Package 'IATscores'

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Title Implicit Association Test Scores Using Robust Statistics

Description Compute several variations of the Implicit Association Test (IAT) scores, including the D scores (Greenwald, Nosek, Banaji, 2003) and the new scores that were developed using robust statistics (Richetin, Costantini, Perugini, and Schonbrodt, 2015).

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IATscores-package *Compute Robust IAT scores*

Description

The function RobustScores computes variants of the robust IAT scores according to four main parameters.

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alg2param *Convert the algorithm names to the generating parameters*

Description

Starting from the algorithm names, gives the parameters that generated each algorithm as output.

Usage

```
alg2param(x)
```

Arguments

x	The name of an algorithm (string) or the name of many algorithms (vector of strings).

Details

The algorithm names in this package follow a precise convention and are in the form "pxxxx", (where each x stands for a numbers). The first number corresponds to the value of the parameter P1 in RobustScores, the second number corresponds to the value of P2 and so on. This function allows to know the values of the parameters that generated an algorithm from the algorithm's name. Also a vector of algorithm's names can be given as input.

Value

A dataframe with four columns.

`algorithm`	(string). The algorithm's name given as input
`P1`	(string). Parameter P1, see `RobustScores`
`P2`	(string). Parameter P2, see `RobustScores`
`P3`	(string). Parameter P3, see `RobustScores`
`P4`	(string). Parameter P4, see `RobustScores`

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Examples

```
alg2param("p1231")
```

`Pretreatment` *Pretreat the IAT data in input.*

Description

Convert the initial dataframe of the IAT in a simpler dataframe, which is the input of subsequent functions in this package.

Usage

```
Pretreatment(IATdata,
  label_subject = "subject",
  label_latency = "latency",
  label_accuracy = "correct",
  label_block = "blockcode",
  block_pair1 = c("pair1_left", "pair1_right"),
  block_pair2 = c("pair2_left", "pair2_right"),
  label_trial = NA,
  trial_left = NA,
  trial_right = NA,
  label_praccrit=NA,
  block_prac=NA,
  block_crit=NA,
  label_stimulus=NA)
```

Arguments

IATdata	The input dataframe. I consider the the output of the IAT implemented in Inquisit (a row by trial). Only 7 columns are important for computation. - a column with subject numbers - a column with latencies - a column with accuracy (1 = correct, 0 = incorrect) - a column including the block codes, i.e. one or more strings that describe the kind of block (e.g., "compatible" vs. "incompatible") - a column including the trial codes, i.e. one or more strings that describe the kind of trial (e.g., "response_left" vs. "response_right") - a column including information about which are the practice and which the critical combined categorization blocks. - a column with the original stimuli (optional)
label_subject	String. Name of the column in IATdata with the subject numbers
label_latency	String. Name of the column in IATdata with the latecies
label_accuracy	String. Name of the column in IATdata with the accuracy
label_block	String. Name of the column in IATdata with the block names
block_pair1	Vector of strings. Elements of the column indicated in label_block that correspond the one of the critical blocks of the IAT
block_pair2	Vector of strings. Elements of the column indicated in label_block that correspond the the other critical block of the IAT (with respect to the one indicated by block_pair1)
label_trial	String (optional). Name of the column in IATdata with the trial names
trial_left	Vector of strings(optional). Elements of the column indicated in label_trial that correspond to trials that required to to press the left button to give the correct response.
trial_right	Vector of strings(optional). Elements of the column indicated in label_trial that correspond to trials that required to to press the right button to give the correct response.
label_praccrit	String (optional). The column in which the information about practice and critical trials is stored.
block_prac	Vector of strings (optional). The elements of the column indicated in label_praccrit that correspond to the practice combined blocks
block_crit	Vector of strings (optional). The elements of the column indicated in label_praccrit that correspond to the critical combined blocks
label_stimulus	(optional) The variable name in IATdata that keeps information about the stimulus presented in each trial

Value

a dataframe with the following columns:

subject	Univocally identifies a participant.
correct	(logical). has value TRUE or 1 if the trial was answered correctly, FALSE or 0 otherwise.

latency	(numeric). Response latency.
blockcode	(factor). Can assume only two values, "pair1" and "pair2". "pair1" is for one critical block and "pair2" is the other critical block.
praccrit	(factor, optional). Can assume only two values, "prac" is for practice combined categorization block and "crit" is for critical combined categorization block. In a IAT with 60 trials for each double categorization block, the first 20 are sometimes administered as practice block, the other 40 as critical.
trialcode	(factor, optional). Code for the trial, has value "left" if the correct response required to press the left button, "right" if it required to press the right button.
stimulus	(character, optional). The stimulus item.

