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**Description** Toxicology routines for analyzing dose-response data include dose-response analysis and trend tests. Dose-

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cleveland\_plot

#### Description

Create a Cleveland plot from a model averaged model.

#### Usage

```
cleveland_plot(A)
```

#### Arguments

A the model averaged model to plot

#### Value

Returns a ggplot2 graphics object.

#### Examples

cleveland\_plot(model)

create\_continuous\_prior

create\_continuous\_prior Given priorlist, a model, and a distribution. Create a prior for a given analysis.

### Description

create\_continuous\_prior Given priorlist, a model, and a distribution. Create a prior for a given analysis.

```
create_continuous_prior(prior_list, model, distribution, deg = 2)
```

#### Arguments

| prior_list   | First Prior  |
|--------------|--|
| model        | Model to be used one of "hill", "exp-3", "exp-5", "power", "polynomial"                    |
| distribution | - Normal "normal", Normal non-constant variance "normal-ncv", or log-normal<br>"lognormal" |
| deg          | - For polynomial models only, the degree of the polynomial.                                |

# Value

new BMDprior list. This object is essentially a prior list constructed by create\_prior\_lists with a model type and variance type.

# Examples

power\_normal <- create\_continuous\_prior(plist, "power", "normal")</pre>

create\_dichotomous\_prior

create\_dichotomous\_prior Given priorlist, a model, and a distribution. Create a prior for a given analysis.

#### Description

create\_dichotomous\_prior Given priorlist, a model, and a distribution. Create a prior for a given analysis.

#### Usage

```
create_dichotomous_prior(prior, model)
```

#### Arguments

| prior | First Prior  |
|-------|--|
| model | Model to be used should be one of "hill", "gamma", "logistic", "log-logistic", "log- |
|       | probit", "multistage", "probit", "qlinear", or "weibull"                             |

create\_prior\_list

#### Value

new BMDprior list that can be used in a dichotomous fit.

#### Examples

```
power_normal <- create_dichotomous_prior(plist, "logistic")</pre>
```

| create_prior_list | create_prior_lists Given priors created using the ToxicR prior func- |
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|                   | tions, create a list of priors for a model.                          |

#### Description

create\_prior\_lists .. Given priors created using the ToxicR prior functions, create a list of priors for a model.

#### Usage

create\_prior\_list(x1, x2, ...)

#### Arguments

| x1 | First Prior         |
|----|---------------------|
| x2 | Second Prior        |
|    | Aditional arguments |

#### Value

new BMDprior list. This object is essentially a matrix where each row is an element defined by a prior object (e.g., normprior or lnormprior).

dichotomousDR

#### Description

A dataset containing 733 dichotomous dose-response studies that were involved in regulatory risk assessment.

#### Usage

dichotomousDR

#### Format

A data frame with 2727 rows and 11 variables:

**ID** -The study ID in the database.

chemical -Name of the Chemical in the study.

data.source -Source of the risk assessment data.

CASRN -Chemical's CASRN

dose -Dose spacing of the study using the original study.

r.dose -Doses of the experiment relative to 1 being the maximum dose tested.

**n** -Number of animals on test.

obs -Number of adverse events.

organ -Organ impacted.

effect -Type of adverse effect.

study.source -Publication related to the experiment.

More information at: doi:10.1111/risa.13218

Inormprior *lnormprior - create a lognormal prior.* 

# Description

Specify a log-normal prior for a ToxicR Bayesian model fit.

#### Usage

lnormprior(mean = 0, sd = 1, lb = -100, ub = 100)

#### MAdensity\_plot

#### Arguments

| mean | log-mean of the prior distribution.   |
|------|---|
| sd   | log-sd of the prior distribution.   |
| lb   | lower bound on the distribution. Necessary for the optimization algorithms, To make sure it is a fully normal prior, make lb small relative to the mean/sd. |
| ub   | Upper bound on the distribution. Necessary for the optimization algorithms, To make sure it is a fully normal prior, make ub large relative to the mean/sd. |

#### Value

a normal prior model object This object essentially a vector with the first element as 2 (for lognormal), the second element the mean, the third element the log-variance, the fourth and fifth elements the lower and upper bounds, respectively.

