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CrossScreening-package

*Cross-screening for observational studies*

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## Description

Cross-screening is a new method that uses both random halves of the sample to screen and test many hypotheses. It generally improves statistical power in observational studies when many hypotheses are tested simultaneously.

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bonferroni.fg

*Bonferroni's correction with fixed  $\Gamma$*

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## Description

Bonferroni's correction with fixed  $\Gamma$

## Usage

```
bonferroni.fg(d, gamma = 1, mm = c(2, 2, 2), two.sided = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

d	a matrix of treatment-minus-control differences.
gamma	sensitivity parameter (maximum odds different from a randomized experiment).
mm	test statistic, either a vector of length 3 or a matrix of three rows where each column corresponds to a U-statistic. Default is the (approximate) Wilcoxon's signed rank test.
two.sided	whether a two-sided test should be used. If FALSE, test the one-sided alternative that the center of d is positive.

**Details**

If `mm` is a matrix, this function computes a one-sided or two-sided p-value with each statistic (i.e. there is a p-value for every column of `d` and every column of `$mm$`), then does a Bonferroni correction over all the p-values.

**Value**

a vector of sensitivity values for each column of `d`

**Author(s)**

Qingyuan Zhao

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cross.screen	<i>Cross-screening</i>
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**Description**

Main functions that implements the cross-screening method in observational studies. `cross.screen` sorts the hypotheses by their sensitivity values and `cross.screen.fg` sorts by p-values at a fixed sensitivity  $\Gamma$ .

**Usage**

```
cross.screen(d1, d2, gamma = 1, mm = c(2, 2, 2), screen.value = c("sen",
  "p"), screen.method = c("threshold", "least.sensitive"),
  alpha.screen = 0.05, gamma.screen = gamma, least.sensitive = 2,
  two.sided = TRUE)
```

```
cross.screen.fg(d1, d2, gamma = 1, mm = c(2, 2, 2),
  screen.method = c("threshold", "least.sensitive"), alpha.screen = 0.05,
  gamma.screen = gamma, least.sensitive = 2, two.sided = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>d1</code>	screen/test sample (treatment-minus-control differences), can be a matrix (rows are observations, columns are hypotheses)
<code>d2</code>	test/screen sample, can be a matrix
<code>gamma</code>	sensitivity parameter (maximum odds different from a randomized experiment)
<code>mm</code>	a vector of matrix. If matrix, adaptively choose statistic. NULL means Wilcoxon's signed rank statistic.
<code>screen.value</code>	either "sen" (using sensitivity value) or "p" (using p-value).
<code>screen.method</code>	either keep all hypotheses significant at <code>gamma.screen</code> (option "threshold") or keep the least sensitive hypotheses (option "least.sensitive").
<code>alpha.screen</code>	significance level used in screening.

`gamma.screen` screening threshold, default is 0, meaning no screening is used.  
`least.sensitive` the number of least sensitive hypotheses to keep  
`two.sided` if TRUE, automatically select the sign to test; if FALSE, test the one-sided alternative that the center of  $d$  is positive.

### Value

`cross.screen` returns a list

**s1.kappa** kappa values used to screen the hypotheses calculated using the first sample

**s1.stat** test statistics chosen using the first sample, if `mm` has more than 1 column

**s1.side** signs of alternative hypotheses chosen using the first sample

**s1.order** order of the hypotheses by `s1.kappa` if `s1.kappa` is above the threshold `gamma.screen`

**p1** p-values computed using the first sample at sensitivity `gamma`

**s2.kappa** kappa values used to screen the hypotheses calculated using the second sample

**s2.stat** test statistics chosen using the second sample, if `mm` has more than 1 column

**s2.side** signs of alternative hypotheses chosen using the second sample

**s2.order** order of the hypotheses by `s1.kappa` if `s1.kappa` is above the threshold `gamma.screen`

**p2** p-values computed using the second sample at sensitivity `gamma`

**p** Bonferroni adjusted p-values at sensitivity `gamma` computed using `p1` and `p2` (they can be directly used to control FWER)

