# Package 'toolStability'

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Type Package Title Tool for Stability Indices Calculation Version 0.1.1 Author Tien-Cheng Wang [aut, cre], Tsu-Wei Chen [com] Maintainer Tien-Cheng Wang <wangtien@student.hu-berlin.de> **Description** Tools to calculate stability indices with parametric, non-parametric and probabilistic approaches. The basic data format requirement for 'toolStability' is a data frame with 3 columns including numeric trait values, genotype, and environmental labels. Output format of each function is the dataframe with chosen stability index for each genotype. Function ``table\_stability" offers the summary table of all stability indices in this package. Sample dataset in this package is from: Casadebaig P, Zheng B, Chapman S et al. (2016) <doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0146385>. Indices used in this package are from: Döring TF, Reckling M (2018) <doi:10.1016/j.eja.2018.06.007>. Eberhart SA, Russell WA (1966) <doi:10.2135/cropsci1966.0011183X000600010011x>. Eskridge KM (1990) <doi:10.2135/cropsci1990.0011183X003000020025x>. Finlay KW, Wilkinson GN (1963) <doi:10.1071/AR9630742>. Hanson WD (1970) Genotypic stability. <doi:10.1007/BF00285245>. Lin CS, Binns MR (1988) <a href="https://cdnsciencepub.com/doi/abs/10.4141/cjps88-018">https://cdnsciencepub.com/doi/abs/10.4141/cjps88-018</a>>. Nassar R, Hühn M (1987). Pinthus MJ (1973) <doi:10.1007/BF00021563>. Römer T (1917). Shukla GK (1972). Wricke G (1962). **Depends** R (>= 3.5.0) VignetteBuilder knitr RoxygenNote 7.1.1 Imports dplyr, data.table, Rdpack, nortest, stats Suggests testthat, ggplot2, knitr, rmarkdown, pander, XML, httr, RCurl

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```
adjusted_coefficient_of_variation

Adjusted coefficient of variation
```

### Description

adjusted\_coefficient\_of\_variation calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
adjusted_coefficient_of_variation(data, trait, genotype, environment)
```

#### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be ana-

lyzed.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

environment colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments

#### **Details**

Adjusted coefficient of variation (Doering and Reckling, 2018) is calculated based on regression function. Variety with low adjusted coefficient of variation is considered as stable. Equation of adjusted coefficient of variation can be found in vignette file.

#### Value

a data table with adjusted coefficient of variation

### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

#### References

Döring TF, Reckling M (2018). "Detecting global trends of cereal yield stability by adjusting the coefficient of variation." *European Journal of Agronomy*, **99**, 30–36. ISSN 1161-0301, doi: 10.1016/j.eja.2018.06.007.

### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
res <- adjusted_coefficient_of_variation(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment")</pre>
```

coefficient\_of\_determination

Coefficient of determination

### Description

coefficient\_of\_determination calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
coefficient_of_determination(data, trait, genotype, environment)
```

### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analy-

sized.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

environment colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments

### **Details**

Coefficient of determination (Pinthus, 1976) is calculated based on regression function. Variety with low coefficient of determination is considered as stable. Equation of coefficient of determination can be found in vignette file.

#### Value

a data table with coefficient of determination

### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

#### References

Pinthus MJ (1973). "Estimate of genotypic value: A proposed method." *Euphytica*, **22**(1), 121–123. ISSN 1573-5060, doi: 10.1007/BF00021563.

```
data(Data)
coef.of.determination <- coefficient_of_determination(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment")</pre>
```

coefficient\_of\_regression

Coefficient of regression

#### **Description**

coefficient\_of\_regression calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

#### Usage

coefficient\_of\_regression(data, trait, genotype, environment)

### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analy-

sized.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

environment colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments

#### **Details**

Coefficient of regression (Finlay and Wilkinson, 1963) is calculated based on regression function. Variety with low coefficient of regression is considered as stable. Under the linear model

$$Y = \mu + b_i e_j + g_i + d_{ij}$$

where Y is the predicted phenotypic values,  $g_i$ ,  $e_j$  and  $\mu$  denoting genotypic, environmental and overall population mean, respectively.

The effect of GE-interaction may be expressed as:

$$(ge)_{ij} = b_i e_j + d_{ij}$$

where  $b_i$  is the coefficient of regression and  $d_{ij}$  a deviation.

Coefficient of regression may be expressed as:

$$b_i = 1 + \frac{\sum_{j} (X_{ij} - \bar{X_{i.}} - \bar{X_{.j}} + \bar{X_{..}}) \cdot (\bar{X_{.j}} - \bar{X_{..}})}{\sum_{j} (\bar{X_{.j}} - \bar{X_{..}})^2}$$

where  $X_{ij}$  is the observed phenotypic mean value of genotype i(i=1,..., G) in environment j(j=1,...,E), with  $\bar{X}_{i}$  and  $\bar{X}_{ij}$ 

denoting marginal means of genotype i and environment j,respectively.

