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| ADET | <i>Event-Time dataset for kidney outcomes.</i> |
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Description

A dataset with multiple kidney outcomes over time scale outcomes of 1500 patients in the ADSL dataset.

Usage

ADET

Format

a data frame with 604 rows (events) and 6 variables:

ID patient identifiers, numeric

AVAL occurrence time of the event, numeric

PARAM name of the event, character

PARAMCD coded name of the event, character

PARAMN type of the event, outcomes 1-7, where a higher value means a better outcome, numeric

TRTPN treatment values, 1 Active or 2 Placebo, numeric

Source

Heerspink HL et al "Development and validation of a new hierarchical composite endpoint for clinical trials of kidney disease progression." Journal of the American Society of Nephrology (2023): [doi:10.1681/ASN.000000000000243](https://doi.org/10.1681/ASN.000000000000243).

Examples

```
head(ADET)
# Number of unique patients
length(unique(ADET$ID))
# Number of events per event type
barplot(table(ADET$PARAM))
```

ADLB

Laboratory dataset for Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR) measurements.

Description

A dataset of laboratory measurements of kidney function over time for the 1500 patients in the ADSL dataset.

Usage

ADLB

Format

a data frame with 13980 rows and 8 variables:

ID patient identifiers, numeric

TRTPN treatment values, 1 Active or 2 Placebo, numeric

AVAL measurement value, numeric

ADAY measurement day in the study, numeric

AVISITN hospital visit number, numeric

PARAM name of the event, GFR measurements, character

PARAMCD coded name of the event, GFR, character

PARAMN type of the event is set to 7 for all measurements, numeric

Source

Heerspink HL et al "Development and validation of a new hierarchical composite endpoint for clinical trials of kidney disease progression." *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* (2023): [doi:10.1681/ASN.000000000000243](https://doi.org/10.1681/ASN.000000000000243).

Examples

```
head(ADLB)
```

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|------|---|
| ADSL | <i>Baseline characteristics dataset of patients with kidney function assessments.</i> |
|------|---|

Description

A data frame with baseline characteristics for 1500 patients used to derive KHCE dataset.

Usage

ADSL

Format

a data frame with 1500 rows and 4 variables:

ID patient identifiers, numeric

TRTPN treatment values, 1 Active or 2 Placebo, numeric

EGFRBL Baseline GFR values of patients, numeric

STRATAN strata 1-4, higher value means a higher risk for kidney disease progression, numeric

Source

Heerspink HL et al "Development and validation of a new hierarchical composite endpoint for clinical trials of kidney disease progression." *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* (2023): [doi:10.1681/ASN.000000000000243](https://doi.org/10.1681/ASN.000000000000243).

Examples

```
head(ADSL)
```

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|--------|---|
| as_hce | <i>A generic function for coercing data structures to hce objects</i> |
|--------|---|

Description

A generic function for coercing data structures to hce objects

Usage

```
as_hce(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an object used to select a method.

... additional parameters.

Value

an hce object.

See Also

[as_hce.data.frame\(\)](#), [as_hce.default\(\)](#).

Examples

```
### data frames
data(HCE1)
HCE <- as_hce(HCE1)
calcWINS(HCE)
```

| | |
|-------------------|---|
| as_hce.data.frame | <i>Coerce a data frame to an hce object</i> |
|-------------------|---|

Description

Coerce a data frame to an hce object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
as_hce(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|------------------------|
| x | a data frame. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

an hce object.

See Also

[as_hce\(\)](#), [as_hce.default\(\)](#).

Examples

```
# The case when all required variables `AVAL0`, `GROUP`, `PADY`, and `TRTP` are present.
KHCE <- as_hce(KHCE)
## Converts to an `adhce` object
class(KHCE)
calcWO(KHCE)
# The case when only `AVAL` and `TRTP`.
## Converts to an `hce` object
```

```
dat <- KHCE[, c("TRTP", "AVAL")]
dat <- as_hce(dat)
class(dat)
summaryWO(dat)
```

as_hce.default

Coerce a data frame to an hce object

Description

Coerce a data frame to an hce object

Usage

```
## Default S3 method:
as_hce(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an object.
... additional parameters.

Value

an hce object.

See Also

[as_hce\(\)](#), [as_hce.data.frame\(\)](#).

Examples

```
dat <- KHCE
class(dat) <- "moo" # non-existent class
as_hce(dat) # tries to convert to an hce object
## It still works because the inheritance converted it to a data frame
```

calcWINS

A generic function for calculating win statistics

Description

A generic function for calculating win statistics

Usage

```
calcWINS(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an object used to select a method.
... further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

a data frame containing calculated values.

See Also

[calcWINS.hce\(\)](#), [calcWINS.formula\(\)](#), [calcWINS.data.frame\(\)](#) methods.

calcWINS.data.frame

Win statistics calculation using a data frame

Description

Win statistics calculation using a data frame

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'  
calcWINS(  
  x,  
  AVAL,  
  TRTP,  
  ref,  
  alpha = 0.05,  
  WOnull = 1,  
  SE_WP_Type = c("biased", "unbiased"),  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|---|
| x | a data frame containing subject-level data. |
| AVAL | variable in the data with ordinal analysis values. |
| TRTP | the treatment variable in the data. |
| ref | the reference treatment group. |
| alpha | 2-sided significance level. The default is 0.05. |
| WOnull | the null hypothesis. The default is 1. |
| SE_WP_Type | biased or unbiased standard error for win probability. The default is biased. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Details

When `SE_WP_Type = "unbiased"`, the calculations for win proportion, net benefit, and win odds utilize the unbiased standard error from Brunner-Konietschke (2025) paper which is a reformulation of the original formula proposed by Bamber (1975). In this case, Wilson-type confidence intervals are calculated for the win probability, net benefit, and win odds, following the approach proposed by Schuurhuis, Konietschke, and Brunner (2025).

Value

a list containing win statistics and their confidence intervals. It contains the following named data frames:

- `summary` a data frame containing number of wins, losses, and ties of the active treatment group and the overall number of comparisons.
- `WP` a data frame containing the win probability and its confidence interval.
- `NetBenefit` a data frame containing the net benefit and its confidence interval. This is just a $2x-1$ transformation of `WP` and its CI.
- `WO` a data frame containing the win odds and its confidence interval.
- `WR1` a data frame containing the win ratio and its confidence interval, using the transformed standard error of the gamma statistic.
- `WR2` a data frame containing the win ratio and its confidence interval, using the standard error calculated using `Pties`.
- `gamma` a data frame containing Goodman Kruskal's gamma and its confidence interval.
- `SE` a data frame containing standard errors used to calculate the Confidence intervals for win statistics.

When `SE_WP_Type = "unbiased"`, the `WP`, `WO` and `NetBenefit` estimators use the unbiased variance estimator of `WP`. Additionally, a Wilson-type range-preserving confidence interval is provided:

- `WP_W` a data frame containing the win probability and its range-preserving confidence interval.
- `NetBenefit_W` a data frame containing the net benefit and its range-preserving confidence interval.
- `WO_W` a data frame containing the win odds and its range-preserving confidence interval.

References

The theory of win statistics is covered in the following papers:

- Win proportion and win odds confidence interval calculation:

Somers RH (1962) "A New Asymmetric Measure of Association for Ordinal Variables." *American Sociological Review* 27.6: 799-811. doi:10.2307/2090408.

Bamber D (1975) "The area above the ordinal dominance graph and the area below the receiver operating characteristic graph." *Journal of Mathematical Psychology* 12.4: 387-415. doi:10.1016/0022-2496(75)90001-2.

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- Win ratio: the second CI utilizes the standard error presented by:

Yu RX, Ganju J. (2022) "Sample size formula for a win ratio endpoint." *Statistics in Medicine* 41.6: 950-63. doi:10.1002/sim.9297.

- Goodman Kruskal's gamma and CI: matches implementation in DescTools::GoodmanKruskalGamma() and based on:

Agresti A. (2002) *Categorical Data Analysis*. John Wiley & Sons, pp. 57-59. doi:10.1002/0471249688.

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Schüürhuis S, Konietzschke F, Brunner E. (2025) "A New Approach to the Nonparametric Behrens–Fisher Problem With Compatible Confidence Intervals." Biometrical Journal 67.6. doi:10.1002/bimj.70096.

See Also

[calcWINS\(\)](#), [calcWINS.hce\(\)](#), [calcWINS.formula\(\)](#).

Examples

```
# Example 1 - Simple use
calcWINS(x = COVID19b, AVAL = "GROUP", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "Placebo")
calcWINS(x = COVID19b, AVAL = "GROUP", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "Placebo", SE_WP_Type = "unbiased")
# Example 2 - Different variance estimators
FREQ <- c(16, 5, 0, 1, 0, 4, 1, 5, 7, 2)
dat0 <- data.frame(AVAL = rep(5:1, 2), TRTP = rep(c('A', 'P'), each = 5))
dat <- dat0[rep(row.names(dat0), FREQ),]
## By default, the variance estimator applies a 1/n weighting to the coefficients
## This approach matches the Somers' D (C|R) estimator, where `C|R` indicates that
## the column variable Y is treated as the independent variable and the row
## variable X is treated as the dependent variable.
calcWINS(AVAL ~ TRTP, data = dat)$WP
## The Brunner-Konietzschke estimator
UNB <- calcWINS(AVAL ~ TRTP, data = dat, SE_WP_Type = "unbiased")
cbind(UNB$WP, SE = UNB$SE$WP_SE)
## The Brunner-Munzel test, based on the DeLong-Clarke-Pearson formula for the variance estimation,
## applies 1/(n - 1) weighting to the coefficients.
dat1 <- IWP(data = dat, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "P")
WP <- tapply(dat1$AVAL_, dat1$TRTP, mean)
VAR <- tapply(dat1$AVAL_, dat1$TRTP, var)
N <- tapply(dat1$AVAL_, dat1$TRTP, length)
SE <- sqrt(sum(VAR/N))
c(WP = WP[[1]], SE = SE)
# Example 3 - Simulations: Biased vs unbiased vs Wilson confidence intervals for Win Probability
set.seed(1)
n0 <- 5; n1 <- 7; p0 <- 0.2; p1 <- 0.5; x <- 1:20; delta <- 0.15
WP0 <- (p1 - p0)/2 + 0.5
```