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RobustScores *Compute the Robust IAT scoers*

Description

This is the main function of the package. It allows to compute many variants of the robust IAT scores all with a single command.

Usage

```
RobustScores(IATdata,
P1 = c("none", "fxtrim", "fxwins", "trim10", "wins10", "inve10"),
P2 = c("ignore", "exclude", "recode", "separate", "recode600"),
P3 = c("dscore", "gscore", "wpr90", "minid", "minid_t10", "minid_w10",
"minid_i10"),
P4 = c("nodist", "dist"), maxMemory = 1000,
verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

IATdata	a dataframe with the following columns: • subject: (factor or coercible to factor). Univocally identifies a participant. • correct: (logical). has value TRUE or 1 if the trial was answered correctly, FALSE or 0 otherwise. • latency: (numeric). Response latency, in ms. • blockcode: (factor or string). Can assume only two values, "pair1" and "pair2". "pair1" is for one critical block and "pair2" is the other critical block.

- `praccrit`. (factor, optional). Can assume only two values, `"prac"` is for practice combined categorization block and `"crit"` is for critical combined categorization block. In a IAT with 60 trials for each double categorization block, the first 20 are sometimes administered as practice block, the other 40 as critical.

`P1` (Vector of strings). Determines how the latencies are treated for computing the scores. Can include one or more of the following strings.

1. `"none"`: Do nothing.
2. `"fxtrim"`: Trim values < 400ms
3. "fxwins": Values < 300ms assume the value 300ms and values > 3000ms assume the value 3000ms
4. `"trim10"`: 10% trimming
5. `"wins10"`: 10% winsorizing
6. `"inve10"`: 10% inverse trimming (i.e., trim central values)

`P2` (Vector of strings). Determines how the error latencies are treated. Can include one or more of the following strings.

1. `"ignore"`: Disregard the correct-error distinction, treat all the latencies as if they were correct latencies.
2. `"exclude"`: Remove error latencies and consider only the correct ones.
3. `"recode"`: Recode the error latencies with the M+2SD of correct latencies. In the computation of the M and of the SD, all correct latencies are considered that are < 10s.
4. `"separate"`: Apply parameter P1 separately for correct and error latencies. Notice that for parameter 1 equal to "none", "fxtrim", and "fxwins", if P4 = "ignore" and P4 = "separate", the result is the same.)
5. `"recode600"`: Recode the error latencies with the the mean of correct latencies + 600ms. In the computation of the Mean, all correct latencies are considered that are < 10s.

`P3` The algorithm for computing the Dscores. Can include one or more of the following strings.

1. `"dscore"`. Compute the Dscores as M pair2 - Mpair1 / pooled SD.
2. `"gscore"`. Compute the Gscores, as shown in Nosek, Bar-Anan, Sriram, & Greenwald (2013).
3. `"wpr90"`. Compute the scores based on the worst-performance-rule, which are the same as the Dscores, but instead of the mean, the 90th percentile is used in the numerator.
4. `minid`. Compute the minidifferences, i.e., the differences between any latency in pair2 and any latency in pair1. Then compute the IAT scores as the Mean of the minidifferences, divided by their SD.
5. `minid_t10`. Compute the 10% trimmed minidifferences, which are identical to the mididiffernces, but instead of the mean, the 10% trimmed mean is used.
6. `"minid_w10"` Compute the 10% winsorized minidifferences, which are as the minidifferences, but instead of the mean, the 10% winsorized mean is used.

7. "minid_i10" Compute the 10% inverse_trimmed minidifferences, which are as the minidifferences, but instead of the mean, the 10% inverse trimmed mean is used.

P4 — Distinguish the practice and the critical blocks, as specified by column praccrit in the IATdata, or do not.

1. "nodist" no distinction between practice and critical blocks. no distinction is made between practice and critical blocks and the IAT scores are computed using all trials together.
2. "dist" compute the IAT scores as the average IAT score computed. the scores are computed on practice and critical blocks separately: the total score is then computedc as the average of the two IAT scores.

maxMemory — In computing the minidifferences, a very large dataframe is required. maxMemory specifies the maximum size of this dataframe, in MB. This limit is respected by "slicing" the dataset and computing the scores separately for many subsets of participants. This can slow the computation a bit, but prevents RAM overflows.

verbose — if TRUE, Print the time at which several operations are performed.

Details

The procedure for computing the scores is the following.

1. First parameter P4 is applied: for "nodist" the whole dataset is given as input, for "dist" the dataset is first split in two parts according to column praccrit and then given in input.
2. Second, the parameter P1 and P2 are applied: correct and error latencies are treated for each combinations of P1 and P2 and a new column is internally created.
3. Third, parameter P3 is applied. On each and every vector of latencies defined by a combination of P1 and P2, the IAT scores are computed using all the methods specified in P3.
4. Finally, for P4 = "dist", the scores computed i the practice and critical blocks are averaged.

Value

A dataframe with as many columns as subjects, and as many rows as the possible combinations of the parameters P1, P2, P3 and P4.

subject — The identifier of the participant

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p1342 — The IAT scores. Each number after the p indicates the value of the parameter corresponding to the position. For instance p1342 indicates that parameter P1 has value 1 (i.e. "none"), parameter P2 has value 3, i.e., recode, parameter P3 has value 4 (i.e., "minid") and parameter P4 has value 2 (i.e. "dist"). This naming convention was adopted to allow to immediately and precisely know what has been done by reading the name of the score.

... — other columns in the form pxxxx.

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See Also

SplitHalf, alg2param

`SplitHalf` *Split half reliability*

Description

Compute split half reliability for the algorithms defined by all the combinations of parameters P1, P2, P3, and P4.

Usage

