# Package 'gsDesign2'

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Description The goal of 'gsDesign2' is to enable fixed or group sequential design under non-proportional hazards. To enable highly flexible enrollment, time-to-event and time-to-dropout assumptions, 'gsDesign2' offers piecewise constant enrollment, failure rates, and dropout rates for a stratified population. This package includes three methods for designs: average hazard ratio, weighted logrank tests in Yung and Liu (2019) <doi:10.1111/biom.13196>, and MaxCombo tests.

Substantial flexibility on top of what is in the 'gsDesign' package is intended for selecting boundaries.

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ahr

Average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards

# **Description**

Provides a geometric average hazard ratio under various non-proportional hazards assumptions for either single or multiple strata studies. The piecewise exponential distribution allows a simple method to specify a distribution and enrollment pattern where the enrollment, failure and dropout rates changes over time.

# Usage

```
ahr(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18), hr =
      c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
  total_duration = 30,
  ratio = 1
)
```

# Arguments

```
enroll_rate An enroll_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define_enroll_rate().

fail_rate A fail_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define_fail_rate().

total_duration Total follow-up from start of enrollment to data cutoff; this can be a single value or a vector of positive numbers.

ratio Ratio of experimental to control randomization.
```

### Value

A data frame with time (from total\_duration), ahr (average hazard ratio), n (sample size), event (expected number of events), info (information under given scenarios), and info0 (information under related null hypothesis) for each value of total\_duration input.

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#### **Specification**

- Validate if input enrollment rate contains stratum column.
- Validate if input enrollment rate contains total duration column.
- Validate if input enrollment rate contains rate column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains stratum column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains duration column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains failure rate column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains hazard ratio column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains dropout rate column.
- Validate if input trial total follow-up (total duration) is a non-empty vector of positive integers.
- Validate if strata is the same in enrollment rate and failure rate.
- Compute the proportion in each group.
- Compute the expected events by treatment groups, stratum and time period.
- Calculate the expected number of events for all time points in the total duration and for all stratification variables.
  - Compute the expected events in for each strata.
    - \* Combine the expected number of events of all stratification variables.
    - \* Recompute events, hazard ratio and information under the given scenario of the combined data for each strata.
  - Combine the results for all time points by summarizing the results by adding up the number of events, information under the null and the given scenarios.
- Return a data frame of overall event count, statistical information and average hazard ratio of each value in total\_duration.
- Calculation of ahr for different design scenarios, and the comparison to the simulation studies are defined in vignette/AHRVignette.Rmd.

## **Examples**

```
# Example 1: default
ahr()

# Example 2: default with multiple analysis times (varying total_duration)
ahr(total_duration = c(15, 30))

# Example 3: stratified population
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(
    stratum = c(rep("Low", 2), rep("High", 3)),
    duration = c(2, 10, 4, 4, 8),
    rate = c(5, 10, 0, 3, 6)
)

fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(
    stratum = c(rep("Low", 2), rep("High", 2)),
    duration = c(1, Inf, 1, Inf),
    fail_rate = c(.1, .2, .3, .4),</pre>
```

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```
dropout_rate = .001,
  hr = c(.9, .75, .8, .6)
)
ahr(enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate, total_duration = c(15, 30))
```

ahr\_blinded

Blinded estimation of average hazard ratio

## **Description**

Based on blinded data and assumed hazard ratios in different intervals, compute a blinded estimate of average hazard ratio (AHR) and corresponding estimate of statistical information. This function is intended for use in computing futility bounds based on spending assuming the input hazard ratio (hr) values for intervals specified here.

## Usage

```
ahr_blinded(
   surv = survival::Surv(time = simtrial::ex1_delayed_effect$month, event =
        simtrial::ex1_delayed_effect$evntd),
   intervals = c(3, Inf),
   hr = c(1, 0.6),
   ratio = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

surv	Input survival object (see $survival::Surv()$ ); note that only $0 = censored$ , $1 = event for survival::Surv().$
intervals	Vector containing positive values indicating interval lengths where the exponential rates are assumed. Note that a final infinite interval is added if any events occur after the final interval specified.
hr	Vector of hazard ratios assumed for each interval.
ratio	Ratio of experimental to control randomization.

#### Value

A tibble with one row containing

- ahr Blinded average hazard ratio based on assumed period-specific hazard ratios input in fail\_rate and observed events in the corresponding intervals.
- event Total observed number of events.
- info0 Information under related null hypothesis.
- theta Natural parameter for group sequential design representing expected incremental drift at all analyses.

#### **Specification**

- Validate input hr is a numeric vector.
- Validate input hr is non-negative.
- Validate input intervals is a numeric vector > 0.
- Set final value in intervals to Inf
- Validate that hr and intervals have same length.
- For input time-to-event data, count number of events in each input interval by stratum.
- Compute the blinded estimate of average hazard ratio.
- Compute adjustment for information.
- Return a tibble of the sum of events, average hazard ratio, blinded average hazard ratio, and the information.

# **Examples**

```
ahr_blinded(
   surv = survival::Surv(
     time = simtrial::ex2_delayed_effect$month,
     event = simtrial::ex2_delayed_effect$evntd
),
   intervals = c(4, 100),
   hr = c(1, .55),
   ratio = 1
)
```

as\_gt

Convert summary table of a fixed or group sequential design object to a gt object

# Description

Convert summary table of a fixed or group sequential design object to a gt object

# Usage

```
as_gt(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fixed_design'
as_gt(x, title = NULL, footnote = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gs_design'
as_gt(
    x,
    title = NULL,
    subtitle = NULL,
    colname_spanner = "Cumulative boundary crossing probability",
```

```
colname_spannersub = c("Alternate hypothesis", "Null hypothesis"),
footnote = NULL,
display_bound = c("Efficacy", "Futility"),
display_columns = NULL,
display_inf_bound = FALSE,
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A summary object of a fixed or group sequential design.

... Additional arguments (not used).

title A string to specify the title of the gt table.

footnote A list containing content, location, and attr. content is a vector of string

to specify the footnote text; location is a vector of string to specify the locations to put the superscript of the footnote index; attr is a vector of string to specify the attributes of the footnotes, for example, c("colname", "title", "subtitle", "analysis", "spanner"); users can use the functions in the gt package to customize the table. To disable footnotes, use footnote = FALSE.

subtitle A string to specify the subtitle of the gt table.

colname\_spanner

A string to specify the spanner of the gt table.

colname\_spannersub

A vector of strings to specify the spanner details of the gt table.

"Futility").

display\_columns

A vector of strings specifying the variables to be displayed in the summary table.

display\_inf\_bound

Logical, whether to display the +/-inf bound.

# Value

A gt\_tbl object.

# **Examples**

```
# Fixed design examples ----
library(dplyr)

# Enrollment rate
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(
  duration = 18,
  rate = 20
)

# Failure rates</pre>
```

```
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(4, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
  dropout_rate = .001,
  hr = c(1, .6)
)
# Study duration in months
study_duration <- 36</pre>
# Experimental / Control randomization ratio
ratio <- 1
# 1-sided Type I error
alpha <- 0.025
# Type II error (1 - power)
beta <- 0.1
# Example 1 ----
fixed_design_ahr(
  alpha = alpha, power = 1 - beta,
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
  study_duration = study_duration, ratio = ratio
) %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_gt()
# Example 2 ----
fixed_design_fh(
  alpha = alpha, power = 1 - beta,
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
  study_duration = study_duration, ratio = ratio
) %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_gt()
# Group sequential design examples ---
library(dplyr)
# Example 1 ----
# The default output
gs_design_ahr() %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_gt()
gs_power_ahr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_gt()
gs_design_wlr() %>%
  summary() %>%
```

```
as_gt()
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_gt()
gs_power_combo() %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_gt()
gs_design_rd() %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_gt()
gs_power_rd() %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_gt()
# Example 2 ----
# Usage of title = ..., subtitle = ...
# to edit the title/subtitle
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_gt(
   title = "Bound Summary",
   subtitle = "from gs_power_wlr"
# Example 3 ----
# Usage of colname_spanner = ..., colname_spannersub = ...
# to edit the spanner and its sub-spanner
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_gt(
   colname_spanner = "Cumulative probability to cross boundaries",
   colname_spannersub = c("under H1", "under H0")
 )
# Example 4 ----
# Usage of footnote = ...
# to edit the footnote
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_gt(
    footnote = list(
      content = c(
        "approximate weighted hazard ratio to cross bound.",
        "wAHR is the weighted AHR.",
        "the crossing probability.",
        "this table is generated by gs_power_wlr."
      location = c("\sim wHR \text{ at bound"}, NA, NA, NA),
      attr = c("colname", "analysis", "spanner", "title")
```

```
# Example 5 ----
# Usage of display_bound = ...
# to either show efficacy bound or futility bound, or both(default)
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
    summary() %>%
    as_gt(display_bound = "Efficacy")

# Example 6 ----
# Usage of display_columns = ...
# to select the columns to display in the summary table
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
    summary() %>%
    as_gt(display_columns = c("Analysis", "Bound", "Nominal p", "Z", "Probability"))
```

as\_rtf

Write summary table of a fixed or group sequential design object to an RTF file

# **Description**

Write summary table of a fixed or group sequential design object to an RTF file

#### Usage

```
as_rtf(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fixed_design'
as_rtf(
  title = NULL,
  footnote = NULL,
  col_rel_width = NULL,
  orientation = c("portrait", "landscape"),
  text_font_size = 9,
  file,
)
## S3 method for class 'gs_design'
as_rtf(
  Х,
  title = NULL,
  subtitle = NULL,
  colname_spanner = "Cumulative boundary crossing probability",
```

```
colname_spannersub = c("Alternate hypothesis", "Null hypothesis"),
footnote = NULL,
display_bound = c("Efficacy", "Futility"),
display_columns = NULL,
display_inf_bound = TRUE,
col_rel_width = NULL,
orientation = c("portrait", "landscape"),
text_font_size = 9,
file,
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A summary object of a fixed or group sequential design.

... Additional arguments (not used).

title A string to specify the title of the RTF table.

footnote A list containing content, location, and attr. content is a vector of string

to specify the footnote text; location is a vector of string to specify the locations to put the superscript of the footnote index; attr is a vector of string to specify the attributes of the footnotes, for example, c("colname", "title", "subtitle", "analysis", "spanner"); users can use the functions in the gt

package to customize the table.

col\_rel\_width Column relative width in a vector e.g. c(2,1,1) refers to 2:1:1. Default is NULL

for equal column width.

orientation Orientation in 'portrait' or 'landscape'.

text\_font\_size Text font size. To vary text font size by column, use numeric vector with length

of vector equal to number of columns displayed e.g. c(9,20,40).

file File path for the output.

subtitle A string to specify the subtitle of the RTF table.

colname\_spanner

A string to specify the spanner of the RTF table.

colname\_spannersub

A vector of strings to specify the spanner details of the RTF table.

display\_bound A vector of strings specifying the label of the bounds. The default is c("Efficacy",

"Futility").

display\_columns

A vector of strings specifying the variables to be displayed in the summary table.

display\_inf\_bound

Logical, whether to display the +/-inf bound.

#### Value

```
as_rtf() returns the input x invisibly.
```

#### **Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
# Enrollment rate
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
  duration = 18,
  rate = 20
# Failure rates
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(4, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
 dropout_rate = .001,
  hr = c(1, .6)
)
# Study duration in months
study_duration <- 36</pre>
# Experimental / Control randomization ratio
ratio <- 1
# 1-sided Type I error
alpha <- 0.025
# Type II error (1 - power)
beta <- 0.1
# AHR ----
# under fixed power
x <- fixed_design_ahr(</pre>
  alpha = alpha, power = 1 - beta,
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
  study_duration = study_duration, ratio = ratio
) %>% summary()
x %>% as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
x %>% as_rtf(title = "Fixed design", file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
x %>% as_rtf(
  footnote = "Power computed with average hazard ratio method given the sample size",
  file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf")
x %>% as_rtf(text_font_size = 10, file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
# FH ----
# under fixed power
fixed_design_fh(
  alpha = alpha, power = 1 - beta,
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
  study_duration = study_duration, ratio = ratio
) %>%
  summary() %>%
```

```
as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
# the default output
library(dplyr)
gs_design_ahr() %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
gs_power_ahr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
gs_design_wlr() %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
gs_power_combo() %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
gs_design_rd() %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
gs_power_rd() %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf"))
# usage of title = ..., subtitle = ...
# to edit the title/subtitle
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(
    title = "Bound Summary",
    subtitle = "from gs_power_wlr",
    file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf")
  )
# usage of colname_spanner = ..., colname_spannersub = ...
# to edit the spanner and its sub-spanner
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
  summary() %>%
  as_rtf(
    colname_spanner = "Cumulative probability to cross boundaries",
    colname_spannersub = c("under H1", "under H0"),
    file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf")
```

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```
)
# usage of footnote = ...
# to edit the footnote
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_rtf(
    footnote = list(
      content = c(
        "approximate weighted hazard ratio to cross bound.",
        \ensuremath{\text{"WAHR}} is the weighted AHR.",
        "the crossing probability.",
        "this table is generated by gs_power_wlr."
      location = c("\sim WHR \text{ at bound"}, NA, NA, NA),
      attr = c("colname", "analysis", "spanner", "title")
   ),
    file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf")
 )
# usage of display_bound = ...
# to either show efficacy bound or futility bound, or both(default)
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_rtf(
    display_bound = "Efficacy",
    file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf")
# usage of display_columns = ...
# to select the columns to display in the summary table
gs_power_wlr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1)) %>%
 summary() %>%
 as_rtf(
   display_columns = c("Analysis", "Bound", "Nominal p", "Z", "Probability"),
    file = tempfile(fileext = ".rtf")
 )
```

define\_enroll\_rate

Define enrollment rate

#### **Description**

Define the enrollment rate of subjects for a study as following a piecewise exponential distribution.

# Usage

```
define_enroll_rate(duration, rate, stratum = "All")
```

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# Arguments

duration A numeric vector of ordered piecewise study duration interval.

rate A numeric vector of enrollment rate in each duration.

stratum A character vector of stratum name.

#### **Details**

The duration are ordered piecewise for a duration equal to  $t_i - t_{i-1}$ , where  $0 = t_0 < t_i < \cdots < t_M = \infty$ . The enrollment rates are defined in each duration with the same length.

For a study with multiple strata, different duration and rates can be specified in each stratum.

#### Value

An enroll\_rate data frame.

# **Examples**

```
# Define enroll rate without stratum
define_enroll_rate(
   duration = c(2, 2, 10),
   rate = c(3, 6, 9)
)

# Define enroll rate with stratum
define_enroll_rate(
   duration = rep(c(2, 2, 2, 18), 3),
   rate = c((1:4) / 3, (1:4) / 2, (1:4) / 6),
   stratum = c(array("High", 4), array("Moderate", 4), array("Low", 4))
)
```

define\_fail\_rate

Define failure rate

#### **Description**

Define subject failure rate for a study with two treatment groups. Also supports stratified designs that have different failure rates in each stratum.

#### Usage

```
define_fail_rate(duration, fail_rate, dropout_rate, hr = 1, stratum = "All")
```

# Arguments

duration A numeric vector of ordered piecewise study duration interval.

fail\_rate A numeric vector of failure rate in each duration in the control group.

dropout\_rate A numeric vector of dropout rate in each duration.

hr A numeric vector of hazard ratio between treatment and control group.

stratum A character vector of stratum name.

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#### **Details**

Define the failure and dropout rate of subjects for a study as following a piecewise exponential distribution. The duration are ordered piecewise for a duration equal to  $t_i - t_{i-1}$ , where  $0 = t_0 < t_i < \cdots < t_M = \infty$ . The failure rate, dropout rate, and hazard ratio in a study duration can be specified.

