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Description Contains functions for performing Mokken scale analysis on test and questionnaire data. It includes an automated item selection algorithm, and various checks of model assumptions.

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| mokken-package | <i>Mokken Scale Analysis in R</i> |
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Description

Mokken scale analysis (Mokken, 1971; Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002) is a scaling procedure for both dichotomous and polytomous items. It consists of an item selection algorithm to partition a set of items into Mokken scales and several methods to check the assumptions of two nonparametric item response theory models: the monotone homogeneity model and the double monotonicity model. The output of this R-package resembles the output of the stand-alone program MSP (Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000).

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The package contains principal functions for Mokken scale analysis.

The package contains the following data sets

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| acl | Scores on a personality checklist. |
| cavalini | Scores on an inventory on industrial malodor |
| transreas | Scores on a transitive reasoning test |
| DS14 | Scores on a Type D test (bootstrap sample) |

A guide for Mokken scale analysis in R for people who do not know R (Van der Ark, 2010) is available as a vignette from <https://sites.google.com/a/tilburguniversity.edu/avdrark/mokken>.

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Version 0 was introduced in Van der Ark (2007). It included the functions

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| <code>coefH</code> | Scalability coefficients |
| <code>coefZ</code> | Test statistics for scalability coefficients |
| <code>check.monotonicity</code> | Investigate monotonicity assumptions |
| <code>check.restscore</code> | Investigate nonintersection assumption using Method Restscore |
| <code>check.pmatrix</code> | Investigate nonintersection assumption using Method Pmatrix |
| <code>search.normal</code> | Mokken's automated item selection algorithm |

The following major modifications have been made.

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| <code>aisp</code> | More general automated item selection algorithm. Function <code>search</code> has become obsolete (Version 2.0) |
| <code>check.reliability</code> | Compute reliability coefficients (Version 2.0) |
| <code>check.iio</code> | Investigate invariant item orderings (Version 2.4) |
| <code>coefH</code> | Standard errors for scalability coefficients included (Version 2.6) |

All updates until version 2.7 are described in Van der Ark (2012). The following modifications have been made in Version 2.7 in comparison to previous versions.

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| <code>check.errors</code> | Inclusion new function to compute weighted Guttman errors for each person. |
| <code>check.iio</code> | <code>plot</code> has been added. |
| <code>check.monotonicity</code> | Computation of number of active pairs for dichotomous items has been corrected. |
| <code>check.pmatrix</code> | Summary of the results has been corrected. |
| <code>check.restscore</code> | Code pertaining to IIO has been deleted. The procedure is now equivalent to MSP. |
| <code>coefH</code> | Option included to compare scalability coefficients across groups |

The following modifications have been made in Version 2.7.1 in comparison to previous versions.

`mokken` Some legal issues

The following modifications have been made in Version 2.7.2 in comparison to previous versions.

`check.iio` Violations of IIO for dichotomous items are now tested using a z-test rather than a t-test.

The following modifications have been made in Version 2.7.3 in comparison to previous versions.

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| <code>plot.iio.class</code> | Confidence envelopes around estimated response functions |
| <code>plot.monotonicity.class</code> | Confidence envelopes around estimated response functions |
| <code>plot.restscore.class</code> | Confidence envelopes around estimated response functions |

The following modifications have been made in Version 2.8.1 in comparison to previous versions.

`aisp` Startsets have been added

The following modifications have been made in Version 2.8.2 in comparison to previous versions.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <code>recode</code> | New |
| <code>check.ca</code> | New |
| <code>check.norms</code> | New |
| <code>check.errors</code> | Outlier score O+ has been included |

The following modifications have been made in Version 2.8.3 in comparison to previous versions.

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|---------------------------|--|
| <code>twoway</code> | New |
| <code>DS14</code> | New data set |
| <code>check.errors</code> | Outlier cutoff scores have been included |

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Van der Ark, L. A. (2012). New developments in Mokken scale analysis in **R**. *Journal of Statistical Software*, 48(5), 1-27. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v48/i5>

Examples

```
# Personality test
data(acl)

# Select the items of the scale Communality
Communality <- acl[,1:10]

# Compute scalability coefficients
coefH(Communality)

# Investigate the assumption of monotonicity
monotonicity.list <- check.monotonicity(Communality)
summary(monotonicity.list)
plot(monotonicity.list)

# Investigate the assumption of non-intersecting ISRFs using method restscore
restscore.list <- check.restscore(Communality)
summary(restscore.list)
plot(restscore.list)

# Investigate the assumption of non-intersecting ISRFs using method pmatrix
pmatrix.list <- check.pmatrix(Communality)
summary(pmatrix.list)
plot(pmatrix.list)

# Investigate the assumption of IIO using method MIIO
iio.list <- check.iio(Communality)
summary(iio.list)
plot(iio.list)

# Compute the reliability of the scale
check.reliability(Communality)

# Partition the the scale into mokken scales
aisp(Communality)
```

acl

Adjective Checklist Data

Description

Scores of 433 students on 218 items from a Dutch version of the Adjective Checklist.

Usage

```
data(acl)
```

Format

A 433 by 218 matrix containing integers. `dimnames(acl)[[2]]` are adjectives

Details

Each item is an adjective with five ordered answer categories (0 = completely disagree, 1 = disagree, 2 = agree nor disagree, 3 = agree, 4 = completely agree). The respondents were instructed to consider whether an adjective described their personality, and mark the answer category that fits best to this description. The 218 items constitute 22 scales (see table); 77 items of the 218 items that constitute the ten scales were negatively worded. The negatively worded items are indicated by an asterisk in the `dimnames` and their item scores have been reversed. The Deference scale measures in fact the opposite of Deference.

| | | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Communality | Items 1-10 | Change | Items 111-119 |
| Achievement | Items 11-20 | Succorance | Items 120-129 |
| Dominance | Items 21-30 | Abasement | Items 130-139 |
| Endurance | Items 31-40 | Deference* | Items 140-149 |
| Order | Items 41-50 | Personal Adjustment | Items 150-159 |
| Intracception | Items 51-60 | Ideal Self | Items 160-169 |
| Nurturance | Items 61-70 | Critical parent | Items 170-179 |
| Affiliation | Items 71-80 | Nurturant parent | Items 180-189 |
| Exhibition | Items 81-90 | Adult | Items 190-199 |
| Autonomy | Items 91-100 | Free Child | Items 200-209 |
| Aggression | Items 101-110 | Adapted Child | Items 210-218 |

Source

Data were kindly made available by H. C. M. Vorst from the University of Amsterdam. The original Adjective Checklist was developed by Gough and Heilbrun (1980).

References

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Van der Ark, L. A. (2007) Mokken scale analysis in **R**. *Journal of Statistical Software*. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v20/i11>

Examples

```
data(acl)
```

| | |
|------|--|
| aisp | <i>Automated Item Selection Procedure (AISP) for Mokken Scale Analysis</i> |
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Description

Returns a vector with as many elements as there are items, indicating to which scale an item belongs.

