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Description

converts to character with minimal loss of precision for numeric variables

Usage

```
as.char(x, ...)
```

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Arguments

x the value

... passed to either format or as.character.

as.rds.data.frame

Coerces a data.frame object into an rds.data.frame object.

Description

This function converts a regular R data frame into an rds.data.frame. The greatest advantage of this is that it performs integrity checks and will fail if the recruitment information in the original data frame is incomplete.

Usage

```
as.rds.data.frame(
  df,
  id = if (is.null(attr(df, "id"))) "id" else attr(df, "id"),
  recruiter.id = if (is.null(attr(df, "recruiter.id"))) {
     "recruiter.id"
} else
    attr(df, "recruiter.id"),
 network.size = if (is.null(attr(df, "network.size.variable"))) {
    "network.size.variable"
} else attr(df, "network.size.variable"),
 population.size = if (all(is.na(get.population.size(df, FALSE)))) {
    NULL
} else
    get.population.size(df, FALSE),
 max.coupons = if (is.null(attr(df, "max.coupons"))) {
    NULL
} else attr(df,
    "max.coupons"),
 notes = if (is.null(attr(df, "notes"))) {
     NULL
} else attr(df, "time"),
  time = if (is.null(attr(df, "time"))) {
} else attr(df, "time"),
  check.valid = TRUE
)
```

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Arguments

df A data.frame representing an RDS sample.

id The unique identifier.

recruiter.id The unique identifier of the recruiter of this row. network.size The number of alters (i.e. possible recruitees).

population.size

The size of the population from which this RDS sample has been drawn. Either a single number, or a vector of length three indicating low, mid and high estimates.

max.coupons The number of recruitment coupons distributed to each enrolled subject (i.e. the

maximum number of recruitees for any subject).

notes Data set notes.

time the name of the recruitment time variable. optional.

check.valid If true, validity checks are performed to ensure that the data is well formed.

Value

An rds.data.frame object

Examples

```
\label{eq:data-frame} \begin{array}{ll} \text{dat} < - \text{ data.frame}(\text{id=c(1,2,3,4,5)}, \text{ recruiter.id=c(2,-1,2,-1,4)}, \\ & \text{network.size.variable=c(4,8,8,2,3))} \\ \text{as.rds.data.frame}(\text{dat}) \end{array}
```

```
assert.valid.rds.data.frame
```

Does various checks and throws errors if x is not a valid rds.data.frame

Description

Does various checks and throws errors if x is not a valid rds.data.frame

Usage

```
assert.valid.rds.data.frame(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an rds.data.frame

... unused

Details

Throws an informative message if x is malformed.

```
bootstrap.contingency.test
```

Performs a bootstrap test of independance between two categorical variables

Description

Performs a bootstrap test of independance between two categorical variables

Usage

```
bootstrap.contingency.test(
   rds.data,
   row.var,
   col.var,
   number.of.bootstrap.samples = 1000,
   weight.type = c("HCG", "RDS-II", "Arithmetic Mean"),
   table.only = FALSE,
   verbose = TRUE,
   ...
)
```

Arguments

rds.data an rds.data.frame the name of the first categorical variable row.var col.var the name of the second categorical variable number.of.bootstrap.samples The number of simulated boootstrap populations The type of weighting to use for the contningency table. Only large sample weight.type methods are allowed. table.only only returns the weighted table, without bootstrap. verbose level of output Additional parameters for compute_weights

Details

This function first estimates a Homophily Configuration Graph model for the underlying network under the assumption that the two variables are independent and that the population size is large. It then draws bootstrap RDS samples from this population distribution and calculates the chi.squared statistic on the weighted contingency table. Weights are calculated using the HCG estimator assuming a large population size.

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Examples

```
data(faux)
bootstrap.contingency.test(rds.data=faux, row.var="X", col.var="Y",
    number.of.bootstrap.samples=50, verbose=FALSE)
```

bootstrap.incidence

Calculates incidence and bootstrap confidence intervals for immunoassay data collected with RDS

Description

Calculates incidence and bootstrap confidence intervals for immunoassay data collected with RDS

Usage

```
bootstrap.incidence(
  rds.data,
  recent.variable,
  hiv.variable,
  N = NULL,
  weight.type = c("Gile's SS", "RDS-I", "RDS-I (DS)", "RDS-II", "Arithmetic Mean", "HCG"),
  mean.duration = 200,
  frr = 0.01,
  post.infection.cutoff = 730,
  number.of.bootstrap.samples = 1000,
  se.mean.duration = 0,
  se.frr = 0,
  confidence.level = 0.95,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

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```
post.infection.cutoff
Post-infection time cut-off T, separating "true-recent" from "false-recent" results (days)

number.of.bootstrap.samples
The number of bootstrap samples used to construct the interval.

se.mean.duration
The standard error of the mean.duration estimate

se.frr
The standard error of the false recency estimate

confidence.level
The level of confidence for the interval

verbose
verbosity control
additional arguments to compute.weights
```

Details

The recent.variable and hiv should be the names of logical variables. Otherwise they are converted to logical using as.numeric(x) > 0.5.

This function estimates incidence using RDS sampling wieghts. Confidence intervals are constucted using HCG bootstraps. See http://www.incidence-estimation.org/ for additional information on (non-RDS) incidence estimation.

Examples

```
data(faux)
faux$hiv <- faux$X == "blue"
faux$recent <- NA
faux$recent[faux$hiv] <- runif(sum(faux$hiv)) < .2
faux$recent[runif(nrow(faux)) > .5] <- NA
faux$hiv[is.na(faux$recent)][c(1,6,10,21)] <- NA
attr(faux,"time") <- "wave"
bootstrap.incidence(faux,"recent","hiv",weight.type="RDS-II", number.of.bootstrap.samples=100)</pre>
```

bottleneck.plot

Bottleneck Plot

Description

Bottleneck Plot

Usage

```
bottleneck.plot(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  est.func = RDS.II.estimates,
  as.factor = FALSE,
  n.eval.points = 25,
  ...
)
```

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Arguments

References

Krista J. Gile, Lisa G. Johnston, Matthew J. Salganik *Diagnostics for Respondent-driven Sampling* eprint arXiv:1209.6254, 2012

Examples

```
data(fauxmadrona)
bottleneck.plot(fauxmadrona,"disease")
```

compute.weights

Compute estimates of the sampling weights of the respondent's observations based on various estimators

Description

Compute estimates of the sampling weights of the respondent's observations based on various estimators

Usage

```
compute.weights(
  rds.data,
  weight.type = c("Gile's SS", "RDS-I", "RDS-I (DS)", "RDS-II", "Arithmetic Mean", "HCG"),
  N = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  control = control.rds.estimates(),
  ...
)
```

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Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes

named "id" and "recruiter.id".

weight.type A string giving the type of estimator to use. The options are "Gile's SS",

"RDS-I", "RDS-II", "RDS-I/DS", and "Arithemic Mean". It defaults to "Gile's

SS".

N An estimate of the number of members of the population being sampled. If NULL

it is read as the population.size.mid attribute of the rds.data frame. If that is missing, the weights will sum to 1. Note that this parameter is required for

Gile's SS.

subset An optional criterion to subset rds. data by. It is an R expression which, when

evaluated, subset the data. In plain English, it can be something like subset = seed > 0 to exclude seeds. It can also be the name of a logical vector of the same length of the outcome variable where TRUE means include it in the analysis. If

NULL then no subsetting is done.

control A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning. Constructed using

control.rds.estimates.

. . . Additional parameters passed to the individual weighting algorithms.

Value

A vector of weights for each of the respondents. It is of the same size as the number of rows in rds.data.

See Also

```
rds.I.weights, gile.ss.weights, vh.weights
```

control.list.accessor Named element accessor for ergm control lists

Description

Utility method that overrides the standard '\$' list accessor to disable partial matching for ergm control.list objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'control.list'
object$name
```

Arguments

object list-coearceable object with elements to be searched

name literal character name of list element to search for and return

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Details

Executes getElement instead of \$ so that element names must match exactly to be returned and partially matching names will not return the wrong object.

Value

Returns the named list element exactly matching name, or NULL if no matching elements found

Author(s)

Pavel N. Krivitsky

See Also

see getElement

control.rds.estimates Auxiliary for Controlling RDS.bootstrap.intervals

Description

Auxiliary function as user interface for fine-tuning RDS.bootstrap.intervals algorithm, which computes interval estimates for via bootstrapping.

Usage

```
control.rds.estimates(
  confidence.level = 0.95,
  SS.infinity = 0.01,
  lowprevalence = c(8, 14),
  discrete.cutoff = 0.8,
  useC = TRUE,
  number.of.bootstrap.samples = NULL,
  hcg.reltol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),
  hcg.BS.reltol = 1e+05 * sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),
  hcg.max.optim = 500,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

confidence.level

The confidence level for the confidence intervals. The default is 0.95 for 95%.

SS.infinity

The sample proportion, n/N, below which the computation of the SS weights should simplify to that of the RDS-II weights.

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lowprevalence Standard confidence interval procedures can be inaccurate when the outcome

expected count is close to zero. This sets conditions where alternatives to the standard are used for the ci.type="hmg" option. See Details for its use.

discrete.cutoff

The minimum proportion of the values of the outcome variable that need to be

unique before the variable is judged to be continuous.

useC Use a C-level implementation of Gile's bootstrap (rather than the R level). The

implementations should be computational equivalent (except for speed).

number.of.bootstrap.samples

The number of bootstrap samples to take in estimating the uncertainty of the estimator. If NULL it defaults to the number necessary to compute the standard

error to accuracy 0.001.

hcg.reltol Relative convergence tolerance for the HCG estimator. The algorithm stops if it

is unable to reduce the log-likelihood by a factor of reltol * (abs(log-likelihood) + reltol) at a step. Defaults to sqrt(.Machine\$double.eps), typically about

1e-8.

hcg.BS.reltol Relative convergence tolerance for the bootstrap of the HCG estimator. It has the

same interpretation as hcg.reltol except it is applied to each bootstrap sample.

It is typically the same or larger than hcg. reltol.

hcg.max.optim The number of iterations on the likelihood optimization for the HCG estimator.

seed Seed value (integer) for the random number generator. See set.seed

Details

This function is only used within a call to the RDS.bootstrap.intervals function.

Some of the arguments are not yet fully implemented. It will evolve slower to incorporate more arguments as the package develops.

Standard confidence interval procedures can be inaccurate when the outcome expected count is close to zero. In these cases the combined Agresti-Coull and the bootstrap-t interval of Mantalos and Zografos (2008) can be used. The lowprevalence argument is a two vector parameter setting the conditions under which the approximation is used. The first is the penalty term on the differential activity. If the observed number of the rare group minus the product of the first parameter and the differential activity is lower than the second parameter, the low prevalence approximation is used.

Value

A list with arguments as components.

See Also

RDS.bootstrap.intervals

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convergence.plot

Convergence Plots

Description

This function creates diagnostic convergence plots for RDS estimators.

Usage

```
convergence.plot(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  est.func = RDS.II.estimates,
  as.factor = FALSE,
  n.eval.points = 25,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

References

Krista J. Gile, Lisa G. Johnston, Matthew J. Salganik *Diagnostics for Respondent-driven Sampling* eprint arXiv:1209.6254, 2012

Examples

```
data(faux)
convergence.plot(faux,c("X","Y"))
```

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count.transitions

Counts the number or recruiter->recruitee transitions between different levels of the grouping variable.

