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bayesLife-package   *Bayesian Projection of the Life Expectancy*

Description

Collection of functions for making probabilistic projections of the life expectancy for all countries of the world, using a Bayesian hierarchical model and the United Nations demographic time series.

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The projection follows a method developed by Chunn et al (2010). It uses historical data provided by the United Nations to simulate a posterior distribution of the life expectancy for all countries in the world simultaneously.

The package is implemented in a similar way as the **bayesTFR** package and thus, many functions

have their equivalents in **bayesTFR**. The main functions of the **bayesLife** package are:

- run.e0.mcmc: Runs a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulation for one or more chains, possibly in parallel. It results in a posterior sample of the MCMC parameters. Existing simulation runs can be resumed using continue.e0.mcmc.
- e0.predict: Using the posterior parameter samples it derives posterior trajectories of the life expectancy for all countries.
- e0.jmale.predict: Given existing outputs of e0.predict for female life expectancy, this function estimates and predicts a joint male life expectancy as described in Raftery et al (2014).

A number of functions analyzing results are included in the package:

- e0.trajectories.plot: Shows the posterior trajectories for a given country, including their median and given probability intervals.
- e0.trajectories.table: Shows the posterior trajectories for a given country in a tabular form.
- e0.map: Shows a world map of life expectancy for a given projection period.
- e0.DLcurve.plot: Shows the posterior curves of the double logistic function used in the simulation, including their median and given probability intervals.
- e0.partraces.plot and e0.partraces.cs.plot: Plot the MCMC traces of country-independent parameters and country-specific parameters, respectively.
- e0.pardensity.plot and e0.pardensity.cs.plot: Plot the posterior density of the MCMCs for country-independent parameters and country-specific parameters, respectively.
- summary.bayesLife.mcmc.set: Summary function for the MCMC results.
- summary.bayesLife.prediction: Summary function for the prediction results.

For MCMC diagnostics, function e0.coda.list.mcmc creates an object of type "mcmc.list" that can be used with the **coda** package. Furthermore, function e0.diagnose analyzes the MCMCs using the Raftery diagnostics implemented in the **coda** package and gives information about parameters that did not converge. Function e0.dl.coverage computes a goodness of fit of the double logistic function.

Existing simulation results can be accessed using the get.e0.mcmc function. An existing prediction can be accessed via get.e0.prediction.

Historical data are taken from one of the packages **wpp2015** (default), **wpp2012** or **wpp2010**, depending on users settings.

Note

There is a directory ex-data shipped with the package which contains results from an example simulation, containing one chain with 60 iterations. The Example section below shows how these results were created. These data are used in Example sections throughout the manual. The user can either reproduce the data in her/his local directory, or use the ones from the package.

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References

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See Also

[bayesTFR](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- tempfile()
m <- run.e0.mcmc(sex='F', nr.chains=1, iter=60, seed=1, thin=1,
     output.dir=sim.dir, verbose=TRUE)
pred <- e0.predict(m, burnin=30, verbose=TRUE)
summary(pred, country="Canada")
unlink(sim.dir, recursive=TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

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bayesLife.mcmc   *MCMC Simulation Object*

Description

MCMC simulation object bayesLife.mcmc containing information about one MCMC chain. A set of such objects belonging to the same simulation together with a [bayesLife.mcmc.meta](#) object constitute a [bayesLife.mcmc.set](#) object.

Details

An object bayesLife.mcmc points to a place on disk (element output.dir) where MCMC results from all iterations are stored. They can be retrieved to the memory using [get.e0.mcmc](#)(...).

The object is in standard cases not to be manipulated by itself, but rather as part of a [bayesLife.mcmc.set](#) object.

Value

A `bayesLife.mcmc` object contains parameters of the Bayesian hierarchical model, more specifically, their initial values (all names with the suffix `.ini`) and values from the last iteration. These are:

`Triangle/Triangle.ini`, `lambda/lambda.ini` - world parameters, containing four values each. They correspond to model parameters $\Delta_1, \ldots, \Delta_4$ and $\lambda_1, \ldots \lambda_4$, respectively.

`k/k.ini`, `z/z.ini`, `omega/omega.ini`, `lambda.k/lambda.k.ini`, `lambda.z/lambda.z.ini` - world parameters, containing one value each. They correspond to model parameters k, z, ω, λ_k, and λ_z, respectively.

`Triangle.c` - country-specific parameter $\Delta_1^c, \ldots, \Delta_4^c$ with four values for each country, i.e. an $4 \times C$ matrix where C is the number of countries.

`k.c`, `z.c` - country-specific parameters k^c and z^c (1d arrays of length C).

Furthermore, the object contains components:

`iter`	Total number of iterations the simulation was started with.
`finished.iter`	Number of iterations that were finished. Results from the last finished iteration are stored in the parameters above.
`length`	Length of the MCMC stored on disk. It differs from `finished.iter` only if `thin` is larger than one.
`thin`	Thinning interval used when simulating the MCMCs.
`id`	Identifier of this chain.
`output.dir`	Subdirectory (relative to `output.dir` in the `bayesLife.mcmc.meta` object) where results of this chain are stored.
`traces`	This is a placeholder for keeping whole parameter traces in the memory. If the processing operates in a low memory mode, it will be 0. It can be filled in using the function `get.e0.mcmc(..., low.memory=FALSE)`. In such a case, `traces` is a $I \times J$ array where I is the MCMC `length` and J is the number of parameters.
`traces.burnin`	Burnin used to retrieve the traces, i.e. how many stored iterations are missing from the beginning in the `traces` array comparing to the 'raw' traces on the disk.
`rng.state`	State of the random number generator at the end of the last finished interation.
`meta`	Object of class `bayesLife.mcmc.meta` used for simulation of this chain.

Author(s)

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See Also

`run.e0.mcmc`, `get.e0.mcmc`, `bayesLife.mcmc.set`, `bayesLife.mcmc.meta`

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
# loads traces from one chain
m <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir, low.memory=FALSE, burnin=35, chain.ids=1)
```

```
# should have 13 rows, since 60 iterations in total minus 35 burnin with thin=2
dim(e0.mcmc(m, 1)$traces)
summary(m)
```

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bayesLife.mcmc.meta   *MCMC Simulation Meta Object*

Description

Simulation meta object bayesLife.mcmc.meta used by all chains of the same MCMC simulation. It contains information that is common to all chains. It is a part of a bayesLife.mcmc.set object.

Details

The object is in standard cases not to be manipulated by itself, but rather as part of a bayesLife.mcmc.set object.

Value

A bayesLife.mcmc.meta object contains components sex, nr.chains, start.year, present.year, wpp.year, buffer.size, my.e0.file, a, delta, tau, Triangle.ini, k.ini, z.ini, omega.ini, lambda.ini, lambda.k.ini, lambda.z.ini, Triangle.ini.low, Triangle.ini.up, k.ini.low, k.ini.up, z.ini.low, z.ini.up, lambda.ini.low, lambda.ini.up, lambda.k.ini.low, lambda.k.ini.up, lambda.z.ini.low, lambda.z.ini.up, omega.ini.low, omega.ini.up, Triangle.c.ini.norm, k.c.ini.norm, z.c.ini.norm, Triangle.c.prior.low, Triangle.c.prior.up, k.c.prior.low, k.c.prior.up, z.c.prior.low, z.c.prior.up, Triangle.c.width, k.c.width, z.c.width, nu, dl.p1, dl.p2, sumTriangle.lim, auto.conf. Their meaning and value are the same as the input arguments to the run.e0.mcmc function. Furthermore, it contains components:

e0.matrix.all   A $q \times n$ matrix with the United Nations life expectancy estimates. q is number of years, n is number of countries (see nr.countries below). The first n_e columns correspond to countries included in the MCMC estimation (see nr.countries.estimation below), where $n_e <= n$. The order of the countries corresponds to the order of countries in the element regions, see below.

e0.matrix   Like e0.matrix.all, but it has NA values for years where no historical data is available.

d.ct   A difference e0 matrix of size $(q - 1) \times n$. Each element $x_{t,i}$ is a difference $y_{t+1,i} - y_{t,i}$ where y denotes elements of e0.matrix.

loessSD   The loess matrix of d.ct.

nr.countries   Number of countries included in the e0 matrices.
nr.countries.estimation
                 Number of countries included in the MCMC estimation. It must be smaller or equal to nr.countries.

Tc.index   A list with one element per country. For each country, it contains the index within e0.matrix where the observed historical data are not NA, i.e. it points to the data used in the estimation.

regions	List of arrays of length nr.countries. These are: name - Region name for each country. code - Region code for each country. area_name - Area name for each country. area_code - Area code for each country. country_name - Array of country names. country_code - Array of country codes. Any country indices in the bayesLife.mcmc.meta object are derived from this component.
output.dir	Directory for storing simulation output.
suppl.data	If supplemental data were used in the simulation (i.e. start year was set prior to 1950), this is a list containing information about the additional data. It has the following components of the same form as described above, but related only to the additional data: e0.matrix, regions, Tc.index, nr.countries, d.ct, loessSD. In addition, it has the vectors index.from.all.countries - a vector of size nr.countries (all countries) where each element is an index to the supplemental data, i.e. a match from regions$country_code to suppl.data$regions$country_code. index.to.all.countries - a vector of size suppl.data$nr.countries (additional countries) where each element is an index to all data, i.e. a match from suppl.data$regions$country_code to regions$country_code.

Author(s)

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See Also

[run.e0.mcmc](), [get.e0.mcmc]()

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
m <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir)
summary(m, meta.only = TRUE)
names(m$meta)
```

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convert.e0.trajectories

Converting Trajectories of Life Expectancy into ACSII Files

Description

Converts trajectories of the life expectancy stored in a binary format into two CSV files of a UN-specific format.

Usage

```
convert.e0.trajectories(dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    n = 1000, output.dir = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dir   Directory containing the prediction object. It should correspond to the output.dir
                argument of the e0.predict function.

n   Number of trajectories to be stored. It can be either a single number or the word
                "all" in which case all available trajectories are converted.

output.dir   Directory in which the resulting files will be stored. If NULL the same directory is
                used as for the prediction. Otherwise, if the directory contains joint predictions
                for both sexes, the ouptuts are stored into subdirectories 'F' and 'M'.

verbose   Logical switching log messages on and off.

Details

The function creates two files per sex. One is called "ascii_trajectories.csv", it is a comma-separated
table with the following columns:

  • "LocID": country code

  • "Period": prediction interval, e.g. 2015-2020

  • "Year": middle year of the prediction interval

  • "Trajectory": identifier of the trajectory

  • "e0": life expectancy

The second file is called "ascii_trajectories_wide.csv", it is also a comma-separated table and it
contains the same information as above but in a 'transposed' format. I.e. the data for one country
are ordered in columns, thus, there is one column per country. The country columns are ordered
alphabetically.

If n is smaller than the total number of trajectories, the trajectories are selected using equal spacing.

Note

This function is automatically called from the e0.predict function, therefore in standard cases it
will not be needed to call it directly. However, it can be useful for example, if different number of
trajectories are to be converted, without having to re-run the prediction.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

write.e0.projection.summary, e0.predict

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
pred.dir <- file.path(getwd(), "exampleLEpred")

# stores 10 trajectories out of 26 (2x(60-35)/2 + 1) into
# exampleLEpred/predictions/ascii_trajectories.csv
e0.predict(sim.dir=sim.dir, output.dir=pred.dir,
            burnin=35, save.as.ascii=10, verbose=TRUE)

# stores all 26 trajectories into the current directory
convert.e0.trajectories(dir=pred.dir, n="all", output.dir=".", verbose=TRUE)

# Note: If the output.dir argument in e0.predict is omitted,
# call convert.e0.trajectories with dir=sim.dir

## End(Not run)
```

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e0.coda.list.mcmc   *Convertion to coda's Objects*

Description

The functions convert MCMC traces (simulated using `run.e0.mcmc`) into objects that can be used with the **coda** package.

