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Author(s)
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.inheritParams
Dummy function to inherit global descriptions of parameters

Description
Dummy function to inherit global descriptions of parameters

Usage
.inheritParams(data, dvar, mvar, pvar, decreasing, phases, model, trend, level, slope)

Arguments

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model

Model used for calculating the slope parameter (see Huitema & McKeen, 2000). Default is model = "B&L-B". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "Mohr#1", "Mohr#2", "JW", "JW2", and "Manly".

trend

A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.

level

A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.

slope

A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.

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as_scdf

*as_scdf* Converts a data frame to an scdf object

**Description**

*as_scdf* Converts a data frame to an scdf object

**Usage**

*as_scdf*(object)

**Arguments**

- **object**: A scdf object

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autocorrSC

*Autocorrelation for single-case data*

**Description**

The autocorrSC function calculates autocorrelations within each phase and across all phases.

**Usage**

*autocorrSC*(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, lag.max = 3, ...)

**Arguments**

- **data**: A single-case data frame. See *scdf* to learn about this format.
- **dvar**: Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **pvar**: Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **mvar**: Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **lag.max**: The lag up to which autocorrelations will be computed. Default is *lag.max = 3*.
- **...**: Further arguments passed to the *acf* function
Value

A data frame containing separate autocorrelations for each phase and for all phases (for each single-case). If lag.max exceeds the length of a phase minus one, NA is returned for this cell.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

trendSC, plm, acf

Examples

## Compute autocorrelations for a list of four single-cases up to lag 2.
autocorrSC(Huber2014, lag.max = 2)

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Beretvas2008  Single-case example data

Description

The scan package comes with a set of fictitious and authentic single-case study data, by courtesy of the particular authors.

Usage

Beretvas2008

Format

An object of class scdf (inherits from list) of length 1.

Value


Multiple-baseline (11 cases) intervention study on flash card vocabulary learning by Juergen Wilbert.


Multiple-baseline (3 cases x 3 materials) intervention study on a reading intervention. **Reference:** Grosche, M., Lueke, T., & Wilbert, J. (in prep.).


Multiple-baseline (4 cases) intervention study on behavioral compliance. Scores refer to compliant behavior in percent. **Reference:** Huber, C. (in prep.).


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Example from the R package SSDforR.


**Author(s)**

Juergen Wilbert

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**c.scdf**

*Concatenate single-case data frames*

**Description**

Concatenate single-case data frames

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'scdf'
c(...)
```
**corrected_tauSC**

**Arguments**

... scdf objects

**Value**

A scdf

**Description**

Kendall's tau correlation for the dependent variable and the phase variable is calculated after correcting for a baseline trend.

**Usage**

```r
corrected_tauSC(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, phases = c(1, 2), alpha = 0.05, continuity = TRUE, repeated = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

data: A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar: Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar: Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar: Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
phases: A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A", "C") or phases = c(2, 4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1, 3), B = c(2, 4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c("A", "B").
alpha: Sets the p-value at and below which a baseline correction is applied.
continuity: If TRUE applies a continuity correction for calculating p
repeated: If TRUE applies the repeated median method for calculating slope and intercept (mblm)
describeSC

Details

This method has been proposed by Tarlow (2016). The baseline data are checked for a significant autocorrelation (based on Kendalls Tau). If so, a non-parametric Theil-Sen regression is applied for the baseline data where the dependent values are regressed on the measurement time. The resulting slope information is then used to predict data of the B-phase. The dependent variable is now corrected for this baseline trend and the residuals of the Theil-Sen regression are taken for further calculations. Finally, a tau is calculated for the dependent variable and the dichotomous phase variable. The function here provides two extensions to this procedure: The more accurate Siegel repeated median regression is applied when repeated = TRUE and a continuity correction is applied when continuity = TRUE (both are the default settings).

References


See Also

Other regression functions: hplm, mplm, plm
Other overlap functions: nap, overlapSC, pand, pem, pet, pnd, tauUSC

Examples

dat <- scdf(c(A = 33, 25, 17, 25, 14, 13, 15, B = 15, 16, 16, 5, 7, 9, 6, 5, 3, 3, 8, 11, 7))
corrected_tauSC(dat)

describeSC  # Descriptive statistics for single-case data

Description

The describeSC function provides common descriptive statistics for single-case data.

Usage

describeSC(data, dvar, pvar, mvar)

Arguments

data       A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar       Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar       Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar       Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
**Value**

A data frame of descriptive statistics (for each single-case), i.e.: number of observations, number of missing values, measures of central tendency, variation, and trend.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Wilbert

**See Also**

`overlapSC, plotSC`

**Examples**

```r
## Descriptive statistics for a study of three single-cases
describeSC(Grosche2011)

## Descriptives of a three phase design
describeSC(exampleABC)

## Not run:
## Write descriptive statistics to .csv-file
study <- describeSC(Waddell2011)
write.csv(study$descriptives, file = "descriptives.csv")

## End(Not run)
```

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**estimateSC**

*Estimate single-case design*

**Description**

This functions takes an scdf an extracts design parameters. The resulting in object can be used to randomly create new scdf files with the same underlying parameters. This might be useful for monte-carlo studies and bootstrapping procedures.

**Usage**

```r
estimateSC(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, s = NULL, rtt = NULL, 
model = "JW", ...)
```
estimate_design

Arguments

data  A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar  Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar  Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
s  The standard deviation depicting the between case variance of the overall performance. If more than two single-cases are included in the scdf, the variance is estimated if s is set to NULL.
rtt  The reliability of the measurements. The reliability is estimated when rtt = NULL.
model  Model used for calculating the slope parameter (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "B&L-B". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "Mohr#1", "Mohr#2", "JW", "JW2", and "Manly".
...  Further arguments passed to the lm function.

Value

A list of parameters for each single-case. Parameters include name, length, and starting measurementtime of each phase, trend level, and slope effects for each phase, mean, standard deviation, and reliability for each case.

Examples

estimateSC(exampleABC)

Description

This functions takes an scdf and extracts design parameters. The resulting object can be used to randomly create new scdf files with the same underlying parameters. This is useful for monte-carlo studies and bootstrapping procedures.

Usage

estimate_design(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, m = NULL, s = NULL, rtt = NULL, between = TRUE, model = "JW", ...)

Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
m The mean depicting the overall distribution of which all cases are a random sample of. m is estimated when m = NULL.
s The standard deviation depicting the between case variance of the overall performance. If more than two single-cases are included in the scdf, the variance is estimated if s is set to NULL.
rtt The reliability of the measurements. The reliability is estimated when rtt = NULL.
between If FALSE trend, level, and slope effect estimations will be identical for each case. If TRUE effects are estimated for each case seperately.
model Model used for calculating the slope parameter (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "B&L-B". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "Mohr#1", "Mohr#2", "JW", "JW2", and "Manly".
... Further arguments passed to the lm function used for parameter estimation.

Value

A list of parameters for each single-case. Parameters include name, length, and starting measurementtime of each phase, trend level, and slope effects for each phase, mean, standarddeviation, and reliability for each case.

Description

This function is in an experimental status. Export creates html files of tables or displayes them directly in the viewer pane of rstudio. When applied in rmarkdown, tables can also be created for pdf/latex output.

Usage

export(object, filename = NULL, kable_styling_options = list(), kable_options = list(), cols, flip = FALSE, note = TRUE, ...)
Arguments

- **object**: An scdf
- **filename**: Character string with the filename. If a filename is provided the output will be written into this file.
- **kable_styling_options**: list with arguments passed to the kable_styling function.
- **kable_options**: list with arguments passed to the kable function.
- **cols**: Defines which columns are included when a scdf is exported. It is either a vector with variable names or the string "main" will select the central variables.
- **flip**: If TRUE, some objects are displayed with rows and columns flipped.
- **note**: If TRUE additional information are printed below the table.
- **...**: Further Arguments passed to internal functions.

Value

Returns a specific formatted html.

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**fillmissingSC**

*Replacing missing measurement times in single-case data*

Description

The `fillmissingSC` function replaces missing measurements in single-case data.

Usage

`fillmissingSC(data, dvar, mvar, interpolation = "linear", na.rm = TRUE)`

Arguments

- **data**: A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- **dvar**: Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **mvar**: Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **interpolation**: Alternative options not yet included. Default is interpolation = "linear".
- **na.rm**: If set TRUE, NA values are also interpolated. Default is na.rm = TRUE.