Description

Counts the number or recruiter->recruitee transitions between different levels of the grouping variable.

Usage

```
count.transitions(rds.data, group.variable)
```

Arguments

```
rds.data An rds.data.frame
group.variable The name of a categorical variable in rds.data
```

Examples

```
data(faux)
count.transitions(faux,"X")
```

cumulative.estimate

Calculates estimates at each successive wave of the sampling process

Description

Calculates estimates at each successive wave of the sampling process

Usage

```
cumulative.estimate(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  est.func = RDS.II.estimates,
  n.eval.points = 25,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

```
rds.data An rds.data.frame
outcome.variable
The outcome
est.func A function taking rds.data and outcome.variable as parameters and returning an rds.weighted.estimate object
n.eval.points number of evaluation points to calculate the estimates at
... additional parameters for est.func
```

```
differential.activity.estimates
```

Differential Activity between groups

Description

Differential Activity between groups

Usage

```
differential.activity.estimates(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  weight.type = "Gile's SS",
  N = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame object

outcome.variable

A character string of column names representing categorical variables.

weight.type A string giving the type of estimator to use. The options are "Gile's SS",

"RDS-I", "RDS-II", "RDS-I/DS", and "Arithemic Mean". It defaults to "Gile's

SS".

N The population size.

subset An expression defining a subset of rds.data.

... Additional parameters passed to compute.weights.

Details

This function estimates the ratio of the average degree of one population group divided by the average degree of those in another population group.

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Examples

```
data(faux)
differential.activity.estimates(faux,"X",weight.type="RDS-II")
```

export.rds.interval.estimate

Convert the output of print.rds.interval.estimate from a character data.frame to a numeric matrix

Description

Convert the output of print.rds.interval.estimate from a character data.frame to a numeric matrix

Usage

```
export.rds.interval.estimate(x, proportion = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x An object, typically the result of print.rds.interval.estimate.

proportion logical, Should the outcome be treated as a proportion and converted to a per-

centage.

faux A Simulated RDS Data Set

Description

This is a faux set used to demonstrate RDS functions and analysis. It is used is some simple examples and has categorical variables "X", "Y" and "Z".

Format

An rds.data.frame object

References

Gile, Krista J., Handcock, Mark S., 2010 Respondent-driven Sampling: An Assessment of Current Methodology, Sociological Methodology, 40, 285-327.

See Also

fauxsycamore, fauxmadrona

Examples

```
data(faux)
RDS.I.estimates(rds.data=faux,outcome.variable='X')
```

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fauxmadrona	A Simulated RDS Data Set with no seed dependency	

Description

This is a faux set used to illustrate how the estimators perform under different populations and RDS schemes.

Format

An rds.data.frame

Details

The population had N=1000 nodes. In this case, the sample size is 500 so that there is a relatively small sample fraction (50%). There is homophily on disease status (R=5) and there is differential activity by disease status whereby the infected nodes have mean degree twice that of the uninfected (w=1.8).

In the sampling, the seeds are chosen randomly from the full population, so there is no dependency induced by seed selection.

Each sample member is given 2 uniquely identified coupons to distribute to other members of the target population in their acquaintance. Further each respondent distributes their coupons completely at random from among those they are connected to.

Here are the results for this data set and the sister faux sycamore data set:

Name	City	Type	Mean	RDS I (SH)	RDS II (VH)	SS
fauxsycamore	Oxford	seed dependency, 70%	0.2408	0.1087	0.1372	0.1814
fauxmadrona	Seattle	no seed dependency, 50%	0.2592	0.1592	0.1644	0.1941

Even with only 50% sample, the VH is substantially biased, and the SS does much better.

Source

The original network is included as fauxmadrona. network as a network object. The data set also includes the data. frame of the RDS data set as fauxmadrona. Use data(package="RDS") to get a full list of datasets.

References

Gile, Krista J., Handcock, Mark S., 2010 Respondent-driven Sampling: An Assessment of Current Methodology, Sociological Methodology, 40, 285-327.

See Also

fauxsycamore, faux

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fauxsycamore

A Simulated RDS Data Set with extreme seed dependency

Description

This is a faux set used to demonstrate RDS functions and analysis. The population had N=715 nodes. In this case, the sample size is 500 so that there is a relatively large sample fraction (70%). There is homophily on disease status (R=5) and there is differential activity by disease status whereby the infected nodes have mean degree twice that of the uninfected (w=1.8).

Format

An rds.data.frame plus the original network as a network object

Details

In the sampling the seeds are chosen randomly from the infected population, so there is extreme dependency induced by seed selection.

Each sample member is given 2 uniquely identified coupons to distribute to other members of the target population in their acquaintance. Further each respondent distributes their coupons completely at random from among those they are connected to.

With 70% sample, the VH is substantially biased, so the SS (and presumably MA) do much better. We expect the MA to perform a bit better than the SS.

It is network 702 and its sample from YesYes on mosix. Look for "extract702.R" The original network is included as fauxsycamore.network as a network object. The data set also includes the data.frame of the RDS data set as fauxsycamore. Use data(package="RDS") to get a full list of datasets.

References

Gile, Krista J., Handcock, Mark S., 2009. *Respondent-driven Sampling: An Assessment of Current Methodology*, *Sociological Methodology*, 40, 285-327.

See Also

faux, fauxmadrona

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A Simulated RDS Data Set

Description

This is a faux set used to demonstrate RDS functions and analysis.

Format

An rds.data.frame object

References

Gile, Krista J., Handcock, Mark S., 2010 Respondent-driven Sampling: An Assessment of Current Methodology, Sociological Methodology, 40, 285-327.

See Also

fauxsycamore, fauxmadrona

get.h.hat

Get Horvitz-Thompson estimator assuming inclusion probability proportional to the inverse of network.var (i.e. degree).

Description

Get Horvitz-Thompson estimator assuming inclusion probability proportional to the inverse of network.var (i.e. degree).

Usage

```
get.h.hat(
  rds.data,
  group.variable,
  network.var = attr(rds.data, "network.size")
)
```

Arguments

```
rds.data An rds.data.from
group.variable The grouping variable.
network.var The network.size variable.
```

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get.id

Get the subject id

Description

Get the subject id

Usage

```
get.id(x, check.type = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x an rds.data.frame object

check.type if true, x is required to be of type rds.data.frame

Details

returns the variable indicated by the 'id' attribute, coercing to a character vector

get.net.size

Returns the network size of each subject (i.e. their degree).

Description

Returns the network size of each subject (i.e. their degree).

Usage

```
get.net.size(x, check.type = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x the rds.data.frame

check.type if true, x is required to be of type rds.data.frame

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```
get.number.of.recruits
```

Calculates the number of (direct) recuits for each respondent.

Description

Calculates the number of (direct) recuits for each respondent.

Usage

```
get.number.of.recruits(data)
```

Arguments

data

An rds.data.frame

Examples

```
data(fauxmadrona)
nr <- get.number.of.recruits(fauxmadrona)
#frequency of number recruited by each id
barplot(table(nr))</pre>
```

get.population.size

Returns the population size associated with the data.

Description

Returns the population size associated with the data.

Usage

```
get.population.size(x, check.type = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x the rds.data.frame

check.type if true, x is required to be of type rds.data.frame

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```
get.recruitment.time Returns the recruitment time for each subject
```

Description

Returns the recruitment time for each subject

Usage

```
get.recruitment.time(
    x,
    to.numeric = TRUE,
    wave.fallback = FALSE,
    check.type = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

x the rds.data.frame

to.numeric if true, time will be converted into a numeric variable.

wave.fallback if true, subjects' recruitment times are ordered by wave and then by data.frame

index if no recruitment time variable is available.

check.type if true, x is required to be of type rds.data.frame

get.rid Get recruiter id

Description

Get recruiter id

Usage

```
get.rid(x, check.type = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x an rds.data.frame object

check.type if true, x is required to be of type rds.data.frame

Details

returns the variable indicated by the 'recruiter.id' attribute, coercing to a character vector

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get.seed.id

Calculates the root seed id for each node of the recruitement tree.

Description

Calculates the root seed id for each node of the recruitement tree.

Usage

```
get.seed.id(data)
```

Arguments

data

An rds.data.frame

Examples

```
data(fauxmadrona)
seeds <- get.seed.id(fauxmadrona)
#number recruited by each seed
barplot(table(seeds))</pre>
```

get.seed.rid

Gets the recruiter id associated with the seeds

Description

Gets the recruiter id associated with the seeds

Usage

```
get.seed.rid(x, check.type = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x an rds.data.frame object

check.type if true, x is required to be of type rds.data.frame

Details

All seed nodes must have the same placeholder recruiter id.

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```
get.stationary.distribution
```

Markov chain statistionary distribution

Description

Markov chain statistionary distribution

Usage

```
get.stationary.distribution(mle)
```

Arguments

mle

The transition probabilities

Value

A vector of proportions representing the proportion in each group at the stationary distribution of the Markov chain.

get.wave

Calculates the depth of the recruitment tree (i.e. the recruitment wave) at each node.