For a study with multiple strata, different duration, failure rates, dropout rates, and hazard ratios can be specified in each stratum.

#### Value

A fail\_rate data frame.

# **Examples**

```
# Define enroll rate
define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(3, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / c(9, 18),
    hr = c(.9, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
)

# Define enroll rate with stratum
define_fail_rate(
    stratum = c(rep("Low", 2), rep("High", 2)),
    duration = 1,
    fail_rate = c(.1, .2, .3, .4),
    dropout_rate = .001,
    hr = c(.9, .75, .8, .6)
)
```

expected\_accrual

Piecewise constant expected accrual

# Description

Computes the expected cumulative enrollment (accrual) given a set of piecewise constant enrollment rates and times.

# Usage

```
expected_accrual(
  time = 0:24,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(3, 3, 18), rate = c(5, 10, 20))
)
```

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# **Arguments**

```
time Times at which enrollment is to be computed.

enroll_rate An enroll_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define_enroll_rate().
```

#### Value

A vector with expected cumulative enrollment for the specified times.

# **Specification**

- Validate if input x is a vector of strictly increasing non-negative numeric elements.
- Validate if input enrollment rate is of type data.frame.
- Validate if input enrollment rate contains duration column.
- Validate if input enrollment rate contains rate column.
- Validate if rate in input enrollment rate is non-negative with at least one positive rate.
- Convert rates to step function.
- Add times where rates change to enrollment rates.
- Make a tibble of the input time points x, duration, enrollment rates at points, and expected accrual.
- Extract the expected cumulative or survival enrollment.
- Return expected\_accrual

# Examples

```
library(tibble)
# Example 1: default
expected_accrual()
# Example 2: unstratified design
expected_accrual(
  time = c(5, 10, 20),
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(
    duration = c(3, 3, 18),
    rate = c(5, 10, 20)
  )
)
# Example 3: stratified design
expected_accrual(
  time = c(24, 30, 40),
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(
    stratum = c("subgroup", "complement"),
   duration = c(33, 33),
    rate = c(30, 30)
 )
)
```

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```
# Example 4: expected accrual over time
# Scenario 4.1: for the enrollment in the first 3 months,
# it is exactly 3 * 5 = 15.
expected_accrual(
 time = 3,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(3, 3, 18), rate = c(5, 10, 20))
# Scenario 4.2: for the enrollment in the first 6 months,
# it is exactly 3 * 5 + 3 * 10 = 45.
expected_accrual(
 time = 6,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(3, 3, 18), rate = c(5, 10, 20))
# Scenario 4.3: for the enrollment in the first 24 months,
# it is exactly 3 * 5 + 3 * 10 + 18 * 20 = 405.
expected_accrual(
 time = 24,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(3, 3, 18), rate = c(5, 10, 20))
)
# Scenario 4.4: for the enrollment after 24 months,
# it is the same as that from the 24 months, since the enrollment is stopped.
expected_accrual(
 time = 25,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(3, 3, 18), rate = c(5, 10, 20))
# Instead of compute the enrolled subjects one time point by one time point,
# we can also compute it once.
expected_accrual(
 time = c(3, 6, 24, 25),
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(3, 3, 18), rate = c(5, 10, 20))
)
```

expected\_event

Expected events observed under piecewise exponential model

#### Description

Computes expected events over time and by strata under the assumption of piecewise constant enrollment rates and piecewise exponential failure and censoring rates. The piecewise exponential distribution allows a simple method to specify a distribution and enrollment pattern where the enrollment, failure and dropout rates changes over time. While the main purpose may be to generate a trial that can be analyzed at a single point in time or using group sequential methods, the routine can also be used to simulate an adaptive trial design. The intent is to enable sample size calculations under non-proportional hazards assumptions for stratified populations.

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## Usage

```
expected_event(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18),
        dropout_rate = 0.001),
  total_duration = 25,
  simple = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

enroll\_rate An enroll\_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define\_enroll\_rate().

fail\_rate A fail\_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define\_fail\_rate().

total\_duration Total follow-up from start of enrollment to data cutoff.

simple If default (TRUE), return numeric expected number of events, otherwise a data frame as described below.

#### **Details**

More periods will generally be supplied in output than those that are input. The intent is to enable expected event calculations in a tidy format to maximize flexibility for a variety of purposes.

## Value

The default when simple = TRUE is to return the total expected number of events as a real number. Otherwise, when simple = FALSE, a data frame is returned with the following variables for each period specified in fail\_rate:

- t: start of period.
- fail\_rate: failure rate during the period.
- event: expected events during the period.

The records in the returned data frame correspond to the input data frame fail\_rate.

#### **Specification**

- Validate if input enrollment rate contains total duration column.
- Validate if input enrollment rate contains rate column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains duration column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains failure rate column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains dropout rate column.
- Validate if input trial total follow-up (total duration) is a non-empty vector of positive integers.
- Validate if input simple is logical.

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• Define a data frame with the start opening for enrollment at zero and cumulative duration. Add the event (or failure) time corresponding to the start of the enrollment. Finally, add the enrollment rate to the data frame corresponding to the start and end (failure) time. This will be recursively used to calculate the expected number of events later. For details, see vignette/eEventsTheory.Rmd

- Define a data frame including the cumulative duration of failure rates, the corresponding start time of the enrollment, failure rate and dropout rates. For details, see vignette/eEventsTheory.Rmd
- Only consider the failure rates in the interval of the end failure rate and total duration.
- Compute the failure rates over time using stepfun which is used to group rows by periods defined by fail\_rate.
- Compute the dropout rate over time using stepfun.
- Compute the enrollment rate over time using stepfun. Details are available in vignette/eEventsTheory.Rmd.
- Compute expected events by interval at risk using the notations and descriptions in vignette/eEventsTheory.Rmd.
- Return expected\_event

#### **Examples**

```
library(gsDesign2)
# Default arguments, simple output (total event count only)
expected_event()
# Event count by time period
expected_event(simple = FALSE)
# Early cutoff
expected_event(total_duration = .5)
# Single time period example
expected_event(
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 10, rate = 10),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = 100, fail_rate = log(2) / 6, dropout_rate = .01),
 total_duration = 22,
 simple = FALSE
# Single time period example, multiple enrollment periods
expected_event(
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(5, 5), rate = c(10, 20)),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = 100, fail_rate = log(2) / 6, dropout_rate = .01),
 total_duration = 22, simple = FALSE
)
```

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expected\_time

Predict time at which a targeted event count is achieved

## **Description**

expected\_time() is made to match input format with ahr() and to solve for the time at which the expected accumulated events is equal to an input target. Enrollment and failure rate distributions are specified as follows. The piecewise exponential distribution allows a simple method to specify a distribution and enrollment pattern where the enrollment, failure and dropout rates changes over time.

# Usage

```
expected_time(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9) * 5),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(stratum = "All", duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate =
        log(2)/c(9, 18), hr = c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = rep(0.001, 2)),
  target_event = 150,
  ratio = 1,
  interval = c(0.01, 100)
)
```

# Arguments

enroll\_rate An enroll\_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define\_enroll\_rate().

fail\_rate A fail\_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define\_fail\_rate().

target\_event The targeted number of events to be achieved.

ratio Experimental:Control randomization ratio.

interval An interval that is presumed to include the time at which expected event count is equal to target\_event.

#### Value

A data frame with Time (computed to match events in target\_event), AHR (average hazard ratio), Events (target\_event input), info (information under given scenarios), and info0 (information under related null hypothesis) for each value of total\_duration input.

# Specification

- Use root-finding routine with 'AHR()' to find time at which targeted events accrue.
- Return a data frame with a single row with the output from 'AHR()' got the specified output.

## **Examples**

```
# Example 1 ----
# default
expected_time()
# Example 2 ----
# check that result matches a finding using AHR()
# Start by deriving an expected event count
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9) * 5)
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(3, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / c(9, 18),
  hr = c(.9, .6),
  dropout_rate = .001
total_duration <- 20
xx <- ahr(enroll_rate, fail_rate, total_duration)</pre>
XX
# Next we check that the function confirms the timing of the final analysis.
expected_time(enroll_rate, fail_rate,
  target_event = xx$event, interval = c(.5, 1.5) * xx$time
# Example 3 ----
# In this example, we verify `expected_time()` by `ahr()`.
x <- ahr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
  ratio = 1, total_duration = 20
)
cat("The number of events by 20 months is ", x$event, ".\n")
y <- expected_time(</pre>
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
  ratio = 1, target_event = x$event
)
cat("The time to get ", x$event, " is ", y$time, "months.\n")
```

## **Description**

Computes fixed design sample size (given power) or power (given sample size) by:

- fixed\_design\_ahr() Average hazard ratio method.
- fixed\_design\_fh() Weighted logrank test with Fleming-Harrington weights (Farrington and Manning, 1990).
- fixed\_design\_mb() Weighted logrank test with Magirr-Burman weights.
- fixed\_design\_lf() Lachin-Foulkes method (Lachin and Foulkes, 1986).
- fixed\_design\_maxcombo() MaxCombo method.
- fixed\_design\_rmst() RMST method.
- fixed\_design\_milestone() Milestone method.

Additionally, fixed\_design\_rd() provides fixed design for binary endpoint with treatment effect measuring in risk difference.

#### Usage

```
fixed_design_ahr(
  enroll_rate,
  fail_rate,
  alpha = 0.025,
  power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  study_duration = 36,
  event = NULL
)
fixed_design_fh(
  alpha = 0.025,
  power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  study_duration = 36,
  enroll_rate,
  fail_rate,
  rho = 0,
  gamma = 0
)
fixed_design_lf(
  alpha = 0.025,
  power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  study_duration = 36,
  enroll_rate,
  fail_rate
)
```

```
fixed_design_maxcombo(
  alpha = 0.025,
  power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  study_duration = 36,
  enroll_rate,
  fail_rate,
  rho = c(0, 0, 1),
  gamma = c(0, 1, 0),
  tau = rep(-1, 3)
)
fixed_design_mb(
  alpha = 0.025,
  power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  study_duration = 36,
  enroll_rate,
  fail_rate,
  tau = 6,
 w_max = Inf
fixed_design_milestone(
  alpha = 0.025,
 power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  enroll_rate,
  fail_rate,
  study_duration = 36,
  tau = NULL
)
fixed_design_rd(
  alpha = 0.025,
  power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  p_c,
  p_e,
 rd0 = 0,
 n = NULL
)
fixed_design_rmst(
  alpha = 0.025,
  power = NULL,
  ratio = 1,
  study_duration = 36,
```

```
enroll_rate,
fail_rate,
tau = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

Enrollment rates defined by define\_enroll\_rate(). enroll\_rate Failure and dropout rates defined by define\_fail\_rate(). fail\_rate alpha One-sided Type I error (strictly between 0 and 1). Power (NULL to compute power or strictly between 0 and 1 – alpha otherwise). power ratio Experimental: Control randomization ratio. study\_duration Study duration. event A numerical vector specifying the targeted events at each analysis. See details. A vector of numbers paring with gamma and tau for MaxCombo test. rho A vector of numbers paring with rho and tau for MaxCombo test. gamma Test parameter in RMST. tau Test parameter of Magirr-Burman method. w\_max A numerical value of the control arm rate. p\_c A numerical value of the experimental arm rate. p\_e rd0 Risk difference under null hypothesis, default is 0.

Sample size. If NULL with power input, the sample size will be computed to

#### Value

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A list of design characteristic summary.

# **Examples**

```
# AHR method ----
library(dplyr)

# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_ahr(
    alpha = .025, power = .9,
    enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
    fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
        duration = c(4, 100),
        fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
        hr = c(1, .6),
        dropout_rate = .001
),
    study_duration = 36
)
x %>% summary()
```

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```
# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_ahr(</pre>
  alpha = .025,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(4, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
    hr = c(1, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
  ),
  study\_duration = 36
x %>% summary()
# WLR test with FH weights ----
library(dplyr)
# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_fh(</pre>
  alpha = .025, power = .9,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(4, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
    hr = c(1, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
  study_duration = 36,
  rho = 1, gamma = 1
)
x %>% summary()
# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_fh(</pre>
  alpha = .025,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(4, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
    hr = c(1, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
  ),
  study_duration = 36,
  rho = 1, gamma = 1
)
x %>% summary()
# LF method ----
library(dplyr)
# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_lf(</pre>
```

```
alpha = .025, power = .9,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
   duration = 100,
   fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
   hr = .7,
   dropout_rate = .001
 ),
 study\_duration = 36
)
x %>% summary()
# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_lf(</pre>
 alpha = .025,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
   duration = 100,
   fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
   hr = .7,
   dropout_rate = .001
 ),
 study\_duration = 36
)
x %>% summary()
# MaxCombo test ----
library(dplyr)
# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_maxcombo(</pre>
 alpha = .025, power = .9,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
   duration = c(4, 100),
   fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
   hr = c(1, .6),
   dropout_rate = .001
 study_duration = 36,
 rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = c(0, 0), tau = c(-1, -1)
x %>% summary()
# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_maxcombo(</pre>
 alpha = .025,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
   duration = c(4, 100),
   fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
   hr = c(1, .6),
   dropout_rate = .001
```

```
),
  study_duration = 36,
  rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = c(0, 0), tau = c(-1, -1)
x %>% summary()
# WLR test with MB weights ----
library(dplyr)
# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_mb(</pre>
  alpha = .025, power = .9,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
   duration = c(4, 100),
   fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
   hr = c(1, .6),
   dropout_rate = .001
  ),
  study_duration = 36,
  tau = 4,
  w_max = 2
)
x %>% summary()
# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_mb(</pre>
  alpha = .025,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
   duration = c(4, 100),
   fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
   hr = c(1, .6),
   dropout_rate = .001
  ),
  study_duration = 36,
  tau = 4,
  w_max = 2
x %>% summary()
# Milestone method ----
library(dplyr)
# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_milestone(</pre>
  alpha = .025, power = .9,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
   duration = 100,
   fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
   hr = .7,
    dropout_rate = .001
```

```
),
  study_duration = 36,
  tau = 18
)
x %>% summary()
# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_milestone(</pre>
  alpha = .025,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = 100,
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
    hr = .7,
    dropout_rate = .001
  ),
  study_duration = 36,
  tau = 18
)
x %>% summary()
# Binary endpoint with risk differences ----
library(dplyr)
# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_rd(</pre>
  alpha = 0.025, power = 0.9, p_c = .15, p_e = .1,
  rd0 = 0, ratio = 1
x %>% summary()
# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_rd(</pre>
  alpha = 0.025, power = NULL, p_c = .15, p_e = .1,
  rd0 = 0, n = 2000, ratio = 1
)
x %>% summary()
# RMST method ----
library(dplyr)
# Example 1: given power and compute sample size
x <- fixed_design_rmst(</pre>
  alpha = .025, power = .9,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = 100,
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
    hr = .7,
    dropout_rate = .001
  study_duration = 36,
  tau = 18
```

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```
)
x %>% summary()

# Example 2: given sample size and compute power
x <- fixed_design_rmst(
    alpha = .025,
    enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
    fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
        duration = 100,
        fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
        hr = .7,
        dropout_rate = .001
),
    study_duration = 36,
    tau = 18
)
x %>% summary()
```

gs\_b

Default boundary generation

# **Description**

gs\_b() is the simplest version of a function to be used with the upper and lower arguments in gs\_power\_npe() and gs\_design\_npe() or the upper\_bound and lower\_bound arguments in gs\_prob\_combo() and pmvnorm\_combo(). It simply returns the vector of Z-values in the input vector par or, if k is specified, par[k] is returned. Note that if bounds need to change with changing information at analyses, gs\_b() should not be used. For instance, for spending function bounds use gs\_spending\_bound().

### Usage

```
gs_b(par = NULL, k = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

parFor gs\_b(), this is just Z-values for the boundaries; can include infinite values.kIs NULL (default), return par, else return par[k]....Further arguments passed to or from other methods.