Usage

```
e0.coda.list.mcmc(mcmc.list = NULL, country = NULL, chain.ids = NULL,
    sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    par.names.cs = e0.parameter.names.cs(), low.memory = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bayesLife.mcmc'
coda.mcmc(mcmc, country = NULL, par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    par.names.cs = e0.parameter.names.cs(), ...)
```

Arguments

mcmc.list	List of bayesLife.mcmc objects, or an object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set or bayesLife.prediction. If it is NULL, the MCMCs are loaded from sim.dir. Either mcmc.list or sim.dir must be given.
mcmc	Object of class bayesLife.mcmc.
country	Country name or code. It is used in connection with the par.names.cs argument (see below).
chain.ids	Vector of chain identifiers. By default, all chains available in the mcmc.list object are included.

sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results. Only used if `mcmc.list` is NULL.
par.names	Names of country-independent parameters to be included.
par.names.cs	Names of country-specific parameters to be included. The argument `country` is used to filter out traces that correspond to a specific country. If `country` is not given, for each parameter, traces for all countries are included.
low.memory	Logical indicating if the function should run in a memory-efficient mode.
...	Additional arguments passed to the **coda**'s [mcmc](#) function, such as `burnin` and `thin`.

Value

The function `e0.coda.list.mcmc` returns an object of class "mcmc.list". The function `coda.mcmc` returns an object of class "mcmc", both defined in the **coda** package.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

[e0.partraces.plot](#) for plotting the MCMC traces and [summary.bayesLife.mcmc.set](#).

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
coda.list <- e0.coda.list.mcmc(sim.dir=sim.dir, country="France", burnin=30)
summary(coda.list)
```

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e0.diagnose	*Convergence Diagnostics for Markov Chain Monte Carlo of Life Expectancy*

Description

Function `e0.diagnose` runs convergence diagnostics of existing MCMCs, using the `raftery.diag` function from the **coda** package.

Usage

```
e0.diagnose(sim.dir, thin=225, burnin = 10000, express = FALSE,
    country.sampling.prop = NULL, keep.thin.mcmc=FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results.
thin	Thinning interval.
burnin	Number of iterations to be discarded from the beginning of the parameter traces.
express	Logical. If TRUE, the convergence diagnostics is run only on the country-independent parameters. If FALSE, the country-specific parameters are included in the diagnostics. The number of countries can be controlled by country.sampling.prop.
country.sampling.prop	
	Proportion of countries that are included in the diagnostics. If it is NULL and express=FALSE, all countries are included. Setting here a number between 0 and 1, one can limit the number of countries which are then randomly sampled. Note that for long MCMCs, this argument may significantly influence the runtime of this function.
keep.thin.mcmc	Logical. If TRUE the thinned traces used for computing the diagnostics are stored on disk (see create.thinned.e0.mcmc).
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.

Details

The function invokes the e0.raftery.diag function separately for country-independent parameters and for country-specific parameters. It results in two possible states: red, i.e. it did not converge, and green, i.e. it converged. The resulting object is stored in
'{sim.dir}/diagnostics/bayesLife.convergence_{thin}_{burnin}.rda' and can be accessed using the function get.e0.convergence.

Function has.mcmc.converged from the **bayesTFR** package can be used to check if the existing diagnostics converged.

Value

e0.diagnose returns an object of class bayesLife.convergence with components:

result	Table containing all not-converged parameters. Its columns include 'Total iterations needed' and 'Remaining iterations'.
lresult.country.independent	
	Number of rows in result that correspond to country-independent paramters. These rows are groupped at the beginning of the table.
country.independent	
	Result of e0.raftery.diag processed on country-independent parameters.
country.specific	
	Result of e0.raftery.diag processed on country-specific parameters.
iter.needed	Number of additional iterations suggested in order to achieve convergence.
iter.total	Total number of iterations of the original unthinned set of chains.
use.nr.traj	Suggestion for number of trajectories in generating predictions.
burnin	Burnin used.
thin	Thinning interval used.

status	Vector of character strings containing the result status. Possible values: 'green', 'red'.
mcmc.set	Object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set that corresponds to the original set of MCMCs on which the diagnostics was run.
thin.mcmc	If keep.thin.mcmc is TRUE, it is an object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set that corresponds to the thinned mcmc set on which the diagnostics was run, otherwise NULL.
express	Value of the input argument express.
nr.countries	Vector with elements used - number of countries used in this diagnostics, and total - number of countries that this mcmc.set object was estimated on.

Author(s)

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See Also

e0.raftery.diag, raftery.diag, summary.bayesLife.convergence, get.e0.convergence, create.thinned.e0.mcmc

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e0.dl.coverage	*Goodness of Fit of the Double Logistic Function*

Description

The function computes coverage, i.e. the ratio of observed data fitted within the given probability intervals of the predictive posterior distribution of the double logistic function, as well as the root mean square error of the simulation.

Usage

```
e0.dl.coverage(sim.dir, pi = c(80, 90, 95), burnin = 10000, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results. If a prediction and its corresponding thinned mcmcs are available in the simulation directory, those are taken for assessing the goodness of fit.
pi	Probability interval. It can be a single number or an array.
burnin	Burnin. Only relevant if sim.dir does not contain thinned chains.
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.

Value

List with the same components as tfr.dl.coverage.

Note

To see the fit visually per country, use e0.DLcurve.plot(..., predictive.distr=TRUE,...).

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

e0.DLcurve.plot

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
e0 <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir)
# Note that this simulation is a toy example and thus has not converged.
gof <- e0.dl.coverage(sim.dir)
gof$country.coverage
e0.DLcurve.plot(e0, country=608, predictive.distr=TRUE, pi=c(80, 90, 95))

## End(Not run)
```

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e0.DLcurve.plot   *Plotting Posterior Distribution of the Double Logistic Function of Life Expectancy*

Description

The functions plot the posterior distribution of the double logistic function used in the simulation, including their median and given probability intervals.

Usage

```
e0.DLcurve.plot(mcmc.list, country, burnin = NULL, pi = 80,
    e0.lim = NULL, nr.curves = 20, predictive.distr = FALSE, ylim = NULL,
    xlab = "e(0)", ylab = "5-year gains", main = NULL, show.legend=TRUE,
    col=c('black', 'red', "#00000020"), ...)

e0.DLcurve.plot.all(mcmc.list = NULL, sim.dir = NULL,
    output.dir = file.path(getwd(), "DLcurves"),
    output.type = "png", burnin = NULL, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

mcmc.list	List of bayesLife.mcmc objects, an object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set or of class bayesLife.prediction. In case of e0.DLcurve.plot.all if it si NULL, it is loaded from sim.dir.
country	Name or numerical code of a country.
burnin	Number of iterations to be discarded from the beginning of parameter traces.
pi	Probability interval. It can be a single number or an array.
e0.lim	It can be a tuple of the minimum and maximum life expectancy to be shown in the plot. If NULL, it takes the minimum of observed data and 40, and the maximum of observed data and 90.
nr.curves	Number of curves to be plotted. If NULL, all curves are plotted.
predictive.distr	
	Logical. If TRUE, an error term is added to each trajectory.
ylim, xlab, ylab, main	
	Graphical parameters passed to the plot function.
show.legend	Logical determining if the legend should be shown.
col	Vector of colors in this order: 1. observed data points, 2. quantiles, 3. trajectories
...	Additional graphical parameters. In addition, any arguments from e0.DLcurve.plot except country can be passed to e0.DLcurve.plot.all.
sim.dir	Directory with the simulation results. Only relevant, if mcmc.list is NULL.
output.dir	Directory into which resulting graphs are stored.
output.type	Type of the resulting files. It can be "png", "pdf", "jpeg", "bmp", "tiff", or "postscript".
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.

Details

e0.DLcurve.plot plots double logistic curves for the given country. e0.DLcurve.plot.all creates such plots for all countries and stores them in output.dir. Parameters passed to the double logistic function are either thinned traces created by the e0.predict function (if mcmc.list is an object of class bayesLife.prediction), or they are selected by equal spacing from the MCMC traces. In the former case, burnin is set automatically; in the latter case, burnin defaults to 0. If nr.curves is smaller than 2000, the median and probability intervals are computed on a sample of 2000 equally spaced data points, otherwise on all plotted curves.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
mcmc.set <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir=sim.dir)
e0.DLcurve.plot(country="Japan", mcmc.set, burnin=40)

## End(Not run)
```

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e0.gap.plot   *Posterior Distribution of Gaps in Female and Male Life Expectancy*

Description

The functions plot the posterior distribution of the gaps between female and male life expectancy, modeled and predicted using a model described in Lalic (2011). This can be done for one country (e0.gap.plot) or for all countries (e0.gap.plot.all).

Usage

```
e0.gap.plot(e0.pred, country, e0.pred2 = NULL, pi = c(80, 95),
    nr.traj = 0, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, type = "b",
    xlab = "Year", ylab = "Gap in life expectancy", main = NULL,
    show.legend = TRUE, ...)

e0.gap.plot.all(e0.pred, output.dir = file.path(getwd(), "e0gaps"),
    output.type = "png", verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

e0.pred	Object of class bayesLife.prediction containing female projections. If e0.pred2 is not given, then this object must contain the 'joint.male' component, generated using the e0.jmale.predict function.
country	Name or numerical code of a country.
e0.pred2	Object of class bayesLife.prediction containing male projections. By default the male projections is taken from the joint female-male projections in e0.pred, see above.
pi	Probability interval. It can be a single number or an array.
nr.traj	Number of trajectories to be plotted.
xlim, ylim, type, xlab, ylab, main	
	Graphical parameters passed to the plot function.
show.legend	Logical controlling whether the legend should be drawn.
output.dir	Directory into which resulting graphs are stored.
output.type	Type of the resulting files. It can be "png", "pdf", "jpeg", "bmp", "tiff", or "postscript".
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
...	Additional graphical parameters. In addition, for e0.gap.plot.all, ... contains any of the arguments of e0.gap.plot.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

References

Lalic, N. (2011). Master's thesis at the Department of Statistics, University of Washington.

See Also

e0.joint.plot, e0.jmale.estimate, e0.jmale.predict, get.e0.jmale.prediction

Examples

```
# See example for e0.jmale.predict
```

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e0.jmale.estimate   *Estimation of the Joint Female-Male Model*

Description

The function estimates the joint female-male model of life expectancy, as described in Raftery et al. (2014, 2012) and Lalic (2011). It consist of two equations with t-distributed errors, see Details below.

Usage

```
e0.jmale.estimate(mcmc.set, countries.index = NULL,
    estDof.eq1 = TRUE, start.eq1 = list(dof = 2), max.e0.eq1 = 83,
    estDof.eq2 = TRUE, start.eq2 = list(dof = 2),
    constant.gap.eq2 = TRUE, my.e0.file = NULL,
    my.locations.file = NULL, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

mcmc.set   Object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set containing estimation results of female
                    life expectancy.

countries.index

                    Index of countries (within the mcmc.set object) to be included in the estimation.
                    By default, all countries included in the estimation of mcmc.set are used.

estDof.eq1, estDof.eq2

                    Logical, controlling whether the degrees of freedom of the first and second equa-
                    tion, respectively, should be estimated. If it is FALSE the degrees of freedom are
                    set using the arguments start.eq1 and start.eq2, respectively.

start.eq1, start.eq2

> Argument start of the tlm function of the **hett** package, which is applied to the first and second equation of the model, respectively. It is a list of possibly four named components, ("beta", "lambda", "dof", "omega"), for the location, scale, degrees of freedom parameters and random scale effects respectively. If estDof.eq1 (estDof.eq2) is FALSE, the "dof" component must be given.

max.e0.eq1   Maximum female life expectancy of records included in the estimation of the first equation (parameter M in Details below).

constant.gap.eq2

> Logical. If TRUE the coefficient of the second equation (γ_1) is set to one and the standard deviation is estimated under the assumption of normal distribution.

my.e0.file   File name containing user-specified male time series for one or more countries. The function replaces the corresponding country data from the WPP dataset by values in this file. Only columns are replaced that match column names of the WPP dataset.

my.locations.file

> File name containing user-specified locations if different from the default UNlocations dataset. It should be the same file as passed to run.e0.mcmc for female life expectancy.

verbose   Logical switching log messages on and off. If TRUE summary results from the tlm function of both equations are shown.

