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bernoulli_control_limit

Determine control limits for the Bernoulli CUSUM by simulation

Description

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This function can be used to determine control limits for the Bernoulli CUSUM (bernoulli_cusum) procedure by restricting the type I error alpha of the procedure over time.

Usage

```
bernoulli_control_limit(time, alpha = 0.05, followup, psi, n_sim = 200,
   glmmod, baseline_data, theta, p0, p1, h_precision = 0.01, seed = 1041996,
   pb = FALSE, assist)
```

Arguments

time	A numeric value over which the type I error alpha must be restricted.
alpha	A proportion between 0 and 1 indicating the required maximal type I error.
followup	The value of the follow-up time to be used to determine event time. Event time will be equal to entrytime + followup for each subject.
psi	A numeric value indicating the estimated Poisson arrival rate of subjects at their respective units. Can be determined using parameter_assist().
n_sim	An integer value indicating the amount of units to generate for the determination of the control limit. Larger values yield more precise control limits, but increase computation times. Default is 200.

,data

glmmod	Generalized linear regression model used for risk-adjustment as produced by the function glm(). Suggested: glm(as.formula("(survtime <= followup) & (censorid == 1) ~ covariates"), = data). Alternatively, a list containing the following elements:
	formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates;
	coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data.
baseline_data	(optional): A data. frame used for covariate resampling with rows representing subjects and at least the following named columns:
	entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric);
	<pre>survtime: time from entry until event (numeric);</pre>
	censorid: censoring indicator ($0 = \text{right censored}$, $1 = \text{observed}$), (integer).
	and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment. Can only be specified in combination with coxphmod.
theta	The $theta$ value used to specify the odds ratio e^{θ} under the alternative hypothesis. Note that
	$p_1 = \frac{p_0 e^{\theta}}{(1 - p_0)(1 + p_0 e^{\theta})}.$
р0	The baseline failure probability at entrytime + followup for individuals.
p1	The alternative hypothesis failure probability at entrytime + followup for individuals.
h_precision	(optional): A numerical value indicating how precisely the control limit should be determined. By default, control limits will be determined up to 2 significant digits.
seed	(optional): A numeric seed for survival time generation. Default is 01041996 (my birthday).
pb	(optional): A boolean indicating whether a progress bar should be shown. De-

Details

assist

This function performs 3 steps to determine a suitable control limit.

fault is FALSE.

• Step 1: Generates n_sim in-control units (failure rate as baseline). If data is provided, subject covariates are resampled from the data set.

(optional): Output of the function parameter_assist()

- Step 2: Determines chart values for all simulated units.
- Step 3: Determines control limits such that at most a proportion alpha of all units cross the control limit.

The generated data as well as the charts are also returned in the output.

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Value

A list containing three components:

- call: the call used to obtain output;
- charts: A list of length n_sim containing the constructed charts;
- data: A data. frame containing the in-control generated data.
- h: Determined value of the control limit.

Author(s)

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See Also

```
bernoulli_cusum
```

Other control limit simulation: bk_control_limit(), cgr_control_limit()

Examples

```
#We consider patient outcomes 100 days after their entry into the study.
followup <- 100

#Determine a risk-adjustment model using a generalized linear model.
#Outcome (failure within 100 days) is regressed on the available covariates:
exprfitber <- as.formula("(survtime <= followup) & (censorid == 1)~ age + sex + BMI")
glmmodber <- glm(exprfitber, data = surgerydat, family = binomial(link = "logit"))

#Determine control limit restricting type I error to 0.1 over 500 days
#using the risk-adjusted glm constructed on the baseline data.
a <- bernoulli_control_limit(time = 500, alpha = 0.1, followup = followup,
    psi = 0.5, n_sim = 10, theta = log(2), glmmod = glmmodber, baseline_data = surgerydat)
print(a$h)</pre>
```

bernoulli_cusum

Risk-adjusted Bernoulli CUSUM

Description

This function can be used to construct a risk-adjusted Bernoulli CUSUM chart for survival data. It requires the specification of one of the following combinations of parameters as arguments to the function:

- glmmod & theta
- p0 & theta
- p0 & p1

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Usage

bernoulli_cusum(data, followup, glmmod, theta, p0, p1, h, stoptime, assist)

Arguments

data A data. frame containing the following named columns for each subject:

entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric); survtime: time from entry until event (numeric);

censorid: censoring indicator (0 = right censored, 1 = observed) (integer);

and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment.

followup The value of the follow-up time to be used to determine event time. Event time

will be equal to entrytime + followup for each subject.

glmmod Generalized linear regression model used for risk-adjustment as produced by the

function glm(). Suggested:

glm(as.formula("(survtime <= followup) & (censorid == 1) ~ covariates"),data</pre>

= data).

Alternatively, a list containing the following elements:

formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates;

coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data.

theta The theta value used to specify the odds ratio e^{θ} under the alternative hypothe-

sis. Note that

$$p_1 = \frac{p_0 e^{\theta}}{(1 - p_0)(1 + p_0 e^{\theta})}.$$

p0 The baseline failure probability at entrytime + followup for individuals.

p1 The alternative hypothesis failure probability at entrytime + followup for in-

dividuals.

h (optional): Control limit to be used for the procedure.

stoptime (optional): Time after which the value of the chart should no longer be deter-

mined.

assist (optional): Output of the function parameter_assist()

Details

The Bernoulli CUSUM chart is given by

$$S_n = \max(0, S_{n-1} + W_n),$$

where

$$W_n = X_n \ln \left(\frac{p_1(1-p_0)}{p_0(1-p_1)} \right) + \ln \left(\frac{1-p_1}{1-p_0} \right)$$

and X_n is the outcome of the n-th (chronological) subject in the data. Instead of the standard practice of displaying patient numbering on the x-axis, the time of outcome is displayed.

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Value

An object of class bercusum containing:

• CUSUM: A data. frame containing the following named columns:

time: times at which chart is constructed; value: value of the chart at corresponding times; numbes: number of observations at corresponding times.