#### Value

Returns the vector input par if k is NULL, otherwise, par[k].

# **Specification**

- Validate if the input k is null as default.
  - If the input k is null as default, return the whole vector of Z-values of the boundaries.
  - If the input k is not null, return the corresponding boundary in the vector of Z-values.
- Return a vector of boundaries.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Simple: enter a vector of length 3 for bound
gs_b(par = 4:2)

# 2nd element of par
gs_b(par = 4:2, k = 2)

# Generate an efficacy bound using a spending function
# Use Lan-DeMets spending approximation of O'Brien-Fleming bound
# as 50%, 75% and 100% of final spending
# Information fraction
IF <- c(.5, .75, 1)
gs_b(par = gsDesign::gsDesign(
    alpha = .025, k = length(IF),
    test.type = 1, sfu = gsDesign::sfLDOF,
    timing = IF
)$upper$bound)</pre>
```

gs\_bound\_summary

Bound summary table

# Description

Summarizes the efficacy and futility bounds for each analysis.

# Usage

```
gs_bound_summary(
    x,
    digits = 4,
    ddigits = 2,
    tdigits = 0,
    timename = "Month",
    alpha = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

Χ	Design object.
digits	Number of digits past the decimal to be printed in the body of the table.
ddigits	Number of digits past the decimal to be printed for the natural parameter delta.
tdigits	Number of digits past the decimal point to be shown for estimated timing of each analysis.
timename	Text string indicating time unit.
alpha	Vector of alpha values to compute additional efficacy columns.

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# Value

A data frame

#### See Also

```
gsDesign::gsBoundSummary()
```

# **Examples**

```
library(gsDesign2)

x <- gs_design_ahr(info_frac = c(.25, .75, 1), analysis_time = c(12, 25, 36))
gs_bound_summary(x)

x <- gs_design_wlr(info_frac = c(.25, .75, 1), analysis_time = c(12, 25, 36))
gs_bound_summary(x)

# Report multiple efficacy bounds (only supported for AHR designs)
x <- gs_design_ahr(analysis_time = 1:3*12, alpha = 0.0125)
gs_bound_summary(x, alpha = c(0.025, 0.05))</pre>
```

gs\_cp\_npe

Conditional power computation with non-constant effect size

# Description

Conditional power computation with non-constant effect size

# Usage

```
gs_cp_npe(theta = NULL, info = NULL, a = NULL, b = NULL)
```

# Arguments

theta	A vector of length two, which specifies the natural parameter for treatment effect. The first element of theta is the treatment effect of an interim analysis i. The second element of theta is the treatment effect of a future analysis j.
info	A vector of two, which specifies the statistical information under the treatment effect theta.
а	Interim z-value at analysis i (scalar).
b	Future target z-value at analysis j (scalar).

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#### **Details**

We assume  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are the z-values at an interim analysis and later analysis, respectively. We assume further  $Z_1$  and  $Z_2$  are bivariate normal with standard group sequential assumptions on independent increments where for i = 1, 2

$$E(Z_i) = \theta_i \sqrt{I_i}$$

$$Var(Z_i) = 1/I_i$$

$$Cov(Z_1, Z_2) = t \equiv I_1/I_2$$

where  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  are real values and  $0 < I_1 < I_2$ . See https://merck.github.io/gsDesign2/articles/story-npe-background.html for assumption details. Returned value is

$$P(Z_2 > b \mid Z_1 = a) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{b - \sqrt{t}a - \sqrt{I_2}(\theta_2 - \theta_1\sqrt{t})}{\sqrt{1 - t}}\right)$$

# Value

A scalar with the conditional power  $P(Z_2 > b \mid Z_1 = a)$ .

## **Examples**

gs\_create\_arm

Create npsurvSS arm object

# **Description**

Create npsurvSS arm object

## Usage

```
gs_create_arm(enroll_rate, fail_rate, ratio, total_time = 1e+06)
```

#### **Arguments**

enroll\_rate Enrollment rates from define\_enroll\_rate().

fail\_rate Failure and dropout rates from define\_fail\_rate().

ratio Experimental:Control randomization ratio.

total\_time Total analysis time.

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#### Value

A list of the two arms.

## **Specification**

- Validate if there is only one stratum.
- Calculate the accrual duration.
- calculate the accrual intervals.
- Calculate the accrual parameter as the proportion of enrollment rate\*duration.
- Set cure proportion to zero.
- set survival intervals and shape.
- Set fail rate in fail\_rate to the Weibull scale parameter for the survival distribution in the arm 0.
- Set the multiplication of hazard ratio and fail rate to the Weibull scale parameter for the survival distribution in the arm 1.
- Set the shape parameter to one as the exponential distribution for shape parameter for the loss to follow-up distribution
- Set the scale parameter to one as the scale parameter for the loss to follow-up distribution since the exponential distribution is supported only
- Create arm 0 using npsurvSS::create\_arm() using the parameters for arm 0.
- Create arm 1 using npsurvSS::create\_arm() using the parameters for arm 1.
- Set the class of the two arms.
- Return a list of the two arms.

#### **Examples**

```
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(
   duration = c(2, 2, 10),
   rate = c(3, 6, 9)
)

fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(
   duration = c(3, 100),
   fail_rate = log(2) / c(9, 18),
   hr = c(.9, .6),
   dropout_rate = .001
)

gs_create_arm(enroll_rate, fail_rate, ratio = 1)</pre>
```

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gs_design_ahr	Calculate sample size and bounds given targeted power and Type I error in group sequential design using average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards

#### **Description**

Calculate sample size and bounds given targeted power and Type I error in group sequential design using average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards

# Usage

```
gs_design_ahr(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18), hr =
    c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
  alpha = 0.025,
  beta = 0.1,
  info_frac = NULL,
  analysis_time = 36,
  ratio = 1,
  binding = FALSE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = alpha),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = beta),
  h1\_spending = TRUE,
  test_upper = TRUE,
  test_lower = TRUE,
  info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
  r = 18,
  tol = 1e-06,
  interval = c(0.01, 1000)
)
```

# Arguments

enroll_rate	Enrollment rates defined by define_enroll_rate().
fail_rate	Failure and dropout rates defined by define_fail_rate().
alpha	One-sided Type I error.
beta	Type II error.
info_frac	Targeted information fraction for analyses. See details.
analysis_time	Targeted calendar timing of analyses. See details.
ratio	Experimental:Control randomization ratio.
binding	Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended.

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Function to compute upper bound. upper

• gs\_spending\_bound(): alpha-spending efficacy bounds.

• gs\_b(): fixed efficacy bounds.

Parameters passed to upper. upar

> • If upper = gs\_b, then upar is a numerical vector specifying the fixed efficacy bounds per analysis.

- If upper = gs\_spending\_bound, then upar is a list including
  - sf for the spending function family.
  - total\_spend for total alpha spend.
  - param for the parameter of the spending function.
  - timing specifies spending time if different from information-based spending; see details.

Function to compute lower bound, which can be set up similarly as upper. See this vignette.

Parameters passed to lower, which can be set up similarly as upar.

Indicator that lower bound to be set by spending under alternate hypothesis (input fail\_rate) if spending is used for lower bound. If this is FALSE, then the lower bound spending is under the null hypothesis. This is for two-sided symmetric or asymmetric testing under the null hypothesis; See this vignette.

Indicator of which analyses should include an upper (efficacy) bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.

Indicator of which analyses should include an lower bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; single value FALSE indicated no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have a lower bound.

Information scale for calculation. Options are:

- "h0\_h1\_info" (default): variance under both null and alternative hypotheses is used.
- "h0\_info": variance under null hypothesis is used.
- "h1\_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.

Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turnbull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally, r will not be changed by the user.

Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale); normally not changed by the user.

An interval presumed to include the times at which expected event count is equal to targeted event. Normally, this can be ignored by the user as it is set to c(.01, 1000).

#### **Details**

The parameters info\_frac and analysis\_time are used to determine the timing for interim and final analyses.

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• If the interim analysis is determined by targeted information fraction and the study duration is known, then info\_frac is a numerical vector where each element (greater than 0 and less than or equal to 1) represents the information fraction for each analysis. The analysis\_time, which defaults to 36, indicates the time for the final analysis.

- If interim analyses are determined solely by the targeted calendar analysis timing from start of study, then analysis\_time will be a vector specifying the time for each analysis.
- If both the targeted analysis time and the targeted information fraction are utilized for a given analysis, then timing will be the maximum of the two with both info\_frac and analysis\_time provided as vectors.

#### Value

A list with input parameters, enrollment rate, analysis, and bound.

- The \$input is a list including alpha, beta, ratio, etc.
- The \$enroll\_rate is a table showing the enrollment for arriving the targeted power (1 beta).
- The \$fail\_rate is a table showing the failure and dropout rates, which is the same as input.
- The \$bound is a table summarizing the efficacy and futility bound per analysis.
- The analysis is a table summarizing the analysis time, sample size, events, average HR, treatment effect and statistical information per analysis.

#### **Specification**

- Validate if input analysis\_time is a positive number or positive increasing sequence.
- Validate if input info\_frac is a positive number or positive increasing sequence on (0, 1] with final value of 1.
- Validate if input info\_frac and analysis\_time have the same length if both have length > 1.
- Get information at input analysis\_time
  - Use gs\_info\_ahr() to get the information and effect size based on AHR approximation.
  - Extract the final event.
  - Check if input If needed for (any) interim analysis timing.
- Add the analysis column to the information at input analysis\_time.
- Add the sample size column to the information at input analysis\_time using expected\_accural().
- Get sample size and bounds using gs\_design\_npe() and save them to bounds.
- Add Time, Events, AHR, N that have already been calculated to the bounds.
- Return a list of design enrollment, failure rates, and bounds.

# **Examples**

```
library(gsDesign)
library(gsDesign2)
library(dplyr)
# Example 1 ----
```

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```
# call with defaults
gs_design_ahr()
# Example 2 ----
# Single analysis
gs_design_ahr(analysis_time = 40)
# Example 3 ----
# Multiple analysis_time
gs_design_ahr(analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36))
# Example 4 ----
# Specified information fraction
gs_design_ahr(info_frac = c(.25, .75, 1), analysis_time = 36)
# Example 5 ----
# multiple analysis times & info_frac
# driven by times
gs_design_ahr(info_frac = c(.25, .75, 1), analysis_time = c(12, 25, 36))
# driven by info_frac
gs_design_ahr(info_frac = c(1 / 3, .8, 1), analysis_time = c(12, 25, 36))
# Example 6 ----
# 2-sided symmetric design with O'Brien-Fleming spending
gs_design_ahr(
  analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36),
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  h1\_spending = FALSE
)
# 2-sided asymmetric design with O'Brien-Fleming upper spending
# Pocock lower spending under H1 (NPH)
gs_design_ahr(
  analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36),
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
 lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDPocock, total_spend = 0.1, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  h1\_spending = TRUE
)
```

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```
# Example 7 ----
gs_design_ahr(
 alpha = 0.0125,
 analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36),
 upper = gs_spending_bound,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.0125, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
 lower = gs_b,
 lpar = rep(-Inf, 3)
)
gs_design_ahr(
 alpha = 0.0125,
 analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36),
 upper = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign::gsDesign(
   k = 3, test.type = 1, n.I = c(.25, .75, 1),
   sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL, alpha = 0.0125
 )$upper$bound,
 lower = gs_b,
 lpar = rep(-Inf, 3)
)
```

gs\_design\_combo

Group sequential design using MaxCombo test under non-proportional hazards

### **Description**

Group sequential design using MaxCombo test under non-proportional hazards

# Usage

```
gs_design_combo(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 12, rate = 500/12),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(4, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/15, hr = c(1,
        0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
  fh_test = rbind(data.frame(rho = 0, gamma = 0, tau = -1, test = 1, analysis = 1:3,
        analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36)), data.frame(rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = 0.5, tau = -1,
        test = 2:3, analysis = 3, analysis_time = 36)),
  ratio = 1,
    alpha = 0.025,
    beta = 0.2,
    binding = FALSE,
    upper = gs_b,
    upar = c(3, 2, 1),
    lower = gs_b,
    lpar = c(-1, 0, 1),
```

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Enrollment rates defined by define\_enroll\_rate().

```
algorithm = mvtnorm::GenzBretz(maxpts = 1e+05, abseps = 1e-05),
n_upper_bound = 1000,
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

enroll\_rate

fail\_rate Failure and dropout rates defined by define\_fail\_rate(). fh\_test A data frame to summarize the test in each analysis. See examples for its data structure. Experimental: Control randomization ratio. ratio alpha One-sided Type I error. beta Type II error. binding Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended. Function to compute upper bound. upper • gs\_spending\_bound(): alpha-spending efficacy bounds. • gs\_b(): fixed efficacy bounds. Parameters passed to upper. upar • If upper = gs\_b, then upar is a numerical vector specifying the fixed efficacy bounds per analysis. • If upper = gs\_spending\_bound, then upar is a list including - sf for the spending function family. total\_spend for total alpha spend. - param for the parameter of the spending function. - timing specifies spending time if different from information-based spending; see details. lower Function to compute lower bound, which can be set up similarly as upper. See

Parameters passed to lower, which can be set up similarly as upar.

be used as well as the associated hyper parameters.

Additional parameters passed to mytnorm::pmvnorm.

A numeric value of upper limit of sample size.

an object of class GenzBretz, Miwa or TVPACK specifying both the algorithm to

### Value

lpar

algorithm

n\_upper\_bound

A list with input parameters, enrollment rate, analysis, and bound.

this vignette.

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## **Examples**

```
# The example is slow to run
library(dplyr)
library(mvtnorm)
library(gsDesign)
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
  duration = 12,
 rate = 500 / 12
)
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(4, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / 15, # median survival 15 month
 hr = c(1, .6),
 dropout_rate = 0.001
)
fh_test <- rbind(</pre>
 data.frame(
    rho = 0, gamma = 0, tau = -1,
    test = 1, analysis = 1:3, analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36)
  ),
  data.frame(
    rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = 0.5, tau = -1,
    test = 2:3, analysis = 3, analysis_time = 36
  )
)
x <- gsSurv(
 k = 3,
  test.type = 4,
  alpha = 0.025,
  beta = 0.2,
  astar = 0,
  timing = 1,
  sfu = sfLDOF,
  sfupar = 0,
  sfl = sfLDOF,
  sflpar = 0,
  lambdaC = 0.1,
  hr = 0.6,
  hr0 = 1,
  eta = 0.01,
  gamma = 10,
  R = 12,
  S = NULL,
  T = 36,
 minfup = 24,
  ratio = 1
)
```

```
# Example 1 ----
# User-defined boundary
gs_design_combo(
 enroll_rate,
 fail_rate,
 fh_test,
 alpha = 0.025, beta = 0.2,
 ratio = 1,
 binding = FALSE,
 upar = x$upper$bound,
 lpar = x$lower$bound
# Example 2 ----
# Boundary derived by spending function
gs_design_combo(
 enroll_rate,
 fail_rate,
 fh_test,
 alpha = 0.025,
 beta = 0.2,
 ratio = 1,
 binding = FALSE,
 upper = gs_spending_combo,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025), # alpha spending
 lower = gs_spending_combo,
 lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2), # beta spending
)
```

gs\_design\_npe

Group sequential design computation with non-constant effect and information

## **Description**

Derives group sequential design size, bounds and boundary crossing probabilities based on proportionate information and effect size at analyses. It allows a non-constant treatment effect over time, but also can be applied for the usual homogeneous effect size designs. It requires treatment effect and proportionate statistical information at each analysis as well as a method of deriving bounds, such as spending. The routine enables two things not available in the gsDesign package:

- 1. non-constant effect, 2) more flexibility in boundary selection. For many applications, the non-proportional-hazards design function gs\_design\_nph() will be used; it calls this function. Initial bound types supported are 1) spending bounds,
- 2. fixed bounds, and 3) Haybittle-Peto-like bounds. The requirement is to have a boundary update method that can each bound without knowledge of future bounds. As an example, bounds

based on conditional power that require knowledge of all future bounds are not supported by this routine; a more limited conditional power method will be demonstrated. Boundary family designs Wang-Tsiatis designs including the original (non-spending-function-based) O'Brien-Fleming and Pocock designs are not supported by gs\_power\_npe().

# Usage