Usage

```
aisp(X, search="normal", lowerbound=.3, alpha=.05, StartSet=FALSE, popsize=20,
maxgens=default.maxgens, pxover=0.5, pmutation=0.1, verbose=FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|---|
| X | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of $nrow(X)$ respondents to $ncol(X)$ items. Missing values are not allowed |
| search | Type of item selection procedure: "normal": Mokken's automated item selection procedure (Mokken, 1971; Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000; Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002); "ga": item selection using a genetic algorithm (Straat, van der Ark, and Sijtsma, 2013). The default is "normal". |
| lowerbound | numeric scaling criterium; $0 \leq \text{lowerbound} < 1$. The default is 0.3. |
| alpha | Type I error level. The default is 0.05. |
| StartSet | Startset of items for the first scale. Vector of item numbers. If <code>StartSet == FALSE</code> no startset is provided (default). |
| popsize | Size of the population of items in genetic. algorithm The default is 20. |
| maxgens | Number of generations in genetic algorithm. The default is $10^{(\log_2(ncol(X)/5))} * 1000$. |
| pxover | Cross-over probability in genetic algorithm. The default is 0.5. |
| pmutation | Mutation probability in genetic algorithm. The default is 0.1. |
| verbose | Logical, indicating whether should output to the screen the results of the model. If <code>FALSE</code> , no output is produced. The default is <code>TRUE</code> . |

Details

Each scale must consist of at least two items, hence the number of Mokken scales cannot exceed $ncol(X)/2$. Procedure may be slow for large data sets. Especially if the genetic algorithm is used. There is not yet an option `search="extended"`. `aisp` replaces the function `search.normal` in earlier versions.

Value

An indicator vector of length J . Each entry refers to an item. Items with same integer belong to the same Mokken scale. A zero indicates an unscalable item. If n is the largest integer, then n Mokken scales were found.

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See Also

[coefH](#), [check.iio](#), [check.monotonicity](#), [check.pmatrix](#), [check.reliability](#), [check.restscore](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)

# Select the scale Communality consisting of 10 items.
Communality <- acl[,1:10]

# Partition these 10 items into mokken scales using Mokken's automated item selection procedure.
scale <- aisp(Communality)
coefH(Communality[,scale==1])

# Same but using items 1 and 2 in the startset.
scale <- aisp(Communality, StartSet = c(1, 2), verbose = TRUE)
coefH(Communality[,scale==1])

# Partition these 10 items into mokken scales using a genetic algorithm.
scale <- aisp(Communality,"ga",maxgens=1000)
coefH(Communality[,scale==1])
```

cavalini

Coping Strategies

Description

Data came from 17 polytomous items administered to 828 respondents (Cavalini, 1992) asking them how they coped actively with the bad smell from a factory in the neighborhood of their homes.

Usage

```
data(cavalini)
```

Format

A 828 by 17 matrix containing integers. `attributes(transreas)` gives details on the items.

Details

Items have four ordered answer categories, *never* (score 0), *seldom* (1), *often* (2), and *always* (3). The 17 items constitute 4 scales (for detailed information, see Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002, pp. 82-86).

| | |
|--------|----------------------------------|
| Item1 | Keep windows closed |
| Item2 | No laundry outside |
| Item3 | Search source of malodor |
| Item4 | No blankets outside |
| Item5 | Try to find solutions |
| Item6 | Go elsewhere for fresh air |
| Item7 | Call environmental agency |
| Item8 | Think of something else |
| Item9 | File complaint with producer |
| Item10 | Acquiesce in odor annoyance |
| Item11 | Do something to get rid of it |
| Item12 | Say "it might have been worse" |
| Item13 | Experience unrest |
| Item14 | Talk to friends and family |
| Item15 | Seek diversion |
| Item16 | Avoid breathing through the nose |
| Item17 | Try to adapt to situation |

References

Cavalini, P. M. (1992). *It's an ill wind that brings no good. Studies on odour annoyance and the dispersion of odorant concentrations from industries*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation. University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

Sijtsma, K. and Molenaar, I. W. (2002). *Introduction to nonparametric item response theory*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

See Also

[check.iio](#),

Examples

```
data(cavalini)
attributes(cavalini)$labels
```

 check.bounds

Check the relative lower bound for scalability coefficients

Description

Returns the relative bounds for Mokken's scalability coefficients for dichotomous items as described by Ellis (2014).

Usage

```
check.bounds(X, quant = .90, lower = TRUE, upper = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|--|
| X | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of $nrow(X)$ respondents to $ncol(X)$ items. Missing values are not allowed |
| quant | numerical value between 0 and 1 used for the computation of lower bound $L2rij$. The computation deviates somewhat from the proposal in Ellis (2014) because the <code>stats</code> function <code>quantile</code> is used. |
| lower | Boolean: If TRUE, the lower bounds are given. |
| upper | Boolean: If TRUE, the upper bounds are given. |

Value

List containing two lists `UpperBounds` and `LowerBounds`, each containing a list of two $J \times J$ matrices (J = number of items): $L1rij$ (overestimator of the lower bound for the correlation) and $L2rij$ (underestimator of the lower bound for the correlation).

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References

Ellis, J. L. (2014). An inequality for correlations in unidimensional monotone latent variable models for binary variables. *Psychometrika*, 79, 303-316.

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
R <- cor(Communality)
res <- check.bounds(Communality, upper = TRUE)
L1rij <- res$LowerBounds$L1rij
L2rij <- res$LowerBounds$L2rij
U1rij <- res$UpperBounds$U1rij
U2rij <- res$UpperBounds$U2rij
# Correlations that meet L1rij (possibly an overestimation of the lower bound).
```

```

R >= L1rij
# Correlations that meet U1rij (possibly an overestimation of the upper bound).
R <= U1rij
# Correlations that meet L2rij (possibly an underestimation of the lower bound).
R >= L2rij
# Correlations that meet U2rij (possibly an underestimation of the upper bound).
R <= U2rij

```

check.ca

Check conditional association to indentify local dependence.

Description

The function uses three special cases of conditional association (CA; Holland and Rosenbaum, 1986) to identify positive and negative local dependence in the monotone homogeneity model. Straat, Van der Ark, and Sijtsma (2016; also, see Sijtsma, Van der Ark, and Straat, 2015) described the procedure.

Usage

```

check.ca(X, Windex = FALSE, MINSIZE = 4, NWEIGHTOPTION = "noweight",
         COVWEIGHTOPTION = "pnorm", MINGROUP = 4)

```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| X | Matrix of integers, missing values are not allowed |
| Windex | Boolean. Should output contain indices W1, W2, and W3? |
| MINSIZE | Minimum sample size of a rest-score group |
| NWEIGHTOPTION | Weight of sample size on each conditional covariance. Options: "noweight" (each covariance has weight 1, default in Straat et al., 2016) and "sqrt" (each covariance has weight $\sqrt{N_k(x)}$), this option was used in an older, decrepit, version of Straat et al., 2016) |
| COVWEIGHTOPTION | Weight of each conditional covariance on the computation of W1, W2, and W3. Options: "pnorm" (weight equals $P[\text{cov} < 0]$, default in Straat et al., 2014) and "noweight" (if $\text{cov} < 0$, then weight = 1, and weight = 0, otherwise; this option was used in a previous version of Straat et al., 2014) |
| MINGROUP | Minimum sample size of the conditioning variable to compute a covariance. Since the term $N-3$ is used in the computation of the standard error, $N = 4$ is the default. |

Value

list of three components:

(1) InScale (vector of booleans with length equal to the number of items): indicates whether an item is still in the scale.