- call: the call used to obtain output;
- glmmod: coefficients of the glm() used for risk-adjustment, if specified;
- stopind: indicator for whether the chart was stopped by the control limit.

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

See Also

```
plot.bercusum, runlength.bercusum
Other quality control charts: bk_cusum(), cgr_cusum(), funnel_plot()
```

Examples

```
#We consider patient outcomes 100 days after their entry into the study.
followup <- 100
#Determine a risk-adjustment model using a generalized linear model.
#Outcome (failure within 100 days) is regressed on the available covariates:
exprfitber <- as.formula("(survtime <= followup) & (censorid == 1)~ age + sex + BMI")
glmmodber <- glm(exprfitber, data = surgerydat, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
#Construct the Bernoulli CUSUM on the 1st hospital in the data set.
bercus <- bernoulli_cusum(data = subset(surgerydat, unit == 1), glmmod = glmmodber,
followup = followup, theta = log(2))
#Plot the Bernoulli CUSUM
plot(bercus)</pre>
```

bk_control_limit

Determine control limits for BK-CUSUM by simulation

Description

This function can be used to determine control limits for the BK-CUSUM (bk_cusum) procedure by restricting the type I error alpha of the procedure over time.

Usage

```
bk_control_limit(time, alpha = 0.05, psi, n_sim = 200, theta, coxphmod,
  baseline_data, cbaseh, inv_cbaseh, interval = c(0, 9e+12),
  h_precision = 0.01, seed = 1041996, pb = FALSE, chartpb = FALSE,
  assist)
```

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Arguments

time A numeric value over which the type I error alpha must be restricted. A proportion between 0 and 1 indicating the required maximal type I error. Dealpha fault is 0.05. A numeric value indicating the estimated Poisson arrival rate of subjects at their psi respective units. Can be determined using parameter_assist(). n_sim An integer value indicating the amount of units to generate for the determination of the control limit. Larger values yield more precise control limits, but increase computation times. Default is 200. theta The expected log-hazard ratio θ under the alternative hypothesis. If $\theta >= 0$, the chart will try to detect an increase in hazard ratio (upper one-sided). If $\theta < 0$, the chart will look for a decrease in hazard ratio (lower one-sided). coxphmod A Cox proportional hazards regression model as produced by the function coxph(). Suggested: coxph(Surv(survtime,censorid) ~ covariates,data = data). Alternatively, a list with the following elements: formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates; coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data. baseline_data (optional): A data. frame used for covariate resampling with rows representing subjects and at least the following named columns: entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric); survtime: time from entry until event (numeric); censorid: censoring indicator (0 = right censored, 1 = observed), (integer). and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment. Can only be specified in combination with coxphmod. cbaseh A function that returns the unadjusted cumulative baseline hazard $H_0(t)$. If cbaseh is missing but coxphmod has been specified as a survival object, this baseline hazard rate will be determined using the provided coxphmod. (optional): A function that returns the unadjusted inverse cumulative baseline inv_cbaseh hazard $H_0^{-1}(t)$. If inv_cbaseh is missing, it will be determined from cbaseh numerically. interval (optional): Interval in which survival times should be solved for numerically. h_precision (optional): A numerical value indicating how precisely the control limit should be determined. By default, control limits will be determined up to 2 significant digits. seed (optional): A numeric seed for survival time generation. Default is 01041996 (my birthday). (optional): A boolean indicating whether a progress bar should be shown. Depb fault is FALSE. (optional): A boolean indicating whether progress bars should be displayed for chartpb the constructions of the charts. Default is FALSE. assist (optional): Output of the function parameter_assist()

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Details

This function performs 3 steps to determine a suitable control limit.

• Step 1: Generates n_sim in-control units (failure rate as baseline). If data is provided, subject covariates are resampled from the data set.

- Step 2: Determines chart values for all simulated units.
- Step 3: Determines control limits such that at most a proportion alpha of all units cross the control limit.

The generated data as well as the charts are also returned in the output.

Value

A list containing three components:

- call: the call used to obtain output;
- charts: A list of length n_sim containing the constructed charts;
- data: A data. frame containing the in-control generated data.
- h: Determined value of the control limit.
- achieved_alpha: Achieved type I error on the sample of n_sim simulated units.

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

See Also

```
bk_cusum
```

Other control limit simulation: bernoulli_control_limit(), cgr_control_limit()

Examples

```
require(survival)

#Determine a cox proportional hazards model for risk-adjustment
exprfit <- as.formula("Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ age + sex + BMI")
tcoxmod <- coxph(exprfit, data= surgerydat)

#Determine a control limit restricting type I error to 0.1 over 500 days
#with specified cumulative hazard function without risk-adjustment
a <- bk_control_limit(time = 500, alpha = 0.1, theta = log(2),
cbaseh = function(t) chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.02),
inv_cbaseh = function(t) inv_chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.02), psi = 0.5,
n_sim = 10)

#Determine a control limit restricting type I error to 0.1 over 500 days
#using the risk-adjusted cumulative hazard determined using coxph()
b <- bk_control_limit(time = 500, alpha = 0.1, theta = log(2),
coxphmod = tcoxmod, psi = 0.5, n_sim = 10)</pre>
```

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```
print(a$h)
print(b$h)
```

bk_cusum

Continuous time BK-CUSUM

Description

This function implements the BK-CUSUM procedure based on the Biswas & Kalbfleisch (2008) CUSUM. To construct the Biswas & Kalbfleisch (2008) CUSUM, set C = 1 (years) or C = 365 (days). For detection purposes, it is sufficient to determine the value of the chart at the times of failure. This can be achieved by leaving ctimes unspecified. The function requires the specification of theta and has two vital parameters, at least one of which must be specified:

- coxphmod: Cox proportional hazards model to be used for risk-adjustment. If cbaseh is not specified, it will be determined from coxphmod numerically.
- cbaseh: The cumulative baseline hazard rate to use for chart construction. If specified with coxphmod missing, no risk-adjustment will be performed

Usage

