

# Package ‘CounterNull’

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Computes Fisher-Exact P-Values alongside null randomization distributions. Retrieves counterNull sets and generates counterNull distributions. Computes Fisher Intervals and Fisher-Adjusted P-Values. Package includes visualization of randomization distributions and Fisher Intervals. Users can input custom test statistics and their own methods for randomization.

Rosenthal and Rubin (1994) <[doi:10.1111/j.1467-9280.1994.tb00281.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1467-9280.1994.tb00281.x)>.

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adjust_pvalues	<i>Compute Fisher-Adjusted P-Values for Multiple Testing</i>
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### Description

Adjusts p-values obtained from multiple comparisons. Computes Fisher-Adjusted P-Values utilizing randomization-based method (Lee et al., 2017).

### Usage

```
adjust_pvalues(ls, bw = NULL)
```

### Arguments

ls	List of "null_rand" objects
bw	Histogram bin width (optional)

### Details

Argument "ls" must have a "null\_rand" object for each p-value that needs to be adjusted.

Function plots joint p-value distribution.

### Value

Vector with adjusted p-values

### References

[doi:10.5705/ss.202016.0116](https://doi.org/10.5705/ss.202016.0116)

**Examples**

```

y = sample_data$turn_angle
w = sample_data$w
n_one = create_null_rand(y, w, sample_matrix, test_stat = c("t"))
y = sample_data$turn_angle
w = sample_data$w
fun = function(x,y){
  return(invisible(ks.test(x,y)$statistic))
}
n_two = create_null_rand(y, w, sample_matrix, fun = fun,
  alternative = c("greater"))
adjust_pvalues(list(n_one,n_two))

```

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create_fisher_interval
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*Compute Fisher Interval*

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**Description**

Computes Fisher (Fiducial) Interval and returns object of "fisher\_interval" class.

**Usage**

```
create_fisher_interval(null_r, alpha = NULL, width = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

null_r	"null_rand" object corresponding to data used for interval
alpha	Significance level for Fisher Interval (default = .05 for 95% confidence)
width	Integer indicating the number of values to search for to construct Fisher Interval. Default value = 10000. (Increasing this argument may result in increased accuracy of interval.) (Optional)

**Details**

Call summary on "fisher\_interval" class to retrieve information on the Fisher Interval. Call plot on "fisher\_interval" class for visualization of Fisher Interval.

Use "create\_null\_rand" function to produce "null\_rand" object for first argument.

Note: The warning 'Fisher Interval coverage is smaller than specified' indicates that there are no effect sizes found that match the p-value bounds for the specified significance level (ie. .025 and .975 for alpha = .05). In this case, the largest possible interval found under the significance level alpha will be returned. Check "pvalue\_lower" and "pvalue\_upper" parameters to see which p-value bounds are used.

**Value**

Class "fisher\_interval" with 4 entries:

**lower\_bound** Lower bound of Fisher Interval  
**upper\_bound** Upper bound of Fisher Interval  
**alpha** Specified significance value  
**pvalue\_lower** P-value corresponding to lower bound of interval  
**pvalue\_upper** P-value corresponding to upper bound of interval  
**range** Range of effect values tested  
**null\_r** Specified "null\_rand" object

**References**

[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2105.03996](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2105.03996)

**Examples**

```
y = sample_data$turn_angle
w = sample_data$w
n_r = create_null_rand(y,w, sample_matrix, test_stat = c("diffmeans"))
f= create_fisher_interval(n_r)
summary(f)
plot(f)
```

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create_null_rand	<i>Create Null Randomization Distribution</i>
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**Description**

Generates null randomization distribution for a given test statistic.

**Usage**

```
create_null_rand(
  y,
  w,
  rand_matrix,
  test_stat = NULL,
  fun = NULL,
  alternative = NULL,
  bw = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	Vector of observed outcomes
<code>w</code>	Vector indicating treatment assignments
<code>rand_matrix</code>	Matrix with permutations for experiment assignments
<code>test_stat</code>	Name of built in test statistic function. Provide "diffmeans" for difference of means, "t" for t test, "paired-t" for paired t test, and "cohens-d" for cohen's d test (optional).
<code>fun</code>	Test statistic function (optional).
<code>alternative</code>	Character string specifying alternative hypothesis. Must be one of "two-sided" (default), "greater", or "less".
<code>bw</code>	Bin width for histogram (optional)

**Details**

Call summary on "null\_rand" class to retrieve information on the null randomization distribution. Call plot on "null\_rand" class for visualization of null randomization distribution.

Assignments must be indicated in arguments "w" and "rand\_matrix" using numeric 1 or 0.

Argument "rand\_matrix" must have assignment permutations in each column and must have the same number of rows as there are entries in "w".

One of either argument "test\_stat" or "fun" must be specified.

Argument "fun" must take in two parameters (treated outcomes and control outcomes) and returns a numeric test statistic value (scalar).