Details

The joint female-male life expectancy model is a model for estimating gaps G between female and male life expectancy. It consists of two parts, see Equation (1) in Raftery et al. (2012):
1. If $l_{c,t} \leq M$, then

$$G_{c,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 l_{c,1953} + \beta_2 G_{c,t-1} + \beta_3 l_{c,t} + \beta_4 (l_{c,t} - 75)_+ + \epsilon_{c,t}$$

where $\epsilon_{c,t}$ is iid $t(\mu = 0, \sigma_1^2, \nu_1)$.

2. If $l_{c,t} > M$, then

$$G_{c,t} = \gamma_1 G_{c,t-1} + \epsilon_{c,t}$$

where $\epsilon_{c,t}$ is iid $t(\mu = 0, \sigma_2^2, \nu_2)$.

Here, t is the time and c is the country index. $G_{c,t}$ is the gap for country c at time t and $l_{c,t}$ is the female life expectancy for country c at time t. M can be set in the max.e0.eq1 argument.

Using the tlm function of the **hett** package, the function estimates the coefficients β_i ($i = 1, \dots, 4$) and γ_1, as well as paramteres σ_j ($j = 1, 2$) and optionally the degrees of freedom ν_j ($j = 1, 2$). If constant.gap.eq2 is TRUE, γ_1 is set to 1 and $\epsilon_{c,t}$ is iid $N(\mu = 0, \sigma_2^2)$.

The mcmc.set object should be a bayesLife.mcmc.set object obtained from a simulation of a female life expectancy. Note that since only the observed data and no MCMC results are used in this estimation, the mcmc.set object can be obtained from a toy simulation such as in the example below. The function extracts observed data from this object and treats them as $l_{c,t}$. For the male historical time series, the function takes the male WPP dataset from the same **wpp** package as the female data (e0M) and possibly partly replaces it by any user-specified data given in my.e0.file.

Value

List with the components, eq1 and eq2, each containing estimation results from the first and second equation, respectively. These are:

coefficients   Estimated coefficients β_i.

sigma   Parameter σ_j.

dof   Degrees of freedom ν_j. If estDof.eq1 (estDof.eq2) is TRUE this parameter is estimated, otherwise it is set to the value of start.eq1$dof (start.eq2$dof).

Author(s)

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A. E. Raftery, N. Lalic, P. Gerland (2014). Joint Probabilistic Projection of Female and Male Life Expectancy. Demographic Research, 30:795-822.

A. E. Raftery, N. Li, H. Sevcikova , P. Gerland, G. K. Heilig (2012). Bayesian probabilistic population projections for all countries. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 109:13915-13921.

Lalic, N. (2011). Master's thesis at the Department of Statistics, University of Washington.

See Also

e0.jmale.predict

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
m <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir)
fit <- e0.jmale.estimate(m, verbose=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

e0.jmale.predict   *Prediction of the Joint Female-Male Model*

Description

Prediction of the joint female-male model of life expectancy, as described in Raftery et al. (2014, 2012) and Lalic (2011).

Usage

```
e0.jmale.predict(e0.pred, estimates = NULL, gap.lim = c(0, 18),
    max.e0.eq1.pred = 83, my.e0.file = NULL, my.locations.file = NULL,
    save.as.ascii = 1000, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

e0.pred	Object of class bayesLife.prediction containing female projections of life expectancy.
estimates	List of the same structure as returned by e0.jmale.estimate, containing the model estimation results. If it is not given, the e0.jmale.estimate function is invoked.
gap.lim	Vector of length two giving the minimum and maximum bounds for the female-male life expectancy gaps.
max.e0.eq1.pred	Maximum female life expectancy for male projections handled by the first equation (parameter M in Equation (1) in Raftery et al. (2012)).
my.e0.file	File name containing user-specified male time series for one or more countries. The function replaces the corresponding country data from the WPP dataset by values in this file. Only columns are replaced that match column names of the WPP dataset.
my.locations.file	File name containing user-specified locations if different from the default UNlocations dataset. It should be the same file as passed to run.e0.mcmc for female life expectancy.
save.as.ascii	Either a number determining how many trajectories should be converted into an ASCII file, or "all" in which case all trajectories are converted. It should be set to 0, if no conversion is desired.
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
...	Further arguments passed to e0.jmale.estimate.

Details

If no estimates are given, the function invokes an estimation by calling e0.jmale.estimate. Using those estimates, the male life expectancy is projected forward in time (as a function of a female-male gap), using the female predictions from e0.pred. The initial male data point is extracted from the male WPP dataset (e0M) and possibly partly replaced by any user-specified data given in my.e0.file.

The resulting trajectory files are stored in a subdirectory of the female prediction directory, called 'joint_male'. Furthermore, an object of class bayesLife.prediction is created and added to e0.pred as a component called joint.male.

The predicted gaps can be viewed using the e0.gap.plot function.

Value

Updated e0.pred object where a new component was added, called joint.male. It is also an object of class bayesLife.prediction and it contains results from this prediction.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

References

A. E. Raftery, N. Lalic, P. Gerland (2014). Joint Probabilistic Projection of Female and Male Life Expectancy. Demographic Research, 30:795-822.

A. E. Raftery, N. Li, H. Sevcikova , P. Gerland, G. K. Heilig (2012). Bayesian probabilistic population projections for all countries. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 109:13915-13921.

Lalic, N. (2011). Master's thesis at the Department of Statistics, University of Washington.

See Also

e0.jmale.estimate, get.e0.jmale.prediction, e0.predict, e0.gap.plot

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- tempfile()
m <- run.e0.mcmc(sex='F', nr.chains=1, iter=30, thin=1, output.dir=sim.dir)
pred <- e0.predict(m, burnin=15, verbose=FALSE, save.as.ascii=0)
both.pred <- e0.jmale.predict(pred)
e0.trajectories.plot(both.pred, 'Guatemala') # Female
e0.trajectories.plot(get.e0.jmale.prediction(both.pred), 'Guatemala') # Male

# Marginal distribution of the sex-specific projections
e0.trajectories.plot(both.pred, 'Guatemala', both.sexes=TRUE,  pi=80)

# Plotting the gaps
e0.gap.plot(both.pred, 'Guatemala')

# Joint distribution of the sex-specific projections
e0.joint.plot(both.pred, 'Guatemala', pi=80, years=c(2013, 2043, 2093))

unlink(sim.dir, recursive=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

e0.joint.plot   *Joint Posterior Distribution of Female and Male Life Expectancy*

Description

The functions plot the joint posterior distribution of female and male life expectancy, modeled and predicted using the joint model described in Lalic (2011). This can be done for one country (e0.joint.plot) or for all countries (e0.joint.plot.all).

Usage

```
e0.joint.plot(e0.pred, country, pi = 95, years, nr.points = 500,
    obs.pch = 17, obs.cex=1, xlim = NULL,
    ylim = NULL, xlab = "Female life expectancy", ylab = "Male life expectancy",
    main = NULL, col = NULL, show.legend = TRUE, add = FALSE, ...)

e0.joint.plot.all(e0.pred, output.dir = file.path(getwd(), "e0joint"),
    output.type = "png", verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

e0.pred	Object of class `bayesLife.prediction` containing female projections.
country	Name or numerical code of a country.
pi	Probability interval. It can be a single number or an array.
years	Array of future years for which to plot the distribution.
nr.points	Number of points shown in the plot for each year.
obs.pch, obs.cex	
	Graphical parameters used for displaying observed data or data without variation.
xlim, ylim, xlab, ylab, main	
	Graphical parameters passed to the `plot` function.
col	Array of colors, one for each year.
show.legend	Logical controlling whether the legend should be drawn.
add	Logical controlling whether the distribution should be plotted into a new graphic device (`FALSE`) or into an existing device (`TRUE`).
output.dir	Directory into which resulting graphs are stored.
output.type	Type of the resulting files. It can be "png", "pdf", "jpeg", "bmp", "tiff", or "postscript".
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
...	Additional graphical parameters passed to the `lines` function drawing ellipses. In addition, for `e0.joint.plot.all`, `...` contains any of the arguments of `e0.joint.plot`.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova, Adrian Raftery

References

Lalic, N. (2011). Master's thesis at the Department of Statistics, University of Washington.

See Also

`e0.gap.plot`, `e0.trajectories.plot`, `e0.jmale.predict`

Examples

```
# See example for e0.jmale.predict
```

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e0.map   *World Map of the Life Expectancy*

Description

Generates a world map of the life expectancy for given quantile and projection or estimation period.

Usage

```
e0.map(pred, ...)

e0.map.all(pred, output.dir, output.type = "png",
    e0.range = NULL, nr.cats = 50, same.scale = TRUE,
    quantile = 0.5, file.prefix = "e0wrldmap_", ...)

get.e0.map.parameters(pred, e0.range = NULL,
    nr.cats = 50, same.scale = TRUE, quantile = 0.5, ...)

e0.map.gvis(pred, ...)
```

Arguments

pred	Object of class `bayesLife.prediction`.
output.dir	Directory into which resulting maps are stored.
output.type	Type of the resulting files. It can be "png", "pdf", "jpeg", "bmp", "tiff", or "postscript".
e0.range	Range of the life expectancy to be displayed. It is of the form c(*e0.min*, *e0.max*). By default, the whole range is considered. Note that countries with values outside of the given range will appear white.
nr.cats	Number of color categories.
same.scale	Logical controlling if maps for all years of this prediction object should be on the same color scale.
quantile	Quantile for which the map should be generated. It must be equal to one of the values in dimnames(pred$quantiles[[2]]), i.e. 0, 0.025, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2, 0.25, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.75, 0.8, 0.9, 0.95, 0.975, 1. Value 0.5 corresponds to the median.
file.prefix	Prefix for file names.
...	In e0.map, ... are all arguments that can be passed to `tfr.map`, such as quantile, year, projection.index, par.name, adjusted, device, main, device.args, and data.args. In e0.map.gvis, ... are all arguments that can be passed to `tfr.map.gvis`. In addition, the first three functions accept arguments passed to the `mapCountryData` function of the **rworldmap** package.