(2) Index (list): Numerical values of indices W1, W2, and W3 (shown only if Windex = TRUE). Index has three subcomponents: W1, W2, and W3.

(3) Flagged (list): Boolean indicating whether a value of W1, W2, and W3 is flagged (1) or not (0) (shown only if Windex = TRUE) Index has three subcomponents: F1, F2, and F3, corresponding to the flagging of indices W1, W2, and W3, respectively.

Subcomponents correspond to the iteration. The first subcomponent refers to the situation with all items in the test, the second subcomponent refers to the situation with the worst item deleted, the third subcomponent refers to the situation with the two worst items deleted, etc.

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See Also

[DS14](#), [recode](#), [twoway](#)

Examples

```
data(DS14)

# Handle missing data and recode negatively worded items
X <- DS14[, 3 : 16]
X <- twoway(X)
X <- recode(X, c(1, 3))

# Negative affectivity
Na <- X[, c(1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14)]

# Social inhibition
Si <- X[, c(2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13)]

check.ca(Na, TRUE)
```

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| check.errors | <i>Check the number of Guttman errors (Gplus) and the number of infrequent scores (Oplus) for each respondent</i> |
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Description

Returns a list containing outlier scores Gplus (number of Guttman errors; Guttman, 1944) and Oplus for each respondent (Zijlstra, van der Ark and Sijtsma, 2007).

Usage

```
check.errors(X, returnGplus = TRUE, returnOplus = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------|---|
| X | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of nrow(X) respondents to ncol(X) items. Missing values are not allowed |
| returnGplus | Boolean. If TRUE the output contains outlier score Gplus |
| returnOplus | Boolean. If TRUE the output contains outlier score Oplus |

Value

List. Depending on the values of returnGplus and returnOplus, the output contains outlier score Gplus (the number of Guttman errors) and Oplus for each respondent

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See Also

[check.ca](#), [check.iio](#), [check.monotonicity](#), [check.pmatrix](#), [check.reliability_coefH](#), [plot.restscore.class](#), [summary.restscore.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
Gplus <- check.errors(Communality, TRUE, FALSE)$Gplus
Oplus <- check.errors(Communality, FALSE, TRUE)$Oplus

hist(Gplus, breaks = 0:max(Gplus))
```

check.iio

Check of Invariant Item Ordering

Description

Returns a list (of class `iio.class`) with results from the investigation of invariant item ordering. Three methods may be used for the investigation of invariant item ordering. (1) Method MIIO (manifest invariant item ordering: investigates the manifest item response functions for all pairs of items). For polytomous items, t-tests are used to test violations, for dichotomous items z-tests are used to test violations. (2) Method MS-CPM (manifest scale - cumulative probability model: investigates the manifest item step response functions for all pairs of items). Z-tests are used to test violations. (3) Method IT (increasingness in transposition: investigates all bivariate joint probabilities for all pairs of items). Chi-square tests are used to test violations.

For a complete description of Method MIIO, see Ligetvoet, Van der Ark, Te Marvelde, and Sijtsma (2010); for a complete description of the Method MS-CPM and Method IT with reference to Method MIIO, see Ligetvoet, Van der Ark, Bergsma, and Sijtsma (2011).

Usage

```
check.iio(X, method="MIIO", minvi = default.minvi, minsize = default.minsize,
alpha = .05, item.selection=TRUE, verbose=FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>X</code> | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of $nrow(X)$ respondents to $ncol(X)$ items. Missing values are not allowed |
| <code>method</code> | Either "MIIO" (default), "MSCPM", or "IT". Partial matching is allowed (e.g. <code>method="ms"</code> is equivalent to <code>method="MSCPM"</code>) |
| <code>minvi</code> | minimum size of a violation that is reported. By default <code>minvi = .03</code> times the number of item step response functions (m) for Method MIIO; <code>minvi = .03</code> for Method IT and Method MSCPM |
| <code>minsize</code> | minimum size of a rest score group. By default <code>minsize = N/10</code> if $N \geq 500$; <code>minsize = N/5</code> if $250 \leq N < 500$; and <code>minsize = max(N/3, 50)</code> if $N < 250$ |

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|----------------|--|
| alpha | Nominal Type I error for t test (Method MIIO), z test (Method MSCPM), or McNemar test (Method IT). Default alpha = .05 |
| item.selection | Conduct backward item selection procedure (see Ligtoet et al., 2010). Default item.selection=TRUE |
| verbose | Show the results of the backward item selection algorithm on screen. Default verbose=FALSE |

Details

The output is of class `iio.class`, and is often numerous. Functions `plot` and `summary` can be used to summarize the output. See Van der Ark (2014) for an example.

Value

| | |
|---------------|---|
| results | A list with as many components as there are item pairs. Each component itself is also a list containing the results of the investigation of IIO. |
| violations | A matrix: Summary of the backward item selection (Corresponds to Table 4 in Ligtoet et al., 2010, and Table 1 in Ligtoet et al., 2011). The first column gives, for each item, the number of violations of IIO. If the number of violations is nonzero, then the item with the largest number of violations is removed. If two or more items have the maximum number of violations, then from those items the item producing the lowest value of Loevinger's H is removed. The second column shows the number of violations with one item removed, the third column shows the number of violations with two items removed, etc. |
| items.removed | List of the items removed in chronological order |
| HT | Coefficient HT for the remaining items. For the use of coefficient HT see Ligtoet et al. (2010). If the sample size is extremely large coefficient HT is estimated using a random subsample. |
| method | The argument method |
| item.mean | The mean item scores |

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See Also

[check.errors](#), [check.monotonicity](#), [check.pmatrix](#), [check.reliability](#) [check.restscore](#), [coefH](#), [plot.iio.class](#), [summary.iio.class](#),

Examples

```
# Examples from Ligetvoet et al. (2010).

data(acl)

Order <- acl[,41:50]
summary(check.iio(Order))
plot(check.iio(Order))

Autonomy <- acl[,91:100]
check.iio(Autonomy)

# Examples from Ligetvoet et al. (2011).

data(cavalini)
X1 <- cavalini[,c(3,5,6,7,9,11,13,14)]

# Use Method MII0 and remove items violating MII0
iio.list1 <- check.iio(X1)
summary(iio.list1)
X2 <- X1[,is.na(charmatch(dimnames(X1)[[2]],names(iio.list1$items.removed)))]

