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Description

This package contains two functions, NO.PING.PONG and PLOT_NO.PING.PONG, for revealing what happens when effect size estimates from previous studies are taken into account when evaluating each new dataset in a study sequence. The analyses can be conducted for cumulative meta-analyses and for Bayesian data analyses. The findings from these methods can be contrasted with those from null hypothesis statistical sigificance testing, which does not take previous findings into account.

The package contains sample data for a wide selection of research topics that can be used to illustrate why previous findings should be taken into account when attempting to reach a conclusion about an effect when evaluating a new dataset. Jointly considering previous findings along with new data is more likely to result in correct conclusions than does the traditional practice of not incorporating previous findings and which often results in a back and forth ping-pong of conclusions when evaluating a sequence of studies.

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CONVERT_ES   *Converts between r, d, g, and OR effect sizes*

Description

Converts effect sizes, including (a) r to d, g, or OR, (b) d or g to r, d, g or OR, and (c) OR to r, d, or g.

Usage

```
CONVERT_ES(donnes, ES, ES_type_IN='r', ES_var = NULL,
           totalN = NULL, grp1_n = NULL, grp2_n = NULL,
           gvar_type_OUT = 'd',
           CI_level_out = 95,
           CI_level_in = 95, CI_in_lb = NULL, CI_in_ub = NULL,
           verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

donnes	A dataframe or matrix with effect sizes and corresponding information, such as the effect size variances, sample sizes, confidence intervals.
ES	The name of the column in donnes with the effect sizes.
ES_type_IN	The type of effect sizes in ES. The options are 'r' (the default), 'z' for Fishers z transformation of r, 'd', 'g', and 'OR'.
ES_var	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the variances of the effect sizes.
totalN	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the total N for each study.
grp1_n	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the Ns for group 1.
grp2_n	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the Ns for group 2.
gvar_type_OUT	(optional) The kind of SMD variance. The options are 'd' or 'g'.
CI_level_out	(optional) The confidence interval for the output (in whole numbers). The default is 95 (for 95 percent).
CI_level_in	(optional) The confidence interval for the input (in whole numbers). The default is 95 (for 95 percent).
CI_in_lb	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the lower bound confidence intervals for input, if provided (in whole numbers).
CI_in_ub	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the upper bound confidence intervals for the input, if provided (in whole numbers).
verbose	(optional) Should detailed results be displayed in console? TRUE (default) or FALSE.

Details

This function converts r, z (Fishers z transformation of r), d, g, and OR effect sizes to r, z, d, g, and OR effect sizes using conventional formulas (Borenstein & Hedges, 2019; Borenstein, Hedges, Higgins, & Rothstein, 2009). The effect size variances and confidence intervals are also computed if sufficient data are provided as input.

When the input effect sizes are d or g values, it is helpful if the group Ns are also provided whenever possible.

The gvar_type_OUT argument provides a choice between d or g effect size variances whenever ES_type_OUT is set to g. The reason for this option is that authors of published meta-analyses sometimes report d variances when their analyses were conducted on g effect sizes. This is presumably not a wise practice, but it also does not make much difference in the computed values.

Value

A matrix containing the following statistics, if they can be computed using the input informaiton: the r, z, d, g, and OR effect sizes and their corresponding variances, confidence intervals, and the totalNs used in the analyses.

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Examples

```
# convert d effect sizes to r
head(data_NPP$Omega3_Depression)
CONVERT_ES(donnes = data_NPP$Omega3_Depression, ES = 'SMD', ES_type_IN='d', ES_var = NULL,
           grp1_n = 'CN', grp2_n = 'EN')


# convert r effect sizes to g
head(data_NPP$Math_Performance)
CONVERT_ES(donnes = data_NPP$Math_Performance, ES = 'r', ES_type_IN='r', ES_var = NULL,
           totalN = 'N')
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data_NPP   *data_NPP*

Description

A list with variety of example datasets

Usage

```
data(data_NPP)
```

Details

A list with the following elements:

Alcohol_Intake is data from a meta-analysis on 36 effect sizes (Hedges g values) for the effect of manipulations of social influences on perceived norms regarding alcohol intake and on reductions in alcohol intake (Prestwich, Kellar, Conner, Lawton, Gardner,& Turgut, 2016, Table 2, p. 850).

Anxiety_Therapy is data from a meta-analysis on 81 effect sizes (Hedges g values) for the pre-post difference between transdiagnostic cognitive behavior therapy and anxiety (Pearl & Norton, 2017, Figure 2, p. 14).