Details

e0.map creates a single map for the given time period and quantile. e0.map.all generates a sequence of maps, namely one for each projection period. If the package **fields** is installed, a color bar legend at the botom of the map is created.

Function get.e0.map.parameters can be used in combination with e0.map. (Note that get.e0.map.parameters is called from inside of e0.map.all.) It sets breakpoints for the color scheme using quantiles of a fitted gamma distribution.

Function e0.map.gvis creates an interactive map using the **googleVis** package and opens it in an internet browser. It also generates a table of the mapped values that can be sorted by columns interactively in the browser.

By default, both e0.map and e0.map.gvis produce maps of life expectancy. Alternatively, the functions can be used to plot country-specific MCMC parameters into a world map. They are given by the argument par.name. One can pass any value from e0.parameter.names.cs.extended().

Value

get.e0.map.parameters returns a list with elements:

pred	The object of class bayesLife.prediction used in the function.
quantile	Value of the argument quantile.
catMethod	If the argument same.scale is TRUE, this element contains breakpoints for categorization. It is generated from a fitted gamma distribution. Otherwise, it is NULL.
numCats	Number of categories.
coulourPalette	Subset of the rainbow palette, starting from dark blue and ending at red.
...	Additional arguments passed to the function.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova, Adrian Raftery

See Also

tfr.map

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
pred <- get.e0.prediction(sim.dir=sim.dir)
# Uses heat colors and seven categories by default
e0.map(pred)
# Uses more colors with more suitable categorization
params <- get.e0.map.parameters(pred)
do.call('e0.map', params)
# Another projection year on the same scale
do.call('e0.map', c(list(year=2043), params))

## End(Not run)
```

---

e0.median.set   *Editing the Projection Medians*

Description

These functions are to be used by expert analysts. They allow to change the projection medians either to specific values or shift the medians by a given constant.

Usage

```
e0.median.set(sim.dir, country, values, years = NULL, joint.male = FALSE)

e0.median.shift(sim.dir, country, reset = FALSE, shift = 0,
    from = NULL, to = NULL, joint.male = FALSE)

e0.median.reset(sim.dir, countries, joint.male = FALSE)
```

Arguments

sim.dir	Directory containing the prediction object.
country	Name or numerical code of a country.
countries	Vector of country names or codes.
values	Array of the new median values.
years	Numeric vector giving years which values correspond to. Ideally it should be of the same length as values. If it is NULL, values are set starting from the first prediction period. If values correspond to consecutive years, only the first year might be given here. A year t represents a prediction period $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$ if $t_i < t \le t_{i+1}$.
joint.male	Logical. If TRUE, the function is applied to a male prediction that was generated using the joint female-male model implemented in the function e0.jmale.predict.
reset	Logical. If TRUE medians in a range of from and to are reset to their original values.
shift	Constant by which the medians should be offset. It is not used if reset is TRUE.
from	Year from which the offset/reset should start. By default, it starts at the first prediction period.
to	Year until which the offset/reset should be done. By default, it is set to the last prediction period.

Details

The function e0.median.set can be used to set the medians of the given country to specific values. Function e0.median.shift can be used to offset the medians by a specific constant, or to reset the medians to their original BHM values. Function e0.median.reset resets medians of the given countries to the original values. In all cases, if a median is modified, the corresponding offset

is stored in the prediction object (element `median.shift`). All three functions write the updated prediction object back to disk. All functions in the package that use trajectories and trajectory statistics use the `median.shift` values to offset the results correspondingly.

Value

All three functions return an updated object of class `bayesLife.prediction`.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

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e0.parameter.names   *Accessing Parameter Names*

Description

Functions for accessing names of the MCMC parameters, either country-independent or country-specific.

Usage

```
e0.parameter.names()
e0.parameter.names.cs()
e0.parameter.names.extended()
e0.parameter.names.cs.extended(country.code = NULL)
```

Arguments

country.code   Country code. If it is given, the country-specific parameter names contain the suffix '_cx' where x is the `country.code`.

Value

`e0.parameter.names` returns names of the world parameters.
`e0.parameter.names.cs` returns names of the country-specific parameters.
`e0.parameter.names.extended` returns names of all world parameters in their extended format. I.e. parameters 'Triangle' and 'lambda' have the suffix '_1', '_2', '_3', and '_4'.
`e0.parameter.names.cs.extended` returns names of all country-specific parameters in their extended format. I.e. parameters 'Triangle.c' and 'lambda.c' are in their extended format with the suffix '_1', '_2' and '_3'.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

Examples

```
e0.parameter.names()
e0.parameter.names.extended()
e0.parameter.names.cs()
e0.parameter.names.cs.extended()
```

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e0.pardensity.plot   *Plotting MCMC Parameter Density*

Description

Functions for plotting density of the posterior distribution of the MCMC parameters.

Usage

```
e0.pardensity.plot(mcmc.list = NULL,
    sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    chain.ids = NULL, par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    burnin = NULL, dev.ncol = 5, low.memory = TRUE, ...)

e0.pardensity.cs.plot(country, mcmc.list = NULL,
    sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    chain.ids = NULL, par.names = e0.parameter.names.cs(),
    burnin = NULL, dev.ncol = 3, low.memory = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

country	Name or numerical code of a country.
mcmc.list	List of `bayesLife.mcmc` objects, or an object of class `bayesLife.mcmc.set` or of class `bayesLife.prediction`. If it is NULL, the parameter values are loaded from `sim.dir`.
sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results. It is only used if `mcmc.list` is NULL.
chain.ids	List of MCMC identifiers to be plotted. If it is NULL, all chains found in `mcmc.list` or `sim.dir` are plotted.
par.names	Names of parameters for which density should be plotted. By default all country-independent parameters are plotted if used within `e0.pardensity.plot`, or all country-specific parameters are plotted if used within `e0.pardensity.cs.plot`.
burnin	Number of iterations to be discarded from the beginning of each chain.
dev.ncol	Number of columns for the graphics device. If the number of parameters is smaller than `dev.ncol`, the number of columns is automatically decreased.
low.memory	Logical indicating if the processing should run in a memory-efficient mode.
...	Further arguments passed to the `density` function.

Details

The functions plot the density of the posterior distribution either for country-independent parameters (e0.pardensity.plot) or for country-specific parameters (e0.pardensity.cs.plot), one graph per parameter. One can restrict it to specific chains by setting the chain.ids argument and to specific parameters by setting the par.names argument.

If mcmc.list is an object of class bayesLife.prediction, thinned traces are used instead of the full chains. In such a case, burnin and chain.ids cannot be modified - their value is set to the one used when the thinned traces were created, namely when running e0.predict.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

e0.partraces.plot

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
e0.pardensity.plot(sim.dir=sim.dir, burnin=10)
e0.pardensity.cs.plot(country="Ireland", sim.dir=sim.dir, burnin=10)

## End(Not run)
```

---

e0.partraces.plot   *Plotting MCMC Parameter Traces*

Description

Functions for plotting the MCMC parameter traces.

Usage

```
e0.partraces.plot(mcmc.list = NULL,
    sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    chain.ids = NULL, par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    nr.points = NULL, dev.ncol = 5, low.memory = TRUE, ...)

e0.partraces.cs.plot(country, mcmc.list = NULL,
    sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    chain.ids = NULL, par.names = e0.parameter.names.cs(),
    nr.points = NULL, dev.ncol = 3, low.memory = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

country	Name or numerical code of a country.
mcmc.list	List of bayesLife.mcmc objects, or an object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set or of class bayesLife.prediction. If it is NULL, the traces are loaded from sim.dir.
sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results. It is only used if mcmc.list is NULL.
chain.ids	List of MCMC identifiers to be plotted. If it is NULL, all chains found in mcmc.list or sim.dir are plotted.
par.names	Names of parameters for which traces should be plotted. By default all country-independent parameters are plotted if used within e0.partraces.plot, or country-specific parameters are plotted if used within e0.partraces.cs.plot.
nr.points	Number of points to be plotted. If NULL, all (stored) points are plotted, otherwise the traces are thinned evenly.
dev.ncol	Number of column for the graphics device. If the number of parameters is smaller than dev.ncol, the number of columns is automatically decreased.
low.memory	Logical indicating if the processing should run in a low-memory mode. If it is FALSE, traces of all available parameters are loaded into memory. Otherwise, parameters are loaded as they are needed and are not kept in the memory.
...	Additional graphical arguments. It can also contain the arguments burnin or thin.

Details

The functions plot MCMC traces either for country-independent parameters (e0.partraces.plot) or for country-specific parameters (e0.partraces.cs.plot), one graph per parameter. One can restrict it to specific chains by setting the chain.ids argument, and to specific parameters by setting the par.names argument.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

[e0.coda.list.mcmc](#) and [get.e0.parameter.traces](#) for retrieving the raw values of traces.

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
e0.partraces.plot(sim.dir=sim.dir)
e0.partraces.cs.plot(country="Ireland", sim.dir=sim.dir)

## End(Not run)
```

---

e0.predict   *Generating Posterior Trajectories of the Life Expectancy*

Description

Using the posterior parameter samples simulated by run.e0.mcmc the function generates posterior trajectories for the life expectancy for all countries of the world.

Usage

```
e0.predict(mcmc.set = NULL, end.year = 2100,
    sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"), replace.output = FALSE,
    predict.jmale = TRUE, nr.traj = NULL, thin = NULL, burnin = 10000,
    use.diagnostics = FALSE, save.as.ascii = 1000, start.year = NULL,
    output.dir = NULL, low.memory = TRUE, seed = NULL, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

mcmc.set	Object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set. If it is NULL, the object is loaded from the directory given by sim.dir.
end.year	End year of the prediction.
sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results. It should equal to the output.dir argument in run.e0.mcmc.
replace.output	Logical. If TRUE, existing predictions in output.dir will be replaced by results of this run.
predict.jmale	Logical controlling if a joint female-male prediciton should be performed. This is done only if the underlying mcmcs in sim.dir correspond to a female simulation. In such a case the e0.jmale.predict is invoked. Arguments to this function can be passed in ....
nr.traj	Number of trajectories to be generated. If NULL, the argument thin is taken to determine the number of trajectories. If both are NULL, the number of trajectories corresponds to the minimum of the size of the parameter sample and 2000.
thin	Thinning interval used for determining the number of trajectories. Only relevant, if nr.traj is NULL.
burnin	Number of iterations to be discarded from the beginning of the parameter traces.
use.diagnostics	
	Logical determining if an existing convergence diagnostics should be used for choosing the values of thin and burnin. In such a case, arguments nr.traj, thin and burnin are ignored. The 'best' values are chosen from results of running the e0.diagnose function. Only diagnostics can be used that suggest a convergence of the underlying MCMCs. If there are more than one such objects, the one is chosen whose recommendation for the number of trajectories is larger and closest to 2000.

save.as.ascii	Either a number determining how many trajectories should be converted into an ASCII file, or "all" in which case all trajectories are converted. It should be set to 0, if no conversion is desired.
start.year	This argument should be only used if the start year of the prediction is before or at the present year of the MCMC run (see Details below). By default the prediction starts in the next time period after the present year (passed to run.e0.mcmc).
output.dir	Directory into which the resulting prediction object and the trajectories are stored. If it is NULL, it is set to either sim.dir, or to output.dir of mcmc.set$meta if mcmc.set is given.
low.memory	Logical indicating if the prediction should run in a low-memory mode. If it is FALSE, the whole traces of all parameters, including the burnin, are loaded into memory. Otherwise, burnins are discarded and parameters are loaded as they are needed and are not kept in the memory.
seed	Seed of the random number generator. If NULL no seed is set. It can be used to generate reproducible projections.
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
...	Additional arguments passed to the e0.jmale.predict function.

