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**Description** Provides a list of functions for the statistical analysis and the post-processing of the Markov Chains simulated by ChronoModel (see <<http://www.chronomodel.fr>> for more information). ChronoModel is a friendly software to construct a chronological model in a Bayesian framework. Its output is a sampled Markov chain from the posterior distribution of dates component the chronology. The functions can also be applied to the analyse of mcmc output generated by Oxcal software.

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CreateMinMaxGroup	<i>Constructing the minimum and the maximum for a group of dates(phase)</i>
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## Description

Constructs a dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm corresponding to the minimum and the maximum of a group of dates (phase)

## Usage

```
CreateMinMaxGroup(data, position, name ="Phase", add=NULL, exportFile=NULL)
```

## Arguments

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position	numeric vector containing the position of the column corresponding to the MCMC chains of all dates included in the phase of interest
name	name of the current group of dates or phase
add	the name of the dataframe in which the current minimum and maximum should be added. Null by default.
exportFile	the name of the final file that will be saved if chosen. Null by default.

**Value**

A dataframe containing the minimum and the maximum of the group of dates included in the phase of interest. These values may be added to an already existing file "add" if given.

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**Examples**

```
data(Events)
Temp = CreateMinMaxGroup(Events, c(2,4), "Phase2")
Temp = CreateMinMaxGroup(Events, c(3,5), "Phase1", Temp)
```

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CredibleInterval	<i>Bayesian credible interval</i>
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**Description**

Computes the shortest credible interval at the desired level.

**Usage**

```
CredibleInterval(a_chain, level = 0.95)
```

**Arguments**

a_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for a one-parameter
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval

**Details**

A  $(100 * \text{level})\%$  credible interval gives the shortest interval, whose posterior probability is equal to the desired level. This interval is approximated by constructing the shortest interval such that  $N*(1-\text{level})$  elements of the sample are outside the interval.

**Value**

Returns a vector of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of the shortest credible interval.

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**Examples**

```
data(Events); attach(Events)

CredibleInterval(Event.1)
CredibleInterval(Event.12, 0.50)
```

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DatesHiatus

*Test for the existence of a hiatus between two parameters*

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**Description**

Finds if it exists a gap between two dates that is the longest interval that satisfies :  $P(a\_chain < IntervalInf < IntervalSup < b\_chain \mid M) = level$

**Usage**

```
DatesHiatus(a_chain, b_chain, level=0.95)
```

**Arguments**

a_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the first one-parameter (date) a
b_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the same MCMC algorithm for the second one-parameter (date) b
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval and the highest density region

**Value**

Returns the endpoints of the longest hiatus between two parameters

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**Examples**

```
data(Events); attach(Events)
DatesHiatus(Event.1, Event.12)
DatesHiatus(Event.1, Event.12, level = 0.5)
```

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Events

*Events*

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### **Description**

Contains the output of the MCMC algorithm for four events modelled by ChronoModel.

### **Usage**

```
data(Events)
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 30000 observations on the following 5 variables.

`iter` a numeric vector corresponding to iteration number

`Event.1` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the parameter Event 1

`Event.12` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the parameter Event 12

`Event.2` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the parameter Event 2

`Event.22` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the parameter Event 22

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### **Examples**

```
data(Events)
summary(Events)
```

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ImportCSV

*Importing a CSV file containing the output of the MCMC algorithm*

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### **Description**

Use of the `read.csv` with th default values for CSV files extracted from ChronoModel software

### **Usage**

```
ImportCSV(file, dec = '.', sep=',', comment.char='#', header = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

file	the name of the CSV file containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
dec	the character used in the file for decimal points for the use of read.csv()
sep	the field separator character for the use of read.csv()
comment.char	a character vector of length one containing a single character or an empty string for the use of read.csv()
header	a logical value indicating whether the file contains the names of the variables as its first line.

**Value**

Returns a dataframe containing a representation of the data in the file.