# Examples

```
# Log-Normal Prior with mean 0,sd-1
Inormprior(mean = 0, sd = 1, lb = -1e4, ub=1e4)
```

```
# Truncated Log-Normal prior, Truncated below at 1
Inormprior(mean = 0, sd = 1, lb = 1, ub=1e4)
```

| MAdensity_plot | MAdensity_plot - Create | a density plot from a | model averaged model. |
|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
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#### Description

Create a density plot from a model averaged model fit with MCMC.

#### Usage

```
MAdensity_plot(A)
```

#### Arguments

А

the model averaged model to plot

#### Value

Returns a ggplot2 graphics object.

# Examples

ma\_continuous\_fit ma\_continuous\_fit - Fit a model averaged continuous BMD model.

#### Description

Fit a model averaged continuous BMD model.

#### Usage

```
ma_continuous_fit(
    D,
    Y,
    model_list = NA,
    fit_type = "laplace",
    BMD_TYPE = "sd",
    BMR = 0.1,
    point_p = 0.01,
    alpha = 0.05,
    samples = 21000,
    burnin = 1000
)
```

# Arguments

| D          | doses matrix  |
|------------|---|
| Y          | response matrix   |
| model_list | a list of configurations for the single models (priors, model type). To create a model list, one creates a list of continuous model priors using create_continuous_prior.   |
| fit_type   | the method used to fit ("laplace", "mle", or "mcmc")  |
| BMD_TYPE   | BMD_TYPE specifies the type of benchmark dose analysis to be performed. For continuous models, there are four types of BMD definitions that are commonly used.  |
|            | - Standard deviation is the default option, but it can be explicitly specified with 'BMR_TYPE = "sd"' This definition defines the BMD as the dose associated with the mean/median changing a specified number of standard deviations from the mean at the control dose., i.e., it is the dose, BMD, that solves |

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 $|f(dose) - f(0)| = BMR \times \sigma$ 

- Relative deviation can be specified with 'BMR\_TYPE = "rel"'. This defines the BMD as the dose that changes the control mean/median a certain percentage from the background dose, i.e. it is the dose, BMD that solves  $|f(dose) - f(0)| = (1 \pm BMR)f(0)$ 

- Hybrid deviation can be specified with 'BMR\_TYPE = "hybrid"'. This defines the BMD that changes the probability of an adverse event by a stated amount relitive to no exposure (i.e 0). That is, it is the dose, BMD, that solves  $\frac{Pr(X > x | dose) - Pr(X > x | 0)}{Pr(X < x | 0)} = BMR$ . For this definition,  $Pr(X < x | 0) = 1 - Pr(X > X | 0) = \pi_0$ , where  $0 \le \pi_0 < 1$  is defined by the user as "point\_p," and it defaults to 0.01. Note: this discussion assumed increasing data. The fitter determines the direction of the data and inverts the probability statements for decreasing data.

- Absolute deviation can be specified with 'BMR\_TYPE="abs"'. This defines the BMD as an absolute change from the control dose of zero by a specified amount. That is the BMD is the dose that solves the equation |f(dose) - f(0)| = BMR

- BMR This option specifies the benchmark response BMR. The BMR is defined in relation to the BMD calculation requested (see BMD). By default, the "BMR = 0.1."
- point\_p This option is only used for hybrid BMD calculations. It defines a probability that is the cutpoint for observations. It is the probability that observations have this probability, or less, of being observed at the background dose.
- alpha Alpha is the specified nominal coverage rate for computation of the lower bound on the BMDL and BMDU, i.e., one computes a  $100 \times (1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval. For the interval (BMDL,BMDU) this is a  $100 \times (1 - 2\alpha)\%$ . By default, it is set to 0.05.
- samples the number of samples to take (MCMC only)
- burnin the number of burnin samples to take (MCMC only)

#### Value

This function model object containing a list of individual fits and model averaging fits

