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Procedures Based on Alternating Renewal Processes

Description Tools for simulating data generated by direct observation
recording. Behavior streams are simulated based on an alternating renewal
process, given specified distributions of event durations and interim
times. Different procedures for recording data can then be applied to the
simulated behavior streams. Functions are provided for the following
recording methods: continuous duration recording, event counting, momentary
time sampling, partial interval recording, whole interval recording, and
augmented interval recording.

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Description

Tools for simulating different methods of observing alternating renewal processes

Details

ARPobservation provides a set of tools for simulating data based on direct observation of behavior. It works by first simulating a behavior stream based on an alternating renewal process, using specified distributions of event durations and interim times. Different procedures for recording data can then be applied to the simulated behavior stream.

The main function for simulating a behavior stream is `r_behavior_stream`. Currently, the event duration and interim time distributions must come from the class `eq_dist`. (See the documentation for this class for distributions that are currently implemented.)

Several different observation recording procedures can then be applied as filters to a simulated behavior stream. The following procedures are currently implemented:

- [continuous_duration_recording](#)

- [momentary_time_recording](#)

- [event_counting](#)

- [interval_recording](#)

To apply multiple procedures to the same behavior stream, use [reported_observations](#). Data can also be simulated using the convenience functions [r_PIR](#), [r_WIR](#), [r_MTS](#), [r_continuous_recording](#), and [r_event_counting](#). These functions wrap the behavior-stream generation step and the observation recording step into a single function. They are more memory efficient, but slightly less computationally efficient, than executing each step in turn.

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ARPsimulator   *An interactive alternating renewal process simulator*

Description

An interactive tool that simulates single-case designs with outcomes measured by systematic direct observation. The behavioral outcomes are generated from the alternating renewal process model. Both event behaviors and state behaviors are supported. Event behaviors are generated from a renewal process with gamma-distributed inter-event times. State behaviors are generated from an alternating poisson process, in which the event durations and interim times are exponentially distributed. Currently, multiple baseline and treatment reversal designs are supported.

Usage

```
ARPsimulator(launch_browser = TRUE)
```

Arguments

launch_browser   Logical value indicating whether to run the tool using the system's default web browser. Defaults to TRUE.

augmented_recording   *Applies augmented interval recording to a behavior stream*

Description

Divides the observation session into intervals. Each interval is scored using partial interval recording, whole interval recording, and momentary time sampling (at the beginning of the following interval).

Usage

```
augmented_recording(BS, interval_length, rest_length = 0)
```

Arguments

BS	object of class behavior_stream
interval_length	
	time length of each interval.
rest_length	portion of each interval to exclude from observation. Default is zero. See details.

Details

Each behavior stream is divided into intervals of length `interval_length`. The last `rest_length` of each interval is excluded from observation. For example, for a stream length of 100, `interval_length` = 20, and `rest_length` = 5, the first interval runs from [0,15), the second interval runs from [20,35), etc.

Value

A matrix with rows equal to the number of intervals per session and columns equal to the number of behavior streams in BS.

Examples

```
BS <- r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                        F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(), stream_length = 100)
augmented_recording(BS, interval_length = 20)
```

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continuous_duration_recording

Applies continuous duration recording to a behavior stream

Description

Calculates the proportion of session time during which behavior occurs.

Usage

```
continuous_duration_recording(BS)
```

Arguments

BS   object of class `behavior_stream`

Value

Vector of proportions.

Examples

```
BS <- r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                        F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(), stream_length = 100)
continuous_duration_recording(BS)
```

Dunlap   *Dunlap et al.(1994) data*

Description

Single case design data measured with partial interval recording from a study of the effect of providing Choice between academic activities on the disruptive behavior of three elementary school students with emotional and behavioral disorders. For this data "No Choice" is the baseline phase. Data were extracted from the figures in the publication.

Format

A data frame with 58 observations on 7 variables

- `Case` The participant for whom the observation took place
- `Phase` The level of the observation ("Choice" vs. "No Choice")
- `Session` The observation session # for each participant
- `outcome` The summary PIR measurement for the observation session
- `active_length` The length of the active observation interval, in seconds

- `rest_length` The length of the recording interval, in seconds
- `intervals` The total number of intervals in the observation session

A data frame with 53940 rows and 10 variables

References

Dunlap, G., DePerczel, M., Clarke, S., Wilson, D., Wright, S., White, R., & Gomez, A. (1994). Choice making to promote adaptive behavior for students with emotional and behavioral challenges. Journal of Applied Behavior Analysis, 27 (3), 505-518.

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eq_dist	*Constructor for class* `eq_dist`

Description

The `eq_dist` class consists of a pair of component functions for generating random variates from a specified distribution and the corresponding equilibrium distribution.

Usage

```
eq_dist(r_gen, r_eq)
```

Arguments

`r_gen`	function for generating random deviates.
`r_eq`	function for generating random deviates from the corresponding equilibrium distribution.

Details

Both functions must take arguments `n` and `mean`. Currently, the following distributions are implemented:

- `F_exp` - Exponential
- `F_gam` - Gamma
- `F_gam_mix` - Mixture of two gammas
- `F_weib` - Weibull
- `F_unif` - Uniform
- `F_const` - Constant

Value

Object of class `eq_dist` with components `r_gen` and `r_eq`.

