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Description

Bound Constrained Optimal Sample Size Allocation (BCOSSA) functions are designed to optimize sample sizes at one or more levels subject to budget, statistical power, or effect size constraints. BCOSSA can be found in the following forms; (i) under budgetary constraints given marginal costs per unit while minimizing sampling variance of the treatment effect (or, alternatively, while maximizing power rate), (ii) under statistical power or effect size (ES) constraints while minimizing the total cost, and (iii) under sample size constraints for one or more levels along with (i) or (ii). Specifying rhots = 0 or order = 0 produces results equivalent to corresponding random assignment designs, which means there is no relationship between the treatment [randomly assigned] and the score variable. Therefore, BCOSSA functions also allow optimization of treatment group sampling rate (p) under unequal marginal costs when primary constraint is placed on the total cost. Different starting values and algorithms may produce different results when marginal cost information is not provided and sample sizes at two or more levels and p are optimized because the design is not uniquely identified. In such cases, experimenting different starting values and/or comparing several algorithms may faciliate decisions regarding sample sizes and p.

Designs available in the **cosa** package:

Design	Total Levels	Treatment Level	Top Level
ird	1	1	random
bird2	2	1	random
bird2f1	2	1	fixed
bird3	3	1	random
bird4	4	1	random
crd2	2	2	random
bcrd3f2	3	2	fixed
bcrd3r2	3	2	random
bcrd4r2	4	2	random
crd3	3	3	random
bcrd4f3	4	3	fixed
bcrd4r3	4	3	random
crd4	4	4	random

bcrd3r2

ird: individual-level regression discontinuity. bird: blocked individual-level regression discontinuity. crd: cluster-level regression discontinuity. bcrd: blocked cluster-level regression discontinuity.

Design parameters follow a sequential order. Numbers at the end of a sequential parameter refers to the corresponding level. For example rho2 is the proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units, rho3 is the proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units. Similiarly, r21 is the proportion of the variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates, r22 is the proportion of the variance in the outcome explained by level 2 covariates and so on. Similiar naming conventions applies to other design parameters.

bcrd3r2

Blocked (Random) Cluster-level Regression Discontinuity (Three-level Design, Discontinuity at Level 2)

Description

Use mdes.bcrd3r2() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bcrd3r2() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bcrd3r2() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

```
mdes.bcrd3r2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n3 - g3 - 1,
             rho2, rho3, omega3, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r2t3 = 0, g3 = 0,
             rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3)
power.bcrd3r2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
              order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
              treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
              es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n3 - g3 - 1,
              rho2, rho3, omega3, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r2t3 = 0, g3 = 0,
              rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3)
cosa.bcrd3r2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cost = NULL,
             n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL, n0 = c(10, 3, 100), p0 = .499,
             constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
             local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
             power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
             rho2, rho3, omega3, g3 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r2t3 = 0)
```

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Arguments

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score	vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.
dists	character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with $k1 = -6$ and $k2 = 6$.
k1	left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0 .
k2	right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0 .
order	integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score variable.
interaction	logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable.
rhots	obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment designs.
treat.lower	logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated.
cutoff	decision threshold.
р	proportion of level 2 units in the treatment condition.
power	statistical power $(1 - \beta)$.
es	effect size (Cohen's d).
alpha	probability of type I error (α).
two.tailed	logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing.
df	degrees of freedom.
rho2	proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2).
rho3	proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units (unconditional ICC3).
omega3	ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 3 units to the variance in the outcome between level 3 units.
g3	number of covariates at level 3.
r21	proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates.
r22	proportion of level 2 variance in the outcome explained by level 2 covariates.
r2t3	proportion of treatment effect variance between level 3 units explained by level 3 covariates.
rate.tp	treatment group participation rate.
rate.cc	control group crossover rate.
n1	average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit.
n2	average number of level 2 units per level 3 unit.
n3	number of level 3 units (blocks).
cn1	marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), e.g. c(10, 5).

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cn2	marginal costs per level 2 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), e.g. $c(50, 20)$.
cn3	marginal cost per level 3 unit.
cost	total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".
p0	starting value for p when rhots = \emptyset and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with the average when p is constrained by bounds.
n0	vector of starting values for $n1$, $n2$, $n3$ (positional). Starting values are replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.
constrain	character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.
round	logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.
max.power	logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance. Applies when constrain = "cost".
local.solver	subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP")

Value

parms	list of parameters used in the function.
df	degrees of freedom.
sse	standardized standard error.
cosa	BCOSSA solution.
mdes	minimum detectable effect size and (1 - α)% confidence limits.
power	statistical power $(1 - \beta)$

Examples

bcrd4r2

Blocked (Random) Cluster-level Regression Discontinuity (Four-level Design, Discontinuity at Level 2)