```

DAT <- NULL
for(i in x){
  dat <- data.frame(AVAL = c(rbinom(n1, size = 1, p1), rbinom(n0, size = 1, p0)),
    TRTP = c(rep("A", n1), rep("P", n0)))
  CL1 <- calcWINS(x = dat, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "P")$WP
  CL1$Type <- "biased"
  fit <- calcWINS(x = dat, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP",
    ref = "P", SE_WP_Type = "unbiased")
  CL2 <- fit$WP
  CL2$Type <- "unbiased"
  CL3 <- fit$WP_W
  CL3$Type <- "Wilson"
  DAT <- rbind(DAT, CL1, CL2, CL3)
}
WP <- DAT$WP[DAT$Type == "unbiased"]
plot(x, WP, pch = 19, xlab = "Simulations", ylab = "Win Probability",
  ylim = c(0., 1.1), xlim = c(0, max(x) + 1))
points(x + delta, WP, pch = 19)
points(x + 2*delta, WP, pch = 19)
arrows(x, DAT$LCL[DAT$Type == "unbiased"],
  x, DAT$UCL[DAT$Type == "unbiased"], angle = 90, code = 3, length = 0.05, "green")
arrows(x + delta, DAT$LCL[DAT$Type == "biased"],
  x + delta, DAT$UCL[DAT$Type == "biased"], angle = 90, code = 3,
  length = 0.05, col = "orange")
arrows(x + 2*delta, DAT$LCL[DAT$Type == "Wilson"],
  x + 2*delta, DAT$UCL[DAT$Type == "Wilson"], angle = 90, code = 3,
  length = 0.05, col = "blue")
abline(h = c(WP0, 1), col = c("darkgreen", "darkred"), lty = c(3, 4))
legend("bottomleft", legend = c("True WP", "UnBiased", "Biased", "Wilson", "Null"),
  col = c("darkgreen", "green", "orange", "blue", "darkred"),
  lty = c(3, 1, 1, 1, 4), cex = 0.75, ncol = 3)
title("Win Probability: Biased vs Unbiased vs Wilson CI")
# End of Example 3

```

calcWINS.formula

Win statistics calculation using formula syntax

Description

Win statistics calculation using formula syntax

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'formula'
calcWINS(x, data, ...)

```

Arguments

| | |
|------|-----------------------------|
| x | an object of class formula. |
| data | a data frame. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a list containing win statistics and their confidence intervals. It contains the following named data frames:

- `summary` a data frame containing number of wins, losses, and ties of the active treatment group and the overall number of comparisons.
- `WP` a data frame containing the win probability and its confidence interval.
- `NetBenefit` a data frame containing the net benefit and its confidence interval. This is just a $2x-1$ transformation of `WP` and its CI.
- `WO` a data frame containing the win odds and its confidence interval.
- `WR1` a data frame containing the win ratio and its confidence interval, using the transformed standard error of the gamma statistic.
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- `gamma` a data frame containing Goodman Kruskal's gamma and its confidence interval.
- `SE` a data frame containing standard errors used to calculate the Confidence intervals for win statistics.

When `SE_WP_Type = "unbiased"`, the `WP`, `WO` and `NetBenefit` estimators use the unbiased variance estimator of `WP`. Additionally, a Wilson-type range-preserving confidence interval is provided:

- `WP_W` a data frame containing the win probability and its range-preserving confidence interval.
- `NetBenefit_W` a data frame containing the net benefit and its range-preserving confidence interval.
- `WO_W` a data frame containing the win odds and its range-preserving confidence interval.

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See Also

[calcWINS\(\)](#), [calcWINS.hce\(\)](#), [calcWINS.data.frame\(\)](#).

Examples

```
# Example 1
calcWINS(x = GROUP ~ TRTP, data = COVID19b)
# Example 2
calcWINS(x = GROUP ~ TRTP, data = COVID19, ref = "Placebo", alpha = 0.01, WOnull = 1.2)
#' Example 3
calcWINS(x = GROUP ~ TRTP, data = COVID19)$WP
calcWINS(x = GROUP ~ TRTP, data = COVID19, SE_WP_Type = "unbiased")$WP
```

calcWINS.hce

Win statistics calculation for hce objects

Description

Win statistics calculation for hce objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hce'
calcWINS(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x an hce object.
... additional parameters.

Value

a list containing win statistics and their confidence intervals. It contains the following named data frames:

- summary a data frame containing number of wins, losses, and ties of the active treatment group and the overall number of comparisons.
- WP a data frame containing the win probability and its confidence interval.
- NetBenefit a data frame containing the net benefit and its confidence interval. This is just a $2x-1$ transformation of WP and its CI.
- WO a data frame containing the win odds and its confidence interval.
- WR1 a data frame containing the win ratio and its confidence interval, using the transformed standard error of the gamma statistic.
- WR2 a data frame containing the win ratio and its confidence interval, using the standard error calculated using P_{ties} .
- gamma a data frame containing Goodman Kruskal's gamma and its confidence interval.

- SE a data frame containing standard errors used to calculate the Confidence intervals for win statistics.

When `SE_WP_Type = "unbiased"`, the `WP`, `WO` and `NetBenefit` estimators use the unbiased variance estimator of `WP`. Additionally, a Wilson-type range-preserving confidence interval is provided:

- `WP_W` a data frame containing the win probability and its range-preserving confidence interval.
- `NetBenefit_W` a data frame containing the net benefit and its range-preserving confidence interval.
- `WO_W` a data frame containing the win odds and its range-preserving confidence interval.

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Gasparian SB, Kowalewski EK, Buenconsejo J, Koch GG. (2023) "Hierarchical Composite Endpoints in COVID-19: The DARE-19 Trial." In *Case Studies in Innovative Clinical Trials*, Chapter 7, 95–148. Chapman; Hall/CRC. doi:10.1201/9781003288640-7.

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Brunner E, Konietzschke F. (2025) "An unbiased rank-based estimator of the Mann–Whitney variance including the case of ties." *Statistical Papers* 66: 20. doi:10.1007/s00362-024-01635-0.

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See Also

`calcWINS()`, `calcWINS.formula()`, `calcWINS.data.frame()`.

Examples

```
# Example 1
COVID19HCE <- hce(GROUP = COVID19$GROUP, TRTP = COVID19$TRTP)
calcWINS(COVID19HCE)
# Example 2
COVID19bHCE <- hce(GROUP = COVID19b$GROUP, TRTP = COVID19b$TRTP)
calcWINS(COVID19bHCE, ref = "Placebo", WOnull = 1.1, alpha = 0.01)
# Example 3
calcWINS(COVID19HCE, SE_WP_Type = "unbiased")$WP
calcWINS(COVID19HCE, SE_WP_Type = "biased")$WP
```

| | |
|--------|--|
| calcWO | <i>A generic function for calculating win odds</i> |
|--------|--|

Description

A generic function for calculating win odds

Usage

```
calcWO(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|--|
| x | an object used to select a method. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

a data frame containing calculated values.

See Also

[calcWO.hce\(\)](#), [calcWO.formula\(\)](#), [calcWO.data.frame\(\)](#) methods.

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| calcWO.data.frame | <i>Win odds calculation using a data frame</i> |
|-------------------|--|

Description

Win odds calculation using a data frame

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
calcWO(x, AVAL, TRTP, ref, alpha = 0.05, WOnull = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| x | a data frame containing subject-level data. |
| AVAL | variable in the data with ordinal analysis values. |
| TRTP | the treatment variable in the data. |
| ref | the reference treatment group. |
| alpha | significance level. The default is 0.05. |
| WOnull | the null hypothesis. The default is 1. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a data frame containing the win odds and its confidence interval. It contains the following columns:

- WO calculated win odds.
- LCL lower confidence limit.
- UCL upper confidence limit.
- SE standard error of the win odds.
- WOnull win odds of the null hypothesis (specified in the WOnull argument).
- alpha two-sided significance level for calculating the confidence interval (specified in the alpha argument).
- Pvalue p-value associated with testing the null hypothesis.
- WP calculated win probability.
- LCL_WP lower confidence limit for WP.
- UCL_WP upper confidence limit for WP.
- SE_WP standard error of the win probability.
- SD_WP standard deviation of the win probability, calculated as SE_WP multiplied by sqrt(N).
- N total number of patients in the analysis.

References

Gasparian SB et al. "Adjusted win ratio with stratification: calculation methods and interpretation." *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 30.2 (2021): 580-611. doi:[10.1177/0962280220942558](https://doi.org/10.1177/0962280220942558).

See Also

[calcWO\(\)](#), [calcWO.hce\(\)](#), [calcWO.formula\(\)](#).

Examples

```
data(HCE4)
calcWO(x = HCE4, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "P")
```

calcWO.formula

Win odds calculation using formula syntax

Description

Win odds calculation using formula syntax

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
calcWO(x, data, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------|-----------------------------|
| x | an object of class formula. |
| data | a data frame. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a data frame containing the win odds and its confidence interval. It contains the following columns:

- WO calculated win odds.
- LCL lower confidence limit.
- UCL upper confidence limit.
- SE standard error of the win odds.
- WOnull win odds of the null hypothesis (specified in the WOnull argument).
- alpha two-sided significance level for calculating the confidence interval (specified in the alpha argument).
- Pvalue p-value associated with testing the null hypothesis.
- WP calculated win probability.
- LCL_WP lower confidence limit for WP.
- UCL_WP upper confidence limit for WP.
- SE_WP standard error of the win probability.
- SD_WP standard deviation of the win probability, calculated as SE_WP multiplied by sqrt(N).
- N total number of patients in the analysis.
- formula returning the specified formula in the x argument.
- ref showing how the reference group was selected. Can be modifying by specifying the ref argument.

References

Gasparyan SB et al. "Adjusted win ratio with stratification: calculation methods and interpretation." *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 30.2 (2021): 580-611. doi:[10.1177/0962280220942558](https://doi.org/10.1177/0962280220942558).

See Also

`calcWO()`, `calcWO.hce()`, `calcWO.data.frame()`.

Examples

```
#Example 1
data(HCE1)
calcWO(AVAL ~ TRTP, data = HCE1)