```
gs_design_npe(
  theta = 0.1,
  theta0 = 0,
  theta1 = theta,
  info = 1,
  info0 = NULL,
  info1 = NULL,
  info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
  alpha = 0.025,
  beta = 0.1,
  upper = gs_b,
  upar = qnorm(0.975),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = -Inf,
  test_upper = TRUE,
  test_lower = TRUE,
  binding = FALSE,
  r = 18,
  tol = 1e-06
)
```

### **Arguments**

theta	Natural parameter for group sequential design representing expected incremental drift at all analyses; used for power calculation.
theta0	Natural parameter used for upper bound spending; if NULL, this will be set to $0$ .
theta1	Natural parameter used for lower bound spending; if NULL, this will be set to theta which yields the usual beta-spending. If set to 0, spending is 2-sided under null hypothesis.
info	Proportionate statistical information at all analyses for input theta.
info0	Proportionate statistical information under null hypothesis, if different than alternative; impacts null hypothesis bound calculation.
info1	Proportionate statistical information under alternate hypothesis; impacts null hypothesis bound calculation.
info_scale	Information scale for calculation. Options are:

- "h0\_h1\_info" (default): variance under both null and alternative hypotheses is used.
- "h0\_info": variance under null hypothesis is used.
- "h1\_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.

alpha One-sided Type I error.

beta Type II error.

upper Function to compute upper bound.

upar Parameters passed to the function provided in upper.

lower Function to compare lower bound.

lpar Parameters passed to the function provided in lower.

value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.

test\_lower Indicator of which analyses should include an lower bound; single value of TRUE

(default) indicates all analyses; single value FALSE indicates no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which

analyses will have a lower bound.

binding Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended.

r Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turn-

bull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally r will not be changed by the user.

tol Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale).

#### **Details**

The inputs info and info0 should be vectors of the same length with increasing positive numbers. The design returned will change these by some constant scale factor to ensure the design has power 1 – beta. The bound specifications in upper, lower, upar, lpar will be used to ensure Type I error and other boundary properties are as specified.

#### Value

A tibble with columns analysis, bound, z, probability, theta, info, info0.

# **Specification**

- Validate if input info is a numeric vector or NULL, if non-NULL validate if it is strictly increasing and positive.
- Validate if input info0 is a numeric vector or NULL, if non-NULL validate if it is strictly increasing and positive.
- Validate if input info1 is a numeric vector or NULL, if non-NULL validate if it is strictly
  increasing and positive.
- Validate if input theta is a real vector and has the same length as info.
- Validate if input theta1 is a real vector and has the same length as info.
- Validate if input test\_upper and test\_lower are logical and have the same length as info.
- Validate if input test\_upper value is TRUE.
- Validate if input alpha and beta are positive and of length one.
- Validate if input alpha and beta are from the unit interval and alpha is smaller than beta.

- Initialize bounds, numerical integration grids, boundary crossing probabilities.
- Compute fixed sample size for desired power and Type I error.
- Find an interval for information inflation to give correct power using gs\_power\_npe().

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- If there is no interim analysis, return a tibble including Analysis time, upper bound, Z-value, Probability of crossing bound, theta, info0 and info1.
- If the design is a group sequential design, return a tibble of Analysis, Bound, Z, Probability, theta, info, info0.

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# **Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
library(gsDesign)
# Example 1 ----
# Single analysis
# Lachin book p 71 difference of proportions example
pc <- .28 # Control response rate</pre>
pe <- .40 # Experimental response rate
p0 \leftarrow (pc + pe) / 2 \# Ave response rate under H0
# Information per increment of 1 in sample size
info0 < -1 / (p0 * (1 - p0) * 4)
info <- 1 / (pc * (1 - pc) * 2 + pe * (1 - pe) * 2)
# Result should round up to next even number = 652
# Divide information needed under H1 by information per patient added
gs_design_npe(theta = pe - pc, info = info, info0 = info0)
# Example 2 ----
# Fixed bound
x <- gs_design_npe(</pre>
  alpha = 0.0125,
  theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
  info = (1:3) * 80,
  info0 = (1:3) * 80,
  upper = gs_b,
  upar = gsDesign::gsDesign(k = 3, sfu = gsDesign::sfLDOF, alpha = 0.0125)$upper$bound,
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(-1, 0, 0)
)
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# Same upper bound; this represents non-binding Type I error and will total 0.025
gs_power_npe(
```

```
theta = rep(0, 3),
 info = (x %>% filter(bound == "upper"))$info,
 upper = gs_b,
 upar = (x %>% filter(bound == "upper"))$z,
 lower = gs_b,
 lpar = rep(-Inf, 3)
)
# Example 3 ----
# Spending bound examples
# Design with futility only at analysis 1; efficacy only at analyses 2, 3
# Spending bound for efficacy; fixed bound for futility
# NOTE: test_upper and test_lower DO NOT WORK with gs_b; must explicitly make bounds infinite
# test_upper and test_lower DO WORK with gs_spending_bound
gs_design_npe(
 theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
 info = (1:3) * 40,
 info0 = (1:3) * 40,
 upper = gs_spending_bound,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
 lower = gs_b,
 lpar = c(-1, -Inf, -Inf),
 test_upper = c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE)
)
# one can try `info_scale = "h1_info"` or `info_scale = "h0_info"` here
gs_design_npe(
 theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
 info = (1:3) * 40,
 info0 = (1:3) * 30,
 info_scale = "h1_info",
 upper = gs_spending_bound,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
 lower = gs_b,
 lpar = c(-1, -Inf, -Inf),
 test_upper = c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE)
)
# Example 4 ----
# Spending function bounds
# 2-sided asymmetric bounds
# Lower spending based on non-zero effect
gs_design_npe(
 theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
 info = (1:3) * 40,
 info0 = (1:3) * 30,
 upper = gs_spending_bound,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
 lower = gs_spending_bound,
 lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, total_spend = 0.1, param = -1, timing = NULL)
)
# Example 5 ----
```

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```
# Two-sided symmetric spend, O'Brien-Fleming spending
# Typically, 2-sided bounds are binding
xx <- gs_design_npe(</pre>
  theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL)
)
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# Re-use these bounds under alternate hypothesis
# Always use binding = TRUE for power calculations
gs_power_npe(
  theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_b,
  lower = gs_b,
  upar = (xx %>% filter(bound == "upper"))$z,
  lpar = -(xx %>% filter(bound == "upper"))$z
)
```

gs\_design\_rd

Group sequential design of binary outcome measuring in risk difference

### **Description**

Group sequential design of binary outcome measuring in risk difference

# Usage

```
gs_design_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = 0.2),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = 0.15),
  info_frac = 1:3/3,
  rd0 = 0,
  alpha = 0.025,
  beta = 0.1,
  ratio = 1,
  stratum_prev = NULL,
  weight = c("unstratified", "ss", "invar"),
  upper = gs_b,
  lower = gs_b,
  upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
  lpar = c(qnorm(0.1), rep(-Inf, 2)),
```

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```
test_upper = TRUE,
test_lower = TRUE,
info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
binding = FALSE,
r = 18,
tol = 1e-06,
h1_spending = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

p\_c Rate at the control group.p\_e Rate at the experimental group.info\_frac Statistical information fraction.

rd0 Treatment effect under super-superiority designs, the default is 0.

alpha One-sided Type I error.

beta Type II error.

ratio Experimental:Control randomization ratio (not yet implemented).

stratum\_prev Randomization ratio of different stratum. If it is unstratified design then NULL.

Otherwise it is a tibble containing two columns (stratum and prevalence).

weight The weighting scheme for stratified population.

upper Function to compute upper bound.
lower Function to compute lower bound.
upar Parameters passed to upper.
lpar Parameters passed to lower.

test\_upper Indicator of which analyses should include an upper (efficacy) bound; single

value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.

test\_lower Indicator of which analyses should include an lower bound; single value of TRUE

(default) indicates all analyses; single value of FALSE indicates no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which

analyses will have a lower bound.

info\_scale Information scale for calculation. Options are:

"h0\_h1\_info" (default): variance under both null and alternative hypotheses is used.

• "h0\_info": variance under null hypothesis is used.

• "h1\_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.

binding Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended.

Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turn-

bull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally, r will not be changed by the user.

tol Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale).

h1\_spending Indicator that lower bound to be set by spending under alternate hypothesis (in-

put fail\_rate) if spending is used for lower bound.

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#### **Details**

To be added.

#### Value

A list with input parameters, analysis, and bound.

### **Examples**

```
library(gsDesign)
# Example 1 ----
# unstratified group sequential design
x <- gs_design_rd(</pre>
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .2),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .15),
  info_frac = c(0.7, 1),
  rd0 = 0,
  alpha = .025,
  beta = .1,
  ratio = 1,
  stratum_prev = NULL,
  weight = "unstratified",
  upper = gs_b,
  lower = gs_b,
  upar = gsDesign(k = 2, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
  lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
y <- gs_power_rd(</pre>
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .2),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .15),
  n = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", n = x$analysis$n, analysis = 1:2),
  rd0 = 0,
  ratio = 1,
  weight = "unstratified",
  upper = gs_b,
  lower = gs_b,
  upar = gsDesign(k = 2, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
  lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# The above 2 design share the same power with the same sample size and treatment effect
x$bound$probability[x$bound$bound == "upper" & x$bound$analysis == 2]
y$bound$probability[y$bound$bound == "upper" & y$bound$analysis == 2]
# Example 2 ----
# stratified group sequential design
gs_design_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(
    stratum = c("biomarker positive", "biomarker negative"),
    rate = c(.2, .25)
```

```
),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("biomarker positive", "biomarker negative"),
   rate = c(.15, .22)
 ),
 info_frac = c(0.7, 1),
 rd0 = 0,
 alpha = .025,
 beta = .1,
 ratio = 1,
 stratum_prev = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("biomarker positive", "biomarker negative"),
   prevalence = c(.4, .6)
 ),
 weight = "ss",
 upper = gs_spending_bound, lower = gs_b,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
 lpar = rep(-Inf, 2)
)
```

gs\_design\_wlr

Group sequential design using weighted log-rank test under non-proportional hazards

### **Description**

Group sequential design using weighted log-rank test under non-proportional hazards

# Usage

```
gs_design_wlr(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
 fail_rate = tibble(stratum = "All", duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18),
   hr = c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = rep(0.001, 2)),
 weight = "logrank"
  approx = "asymptotic",
  alpha = 0.025,
  beta = 0.1,
  ratio = 1,
  info_frac = NULL,
  info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
  analysis_time = 36,
  binding = FALSE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = alpha),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = beta),
  test_upper = TRUE,
```

```
test_lower = TRUE,
h1_spending = TRUE,
r = 18,
tol = 1e-06,
interval = c(0.01, 1000)
)
```

### **Arguments**

enroll\_rate Enrollment rates defined by define\_enroll\_rate().

fail\_rate Failure and dropout rates defined by define\_fail\_rate().

weight Weight of weighted log rank test:

• "logrank" = regular logrank test.

- list(method = "fh", param = list(rho = ..., gamma = ...)) = Fleming-Harrington weighting functions.
- list(method = "mb", param = list(tau = ..., w\_max = ...)) = Magirr and Burman weighting functions.

approx Approximate estimation method for Z statistics.

- "event\_driven" = only work under proportional hazard model with log rank test.
- "asymptotic".

alpha One-sided Type I error.

beta Type II error.

ratio Experimental:Control randomization ratio.

info\_frac Targeted information fraction for analyses. See details.

info\_scale Information scale for calculation. Options are:

- "h0\_h1\_info" (default): variance under both null and alternative hypotheses is used.
- "h0\_info": variance under null hypothesis is used.
- "h1\_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.

analysis\_time Targeted calendar timing of analyses. See details.

binding Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended.

upper Function to compute upper bound.

- gs\_spending\_bound(): alpha-spending efficacy bounds.
- gs\_b(): fixed efficacy bounds.

upar Parameters passed to upper.

- If upper = gs\_b, then upar is a numerical vector specifying the fixed efficacy bounds per analysis.
- If upper = gs\_spending\_bound, then upar is a list including
  - sf for the spending function family.
  - total\_spend for total alpha spend.
  - param for the parameter of the spending function.

	<ul> <li>timing specifies spending time if different from information-based spending; see details.</li> </ul>
lower	Function to compute lower bound, which can be set up similarly as upper. See this vignette.
lpar	Parameters passed to lower, which can be set up similarly as upar.
test_upper	Indicator of which analyses should include an upper (efficacy) bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.
test_lower	Indicator of which analyses should include an lower bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; single value FALSE indicated no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have a lower bound.
h1_spending	Indicator that lower bound to be set by spending under alternate hypothesis (input fail_rate) if spending is used for lower bound. If this is FALSE, then the lower bound spending is under the null hypothesis. This is for two-sided symmetric or asymmetric testing under the null hypothesis; See this vignette.
r	Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turnbull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally, r will not be changed by the user.
tol	Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale); normally not changed by the user.
interval	An interval presumed to include the times at which expected event count is equal to targeted event. Normally, this can be ignored by the user as it is set to $c(.01$ ,

# Value

A list with input parameters, enrollment rate, analysis, and bound.

1000).

# **Specification**

- Validate if input analysis\_time is a positive number or a positive increasing sequence.
- Validate if input info\_frac is a positive number or positive increasing sequence on (0, 1] with final value of 1.
- Validate if inputs info\_frac and analysis\_time have the same length if both have length > 1.
- Compute information at input analysis\_time using gs\_info\_wlr().
- Compute sample size and bounds using gs\_design\_npe().
- Return a list of design enrollment, failure rates, and bounds.

# Examples

library(dplyr)
library(mvtnorm)
library(gsDesign)
library(gsDesign2)

```
# set enrollment rates
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(duration = 12, rate = 1)</pre>
# set failure rates
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(4, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / 15, # median survival 15 month
  hr = c(1, .6),
  dropout_rate = 0.001
)
# Example 1 ----
# Information fraction driven design
gs_design_wlr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  ratio = 1,
  alpha = 0.025, beta = 0.2,
  weight = list(method = "mb", param = list(tau = Inf, w_max = 2)),
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2),
  analysis_time = 36,
  info_frac = c(0.6, 1)
)
# Example 2 ----
# Calendar time driven design
gs_design_wlr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  ratio = 1,
  alpha = 0.025, beta = 0.2,
  weight = list(method = "mb", param = list(tau = Inf, w_max = 2)),
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2),
  analysis_time = c(24, 36),
  info_frac = NULL
)
# Example 3 ----
# Both calendar time and information fraction driven design
gs_design_wlr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  ratio = 1,
  alpha = 0.025, beta = 0.2,
  weight = list(method = "mb", param = list(tau = Inf, w_max = 2)),
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
```

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```
upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
lower = gs_spending_bound,
lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2),
analysis_time = c(24, 36),
info_frac = c(0.6, 1)
)
```

gs\_info\_ahr

Information and effect size based on AHR approximation

#### **Description**

Based on piecewise enrollment rate, failure rate, and dropout rates computes approximate information and effect size using an average hazard ratio model.