Cannabis_Psychosis is data from a meta-analysis on 38 effect sizes (standardized mean differences) from comparisons of the age at onset of psychosis in cannabis-using groups with the age at

onset of psychosis in noncannabis-using groups (Large et al., 2001). The data are from the "eFigure" in the Supplementary Material.

CBT_Autism is data from Weston, Hodgekins, and Langdon (2016), who reported findings from a meta-analysis of 17 studies on the effectiveness of CBT on affective symptoms for people with autistic spectrum disorders (median N = 36). The final effect size, in correlation coefficient metric, was .11.

CBT_Social_Anxiety is data from Kampmanna, Emmelkamp, and Morina (2016, Figure 4), who reported findings from a meta-analysis of 24 studies on internet delivered cognitive behavior therapy (vs. control conditions) for social anxiety disorder (median N = 65). The final effect size, in correlation coefficient metric, was .32.

Ego_Depletion is data from the pre-registered, replication studies for the ego-depletion effect (Hagger et al., 2016). These data were from 23 laboratories (N = 2141).

Hypomanic_BIS is data from Katz, Naftalovich, Matanky, and Yovel (2021), who reported findings from a meta-analysis of 19 studies on hypomanic personality tendencies and behavioral inhibition system sensitivity (median N = 230). The final effect size, in correlation coefficient metric, was -.04.

IAT_Discrimination is data from a meta-analysis on 298 effect sizes (r values) for the association between scores on the Implicit Association Test (IAT) and ethnic and racial discrimination (Oswald, Mitchell, Blanton, Jaccard, & Tetlock (2013).

Many_Labs is a list with summary data for eight pre-registered datasets described by Klein et al. (2014; https://osf.io/wx7ck/). The datasets were from the Many Labs Replication Project. For all eight projects, there were attempts to replicate the original effect across 36 samples (studies), involving over 6,000 participants. The data are for: (1) Sunk Costs (Oppenheimer, Meyvis, & Davidenko, 2009), wherein participants are supposedly more likely to go see their favorite football team play an important game on a freezing cold day if they had paid for the ticket than if the ticket had been free; (2) Anchoring (Jacowitz & Kahneman, 1995), wherein participants subsequent judgments are supposedly affected by anchoring information provided by researchers; (3) Gamblers Fallacy (Oppenheimer & Monin, 2009), wherein the rarity of an independent, chance observation supposedly influences beliefs about what occurred before the event; (4) Quote Attribution (Lorge & Curtiss, 1936), wherein participants opinions are supposedly more influenced by whether they are exposed to the opinions of a highly regarded than a lowly regarded other person; (5) Flag Priming (Carter, Ferguson, & Hassin, 2011; Study 2), wherein subtle exposure to the American flag supposedly increases conservative opinions among US participants; (6) Currency Priming (Caruso, Vohs, Baxter, & Waytz, 2013), wherein mere exposure to money symbols increases participants endorsements of the current social system; (7) Imagined Contact (Husnu & Crisp, 2010; Study 1), wherein merely imagining contact with members of ethnic outgroups is supposedly sufficient to reduce prejudice toward those groups; and (8) Math Attitudes (Nosek, Banaji, & Greenwald, 2002), wherein women supposedly have more negative implicit attitudes toward math compared to arts than do men.

Math_Performance is data from a meta-analysis on 35 effect sizes (r values) for the association between individual differences in non-symbolic number acuity and math performance (Chen & Li, 2014, Table 1, p. 167).

Omega3_Depression is data from a meta-analysis on 12 effect sizes for the role of omega-3 fatty acids in the treatment of major depression (Grosso et al., 2014, Figure 2, top portion, p. 9).

Paired_Samples is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 100 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the difference in mean

scores was .50 and the correlation between the two variables was .70.

PopulationR.02 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 100 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was .02. The data are from O'Connor and Ermacora (2021).

PopulationR.10 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 100 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was .10. The data are from O'Connor and Ermacora (2021).

PopulationR.11 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 36 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was .11. The data are from O'Connor and Khattar (2022).

PopulationR.20 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 100 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was .20. The data are from O'Connor and Ermacora (2021).

PopulationR.32 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 65 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was .32. The data are from O'Connor and Khattar (2022).

PopulationR.57 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 225 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was .57. The data are from O'Connor and Khattar (2022).

PopulationR.077 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 50 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was .077. The data are from O'Connor and Khattar (2022).