#Example 2
calcWO(GROUP ~ TRTP, data = COVID19, ref = "Placebo", alpha = 0.01)
```

| | |
|------------|---|
| calcWO.hce | <i>Win odds calculation for hce objects</i> |
|------------|---|

Description

Win odds calculation for hce objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hce'  
calcWO(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|------------------------|
| x | an hce object. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a data frame containing the win odds and its confidence interval. It contains the following columns:

- WO calculated win odds.
- LCL lower confidence limit.
- UCL upper confidence limit.
- SE standard error of the win odds.
- WOnull win odds of the null hypothesis (specified in the WOnull argument).
- alpha two-sided significance level for calculating the confidence interval (specified in the alpha argument).
- Pvalue p-value associated with testing the null hypothesis.
- WP calculated win probability.
- LCL_WP lower confidence limit for WP.
- UCL_WP upper confidence limit for WP.
- SE_WP standard error of the win probability.
- SD_WP standard deviation of the win probability, calculated as SE_WP multiplied by sqrt(N).
- N total number of patients in the analysis.

References

Gasparyan SB et al. "Adjusted win ratio with stratification: calculation methods and interpretation." *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 30.2 (2021): 580-611. doi:10.1177/0962280220942558.

See Also

[calcWO\(\)](#), [calcWO.formula\(\)](#), [calcWO.data.frame\(\)](#).

Examples

```
Rates_A <- c(1, 1.5)
Rates_P <- c(2, 2)
dat <- simHCE(n = 500, TTE_A = Rates_A, TTE_P = Rates_P, CM_A = 1.25, CM_P = 1)
calcWO(dat)
calcWO(dat, ref = "A", WOnull = 1, alpha = 0.01)
```

COVID19

COVID-19 ordinal scale dataset (full report).

Description

A dataset with COVID-19 ordinal scale outcomes for 1062 patients.

Usage

```
COVID19
```

Format

a data frame with 1062 rows and 2 variables:

GROUP type of the event, ordinal outcomes 1-8, where a higher value means a better outcome

TRTP treatment values, A Active or P Placebo, character

Source

Beigel JH et al. "Remdesivir for the treatment of Covid-19-final report." New England Journal of Medicine 383.19 (2020): 1813-1836. doi:[10.1056/NEJMoa2007764](https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa2007764).

Examples

```
#Frequencies
table(COVID19)
mosaicplot(table(COVID19), col = c(1, 8, 6, 2, 4, 5, 3, 7),
xlab = "Treatment", ylab = "Ordinal Scale", main = "COVID-19 ordinal scale")
# Convert to an hce object
COVID19HCE <- hce(GROUP = COVID19$GROUP, TRTP = COVID19$TRTP)
# Summary wins, losses, and ties with win odds
summaryWO(COVID19HCE, ref = "Placebo")
```

COVID19b

COVID-19 ordinal scale dataset (preliminary report).

Description

A dataset with COVID-19 ordinal scale outcomes for 844 patients.

Usage

COVID19b

Format

a data frame with 844 rows and 2 variables:

GROUP type of the event, ordinal outcomes 1-8, where a higher value means a better outcome

TRTP treatment values, Active or Placebo, character

Source

Beigel JH et al. "Remdesivir for the treatment of Covid-19-final report." New England Journal of Medicine 383.19 (2020): 1813-1836. doi:[10.1056/NEJMoa2007764](https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa2007764).

Examples

```
#Frequencies
table(COVID19b)
mosaicplot(table(COVID19b), col = c(1, 8, 6, 2, 4, 5, 3, 7),
xlab = "Treatment", ylab = "Ordinal Scale", main = "COVID-19 ordinal scale")
# Calculate win statistics
calcWINS(x = COVID19b, AVAL = "GROUP", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "Placebo")
```

COVID19plus

COVID-19 ordinal scale dataset for a combination therapy.

Description

A dataset with COVID-19 ordinal scale outcomes for 1033 patients.

Usage

COVID19plus

Format

a data frame with 1033 rows and 4 variables:

ID patient identifiers, numeric

TRTP treatment values, A Active or P Placebo, character

GROUP type of the event, ordinal outcomes 1-8, where a higher value means a better outcome

BASE baseline ordinal values

Source

Kalil AC et al. "Baricitinib plus Remdesivir for Hospitalized Adults with Covid-19." *New England Journal of Medicine* 384.9 (2021): 795-807. doi:[10.1056/NEJMoa2031994](https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa2031994).

Examples

```
COVID19HCE <- hce(GROUP = COVID19plus$GROUP, TRTP = COVID19plus$TRTP)
# Summary wins, losses, and ties with win odds
summaryWO(COVID19HCE, ref = "P")
```

deltaWO

A generic function for calculating win odds based on a threshold

Description

A generic function for calculating win odds based on a threshold

Usage

```
deltaWO(x, delta, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|--|
| x | an object used to select a method. |
| delta | a numeric threshold. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

a data frame containing calculated values.

See Also

[deltaWO.adhce\(\)](#) method.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| deltaWO.adhce | <i>Win odds calculation based on a threshold for adhce objects</i> |
|---------------|--|

Description

Win odds calculation based on a threshold for adhce objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'adhce'
deltaWO(x, delta, ref = unique(x$TRTP)[1], alpha = 0.05, WOnull = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| x | an adhce object. |
| delta | a numeric threshold. |
| ref | the reference treatment group. |
| alpha | significance level. The default is 0.05. |
| WOnull | the null hypothesis. The default is 1. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a data frame containing the win odds and its confidence interval. It contains the following columns:

- WO calculated win odds.
- LCL lower confidence limit.
- UCL upper confidence limit.
- SE standard error of the win odds.
- WOnull win odds of the null hypothesis (specified in the WOnull argument).
- alpha two-sided significance level for calculating the confidence interval (specified in the alpha argument).
- Pvalue p-value associated with testing the null hypothesis.
- WP calculated win probability.
- LCL_WP lower confidence limit for WP.
- UCL_WP upper confidence limit for WP.
- SE_WP standard error of the win probability.
- SD_WP standard deviation of the win probability, calculated as SE_WP multiplied by sqrt(N).
- N total number of patients in the analysis.
- ref the reference group.
- delta the threshold.

See Also

[deltaW0\(\)](#), [calcW0\(\)](#).

Examples

```
# Example using the kidney dataset
dat <- as_hce(KHCE)
calcW0(dat, ref = "P")
## The exact same result
deltaW0(dat, delta = 0, ref = "P")
## A large threshold
deltaW0(dat, delta = 10, ref = "P")
```

hce

Helper function for hce objects

Description

Helper function for hce objects

Usage

```
hce(GROUP, TRTP, AVAL0 = NULL, PADY = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|---|
| GROUP | a character vector or a factor containing events. If a factor, its levels are used to define the hierarchy. Otherwise, the vector is converted to a factor. |
| TRTP | a character vector of the same length as GROUP, indicating assigned treatment groups. |
| AVAL0 | a numeric vector of the same length as GROUP, indicating containing analysis values within each category. The default is 0. |
| PADY | numeric specifying the length of follow-up in years. |

Value

an object of class hce or adhce (if AVAL0 is provided). The result is a subject-level data frame, where each row corresponds to one subject,

See Also

[as_hce\(\)](#) for coercing to hce objects.

Examples

```
# Example 1 - Both `AVAL0` and `PADY` are provided. The output is an `adhce` object.
GROUP <- COVID19$GROUP
TRTP <- rep(c("A", "P"), each = 531)
dat <- hce(GROUP, TRTP, PADY = 10, AVAL0 = rnorm(1062))
class(dat)
calcWO(dat)
summaryWO(dat) # Uses the `GROUP` variable for summary.
# Example 2 - Only `AVAL0` is provided, `PADY` is calculated as the maximum of `AVAL0`.
# The output is an `adhce` object.
set.seed(2022)
d <- hce(GROUP = sample(x = c("A", "B", "C"), size = 10, replace = TRUE),
TRTP = rep(c("Active", "Control"), each = 5),
AVAL0 = c(rnorm(5, mean = 1), rnorm(5)))
calcWO(d, ref = "Control")
## modify the hierarchy by providing a factor for the GROUP variable.
## calcWO() applied to an hce rederives `AVAL` based on the `GROUP` variable.
d$GROUP <- factor(d$GROUP, levels = c("C", "B", "A"))
calcWO(d, ref = "Control")
# Example 3 - Provide only `PADY` and not `AVAL0` will not make any difference.
GROUP <- COVID19$GROUP
TRTP <- rep(c("A", "P"), each = 531)
dat <- hce(GROUP, TRTP, PADY = 10)
class(dat)
calcWO(dat)
dat <- hce(GROUP, TRTP)
class(dat)
calcWO(dat)
```

HCE1

HCE1, HCE2, HCE3, HCE4 *datasets for 1000 patients with different treatment effects.*

Description

A simulated dataset containing the ordinal values and other attributes for 1000 patients. HCE1

Usage

HCE1

Format

a data frame with 1000 rows and 6 variables:

ID subject ID, numbers from 1 to 1000

TRTP treatment values, A Active or P Placebo, character

GROUP type of the event, either Time-To-Event (TTE) or Continuous (C), character

- GROUPN** type of the event, for the ordering of outcomes in the GROUP variable, numeric
- AVALT** the timing of the time-to-event outcomes, numeric
- AVAL0** original values for each type of the event, time for TTE outcomes, numeric values for Continuous outcomes, numeric
- AVAL** $AVAL = AVAL0 + GROUPN$, ordinal analysis values for the HCE analysis. For the continuous outcome the values of $AVAL0$ are shifted to start always from 0. Numeric, but caution NOT to apply numeric operations; will give meaningless results
- PADY** primary analysis day, the length of fixed follow-up in days, numeric

| | |
|------|--|
| HCE2 | HCE1, HCE2, HCE3, HCE4 <i>datasets for 1000 patients with different treatment effects.</i> |
|------|--|

Description

A simulated dataset containing the ordinal values and other attributes for 1000 patients. HCE2

Usage

HCE2

Format

a data frame with 1000 rows and 6 variables:

- ID** subject ID, numbers from 1 to 1000
- TRTP** treatment values, A Active or P Placebo, character
- GROUP** type of the event, either Time-To-Event (TTE) or Continuous (C), character
- GROUPN** type of the event, for the ordering of outcomes in the GROUP variable, numeric
- AVALT** the timing of the time-to-event outcomes, numeric
- AVAL0** original values for each type of the event, time for TTE outcomes, numeric values for Continuous outcomes, numeric
- AVAL** $AVAL = AVAL0 + GROUPN$, ordinal analysis values for the HCE analysis. For the continuous outcome the values of $AVAL0$ are shifted to start always from 0. Numeric, but caution NOT to apply numeric operations; will give meaningless results
- PADY** primary analysis day, the length of fixed follow-up in days, numeric

| | |
|------|--|
| HCE3 | HCE1, HCE2, HCE3, HCE4 <i>datasets for 1000 patients with different treatment effects.</i> |
|------|--|

Description

A simulated dataset containing the ordinal values and other attributes for 1000 patients. HCE3

Usage

HCE3

Format

a data frame with 1000 rows and 6 variables:

ID subject ID, numbers from 1 to 1000

TRTP treatment values, A Active or P Placebo, character

GROUP type of the event, either Time-To-Event (TTE) or Continuous (C), character

GROUPN type of the event, for the ordering of outcomes in the GROUP variable, numeric

AVALT the timing of the time-to-event outcomes, numeric

AVAL0 original values for each type of the event, time for TTE outcomes, numeric values for Continuous outcomes, numeric

AVAL $AVAL = AVAL0 + GROUPN$, ordinal analysis values for the HCE analysis. For the continuous outcome the values of AVAL0 are shifted to start always from 0. Numeric, but caution NOT to apply numeric operations; will give meaningless results

PADY primary analysis day, the length of fixed follow-up in days, numeric

| | |
|------|--|
| HCE4 | HCE1, HCE2, HCE3, HCE4 <i>datasets for 1000 patients with different treatment effects.</i> |
|------|--|

Description

A simulated dataset containing the ordinal values and other attributes for 1000 patients. HCE4

Usage

HCE4

Format

a data frame with 1000 rows and 6 variables:

ID subject ID, numbers from 1 to 1000

TRTP treatment values, A Active or P Placebo, character

GROUP type of the event, either Time-To-Event (TTE) or Continuous (C), character

GROUPN type of the event, for the ordering of outcomes in the GROUP variable, numeric

AVALT the timing of the time-to-event outcomes, numeric

AVAL0 original values for each type of the event, time for TTE outcomes, numeric values for Continuous outcomes, numeric

AVAL $AVAL = AVAL0 + GROUPN$, ordinal analysis values for the HCE analysis. For the continuous outcome the values of AVAL0 are shifted to start always from 0. Numeric, but caution NOT to apply numeric operations; will give meaningless results

PADY primary analysis day, the length of fixed follow-up in days, numeric

IWP

Calculates patient-level individual win proportions

Description

Calculates patient-level individual win proportions

Usage

`IWP(data, AVAL, TRTP, ref)`

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| <code>data</code> | a data frame containing subject-level data. |
| <code>AVAL</code> | variable in the data with ordinal analysis values. |
| <code>TRTP</code> | the treatment variable in the data. |
| <code>ref</code> | the reference treatment group. |

Value

the input data frame with a new column of individual win proportions named using the input AVAL value with `_`.

References

Gasparyan SB et al. "Adjusted win ratio with stratification: calculation methods and interpretation." *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 30.2 (2021): 580-611. doi:10.1177/0962280220942558.

See Also

[calcW0\(\)](#), [calcW0.hce\(\)](#), [calcW0.formula\(\)](#).

Examples