Details

This procedure is recommended if there are gaps between measurement times (e.g. MT: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ... 8, 9) or explicitly missing values in your single-case data and you want to calculate overlap indices (`overlapSC`) or a randomization test (`randSC`).
Value

A single-case data frame (SCDF) with missing data points interpolated. See scdf to learn about the SCDF Format.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: longSCDF, outlierSC, rankSC, scaleSC, shiftSC, smoothSC, truncateSC

Examples

```r
## In his study, Grosche (2011) could not realize measurements each single week for
## all participants. During the course of 100 weeks, about 20 measurements per person
## at different times were administered.

## Fill missing values in a single-case dataset with discontinuous measurement times
Grosche2011filled <- fillmissingSC(Grosche2011)
s <- c(Grosche2011[2], Grosche2011filled[2])
labels(s) <- c("Original", "Filled")
plot(s, style = "grid")

## Fill missing values in a single-case dataset that are NA
Maggie <- rSC(design_rSC(level = list(0,1)), seed = 123)
Maggie_n <- Maggie
replace.positions <- c(10,16,18)
Maggie_n[[1]][replace.positions,"values"] <- NA
Maggie_f <- fillmissingSC(Maggie_n)
s <- c(Maggie, Maggie_n, Maggie_f)
labels(s) <- c("original", "missing", "interpolated")
plot(s, marks = list(positions = replace.positions), style = "grid2")
```

hplm

**Hierarchical piecewise linear model / piecewise regression**

Description

The hplm function computes a hierarchical piecewise regression model.
Usage

hplm(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, model = "B&L-B", method = "ML",
   control = list(opt = "optim"), random.slopes = FALSE,
   lr.test = FALSE, ICC = TRUE, trend = TRUE, level = TRUE,
   slope = TRUE, fixed = NULL, random = NULL, update.fixed = NULL,
   data.l2 = NULL, ...)  

Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
model Model used for calculating the slope parameter (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "B&L-B". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "Mohr#1", "Mohr#2", "JW", "JW2", and "Manly".
method Method used to fit your model. Pass "REML" to maximize the restricted log-likelihood or "ML" for maximized log-likelihood. Default is "ML".
control A list of settings for the estimation algorithm, replacing the default values passed to the function lmeControl of the nlme package.
random.slopes If random.slopes = TRUE random slope effects of the level, trend, and treatment parameter are estimated.
lr.test If set TRUE likelihood ratio tests are calculated comparing model with vs. without random slope parameters.
ICC If ICC = TRUE an intraclass-correlation is estimated.
trend A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.
level A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.
slope A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.
fixed Defaults to the fixed part of the standard piecewise regression model. The parameter phase followed by the phase name (e.g., phaseB) indicates the level effect of the corresponding phase. The parameter 'inter' followed by the phase name (e.g., interB) adresses the slope effect based on the method provide in the model argument (e.g., "B&L-B"). The formula can be changed for example to include further L1 or L2 variables into the regression model.
random The random part of the model.
update.fixed An easier way to change the fixed model part (e.g., . ~ . + newvariable).
data.l2 A dataframe providing additional variables at Level 2. The scdf File has to have names for all cases and the Level 2 dataframe has to have a column named 'cases' with the names of the cases the Level 2 variables belong to.
... Further arguments passed to the lme function.
Value

- **model**: List containing information about the applied model.
- **N**: Number of single-cases.
- **formula**: A list containing the fixed and the random formulas of the hplm model.
- **hplm**: Object of class lme containing the multilevel model.
- **model.0**: Object of class lme containing the Zero Model.
- **ICC**: List containing intraclass correlation and test parameters.
- **model.without**: Object of class gls containing the fixed effect model.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other regression functions: `corrected_tauSC, mplm, plm`

Examples

```r
# Compute hplm model on a MBD over fifty cases (restricted log-likelihood)
hplm(exampleAB_50, method = "REML", random.slopes = FALSE)

# Analyzing with additional L2 variables
hplm(Leidig2018, data.l2 = Leidig2018_l2,
    update.fixed = ~.+gender+migration+ITRF_TOTAL*phaseB,
    slope = FALSE, random.slopes = FALSE, lr.test = FALSE)
```

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**Description**

The `longSCDF` function transposes a scdf into one long data frame. Additionally, a data frame can be merged that includes data of the subjects. This might be helpful to prepare data to be used with other packages than scan.

**Usage**

```r
longSCDF(data, l2 = NULL, id = "case")
```
Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.

l2 A data frame providing additional variables at Level 2. The scdf has to have names for all cases and the Level 2 data frame has to have a column with corresponding case names.

id Variable name of the Level 2 data frame that contains the case names.

Value

Returns one data frame with data of all single-cases structured by the case variable.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: `fillmissingSC`, `outlierSC`, `rankSC`, `scaleSC`, `shiftSC`, `smoothSC`, `truncateSC`

Examples

```r
## Convert the list of three single-case data frames from Grosche (2011) into one long data frame
Grosche2011
Grosche2011_long <- longSCDF(Grosche2011)
Grosche2011_long

## Combine an scdf with data for l2
Leidig2018_long <- longSCDF(Leidig2018, l2 = Leidig2018_l2)
names(Leidig2018_long)
summary(Leidig2018_long)
```

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**makeSCDF**

*Single case data frame*

**Description**

The class scdf stores single-case study data with one or more single-cases.

**Usage**

```r
makeSCDF(data, B.start = NULL, MT = NULL)
scdf(values, B.start, mt, phase, phase.design, name, dvar = "values",
      pvar = "phase", mvar = "mt", ...)
```
Arguments

data  A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
B.start  The first measurement of phase B (simple coding if design is strictly AB).
MT  Deprecated: Measurement times
values  A vector containing measurement values of the dependent variable.
t  A vector defining measurement times. Default is \( t = (1, 2, 3, \ldots, n) \).
phase  A vector defining phase assignments.
phase.design  A vector defining the length and label of each phase. E.g., phase.length = \( c(A1 = 10, B1 = 10, A2 = 10, B2 = 10) \).
name  A name for the case.
dvar  Character string with the name of the dependent variable.Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar  Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
...  Additional variables. E.g., teacher = c(0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1), lesson = c(1, 3, 4, 5, 2, 3).

Details

The scdf class is a wrapper for a list containing a dataframe for each case.

If the dependent variable is a named vector then the names are extracted to create a phase design (e.g., values = c(A = 2,3,5,4,3, B = 6,5,4,3) will create an AB phase design with five and four measurements). An scdf contains several attributes: dvar The name of the dependent variable. phase The name of the phase variable. mt The name of the measurement time variable. author Information on the author of the data. info Further information on the data. E.g., a publication. dvar, phase, and mt are the defaults most of the scan function use. You can change the values of the attributes with the scdf_attr function (e.g., scdf_attr(exampleAB_add, "dvar") <- "depression" defines depression as the dependent variable. Please notice that all scan functions have arguments to define dvar, phase, and mt for a given analysis.

Value

Returns a single-case data frame scdf suitable for all functions of the scan package. Multiple data sets (e.g. from Multiple Baseline Designs) can be listed.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

Examples

```r
## Scores on a letter naming task were collected on eleven days in a row. The intervention
## started after the fifth measurement, so the first B phase measurement was 6 (B.start = 6).
```
klaas <- scdf(
  c(5, 7, 8, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, 15, 14, 19),
  B.start = 6, name = "Klaas"
)
plot(klaas)

#Alternative coding 1:
klaas <- scdf(
  c(A = 5, 7, 8, 5, 7, B = 12, 16, 18, 15, 14, 19),
  name = "Klaas"
)

#Alternative coding 2:
klaas <- scdf(
  c(5, 7, 8, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, 15, 14, 19),
  phase.design = c(A = 5, B = 6), name = "Klaas"
)

## Unfortunately in a similar SCDR there were no data collected on days 3 and 9. Use NA to
## pass them to the package.
emmi <- scdf(c(5, 7, NA, 5, 7, 12, 16, 18, NA, 14, 19),
  phase.design = c(A = 5, B = 6), name = "Emmi")
describeSC(emmi)

## In a MBD over three persons, data were again collected eleven days in a row. Intervention
## starting points differ between subjects as they were randomly assigned. The three SCDFs
## are then combined in a list for further conjoined analyses.
charlotte <- scdf(c(A = 5, 7, 10, 5, 12, B = 7, 10, 18, 15, 14, 19))
theresa <- scdf(c(A = 3, 4, 3, 5, B = 7, 4, 7, 9, 8, 10, 12))
antonia <- scdf(c(A = 9, 8, 8, 5, 7, B = 6, 14, 15, 12, 16))
mbd <- c(charlotte, theresa, antonia)
names(mbd) <- c("Charlotte", "Theresa", "Antonia")
overlapSC(mbd)

## In a classroom-based intervention it was not possible to measure outcomes every day, but
## only on schooldays. The sequence of measurements is passed to the package by using a
## vector of measurement times.
frida <- scdf(
  c(A = 3, 2, 4, 2, 2, 3, 5, 6, B = 8, 10, 8, 12, 14, 13, 12),
  mt = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)
)
summary(frida)
plot(frida)
describeSC(frida)

## example with two independent variables and four phases
jim <- scdf(
  zvt = c(47, 58, 76, 63, 71, 59, 64, 69, 72, 77, 76, 73),
  d2 = c(131, 134, 141, 141, 140, 140, 138, 140, 141, 140, 138, 140),
  phase.design = c(A1 = 3, B1 = 3, A2 = 3, B2 = 3), dvar = "zvt")
overlapSC(jim, phases = list(c("A1", "A2"), c("B1", "B2")))
**makesingleSC**  

*Aggregate multiple single-cases into one case*

**Description**

The makesingleSC function combines multiple single-case data frames into one single-case data frame.