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**Examples**

```
data(Events)
write.csv(Events, "data.csv", row.names=FALSE)
ImportCSV("data.csv")
ImportCSV("data.csv", dec = '.', sep=',', comment.char='#', header = TRUE)
```

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MarginalPlot

*Plot of a marginal posterior density*

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**Description**

This function draws the density of a one-parameter and adds summary statistics.

**Usage**

```
MarginalPlot(a_chain, level = 0.95, title = "Marginal posterior density",
  colors = T, GridLength = 1024)
```

**Arguments**

a_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for a one-parameter
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
title	label of the title
colors	if TRUE -> use of colors in the graph
GridLength	length of the grid used to estimate the density

**Details**

The density is estimated using `density()` function with `n=GridLength`.

**Value**

Draws a plot of the estimated marginal posterior density for the one-parameter and adds the mean and the credible interval at the desired level

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**Examples**

```
data(Events); attach(Events)

MarginalPlot(Event.1, 0.95)
MarginalPlot(Event.1, 0.50)

MarginalPlot(Event.2, 0.95, title="Marginal density plot of Event 2")
MarginalPlot(Event.2, 0.95, colors = FALSE)
```

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MarginalProba

*Bayesian test for anteriority / posteriority between two parameters*

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**Description**

This function estimates the posterior probability that event 'a' is older than event 'b' using the output of the MCMC algorithm. This provides a bayesian test for checking the following assumption: "Event a is older than event b"

**Usage**

```
MarginalProba(a_chain, b_chain)
```

**Arguments**

<code>a_chain</code>	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the first one-parameter (date) a
<code>b_chain</code>	numeric vector containing the output of the same MCMC algorithm for the second one-parameter (date) b

**Details**

For a given output of MCMC algorithm, this function estimates the posterior probability of the event 'a' < 'b' by the relative frequency of the event "the value of event 'a' is lower than the value of event 'b'" in the simulated Markov chain.

**Value**

Returns the posterior probability of the following assumption: "Event a is older than event b"

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**Examples**

```
data(Events); attach(Events)

# Probability that Event.1 is older than Event.12
MarginalProba(Event.1, Event.12)
# Probability that Event.1 is older than Event.2
MarginalProba(Event.1, Event.2)

# Probability that the beginning of the phase 1 is older than the end of the phase 1
# Should always be 1 for every phase
data(Phases); attach(Phases)

MarginalProba(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta)
```

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MarginalStatistics      *Marginal summary statistics*

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**Description**

Gives a list of summary statistics resulting from the output of the MCMC algorithm for a one-parameter.

**Usage**

```
MarginalStatistics(a_chain, level = 0.95, max_decimal = 0)
```

**Arguments**

a_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for a one-parameter
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval and the highest density region
max_decimal	maximum number of decimal

**Details**

The 100\*level % HPD (highest posterior density) region is estimated using HDR function from Package 'hdrcdf'.



**Value**

A matrix of values corresponding to the following summary statistics

title	The title of the summary statistics
mean	The mean of the MCMC chain. Use of "mean" function.
map	The maximum a posteriori of the MCMC chain. Use of "hdr" function.
sd	The standard deviation of the MCMC chain. Use of "sd" function.
Q1, median, Q3	The quantiles of the MCMC chain corresponding to 0.25, 0.50 and 0.75. Use of "quantile" function.
CI	The credible interval corresponding to the desired level. Use of "CredibleInterval" function.
HPDR	The highest posterior density regions corresponding to the desired level. Use of "hdr" function.

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**References**

Hyndman, R.J. (1996) Computing and graphing highest density regions. *American Statistician*, 50, 120-126.

**Examples**

```
data(Events); attach(Events)

MarginalStatistics(Event.1)
MarginalStatistics(Event.2, level = 0.90)
```

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MultiCredibleInterval *Bayesian credible intervals for a series of dates*

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**Description**

Estimation of the shorest credible interval for each variables of simulated Markov chain.