## Usage

```
gs_info_ahr(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18), hr =
        c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
  ratio = 1,
  event = NULL,
  analysis_time = NULL,
  interval = c(0.01, 1000)
)
```

## Arguments

enroll\_rate Enrollment rates from define\_enroll\_rate().

fail\_rate Failure and dropout rates from define\_fail\_rate().

ratio Experimental:Control randomization ratio. event Targeted minimum events at each analysis.

analysis\_time Targeted minimum study duration at each analysis.

interval An interval that is presumed to include the time at which expected event count

is equal to targeted event.

# **Details**

The ahr() function computes statistical information at targeted event times. The expected\_time() function is used to get events and average HR at targeted analysis\_time.

#### Value

A data frame with columns analysis, time, ahr, event, theta, info, info0. The columns info and info0 contain statistical information under H1, H0, respectively. For analysis k, time[k] is the maximum of analysis\_time[k] and the expected time required to accrue the targeted event[k]. ahr is the expected average hazard ratio at each analysis.

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### **Specification**

- Validate if input event is a numeric value vector or a vector with increasing values.
- Validate if input analysis\_time is a numeric value vector or a vector with increasing values.
- Validate if inputs event and analysis time have the same length if they are both specified.
- Compute average hazard ratio:
  - If analysis\_time is specified, calculate average hazard ratio using ahr().
  - If event is specified, calculate average hazard ratio using expected\_time().
- Return a data frame of Analysis, Time, AHR, Events, theta, info, info0.

# **Examples**

```
library(gsDesign2)

# Example 1 ----

# Only put in targeted events
gs_info_ahr(event = c(30, 40, 50))

# Example 2 ----

# Only put in targeted analysis times
gs_info_ahr(analysis_time = c(18, 27, 36))

# Example 3 ----

# Some analysis times after time at which targeted event accrue
# Check that both Time >= input analysis_time and event >= input event
gs_info_ahr(event = c(30, 40, 50), analysis_time = c(16, 19, 26))
gs_info_ahr(event = c(30, 40, 50), analysis_time = c(14, 20, 24))
```

gs\_info\_combo

Information and effect size for MaxCombo test

### **Description**

Information and effect size for MaxCombo test

# Usage

```
gs_info_combo(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18), hr =
    c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
  ratio = 1,
  event = NULL,
```

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```
analysis_time = NULL,
rho,
gamma,
tau = rep(-1, length(rho)),
approx = "asymptotic"
)
```

# **Arguments**

An enroll\_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define\_enroll\_rate(). enroll\_rate A fail\_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define\_fail\_rate(). fail\_rate Experimental: Control randomization ratio (not yet implemented). ratio event Targeted events at each analysis. analysis\_time Minimum time of analysis. rho Weighting parameters. gamma Weighting parameters. Weighting parameters. tau Approximation method. approx

#### Value

A tibble with columns as test index, analysis index, analysis time, sample size, number of events, ahr, delta, sigma2, theta, and statistical information.

# **Examples**

```
gs_info_combo(rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = c(0.5, 0), analysis_time = c(12, 24))
```

gs\_info\_rd

Information and effect size under risk difference

# **Description**

Information and effect size under risk difference

# Usage

```
gs_info_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = 0.2),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = 0.15),
  n = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", n = c(100, 200, 300), analysis = 1:3),
  rd0 = 0,
  ratio = 1,
  weight = c("unstratified", "ss", "invar")
)
```

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## Arguments

p_c	Rate at the control group.
p_e	Rate at the experimental group.
n	Sample size.
rd0	The risk difference under H0.
ratio	Experimental:Control randomization ratio.
weight	Weighting method, can be "unstratified", "ss", or "invar".

#### Value

A tibble with columns as analysis index, sample size, risk difference, risk difference under null hypothesis, theta1 (standardized treatment effect under alternative hypothesis), theta0 (standardized treatment effect under null hypothesis), and statistical information.

# **Examples**

```
# Example 1 ----
# unstratified case with H0: rd0 = 0
gs_info_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .15),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .1),
  n = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", n = c(100, 200, 300), analysis = 1:3),
  rd0 = 0,
  ratio = 1
)
# Example 2 ----
# unstratified case with H0: rd0 != 0
gs_info_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .2),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .15),
  n = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", n = c(100, 200, 300), analysis = 1:3),
  rd0 = 0.005,
  ratio = 1
)
# Example 3 ----
# stratified case under sample size weighting and H0: rd0 = 0
gs_info_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"), rate = c(.15, .2, .25)),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"), rate = c(.1, .16, .19)),
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(50, 100, 200, 40, 80, 160, 60, 120, 240)
  ),
  rd0 = 0,
  ratio = 1,
  weight = "ss"
)
```

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```
# Example 4 ----
\# stratified case under inverse variance weighting and H0: rd0 = 0
gs_info_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
  ),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(50, 100, 200, 40, 80, 160, 60, 120, 240)
  ),
  rd0 = 0,
  ratio = 1,
  weight = "invar"
# Example 5 ----
\# stratified case under sample size weighting and H0: rd0 != 0
gs_info_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
  p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
  n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(50, 100, 200, 40, 80, 160, 60, 120, 240)
  ),
  rd0 = 0.02,
  ratio = 1,
 weight = "ss"
)
# Example 6 ----
\# stratified case under inverse variance weighting and H0: rd0 != 0
gs_info_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
  p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
    rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
```

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```
),
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(50, 100, 200, 40, 80, 160, 60, 120, 240)
 rd0 = 0.02,
 ratio = 1,
 weight = "invar"
)
# Example 7 ----
# stratified case under inverse variance weighting and H0: rd0 != 0 and
# rd0 difference for different statum
gs_info_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
 ),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
 ),
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(50, 100, 200, 40, 80, 160, 60, 120, 240)
 ),
 rd0 = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rd0 = c(0.01, 0.02, 0.03)
 ),
 ratio = 1,
 weight = "invar"
)
```

gs\_info\_wlr

Information and effect size for weighted log-rank test

# Description

Based on piecewise enrollment rate, failure rate, and dropout rates computes approximate information and effect size using an average hazard ratio model.

### Usage

```
gs_info_wlr( enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)), fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = \log(2)/c(9, 18), hr = c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
```

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```
ratio = 1,
event = NULL,
analysis_time = NULL,
weight = "logrank",
approx = "asymptotic",
interval = c(0.01, 1000)
)
```

# **Arguments**

enroll\_rate An enroll\_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define\_enroll\_rate(). fail\_rate Failure and dropout rates. ratio Experimental: Control randomization ratio. event Targeted minimum events at each analysis. analysis\_time Targeted minimum study duration at each analysis. weight Weight of weighted log rank test: • "logrank" = regular logrank test. • list(method = "fh", param = list(rho = ..., gamma = ...)) = Fleming-Harrington weighting functions. • list(method = "mb", param = list(tau = ..., w\_max = ...)) = Magirr and Burman weighting functions. approx Approximate estimation method for Z statistics. • "event\_driven" = only work under proportional hazard model with log rank test. • "asymptotic". interval An interval that is presumed to include the time at which expected event count

#### **Details**

The ahr() function computes statistical information at targeted event times. The expected\_time() function is used to get events and average HR at targeted analysis\_time.

# Value

A tibble with columns Analysis, Time, N, Events, AHR, delta, sigma2, theta, info, info0. info and info0 contain statistical information under H1, H0, respectively. For analysis k, Time[k] is the maximum of analysis\_time[k] and the expected time required to accrue the targeted event[k]. AHR is the expected average hazard ratio at each analysis.

# Examples

```
library(gsDesign2)
# Set enrollment rates
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(duration = 12, rate = 500 / 12)</pre>
```

is equal to targeted event.

```
# Set failure rates
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(
   duration = c(4, 100),
   fail_rate = log(2) / 15, # median survival 15 month
   hr = c(1, .6),
   dropout_rate = 0.001
)

# Set the targeted number of events and analysis time
event <- c(30, 40, 50)
analysis_time <- c(10, 24, 30)

gs_info_wlr(
   enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
   event = event, analysis_time = analysis_time
)</pre>
```

gs\_power\_ahr

Group sequential design power using average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards

# Description

Calculate power given the sample size in group sequential design power using average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards.

## Usage

```
gs_power_ahr(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18), hr =
    c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = rep(0.001, 2)),
  event = c(30, 40, 50),
  analysis_time = NULL,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = NULL),
  test_lower = TRUE,
  test_upper = TRUE,
  ratio = 1,
  binding = FALSE,
  h1\_spending = TRUE,
  info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
  r = 18,
  tol = 1e-06,
  interval = c(0.01, 1000),
  integer = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

enroll\_rate Enrollment rates defined by define\_enroll\_rate().

fail rate Failure and dropout rates defined by define\_fail\_rate().

A numerical vector specifying the targeted events at each analysis. See details. event

Targeted calendar timing of analyses. See details. analysis\_time

upper Function to compute upper bound.

• gs\_spending\_bound(): alpha-spending efficacy bounds.

• gs\_b(): fixed efficacy bounds.

upar Parameters passed to upper.

> • If upper = gs\_b, then upar is a numerical vector specifying the fixed efficacy bounds per analysis.

- If upper = gs\_spending\_bound, then upar is a list including
  - sf for the spending function family.
  - total\_spend for total alpha spend.
  - param for the parameter of the spending function.
  - timing specifies spending time if different from information-based spending; see details.

lower Function to compute lower bound, which can be set up similarly as upper. See this vignette.

lpar Parameters passed to lower, which can be set up similarly as upar.

test\_lower Indicator of which analyses should include an lower bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; single value FALSE indicated no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which

analyses will have a lower bound.

test\_upper Indicator of which analyses should include an upper (efficacy) bound; single

value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.

ratio Experimental: Control randomization ratio.

binding Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended.

Indicator that lower bound to be set by spending under alternate hypothesis (input fail\_rate) if spending is used for lower bound. If this is FALSE, then the lower bound spending is under the null hypothesis. This is for two-sided sym-

metric or asymmetric testing under the null hypothesis; See this vignette.

info scale Information scale for calculation. Options are:

> • "h0\_h1\_info" (default): variance under both null and alternative hypotheses is used.

- "h0\_info": variance under null hypothesis is used.
- "h1\_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.

Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turnbull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally, r will not be changed by the user.

h1\_spending

r

Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale); normally not changed by the user.

An interval presumed to include the times at which expected event count is equal to targeted event. Normally, this can be ignored by the user as it is set to c(.01, 1000).

Integer Indicator of whether integer sample size and events are intended. This argument is used when using to\_integer().

### **Details**

Note that time units are arbitrary, but should be the same for all rate parameters in enroll\_rate, fail\_rate, and analysis\_time.

Computed bounds satisfy input upper bound specification in upper, upar, and lower bound specification in lower, lpar. ahr() computes statistical information at targeted event times. The expected\_time() function is used to get events and average HR at targeted analysis\_time.

The parameters event and analysis\_time are used to determine the timing for interim and final analyses.

- If analysis timing is to be determined by targeted events, then event is a numerical vector specifying the targeted events for each analysis; note that this can be NULL.
- If interim analysis is determined by targeted calendar timing relative to start of enrollment, then analysis\_time will be a vector specifying the calendar time from start of study for each analysis; note that this can be NULL.
- A corresponding element of event or analysis\_time should be provided for each analysis.
- If both event[i] and analysis[i] are provided for analysis i, then the time corresponding to the later of these is used for analysis i.

#### Value

A list with input parameters, enrollment rate, analysis, and bound.

- \$input a list including alpha, beta, ratio, etc.
- \$enroll\_rate a table showing the enrollment, which is the same as input.
- \$fail\_rate a table showing the failure and dropout rates, which is the same as input.
- \$bound a table summarizing the efficacy and futility bound at each analysis.
- analysis a table summarizing the analysis time, sample size, events, average HR, treatment effect and statistical information at each analysis.

# **Specification**

- Calculate information and effect size based on AHR approximation using gs\_info\_ahr().
- Return a tibble of with columns Analysis, Bound, Z, Probability, theta, Time, AHR, Events and contains a row for each analysis and each bound.

### **Examples**

```
library(gsDesign2)
library(dplyr)
# Example 1 ----
# The default output of `gs_power_ahr()` is driven by events,
# i.e., `event = c(30, 40, 50)`, `analysis_time = NULL`
gs_power_ahr(lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.1))
# Example 2 ----
# 2-sided symmetric O'Brien-Fleming spending bound, driven by analysis time,
\# i.e., `event = NULL`, `analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36)`
gs_power_ahr(
  analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36),
  event = NULL,
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025)
)
# Example 3 ----
# 2-sided symmetric O'Brien-Fleming spending bound, driven by event,
# i.e., `event = c(20, 50, 70)`, `analysis_time = NULL`
# Note that this assumes targeted final events for the design is 70 events.
# If actual targeted final events were 65, then `timing = c(20, 50, 70) / 65`
# would be added to `upar` and `lpar` lists.
# NOTE: at present the computed information fraction in output `analysis` is based
# on 70 events rather than 65 events when the `timing` argument is used in this way.
# A vignette on this topic will be forthcoming.
gs_power_ahr(
  analysis_time = NULL,
  event = c(20, 50, 70),
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025)
)
# Example 4 ----
# 2-sided symmetric O'Brien-Fleming spending bound,
# driven by both `event` and `analysis_time`, i.e.,
# both `event` and `analysis_time` are not `NULL`,
# then the analysis will driven by the maximal one, i.e.,
# Time = max(analysis_time, calculated Time for targeted event)
# Events = max(events, calculated events for targeted analysis_time)
```

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```
gs_power_ahr(
  analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36),
  event = c(30, 40, 50), h1_spending = FALSE,
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025)
)
```

gs\_power\_combo

Group sequential design power using MaxCombo test under non-proportional hazards

# **Description**

Group sequential design power using MaxCombo test under non-proportional hazards

# Usage

```
gs_power_combo(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 12, rate = 500/12),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(4, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/15, hr = c(1,
        0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
  fh_test = rbind(data.frame(rho = 0, gamma = 0, tau = -1, test = 1, analysis = 1:3,
        analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36)), data.frame(rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = 0.5, tau = -1,
        test = 2:3, analysis = 3, analysis_time = 36)),
  ratio = 1,
  binding = FALSE,
  upper = gs_b,
  upar = c(3, 2, 1),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(-1, 0, 1),
  algorithm = mvtnorm::GenzBretz(maxpts = 1e+05, abseps = 1e-05),
  ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

enroll_rate	Enrollment rates defined by define_enroll_rate().
fail_rate	Failure and dropout rates defined by define_fail_rate().
fh_test	A data frame to summarize the test in each analysis. See examples for its data structure.
ratio	Experimental:Control randomization ratio.
binding	Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended.

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upper Function to compute upper bound.

• gs\_spending\_bound(): alpha-spending efficacy bounds.

• gs\_b(): fixed efficacy bounds.

upar Parameters passed to upper.

 If upper = gs\_b, then upar is a numerical vector specifying the fixed efficacy bounds per analysis.

• If upper = gs\_spending\_bound, then upar is a list including

- sf for the spending function family.

total\_spend for total alpha spend.

- param for the parameter of the spending function.

timing specifies spending time if different from information-based spending; see details.

lower Function to compute lower bound, which can be set up similarly as upper. See

this vignette.

lpar Parameters passed to lower, which can be set up similarly as upar.

algorithm an object of class GenzBretz, Miwa or TVPACK specifying both the algorithm to

be used as well as the associated hyper parameters.

... Additional parameters passed to mytnorm::pmynorm.

#### Value

A list with input parameters, enrollment rate, analysis, and bound.

# **Specification**

- Validate if lower and upper bounds have been specified.
- Extract info, info\_fh, theta\_fh and corr\_fh from utility.
- Extract sample size via the maximum sample size of info.
- Calculate information fraction either for fixed or group sequential design.
- Compute spending function using gs\_bound().
- Compute probability of crossing bounds under the null and alternative hypotheses using gs\_prob\_combo().
- Export required information for boundary and crossing probability

# **Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
library(mvtnorm)
library(gsDesign)
library(gsDesign2)

enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(
  duration = 12,
  rate = 500 / 12
)</pre>
```

```
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
 duration = c(4, 100),
 fail_rate = log(2) / 15, # median survival 15 month
 hr = c(1, .6),
 dropout_rate = 0.001
)
fh_test <- rbind(</pre>
 data.frame(rho = 0, gamma = 0, tau = -1, test = 1, analysis = 1:3, analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36)),
 data.frame(rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = 0.5, tau = -1, test = 2:3, analysis = 3, analysis_time = 36)
# Example 1 ----
# Minimal Information Fraction derived bound
gs_power_combo(
 enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
 fail_rate = fail_rate,
 fh_test = fh_test,
 upper = gs_spending_combo,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
 lower = gs_spending_combo,
 lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2)
)
```

gs\_power\_npe

Group sequential bound computation with non-constant effect

# Description

Derives group sequential bounds and boundary crossing probabilities for a design. It allows a nonconstant treatment effect over time, but also can be applied for the usual homogeneous effect size designs. It requires treatment effect and statistical information at each analysis as well as a method of deriving bounds, such as spending. The routine enables two things not available in the gsDesign package:

- 1. non-constant effect, 2) more flexibility in boundary selection. For many applications, the non-proportional-hazards design function gs\_design\_nph() will be used; it calls this function. Initial bound types supported are 1) spending bounds,
- 2. fixed bounds, and 3) Haybittle-Peto-like bounds. The requirement is to have a boundary update method that can each bound without knowledge of future bounds. As an example, bounds based on conditional power that require knowledge of all future bounds are not supported by this routine; a more limited conditional power method will be demonstrated. Boundary family designs Wang-Tsiatis designs including the original (non-spending-function-based) O'Brien-Fleming and Pocock designs are not supported by gs\_power\_npe().