```
KHCE1 <- IWP(data = KHCE, AVAL = "EGFRBL", TRTP = "TRTPN", ref = 2)
WP <- tapply(KHCE1$EGFRBL_, KHCE1$TRTPN, mean)
VAR <- tapply(KHCE1$EGFRBL_, KHCE1$TRTPN, function(x) (length(x)-1)*var(x)/length(x))
N <- tapply(KHCE1$EGFRBL_, KHCE1$TRTPN, length)
SE <- sqrt(sum(VAR/N))
c(WP = WP[[1]], SE = SE)
calcW0(EGFRBL ~ TRTP, data = KHCE)[c("WP", "SE_WP")]
```

 KHCE

Kidney Hierarchical Composite Endpoint dataset.

Description

A dataset with kidney ordinal scale outcomes of 1500 patients in the ADSL dataset.

Usage

KHCE

Format

a data frame with 1500 rows and 11 variables:

ID patient identifiers, numeric

TRTPN treatment values, 1 Active or 2 Placebo, numeric

AVAL0 original values for each type of the event, time for TTE outcomes 1-6, numeric values for Continuous outcome 7, numeric

AVAL $AVAL = AVAL0 + GROUPN$, ordinal analysis values for the HCE analysis, numeric, but caution NOT to apply numeric operations; will give meaningless results

GROUP name of the event, character

GROUPN ordinal outcomes corresponding to PARAMN values, numeric

PARAMCD coded name of the event, character

PARAMN severity of the event, outcomes 1-7, where a higher value means a better outcome, character

STRATAN strata 1-4, higher value means more severe kidney disease, numeric

EGFRBL Baseline GFR values of patients, numeric

TRTP treatment values, A Active or P Placebo, character

PADY primary analysis day (in years), length of the fixed follow-up, numeric

Source

Heerspink HL et al "Development and validation of a new hierarchical composite endpoint for clinical trials of kidney disease progression." *Journal of the American Society of Nephrology* (2023); doi:10.1681/ASN.000000000000243.

Examples

```
# Adjusted win odds
res <- regWO(x = KHCE, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP", COVAR = "STRATAN", ref = "P")
res
# Convert the dataset to an adhce object.
## First check that `GROUP` is a factor with the correct ordering of outcomes.
class(KHCE$GROUP) # "factor"
levels(KHCE$GROUP)
dat1 <- as_hce(KHCE)
class(dat1)
calcWO(dat1)
## Re-derive individual patient eGFR slopes using a linear regression model,
## based on the eGFR measurements in the `ADLB` dataset
dat2 <- KHCE
l <- lapply(
  split(ADLB, ADLB$ID),
  function(x) coef(lm(AVAL ~ ADAY, data = x))[2])
new_slopes <- do.call(rbind, l)
new_slopes <- as.data.frame(new_slopes)
names(new_slopes) <- "LINEAR"
new_slopes$ID <- as.numeric(row.names(new_slopes))
dat2 <- merge(KHCE, new_slopes, by = "ID", all.x = TRUE)
dat2$AVAL0[dat2$PARAMCD == "eGFR"] <- dat2$LINEAR[dat2$PARAMCD == "eGFR"]
dat2$AVAL0[is.na(dat2$AVAL0)] <- 0
dat2 <- as_hce(dat2)
calcWO(dat2)
```

 minWO

Minimum detectable or WO for alternative hypothesis for given power (no ties)

Description

Minimum detectable or WO for alternative hypothesis for given power (no ties)

Usage

```
minWO(N, power = 0.5, SD = NULL, k = 0.5, alpha = 0.05, WOnull = 1, digits = 2)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|---|
| N | a numeric vector of sample size values (two arms combined). |
| power | the given power. The default is 0.5 corresponding to the minimum detectable win odds. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| SD | assumed standard deviation of the win proportion. By default uses the conservative SD. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| k | proportion of active group in the overall sample size. Default is 0.5 (balanced randomization). A numeric vector of length 1. |
| alpha | the significance level for the 2-sided test. Default is 0.05. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| WOnull | the win odds value of the null hypothesis (default is 1). A numeric vector of length 1. |
| digits | precision to use for reporting calculated win odds. |

Value

a data frame containing the calculated WO with input values.

References

Gasparyan SB et al. (2021) "Power and sample size calculation for the win odds test: application to an ordinal endpoint in COVID-19 trials." *Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics* 31.6: 765-787. [doi:10.1080/10543406.2021.1968893](https://doi.org/10.1080/10543406.2021.1968893).

See Also

[powerWO\(\)](#), [sizeWO\(\)](#) for WO power and sample size calculation.

Examples

```
minWO(N = 100, digits = 5)
minWO(N = 1200, power = 0.9, k = 0.75)
# Compare the minimum detectable win odds from shifted alternatives to max and ordered alternatives
WO <- minWO(N = 1200, k = 0.5, power = 0.67, digits = 7)$WO
powerWO(N = 1200, WO = WO, k = 0.5, alternative = "shift")
powerWO(N = 1200, WO = WO, k = 0.5, alternative = "ordered")
powerWO(N = 1200, WO = WO, k = 0.5, alternative = "max")
```

Description

Ordinal dominance graph for hce objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hce'
plot(x, fill = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`x` an object of class `hce` created by `as_hce()`.

`fill` logical; if `TRUE` fill the area above the graph.

`...` additional arguments to be passed to `base::plot()` function.

Value

no return value, called for plotting.

References

Bamber D. "The area above the ordinal dominance graph and the area below the receiver operating characteristic graph." *Journal of Mathematical Psychology* 12.4 (1975): 387-415. doi:10.1016/0022-2496(75)90001-2

Examples

```
d <- as_hce(KHCE)
d$TRTP <- factor(d$TRTP, levels = c("P", "A"))
res <- calcWO(AVAL ~ TRTP, data = d)
# Ordinal Dominance Graph
plot(d, col = 3, type = 'l')
grid()
# Area above the Ordinal Dominance Graph
plot(d, fill = TRUE, col = "#865A4F", type = 'l',
      lwd = 2, xlab = "Control", ylab = "Active")
legend("bottomright", legend = paste0("WP = ", round(res$WP, 5)))
abline(a = 0, b = 1, lwd = 2, lty = 2, col = "#999999")
```

plot.hce_results *A print method for hce_results objects*

Description

A print method for `hce_results` objects

Usage

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

Arguments

x an object of class `hce_results`.
 ... additional arguments to be passed to `base::plot()` function.

Value

no return value, called for plotting.

Examples

```
WO <- minWO(N = 100:1000)
plot(WO)
POW <- powerWO(N = 100:1000, WO = 1.2)
plot(POW, ylim = c(0, 1))
```

| | |
|---------|--|
| powerWO | <i>Power calculation for the win odds test (no ties)</i> |
|---------|--|

Description

Power calculation for the win odds test (no ties)

Usage

```
powerWO(
  N,
  WO,
  SD = NULL,
  k = 0.5,
  alpha = 0.05,
  WOnull = 1,
  alternative = c("shift", "max", "ordered")
)
```

Arguments

N a numeric vector of sample size values.
 WO the given win odds for the alternative hypothesis. A numeric vector of length 1.
 SD assumed standard deviation of the win proportion. By default uses the conservative SD. A numeric vector of length 1.
 k proportion of active group in the overall sample size. Default is 0.5 (balanced randomization). A numeric vector of length 1.
 alpha the significance level for the 2-sided test. Default is 0.05. A numeric vector of length 1.
 WOnull the win odds value of the null hypothesis (default is 1). A numeric vector of length 1.
 alternative a character string specifying the class of the alternative hypothesis, must be one of "shift" (default), "max" or "ordered". You can specify just the initial letter.