 $\bar{X}_{...}$  denote the overall mean of X.

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### Value

a data table with coefficient of regression

#### Author(s)

Tien Cheng Wang

### References

Finlay KW, Wilkinson GN (1963). "The analysis of adaptation in a plant-breeding programme." *Australian Journal of Agricultural Research*, **14**(6), 742–754. doi: 10.1071/AR9630742.

### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
coefficient.of.regression <- coefficient_of_regression(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment")</pre>
```

Data

Wheat APSIM model simulated database

### Description

Multi-environment trail evaluating 5 genotypes in 4 locations for 4 years, with 2 nitrogen application rates, 2 sowing dates, and 2 CO2 levels of treatments (Casadebaig et al., 2016).

#### Usage

data(Data)

### **Format**

A dataframe with 640 observations on the following 8 variables.

- Yield unit: kg\*ha^-1.
- Genotype genotypes, 5 varieties.
- Environment 128 unique combination of environments for each genotype.
- Year 4 years.
- Sites 4 locations.
- Nitrogen 2 nitrogen application levels.
- CO2 2 CO2 concentration levels.
- Sowing 2 sowing dates.

### References

Casadebaig P, Zheng B, Chapman S, Huth N, Faivre R, Chenu K (2016). "Assessment of the Potential Impacts of Wheat Plant Traits across Environments by Combining Crop Modeling and Global Sensitivity Analysis." *PLOS ONE*, **11**(1), e0146385. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0146385.

### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
ggplot2::ggplot(Data,ggplot2::aes(x=Sites,y=Yield,col=Genotype))+
    ggplot2::geom_boxplot()+
    ggplot2::facet_grid(Sowing~Nitrogen,labeller =ggplot2::label_both)+
    ggplot2::ylab(bquote('Wheat yield (ton' %.%'ha'^'-1'*')'))
```

deviation\_mean\_squares

Deviation mean squares

### **Description**

deviation\_mean\_squares calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

#### Usage

```
deviation_mean_squares(
  data,
  trait,
  genotype,
  environment,
  unit.correct = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analy-

sized.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

environment column of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments

unit.correct logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared

unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit

of trait.

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### **Details**

Deviation mean squares (Eberhart and Russell, 1966) is calculated based on regression function. Variety with low stability variance is considered as stable. Equation of deviation mean squares can be found in vignette file.

### Value

a data table with deviation mean squares

### Author(s)

Tien Cheng Wang

#### References

Eberhart SA, Russell WA (1966). "Stability parameters for comparing varieties." *Crop Science*, **6**(1), 36–40. ISSN 0011-183X, doi: 10.2135/cropsci1966.0011183X000600010011x.

### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
deviation.mean.squares <- deviation_mean_squares(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment",
  unit.correct = FALSE)</pre>
```

ecovalence

Ecovalence

### **Description**

ecovalence calculate genetic and environmental interaction.

### Usage

```
ecovalence(
  data,
  trait,
  genotype,
  environment,
  unit.correct = FALSE,
  modify = FALSE
)
```

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### **Arguments**

data	a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.
trait	colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analysized.
genotype	colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different genotypic varieties
environment	colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different environments
unit.correct	logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit of trait.
modify	logical, default is FALSE, returning the original ecovalence; when TRUE, return-

### **Details**

Ecovalence (Wricke, 1962) is calcualted based on square and sum up the genotype–environment interaction all over the environment. Variety with low ecovalence is considered as stable. Equation of ecovalence can be found in vignette file.

ing modified ecovalence in consideration of number of environment.

### Value

a data table with ecovalence

### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

### References

Wricke G (1962). "Über eine Methode zur Erfassung der Ökologischen Streubreite in Feldversuchen." Zeitschrift fÃ $\frac{1}{4}$ r PflanzenzÃ $\frac{1}{4}$ chtung, 47, 92–96.

```
data(Data)
eco.valence <- ecovalence(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment",
  unit.correct = FALSE,
  modify=FALSE)</pre>
```

environmental\_variance

Environmental variance

### **Description**

environmental\_variance is used to calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
environmental_variance(data, trait, genotype, unit.correct = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analy-

sized.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

unit.correct logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared

unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit

of trait.'

#### **Details**

Environmental variance (Roemer, 1917) is calculated by squared and suming up all deviation from genotypic mean for each genotype. The larger the environmental variance of one genotype is, the lower the stability. Equation of environmental variance can be found in vignette file.