PopulationRneg.04 is a list with raw data for two variables from 50 random samples, N = 230 each, that were randomly drawn from a population of 100,000 cases in which the correlation between the two variables was -.04. The data are from O'Connor and Khattar (2022).

SelfEsteem_Depression is data from Sowislo and Orth (2013, Table 2), who reported findings from a meta-analysis of 77 longitudinal studies that provided effect sizes for self-esteem predicting future depressive symptoms (median N = 224). The final effect size, in correlation coefficient metric, was .57.

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Examples

```
names(data_NPP)

head(data_NPP$Alcohol_Intake)

head(data_NPP$Anxiety_Therapy)

head(data_NPP$Cannabis_Psychosis)

head(data_NPP$CBT_Autism)

head(data_NPP$CBT_Social_Anxiety)

head(data_NPP$Ego_Depletion)
```

```
head(data_NPP$Hypomanic_BIS)

head(data_NPP$IAT_Discrimination)

head(data_NPP$Many_Labs)

head(data_NPP$Math_Performance)

head(data_NPP$Omega3_Depression)

head(data_NPP$Paired_Samples)

head(data_NPP$PopulationR.02)

head(data_NPP$PopulationR.10)

head(data_NPP$PopulationR.11)

head(data_NPP$PopulationR.20)

head(data_NPP$PopulationR.32)

head(data_NPP$PopulationR.57)

head(data_NPP$PopulationR.077)

head(data_NPP$PopulationRneg.04)

head(data_NPP$SelfEsteem_Depression)
```

NO.PING.PONG   *Incorporating previous findings when evaluating new data*

Description

A function for revealing what happens when previous findings are taken into account when analyzing new data.

Usage

```
NO.PING.PONG(donnes,
             ES_type_IN=NULL, ES_type_OUT='r',
             rawdata_type = 'for_correl',
             ma_method = 'HS',
             cor_stat = 'ZCOR',
             Bayes_type = c('Schmidt_Raju'),
             prior_type='META',
```

```
ES = NULL, N = NULL, ES_var = NULL,
CI_level_out = 95, CI_level_in = 95, CI_in_lb=NULL, CI_in_ub=NULL,
grp1_mn = NULL, grp1_sd = NULL, grp1_n = NULL,
grp2_mn = NULL, grp2_sd = NULL, grp2_n = NULL,
gvar_type_OUT = 'd',
paired_samples_ES_type = NULL,
funnel_plot=FALSE, funnel_plot_type='png', funnel_plot_title=NULL,
nitt = 53000, burnin = 3000, thin = 10,
verbose=TRUE)
```

Arguments

donnes   Either (1) a list with raw data for two numeric variables in each of the multiple
               list elements (wherein each list element consists of rows of raw data from an
               individual study), or (2) a dataframe or matrix wherein each row has summary
               data for a single study (e.g., has the group means, SDs, & Ns, or d or g or r or
               Fisher's z values, or effect size and variance estimates).

ES_type_IN   (optional) The type of effect sizes, if donnes is a matrix of study-level data
               rather than raw data. The options are 'r', 'd', 'g', 'OR', and 'z' (for Fisher's
               r-to-z transformation).

ES_type_OUT   (optional) The type of effect sizes for the output. The options are 'r' (the default),
               'z', 'd', and 'g'.

rawdata_type   (optional) The type of raw data, if donnes is a list with raw datasets. The options
               are 'for_correl' (for when correlations should be computed), 'indep_groups' (for
               when the raw data are based on independent groups, as in for an independent
               groups t-test), and 'paired_samples' (for when the raw data are paired samples,
               as in for a paired samples t-test).

ma_method   (optional) The method option for the rma function from the metafor package: 'A
               character string specifying whether a fixed- or a random/mixed-effects model
               should be fitted. A fixed-effects model (with or without moderators) is fitted
               when using method="FE". Random/mixed-effects models are fitted by setting
               method equal to one of the following: "DL", "HE", "SJ", "ML", "REML", "EB",
               "HS", or "GENQ". The default is "HS", for the Hunter-Schmidt estimator.

cor_stat   (optional) The type of correlation statistic to be used when ES_type_OUT='r'.
               The options are 'COR' (for using Pearson correlation coefficients), and 'ZCOR'
               (for using Fisher\'s r-to-z transformation').

