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SimReg-package	<i>Similarity Regression Functions</i>
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## Description

Functions for performing Bayesian similarity regression, and evaluating the probability of association between sets of ontological terms and binary response vector. A random model is compared with one in which the log odds of a true response is linked to the semantic similarity between terms and a latent characteristic ontological profile.

## Details

Key functions include `sim_reg`, for similarity regression of binary response variable against an ontologically encoded predictor. An example application would be inferring the probability of association between the presence of a rare genetic variant conditional on an ontologically encoded phenotype.

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## References

D. Greene, NIHR BioResource, S. Richardson, E. Turro, 'Phenotype similarity regression for identifying the genetic determinants of rare diseases', *The American Journal of Human Genetics* 98, 1-10, March 3, 2016.

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get_terms	<i>Get full set of terms to use in inference procedure based on similarity function arguments</i>
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**Description**

Get full set of terms to use in inference procedure based on similarity function arguments

**Usage**

```
get_terms(args)
```

**Arguments**

args	Named list of named arguments which gets passed to ontological similarity function by <code>sim_reg</code> .
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**Value**

Character vector of term IDs.

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get_term_marginals	<i>Calculate marginal probability of terms inclusion in phi from sim_reg_out object</i>
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**Description**

Calculate marginal probability of terms inclusion in phi from `sim_reg_out` object

**Usage**

```
get_term_marginals(sim_reg_out)
```

**Arguments**

sim_reg_out	Object of class <code>sim_reg_output</code> .
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**Value**

Numeric vector of probabilities, named by term ID.

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log_BF	<i>Calculate log Bayes factor for similarity the model, gamma=1 and baseline model, gamma=0.</i>
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**Description**

Calculate log Bayes factor for similarity the model, gamma=1 and baseline model, gamma=0.

**Usage**

```
log_BF(x, ...)
```

## Default S3 method:  
log\_BF(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'sim\_reg\_output'  
log\_BF(x, ...)

**Arguments**

x	list of term sets or sim_reg_output object.
...	If x is a list term sets, other arguments to pass to <a href="#">sim_reg</a> , otherwise this is not used.

**Value**

Numeric value.

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plot.sim_reg_summary	<i>Plot summary of sim_reg_output object</i>
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**Description**

Plot summary of sim\_reg\_output object

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_reg_summary'  
plot(x, ...)
```

## S3 method for class 'sim\_reg\_output'  
plot(x, ...)

**Arguments**

x	Object of class sim_reg_summary.
...	Additional arguments to pass to <a href="#">plot_term_marginals</a> .

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plot\_term\_marginals    *Create ontological plot of marginal probabilities of terms*

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### Description

Create ontological plot of marginal probabilities of terms

### Usage

```
plot_term_marginals(  
  ontology,  
  term_marginals,  
  max_terms = 10,  
  min_probability = 0.01,  
  ...  
)
```

### Arguments

ontology	ontology_index object.
term_marginals	Numeric vector of marginal probabilities of inclusion in $\phi$ for individual terms, named by the term IDs.
max_terms	Maximum number of terms to include in plot. Note that additional terms may be included when terms have the same marginal probability, and common ancestor terms are included.
min_probability	Threshold probability of inclusion in $\phi$ for triggering inclusion in plot.
...	Additional arguments to pass to onto_plot

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posterior\_prediction    *Predicted probability of y given x conditional on association and given data.*

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### Description

Predicted probability of y given x conditional on association and given data.

### Usage

```
posterior_prediction(  
  ontology,  
  x,  
  y,  
  sim_reg_out,
```

```

x_new = x,
information_content = get_term_info_content(ontology, x),
sim_params = list(ontology = ontology, information_content = information_content),
two_way = TRUE,
prediction_fn = NULL,
min_ratio = 0.001,
...
)

```

### Arguments

ontology	ontology_index object.
x	list of character vectors of ontological terms.
y	logical response vector.
sim_reg_out	Object of class sim_reg_output.
x_new	New list of ontological term sets to perform prediction on. Defaults to x.
information_content	Numeric vector of information contents of terms named by term ID. Defaults to information content based on frequencies of annotation in x.
sim_params	List of arguments to pass to get_asym_sim_grid.
two_way	Boolean value determining whether to calculate semantic similarity 'in both directions' (i.e. compute s_x and s_phi or just s_phi).
prediction_fn	Function for computing predicted probabilities for y[i]=TRUE.
min_ratio	Threshold for fraction of posterior probability which sampled phi must hold in order to be included in sum.
...	Additional arguments to pass to prediction_fn.

### Value

Vector of predicted probabilities corresponding to term sets in x\_new.

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`print.sim_reg_output` *Print sim\_reg\_output object*

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### Description

Print sim\_reg\_output object

### Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'sim_reg_output'
print(x, ...)

