

Package ‘survCurve’

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confIntArea	<i>Adds a confident interval area of a survival model to a plot.</i>
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Description

This function adds the confident interval area of one group (strata) of a survfit object to an existing plot. For competitive risk models, it draws the confidence interval of one group and one event; the event-number needs to be specified. If two overlapping confidence intervals are drawn (by two function calls) in one plot, the use of transparent color is recommended, for example "adjustcolor("red",0.1).

Usage

```
confIntArea(x, group, event, col = "grey", invert = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x	A survfit (survival-package) or a Cuminc (mstate-package) object.
group	Number of the group (=strata) of which the confidence interval should be plotted. If the survfit-object has only one strata, this parameter can be omitted.
event	If the model-object is a multistate-model, the number of the event-type needs to be specified.
col	Color of the confident interval area. Default is "grey". A transparent value is recommended, for example "adjustcolor("red",0.1).
invert	Inverts the area if TRUE, default is FALSE.

Value

Draws an area for the confidence interval.

Examples

```
require(survival)
aml_model <- with(aml, survfit(Surv(time, status)~x))
col1 <- adjustcolor("red",0.2); col2 <- adjustcolor("blue",0.2)
survPlot(xmax=50, space.nrAtRisk=0.32)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col1, group=1)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col2, group=2)
survCurve(aml_model, group=1)
survCurve(aml_model, group=2, lty=2)
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=1, y=-0.17, bgcol.flag=col1, label="maintain")
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=2, y=-0.24, bgcol.flag=col2, lty.flag=2, label="non-maint.")
```

 extractOneGroupOneEvent

Extracts one group and one event of a survfit model as a data frame.

Description

This function is a helper function for the package and is not exported.

Usage

```
extractOneGroupOneEvent(model, group = NA, event = NA, firstRow = TRUE)
```

Arguments

model	A survfit object.
group	Number of the chosen group. If the model-object has only one Strata (Group), this parameter can be NA.
event	If the model-object is a multistate-model, the event-type needs to be specified, otherwise it can be NA.
firstRow	Typically, a survfit-model does not include data of time=0, if true this function tries to add a column time=0 as a first row.

Value

Returns a data frame with the times, estimate, upper and lower CI and the n.Risk of one group and one event of a Kaplan Meier estimator or a competitive risk analysis

 nrAtRisk

Adds number at risk of a survival model to a plot.

Description

This function adds the number at risk of one group (strata) of a survfit object to an existing plot. If label is specified, it draws a label for the group right to the number at risks. If any elements of the "flag" is specified, it also draws a small identifier, with which the corresponding curves / confidence intervals of the plot can be identified near to the label.

Usage

```
nrAtRisk(
  x,
  group,
  ypos = 0.08,
  times,
  interval.times,
```

```

zero.adjust = TRUE,
zero.value,
font.text = 1,
cex.text = 1,
col.text = "black",
cex.nr,
col.nr,
font.nr,
label,
xpos.lab,
cex.lab,
col.lab,
font.lab,
lty.flag,
lwd.flag,
bgcol.flag,
lncol.flag,
xlim.flag
)

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A survfit (survival-package) or a Cuminc (mstate-package) object.
<code>group</code>	The number of the group (=strata) of which the confidence interval should be plotted. If the survfit-object has only one strata, this argument can be omitted.
<code>ypos</code>	A numeric value for the position at the y-axis.
<code>times</code>	An optional vector of numeric values specifying at which times (x-axis) the number at risk are calculated and plotted. If not specified, the defaults depends on "interval.times" value if available, or the size of the plot.
<code>interval.times</code>	An optional numeric value which specifies the interval at which the number at risk values are plotted. Is overwritten by times. If not specified, the value depends on the size of the plot.
<code>zero.adjust</code>	A logical value. If true, the number at risk at time 0 is not plotted at the precise position, but slightly adjusted to the left to prevent the value to be cut-off by the plot margins. Also, the value at x=0 is plotted if true. Default is TRUE.
<code>zero.value</code>	A numeric value or string that overwrites the nr at risk value at x=0 if specified (only if zero.adjust is TRUE).
<code>font.text</code>	Font of the text (nr at risk and label). Default is 1.
<code>cex.text</code>	Font-size of the text (nr at risk and label). Default is 1.
<code>col.text</code>	Colour of the text (nr at risk and label). Default is "black".
<code>cex.nr</code>	Overwrites cex.text for the number-part.
<code>col.nr</code>	Overwrites col.text for the number-part.
<code>font.nr</code>	Overwrites font.text for the number-part.
<code>label</code>	String for the group name.
<code>xpos.lab</code>	x-position of the label, default is near the right border of the plot.