Details

alternative = "max" refers to the maximum variance of the win proportion across all possible alternatives. The maximum variance equals $WP \cdot (1 - WP) / k$ where the win probability is calculated as $WP = WO / (WO + 1)$. alternative = "shift" specifies the variance across alternatives from a shifted family of distributions (Wilcoxon test). The variance formula, as suggested by Noether, is calculated based on the null hypothesis as follows $1 / (12 \cdot k \cdot (1 - k))$. alternative = "ordered" specifies the variance across alternatives from stochastically ordered distributions which include shifted distributions.

Value

a data frame containing the calculated power with input values.

References

- All formulas were presented in

Bamber D (1975) "The area above the ordinal dominance graph and the area below the receiver operating characteristic graph." *Journal of Mathematical Psychology* 12.4: 387-415. doi:[10.1016/0022-2496\(75\)90001-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/0022-2496(75)90001-2).

- Noether's formula for shifted alternatives

Noether GE (1987) "Sample size determination for some common nonparametric tests." *Journal of the American Statistical Association* 82.398: 645-7. doi:[10.1080/01621459.1987.10478478](https://doi.org/10.1080/01621459.1987.10478478).

- For shift alternatives see also

Gasparyan SB et al. (2021) "Power and sample size calculation for the win odds test: application to an ordinal endpoint in COVID-19 trials." *Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics* 31.6: 765-787. doi:[10.1080/10543406.2021.1968893](https://doi.org/10.1080/10543406.2021.1968893).

See Also

[sizeWO\(\)](#), [minWO\(\)](#) for WO sample size or minimum detectable WO calculation.

Examples

```
# Example 1- Use the default standard deviation
powerWO(N = 1000, WO = 1.2)
powerWO(N = seq(500, 1500, 100), WO = 1.2)
# Example 2 - Use data-driven win odds and standard deviation from the COVID19 dataset
res <- calcWO(x = COVID19, AVAL = "GROUP", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "Placebo")
print(res)
powerWO(N = 500, WO = res$WO, SD = res$SD_WP)
powerWO(N = 500, WO = res$WO) # power with the default standard deviation for the win proportion.
# Example 3 - Non-balanced 3:1 randomization
powerWO(N = 1000, WO = 1.2, k = 0.75)
# Example 4 - Comparison of different alternatives
powerWO(N = 1000, WO = 1.2, alternative = "m")
```

```
powerWO(N = 1000, WO = 1.2, alternative = "s")
powerWO(N = 1000, WO = 1.2, alternative = "o")
```

```
print.hce_results      A print method for hce_results objects
```

Description

A print method for hce_results objects

Usage

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

Arguments

x an object of class hce_results.
 ... additional arguments to be passed to `base::print()` function.

Value

no return value, called for printing.

Examples

```
print(powerWO(N = 1000, WO = 1.2))
```

```
propWINS              Proportion of wins/losses/ties given the win odds and the win ratio
```

Description

Proportion of wins/losses/ties given the win odds and the win ratio

Usage

```
propWINS(WO, WR, Overall = 1, alpha = NULL, N = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|---|
| WO | win odds. |
| WR | win ratio. |
| Overall | number of comparisons, the sample size of the active treatment multiplied by the sample size of the placebo. The default is 1, hence gives the proportion. |
| alpha | significance level for the win ratio confidence interval. The default is NULL hence the confidence interval is not produced. |
| N | the combined sample size of two treatment groups. The default is NULL. If alpha is specified then either N should be specified or Overall > 1. For given Overall, the pooled sample size is calculated as $N = 2 * \sqrt{\text{Overall}}$. |

Details

- **Win ratio** defined as $WR = \frac{W}{L}$.
- **Win odds** defined as $WO = \frac{W+0.5T}{L+0.5T} = \frac{WP}{1-WP}$.
- **Net Benefit** defined as $NB = \frac{W-L}{O}$.

Given the overall number of comparisons O , the win proportion WP and the win ratio WR , it is possible to find the total number of wins and losses. Indeed, first the win odds can be found $WO = \frac{WP}{1-WP}$ and

$$L = O * \frac{2WP - 1}{WR - 1},$$

$$W = WR * O * \frac{2WP - 1}{WR - 1},$$

$$T = O - W - L.$$

Value

a data frame with a number (or proportion if Overall = 1) of wins/losses/ties. If alpha is specified returns also WR confidence interval.

References

- For the relationship between win odds and win ratio see
 Gasparian SB et al. "Hierarchical Composite Endpoints in COVID-19: The DARE-19 Trial". Case Studies in Innovative Clinical Trials, Chapter 7 (2023): 95-148. Chapman and Hall/CRC. [doi:10.1201/9781003288640-7](https://doi.org/10.1201/9781003288640-7).
- The win ratio CI uses the standard error presented in
 Yu RX, Ganju J. (2022) "Sample size formula for a win ratio endpoint." Statistics in Medicine 41.6: 950-63. [doi:10.1002/sim.9297](https://doi.org/10.1002/sim.9297).

Examples

```
# Example 1
propWINS(WR = 2, WO = 1.5)
# Example 2 - Back-calculation
COVID19HCE <- hce(GROUP = COVID19$GROUP, TRTP = COVID19$TRTP)
```

```

res <- calcWINS(COVID19HCE)
WR <- res$WR1$WR
WO <- res$WO$WO
Overall <- res$summary$TOTAL
propWINS(WR = WR, WO = WO, Overall = Overall)
## Verify
res$summary
# Example 3 - Confidence interval
propWINS(WR = 1.4, WO = 1.3, alpha = 0.05, Overall = 2500)
propWINS(WR = 2, WO = 1.5, alpha = 0.01, N = 500)

```

regWO

A generic function for win odds regression

Description

A generic function for win odds regression

Usage

```
regWO(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x` an object used to select a method.
`...` further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

a data frame containing calculated values.

See Also

[regWO.data.frame\(\)](#), [regWO.formula\(\)](#) methods.

regWO.data.frame

Win Odds Regression Using a Data Frame

Description

This function performs regression analysis for the win odds using a single numeric covariate.

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
regWO(x, AVAL, TRTP, COVAR, ref, alpha = 0.05, WOnull = 1, ...)

```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|---|
| x | a data frame containing subject-level data. |
| AVAL | a variable in the data with ordinal analysis values. |
| TRTP | the treatment variable in the data. |
| COVAR | a numeric covariate. |
| ref | the reference treatment group. |
| alpha | the significance level, with a default value of 0.05. |
| WOnull | the null hypothesis value for win odds. The default is 1. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a data frame containing the calculated win odds and its confidence interval, including:

- WO_beta adjusted win odds.
- LCL lower confidence limit for adjusted WO.
- UCL upper confidence limit for adjusted WO.
- SE standard error of the adjusted win odds.
- WOnull win odds of the null hypothesis (specified in the WOnull argument).
- alpha two-sided significance level for calculating the confidence interval (specified in the alpha argument).
- Pvalue p-value associated with testing the null hypothesis.
- N total number of patients in the analysis.
- beta adjusted win probability.
- LCL_beta lower confidence limit for adjusted win probability.
- UCL_beta upper confidence limit for adjusted win probability.
- SE_beta standard error for the adjusted win probability.
- SD_beta standard deviation for the adjusted win probability.
- WP (non-adjusted) win probability.
- SE_WP standard error of the non-adjusted win probability.
- SD_WP standard deviation of the non-adjusted win probability.
- WO non-adjusted win odds.
- COVAR_MEAN_DIFF mean difference between two treatment groups of the numeric covariate.
- COVAR_VAR sum of variances of two treatment groups of the numeric covariate.
- COVAR_COV covariance between the response and the numeric covariate.

References

Gasparyan SB et al. (2021) "Adjusted win ratio with stratification: calculation methods and interpretation." *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 30.2: 580-611. doi:10.1177/0962280220942558.

See Also

[regWO\(\)](#), [regWO.formula\(\)](#).

Examples

```
# A baseline covariate that is highly correlated with the outcome
set.seed(2023)
dat <- COVID19
n <- nrow(dat)
dat$Severity <- ifelse(dat$GROUP > 4, rnorm(n, 0), rnorm(n, 100))
tapply(dat$Severity, dat$TRTP, mean)
regWO(x = dat, AVAL = "GROUP", TRTP = "TRTP", COVAR = "Severity", ref = "Placebo")
# Without adjustment
calcWO(x = dat, AVAL = "GROUP", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "Placebo")
```

regWO.formula

Win Odds Regression Using a Formula Syntax

Description

This function performs regression analysis for the win odds using a single numeric covariate.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
regWO(x, data, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------|-----------------------------|
| x | an object of class formula. |
| data | a data frame. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a data frame containing the calculated win odds and its confidence interval, including:

- WO_beta adjusted win odds.
- LCL lower confidence limit for adjusted WO.
- UCL upper confidence limit for adjusted WO.
- SE standard error of the adjusted win odds.
- WOnull win odds of the null hypothesis (specified in the WOnull argument).
- alpha two-sided significance level for calculating the confidence interval (specified in the alpha argument).
- Pvalue p-value associated with testing the null hypothesis.

- N total number of patients in the analysis.
- beta adjusted win probability.
- LCL_beta lower confidence limit for adjusted win probability.
- UCL_beta upper confidence limit for adjusted win probability.
- SE_beta standard error for the adjusted win probability.
- SD_beta standard deviation for the adjusted win probability.
- WP (non-adjusted) win probability.
- SE_WP standard error of the non-adjusted win probability.
- SD_WP standard deviation of the non-adjusted win probability.
- WO non-adjusted win odds.
- COVAR_MEAN_DIFF mean difference between two treatment groups of the numeric covariate.
- COVAR_VAR sum of variances of two treatment groups of the numeric covariate.
- COVAR_COV covariance between the response and the numeric covariate.
- formula returning the specified formula in the x argument.
- ref showing how the reference group was selected. Can be modifying by specifying the ref argument.

References

Gasparyan SB et al. (2021) "Adjusted win ratio with stratification: calculation methods and interpretation." *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 30.2: 580-611. doi:[10.1177/0962280220942558](https://doi.org/10.1177/0962280220942558).

See Also

`regW0()`, `regW0.data.frame()`.

Examples

```
regW0(AVAL ~ TRTP, data = KHCE)
regW0(AVAL ~ TRTP + EGFRBL, data = KHCE)
```

simHCE

Simulate an hce object

Description

Simulate an hce object with multiple, possibly correlated (Hougaard copula) Weibull time-to-event outcomes and a single continuous endpoint (normal or log-normal)

Usage