Details

The trajectories are generated using the double logistic function (Chunn et al. 2010). Parameter samples simulated via run.e0.mcmc are used from all chains, from which the given burnin was discarded. They are evenly thinned to match nr.traj or using the thin argument. Such thinned parameter traces, collapsed into one chain, if they do not already exist, are stored on disk into the sub-directory 'thinned_mcmc_t_b' where *t* is the value of thin and *b* the value of burnin (see create.thinned.e0.mcmc).

The projection is run for all missing values before the present year, if any. Medians over the trajectories are used as imputed values and the trajectories are discarded. The process then continues by projecting the future values where all generated trajectories are kept.

A special case is when the argument start.year is given that is smaller or equal the present year. In such a case, imputed missing values before present year are treated as ordinary predictions (trajectories are kept). All historical data between start year and present year are used as projections.

The resulting prediction object is saved into '{output.dir}/predictions'. Trajectories for all countries are saved into the same directory in a binary format, one file per country. At the end of the projection, if save.as.ascii is larger than 0, the function converts the given number of trajectories into a CSV file of a UN-specific format. They are selected by equal spacing (see function convert.e0.trajectories for more details on the conversion). In addition, two summary files are created: one in a user-friendly format, the other using a UN-specific coding of the variants and time (see write.e0.projection.summary for more details).

Value

Object of class bayesLife.prediction which is a list containing components:

quantiles	A $n \times q \times p$ array of quantile values computed on the trajectories. n is the number of countries, q is the number of quantile bounds and p is the number of projections.

traj.mean.sd	A $n \times 2 \times p$ array holding the mean of all trajectories in the first column and the standard deviation in the second column. n and p are the number of countries and number of projections, respectively.
nr.traj	Number of trajectories.
e0.matrix.reconstructed	
	Matrix containing imputed e0 values on spots where the original e0 matrix has missing values, i.e. between the last observed data point and the present year.
output.directory	
	Directory where trajectories corresponding to this prediction are stored.
nr.projections	Number of projections.
burnin	Burnin used for this prediction.
end.year	The end year of this prediction.
mcmc.set	Object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set used for this prediction, i.e. the burned, thinned, and collapsed MCMC chain.
joint.male	If e0.jmale.predict was invoked, this is an object of class bayesLife.prediction containing male projections. In addition to the components above, it contains elements fit (estimation results from e0.jmale.estimate) and meta.changes (components of bayesLife.mcmc.meta that differ from the female meta component).

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova, using code from Jennifer Chunn

References

J. L. Chunn, A. E. Raftery, P. Gerland (2010): Bayesian Probabilistic Projections of Life Expectancy for All Countries. Working Paper nr. 105, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington. http://www.csss.washington.edu/Papers

See Also

run.e0.mcmc, e0.jmale.predict, create.thinned.e0.mcmc, convert.e0.trajectories, get.e0.prediction, summary.bayesLife.prediction

Examples

```
## Not run:
m <- run.e0.mcmc(nr.chains=1, iter=50, thin=1, verbose=TRUE)
pred <- e0.predict(m, burnin=25, verbose=TRUE)
summary(pred, country="Portugal")

## End(Not run)
```

---

e0.predict.extra   *Generating Posterior Trajectories of the Life Expectancy for Specific*
                           Countries or Regions

Description

Using the posterior parameter samples the function generates posterior trajectories of the life ex-
pectancy for given countries or regions. It is intended to be used after running `run.e0.mcmc.extra`,
but it can be also used for purposes of testing specific settings on one or a few countries.

Usage

```
e0.predict.extra(sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), 'bayesLife.output'),
    prediction.dir = sim.dir, countries = NULL,
    save.as.ascii = 1000, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results.
prediction.dir	Directory where the prediction object and the trajectories are stored.
countries	Vector of country codes for which the prediction should be made. If it is NULL, the prediction is run for all countries that are included in the MCMC object but for which no prediction was generated.
save.as.ascii	Either a number determining how many trajectories should be converted into an ascii file, or "all" in which case all trajectories are converted. It should be set to 0, if no converions is desired. Note that the convertion is done on all countries.
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
...	Additional arguments passed to a joint female-male prediction.

Details

In order to use this function, a prediction object must exist, i.e. the function `e0.predict` must have
been processed prior to using this function.

Trajectories for given countries or regions are generated and stored in binary format along with
other countries (in `prediction.dir`). The existing prediction object is updated and stored in the
same directory. If `save.as.ascii` is larger than zero, trajectories of ALL countries are converted
to an ascii format.

If the prediction object contains joint male projections, these are also created for the given countries.

Value

Updated object of class `bayesLife.prediction`.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

[e0.predict](), [run.e0.mcmc.extra]()

| e0.raftery.diag | *Raftery Diagnostics for Parameters of the Life Expectancy* |

Description

The function computes the Raftery diagnostics for each parameter in the same way as [tfr.raftery.diag]() of the **bayesTFR** package.

Usage

```
e0.raftery.diag(mcmc = NULL, sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    burnin = 0, country = NULL, par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    par.names.cs = e0.parameter.names.cs(),
    country.sampling.prop = 1, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

mcmc	A bayesLife.mcmc or bayesLife.mcmc.set object.
sim.dir	Directory with the MCMC simulation results. Only used if mcmc is NULL.
burnin	Burnin.
country	Name or code of a country. If it is given, only country-specific parameters parameters of that country are considered.
par.names	Names of country-independent parameters for which the Raftery diagnostics should be computed.
par.names.cs	Names of country-specific parameters for which the Raftery diagnostics should be computed.
country.sampling.prop	
	Proportion of countries that are included in the diagnostics. It should be between 0 and 1. If it is smaller than 1, the countries are randomly sampled. It is only relevant if par.names.cs is not NULL.
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
...	Additional arguments passed to the [e0.coda.list.mcmc]() function.

Details

See [tfr.raftery.diag]() for details. This function is called from [e0.diagnose]().

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova, Adrian Raftery

See Also

[tfr.raftery.diag](), [raftery.diag](), [e0.diagnose]()

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e0.trajectories.plot *Posterior Distribution of Trajectories of Life Expectancy*

Description

The functions plot/tabulate the posterior distribution of trajectories of the life expectancy for a given country, or for all countries, including their median and given probability intervals.

Usage

```
e0.trajectories.plot(e0.pred, country, pi = c(80, 95), both.sexes = FALSE,
    nr.traj = NULL, typical.trajectory = FALSE, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL,
    type = "b", xlab = "Year", ylab = "Life expectancy at birth", main = NULL,
    lwd = c(2, 2, 2, 2, 1), col = c('black', 'green', 'red', 'red', 'gray'),
    col2 = c('gray39', 'greenyellow', 'hotpink', 'hotpink', 'gray'),
    show.legend = TRUE, add = FALSE, ...)

e0.trajectories.plot.all(e0.pred,
    output.dir = file.path(getwd(), 'e0trajectories'),
    output.type = "png", verbose = FALSE, ...)

e0.trajectories.table(e0.pred, country, pi = c(80, 95),
    both.sexes = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

e0.pred	Object of class [bayesLife.prediction]().
country	Name or numerical code of a country.
pi	Probability interval. It can be a single number or an array. If both.sexes is TRUE the default is 95.
both.sexes	Logical or the character "A". If TRUE the distribution of both sexes is plotted into one graphics (or tabulated), provided the e0.pred is a female prediction and contains a joint male prediction as a result of running the function [e0.jmale.predict](). For "A" it plots/tabulates the distribution of the average life expectancy over both sexes.
nr.traj	Number of trajectories to be plotted. If NULL, all trajectories are plotted, otherwise they are thinned evenly. If both.sexes is TRUE the default is zero.

typical.trajectory
>   Logical. If TRUE one trajectory is shown that has the smallest distance to the median.

xlim, ylim, type, xlab, ylab, main
>   Graphical parameters passed to the plot function.

lwd, col, col2 Vector of five elements giving the line width and color for: 1. observed data, 2. imputed missing data, 3. median, 4. quantiles, 5. trajectories. col2 is only used if both.sexes is TRUE. In such a case, col2 is used for female lines and col is used for male lines, which in this case defaults to c('black', 'green', 'darkgreen', 'darkgreen',

show.legend   Logical controlling whether the legend should be drawn.

add   Logical controlling whether the trajectories should be plotted into a new graphic device (FALSE) or into an existing device (TRUE). One can use this argument to plot trajectories from multiple countries into one graphics.

...   Additional graphical parameters. In addition, for e0.trajectories.plot.all, ... contains any of the arguments of e0.trajectories.plot, and for e0.trajectories.table, ... contains the pi and country arguments.

output.dir   Directory into which resulting graphs are stored.

output.type   Type of the resulting files. It can be "png", "pdf", "jpeg", "bmp", "tiff", or "postscript".

verbose   Logical switching log messages on and off.

Details

e0.trajectories.plot plots posterior distribution of trajectories of life expectancy for a given country. e0.trajectories.table gives the same output in a tabular format. e0.trajectories.plot.all creates a set of such graphs (one per country) that are stored in output.dir.

The median and given probability intervals are computed using all available trajectories. Thus, nr.traj does not influence those values - it is used only to control the number of trajectories plotted.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

bayesLife.prediction

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
pred <- get.e0.prediction(sim.dir)
e0.trajectories.table(pred, country="Japan", pi=c(80, 95))
e0.trajectories.plot(pred, country="Japan", pi=c(80, 95))

# plot multiple countries into one plot
```

```
e0.trajectories.plot(pred, "Japan", col=rep("green", 5), nr.traj=0, pi=c(80),
        show.legend=FALSE, main="")
e0.trajectories.plot(pred, "United States of America", col=rep("blue", 5),
        add=TRUE, nr.traj=0, pi=c(80), show.legend=FALSE)
legend("topleft", legend=c("Japan", "USA"), col=c("green", "blue"), lty=1, bty="n")

## End(Not run)
```

get.e0.convergence   *Accessing a Convergence Object*

Description

The functions load objects of class bayesLife.convergence from disk that were created using the
function e0.diagnose.

Usage

```
get.e0.convergence(sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    thin = 225, burnin = 10000)

get.e0.convergence.all(sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"))
```

Arguments

sim.dir	Simulation directory used for computing the diagnostics.
thin	Thinning interval used with this diagnostics.
burnin	Burnin used for computing the diagnostics.

Details

Function get.e0.convergence loads an object of class bayesLife.convergence for the specific
thin and burnin. Function get.e0.convergence.all loads all bayesLife.convergence objects
available in sim.dir.

Value

get.e0.convergence returns an object of class bayesLife.convergence;
get.e0.convergence.all returns a list of objects of class bayesLife.convergence.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

e0.diagnose, summary.bayesLife.convergence.

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get.e0.mcmc   *Accessing MCMC Results*

Description

The function get.e0.mcmc retrieves results of an MCMC simulation and creates an object of class
bayesLife.mcmc.set. Function has.e0.mcmc checks the existence of such results. Function
e0.mcmc extracts a single chain and e0.mcmc.list extracts several or all chains from the simu-
lation results.