Description

Calculates the depth of the recruitment tree (i.e. the recruitment wave) at each node.

Usage

```
get.wave(data)
```

Arguments

data

An rds.data.frame

Examples

```
data(fauxmadrona)
#number subjects in each wave
w <- get.wave(fauxmadrona)
#number recruited in each wave
barplot(table(w))</pre>
```

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Weights using Giles SS estimator

Description

Weights using Giles SS estimator

Usage

```
gile.ss.weights(
  degs,
  N,
  number.ss.samples.per.iteration = 500,
  number.ss.iterations = 5,
  hajek = TRUE,
  SS.infinity = 0.04,
  se = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

degs subjects' degrees (i.e. network sizes).

N Population size estimate.

number.ss.samples.per.iteration

The number of samples to use to estimate inclusion probabilities in a probability proportional to size without replacement design.

number.ss.iterations

number of iterations to use in giles SS algorithm.

hajek Should the hajek estiamtor be used. If false, the HT estimator is used.

SS.infinity The sample proportion, n/N, below which the computation of the SS weights

should simplify to that of the RDS-II weights.

se Should covariances be included.

... unused

has.recruitment.time RDS data.frame has recruitment time information

Description

RDS data.frame has recruitment time information

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Usage

```
has.recruitment.time(x, check.type = TRUE)
```

Arguments

x the rds.data.frame

check.type if true, x is required to be of type rds.data.frame

hcg.replicate.weights HCG parametric bootstrap replicate weights

Description

HCG parametric bootstrap replicate weights

Usage

```
hcg.replicate.weights(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  number.of.bootstrap.samples = 500,
  include.sample.weights = FALSE,
  N = NULL,
  small.fraction = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame

outcome.variable

The column name of the variable defining the groups for the homophily configuration graph

number.of.bootstrap.samples

The number of bootstrap replicate weights to be generated

include.sample.weights

If TRUE, the first column of the returned frame are the HCG weights for the

sample

N The population size

small.fraction If TRUE, the sample size is assumed to be small compared to the population

size

Details

This function generates bootstrap replicate weights which may be used to analyze RDS data in other packages or software systems (e.g. the survey package with syrepdesign).

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Value

A data frame of replicate weights. If include sample weights is TRUE, the first column are the HCG weights for the observed sample.

Examples

```
## Not run:
data("fauxmadrona")
set.seed(1)
# Generate replicate weights
result <- hcg.replicate.weights(fauxmadrona, "disease", 50, TRUE)
# Analyze with survey package and compare to internal function
if(require(survey)){
    set.seed(1)
    design <- svrepdesign(fauxmadrona, type = "bootstrap",
        weights= result[[1]], repweights = result[-1])
    svymean(~disease, design) |> print()
    RDS.bootstrap.intervals(fauxmadrona, "disease", "HCG", "HCG",
    number.of.bootstrap.samples = 50) |> print()
}
## End(Not run)
```

hcg.weights

homophily configuration graph weights

Description

homophily configuration graph weights

Usage

```
hcg.weights(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  N = NULL,
  small.fraction = FALSE,
  reltol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps),
  max.optim = 500,
  theta.start = NULL,
  weights.include.seeds = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame

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outcome.variable

The variable used to base the weights on.

N Population size

small.fraction should a small sample fraction be assumed

reltol Relative convergence tolerance for the HCG estimator. The algorithm stops if it

is unable to reduce the log-likelihood by a factor of reltol * (abs(log-likelihood) + reltol) at a step. Defaults to sqrt(.Machine\$double.eps), typically about

1e-8.

max.optim The number of iterations on the likelihood optimization for the HCG estimator.

theta.start The initial value of theta used in the likelihood optimization for the HCG es-

timator. If NULL, the default, it is the margin of the table of counts for the

transitions.

weights.include.seeds

logical Should the weights be computed including the influence of the seeds?

... Unused

Examples

```
data(fauxtime)
hcg.weights(fauxtime,"var1",N=3000)
fauxtime$NETWORK[c(1,100,40,82,77)] <- NA</pre>
```

homophily.estimates

This function computes an estimate of the population homophily and the recruitment homophily based on a categorical variable.

Description

This function computes an estimate of the population homophily and the recruitment homophily based on a categorical variable.

Usage

```
homophily.estimates(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  weight.type = NULL,
  uncertainty = NULL,
  recruitment = FALSE,
  N = NULL,
  to.group0.variable = NULL,
  to.group1.variable = NULL,
  number.ss.samples.per.iteration = NULL,
  confidence.level = 0.95
)
```

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Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes

named "id" and "recruiter.id".

outcome.variable

A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a categorical or numeric variable to be analyzed.

weight.type A string giving the type of estimator to use. The options are

"Gile's SS", "RDS-I", "RDS-II", "RDS-I/DS", "Good-Fellows" and "Arithemic

Mean". If NULL it defaults to "Gile's SS".

uncertainty A string giving the type of uncertainty estimator to use. The options are "Gile's

SS" and "Salganik". This is usually determined by weight.type to be consistent with the estimator's origins (e.g., for "Gile's SS", "RDS-I", "RDS-II", "RDS-I/DS", and "Arithemic Mean"). Hence it's current functionality is lim-

ited. If NULL it defaults to "Gile's SS".

recruitment A logical indicating if the homophily in the recruitment chains should be com-

puted also. The default is FALSE.

N An estimate of the number of members of the population being sampled. If NULL

it is read as the population.size.mid attribute of the rds.data frame. If that is missing it defaults to 1000.

to.group0.variable

The number in the network of each survey respondent who have group variable value 0. Usually this is not available. The default is to not use this variable.

to.group1.variable

The number in the network of each survey respondent who have group variable value 1. Usually this is not available. The default is to not use this variable.

number.ss.samples.per.iteration

The number of samples to take in estimating the inclusion probabilites in each iteration of the sequential sampling algorithm. If NULL it is read as the number.ss.samples.per.iteration attribute of rds.data. If that is missing

it defaults to 5000.

confidence.level

The confidence level for the confidence intervals. The default is 0.95 for 95%.

Value

If outcome.variable is binary then the homophily estimate of 0 verses 1 is returned, otherwise a vector of differential homophily estimates is returned.

Recruitment Homophily

The recruitment homophily is a homophily measure for the recruitment process. It addresses the question: Do respondents differential recruit people like themselves? That is, the homophily on a variable in the recruitment chains. Take as an example infection status. In this case, it is the ratio of number of recruits that have the same infection status as their recruiter to the number we would expect if there was no homophily on infection status. The difference with the Population Homophily (see below) is that this is in the recruitment chain rather than the population of social

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ties. For example, of the recruitment homophily on infection status is about 1, we see little effect of recruitment homophily on infection status (as the numbers of homophilous pairs are close to what we would expect by chance).

Population Homophily

This is an estimate the homophily of a given variable in the underlying networked population. For example, consider HIV status. The population homophily is the homophily in the HIV status of two people who are tied in the underlying population social network (a "couple"). Specifically, the population homophily is the ratio of the expected number of HIV discordant couples absent homophily to the expected number of HIV discordant couples with the homophily. Hence larger values of population homophily indicate more homophily on HIV status. For example, a value of 1 means the couple are random with respect to HIV status. A value of 2 means there are twice as many HIV discordant couples as we would expect if there was no homophily in the population. This measure is meaningful across different levels of differential activity. As we do not see most of the population network, we estimate the population homophily from the RDS data. As an example, suppose the population homophily on HIV is 0.75 so there are 25% more HIV discordant couples than expected due to chance. So their is actually heterophily on HIV in the population. If the population homophily on sex is 1.1, there are 10% more same-sex couples than expected due to chance. Hence there is modest homophily on sex.

Author(s)

Mark S. Handcock with help from Krista J. Gile

References

Gile, Krista J., Handcock, Mark S., 2010, Respondent-driven Sampling: An Assessment of Current Methodology. Sociological Methodology 40, 285-327.

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(fauxmadrona)
names(fauxmadrona)
# True value:
if(require(network)){
a=as.sociomatrix(fauxmadrona.network)
deg <- apply(a,1,sum)</pre>
dis <- fauxmadrona.network \</pre>
deg1 <- apply(a[dis==1,],1,sum)</pre>
deg0 \leftarrow apply(a[dis==0,],1,sum)
# differential activity
mean(deg1)/ mean(deg0)
p=mean(dis)
N=1000
# True homophily
p*(1-p)*mean(deg0)*mean(deg1)*N/(mean(deg)*sum(a[dis==1,dis==0]))
```

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```
# HT based estimators using the to.group information
data(fauxmadrona)
homophily.estimates(fauxmadrona,outcome.variable="disease",
    to.group0.variable="tonondiseased", to.group1.variable="todiseased",
    N=1000)
# HT based estimators not using the to.group information
homophily.estimates(fauxmadrona,outcome.variable="disease",
    N=1000,weight.type="RDS-II")
## End(Not run)
```

impute.degree

Imputes missing degree values

Description

Imputes missing degree values

Usage

```
impute.degree(
  rds.data,
  trait.variable = NULL,
  N = NULL,
  method = c("mean", "quantile"),
  quantile = 0.5,
  recruitment.lower.bound = TRUE,
  round.degree = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

rds.data an rds.data.frame

trait.variable the name of the variable in rds.data to stratify the imputation by

N population size

method If mean, the weighted mean value is imputed, otherwize a quantile is used. quantile

If method is "quantile", this is the quantile that is used. Defaults to median

recruitment.lower.bound

If TRUE, then for each individual, the degree is taken to be the minimum of the

number of recruits plus one, and the reported degree

round.degree Should degrees be integer rounded.

Details

This function imputes degree values using the weighted mean or quantile values of the non-missing degrees. Weights are calculated using Gile's SS if N is not NULL, or RDS-II if it is. If a trait variable is specified, means and quantile are calculated within the levels of the trait variable

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Examples

```
data(faux)
rds.data <- faux
rds.data$network.size[c(1,2,30,52,81,101,108,111)] <- NA
impute.degree(rds.data)
impute.degree(rds.data,trait.variable="X")
impute.degree(rds.data,trait.variable="X",method="quantile")</pre>
```

impute.visibility

Estimates each person's personal visibility based on their self-reported degree and the number of their (direct) recruits. It uses the time the person was recruited as a factor in determining the number of recruits they produce.

