

Rcmdr Plug-In Package for the EZR (Easy R especially for medical statistics)

Description

This package provides an R Commander plug-in EZR (Easy R), which adds a variety of statistical functions, including survival analyses, ROC analyses, metaanalyses, sample size calculation, and so on, to the R commander. EZR enables point-and-click easy access to a variety of statistical functions as shown below, especially for medical statistics. A report that introduced the investigation of EZR was published in *Bone Marrow Transplantation* (Nature Publishing Group) as an Open article. This report can be used as a simple manual. It can be freely downloaded from the journal website (URL: <http://www.nature.com/bmt/journal/vaop/ncurrent/pdf/bmt2012244a.pdf>). A complete manual of EZR is available only in Japanese (Chugai Igakusha, ISBN-10: 4498109007, URL: https://www.chugaiigaku.jp/modules/shop/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=1241)

Details

Package: RcmdrPlugin.EZR

Type: Package

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License: GPL (>= 2)

Installation of EZR

RcmdrPlugin.EZR should be installed after the installation of Rcmdr and the other packages that EZR depends on (clinfun, cmprsk, meta, metatest, multcomp, mvtnorm, optmatch, pROC, and aod packages). This can be easily done by copying and pasting the following command to the R console window after ">".

```
install.packages(pkgs="RcmdrPlugin.EZR", dependencies=TRUE)
```

EZR is platform-independent, but only the Windows version of EZR can import Excel, Access, and dBase data set. This function requires "RODBC" package to be installed.

After installation, R commander can be started by the command, `library(Rcmdr)` from the R console. EZR can be loaded by selecting RcmdrPlugin.EZR from the "Tools" > "Load Rcmdr plug-in(s)" menu. Answer "Yes" to "Restart now?".

In windows, EZR plugin package will be loaded when R commander is started, if the following sentence is added to the Rprofile.site file in etc folder in the R folder (C:\Program Files\R\R-X.XX.X\etc).

```
options(Rcmdr=list(plugins="RcmdrPlugin.EZR"))
```

In addition, if the following phrase is added to the command in "Target:" column on the "Shortcut" tab of the "Property" of "R" shortcut on the desktop (which can be opened by right-clicking on the shortcut), R commander will start at the same time with launching R.

```
R_DEFAULT_PACKAGES="Rcmdr"
```

Therefore, if these two options were added, EZR can be started just by double-clicking on the "R" shortcut on the desktop.

The default data folder can be changed by right-clicking on this "R" shortcut on the desktop, selecting "Properties", and replacing the folder name in the "Start in:" column on the "Shortcut" tab.

EZR statistical functions

EZR includes following statistical functions.

For discrete variables

Frequency distributions/cr Confidence interval for a proportion
One sample proportion test
Confidence interval for a difference between two proportions
Confidence interval for a ratio of two proportions
Compare two proportions (Fisher's exact test and Chi-square test)
Compare proportions of two paired samples (McNemar test)
Compare proportions of more than two paired samples (Cochran Q test)
Cochran-Armitage test for trend in proportions
Logistic regression

For continuous variables

Numerical summaries
Smirnov-Grubbs test for outliers
Kolmogorov-Smimov test for normal distribution
Confidence interval for a mean
Single-sample t-test
Two-variances F-test
Two-sample t-test
Paired t-test
Bartlett's test
One-way ANOVA
Repeated-measures ANOVA
Multi-way ANOVA
ANCOVA
Test for Pearson's correlation
Linear regression

For nonparametric tests for continuous variables

Mann-Whitney U test
Wilcoxon's signed rank test
Kruskal-Wallis test
Friedman test
Jonckheere-Terpstra test
Spearman's rank correlation test

For survival analysis

Kaplan-Meier survival curve and logrank test
Logrank trend test
Cox proportional hazard regression
Cox proportional hazard regression with time-dependent covariate
Cumulative incidence of competing events and Gray test
Fine-Gray proportional hazard regression for competing events

