

# Package ‘poset’

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**Title** Analysis of Partially Ordered Data

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**Description** Win ratio approach to partially ordered data, such as multivariate ordinal responses under product (consensus) or prioritized order. Two-sample tests and multiplicative regression models are implemented (Mao, 2024, under revision).

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liver	<i>A dataset from a non-alcoholic fatty liver disease study</i>
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Description

A total of 186 patients with non-alcoholic fatty liver disease were recruited at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals in 2017. The patients underwent computed tomography scan of the liver for the presence of non-alcoholic steato-hepatitis, the most severe form of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. The image was subsequently assessed by two radiologists using a scale of 1 to 5, with higher values indicating greater likelihood of disease. This is a slightly altered dataset from the one used in Mao (2024).

Usage

liver

Format

A data frame with 186 rows (one per patient) and 7 variables:

**R1NASH, R2NASH** Rating scores (1-5) by two readers.

**Sex** M: male; F: female.

**AF** Advanced fibrosis (TRUE or FALSE).

**Steatosis** Percent of steatosis.

**SSF2** Liver mean gray level intensity.

**LSN** Liver surface nodularity.

References

Mao, L. (2024). Win ratio for partially ordered data. *Statistica Sinica*, Under revision.

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print.summary.wreg	<i>Print method for summary.wreg objects</i>
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**Description**

Print summary results for win ratio regression.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.wreg'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object returned by <a href="#">summary.wreg</a> .
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects.

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print.wreg	<i>Print concise model results from wreg</i>
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**Description**

Print concise results for win ratio regression.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'wreg'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object returned by <a href="#">wreg</a> .
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods

**Value**

No return value, called for side effects.

**See Also**

[wreg](#).

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print.wrtest	<i>Print results from wrtest</i>
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### Description

Print the results for two-sample win ratio (net benefit) analysis, including point estimates, 95% confidence intervals, and p-values.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'wrtest'
print(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An object returned by <a href="#">wrtest</a> .
...	Further arguments passed to or from other methods

### Value

No return value, called for side effects.

### See Also

[wrtest](#).

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summary.wreg	<i>Summarize model results from wreg</i>
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### Description

Summarize the inferential results for win ratio regression.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

object	An object returned by <a href="#">wreg</a> .
...	Additional arguments affecting the summary produced.

**Value**

An object of class `summary.wreg` with components:

`coefficients`    A matrix of coefficients, standard errors, z-values and p-values.  
`exp_coef`        A matrix of win ratios (`exp(coef)`) and 95% confidence intervals.  
`wald, wald_pval`   Overall wald test statistic on all covariates and p-value.

**See Also**

[wreg](#).

**Examples**

```
#See examples for wreg().
```

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wprod

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*The product-order win function for multivariate ordinal data*


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**Description**

A common rule of comparison for the `fun` argument in [wrtest](#) and [wreg](#). A winner has all its components greater than or equal to those of the loser, and strictly so for at least one component.

**Usage**

```
wprod(y1, y0)
```

**Arguments**

`y1`                A  $K$ -dimensional vector  $y_1$ .  
`y0`                A  $K$ -dimensional vector  $y_0$ .

**Value**

An integer in  $1, 0, -1$ :

`1`                If  $y_1 \geq y_0$  component-wise, with strict inequality for at least one component.  
`-1`              If  $y_0 \geq y_1$  component-wise, with strict inequality for at least one component.  
`0`                Otherwise.

**See Also**

[wrtest](#), [wreg](#).

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wreg	Win ratio regression analysis
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## Description

Fit a multiplicative win-ratio regression model to partially ordered response against covariates.

## Usage

```
wreg(Y, Z, fun = NULL, sfun = NULL, ep = 1e-06)
```

## Arguments

Y	An $n \times K$ matrix for $K$ -variate response data on $n$ subjects. The entries must be numeric. For pseudo-efficient estimation (without specifying <code>sfun</code> ), the average score across components (row means) should be compatible with the partial order (i.e., preserve the same order for any two comparable and ordered elements).
Z	An $n \times p$ design matrix for covariates.
fun	User-specified win function for pairwise comparison. It takes two arguments $y_1$ and $y_0$ (both $K$ -vectors) and returns 1 if $y_1$ wins, -1 if $y_0$ wins, and 0 if tied. The default is <a href="#">wprod</a> for the product order of multivariate ordinal data.
sfun	The scoring function used in pseudo-efficient estimation. The default is to take the row means of Y.
ep	Convergence criterion in Newton-Raphson algorithm. The default is 1e-6.

## Value

An object of class `wreg` with the following components:

beta	A vector of estimated regression coefficients.
var	Estimated covariance matrix for beta
l	Number of Newton-Raphson iterations.
beta_nv	Naive (non-pseudo-efficient) estimates of beta.
se_nv	Estimated standard errors for beta_nv.
n	Sample size $n$ of input data with non-missing values.
Nw1	Number of comparable pairs (those with a win and loss) out of the $n(n-1)/2$ possible ones.

## References

Mao, L. (2024). Win ratio for partially ordered data. *Statistica Sinica*, Under revision.

## See Also

[wprod](#), [print.wreg](#), [summary.wreg](#).

## Examples

```
head(liver)
# regress bivariate ratings against covariates
Y <- 5 - liver[, c("R1NASH", "R2NASH")] # lower score is better
Z <- cbind("Female" = liver$Sex == "F",
           liver[, c("AF", "Steatosis", "SSF2", "LSN")]) # covariates
obj <- wreg(Y, Z) # fit model
obj
summary(obj)
```

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wrtest	<i>Two-sample win ratio (net benefit) analysis</i>
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## Description

Estimate and make inference on win ratio (net benefit) comparing a treatment to a control group.

## Usage

```
wrtest(Y1, Y0, fun = wprod)
```

## Arguments

Y1	$K$ -variate response data on $n_1$ subjects in treatment ( $n_1 \times K$ matrix).
Y0	$K$ -variate response data on $n_0$ subjects in control ( $n_0 \times K$ matrix).
fun	User-specified win function for pairwise comparison. It takes two arguments $y_1$ and $y_0$ (both $K$ -vectors) and returns 1 if $y_1$ wins, -1 if $y_0$ wins, and 0 if tied. The default is <a href="#">wprod</a> for the product order of multivariate ordinal data.

## Value

An object of class `wrtest` with the following components:

theta	A bivariate vector of win/loss fractions.
lgwr, lgwr_se, lgwr_pval	Log-win ratio estimate ( $\log(\text{theta}[1]/\text{theta}[2])$ ), standard error, and p-value.
nb, nb_se, nb_pval	Net benefit estimate ( $\text{theta}[1] - \text{theta}[2]$ ), standard error, and p-value.

## References

Mao, L. (2024). Win ratio for partially ordered data. *Statistica Sinica*, Under revision.

Buyse, M. (2010). Generalized pairwise comparisons of prioritized outcomes in the two-sample problem. *Statistics in Medicine*, 29, 3245-3257.

## See Also

[wprod](#), [print.wrtest](#).

**Examples**

```
head(liver)
## compare bivariate ratings by fibrosis stage
## lower score is better
Y1 <- liver[liver$AF, c("R1NASH", "R2NASH")] # advanced
Y0 <- liver[!liver$AF, c("R1NASH", "R2NASH")] # not advanced
obj <- wrtest(Y1, Y0)
obj
```



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