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event_counting *Applies event counting to a behavior stream*

Description

Calculates the number of behaviors that begin during the observation session.

Usage

```
event_counting(BS)
```

Arguments

BS   object of class behavior_stream

Value

Vector of non-negative integers.

Examples

```
BS <- r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                        F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(), stream_length = 100)
event_counting(BS)
```

F_const *Constant (degenerate) distribution and related equilibrium distribution*

Description

Generation from a degenerate distribution and random number generation from the related equilibrium distribution, for use with r_behavior_stream.

Usage

```
F_const()
```

Value

Object of class eq_dist with components r_gen and r_eq.

The function r_gen(n, mean) simply returns a vector of length n with all values equal to mean.

The function r_eq(n, mean) generates random deviates from a uniform distribution on the interval (0, mean).

Examples

```
hist(F_const()$r_gen(1000, 2))
hist(F_const()$r_eq(1000, 2))
```

F_exp   *Exponential distribution and related equilibrium distribution*

Description

Random number generation from exponential distributions, for use with `r_behavior_stream`.

Usage

```
F_exp()
```

Value

Object of class `eq_dist` with components r_gen and r_eq.

The function `r_gen(n, mean)` generates random deviates from an exponential distribution with specified mean.

The function `r_eq(n, mean)` generates random deviates from an exponential distribution with specified mean.

Examples

```
hist(F_exp()$r_gen(1000, 3))
hist(F_exp()$r_eq(1000, 3))
```

F_gam   *Gamma distribution and related equilibrium distribution*

Description

Random number generation from a gamma distribution and the related equilibrium distribution, for use with `r_behavior_stream`.

Usage

```
F_gam(shape)
```

Arguments

shape   shape parameter

Value

Object of class `eq_dist` with components r_gen and r_eq.

The function `r_gen(n, mean)` generates random deviates from a gamma distribution with specified mean and shape parameters.

The function `r_eq(n, mean)` generates random deviates from the equilibrium distribution corresponding to the gamma distribution with specified mean and shape parameters.

Examples

```
hist(F_gam(2)$r_gen(1000, 3))
hist(F_gam(2)$r_eq(1000, 3))
```

F_gam_mix	*Mixture of two gamma distributions and related equilibrium distribution*

Description

Random number generation from a mixture of two gamma distributions and the related equilibrium distribution, for use with `r_behavior_stream`.

Usage

```
F_gam_mix(shape1, shape2, scale_ratio, mix)
```

Arguments

shape1	shape parameter for first mixture component, k_1
shape2	shape parameter for second mixture component, k_2
scale_ratio	ratio of first scale component to second scale component, θ_1/θ_2
mix	mixing proportion of first component, p

Value

Object of class `eq_dist` with components r_gen and r_eq.

The function `r_gen(n, mean)` generates random deviates from a mixture of two gamma distributions with specified mean, shape1, shape2, scale_ratio, and mix. The cumulative distribution function is given by

$$F(x) = p\Gamma(x; k_1, \theta_1) + (1 - p)\Gamma(x; k_2, \theta_2),$$

where $\Gamma(x; k, \theta)$ is the cumulative distribution function of a Gamma random variable with shape k and scale θ, and the scale parameters are determined by the specified mean and scale_ratio.

The function `r_eq(n, mean)` generates random deviates from the equilibrium distribution corresponding to the mixture of gamma distributions.

Examples

```
hist(F_gam_mix(2, 2, 1 / 12, 3 / 5)$r_gen(1000, 20))
hist(F_gam_mix(2, 2, 1 / 12, 3 / 5)$r_eq(1000, 20))
```

F_unif   *Uniform distribution and related equilibrium distribution*

Description

Random number generation from a uniform distribution and the related equilibrium distribution, for use with `r_behavior_stream`.

Usage

```
F_unif()
```

Value

Object of class `eq_dist` with components `r_gen` and `r_eq`.

The function `r_gen(n, mean)` generates random deviates from a uniform distribution with specified mean μ on the interval $(0, 2\mu)$. The cumulative distribution function is given by $F(x) = x/2\mu$.

The function `r_eq(n, mean)` generates random deviates from the equilibrium distribution corresponding to a uniform distribution on the interval $(0, 2\mu)$. The cumulative distribution function is given by

$$F(x) = x(4\mu - x)/(4\mu^2).$$

Examples

```
hist(F_unif()$r_gen(1000, 2))
hist(F_unif()$r_eq(1000, 2))
```

F_weib   *Weibull distribution and related equilibrium distribution*

Description

Random number generation from a Weibull distribution and the related equilibrium distribution, for use with `r_behavior_stream`.

Usage

```
F_weib(shape)
```

Arguments

shape   shape parameter

Value

Object of class [eq_dist](#) with components r_gen and r_eq.

The function r_gen(n, mean) generates random deviates from a Weibull distribution with specified mean and shape parameters.

The function r_eq(n, mean) generates random deviates from the equilibrium distribution corresponding to the Weibull distribution with specified mean and shape parameters.