`cross.screen.fg` returns a list

**s1.p** p-values used to screen the hypotheses calculated using the first sample

**s1.stat** test statistics chosen using the first sample, if `mm` has more than 1 column

**s1.side** signs of alternative hypotheses chosen using the first sample

**s1.order** order of the hypotheses by `s1.p` if `s1.p` is below the threshold `alpha.screen`

**p1** p-values computed using the first sample at sensitivity `gamma`

**s2.p** p-values used to screen the hypotheses calculated using the second sample

**s2.stat** test statistics chosen using the second sample, if `mm` has more than 1 column

**s2.side** signs of alternative hypotheses chosen using the second sample

**s2.order** order of the hypotheses by `s2.p` if `s2.p` is above the threshold `alpha.screen`

**p2** p-values computed using the second sample at sensitivity `gamma`

**p** Bonferroni adjusted p-values at sensitivity `gamma` computed using `p1` and `p2` (they can be directly used to control FWER)

### Functions

- `cross.screen.fg`: Cross-screening with fixed  $\Gamma$

**Author(s)**

Qingyuan Zhao

**References**

Qingyuan Zhao, Dylan S. Small, Paul R. Rosenbaum. Cross-screening in observational studies that test many hypotheses. arXiv preprint arXiv:1703.02078

**Examples**

```
n <- 100
p <- 20
d <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
d[, 1] <- d[, 1] + 2
d1 <- d[1:(n/2), ]
d2 <- d[(n/2+1):n, ]
cross.screen(d1, d2,
             gamma = 9,
             gamma.screen = 1.25)$p

## One can run the hidden function CrossScreening:::table5(no.sims = 1)
## to generate Table 5 in the paper.

## The following code generates Table 1 in the paper.

require(CrossScreening)
data(nhanes.fish)
data(nhanes.fish.match)

data <- nhanes.fish
match <- nhanes.fish.match

outcomes <- grep("^o\\.\"", names(data))
log2diff <- function(y1, y2) {
  if (min(c(y1, y2)) == 0) {
    y1 <- y1 + 1
    y2 <- y2 + 1
  }
  log2(y1) - log2(y2)
}
d <- sapply(outcomes, function(j) log2diff(data[match$treated, j], data[match$control, j]))
set.seed(11)
split <- sample(1:nrow(d), nrow(d) / 2, replace = FALSE)
d1 <- d[split, ]
d2 <- d[-split, ]

mm <- matrix(c(2, 2, 2, 8, 5, 8), ncol = 2)
data.frame(outcome = names(data)[outcomes],
           p.value =
             cross.screen(d1, d2,
```

```

gamma = 9,
screen.value = "p",
screen.method = "least.sensitive",
mm = mm)$p)

```

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fallback.test	<i>Fallback procedure for multiple testing</i>
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### Description

Fallback procedure for multiple testing

### Usage

```
fallback.test(p, alpha = 0.05, spread = 1)
```

### Arguments

p	a vector of p-values
alpha	significance level
spread	the way to spread alpha, either a vector of the same length as p or a single number to indicate equal spread in the first spread hypotheses.

### Value

the rejected hypotheses (TRUE means reject, FALSE means accept)

### Author(s)

Qingyuan Zhao

### References

Brian L. Wiens. A fixed sequence Bonferroni procedure for testing multiple endpoints. *Pharmaceutical Statistics*, 2(3), 211—215, 2003.

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kappa2gamma	<i>Transform sensitivity parameter in different scales</i>
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**Description**

Transform sensitivity parameter in different scales

**Usage**

```
kappa2gamma(kappa)
```

```
gamma2kappa(gamma)
```

**Arguments**

kappa  $\kappa = \gamma / (1 + \gamma)$

gamma the odds of treatment of two matched units can differ at most by a factor of gamma

**Functions**

- gamma2kappa: Transform a sensitivity parameter from  $\gamma$  scale to  $\kappa$  scale

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lead	<i>Lead in children</i>
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**Description**

Morton et al. (1982) compared the levels of lead in the blood of 33 children whose fathers worked in a factory where lead was used in the manufacture of batteries to 33 lead levels in matched control children of the same age from the same neighborhood. The variables are as follows:

**Usage**

```
data(lead)
```

**Format**

A data.frame.

**Details**

**control** lead levels (ug/dl)

**level** father's potential exposure

**hyg** hygiene of father employed in the lead industry

## References

Morton, D. E., Saah, A. J., Silberg, S. L., Owens, W. L., ROBERTS, M. A., & Saah, M. D. (1982). Lead absorption in children of employees in a lead-related industry. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 115(4), 549-555.