```

simHCE(
  n,
  n0 = n,
  TTE_A,
  TTE_P,
  CM_A,
  CM_P,
  CSD_A = 1,
  CSD_P = CSD_A,
  fixedfy = 1,
  yeardays = 360,
  pat = 100,
  shape = 1,
  theta = 1,
  logC = FALSE,
  seed = NULL,
  dec = 2,
  all_data = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|----------|--|
| n | sample size in the active treatment group. |
| n0 | sample size in the placebo group. |
| TTE_A | event rates per year in the active group for the time-to-event outcomes. |
| TTE_P | event rates per year in the placebo group for the time-to-event outcomes. Should have the same length as TTE_A. |
| CM_A | mean value for the continuous outcome of the active group. |
| CM_P | mean value for the continuous outcome of the placebo group. |
| CSD_A | standard deviation for the continuous outcome of the active group. |
| CSD_P | standard deviation for the continuous outcome of the placebo group. |
| fixedfy | length of follow-up in years. |
| yeardays | number of days in a year. |
| pat | scale of provided event rates (per pat-years). |
| shape | shape of the Weibull distribution for time-to-event outcomes. Default is exponential distribution with shape = 1. |
| theta | Gumbel dependence coefficient of the Weibull distributions for time-to-event outcomes. Default is theta = 1 which assumes independence of time-to-event outcomes. Must be above or equal to 1. |
| logC | logical, whether to use log-normal distribution for the continuous outcome. |
| seed | for generating random numbers. |
| dec | decimal places for the continuous outcome used for rounding. The default is dec = 2. |

`all_data` logical, whether to return source datasets ADET (an event-time dataset for all time-to-event outcomes per patient) and BDS (a basic data structure for the continuous outcome for all patients).

Value

an object of class `hce` containing the following columns:

- ID subject identifier.
- TRTP planned treatment group - "A" for active, "P" for Placebo.
- GROUP type of the outcome, either "TTE" for time-to-event outcomes or "C" for continuous. Only one continuous outcome is possible, but no restriction on the number of "TTE" outcomes.
- GROUPN order of outcomes in GROUP, with a higher value signifying a better outcome.
- AVALT the timing of the time-to-event outcomes.
- AVAL0 numeric values of the continuous outcome and the timing of "TTE" outcomes.
- AVAL analysis values derived as $AVAL0 + GROUPN$. For the continuous outcome the values of AVAL0 are shifted to start always from 0.
- seed the seed of the random sample. If not specified in seed argument will be selected based on system time.
- PADY primary analysis day, the length of fixed follow-up in days calculated as `yeardays` multiplied by `fixedfy`.

If `all_data = TRUE`, the function returns a list containing the `hce` dataset, along with its source datasets: ADET (an event-time dataset for all time-to-event outcomes per patient) and BDS (a basic data structure for the continuous outcome for all patients).

See Also

[hce\(\)](#), [as_hce\(\)](#) for the helper a coerce function to `hce` objects.

Examples

```
# Example 1
Rates_A <- c(1.72, 1.74, 0.58, 1.5, 1)
Rates_P <- c(2.47, 2.24, 2.9, 4, 6)
dat <- simHCE(n = 2500, TTE_A = Rates_A, TTE_P = Rates_P,
             CM_A = -3, CM_P = -6, CSD_A = 16, CSD_P = 15, fixedfy = 3)
head(dat)

# Example 2
Rates_A <- 10
Rates_P <- 15
dat <- simHCE(n = 1000, n0 = 500, TTE_A = Rates_A, TTE_P = Rates_P,
             CM_A = 0.1, CM_P = 0, seed = 5, shape = 0.2, logC = TRUE, dec = 0)
summaryWO(dat)

# Example 3: Comparison of dependent and independent outcomes
Rates_A <- c(10, 20)
Rates_P <- c(20, 20)
```

```

dat1 <- simHCE(n = 2500, TTE_A = Rates_A, TTE_P = Rates_P,
CM_A = -3, CM_P = -6, CSD_A = 15, fixedfy = 3, theta = 1, seed = 1)
dat2 <- simHCE(n = 2500, TTE_A = Rates_A, TTE_P = Rates_P,
CM_A = -3, CM_P = -6, CSD_A = 15, fixedfy = 3, theta = 1.0001, seed = 1)
calcW0(dat1)
calcW0(dat2)

```

simKHCE

Simulate a kidney disease hce dataset

Description

Simulate a kidney disease hce dataset, capturing eGFR (Estimated Glomerular Filtration Rate) progression over time, along with a competing and dependent terminal event: KFRT (Kidney Failure Replacement Therapy)

Usage

```

simKHCE(
  n,
  CM_A,
  CM_P = -4,
  n0 = n,
  TTE_A = 1000,
  TTE_P = TTE_A,
  fixedfy = 2,
  Emin = 20,
  Emax = 100,
  sigma = NULL,
  Sigma = 3,
  m = 10,
  theta = -0.4605,
  phi = 0,
  two_meas = c("no", "base", "postbase", "both")
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| n | sample size in the active treatment group. |
| CM_A | annualized eGFR slope in the active group. |
| CM_P | annualized eGFR slope in the control group. |
| n0 | sample size in the control treatment group. |
| TTE_A | event rate per year in the active group for KFRT. |
| TTE_P | event rate per year in the placebo group for KFRT. |
| fixedfy | length of follow-up in years. |

| | |
|------------------|--|
| E _{min} | lower limit of eGFR at baseline. |
| E _{max} | upper limit of eGFR at baseline. |
| sigma | within-patient standard deviation. |
| Sigma | between-patient standard deviation. |
| m | number of equidistant visits. |
| theta | coefficient of dependence of eGFR values and the risk of KFRT. |
| phi | coefficient of proportionality (between 0 and 1) of the treatment effect. The case of 0 corresponds to the uniform treatment effect. |
| two_meas | determines whether to use duplicate measurements at baseline and/or at fixedfy. The default is to use a single measurement. |

Details

The default setting is TTE_A = TTE_P because, conditional on eGFR level, the treatment effect does not influence the event rate of KFRT. In this model, the effect of treatment on KFRT operates entirely through its impact on eGFR decline.

The parameters TTE_A and theta are chosen so that when GFR is 15, the event rate is 1 per patient per year, and when GFR is 25, the event rate is 0.01 per patient per year. These parameter values are obtained by solving the equation $rate_0 * \exp(GFR * \theta) = rate$ for rate₀ and theta. When the observed eGFR is above 30, the event rate is set to a very low value (10E-7), while when the observed eGFR is below or equal to 7, the event rate is set to a very high value (10E5). This ensures that patients with observed low eGFR values always experience KFRT, while those with high eGFR values do not.

By default, the standard deviation for within-patient variability, sigma, is set to NULL. When left as NULL, sigma is calculated as $\sqrt{0.67 * \text{predicted eGFR}}$. This approach results in time-dependent variability for measurements, where lower predicted eGFR values lead to reduced variability.

Given the overall effect Delta and the placebo progression rate CM_P, a fully uniform (purely additive) treatment effect—meaning the same average effect applies to all patients regardless of baseline progression—is implemented by setting phi = 0 and CM_A = Delta + CM_P. A fully proportional treatment effect—no additive component, the effect scales with the baseline rate—is implemented by setting CM_A = CM_P and phi = Delta / |CM_P|. A more relativistic intermediate effect (half additive and half proportional) is obtained by setting phi = Delta / (2 * |CM_P|) and CM_A = Delta / 2.

The kidney hierarchical composite endpoint is defined in the following order: (1) Kidney Failure Replacement Therapy (KFRT); (2) Sustained eGFR < 15; (3) Sustained 57 percent or more decline in eGFR; (4) Sustained 50 percent or more decline in eGFR; (5) Sustained 40 percent or more decline in eGFR; and (6) Change in eGFR. In practice, because KFRT is frequently initiated when true eGFR is very low, sustained eGFR < 15 events are rarely observed.

Value

a list containing the dataset GFR for longitudinal measurements of eGFR and the competing KFRT events, the dataset ADET for the time-to-event kidney outcomes (sustained declines or sustained low levels of eGFR), and the combined HCE dataset for the kidney hierarchical composite endpoint.

See Also

[simHCE\(\)](#) for a general function of simulating hce datasets.

Examples

```
# Example 1 - minimal example
set.seed(2022)
L <- simKHCE(n = 1000, CM_A = -3.25)
dat <- L$HCE
calcWO(dat)
# Example 2 - using the most important variables
set.seed(2022)
## The overall treatment effect
Delta <- 0.75
## The placebo progression rate
CM_P <- - 4.5
## Intermediate effect (half additive and half proportional)
delta <- Delta/2
CM_A <- delta + CM_P
phi <- Delta / (2*abs(CM_P))
L <- simKHCE(n = 1000, CM_A = CM_A, CM_P = CM_P,
fixedfy = 4, Emin = 25, Emax = 75, phi = phi)
dat <- L$HCE
calcWO(dat)
```

simORD

Simulate ordinal variables for two treatment groups using categorization of beta distributions

Description

Simulate ordinal variables for two treatment groups using categorization of beta distributions

Usage

```
simORD(n, n0 = n, M, alpha1 = 8, beta1 = 7, alpha0 = 5, beta0 = 5)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| n | sample size in the active treatment group. |
| n0 | sample size in the placebo group. |
| M | number of ordinal values to be simulated. |
| alpha1 | shape1 parameter for the beta distribution in the active group. |
| beta1 | shape2 parameter for the beta distribution in the active group. |
| alpha0 | shape1 parameter for the beta distribution in the placebo group. |
| beta0 | shape2 parameter for the beta distribution in the placebo group. |

Value

a data frame containing the following columns:

- ID subject identifier.
- TRTP planned treatment group - "A" for active, "P" for Placebo.
- GROUPN ordinal values. The number of unique values is specified by the variable M0.
- tau the theoretical win odds.
- theta the theoretical win probability.

See Also

[simHCE\(\)](#) for simulating hce objects.