```
SplitHalf(IATdata, ...)
```

Arguments

`IATdata`	same as `RobustScores`
`...`	other parameters to be passed to RobustScores

Details

The split-half reliability is computed by splitting the dataframe IATdata in two halves and then calling function `RobustScores`

Value

A vector of split-half reliabilities.

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`TestRetest` *Test-retest reliability*

Description

Compute test-retest reliability for IAT with 2 observations for each subject

Usage

```
TestRetest(IATdata, ...)
```

Arguments

`IATdata`	same as `RobustScores`, but with the additional column `"session"`. `session` distinguishes the trials of the first session and those of the second session. It is tipically numerical, having value `1` for the first session and `2` for the second.
`...`	other parameters to be passed to RobustScores

Details

It computes the scores for the test and for the retest using RobustScores, the output is just the correlaiton among the scores in the two sessions.

Value

`algorithm`	The name of the algorithm, see `RobustScores` for the convention adopted for naming the algorithms
`testretest`	The test-retest reliability for each algorithm

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See Also

`RobustScores`

Examples

```
##---- Should be DIRECTLY executable !! ----
##-- ==>  Define data, use random,
##--or do  help(data=index)  for the standard data sets.
```

Tgraph *Layout* qgraph *for multiple comparisons by package* nparcomp

Description

Implements the T-graph layout proposed by Vasilescu et al. (2014), using the robust nonparametric contrasts proposed by Konietschke et al. (2012).

Usage

```
Tgraph(mcmp, alpha = 0.05, horizorder = NULL)
```

Arguments

mcmp	The output of a robust post-hoc, as obtained with function mcmp from package nparcomp
alpha	The alpha level, by convention = .05. Effects with p.values lower than alpha are represented as arrows in the network layout.
horizorder	Optional, vector of strings. While the vertical order of the variables in the Tgraph is determined by the multiple comparisons, the horizontal ordering is not. If specified, parameter horizorder allows to determine the horizontal order. It must be a vector with the names of the variables in the preferred horizontal order.

Details

A T-graph is a simple graphical representation of a series of pairwise comparison proposed by Vasilescu et al. (2014). The nodes of the graph represent the levels of the factor, the arrows represent their pairwise comparisons. An arrow points from one option to another if the dependent variable is significantly higher for the first level compared to the second level of the factor. The robust contrasts defined by Konietschke et al. (2012) have the transitive property, therefore if an option X outperforms another option Y and Y outperforms Z, this implies that X outperforms Z. For sake of a clear graphical representation we followed Vasilescu et al. and omitted the direct edges when two nodes could be connected using an indirect path travelling through other nodes.

Value

wmat	The weights matrix, for each pair of options the weights represent the value of the estimated relative effect, see mcmp. A value is present in wmat only if the associated p.value is less than alpha and it is zero otherwise.
amat	The adjacency matrix, for each pari of options, it has value 1 if an edge is present in wmat and 0 otherwise. This should be given as the main input to link{qgraph}
layout	The layout to give in input to qgraph's parameter layout

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Examples

```
library(nparcomp)
library(qgraph)

dat <- data.frame(matrix(nrow = 300, ncol = 0))

dat$DV <- c(rnorm(100, 1, 1),
       rnorm(100, 0, 1),
       rnorm(100, 0, 1))

dat$IV <- c(rep("A", 100),
        rep("B", 100),
        rep("D", 100))

mcmp <- mctp(formula = DV~IV, data = dat, type = "Tukey")
tg <- Tgraph(mcmp)
qgraph(tg$amat, layout = tg$layout)

tg2 <- Tgraph(mcmp,  horizorder = c("A", "D", "B"))
qgraph(tg2$amat, layout = tg2$layout)
```

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