# Use Method MSCPM and remove items violating MSCPM
iio.list2 <- check.iio(X2,method="MSCPM")
summary(iio.list2)
X3 <- X2[,is.na(charmatch(dimnames(X2)[[2]],names(iio.list2$items.removed)))]

# Use Method IT
iio.list3 <- check.iio(X3,method="IT")
summary(iio.list3)
```

Description

Returns a list (of class `monotonicity.class`) with results from the investigation of monotonicity (Junker and Sijtsma, 2000; Mokken, 1971; Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000; Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002).

Usage

```
check.monotonicity(X, minvi = 0.03, minsize = default.minsize)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| <code>X</code> | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of <code>nrow(X)</code> respondents to <code>ncol(X)</code> items. Missing values are not allowed |
| <code>minvi</code> | minimum size of a violation that is reported |
| <code>minsize</code> | minimum size of a rest score group. By default <code>minsize = N/10</code> if $N \geq 500$; <code>minsize = N/5</code> if $250 \leq N < 500$; and <code>minsize = max(N/3, 50)</code> if $N < 250$ |

Details

The output is of class `monotonicity.class`, and is often numerous. Functions `plot` and `summary` can be used to summarize the output. See Van der Ark (2007) for an example.

Value

| | |
|-----------------------|--|
| <code>results</code> | A list with as many components as there are items. Each component itself is also a list containing the results of the check of monotonicity. |
| <code>I.labels</code> | The item labels |
| <code>Hi</code> | The item scalability coefficients H_i |
| <code>m</code> | The number of answer categories. |

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See Also

[check.errors](#), [check.iio](#), [check.restscore](#), [check.pmatrix](#), [check.reliability](#), [coefH](#), [plot.monotonicity.class](#), [summary.monotonicity.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
monotonicity.list <- check.monotonicity(Communality)
plot(monotonicity.list)
summary(monotonicity.list)
```

check.norms

Standard errors for norm statistics

Description

The function presents standard errors for the mean, standard deviation, standard scores, stanine boundaries, and percentiles based on a vector of test scores (Oosterhuis, Van der Ark, and Sijtsma, 2016).

Usage

```
check.norms(y, nice.output = TRUE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| <code>y</code> | numerical vector. Typically a numerical vector of length N, representing the test scores of N respondents. Missing values are not allowed |
| <code>nice.output</code> | Logical: If TRUE, norm statistics and standard errors are combined in an a single object of class <code>noquote</code> |

Value

list of five components:

- (1) mean: Sample mean and its standard error (`noquote`).
- (2) sd: Sample standard deviation and its standard error (`noquote`).
- (3) z: For each unique testscore, the test score, its frequency, the corresponding estimated standard score and its standard error (`noquote`).
- (4) sta9: The estimates of the 8 boundaries of the stanines and their standard error (`noquote`).
- (5) z: For each unique testscore, the test score, its frequency, the corresponding estimated percentile rank and its standard error (`noquote`).

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References

Oosterhuis, H. E. M., van der Ark, L. A., and Sijtsma, K. (2016). Standard errors and confidence intervals of norm statistics for educational and psychological tests. Manuscript submitted for publication.

See Also

[DS14](#), [recode](#), [twoway](#)

Examples

```
data(DS14)

# Handle missing data and recode negatively worded items
X <- DS14[, 3 : 16]
X <- twoway(X)
X <- recode(X, c(1, 3))

# Negative affectivity
Na <- X[, c(1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14)]

# Social inhibition
Si <- X[, c(2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13)]

# Norms
check.norms(rowSums(Na))
check.norms(rowSums(Si))
```

check.pmatrix

Check of Nonintersection Using Method Pmatrix

Description

Returns a list (of class `pmatrix.class`) with results from the investigation of nonintersection using method `pmatrix` (Mokken, 1971; Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000; Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002).

Usage

```
check.pmatrix(X, minvi = 0.03)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>X</code> | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of <code>nrow(X)</code> respondents to <code>ncol(X)</code> items. Missing values are not allowed |
| <code>minvi</code> | minimum size of a violation that is reported |

Details

The output is often numerous. Functions `plot` and `summary` can be used to summarize the output. See Van der Ark (2007) for an example.

Value

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| <code>results</code> | A list with as many components as there are item pairs. Each component itself is also a list containing the results of the check of nonintersection using Method <code>pmatrix</code> . The P(++) matrix and P(- -) (Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000; Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002) are also included. |
| <code>I.item</code> | vector indicating to which items the rows and column the P(++) matrix belong |
| <code>I.step</code> | the labels of the item steps in order of popularity |
| <code>I.labels</code> | the item labels |
| <code>Hi</code> | the item scalability coefficients H_i |
| <code>minvi</code> | the value of <code>minvi</code> |

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See Also

[check.errors](#), [check.iio](#), [check.monotonicity](#), [check.reliability](#) [check.restscore](#), [coefH](#), [plot.pmatrix.class](#), [summary.pmatrix.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
pmatrix.list <- check.pmatrix(Communality)
plot(pmatrix.list)
summary(pmatrix.list)
```

check.reliability *Computation of reliability statistics*

Description

Returns a list of reliability statistics: Molenaar Sijtsma (MS, 1984, 1988) statistic (a.k.a rho; also see, Sijtsma and Molenaar, 1987; Van der Ark, 2010), Cronbach's (1951) alpha, Guttman's (1945) lambda 2, and the latent class reliability coefficient (LCRC; Van der Ark, Van der Palm, and Sijtsma, 2011).

Usage

```
check.reliability(X, MS = TRUE, alpha = TRUE, lambda.2 = TRUE,
LCRC = FALSE, nclass = nclass.default, irc = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------|---|
| X | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of <code>nrow(X)</code> respondents to <code>ncol(X)</code> items. Missing values are not allowed |
| MS | Boolean. If TRUE, The MS statistic is computed. |
| alpha | Boolean. If TRUE, Cronbach's alpha is computed. |
| lambda.2 | Boolean. If TRUE, Guttman's Lambda 2 is computed. |
| LCRC | Boolean. If TRUE, the LCRC is computed. |
| nclass | Integer. Number of latent classes for the computation of LCRC. By default: the number of items minus 1. |
| irc | Boolean. If TRUE, the item-rest correlation (a.k.a. corrected item-total correlation) is computed. |

Details

The computation of LCRC depends on the package `poLCA`, which in its turn depends on the packages `MASS` and `scatterplot3d`. Computation of the LCRC may be time consuming if the number of latent classes is large. The optimal number of latent classes should be determined prior to the computation of the LCRC, using software for latent class analysis (e.g., the R-package `poLCA`).

Value

| | |
|----------|--|
| MS | Molenaar Sijtsma statistic (a.k.a. rho). |
| alpha | Cronbach's alpha |
| lambda.2 | Guttman's Lambda 2 |
| LCRC | LCRC |

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See Also

[check.errors](#), [check.iio](#), [check.monotonicity](#), [check.pmatrix](#) [check.restscore](#), [coefH](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
check.reliability(Communality, LCRC = TRUE)
```

check.restscore

Check of Nonintersection Using Method Restscore

Description

Returns a list (of class `restscore.class`) with results from the investigation of nonintersection using method `restscore` (Mokken, 1971; Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000; Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002).