**Usage**

```
makesingleSC(data, scale = FALSE, type = "add")
```

**Arguments**

- `data`: A vector with measurements, a data frame or a list of data frames.
- `scale`: Unused
- `type`: By default values with the same measurement are added. If type is set to "mean" or "median", values of the same measurement are replaced with their mean or median. Default is "add".

**Details**

The algorithm works the following way:

1. All values of each single-case are centred with respect to each case’s phase A mean.
2. The phase A values of all single-cases are combined in ascending order of their measurement times.
3. The phase B values of all single-cases are combined in ascending order of their measurement times.
4. Phase B values are appended to phase A values. The measurement times of phase B are shifted to start with the next MT after the end of phase A.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Wilbert

**See Also**

`scdf, longSCDF, writeSC`

**Examples**

```r
##Function deprecated
## please do not use it!
```
mplm

Multivariate Piecewise linear model / piecewise regression

Description

This function is in an experimental status. The mplm function computes a multivariate piecewise regression model.

Usage

mplm(data, dvar, mvar, pvar, model = "B&L-B", trend = TRUE, level = TRUE, slope = TRUE, formula = NULL, update = NULL, na.action = na.omit, ...)

Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
model Model used for calculating the slope parameter (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is model = "B&L-B". Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "Mohr#1", "Mohr#2", "JW", "JW2", and "Manly".
trend A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.
level A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.
slope A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.
formula Defaults to the standard piecewise regression model. The parameter phase followed by the phase name (e.g., phaseB) indicates the level effect of the corresponding phase. The parameter 'inter' followed by the phase name (e.g., interB) addresses the slope effect based on the method provide in the model argument (e.g., "B&L-B"). The formula can be changed for example to include further variables into the regression model.
update An easier way to change the regression formula (e.g., . ~ . + newvariable).
na.action Defines how to deal with missing values
... Further arguments passed to the lm function.

Value

model Character string from function call (see Arguments above).
full.model Full regression model list
**Author(s)**

Juergen Wilbert

**See Also**

Other regression functions: `correctedTauSC, hplm, plm`

**Examples**

```r
##
mplm(exampleAB_add, dvar = c("wellbeing", "depression"))
```

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### Description

The `nap` function calculates the nonoverlap of all pairs (NAP; Parker & Vannest, 2009). NAP summarizes the overlap between all pairs of phase A and phase B data points. If an increase of phase B scores is expected, a non-overlapping pair has a higher phase B data point. The NAP equals \( \frac{\text{number of pairs showing no overlap}}{\text{number of pairs}} \). Because NAP can only take values between 50 and 100 percent, a rescaled and therefore more intuitive NAP (0-100%) is also displayed.

### Usage

```r
nap(data, dvar, pvar, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c("A", "B"))
```

### Arguments

- `data` A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- `dvar` Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `pvar` Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `decreasing` If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set `decreasing = TRUE`. Default is `decreasing = FALSE`.
- `phases` A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A", "C")` or `phases = c(2, 4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1, 3), B = c(2, 4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c("A", "B")`.

### Value

- `nap` A data frame with NAP and additional values for each case.
- `N` Number of cases.
outlierSC

Handling outliers in single-case data

Description

Identifies and drops outliers within a single-case data frame (scdf).

Usage

outlierSC(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, criteria = c("MAD", "3.5"))

Arguments

data  A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar  Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar  Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
criteria  Specifies the criteria for outlier identification. Set criteria = c("SD", 2) to define two standard deviations as limit. This is also the default setting. To use the 99% Confidence Interval use criteria = c("CI", 0.99). Set criteria = c("Cook", "4/n") to define any data point with a Cook’s Distance greater than 4/n as an outlier, based on the Piecewise Linear Regression Model.
The `overlapSC` function provides the most common overlap indices for single-case data and some additional statistics.
Usage

overlapSC(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))

Arguments

data  A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar  Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar  Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
decreasing  If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set decreasing = TRUE. Default is decreasing = FALSE.
phases  A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A", "C") or phases = c(2, 4) for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1, 3), B = c(2, 4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c("A", "B").

Value

overlap  A data frame consisting of the following indices for each single-case for all cases: PND, PEM, PET, NAP, PAND, Tau-U (A vs. B - Trend A), Diff_mean, Diff_trend, SMD.
phases.A  Selection for A phase.
phases.B  Selection for B phase.
design  Phase design.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other overlap functions: corrected_tauSC, nap, pand, pem, pet, pnd, tauUSC

Examples

## Display overlap indices for one single-case
overlapSC(Huitema2000, decreasing = TRUE)

## Display overlap indices for six single-cases
overlapSC(GruenkeWilbert2014)

## Combining phases for analyzing designs with more than two phases
The `pand` function calculates the percentage of all non-overlapping data (PAND; Parker, Hagan-Burke, & Vannest, 2007), an index to quantify a level increase (or decrease) in performance after the onset of an intervention.

### Usage

```r
pand(data, dvar, pvar, decreasing = FALSE, correction = TRUE, 
    phases = c("A", "B"))
```

### Arguments

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<td>The default correction = TRUE makes <code>pand</code> use a frequency matrix, which is corrected for ties. A tie is counted as the half of a measurement in both phases. Set <code>correction = FALSE</code> to use the uncorrected matrix, which is not recommended.</td>
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### Details

The PAND indicates nonoverlap between phase A and B data (like PND), but uses all data and is therefore not based on one single (probably unrepresentative) datapoint. Furthermore, PAND allows the comparison of real and expected associations (Chi-square test) and estimation of the effect size Phi, which equals Pearsons r for dichotomous data. Thus, phi-Square is the amount of explained variance. The original procedure for computing the PAND (Parker, Hagan-Burke, & Vannest, 2007) does not account for ambivalent datapoints (ties). The newer NAP overcomes this problem and has better precision-power (Parker, Vannest, & Davis, 2014).
Value

- **PAND**: Percentage of all non-overlapping data.
- **phi**: Effect size Phi based on expected and observed values.
- **POD**: Percentage of overlapping data points.
- **OD**: Number of overlapping data points.
- **n**: Number of data points.
- **N**: Number of cases.
- **nA**: Number of data points in phase A.
- **nB**: Number of data points in phase B.
- **pA**: Percentage of data points in phase A.
- **pB**: Percentage of data points in phase B.
- **matrix**: 2x2 frequency matrix of phase A and B comparisons.
- **matrix.counts**: 2x2 counts matrix of phase A and B comparisons.
- **correlation**: A list of the correlation values: statistic, parameter, p.value, estimate, null.value, alternative, method, data.name, correction.
- **correction**: Logical argument from function call (see Arguments above).

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

References


See Also

Other overlap functions: corrected_tauSC, nap, overlapSC, pem, pet, pnd, tauUSC

Examples

```r
## Calculate the PAND for a MMBD over three cases
gunnar <- scdf(c(2,3,1,5,3,4,2,6,4,7), B.start = 5)
birgit <- scdf(c(3,3,2,4,7,4,2,1,4,7), B.start = 4)
bodo <- scdf(c(2,3,4,5,3,4,7,6,8,7), B.start = 6)
mdb <- c(gunnar, birgit, bodo)
pand(mdb)
pand(bodo)

## Calculate the PAND with an expected decrease of phase B scores
cubs <- scdf(c(20,22,24,17,21,13,10,9,20,9,18), B.start = 5)
pand(cubs, decreasing = TRUE)
```
**pem**

*Percent exceeding the median*

**Description**

The `pem` function returns the percentage of phase B data exceeding the phase A median. Additionally, a chi square test against a 50/50 distribution is computed. Different measures of central tendency can be addressed for alternative analyses.

**Usage**

```r
pem(data, dvar, pvar, decreasing = FALSE, binom.test = TRUE, chi.test = FALSE, FUN = median, phases = c(1, 2), ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `data`: A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- `dvar`: Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `pvar`: Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `decreasing`: If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set `decreasing = TRUE`. Default is `decreasing = FALSE`.
- `binom.test`: Computes a binomial test for a 50/50 distribution. Default is `binom.test = TRUE`.
- `chi.test`: Computes a Chi-square test. The default setting `chi.test = FALSE` skips the Chi-square test.
- `FUN`: Data points are compared with the phase A median. Use this argument to implement alternative measures of central tendency. Default is `FUN = median`.
- `phases`: A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A", "C")` or `phases = c(2, 4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c("A","B")`.
- `...`: Additional arguments for the `FUN` parameter (e.g. `FUN = mean, trim = 0.1` will use the 10 percent trimmed arithmetic mean instead of the median for comparisons). The function must take a vector of numeric values and the `na.rm` argument and return a numeric value.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Wilbert

**See Also**

Other overlap functions: `corrected_tauSC`, `nap`, `overlapSC`, `pand`, `pet`, `pnd`, `tauUSC`
## Calculate the PEM including the Binomial and Chi-square tests for a single-case

```r
dat <- rSC(5, level = 0.5)
pem(dat, chi.test = TRUE)
```

### Description

The `pet` function provides the percentage of phase B data points exceeding the prediction based on the phase A trend. A binomial test against a 50/50 distribution is computed. Furthermore, the percentage of phase B data points exceeding the upper (or lower) 95 percent confidence interval of the predicted progress is computed.

### Usage