Examples

```
hist(F_gam(2)$r_gen(1000, 3))
hist(F_gam(2)$r_eq(1000, 3))
```

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incidence_bounds   *Incidence bounds and confidence interval*

Description

Calculates a bound for the log of the incidence ratio of two samples (referred to as baseline and treatment) based on partial interval recording (PIR) data, assuming that the behavior follows an Alternating Renewal Process.

Usage

```
incidence_bounds(
  PIR,
  phase,
  base_level,
  mu_U,
  p,
  active_length,
  intervals = NA,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  exponentiate = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

PIR	vector of PIR measurements
phase	factor or vector indicating levels of the PIR measurements.
base_level	a character string or value indicating the name of the baseline level.
mu_U	the upper limit on the mean event duration

p	upper limit on the probability that the interim time between behavioral events is less than the active interval
active_length	length of the active observation interval
intervals	the number of intervals in the sample of observations. Default is NA
conf_level	Coverage rate of the confidence interval. Default is .95.
exponentiate	Logical value indicating if the log of the bounds and the confidence interval should be exponentiated. Default is FALSE.

Details

The incidence ratio estimate is based on the assumptions that 1) the underlying behavior stream follows an Alternating Renewal Process, 2) the average event duration is less than mu_U, and 3) the probability of observing an interim time less than the active interval length is less than p.

The PIR vector can be in any order corresponding to the factor or vector phase. The levels of phase can be any two levels, such as "A" and "B", "base" and "treat", or "0" and "1". If there are more than two levels in phase this function will not work. A value for base_level must be specified - if it is a character string it is case sensitive.

For all of the following variables, the function assumes that if a vector of values is provided they are constant across all observations and simply uses the first value in that vector.

mu_U is the upper limit on the mean event durations. This is a single value assumed to hold for both samples of behavior

active_length This is the total active observation length. If the intervals are 15 seconds long but 5 seconds of each interval is reserved for recording purposes, active_length= 10. Times are often in seconds, but can be in any time unit.

intervals is the number of intervals in the observations. This is a single value and is assumed to be constant across both samples and all observations. This value is only relevant if the mean of one of the samples is at the floor or ceiling of 0 or 1. In that case it will be used to truncate the sample mean. If the sample mean is at the floor or ceiling and no value for intervals is provided, the function will stop.

Value

A list containing two named vectors and a single named number. The first entry, estimate_bounds, contains the lower and upper bound for the estimate of the incidence ratio. The second entry, estimate_SE, contains the standard error of the estimate. The third entry, estimate_CI, contains the lower and upper bounds for the confidence interval of the incidence ratio.

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Examples

```
# Estimate bounds on the incidence ratio for Ahmad from the Dunlap dataset
data(Dunlap)
with(subset(Dunlap, Case == "Ahmad"),
incidence_bounds(PIR = outcome, phase = Phase, base_level = "No Choice",
```

```
            mu_U = 10, p = .15, active_length = active_length, intervals = intervals))
```

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interim_bounds | *Interim bounds and confidence interval*

Description

Calculates a bound for the log of the ratio of interim time of two samples (referred to as baseline and treatment) based on partial interval recording (PIR) data, assuming that the average event durations are equal across samples and that interim times are exponentially distributed.

Usage

```
interim_bounds(
  PIR,
  phase,
  base_level,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  intervals = NA,
  exponentiate = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

PIR	vector of PIR measurements
phase	factor or vector indicating levels of the PIR measurements.
base_level	a character string or value indicating the name of the baseline level.
conf_level	Desired coverage rate of the calculated confidence interval. Default is .95.
intervals	the number of intervals in the sample of observations. Default is NA
exponentiate	Logical value indicating if the log of the bounds and the confidence interval should be exponentiated. Default is FALSE.

Details

The interim ratio estimate is based on the assumptions that 1) the underlying behavior stream follows an Alternating Renewal Process, 2) the average event durations in each sample are equal, and 3) interim times follow exponential distributions.

The PIR vector can be in any order corresponding to the factor or vector phase. The levels of phase can be any two levels, such as "A" and "B", "base" and "treat", or "0" and "1". If there are more than two levels in phase this function will not work. A value for base_level must be specified; if it is a character string it is case sensitive.

intervals is the number of intervals in the observations. This is a single value and is assumed to be constant across both samples and all observations. If intervals is sent as a vector instead of a single value, the first value in the vector will be used. This value is only relevant if the mean of one of the samples is at the floor or ceiling of 0 or 1. In that case it will be used to truncate the sample mean. If the sample mean is at the floor or ceiling and no value for intervals is provided, the function will stop.

Value

A list with three named entries The first entry, `estimate_bounds`, contains the lower and upper bound for the estimate of the prevalence ratio. The second entry, `estimate_SE`, contains the standard errors for the upper and lower bounds. The third entry, `estimate_CI`, contains the lower and upper bounds for the confidence interval of the prevalence ratio.