**Usage**

```
MultiCredibleInterval(data, position, level = 0.95)
```

**Arguments**

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position	numeric vector containing the position of the column corresponding to the MCMC chains of interest
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used to estimate the credible interval

**Value**

Returns a matrix of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of the shortest credible interval for each variable of the MCMC chain. The name of the resulting rows are the positions of the corresponding columns in the CSV file.

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**Examples**

```
data(Events)
MultiCredibleInterval(Events, c(2,4,3), 0.95)
```

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MultiDatesPlot	<i>Plot of the endpoints of credible intervals or HPD intervals of a series of dates</i>
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**Description**

Draws a plot of segments corresponding to the endpoints of the intervals (CI or HPD) of each selected date.

**Usage**

```
MultiDatesPlot(data, position, level = 0.95, intervals = c("CI", "HPD"),
title = "Plot of intervals")
```

**Arguments**

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position	numeric vector containing the position of the column corresponding to the MCMC chains of interest
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used to estimate the credible interval
intervals	"CI" corresponds to the credible intervals, "HPD" to the highest density regions
title	title of the graph

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**Examples**

```
data(Events)
MultiDatesPlot(Events, c(2,4,3), level = 0.95, intervals = "CI", title = "Plot of CI intervals")
MultiDatesPlot(Events, c(2,4,3), level = 0.95, intervals = "HPD", title = "Plot of HPD intervals")
```

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MultiHPD	<i>Bayesian highest posterior density regions for a series of MCMC chains</i>
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**Description**

Estimation of the highest posterior density regions for each variables of simulated Markov chain. This function uses the "hdr" function included in the package "hdrede".

**Usage**

```
MultiHPD(data, position, level=0.95)
```

**Arguments**

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position	numeric vector containing the position of the column corresponding to the MCMC chains of interest
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence

**Value**

Returns a matrix of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of each interval for each variable of the MCMC chain. The name of the resulting rows are the positions of the corresponding columns in the CSV file.

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**References**

Hyndman, R.J. (1996) Computing and graphing highest density regions. *American Statistician*, 50, 120-126.

**Examples**

```
data(Events)
MultiHPD(Events, c(2,4,3), 0.95)
```

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MultiPhasePlot

*Plot of the marginal posterior densities of several phases*


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**Description**

Draws a plot with the marginal posterior densities of the minimum and the maximum of the dates included in each phase. No temporal order between phases is required.

**Usage**

```
MultiPhasePlot(data, position_minimum, position_maximum = position_minimum+1,
level = 0.95, title = "Phases marginal posterior densities")
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
<code>position_minimum</code>	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the minimum of the dates included in each phase
<code>position_maximum</code>	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the maximum of the dates included in each phase. By default, <code>position_maximum = position_minimum + 1</code> .
<code>level</code>	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
<code>title</code>	title of the graph

**Value**

Draws a plot with the marginal posterior densities of the minimum and the maximum of the dates included in each phase and adds the time range of each phase.

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**Examples**

```
# Data extracted from ChronoModel software
data(Phases)

# List of the name of the phases
names(Phases)

# Stipulating position_maximum
MultiPhasePlot(Phases, c(4,2), c(5,3), title = "Succession of phase 1 and phase 2")

# In this case, equivalent to
MultiPhasePlot(Phases, c(4,2), title = "Succession of phase 1 and phase 2")
```

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MultiPhasesGap	<i>Gap/Hiatus between a succession of phases (for phases in temporal order constraint)</i>
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**Description**

This function finds, if it exists, the gap between two successive phases. This gap or hiatus is the longest interval  $[IntervalInf, IntervalSup]$  that satisfies :  $P(Phase1Max < IntervalInf < IntervalSup < Phase2Min | M) = level$  for each successive phase.

**Usage**