Description

Estimates each person's personal visibility based on their self-reported degree and the number of their (direct) recruits. It uses the time the person was recruited as a factor in determining the number of recruits they produce.

Usage

```
impute.visibility(
  rds.data,
 max.coupons = NULL,
  type.impute = c("median", "distribution", "mode", "mean"),
  recruit.time = NULL,
  include.tree = FALSE,
  reflect.time = FALSE,
  parallel = 1,
  parallel.type = "PSOCK",
  interval = 10,
  burnin = 5000,
 mem.optimism.prior = NULL,
  df.mem.optimism.prior = 5,
 mem.scale.prior = 2,
 df.mem.scale.prior = 10,
 mem.overdispersion = 15,
  return.posterior.sample.visibilities = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame

max.coupons

The number of recruitment coupons distributed to each enrolled subject (i.e. the maximum number of recruitees for any subject). By default it is taken by the attribute or data, else the maximum recorded number of coupons.

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type.impute The type of imputation based on the conditional distribution. It can be of type

distribution, mode, median, or mean with the first, the default, being a random

draw from the conditional distribution.

recruit.time vector; An optional value for the data/time that the person was interviewed. It

needs to resolve as a numeric vector with number of elements the number of rows of the data with non-missing values of the network variable. If it is a character name of a variable in the data then that variable is used. If it is NULL then the sequence number of the recruit in the data is used. If it is NA then the recruitment is not used in the model. Otherwise, the recruitment time is used in

the model to better predict the visibility of the person.

include.tree logical; If TRUE, augment the reported network size by the number of recruits

and one for the recruiter (if any). This reflects a more accurate value for the visibility, but is not the self-reported degree. In particular, it typically produces a positive visibility (compared to a possibility zero self-reported degree).

reflect.time logical; If FALSE then the recruit.time is the time before the end of the study

(instead of the time since the survey started or chronological time).

parallel count; the number of parallel processes to run for the Monte-Carlo sample. This

uses MPI or PSOCK. The default is 1, that is not to use parallel processing.

parallel.type The type of parallel processing to use. The options are "PSOCK" or "MPI".

This requires the corresponding type to be installed. The default is "PSOCK".

interval count; the number of proposals between sampled statistics.

burnin count; the number of proposals before any MCMC sampling is done. It typically

is set to a fairly large number.

mem.optimism.prior

scalar; A hyper parameter being the mean of the distribution of the optimism

parameter.

df.mem.optimism.prior

scalar; A hyper parameter being the degrees-of-freedom of the prior for the optimism parameter. This gives the equivalent sample size that would contain the

same amount of information inherent in the prior.

mem.scale.prior

scalar; A hyper parameter being the scale of the concentration of baseline negative binomial measurement error model.

df.mem.scale.prior

scalar; A hyper parameter being the degrees-of-freedom of the prior for the standard deviation of the dispersion parameter in the visibility model. This gives the equivalent sample size that would contain the same amount of information in-

herent in the prior for the standard deviation.

mem.overdispersion

scalar; A parameter being the overdispersion of the negative binomial distribution that is the baseline for the measurement error model.

return.posterior.sample.visibilities

logical; If TRUE then return a matrix of dimension samplesize by n of posterior draws from the visibility distribution for those in the survey. The sample for the ith person is the ith column. The default is FALSE so that the vector of imputes

defined by type.impute is returned.

verbose logical; if this is TRUE, the program will print out additional

References

McLaughlin, Katherine R.; Johnston, Lisa G.; Jakupi, Xhevat; Gexha-Bunjaku, Dafina; Deva, Edona and Handcock, Mark S. (2023) Modeling the Visibility Distribution for Respondent-Driven Sampling with Application to Population Size Estimation, *Annals of Applied Statistics*, doi:10.1093/jrsssa/qnad031

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(fauxmadrona)
# The next line fits the model for the self-reported personal
# network sizes and imputes the personal network sizes
# It may take up to 60 seconds.
visibility <- impute.visibility(fauxmadrona)
# frequency of estimated personal visibility
table(visibility)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

impute.visibility_mle Estimates each person's personal visibility based on their self-reported degree and the number of their (direct) recruits. It uses the time the person was recruited as a factor in determining the number of recruits they produce.

Description

Estimates each person's personal visibility based on their self-reported degree and the number of their (direct) recruits. It uses the time the person was recruited as a factor in determining the number of recruits they produce.

Usage

```
impute.visibility_mle(
  rds.data,
  max.coupons = NULL,
  type.impute = c("distribution", "mode", "median", "mean"),
  recruit.time = NULL,
  include.tree = FALSE,
  unit.scale = NULL,
  unit.model = c("cmp", "nbinom"),
  optimism = FALSE,
  guess = NULL,
  reflect.time = TRUE,
  maxit = 100,
  K = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame

max.coupons The number of recruitment coupons distributed to each enrolled subject (i.e. the

maximum number of recruitees for any subject). By default it is taken by the

attribute or data, else the maximum recorded number of coupons.

type.impute The type of imputation based on the conditional distribution. It can be of type

distribution, mode, median, or mean with the first, the default, being a random

draw from the conditional distribution.

recruit.time vector; An optional value for the data/time that the person was interviewed. It

needs to resolve as a numeric vector with number of elements the number of rows of the data with non-missing values of the network variable. If it is a character name of a variable in the data then that variable is used. If it is NULL then the sequence number of the recruit in the data is used. If it is NA then the recruitment is not used in the model. Otherwise, the recruitment time is used in

the model to better predict the visibility of the person.

include.tree logical; If TRUE, augment the reported network size by the number of recruits

and one for the recruiter (if any). This reflects a more accurate value for the visibility, but is not the self-reported degree. In particular, it typically produces

a positive visibility (compared to a possibility zero self-reported degree).

unit.scale numeric; If not NULL it sets the numeric value of the scale parameter of the

distribution of the unit sizes. For the negative binomial, it is the multiplier on the variance of the negative binomial compared to a Poisson (via the Poisson-Gamma mixture representation). Sometimes the scale is unnaturally large (e.g. 40) so this give the option of fixing it (rather than using the MLE of it). The

model is fit with the parameter fixed at this passed value.

unit.model The type of distribution for the unit sizes. It can be of nbinom, meaning a neg-

ative binomial. In this case, unit.scale is the multiplier on the variance of the negative binomial compared to a Poisson of the same mean. The alternative is cmp, meaning a Conway-Maxwell-Poisson distribution. In this case, unit.scale is the scale parameter compared to a Poisson of the same mean (values less than one mean under-dispersed and values over one mean over-

dispersed). The default is cmp.

optimism logical; If TRUE then add a term to the model allowing the (proportional) inflation

of the self-reported degrees relative to the unit sizes.

guess vector; if not NULL, the initial parameter values for the MLE fitting.

reflect.time logical; If FALSE then the recruit.time is the time before the end of the study

(instead of the time since the survey started or chronological time).

maxit integer; The maximum number of iterations in the likelihood maximization. By

default it is 100.

K integer; The maximum degree. All self-reported degrees above this are recorded

as being at least K. By default it is the 95th percentile of the self-reported net-

work sizes.

verbose logical; if this is TRUE, the program will print out additional

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References

McLaughlin, K.R., M.S. Handcock, and L.G. Johnston, 2015. Inference for the visibility distribution for respondent-driven sampling. In JSM Proceedings. Alexandria, VA: American Statistical Association. 2259-2267.

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(fauxmadrona)
# The next line fits the model for the self-reported personal
# network sizes and imputes the personal network sizes
# It may take up to 60 seconds.
visibility <- impute.visibility(fauxmadrona)
# frequency of estimated personal visibility
table(visibility)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

is.rds.data.frame

Is an instance of rds.data.frame

Description

Is an instance of rds.data.frame

Usage

```
is.rds.data.frame(x)
```

Arguments

Х

An object to be tested.

```
is.rds.interval.estimate
```

Is an instance of rds.interval.estimate

Description

Is an instance of rds.interval.estimate

Usage

```
is.rds.interval.estimate(x)
```

Arguments

Χ

An object to be tested.

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is.rds.interval.estimate.list

Is an instance of rds.interval.estimate.list This is a (typically time ordered) sequence of RDS estimates of a comparable quantity

Description

Is an instance of rds.interval.estimate.list This is a (typically time ordered) sequence of RDS estimates of a comparable quantity

Usage

is.rds.interval.estimate.list(x)

Arguments

x An object to be tested.

LRT.trend.test

Compute a test of trend in prevalences based on a likelihood-ratio statistic

Description

This function takes a series of point estimates and their associated standard errors and computes the p-value for the test of a monotone decrease in the population prevalences (in sequence order). The p-value for a monotone increase is also reported. An optional plot of the estimates and the null distribution of the test statistics is provided. More formally, let the K population prevalences in sequence order be p_1, \ldots, p_K . We test the null hypothesis:

$$H_0: p_1 = \ldots = p_K$$

VS

$$H_1: p_1 \geq p_2 \ldots \geq p_K$$

with at least one equality strict. The alternatie hypothesis is for a monotone decreasing trend. A likelihood ratio statistic for this test has been derived (Bartholomew 1959). The null distribution of the likelihood ratio statistic is very complex but can be determined by a simple Monte Carlo process.

Alternatively, we can test the null hypothesis:

$$H_0: p_1 \geq p_2 \ldots \geq p_K$$

VS

$$H_1:\overline{H_0}$$

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The null distribution of the likelihood ratio statistic is very complex but can be determined by a simple Monte Carlo process. In both cases we also test for:

$$H: p_1 \leq p_2 \ldots \leq p_K$$

that is, a monotonically increasing trend. The function requires the isotone library.