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Examples

```
# Estimate bounds on the interim time ratio for Carl from the Moes dataset
data(Moes)
with(subset(Moes, Case == "Carl"),
interim_bounds(PIR = outcome, phase = Phase, base_level = "No Choice"))
```

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interval_recording   *Applies interval recording to a behavior stream*

Description

Divides the observation session into a specified number of intervals. For partial interval recording, each interval is scored according to whether the behavior is present at any point during the interval. For whole interval recording, each interval is scored according to whether the behavior is present for the duration.

Usage

```
interval_recording(
  BS,
  interval_length,
  rest_length = 0,
  partial = TRUE,
  summarize = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

BS	object of class behavior_stream
interval_length	
	time length of each interval.
rest_length	portion of each interval to exclude from observation. Default is zero. See details.
partial	logical value indicating whether to use partial interval recording (TRUE) or whole interval recording (FALSE).
summarize	logical value indicating whether vector of moments should be summarized by taking their mean.

Details

Each behavior stream is divided into intervals of length `interval_length`. The last `rest_length` of each interval is excluded from observation. For example, for a stream length of 100, `interval_length = 20`, and `rest_length = 5`, the first interval runs from [0,15), the second interval runs from [20,35), etc.

Value

If `summarize = FALSE`, a matrix with rows equal to the number of intervals per session and columns equal to the number of behavior streams in `BS`. If `summarize = TRUE`, a vector of proportions of length equal to the number of behavior streams in `BS`.

Examples

```
BS <- r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                        F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(), stream_length = 100)
interval_recording(BS, interval_length = 20, partial = TRUE, summarize = FALSE)
interval_recording(BS, interval_length = 20, partial = TRUE, summarize = TRUE)
colMeans(interval_recording(BS, 20, partial = TRUE, summarize = FALSE))
interval_recording(BS, interval_length = 20, rest_length = 5, partial = FALSE)
```

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logRespRatio	*Calculate log-response ratio, variance, and confidence interval*

Description

Estimates the log-response ratio (with or without bias correction), the variance of the log-response ratio, and the confidence interval for a given confidence level.

Usage

```
logRespRatio(
  observations,
  phase,
  base_level,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  bias_correct = TRUE,
  exponentiate = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

observations	Vector of observations
phase	Factor or vector indicating levels of the PIR measurements.
base_level	a character string or value indicating the name of the baseline level.
conf_level	Desired coverage rate of the calculated confidence interval. Default is `.95`.

bias_correct   Logical value indicating if the bias-corrected log-response ratio should be used.
                 Default is TRUE

exponentiate   Logical value indicating if the log-response ratio should be exponentiated.

Details

The observations vector can be in any order corresponding to the factor or vector phase. The
levels of phase can be any two levels, such as "A" and "B", "base" and "treat", or "0" and "1". If
there are more than two levels in phase this function will not work. A value for base_level must
be specified - if it is a character string it is case sensitive. If exponentiate = TRUE, the log-ratio and
the confidence interval will be exponentiated, but the variance will be excluded from the output.

Value

If exponentiate = FALSE, a list with three named entries. The first entry, lRR, is the estimated
log-response ratio. The second entry, V_lRR, is the estimated variance of the log-response ratio.
The third entry, CI, is a vector containing the endpoints of a confidence interval of conf_level
coverage rate.

If exponentiate = TRUE, a list with two named entries. The first entry, RR, is the estimated re-
sponse ratio. The second entry, CI, is a vector containing the endpoints of a confidence interval of
conf_level coverage rate.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# Estimate the log response ratio and its variance for Carl from Moes dataset
data(Moes)
with(subset(Moes, Case == "Carl"),
logRespRatio(observations = outcome, phase = Phase, base_level = "No Choice"))
```

Moes   *Moes(1998) data*

Description

Single-case design data from a study that using partial interval recording (PIR) examining the im-
pact of choice-making in a homework tutoring context on disruptive behavior. In this data "No
Choice" is the baseline phase. Data were extracted from the figure in the publication.

Format

A data frame with 80 observations on 7 variables

- `Case` The participant for whom the observation took place
- `Phase` The level of the observation ("Choice" vs. "No Choice")
- `Session` The observation session # for each participant
- `outcome` The summary PIR measurement for the observation session
- `active_length` The length of the active observation interval, in seconds
- `rest_length` The length of the recording interval, in seconds
- `intervals` The total number of intervals in the observation session

A data frame with 53940 rows and 10 variables

References

Moes, D. R. (1998). Integrating choice-making opportunities within teacher-assigned academic tasks to facilitate the performance of children with autism. Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities, 23 (4), 319-328.

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momentary_time_recording

Applies momentary time recording to a behavior stream

Description

Evaluates the presence or absence of the behavior at fixed moments in time.

Usage

```
momentary_time_recording(BS, interval_length, summarize = TRUE)
```

Arguments

BS	object of class behavior_stream
interval_length	
	length of interval between moments.
summarize	logical value indicating whether vector of moments should be summarized by taking their mean.

Value

If `summarize = FALSE`, a matrix with length `n_intervals + 1` and width equal to the number of behavior streams in `BS`. If `summarize = TRUE`, a vector of proportions of length equal to the number of behavior streams in `BS`. Note that if `summarize = TRUE`, the initial state of the behavior stream is excluded when calculating the mean, so the proportion is based on `n_intervals` values.

Examples