Usage

```
check.restscore(X, minvi = 0.03, minsize = default.minsize)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| X | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of $nrow(X)$ respondents to $ncol(X)$ items. Missing values are not allowed |
| minvi | minimum size of a violation that is reported |
| minsize | minimum size of a rest score group. By default $minsize = N/10$ if $N \geq 500$; $minsize = N/5$ if $250 \leq N < 500$; and $minsize = \max(N/3, 50)$ if $N < 250$ |

Details

The output is often numerous. Procedure may be slow for large data sets. Functions `plot` and `summary` can be used to summarize the output. See Van der Ark (2007) for an example.

Value

| | |
|----------|---|
| results | A list with as many components as there are item pairs. Each component itself is also a list containing the results of the check of nonintersection using method <code>restscore</code> . |
| I.labels | The item labels |
| Hi | The item scalability coefficients |
| m | The number of answer categories. |

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See Also

[check.errors](#), [check.iio](#), [check.monotonicity](#), [check.pmatrix](#), [check.reliability_coefH](#), [plot.restscore.class](#), [summary.restscore.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
restscore.list <- check.restscore(Communality)
plot(restscore.list)
summary(restscore.list)
```

coefH

*Scalability coefficients H***Description**

Computes item-pair scalability coefficients H_{ij} , item scalability coefficients H_i , and scale scalability coefficient H (Loevinger, 1948; Mokken, 1971, pp. 148-153; Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000, pp. 11-13; Sijtsma and Molenaar, chap. 4; Van der Ark, 2007; 2010), as well as their standard errors (Kuijpers, Van der Ark, and Croon, 2013; also see Van der Ark, Croon, and Sijtsma, 2008). It is possible to compare scalability coefficients across groups using the item-step ordering of the entire sample (cf. CHECK=GROUPS option in MSP; Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000).

Usage

```
coefH(X, se = TRUE, nice.output = TRUE, group.var = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| <code>X</code> | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of <code>nrow(X)</code> respondents to <code>ncol(X)</code> items. Missing values are not allowed |
| <code>se</code> | Logical: If TRUE, the standard errors of the scalability coefficients are given |
| <code>nice.output</code> | Logical: If TRUE, scalability coefficients and standard errors are combined in an a single object of class <code>noquote</code> |
| <code>group.var</code> | vector of length <code>nrow(X)</code> or matrix with number of rows equal to <code>nrow(X)</code> to be used as grouping variable |

Details

May not work if any of the item variances equals zero. Such items should not be used in a test and removed from the data frame.

If `nice.output = TRUE` and `se = TRUE`, the result is a list of 3 objects of class `noquote`; if `nice.output = FALSE` and `se = TRUE`, the result is a list of 6 matrices (3 for the scalability coefficients and 3 for the standard errors); and if `se = FALSE`, the result is a list of 3 matrices (for the scalability coefficients. if `group.var = Y` with `Y` having `K` values, an additional element named `Groups` is added to the list. Element `Groups` shows the scalability coefficients per group ordered by means of `sort` (see `Sys.getlocale` for details). `group.var` returns coefficients for groups containing at least two case. Computation of standard errors can be slow for a combination of a large sample size and a large number of items.

Value

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <code>H_{ij}</code> | scalability coefficients of the item pairs (possibly with standard errors; see details) |
| <code>H_i</code> | vector containing scalability coefficients of the items (possibly with standard errors; see details) |

| | |
|--------|---|
| H | scalability coefficient of the entire scale (possibly with standard error; see details) |
| se.Hij | standard errors of the scalability coefficients of the item pairs (only if <code>nice.output = FALSE</code> and <code>se = TRUE</code> ; see details) |
| se.Hi | standard errors of the scalability coefficients of the items (see details) |
| se.H | standard error of the scalability coefficient of the entire scale (see details) |
| Groups | Scalability coefficient for subgroups (see details) |

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See Also

[coefZ](#), [search.normal](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
coefH(Communality)

coefH(Communality, se=FALSE)

subgroup <- ifelse(acl[,11] < 2,1,2)
coefH(Communality, group.var = subgroup)
```

 coefZ *Computation of Z-Values*

Description

Computes Z_{ij} -values of item pairs, Z_i -values of items, and Z -value of the entire scale, which are used to test whether H_{ij} , H_i , and H , respectively, are significantly greater than zero (Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000, pp. 59-62; Sijtsma and Molenaar, p. 40; Van der Ark, 2007; 2010).

Used in the function `aisp`

Usage

```
coefZ(X)
```

Arguments

`X` matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of `nrow(X)` respondents to `ncol(X)` items. Missing values are not allowed

Details

Unlike `coefH`, standard errors are not provided.

Value

`Zij` matrix containing the Z -values of the item-pairs
`Zi` vector containing Z -values of the items
`Z` Z -value of the entire scale

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See Also

[coefH](#), [aisp](#)

Examples

```
data(ac1)
Communality <- ac1[,1:10]
coefH(Communality)
coefZ(Communality)
```

DS14

DS14

Description

Gender, age, and item scores on the DS14 questionnaire of 541 coronary artery disease patients.

Usage

```
data(DS14)
```

Format

A 541 by 16 matrix containing gender, age, and item scores on the DS14 questionnaire.

Details

The DS14 (Denollet, 2005) is the most accepted and widely used diagnostic instrument for the assessment of the type-D pattern. Type D (distressed) is defined as the joint tendency towards negative affectivity (e.g., worry, irritability, gloom) and social inhibition (e.g., reticence and a lack of self-assurance). DS14 contains 14 items, each having five ordered response categories (0 = completely disagree, 1 = disagree, 2 = agree nor disagree, 3 = agree, 4 = completely agree). Items 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, and 13 measure negative affectivity. Items 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 14 measure social inhibition. Items 1 and 3 are negatively worded (indicated by an asterisk in the dimnames).

The data contain the gender (`Male`) of the patients (1 = male, 0 = female), the age (`Age`) of the patients in years, and the scores to DS14. Ten item scores are missing. Items 1 and 3 must be recoded before the data can be used meaningfully. The data have been used to investigate predictive value of social inhibition and negative affectivity for cardiovascular events and mortality in patients with coronary artery disease (Denollet et al., 2013), to investigate the relation between Type D and inflammation and endothelial dysfunction' (van Dooren et al., 2016), and to investigate the relation between Type D and increased macrophage activity (Zuccarella-Hackl et al., 2016) These data have also been analyzed in papers on Mokken scale analysis (Sijtsma and Van der Ark, 2016; Straat et al., 2016).

Source

Data were kindly made available by J. Denollet from Tilburg University.