## Usage

```
gs_power_npe(
  theta = 0.1,
  theta0 = 0,
  theta1 = theta,
  info = 1,
  info0 = NULL,
  info1 = NULL,
  info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
  upper = gs_b,
  upar = qnorm(0.975),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = -Inf,
  test_upper = TRUE,
  test_lower = TRUE,
  binding = FALSE,
  r = 18,
  tol = 1e-06
)
```

#### **Arguments**

theta	Natural parameter for group sequential design representing expected incremental drift at all analyses; used for power calculation.
theta0	Natural parameter for null hypothesis, if needed for upper bound computation.
theta1	Natural parameter for alternate hypothesis, if needed for lower bound computation.
info	Statistical information at all analyses for input theta.
info0	Statistical information under null hypothesis, if different than info; impacts null hypothesis bound calculation.
info1	Statistical information under hypothesis used for futility bound calculation if

different from info; impacts futility hypothesis bound calculation. info\_scale

Information scale for calculation. Options are:

• "h0\_h1\_info" (default): variance under both null and alternative hypotheses is used.

- "h0\_info": variance under null hypothesis is used.
- "h1\_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.

upper Function to compute upper bound.

upar Parameters passed to upper.

lower Function to compare lower bound.

lpar parameters passed to lower.

test\_upper Indicator of which analyses should include an upper (efficacy) bound; single

value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.

test_lower	Indicator of which analyses should include a lower bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; single value of FALSE indicated no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have a lower bound.
binding	Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended.
r	Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turnbull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally, r will not be changed by the user.
tol	Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale).

#### Value

A tibble with columns as analysis index, bounds, z, crossing probability, theta (standardized treatment effect), theta1 (standardized treatment effect under alternative hypothesis), information fraction, and statistical information.

# **Specification**

- Extract the length of input info as the number of interim analysis.
- Validate if input info0 is NULL, so set it equal to info.
- Validate if the length of inputs info and info0 are the same.
- Validate if input theta is a scalar, so replicate the value for all k interim analysis.
- Validate if input theta1 is NULL and if it is a scalar. If it is NULL, set it equal to input theta. If it is a scalar, replicate the value for all k interim analysis.
- Validate if input test\_upper is a scalar, so replicate the value for all k interim analysis.
- Validate if input test\_lower is a scalar, so replicate the value for all k interim analysis.
- Define vector a to be -Inf with length equal to the number of interim analysis.
- Define vector b to be Inf with length equal to the number of interim analysis.
- Define hgm1\_0 and hgm1 to be NULL.
- Define upper\_prob and lower\_prob to be vectors of NA with length of the number of interim analysis.
- Update lower and upper bounds using gs\_b().
- If there are no interim analysis, compute probabilities of crossing upper and lower bounds using h1().
- Compute cross upper and lower bound probabilities using hupdate() and h1().
- Return a tibble of analysis number, bound, z-values, probability of crossing bounds, theta, theta1, info, and info0.

# Examples

library(gsDesign)
library(gsDesign2)
library(dplyr)

```
# Default (single analysis; Type I error controlled)
gs_power_npe(theta = 0) %>% filter(bound == "upper")
# Fixed bound
gs_power_npe(
  theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  upper = gs_b,
  upar = gsDesign::gsDesign(k = 3, sfu = gsDesign::sfLDOF)$upper$bound,
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(-1, 0, 0)
# Same fixed efficacy bounds, no futility bound (i.e., non-binding bound), null hypothesis
gs_power_npe(
  theta = rep(0, 3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  upar = gsDesign::gsDesign(k = 3, sfu = gsDesign::sfLDOF)$upper$bound,
  lpar = rep(-Inf, 3)
) %>%
  filter(bound == "upper")
# Fixed bound with futility only at analysis 1; efficacy only at analyses 2, 3
gs_power_npe(
  theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  upper = gs_b,
  upar = c(Inf, 3, 2),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(qnorm(.1), -Inf, -Inf)
)
# Spending function bounds
# Lower spending based on non-zero effect
gs_power_npe(
  theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, total_spend = 0.1, param = -1, timing = NULL)
)
# Same bounds, but power under different theta
gs_power_npe(
  theta = c(.15, .25, .35),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, total_spend = 0.1, param = -1, timing = NULL)
)
```

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```
# Two-sided symmetric spend, O'Brien-Fleming spending
# Typically, 2-sided bounds are binding
x <- gs_power_npe(</pre>
  theta = rep(0, 3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL)
)
# Re-use these bounds under alternate hypothesis
# Always use binding = TRUE for power calculations
gs_power_npe(
  theta = c(.1, .2, .3),
  info = (1:3) * 40,
  binding = TRUE,
  upar = (x %>% filter(bound == "upper"))$z,
  lpar = -(x %>% filter(bound == "upper"))$z
)
# Different values of `r` and `tol` lead to different numerical accuracy
# Larger `r` and smaller `tol` give better accuracy, but leads to slow computation
n_analysis <- 5
gs_power_npe(
  theta = 0.1,
  info = 1:n_analysis,
  info0 = 1:n_analysis,
  info1 = NULL,
  info_scale = "h0_info",
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = -rep(Inf, n_analysis),
  test_upper = TRUE,
  test_lower = FALSE,
  binding = FALSE,
  # Try different combinations of (r, tol) with
  # r in 6, 18, 24, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100
  # tol in 1e-6, 1e-12
  r = 6,
  tol = 1e-6
)
```

Group sequential design power of binary outcome measuring in risk difference

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# **Description**

Group sequential design power of binary outcome measuring in risk difference

### Usage

```
gs_power_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = 0.2),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = 0.15),
 n = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", n = c(40, 50, 60), analysis = 1:3),
  rd0 = 0,
  ratio = 1,
  weight = c("unstratified", "ss", "invar"),
  upper = gs_b,
  lower = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL) upper bound,
  lpar = c(qnorm(0.1), rep(-Inf, 2)),
  info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
  binding = FALSE,
  test_upper = TRUE,
  test_lower = TRUE,
  r = 18,
  tol = 1e-06
)
```

# **Arguments**

p_c	Rate at the control group.
p_e	Rate at the experimental group.
n	Sample size.
rd0	Treatment effect under super-superiority designs, the default is 0.
ratio	Experimental:control randomization ratio.
weight	Weighting method, can be "unstratified", "ss", or "invar".
upper	Function to compute upper bound.
lower	Function to compare lower bound.
upar	Parameters passed to upper.
lpar	Parameters passed to lower.
info_scale	Information scale for calculation. Options are:
	• "h0_h1_info" (default): variance under both null and alternative hypotheses is used.
	<ul> <li>"h0_info": variance under null hypothesis is used.</li> </ul>
	• "h1_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.
hinding	Indicator of whather futility bound is hinding; default of EALSE is recommended

binding test\_upper Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended. Indicator of which analyses should include an upper (efficacy) bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.

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test\_lower

Indicator of which analyses should include a lower bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; single value FALSE indicated no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have a lower bound.

r

Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turnbull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally, r will not be changed by the user.

tol

Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale).

#### Value

A list with input parameter, analysis, and bound.

```
# Example 1 ----
library(gsDesign)
# unstratified case with H0: rd0 = 0
gs_power_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   rate = .2
 ),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   rate = .15
 ),
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   n = c(20, 40, 60),
   analysis = 1:3
 ),
 rd0 = 0,
 ratio = 1,
 upper = gs_b,
 lower = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
 lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# Example 2 ----
# unstratified case with H0: rd0 != 0
gs_power_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   rate = .2
 p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   rate = .15
```

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```
),
  n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   n = c(20, 40, 60),
   analysis = 1:3
  rd0 = 0.005,
  ratio = 1,
  upper = gs_b,
  lower = gs_b,
  upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL) upper bound,
  lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# use spending function
gs_power_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   rate = .2
  ),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   rate = .15
  ),
  n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   n = c(20, 40, 60),
   analysis = 1:3
  rd0 = 0.005,
  ratio = 1,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  lower = gs_b,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# Example 3 ----
\# stratified case under sample size weighting and H0: rd0 = 0
gs_power_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
  ),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
  ),
  n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(10, 20, 24, 18, 26, 30, 10, 20, 24)
  ),
```

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```
rd0 = 0,
 ratio = 1,
 weight = "ss",
 upper = gs_b,
 lower = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
 lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
# Example 4 ----
\# stratified case under inverse variance weighting and H0: rd0 = 0
gs_power_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
 ),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
 ),
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(10, 20, 24, 18, 26, 30, 10, 20, 24)
 ),
 rd0 = 0,
 ratio = 1,
 weight = "invar",
 upper = gs_b,
 lower = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
 lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# Example 5 ----
# stratified case under sample size weighting and H0: rd0 != 0
gs_power_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
 ),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
 ),
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(10, 20, 24, 18, 26, 30, 10, 20, 24)
 ),
 rd0 = 0.02,
 ratio = 1,
 weight = "ss",
```

```
upper = gs_b,
 lower = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
 lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# Example 6 ----
# stratified case under inverse variance weighting and H0: rd0 != 0
gs_power_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.15, .2, .25)
 ),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = c("S1", "S2", "S3"),
   rate = c(.1, .16, .19)
 ),
 n = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = rep(c("S1", "S2", "S3"), each = 3),
   analysis = rep(1:3, 3),
   n = c(10, 20, 24, 18, 26, 30, 10, 20, 24)
 ),
 rd0 = 0.03,
 ratio = 1,
 weight = "invar",
 upper = gs_b,
 lower = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL)$upper$bound,
 lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
```

gs\_power\_wlr

Group sequential design power using weighted log rank test under non-proportional hazards

# **Description**

Group sequential design power using weighted log rank test under non-proportional hazards

# Usage

```
gs_power_wlr(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
  fail_rate = tibble(stratum = "All", duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18),
    hr = c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = rep(0.001, 2)),
  event = c(30, 40, 50),
  analysis_time = NULL,
  binding = FALSE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
```

```
lower = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = NULL),
  test\_upper = TRUE,
  test_lower = TRUE,
  ratio = 1,
 weight = "logrank",
  info_scale = c("h0_h1_info", "h0_info", "h1_info"),
  approx = "asymptotic",
  r = 18,
  tol = 1e-06,
  interval = c(0.01, 1000),
  integer = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

enroll\_rate Enrollment rates defined by define\_enroll\_rate().

fail\_rate Failure and dropout rates defined by define\_fail\_rate().

event A numerical vector specifying the targeted events at each analysis. See details.

analysis\_time Targeted calendar timing of analyses. See details.

Indicator of whether futility bound is binding; default of FALSE is recommended. binding

upper Function to compute upper bound.

• gs\_spending\_bound(): alpha-spending efficacy bounds.

• gs\_b(): fixed efficacy bounds.

lower Function to compute lower bound, which can be set up similarly as upper. See

this vignette.

upar Parameters passed to upper.

> • If upper = gs\_b, then upar is a numerical vector specifying the fixed efficacy bounds per analysis.

- If upper = gs\_spending\_bound, then upar is a list including
  - sf for the spending function family.
  - total\_spend for total alpha spend.
  - param for the parameter of the spending function.
  - timing specifies spending time if different from information-based spending; see details.

lpar Parameters passed to lower, which can be set up similarly as upar.

Indicator of which analyses should include an upper (efficacy) bound; single test\_upper

value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have an efficacy bound.

Indicator of which analyses should include an lower bound; single value of TRUE (default) indicates all analyses; single value FALSE indicated no lower bound; otherwise, a logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which

analyses will have a lower bound.

test\_lower

• "h1\_info": variance under alternative hypothesis is used.

Approximate estimation method for Z statistics.

• "event\_driven" = only work under proportional hazard model with log

• "asymptotic".

rank test.

Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turnbull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally, r will not be changed by the user.

Tolerance parameter for boundary convergence (on Z-scale); normally not changed by the user.

An interval presumed to include the times at which expected event count is equal to targeted event. Normally, this can be ignored by the user as it is set to c(.01,

1000).

Indicator of whether integer sample size and events are intended. This argument

is used when using to\_integer().

#### Value

A list with input parameters, enrollment rate, analysis, and bound.