```
bk_cusum(data, theta, coxphmod, cbaseh, ctimes, h, stoptime, C,
twosided = FALSE, pb = FALSE, assist)
```

Arguments

data	A data. frame with rows representing subjects and the following named columns:
	entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric);
	survtime: time from entry until event (numeric);
	censorid: censoring indicator ($0 = \text{right censored}$, $1 = \text{observed}$), (integer).
	and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment.
theta	The expected log-hazard ratio θ under the alternative hypothesis. If $\theta >= 0$, the chart will try to detect an increase in hazard ratio (upper one-sided). If $\theta < 0$, the chart will look for a decrease in hazard ratio (lower one-sided).
coxphmod	A Cox proportional hazards regression model as produced by the function coxph(). Suggested:
	coxph(Surv(survtime,censorid) ~ covariates,data = data). Alternatively, a list with the following elements:
	formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates;
	coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data.
cbaseh	A function that returns the unadjusted cumulative baseline hazard $H_0(t)$. If

cbaseh is missing but coxphmod has been specified as a survival object, this

baseline hazard rate will be determined using the provided coxphmod.

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ctimes	(optional): Vector of construction times at which the value of the chart should be determined. When not specified, the chart is constructed at all failure times.
h	(optional): Value of the control limit. The chart will only be constructed until the value of the control limit has been reached or surpassed.
stoptime	(optional): Time after which the value of the chart should no longer be determined. Default = max(failure time). Useful when ctimes has not been specified.
С	(optional): A numeric value indicating how long after entering the study patients should no longer influence the value of the chart. This is equivalent to right-censoring every observation at time entrytime $+$ C.
twosided	(optional): A boolean indicating whether a two-sided CUSUM should be constructed. If TRUE, 2 CUSUM charts are determined. One to check for an increase of e^{θ} and one for a decrease of $e^{-\theta}$ in the hazard rate w.r.t. the baseline hazard. Default is FALSE.
pb	(optional): A boolean indicating whether a progress bar should be shown. Default is FALSE.
assist	(optional): Output of the function parameter_assist()

Details

The BK-CUSUM can be used to test the alternative hypothesis of an instant change of fixed size e^{θ} in the subject specific hazard rate from $h_i(t)$ to $h_i(t)e^{\theta}$. The parameter C can be used to ignore the contributions of subjects, C time units after their entry into the study. The BK-CUSUM is constructed as

$$G(t) = \max_{0 \le k \le t} \left(\theta N(k, t) - \left(e^{\theta} - 1 \right) \Lambda(k, t) \right),$$

where θ is the log expected hazard ratio,

$$N(k,t) = N(t) - N(k)$$

with N(t) the counting process of all failures at time t, and

$$\Lambda(k,t) = \Lambda(t) - \Lambda(k)$$

with $\Lambda(t)$ the summed cumulative intensity of all subjects at time t.

Value

An object of class bkcusum containing:

- BK: a data. frame containing the following named columns:
 - time: times at which chart is constructed;

value: value of the chart at corresponding times.

- stopind: indicator for whether the chart was stopped by the control limit;
- call: the call used to obtain output;
- h: Specified value for the control limit.

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Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

References

Biswas P. and Kalbfleisch J.D. (2008), A risk-adjusted CUSUM in continuous time based on the Cox Model, Statistics in medicine 27, 3452-3452. doi: 10.1002/sim.3216

See Also

```
plot.bkcusum, runlength.bkcusum
Other quality control charts: bernoulli_cusum(), cgr_cusum(), funnel_plot()
```

Examples

```
require(survival)
#Select only the data of the first hospital in the surgerydat data set
tdat <- subset(surgerydat, unit == 1)
#We know that the cumulative baseline hazard in the data set is
#Exponential(0.01). If you don't know the cumulative baseline, we suggest
#leaving the cbaseh argument empty and determining a coxphmod (see help)
tcbaseh <- function(t) chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.01)</pre>
#Determine a risk-adjustment model using a Cox proportional hazards model.
#Outcome (survival) is regressed on the available covariates:
exprfit <- as.formula("Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ age + sex + BMI")</pre>
tcoxmod <- coxph(exprfit, data= surgerydat)</pre>
#Determine the values of the chart
bk <- bk_cusum(data = tdat, theta = log(2), coxphmod = tcoxmod, cbaseh = tcbaseh, pb = TRUE)
#plot the BK-CUSUM (exact hazard)
plot(bk)
#Alternatively, cbaseh can be left empty when specifying coxphmod through coxph()
bk_cox <- bk_cusum(data = tdat, theta = log(2), coxphmod = tcoxmod, pb = TRUE)
#plot the BK-CUSUM (estimated hazard from coxph)
plot(bk_cox)
```

calc_risk

Calculate the Cox Proportional hazards relative risk associated with the covariates of subjects

Description

This function can be used to calculate the change in the relative risk of a subject pertaining to their covariates under a specified Cox proportional hazards model.

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Usage

```
calc_risk(data, coxphmod = NULL)
```

Arguments

data A data frame containing the covariates to be used for risk-adjustment as named

columns.

coxphmod (optional): A cox proportional hazards model generated using coxph() or a list

containing:

formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates;

coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data.

Details

The subject-specific relative risk is $e^{\beta Z_i}$, where β is a vector of regression coefficients and Z_i a vector of covariates for subject i.

Value

A vector of nrow(data) specifying the increased/decreased risk of failure for each subject.

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

Examples

```
#Small example data
crdat <- data.frame(age = rnorm(10, 40, 5), BMI = rnorm(10, 24, 3))
#Example risk-adjustment list (can also specify coxphmod)
crlist <- list(formula = as.formula("~age + BMI"), coefficients = c("age"= 0.02, "BMI"= 0.009))
#Calculate the increase or decrease of the relative risk for the subjects
#in crdat.
calc_risk(crdat, crlist)</pre>
```

cgr_control_limit

Determine control limits for CGR-CUSUM by simulation

Description

This function can be used to determine control limits for the CGR-CUSUM (cgr_cusum) procedure by restricting the type I error alpha of the procedure over time.

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Usage