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See Also

[recode](#), [twoway](#)

Examples

```
data(DS14)

# Handle missing data and recode negatively worded items
X <- DS14[, 3 : 16]
X <- twoway(X)
X <- recode(X, c(1, 3))
head(X)
```

plot.iio.class

Plot iio.class objects

Description

S3 Method to plot objects of class `iio.class`. Graphic display of the checks of `iio`. One graph for each item plotting the estimated item response functions.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'iio.class'
plot(x, item.pairs = all.pairs, ci = TRUE, alpha = .05,
      color = c("black", "blue"), transparency = 20, ask = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|--|
| x | Object of class iio.class produced by <code>check.iio</code> . |
| item.pairs | vector containing the numbers of the item pairs for which the results are depicted graphically. For example, <code>item.pairs = 1</code> prints the results for items 1 and 2, <code>item.pairs = 2</code> prints the results for items 1 and 3, <code>item.pairs = J</code> prints the results for items 1 and J , and <code>item.pairs = J+1</code> prints the results for items 2 and 3. Default the results for all item pairs are depicted. |
| ci | Boolean. If TRUE (default), then confidence envelopes are plotted around IRFs. |
| alpha | Type of plotted (1 - alpha) confidence intervals. By default 95-percent confidence intervals are depicted |
| color | Color of the plotted curves and confidence envelopes. Defaults are black for the first item and blue for the second item. |
| transparency | Transparency of the confidence intervals. Higher values result in more opaque colors for the confidence intervals. |
| ask | Boolean. If TRUE (default), then <code>par("ask"=TRUE)</code> ; i.e., a hard return between subsequent plots is required. If FALSE, then <code>par("ask"=FALSE)</code> . |
| ... | Optional graphical parameters will be ignored |

Details

The plot function corresponds to method MIIO; each graph plots the estimated item response functions (item rest-score functions) for two items. For details of the method, see Ligetvoet et al. (2010, 2011); Sijtsma et al. (2012). For details of the confidence envelopes, see Van der Ark (2012b). For the implementation in R, see Van der Ark (2012a). For `ask==FALSE`, the default graphic device in R may only display the last graph.

Value

Returns a graph.

Author(s)

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See Also

[check.iio](#), [summary.iio.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
iio.list <- check.iio(Communality)
summary(iio.list)
plot(iio.list)
```

plot.monotonicity.class

Plot monotonicity.class objects

Description

S3 Method to plot objects of class monotonicity.class. Graphic display of the checks of monotonicity. One graph for each item plotting the estimated item step response functions and/or item response function, plus confidence envelopes (Van der Ark, 2012).

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'monotonicity.class'
plot(x, items = all.items, curves = "both", ci = TRUE,
      alpha = .05, color = "black", transparency = 20, ask = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| x | Object of class monotonicity.class produced by check.monotonicity . |
| items | vector containing the numbers of the items for which the results are depicted graphically. Default the results for all items are depicted. |
| curves | "ISRF": Item step response functions (ISRFs) are depicted; "IRF": item response functions (IRFs) are depicted; "both": Both ISRFs and IRFs are depicted. Default is "both" |
| ci | Boolean. If TRUE (default), then confidence envelopes are plotted around IRFs and ISRFs. |
| alpha | Type of plotted (1 - alpha) confidence intervals. By default 95-percent confidence intervals are depicted |
| color | Color of the plotted curves and confidence envelopes. Default is black. |

| | |
|--------------|--|
| transparency | Transparency of the confidence intervals. Higher values result in more opaque colors for the confidence intervals. |
| ask | Boolean. If TRUE (default), then <code>par("ask"=TRUE)</code> ; i.e., a hard return between subsequent plots is required. If FALSE, then <code>par("ask"=FALSE)</code> . |
| ... | Optional graphical parameters will be ignored |

Details

For details of the method, see Molenaar and Sijtsma (2000) and Sijtsma and Molenaar (2002). For details of the confidence envelopes, see Van der Ark (2012) For the implementation in R, see Van der Ark (2007). For `curves=="both"`, both plots are plotted simultaneously using `layout(matrix(c(1,2),1,2))`. For `ask=="FALSE"`, the default graphic device in R may only display the last graph.

Value

Returns a graph.

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References

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See Also

[check.monotonicity](#), [summary.monotonicity.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
monotonicity.list <- check.monotonicity(Communality)
plot(monotonicity.list)
summary(monotonicity.list)
```

plot.pmatrix.class *Plot pmatrix.class objects*

Description

S3 Method to plot objects of class pmatrix.class. Graphic display of the checks of pmatrix. One graph for each item plotting the rows of the P(++) matrix and rows of the P(-) matrix. If nonintersection holds the lines in the plots of the P(++) matrix must be nondecreasing and the lines in the plots of the P(-) matrix must be nonincreasing.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pmatrix.class'
plot(x, items = all.items, pmatrix = "both", ci = TRUE,
      alpha = .05, color = "black", transparency = 20, ask = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|---|
| x | Object of class pmatrix.class produced by check.pmatrix . |
| items | vector containing the numbers of the item pairs for which the results are depicted graphically. Default the results for all items are depicted. |
| pmatrix | Valid options are "ppp", "pmm", and "both". If pmatrix="ppp", then the P(++) matrix is plotted, if pmatrix="pmm", then the P(-) matrix is plotted, if pmatrix="both", then both the P(++) matrix and P(-) matrix are plotted. |
| ci | Boolean. If TRUE, then confidence envelops are plotted around IRFs and ISRFs. |
| alpha | Type of plotted (1 - alpha) confidence intervals. By default 95-percent confidence intervals are depicted |
| color | Color of the plotted curves and confidence envelops. Default is black. |
| transparency | Transparency of the confidence intervals. Higher values result in more opaque colors for the confidence intervals. |
| ask | Boolean. If TRUE (default), then par("ask"=TRUE); i.e., a hard return between subsequent plots is required. If FALSE, then par("ask"=FALSE). |
| ... | Optional graphical parameters will be ignored |

Details

The default graphic device in R may only display the last graph.

In the plot of the P(++) matrix and the P(-) matrix, the x-axis contains the $k = (J - 1)m$ item steps not pertaining to item j in order of popularity (ascending). Let $Y_g = 1$ indicate that the g -th item step has been taken: i.e. $X_i \geq y$ and let $Y_g = 0$ indicate that the g -th item step has not been taken: i.e. $X_i < y$. The m lines in the plot of the P(++) matrix connect $P(X_j \geq x, Y_1 = 1), \dots, P(X_j \geq x, Y_k = 1), x = 1, \dots, m$. The m lines in the plot of the P(-) matrix connect $P(X_j < x, Y_1 = 0), \dots, P(X_j < x, Y_k = 0), x = 1, \dots, m$.

If the number of item steps on the x-axis is greater than 10, then the labels are not displayed,

Value

Returns a graph.

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References

Molenaar, I.W. and Sijtsma, K. (2000) *User's Manual MSP5 for Windows* [Software manual]. Groningen, The Netherlands: IEC ProGAMMA.