```
MultiPhasesGap(data, position_minimum, position_maximum = position_minimum+1,
  level = 0.95, max_decimal = 0)
```

**Arguments**

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position_minimum	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the minimum of the dates included in each phase
position_maximum	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the maximum of the dates included in each phase. By default, position_maximum = position_minimum + 1.
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
max_decimal	maximum number of decimal

**Details**

For each  $i$ , MultiPhasesGap computes the gap interval for the phase defined by its minimum position\_minimum[i] and its maximum position\_maximum[i]. The default value of position\_maximum corresponds to CSV files exported from ChronoModel software.

**Value**

Returns a matrix of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of the gap for each pair of successive phases

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**Examples**

```
# Data extracted from ChronoModel software
data(Phases)

# List of the name of the phases
names(Phases)

# Stipulating position_maximum
MultiPhasesGap(Phases, c(4,2), c(5,3))

# In this case, equivalent to
MultiPhasesGap(Phases, c(4,2))
```

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MultiPhasesTransition *Transition range for a succession of phases (for phases in temporal order constraint)*

---

**Description**

Finds if it exists the shortest interval [TransitionRangeInf, TransitionRangeSup] that satisfies :  
 $P(\text{TransitionRangeInf} < \text{Phase1Max} < \text{Phase2Min} < \text{TransitionRangeSup} \mid M) = \text{level}$  for each phase

**Usage**

```
MultiPhasesTransition(data, position_minimum, position_maximum = position_minimum+1,
level = 0.95, max_decimal = 0)
```

**Arguments**

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position_minimum	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the minimum of the dates included in each phase
position_maximum	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the maximum of the dates included in each phase. By default, position_maximum = position_minimum + 1.
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
max_decimal	maximum number of decimal

**Details**

For each  $i$ , MultiPhasesTransition computes the transition interval for the phase defined by its minimum position\_minimum[i] and its maximum position\_maximum[i]. The default value of position\_maximum corresponds to CSV files exported from ChronoModel software.

**Value**

Returns a matrix of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of the transition interval for each pair of successive phases

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**Examples**

```
# Data extracted from ChronoModel software
data(Phases)

# List of the name of the phases
names(Phases)

# Stipulating position_maximum
MultiPhasesTransition(Phases, c(4,2), c(5,3))

# In this case, equivalent to
MultiPhasesTransition(Phases, c(4,2))
```

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MultiPhaseTimeRange     *Phase Time Range for multiple phases*

---

**Description**

Computes the shortest interval that satisfies :  $P(\text{PhaseMin} < \text{IntervalInf} < \text{IntervalSup} < \text{PhaseMax} \mid M) = \text{level}$

**Usage**

```
MultiPhaseTimeRange(data, position_minimum, position_maximum = position_minimum+1,
  level = 0.95, max_decimal = 0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
<code>position_minimum</code>	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the minimum of the dates included in each phase
<code>position_maximum</code>	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the maximum of the dates included in each phase. By default, <code>position_maximum = position_minimum + 1</code> .
<code>level</code>	probability corresponding to the desired level of confidence
<code>max_decimal</code>	maximum number of decimal

**Details**

For each  $i$ , `MultiPhaseTimeRange` computes the time range interval for the phase defined by its minimum `position_minimum[i]` and its maximum `position_maximum[i]`. The default value of `position_maximum` corresponds to CSV files exported from ChronoModel software.

**Value**

Returns a matrix of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of the shortest time range associated with the desired level

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**Examples**

```
# Data extracted from ChronoModel software
data(Phases)

# List of the name of the phases
names(Phases)

# Stipulating position_maximum
MultiPhaseTimeRange(Phases, c(4,2), c(5,3))

# In this case, equivalent to
MultiPhaseTimeRange(Phases, c(4,2))
```



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MultiSuccessionPlot	<i>Successive Phases Density Plots (for phases in temporal order constraint)</i>
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---

### Description

This functions draws a plot of the densities of several successive phases and adds several statistics (mean, CI, HPDR)

### Usage

```
MultiSuccessionPlot(data, position_minimum, position_maximum = position_minimum+1,  
  level = 0.95, title = "Characterisation of a succession of phases")
```