```r
pet(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, ci = 0.95, decreasing = FALSE,
    phases = c("A", "B"))
```

### Arguments

- **data**: A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- **dvar**: Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **pvar**: Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **mvar**: Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- **ci**: Width of the confidence interval. Default is `ci = 0.95`.
- **decreasing**: If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set `decreasing = TRUE`. Default is `decreasing = FALSE`.
- **phases**: A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A", "C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3),B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c("A", "B")`. 

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**pet**  
Percent exceeding the trend
Value

- **PET**: Percent exceeding the trend.
- **PET.ci**: Percent exceeding the upper/lower 95%-CI boundary.
- **p**: P value of Binomial Test.
- **ci.percent**: Width of confidence interval in percent.
- **se.factors**: Standard error.
- **N**: Number of cases.
- **decreasing**: Logical argument from function call (see Arguments above).
- **case.names**: Assigned name of single-case.
- **phases**: -

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other overlap functions: corrected_tauSC, nap, overlapSC, pand, pem, pnd, tauUSC

Examples

```r
## Calculate the PET and use a 99%-CI for the additional calculation
# create random example data
design <- design_rSC(n = 5, slope = 0.2)
dat <- rSC(design, seed = 23)
pet(dat, ci = .99)
```

plm

Piecewise linear model / piecewise regression

Description

The `plm` function computes a piecewise regression model (see Huitema & McKean, 2000).

Usage

```r
plm(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, AR = 0, model = "B&L-B",
    family = "gaussian", trend = TRUE, level = TRUE, slope = TRUE,
    formula = NULL, update = NULL, na.action = na.omit, ...)
```
**Arguments**

- **data**
  A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.

- **dvar**
  Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

- **pvar**
  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

- **mvar**
  Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

- **AR**
  Maximal lag of autoregression. Modeled based on the Autoregressive-Moving Average (ARMA) function. When AR is set, the family argument must be set to `family = "gaussian"`.

- **model**
  Model used for calculating the slope parameter (see Huitema & McKean, 2000). Default is `model = "B&L-B"`. Possible values are: "B&L-B", "H-M", "Mohr#1", "Mohr#2", "JW", "JW2", and "Manly".

- **family**
  Set the distribution family. Defaults to a gaussian distribution. See the `family` function for more details.

- **trend**
  A logical indicating if a trend parameters is included in the model.

- **level**
  A logical indicating if a level parameters is included in the model.

- **slope**
  A logical indicating if a slope parameters is included in the model.

- **formula**
  Defaults to the standard piecewise regression model. The parameter phase followed by the phase name (e.g., phaseB) indicates the level effect of the corresponding phase. The parameter 'inter' followed by the phase name (e.g., interB) addresses the slope effect based on the method provide in the model argument (e.g., "B&L-B"). The formula can be changed for example to include further variables into the regression model.

- **update**
  An easier way to change the regression formula (e.g., . ~ . + newvariable).

- **na.action**
  Defines how to deal with missing values

- **...**
  Further arguments passed to the glm function.

**Value**

- **formula**
  plm formula. Usefull if you want to use the update or formula argument and you don’t know the names of the parameters.

- **model**
  Character string from function call (see Arguments above).

- **F.test**
  F-test values of modelfit.

- **r.squares**
  Explained variance R squared for each model parameter.

- **ar**
  Autoregression lag from function call (see Arguments above).

- **family**
  Distribution family from function call (see Arguments above).

- **full.model**
  Full regression model list from the gls or glm function.

**Author(s)**

Juergen Wilbert
plot.scdf

References


See Also

Other regression functions: corrected_tauSC, hplm, mplm

Examples

```r
## Compute a piecewise regression model for a random single-case
set.seed(123)
AB <- design_rSC(
  phase.design = list(A = 10, B = 20),
  level = list(A = 0, B = 1), slope = list(A = 0, B = 0.05),
  trend = list(0.05)
)
dat <- rSC(design = AB)
plm(dat, AR = 3)

## Another example with a more complex design
A1B1A2B2 <- design_rSC(
  phase.design = list(A1 = 15, B1 = 20, A2 = 15, B2 = 20),
  level = list(A1 = 0, B1 = 1, A2 = -1, B2 = 1),
  slope = list(A1 = 0, B1 = 0.0, A2 = 0, B2 = 0.0),
  trend = list(0.0))
dat <- rSC(design = A1B1A2B2, seed = 123)
plm(dat, model = "JW")

## no slope effects were found. Therefore you might want to drop slope estimation:
plm(dat, slope = FALSE, model = "JW")

## and now drop the trend estimation as well
plm(dat, slope = FALSE, trend = FALSE, model = "JW")
```

Description

The plotSC function provides a plot of a single-case or multiple single-cases.
## S3 method for class 'scdf'

```r
plot(...)
```

`plotSC(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, ylim = NULL, xlim = NULL, xinc = 1,
       lines = NULL, marks = NULL, phase.names = NULL, xlab = NULL,
       ylab = NULL, main = "", case.names = NULL, style = "grid", ...)`

### Arguments

- `...` Further arguments passed to the plot command.
- `data` A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- `dvar` Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `pvar` Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `mvar` Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `ylim` Lower and upper limits of the y-axis (e.g., `ylim = c(0, 20)` sets the y-axis to a scale from 0 to 20). With multiple single-cases you can use `ylim = c(0, NA)` to scale the y-axis from 0 to the maximum of each case. `ylim` is not set by default, which makes `scan` set a proper scale based on the given data.
- `xlim` Lower and upper limits of the x-axis (e.g., `xlim = c(0, 20)` sets the x-axis to a scale from 0 to 20). With multiple single-cases you can use `ylim = c(0, NA)` to scale the x-axis from 0 to the maximum of each case. `xlim` is not set by default, which makes `scan` set a proper scale based on the given data.
- `xinc` An integer. Increment of the x-axis. 1: each mt value will be printed, 2: every other value, 3: every third values etc.
- `lines` A character or list defining one or more lines or curves to be plotted. The argument is either passed as a character string (e.g., `lines = "median"`) or as a list (e.g., `list("median","trend")`). Some of the procedures can be refined with an additional argument (e.g., `lines = list("mean" = 0.2)` adds a 20%-trimmed mean line). By default no additional lines are plotted. Possible lines are:
  - "median" Separate lines for phase A and B medians.
  - "mean" Separate lines for phase A and B means. By default it is 10%-trimmed. Other trims can be set, using a second parameter (e.g., `lines = list(mean = 0.2)` draws a 20%-trimmed mean line).
  - "trend" Separate lines for phase A and B trends.
  - "trendA" Trend line for phase A, extrapolated throughout phase B.
  - "maxA/minA" Line at the level of the highest or lowest phase A score.
  - "medianA" Line at the phase A median score.
  - "meanA" Line at the phase A 10%-trimmed mean score. Apply a different trim, by using the additional argument (e.g., `lines = list(meanA = 0.2)`).
• "plm" Regression lines for piecewise linear regression model.
• "plm.ar" Regression lines for piecewise autoregression model. The lag is specified like this: lines = list(plm.ar = 2). Default lag is set to 2.
• "movingMean" Draws a moving mean curve, with a specified lag: lines = list(movingMean = 2). Default is a lag 1 curve.
• "movingMedian" Draws a moving median curve, with a specified lag: lines = list(movingMedian = 3). Default is a lag 1 curve.
• "loreg" Draws a non-parametric local regression line. The proportion of data influencing each data point can be specified using lines = list("loreg" = 0.66). The default is 0.5.
• "lty" Use this argument to define the line type. Examples are: "solid", "dashed", "dotted".
• "lwd" Use this argument to define the line’s thickness, e.g., lwd = 4.
• "col" Use this argument to define the line’s color, e.g., col = "red".

marks
A list of parameters defining markings of certain data points.
• "positions" A vector or a list of vectors indicating measurement-times to be highlighted. In case of a vector, the marked measurement-times are the same for all plotted cases. In case of a list of vectors, marks are set differently for each case. The list must have the same length as there are cases in the data file.
• "col" Color of the marks.
• "cex" Size of the marks.
Use for example marks = list(positions = c(1,8,15),col = "red",cex = 3) to make the MTs one, eight and 18 appear big and red.

phase.names
By default phases are labeled based on the levels of the phase variable. Use this argument to specify different labels: phase.names = c("Baseline","Intervention").

xlab
The label of the x-axis. Default is xlab = "Measurement time".

ylab
The labels of the y-axis. Default is ylab = "Score".

main
Main title of the plot.

case.names
Case names. If not provided, names are taken from the scdf. Set case.names = "" if you don’t like to include case names.

style
Either a character with the name of a pre-implemented style or a style object. See `style.plotSC` to learn about this format.

Value
Returns a plot of one or multiple single-cases.

Author(s)
Juergen Wilbert

See Also
`style.plotSC`, `describeSC`, `overlapSC`
Examples

```r
## Request the default plot of the data from Borckhardt (2014)
plot(Borckhardt2014)

## Plot the three cases from Grosche (2011) and visualize the phase A trend
plot(Grosche2011, style = "grid", lines = "trendA")