Bayes_type   (optional) The kind(s) of Bayesian analyses to be conducted. The options are
               one or all of 'Schmidt_Raju', 'generated' and/or 'raw'. The default is 'Schmidt_Raju',
               which is the fastest, i.e., Bayes_type = c('Schmidt_Raju'). See the Details.

prior_type   (optional) The type of prior data to be used in the updating analyses (both cu-
               mulative and Bayesian). The options are 'BAYES' or 'META'. The default is
               'META'. See the Details.

ES   (optional) The name of the column in donnes with the effect sizes.

N   (optional) The name of the column in donnes with the total Ns.

ES_var   (optional) The name of the column in donnes with the variances for the effect
               sizes.

CI_level_out	(optional) The confidence interval for the output (in whole numbers). The default is 95.
CI_level_in	(optional) The confidence interval for the input, if provided (in whole numbers). The default is 95.
CI_in_lb	(optional) The lower bound confidence interval for input, if provided (in whole numbers). The default is 95.
CI_in_ub	(optional) The upper bound confidence interval for the input, if provided (in whole numbers). The default is 95.
grp1_mn	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the mean for group 1.
grp1_sd	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the standard deviation for group 1.
grp1_n	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the number of cases in group 1.
grp2_mn	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the mean for group 2.
grp2_sd	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the standard deviation for group 2.
grp2_n	(optional) The name of the column in donnes with the number of cases in group 2.
gvar_type_OUT	(optional) The kind of variance for when ES_type_OUT is set to g. The options are 'd' (the default), for d effect size variance, and 'g', for g effect size variance. (Authors of published meta-analyses sometimes report d variances when their analyses were conducted on g effect sizes.)
paired_samples_ES_type	
	(optional) The kind of effect size for the analyses if rawdata_type = 'paired_samples'. Following the escalc function from the metafor package, the options are 'MC' (for raw mean change), 'SMCC' (for the standardized mean change using change score standardization; Gibbons et al., 1993), 'SMCR' (for the standardized mean change using raw score standardization; Becker, 1988), 'SMCRH' (the default, for the standardized mean change using raw score standardization with heteroscedastic population variances at the two measurement occasions, Bonett, 2008), or 'ROMC' (for the log transformed ratio of means; Lajeunesse, 2011).
funnel_plot	(optional) Should a funnel plot be produced and saved? TRUE or FALSE (default)
funnel_plot_type	
	(optional) The output format if funnel_plot_save = TRUE. The options are 'bitmap', 'tiff', 'png' (the default), 'jpeg', and 'bmp'.
funnel_plot_title	
	(optional) Text that will be used to name the funnel plot file and appear as the plot main title.
nitt	(optional) The number of iterations for Bayesian analyses. The default = 53000
burnin	(optional) The burn-in period for Bayesian analyses. The default = 3000
thin	(optional) The thinning interval for the Bayesian analyses. The default = 10
verbose	(optional) Should detailed results be displayed in console? TRUE (default) or FALSE

Details

This function reveals what happens when effect size estimates from previous studies are taken into account when evaluating each new dataset in a study sequence. The analyses are conducted for cumulative meta-analyses and for Bayesian data analyses. The findings from these methods can be contrasted with those from null hypothesis statistical sigificance testing (NHST), which does not take previous findings into account and which often results in a back and forth ping-pong of conclusions about a phenomenon.

The function relies on the metafor package for the meta-analyses and on the MCMCglmm package for the Bayesian analyses.

The function input can be (1) a list with raw datasets, (2) a matrix with study effect size information, or (3) a matrix with study group means, standard deviations, and Ns. See the Examples below.

The function ouput includes, whenever possible, the results of meta-analyses and Bayesian analyses in four possible effect size metrics: r, Fisher's z, d, and g. Conversions between effect sizes are conducted using conventional formulas (see Borenstein, 2009).

Input data:

When the input is a list with raw datasets and the focus is on group mean differences in scores (re: rawdata_type = 'indep_groups'), then it is assumed that the grouping variable is in the first column of the input data ('donnes') and that there are only two levels of the grouping variable.

When the input is a matrix with r effect sizes (ES_type_IN = 'r'), then N should also be provided whenever possible. If r (ES) and the variance of r (ES_var) are provided but not N, then a formula is used to determine what each study N must have been: $(1 - r^2) / r\_var + 2$.

When the input is a matrix with Fisher's z effect sizes (ES_type_IN = 'z'), then either ES_var or N must also be provided. If ES_var is provided but not N, then meta-analyses can be conducted but not the Bayesian analyses.