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methotrexate

*Methotrexate workers*

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## Description

Methotrexate is a drug used to treat cancer, but there is concern that it may itself be carcinogenic in healthy individuals who are exposed while either manufacturing or administering the drug. Deng et al. (2005) compared 21 workers engaged in the production of methotrexate to 21 unexposed controls matched for age, gender, and smoking. The variables are (prefix "w" means exposed and "c" means control)

**Mftr** mutant frequency of TCR gene

**Mfhrpt** mutant frequency of hprt gene

**mtl** mean tail length

**mtm** mean tail moment

**id** identifier

**sex** sex

**age** age

**smoke** smoking

**years** exposure years

**protection** protection measures, G for gloves, M for mask, N for none

**mask** if the protection includes mask

## Usage

```
data(methotrexate)
```

## Format

A data.frame.

## References

Deng, H., Zhang, M., He, J., Wu, W., Jin, L., Zheng, W., ... & Wang, B. (2005). Investigating genetic damage in workers occupationally exposed to methotrexate using three genetic end-points. *Mutagenesis*, 20(5), 351-357.



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multrnks	<i>Approximate scores for ranks.</i>
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### Description

This function modifies the `multrnks` function in the `sensitivitymw` package by also providing the exact scores. The scores are also normalized so that the maximum is 1.

### Usage

```
multrnks(rk, mm, score.method = c("approximate", "exact"))
```

### Arguments

<code>rk</code>	a vector of ranks
<code>mm</code>	a vector ( <code>m</code> , <code>munder</code> , <code>mover</code> ) or a matrix, each column a vector ( <code>m</code> , <code>munder</code> , <code>mover</code> ) that indicates the U-statistic.s NULL means Wilcoxon's signed rank test.
<code>score.method</code>	either approximate score or exact score

### Details

Exact and approximate rank scores yield similar bounds on P-values when sample size is large. The exact rank scores involve very large combinatorial coefficients when the same size is very large, whereas the nearly equivalent approximate scores do not.

### Author(s)

Paul Rosenbaum, Qingyuan Zhao

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<code>nhanes.fish</code>	<i>Health effects of fish</i>
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### Description

Data from NHANES (2013-2014) with 1107 observations and 87 variables. Variables whose name start with "o." are lab measurements (such as blood mercury) that can be used as outcomes. The demographics and background variables include gender, age, income, indicator for missing income, race, education, indicator for smoked ever, number of cigararttes smoked in the last month. Fish intakes in the last month (in servings) are summed up in the "fish" variable, which is used to create the binary indicator "fish.level".

### Usage

```
data(nhanes.fish)
```

**Format**

A data.frame.

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nhanes.fish.match	<i>Pair matching result</i>
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**Description**

Each row is a matched pair, the first/second entry is the id of low/high fish intake in the nhanes.fish data frame.

**Usage**

```
data(nhanes.fish.match)
```

**Format**

A data.frame.

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nhanes.log2diff	<i>Obtains treatment-minus-control differences in the nhanes.fish dataset</i>
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**Description**

Obtains treatment-minus-control differences in the nhanes.fish dataset

**Usage**

```
nhanes.log2diff()
```

**Value**

a 234 \* 46 matrix of the log2 differences

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power.sen                      *Power of sensitivity analysis*

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## Description

Power of sensitivity analysis

## Usage

```
power.sen(mu.F = 1/2, sigma.F = sqrt(1/3), d = NULL, mm = c(2, 2, 2),
          gamma = 1, alpha = 0.05, I = 100, approx.method = c("changing.alpha",
          "fixed.alpha"), score.method = c("approximate", "exact"))
```

## Arguments

mu.F	mean of the signed rank statistic
sigma.F	standard deviation of the signed rank statistic
d	empirical data used to estimate mu.F and sigma.F by jackknife
mm	test statistic, either a vector of length 3 or a matrix of three rows where each column corresponds to a U-statistic. Default is the (approximate) Wilcoxon's signed rank test.
gamma	target sensitivity level
alpha	target significance level
I	sample size
approx.method	which approximation method to use?
score.method	either approximate score or exact score

## Details

If `approx.method` is "fixed.alpha", then the significance level `alpha` is considered fixed and the corresponding quantile negligible. Otherwise we also use the `alpha`-quantile in the approximation formula. For more detail, see the reference.