Usage

```
LRT.trend.test(
  data,
  variables = colnames(data),
  null = "monotone",
  confidence.level = 0.95,
  number.of.bootstrap.samples = 5000,
  plot = NULL,
  seed = 1
)
```

Arguments

data

A two row matrix or data.frame of prevalence estimates and their standard errors. The first row is the prevalence estimates and the second are the standard errors. The column are the comparison groups in the order (e.g., time) there are to be assessed. The row names of data should be "estimate" and "sigma". This is

variables

A character vector of column names it select from data.

null

A character string indicating the null hypothesis to use. The value "monotone" uses the various monotone hypotheses as the nulls. If not "monotone", the null is chosen to be that of equality of the means over all periods.

confidence.level

The confidence level for the confidence intervals. The default is 0.95 for 95%. number.of.bootstrap.samples

rtstrap.sampies

The number of Monte Carlo draws to determine the null distribution of the likelihood ratio statistic.

plot

A character vector of choices, a subset of estimates, distributions. If estimates is given then a plot of the estimates and nominal 95% confidence bands (as error bars) is produced. If distributions is given then a plot is produced of the null distributions of the likelihood ratio statistic with the observed likelihood ratio statistics plotted as a vertical dashed line.

seed

The value of the random number seed. Preset by default to allow reproducibility.

Value

A list with components

pvalue.increasing: The p-value for the test of a monotone increase in population prevalence.

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pvalue.decreasing: The p-value for the test of a monotone decrease in population prevalence.

- L: The value of the likelihood-ratio statistic.
- x: The passed vector of prevalence estimates in the order (e.g., time).
- sigma The passed vector of standard error estimates corresponding to x.

Author(s)

Mark S. Handcock

References

Bartholomew, D. J. (1959). A test of homogeneity for ordered alternatives. Biometrika 46 36-48.

Examples

```
d <- t(data.frame(estimate=c(0.16,0.15,0.3), sigma=c(0.04,0.04,0.1))) colnames(d) <- c("time_1","time_2","time_3") LRT.trend.test(d,number.of.bootstrap.samples=1000)
```

LRT.value.trend

Compute a test of trend in prevalences based on a likelihood-ratio statistic

Description

This function takes a series of point estimates and their associated standard errors and computes the p-value for the test of a monotone decrease in the population prevalences (in sequence order). The p-value for a monotone increase is also reported. More formally, let the K population prevalences in sequence order be p_1, \ldots, p_K . We test the null hypothesis:

$$H_0: p_1 = \ldots = p_K$$

VS

$$H_1: p_1 \geq p_2 \ldots \geq p_K$$

with at least one equality strict. A likelihood ratio statistic for this test has been derived (Bartholomew 1959). The null distribution of the likelihood ratio statistic is very complex but can be determined by a simple Monte Carlo process.

We also test the null hypothesis:

$$H_0: p_1 \geq p_2 \ldots \geq p_K$$

vs

$$H_1:\overline{H_0}$$

The null distribution of the likelihood ratio statistic is very complex but can be determined by a simple Monte Carlo process. The function requires the isotone library.

Usage

```
LRT.value.trend(x, sigma)
```

Arguments

x A vector of prevalence estimates in the order (e.g., time).sigma A vector of standard error estimates corresponding to x.

Value

A list with components

- pvalue.increasing: The p-value for the test of a monotone increase in population prevalence.
- pvalue.decreasing: The p-value for the test of a monotone decrease in population prevalence.
- L: The value of the likelihood-ratio statistic.
- x: The passed vector of prevalence estimates in the order (e.g., time).
- sigma The passed vector of standard error estimates corresponding to x.

Author(s)

Mark S. Handcock

References

Bartholomew, D. J. (1959). A test of homogeneity for ordered alternatives. Biometrika 46 36-48.

Examples

```
## Not run:
x <- c(0.16,0.15,0.3)
sigma <- c(0.04,0.04,0.1)
LRT.value.trend(x,sigma)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

MA.estimates

MA Estimates

Description

This function computes the sequential sampling (MA) estimates for a categorical variable or numeric variable.

Usage

```
MA.estimates(
  rds.data,
  trait.variable,
  seed.selection = "degree",
  number.of.seeds = NULL,
  number.of.coupons = NULL,
  number.of.iterations = 3,
 N = NULL
 M1 = 25,
 M2 = 20,
  seed = 1.
  initial.sampling.probabilities = NULL,
 MPLE.samplesize = 50000,
  SAN.maxit = 5,
  SAN.nsteps = 2^19,
  sim.interval = 10000,
  number.of.cross.ties = NULL,
  max.degree = NULL,
  parallel = 1,
  parallel.type = "PSOCK",
  full.output = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

An rds.data. frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes named "id" and "recruiter.id".

trait.variable A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a cate-

seed.selection An estimate of the mechanism guiding the choice of seeds. The choices are

gorical or numeric variable to be analyzed.

"allwithtrait" indicating that all the seeds had the trait;

"random" meaning they were, as if, a simple random sample of individuals from the population;

"sample" indicating that the seeds are taken as those in the sample (and resampled for the population with that composition if necessary);

"degree" is proportional to the degree of the individual;

"allwithtraitdegree" indicating that all the seeds had the trait and the probability of being a seed is proportional to the degree of the respondent.

number.of.seeds

The number of seeds chosen to initiate the sampling.

number.of.coupons

The number of coupons given to each respondent.

number.of.iterations

The number of iterations used at the core of the algorithm.

N An estimate of the number of members of the population being sampled. If NULL it is read as the pop.size.mid attribute of the rds.data frame. If that is

missing it defaults to 1000.

M1 The number of networked populations generated at each iteration.

M2 The number of (full) RDS samples generated for each networked population at

each iteration.

seed The random number seed used to initiate the computations.

initial.sampling.probabilities

Initialize sampling probabilities for the algorithm. If missing, they are taken as proportional to degree, and this is almost always the best starting values.

MPLE.samplesize

Number of samples to take in the computation of the maximum pseudolikelihood estimator (MPLE) of the working model parameter. The default is almost always sufficient.

SAN. maxit A ceiling on the number of simulated annealing iterations.

SAN. nsteps Number of MCMC proposals for all the annealing runs combined.

sim.interval Number of MCMC steps between each of the M1 sampled networks per itera-

tion.

number.of.cross.ties

The expected number of ties between those with the trait and those without. If missing, it is computed based on the respondent's reports of the number of ties they have to population members who have the trait (i.e. ties.to.trait.variable)

and do not have the trait (i.e. ties.not.to.trait.variable).

max.degree Impose ceiling on degree size.

parallel Number of processors to use in the computations. The default is 1, that is no

parallel processing.

parallel.type The type of cluster to start. e.g. 'PSOCK', 'MPI', etc.

full.output More verbose output

verbose Should verbose diagnostics be printed while the algorithm is running.

Value

If trait.variable is numeric then the model-assisted estimate of the mean is returned, otherwise a vector of proportion estimates is returned. If full.output=TRUE this leads to:

If full.output=FALSE this leads to an object of class rds.interval.estimate which is a list with component

estimate the numerical point estimate of proportion of thetrait.variable.

interval a matrix with size columns and one row per category of trait.variable:

point estimate The HT estimate of the population mean.

95% Lower Bound Lower 95% confidence bound

95% Upper Bound Upper 95% confidence bound

Design Effect The design effect of the RDS

s.e. standard error

n count of the number of sample values with that value of the trait

rds.data an rds.data.frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes named "id" and "recruiter.id".

N an estimate of the number of members of the population being sampled. If NULL it is read as the pop.size.mid attribute of the rds.data frame. If that is missing it defaults to 1000.

M1 the number of networked populations generated at each iteration.

M2 the number of (full) RDS populations generated for each networked population at each iteration

seed the random number seed used to initiate the computations.

seed.selection an estimate of the mechanism guiding the choice of seeds. The choices are

"allwithtrait" indicating that all the seeds had the trait;

"random" meaning they were, as if, a simple random sample of individuals from the population;

"sample" indicating that the seeds are taken as those in the sample (and resampled for the population with that composition if necessary);

"degree" is proportional to the degree of the individual;

"allwithtraitdegree" indicating that all the seeds had the trait and the probability of being a seed is proportional to the degree of the respondent.

number.of.seeds The number of seeds chosen to initiate the sampling.

number.of.coupons The number of coupons given to each respondent.

number.of.iterations The number of iterations used at the core of the algorithm.

outcome.variable The name of the outcome variable

weight.type The type of weighting used (i.e. MA)

uncertainty The type of weighting used (i.e. MA)

details A list of other diagnostic output from the computations.

varestBS Output from the bootstrap procedure. A list with two elements: var is the bootstrap variance, and BSest is the vector of bootstrap estimates themselves.

coefficient estimate of the parameter of the ERGM for the network.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
RDS.I.estimates, RDS.I.estimates
```

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(faux)
MA.estimates(rds.data=faux,trait.variable='X')
## End(Not run)
```

plot.rds.data.frame

Diagnostic plots for the RDS recruitment process

Description

Diagnostic plots for the RDS recruitment process

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'rds.data.frame'
plot(
    x,
    plot.type = c("Recruitment tree", "Network size by wave", "Recruits by wave",
        "Recruits per seed", "Recruits per subject"),
    stratify.by = NULL,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

```
    x An rds.data.frame object.
    plot.type the type of diagnostic.
    stratify.by A factor used to color or stratify the plot elements.
    ... Additional arguments for the underlying plot function if applicable.
```

Details

Several types of diagnostics are supported by the plot.type argument. 'Recruitment tree' displays a network plot of the RDS recruitment process. 'Network size by wave' monitors systematic changes is network size based on how far subjects are from the seed 'Recruits by wave' displays counts of subjects based on how far they rare from their seed. 'Recruit per seed' shows the total tree size for each seed. 'Recruits per subject' shows counts of how many subjects are recruited by each subject who are non-terminal.

Value

Either nothing (for the recruitment tree plot), or a ggplot2 object.

Examples

```
data(fauxmadrona)
## Not run:
plot(fauxmadrona)

## End(Not run)
plot(fauxmadrona, plot.type='Recruits by wave')
plot(fauxmadrona, plot.type='Recruits per seed')
plot(fauxmadrona, plot.type='Recruits per subject')

plot(fauxmadrona, plot.type='Recruits by wave', stratify.by='disease')
plot(fauxmadrona, plot.type='Recruits per seed', stratify.by='disease')
plot(fauxmadrona, plot.type='Recruits per subject', stratify.by='disease')
```

```
print.differential.activity.estimate
```

Prints an differential.activity.estimate object

Description

Prints an differential.activity.estimate object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'differential.activity.estimate' print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

```
x an differential.activity.estimate object .... unused
```

print.pvalue.table

Displays a pvalue.table

Description

Displays a pvalue.table

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pvalue.table' print(x, ...)
```

print.rds.data.frame

Arguments

x a pvalue.table object

... additional parameters passed to print.data.frame.