Description

Use mdes.bcrd4r2() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bcrd4r2() to calculate statistical power, and use cosa.bcrd4r2() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

Usage

```
mdes.bcrd4r2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n4 - g4 - 1,
             rho2, rho3, rho4, omega3, omega4,
             r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r2t3 = 0, r2t4 = 0, g4 = 0,
             rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
power.bcrd4r2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
              order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
              treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
              es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n4 - g4 - 1,
              rho2, rho3, rho4, omega3, omega4,
              r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r2t3 = 0, r2t4 = 0, g4 = 0,
              rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
cosa.bcrd4r2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cn4 = 0, cost = NULL,
             n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL, n4 = NULL,
             n0 = c(10, 3, 100, 5 + g4), p0 = .499,
             constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
             local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
             power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
             rho2, rho3, rho4, omega3, omega4,
             g4 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r2t3 = 0, r2t4 = 0)
```

Arguments

dists

score vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned

from the inspect.score() function.

character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with k1 = -6 and k2 = 6.

left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform k1 distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. k2 right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. order integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score variable. interaction logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable. rhots obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment designs. treat.lower logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated. cutoff decision threshold. proportion of level 2 units in the treatment condition. statistical power $(1 - \beta)$. power effect size (Cohen's d). es probability of type I error (α) . alpha two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing. df degrees of freedom. rho2 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2). rho3 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units (unconditional ICC3). rho4 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 4 units (unconditional ICC4). ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 3 units to the variance in the omega3 outcome between level 3 units. ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 4 units to the variance in the omega4 outcome between level 4 units. number of covariates at level 4. g4 r21 proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates. r22 proportion of level 2 variance in the outcome explained by level 2 covariates. r2t3 proportion of treatment effect variance between level 3 units explained by level 3 covariates. r2t4 proportion of treatment effect variance between level 4 units explained by level 4 covariates. treatment group participation rate. rate.tp control group crossover rate. rate.cc average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit. n1 average number of level 2 units per level 3 unit. n2 n3 average number of level 3 units (blocks) per level 4 unit. number of level 4 units (blocks). n4 marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), cn1

e.g. c(10, 5).

cn2	marginal costs per level 2 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), e.g. $c(50, 20)$.
cn3	marginal cost per level 3 unit.
cn4	marginal cost per level 4 unit.
cost	total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".
p0	starting value for p when rhots = 0 and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with the average when p is constrained by bounds.
n0	vector of starting values for n1, n2, n3, n4 (positional). Starting values are replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.
constrain	character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.
round	logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.
max.power	logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance. Applies when constrain = "cost".
local.solver	subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP").

Value

parms list of parameters used in the function.
df degrees of freedom.
sse standardized standard error.
cosa BCOSSA solution.
mdes minimum detectable effect size and $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence limits.
power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$

Examples

bcrd4r3

Blocked (Random) Cluster-level Regression Discontinuity (Four-level Design, Discontinuity at Level 3)

Description

Use mdes.bcrd4r3() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bcrd4r3() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bcrd4r3() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

Usage

```
mdes.bcrd4r3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n4 - g4 - 1,
             rho2, rho3, rho4, omega4,
             r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, r2t4 = 0, g4 = 0,
             rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
power.bcrd4r3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
              order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
              treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
              es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n4 - g4 - 1,
              rho2, rho3, rho4, omega4,
              r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, r2t4 = 0, g4 = 0,
              rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
cosa.bcrd4r3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cn4 = 0, cost = NULL,
             n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL, n4 = NULL,
             n0 = c(10, 3, 100, 5 + g4), p0 = .499,
             constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
             local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
             power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
             rho2, rho3, rho4, omega4,
             g4 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, r2t4 = 0)
```

Arguments

score

vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.

dists character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with k1 = -6 and k2 = 6.

left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform k1 distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform k2 distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score order variable. interaction logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable. rhots obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment designs. treat.lower logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated. cutoff decision threshold. р proportion of level 3 units in the treatment condition. power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$. effect size (Cohen's d). probability of type I error (α). alpha two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing. df degrees of freedom. proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2). rho2 rho3 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units (unconditional ICC3). rho4 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 4 units (unconditional ICC4). omega4 ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 4 units to the variance in the outcome between level 4 units. number of covariates at level 4. g4 r21 proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates. r22 proportion of level 2 variance in the outcome explained by level 2 covariates. proportion of level 3 variance in the outcome explained by level 3 covariates. r23 r2t4 proportion of treatment effect variance between level 4 units explained by level 4 covariates. treatment group participation rate. rate.tp rate.cc control group crossover rate. n1 average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit. average number of level 2 units per level 3 unit. n2 average number of level 3 units per level 4 unit. n3 number of level 4 units (blocks). n4 marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), cn1 e.g. c(10, 5). cn2 marginal costs per level 2 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), e.g. c(50, 20). cn3 marginal costs per level 3 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(80, 50).

cn4	marginal cost per level 4 unit.
cost	total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".
p0	starting value for p when rhots = 0 and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with the average when p is constrained by bounds.
n0	vector of starting values for n1, n2, n3, n4 (positional). Starting values are replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.
constrain	character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.
round	logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.
max.power	logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance. Applies when constrain = "cost".
local.solver	subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP").