When the input is a matrix with d or g effect sizes (ES_type_IN = 'd' or ES_type_IN = 'g'), then it is best if grp1_N and grp2_N are also provided. If only d or g (ES) and the corresponding effect size variances (ES_var) are provided, but without the group Ns, then meta-analyses can be conducted but not the Bayesian analyses.

When the input is a matrix with odds ratios (ES_type_IN = 'OR'), then one of 'CI_in_lb' or 'CI_in_ub' must also be provided, and it is helpful if N is also provided. If one of 'CI_in_lb' or 'CI_in_ub' is provided but not N, then meta-analyses can be conducted but not the Bayesian analyses.

Bayesian analyses:

When the input is a matrix with study effect size information, then N must be provided or N must be internally computable from the provided information for the Bayesian analyses to be possible.

The Bayesian analyses are always conducted using correlation coefficient effect sizes. When the input data are not raw data nor correlation coefficients, then the correlation coefficient equivalents are computed from the input data. Conventional conversion formulae are also used when the requested output effect size metric is z, d, or g.

For the "Bayes_type" argument: The Schmidt_Raju method is the computationally fastest method of conducting the Bayesian analyses, but it is based on correlation coefficient effect sizes, or the correlation coefficient equivalents. The Bayesian analyses can also be conducted using raw data for the sequence of studies, or using data that are generated to have the same effect size as those in a raw dataset. The raw data option is generally the better approach but it is only feasible when the

raw data are available. By default, the function will run the analyses for the Schmidt_Raju method, for generated data, and for raw data whenever possible.

For the "prior_type" argument: The priors used in the updating analyses (both cumulative and Bayesian) can be the effect size and standard error from previous studies based on a meta-analysis or based on Bayesian analyses. The options are 'BAYES' or 'META', and 'META' is the default.

Consistency and agreement rates are computed for the NHST analyses, for the updating MAs, and for the Bayesian analyses. The consistency rate is the proportion of times that the most common conclusion is reached for a pool of effect sizes. Three conclusions are possible for each effect size: a positive effect, a negative effect, and no effect. The signs of the effect sizes and the possible inclusion of a zero value in a confidence interval are used to make these categorizations (e.g., a negative effect conclusion is when a negative effect size has a confidence interval that does not include zero). The number of times each of the three possible conclusions occurs for a pool of effect sizes is counted, and the consistency rate is based on the most common conclusion. The agreement rate for a pool of effect sizes is the proportion of times that the conclusions for individual studies are identical to the conclusion (re: the same three categories) of the final, all-studies-combined MA. More detailed descriptions of the analytic methods were provided by O'Connor and Ermacora (2021).

The output from this function can be entered into the PLOT_NO.PING.PONG function in order to obtain a graphical display of the findings across a sequence of studies.

Value

An object of class "NO.PING.PONG". The object is a list containing the following possible components:

ES_MA	The final effect size from the cumulative meta-analysis.
ES_MA_lb	The lower bound of the confidence interval for the final effect size from the cumulative meta-analysis
ES_MA_ub	The upper bound of the confidence interval for the final effect size from the cumulative meta-analysis
Q	The Q heterogeneity statistic.
p_Q	The statistical significance value for the Q heterogeneity statistic.
tau2	tau2 (or tau-squared) is the variation in effect sizes (between-study variance) in a random-effects meta-analysis. It is the variance in the true effect sizes.
tau2LB	The lower bound of the confidence interval for tau2.
tau2UB	The upper bound of the confidence interval for tau2.
tau	tau is the square root of tau-squared. tau is the standard deviation of the true effect sizes.
tauLB	The lower bound of the confidence interval for tau.
tauUB	The upper bound of the confidence interval for tau.
isq	isq estimates (in percent) how much of the total variability in the effect size estimates (which is composed of heterogeneity plus sampling variability) can be attributed to heterogeneity among the true effects.
isqLB	The lower bound of the confidence interval for isq.

isqUB	The upper bound of the confidence interval for isq.
hsq	hsq estimates the ratio of the total amount of variability in the effect size estimates to the amount of sampling variability.
hsqLB	The lower bound of the confidence interval for hsq.
hsqUB	The upper bound of the confidence interval for hsq.
results_NHST	The results for the NHST analyses.
consistNHST	The consistency rate for the NHST analyses.
agreeNHST	The agreement rate for the NHST analyses.
results_CUM	The results for the cumulative meta-analyses.
consistCUM	The consistency rate for the cumulative meta-analyses.
agreeCUM	The agreement rate for the cumulative meta-analyses.
results_BA_SR	The results for the Schmidt-Raju Bayesian analyses.
consistBA_SR	The consistency rate for the Schmidt-Raju Bayesian analyses.
agreeBA_SR	The agreement rate for the Schmidt-Raju Bayesian analyses.
results_BA_GEN	The results for the generated data Bayesian analyses.
consistBA_GEN	The consistency rate for the generated data Bayesian analyses.
agreeBA_GEN	The agreement rate for the generated data Bayesian analyses.
results_BA_RAW	The results for the raw data Bayesian analyses.
consistBA_RAW	The consistency rate for the raw data Bayesian analyses.
agreeBA_RAW	The agreement rate for the raw data Bayesian analyses.
biasStats	Publication bias statistics.