- Individual\_Model\_X: Here X is a number 1 ≤ X ≤ n, where n is the number of models in the model average. For each X, this is an individual model fit identical to what is returned in 'single\_continuous\_fit.'
- ma\_bmd: The CDF of the model averaged BMD distribution.
- posterior\_probs: The posterior model probabilities used in the MA.
- bmd: The BMD and the  $100 \times (1 2\alpha)\%$  confidence intervals.

```
hill_m <- function(doses){
    returnV <- 481 -250.3*doses^1.3/(40^1.3 + doses^1.3)
    return(returnV)</pre>
```

```
}
doses <- rep(c(0,6.25,12.5,25,50,100),each=10)
mean <- hill_m(doses)
y <- rnorm(length(mean),mean,20.14)
model <- ma_continuous_fit(doses, y, fit_type = "laplace", BMD_TYPE = 'sd', BMR = 1)
summary(model)</pre>
```

ma\_dichotomous\_fit ma\_dichotomous\_fit - Fit a model averaged dichotomous BMD model.

#### Description

Fit a model averaged dichotomous BMD model.

#### Usage

```
ma_dichotomous_fit(
   D,
   Y,
   N,
   model_list = integer(0),
   fit_type = "laplace",
   BMD_TYPE = "extra",
   BMR = 0.1,
   point_p = 0.01,
   alpha = 0.05,
   samples = 21000,
   burnin = 1000
)
```

# Arguments

| D          | doses matrix  |
|------------|---|
| Y          | response matrix   |
| Ν          | number of replicates matrix   |
| model_list | a list of configurations for the single models (priors, model type)   |
| fit_type   | the method used to fit (laplace, mle, or mcmc)  |
| BMD_TYPE   | <ul> <li>BMD_TYPE specifies the type of benchmark dose analysis to be performed. For continuous models, there are four types of BMD definitions that are commonly used.</li> <li>Standard deviation is the default option, but it can be explicitly specified with 'BMR_TYPE = "sd". This definition defines the BMD as the dose associated with the mean/median changing a specified number of standard deviations from the mean at the control dose _i e_ it is the dose_BMD that solves</li> </ul> |
|            | $ f(dose) - f(0)  = BMR \times \sigma$  |

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|         | - Relative deviation can be specified with 'BMR_TYPE = "rel"'. This defines the BMD as the dose that changes the control mean/median a certain percentage from the background dose, i.e. it is the dose, BMD that solves $ f(dose) - f(0)  = (1 \pm BMR)f(0)$<br>- Hybrid deviation can be specified with 'BMR_TYPE = "hybrid"'. This defines the BMD that changes the probability of an adverse event by a stated amount relitive to no exposure (i.e. 0). That is, it is the dose BMD that solves |
|---------|---|
|         | $\frac{Pr(X > x dose) - Pr(X > x 0)}{Pr(X < x 0)} = BMR.$ For this definition, $Pr(X < x 0) =$  |
|         | $1 - Pr(X > X 0) = \pi_0$ , where $0 \le \pi_0 < 1$ is defined by the user as "point_p," and it defaults to 0.01. Note: this discussion assumed increasing data. The fitter determines the direction of the data and inverts the probability statements for decreasing data.  |
|         | - Absolute deviation can be specified with 'BMR_TYPE="abs"'. This defines<br>the BMD as an absolute change from the control dose of zero by a specified<br>amount. That is the BMD is the dose that solves the equation $  f(dose) - f(0)   = BMR$  |
| BMR     | This option specifies the benchmark response BMR. The BMR is defined in relation to the BMD calculation requested (see BMD). By default, the "BMR = $0.1$ ."  |
| point_p | This option is only used for hybrid BMD calculations. It defines a probability that is the cutpoint for observations. It is the probability that observations have this probability, or less, of being observed at the background dose.   |
| alpha   | Alpha is the specified nominal coverage rate for computation of the lower bound<br>on the BMDL and BMDU, i.e., one computes a $100 \times (1-\alpha)\%$ . For the interval<br>(BMDL,BMDU) this is a $100 \times (1-2\alpha)\%$ . By default, it is set to 0.05.   |
| samples | the number of samples to take (MCMC only)   |
| burnin  | the number of burnin samples to take (MCMC only)  |

#### Value

a model object containing a list of single models

- Individual\_Model\_X: Here X is a number  $1 \le X \le n$ , where n is the number of models in the model average. For each X, this is an individual model fit identical to what is returned in 'single\_continuous\_fit.'
- ma\_bmd: The CDF of the model averaged BMD distribution.
- posterior\_probs: The posterior model probabilities used in the MA.
- bmd: The BMD and the  $100 \times (1 2\alpha)\%$  confidence intervals.

```
mData <- matrix(c(0, 2,50,</pre>
                   1, 2,50,
                   3, 10, 50,
                   16, 18,50,
                   32, 18,50,
                   33, 17,50), nrow=6, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)
```

```
D <- mData[,1]
Y <- mData[,2]
N <- mData[,3]
model = ma_dichotomous_fit(D,Y,N)
summary(model)
```

normprior

normprior - create a normal prior object

#### Description

Specify a normal prior for a ToxicR Bayesian model fit.