Value

parms	list of parameters used in the function.
df	degrees of freedom.
sse	standardized standard error.
cosa	BCOSSA solution.
mdes	minimum detectable effect size and (1 - α)% confidence limits.
power	statistical power (1 - β)

Examples

bird2

Blocked (Random) Individual-level Regression Discontinuity (Twolevel Design, Discontinuity at Level 1)

Description

Use mdes.bird2() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bird2() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bird2() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

Usage

```
mdes.bird2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
           order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
           treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
           power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n2 - g2 - 1,
           rho2, omega2, r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0, g2 = 0,
           rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2)
power.bird2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
            order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
            treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
            es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n2 - g2 - 1,
            rho2, omega2, r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0, g2 = 0,
            rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2)
cosa.bird2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
           order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
           treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
           cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cost = NULL,
           n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n0 = c(10, 100), p0 = .499,
           constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
           local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
           power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
           rho2, omega2, g2 = 0, r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0)
```

Arguments

score	vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.
dists	character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with $k1 = -6$ and $k2 = 6$.
k1	left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0 .
k2	right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0 .

order integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score

variable.

interaction logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable.

rhots obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment de-

signs.

treat.lower logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated.

cutoff decision threshold.

p proportion of level 1 units in the treatment condition.

power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$. es effect size (Cohen's d).

alpha probability of type I error (α).

two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing.

df degrees of freedom.

rho2 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2).

omega2 ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 2 units to the variance in the

outcome between level 2 units.

g2 number of covariates at level 2.

r21 proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates.

r2t2 proportion of treatment effect variance between level 2 units explained by level

2 covariates.

rate.tp treatment group participation rate.

rate.cc control group crossover rate.

n1 average number of level 1 units per level 2 units.

n2 number of level 2 units (blocks).

cn1 marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(10, 5).

cn2 marginal cost per level 2 unit.

cost total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".

p0 starting value for p when rhots = 0 and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with

the average when p is constrained by bounds.

n0 vector of starting values for n1, n2 (positional). Starting values are replaced

with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.

constrain character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.

round logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.

max.power logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance.

Applies when constrain = "cost".

local.solver subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP")

Value

parms	list of parameters used in the function.
df	degrees of freedom.
sse	standardized standard error.
cosa	BCOSSA solution.
mdes	minimum detectable effect size and (1 - $\alpha)\%$ confidence limits.
power	statistical power $(1 - \beta)$

Examples

bird3

Blocked (Random) Individual-level Regression Discontinuity (Three-level Design, Discontinuity at Level 1)

Description

Use mdes.bird3() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bird3() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bird3() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

```
rho2, rho3, omega2, omega3, r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0, r2t3 = 0, g3 = 0,
    rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3)

cosa.bird3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
    order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
    treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
    cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cost = NULL,
    n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL,
    n0 = c(10, 3, 100), p0 = .499,
    constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
    local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
    power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
    rho2, rho3, omega2, omega3,
    g3 = 0, r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0, r2t3 = 0)
```

Arguments

score	vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.
dists	character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with $k1 = -6$ and $k2 = 6$.
k1	left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when $rhots = 0$ or order $= 0$.
k2	right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when $rhots = 0$ or order $= 0$.
order	integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score variable.
interaction	logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable.
rhots	obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment designs.
treat.lower	logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated.
cutoff	decision threshold.
р	proportion of level 1 units in the treatment condition.
power	statistical power $(1 - \beta)$.
es	effect size (Cohen's d).
alpha	probability of type I error (α) .
two.tailed	logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing.
df	degrees of freedom.
rho2	proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2).
rho3	proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units (unconditional ICC3).
omega2	ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 2 units to the variance in the

outcome between level 2 units.

omega3	ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 3 units to the variance in the outcome between level 3 units.
g3	number of covariates at level 3.
r21	proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates.
r2t2	proportion of treatment effect variance between level 2 units explained by level 2 covariates.
r2t3	proportion of treatment effect variance between level 3 units explained by level 3 covariates.
rate.tp	treatment group participation rate.
rate.cc	control group crossover rate.
n1	average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit.
n2	average number of level 2 units (blocks) per level 3 unit.
n3	number of level 3 units (blocks).
cn1	marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), e.g. c(10, 5).
cn2	marginal cost per level 2 unit.
cn3	marginal cost per level 3 unit.
cost	total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".
p0	starting value for p when rhots = \emptyset and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with the average when p is constrained by bounds.
n0	vector of starting values for n1, n2, n3 (positional). Starting values are replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.
constrain	character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.
round	logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.
max.power	logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance. Applies when constrain = "cost".
local.solver	subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP")