## Request the local regression line for Georg from that data set and customize the plot
plot(Grosche2011$Georg, style = "sienna", ylim = c(0,NA),
     xlab = "Training session", ylab = "Words per minute",
     phase.names = c("Baseline", "Intervention"),
     lines = list("loreg", lty = "solid", col = "black", lwd = 3))

## Plot a random MBD over three cases and mark interesting MTs
dat <- rSC(design = design_rSC(3))
plot(dat, marks = list(positions = list(c(2,4,5),c(1,2,3),c(7,8,9)), col = "blue",
                          cex = 1.4), style = c("grid", "annotate", "tiny"))
```

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**pnd**  
Percentage of non-overlapping data

**Description**

This function returns the percentage of non-overlapping data. Due to its error-proneness the PND should not be used, but **nap** or **pand** instead (see Parker & Vannest, 2009).

**Usage**

```r
pnd(data, dvar, pvar, decreasing = FALSE, phases = c("A", "B"))
```

**Arguments**

- `data`  
  A single-case data frame. See **scdf** to learn about this format.

- `dvar`  
  Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

- `pvar`  
  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

- `decreasing`  
  If you expect data to be lower in the B phase, set `decreasing = TRUE`. Default is `decreasing = FALSE`.

- `phases`  
  A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A", "C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3), B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c("A", "B")`.  

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power.testSC

Value
PND
Percentage of non-overlapping data.

Author(s)
Juergen Wilbert

See Also
Other overlap functions: corrected_tausc, nap, overlapSC, pand, pem, pet, tauUSC

Examples

```r
## Calculate the PND for multiple single-case data
pnd(GruenkeWilbert2014)
```

Description

!! This function is deprecated. Please use the power_testSC function !! The power.testSC command conducts a Monte-Carlo study on the test-power and alpha-error of a randomization-test and a piecewise-regression model. The distribution values of the Monte-Carlo sample are either specified by the user or estimated based on actual data.

Usage

```r
power.testSC(data = NULL, dvar, pvar, mvar, parameters = NULL, stat = c("rand.test", "plm"), test.parameter = c("level", "slope"), rand.test.stat = c("Mean B-A", "B"), cases = NULL, rtt = NULL, level = NULL, slope = NULL, MT = NULL, B.start = NULL, trend = NULL, n_sim = 100, limit = 5, m = NULL, s = NULL, startpoints = NA, extreme.p = 0, extreme.d = c(-4, -3), exclude.equal = "auto", alpha = 0.05, distribution = "normal", silent = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- **data**
  A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.

- **dvar**
  Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.

- **pvar**
  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
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<td><code>mvar</code></td>
<td>Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.</td>
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<td><code>parameters</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>stat</code></td>
<td>Defines the tests the power analysis is computed for. The default <code>stat = c(&quot;rand.test&quot;,&quot;plm&quot;)</code> computes a power analysis for the <code>randSC</code> and the <code>plm</code> analyses. Further possibilities are &quot;hplm&quot; for a hierarchical linear regression model and &quot;plm.poisson&quot; for a generalized piecewise-regression model under the assumption of poisson distributed errors.</td>
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<td><code>test.parameter</code></td>
<td>Indicates whether the power and alpha error for a level effect, a slope effect, or both effects should be estimated. The default setting <code>test.parameter = c(&quot;level&quot;,&quot;slope&quot;)</code> requests both.</td>
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<td><code>rand.test.stat</code></td>
<td>Defines the statistic the randomization test is based on. The first values stipulates the statistic for the level-effect computation and the second value for the slope-effect computation. Default is <code>rand.test.stat = c(&quot;Mean B-A&quot;,&quot;B&quot;)</code>. Please see <code>randSC</code> for more information on the test statistics.</td>
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<td><code>cases</code></td>
<td>Number of cases per study.</td>
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<td><code>rtt</code></td>
<td>Reliability of the underlying simulated measurements. Default is <code>rtt = 0.8</code>.</td>
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<td><code>level</code></td>
<td>Defines the level increase (effect size $d$) at the beginning of phase B.</td>
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<td><code>slope</code></td>
<td>Defines the increase in scores - starting with phase B - expressed as effect size $d$ per MT. $slope = .1$ generates an incremental increase of 0.1 standard deviations per MT for all phase B measurements.</td>
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<td><code>MT</code></td>
<td>Number of measurements (in each study).</td>
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<td><code>B.start</code></td>
<td>Phase B starting point. A single value (e.g., <code>B.start = 6</code>) defines B.start for all studies and cases. A vector of starting values is given with the chain command (e.g., <code>B.start = c(6,7,8)</code>). A value between 0 and 1 is interpreted as a proportion (e.g., <code>B.start = c(0.3,0.5,0.8)</code>) would start phase B at 30, 50, and 80% of the MTs).</td>
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<td><code>trend</code></td>
<td>Defines the effect size $d$ of a trend per MT added across the whole data-set.</td>
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<td><code>n_sim</code></td>
<td>Number of sample studies created for the the Monte-Carlo study. Default is <code>n = 100</code></td>
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<tr>
<td><code>limit</code></td>
<td>Minimal number of data points per phase in the sample. Default is <code>limit = 5</code>.</td>
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<td><code>m</code></td>
<td>Mean of the sample distribution the data are drawn from.</td>
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<td><code>s</code></td>
<td>Standard deviation of the sample distribution the data are drawn from.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><code>startpoints</code></td>
<td>Alternative to the <code>limit</code> parameter start points exactly defines the possible start points of phase B (e.g., <code>startpoints = 4:9</code> restricts the phase B start points to measurements 4 to 9. <code>startpoints</code> overruns the <code>limit</code> parameter.</td>
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<td><code>extreme.p</code></td>
<td>Probability of extreme values. <code>extreme.p = .05</code> gives a five percent probability of an extreme value. Default is <code>extreme.p = 0</code>.</td>
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<td><code>extreme.d</code></td>
<td>Range for extreme values, expressed as effect size $d$. <code>extreme.d = c(-7,-6)</code> uses extreme values within a range of -7 and -6 standard deviations. Caution: the first value must be smaller than the second, otherwise the procedure will fail. Default is <code>extreme.d = c(-4,-3)</code>.</td>
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power.testSC

exclude.equal If set to exclude.equal = FALSE, random distribution values equal to the observed distribution are counted as null-hypothesis conform. That is, they decrease the probability of rejecting the null-hypothesis (increase the p-value). Default is exclude.equal = "auto", which means FALSE for multiple baseline designs and TRUE for one single-case.

alpha Alpha level used to calculate the proportion of significant tests. Default is alpha = 0.05.

distribution Indicates whether the random sample is based on a "normal" or a "poisson" distribution. Default is distribution = "normal".

silent If set TRUE, the results are not printed after computation. Default is silent = FALSE.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

plm, randSC

Examples

## Assume you want to conduct a single-case study with 15 MTs, using a highly reliable test, ## an expected level effect of \(d = 1.4\), and randomized start points between MTs 5 and 12 can you expect to identify the effect using plm or randomization test?
mc_par <- list(
  n_cases = 1, mt = 15, B.start = round(runif (300,5,12)),
  rtt = 0.8, level = 1.4
)
res <- power.testSC(
  parameters = mc_par,
  stat = c("rand.test","hplm"),
  test.parameter = "level",
  startpoints = 5:12,
  n_sim = 100
)
## Would you achieve higher power by setting up a MBD with three cases?
mc_par <- list(
  n_cases = 3, mt = 15, B.start = round(runif (300,5,12)),
  rtt = 0.8, level = 1.4
)
power.testSC(
  parameters = mc_par,
  stat = c("rand.test","hplm"),
  test.parameter = "level",
  startpoints = 5:12,
  n_sim = 10
)
power_testSC

Empirical power analysis for single-case data

Description

The power_testSC command conducts a Monte-Carlo study on the test-power and alpha-error of a set of single-cases. The distribution values of the Monte-Carlo sample are either specified by the user or estimated based on actual data.