#### Usage

normprior(mean = 0, sd = 1, lb = -100, ub = 100)

# Arguments

| mean | mean of the prior   |
|------|---|
| sd   | sd of the prior distribution.   |
| lb   | lower bound on the distribution. Necessary for the optimization algorithms, To make sure it is a fully normal prior, make lb small relative to the mean/sd. |
| ub   | Upper bound on the distribution. Necessary for the optimization algorithms, To make sure it is a fully normal prior, make ub large relative to the mean/sd. |

#### Value

a normal prior model object. This object essentially a vector with the first element as 1 (for normal), the second element the mean, the third element the variance, the fourth and fifth elements the lower and upper bounds, respectively.

# Examples

```
# Normal Prior with mean 0,sd-1
normprior(mean = 0, sd = 1, lb = -1e4, ub=1e4)
# Truncated Normal prior, Truncated below at 0
normprior(mean = 0, sd = 1, lb = 0, ub=1e4)
```

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ntp\_599\_female

#### Description

This dataset contains Thyroid Adenoma data for female rats for the technical report TR-599: Sodium Tungstate Dihydrate.

#### Usage

ntp\_599\_female

#### Format

A data frame with 200 rows and 4 variables:

**treatment** -The dose group for the observation.

**days\_on\_study** -Number of days on the study 730 is the max.

adenoma - Thyroid Adenoma (Yes/No) (1/0).

dose -The dose in mg/L

For more information see: doi:10.22427/NTPDATATR599

ntp\_599\_hemotology Clinical Chemistry data from NTP Report 599

#### Description

This dataset contains clinical chemistry data for all rats in the short term 90-day study.

#### Usage

ntp\_599\_hemotology

#### Format

A data frame with 200 rows and 4 variables:

**concentration** -The dose group for the observation.

sex - Male/Female.

**response** - Response variable

response\_type - The type of response measured

For more information see: doi:10.22427/NTPDATATR599

ntp\_dunn

#### Description

ntp\_dunn Dunn's test

#### Usage

ntp\_dunn(formula, data, dose\_name = "dose")

# Arguments

| formula   | An equation of the form $Y \sim X$ . Here the variable Y is the response of interest, and X represents discrete experimental conditions. For example, if weight is the dependent variable, and you are interested in looking at the trend across sex one would have 'weight ~ sex'. |
|-----------|---|
| data      | A data frame with column names in the formula.  |
| dose_name | The name of the variable containing the doses in the data frame $data$ . It is expected multiple doses for each of the experimental conditions $X$ .  |

#### Value

The results of a Dunn's test for each level in  $dose_n ame$ .

# Examples

ntp\_dunnett ntp\_dunett Dunnett's test

#### Description

ntp\_dunett Dunnett's test

#### Usage

ntp\_dunnett(formula, data, dose\_name = "dose")

#### ntp\_jonckeere

#### Arguments

| formula   | An equation of the form $Y \sim X$ . Here the variable Y is the response of interest, and X represents discrete experimental conditions. For example, if weight is the dependent variable, and you are interested in looking at the trend across sex one would have 'weight ~ sex'. |
|-----------|---|
| data      | A data frame with column names in the formula.  |
| dose_name | The name of the variable containing the doses in the data frame $data$ . It is expected multiple doses for each of the experimental conditions $X$ .  |

# Value

The results of Dunnet's test for each level in  $dose_n ame$ 

# Examples

```
a = ntp_dunnett(response ~ sex + response_type,data=ntp_599_hemotology,dose_name="concentration")
summary(a)
```

| ntp_jonckeere | ntp_jonckeere Jonckherre's test for significant differences from back- |
|---------------|--|
|               | ground dose  |