```
cgr_control_limit(time, alpha = 0.05, psi, n_sim = 20, coxphmod,
baseline_data, cbaseh, inv_cbaseh, interval = c(0, 9e+12),
h_precision = 0.01, ncores = 1, seed = 1041996, pb = FALSE,
chartpb = FALSE, detection = "upper", maxtheta = Inf, assist)
```

Arguments

time A numeric value over which the type I error alpha must be restricted. alpha A proportion between 0 and 1 indicating the required maximal type I error. Default is 0.05. psi A numeric value indicating the estimated Poisson arrival rate of subjects at their respective units. Can be determined using parameter_assist(). An integer value indicating the amount of units to generate for the determination n_sim of the control limit. Larger values yield more precise control limits, but greatly increase computation times. Default is 20. coxphmod (optional): A cox proportional hazards regression model as produced by the function coxph(). Suggested: coxph(Surv(survtime,censorid) ~ covariates,data = baseline_data). Alternatively, a list with the following elements: formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates; coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data. baseline_data (optional): A data. frame used for covariate resampling with rows representing subjects and at least the following named columns: entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric); survtime: time from entry until event (numeric); censorid: censoring indicator (0 = right censored, 1 = observed), (integer). and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment. Can only be specified in combination with coxphmod. cbaseh (optional): A function that returns the unadjusted cumulative baseline hazard $H_0(t)$. If chaseh is missing but coxphmod has been specified as a survival object, this baseline hazard rate will be determined using the provided coxphmod. inv_cbaseh (optional): A function that returns the unadjusted inverse cumulative baseline hazard $H_0^{-1}(t)$. If inv_cbaseh is missing, it will be determined from cbaseh numerically. interval (optional): Interval in which survival times should be solved for numerically. h_precision (optional): A numerical value indicating how precisely the control limit should be determined. By default, control limits will be determined up to 2 significant digits. (optional): Number of cores to use to parallelize the computation of the CGRncores CUSUM charts. If ncores = 1 (default), no parallelization is done. You can use detectCores() to check how many cores are available on your computer.

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seed	(optional): A numeric seed for survival time generation. Default = my birthday.
pb	(optional): A boolean indicating whether a progress bar should be shown. Default is FALSE.
chartpb	(optional): A boolean indicating whether progress bars should be displayed for the constructions of the charts. Default is FALSE.
detection	Should the control limit be determined for an "upper" or "lower" CGR-CUSUM? Default is "upper".
maxtheta	(optional): Maximum value of maximum likelihood estimate for parameter θ . Default is Inf.
assist	(optional): Output of the function parameter_assist()

Details

This function performs 3 steps to determine a suitable control limit.

- Step 1: Generates n_sim in-control units (failure rate as baseline). If data is provided, subject covariates are resampled from the data set.
- Step 2: Determines chart values for all simulated units.
- Step 3: Determines control limits such that at most a proportion alpha of all units cross the control limit.

The generated data as well as the charts are also returned in the output.

Value

A list containing three components:

- call: the call used to obtain output;
- charts: A list of length n_sim containing the constructed charts;
- data: A data. frame containing the in-control generated data.
- h: Determined value of the control limit.
- achieved_alpha: Achieved type I error on the sample of n_sim simulated units.

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

See Also

```
cgr_cusum
```

Other control limit simulation: bernoulli_control_limit(), bk_control_limit()

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Examples

```
#Determine a cox proportional hazards model for risk-adjustment
exprfit <- as.formula("Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ age + sex + BMI")
tcoxmod <- coxph(exprfit, data= surgerydat)

#Determine a control limit restricting type I error to 0.1 over 500 days
#with specified cumulative hazard function without risk-adjustment
a <- cgr_control_limit(time = 500, alpha = 0.1, cbaseh = function(t) chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.02),
inv_cbaseh = function(t) inv_chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.02), psi = 0.5, n_sim = 10)

#Determine a control limit restricting type I error to 0.1 over 500 days
#using the risk-adjusted cumulative hazard found using coxph()
b <- cgr_control_limit(time = 500, alpha = 0.1, coxphmod = tcoxmod, psi = 0.5, n_sim = 10,
baseline_data = subset(surgerydat, unit == 1))

print(a$h)
print(b$h)</pre>
```

cgr_cusum

Continuous time Generalized Rapid response CUSUM (CGR-CUSUM)

Description

This function performs the CGR-CUSUM procedure described in Gomon et al. (in review). For detection purposes, it suffices to determine the value of the chart at the times of failure. This can be achieved by leaving ctimes unspecified. The function has two vital parameters, at least one of which must be specified:

- coxphmod: Cox proportional hazards model to be used for risk-adjustment. If cbaseh is not specified, it will be determined from coxphmod numerically.
- cbaseh: The cumulative baseline hazard rate to use for chart construction. If specified with coxphmod missing, no risk-adjustment will be performed

Usage