For diagnostic test analysis

Accuracy of qualitative test
Kappa statistics for agreement of two tests
Compute positive and negative predictive values
ROC curve analysis for quantitative test
Compare two ROC curves
Cronbach's alpha coefficient for reliability

For matched-pair analysis

Extract matched controls
Mantel-Haenzel test for matched proportions
Conditional logistic regression for matched-pair analysis
Stratified Cox proportional hazard regression for matched-pair analysis

For meta-analysis and meta-regression test

Meta-analysis and meta-regression test for proportions
Meta-analysis and meta-regression test for means
Meta-analysis and meta-regression test for hazard ratios

For sample size and power calculation

Calculate sample size from control and desired response rates
Calculate sample size from proportion and confidence interval
Calculate sample size or power for comparison with specified proportion
Calculate sample size or power for comparison between two proportions
Calculate sample size for non-inferiority trial of two proportions
Calculate sample size from standard deviation and confidence interval
Calculate sample size or power for comparison between two means
Calculate sample size or power for comparison between two paired means
Calculate sample size or power for comparison between two survival curves

For drawing graphs

Bar graph(Frequencies)
Pie chart(Frequencies)
Stem-and-leaf display
Histogram
Bar graph(Means)
Line graph(Means)
Line graph(Repeated measures)
Boxplot
Dot chart
Ordered chart
Scatterplot
Scatterplot matrix
Adjusted survival curve
Stacked cumulative incidences

Statistical functions from original R commander

Principal-components analysis
Factor analysis
k-means cluster analysis
Hierarchical cluster analysis

- Summarize hierarchical clustering
- Add hierarchical clustering to data set
- Linear hypothesis
- Variance-inflation factor
- Breusch-Pagan test for heteroscedasticity
- Durbin-Watson test for autocorrelation
- RESET test for nonlinearity
- Bonferroni outlier test
- Basic diagnostic plots
- Residual quantile-comparison plot
- Component+residual plots
- Added-variable plots
- Influence plot
- Effect plots

Basic operations in EZR

These EZR functions can be started by point-and-click access using the items on the menu bar. See `EZRdialogs` for details. R commander automatically creates and executes corresponding R commands that appear in the "Script window". Results are shown in the "Output window". If any errors or warnings are noted, messages will appear in the "Message window". The created commands can be saved by selecting "File" > "Save script" on the menu bar. The output can be saved by selecting "File" > "Save output". By saving the commands, users can reproduce the analyses and can also share the procedure with the other investigators.

The following EZR functions can be executed by typing the commands in the "Script window" and clicking on the "Submit" button.

Following functions are built to create a formatted table for presentation.

`w.twoway(table, filename)` function copies the results of two-way table analyses to the clipboard or text file.

`w.ttest(table, filename)` function copies the results of t-test to the clipboard or text file.

`w.survival(table, filename)` function copies the results of survival analyses to the clipboard or text file.

`w.ci(table, filename)` function copies the results of cumulative incidence analyses to the clipboard or text file.

`w.multi(table, filename)` function copies the results of multivariate regression analyses to the clipboard or text file.

"table" can be omitted except for logistic regression analysis and Fine & Gray proportional hazard regression analysis, in which "odds" and "crr.table" should be specified for "table" (default is "cox.table" to copy the results of Cox proportional hazard regression analysis).

If "filename" is omitted, the formatted table will be copied to the clipboard, which can be pasted into a spreadsheet.

`Mantel.Byar()` function is for Mantel-Byar test, which should be performed after executing "Cox proportional hazard modeling with time-dependent covariate".

Translations

EZR comes with translations from English into Japanese.

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EZR web site: Division of Hematology, Saitama Medical Center, Jichi Medical University. URL: <http://www.jichi.ac.jp/saitama-sct/SaitamaHP.files/statmedEN.html>