# Description

ntp\_jonckeere Jonckherre's test for significant differences from background dose

#### Usage

```
ntp_jonckeere(formula, data, dose_name = "dose", pair = "Williams")
```

# Arguments

| formula   | An equation of the form $Y \sim X$ . Here the variable Y is the response of interest,<br>and X represents discrete experimental conditions. For example, if weight is<br>the dependent variable, and you are interested in looking at the trend across sex<br>one would have 'weight ~ sex'. |
|-----------|--|
| data      | A data frame with column names in the formula.   |
| dose_name | The name of the variable containing the doses in the data frame $data$ . It is expected multiple doses for each of the experimental conditions $X$ .   |
| pair      | The type of test used for pairwise comparison. It can either be "Williams" or "Shirley"  |

# Value

The results of a global test for difference from background.

# Examples

ntp\_jonckeere(response ~ sex + response\_type,data=ntp\_599\_hemotology,dose\_name="concentration")

ntp\_polyk

Poly-k test This function implements the NTP's polyK trend test.

#### Description

Poly-k test This function implements the NTP's polyK trend test.

#### Usage

ntp\_polyk(dose, tumor, daysOnStudy)

#### Arguments

| dose        | An equation of the form $Y \sim X$ . Here the variable Y is the response of interest,<br>and X represents discrete experimental conditions. For example, if weight is<br>the dependent variable, and you are interested in looking at the trend across sex<br>one would have 'weight ~ sex'. |
|-------------|--|
| tumor       | A data frame with column names in the formula.   |
| daysOnStudy | The name of the variable containing the doses in the data frame $data$ . It is expected multiple doses for each of the experimental conditions $X$ .   |

# Value

The results of a Williams trend test for each level in dose\_name. More information on this procedure at: doi:10.2307/2531856 and doi:10.2307/2532200 This procedure returns a vector of three p-values for the poly-1.5, poly-3, and poly-6 test respectively.

# Examples

ntp\_polyk(ntp\_599\_female\$dose,ntp\_599\_female\$adenoma,ntp\_599\_female\$days\_on\_study)

ntp\_shirley

#### Description

ntp\_shirley Shirley's test as programmed at the NTP

#### Usage

```
ntp_shirley(formula, data, dose_name = "dose")
```

#### Arguments

| formula   | An equation of the form $Y \sim X$ . Here the variable Y is the response of interest, and X represents discrete experimental conditions. For example, if weight is the dependent variable, and you are interested in looking at the trend across sex one would have 'weight ~ sex'. |
|-----------|---|
| data      | A data frame with column names in the formula.  |
| dose_name | The name of the variable containing the doses in the data frame $data$ . It is expected multiple doses for each of the experimental conditions $X$ .  |

#### Value

The results of a non-parametric Shirley's isotone test for trend on each level in  $dose_n ame$ . For more information see: doi:10.2307/2529789 The returned list contains:

- X: this represents all the class objects on the right hand side of  $Y \sim X$  above.
- dose: the dose groups relative to control.
- testStats: Value of the Shirley test statistic.
- mult\_comp\_signif: Test's significance as 0, 1, or 2 which is not-significant, significant at the 0.05
- mult\_comp\_test: The type of test, i.e. "SHIRLEY"

```
a = ntp_shirley(weight ~ sex, data=ntp_weight_data)
summary(a)
```

ntp\_weight\_data

#### Description

This dataset contains terminal body-weight data for male and female rats for the technical report TR-599: Sodium Tungstate Dihydrate.

#### Usage

ntp\_weight\_data

#### Format

A data frame with 120 rows and 4 variables:

Dose\_Group -The dose group for the observation.