```
cgr_cusum(data, coxphmod, cbaseh, ctimes, h, stoptime, C, pb = FALSE,
ncores = 1, cmethod = "memory", dependencies, detection = "upper",
assist, maxtheta = Inf)
```

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Arguments

data A data. frame with rows representing subjects and the following named columns:

entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric);
survtime: time from entry until event (numeric);

censorid: censoring indicator (0 = right censored, 1 = observed), (integer).

and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment.

coxphmod A Cox proportional hazards regression model as produced by the function coxph().

Suggested:

coxph(Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ covariates, data = data).

Alternatively, a list with the following elements: formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates;

coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data.

cbaseh A function that returns the unadjusted cumulative baseline hazard $H_0(t)$. If

cbaseh is missing but coxphmod has been specified as a survival object, this

baseline hazard rate will be determined using the provided coxphmod.

ctimes (optional): Vector of construction times at which the value of the chart should

be determined. When not specified, the chart is constructed at all failure times.

h (optional): Value of the control limit. The chart will only be constructed until

the value of the control limit has been reached or surpassed.

stoptime (optional): Time after which the value of the chart should no longer be deter-

mined. Default = max(failure time). Useful when ctimes has not been specified.

C (optional): A numeric value indicating how long after entering the study patients should no longer influence the value of the chart. This is equivalent to right-

censoring every observation at time entrytime + C.

pb (optional): A boolean indicating whether a progress bar should be shown. De-

fault is FALSE.

ncores number of cores to use to parallelize the computation of the CGR-CUSUM

chart. If ncores = 1 (default), no parallelization is done. You can use detectCores()

to check how many cores are available on your computer.

cmethod Method to calculate chart values. One of the following:

"memory" (default): matrix formulation of the problem (faster for high volume/long time construction)

unichong time construction)

• "CPU" calculates the value of the CGR-CUSUM for every time point from scratch. Recommended for small data volume (lower initialization time).

dependencies (optional): When ncores > 1, specify a list of variables/functions/other depen-

dencies to be exported to the core clusters for parallel computation.

detection Should an "upper" or "lower" CGR-CUSUM be constructed. Upper CUSUMs

can be used to monitor for an increase in the failure rate, while lower CUSUMs

can be used to monitor for a decrease in the failure rate.

assist (optional): Output of the function parameter_assist()

maxtheta (optional): Maximum value of maximum likelihood estimate for parameter θ .

Default is Inf.

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Details

The CGR-CUSUM can be used to test for a change of unknown positive fixed size θ in the subject-specific hazard rate from $h_i(t)$ to $h_i(t)e^{\theta}$ starting from some unknown subject ν . The starting time of the first subject who had an increase in failure rate as well as the estimated increase in the hazard rate are shown in the output. The CGR-CUSUM is determined as

$$\max_{1 \leq \nu \leq n} \left(\hat{\theta}_{\geq \nu}(t) N_{\geq \nu}(t) - \left(\exp \left(\hat{\theta}_{\geq \nu}(t) \right) - 1 \right) \Lambda_{\geq \nu}(t) \right),$$

where

$$N(\geq \nu)(t) = \sum_{i > \nu} N_i(t),$$

with $N_i(t)$ the counting process for the failure at time t of subject i and

$$\Lambda_{\geq \nu}(t) = \sum_{i \geq \nu} \Lambda_i(t),$$

where $\Lambda_i(t)$ is the cumulative intensity of subject i at time t.

Value

An object of class "cgrcusum" containing:

• CGR: a data.frame with named columns:

time: times at which chart is constructed;

value: value of the chart at corresponding times;

exp_theta_t: value of MLE e^{θ_t} ;

S_nu time from which patients are considered for constructing the chart.

- call: the call used to obtain output;
- stopind: indicator for whether the chart was stopped by the control limit;
- h: Specified value for the control limit.

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

See Also

```
plot.cgrcusum, runlength.cgrcusum
```

Other quality control charts: bernoulli_cusum(), bk_cusum(), funnel_plot()

Examples

```
require(survival)
#Select only the data of the first year of the first hospital in the surgerydat data set
```

tdat <- subset(surgerydat, unit == 1 & entrytime < 365)

```
#We know that the cumulative baseline hazard in the data set is
#Exponential(0.01). If you don't know the cumulative baseline, we suggest
```

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```
#leaving the cbaseh argument empty and determining a coxphmod (see help)
tcbaseh <- function(t) chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.01)

#Determine a risk-adjustment model using a Cox proportional hazards model.
#Outcome (survival) is regressed on the available covariates:
exprfit <- as.formula("Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ age + sex + BMI")
tcoxmod <- coxph(exprfit, data= surgerydat)

#Determine the values of the chart
cgr <- cgr_cusum(data = tdat, coxphmod = tcoxmod, cbaseh = tcbaseh, pb = TRUE)
#plot the CGR-CUSUM (exact hazard)
plot(cgr)

#Alternatively, cbaseh can be left empty when specifying coxphmod through coxph()
cgr_cox <- cgr_cusum(data = tdat, coxphmod = tcoxmod, pb = TRUE)
#plot the CGR-CUSUM (estimated hazard from coxph)
plot(cgr_cox)</pre>
```

exp_hazards

Exponential hazard, cumulative hazard and inverse cumulative hazard

Description

Functions which return the hazard, cumulative hazard and inverse cumulative hazard at time t for an exponential distribution with parameter λ and true hazard ratio μ .

Usage

```
haz_exp(t, lambda)
chaz_exp(t, lambda, mu = log(1))
inv_chaz_exp(t, lambda, mu = log(1))
```

Arguments

t time of evaluation.

lambda parameter of the exponential distribution. mu (optional) true excess hazard rate μ .

Details

The hazard function of an exponential distribution is given by:

$$h(\lambda) = \lambda$$

The cumulative hazard (with true hazard ratio μ) is given by:

$$H(\lambda, \mu) = \lambda t e^{\mu}$$

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The inverse cumulative hazard (with true hazard ratio μ) by:

$$H^{-1}(\lambda,\mu) = \frac{t}{\lambda e^{\mu}}$$

Value

Value of specified function at time t.

extract_hazard

Extract (inverse) cumulative baseline hazard from Cox PH model

Description

Extracts a function which returns the (inverse) cumulative baseline hazard from a coxph() call.

Usage

```
extract_hazard(coxphmod)
```

Arguments

coxphmod

A call to coxph().

Value

A list containing:

- cbaseh: A function which returns the cumulative baseline hazard at specified time;
- inv_cbaseh: A function which returns the inverse cumulative baseline hazard at specified time.
- max_time: maximal time at which cbaseh is known;
- max_haz: value of maximal hazard (at maximum time).

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

See Also

coxph

Examples

```
require(survival)
exprfit <- as.formula("Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ age + sex + BMI")
tcoxmod <- coxph(exprfit, data= surgerydat)
tcox_hazard_fcts <- extract_hazard(tcoxmod)</pre>
```

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funnel_plot Risk-adjusted funnel plot		
	funnel_plot	Risk-adjusted funnel plot

Description

This function allows to construct a risk-adjusted funnel plot for comparing survival proportion between units.

