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`compare.relimp` *Compare estimates of log odds, log odds ratios and relative importance obtained by two datasets*

Description

Computes 95% confidence intervals for the differences in log odds of transition, log odds ratios and relative importance estimates between the two datasets. Also calculates chi-squared test statistics and p-values for testing whether the differences are different from zero.

Usage

```
compare.relimp(dataset1, dataset2)
```

Arguments

`dataset1`	is the first dataset; a data frame with 4 columns, in the following order: 1: student's ID, 2: class, 3: transition (0 if not, 1 if yes) and 4: performance score.
`dataset2`	is the second dataset; a data frame with 4 columns, in the following order: 1: student's ID, 2: class, 3: transition (0 if not, 1 if yes) and 4: performance score.

Value

`ci.diff.lo`	95% confidence intervals for differences in log odds of transition
`test.diff.lo`	Test statistic for differences in log odds
`test.diff.lo.pvalue`	p-value for testing for differences in log odds
`ci.diff.lor`	95% confidence intervals for differences in log odds ratios
`test.diff.lo`	Test statistic for differences in log odds ratios
`test.diff.lo.pvalue`	p-value for testing for differences in log odds ratios
`ci.diff.ri.1`	95% confidence intervals for relative importance estimates - 1
`ci.diff.ri.2`	95% confidence intervals for relative importance estimates - 2
`ci.diff.ri.avg`	95% confidence intervals for relative importance estimates - average

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Examples

```
# generate two datasets
set.seed(1)
data1 <- data.frame(seq(1:10), rep(c(1, 2), length.out = 10),
c(rep(0, times = 3), rep(1, times = 7)),
c(rnorm(4, 0, 1), rnorm(4, 0.5, 1), NA, NA))

data2 <- data.frame(seq(1:10), rep(c(1, 2), length.out = 10),
c(rep(0, times = 5), rep(1, times = 5)),
c(rnorm(5, 1, 1), rnorm(5, 0.5, 1)))

# run function
compare.relimp(data1, data2)
```

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create.classdata *Create data frames for each class*

Description

Takes a data frame and creates a list of data frames by splitting the data by the factor "class".

Usage

```
create.classdata(dataset)
```

Arguments

dataset	A data frame produced by `prepare.dataset`.

Value

data_class	A list with number of elements equal to the number of classes and each element a data frame for each class.

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Examples

```
# generate a dataset
data <- data.frame(seq(1:10), rep(c(1, 2, 3), length.out = 10),
rbinom(1, n = 10, p = 0.7), c(rnorm(8, 0, 1), NA, NA))

data_clean <- prepare.data(data)

create.classdata(data_clean)
```

`plot_transition` *Plot distributions of performance and transition propensities*

Description

Plots distribution of academic performance and probabilities of transition for each class.

Usage

```
plot_transition(dataset)
```

Arguments

`dataset`	A data frame with 4 columns only, in the following order: 1: student's ID, 2: class, 3: transition (0 if not, 1 if yes) and 4: performance score.

Value

A plot of the distributions of performance and transition propensities for each class.

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Examples

```
# generate a dataset
set.seed(1)
data <- data.frame(seq(1:10), rep(c(1, 2), length.out = 10),
c(rep(0, times = 3), rep(1, times = 7)),
c(rnorm(4, 0, 1), rnorm(4, 0.5, 1), NA, NA))

# run function
plot_transition(data)
```

`prepare.data` *Prepare dataset to be used in* `relative.importance`

Description

Prepares datasets to be in the format required by the function `relative.importance`. It is automatically called by `relative.importance`.

Usage

```
prepare.data(dataset)
```

Arguments

`dataset`	A data frame with 4 columns only, in the following order: 1: student's ID, 2: class, 3: transition (0 if not, 1 if yes) and 4: performance score.

Value

`dataset`	The data frame given as the argument, with column names changed and missing values removed.

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Examples

```
# generate a dataset
data <- data.frame(seq(1:10), rep(c(1, 2, 3), length.out = 10),
rbinom(1, n = 10, p = 0.7), c(rnorm(8, 0, 1), NA, NA))

# run function
data_clean <- prepare.data(data)
```

print_relimp *Print tables of estimates*

Description

Presents various estimates for measures of educational differentials, the relative importance of primary and secondary effects and corresponding standard errors and confidence intervals.

Usage

```
print_relimp(dataset)
```

Arguments

dataset	A data frame with 4 columns only, in the following order: 1: student's ID, 2: class, 3: transition (0 if not, 1 if yes) and 4: performance score.

Value

Returns a more nicely presented version of the results given by `relative.importance`.

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See Also

`relative.importance`

Examples

```
# generate a dataset
set.seed(1)
data <- data.frame(seq(1:10), rep(c(1, 2, 3), length.out = 10),
rbinom(1, n = 10, p = 0.7), c(rnorm(8, 0, 1), NA, NA))

# run function
print_relimp(data)
```

`relative.importance` *Relative importance of primary and secondary effects*

Description

Calculates various estimates for measures of educational differentials, the relative importance of primary and secondary effects and corresponding standard errors and confidence intervals.

Usage

```
relative.importance(dataset)
```

Arguments

`dataset`	A data frame with 4 columns only, in the following order: 1: student's ID, 2: class, 3: transition (0 if not, 1 if yes) and 4: performance score.

Value

`sample_size`	Total number of individuals
`no_classes`	Number of classes
`class_size`	A list of `no_classes` elements, each element containing the size of each class
`percentage_overall`	Overall percentage that made the transition
`percentage_class`	A list of `no_classes` elements, each element containing percentage that made the transition for each class
`fifty_point`	50% point of transition
`parameters`	A data frame with the parameters of logistic regression (α, β) and normal distribution (μ, σ) for each class
`transition_prob`	A data frame with the transition probabilities
`log_odds`	A data frame with log odds of transition (diagonal elements: actual log odds for each class, off-diagonal: counterfactual log odds)
`se_logodds`	A data frame with the standard errors of the log odds of transition
`ci_logodds`	Approximate 95% confidence intervals for the log odds of transition
`odds`	Odds of transition
`log_oddsratios`	Log odds ratios
`se_logoddsratios`	Standard errors for the log odds ratios
`ci_logoddsratios`	Approximate 95% confidence intervals for the log odds ratios
`oddsratios`	Odds ratios

`rel_imp_prim1` Estimates of the relative importance of primary effects using the first equation for calculating the relative importance

`rel_imp_prim2` Estimates of the relative importance of primary effects using the second equation for calculating the relative importance

`rel_imp_prim_avg` Estimates of the relative importance of primary effects using the the average of the two equations for calculating the relative importance

`rel_imp_sec1` Estimates of the relative importance of secondary effects using the first equation for calculating the relative importance

`rel_imp_sec2` Estimates of the relative importance of secondary effects using the second equation for calculating the relative importance

`rel_imp_sec_avg` Estimates of the relative importance of secondary effects using the the average of the two equations for calculating the relative importance

`se.ri.1` Standard errors of the relative importance estimates given by the first equation

`ci.ri.1` Approximate 95% confidence intervals for the relative importance of secondary effects given by the first equation

`se.ri.2` Standard errors of the relative importance estimates given by the second equation

`ci.ri.2` Approximate 95% confidence intervals for the relative importance of secondary effects given by the second equation

`se.ri.avg` Standard errors of the relative importance estimates given by the average of the two equations

`ci.ri.avg` Approximate 95% confidence intervals for the relative importance of secondary effects given by the average of the two equations

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See Also

`print_relimp`, `plot_transition`

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# run function
relative.importance(data)
```

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