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4   110    .32
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5    50   .41
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7   100   .12
8    65   .35
9    80   .35
10   65   .19 '
data_Schmidt_Raju <- data.frame(read.table(text=data_Schmidt_Raju, fill=TRUE))
colnames(data_Schmidt_Raju) <- c('Study','N','r')

NO.PING.PONG(data_Schmidt_Raju, ES_type_IN='r', ES_type_OUT='r',
             ma_method='REML', cor_stat = 'COR',
             Bayes_type = c('Schmidt_Raju', 'generated'),
             prior_type='META', CI_level_out = 95,
             ES = 'r', N = 'N', ES_var = NULL,
             nitt=13000, burnin=3000, thin=10)




# using only ES & ES_var (the effect size & the effect size variance for each study)
# Anxiety_Therapy
# input data = Hedges.g & ES_var for each study
# Kampmanna (2016). Meta-analysis of technology-assisted interventions for social anxiety disorder
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Anxiety_Therapy,
             ES = 'Hedges.g', N = 'N', ES_var = 'Var', ES_type_IN = 'g')








# Alcohol_Intake
# input data = Hedges g & the Ns for the experimental & control groups
# Prestwich (2016). Does Changing Social Influence Engender Changes in Alcohol Intake  Table 2
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Alcohol_Intake, ES_type_IN='g', ES_type_OUT='g',
             ES = 'g.Alcohol.Intake', grp1_n = 'Exp.n', grp2_n = 'Ctrl.n')


# Anxiety_Therapy
# input data = Hedges g & the N for each study
# Kampmanna (2016). Meta-analysis of technology-assisted interventions for social anxiety disorder
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Anxiety_Therapy, ES_type_IN='g', ES_type_OUT='g',
             ES = 'Hedges.g', N = 'N',  ma_method='FE')


# Cannabis_Psychosis
# input data = Cohen's d & the N for each study
# Large (2001). Cannabis Use and Earlier Onset of Psychosis - A Systematic Meta-analysis
# Supplementary Online Content - The data are from the "eFigure".
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Cannabis_Psychosis, ES_type_IN='d',
             ES = 'Std_diff_in_mean', N = 'N')
```

```
# CBT_Autism
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Weston (2016). Effectiveness of cognitive behavioural therapy with people who have autistic
# spectrum disorders  A systematic review and meta-analysis
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$CBT_Autism,
             grp1_mn = 'Con_Mean', grp1_sd = 'Con_SD', grp1_n = 'Con_N',
             grp2_mn = 'CBT_Mean', grp2_sd = 'CBT_SD', grp2_n = 'CBT_N')


# CBT_Social_Anxiety
# input data = Hedges g & the Ns for the experimental & control groups
# Kampmanna (2016). Meta-analysis of technology-assisted interventions for social anxiety  fig 4
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$CBT_Social_Anxiety, ES_type_IN='g',
             ES = 'Hedgesg', grp1_n = 'N.exp', grp2_n = 'N.ctrl')


# Ego_Depletion
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Hagger (2016). A multilab preregistered replication of the ego-depletion effect
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Ego_Depletion,
             grp1_mn = 'E.Mean', grp1_sd = 'E.SD', grp1_n = 'E.N',
             grp2_mn = 'H.Mean', grp2_sd = 'H.SD', grp2_n = 'H.N')


# Hypomanic_BIS
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Katz (2021). The Dual-System Theory of Bipolar Spectrum Disorders   r (BIS) = -.04
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Hypomanic_BIS,
             grp1_mn = 'BIS_B_MClin', grp1_sd = 'BIS_B_SDClin', grp1_n = 'Nclin',
             grp2_mn = 'BIS_B_MHC',   grp2_sd = 'BIS_B_SDHC',   grp2_n = 'Nhealthy')