Value

parms	arms list of parameters used in the function.	
df	degrees of freedom.	
sse	standardized standard error.	
cosa	BCOSSA solution.	
mdes	minimum detectable effect size and (1 - α)% confidence limits.	
power	statistical power (1 - β)	

Examples

bird4

Blocked (Random) Individual-level Regression Discontinuity (Fourlevel Design, Discontinuity at Level 1)

Description

Use mdes.bird4() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bird4() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bird4() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

```
mdes.bird4(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
           order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
           treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
           power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n4 - g4 - 1,
           rho2, rho3, rho4, omega2, omega3, omega4,
           r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0, r2t3 = 0, r2t4 = 0, g4 = 0,
           rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
power.bird4(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
            order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
            treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
            es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE, df = n4 - g4 - 1,
            rho2, rho3, rho4, omega2, omega3, omega4,
            r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0, r2t3 = 0, r2t4 = 0, g4 = 0,
            rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
cosa.bird4(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
           order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
           treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
```

```
cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cn4 = 0, cost = NULL,
n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL, n4 = NULL,
n0 = c(10, 3, 100, 5 + g4), p0 = .499,
constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
rho2, rho3, rho4, omega2, omega3, omega4,
g4 = 0, r21 = 0, r2t2 = 0, r2t3 = 0, r2t4 = 0)
```

Arguments

score vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function. dists character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with k1 = -6 and k2 = 6. k1 left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. k2 right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. order integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score variable. interaction logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable. obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment derhots treat.lower logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated. cutoff decision threshold.

proportion of level 1 units in the treatment condition.

statistical power $(1 - \beta)$. power effect size (Cohen's d). es

alpha probability of type I error (α).

two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing.

df degrees of freedom.

omega3

proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2). rho2 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units (unconditional ICC3). rho3 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 4 units (unconditional ICC4). rho4 ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 2 units to the variance in the omega2 outcome between level 2 units.

ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 3 units to the variance in the

outcome between level 3 units.

omega4 ratio of the treatment effect variance between level 4 units to the variance in the

outcome between level 4 units.

g4	number of covariates at level 4.
r21	proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates.
r2t2	proportion of treatment effect variance between level 2 units explained by level 2 covariates.
r2t3	proportion of treatment effect variance between level 3 units explained by level 3 covariates.
r2t4	proportion of treatment effect variance between level 4 units explained by level 4 covariates.
rate.tp	treatment group participation rate.
rate.cc	control group crossover rate.
n1	average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit.
n2	average number of level 2 units (blocks) per level 3 unit.
n3	average number of level 3 units (blcoks) per level 4 unit.
n4	number of level 4 units (blocks).
cn1	marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional), e.g. c(10, 5).
cn2	marginal cost per level 2 unit.
cn3	marginal cost per level 3 unit.
cn4	marginal cost per level 4 unit.
cost	total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".
p0	starting value for p when rhots = 0 and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with the average when p is constrained by bounds.
n0	vector of starting values for n1, n2, n3, n4 (positional). Starting values are replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.
constrain	character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.
round	logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.
max.power	logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance. Applies when constrain = "cost".
local.solver	subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP").

Value

parms	list of parameters used in the function.	
df	degrees of freedom.	
sse	standardized standard error.	
cosa	BCOSSA solution.	
mdes	minimum detectable effect size and (1 - α)% confidence limits.	
power	statistical power (1 - β)	

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Examples

cosa-deprecated

Deprecated and Defunct functions in cosa

Description

Some function are renamed and depreciated. They may be removed in the future.

Details

Depreciated function names:

- power.crd2r2 is depreciated, use power.crd2 instead.
- mdes.crd2r2 is depreciated, use mdes.crd2 instead.
- cosa.crd2r2 is depreciated, use cosa.crd2 instead.
- power.crd3r3 is depreciated, use power.crd3 instead.
- mdes.crd3r3 is depreciated, use mdes.crd3 instead.
- cosa.crd3r3 is depreciated, use cosa.crd3 instead.
- power.crd4r4 is depreciated, use power.crd4 instead.
- mdes.crd4r4 is depreciated, use mdes.crd4 instead.
- cosa. crd4r4 is depreciated, use cosa. crd4 instead.
- power.ira1r1 is depreciated, use power.ira instead.
- mdes.ira1r1 is depreciated, use mdes.ira instead.
- power.bira2r1 is depreciated, use power.bira2 instead.
- mdes.bira2r1 is depreciated, use mdes.bira2 instead.
- cosa.bira2r1 is depreciated, use cosa.bira2 instead.
- power.bira3r1 is depreciated, use power.bira3 instead.
- mdes.bira3r1 is depreciated, use mdes.bira3 instead.

