

# Package ‘gt4ireval’

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**Title** Generalizability Theory for Information Retrieval Evaluation

**Version** 2.0

**Description** Provides tools to measure the reliability of an Information Retrieval test collection.  
It allows users to estimate reliability using Generalizability Theory and map those estimates onto well-known indicators such as Kendall tau correlation or sensitivity.

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| adhoc3 | <i>TREC-3 Ad hoc track.</i> |
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### Description

This is the set of Average Precision scores of the 40 systems submitted to the TREC-3 Ad hoc track, evaluated over 50 topics.

### Usage

adhoc3

### Format

A data frame with 40 columns (systems) and 50 rows (queries).

### References

D. Harman (1994). Overview of the Third Text REtrieval Conference (TREC-3). Text REtrieval Conference.

### See Also

<http://trec.nist.gov>

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| dstudy | <i>D-study (Decision)</i> |
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### Description

dstudy runs a D-study from the results of a [gstudy](#) and computes, for a certain number of queries, the expected generalizability coefficient Erho2 and index of dependability Phi, possibly with confidence intervals. Alternatively, it can estimate the number of queries needed to achieve a certain level of stability, also with confidence intervals.

### Usage

```
dstudy(gdata, queries = gdata$n.q, stability = 0.95, alpha = 0.025)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| gdata     | The result of running a <a href="#">gstudy</a> with existing data.                                                                                                                                        |
| queries   | A vector with different query set sizes for which to estimate Erho2 and Phi. Defaults to the number of queries used to compute gdata.                                                                     |
| stability | A vector with target Erho2 and Phi values to estimate required query set sizes.                                                                                                                           |
| alpha     | A vector of confidence levels to compute intervals for Erho2, Phi and query set sizes. This is the probability on each side of the interval, so for a 90% confidence interval one must set alpha to 0.05. |

**Value**

An object of class `dstudy`, with the following components:

|                                                                                  |                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>Erho2</code> , <code>Erho2.lwr</code> , <code>Erho2.upr</code>             | Expected generalizability coefficient, and lower and upper limits of the interval                  |
| <code>Phi</code> , <code>Phi.lwr</code> , <code>Phi.upr</code>                   | Expected index of dependability, and lower and upper limits of the intervals                       |
| <code>n.q_Erho2</code> , <code>n.q_Erho2.lwr</code> , <code>n.q_Erho2.upr</code> | Expected number of queries to achieve the generalizability coefficient, and lower and upper limits |
| <code>n.q_Phi</code> , <code>n.q_Phi.lwr</code> , <code>n.q_Phi.upr</code>       | Expected number of queries to achieve the index of dependability, and lower and upper limits       |
| <code>call</code>                                                                | A list with the <code>gstudy</code> used in this D-study, the target number of queries, target     |

**Author(s)**

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**References**

- R.L. Brennan (2001). Generalizability Theory. Springer.
- L.S. Feldt (1965). The Approximate Sampling Distribution of Kuder-Richardson Reliability Coefficient Twenty. *Psychometrika*, 30(3):357–370.
- C. Arteaga, S. Jeyaratnam, and G. A. Franklin (1982). Confidence Intervals for Proportions of Total Variance in the Two-Way Cross Component of Variance Model. *Communications in Statistics: Theory and Methods*, 11(15):1643–1658.
- J. Urbano, M. Marrero and D. Martín (2013). On the Measurement of Test Collection Reliability. *ACM SIGIR*, pp. 393-402.

**See Also**

`gstudy`, `gt2tau`

**Examples**

```
g <- gstudy(adhoc3)
dstudy(g)

# estimate stability at various query set sizes
dstudy(g, queries = seq(50, 200, 10))
# estimate required query set sizes for various stability levels
dstudy(g, stability = seq(0.8, 0.95, 0.01))
# compute both 95% and 99% confidence intervals
dstudy(g, stability = 0.9, alpha = c(0.05, 0.01) / 2)
# compute 1-tailed 95% confidence intervals
dstudy(g, alpha = 0.05)
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| gstudy | <i>G-study (Generalizability)</i> |
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## Description

gstudy runs a G-study with the given data, assuming a fully crossed design (all systems evaluated on the same queries). It can be used to estimate variance components, which can further be used to run a D-study with [dstudy](#).

## Usage

```
gstudy(data, drop = 0)
```

## Arguments

|      |                                                                                                                      |
|------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data | A data frame or matrix with the existing effectiveness scores. Systems are columns and queries are rows.             |
| drop | The fraction of worst-performing systems to drop from the data before analysis. Defaults to 0 (include all systems). |

## Value

An object of class gstudy, with the following components:

|                     |                                                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| n.s, n.q            | Number of systems and number of queries of the existing data.        |
| var.s, var.q, var.e | Variance of the system, query, and residual effects.                 |
| em.s, em.q, em.e    | Mean squares of the system, query and residual components.           |
| call                | A list with the existing data and the percentage of systems to drop. |

## Author(s)

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## References

R.L. Brennan (2001). Generalizability Theory. Springer.

J. Urbano, M. Marrero and D. Martín (2013). On the Measurement of Test Collection Reliability. ACM SIGIR, pp. 393-402.

## See Also

[dstudy](#)

**Examples**

```
g <- gstudy(adhoc3)

# same, but drop the 20% worst systems
g20 <- gstudy(adhoc3, drop = 0.2)
```

gt2tau

*Map GT-based Indicators onto Data-based Indicators***Description**

Maps Erho2 and Phi scores from Generalizability Theory onto traditional data-based scores like the Kendall tau correlation, AP correlation, power, minor conflict rate and major conflict rate with 2-tailed t-tests, absolute and relative sensitivity, and rooted mean squared error.

**Usage**

```
gt2tau(Erho2)

gt2tauAP(Erho2)

gt2power(Erho2)

gt2minor(Erho2)

gt2major(Erho2)

gt2asens(Erho2)

gt2rsens(Phi)

gt2rmse(Phi)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                      |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Erho2 | Vector of generalizability coefficients to map from. |
| Phi   | Vector of indices of dependability to map from.      |

**Details**

Take these mappings with a grain of salt. See figure 3 in (Urbano, 20013).

**Value**

A vector of data-based indicator values.

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**References**

J. Urbano, M. Marrero and D. Martín (2013). On the Measurement of Test Collection Reliability. ACM SIGIR, pp. 393-402.

**See Also**

[dstudy](#)

**Examples**

```
g <- gstudy(adhoc3)
d <- dstudy(g)
gt2tau(d$Erho2)
gt2rmse(d$Phi)
```

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synthetic4

*Synthetic dataset no. 4.*

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**Description**

This is the Synthetic dataset no. 4 from Table 3.2 on page 73 of Brennan (2001), recasted as a p x i design, as required on page 182.

**Usage**

```
synthetic4
```

**Format**

A data frame with 10 columns (systems) and 12 rows (queries).

**References**

R.L. Brennan, "Generalizability Theory". Springer, 2001.

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