Usage

```
funnel_plot(data, ctime, p0, glmmod, followup, conflev = c(0.95, 0.99), assist)
```

Arguments

1 3	guments	
	data	A data. frame with rows representing subjects and the following named columns:
		<pre>entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric);</pre>
		<pre>survtime: time from entry until event (numeric);</pre>
		censorid: censoring indicator (0 = right censored, 1 = observed), (integer);
		unit: integer or character indicating which unit (f.e. hospital) the observation belongs to.
		and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment.
	ctime	Construction time at which the funnel plot should be determined. Maximum possible time used when not specified.
	p0	The baseline failure probability at entrytime + followup for individuals. If not specified, average failure proportion over whole data is used instead.
	glmmod	A generalized linear regression model as produced by the function glm(). Recommended:
		glm(as.formula("(survtime <= followup) & (censorid == 1) ~ covariates"), data = data).
		Alternatively, a list with the following elements:
		<pre>formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates;</pre>
		coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data.
	followup	The followup time for every individual. At what time after subject entry do we consider the outcome?
	conflev	A vector of confidence levels of interest. Default is c(0.95, 0.99).
	assist	(optional): Output of the function parameter_assist()

Value

An object of class "funnelplot" containing:

```
• data: A data.frame containing: unit: unit number/name;
```

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```
observed: observed number of failures at unit;
expected: expected (risk-adjusted) number of failures at unit;
numtotal total number of individuals considered at this unit;
p: (risk-adjusted) proportion of failure at unit;
conflevels: worse/in-control/better performance than expected at specified confidence levels.
```

- call: the call used to obtain output
- plotdata: data used for plotting confidence intervals
- conflev: specified confidence level(s)
- p0: (Estimated) baseline failure probability

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

See Also

```
plot.funnelplot, summary.funnelplot
Other quality control charts: bernoulli_cusum(), bk_cusum(), cgr_cusum()
```

Examples

```
#Determine a risk-adjustment model using a generalized linear model.
#Outcome (survival in first 100 days) is regressed on the available covariates:
exprfitfunnel <- as.formula("(survtime <= 100) & (censorid == 1)~ age + sex + BMI")
glmmodfun <- glm(exprfitfunnel, data = surgerydat, family = binomial(link = "logit"))
#Determine the necessary values to produce a funnel plot
funnel <- funnel_plot(data = surgerydat, ctime = 3*365, glmmod = glmmodfun, followup = 100)
#Produce a funnel plot!
plot(funnel)
## Not run:
require(plotly)
#Create an interactive plot!
ggplotly(plot(funnel))
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

generate_units

Generate units with specified failure rate

Description

Generate n_sim units with subjects arriving according to a Poisson process with rate psi until time. Failure rate is determined either from cbaseh or inv_cbaseh, or from specified coxphmod. Covariates will be resampled from baseline_data if specified.

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Usage

```
generate_units(time, psi, n_sim = 20, cbaseh, inv_cbaseh, coxphmod = NULL, baseline_data, interval = c(0, 9e+12), mu = 0)
```

Arguments

time	A numeric value indicating until what time from the start of the study subjects can arrive.
psi	Poisson arrival rate for subjects.
n_sim	An integer indicating how many units should be generated. Default is 20.
cbaseh	A function returning the cumulative baseline hazard at each relevant time point. Will be numerically inverted to generate failure times. If the inverse cumulative baseline hazard function is available, please specify inv_cbaseh instead.
inv_cbaseh	A function returning the inverse cumulative baseline hazard at each relevant time point.
coxphmod	(optional): A cox proportional hazards model generated using coxph() or a list containing:
	formula: a formula() in the form ~ covariates;
	coefficients: a named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates. Names must be the same as in formula and colnames of data.
	If both cbaseh and inv_cbaseh are missing, the hazard rate will be determined from coxphmod.
baseline_data	(optional): A data.frame used for covariate resampling with rows representing subjects and columns containing covariates to use for risk-adjustment. Should only be specified in combination with coxphmod.
interval	(optional) A numeric vector of length 2 indicating in which range of values the failure times of subjects should be determined. By default, failure times will be restricted between 0 and 9e12.
mu	(optional) The increased log hazard ratio at the generated units with respect to

Details

In a Poisson arrival process, inter-arrival times are exponentially distributed with parameter psi. If cbaseh is specified, the inverse baseline hazard will be determined using uniroot(). The times of failure are then determined using gen_surv_times().

the specified baseline hazard rate. Default is log(1) = 0.

Value

```
A data.frame with rows representing subjects and the following named columns: entrytime: time of subject entry into the study; survtime: survival time of subject; censorid: censoring indicator, 0 = \text{censored}, 1 = \text{observed}; unit: unit number;
```

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```
expmu: exponent of the log hazard ratio used to generate survival times; psival: arrival rate at unit; covariates: covariates resampled from baseline_data.
```

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

Examples

```
require(survival)
#Fit a Cox model
exprfit <- as.formula("Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ age + sex + BMI")
tcoxmod <- coxph(exprfit, data= surgerydat)

#Generate 30 hospitals with on average 2 patients per day arriving
#according to the Cox model determined above, with resampling from the
#original data set. The hazard rate at the hospitals is twice the baseline
#hazard.
generate_units(time = 50, psi = 2, n_sim = 30, coxphmod = tcoxmod,
baseline_data = surgerydat, mu = log(2))</pre>
```

gen_arriv_times

Generate arrival times according to a Poisson point process

Description

This function can be used to generate arrival times for a Poisson point process with rate psi up until time t.

Usage

```
gen_arriv_times(psi, t)
```

Arguments

psi rate of the arrival process.

t time until which arrivals should be generated.

Details

Exponential(ψ) interarrival times.

Value

A vector of arrival times up until time t.

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Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

Examples