Usage

```
get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    chain.ids = NULL, low.memory = TRUE, burnin = 0, verbose = FALSE)

has.e0.mcmc(sim.dir)

e0.mcmc(mcmc.set, chain.id = 1)

e0.mcmc.list(mcmc.set, chain.ids=NULL)
```

Arguments

sim.dir	Directory where the simulation results are stored.
chain.ids	Chain identifiers in case only specific chains should be included in the resulting object. By default, all available chains are included.
low.memory	If FALSE full MCMC traces are loaded into memory.
burnin	Burnin used for loading traces. Only relevant, if low.memory=FALSE.
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
chain.id	Chain identifier.
mcmc.set	Object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set.

Value

get.e0.mcmc returns an object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set. has.e0.mcmc returns a logical
value. e0.mcmc returns an object of class bayesLife.mcmc, and e0.mcmc.list returns a list of
bayesLife.mcmc objects.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

bayesLife.mcmc.set

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
m <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir)
summary(m)

# summary of the world parameters for the single chains
for(mc in e0.mcmc.list(m)) print(summary(mc, par.names.cs=NULL))
```

---

get.e0.parameter.traces

Accessing MCMC Parameter Traces

Description

Functions for accessing traces of the MCMC parameters, either country-independent or country-specific.

Usage

```
get.e0.parameter.traces(mcmc.list, par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    burnin = 0, thinning.index = NULL, thin = NULL)

get.e0.parameter.traces.cs(mcmc.list, country.obj,
    par.names = e0.parameter.names.cs(),
    burnin = 0, thinning.index = NULL, thin = NULL)
```

Arguments

mcmc.list	List of bayesLife.mcmc objects.
country.obj	Country object list (see get.country.object).
par.names	Names of country-independent parameters (in case of get.e0.parameter.traces) or country-specific parameters (in case of get.e0.parameter.traces.cs) to be included.
burnin	Burnin indicating how many iterations should be removed from the beginning of each chain.
thinning.index	Index of the traces for thinning. If it is NULL, thin is used. thinning.index does not include burnin and should be flattened over all chains. For example, if there are two MCMC chains of length 1000, burnin=200 and we want a sample of length 400, then the value should be thinning.index=seq(1,1600, length=400).
thin	Alternative to thinning.index. The above example is equivalent to thin=4.

Value

Both functions return a matrix with columns being the parameters and rows being the MCMC values, attached to one another in case of multiple chains. get.e0.parameter.traces returns country-independent parameters, get.e0.parameter.traces.cs returns country-specific parameters.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

[e0.coda.list.mcmc](#) for another way of retrieving parameter traces.

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
m <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir)
e0.values <- get.e0.parameter.traces(m$mcmc.list, burnin=10, par.names="z")
hist(e0.values, main=colnames(e0.values))

e0.values.cs <- get.e0.parameter.traces.cs(m$mcmc.list,
                    get.country.object("Canada", meta=m$meta),
                    burnin=10, par.names="z.c")
hist(e0.values.cs, main=colnames(e0.values.cs))
## End(Not run)
```

---

get.e0.prediction   *Accessing a Prediction Object*

Description

Function get.e0.prediction retrieves results of a prediction and creates an object of class [bayesLife.prediction](#). Function has.e0.prediction checks an existence of such results. Analogously, functions get.e0.jmale.prediction and has.e0.jmale.prediction retrieve and check an existence of male predictions from a given female prediction object.

Usage

```
get.e0.prediction(mcmc = NULL, sim.dir = NULL, joint.male = FALSE, mcmc.dir = NULL)

has.e0.prediction(mcmc = NULL, sim.dir = NULL)

get.e0.jmale.prediction(e0.pred)

has.e0.jmale.prediction(e0.pred)
```

Arguments

mcmc	Object of class [bayesLife.mcmc.set](#) used to make the prediction. If it is NULL, the prediction is loaded from directory given by sim.dir.
sim.dir	Directory where the prediction is stored. It should correspond to the value of the output.dir argument used in the [e0.predict](#) function. Only relevant if mcmc is NULL.

joint.male   Logical. If TRUE, the function is applied to a male prediction that was generated
                  using the joint female-male model implemented in the function e0.jmale.predict.

mcmc.dir   Optional argument to be used only in a special case when the mcmc object con-
                  tained in the prediction object was estimated in different directory than in the
                  one to which it points to (for example due to moving or renaming the origi-
                  nal directory). The argument causes that the mcmc is redirected to the given
                  directory.

e0.pred   Object of class bayesLife.prediction.

Details

If mcmc is not NULL, the search directory is set to mcmc$meta$output.dir. This approach assumes
that the prediction was stored in the same directory as the MCMC simulation, i.e. the output.dir
argument of the e0.predict function was set to NULL. If it is not the case, the argument mcmc.dir
should be used.

Function get.e0.jmale.prediction extracts male projections from the e0.pred objects (which
should be a female prediction object), if the male prediction was generated using the e0.jmale.predict
function. has.e0.jmale.prediction checks if such male prediction was generated.

Value

Functions has.e0.prediction and has.e0.jmale. prediction return a logical indicating if a
prediction exists.

Functions get.e0.prediction and get.e0.jmale.prediction return an object of class bayesLife.prediction.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

bayesLife.prediction, e0.predict, summary.bayesLife.prediction, e0.jmale.predict

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
pred <- get.e0.prediction(sim.dir=sim.dir)
summary(pred, country="Canada")
```

---

get.e0.trajectories   *Accessing Trajectories of Life Expectancy*

Description

Function for accessing trajectories of the life expectancy.

Usage

```
get.e0.trajectories(e0.pred, country)
```

Arguments

e0.pred	Object of class `bayesLife.prediction`.
country	Name or numerical code of a country.

Details

The function loads trajectories of life expectancy for the given country from disk

and returns it as a matrix.

Value

Array of size the number of projection periods (including the present year) times the number of trajectories. The row names correspond to the mid-years of the prediction periods.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

`bayesLife.prediction`, `get.e0.prediction`, `e0.trajectories.table`

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
pred <- get.e0.prediction(sim.dir=sim.dir)
get.e0.trajectories(pred, "Germany")
```

---

get.thinned.e0.mcmc   *Creating and Accessing Thinned MCMCs*

Description

The function `get.thinned.e0.mcmc` accesses a thinned and burned version of the given MCMC set. `create.thinned.e0.mcmc` creates such set.

Usage

```
get.thinned.e0.mcmc(mcmc.set, thin = 1, burnin = 0)

create.thinned.e0.mcmc(mcmc.set, thin = 1, burnin = 0,
    output.dir = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`mcmc.set`	Object of class `bayesLife.mcmc.set`.
`thin, burnin`	Thinning interval and burnin used for creating or identifying the thinned object.
`output.dir`	Directory for storing the thinned object. By default it is stored into the same directory as `mcmc.set`.
`verbose`	Logical switching log messages on and off.

Details

The function `create.thinned.e0.mcmc` is called from `e0.predict` and thus, the resulting object contains exactly the same MCMCs used for generating projections.

The thinning is done as follows: The given `burnin` is removed from the beginning of each chain in the original MCMC set. Then each chain is thinned by `thin` using equal spacing and all chains are collapsed into one single chain per parameter. They are stored in `output.dir` under the name 'thinned_mcmc_t_b' where *t* is the value of `thin` and *b* the value of `burnin`.

Value

Both functions return an object of class `bayesLife.mcmc.set`. `get.thinned.e0.mcmc` returns `NULL` if such object does not exist.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

`bayesLife.mcmc.set`, `e0.predict`

Examples

```
## Not run:
sim.dir <- tempfile()
m <- run.e0.mcmc(nr.chains=2, iter=60, thin=2, output.dir=sim.dir, verbose=TRUE)
e0.predict(m, burnin=30) # creates thinned MCMCs
mb <- get.thinned.e0.mcmc(m, thin=2, burnin=30)
summary(mb, meta.only=TRUE) # length 30 = 2chains x (60-30)iters./2thin
unlink(sim.dir, recursive=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

---

include	*Inclusion Codes*

Description

Data sets containing codes that determine which countries are to be included into a simulation or/and projections.

Usage

```
data(include_2015)
data(include_2012)
data(include_2010)
```

Format

Data frames containing one record per country or region. It has the following variables:

country Name of country or region. Not used.

country_code Numerical Location Code (3-digit codes following ISO 3166-1 numeric standard) - see http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_3166-1_numeric.

include_code Entries for which include_code=2 are included in MCMC simulations (i.e. estimation of the model parameters). Entries for which include_code is 1 or 2 are included in the prediction.

Details

In a simulation, an include_* dataset is selected that corresponds to the given wpp.year passed to the function [run.e0.mcmc](). It is merged with a [e0]() dataset from the corresponding wpp package using the country_code column. Thus, the country entries in this dataset should correspond to entries in the e0F (e0M) dataset.

The package contains also a dataset called 'my_e0_template' (in 'extdata' directory) which is a template for user-specified e0 time series. It has the same structure as the [e0]() dataset, except that most of the columns are optional. The only required column is country_code (see description of the argument my.e0.file in [run.e0.mcmc]()).

Note

In all three datasets, countries affected by AIDS are not included in the estimation, i.e. the include_code is set to 3.

Source

Data provided by the United Nations Population Division.

Examples

```
data(include_2015)
head(include_2015)
# select AIDS countries
subset(include_2015, include_code == 3)
```

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run.e0.mcmc	*Running Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Parameters of Life Expectancy*

Description

Runs (or continues running) MCMCs for simulating the life expectancy for all countries of the world, using a Bayesian hierarchical model.

Usage

```
run.e0.mcmc(sex = c("Female", "Male"), nr.chains = 3, iter = 160000,
    output.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    thin = 10, replace.output = FALSE,
    start.year = 1873, present.year = 2015, wpp.year = 2015,
    my.e0.file = NULL, my.locations.file = NULL, buffer.size = 100,
    a = c(13.215, 41.070, 9.235, 17.605, 2.84, 0.385),
    delta = c(3.844, 4.035, 11.538, 5.639, 0.901, 0.4),
    tau = c(15.5976503, 23.650006, 14.5056919,
            14.718598, 3.4514285, 0.5667531),
    Triangle.ini = list(NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL), k.ini = NULL,
    z.ini = NULL, lambda.ini = list(NULL, NULL, NULL, NULL),
    lambda.k.ini = NULL, lambda.z.ini = NULL, omega.ini = NULL,
    Triangle.ini.low = c(10, 30, 0.1, 10), Triangle.ini.up = c(30, 50, 10, 30),
    k.ini.low = 3, k.ini.up = 5, z.ini.low = 1e-04, z.ini.up = 0.653,
    lambda.ini.low = c(0.01, 0.01, 0.01, 0.01),
    lambda.ini.up = c(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1),
    lambda.k.ini.low = 0.3, lambda.k.ini.up = 1,
    lambda.z.ini.low = 1, lambda.z.ini.up = 40,
    omega.ini.low = 0.1, omega.ini.up = 5,
    Triangle.prior.low=c(0, 0, -20, 0), Triangle.prior.up=c(100, 100, 100, 100),
    k.prior.low = 0, k.prior.up = 10, z.prior.low = 0, z.prior.up = 0.653,
    Triangle.c.ini.norm = list(round(
     Triangle.ini.low + (Triangle.ini.up - Triangle.ini.low)/2), c(2, 2, 2, 2)),
    k.c.ini.norm = c(round(k.ini.low + (k.ini.up - k.ini.low)/2), 2),
    z.c.ini.norm = c(round(z.ini.low + (z.ini.up - z.ini.low)/2, 2), 0.2),
    Triangle.c.prior.low = c(0, 0, -20, 0), Triangle.c.prior.up = c(100, 100, 100, 100),
    k.c.prior.low = 0, k.c.prior.up = 10, z.c.prior.low = 0, z.c.prior.up = 0.653,
    country.overwrites = NULL, nu = 4, dl.p1 = 9, dl.p2 = 9,
    sumTriangle.lim = c(30, 110), constant.variance = FALSE, seed = NULL,
    parallel = FALSE, nr.nodes = nr.chains, compression.type = 'None',
```

```
    auto.conf = list(max.loops=5, iter=160000, iter.incr=20000,
        nr.chains=3, thin=225, burnin=10000),
    verbose = FALSE, verbose.iter = 100, ...)

continue.e0.mcmc(iter, chain.ids = NULL,
    output.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    parallel = FALSE, nr.nodes = NULL, auto.conf = NULL,
    verbose = FALSE, verbose.iter = 10, ...)
```