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- cosa.bira3r1 is depreciated, use cosa.bira3 instead.
- power.bira4r1 is depreciated, use power.bira4 instead.
- mdes.bira4r1 is depreciated, use mdes.bira4 instead.
- cosa.bira4r1 is depreciated, use cosa.bira4 instead.

crd2

Cluster-level Regression Discontinuity (Two-level Design, Discontinuity at Level 2, w/ or w/o Strata or Fixed Blocks)

Description

Use mdes.crd2() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.crd2() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.crd2() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA). If higher level strata or fixed blocks exist, use mdes.bcrd3f2() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bcrd3f2() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bcrd3f2() for BCOSSA.

```
mdes.crd2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
          order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
          treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
          power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
          df = n2 - g2 - order * (1 + interaction) - 2,
          rho2, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, g2 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, rate.tp = 1
power.crd2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
           order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
           treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
           es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
           df = n2 - g2 - order * (1 + interaction) - 2,
           rho2, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, g2 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, rate.tp = 1
cosa.crd2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
          order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
          treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
          cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cost = NULL,
          n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n0 = c(10, 100), p0 = .499,
          constrain = "power", round = TRUE,
          max.power = FALSE, local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
          power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
          rho2, g2 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0)
mdes.bcrd3f2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
```

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```
df = n3 * (n2 - 2) - g2 - order * (1 + interaction),
             rho2, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, g2 = 0,
            rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3)
power.bcrd3f2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
              order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
              treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
              es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
              df = n3 * (n2 - 2) - g2 - order * (1 + interaction),
              rho2, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, g2 = 0,
              rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3)
cosa.bcrd3f2(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
            order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cost = NULL,
            n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL,
            n0 = c(10, 100, 5), p0 = .499,
             constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
             local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
             power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
             rho2, g2 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0)
```

Arguments

es alpha

score	vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the $inspect.score()$ function.
dists	character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with $k1$ = -6 and $k2$ = 6.
k1	left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = \emptyset or order = \emptyset .
k2	right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0 .
order	integer $>= 0$; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score variable.
interaction	logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable.
rhots	obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment designs.
treat.lower	logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated.
cutoff	decision threshold.
p	proportion of level 2 units in the treatment condition.
power	statistical power $(1 - \beta)$.
es	effect size (Cohen's d).

probability of type I error (α).

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two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing.

df degrees of freedom.

rho2 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2).

g2 number of covariates at level 2.

proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates.

r22 proportion of level 2 variance in the outcome explained by level 2 covariates.

rate.tp treatment group participation rate.

rate.cc control group crossover rate.

n1 average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit.

number of level 2 units (per stratum or block, if exists).

n3 number of stratum or fixed blocks.

cn1 marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(10, 5).

cn2 marginal costs per level 2 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(50, 30).

cn3 marginal cost per stratum or fixed block.

cost total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".

n0 vector of starting values for n1, n2 or n1, n2, n3 (positional). Starting values

are replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.

p0 starting value for p when rhots = 0 or order = 0, and p = NULL. Starting value

is replaced with the average when p is constrained by bounds.

constrain character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.

round logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.

max.power logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance.

Applies when constrain = "cost".

local.solver subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP")

Value

parms list of parameters used in the function.

df degrees of freedom.

sse standardized standard error.

cosa BCOSSA solution.

mdes minimum detectable effect size and $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence limits.

power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$

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Examples

crd3

Cluster-level Regression Discontinuity (Three-level Design, Discontinuity at Level 3, w/ or w/o Strata or Fixed Blocks)

Description

Use mdes.crd3() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.crd3() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.crd3() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA). If higher level strata or fixed blocks exist, use mdes.bcrd4f3() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bcrd4f3() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bcrd4f3() for BCOSSA.

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```
g3 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3)
cosa.crd3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
          order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
          treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
          cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cost = NULL,
          n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL,
          n0 = c(10, 3, 100), p0 = .499,
          constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
          local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
          power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
          rho2, rho3, g3 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0)
mdes.bcrd4f3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
             df = n4 * (n3 - 2) - g3 - order * (1 + interaction),
             rho2, rho3, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, g3 = 0,
             rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
power.bcrd4f3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
              order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
              treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
              es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
              df = n4 * (n3 - 2) - g3 - order * (1 + interaction),
              rho2, rho3, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, g3 = 0,
              rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
cosa.bcrd4f3(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cn4 = 0, cost = NULL,
             n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL, n4 = NULL,
             n0 = c(10, 3, 100 + g3 + order * (1 + interaction), 5), p0 = .499,
             constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
             local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSOP"),
             power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
             rho2, rho3, g3 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0)
```