```
BS <- r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                        F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(), stream_length = 100)
momentary_time_recording(BS, interval_length = 20, FALSE)
momentary_time_recording(BS, interval_length = 20)
colMeans(momentary_time_recording(BS, 20, FALSE)[-1,])
```

PIR_loglik   *Calculate log-likelihood*

Description

Calculates the log-likelihood of within-session PIR data

Usage

```
PIR_loglik(param, U, c, d)
```

Arguments

param	vector of parameter values logit(prevalence), log(incidence)
U	a vector containing interval-level PIR data
c	the length of the active interval
d	the length of the recording interval
	The vector U should only contain values of 1 or 0. c must be a positive value. d must be some non-negative value. Setting d equal to zero represents a PIR observation where no time was set aside for recording.

Value

The value of the log-likelihood

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PIR_MOM	*Moment estimator for prevalence and incidence, with bootstrap confidence intervals*

Description

Estimates prevalence and incidence for two samples, along with the ratios of each parameter, assuming that the behavior follows an '. Also provides bootstrap confidence intervals.

Usage

```
PIR_MOM(
  PIR,
  phase,
  base_level,
  intervals,
  interval_length,
  rest_length = 0,
  Bootstraps = 2000,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  exponentiate = FALSE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

PIR	vector of PIR measurements
phase	factor or vector indicating levels of the PIR measurements.
base_level	a character string or value indicating the name of the baseline level.
intervals	the number of intervals in the sample of observations
interval_length	the total length of each interval
rest_length	length of the portion of the interval devoted to recording. Default is 0
Bootstraps	desired number of bootstrap replicates. Default is 2000
conf_level	Desired coverage rate of the calculated confidence interval. Default is .95.
exponentiate	a logical indicating whether the row corresponding to the ratio of treatment to baseline should be exponentiated, with the default as FALSE.
seed	seed value set in order to make bootstrap results reproducible. Default is null

Details

The moment estimators are based on the assumption that the underlying behavior stream follows an Alternating Poisson Process, in which both the event durations and interim times are exponentially distributed.

The PIR vector can be in any order corresponding to the factor or vector phase. The levels of phase can be any two levels, such as "A" and "B", "base" and "treat", or "0" and "1". If there are more than two levels in phase this function will not work. A value for base_level must be specified - if it is a character string it is case sensitive.

intervals, interval_length, and rest_length are all single values that are assumed to be held constant across both samples and all observation sessions. If vectors of values are provided for these variables, it is assumed that the first value in each vector is constant across all observations.

interval_length This is the total length of each individual interval. Sometimes a portion of the interval is set aside for recording purposes, in which case rest_length should be set to the length of time devoted to recording. The default assumption is that there is no recording time. The length of time devoted to active observation is calculated as interval_length – rest_length.

At the default setting of bootstraps = 2000, PIR_MOM takes just under six seconds to run on an Intel Core i5-2410M processor.

Value

A dataframe with six columns and three rows corresponding to baseline, treatment, and the log ratio or ratio (depending upon the value of exponentiate) of treatment to baseline

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# Estimate prevalence and incidence ratios for Carl from the Moes dataset
data(Moes)
with(subset(Moes, Case == "Carl"),
  PIR_MOM(PIR = outcome,
          phase = Phase,
          intervals = intervals,
          interval_length = (active_length + rest_length),
          rest_length = rest_length,
          base_level = "No Choice",
          Bootstraps = 200,
          seed = 149568373))
```

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  plot.behavior_stream   *Plot method for* behavior_stream *objects*

Description

Creates a graphical representation of a set of simulated behavior streams.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'behavior_stream'
plot(
  x,
  session_color = "black",
  episode_color = "blue",
  episode_thickness = 2,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	object of class `behavior_stream`
session_color	character string indicating the color of the lines that represent session time. Default is black.
episode_color	character string indicating the color of the bars that represent episode durations. Default is blue.
episode_thickness	
	numeric value indicating the thickness of the bars that represent episode durations. Default is 2.
...	Further arguments, not used for this method.

Details

The plot is created using `ggplot` from the ggplot2 package, which must be installed.

Value

An object of class `ggplot`.

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("ggplot2", quietly = TRUE)) {
b_streams <- r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                               F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
                               stream_length = 100)
plot(b_streams)
}
```

---

prevalence_bounds	*Prevalence bounds and confidence interval*

Description

Calculates a bound for the log of the prevalence ratio of two samples (referred to as baseline and treatment) based on partial interval recording (PIR) data, assuming that the behavior follows an Alternating Renewal Process.