Usage

```
power_testSC(design, stat = c("plm_level", "rand", "tauU"),
n_sim = 100, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

- **design**: An object created by `design_rSC`
- **stat**: Defines the tests the power analysis is based on. The default `stat = c("plm_level", "rand", "tauU")` computes a power analysis based on `tauUSC, randSC` and `plm` analyses. Further possibilities are: "plm_slope", "plm_poisson_level", "plm_poisson_slope", "hplm_level", "hplm_slope", "base_tau".
- **n_sim**: Number of sample studies created for the Monte-Carlo study. Default is `n = 100`
- **alpha**: Alpha level used to calculate the proportion of significant tests. Default is `alpha = 0.05`.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

- `plm`, `randSC`

Examples

```R
## Assume you want to conduct a single-case study with 15 MTs, using a highly reliable test,
## an expected level effect of \( d = 1.4 \), and randomized start points between MTs 5
## and 12 can you expect to identify the effect using plm or randomization test?
design <- design_rSC(
  n = 1, phase.design = list(A = 6, B = 9),
  rtt = 0.8, level = 1.4
)
res <- power_testSC(design, n_sim = 10)

## Would you achieve higher power by setting up a MBD with three cases?
design <- design_rSC(  
```
n = 3, phase.design = list(A = 6, B = 9),
  rtt = 0.8, level = 1.4
)
res <- power_testSC(design, n_sim = 10, stat = c("hplm_level", "rand"))
Arguments

- `x`  An scdf object
- `cases`  Number of cases to be printed. "fit" fits the number to the current screen width.
- `rows`  Number of rows to be printed.
- `cols`  Columns to be printed. "Main" only prints the dependent, measurement-time and phase variable.
- `long`  Logical. If TRUE cases are printed in one by a time.
- `digits`  Number of digits.
- `...`  Further arguments passed to the print function.

Details

Print options for scdf objects could be set globally: option(scan.print.cases = "all"), option(scan.print.rows = 10), option(scan.print.cols = "main"), option(scan.print.long = TRUE), option(scan.print.digits = 0), option(scan.print.scdf.name = FALSE)

rand.test  (deprecated) Randomization Test

Description

Please use the randSC function

Usage

rand.test(...)

Arguments

- `...`  Passed to randSC

random  Single-case data generator

Description

The rSC function generates random single-case data frames for monte-carlo studies and demonstration purposes. design_rSC is used to set up a design matrix with all parameters needed for the rSC function.
Usage

rSC(design = NULL, round = NA, random.names = FALSE, seed = NULL, ...)

design_rSC(n = 1, phase.design = list(A = 5, B = 15),
        trend = list(0), level = list(0), slope = list(0),
        rtt = list(0.8), m = list(50), s = list(10), extreme.p = list(0),
        extreme.d = c(-4, -3), missing.p = list(0),
        distribution = "normal", prob = 0.5, MT = NULL, B.start = NULL)

Arguments

design A design matrix which is created by design_rSC and specifies all parameters.
round Rounds the scores to the defined decimal. To round to the second decimal, set
        round = 2.
random.names Is FALSE by default. If set random.names = TRUE cases are assigned random first
        names. If set "male" or "female" only male or female names are chosen. The
        names are drawn from the 2,000 most popular names for newborns in 2012 in
        the U.S. (1,000 male and 1,000 female names).
seed A seed number for the random generator.
... Parametres that are directly passed from the rSC function to the design_rSC
        function for a more concise coding.
n Number of cases to be created (Default is n = 1).
phase.design A vector defining the length and label of each phase. E.g., phase.length =
trend Defines the effect size d of a trend per MT added across the whole data-set. To
        assign different trends to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g.
        trend = c(.1, .3, .5)). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values
        are repeated. While using a binomial or poisson distribution, d.trend indicates
        an increase in points / counts per MT.
level Defines the level increase (effect size d) at the beginning of phase B. To assign
        different level effects to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g.
        d.level = c(.2, .4, .6)). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vec-
        tor, values are repeated. While using a binomial or poisson distribution, d.level
        indicates an increase in points / counts with the onset of the B-phase.
slope Defines the increase in scores - starting with phase B - expressed as effect size
        d per MT. d.slope = .1 generates an incremental increase of 0.1 standard de-
        viations per MT for all phase B measurements. To assign different slope effects
        to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g. d.slope = c(.1, .2, .3)). If
        the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are repeated. While
        using a binomial or poisson distribution, d.slope indicates an increase in points
        / counts per MT.
rtt Reliability of the underlying simulated measurements. Set rtt = .8 by default.
        To assign different reliabilities to several single-cases, use a vector of values
        (e.g. rtt = c(.6, .7, .8)). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the
vector, values are repeated. \emph{rtt} has no effect when you're using binomial or poisson distributed scores.

\textbf{m} \hspace{1cm} Mean of the sample distribution the scores are drawn from. Default is \(m = 50\). To assign different means to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g. \(m = c(50, 42, 56)\)). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are repeated.

\textbf{s} \hspace{1cm} Standard deviation of the sample distribution the scores are drawn from. Set to \(s = 10\) by default. To assign different variances to several single-cases, use a vector of values (e.g. \(s = c(5, 10, 15)\)). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are repeated.

\textbf{extreme.p} \hspace{1cm} Probability of extreme values. \texttt{extreme.p = .05} gives a five percent probability of an extreme value. A vector of values assigns different probabilities to multiple cases. If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are repeated.

\textbf{extreme.d} \hspace{1cm} Range for extreme values, expressed as effect size \(d\). \texttt{extreme.d = c(-7, -6)} uses extreme values within a range of -7 and -6 standard deviations. In case of a binomial or poisson distribution, \texttt{extreme.d} indicates points / counts. Caution: the first value must be smaller than the second, otherwise the procedure will fail.

\textbf{missing.p} \hspace{1cm} Portion of missing values. \texttt{missing.p = 0.1} creates 10% of all values as missing. A vector of values assigns different probabilities to multiple cases. If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values are repeated.

\textbf{distribution} \hspace{1cm} Distribution of the scores. Default is \texttt{distribution = "normal"}. Possible values are \texttt{"normal"}, \texttt{"binomial"}, and \texttt{"poisson"}. If set to \texttt{"normal"}, the sample of scores will be normally distributed with the parameters \(m\) and \(s\) as mean and standard deviation of the sample, including a measurement error defined by \texttt{rtt}. If set to \texttt{"binomial"}, data are drawn from a binomial distribution with the expectation value \(m\). This setting is useful for generating criterial data like correct answers in a test. If set to \texttt{"poisson"}, data are drawn from a poisson distribution, which is very common for count-data like behavioral observations. There's no measurement error is included. \(m\) defines the expectation value of the poisson distribution, lambda.

\textbf{prob} \hspace{1cm} If \texttt{distribution} (see below) is set \texttt{"binomial"}, \texttt{prob} passes the probability of occurrence.

\textbf{MT} \hspace{1cm} Number of measurements (in each study). Default is \(MT = 20\).

\textbf{B.start} \hspace{1cm} Phase B starting point. The default setting \(B.start = 6\) would assign the first five scores (of each case) to phase A, and all following scores to phase B. To assign different starting points for a set of multiple single-cases, use a vector of starting values (e.g. \(B.start = c(6, 7, 8)\)). If the number of cases exceeds the length of the vector, values will be repeated.

\begin{description}
\item[Value] A single-case data frame. See \texttt{scdf} to learn about this format.
\end{description}

\begin{description}
\item[Author(s)] Juergen Wibert
\end{description}
Examples

```r
## Create random single-case data and inspect it
design <- design_rSC(
  n = 3, rtt = 0.75, slope = 0.1, extreme.p = 0.1,
  missing.p = 0.1
)
dat <- rSC(design, round = 1, random.names = TRUE, seed = 123)
describeSC(dat)
plotSC(dat)

## And now have a look at poisson-distributed data
design <- design_rSC(
  n = 3, B.start = c(6, 10, 14), MT = c(12, 20, 22), m = 10,
  distribution = "poisson", level = -5, missing.p = 0.1
)
dat <- rSC(design, seed = 123)
pand(dat, decreasing = TRUE, correction = FALSE)
```

Description

The `randSC` function computes a randomization test for single or multiple baseline single-case data. The function is based on an algorithm from the SCRT package (Bulte & Onghena, 2009, 2012), but rewritten and extended for the use in AB designs.

Usage

```
randSC(data, dvar, pvar, statistic = "Mean B-A", number = 500,
  complete = FALSE, limit = 5, startpoints = NA,
  exclude.equal = FALSE, graph = FALSE, output = "c",
  phases = c("A", "B"), seed = NULL)
```

Arguments

- **data**: A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- **dvar**: Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to attributes in the scdf file.
- **pvar**: Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to attributes in the scdf file.
- **statistic**: Defines the statistic on which the comparison of phases A and B is based on. Default setting is statistic = "Mean B-A"). The following comparisons are possible:
  - "Mean A-B": Uses the difference between the mean of phase A and the mean of phase B. This is appropriate if a decrease of scores was expected for phase B.
• "Mean B-A": Uses the difference between the mean of phase B and the mean of phase A. This is appropriate if an increase of scores was expected for phase B.
• "Mean |A-B|": Uses the absolute value of the difference between the means of phases A and B.
• "Median A-B": The same as "Mean A-B", but based on the median.
• "Median B-A": The same as "Mean B-A", but based on the median.

number Sample size of the randomization distribution. The exactness of the p-value cannot exceed $1/number$ (i.e., number = 100 results in p-values with an exactness of one percent). Default is number = 500. For faster processing use number = 100. For more precise p-values set number = 1000.

complete If TRUE, the distribution is based on a complete permutation of all possible starting combinations. This setting overwrites the number Argument. The default setting is FALSE.

limit Minimal number of data points per phase in the sample. The first number refers to the A-phase and the second to the B-phase (e.g., limit = c(5,3)). If only one number is given, this number is applied to both phases. Default is limit = 5.

startpoints Alternative to the limit-parameter startpoints exactly defines the possible start points of phase B (e.g., startpoints = 4:9 restricts the phase B start points to measurements 4 to 9. startpoints overruns the limit-parameter.

exclude.equal If set to exclude.equal = FALSE, which is the default, random distribution values equal to the observed distribution are counted as null-hypothesis conform. That is, they decrease the probability of rejecting the null-hypothesis (increase the p-value). exclude.equal should be set to TRUE if you analyse one single-case design (not a multiple baseline data set) to reach a sufficient power. But be aware, that it increases the chance of an alpha-error.

graph If graph = TRUE, a histogram of the resulting distribution is plotted. It’s FALSE by default.

output If set to the default output = "C", detailed information is provided. Set output = "p", to only return the resulting p value.

phases A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second and the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3),B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c("A","B").

seed A seed number for the random generator.

Value

statistic Character string from function call (see Arguments above).

N Number of single-cases.
n1 Number of data points in phase A.
n2 Number of data points in phase B.
Functions

`randSC`  

Arguments

- `limit` Numeric from function call (see Arguments above).
- `startpoints` A vector defining the start points passed from the function call (see Arguments above).
- `p.value` P-value of the randomization test for the given data.
- `number` Sample size of randomization distribution from function call (see Arguments above).
- `complete` Logical argument from function call (see Arguments above).
- `observed.statistic` Test statistic observed for the given single-case data. (see statistic in the Arguments above.)
- `Z` Z-value of observed test statistic.
- `p.z.single` Probability of z-value.
- `distribution` Test statistic distribution from randomized data sets.
- `possible.combinations` Number of possible combinations under the given restrictions.
- `auto.corrected.number` TRUE indicates that a corrected number of combinations was used. This happens, if the number of possible combinations (under the given restrictions) undercuts the requested number of combinations.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

References


Examples