Arguments

score vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.

dists character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with k1 = -6 and k2 = 6.

k1 left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform

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distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0.

k2 right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform

distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0.

order integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score

variable.

interaction logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable.

rhots obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment de-

signs.

treat.lower logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated.

cutoff decision threshold.

p proportion of level 3 units in the treatment condition.

power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$. es effect size (Cohen's d).

alpha probability of type I error (α) .

two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing.

df degrees of freedom.

rho2 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2).
rho3 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units (unconditional ICC3).

g3 number of covariates at level 3.

proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates.

proportion of level 2 variance in the outcome explained by level 2 covariates.

proportion of level 3 variance in the outcome explained by level 3 covariates.

rate.tp treatment group participation rate.
rate.cc control group crossover rate.

n1 average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit.
n2 average number of level 2 units per level 3 unit.

number of level 3 units(per stratum or block, if exists).

number of stratum or fixed blocks.

cn1 marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(10, 5).

cn2 marginal costs per level 2 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(50, 30).

cn3 marginal costs per level 3 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(80, 50).

cn4 marginal cost per stratum or fixed block.

cost total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".

p0 starting value for p when rhots = 0 and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with

the average when p is constrained by bounds.

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vector of starting values for n1, n2, n3 or n1, n2, n3, n4 (positional). Starting values are replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by
bounds.

constrain character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.

round logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.

max.power logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance.
Applies when constrain = "cost".

local.solver subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP")

Value

parms list of parameters used in the function.

df degrees of freedom.

sse standardized standard error.

cosa BCOSSA solution.

mdes minimum detectable effect size and $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence limits.

power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$

Examples

```
score.obj <- inspect.score(rnorm(1000),</pre>
                           order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
                           cutoff = 0, k1 = -1, k2 = 1)
# single site (no blocks)
power.crd3(score.obj,
           es = .25, rho2 = .20, rho3 = .10,
           g3 = 0, r23 = 0, n1 = 20, n2 = 3, n3 = 40)
# with 5 blocks (note that r23 is modified but g3 remains the same)
power.bcrd4f3(score.obj,
              es = .25, rho2 = .20, rho3 = .10,
              g3 = 0, r23 = .30,
              n1 = 20, n2 = 3, n3 = 40, n4 = 5
# minimum required number of level 3 units for each block
cosa.bcrd4f3(score.obj,
             es = .25, rho2 = .20, rho3 = .10,
             g3 = 0, r23 = .30,
             n1 = 20, n2 = 2, n3 = NULL, n4 = 5)
```

Cluster-level Regression Discontinuity (Four-level Design, Discontinuity at Level 4)

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Description

Use mdes.crd4() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.crd4() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.crd4() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

Usage

```
mdes.crd4(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
          order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
          treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
          power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
          df = n4 - g4 - order * (1 + interaction) - 2,
          rho2, rho3, rho4, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, r24 = 0,
          g4 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
power.crd4(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
           order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
           treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
           es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
           df = n4 - g4 - order * (1 + interaction) - 2,
           rho2, rho3, rho4, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, r24 = 0,
           g4 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1, n2, n3, n4)
cosa.crd4(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
          order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
          treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
          cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cn3 = 0, cn4 = 0, cost = NULL,
          n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL, n3 = NULL, n4 = NULL,
          n0 = c(10, 3, 100, 5 + g4 + order * (1 + interaction)), p0 = .499,
          constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
          local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
          power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
          rho2, rho3, rho4, g4 = 0, r21 = 0, r22 = 0, r23 = 0, r24 = 0)
```

Arguments

score	vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.
dists	character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with $k1 = -6$ and $k2 = 6$.
k1	left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0 .
k2	right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0 .
order	integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score variable.
interaction	logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable.