Usage

```
prevalence_bounds(
  PIR,
  phase,
  base_level,
  mu_L,
  active_length,
  intervals = NA,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  exponentiate = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

PIR	vector of PIR measurements
phase	factor or vector indicating levels of the PIR measurements.
base_level	a character string or value indicating the name of the baseline level.
mu_L	the lower limit on the mean event duration
active_length	length of the active observation interval
intervals	the number of intervals in the sample of observations. Default is NA.
conf_level	Coverage rate of the confidence interval. Default is .95.
exponentiate	Logical value indicating if the log of the bounds and the confidence interval should be exponentiated. Default is FALSE.

Details

The prevalence ratio estimate is based on the assumptions that 1) the underlying behavior stream follows an Alternating Renewal Process and 2) the average event duration is greater than mu_L.

The PIR vector can be in any order corresponding to the factor or vector phase. The levels of phase can be any two levels, such as "A" and "B", "base" and "treat", or "0" and "1". If there are more than two levels in phase this function will not work. A value for base_level must be specified - if it is a character string it is case sensitive.

For all of the following variables, the function assumes that if a vector of values is provided they are constant across all observations and simply uses the first value in that vector.

mu_L is the lower limit on the mean event durations. This is a single value assumed to hold for both samples of behavior

active_length This is the total active observation length. If the intervals are 15 seconds long but 5 seconds of each interval is reserved for recording purposes, active_length= 10. Times are often in seconds, but can be in any time unit.

intervals is the number of intervals in the observations. This is a single value and is assumed to be constant across both samples and all observations. This value is only relevant if the mean of one of the samples is at the floor or ceiling of 0 or 1. In that case it will be used to truncate the sample mean. If the sample mean is at the floor or ceiling and no value for intervals is provided, the function will stop.

Value

A list with three named entries. The first entry, `estimate_bounds`, contains the lower and upper bound for the estimate of the prevalence ratio. The second entry, `estimate_SE`, contains the standard error of the estimate. The third entry, `estimate_CI`, contains the lower and upper bounds for the confidence interval of the prevalence ratio.

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Examples

```
# Estimate bounds on the prevalence ratio for Carl from Moes dataset
data(Moes)
with(subset(Moes, Case == "Carl"),
 prevalence_bounds(PIR = outcome, phase = Phase, base_level = "No Choice",
 mu_L = 10, active_length = active_length, intervals = intervals))
```

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reported_observations   *Applies multiple recording procedures to a behavior stream*

Description

This is a convenience function that allows multiple recording procedures to be applied to a single behavior stream. Results are reported either per behavior stream or as summary statistics, averaged over multiple behavior streams.

Usage

```
reported_observations(
  BS,
  data_types = c("C", "M", "E", "P", "W"),
  interval_length = 1,
  rest_length = 0,
  n_aggregate = 1
)
```

Arguments

`BS`	object of class behavior_stream
`data_types`	list of recording procedures to apply to the behavior stream. See details.
`interval_length`	time length of each interval used to score momentary time recording and interval recording procedures.
`rest_length`	portion of each interval to exclude from observation for interval recording. See documentation for `interval_recording`.
`n_aggregate`	number of observations over which to calculate summary statistics.

Details

The following recording procedures are currently implemented

- C - continuous duration recording
- M - momentary time recording
- E - event counting
- P - partial interval recording
- W - whole interval recording

Value

If n_aggregate = 1, a data frame with one column per procedure listed in data_types and length equal to the number of behavior streams in BS. If n_aggregate > 1, a list containing two data frames: one with sample means and one with sample variances, both taken across n_aggregate behavior streams.

Examples

```
BS <- r_behavior_stream(n = 50, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                        F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(), stream_length = 100)
reported_observations(BS, interval_length = 10)
reported_observations(BS, interval_length = 10, n_aggregate = 5)
```

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r_AIR   *Generates random augmented interval recording behavior streams*

Description

Random generation of behavior streams (based on an alternating renewal process) of a specified length and with specified mean event durations, mean interim times, event distribution, and interim distribution, which are then coded as augmented interval recording data with given interval length and rest length.

Usage

```
r_AIR(
  n,
  mu,
  lambda,
  stream_length,
  F_event,
  F_interim,
  interval_length,
  rest_length = 0,
  equilibrium = TRUE,
  p0 = 0,
  tuning = 2
)
```

Arguments

n	number of behavior streams to generate
mu	mean event duration
lambda	mean interim time
stream_length	length of behavior stream
F_event	distribution of event durations. Must be of class [eq_dist].
F_interim	distribution of interim times. Must be of class [eq_dist].
interval_length	
	total interval length
rest_length	length of any recording time in each interval
equilibrium	logical; if TRUE, then equilibrium initial conditions are used; if FALSE, then p0 is used to determine initial state and normal generating distributions are used for event durations and interim times.
p0	Initial state probability. Only used if equilibrium = FALSE, in which case default is zero (i.e., behavior stream always starts with an interim time).
tuning	controls the size of the chunk of random event durations and interim times. Adjusting this may be useful in order to speed computation time .

Details

Generates behavior streams by repeatedly drawing random event durations and random interim times from the distributions as specified, until the sum of the durations and interim times exceeds the requested stream length. Then applies an augmented interval recording filter to the generated behavior streams.

Value

An array with rows corresponding the number of intervals per session, columns corresponding to MTS, PIR, and WIR records, all replicated n times. n times.

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Examples

```
r_AIR(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
      F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
      interval_length = 1, rest_length = 0)
```

r_behavior_stream *Generates random behavior streams*

Description

Random generation of behavior streams (based on an alternating renewal process) of a specified length and with specified mean event durations, mean interim times, event distribution, and interim distribution.

Usage