```r
## Compute a randomization test on the first case of the byHeart2011 data and include a graph
randSC(byHeart2011[1], statistic = "Median B-A", graph = TRUE, seed = 123)

## Compute a randomization test on the Grosche2011 data using complete permutation
randSC(Grosche2011, statistic = "Median B-A", complete = TRUE, limit = 4, seed = 123)
```
rankSC  

Rank-transformation of single-case data files

Description

Rank-transformation of single-case data files

Usage

rankSC(data, var, grand = TRUE, ...)

Arguments

data  A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
var  A string or string vector with the names of the variables to be ranked.
grand  If TRUE, ranks will be calculated across all cases. If FALSE ranks are calculated within each case.
...  Additional paramters passed to the rank function.

Value

An scdf object where the values of the variable(s) are replaced with ranks.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: fillmissingSC, longSCDF, outlierSC, scaleSC, shiftSC, smoothSC, truncateSC

Examples

Huber2014_rank <- rankSC(Huber2014, var = "compliance")
plot(Huber2014_rank, style = "grid2")
Description

CAUTION! This function is still under development and not ready for use! The rciSC function computes three indices of reliable change (Wise, 2004) and corresponding descriptive statistics.

Usage

```r
rciSC(data, dvar, pvar, rel = 0.8, ci = 0.95, graph = FALSE, phases = c(1, 2))
```

Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar Character string with the name of the dependent variable.
pvar Character string with the name of the phase variable.
rel Reliability of the measure, used to compute the standard error. Default is rel = 0.8.
ci Width of confidence interval as a decimal. Default is ci = 0.95 applying a 95% confidence interval.
graph If set TRUE, a box plot of phase A and B scores is displayed. graph = FALSE by default.
phases A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., phases = c("A","C") or phases = c(2,4) for comparing the second and the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., phases = list(A = c(1,3),B = c(2,4)) will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is phases = c("A","B").

Value

RCI A list of three RCI calculations (Jacobson et al., Christenden et al., Hageman et al.).
stand.dif Standardized difference between mean phase A and B scores.
conf A matrix containing the lower and upper confidence interval boundaries of phases A and B.
conf.percent Numeric argument from function call (see ci in Arguments section).
reliability Numeric argument from function call (see Arguments above).
descriptives A matrix containing descriptive statistics for phases A and B: n, mean, SD, SE.
N Number of cases.
A A vector of phase A scores.
B A vector of phase B scores.
Author(s)
Juergen Wilbert

References


Examples

```r
## Report the RCIs of the first case from the byHeart data and include a graph
rciSC(byHeart2011[1], graph = TRUE)
```

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**readSC**

*Read single-case data from files*

**Description**

Use the `readSC` function to import single-case data from structured .csv or the `readSC.excel` function for importing excel files.

**Usage**

```r
readSC(filename = NULL, data = NULL, sep = "", dec = ".", sort.labels = FALSE, cvar = "case", pvar = "phase", dvar = "values", mvar = "mt", phase.names = NULL, type = "csv", ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `filename` A character string defining the file to be imported (e.g. "SC_Anita.csv"). If filename is left empty a dialog box for choosing will be opened.
- `data` A data frame. As an alternative to `filename` a dataframe could be directly provided.
sep
The field separator string. Values within rows have to be separated by this string. Default is sep = ",".

dec
The string used for decimal points in the file. Must be a single character. Default is dec = "."

sort.labels
If set TRUE, the resulting list is sorted by label names (alphabetically increasing).

cvar
Sets the variable name of the "case" variable. Defaults to "case".
pvar
Sets the variable name of the "phase" variable. Defaults to "phase".
dvar
Sets the variable name of the "values" variable. Defaults to "values".
mvar
Sets the variable name of the "mt" variable. Defaults to "mt".

phase.names
A character vector with phase names. Defaults to the phase names provided in the phase variable.
type
Format of the file to be imported. Either "csv" or "excel" is possible.

Value
Returns a single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about the format of these data frames.

Author(s)
Juergen Wilbert

See Also
read.table, writeSC, scdf, readRDS

Examples

## Read SC-data from a file named "study1.csv" in your working directory
# study1 <- readSC("study1.csv")

## Read SC-data from a .csv-file with semicolon as field and comma as decimal separator
# study2 <- readSC("study2.csv", sep = ";", dec = ",")

## writeSc and readSC
filename <- file.path(tempdir(),"test.csv")
writeSC(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt, filename)
dat <- readSC(filename, cvar = "case", pvar = "part", dvar = "zvt", mvar = "day")
res1 <- describeSC(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt)$descriptives
res2 <- describeSC(dat)$descriptives
identical(res1,res2)
scaleSC

Scaling values of an scdf file

Description

This function scales the measured values of an scdf file. It allows for mean centering and standardization based on each single-case data set or a scaling across all cases included in an scdf.

Usage

scaleSC(data, var, center = TRUE, scale = FALSE, m = 0, sd = 1, grand = TRUE)

Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
var A character string or a vector of character strings with variable names that should be scaled.
center If set TRUE, data are mean centered.
scale If set TRUE, the standard deviation is set.
m The target mean for centering.
sd The target standard deviation for scaling
grand If set TRUE, scaling is based on the mean and standard deviation of all measurements across all single-cases within the scdf.

Value

An scdf with the scaled values.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: fillmissingSC, longSCDF, outlierSC, rankSC, shiftSC, smoothSC, truncateSC

Examples

```r
## Standardize a multiple case scdf and compute an hplm
ex_sc <- scaleSC(exampleAB_50, var = "values", center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
hplm(ex_sc)
```
**scdf_attr**  
*Set and get scdf attributes*

**Description**
Set and get scdf attributes

**Usage**
```
scdf_attr(x, var)  
scdf_attr(x, var) <- value
```

**Arguments**
- **x**  
  Variable
- **var**  
  Attribute
- **value**  
  set value

**Value**
Attribute value

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**shiftSC**  
*Shift values in a single-case data file*

**Description**
Shifting the values might be helpful in cases where the measurement time is given as a time variable (see example below).

**Usage**
```
shiftSC(data, value, var)
```

**Arguments**
- **data**  
  A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
- **value**  
  Number by which to shift the values
- **var**  
  Character string with the name of the target variable. Defaults to the measurement time variable.

**Value**
A scdf with shifted data
smoothSC

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: fillmissingSC, longSCDF, outlierSC, rankSC, scaleSC, smoothSC, truncateSC

Examples

### Shift the measurement time for a better estimation of the intercept
ex <- shiftSC(example_A24, value = -1996)
plm(ex)

smoothSC

Smoothing single-case data

Description

The smoothSC function provides procedures to smooth single-case data (i.e., to eliminate noise). A moving average function (mean- or median-based) replaces each data point by the average of the surrounding data points step-by-step. With a local regression function, each data point is regressed by its surrounding data points.

Usage

smoothSC(data, dvar, mvar, FUN = "movingMedian", intensity = NULL)

Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
dvar Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
mvar Character string with the name of the measurement time variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
FUN Function determining the smoothed scores. Default FUN = "movingMedian" is a moving Median function. Further possible values are: "movingMean" and a non-parametric "localRegression".
intensity For FUN = "movingMedian" and "movingMean" it is the lag used for computing the average. Default is intensity = 1. In case of FUN = "localRegression" it is the proportion of surrounding data influencing each data point, which is intensity = 0.2 by default.