**dose** -The dose in mg/L

sex -Animal's Sex

weight -Terminal body-weight

For more information see: doi:10.22427/NTPDATATR599

ntp\_williams Wiliam's trend test

#### Description

Williams Trend test for

#### Usage

```
ntp_williams(formula, data, dose_name = "dose")
```

# Arguments

| formula   | An equation of the form $Y \sim X$ . Here the variable Y is the response of interest,<br>and X represents discrete experimental conditions. For example, if weight is<br>the dependent variable, and you are interested in looking at the trend across sex<br>one would have 'weight ~ sex'. |
|-----------|--|
| data      | A data frame with column names in the formula.   |
| dose_name | The name of the variable containing the doses in the data frame $data$ . It is expected multiple doses for each of the experimental conditions $X$ .   |

#### Value

The results of a Williams trend test for each level in  $dose_n ame$ . For more information on the Williams trend test: doi:10.2307/2528930 #'

- X: this represents all the class objects on the right hand side of  $Y \sim X$  above.
- dose: the dose groups relative to control.
- willStat: Value of the Shirley test statistic.
- mult\_comp\_signif: Test's significance as 0, 1, or 2 which is not-significant, significant at the 0.05
- mult\_comp\_test: The type of test, i.e. "William"

# Examples

```
a = ntp_williams(weight ~ sex, data=ntp_weight_data)
summary(a)
```

single\_continuous\_fit single\_continuous\_fit - Fit a single continuous BMD model.

#### Description

Fit a single continuous BMD model.

#### Usage

```
single_continuous_fit(
 D,
 Υ,
 model_type = "hill",
  fit_type = "laplace",
 prior = NA,
 BMD_TYPE = "sd",
 BMR = 0.1,
  point_p = 0.01,
  distribution = "normal-ncv",
  alpha = 0.05,
  samples = 25000,
  degree = 2,
 burnin = 1000,
 ewald = FALSE,
  transform = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

| D                     | doses matrix  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Υ                     | response matrix   |
| <pre>model_type</pre> | Mean model. It should be one of "hill", "exp-3", "exp-5", "power", "polynomial"   |
| fit_type              | the method used to fit (laplace, mle, or mcmc)  |
| prior                 | Prior / model for the continuous fit. If this is specified, it overrides the parameters 'model_type' and 'distribution.'  |
| BMD_TYPE              | BMD_TYPE specifies the type of benchmark dose analysis to be performed. For continuous models, there are four types of BMD definitions that are commonly used.<br>- Standard deviation is the default option, but it can be explicitly specified with 'BMR_TYPE = "sd"' This definition defines the BMD as the dose associated with the mean/median changing a specified number of standard deviations from the mean at the control dose., i.e., it is the dose, BMD, that solves $ f(dose) - f(0)  = BMR \times \sigma$<br>- Relative deviation can be specified with 'BMR_TYPE = "rel"'. This defines the BMD as the dose that changes the control mean/median a certain percentage from the background dose, i.e. it is the dose, BMD that solves $ f(dose) - f(0)  = (1 \pm BMR)f(0)$<br>- Hybrid deviation can be specified with 'BMR_TYPE = "hybrid"'. This defines the BMD that changes the probability of an adverse event by a stated amount relitive to no exposure (i.e 0). That is, it is the dose, BMD, that solves $\frac{Pr(X > x dose) - Pr(X > x 0)}{Pr(X < x 0)} = BMR$ . For this definition, $Pr(X < x 0) = 1 - Pr(X > X 0) = \pi_0$ , where $0 \le \pi_0 < 1$ is defined by the user as "point_p," and it defaults to 0.01. Note: this discussion assumed increasing data. The fitter determines the direction of the data and inverts the probability statements for decreasing data.<br>- Absolute deviation can be specified with 'BMR_TYPE="abs"'. This defines the BMD as an absolute change from the control dose of zero by a specified amount. That is the BMD is the dose that solves the equation $ f(dose) - f(0)  = BMR$ . |
| BMR                   | This option specifies the benchmark response BMR. The BMR is defined in relation to the BMD calculation requested (see BMD). By default, the "BMR = $0.1$ ."  |
| point_p               | This option is only used for hybrid BMD calculations. It defines a probability that is the cutpoint for observations. It is the probability that observations have this probability, or less, of being observed at the background dose.   |
| distribution          | The underlying distribution used as the data distribution.  |
| alpha                 | Alpha is the specified nominal coverage rate for computation of the lower bound on the BMDL and BMDU, i.e., one computes a $100 \times (1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval. For the interval (BMDL,BMDU) this is a $100 \times (1 - 2\alpha)\%$ confidence interval. By default, it is set to 0.05.   |
| samples               | the number of samples to take (MCMC only)   |
|                       |   |

| degree    | the number of degrees of a polynomial model. Only used for polynomial models.   |
|-----------|---|
| burnin    | the number of burnin samples to take (MCMC only)  |
| ewald     | perform Wald CI computation instead of the default profile likelihood computa-<br>tion. This is the the 'FAST BMD' method of Ewald et al (2021) |
| transform | Transforms doses using $\log(dose + \sqrt{dose^2 + 1})$ . Note: this is a log transform that has a derivative defined when dose =0.             |

#### Value

Returns a model object class with the following structure:

- full\_model: The model along with the likelihood distribution.
- bmd: A vector containing the benchmark dose (BMD) and  $100 \times (1-2\alpha)$  confidence intervals.
- parameters: The parameter estimates produced by the procedure, which are relative to the model ' given in full\_model. The last parameter is always the estimate for log(sigma<sup>2</sup>).
- covariance: The variance-covariance matrix for the parameters.
- bmd\_dis: Quantiles for the BMD distribution.
- maximum: The maximum value of the likelihod/posterior.
- Deviance: An array used to compute the analysis of deviance table.
- prior: This value gives the prior for the Bayesian analysis.
- model: Parameter specifies t mean model used.
- options: Options used in the fitting procedure.
- data: The data used in the fit.
- transformed: Are the data  $\log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$  transformed? When MCMC is specified, an additional variable mcmc\_result has the following two variables:
  - PARM\_samples: matrix of parameter samples.
  - BMD\_samples: vector of BMD sampled values.

#### Examples

summary(model)