```
r_behavior_stream(
  n,
  mu,
  lambda,
  F_event,
  F_interim,
  stream_length,
  equilibrium = TRUE,
  p0 = 0,
  tuning = 2
)
```

Arguments

n	number of behavior streams to generate
mu	vector of mean event durations
lambda	vector of mean interim time
F_event	distribution of event durations. Must be of class `eq_dist`.
F_interim	distribution of interim times. Must be of class `eq_dist`.
stream_length	length of behavior stream
equilibrium	logical; if TRUE, then equilibrium initial conditions are used; if FALSE, then p0 is used to determine initial state and normal generating distributions are used for event durations and interim times.
p0	vector of initial state probabilities. Only used if equilibrium = FALSE, in which case default is zero (i.e., behavior stream always starts with an interim time).
tuning	controls the size of the chunk of random event durations and interim times. Adjusting this may be useful in order to speed computation time .

Details

Generates behavior streams by repeatedly drawing random event durations and random interim times from the distributions as specified, until the sum of the durations and interim times exceeds the requested stream length. The vectors mu, lambda, and p0 are recycled to length n.

Value

An object of class `behavior_stream` containing two elements.

Examples

```
# default equilibrium initial conditions
r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                  F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
                  stream_length = 100)

# non-equilibrium initial conditions
r_behavior_stream(n = 5, mu = 3, lambda = 10,
                  F_event = F_gam(3), F_interim = F_gam(3),
                  stream_length = 100,
                  equilibrium = FALSE, p0 = 0.5)
```

```
r_continuous_recording
```
                        Generates random samples of continuously recorded behavior streams

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Description

Random generation of behavior streams (based on an alternating renewal process) of a specified length and with specified mean event durations, mean interim times, event distribution, and interim distribution, summarized as the total proportion of time the behavior of interest occurred.

Usage

```
r_continuous_recording(
  n,
  mu,
  lambda,
  stream_length,
  F_event,
  F_interim,
  equilibrium = TRUE,
  p0 = 0,
  tuning = 2
)
```

Arguments

n	number of behavior streams to generate
mu	mean event duration
lambda	mean interim time
stream_length	length of behavior stream

F_event	distribution of event durations. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
F_interim	distribution of interim times. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
equilibrium	logical; if TRUE, then equilibrium initial conditions are used; if FALSE, then p0 is used to determine initial state and normal generating distributions are used for event durations and interim times.
p0	Initial state probability. Only used if equilibrium = FALSE, in which case default is zero (i.e., behavior stream always starts with an interim time).
tuning	controls the size of the chunk of random event durations and interim times. Adjusting this may be useful in order to speed computation time .

Details

Generates behavior streams by repeatedly drawing random event durations and random interim times from the distributions as specified, until the sum of the durations and interim times exceeds the requested stream length. Then applies a continuous recording filter to the generated behavior streams.

Value

A vector of proportions of length n.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
r_continuous_recording(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
                       F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp())
```

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r_event_counting	*Generates random samples of event counts*

Description

Random generation of behavior streams (based on an alternating renewal process) of a specified length and with specified mean event durations, mean interim times, event distribution, and interim distribution, summarized as the the total number of behaviors that began during the recording session

Usage

```
r_event_counting(
  n,
  mu,
  lambda,
  stream_length,
  F_event,
  F_interim,
  equilibrium = TRUE,
  p0 = 0,
  tuning = 2
)
```

Arguments

n	number of behavior streams to generate
mu	mean event duration
lambda	mean interim time
stream_length	length of behavior stream
F_event	distribution of event durations. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
F_interim	distribution of interim times. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
equilibrium	logical; if TRUE, then equilibrium initial conditions are used; if FALSE, then p0 is used to determine initial state and normal generating distributions are used for event durations and interim times.
p0	Initial state probability. Only used if equilibrium = FALSE, in which case default is zero (i.e., behavior stream always starts with an interim time).
tuning	controls the size of the chunk of random event durations and interim times. Adjusting this may be useful in order to speed computation time .

Details

Generates behavior streams by repeatedly drawing random event durations and random interim times from the distributions as specified, until the sum of the durations and interim times exceeds the requested stream length. Then applies an event counting filter to the generated behavior streams.

Value

A vector of behavior counts of length n.

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Examples

```
r_event_counting(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
                 F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp())
```

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r_MTS   *Generates random momentary time sampling behavior streams*

Description

Random generation of behavior streams (based on an alternating renewal process) of a specified length and with specified mean event durations, mean interim times, event distribution, and interim distribution, which are then coded as momentary time sampling data with given interval length between moments.

Usage

```
r_MTS(
  n,
  mu,
  lambda,
  stream_length,
  F_event,
  F_interim,
  interval_length,
  summarize = FALSE,
  equilibrium = TRUE,
  p0 = 0,
  tuning = 2
)
```

Arguments

n	number of behavior streams to generate
mu	mean event duration
lambda	mean interim time
stream_length	length of behavior stream
F_event	distribution of event durations. Must be of class [eq_dist].
F_interim	distribution of interim times. Must be of class [eq_dist].
interval_length	
	length of time between moments
summarize	logical value indicating whether the vector of moments should be summarized by taking their mean, excluding the first moment in each row.
equilibrium	logical; if TRUE, then equilibrium initial conditions are used; if FALSE, then p0 is used to determine initial state and normal generating distributions are used for event durations and interim times.
p0	Initial state probability. Only used if equilibrium = FALSE, in which case default is zero (i.e., behavior stream always starts with an interim time).
tuning	controls the size of the chunk of random event durations and interim times. Adjusting this may be useful in order to speed computation time.