### Arguments

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position_minimum	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the minimum of the dates included in each phase
position_maximum	numeric vector containing the column number corresponding to the maximum of the dates included in each phase. By default, position_maximum = position_minimum + 1.
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
title	title of the graph

### Details

Curves represent the density of the minimum (oldest dates) and the maximum (youngest dates) of the dates included in each phase. Curves of the same color refer to the same phase. When there is only one curve of one color, it means that there is only one event in the corresponding phase and then the minimum equals the maximum. Time range intervals are symbolised by segments above the curves drawn using the same color as the one of the curves of the associated phase. Transition and gap range intervals are represented by two-coloured segments using the colors of successive phases. If the gap between the successive phases does not exist, a cross is drawn instead of a segment.

### Value

Returns a plot of all densities and adds several summary statistics

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**Examples**

```
# Data extracted from ChronoModel software
data(Phases)

# List of the name of the phases
names(Phases)

# Stipulating position_end
MultiSuccessionPlot(Phases, c(4,2), c(5,3), title = "Succession of phase 1 and phase 2")

# In this case, equivalent to
MultiSuccessionPlot(Phases, c(4,2), title = "Succession of phase 1 and phase 2")
```

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PhaseDurationPlot      *Plot of the marginal posterior densities of the duration of a phase*

---

**Description**

This function draws the marginal posterior densities of the time elapsed between the minimum and the maximum of the dates included in a phase, and adds summary statistics (mean, CI)

**Usage**

```
PhaseDurationPlot(PhaseMin_chain, PhaseMax_chain, level=0.95,
title = "Duration of the phase", colors = T, GridLength=1024)
```

**Arguments**

PhaseMin_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the phase
PhaseMax_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the phase
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval and the time range
title	title of the graph
colors	if TRUE -> use of colors in the graph
GridLength	length of the grid used to estimate the density

**Value**

A plot with the marginal posterior densities of the duration of a phase and adds several summary statistics (mean, Credible interval, Time range)

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**Examples**

```
data(Phases); attach(Phases)

PhaseDurationPlot(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta, 0.95, "Duration of Phase 1")
PhaseDurationPlot(Phase.2.alpha, Phase.2.beta, 0.95, "Duration of Phase 2", colors = FALSE)
```

---

PhasePlot

*Plot of the marginal posterior densities of a phase*


---

**Description**

This function draws the marginal posterior densities of the minimum and the maximum of the dates included in the phase

**Usage**

```
PhasePlot(PhaseMin_chain, PhaseMax_chain, level = 0.95,
  title = "Characterisation of a phase", colors = T,
  GridLength = 1024)
```

**Arguments**

PhaseMin_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the phase
PhaseMax_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the phase
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval and the time range
title	title of the graph
colors	if TRUE -> use of colors in the graph
GridLength	length of the grid used to estimate the density

**Value**

A plot with the marginal posterior densities of the minimum and the maximum of the dates included in the phase and adds several summary statistics (mean, Credible interval, Time range)

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**Examples**

```
data(Phases); attach(Phases)

PhasePlot(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta, 0.95, "Densities of Phase 1")
PhasePlot(Phase.2.alpha, Phase.2.beta, 0.95, "Densities of Phase 2", colors = FALSE)
```

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Phases

*Phases*

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### **Description**

Contains the output of the MCMC algorithm for all the phases (beginning and end) of two successive phases modelled in ChronoModel. Phase 1 is assumed to be older than Phase 2.