### Value

a data table with environmental variance

#### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

#### References

Römer T (1917). "Sind die ertragdreichen Sorten ertagissicherer?" *Mitteilungen der Deutschen Landwirtschaftlichen Gesellschaft*, **32**(1), 87–89.

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### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
environmental.variance <- environmental_variance(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  unit.correct = FALSE)</pre>
```

genotypic\_stability Geno

Genotypic stability

### Description

genotypic\_stability calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
genotypic_stability(data, trait, genotype, environment, unit.correct = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analy-

sized.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

environment colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments

unit.correct logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared

unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit

of trait.'

### **Details**

Genotypic stability (Hanson, 1970) is calculated based on regression function. Variety with low stability variance is considered as stable. Equation of genotypic stability can be found in vignette file.

#### Value

a data table with genotypic stability

### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

### References

Hanson WD (1970). "Genotypic stability." *Theoretical and Applied Genetics*, **40**(5), 226–231. ISSN 1432-2242, doi: 10.1007/BF00285245.

### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
genotypic.stability <- genotypic_stability(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment",
  unit.correct = FALSE)</pre>
```

```
genotypic_superiority_measure
```

Genotypic superiority measure

### **Description**

genotypic\_superiority\_measure calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
genotypic_superiority_measure(
  data,
  trait,
  genotype,
  environment,
  unit.correct = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analy-

sized.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

environment colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments

unit.correct logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared

unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit

of trait.'

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### **Details**

Genotypic superiority measure (Lin and Binns, 1988) is calculated based on means square distance between maximum value of environment j and genotype i. Variety with low genotypic superiority measure is considered as stable. Equation of genotypic superiority measure can be found in vignette file.

#### Value

a data table with genotypic superiority measure

### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

### References

Lin CS, Binns MR (1988). "A superiority measure of cultivar performance for cultivar × location data." *Canadian Journal of Plant Science*, **68**(1), 193–198. ISSN 0008-4220, https://cdnsciencepub.com/doi/10.4141/cjps88-018.

### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
res <- genotypic_superiority_measure(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment",
  unit.correct = FALSE)</pre>
```

safety\_first\_index

Safety-first Index

### **Description**

safety\_first\_index calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
safety_first_index(data, trait, genotype, environment, lambda)
```

### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be ana-

lyzed.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties.

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environment column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments.

lambda the minimal acceptable value of trait that the user expected from crop across

environments. Lambda should between the ranges of trait vlaue.

#### **Details**

Safety-first index (Eskridge, 1990) is calculated based on the assumption of that the trait from each genotype follows normal distribution over environments. Among different environments, trait below a given cirtical level  $\lambda$  is defined as failure of trait. The probability of trait failure can be obtained by entering mean and variance of trait and  $\lambda$  into the cumulated density function of normal distribution. Variety with low safety first index is considered as stable. Equation of adjusted coefficient of variation can be found in vignette file.

#### Value

a data table with coefficient of determination

#### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

#### References

Eskridge KM (1990). "Selection of Stable Cultivars Using a Safety-First Rule." *Crop Science*, **30**(2), 369. ISSN 0011-183X, doi: 10.2135/cropsci1990.0011183X003000020025x.

### **Examples**

```
data(Data)
safety.first.index <- safety_first_index(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",
  genotype = "Genotype",
  environment = "Environment",
  lambda = median(Data$Yield))</pre>
```

stability\_variance

Stability variance

### Description

stability\_variance calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
stability_variance(data, trait, genotype, environment, unit.correct = FALSE)
```

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### **Arguments**

data a da	taframe containing trait,	genotype and environment.
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trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be ana-

lyzed.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties.

environment colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments.

unit.correct logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared

unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit

of trait.#'

#### **Details**

Stability variance (Shukla, 1972) is calculated based on lindear combination of ecovalence and mean square of genotype-environment interaction. Variety with low stability variance is considered as stable. Negative values of stability variance is replaced with 0. Equation of stability variance can be found in vignette file.

#### Value

a data table with stability variance

#### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

#### References

Shukla GK (1972). "Some statistical aspects of partitioning genotype environmental components of variability." *Heredity*, **29**(2), 237–245.