Examples

```
# Example 1
set.seed(2024)
alpha1 <- 8
beta1 <- 8
alpha0 <- 4
beta0 <- 5
d <- simORD(n = 1500, n0 = 1500, M = 5, alpha1 = alpha1, beta1 = beta1,
alpha0 = alpha0, beta0 = beta0)
x <- seq(0, 1, 0.01)
plot(x, dbeta(x, shape1 = alpha1, shape2 = beta1),
type = "l", ylab = "Density of beta distribution", col = 2)
lines(x, dbeta(x, shape1 = alpha0, shape2 = beta0), col = 3, lty = 2)
legend("topleft", lty = c(1, 2), col = c(2, 3), legend = c("Control", "Active"))
D <- hce(GROUP = d$GROUPN, TRTP = d$TRTP)
table(D$TRTP, D$GROUP)
calcWO(D)
# Example 2
set.seed(2024)
d <- simORD(n = 100, n0 = 50, M = 2)
d_hce <- hce(GROUP = d$GROUPN, TRTP = d$TRTP)
calcWO(d_hce)
### compare with the theoretical values of the continuous distributions
c(tau = unique(d$tau), theta = unique(d$theta))
# Example 2 - Convergence of the win odds to its theoretical value
set.seed(2024)
N <- NULL
size <- c(seq(10, 500, 1))
for(i in size){
  d <- simORD(n = i, M = 2)
  d_hce <- hce(GROUP = d$GROUPN, TRTP = d$TRTP)
  TAU <- calcWO(d_hce)
  D <- data.frame(WO = TAU$WO, n = i, tau = unique(d$tau))
  N <- rbind(N, D)
}
plot(N$n, N$WO, log = "y", ylim = c(0.5, 2), ylab = "Win Odds", xlab = "Sample size", type = "l")
lines(N$n, N$tau, col = "darkgreen", lty = 2, lwd = 2)
```

```
abline(h = 1, lty = 4, col = "red")
legend("bottomright", legend = c("Theoretical Win Odds", "Null", "Win Odds Estimate"),
lty = c(4, 2, 1), col = c("darkgreen", "red", "black"))
title("Convergence of the win odds to its theoretical value")
```

| | |
|--------|---|
| simTTE | <i>Simulate an adhce dataset with two correlated outcomes (illness - death model)</i> |
|--------|---|

Description

Simulate an adhce dataset with two correlated outcomes - death and hospitalization - from a heterogeneous population. The correlation between these outcomes arises from population heterogeneity. Models the risk of death following hospitalization as dependent on the timing of the hospitalization, reflecting strong dependence between the times to the first and second events (i.e., event clustering).

Usage

```
simTTE(
  n,
  n0 = n,
  TTE_A,
  TTE_P = TTE_A,
  shape = 1,
  shape0 = shape,
  fixedfy = 2,
  theta = 1,
  alpha0 = 1,
  alpha = 1,
  rHR = 1,
  m = Inf,
  hce_type = c("mi", "md")
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|---|
| n | sample size in the active treatment group. |
| n0 | sample size in the placebo treatment group. |
| TTE_A | event rates in the active group for the time-to-event outcomes; a numeric vector of length two. |
| TTE_P | event rates in the placebo group for the time-to-event outcomes; a numeric vector of length two. |
| shape | shape parameter of the Weibull distribution for time-to-event outcomes in the active group. Default is 1 (exponential distribution). |
| shape0 | shape parameter of the Weibull distribution for time-to-event outcomes in the placebo group. Default is 1 (exponential distribution). |

| | |
|----------|--|
| fixedfy | length of follow-up. |
| theta | heterogeneity coefficient for the first event, modeled via a gamma distribution with mean 1; theta controls the variance. When theta = 0, there is no heterogeneity, which implies that death and hospitalization are independent. |
| alpha0 | exponential heterogeneity coefficient for modeling the heterogeneity of risk of death as the first event. |
| alpha | exponential heterogeneity coefficient for modeling the heterogeneity of risk of death after hospitalization; the heterogeneity of the second event is the inverse of the time of the first event. |
| rHR | recurrence hazard ratio comparing the active group to the control group for the second event, based on gap time measured from the first event. |
| m | categorization number used for to discretize time to death and time to hospitalization. Defaults to Inf (no discretization). |
| hce_type | the type of the hierarchical composite endpoint: use mi for the most-important outcome or md for the move-down approach. This parameter only affects results when m is finite. |

Details

The default setting assumes $TTE_A = TTE_P$. Both TTE_A and TTE_P must be numeric vectors of length two, corresponding to the event rates (Weibull distribution) for the first event of hospitalization and death. The parameters `shape` and `shape0` identify the shape parameters of Weibull distributions for the first event, simulated from a distribution with a cumulative hazard of $rate \times gamma \times t^{shape}$ for hospitalization and $gamma^{alpha0} \times rate \times t^{shape}$ for death, where $gamma$ is a patient-specific frailty drawn from a gamma distribution with mean 1 and variance $theta$, shared between death and hospitalization for a given patient. The parameter `theta` represents population heterogeneity and also induces correlation between death and hospitalization as competing first events. The parameter `alpha0` controls the heterogeneity of time to death through its effect on heterogeneity. Death after hospitalization is simulated from an exponential distribution with a constant hazard that depends on the timing t_1 of the first event (hospitalization) as $(TTE_A[2] + TTE_P[2])/2 \times (t_1 / fixedfy)^{alpha} \times$ for the placebo arm and $(TTE_A[2] + TTE_P[2])/2 \times rHR \times (t_1 / fixedfy)^{alpha} \times gamma^{alpha0}$ for the active arm where rHR is the recurrence hazard ratio. When $alpha < 0$, earlier hospitalization (smaller t_1) increases the risk of death following hospitalization.

By default, events are simulated in continuous time. When `m` is specified as a positive numeric value, the event times are discretized into `m` intervals over the follow-up period.

Value

an object of class `adhce`.

See Also

[simHCE\(\)](#) for a general `adhce` dataset simulation, and [simKHCE\(\)](#) for kidney disease-specific `adhce` simulation.

Examples

```

## Example 1 - positive correlation
i <- 1764002323
set.seed(i)
PADY <- 2
D <- simTTE(n = 1000, TTE_A = c(0.1, 0.04),
TTE_P = c(.15, 0.045), theta = 4, alpha0 = 2, alpha = -1, shape = 2,
fixedfy = PADY, rHR = 1)
##### Summary of first events by treatment group #####
table(D$EVENT1, D$TRTP)
##### Summary of second events by treatment group #####
table(D$EVENT2, D$TRTP)
##### Calculate win odds #####
calcWO(D, ref = "P")
## Plot the ordinal dominance graph #####
D$TRTP <- factor(D$TRTP, levels = c("P", "A"))
plot(D, type = "l", col = 2, fill = TRUE)
abline(a = 0, b = 1, lwd = 2, lty = 3, col = "darkgreen")
grid()
#####
## Example 2 - Move-down approach (discrete-time case only)
PADY <- 2
# Continuous-time
set.seed(2)
D <- simTTE(n = 1000, TTE_A = c(0.1, 0.04),
TTE_P = c(.15, 0.045), theta = 4, alpha0 = 2, alpha = -1, shape = 2,
fixedfy = PADY, rHR = 1, m = Inf)
summaryWO(D, ref = "P")$summary_by_GROUP
# Discrete-time (more-ties)
D0 <- simTTE(n = 1000, TTE_A = c(0.1, 0.04),
TTE_P = c(.15, 0.045), theta = 4, alpha0 = 2, alpha = -1, shape = 2,
fixedfy = PADY, rHR = 1, m = 5)
summaryWO(D0, ref = "P")$summary_by_GROUP
# Discrete-time and move-down approach (less ties on death)
D1 <- simTTE(n = 1000, TTE_A = c(0.1, 0.04),
TTE_P = c(.15, 0.045), theta = 4, alpha0 = 2, alpha = -1, shape = 2,
fixedfy = PADY, rHR = 1, m = 5, hce_type = "md")
summaryWO(D1, ref = "P")$summary_by_GROUP

```

sizeWO

Sample size calculation for the win odds test (no ties)

Description

Sample size calculation for the win odds test (no ties)

Usage

```
sizeWO(
  WO,
  power,
  SD = NULL,
  k = 0.5,
  alpha = 0.05,
  WOnull = 1,
  alternative = c("shift", "max", "ordered")
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------|---|
| WO | a numeric vector of win odds values. |
| power | the given power. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| SD | assumed standard deviation of the win proportion. By default uses the conservative SD. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| k | proportion of active group in the overall sample size. Default is 0.5 (balanced randomization). A numeric vector of length 1. |
| alpha | the significance level for the 2-sided test. Default is 0.05. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| WOnull | the win odds value of the null hypothesis (default is 1). A numeric vector of length 1. |
| alternative | a character string specifying the class of the alternative hypothesis, must be one of "shift" (default), "max" or "ordered". You can specify just the initial letter. |

Details

alternative = "max" refers to the maximum variance of the win proportion across all possible alternatives. The maximum variance equals $WP \cdot (1 - WP) / k$ where the win probability is calculated as $WP = WO / (WO + 1)$. alternative = "shift" specifies the variance across alternatives from a shifted family of distributions (Wilcoxon test). The variance formula, as suggested by Noether, is calculated based on the null hypothesis as follows $1 / (12 \cdot k \cdot (1 - k))$. alternative = "ordered" specifies the variance across alternatives from stochastically ordered distributions which include shifted distributions.

Value

a data frame containing the sample size with input values.

References

- All formulas were presented in

Bamber D (1975) "The area above the ordinal dominance graph and the area below the receiver operating characteristic graph." *Journal of Mathematical Psychology* 12.4: 387-415. [doi:10.1016/0022-2496\(75\)90001-2](https://doi.org/10.1016/0022-2496(75)90001-2).

- Noether's formula for shifted alternatives

Noether GE (1987) "Sample size determination for some common nonparametric tests." Journal of the American Statistical Association 82.398: 645-7. doi:10.1080/01621459.1987.10478478.

- For shift alternatives see also

Gasparyan SB et al. (2021) "Power and sample size calculation for the win odds test: application to an ordinal endpoint in COVID-19 trials." Journal of Biopharmaceutical Statistics 31.6: 765-787. doi:10.1080/10543406.2021.1968893.

See Also

`powerWO()`, `minWO()` for WO power or minimum detectable WO calculation.