<code>cex.lab</code>	Overwrites <code>cex.text</code> for the label-part.
<code>col.lab</code>	Overwrites <code>col.text</code> for the label-part.
<code>font.lab</code>	Overwrites <code>font.text</code> for the label-part.
<code>lty.flag</code>	Line-type of the flag. Value is 1 if not specified.
<code>lwd.flag</code>	Line-wide of the flag. Value is 1 if not specified.
<code>bgcol.flag</code>	Background-color of the flag (corresponding to the color of the confidence interval in the plot). No color if not value is specified.
<code>lncol.flag</code>	color of the line of the flag. Default is "black".
<code>xlim.flag</code>	Vector with two values, defining the beginning and end of the flag on the x-axis. Default depends on the size of the plot.

Value

Draws the number at risk to an existing plot.

Examples

```
require(survival)
aml_model <- with(aml, survfit(Surv(time, status)~x))
col1 <- adjustcolor("red",0.2); col2 <- adjustcolor("blue",0.2)
survPlot(xmax=50, space.nrAtRisk=0.32)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col1, group=1)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col2, group=2)
survCurve(aml_model, group=1)
survCurve(aml_model, group=2, lty=2)
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=1, y=-0.17, bgcol.flag=col1, label="maintain")
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=2, y=-0.24, bgcol.flag=col2, lty.flag=2, label="non-maint.")
```

`survCurve`

Draws a survival curve for one group and one event.

Description

This function draws the confident interval area of one group of a survfit object. For Competitive risk analysis, the event number needs to be specified.

Usage

```
survCurve(
  x,
  group,
  event,
  conf.int = FALSE,
  mark.time = FALSE,
  col = "black",
  lty = 1,
```

```

    lwd = 1,
    cex.markTime = 1,
    pch.markTime = 3,
    col.confInt = 1,
    lty.confInt = 2,
    lwd.confInt = 1,
    invert = FALSE
  )

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A survfit or a Cuminc object.
<code>group</code>	Number of the chosen group. If the model-object has only one Strata (Group), this parameter can be omitted.
<code>event</code>	If the model-object is a multistate-model, the event-type needs to be specified.
<code>conf.int</code>	The confidence-interval is plotted as lines if TRUE. Default is FALSE
<code>mark.time</code>	The times of censoring are marked if TRUE. Default is FALSE
<code>col</code>	Color of the line. Default is "black".
<code>lty</code>	Line-type of the line. Default is 1.
<code>lwd</code>	Line-wide of the line. Default is 1.
<code>cex.markTime</code>	Size of the marks for censoring. Default is 1.
<code>pch.markTime</code>	Character of the marks for censoring. Default is 1 (stroke).
<code>col.confInt</code>	Color of the line for the confidence interval. Default is "black".
<code>lty.confInt</code>	Line-type of the line for the confidence interval. Default is 2.
<code>lwd.confInt</code>	Line-wide of the line for the confidence interval. Default is 1.
<code>invert</code>	Inverts the curve if TRUE. Default is FALSE.

Value

Draws the survival curve for one group / one event.

Examples

```

require(survival)
aml_model <- with(aml, survfit(Surv(time, status)~x))
col1 <- adjustcolor("red",0.2); col2 <- adjustcolor("blue",0.2)
survPlot(xmax=50, space.nrAtRisk=0.32)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col1, group=1)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col2, group=2)
survCurve(aml_model, group=1)
survCurve(aml_model, group=2, lty=2)
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=1, y=-0.17, bgcol.flag=col1, label="maintain")
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=2, y=-0.24, bgcol.flag=col2, lty.flag=2, label="non-maint.")

```

survLable	<i>Adds number at risk of a survival model to a plot. Adds label to plot.</i>
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Description

This function adds a text label to the plot, which is preceded by a small identifier, similar to the function `nrAtRisk`.

Usage

```
survLable(  
  text,  
  x,  
  y,  
  font = 1,  
  cex = 1,  
  col.text = "black",  
  len.flag,  
  lty.flag = 1,  
  lwd.flag = 1,  
  bgcol.flag,  
  lncol.flag = "black"  
)
```

Arguments

<code>text</code>	String, content of the label.
<code>x</code>	A numeric value for the position at the x-axis.
<code>y</code>	A numeric value for the position at the y-axis.
<code>font</code>	Font of the label.
<code>cex</code>	Font size of the label
<code>col.text</code>	Color of the label.
<code>len.flag</code>	Length of the flag.
<code>lty.flag</code>	Line-typ of the flag. Value is 1 if not spezified.
<code>lwd.flag</code>	Line-wide of the flag. Value is 1 if not spezified.
<code>bgcol.flag</code>	Background-color of the flag (corresponding to the color of the confidence interval in the plot). No color if not value is specified.
<code>lncol.flag</code>	Color of the line of the flag. Default is "black".

Value

Draws the number at risk to an existing plot.

Examples