```
single_dichotomous_fit
```

Fit a single dichotomous dose-response model to data.

# Description

Fit a single dichotomous dose-response model to data.

# Usage

```
single_dichotomous_fit(
   D,
   Y,
   N,
   model_type,
   fit_type = "laplace",
   prior = NULL,
   BMR = 0.1,
   alpha = 0.05,
   degree = 2,
   samples = 21000,
   burnin = 1000
)
```

#### Arguments

| D                     | A numeric vector or matrix of doses.  |
|-----------------------|---|
| Y                     | A numeric vector or matrix of responses.  |
| Ν                     | A numeric vector or matrix of the number of replicates at a dose.   |
| <pre>model_type</pre> | The mean model for the dichotomous model fit. It can be one of the following:<br>"hill","gamma","logistic", "log-logistic", "log-probit","multistage","probit","qlinear","weibull"  |
| fit_type              | the method used to fit (laplace, mle, or mcmc)  |
| prior                 | Used if you want to specify a prior for the data.   |
| BMR                   | This option specifies the benchmark response BMR. The BMR is defined in relation to the BMD calculation requested (see BMD). By default, the "BMR = 0.1."   |
| alpha                 | Alpha is the specified nominal coverage rate for computation of the lower bound<br>on the BMDL and BMDU, i.e., one computes a $100 \times (1-\alpha)\%$ . For the interval<br>(BMDL,BMDU) this is a $100 \times (1-2\alpha)\%$ confidence interval. By default, it is<br>set to 0.05. |
| degree                | the number of degrees of a polynomial model. Only used for polynomial models.   |
| samples               | the number of samples to take (MCMC only)   |
| burnin                | the number of burnin samples to take (MCMC only)  |

#### Value

Returns a model object class with the following structure:

- full\_model: The model along with the likelihood distribution.
- parameters: The parameter estimates produced by the procedure, which are relative to the model ' given in full\_model. The last parameter is always the estimate for log(σ<sup>2</sup>).
- covariance: The variance-covariance matrix for the parameters.
- bmd\_dist: Quantiles for the BMD distribution.
- bmd: A vector containing the benchmark dose (BMD) and  $100 \times (1-2\alpha)$  confidence intervals.
- maximum: The maximum value of the likelihod/posterior.
- gof\_p\_value: GOF p-value for the Pearson  $\chi^2$  GOF test.
- gof\_chi\_sqr\_statistic: The GOF statistic.
- prior: This value gives the prior for the Bayesian analysis.
- model: Parameter specifies t mean model used.
- data: The data used in the fit.
  - When MCMC is specified, an additional variable mcmc\_result has the following two variables:
  - PARM\_samples: matrix of parameter samples.
  - BMD\_samples: vector of BMD sampled values.

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