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See Also

[check.pmatrix](#), [summary.pmatrix.class](#)

Examples

```
data(ac1)
Communality <- ac1[,1:10]
pmatrix.list <- check.pmatrix(Communality)
plot(pmatrix.list)
summary(pmatrix.list)
```

plot.restscore.class *Plot restscore.class objects*

Description

S3 Method to plot objects of class restscore.class. Graphic display of the checks of restscore. One graph for each item pair plotting the estimated item step response functions (ISRFs); confidence envelopes are optional. Intersections of the lines indicate violations of nonintersection,

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'restscore.class'
plot(x, item.pairs = all.pairs, ci = TRUE, alpha = .05,
      color = c("black", "blue"), transparency = 20, ask = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|--|
| x | Object of class restscore.class produced by <code>check.restscore</code> . |
| item.pairs | vector containing the numbers of the item pairs for which the results are depicted graphically. For example, <code>item.pairs = 1</code> prints the results for items 1 and 2, <code>item.pairs = 2</code> prints the results for items 1 and 3, <code>item.pairs = J</code> prints the results for items 1 and J , and <code>item.pairs = J+1</code> prints the results for items 2 and 3. Default the results for all item pairs are depicted. |
| ci | Boolean. If TRUE (default), then confidence envelops are plotted around ISRFs. |
| alpha | Type of plotted (1 - alpha) confidence intervals. By default 95-percent confidence intervals are depicted |
| color | Color of the plotted lines and confidence envelops. Defaults are black for the first item and blue for the second item. |
| transparency | Transparency of the confidence intervals. Higher values result in more opaque colors for the confidence intervals. |
| ask | Boolean. If TRUE (default), then <code>par("ask"=TRUE)</code> ; i.e., a hard return between subsequent plots is required. If FALSE, then <code>par("ask"=FALSE)</code> . |
| ... | Optional graphical parameters will be ignored |

Details

For details of the method, see Molenaar and Sijtsma (2000) and Sijtsma and Molenaar (2002). For details of the confidence envelopes, see Van der Ark (2012) For the implementation in R, see Van der Ark (2007). For `ask==FALSE`, the default graphic device in R may only display the last graph. The default number of plots can increase rapidly for large numbers of items.

Value

Returns a graph.

Author(s)

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References

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See Also

[check.restscore](#), [summary.restscore.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
restscore.list <- check.restscore(Communality)
plot(restscore.list)
summary(restscore.list)
```

| | |
|--------|--|
| recode | <i>Recodes negatively worded items</i> |
|--------|--|

Description

Returns a matrix or data.frame with the indicated items recoded.

Usage

```
recode(X, items = NULL, values = defaultValues)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>X</code> | matrix or data frame of numeric data containing the responses of <code>nrow(X)</code> respondents to <code>ncol(X)</code> items. Missing values are allowed |
| <code>items</code> | Vector of integers indicating the items to be recoded |
| <code>values</code> | Vector of possible item scores. By default the range of the observed values is taken |

Details

The result is `X` for which columns `items` have been recoded.

Value

The result is `X` for which columns `items` have been recoded.

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See Also

[DS14](#), [tway](#)

Examples

```

data(DS14)

# Handle missing data and recode negatively worded items
X <- DS14[, 3 : 16]
X <- twoway(X)
X <- recode(X, c(1, 3))
head(X)

```

```
summary.iio.class      Summarize iio.class objects
```

Description

S3 Method for summary of objects of class iio.class. Summarize checks of invariant item ordering.

Usage

```

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

```

Arguments

```

object      list produced by check.iio
...         Optional parameters will be ignored

```

Value

```

method      String describing the method used for investigating invariant item ordering: Either "MIIO" (Method Manifest Invariant Item Ordering), "MSCPM" (Method Manifest Scale Cumulative Probability Model), or "IT" (Method Increasingness in Transposition)

item.summary Matrix with ncol(X) rows and 10 columns, showing for each item a summary of the violations of an invariant item ordering: itemH = Item-scalability coefficient; #ac = number of active pairs that were investigated; #vi = number of violations in which the item is involved; #vi/#ac = proportion of active pairs that is involved in a violation; maxvi = maximum violation; sum = sum of all violations; tmax (for method MIIO), zmax (for method MSCPM), or xmax (for method IT) = maximum t-value, z-value, and chi-square value, respectively; tsig (for method MIIO), zsig (for method MSCPM), or xsig (for method IT) = number of significant t-values, z-values, and chi-square values, respectively; crit = Crit value (Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000, pp. 49, 74).

backward.selection Matrix showing the number of violations for each item (rows) at each step of the backward item selection proces (columns). The first column shows the number of violations for each item. Then in an iterative procedure, the item whose removal results in the largest decrease of violations is removed and the number of

```

violations is computed again. If the reduction in the number of violations is undecided then, from the candidate items, the item having the smallest scalability coefficient is removed. The backward selection procedure stops when there are no more violations.

HT Numeric: Coefficient HT for the selected items. Given an IIO, coefficient HT expresses the strength of the ordering (Ligtvoet et al., 2010).

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See Also

[check.iio](#), [plot.iio.class](#)

Examples

```
# Examples from Ligtvoet et al. (2011).

data(cavalini)
X1 <- cavalini[,c(3,5,6,7,9,11,13,14)]

# Use Method MIIO and remove items violating MIIO
iio.list1 <- check.iio(X1)
summary(iio.list1)
plot(iio.list1)
X2 <- X1[,is.na(charmatch(dimnames(X1)[[2]],names(iio.list1$items.removed)))]

# Use Method MSCPM and remove items violating MSCPM
iio.list2 <- check.iio(X2,method="MSCPM")
summary(iio.list2)
X3 <- X2[,is.na(charmatch(dimnames(X2)[[2]],names(iio.list2$items.removed)))]
```

```
# Use Method IT
iio.list3 <- check.iio(X3,method="IT")
summary(iio.list3)
```

```
summary.monotonicity.class
```

```
Summarize monotonicity.class objects
```

Description

S3 Method for summary of objects of class monotonicity.class. Summarizes checks of monotonicity

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|--------|---|
| object | list produced by check.monotonicity |
| ... | Optional parameters will be ignored |

Value

Matrix with $\text{ncol}(X)$ rows and 10 columns, showing for each item a summary of the violations of monotonicity: `itemH` = Item-scalability coefficient; `#ac` = number of active pairs that were investigated; `#vi` = number of violations in which the item is involved; `#vi/#ac` = proportion of active pairs that is involved in a violation; `maxvi` = maximum violation; `sum` = sum of all violations; `zmax` = maximum z-value; `zsig` = number of significant z-values; `crit` = Crit value (Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000, pp. 49, 74).