Examples

```
sizeWO(WO = 1.25, power = 0.9)
sizeWO(WO = 1.25, power = 0.9, k = 0.75)
sizeWO(WO = seq(1.05, 1.5, 0.05), power = 0.9)
# Comparison of different alternatives
x <- seq(1.05, 5, 0.05)
N1 <- sizeWO(WO = x, power = 0.9, alternative = "m")$SampleSize
N2 <- sizeWO(WO = x, power = 0.9, alternative = "o")$SampleSize
N3 <- sizeWO(WO = x, power = 0.9, alternative = "s")$SampleSize
d <- data.frame(WO = x, N_m = N1, N_o = N2, N_s = N3)
## Check the power for the ordered alternative
check <- c()
for(i in seq_along(x)){
  check[i] <- powerWO(N = d[i, "N_o"], WO = d[i, "WO"], alternative = "o")$power
}
d$power_check_o <- check
print(d)
```

sizeWR

Sample size calculation for the win ratio test (with WR = 1 null hypothesis)

Description

Sample size calculation for the win ratio test (with WR = 1 null hypothesis)

Usage

```
sizeWR(WR, power, WO = NULL, Pties = NULL, k = 0.5, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|---|
| WR | a numeric vector of win odds values. |
| power | the given power. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| WO | win odds. Should be specified only if Pties is not specified. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| Pties | probability of ties. A numeric vector of length 1. |
| k | proportion of active group in the overall sample size. Default is 0.5 (balanced randomization). A numeric vector of length 1. |
| alpha | the significance level for the 2-sided test. Default is 0.05. A numeric vector of length 1. |

Value

a data frame containing the sample size with input values.

References

Yu RX, Ganju J. (2022) "Sample size formula for a win ratio endpoint." *Statistics in Medicine*, 41.6: 950-63. doi:[10.1002/sim.9297](https://doi.org/10.1002/sim.9297).

See Also

[sizeWO\(\)](#) for WO sample size calculation.

Examples

```
sizeWR(WR = 1.35, Pties = 0.125, power = 0.8)
sizeWR(WR = 1.35, WO = 1.3, power = seq(0.5, 0.9, 0.05))
```

stratWO

A generic function for stratified win odds with adjustment

Description

A generic function for stratified win odds with adjustment

Usage

```
stratWO(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|--|
| x | an object used to select a method. |
| ... | further arguments passed to or from other methods. |

Value

a list containing the stratified results and results by strata.

See Also

[stratWO.data.frame\(\)](#) methods.

stratWO.data.frame *Stratified win odds with adjustment*

Description

Stratified win odds with adjustment

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
stratWO(
  x,
  AVAL,
  TRTP,
  STRATA,
  ref,
  COVAR = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05,
  WOnull = 1,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| x | a data frame containing subject-level data. |
| AVAL | variable in the data with ordinal analysis values. |
| TRTP | the treatment variable in the data. |
| STRATA | a character variable for stratification. |
| ref | the reference treatment group. |
| COVAR | a numeric covariate. |
| alpha | the reference treatment group. |
| WOnull | the null hypothesis. The default is 1. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a data frame containing the following columns:

- WO stratified (or adjusted/stratified) win odds.
- LCL lower confidence limit for adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) WO.
- UCL upper confidence limit for adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) WO.
- SE standard error of the adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) win odds.
- WOnull win odds of the null hypothesis (specified in the WOnull argument).
- alpha two-sided significance level for calculating the confidence interval (specified in the alpha argument).
- Pvalue p-value associated with testing the null hypothesis.
- WP adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) win probability.
- LCL_WP lower confidence limit for adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) WP.
- UCL_WP upper confidence limit for adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) WP.
- SE_WP standard error for the adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) win probability.
- SD_WP standard deviation of the adjusted (or adjusted/stratified) win probability.
- N total number of patients in the analysis.
- Type "STRATIFIED" or "STRATIFIED/ADJUSTED" depending on whether COVAR is specified.

References

Gasparyan SB et al. (2021) "Adjusted win ratio with stratification: calculation methods and interpretation." *Statistical Methods in Medical Research* 30.2: 580-611. doi:[10.1177/0962280220942558](https://doi.org/10.1177/0962280220942558).

See Also

[stratWO\(\)](#).

Examples

```
# Stratified win odds
res <- stratWO(x = KHCE, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP",
              STRATA = "STRATAN", ref = "P")

res
## Compare with the non-stratified win odds
res0 <- calcWO(AVAL ~ TRTP, data = KHCE, ref = "P")
res0
## Compare with the win odds in each stratum separately
l <- lapply(split(KHCE, KHCE$STRATAN), calcWO, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "P")
l <- do.call(rbind, l)
l <- l[, c("WO", "LCL", "UCL", "N")]
l$STRATA <- as.numeric(row.names(l))
plot(y = l$WO, x = l$STRATA, ylim = c(0.5, 2.5), log = "y", xlim = c(0, 6),
     ylab = "Win Odds", xlab = "", xaxt = "n")
axis(1, at = 1:6, labels = c(paste0("STR = ", l$STRATA), "Stratified", "Non-stratified"))
```

```

arrows(1$STRATA, 1$LCL, 1$STRATA,
       1$UCL, angle = 90, code = 3, length = 0.05, col = "darkgreen")
points(5, res$WO)
arrows(5, res$LCL, 5, res$UCL, angle = 90, code = 3,
       length = 0.05, col = "darkblue")
abline(h = c(1, res$WO), col = "red", lty = 4)
points(6, res0$WO)
arrows(6, res0$LCL, 6, res0$UCL, angle = 90, code = 3,
       length = 0.05, col = "darkred")
# Stratified and adjusted win odds
res <- stratWO(x = KHCE, AVAL = "AVAL", COVAR = "EGFRBL",
              TRTP = "TRTP", STRATA = "STRATAN", ref = "P")
res

```

summaryWO

A generic function for summarizing win odds

Description

A generic function for summarizing win odds

Usage

```
summaryWO(x, ...)
```

Arguments

`x` an object used to select a method.
`...` further arguments passed to or from other methods.

Value

a data frame containing calculated values.

See Also

[summaryWO.adhce\(\)](#), [summaryWO.hce\(\)](#), [summaryWO.formula\(\)](#), [summaryWO.data.frame\(\)](#) methods.

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| summaryWO.adhce | <i>Win odds summary for adhce objects</i> |
|-----------------|---|

Description

Win odds summary for adhce objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'adhce'
summaryWO(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|------------------------|
| x | an adhce object. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a list containing the summary of wins, losses, and ties. It contains the following named objects:

- summary a data frame containing number of wins, losses, and ties by treatment group and the overall number of comparisons.
- summary_by_GROUP a summary data frame by GROUP.
- WO calculated WO (win odds) and WP (win probability) and their standard errors.
- cumsummary_by_GROUP a cumulative summary data frame by GROUP.

See Also

[calcWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO.data.frame\(\)](#), [summaryWO.formula\(\)](#), [summaryWO.hce\(\)](#) methods.

Examples

```
## Example 1 - using an `hce` object
HCE5 <- HCE4
HCE5$PADY <- NULL
dat <- as_hce(HCE5)
## `PADY` is not present in the dataset, hence converts it to an `hce` object
## instead of an `adhce` object.
## Example 2 - Using an `adhce` object
class(dat)
summaryWO(dat, ref = "P")
## The class is `adhce` hence will use the variable `GROUP`.
HCE5$PADY <- 1080
dat <- as_hce(HCE4)
class(dat)
summaryWO(dat, ref = "P")
```

```
## Example 3 - Plotting cumulative components of an `adhce` object
dat <- as_hce(KHCE)
res0 <- summaryWO(dat, ref = "P")
res <- res0$cumsummary_by_GROUP
barplot(PROP ~ WINS + GROUPN, data = res,
  col = c("darkgreen", "darkred", "darkblue"),
  xlab = "Proportions", xlim = c(0, 1),
  ylab = "Cumulative components by prioritization",
  legend.text = unique(res$WINS), beside = TRUE, horiz = TRUE)
grid()
```

summaryWO.data.frame *Win odds summary for a data frame*

Description

Win odds summary for a data frame

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
summaryWO(x, AVAL, TRTP, ref, GROUP = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|--|
| x | a data frame containing subject-level data. |
| AVAL | variable in the data with ordinal analysis values. |
| TRTP | the treatment variable in the data. |
| ref | the reference treatment group. |
| GROUP | an optional variable for grouping. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a list containing the summary of wins, losses, and ties. It contains the following named objects:

- summary a data frame containing number of wins, losses, and ties by treatment group and the overall number of comparisons.
- summary_by_GROUP (if GROUP variable is specified) a summary data frame by GROUP.
- WO calculated WO (win odds) and WP (win probability) and their standard errors.

See Also

[calcWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO.formula\(\)](#), [summaryWO.hce\(\)](#) methods.

Examples

```
summaryWO(x = HCE3, AVAL = "AVAL", TRTP = "TRTP", ref = "P", GROUP = "GROUP")
```

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| summaryWO.formula | <i>Win odds summary using formula syntax</i> |
|-------------------|--|

Description

Win odds summary using formula syntax

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'formula'
summaryWO(x, data, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------|-----------------------------|
| x | an object of class formula. |
| data | a data frame. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a list containing the summary of wins, losses, and ties. It contains the following named objects:

- summary a data frame containing number of wins, losses, and ties by treatment group and the overall number of comparisons.
- WO calculated WO (win odds) and WP (win probability) and their standard errors.
- formula returning the specified formula in the x argument.
- ref showing how the reference group was selected. Can be modifying by specifying the ref argument.

See Also

[calcWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO.data.frame\(\)](#), [summaryWO.hce\(\)](#) methods.

Examples

```
# Example 1
summaryWO(data = COVID19, GROUP ~ TRTP)
summaryWO(data = COVID19, GROUP ~ TRTP, GROUP = "GROUP", ref = "Placebo")
# Example 2 - Individual wins, losses, and ties
dat <- COVID19
dat$ID <- 1:nrow(dat)
summaryWO(data = dat, GROUP ~ TRTP, GROUP = "ID", ref = "Placebo")
```

| | |
|---------------|---|
| summaryWO.hce | <i>Win odds summary for hce objects</i> |
|---------------|---|

Description

Win odds summary for hce objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'hce'  
summaryWO(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|------------------------|
| x | an hce object. |
| ... | additional parameters. |

Value

a list containing the summary of wins, losses, and ties. It contains the following named objects:

- summary a data frame containing number of wins, losses, and ties by treatment group and the overall number of comparisons.
- WO calculated WO (win odds) and WP (win probability) and their standard errors.

See Also

[calcWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO\(\)](#), [summaryWO.data.frame\(\)](#), [summaryWO.formula\(\)](#), [summaryWO.adhce\(\)](#) methods.

Examples

```
COVID19HCE <- hce(GROUP = COVID19$GROUP, TRTP = COVID19$TRTP)  
summaryWO(COVID19HCE, ref = "Placebo")
```

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