```
print.rds.contin.bootstrap
```

Displays an rds.contin.bootstrap

Description

Displays an rds.contin.bootstrap

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rds.contin.bootstrap'
print(x, show.table = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x an rds.contin.bootstrap object

show.table Display weighted contingency table

... additional parameters passed to print.matrix.

Description

Displays an rds.data.frame

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rds.data.frame'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an rds.data.frame object

... additional parameters passed to print.data.frame.

print.rds.interval.estimate

```
print.rds.interval.estimate
```

Prints an rds.interval.estimate object

Description

Prints an rds.interval.estimate object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rds.interval.estimate'
print(x, as.percentage = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

```
x an rds.interval.estimate object
as.percentage logical. Print the interval estimates as percentages (as distinct from proportions).
The default, NULL, means that it will determine if the variable is discrete or continuous and only print them as percentages if they are discrete.
```

.. unused

```
print.summary.svyglm.RDS
```

Summarizing Generalized Linear Model Fits with Odds Ratios

Description

print.summary.svyglm.RDS is a version of print.summary.svyglm that reports odds-ratios in place of coefficients in the summary table. This only applies for the binomial family. Otherwise it is identical to print.summary.svyglm. The default in

print.summary.svyglm is to display the log-odds-ratios and this displays the exponetiated from and a 95 p-values are still displayed.

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'summary.svyglm.RDS'
print(
    X,
    digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3),
    symbolic.cor = x$symbolic.cor,
    signif.stars = getOption("show.signif.stars"),
    ...
)
```

Arguments

```
an object of class "summary.svyglm.RDS", usually, a result of a call to RDS::summary.svyglm.

digits the number of significant digits to use when printing.

symbolic.cor logical. If TRUE, print the correlations in a symbolic form (see symnum) rather than as numbers.

signif.stars logical. If TRUE, 'significance stars' are printed for each coefficient.

... further arguments passed to or from other methods.
```

See Also

```
svyglm, summary.svyglm.
```

Examples

```
## For examples see example(svyglm)
```

```
RDS.bootstrap.intervals
```

RDS Bootstrap Interval Estimates

Description

This function computes an interval estimate for one or more categorical variables. It optionally uses attributes of the RDS data set to determine the type of estimator and type of uncertainty estimate to use.

Usage

```
RDS.bootstrap.intervals(
  rds.data,
 outcome.variable,
 weight.type = NULL,
  uncertainty = NULL,
 N = NULL
  subset = NULL,
  confidence.level = 0.95,
  number.of.bootstrap.samples = NULL,
  fast = TRUE,
  useC = TRUE,
  ci.type = "t",
  control = control.rds.estimates(),
  to.factor = FALSE,
  cont.breaks = 3,
)
```

Arguments

rds.data

An rds.data.frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes named "id" and "recruiter.id".

outcome.variable

A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a categorical or numeric variable to be analyzed.

weight.type

A string giving the type of estimator to use. The options are "Gile's SS", "RDS-I", "RDS-II", "RDS-I (DS)", and "Arithemic Mean". If NULL it defaults to "Gile's SS".

uncertainty

A string giving the type of uncertainty estimator to use. The options are "SRS", "Gile" and "Salganik". This is usually determined by weight.type to be consistent with the estimator's origins. The estimators RDS-I, RDS-I (DS), and RDS-II default to "Salganik", "Arithmetic Mean" defaults to "SRS" and "Gile's SS" defaults to the "Gile" bootstrap.

Ν

An estimate of the number of members of the population being sampled. If NULL it is read as the population.size.mid attribute of the rds.data frame. If that is missing it defaults to 1000.

subset

An optional criterion to subset rds.data by. It is a character string giving an R expression which, when evaluated, subset the data. In plain English, it can be something like "seed > 0" to exclude seeds. It can be the name of a logical vector of the same length of the outcome variable where TRUE means include it in the analysis. If NULL then no subsetting is done.

confidence.level

The confidence level for the confidence intervals. The default is 0.95 for 95%.

number.of.bootstrap.samples

The number of bootstrap samples to take in estimating the uncertainty of the estimator. If NULL it defaults to the number necessary to compute the standard error to accuracy 0.001. outcome.variable. Otherwise it will compute the population frequencies of each value of the outcome.variable.

fast

Use a fast bootstrap where the weights are reused from the estimator rather than being recomputed for each bootstrap sample.

useC

Use a C-level implementation of Gile's bootstrap (rather than the R level). The implementations should be a computational equivalent estimator (except for speed).

ci.type

Type of confidence interval to use, if possible. If "t", use lower and upper confidence interval values based on the standard deviation of the bootstrapped values and a t multiplier. If "pivotal", use lower and upper confidence interval values based on the basic bootstrap (also called the pivotal confidence interval). If "quantile", use lower and upper confidence interval values based on the quantiles of the bootstrap sample. If "proportion", use the "t" unless the estimated proportion is less than 0.15 or the bounds are outside [0,1]. In this case, try the "quantile" and constrain the bounds to be compatible with [0,1].

control

A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning. Constructed using

control.rds.estimates.

to.factor

force variable to be a factor

cont.breaks For continuous variates, some bootstrap proceedures require categorical data. In these cases, in order to contruct each bootstrap replicate, the outcome variable is split into cont.breaks categories.

... Additional arguments for RDS.*.estimates.

Value

An object of class rds.interval.estimate summarizing the inference. The confidence interval and standard error are based on the bootstrap procedure. In addition, the object has attribute bsresult which provides details of the bootstrap procedure. The contents of the bsresult attribute depends on the uncertainty used. If uncertainty=="Salganik" then bsresult is a vector of standard deviations of the bootstrap samples. If uncertainty=="Gile's SS" then bsresult is a list with components for the bootstrap point estimate, the bootstrap samples themselves and the standard deviations of the bootstrap samples. If uncertainty=="SRS" then bsresult is NULL.

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Examples

RDS.compare.proportions

Compares the rates of two variables against one another.

Description

Compares the rates of two variables against one another.

Usage

```
RDS.compare.proportions(first.interval, second.interval, M = 10000)
```

Arguments

```
first.interval An rds.interval.estimate object fit with either "Gile" or "Salganik" uncertainty.

second.interval

An rds.interval.estimate object fit with either "Gile" or "Salganik" uncertainty.

M The number of bootstrap resamplings to use
```

Details

This function preforms a bootstrap test comparing the the rates of two variables against one another.

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(faux)
int1 <- RDS.bootstrap.intervals(faux, outcome.variable=c("X"),
weight.type="RDS-II", uncertainty="Salganik", N=1000,
number.ss.samples.per.iteration=1000,
confidence.level=0.95, number.of.bootstrap.samples=100)
int2 <- RDS.bootstrap.intervals(faux, outcome.variable=c("Y"),
weight.type="RDS-II", uncertainty="Salganik", N=1000,
number.ss.samples.per.iteration=1000,
confidence.level=0.95, number.of.bootstrap.samples=100)
RDS.compare.proportions(int1,int2)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

RDS.compare.two.proportions

Compares the rates of two variables against one another.

Description

Compares the rates of two variables against one another.

Usage

```
RDS.compare.two.proportions(
  data,
  variables,
  confidence.level = 0.95,
  number.of.bootstrap.samples = 5000,
```

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```
plot = FALSE,
  seed = 1
)
```

Arguments

data An object of class rds.interval.estimates.list with attribute

variables containing a character vector of names of objects of class

rds.interval.estimate.

variables A character vector of column names to select from data.

confidence.level

The confidence level for the confidence intervals. The default is 0.95 for 95%.

number.of.bootstrap.samples

The number of Monte Carlo draws to determine the null distribution of the like-

lihood ratio statistic.

plot Logical, if TRUE then a plot is produces of the null distribution of the likelihood

ratio statistic with the observed statistics plotted as a vertical dashed line.

seed The value of the random number seed. Preset by default to allow reproducability.

Value

An object of class pvalue. table containing the cross-tabulation of p-values for comparing the two classes

RDS.HCG.estimates

Homophily Configuration Graph Estimates

Description

This function computes the Homophily Configuration Graph type estimates for a categorical variable.

Usage

```
RDS.HCG.estimates(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  N = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  small.fraction = FALSE,
  empir.lik = TRUE,
  to.factor = FALSE,
  cont.breaks = 3
)
```

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Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame with recruitment time set. outcome.variable

A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a cate-

gorical variable to be analyzed.

N Population size to be used to calculate the empirical likelihood interval. If

NULL, this value is taken to be the population.size.mid attribute of the data

and if that is not set, no finite population correction is used.

subset An optional criterion to subset rds. data by. It is an R expression which, when

evaluated, subset the data. In plain English, it can be something like subset = seed > 0 to exclude seeds. It can also be the name of a logical vector of the same length of the outcome variable where TRUE means include it in the analysis. If

NULL then no subsetting is done.

small.fraction Should a small sample fraction be assumed

empir.lik Should confidence intervals be estimated using empirical likelihood.

to.factor force variable to be a factor

calculation of the weights.

Value

If the empir.lik is true, an object of class rds.interval.estimate is returned. This is a list with components

- estimate: The numerical point estimate of proportion of the trait.variable.
- interval: A matrix with six columns and one row per category of trait.variable:
 - point estimate: The HT estimate of the population mean.
 - 95% Lower Bound: Lower 95% confidence bound.
 - 95% Upper Bound: Upper 95% confidence bound.
 - Design Effect: The design effect of the RDS.
 - s.e.: Standard error.
 - n: Count of the number of sample values with that value of the trait.

Otherwise an object of class rds. HCG. estimate object is returned.

Author(s)

Ian E. Fellows

See Also

```
RDS.I.estimates, RDS.II.estimates, RDS.SS.estimates
```

Examples

```
data(fauxtime)
RDS.HCG.estimates(rds.data=fauxtime,outcome.variable='var1')
```

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RDS.I.estimates

Compute RDS-I Estimates

Description

This function computes the RDS-I type estimates for a categorical variable. It is also referred to as the Salganik-Heckathorn estimator.

Usage