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rhots obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment de-

signs.

treat.lower logical; if TRUE units below the cutoff are treated.

cutoff decision threshold.

p proportion of level 4 units in the treatment condition.

power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$. es effect size (Cohen's d). alpha probability of type I error (α) .

two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing.

df degrees of freedom.

rho2 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 2 units (unconditional ICC2).
rho3 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 3 units (unconditional ICC3).
rho4 proportion of variance in the outcome between level 4 units (unconditional ICC4).

number of covariates at level 4.

proportion of level 1 variance in the outcome explained by level 1 covariates.

proportion of level 2 variance in the outcome explained by level 2 covariates.

proportion of level 3 variance in the outcome explained by level 3 covariates.

proportion of level 4 variance in the outcome explained by level 4 covariates.

rate.tp treatment group participation rate.
rate.cc control group crossover rate.

n1 average number of level 1 units per level 2 unit.
n2 average number of level 2 units per level 3 unit.
n3 average number of level 3 units per level 4 unit.

number of level 4 units.

cn1 marginal costs per level 1 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(10, 5).

cn2 marginal costs per level 2 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(50, 30).

cn3 marginal costs per level 3 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(80, 50).

cn4 marginal costs per level 4 unit in treatment and control conditions (positional),

e.g. c(100, 40).

total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".

starting value for p when rhots = 0 and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with

the average when p is constrained by bounds.

no vector of starting values for n1, n2, n3, n4 (positional). Starting values are

replaced with the averages when sample sizes are constrained by bounds.

constrain character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.

round logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.

max.power logical; TRUE for maximizing the power rate instead of minimizing the variance.

Applies when constrain = "cost".

local.solver subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP").

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Value

parms list of parameters used in the function.

df degrees of freedom.

sse standardized standard error.

cosa BCOSSA solution.

mdes minimum detectable effect size and $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence limits.

power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$

Examples

inspect.score

Computes Regression Discontinuity Design Effects

Description

Computes Regression Discontinuity Design Effects (RDDE) either based on analytic deviations (up to second order with interactions), an empirical score variable, or simulation.

Usage

Arguments

sim logical; if TRUE results are based on simulation.
score vector; score variable.
p proportion of units in the treatment condition.
cutoff decision threshold.

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logical; if TRUE units below cutoff are treated. treat.lower order integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score variable. logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable. interaction mean of (uncentered) truncated normal - applies when score = NULL and dists mu = "normal". sigma standard deviation of (uncentered) truncated normal - applies when score = NULL and dists = "normal". k1 left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. k2 right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. char; type of distribution, "normal" or "uniform". dists number of draws - applies when sim = TRUE. ndraw

Value

nsim

parms list; list of parameters used in the computation.

cutoff decision threshold (computed if p is provided).

treat.lower if TRUE units below cutoff are treated.

p proportion of subjects treated (computed if cutoff is provided).

order order of polynomial specification for the score variable.

interaction if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable.

number of simulations - applies when sim = TRUE.

center if TRUE the score variable is centered on the cutoff

rdde regression discontinuity design effect.

Examples

```
# based on an empirical score variable
inspect.score(score = rnorm(10000), cutoff = 0)
# based on analytic derivation
inspect.score(cutoff = 0)
# based on simulation
inspect.score(sim = TRUE, cutoff = 0)
```

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Simple Individual-level Regression Discontinuity (w/ or w/o Strata or Fixed Blocks)

Description

Use mdes.ird() to calculate minimum detectable effect size and power.ird() to calculate statistical power. If higher level strata or fixed blocks exist, use mdes.bird2f1() to calculate minimum detectable effect size, power.bird2f1() to calculate statistical power, and cosa.bird2f1() for bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA).

```
mdes.ird(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
         order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
         treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
         power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
         df = n1 - g1 - order * (1 + interaction) - 2,
         r21 = 0, g1 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, rate.tp = 1
power.ird(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
          order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
          treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
          es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
          df = n1 - g1 - order * (1 + interaction) - 2,
          r21 = 0, g1 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, n1)
mdes.bird2f1(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             power = .80, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
             df = n2 * (n1 - 2) - g1 - order * (1 + interaction),
             r21 = 0, g1 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, rate.tp = 1)
power.bird2f1(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6,
              order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
              treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
              es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
              df = n2 * (n1 - 2) - g1 - order * (1 + interaction),
              r21 = 0, g1 = 0, rate.tp = 1, rate.cc = 0, rate.tp = 1)
cosa.bird2f1(score = NULL, dists = "normal", k1 = -6, k2 = 6, rhots = NULL,
             order = 1, interaction = FALSE,
             treat.lower = TRUE, cutoff = 0, p = NULL,
             cn1 = 0, cn2 = 0, cost = NULL,
             n1 = NULL, n2 = NULL,
             n0 = c(400, 5), p0 = .499,
```