Value

Returns a data frame (for each single-case) with smoothed data points. See scdf to learn about the format of these data frames.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert
style_plotSC

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: fillmissingSC, longSCDF, outlierSC, rankSC, scaleSC, shiftSC, truncateSC

Examples

```r
## Use the three different smoothing functions and compare the results
study <- c(
  "Original" = Huber2014$Berta,
  "Moving Median" = smoothSC(Huber2014$Berta, FUN = "movingMedian"),
  "Moving Mean" = smoothSC(Huber2014$Berta, FUN = "movingMean"),
  "Local Regression" = smoothSC(Huber2014$Berta, FUN = "localRegression"
)
plot(study)
```

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**Description**

The *style_plotSC* function is used to create graphical styles for a single-case plot.

**Usage**

```r
style_plotSC(style = "default", ...)  
style.plotSC(...)  
```

**Arguments**

- `style` Predefined styles.
- `...` Further arguments passed to the plot command.

**Details**

*style_plotSC("\"")* will return a list of predefined styles. Predefined styles can be combined
*style_plotSC(style = c("grid2","tiny"))* where settings of a latter style overwrite settings of the former. Additional style parameters are set following the style argument and can be combined with those: *style_plotSC(style = "grid2",fill = "grey50",pch = 18)*.
Value

Returns a list to be provided or the style argument of the plot function.

- **fill** If set, the area under the line is filled with the given color (e.g., `fill = "tomato"`). Use the standard R command `colors()` to get a list of all possible colours. `fill` is empty by default.

- **annotations** A list of parameters defining annotations to each data point. This adds the score of each MT to your plot.
  - "pos" Position of the annotations: 1 = below, 2 = left, 3 = above, 4 = right.
  - "col" Color of the annotations.
  - "cex" Size of the annotations.
  - "round" Rounds the values to the specified decimal.

- **annotations = list(pos = 3,col = "brown",round = 1)** adds scores rounded to one decimal above the data point in brown color to the plot.

- **"lwd"** Width of the plot line. Default is `lwd = 2`.

- **"pch"** Point type. Default is `pch = 17` (triangles). Other options are for example: 16 (filled circles) or "A" (uses the letter A).

- **"main"** Main title of the plot.

- **"mai"** Sets the margins of the plot.

- **"bty"** Shape of the frame surrounding the inner plot

- **"fill.bg"** Backgroundcolor of the plot.

- **"grid"** Color of a grid.

- **"text.ABlag"** Text displayed between phases.

- **"cex.axis"** Size of the axis annotations

- **"las"** Orientation of the axis annotations

- **"col.lines"** Color of the lines

- **"col.dots"** Color of the dots

- **"col.separator"** Color of the phase seperating lines

- **"col.bg"** Color of the outer plot

- **"col"** General color setting for the plot

- **"col.text"** Color of all labels of the plot.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

`plot.scdf`
Examples

newstyle <- style_plotSC(style = "default")
newstyle$text.ABlag <- c("START","END")
newstyle$col.dots <- ""
newstyle$annotations <- list(cex = 0.6, col = "grey10", offset = 0.4)
plot(exampleABC, style = newstyle)

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summary.scdf  Summary function for a scdf

Description

Summary function for a scdf

Usage

## S3 method for class 'scdf'
summary(object, ...)

Arguments

object scdf
...
not in use

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tauUSC  Tau-U for single-case data

Description

This function calculates indices of the Tau-U family as proposed by Parker et al. (2011).

Usage

tauUSC(data, dvar, pvar, ties.method = "omit", method = "complete",
phases = c(1, 2))
Arguments

data  A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
dvar  Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
pvar  Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
ties.method  Defines how to handle ties. "omit" (default) excludes all ties from the calculation. "positive" counts all ties as positive comparisons, while "negative" counts them as negative comparisons.
method  "complete" (default) or "parker". The latter calculates the number of possible pairs as described in Parler et al. (2011) which might lead to tau-U values greater than 1.
phases  A vector of two characters or numbers indicating the two phases that should be compared. E.g., `phases = c("A","C")` or `phases = c(2,4)` for comparing the second to the fourth phase. Phases could be combined by providing a list with two elements. E.g., `phases = list(A = c(1,3),B = c(2,4))` will compare phases 1 and 3 (as A) against 2 and 4 (as B). Default is `phases = c("A","B")`.

Value

table  A data frame containing statistics from the Tau-U family, including: Pairs, positive and negative comparisons, S, and Tau
matrix  The matrix of comparisons used for calculating the statistics.
tau_u  Tau-U value.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

References


See Also

Other overlap functions: `corrected_tauSC`, `nap`, `overlapSC`, `pand`, `pem`, `pet`, `pnd`

Examples

```R
## Calculate tau-U for the example from Parker et al. (2011)
bob <- scdf(c(2, 3, 5, 3, 4, 5, 5, 7, 6), B.start = 5)
tauUSC(bob)

## Calculate tau-U with ties counted as positive
tauUSC(Grosche2011$Eva, ties.method = "positive")
```
## Request tau-U for all single-cases from the Grosche2011 data

tauUSC(Grosche2011)

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**trendSC**

*Trend analysis for single-cases data*

**Description**

The `trendSC` function provides an overview of linear trends in single-case data. By default, it gives you the intercept and slope of a linear and a squared regression of measurement-time on scores. Models are computed separately for each phase and across all phases. For a more advanced application, you can add regression models using the R specific formula class.

**Usage**

```r
trendSC(data, dvar, pvar, mvar, offset = -1, model = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `data` A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- `dvar` Character string with the name of the independent variable.
- `pvar` Character string with the name of the phase variable.
- `mvar` Character string with the name of the measurement time variable.
- `offset` An offset for the first measurement-time of each phase (MT). If set `offset = 0`, the phase measurement is handled as MT 1. Default is `offset = -1`, setting the first value of MT to 0.
- `model` A string or a list of (named) strings each depicting one regression model. This is a formula expression of the standard R class. The parameters of the model are `values`, `mt` and `phase`.

**Value**

- `trend` A matrix containing the results (Intercept, B and beta) of separate regression models for phase A, phase B, and the whole data.
- `offset` Numeric argument from function call (see Arguments section).

**Author(s)**

Juergen Wilbert

**See Also**

`describeSC`, `autocorrSC`, `plm`
Examples

```r
## Compute the linear and squared regression for a random single-case
design <- design_rSC(slope = 0.5)
matthea <- rSC(design)
trendSC(matthea)

## Besides the linear and squared regression models compute two custom models:
## a) a cubic model, and b) the values predicted by the natural logarithm of the
## measurement time.
design <- design_rSC(slope = 0.3)
ben <- rSC(design)
trendSC(ben, offset = 0, model = c("Cubic" = values ~ I(mt^3), "Log Time" = values ~ log(mt)))
```

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`truncateSC`  
*Trim single-case data*

Description

This function trucntes data points at the beginning and/or end each phase.

Usage

```r
truncateSC(data, dvar, pvar, truncate = list(A = c(0, 0), B = c(0, 0)),
  na = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- `data`: A single-case data frame. See `scdf` to learn about this format.
- `dvar`: Character string with the name of the dependent variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `pvar`: Character string with the name of the phase variable. Defaults to the attributes in the scdf file.
- `truncate`: A list with a vector of two (beginning and end) values for each phase defining the number of data points to be deleted. For lists of single-case data frames, the truncation is adapted to the length of each phase for each single case.
- `na`: If FALSE, the truncated measurement times are deletet. If TRUE, NAs are set for the dependent variable.

Value

A truncated data frame (for each single-case).

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert
writeSC

See Also

Other data manipulation functions: fillmissingSC, longSCDF, outlierSC, rankSC, scaleSC, shiftSC, smoothSC

Examples

# Truncate the first two data points of both phases and compare the two data sets
study <- c(
  "Original" = byHeart2011[1],
  "Selected" = truncateSC(byHeart2011[1], truncate = list(A = c(2,0), B = c(2,0)))
)
plot(study)

writeSC

Export data into a .csv-file

Description

This function restructures and exports single-case data into a .csv-file.

Usage

writeSC(data, filename = NULL, sep = ",", dec = ".", ...)

Arguments

data A single-case data frame. See scdf to learn about this format.
filename A character string defining the output file name (e.g. "SC_data.csv").
sep The field separator string. Values within rows will be separated by this string. Default is sep = ",".
dec The string used for decimal points. Must be a single character. Default is dec = ".".
... Further arguments passed to write.table.

Author(s)

Juergen Wilbert

See Also

write.table, readSC, saveRDS
Examples

## Not run:
## Write single-case data to a .csv-file
jessica <- rSC(level = .5)
writeSC(jessica, "SCdata_Jessica.csv")

## Write multiple cases to a .csv-file with semicolon as field and comma as decimal separator
writeSC(Grosche2011, "MBDdata_Grosche.csv", sep = ";", dec = ",")

## writeSC and readSC
filename <- file.path(tempdir(), "test.csv")
writeSC(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt, filename)
dat <- readSC(filename, cvar = "case", pvar = "part", dvar = "zvt", mvar = "day")
res1 <- describeSC(exampleA1B1A2B2_zvt)$descriptives
res2 <- describeSC(dat)$descriptives
identical(res1, res2)

## End(Not run)

$.scdf

Select a scdf

Description
Select a scdf

Usage

## S3 method for class 'scdf'
x$i

## S3 method for class 'scdf'
x[i]

Arguments

x A scdf object
i A case name from x

Value
A scdf
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