```
RDS.I.estimates(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  N = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  smoothed = FALSE,
  empir.lik = TRUE,
  to.factor = FALSE,
  cont.breaks = 3
)
```

Arguments

rds.data

An rds.data.frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes named "id" and "recruiter.id".

outcome.variable

A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a cate-

gorical variable to be analyzed.

N Population size to be used to calculate the empirical likelihood interval. If

NULL, this value is taken to be the population.size.mid attribute of the data

and if that is not set, no finite population correction is used.

subset An optional criterion to subset rds. data by. It is an R expression which, when

evaluated, subset the data. In plain English, it can be something like subset = seed > 0 to exclude seeds. It can also be the name of a logical vector of the same length of the outcome variable where TRUE means include it in the analysis. If

NULL then no subsetting is done.

smoothed Logical, if TRUE then the "data smoothed" version of RDS-I is used, where it

is assumed that the observed Markov process is reversible.

empir.lik Should confidence intervals be estimated using empirical likelihood.

to.factor force variable to be a factor

cont.breaks The number of categories used for the RDS-I adjustment when the variate is

continuous.

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Value

If the empir.lik is true, an object of class rds.interval.estimate is returned. This is a list with components

- estimate: The numerical point estimate of proportion of the trait.variable.
- interval: A matrix with six columns and one row per category of trait.variable:
 - point estimate: The HT estimate of the population mean.
 - 95% Lower Bound: Lower 95% confidence bound.
 - 95% Upper Bound: Upper 95% confidence bound.
 - Design Effect: The design effect of the RDS.
 - s.e.: Standard error.
 - n: Count of the number of sample values with that value of the trait.

Otherwise an object of class rds. I. estimate object is returned.

Author(s)

Mark S. Handcock and W. Whipple Neely

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See Also

```
RDS.II.estimates, RDS.SS.estimates
```

Examples

```
data(faux)
RDS.I.estimates(rds.data=faux,outcome.variable='X')
RDS.I.estimates(rds.data=faux,outcome.variable='X',smoothed=TRUE)
```

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rds.I.weights

RDS-I weights

Description

RDS-I weights

Usage

```
rds.I.weights(rds.data, outcome.variable, N = NULL, smoothed = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

```
rds.data An rds.data.frame
outcome.variable
The variable used to base the weights on.

N Population size
smoothed Should the data smoothed RDS-I weights be computed.
... Unused
```

RDS.II.estimates

RDS-II Estimates

Description

This function computes the RDS-II estimates for a categorical variable or the RDS-II estimate for a numeric variable.

Usage

```
RDS.II.estimates(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  N = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  empir.lik = TRUE,
  to.factor = FALSE
)
```

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Arguments

rds.data An rds.data.frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes

named "id" and "recruiter.id".

outcome.variable

A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a cate-

gorical or numeric variable to be analyzed.

N Population size to be used to calculate the empirical likelihood interval. If

NULL, this value is taken to be the population.size.mid attribute of the data

and if that is not set, no finite population correction is used.

subset An optional criterion to subset rds. data by. It is an R expression which, when

evaluated, subset the data. In plain English, it can be something like subset = seed > 0 to exclude seeds. It can also be the name of a logical vector of the same length of the outcome variable where TRUE means include it in the analysis. If

NULL then no subsetting is done.

empir.lik If true, and outcome.variable is numeric, standard errors based on empirical

likelihood will be given.

to.factor force variable to be a factor

Value

If outcome.variable is numeric then the RDS-II estimate of the mean is returned, otherwise a vector of proportion estimates is returned. If the empir.lik is true, an object of class rds.interval.estimate is returned. This is a list with components

- estimate: The numerical point estimate of proportion of the trait.variable.
- interval: A matrix with six columns and one row per category of trait.variable:
 - point estimate: The HT estimate of the population mean.
 - 95% Lower Bound: Lower 95% confidence bound.
 - 95% Upper Bound: Upper 95% confidence bound.
 - Design Effect: The design effect of the RDS.
 - s.e.: Standard error.
 - n: Count of the number of sample values with that value of the trait.

Otherwise, an object of class rds.II.estimate is returned.

Author(s)

Mark S. Handcock and W. Whipple Neely

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See Also

```
RDS.I.estimates, RDS.SS.estimates
```

Examples

```
data(faux)
RDS.II.estimates(rds.data=faux,outcome.variable='X')
RDS.II.estimates(rds.data=faux,outcome.variable='X',subset= Y!="blue")
```

rds.interval.estimate An object of class rds.interval.estimate

Description

This function creates an object of class rds.interval.estimate.

Usage

```
rds.interval.estimate(
   estimate,
   outcome.variable,
   weight.type,
   uncertainty,
   weights,
   N = NULL,
   conf.level = 0.95,
   csubset = ""
)
```

Arguments

estimate The numerical point estimate of proportion of the trait.variable.

outcome.variable

A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a categorical variable to be analyzed.

weight.type

A string giving the type of estimator to use. The options are "Gile's SS", "RDS-I", "RDS-II", "RDS-I (DS)", and "Arithemic Mean". If NULL it defaults to "Gile's SS".

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A string giving the type of uncertainty estimator to use. The options are "SRS", uncertainty "Gile" and "Salganik". This is usually determined by weight.type to be consistent with the estimator's origins. The estimators "RDS-I", "RDS-I (DS)", "RDS-II" default to "Salganik", "Arithmetic Mean" defaults to "SRS" and "Gile's SS" defaults to the "Gile" bootstrap. A numerical vector of sampling weights for the sample, in order of the sample. weights They should be inversely proportional to the first-order inclusion probabilites, although this is not assessed or inforced. Ν An estimate of the number of members of the population being sampled. If NULL it is read as the pop.size.mid attribute of the rds.data frame. If that is missing it defaults to 1000. conf.level The confidence level for the confidence intervals. The default is 0.95 for 95%.

A character string representing text to add to the output label. Typically this will be the expression used it define the subset of the data used for the estimate.

Value

csubset

An object of class rds.interval.estimate is returned. This is a list with components

- estimate: The numerical point estimate of proportion of the trait.variable.
- interval: A matrix with six columns and one row per category of trait.variable:
 - point estimate: The HT estimate of the population mean.
 - 95% Lower Bound: Lower 95% confidence bound.
 - 95% Upper Bound: Upper 95% confidence bound.
 - Design Effect: The design effect of the RDS.
 - s.e.: Standard error.
 - n: Count of the number of sample values with that value of the trait.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
data(faux)
RDS.I.estimates(rds.data=faux,outcome.variable='X',smoothed=TRUE)
```

RDS.SS.estimates

Gile's SS Estimates

Description

This function computes the sequential sampling (SS) estimates for a categorical variable or numeric variable.

Usage

```
RDS.SS.estimates(
  rds.data,
  outcome.variable,
  N = NULL,
  subset = NULL,
  number.ss.samples.per.iteration = 500,
  number.ss.iterations = 5,
  control = control.rds.estimates(),
  hajek = TRUE,
  empir.lik = TRUE,
  to.factor = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

rds.data

An rds.data.frame that indicates recruitment patterns by a pair of attributes named "id" and "recruiter.id".

outcome.variable

A string giving the name of the variable in the rds.data that contains a categorical or numeric variable to be analyzed.

Ν

An estimate of the number of members of the population being sampled. If NULL it is read as the population.size.mid attribute of the rds.data frame. If that is missing it defaults to 1000.

subset

An optional criterion to subset rds.data by. It is an R expression which, when evaluated, subset the data. In plain English, it can be something like subset = seed > 0 to exclude seeds. It can also be the name of a logical vector of the same length of the outcome variable where TRUE means include it in the analysis. If NULL then no subsetting is done.

number.ss.samples.per.iteration

The number of samples to take in estimating the inclusion probabilities in each iteration of the sequential sampling algorithm. If NULL it is read as the eponymous attribute of rds.data. If that is missing it defaults to 5000.

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number.ss.iterations

The number of iterations of the sequential sampling algorithm. If that is missing

it defaults to 5.

control A list of control parameters for algorithm tuning. Constructed using

control.rds.estimates.

hajek logical; Use the standard Hajek-type estimator of Gile (2011) or the standard

Hortitz-Thompson. The default is TRUE.

empir.lik If true, and outcome.variable is numeric, standard errors based on empirical

likelihood will be given.

to.factor force variable to be a factor

Value

If outcome.variable is numeric then the Gile SS estimate of the mean is returned, otherwise a vector of proportion estimates is returned. If the empir.lik is true, an object of class rds.interval.estimate is returned. This is a list with components

- estimate: The numerical point estimate of proportion of the trait.variable.
- interval: A matrix with six columns and one row per category of trait.variable:
 - point estimate: The HT estimate of the population mean.
 - 95% Lower Bound: Lower 95% confidence bound.
 - 95% Upper Bound: Upper 95% confidence bound.
 - Design Effect: The design effect of the RDS.
 - s.e.: Standard error.
 - n: Count of the number of sample values with that value of the trait.

Otherwise, an object of class rds.SS.estimate is returned.