```
require(survival)
aml_model <- with(aml, survfit(Surv(time, status)~x))
col1 <- adjustcolor("red",0.2); col2 <- adjustcolor("blue",0.2)
survPlot(xmax=50)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col1, group=1)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col2, group=2)
survCurve(aml_model, group=1)
survCurve(aml_model, group=2, lty=2)
survLable("maintain", 1, 0.2, bgcol.flag=col1)
survLable("non-maint.", 1, 0.1, bgcol.flag=col2, lty.flag=2)
```

survPlot

Setup for a plot for survival data without the curves.

Description

This function draws the confident interval area of one group of a survfit object. For Competitive risk analysis, the event number needs to be specified. To get a nice graph, the function should be runned after one made an empty plot, and before drawing the actual curves (Thus the area is underlining to the curves). If two curves are drawn which confident intervals overlap transparency should be added to the colors.

Usage

```
survPlot(
  main = "",
  title.xaxis = "",
  title.yaxis = "",
  xmin = 0,
  xmax,
  ymin = -0.02,
  ymax = 1.02,
  ypercent = TRUE,
  title.nrAtRisk = "number at risk",
  space.nrAtRisk = 0,
  interval.xaxis,
  interval.yaxis,
  las.xaxis = 1,
  las.yaxis = 1,
  font.xaxis = 1,
  font.yaxis = 1,
  cex.xaxis = 1,
  cex.yaxis = 1,
  points.xaxis,
  points.yaxis,
  labels.xaxis,
```



```

    labels.yaxis,
    font.nrAtRiskTitle = 1,
    cex.nrAtRiskTitle = 1
)

```

Arguments

<code>main</code>	Title of the plot, Default is "".
<code>title.xaxis</code>	Title of the x-axis. Default is "".
<code>title.yaxis</code>	Title of the y-axis. Default is "".
<code>xmin</code>	Minimum for the x (Time) - axis. Default is 0.
<code>xmax</code>	Maximum of the x (time) axis. No default, must be specified.
<code>ymin</code>	Minimum of the y-axis. Default is -0.02
<code>ymax</code>	Maximum of the y-axis. Default is 1.02
<code>ypercent</code>	Specifies if the Unit of the y-axis is ratio (usually 0-1) or percentage (0-100), Default is TRUE (0-100). Equals <code>yscale=100</code> .
<code>title.nrAtRisk</code>	Label for the number at risk region. Default is "number at risk", other meaningful value is "patients at risk", or translations in any language for example. Not plotted if <code>space.nrAtRisk</code> is 0
<code>space.nrAtRisk</code>	Space (usually around 0.2-0.5) below the plot to draw the values of number at risk. Default is 0.
<code>interval.xaxis</code>	Interval at which the ticks of the x-axis are drawn. Default depends on the size of the plot.
<code>interval.yaxis</code>	Interval at which the ticks of the y-axis are drawn. Default depends on the size of the plot.
<code>las.xaxis</code>	Orientation of the labels of the x-axis. Default is 1 (horizontal).
<code>las.yaxis</code>	Orientation of the labels of the y-axis. Default is 1 (horizontal).
<code>font.xaxis</code>	Font-type for the labels of the x-axis. Default is 1.
<code>font.yaxis</code>	Font-type for the labels of the y-axis. Default is 1.
<code>cex.xaxis</code>	Font-size for the labels of the x-axis. Default is 1.
<code>cex.yaxis</code>	Font-size for the labels of the y-axis. Default is 1.
<code>points.xaxis</code>	Exact position of the ticks of the x-axis. Overwrites the values of <code>interval.xaxis</code> . Usually not required.
<code>points.yaxis</code>	Exact position of the ticks of the y-axis. Overwrites the values of <code>interval.yaxis</code> . Usually not required.
<code>labels.xaxis</code>	Label for the ticks of the x-axis. Only valid if points are specified. Must be same length like points.
<code>labels.yaxis</code>	Label for the ticks of the y-axis. Only valid if points are specified. Must be same length like points.
<code>font.nrAtRiskTitle</code>	Font type of the title of the nr-at-Risk Space Default is 1.
<code>cex.nrAtRiskTitle</code>	Font size of the title of the nr-at-Risk Space Default is 1.

Value

Draws an empty plot optimized for survival-curves.

Examples

```
require(survival)
aml_model <- with(aml, survfit(Surv(time, status)~x))
col1 <- adjustcolor("red",0.2); col2 <- adjustcolor("blue",0.2)
survPlot(xmax=50, space.nrAtRisk=0.32)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col1, group=1)
confIntArea(aml_model, col=col2, group=2)
survCurve(aml_model, group=1)
survCurve(aml_model, group=2, lty=2)
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=1, y=-0.17, bgcol.flag=col1, label="maintain")
nrAtRisk(aml_model, group=2, y=-0.24, bgcol.flag=col2, lty.flag=2, label="non-maint.")
```

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