## **Specification**

approx

r

tol

interval

- Compute information and effect size for Weighted Log-rank test using gs\_info\_wlr().
- Compute group sequential bound computation with non-constant effect using gs\_power\_npe().
- Combine information and effect size and power and return a tibble with columns Analysis, Bound, Time, Events, Z, Probability, AHR, theta, info, and info0.

```
library(gsDesign)
library(gsDesign2)

# set enrollment rates
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(duration = 12, rate = 500 / 12)</pre>
```

```
# set failure rates
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
 duration = c(4, 100),
 fail_rate = log(2) / 15, # median survival 15 month
 hr = c(1, .6),
 dropout_rate = 0.001
# set the targeted number of events and analysis time
target_events <- c(30, 40, 50)
target_analysisTime <- c(10, 24, 30)</pre>
# Example 1 ----
# fixed bounds and calculate the power for targeted number of events
gs_power_wlr(
 enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
 fail_rate = fail_rate,
 event = target_events,
 analysis_time = NULL,
 upper = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(
   k = length(target_events),
   test.type = 1,
   n.I = target_events,
   maxn.IPlan = max(target_events),
   sfu = sfLDOF,
   sfupar = NULL
 )$upper$bound,
 lower = gs_b,
 lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# Example 2 ----
# fixed bounds and calculate the power for targeted analysis time
gs_power_wlr(
 enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
 fail_rate = fail_rate,
 event = NULL,
 analysis_time = target_analysisTime,
 upper = gs_b,
 upar = gsDesign(
   k = length(target_events),
   test.type = 1,
   n.I = target_events,
   maxn.IPlan = max(target_events),
   sfu = sfLDOF,
   sfupar = NULL
 ) $upper$bound,
 lower = gs_b,
 lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
```

```
)
# Example 3 ----
# fixed bounds and calculate the power for targeted analysis time & number of events
gs_power_wlr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  event = target_events,
  analysis_time = target_analysisTime,
  upper = gs_b,
  upar = gsDesign(
   k = length(target_events),
   test.type = 1,
   n.I = target_events,
   maxn.IPlan = max(target_events),
   sfu = sfLDOF,
   sfupar = NULL
  )$upper$bound,
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
)
# Example 4 ----
# spending bounds and calculate the power for targeted number of events
gs_power_wlr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  event = target_events,
  analysis_time = NULL,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2)
)
# Example 5 ----
# spending bounds and calculate the power for targeted analysis time
gs_power_wlr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  event = NULL,
  analysis_time = target_analysisTime,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2)
)
# Example 6 ----
# spending bounds and calculate the power for targeted analysis time & number of events
```

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```
gs_power_wlr(
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  event = target_events,
  analysis_time = target_analysisTime,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2)
)
```

gs\_spending\_bound

Derive spending bound for group sequential boundary

## **Description**

Computes one bound at a time based on spending under given distributional assumptions. While user specifies gs\_spending\_bound() for use with other functions, it is not intended for use on its own. Most important user specifications are made through a list provided to functions using gs\_spending\_bound(). Function uses numerical integration and Newton-Raphson iteration to derive an individual bound for a group sequential design that satisfies a targeted boundary crossing probability. Algorithm is a simple extension of that in Chapter 19 of Jennison and Turnbull (2000).

#### **Usage**

```
gs_spending_bound(
    k = 1,
    par = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL,
        max_info = NULL),
    hgm1 = NULL,
    theta = 0.1,
    info = 1:3,
    efficacy = TRUE,
    test_bound = TRUE,
    r = 18,
    tol = 1e-06
)
```

# **Arguments**

k Analysis for which bound is to be computed.

par A list with the following items:

- sf (class spending function).
- total\_spend (total spend).
- param (any parameters needed by the spending function sf()).

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• timing (a vector containing values at which spending function is to be evaluated or NULL if information-based spending is used). • max\_info (when timing is NULL, this can be input as positive number to be used with info for information fraction at each analysis). hgm1 Subdensity grid from h1() (k=2) or hupdate() (k>2) for analysis k-1; if k=1, this is not used and may be NULL. theta Natural parameter used for lower bound only spending; represents average drift at each time of analysis at least up to analysis k; upper bound spending is always set under null hypothesis (theta = 0). Statistical information at all analyses, at least up to analysis k. info efficacy TRUE (default) for efficacy bound, FALSE otherwise. test\_bound A logical vector of the same length as info should indicate which analyses will have a bound. Integer value controlling grid for numerical integration as in Jennison and Turnr bull (2000); default is 18, range is 1 to 80. Larger values provide larger number of grid points and greater accuracy. Normally r will not be changed by the user.

## Value

Returns a numeric bound (possibly infinite) or, upon failure, generates an error message.

Tolerance parameter for convergence (on Z-scale).

## **Specification**

tol

- Set the spending time at analysis.
- Compute the cumulative spending at analysis.
- Compute the incremental spend at each analysis.
- Set test\_bound a vector of length k > 1 if input as a single value.
- Compute spending for current bound.
- Iterate to convergence as in gsbound.c from gsDesign.
- Compute subdensity for final analysis in rejection region.
- Validate the output and return an error message in case of failure.
- Return a numeric bound (possibly infinite).

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#### References

Jennison C and Turnbull BW (2000), *Group Sequential Methods with Applications to Clinical Tri-* als. Boca Raton: Chapman and Hall.

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## **Examples**

```
gs_power_ahr(
  analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36),
  event = c(30, 40, 50),
  binding = TRUE,
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL),
  lower = gs_spending_bound,
  lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL)
)
```

gs\_spending\_combo

Derive spending bound for MaxCombo group sequential boundary

## **Description**

Derive spending bound for MaxCombo group sequential boundary

#### Usage

```
gs_spending_combo(par = NULL, info = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

par

A list with the following items:

- sf (class spending function).
- total\_spend (total spend).
- param (any parameters needed by the spending function sf()).
- timing (a vector containing values at which spending function is to be evaluated or NULL if information-based spending is used).
- max\_info (when timing is NULL, this can be input as positive number to be used with info for information fraction at each analysis).

 $\quad \text{info} \quad$ 

Statistical information at all analyses, at least up to analysis k.

#### Value

A vector of the alpha spending per analysis.

```
# alpha-spending
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025)
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)

par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDPocock, total_spend = 0.025)
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)</pre>
```

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```
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, total_spend = 0.025, param = -40)
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
# Kim-DeMets (power) Spending Function
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfPower, total_spend = 0.025, param = 1.5)</pre>
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
# Exponential Spending Function
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfExponential, total_spend = 0.025, param = 1)</pre>
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
# Two-parameter Spending Function Families
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfLogistic, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.1, .4, .01, .1))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfBetaDist, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.1, .4, .01, .1))</pre>
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfCauchy, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.1, .4, .01, .1))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfExtremeValue, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.1, .4, .01, .1))</pre>
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfExtremeValue2, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.1, .4, .01, .1))</pre>
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfNormal, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.1, .4, .01, .1))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
# t-distribution Spending Function
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfTDist, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(-1, 1.5, 4))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
# Piecewise Linear and Step Function Spending Functions
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfLinear, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.2, .4, .05, .2))</pre>
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfStep, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(1 / 3, 2 / 3, .1, .1))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
# Pointwise Spending Function
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfPoints, total_spend = 0.025, param = c(.25, .25))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
# Truncated, trimmed and gapped spending functions
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfTruncated, total_spend = 0.025,</pre>
 param = list(trange = c(.2, .8), sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, param = 1))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfTrimmed, total_spend = 0.025,</pre>
 param = list(trange = c(.2, .8), sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, param = 1))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)
```

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```
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfGapped, total_spend = 0.025,
    param = list(trange = c(.2, .8), sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, param = 1))
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)

# Xi and Gallo conditional error spending functions
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfXG1, total_spend = 0.025, param = 0.5)
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)

par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfXG2, total_spend = 0.025, param = 0.14)
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)

par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfXG3, total_spend = 0.025, param = 0.013)
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)

# beta-spending
par <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2)
gs_spending_combo(par, info = 1:3 / 3)</pre>
```

gs\_update\_ahr

Group sequential design using average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards

# **Description**

Group sequential design using average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards

#### **Usage**

```
gs_update_ahr(
  x = NULL,
  alpha = NULL,
  ustime = NULL,
  lstime = NULL,
  event_tbl = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

x A design created by either gs\_design\_ahr() or gs\_power\_ahr().alpha Type I error for the updated design.

ustime Default is NULL in which case upper bound spending time is determined by

timing. Otherwise, this should be a vector of length k (total number of analyses)

with the spending time at each analysis.

1stime Default is NULL in which case lower bound spending time is determined by

timing. Otherwise, this should be a vector of length k (total number of analyses)

with the spending time at each analysis.

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event\_tbl

A data frame with two columns: (1) analysis and (2) event, which represents the events observed at each analysis per piecewise interval. This can be defined via the pw\_observed\_event() function or manually entered. For example, consider a scenario with two intervals in the piecewise model: the first interval lasts 6 months with a hazard ratio (HR) of 1, and the second interval follows with an HR of 0.6. The data frame event\_tbl = data.frame(analysis = c(1, 1, 2, 2), event = c(30, 100, 30, 200)) indicates that 30 events were observed during the delayed effect period, 130 events were observed at the IA, and 230 events were observed at the FA.

#### Value

A list with input parameters, enrollment rate, failure rate, analysis, and bound.

```
library(gsDesign)
library(gsDesign2)
library(dplyr)
alpha <- 0.025
beta <- 0.1
ratio <- 1
# Enrollment
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
 duration = c(2, 2, 10),
 rate = (1:3) / 3
# Failure and dropout
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
 duration = c(3, Inf), fail_rate = log(2) / 9,
 hr = c(1, 0.6), dropout_rate = .0001)
# IA and FA analysis time
analysis_time <- c(20, 36)
# Randomization ratio
ratio <- 1
 ----- #
# Two-sided asymmetric design,
# beta-spending with non-binding lower bound
# ----- #
# Original design
x <- gs_design_ahr(</pre>
 enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate,
 alpha = alpha, beta = beta, ratio = ratio,
 info_scale = "h0_info",
 info_frac = NULL, analysis_time = c(20, 36),
 upper = gs_spending_bound,
 upar = list(sf = sfLDOF, total_spend = alpha),
```

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```
test_upper = TRUE,
 lower = gs_spending_bound,
 lpar = list(sf = sfLDOF, total_spend = beta),
 test_lower = c(TRUE, FALSE),
 binding = FALSE) %>% to_integer()
planned_event_ia <- x$analysis$event[1]</pre>
planned_event_fa <- x$analysis$event[2]</pre>
# Updated design with 190 events observed at IA,
# where 50 events observed during the delayed effect.
# IA spending = observed events / final planned events, the remaining alpha will be allocated to FA.
gs_update_ahr(
 x = x
 ustime = c(190 / planned_event_fa, 1),
 lstime = c(190 / planned_event_fa, 1),
 event_tbl = data.frame(analysis = c(1, 1),
                         event = c(50, 140))
# Updated design with 190 events observed at IA, and 300 events observed at FA,
# where 50 events observed during the delayed effect.
# IA spending = observed events / final planned events, the remaining alpha will be allocated to FA.
gs_update_ahr(
 x = x,
 ustime = c(190 / planned_event_fa, 1),
 lstime = c(190 / planned_event_fa, 1),
 event_tbl = data.frame(analysis = c(1, 1, 2, 2),
                         event = c(50, 140, 50, 250))
# Updated design with 190 events observed at IA, and 300 events observed at FA,
# where 50 events observed during the delayed effect.
# IA spending = minimal of planned and actual information fraction spending
gs_update_ahr(
 x = x,
 ustime = c(min(190, planned_event_ia) / planned_event_fa, 1),
 lstime = c(min(190, planned_event_ia) / planned_event_fa, 1),
 event_tbl = data.frame(analysis = c(1, 1, 2, 2),
                         event = c(50, 140, 50, 250))
# Alpha is updated to 0.05
gs\_update\_ahr(x = x, alpha = 0.05)
```

ppwe

Piecewise exponential cumulative distribution function

#### **Description**

Computes the cumulative distribution function (CDF) or survival rate for a piecewise exponential distribution.

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## Usage

```
ppwe(x, duration, rate, lower_tail = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

x Times at which distribution is to be computed.

duration A numeric vector of time duration.

rate A numeric vector of event rate.

lower\_tail Indicator of whether lower (TRUE) or upper tail (FALSE; default) of CDF is to be

computed.

#### **Details**

Suppose  $\lambda_i$  is the failure rate in the interval  $(t_{i-1}, t_i], i = 1, 2, \dots, M$  where  $0 = t_0 < t_i \dots, t_M = \infty$ . The cumulative hazard function at an arbitrary time t > 0 is then:

$$\Lambda(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{M} \delta(t \le t_i) (\min(t, t_i) - t_{i-1}) \lambda_i.$$

The survival at time t is then

$$S(t) = \exp(-\Lambda(t)).$$

## Value

A vector with cumulative distribution function or survival values.

# **Specification**

- Validate if input enrollment rate is a strictly increasing non-negative numeric vector.
- Validate if input failure rate is of type data.frame.
- Validate if input failure rate contains duration column.
- Validate if input failure rate contains rate column.
- Validate if input lower\_tail is logical.
- Convert rates to step function.
- Add times where rates change to enrollment rates.
- Make a tibble of the input time points x, duration, hazard rates at points, cumulative hazard and survival.
- Extract the expected cumulative or survival of piecewise exponential distribution.
- If input lower\_tail is true, return the CDF, else return the survival for ppwe

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## **Examples**

```
# Plot a survival function with 2 different sets of time values
# to demonstrate plot precision corresponding to input parameters.
x1 <- seq(0, 10, 10 / pi)
duration \leftarrow c(3, 3, 1)
rate <- c(.2, .1, .005)
survival <- ppwe(</pre>
  x = x1,
  duration = duration,
  rate = rate
)
plot(x1, survival, type = "l", ylim = c(0, 1))
x2 < - seg(0, 10, .25)
survival <- ppwe(</pre>
  x = x2,
  duration = duration,
  rate = rate
lines(x2, survival, col = 2)
```

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Average hazard ratio under non-proportional hazards

# **Description**

Provides a geometric average hazard ratio under various non-proportional hazards assumptions for either single or multiple strata studies. The piecewise exponential distribution allows a simple method to specify a distribution and enrollment pattern where the enrollment, failure and dropout rates changes over time.

## Usage

```
pw_info(
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = c(2, 2, 10), rate = c(3, 6, 9)),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(3, 100), fail_rate = log(2)/c(9, 18), hr =
      c(0.9, 0.6), dropout_rate = 0.001),
  total_duration = 30,
  ratio = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
enroll_rate An enroll_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define_enroll_rate().

fail_rate data frame with or without stratum created by define_fail_rate().
```

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total\_duration Total follow-up from start of enrollment to data cutoff; this can be a single value or a vector of positive numbers.

ratio Ratio of experimental to control randomization.

## Value

A data frame with time (from total\_duration), stratum, t, hr (hazard ratio), event (expected number of events), info (information under given scenarios), info@ (information under related null hypothesis), and n (sample size) for each value of total\_duration input

## **Examples**

```
# Example: default
pw_info()
# Example: default with multiple analysis times (varying total_duration)
pw_info(total\_duration = c(15, 30))
# Stratified population
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
 stratum = c(rep("Low", 2), rep("High", 3)),
 duration = c(2, 10, 4, 4, 8),
 rate = c(5, 10, 0, 3, 6)
)
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
 stratum = c(rep("Low", 2), rep("High", 2)),
 duration = c(1, Inf, 1, Inf),
 fail_rate = c(.1, .2, .3, .4),
 dropout_rate = .001,
 hr = c(.9, .75, .8, .6)
# Give results by change-points in the piecewise model
ahr(enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate, total_duration = c(15, 30))
# Same example, give results by strata and time period
pw_info(enroll_rate = enroll_rate, fail_rate = fail_rate, total_duration = c(15, 30))
```

s2pwe

Approximate survival distribution with piecewise exponential distribution

## Description

Converts a discrete set of points from an arbitrary survival distribution to a piecewise exponential approximation.

## Usage

```
s2pwe(times, survival)
```

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# Arguments

times	Positive increasing times at which survival distribution is provided.
survival	Survival (1 - cumulative distribution function) at specified times.

## Value

A tibble containing the duration and rate.

## **Specification**

- Validate if input times is increasing positive finite numbers.
- Validate if input survival is numeric and same length as input times.
- Validate if input survival is positive, non-increasing, less than or equal to 1 and greater than 0.
- Create a tibble of inputs times and survival.
- Calculate the duration, hazard and the rate.
- Return the duration and rate by s2pwe

# **Examples**

```
# Example: arbitrary numbers
s2pwe(1:9, (9:1) / 10)
# Example: lognormal
s2pwe(c(1:6, 9), plnorm(c(1:6, 9), meanlog = 0, sdlog = 2, lower.tail = FALSE))
```

# **Description**

Summary for fixed design or group sequential design objects

## Usage

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

## S3 method for class 'gs_design'
summary(
   object,
   analysis_vars = NULL,
   analysis_decimals = NULL,
   col_vars = NULL,
   col_decimals = NULL,
   bound_names = c("Efficacy", "Futility"),
   ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

object A design object returned by fixed\_design\_xxx() and gs\_design\_xxx().

... Additional parameters (not used).

analysis\_vars The variables to be put at the summary header of each analysis.

analysis\_decimals

The displayed number of digits of analysis\_vars. If the vector is unnamed, it must match the length of analysis\_vars. If the vector is named, you only have to specify the number of digits for the variables you want to be displayed

differently than the defaults.

col\_vars The variables to be displayed.

col\_decimals The decimals to be displayed for the displayed variables in col\_vars. If the

vector is unnamed, it must match the length of col\_vars. If the vector is named, you only have to specify the number of digits for the columns you want to be

displayed differently than the defaults.

bound\_names Names for bounds; default is c("Efficacy", "Futility").

## Value

A summary table (data frame).