Details

Generates behavior streams by repeatedly drawing random event durations and random interim times from the distributions as specified, until the sum of the durations and interim times exceeds the requested stream length. Then applies a momentary time sampling filter to the generated behavior streams.

Value

If `summarize = FALSE`, a matrix of logicals with rows equal to n and length equal to (`stream_length/interval_length`) + 1. If `summarize = TRUE`, a vector of means of length n.

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Examples

```
# A set of unsummarized MTS observations
r_MTS(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
      F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(), interval_length = 1)

# A set of summarized MTS observations
r_MTS(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
      F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
      interval_length = 1, summarize = TRUE)
```

---

r_PIR *Generates random partial interval recording behavior streams*

Description

Random generation of behavior streams (based on an alternating renewal process) of a specified length and with specified mean event durations, mean interim times, event distribution, and interim distribution, which are then coded as partial interval recording data with given interval length and rest length.

Usage

```
r_PIR(
  n,
  mu,
  lambda,
  stream_length,
  F_event,
  F_interim,
  interval_length,
  rest_length = 0,
```

```
    summarize = FALSE,
    equilibrium = TRUE,
    p0 = 0,
    tuning = 2
)
```

Arguments

n	number of behavior streams to generate
mu	mean event duration
lambda	mean interim time
stream_length	length of behavior stream
F_event	distribution of event durations. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
F_interim	distribution of interim times. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
interval_length	
	total interval length
rest_length	length of any recording time in each interval
summarize	logical value indicating whether the behavior streams should by summarized by taking their mean
equilibrium	logical; if TRUE, then equilibrium initial conditions are used; if FALSE, then p0 is used to determine initial state and normal generating distributions are used for event durations and interim times.
p0	Initial state probability. Only used if equilibrium = FALSE, in which case default is zero (i.e., behavior stream always starts with an interim time).
tuning	controls the size of the chunk of random event durations and interim times. Adjusting this may be useful in order to speed computation time .

Details

Generates behavior streams by repeatedly drawing random event durations and random interim times from the distributions as specified, until the sum of the durations and interim times exceeds the requested stream length. Then applies a partial interval recording filter to the generated behavior streams.

Value

If summarize = FALSE, a matrix with rows equal to n and a number of columns equal to the number intervals per session. If summarize = TRUE a vector of means of length n.

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Examples

```
# An unsummarized set of PIR observations
r_PIR(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
      F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
      interval_length = 1, rest_length = 0)

# A summarized set of of PIR observations
r_PIR(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
      F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
      interval_length = 1, rest_length = 0,
      summarize = TRUE)
```

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r_WIR   *Generates random whole interval recording behavior streams*

Description

Random generation of behavior streams (based on an alternating renewal process) of a specified length and with specified mean event durations, mean interim times, event distribution, and interim distribution, which are then coded as whole interval recording data with given interval length and rest length.

Usage

```
r_WIR(
  n,
  mu,
  lambda,
  stream_length,
  F_event,
  F_interim,
  interval_length,
  rest_length = 0,
  summarize = FALSE,
  equilibrium = TRUE,
  p0 = 0,
  tuning = 2
)
```

Arguments

n	number of behavior streams to generate
mu	mean event duration
lambda	mean interim time
stream_length	length of behavior stream

F_event	distribution of event durations. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
F_interim	distribution of interim times. Must be of class [eq_dist]().
interval_length	
	total interval length
rest_length	length of any recording time in each interval
summarize	logical value indicating whether the behavior streams should by summarized by taking their mean
equilibrium	logical; if TRUE, then equilibrium initial conditions are used; if FALSE, then p0 is used to determine initial state and normal generating distributions are used for event durations and interim times.
p0	Initial state probability. Only used if equilibrium = FALSE, in which case default is zero (i.e., behavior stream always starts with an interim time).
tuning	controls the size of the chunk of random event durations and interim times. Adjusting this may be useful in order to speed computation time .

Details

Generates behavior streams by repeatedly drawing random event durations and random interim times from the distributions as specified, until the sum of the durations and interim times exceeds the requested stream length. Then applies a whole interval recording filter to the generated behavior streams.

Value

If summarize = FALSE, a matrix with rows equal to n and a number of columns equal to the number intervals per session. If summarize = TRUE a vector of means of length n.

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Examples

```
# An unsummarized set of WIR observations
r_WIR(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
      F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
      interval_length = 1, rest_length = 0)

# A summarized set of of WIR observations
r_WIR(n = 5, mu = 2, lambda = 4, stream_length = 20,
      F_event = F_exp(), F_interim = F_exp(),
      interval_length = 1, rest_length = 0,
      summarize = TRUE)
```

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