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```
constrain = "power", round = TRUE, max.power = FALSE,
local.solver = c("LBFGS", "SLSQP"),
power = .80, es = .25, alpha = .05, two.tailed = TRUE,
g1 = 0, r21 = 0)
```

Arguments

vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned score from the inspect.score() function. dists character; distribution of the score variable, "normal" or "uniform". By default, dists = "normal" specification implies a truncated normal distribution with k1 = -6 and k2 = 6. left truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform k1 distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. k2 right truncation point for (uncentered) empirical, truncated normal, or uniform distribution. Ignored when rhots = 0 or order = 0. integer >= 0; order of polynomial functional form specification for the score order variable. interaction logical; if TRUE polynomial specification interacts with the treatment variable. obsolote; use order = 0 to obtain results equivalent to random assignment derhots signs. logical; if TRUE units below cutoff the are treated. treat.lower cutoff decision threshold. proportion of units in the treatment condition. statistical power $(1 - \beta)$. power numeric > 0; effect size (Cohen's d). es probability of type I error (α). alpha two.tailed logical; TRUE for two-tailed hypothesis testing. df degrees of freedom. number of covariates. g1 proportion of variance in the outcome explained by covariates. r21 treatment group participation rate. rate.tp rate.cc control group crossover rate. n1 sample size (per stratum or block, if exists). number of stratum or fixed blocks. n2 marginal cost per unit in treatment and control conditions, e.g. c(10, 5). cn1 cn2 marginal cost per stratum or fixed block. total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es". cost

total cost or budget. Ignored when constrain = "power" or constrain = "es".

constrain character; constrains one of the "cost", "power", or "es" at the specified value.

starting value for n1 or n1, n2. Starting value is replaced with the average when

sample size is constrained by bounds.

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p0 starting value for p when rhots = 0 and p = NULL. Starting value is replaced with

average when p is constrained by bounds.

round logical; TRUE for rounded BCOSSA solution.

max.power logical; TRUE for maximizing power instead of minimizing variance, applies

when constrain = "cost"

local.solver subset of c("LBFGS", "SLSQP")

Value

parms list of parameters used in the function.

df degrees of freedom.

sse standardized standard error.

cosa BCOSSA solution.

mdes minimum detectable effect size and $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence limits.

power statistical power $(1 - \beta)$

Examples

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Moments

Description

If data (vector) is provided use emp.moment() function, otherwise for truncated normal distribution use tnorm.moment(), and for uniform distribution use unif.moment().

```
tnorm.moment(mu = 0, sigma = 1, k1 = -Inf, k2 = Inf, order = 1, central = FALSE) unif.moment(k1 = 0, k2 = 1, order = 1, central = FALSE) emp.moment(x, order = 1, central = FALSE, absolute = FALSE, na.rm = FALSE)
```

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Arguments

mu	mean of truncated normal - applies to tnorm.moment().	
sigma	standard deviation of truncated normal - applies to tnorm.moment().	
k1	left truncation point for truncated normal distribution or lower bound for uniform distribution.	
k2	right truncation point for truncated normal distribution or upper bound for uniform distribution.	
order	+ int; order of moment	
X	a vector of values - applies to emp.moment().	
central	logical; if TRUE produces central moments.	
absolute	logical; if TRUE produces absolute moments - applies to emp.moment().	
na.rm	logical; if TRUE removes missing values - applies to emp.moment().	

Examples

```
tnorm.moment(k1 = -20, k2 = 20, order = 4, central = FALSE) emp.moment(rnorm(10000), order = 4, central = FALSE) unif.moment(k1 = 0, k2 = 1, order = 4, central = FALSE) emp.moment(runif(10000), order = 4, central = FALSE)
```

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Power and MDES Curves

Description

Plots statistical power or minimum detectable effect size curves with $(1-\alpha)x100$ % confidence interval for the design of interest.

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Arguments

X	an object returned from functions in cosa package.
score	vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.
ypar	character; "mdes" or "power" on y axis.
xpar	character; one of the sample sizes on x axis.
xlim	limits for xpar.
ylim	limits for ypar.
xlab	x axis label.
ylab	y axis label.
main	title for the plot.
sub	subtitle for the plot.
locate logical; TRUE locates parameter values for design x on the plot.	
benchmark	benchmark line.
	other graphical parameters to pass to plot.new().

Examples

```
d1 <- mdes.bcrd3r2(rho2 = .10, rho3 = .20, omega3 = .30, n1 = 20, n2 = 44, n3 = 50) plot(d1, xpar = "n3", xlim = c(30, 100))
```

Vectorize BCOSSA

Vectorizes BCOSSA Solutions

Description

Vectorizes bound constrained optimal sample size allocation (BCOSSA) solutions based on multiple sets of parameter values. This is particularly useful when multiple values of design parameters are to be considered.

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Arguments

X	an object returned from one of the cosa. <design>() functions.</design>
score	vector or list; an empirical score variable or an object with class 'score' returned from the inspect.score() function.
args.grid	vector or matrix: arguments' grid consisting of sets of parameter values. A vector of values (for a single parameter) or a matrix (for multiple parameters).
args.names	character list; arguments' names. Default option args.names = NULL uses column names from args.grid
ordered	logical: whether results should be ordered (cases with worst power rate or highest total cost are on top).
ncase	integer: number of cases to be subsetted, ignored if ordered = FALSE.

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