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See Also

```
RDS.I.estimates, RDS.II.estimates
```

Examples

```
data(fauxmadrona)
RDS.SS.estimates(rds.data=fauxmadrona,outcome.variable="disease",N=1000)
```

rdssampleC

Create RDS samples with given characteristics

Description

Create RDS samples with given characteristics

Usage

```
rdssampleC(
  net,
  nnodes = network.size(net),
  nsamp0,
  fixinitial,
  nsamp,
  replace,
  coupons,
  select = NULL,
 bias = NULL,
  rds.samp = NULL,
  seed.distribution = NULL,
  attrall = FALSE,
  trait.variable = "disease",
  nsims = 1,
  seeds = NULL,
  prob.network.recall = 1,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

net the network object from which to draw a sample

nnodes the number of nodes in the network [at least as default]

nsamp0 the number of seeds to be drawn (i.e. the size of the 0th wave of sampling)

fixinitial a variable that indicates the distribution from which to draw the initial seeds, if the seeds variable is NULL and the seed.distribution variable is NULL

nsamp number of individuals in each RDS sample

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replace sampling with replacement

coupons number of coupons

select not used bias not used rds.samp not used seed.distribution

a variable [what kind?] that indicates the distribution from which to draw the

initial seeds

attrall Whether all the information about the sample should be returned [??]

trait.variable attribute of interest

nsims number of RDS samples to draw

seeds an array of seeds. Default is NULL, in which case the function draws the seeds

from the nodes of the network.

prob.network.recall

simulates the probability that an individual will remember any particular link

verbose Print verbose output

Value

A list with the following elements: nsample: vector of indices of sampled nodes wsample: vector of waves of each sampled node degsample: vector of degrees of sampled nodes attrsample: vector of attrs of sampled nodes toattr: vector of numbers of referrals to attrsd nodes tonoattr: vector of number of referrans to unattrsd nominators: recruiter of each sample

read.rdsat

Import data from the 'RDSAT' format as an rds.data.frame

Description

This function imports RDSAT data files as rds.data.frame objects.

Usage

```
read.rdsat(file, delim = c("<auto>", "\t", " ", ","), N = NULL)
```

Arguments

file	the name of the file which the data are to be read from. If it does not contain an _absolute_ path, the file name is _relative_ to the current working directory, 'getwd()'. Tilde-expansion is performed where supported. As from R 2.10.0 this can be a compressed file (see 'file')
delim	The seperator defining columns. <auto> will guess the delimitor based on the file.</auto>
N	The population size (Optional).

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Examples

```
fn <- paste0(path.package("RDS"),"/extdata/nyjazz.rdsat")
rd <- read.rdsat(fn)
plot(rd)</pre>
```

read.rdsobj

Import data saved using write.rdsobj

Description

Import data saved using write.rdsobj

Usage

```
read.rdsobj(file)
```

Arguments

file

the name of the file which the data are to be read from. If it does not contain an _absolute_ path, the file name is _relative_ to the current working directory, 'getwd()'. Tilde-expansion is performed where supported. As from R 2.10.0 this can be a compressed file (see 'file')

reingold.tilford.plot Plots the recruitment network using the Reingold Tilford algorithm.

Description

Plots the recruitment network using the Reingold Tilford algorithm.

Usage

```
reingold.tilford.plot(
    x,
    vertex.color = NULL,
    vertex.color.scale = hue_pal(),
    vertex.size = 2,
    vertex.size.range = c(1, 5),
    edge.arrow.size = 0,
    vertex.label.cex = 0.2,
    vertex.frame.color = NA,
    vertex.label = get.id(x),
    show.legend = TRUE,
    plot = TRUE,
    ...
)
```

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Arguments

X	An rds.data.frame			
vertex.color	The name of the categorical variable in x to color the points with.			
vertex.color.so	cale			
	The scale to create the color palette.			
vertex.size	The size of the vertex points. either a number or the name of a column of x.			
vertex.size.range				
	If vertex.size represents a variable, vertex.size.range is a vector of length 2 representing the minimum and maximum cex for the points.			
edge.arrow.size				
	The size of the arrow from recruiter to recruitee.			
vertex.label.cex				
	The size expansion factor for the vertex.labels.			
vertex.frame.color				
	the color of the outside of the vertex.points.			
vertex.label	The name of a variable to use as vertex labels. NA implies no labels.			
show.legend	If true and either vertex.color or vertex.size represent variables, legends will be displayed at the bottom of the plot.			
plot	Logical, if TRUE then a plot is produced of recruitment tree. ratio statistic with the observed statistics plotted as a vertical dashed line.			
	Additional parameters passed to plot.igraph.			

Value

A two-column vector of the positions of the nodes in the recruitment tree.

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(fauxmadrona)
data(faux)
reingold.tilford.plot(faux)
reingold.tilford.plot(fauxmadrona,vertex.color="disease")
## End(Not run)
```

rid.from.coupons

Determines the recruiter.id from recruitment coupon information

Description

Determines the recruiter.id from recruitment coupon information

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Usage

```
rid.from.coupons(
  data,
  subject.coupon = NULL,
  coupon.variables,
  subject.id = NULL,
  seed.id = "seed"
)
```

Arguments

```
data a data.frame
subject.coupon The variable representing the coupon returned by subject
coupon.variables
The variable representing the coupon ids given to the subject
subject.id The variable representing the subject's id
seed.id The recruiter.id to assign to seed subjects.
```

Examples

set.control.class

Set the class of the control list

Description

This function sets the class of the control list, with the default being the name of the calling function.

Usage

```
set.control.class(
  myname = as.character(RDS::ult(sys.calls(), 2)[[1L]]),
  control = get("control", pos = parent.frame())
)
```

Arguments

myname Name of the class to set.

control Control list. Defaults to the control variable in the calling function.

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Value

The control list with class set.

See Also

check.control.class, print.control.list

show.rds.data.frame Displays an rds.data.frame

Description

Displays an rds.data.frame

Usage

```
show.rds.data.frame(x, ...)
```

Arguments

an rds.data.frame object. Χ

additional parameters passed to print.data.frame.

summary.svyglm.RDS Summarizing Generalized Linear Model Fits with Odds Ratios for Survey Data

Description

RDS::summary.svyglm.RDS is a version of summary.svyglm that reports odds-ratios in place of coefficients in the summary table. This only applies for the binomial family. Otherwise it is identical to summary.svyglm. The default in summary.svyglm is to display the log-odds-ratios and this displays the exponetiated from and a 95 p-values are still displayed.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'svyglm.RDS'
summary(object, correlation = FALSE, df.resid = NULL, odds = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class "svyglm", usually, a result of a call to svyglm.
correlation	logical; if TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimated parameter

logical; if TRUE, the correlation matrix of the estimated parameters is returned

and printed.

df.resid Optional denominator degrees of freedom for Wald tests.

odds logical; Should the coefficients be reported as odds (rather than log-odds)?

further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Details

svyglm fits a generalised linear model to data from a complex survey design, with inverse-probability weighting and design-based standard errors.

There is no anova method for svyglm as the models are not fitted by maximum likelihood.

See the manual page on svyglm for detail of that function.

Value

RDS::summary.svyglm returns an object of class "summary.svyglm.RDS", a list with components

call the component from object.

family the component from object.

deviance the component from object.

contrasts the component from object.

df.residual the component from object.

null.deviance the component from object.

df.null the component from object.

deviance.resid the deviance residuals: see residuals.svyglm.

coefficients the matrix of coefficients, standard errors, z-values and p-values. Aliased coef-

ficients are omitted.

aliased named logical vector showing if the original coefficients are aliased.

dispersion either the supplied argument or the inferred/estimated dispersion if the latter is

NULL.

df a 3-vector of the rank of the model and the number of residual degrees of free-

dom, plus number of coefficients (including aliased ones).

cov.unscaled the unscaled (dispersion = 1) estimated covariance matrix of the estimated co-

efficients.

cov. scaled ditto, scaled by dispersion.

correlation (only if correlation is true.) The estimated correlations of the estimated coef-

ficients.

 ${\it symbolic.cor} \qquad \hbox{(only if correlation is true.) The value of the argument symbolic.cor.}$

odds Are the coefficients reported as odds (rather than log-odds)?

See Also

```
svyglm, summary.
```

Examples

```
## For examples see example(svyglm)
```

```
transition.counts.to.Markov.mle
```

calculates the mle. i.e. the row proportions of the transition matrix

Description

calculates the mle. i.e. the row proportions of the transition matrix

Usage

```
transition.counts.to.Markov.mle(transition.counts)
```

Arguments

```
transition.counts
```

a matrix or table of transition counts

Details

depreicated. just use prop.table(transition.counts,1)

ult

Extract or replace the *ult*imate (last) element of a vector or a list, or an element counting from the end.

Description

Extract or replace the *ult*imate (last) element of a vector or a list, or an element counting from the end.

Usage

```
ult(x, i = 1L)
```

Arguments

x a vector or a list.

i index from the end of the list to extract or replace (where 1 is the last element, 2 is the penultimate element, etc.).

Value

An element of 'x'.

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Examples

```
x <- 1:5
(last <- ult(x))
(penultimate <- ult(x, 2)) # 2nd last.</pre>
```

vh.weights

Volz-Heckathorn (RDS-II) weights

Description

Volz-Heckathorn (RDS-II) weights

Usage

```
vh.weights(degs, N = NULL)
```

Arguments

degs The degrees (i.e. network sizes) of the sample units.

N Population size

write.graphviz

writes an rds.data.frame recruitment tree as a GraphViz file

Description

writes an rds.data.frame recruitment tree as a GraphViz file

Usage

```
write.graphviz(x, file)
```

Arguments

x An rds.data.frame.

file A character vector representing the file

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Writes out the RDS tree in NetDraw format

Description

Writes out the RDS tree in NetDraw format

Usage

```
write.netdraw(x, file = NULL, by.seed = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x An rds.data.frame.

file a character vector representing a file.

by . seed If true, seperate files will be created for each seed.

Details

If by seed is false, two files are created using 'file' as a base name. paste0(file,".DL") contains the edge information, and paste0(file,".vna") contains the nodal attributes

write.rdsat

Writes out the RDS tree in RDSAT format

Description

Writes out the RDS tree in RDSAT format

Usage

```
write.rdsat(x, file = NULL)
```

Arguments

x An rds.data.frame.

file a character vector representing a file.

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write.rdsobj

Export an rds.data.frame to file

Description

Export an rds.data.frame to file

Usage

```
write.rdsobj(x, file)
```

Arguments

x The rds.data.frame to export file The name of the file to create.

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Description

indexing

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'rds.data.frame'
x[i, j, ..., drop, warn = TRUE]
```

Arguments

x object
i indices
j indices
... unused
drop drop

warn Warn if any new seeds are created

Details

Subsetting of RDS recruitment trees does not always yield a full RDS tree. In this case, subjects whose recruiter is no longer in the dataset are considered seeds. is issued if the 'warn' parameter is TRUE. dat <- data.frame(id=c(1,2,3,4,5), recruiter.id=c(2,-1,2,-1,4), network.size.variable=c(4,8,8,2,3)) r <- as.rds.data.frame(dat) r[1:3,] # A valid pruning of the RDS tree. r[c(1,5),warn=FALSE] # recruiter.id of last row set to -1 (i.e. a seed) to maintain validity of tree

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Description

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Usage

```
## S3 replacement method for class 'rds.data.frame' x[i, j] \leftarrow value
```

Arguments

X	object
i	indices
j	indices
value	value

Details

Indexed assignment. If the result is not a valid rds.data.frame, an error is emitted.

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