# IAT_Discrimination
# input data = r & N for each study
# Oswald (2013). Predicting Ethnic and Racial Discrimination - A Meta-Analysis of IAT Studies
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$IAT_Discrimination, ES_type_IN='r', ES = 'R', N = 'N')


# Many_Labs$Anchoring
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Klein et al. (2014). Investigating variation in replicability: A many labs replication project
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Many_Labs$Anchoring,
             grp1_mn = 'grp1_mn', grp1_sd = 'grp1_sd', grp1_n = 'grp1_N',
             grp2_mn = 'grp2_mn', grp2_sd = 'grp2_sd', grp2_n = 'grp2_N')


# Many_Labs$Gamblers_Fallacy
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Klein et al. (2014). Investigating variation in replicability: A many labs replication project
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Many_Labs$Gamblers_Fallacy,
             grp1_mn = 'grp1_mn', grp1_sd = 'grp1_sd', grp1_n = 'grp1_N',
             grp2_mn = 'grp2_mn', grp2_sd = 'grp2_sd', grp2_n = 'grp2_N')
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```
# Many_Labs$Math_Attitudes
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Klein et al. (2014). Investigating variation in replicability: A many labs replication project
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Many_Labs$Math_Attitudes,
              grp1_mn = 'grp1_mn', grp1_sd = 'grp1_sd', grp1_n = 'grp1_N',
              grp2_mn = 'grp2_mn', grp2_sd = 'grp2_sd', grp2_n = 'grp2_N')


# Many_Labs$Sunk_Costs
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Klein et al. (2014). Investigating variation in replicability: A many labs replication project
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Many_Labs$Sunk_Costs,
              grp1_mn = 'grp1_mn', grp1_sd = 'grp1_sd', grp1_n = 'grp1_N',
              grp2_mn = 'grp2_mn', grp2_sd = 'grp2_sd', grp2_n = 'grp2_N')


# Many_Labs$Quote_Attribution
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Klein et al. (2014). Investigating variation in replicability: A many labs replication project
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Many_Labs$Quote_Attribution,
              grp1_mn = 'grp1_mn', grp1_sd = 'grp1_sd', grp1_n = 'grp1_N',
              grp2_mn = 'grp2_mn', grp2_sd = 'grp2_sd', grp2_n = 'grp2_N')


# Many_Labs$Flag_Priming
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
# Klein et al. (2014). Investigating variation in replicability: A many labs replication project
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Many_Labs$Flag_Priming,
              grp1_mn = 'grp1_mn', grp1_sd = 'grp1_sd', grp1_n = 'grp1_N',
              grp2_mn = 'grp2_mn', grp2_sd = 'grp2_sd', grp2_n = 'grp2_N')


# Math_Performance
# input data = r & N for each study
# Chen (2014). Association between individual differences in non-symbolic number acuity and
# math performance - A meta-analysis Table 1
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Math_Performance, ES_type_IN='r', ES = 'r', N = 'N')


# Omega3_Depression
# Grosso (2014).  Role of omega-3 fatty acids in the treatment of depressive disorders
# Findings are for Omega 3 predicting DSM major depression improvement - Fig 2, top portion, p. 9
# input data = group means, SDs, & Ns
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Omega3_Depression,
              grp1_mn = 'Cmn', grp1_sd = 'Csd', grp1_n = 'CN',
              grp2_mn = 'Emn', grp2_sd = 'Esd', grp2_n = 'EN')


# paired samples
# input data = raw data
NO.PING.PONG(donnes=data_NPP$Paired_Samples,
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                  rawdata_type = 'paired_samples',
                  paired_samples_ES_type = 'SMCRH')


# PopulationR.02 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = .02
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Ermacora (2012). Unnecessary ping-pong
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.02)


# PopulationR.10 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = .10
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Ermacora (2012). Unnecessary ping-pong
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.10)


# PopulationR.11 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = .11
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Khattar (2022). Controversies regarding null hypothesis testing
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.11)


# PopulationR.20 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = .20
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Ermacora (2012). Unnecessary ping-pong
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.20)


head(data_NPP$PopulationR.32)
# PopulationR.32 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = .32
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Khattar (2022). Controversies regarding null hypothesis testing
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.32)


head(data_NPP$PopulationR.57)
# PopulationR.57 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = .57
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Khattar (2022). Controversies regarding null hypothesis testing
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.57)


head(data_NPP$PopulationR.077)
# PopulationR.077 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = .077
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Khattar (2022). Controversies regarding null hypothesis testing
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.077)


head(data_NPP$PopulationRneg.04)
# PopulationRneg.04 - generated data for 2 variables with a population r = -04
# input data = raw data
# O'Connor & Khattar (2022). Controversies regarding null hypothesis testing
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NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationRneg.04)