```
set.seed(123)
gen_arriv_times(psi = 0.3, t = 5)
gen_arriv_times(psi = 0.3, t = 20)
```

gen_surv_times

Generate survival times

Description

Generate survival times according to hazard rate $h(t) \exp(\mu)$ with h(t) the hazard rate associated with the specified inverse cumulative hazard rate invchaz and μ the specified true hazard ratio mu. See Bender et al. (2005).

Usage

```
gen_surv_times(invchaz, mu = log(1), data, coxphmod = NULL)
```

Arguments

invchaz the inverse cumulative (baseline) hazard rate to be used for generating survival

times. Must take vector inputs!

mu the true hazard ratio used to generate survival times.

data an integer number of survival times to generate or (in combination with coxph-

mod): a data. frame containing subject covariates in named columns.

coxphmod (optional) a cox proportional hazards regression model as produced by the func-

tion coxph(). Standard practice:

coxph(Surv(survtime,censorid) ~ covariates,data = data).

Alternatively, a list with:

- \$formula (~ covariates)
- \$coefficients (named vector specifying risk adjustment coefficients for covariates names must be the same as in \$formula and colnames of data).

Details

Sometimes it is desirable to generate survival times from an increased hazard rate

$$h(t,\mu) = h_0(t)e^{\mu}$$

with h_0 the baseline hazard rate. We call e^{μ} the true hazard ratio.

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Value

A vector of survival times from subject entry time.

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

References

Bender, R., Augustin, T., & Blettner, M. (2005). Generating survival times to simulate Cox proportional hazards models. Statistics in Medicine, 24(11), 1713-1723. doi: 10.1002/sim.2059

Examples

```
set.seed(123)
gen_surv_times(invchaz = function(t) inv_chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.01), data = 5)
```

interactive_plot

Plot a list of CUSUM charts (interactive)

Description

Create an interactive plot visualizing a combination of control charts which can be created using this package.

Usage

```
interactive_plot(x, unit_names, scale = FALSE, group_by = c("none", "unit",
    "type"), highlight = FALSE, manual_colors = c(), ...)
```

Arguments

X	A list with each item containing one cumulative sum chart.
unit_names	The unit names to be displayed in the interactive plot. Must be of equal length as \boldsymbol{x} .
scale	Should charts be scaled with respect to their control limit/ maximum value? Default is FALSE.
group_by	Character indicating how to group the CUSUM charts in the plot. Possible values are $c("none","unit","type")$. Default is "none".
highlight	Should charts be highlighted on hover? Default is FALSE.
manual_colors	A character vector specifying which colors to use for the units in the data. By default, the "Dark2" color set from brewer.pal() will be used.
	Further plotting parameters

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Value

An interactive plot will be produced in the current graphics device. For more information on the possibilities for interaction, see https://plotly.com/r/.

See Also

```
cgr_cusum, bk_cusum, bernoulli_cusum, funnel_plot
```

Examples

```
require(survival)
#Extract data to construct CUSUM charts on
tdat <- subset(surgerydat, unit == 1 & entrytime < 365)
tdat2 <- subset(surgerydat, unit == 2 & entrytime < 365)
#Determine model parameters
followup <- 100
tcbaseh <- function(t) chaz_exp(t, lambda = 0.01)</pre>
exprfit <- as.formula("Surv(survtime, censorid) ~ age + sex + BMI")</pre>
tcoxmod <- coxph(exprfit, data= surgerydat)</pre>
exprfitber <- as.formula("(survtime <= followup) & (censorid == 1)^{\sim} age + sex + BMI")
glmmodber <- glm(exprfitber, data = surgerydat, family = binomial(link = "logit"))</pre>
#Construct the charts
cgr <- cgr_cusum(data = tdat, coxphmod = tcoxmod, cbaseh = tcbaseh, pb = TRUE)
cgr$h <- 8.29
bk <- bk_cusum(data = tdat, theta = log(2), coxphmod = tcoxmod, cbaseh = tcbaseh, pb = TRUE)
bk$h <- 6.23
bercus <- bernoulli_cusum(data = subset(surgerydat, unit == 1), glmmod = glmmodber,</pre>
followup = followup, theta = log(2))
bercus$h <- 3.36
bk2 <- bk_cusum(data = tdat2, theta = log(2), coxphmod = tcoxmod, cbaseh = tcbaseh, pb = TRUE)
bk2$h <- 6.23
#Create the plot
interactive_plot(list(cgr, bk, bercus, bk2), unit_names =
c("hosp1", "hosp1", "hosp1", "hosp2"))
```

parameter_assist

Assist users in parameter selection

Description

This function can be used to determine some of the vital parameters used to construct control charts in this package.

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Usage

```
parameter_assist(baseline_data, data, formula, followup, theta = log(2),
  time, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

baseline_data A data.frame for determining a baseline performance metric. Rows should

represent subjects and the following named columns should be present:

entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric); survtime: time from entry until event (numeric);

censorid: censoring indicator (0 = right censored, 1 = observed), (integer).

and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment.

data A data.frame with data on which the user wants to construct quality control

charts. Rows should represent subjects and the following named columns should

be present:

entrytime: time of entry into study (numeric); survtime: time from entry until event (numeric);

censorid: censoring indicator (0 = right censored, 1 = observed), (integer).

and optionally additional covariates used for risk-adjustment.

formula A formula with right-hand side (RHS) indicating the form in which the covari-

ates should be used for the Cox and GLM regression models. LHS of the for-

mula will be ignored, and can be left empty.

followup (optional): The value of the follow-up time to be used to determine event time.

Event time will be equal to entrytime + followup for each subject.

theta The value of the expected log-hazard ratio. In other words: the logarithm of the

expected increase in the odds of failure/failure rate. Default is log(2) (detecting

a doubling of the odds/failure rate).

time Timeframe over which the type I error of the control chart should be limited.