### **Usage**

```
data(Phases)
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 30000 observations on the following 5 variables.

`iter` a numeric vector corresponding to iteration number

`Phase.1.alpha` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the beginning of the phase "Phase 1"

`Phase.1.beta` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the end of the phase "Phase 1"

`Phase.2.alpha` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the beginning of the phase "Phase 2"

`Phase.2.beta` a numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the end of the phase "Phase 2"

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### **Examples**

```
data(Phases)
attach(Phases)
PhasePlot(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta)
PhaseTimeRange(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta)

PhasesGap(Phase.1.beta, Phase.2.alpha)
PhasesTransition(Phase.1.beta, Phase.2.alpha)
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PhasesGap	<i>Gap or Hiatus between two successive phases (for phases in temporal order constraint)</i>
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### Description

This function finds, if it exists, the gap between two successive phases. This gap or hiatus is the longest interval [IntervalInf ; IntervalSup] that satisfies :  $P(\text{Phase1Max\_chain} < \text{IntervalInf} < \text{IntervalSup} < \text{Phase2Min\_chain} \mid M) = \text{level}$ .

### Usage

```
PhasesGap(Phase1Max_chain, Phase2Min_chain, level = 0.95,  
          max_decimal = 0)
```

### Arguments

Phase1Max_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the oldest phase
Phase2Min_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the youngest phase
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
max_decimal	maximum number of decimal

### Value

Returns a vector of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of the gap between the successive phases

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### Examples

```
data(Phases); attach(Phases)  
PhasesGap(Phase.1.beta, Phase.2.alpha, 0.95)  
PhasesGap(Phase.1.beta, Phase.2.alpha, 0.50)
```

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PhaseStatistics      *Summary statistics for a phase*

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### Description

Estimation of several summary statistics of the minimum, the maximum and the duration of the dates included in the phase.

### Usage

```
PhaseStatistics(PhaseMin_chain, PhaseMax_chain, level = 0.95,
               max_decimal = 0)
```

### Arguments

PhaseMin_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the phase
PhaseMax_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the phase
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval and the highest density region
max_decimal	maximum number of decimal

### Details

The summary statistics are those given by MarginalStatistics function. The time range is given by PhaseTimeRange function. The duration is computed as follow duration = maximum - minimum at each iteration of the MCMC output.

### Value

Returns a list of values corresponding to the summary statistics:

1	Statistics of the minimum of the dates included in the phase
2	Statistics of the maximum of the dates included in the phase
3	Statistics of the duration of the dates included in the phase
4	The endpoints of the phase time range

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### Examples

```
data(Phases); attach(Phases)
PhaseStatistics(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta, 0.95, 0)
PhaseStatistics(Phase.2.alpha, Phase.2.beta, 0.95, 0)
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PhasesTransition	<i>Transition range between two successive phases (for phases in temporal order constraint)</i>
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**Description**

Finds if it exists the shortest interval [TransitionRangeInf , TransitionRangeSup ] that satisfies :  
 $P(\text{TransitionRangeInf} < \text{Phase1Max\_chain} < \text{Phase2Min\_chain} < \text{TransitionRangeSup} \mid M) = \text{level}$

**Usage**

```
PhasesTransition(Phase1Max_chain, Phase2Min_chain, level = 0.95,
  max_decimal = 0)
```

**Arguments**

Phase1Max_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the oldest phase
Phase2Min_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the youngest phase
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
max_decimal	maximum number of decimal

**Value**

Returns a vector of values containing the level of confidence and the endpoints of the transition interval between the successive phases

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**Examples**

```
data(Phases); attach(Phases)
PhasesTransition(Phase.1.beta, Phase.2.alpha, 0.95)
PhasesTransition(Phase.1.beta, Phase.2.alpha, 0.50)
```

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PhaseTimeRange	<i>Phase Time Range</i>
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**Description**

Computes the shortest interval [IntervalInf ; IntervalSup ] that satisfies :  $P(\text{PhaseMin\_chain} \leq \text{IntervalInf} < \text{IntervalSup} \leq \text{PhaseMax\_chain} | M) = \text{level}$ .

**Usage**

```
PhaseTimeRange(PhaseMin_chain, PhaseMax_chain, level = 0.95,
               max_decimal = 2)
```

**Arguments**

PhaseMin_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the phase
PhaseMax_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the phase
level	probability corresponding to the desired level of confidence
max_decimal	maximum number of decimal

**Value**

A vector of values containing the desired level of confidence and the endpoints of the shortest time range associated with this desired level.

**Examples**