```

### Arguments

x	Object of class sim_reg_output.
...	Non-used arguments.

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print.sim\_reg\_summary *Print sim\_reg\_summary object*

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### Description

Print sim\_reg\_summary object

### Usage

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

### Arguments

x	Object of class sim_reg_summary.
...	Non-used arguments.

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prob\_association *Calculate probability of association between y and x*

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### Description

Calculate probability of association between y and x

### Usage

```
prob_association(..., prior = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

...	Arguments to pass to <a href="#">log_BF</a> .
prior	Numeric value determining prior probability that gamma=1.

### Value

Numeric value.

sim\_reg

*Similarity regression***Description**

Performs Bayesian ‘similarity regression’ on given logical response vector  $y$  against list of ontological term sets  $x$ . It returns an object of class `sim_reg_output`. Of particular interest are the probability of an association, which can be calculated with [prob\\_association](#), and the characteristic ontological profile  $\phi$ , which can be visualised using the functions [plot\\_term\\_marginals](#), and [term\\_marginals](#)). The results can be summarised with [summary](#).

**Usage**

```
sim_reg(
  ontology,
  x,
  y,
  information_content = get_term_info_content(ontology, x),
  sim_params = list(ontology = ontology, information_content = information_content),
  using_terms = get_terms(sim_params),
  term_weights = rep(0, length(using_terms)),
  prior = discrete_gamma(using_terms),
  min_BF = -Inf,
  max_select = 2000L,
  max_phi_count = 200L,
  two_way = TRUE,
  selection_fn = fg_step_tab(N = length(y)),
  lik_method = NULL,
  lik_method_args = list(),
  gamma0_ml = bg_rate,
  min_ratio = 1e-04,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>ontology</code>	ontology_index object.
<code>x</code>	list of character vectors of ontological terms.
<code>y</code>	logical response vector.
<code>information_content</code>	Numeric vector of information contents of terms named by term ID. Defaults to information content based on frequencies of annotation in $x$ .
<code>sim_params</code>	List of arguments to pass to <code>get_asym_sim_grid</code> .
<code>using_terms</code>	Character vector of term IDs giving the complete set of terms to include in the the $\phi$ parameter space.



term_weights	Numeric vector of prior weights for individual terms.
prior	Function for computing the unweighted prior probability of a phi value.
min_BF	Bayes factor threshold below which to terminate computation, enabling faster execution time at the expense of accuracy and precision.
max_select	Upper bound for number of phi values to sample.
max_phi_count	Upper bound for number of phi values to include in final likelihood sum.
two_way	Boolean value determining whether to calculate semantic similarity 'in both directions' (i.e. compute s_x and s_phi or just s_phi).
selection_fn	Function for selecting values of phi with high posterior mass.
lik_method	Function for calculating marginal likelihood conditional on values of phi.
lik_method_args	List of additional arguments to pass to lik_method.
gamma0_ml	Function for computing marginal likelihood of data under baseline model gamma=0.
min_ratio	Lower bound on ratio below which to discard phi values.
...	Additional arguments to pass to selection_fn.

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```
summary.sim_reg_output
```

*Get summary of sim\_reg\_output object*

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## Description

Get summary of sim\_reg\_output object

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sim_reg_output'
summary(object, prior = 0.05, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	Object of class sim_reg_output.
prior	Prior probability of association.
...	Non-used arguments.

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sum_log_probs	<i>Calculate sum of log probabilities on log scale without over/under-flow</i>
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**Description**

Calculate sum of log probabilities on log scale without over/under-flow

**Usage**

```
sum_log_probs(log_probs)
```

**Arguments**

log\_probs      Numeric vector of probabilities on log scale.

**Value**

Numeric value on log scale.

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term_marginals	<i>Calculate marginal probability of terms inclusion in phi</i>
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**Description**

Calculate marginal probability of terms inclusion in phi

**Usage**

```
term_marginals(...)
```

**Arguments**

...              Arguments to pass to [sim\\_reg](#).

**Value**

Numeric vector of probabilities, named by term ID.

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