Should be in the same unit as survtime in data. If left unspecified, the maxi-

mum entrytime in baseline_data is taken. (numeric)

alpha Required maximal type I error (between 0 and 1) of the procedure over the

timeframe specified in time. Default is 0.05. (numeric)

Details

Depending on the specified arguments, the function will return parameters. If covariate_names is not specified, the returned risk-adjustment models will be trivial. If formula is not specified but covariate_names are, the function assumes the simplest form for the regression model (cov1 + cov2 + ...). If followup is not specified, no glmmod will be determined

Value

A list of parameters to feed to quality control charts in this package

• call: The call used to obtain output.

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- data: The data used in the call to the function.
- baseline_data: The baseline_data used in the call to the function
- glmmod: A glm() model which can be fed to the funnel_plot() and bernoulli_cusum() functions.
- coxphmod: A coxph() model which can be fed to the cgr_cusum() and cgr_cusum() functions.
- psi: Estimated Poisson arrival rate in data.

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

Examples

```
require(survival)

#Minimal example - no risk-adjustment
pars_min <- parameter_assist(baseline_data = surgerydat,
data = subset(surgerydat, unit == 1))

#Specifying all parameters
pars <- parameter_assist(baseline_data = surgerydat,
data = subset(surgerydat, unit == 1),
formula = formula("survtime ~ age + sex + BMI"), followup = 100)</pre>
```

plot.cgrcusum

Plot a quality control chart

Description

Plot a cgrcusum, bkcusum, bercusum or funnelplot chart, or a list containing a combination of 'bercusum', 'bkcusum' and 'cgrcusum' charts.

Usage

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

## S3 method for class 'bkcusum'
plot(x, h, ...)

## S3 method for class 'funnelplot'
plot(x, percentage = TRUE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bercusum'
plot(x, h = x$h, ...)
```

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Arguments

X	Chart to plot
h	Control limit to display for cgrcusum, bkcusum or bercusum
	Further plotting parameters
percentage	Should output be shown in percentages? Default is TRUE.

Value

A plot of the associated chart is displayed in the current graphics device.

Methods (by class)

cgrcusum: Plot a CGR-CUSUM
bkcusum: Plot a BK-CUSUM
funnelplot: Display a funnel plot
bercusum: Plot a Bernoulli CUSUM

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

See Also

```
cgr_cusum, bk_cusum, bernoulli_cusum, funnel_plot
```

runlength

Determine run length of a CUSUM chart

Description

This function can be used to calculate the run length of a 'cgrcusum', 'bkcusum' or 'bercusum' chart when using control limit h

Usage

```
runlength(chart, h)
## S3 method for class 'cgrcusum'
runlength(chart, h, ...)
## S3 method for class 'bkcusum'
runlength(chart, h, ...)
## S3 method for class 'bercusum'
runlength(chart, h, ...)
```

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Arguments

chart A cgrcusum, bkcusum or bercusum chart.

h Control limit h to be used when determining the run length

... Other parameters

Value

The run length of the chart with the given control limit.

Methods (by class)

- cgrcusum: determines runlength of cgrcusum object
- bkcusum: determines runlength of bkcusum object
- bercusum: determines runlength of bercusum object

Author(s)

Daniel Gomon

Examples

```
exprfitber <- as.formula("(survtime <= 100) & (censorid == 1) ~ age + sex + BMI") glmmodber <- glm(exprfitber, data = surgerydat, family = binomial(link = "logit")) bercus <- bernoulli_cusum(data = subset(surgerydat, unit == 14), glmmod = glmmodber, followup = 100, theta = \log(2)) #Determine the run length of the above Bernoulli CUSUM when using a control limit #of h = 1. runlength(bercus, h = 1)
```

summary.funnelplot

Summarizes S3 objects in this package.

Description

Prints a summary of the funnelplot object.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'funnelplot'
summary(object, ...)
```

Arguments

```
object S3 object to summarize extra parameters
```

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Value

A data. frame with:

- unit: unit number/identifier;
- observed: the observed amount of failures at respective unit;
- expected: the expected amount of failures at respective unit, given that the unit is performing at target;
- numtotal: total number of subjects at respective unit;
- p: estimated probability of failure at unit;
- '0.xx': better/normal/worse proportion of failure at specified confidence levels.

Methods (by class)

• funnelplot: summarize instances detected by the funnelplot object

See Also

funnel_plot

surgerydat

Simulated data set with data of surgery procedures performed at multiple hospitals.

Description

Data about patients and their surgery procedure from 45 simulated hospitals with patient arrivals in the first 400 days after the start of the study.

Patient survival times were determined using a risk-adjusted Cox proportional hazards model with coefficients age = 0.003, BMI = 0.02 and sexmale = 0.2 and exponential baseline hazard rate $h_0(t, \lambda = 0.01)e^{\mu}$. Some hospitals have an increased failure rate:

- Hospitals 1-15: $\mu \sim N(log(0.5), sd = 0.25)$
- Hospitals 16-30: $\mu \sim N(log(1), sd = 0.25)$
- Hospitals 31-45: $\mu \sim N(log(2), sd = 0.25)$

which means that the hazard rate at hospitals 31-45 is twice higher than exponential(λ) and twice smaller at hospitals 1-15.

The arrival rate ψ of patients at a hospital differs. The arrival rates are:

- Hospitals 1-5 & 16-20: 0.5 patients per day (small hospitals)
- Hospitals 6-10 & 21-25: 1 patient per day (medium sized hospitals)
- Hospitals 11-15 & 26-30: 1.5 patients per day (large hospitals)

These are then respectively small, medium and large hospitals.

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Usage

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Format

A data.frame with 12010 rows and 9 variables:

entrytime Time of entry of patient into study (numeric)

survtime Time from entry until failure of patient (numeric)

censorid Censoring indicator (0 - right censored, 1 - observed) (integer)

hosp_num Hospital number at which patient received treatment (integer)

expmu True excess hazard used for generating patient survival (numeric)

psival Poisson arrival rate at hospital which the patient was at (numeric)

age Age of the patient (numeric)

sex Sex of the patient (factor)

BMI Body mass index of the patient (numeric)

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