```
library(dplyr)
# Enrollment rate
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
  duration = 18,
  rate = 20
# Failure rates
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(4, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
  hr = c(1, .6),
  dropout_rate = .001
)
# Study duration in months
study_duration <- 36</pre>
# Experimental / Control randomization ratio
ratio <- 1
# 1-sided Type I error
alpha <- 0.025
# Type II error (1 - power)
beta <- 0.1
```

```
# AHR ----
# under fixed power
fixed_design_ahr(
  alpha = alpha,
  power = 1 - beta,
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  study_duration = study_duration,
  ratio = ratio
) %>% summary()
# FH ----
# under fixed power
fixed_design_fh(
  alpha = alpha,
  power = 1 - beta,
  enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
  fail_rate = fail_rate,
  study_duration = study_duration,
  ratio = ratio
) %>% summary()
# Design parameters ----
library(gsDesign)
library(gsDesign2)
library(dplyr)
# enrollment/failure rates
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
  stratum = "All",
  duration = 12,
  rate = 1
)
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(4, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
  hr = c(1, .6),
  dropout_rate = .001
# Information fraction
info_frac <- (1:3) / 3
# Analysis times in months; first 2 will be ignored as info_frac will not be achieved
analysis_time <- c(.01, .02, 36)
# Experimental / Control randomization ratio
ratio <- 1
# 1-sided Type I error
alpha <- 0.025
# Type II error (1 - power)
```

```
beta <- .1
# Upper bound
upper <- gs_spending_bound</pre>
upar <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL, timing = NULL)</pre>
 # Lower bound
lower <- gs_spending_bound</pre>
lpar <- list(sf = gsDesign::sfHSD, total_spend = 0.1, param = 0, timing = NULL)</pre>
 # test in COMBO
fh_test <- rbind(</pre>
    data.frame(rho = 0, gamma = 0, tau = -1, test = 1, analysis = 1:3, analysis_time = c(12, 24, 36)),
    data.frame(rho = c(0, 0.5), gamma = 0.5, tau = -1, test = 2:3, analysis = 3, analysis_time = 36)
)
# Example 1 ----
x_ahr <- gs_design_ahr(</pre>
      enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
      fail_rate = fail_rate,
      info_frac = info_frac, # Information fraction
      analysis_time = analysis_time,
      ratio = ratio,
      alpha = alpha,
      beta = beta,
      upper = upper,
      upar = upar,
      lower = lower,
      lpar = lpar
)
x_ahr %>% summary()
 # Customize the digits to display
x_{\text{ahr}} \gg \sup_{x=0}^{\infty} \sup_{
# Customize the labels of the crossing probability
x_ahr %>% summary(bound_names = c("A is better", "B is better"))
# Customize the variables to be summarized for each analysis
x_{ahr} \%\% summary(analysis_vars = c("n", "event"), analysis_decimals = c(1, 1))
# Customize the digits for the columns
 x_{ahr \%} summary(col_decimals = c(z = 4))
 # Customize the columns to display
x_ahr %>% summary(col_vars = c("z", "~hr at bound", "nominal p"))
# Customize columns and digits
x_ahr %>% summary(col_vars = c("z", "~hr at bound", "nominal p"),
                                                           col_decimals = c(4, 2, 2))
```

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```
# Example 2 ----
x_wlr <- gs_design_wlr(</pre>
 enroll_rate = enroll_rate,
 fail_rate = fail_rate,
 weight = list(method = "fh", param = list(rho = 0, gamma = 0.5)),
 info_frac = NULL,
 analysis_time = sort(unique(x_ahr$analysis$time)),
 ratio = ratio,
 alpha = alpha,
 beta = beta,
 upper = upper,
 upar = upar,
 lower = lower,
 lpar = lpar
)
x_wlr %>% summary()
# Maxcombo ----
x_combo <- gs_design_combo(</pre>
 ratio = 1,
 alpha = 0.025,
 beta = 0.2,
 enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 12, rate = 500 / 12),
 fail_rate = tibble::tibble(
   stratum = "All",
   duration = c(4, 100),
   fail_rate = log(2) / 15, hr = c(1, .6), dropout_rate = .001
 fh_test = fh_test,
 upper = gs_spending_combo,
 upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
 lower = gs_spending_combo,
 lpar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.2)
x_combo %>% summary()
# Risk difference ----
gs_design_rd(
 p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .2),
 p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = "All", rate = .15),
 info_frac = c(0.7, 1),
 rd0 = 0,
 alpha = .025,
 beta = .1,
 ratio = 1,
 stratum_prev = NULL,
 weight = "unstratified",
 upper = gs_b,
 lower = gs_b,
```

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```
upar = gsDesign::gsDesign(
    k = 3, test.type = 1, sfu = gsDesign::sfLDOF, sfupar = NULL
)$upper$bound,
lpar = c(qnorm(.1), rep(-Inf, 2))
) %>% summary()
```

text\_summary

Generates a textual summary of a group sequential design using the AHR method.

# **Description**

Generates a textual summary of a group sequential design using the AHR method.

#### **Usage**

```
text_summary(x, information = FALSE, time_unit = "months")
```

# Arguments

A design object created by gs\_design\_ahr() with or without to\_integer().

A logical value indicating whether to include statistical information in the textual summary. Default is FALSE.

time\_unit

A character string specifying the time unit used in the design. Options include "days", "weeks", "months" (default), and "years".

#### Value

A character string containing a paragraph that summarizes the design.

```
upper = gs_spending_bound, lower = gs_spending_bound,
                   upar = list(sf = sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
                   lpar = list(sf = sfHSD, total_spend = 0.1, param = -4),
                   binding = FALSE, h1_spending = TRUE) %>% to_integer()
x %>% text_summary()
# Text summary of a asymmetric 2-sided design with fixed non-binding futility bound
x \leftarrow gs_design_ahr(info_frac = 1:3/3, alpha = 0.025, beta = 0.1,
                   upper = gs_spending_bound, lower = gs_b,
                   upar = list(sf = sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025),
                   test_upper = c(FALSE, TRUE, TRUE),
                   lpar = c(-1, -Inf, -Inf),
                   test_lower = c(TRUE, FALSE, FALSE),
                   binding = FALSE, h1_spending = TRUE) %>% to_integer()
x %>% text_summary()
\# If there are >5 pieces of HRs, we provide a brief summary of HR.
gs_design_ahr(
 fail_rate = define_fail_rate(duration = c(rep(3, 5), Inf),
                               hr = c(0.9, 0.8, 0.7, 0.6, 0.5, 0.4),
                               fail_rate = log(2) / 10, dropout_rate = 0.001),
 info_frac = 1:3/3, test_lower = FALSE) %>%
 text_summary()
```

to\_integer

Round sample size and events

# Description

Round sample size and events

#### **Usage**

```
to_integer(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'fixed_design'
to_integer(x, round_up_final = TRUE, ratio = x$input$ratio, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gs_design'
to_integer(x, round_up_final = TRUE, ratio = x$input$ratio, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x An object returned by fixed_design_xxx() and gs_design_xxx().
```

. . . Additional parameters (not used).

round\_up\_final Events at final analysis is rounded up if TRUE; otherwise, just rounded, unless it is very close to an integer.

ratio

Positive integer for randomization ratio (experimental:control). A positive integer will result in rounded sample size, which is a multiple of (ratio + 1). A positive non-integer will result in round sample size, which may not be a multiple of (ratio + 1). A negative number will result in an error.

#### **Details**

For the sample size of the fixed design:

- When ratio is a positive integer, the sample size is rounded up to a multiple of ratio + 1 if round\_up\_final = TRUE, and just rounded to a multiple of ratio + 1 if round\_up\_final = FALSE.
- When ratio is a positive non-integer, the sample size is rounded up if round\_up\_final = TRUE, (may not be a multiple of ratio + 1), and just rounded if round\_up\_final = FALSE (may not be a multiple of ratio + 1). Note the default ratio is taken from x\$input\$ratio.

For the number of events of the fixed design:

- If the continuous event is very close to an integer within 0.01 differences, say 100.001 or 99.999, then the integer events is 100.
- Otherwise, round up if round\_up\_final = TRUE and round if round\_up\_final = FALSE.

For the sample size of group sequential designs:

- When ratio is a positive integer, the final sample size is rounded to a multiple of ratio + 1.
  - For 1:1 randomization (experimental:control), set ratio = 1 to round to an even sample size.
  - For 2:1 randomization, set ratio = 2 to round to a multiple of 3.
  - For 3:2 randomization, set ratio = 4 to round to a multiple of 5.
  - Note that for the final analysis, the sample size is rounded up to the nearest multiple of ratio + 1 if round\_up\_final = TRUE. If round\_up\_final = FALSE, the final sample size is rounded to the nearest multiple of ratio + 1.
- When ratio is positive non-integer, the final sample size MAY NOT be rounded to a multiple of ratio + 1.
  - The final sample size is rounded up if round\_up\_final = TRUE.
  - Otherwise, it is just rounded.

For the events of group sequential designs:

- For events at interim analysis, it is rounded.
- For events at final analysis:
  - If the continuous event is very close to an integer within 0.01 differences, say 100.001 or 99.999, then the integer events is 100.
  - Otherwise, final events is rounded up if round\_up\_final = TRUE and rounded if round\_up\_final
     = FALSE.

## Value

A list similar to the output of fixed\_design\_xxx() and gs\_design\_xxx(), except the sample size is an integer.

```
library(dplyr)
library(gsDesign2)
# Average hazard ratio
x <- fixed_design_ahr(</pre>
  alpha = .025, power = .9,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 1),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(4, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12, hr = c(1, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
  ),
  study\_duration = 36
)
x %>%
  to_integer() %>%
  summary()
# FH
x <- fixed_design_fh(</pre>
  alpha = 0.025, power = 0.9,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(4, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12,
    hr = c(1, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
  rho = 0.5, gamma = 0.5,
  study_duration = 36, ratio = 1
)
x %>%
  to_integer() %>%
  summary()
# MB
x <- fixed_design_mb(</pre>
  alpha = 0.025, power = 0.9,
  enroll_rate = define_enroll_rate(duration = 18, rate = 20),
  fail_rate = define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(4, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / 12, hr = c(1, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
  tau = Inf, w_max = 2,
  study_duration = 36, ratio = 1
)
x %>%
  to_integer() %>%
  summary()
```

```
# Example 1: Information fraction based spending
gs_design_ahr(
  analysis_time = c(18, 30),
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(-Inf, -Inf)
) %>%
  to_integer() %>%
  summary()
gs_design_wlr(
  analysis_time = c(18, 30),
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(-Inf, -Inf)
) %>%
  to_integer() %>%
  summary()
gs_design_rd(
  p_c = tibble::tibble(stratum = c("A", "B"), rate = c(.2, .3)),
  p_e = tibble::tibble(stratum = c("A", "B"), rate = c(.15, .27)),
  weight = "ss",
  stratum\_prev = tibble::tibble(stratum = c("A", "B"), prevalence = c(.4, .6)),
  info_frac = c(0.7, 1),
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  upar = list(sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(-Inf, -Inf)
) %>%
  to_integer() %>%
  summary()
# Example 2: Calendar based spending
x <- gs_design_ahr(</pre>
  upper = gs_spending_bound,
  analysis_time = c(18, 30),
  upar = list(
   sf = gsDesign::sfLDOF, total_spend = 0.025, param = NULL,
   timing = c(18, 30) / 30
  ),
  lower = gs_b,
  lpar = c(-Inf, -Inf)
) %>% to_integer()
# The IA nominal p-value is the same as the IA alpha spending
x$bound$`nominal p`[1]
gsDesign::sfLDOF(alpha = 0.025, t = 18 / 30)$spend
```

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Weight functions for weighted log-rank test

# **Description**

- wlr\_weight\_fh is Fleming-Harrington, FH(rho, gamma) weight function.
- wlr\_weight\_1 is constant for log rank test.
- wlr\_weight\_power is Gehan-Breslow and Tarone-Ware weight function.
- wlr\_weight\_mb is Magirr (2021) weight function.

# Usage

```
wlr_weight_fh(x, arm0, arm1, rho = 0, gamma = 0, tau = NULL)
wlr_weight_1(x, arm0, arm1)
wlr_weight_n(x, arm0, arm1, power = 1)
wlr_weight_mb(x, arm0, arm1, tau = NULL, w_max = Inf)
```

# Arguments

X	A vector of numeric values.
arm0	An arm object defined in the npsurvSS package.
arm1	An arm object defined in the npsurvSS package.
rho	A scalar parameter that controls the type of test.
gamma	A scalar parameter that controls the type of test.
tau	A scalar parameter of the cut-off time for modest weighted log rank test.
power	A scalar parameter that controls the power of the weight function.
w_max	A scalar parameter of the cut-off weight for modest weighted log rank test.

# Value

A vector of weights.

A vector of weights.

A vector of weights.

A vector of weights.

## **Specification**

- Compute the sample size via the sum of arm sizes.
- Compute the proportion of size in the two arms.
- If the input tau is specified, define time up to the cut off time tau.
- Compute the CDF using the proportion of the size in the two arms and npsruvSS::psurv().
- Return the Fleming-Harrington weights for weighted Log-rank test.

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```
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(2, 2, 10),
  rate = c(3, 6, 9)
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(3, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / c(9, 18),
  hr = c(.9, .6),
  dropout_rate = .001
)
gs_arm <- gs_create_arm(enroll_rate, fail_rate, ratio = 1)</pre>
arm0 <- gs_arm$arm0
arm1 <- gs_arm$arm1</pre>
wlr_weight_fh(1:3, arm0, arm1, rho = 0, gamma = 0, tau = NULL)
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(2, 2, 10),
  rate = c(3, 6, 9)
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(3, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / c(9, 18),
 hr = c(.9, .6),
  dropout_rate = .001
)
gs_arm <- gs_create_arm(enroll_rate, fail_rate, ratio = 1)</pre>
arm0 <- gs_arm$arm0
arm1 <- gs_arm$arm1</pre>
wlr_weight_1(1:3, arm0, arm1)
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(2, 2, 10),
  rate = c(3, 6, 9)
)
fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(</pre>
  duration = c(3, 100),
  fail_rate = log(2) / c(9, 18),
  hr = c(.9, .6),
  dropout_rate = .001
)
gs_arm <- gs_create_arm(enroll_rate, fail_rate, ratio = 1)</pre>
arm0 <- gs_arm$arm0
arm1 <- gs_arm$arm1</pre>
wlr_weight_n(1:3, arm0, arm1, power = 2)
```

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```
enroll_rate <- define_enroll_rate(
    duration = c(2, 2, 10),
    rate = c(3, 6, 9)
)

fail_rate <- define_fail_rate(
    duration = c(3, 100),
    fail_rate = log(2) / c(9, 18),
    hr = c(.9, .6),
    dropout_rate = .001
)

gs_arm <- gs_create_arm(enroll_rate, fail_rate, ratio = 1)
arm0 <- gs_arm$arm0
arm1 <- gs_arm$arm1
wlr_weight_mb(1:3, arm0, arm1, tau = -1, w_max = 1.2)</pre>
```

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