Arguments

sex	Sex for which to run the simulation.
nr.chains	Number of MCMC chains to run.
iter	Number of iterations to run in each chain. In addition to a single value, it can have the value 'auto' in which case the function runs for the number of iterations given in the auto.conf list (see below), then checks if the MCMCs converged (using the auto.conf settings). If it did not converge, the procedure is repeated until convergence is reached or the number of repetition exceeded auto.conf$max.loops.
output.dir	Directory which the simulation output should be written into.
thin	Thinning interval between consecutive observations to be stored on disk.
replace.output	If TRUE, existing outputs in output.dir will be replaced by results of this simulation.
start.year	Start year for using historical data.
present.year	End year for using historical data.
wpp.year	Year for which WPP data is used. The functions loads a package called **wpp**x where x is the wpp.year and uses the e0* datasets.
my.e0.file	File name containing user-specified e0 time series for one or more countries. See Details below.
my.locations.file	
	File name containing user-specified locations. See Details below.
buffer.size	Buffer size (in number of [thinned] iterations) for keeping data in the memory. The smaller the buffer.size the more often will the process access the hard disk and thus, the slower the run. On the other hand, the smaller the buffer.size the less data will be lost in case of failure.
a	A vector of the $a_1, \ldots, a_6$ parameters, which are the prior means of the world-level parameters $(\Delta_1, \ldots, \Delta_4, k, z)$.
delta	A vector of the $\delta_1, \ldots, \delta_6$ parameters, which are the prior standard deviations of the world-level parameters $(\Delta_1, \ldots, \Delta_4, k, z)$.
tau	A vector of the $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_6$ parameters, which is the square root rate of the prior Gamma distribution of the world-level parameters $(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_4, \lambda_k, \lambda_z)$.
Triangle.ini	List (of length four) of initial values for $\Delta_1, \ldots, \Delta_4$. Each list item should be of the length nr.chains. If a list item is NULL, the initial values are equally spaced between Triangle.ini.low and Triangle.ini.up. By default, if there is just one chain, the value is the middle point of the interval.

k.ini, z.ini   An array of length nr.chains of initial values for k (z). By default, the initial
                    values are equally spaced between k.ini.low and k.ini.up (z.ini.low and
                    z.ini.up). If nr.chains=1 and k.ini (z.ini)is NULL, the initial value is the
                    middle point of the interval.

lambda.ini   List (of length four) of initial values for $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_4$. Each list item should be of
                    the length nr.chains. If a list item is NULL, the initial values are equally spaced
                    between lambda.ini.low and lambda.ini.up. By default, if there is just one
                    chain, the value is the middle point of the interval.

lambda.k.ini, lambda.z.ini
                    An array of length nr.chains of initial values for λ_k (λ_z). By default, the initial
                    values are equally spaced between lambda.k.ini.low and lambda.k.ini.up
                    (lambda.z.ini.low and lambda.z.ini.up). If nr.chains=1 and lambda.k.ini
                    (lambda.z.ini) is NULL, the initial value is the middle point of the interval.

omega.ini   An array of length nr.chains of initial values for ω. By default, the ini-
                    tial values are equally spaced between omega.ini.low and omega.ini.up. If
                    nr.chains=1 and omega.ini is NULL, the initial value is the middle point of the
                    interval.

Triangle.ini.low, Triangle.ini.up
                    A vector of length four. They are the lower and upper bounds for initial values
                    of $\Delta_1, \ldots, \Delta_4$. An i-th item is only used if Triangle.ini[[i]] is NULL.

k.ini.low, k.ini.up
                    Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for initial values of k. It is only
                    used if k.ini is NULL.

z.ini.low, z.ini.up
                    Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for initial values of z. It is only
                    used if z.ini is NULL. Regarding defaults, see Note below.

lambda.ini.low, lambda.ini.up
                    A vector of length four. They are the lower and upper bounds for initial values
                    of $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_4$. An i-th item is only used if lambda.ini[[i]] is NULL.

lambda.k.ini.low, lambda.k.ini.up
                    Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for initial values of λ_k. It is
                    only used if lambda.k.ini is NULL.

lambda.z.ini.low, lambda.z.ini.up
                    Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for initial values of λ_z. It is
                    only used if lambda.z.ini is NULL.

omega.ini.low, omega.ini.up
                    Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for initial values of ω. It is only
                    used if omega.ini is NULL.

Triangle.prior.low, Triangle.prior.up
                    A vector of length four. They are the lower and upper bounds for the prior
                    (truncated normal) distribution of $\Delta_1, \ldots, \Delta_4$.

k.prior.low, k.prior.up
                    Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for the prior (truncated normal)
                    distribution of k.

z.prior.low, z.prior.up
                    Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for the prior (truncated normal)
                    distribution of z. Regarding defaults, see Note below.

Triangle.c.ini.norm

   A list with two elements, each of them being a vector of size four. The first and second element in the list corresponds to the means and standard deviation, respectively, for the initial values of the country-specific parameters $\Delta_1^c, \ldots, \Delta_4^c$ which are drawn from a truncated normal distribution with bounds defined by Triangle.c.prior.low and Triangle.c.prior.up.

k.c.ini.norm, z.c.ini.norm

   A vector of length two. The first and second element corresponds to the means and standard deviation, respectively, for the initial values of the country-specific parameters k^c (z^c) which are drawn from a normal distribution truncated between k.c.prior.low and k.c.prior.up (z.c.prior.low and z.c.prior.up).

Triangle.c.prior.low, Triangle.c.prior.up

   A vector of length four. They are the lower and upper bounds for the prior (truncated normal) distribution of country-specific $\Delta_1^c, \ldots, \Delta_4^c$.

k.c.prior.low, k.c.prior.up

   Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for the prior (truncated normal) distribution of country-specific k^c.

z.c.prior.low, z.c.prior.up

   Single value giving the lower and upper bounds for the prior (truncated normal) distribution of country-specific z^c. Regarding defaults, see Note below.

country.overwrites

   This argument allows to overwrite some of the prior parameters for specific countries. If it is not NULL it should be a data frame with an obligatory column 'country_code'. Each row then corresponds to one country. Other columns can be 'k.c.prior.low', 'k.c.prior.up', 'z.c.prior.low', 'z.c.prior.up', 'Triangle_x.c.prior.low' and 'Triangle_x.c.prior.up' where x can be an integer from 1 to 4.

nu   The shape parameter of the Gamma distributions of all λ parameters is nu/2.

dl.p1, dl.p2 Values of the parameters p_1 and p_2 of the double logistic function.

sumTriangle.lim

   Lower and upper limits for the sum of the Δ_i parameters. MCMC proposals that are outside of this limit are rejected. It is applied to both, the world parameters as well as the country specific parameters.

constant.variance

   Logical indicating if the model should be estimated using constant variance.

seed   Seed of the random number generator. If NULL no seed is set. It can be used to generate reproducible results.

parallel Logical determining if the simulation should run multiple chains in parallel. If it is TRUE, the package **snowFT** is required.

nr.nodes Relevant only if parallel is TRUE. It gives the number of nodes for running the simulation in parallel. By default it equals to the number of chains.

compression.type

   One of 'None', 'gz', 'xz', 'bz', determining type of a compression of the MCMC files.

auto.conf List containing a configuration for an 'automatic' run (see description of argument iter). Item iter gives the number of iterations in the first chunk of

the MCMC simulation; item `iter.incr` gives the number of iterations in the following chunks; `nr.chains` gives the number of chains in all chunks of the MCMC simulation; items `thin` and `burnin` are used in the convergence diagnostics following each chunk; `max.loops` controls the maximum number of chunks. All items must be integer values. This argument is only used if the function argument `iter` is set to 'auto'.

verbose   Logical switching log messages on and off.

verbose.iter   Integer determining how often (in number of iterations) log messages are outputted during the estimation.

...   Additional parameters to be passed to the function [performParallel](#), if `parallel` is `TRUE`.

chain.ids   Array of chain identifiers that should be resumed. If it is `NULL`, all existing chains in `output.dir` are resumed.

Details

The function `run.e0.mcmc` creates an object of class [bayesLife.mcmc.meta](#) and stores it in `output.dir`. It launches `nr.chains` MCMCs, either sequentially or in parallel. Parameter traces of each chain are stored as (possibly compressed) ASCII files in a subdirectory of `output.dir`, called mc*x* where *x* is the identifier of that chain. There is one file per parameter, named after the parameter with the suffix ".txt", possibly followed by a compression suffix if `compression.type` is given. Country-specific parameters have the suffix _country*c* where *c* is the country code. In addition to the trace files, each mc*x* directory contains the object [bayesLife.mcmc](#) in binary format. All chain-specific files are written into disk after the first, last and each `buffer.size`-th (thinned) iteration.

Using the function `continue.e0.mcmc` one can continue simulating an existing MCMCs by `iter` iterations for either all or selected chains.

The function loads observed data (further denoted as WPP dataset), depending on the specified sex, from the [e0F](#) ([e0M](#)) and [e0F_supplemental](#) ([e0M_supplemental](#)) datasets in a **wpp**x package where x is the `wpp.year`. It is then merged with the [include](#) dataset that corresponds to the same `wpp.year`. The argument `my.e0.file` can be used to overwrite those default data. Such a file can include a subset of countries contained in the WPP dataset, as well as a set of new countries. In the former case, the function replaces the corresponding country data from the WPP dataset with values in this file. Only columns are replaced that match column names of the WPP dataset, and in addition, columns 'last.observed' and 'include_code' are used, if present. Countries are merged with WPP using the column 'country_code'. In addition, in order the countries to be included in the simulation, in both cases (whether they are included in the WPP dataset or not), they must be contained in the table of locations ([UNlocations](#)). In addition, their corresponding 'include_code' must be set to 2. If the column 'include_code' is present in `my.e0.file`, its value overwrites the default include code, unless is -1.

The default UN table of locations mentioned above can be overwritten/extended by using a file passed as the `my.locations.file` argument. Such a file must have the same structure as the [UNlocations](#) dataset. Entries in this file will overwrite corresponding entries in [UNlocations](#) matched by the column 'country_code'. If there is no such entry in the default dataset, it will be appended. This option of appending new locations is especially useful in cases when `my.e0.file` contains new countries/regions that are not included in [UNlocations](#). In such a case, one must provide a `my.locations.file` with a definition of those countries/regions.

For simulation of the hyperparameters of the Bayesian hierarchical model, all countries are used that are included in the WPP dataset, possibly complemented by the my.e0.file, that have include_code equal to 2. The hyperparameters are used to simulate country-specific parameters, which is done for all countries with include_code equal 1 or 2. The following values of include_code in my.e0.file are recognized: -1 (do not overwrite the default include code), 0 (ignore), 1 (include in prediction but not estimation), 2 (include in both, estimation and prediction). Thus, the set of countries included in the estimation and prediction can be fully specified by the user.