**Value**

Class "null\_rand" with 11 entries:

<b>null_dist</b>	Vector of permuted test statistics under the null hypothesis
<b>t_obs</b>	Observed test statistic
<b>counts</b>	Number of test statistics more extreme than observed test statistic
<b>pvalue</b>	Fisher-Exact P-value
<b>alternative</b>	Specified alternative
<b>rand_matrix</b>	Randomization matrix used to generate null distribution
<b>bin_width</b>	Specified bin width
<b>y</b>	Observed outcomes
<b>w</b>	Vector indicating treatment assignments
<b>test_stat</b>	Name of built in test statistic function
<b>fun</b>	Test statistic function

**Examples**

```
y = sample_data$turn_angle
w = sample_data$w
n_r = create_null_rand(y, w, sample_matrix, test_stat = c("t"))
summary(n_r)
plot(n_r)
```

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```
create_randomization_matrix
      Create Randomization Matrix
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**Description**

Creates randomization matrix of assignments for given number of units and permutations. Returns matrix with unique randomized permutations.

**Usage**

```
create_randomization_matrix(units, n, block = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

units	Number of units in dataset
n	Number of permutations
block	Numeric vector with length equal to "units" indicating block assignments for each unit (optional)

**Details**

Note, if the number of specified permutations exceeds the maximum number of unique permutations, the matrix returned will contain the maximum number of permutations.

**Value**

Matrix with unique randomized permutations

**Examples**

```
create_randomization_matrix(14,128,rep(1:7, each = 2))
```

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 find\_counternull\_values

*Find Counternull Values*


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### Description

Retrieves counternull value set and returns object of "counternull" class.

### Usage

```
find_counternull_values(null_r, counts = NULL, width = NULL, bw = NULL)
```

### Arguments

null_r	"null_rand" object corresponding to data
counts	Vector containing lower and upper bounds for number of test statistics more extreme than observed test statistic in counternull randomization distribution (optional)
width	Integer indicating the number of values to search for to retrieve counternull set. Default value = 10000. (Increasing this argument may result in additional counternull values being found.) (optional)
bw	Histogram bin width (optional)

### Details

Call summary on "counternull" class to retrieve range of counternull values. Call plot on "counternull" class for visualization of counternull distribution.

Argument "counts" must contain whole numbers for bounds. Lower bound must be smaller than upper bound. If argument is not specified, counternull values will be obtained using the "counts" argument from the specified "null\_rand" argument.

If no counternull values are found, all entries in class are set to null. If only one set of counternull values are found, "perm\_two", low\_two" and "high\_two" are set to null.

### Value

Class "counternull" with 6 entries:

**counternull\_perm** Counternull test statistics for first counternull set

**low** Counternull test statistics for second counternull set

**high** Lower bound of counternull set

**counternull\_perm\_two** Upper bound of counternull set

**low\_two** Lower bound of second counternull set

**high\_two** Upper bound of second counternull set

**null\_rand** Specified "null\_rand" object

**bw** Specified bin width

## References

[doi:10.1111/j.14679280.1994.tb00281.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.14679280.1994.tb00281.x)

## Examples

```
n_r = create_null_rand(sample_data$turn_angle, sample_data$w,
  sample_matrix, test_stat = c("diffmeans"))
c = find_counaternull_values(n_r)
summary(c)
plot(c)
c = find_counaternull_values(n_r, c(56,60))
summary(c)
```

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find_test_stat	<i>Calculate Observed Test Statistic</i>
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## Description

Finds observed test statistic using treatment and control outcomes

## Usage

```
find_test_stat(y, w, test_stat = NULL, fun = NULL)
```

## Arguments

y	Vector of observed outcomes
w	Vector indicating treatment assignments
test_stat	Name of built in test statistic function. Provide "diffmeans" for difference of means, "t" for t test, "paired-t" for paired t test, and "cohens-d" for cohen's d test (optional)
fun	Test statistic function (optional)

## Details

Assignments must be indicated in argument "w" using numeric 1 or 0.

One of either argument "test\_stat" or "fun" must be specified.

Argument "fun" must take in two parameters (treated outcomes and control outcomes) and returns a numeric test statistic value (scalar).

## Value

Observed test statistic (numeric)



**Examples**

```
find_test_stat(sample_data$turn_angle, sample_data$w,
test_stat = c("diffmeans"))
```

```
find_test_stat(sample_data$turn_angle, sample_data$w,
test_stat = c("t"))
```

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sample\_data

*Sample Data*


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**Description**

This dataset is for an experiment measuring the effect of flashing lights on the movement of fish. It includes the treatment assignments of 156 fish and the turn angles of each fish when swimming.

**Usage**

```
sample_data
```

**Format**

A table with fish treatment assignments and turn angles:

**w** Treatment Assignment: 1 indicates exposure to flashing light and 0 indicates no exposure

**turn\_angle** Angle at which the fish swim

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sample\_matrix

*Sample Randomization Matrix*


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**Description**

This is a randomization matrix for an experiment conducted on 156 fish. This matrix contains 1,000 possible treatment assignments for each fish.

**Usage**

```
sample_matrix
```

**Format**

A matrix with 1,000 columns:

**1** Fish is Exposed to Flashing Light

**0** Fish is Not Exposed to Flashing Light

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