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References

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- Sijtsma, K, and Molenaar, I. W. (2002) *Introduction to nonparametric item response theory*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
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See Also

[check.monotonicity](#), [plot.monotonicity.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
monotonicity.list <- check.monotonicity(Communality)
plot(monotonicity.list)
summary(monotonicity.list)
```

summary.pmatrix.class *Summarize pmatrix.class objects*

Description

S3 Method for summary of objects of class pmatrix.class. Summarize checks of nonintersection using method pmatrix.

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| object | list produced by check.pmatrix |
| ... | Optional parameters will be ignored |

Details

For obtaining the P++ and P- matrix, see examples.

Value

Matrix with $n\text{col}(X)$ rows and 10 columns, showing for each item a summary of the violations of nonintersection using method pmatrix: `itemH` = Item-scalability coefficient; `#ac` = number of active pairs that were investigated; `#vi` = number of violations in which the item is involved; `#vi/#ac` = proportion of active pairs that is involved in a violation; `maxvi` = maximum violation; `sum` = sum of all violations; `zmax` = maximum z-value; `zsig` = number of significant z-values; `crit` = Crit value (Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000, pp. 49, 74).

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See Also

[check.pmatrix](#), [plot.pmatrix.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
pmatrix.list <- check.pmatrix(Communality)
plot(pmatrix.list)
summary(pmatrix.list)

# Small example showing how to retrieve the P++ matrix and the P-- matrix
SmallExample <- acl[,1:4]
pmatrix.list <- check.pmatrix(SmallExample)
pmatrix.list$results$Ppp
pmatrix.list$results$Pmm
```

```
summary.restscore.class
```

Summarize restscore.class objects

Description

S3 Method for summary of objects of class restscore.class. Summarize checks of nonintersection using method restscore.

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|--------|--|
| object | list produced by check.restscore |
| ... | Optional parameters will be ignored |

Value

Matrix with $\text{ncol}(X)$ rows and 10 columns, showing for each item a summary of the violations of nonintersection using method `restscore`: `itemH` = Item-scalability coefficient; `#ac` = number of active pairs that were investigated; `#vi` = number of violations in which the item is involved; `#vi/#ac` = proportion of active pairs that is involved in a violation; `maxvi` = maximum violation; `sum` = sum of all violations; `zmax` = maximum z-value; `zsig` = number of significant z-values; `crit` = Crit value (Molenaar and Sijtsma, 2000, pp. 49, 74).

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References

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- Sijtsma, K, and Molenaar, I. W. (2002) *Introduction to nonparametric item response theory*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.
- Van der Ark, L. A. (2007). Mokken scale analysis in **R**. *Journal of Statistical Software*. <http://www.jstatsoft.org/v20/i11>

See Also

[check.restscore](#), [plot.restscore.class](#)

Examples

```
data(acl)
Communality <- acl[,1:10]
restscore.list <- check.restscore(Communality)
plot(restscore.list)
summary(restscore.list)
```

transreas

Transitive Reasoning

Description

Data came from 12 dichotomous items administered to 425 children in grades 2 through 6 (Verweij, Sijtsma, and Koops, 1996). Each item is a transitive reasoning task.

Usage

```
data(transreas)
```

Format

A 425 by 13 (grade and scores on 12 items) matrix containing integers. `attributes(transreas)` gives details on the items

Details

Items have two ordered answer categories, *incorrect* (score 0), *correct* (1). (for detailed information, see Sijtsma and Molenaar, 2002, p. 33).

| Item | Task | Property | Format | Objects | Measures |
|------|------|----------|-------------------|---------|----------------------------|
| T09L | 9 | length | YA = YB < YC = YD | sticks | 12.5, 12.5, 13, 13 (cm) |
| T12P | 12 | pseudo | | | |
| T10W | 10 | weight | YA = YB < YC = YD | balls | 60, 60, 100, 100 (g) |
| T11P | 11 | pseudo | | | |
| T04W | 4 | weight | YA = YB = YC = YD | cubes | 65 (g) |
| T05W | 5 | weight | YA < YB < YC | balls | 40, 50, 70 (cm) |
| T02L | 2 | length | YA = YB = YC = YD | tubes | 12 (cm) |
| T07L | 7 | length | YA > YB = YC | sticks | 28.5, 27.5, 27.5 (cm) |
| T03W | 3 | weight | YA > YB > YC | tubes | 45, 25, 18 (g) |
| T01L | 1 | length | YA > YB > YC | sticks | 12, 11.5, 11 (cm) |
| T08W | 8 | weight | YA > YB = YC | balls | 65, 40, 40 (g) |
| T06A | 6 | area | YA > YB > YC | discs | 7.5, 7, 6.5 (diameter; cm) |

References

Verweij, A. C., Sijtsma, K., and Koops, W. (1996). A Mokken scale for transitive reasoning suited for longitudinal research. *International Journal of Behavioral Development*, 23, 241-264.

Sijtsma, K. and Molenaar, I. W. (2002). *Introduction to nonparametric item response theory*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Examples

```
# Construction of Table 3.1 in Sijtsma and Molenaar (2002, p. 33)
data(transreas)
grades <- transreas[,1]
item.scores <- transreas[,-1]
Total.group <- round(apply(item.scores,2,mean),2)
for (i in 2:6) assign(paste("Grade.",i,sep=""),
  round(apply(item.scores[grades==i,],2,mean),2))
Task <- c(9,12,10,11,4,5,2,7,3,1,8,6)
Property <- attributes(transreas)$property
Format <- attributes(transreas)$format
Objects <- attributes(transreas)$objects
Measures <- attributes(transreas)$measures
Table.3.1 <- data.frame(Task,Property,Format,Objects,Measures,
  Total.group,Grade.2,Grade.3,Grade.4,Grade.5,Grade.6)
Table.3.1
```

`twoway`*Two-way imputation*

Description

Returns a single or multiple completed data sets using two-way imputation with normally distributed errors.

Usage

```
twoway(X, nCompletedDataSets = 1, minX = defaultMinX, maxX = defaultMaxX, seed = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>X</code> | matrix or data frame of integer data containing the score of $nrow(X)$ respondents to $ncol(X)$ items. Typically X contains missing values. |
| <code>nCompletedDataSets</code> | Number of completed data sets. |
| <code>minX</code> | Minimum item score. By default, the minimum item score is the lowest score found in the data. |
| <code>maxX</code> | Maximum item score. By default, the maximum item score is the highest score found in the data. |
| <code>seed</code> | Seed for random sampling. If <code>seed = FALSE</code> (default), no seed is given, otherwise seed must be a numeric value. Replications having the same seed result in exactly the same outcome value. |

Details

For single imputation (`nCompletedDataSets == 1`, default) the function returns an object of the same class as X , for multiple imputation (`nCompletedDataSets > 1`) the function returns a list. References for two-way imputation include Bernaards and Sijtsma (2000), Sijtsma and Van der Ark (2003), and Van Ginkel, Van der Ark, and Sijtsma (2007).

Value

The result is X for which the missing values have been replaced by imputed values. For multiple imputations, the result is a list of matrices/data frames. For single imputations, the result is a matrix/data frame.

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See Also

[DS14](#), [recode](#)

Examples

```
data(DS14)

# Handle missing data and recode negatively worded items
X <- DS14[, 3 : 16]
X <- twoway(X)
X <- recode(X, c(1, 3))
head(X)
```

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