corresponding type s errors in each row.

**Examples**

```r
type_s(list(.2,2,20),8.1)
```

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**type_s.numeric**  

*Numeric type_s*

**Description**

this is the S3 method of the generic type_s() function, used when a numeric is passed for A.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'numeric'
type_s_numeric(A, s, alpha = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

- **A**  
a numeric, estimate of the true effect size
- **s**  
a numeric, standard error of the estimate
- **alpha**  
a numeric, the statistical significance threshold
Value

either the type S, a numeric if a single A is provided, or a df of length 2 by A, with the effect size and corresponding type S error in each row.

Examples

type_s(1, 3.28)
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