```
data(Data)
stability.variance <- stability_variance(
data = Data,
    trait = "Yield",
    genotype = "Genotype",
    environment = "Environment")</pre>
```

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Table of stability indices

### **Description**

table\_stability export all the stability indices in the package.

### Usage

```
table_stability(
  data,
  trait,
  genotype,
  environment,
  lambda,
  normalize = FALSE,
  unit.correct = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

data a data frame containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be ana-

lyzed.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties.

environment colname(s) of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments, if input is a vector containing multiple column names, then it will

be merged into single environment column in the function.

lambda the minimal acceptable value of trait that the user expected from crop across

environments. Lambda should between the ranges of trait vlaue.

normalize logical, default is FALSE, indicating whether stability indices should be normal-

ized to the range from 0 to 1, where 1 refer to stable and 0 is unstable.

unit.correct logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared

unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit

of trait.

### **Details**

Combine all stability indices in this package and export as a table, including mean trait, normality of the trait across environment.

### Value

a data table with multiple stability indices

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#### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

#### References

DĶring TF, Reckling M (2018). "Detecting global trends of cereal yield stability by adjusting the coefficient of variation." European Journal of Agronomy, 99, 30-36. ISSN 1161-0301, doi: 10.1016/j.eja.2018.06.007. Pinthus MJ (1973). "Estimate of genotypic value: A proposed method." Euphytica, 22(1), 121–123. ISSN 1573-5060, doi: 10.1007/BF00021563. Finlay KW, Wilkinson GN (1963). "The analysis of adaptation in a plant-breeding programme." Australian Journal of Agricultural Research, 14(6), 742–754. doi: 10.1071/AR9630742. Eberhart SA, Russell WA (1966). "Stability parameters for comparing varieties." Crop Science, 6(1), 36–40. ISSN 0011-183X, doi: 10.2135/cropsci1966.0011183X000600010011x. Wricke G (1962). "Über eine Methode zur Erfassung der A-kologischen Streubreite in Feldversuchen." Zeitschrift fA/4r PflanzenzA/4chtung, **47**, 92–96. RĶmer T (1917). "Sind die ertragdreichen Sorten ertagissicherer?" *Mitteilungen* der Deutschen Landwirtschaftlichen Gesellschaft, 32(1), 87–89. Hanson WD (1970). "Genotypic stability." Theoretical and Applied Genetics, 40(5), 226-231. ISSN 1432-2242, doi: 10.1007/ BF00285245. Lin CS, Binns MR (1988). "A superiority measure of cultivar performance for cultivar × location data." Canadian Journal of Plant Science, 68(1), 193–198. ISSN 0008-4220, https://cdnsciencepub.com/doi/10.4141/cjps88-018. Shukla GK (1972). "Some statistical aspects of partitioning genotype environmental components of variability." Heredity, 29(2), 237-245. Nassar R, HÃ1/4hn M (1987). "Studies on estimation of phenotypic stability: Tests of significance for nonparametric measures of phenotypic stability." *Biometrics*, 43(1), 45–53. ISSN 0006-341X. Eskridge KM (1990). "Selection of Stable Cultivars Using a Safety-First Rule." Crop Science, 30(2), 369. ISSN 0011-183X, doi: 10.2135/cropsci1990.0011183X003000020025x.

#### See Also

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adjusted_coefficient_of_variation
coefficient_of_determination
coefficient_of_regression
deviation_mean_squares
ecovalence
environmental_variance
genotypic_stability
genotypic_superiority_measure
stability_variance
variance_of_rank
safety_first_index
```

```
data(Data)
tb <- table_stability(
  data = Data,
  trait = "Yield",</pre>
```

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```
genotype = "Genotype",
environment = "Environment",
lambda = median(Data$Yield),
normalize = TRUE,
unit.correct=TRUE)
```

variance\_of\_rank

variance of rank

### **Description**

variance\_of\_rank calculate variance of a genotype across environments.

### Usage

```
variance_of_rank(data, trait, genotype, environment, unit.correct = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

data a dataframe containing trait, genotype and environment.

trait colname of a column containing a numeric vector of interested trait to be analy-

sized.

genotype colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

genotypic varieties

environment colname of a column containing a character or factor vector labeling different

environments

unit.correct logical, default is FALSE, returning the stability index with unit equals to squared

unit of trait; when TRUE, returning stability index with the unit as same as unit

of trait.#'

### **Details**

Variance of rank (Nassar and Huehn, 1987) is calculated based on regression function. Variety with low variance of rank is considered as stable. Equation of variance of rank can be found in vignette file.

### Value

a data table with variance of rank

#### Author(s)

Tien-Cheng Wang

#### References

Nassar R, Hýhn M (1987). "Studies on estimation of phenotypic stability: Tests of significance for nonparametric measures of phenotypic stability." *Biometrics*, **43**(1), 45–53. ISSN 0006-341X.

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```
data(Data)
variance.of.rank <- variance_of_rank(
data = Data,
    trait = "Yield",
    genotype = "Genotype",
    environment = "Environment",
    unit.correct = FALSE)</pre>
```

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