```
data(Phases); attach(Phases)
PhaseTimeRange(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta, 0.95)
PhaseTimeRange(Phase.2.alpha, Phase.2.beta, 0.95, 0)
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SuccessionPlot	<i>Density Plots of two successive phases (for phases in temporal order constraint)</i>
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**Description**

Plot of the densities of the minimum and the maximum of the dates included in each phase and adds several summary statistics (mean, CI, HPDR)



**Usage**

```
SuccessionPlot(Phase1Min_chain, Phase1Max_chain, Phase2Min_chain,
  Phase2Max_chain, level = 0.95,
  title = "Characterisation of several phases", GridLength = 1024)
```

**Arguments**

Phase1Min_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the oldest phase
Phase1Max_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the oldest phase
Phase2Min_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the minimum of the dates included in the youngest phase
Phase2Max_chain	numeric vector containing the output of the MCMC algorithm for the maximum of the dates included in the youngest phase
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence
title	title of the graph
GridLength	length of the grid used to estimate the density

**Details**

Curves represent the density of the minimum (oldest dates) and the maximum (youngest dates) of the dates included in each phase. Curves of the same color refer to the same phase. Time range intervals are symbolised by segments above the curves drawn using the same color as the one of the curves of the associated phase. Transition and gap range intervals are represented by two-coloured segments using the colors of the both phases in succession. If the gap between the successive phases does not exist, a cross is drawn instead of a segment.

**Value**

Plot of the densities of the minimum and the maximum of the dates included in each phase

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**Examples**

```
data(Phases); attach(Phases)
SuccessionPlot(Phase.1.alpha, Phase.1.beta, Phase.2.alpha, Phase.2.beta, 0.95)
```

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TempoActivityPlot      *Plot of the activity of events*

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**Description**

A statistical graphic designed for the archaeological study of rhythms of the long term that embodies a theory of archaeological evidence for the occurrence of events.

**Usage**

```
TempoActivityPlot(data, position, level=0.95, count = TRUE,  
title = "Activity plot")
```

**Arguments**

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position	numeric vector containing the position of the column corresponding to the MCMC chains of interest
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval
count	if TRUE the counting process is given as a number, otherwise it is a probability
title	title of the graph

**Value**

It calculates the cumulative frequency of specified events by calculating how many events took place before each date in a specified range of dates.

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**References**

Dye, T.S. (2016) Long-term rhythms in the development of Hawaiian social stratification. *Journal of Archaeological Science*, 71, 1–9.

**Examples**

```
data(Events);  
TempoActivityPlot(Events[1:1000,], c(2:5))  
TempoActivityPlot(Events[1:1000,], c(2:5), count = TRUE)
```

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TempoPlot

*Plot of the occurrence of events*

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### Description

A statistical graphic designed for the archaeological study of rhythms of the long term that embodies a theory of archaeological evidence for the occurrence of events.

### Usage

```
TempoPlot(data, position, level=0.95, count = TRUE, Gauss=FALSE, title = "Tempo plot")
```

### Arguments

data	dataframe containing the output of the MCMC algorithm
position	numeric vector containing the position of the column corresponding to the MCMC chains of interest
level	probability corresponding to the level of confidence used for the credible interval
count	if TRUE the counting process is given as a number, otherwise it is a probability
Gauss	if TRUE, the Gaussian approximation of the CI is used
title	title of the graph

### Value

It calculates the cumulative frequency of specified events by calculating how many events took place before each date in a specified range of dates.

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### References

Dye, T.S. (2016) Long-term rhythms in the development of Hawaiian social stratification. *Journal of Archaeological Science*, 71, 1–9.

### Examples

```
data(Events);  
TempoPlot(Events[1:1000,], c(2:5))  
TempoPlot(Events[1:1000,], c(2:5), count = TRUE)
```

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