## Value

power of the sensitivity analysis, possibly a vector if `mm` has multiple columns.

## References

Qingyuan Zhao. On sensitivity value of pair-matched observational studies. arXiv 1702.03442, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.03442>.

## Examples

```
power.sen(d = rnorm(100) + 0.5, I = 200, gamma = 2)

## The following code reproduces an example of power analysis in Zhao (2017)
power.sen(0.76, sqrt(0.26), gamma = 2.5, I = 200)
power.sen(0.76, sqrt(0.26), gamma = 2.5, I = 200, approx.method = "fixed.alpha")
```

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recycle.test

*Recycling procedure for multiple testing*

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## Description

Recycling procedure for multiple testing

## Usage

```
recycle.test(p, alpha = 0.05)
```

## Arguments

p	a vector of p-values
alpha	significance level

## Details

WARNING: only supports recycle the first two tests.

## Value

rejected hypotheses

## Author(s)

Qingyuan Zhao



**Author(s)**

Paul Rosenbaum, Qingyuan Zhao

**References**

- Rosenbaum, Paul R. *Observational Studies*. Springer New York, 2002.
- Rosenbaum, P. R. (2011). A New u-Statistic with Superior Design Sensitivity in Matched Observational Studies. *Biometrics*, 67(3), 1017-1027.

**Examples**

```
require(CrossScreening)
data(lead)
d.lead <- lead$exposed[-21] - lead$control[-21]
sen(d.lead, gamma = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6))
```

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 sen.ci

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*Point estimate and confidence interval for sensitivity analysis*


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**Description**

Point estimate and confidence interval for sensitivity analysis

**Usage**

```
sen.ci(d, mm = c(2, 2, 2), gamma = 1, alpha = 0.05, alpha.up = alpha/2,
  alpha.low = alpha/2, score.method = c("approximate", "exact"))
```

**Arguments**

d	a vector of treatment-minus-control differences
mm	a vector (m, munder, mover) that indicates the U-statistic. Does not support matrix mm in this function.
gamma	a vector of sensitivity parameters (must be $\geq 1$ ).
alpha	significance level for the outer confidence interval
alpha.up	upper-tail probability of the confidence interval
alpha.low	lower-tail probability of the confidence interval
score.method	either approximate score or exact score

**Details**

See the senmwCI function in the sensitivitymw package.

**Value**

a list

**point.estimate** An interval of point estimates allowing for a bias of gamma in treatment assignment.

**ci** An confidence interval allowing for a bias of gamma in treatment assignment.

**Author(s)**

Qingyuan Zhao

**Examples**

```
data(lead)
d.lead <- lead$exposed[-21] - lead$control[-21]
sen.ci(d.lead, gamma = c(1, 2), alpha.up = 0, alpha.low = 0.05)
```

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sen.value

*Compute sensitivity value*

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**Description**

Compute sensitivity value

**Usage**

```
sen.value(d, alpha = 0.05, mm = c(2, 2, 2), alternative = c("greater",
  "less", "two.sided"), score.method = c("approximate", "exact"))
```

**Arguments**

d	a vector or matrix of treatment-minus-control differences (each column corresponds to a hypothesis)
alpha	significance level
mm	test statistic, either a vector of length 3 or a matrix of three rows where each column corresponds to a U-statistic. Default is the (approximate) Wilcoxon's signed rank test.
alternative	report p-value corresponds to the maximum ("upper") or minimum ("lower") bound
score.method	either approximate score or exact score

**Details**

The alternative direction is the the center of d is greater than 0.

**Value**

sensitivity value, i.e. the kappa value such that the p-value becomes just insignificant. If *mm* is a matrix, then return a vector of sensitivity values corresponding to each column of *mm*.

**Author(s)**

Qingyuan Zhao

**References**

Qingyuan Zhao. On sensitivity value of pair-matched observational studies. arXiv 1702.03442, <https://arxiv.org/abs/1702.03442>.

**Examples**

```
d <- rnorm(100) + 1
gamma.star <- kappa2gamma(sen.value(d, alpha = 0.05, mm = matrix(c(2, 2, 2, 8, 5, 8), ncol = 2)))
gamma.star
sen(d, mm = c(2, 2, 2), gamma = gamma.star[1])$p.value # should equal the significance level 0.05
```



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