# SelfEsteem_Depression
# input data = r & N for each study
# 2013 Sowislo - Does Low Self-Esteem Predict Depression and Anxiety  r = .57
NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$SelfEsteem_Depression, ES_type_IN='r',
             ES = 'rSED', N = 'N')
```

PLOT_NO.PING.PONG   *Plots of output from the NO.PING.PONG function*

Description

Provides plots of the output from the NO.PING.PONG function for a sequence of studies

Usage

```
PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nopingpongOutput,
                  plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META','BAYES_SR'),
                  plot_save = FALSE, plot_save_type = 'png',
                  plot_title=NULL, Xrange=NULL)
```

Arguments

nopingpongOutput

Output from the NO.PING.PONG function

plot_this   The kind of output data to be plotted. The options are one or any combination of 'NHST', 'CUM_META', 'BAYES_GEN', 'BAYES_RAW', and 'BAYES_SR'. 'CUM_META' is for meta-analysis results; 'BAYES_GEN' is for results based on Bayesian generated data analyses; 'BAYES_RAW' is for results based on Bayesian raw data analyses; 'BAYES_SR' is for results based on the Schmidt-Raju (2007) Bayesian method. The default is plot_this = c('NHST', 'CUM_META', 'BAYES_SR').

plot_save   Should a plot be saved to disk? TRUE or FALSE (the default).

plot_save_type The output format if plot_save = TRUE. The options are 'bitmap', 'tiff', 'png' (the default), 'jpeg', and 'bmp'.

plot_title   optional. A title for the plot that will appear in the saved file name.

Xrange   optional. A range for the x axis in the plots.

Details

This function provides plots of the output from the NO.PING.PONG function for a sequence of studies, with options for specifying the kind of results to be plotted (via the plot_this argument), whether to save the plot to disc, the file type of the saved plot (via the plot_save_type argument), the plot title, and the x axis range for the plot.

Value

A plot is produced, but there are no returned values.

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data_Schmidt_Raju <- data.frame(read.table(text=data_Schmidt_Raju, fill=TRUE))
colnames(data_Schmidt_Raju) <- c('Study','N','r')
data_Schmidt_Raju <- data_Schmidt_Raju[,2:3]

nppOutput <- NO.PING.PONG(data_Schmidt_Raju, ES_type_IN='r', ES_type_OUT='r',
                          ma_method='REML',
                          Bayes_type = c('Schmidt_Raju', 'generated'),
                          prior_type='META', CI_level_in = 95,
                          ES = 'r', N = 'N', ES_var = NULL,
                          nitt=13000, burnin=3000, thin=10, verbose=TRUE)

PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META','BAYES_SR','BAYES_GEN'))



# Cannabis Psychosis data
nppOutput <- NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$Cannabis_Psychosis, ES_type_IN='d', ma_method='REML',
                        Bayes_type = c('Schmidt_Raju', 'generated'), prior_type='META',
                  ES = 'Std_diff_in_mean', N = 'N', ES_var = NULL, #ES_var = 'Variance',
                         nitt=13000, burnin=3000, thin=10, verbose=TRUE)
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PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META'))
PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META','BAYES_SR','BAYES_GEN'))
PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META','BAYES_GEN','BAYES_RAW'))


# PopulationR.20 data (has raw data)
nppOutput <- NO.PING.PONG(data_NPP$PopulationR.20, ES_type_OUT='r',
                          rawdata_type = 'for_correl',
                          ma_method='REML',
                          Bayes_type = c('generated', 'Schmidt_Raju'),
                          prior_type='META', CI_level_in = 95,
                          ES = 'r', N = 'N', ES_var = NULL,
                          nitt=13000, burnin=3000, thin=10, verbose=TRUE)

PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META','BAYES_GEN','BAYES_RAW'))


# raw data for paired samples
nppOutput <-
NO.PING.PONG(donnes=data_NPP$Paired_Samples,
             rawdata_type = 'paired_samples',
             ES_type_OUT = 'd',
             paired_samples_ES_type = 'SMCRH')

PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META'))
PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META','BAYES_GEN'))
PLOT_NO.PING.PONG(nppOutput, plot_this = c('NHST','CUM_META','BAYES_GEN','BAYES_RAW'))
```

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