Optionally, my.e0.file can contain a column called last.observed containing the year of the last observation for each country. In such a case, the code would ignore any data after that time point. Furthermore, the function e0.predict fills in the missing values using the median of the BHM procedure (stored in e0.matrix.reconstructed of the bayesLife.prediction object). For last.observed values that are below a middle year of a time interval $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$ (computed as $t_i + 3$) the last valid data point is the time interval $[t_{i-1}, t_i]$, whereas for values larger equal a middle year, the data point in $[t_i, t_{i+1}]$ is valid.

The package contains a dataset called 'my_e0_template' (in 'extdata' directory) which is a template for user-specified my.e0.file.

Value

An object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set which is a list with two components:

meta	An object of class bayesLife.mcmc.meta.
mcmc.list	A list of objects of class bayesLife.mcmc, one for each MCMC.

Note

Parameter z determines the asymptote in gains in life expectancy. The following text gives an explanation for the choice of upper limits on z-related parameters:

The pace of improvement and the asymptotic limit in future gains in female life expectancy vary for each projected trajectory, but ultimately is informed and constrained by the finding that the rate of increase of maximum female life expectancy over the past 150 year has been highly linear (2a, 2b) (i.e., about 2.4 years per decade), albeit at slightly lower pace once the leading countries started to exceed 75 years of female life expectancy at birth in the 1960s (3) (about 2.26 years of gains per decade). By assuming that the asymptotic average rate of increase in life expectancy is nonnegative, life expectancy is assumed to continually increase (on average), and no limit is imposed to life expectancy in the foreseeable future. The increase in maximum female life span among countries with highest life expectancy and reliable data on very old age provide further guidance on future rate of progress which has also been increasingly linear at least since the 1970s (4a-4c) (about 1.25 years per decade for countries like Sweden and Norway), and is used to inform the asymptotic average rate of increase in female life expectancy used in the 2012 WPP Revision. To set the posterior median to an annual gain of 0.125 year (or 5-year gain of 0.625 in this context) the upper bound value of 0.653 is used for the world prior (z) and country-specific prior (z_c) as default values in the estimation of the double-logistic parameters.

Author(s)

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See Also

get.e0.mcmc, summary.bayesLife.mcmc.set.

Examples

```
## Not run:
m <- run.e0.mcmc(nr.chains=1, iter=5, thin=1, verbose=TRUE)
summary(m)
m <- continue.e0.mcmc(iter=5, verbose=TRUE)
summary(m)
## End(Not run)
```

| run.e0.mcmc.extra | *Run MCMC for Extra Countries, Areas or Regions* |

Description

Run MCMC for extra countries, areas or regions. It uses the posterior distribution of model hyperparameters from an existing simulation to generate country-specific parameters.

Usage

```
run.e0.mcmc.extra(sim.dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    countries = NULL, my.e0.file = NULL,
    iter = NULL, thin = 1, burnin = 2000, country.overwrites = NULL,
    parallel = FALSE, nr.nodes = NULL,  my.locations.file = NULL,
    verbose = FALSE, verbose.iter = 100, ...)
```

Arguments

sim.dir	Directory with an existing simulation.
countries	Vector of country codes. These include codes of areas and regions (see column country_code in [UNlocations]).
my.e0.file	File name containing user-specified time series of life expectancy for countries for which the simulation should run (see Details below).
iter	Number of iterations to be used for sampling from the posterior distribution of the hyperparameters. By default, the number of (possibly thinned) iterations used in the existing simulation is taken.
thin	Thinning interval for sampling from the posterior distribution of the hyperparameters.
burnin	Number of iterations discarded before sampling from the posterior distribution of the hyperparameters.
country.overwrites	
	This argument allows to overwrite some of the prior parameters for specific countries. If it is not NULL it should be a data frame with an obligatory column 'country_code'. Each row then corresponds to one country. Other columns can be 'k.c.prior.low', 'k.c.prior.up', 'z.c.prior.low', 'z.c.prior.up', 'Triangle_x.c.prior.low' and 'Triangle_x.c.prior.up' where x can be an integer from 1 to 4. Rows corresponding to countries that are not processed in this function are ignored.
parallel	Logical determining if the simulation should run multiple chains in parallel.
nr.nodes	Relevant only if parallel is TRUE. It gives the number of nodes for running the simulation in parallel. By default it equals to the number of chains contained in the existing simulation.
my.locations.file	
	File name containing user-specified locations. See Details below.
verbose	Logical switching log messages on and off.
verbose.iter	Integer determining how often (in number of iterations) log messages are outputted during the estimation.
...	Additional parameters to be passed to the function [performParallel], if parallel is TRUE.

Details

The function can be used to make predictions for countries, areas or regions (further denoted as 'countries') that were not included in the MCMC estimation (invoked by [run.e0.mcmc]). It creates MCMC traces for country-specific parameters. The purpose of this function is to have country-specific parameters available in order to be able to generate projections for additional countries or their aggregations, without having to re-run the often time-expensive MCMC simulation.

The set of countries to be considered by this function can be given either by their codes, using the argument countries, in which case the countries must be included in the UN WPP [e0] dataset. Or, it can be given by a user-specific file, using the argument my.e0.file. The function considers a union of both arguments. The function will ignore all countries that were used in the existing MCMC simulation for estimating the hyperparameters. Countries that already own country-specific

parameters (e.g. because they were included in my.e0.file passed to run.e0.mcmc) get their parameters recomputed. Note that all countries must be included in the UNlocations dataset, but unlike in run.e0.mcmc, their include_code is ignored. As in the case of run.e0.mcmc, the default dataset of locations UNlocations can be overwritten using a file of the same structure as UNlocations passed via the my.locations.file argument. This file should be especially used, if e0 is simulated for new locations that are not included in UNlocations.

Value

An object of class bayesLife.mcmc.set.

Note

If there is an existing projection for the directory sim.dir, use e0.predict.extra to obtain projections for the extra countries used in this function.

Author(s)

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See Also

run.e0.mcmc, e0.predict.extra

Examples

```
## Not run:
m <- run.e0.mcmc(nr.chains=1, iter=20, thin=1, verbose=TRUE)
m <- run.e0.mcmc.extra(countries=c(908,924), burnin=10, verbose=TRUE)
summary(m, country=924)
pred <- e0.predict(burnin=10, verbose=TRUE)
summary(pred, country=908)
## End(Not run)
```

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summary.bayesLife.convergence
Summary of a Life Expectancy Convergence Object

Description

Summary of an object of class bayesLife.convergence created using the e0.diagnose function. It gives an overview about parameters that did not converge.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bayesLife.convergence'
summary(object, expand = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class `bayesLife.convergence`.
expand	By default, the function does not show parameters for each country for which there was no convergence, if the status is 'red'. This argument can switch that option on.
...	Not used.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

`e0.diagnose`

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summary.bayesLife.mcmc.set

Summary Statistics for Life Expectancy MCMCs

Description

Summary of an object `bayesLife.mcmc.set` or `bayesLife.mcmc`, computed via `run.e0.mcmc`. It can be obtained either for all countries or for a specific country, and either for all parameters or for specific parameters. The function uses the `summary.mcmc` function of the **coda** package.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bayesLife.mcmc.set'
summary(object, country = NULL, chain.id = NULL,
    par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    par.names.cs = e0.parameter.names.cs(),
    meta.only = FALSE, thin = 1, burnin = 0, ...)

## S3 method for class 'bayesLife.mcmc'
summary(object, country = NULL,
    par.names = e0.parameter.names(),
    par.names.cs = e0.parameter.names.cs(), ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class `bayesLife.mcmc.set` or `bayesLife.mcmc`.
country	Country name or code if a country-specific summary is desired.
chain.id	Identifiers of MCMC chains. By default, all chains are considered.
par.names	Country independent parameters to be included in the summary.
par.names.cs	Country-specific parameters to be included in the summary.

meta.only	Logical. If it is TRUE, only meta information of the simulation is included.
thin	Thinning interval. Only used if larger than the thin argument used in run.e0.mcmc.
burnin	Number of iterations to be discarded from the beginning of each chain before computing the summary.
...	For summary.bayesLife.mcmc, arguments thin and burnin can be passed here. In addition, both functions accept arguments passed to the summary.mcmc function of the **coda** package.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

[bayesLife.mcmc.set](#), [summary.mcmc](#)

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
m <- get.e0.mcmc(sim.dir)
summary(m, country="Czech Republic", burnin=20)
```

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summary.bayesLife.prediction

Summary of a Prediction of the Life Expectancy

Description

Country-specific summary of an object of class [bayesLife.prediction](#), created using the function [e0.predict](#). The summary contains the mean, standard deviation and several commonly used quantiles of the simulated trajectories.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'bayesLife.prediction'
summary(object, country = NULL, compact = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class [bayesLife.prediction](#).
country	Country name or code.
compact	Logical switching between a smaller and larger number of displayed quantiles.
...	Not used.

Author(s)

Hana Sevcikova

See Also

bayesLife.prediction

Examples

```
sim.dir <- file.path(find.package("bayesLife"), "ex-data", "bayesLife.output")
pred <- get.e0.prediction(sim.dir=sim.dir)
summary(pred, country="Iceland")
```

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write.e0.projection.summary

Writing Projection Summary Files

Description

The function creates two files containing projection summaries, such as the median, the lower and upper bound of the 80 and 90% probability intervals, respectively, and the constant variant. One file is in a user-friendly format, whereas the other is in a UN-specific format with internal coding of the time and the variants.

Usage

```
write.e0.projection.summary(dir = file.path(getwd(), "bayesLife.output"),
    output.dir = NULL, revision = NULL, adjusted = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dir	Directory containing the prediction object. It should correspond to the output.dir argument of the e0.predict function.
output.dir	Directory in which the resulting file will be stored. If NULL the same directory is used as for the prediction.
revision	UN revision number. If NULL it is determined from the corresponding WPP year: WPP 2008 corresponds to revision 13, every subsequent WPP increases the revision number by one. Used as a constant in the second file only.
adjusted	Logical. By default the function writes summary using the original BHM projections. If the projection medians are adjusted (using e.g. e0.median.set), setting this argument to TRUE causes writing the adjusted projections.

Details

The first file that the function creates is called 'projection_summary_user_friendly.csv', it is a comma-separated table with the following columns:

- "country_name": country name
- "country_code": country code

- "variant": name of the variant, such as "median", "lower 80", "upper 80", "lower 95", "upper 95", "constant"
- period1: e.g. "2010-2015": life expectancy for the first time period
- period2: e.g. "2015-2020": life expectancy for the second time period
- ... further columns with life expectancy projections

The second file, called 'projection_summary.csv', also comma-separated table, contains the same information as above in a UN-specific format:

- "RevID": revision number, passed to the function as an argument;
- "VarID": variant identifier, extracted from the UN_variants dataset in the **bayesTFR** package;
- "LocID": country code;
- "TimeID": time identifier, extracted from the UN_time dataset in the **bayesTFR** package;
- "e0": the life expectancy for this variant, location and time period.

If the simulation directory contains joint male predictions, summary files for those are created as well. In such a case, if output.dir is given, separate subdirectories for female and male are created.

Note

This function is automatically called from the e0.predict and e0.jmale.predict functions, therefore in standard cases it will not be needed to call it directly.

Author(s)

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See Also

convert.e0.trajectories, e0.predict

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