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| add_column | <i>Adds column to BayesTools table</i> |
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Description

Adds column to a BayesTools table while not breaking formatting, attributes, etc...

Usage

```
add_column(  
  table,  
  column_title,  
  column_values,  
  column_position = NULL,  
  column_type = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| table | BayesTools table |
| column_title | title of the new column |
| column_values | values of the new column |
| column_position | position of the new column (defaults to NULL which appends the column to the end) |
| column_type | type of values of the new column table (important for formatting, defaults to NULL = the function tries to guess numeric / character based on the column_values but many more specific types are available) |

Value

returns an object of 'BayesTools_table' class.

BayesTools

*BayesTools***Description**

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://fbartos.github.io/BayesTools/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/FBartos/BayesTools/issues>

BayesTools_ensemble_tables

*Create BayesTools ensemble summary tables***Description**

Creates estimate summaries based on posterior distributions created by `mix_posteriors`, inference summaries based on inference created by `ensemble_inference`, or ensemble summary/diagnostics based on a list of `models_inference` models.

Usage

```
ensemble_estimates_table(
  samples,
  parameters,
  probs = c(0.025, 0.95),
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL,
  transform_orthonormal = FALSE,
  formula_prefix = TRUE
)
```

```

ensemble_inference_table(
  inference,
  parameters,
  logBF = FALSE,
  BF01 = FALSE,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL
)

ensemble_summary_table(
  models,
  parameters,
  logBF = FALSE,
  BF01 = FALSE,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL,
  remove_spike_0 = TRUE,
  short_name = FALSE
)

ensemble_diagnostics_table(
  models,
  parameters,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL,
  remove_spike_0 = TRUE,
  short_name = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>samples</code> | posterior samples created by mix_posteriors |
| <code>parameters</code> | character vector of parameters (or a named list with of character vectors for summary and diagnostics tables) specifying the parameters (and their grouping) for the summary table |
| <code>probs</code> | quantiles for parameter estimates |
| <code>title</code> | title to be added to the table |
| <code>footnotes</code> | footnotes to be added to the table |
| <code>warnings</code> | warnings to be added to the table |
| <code>transform_orthonormal</code> | whether factors with orthonormal prior distributions should be transformed to differences from the grand mean |
| <code>formula_prefix</code> | whether the parameter prefix from formula should be printed. Defaults to TRUE. |
| <code>inference</code> | model inference created by ensemble_inference |

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| logBF | whether the Bayes factor should be on log scale |
| BF01 | whether the Bayes factor should be inverted |
| models | list of models_inference model objects, each of which containing a list of priors and inference object, The inference must be a named list with information about the model: model number m_number , marginal likelihood marglik , prior and posterior probability prior_prob and post_prob , inclusion Bayes factor inclusion_BF , and fit summary generated by runjags_estimates_table for the diagnostics table |
| remove_spike_0 | whether prior distributions equal to spike at 0 should be removed from the prior_list |
| short_name | whether the prior distribution names should be shortened. Defaults to FALSE. |

Value

`ensemble_estimates_table` returns a table with the model-averaged estimates, `ensemble_inference_table` returns a table with the prior and posterior probabilities and inclusion Bayes factors, `ensemble_summary_table` returns a table with overview of the models included in the ensemble, and `ensemble_diagnostics_table` returns an overview of the MCMC diagnostics for the models included in the ensemble. All of the tables are objects of class 'BayesTools_table'.

See Also

[ensemble_inference](#) [mix_posteriors](#) [BayesTools_model_tables](#)

BayesTools_model_tables

Create BayesTools model tables

Description

Creates model summary based on a model objects or provides estimates table for a runjags fit.

Usage

```
model_summary_table(
  model,
  model_description = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL,
  remove_spike_0 = TRUE,
  short_name = FALSE,
  formula_prefix = TRUE
)
runjags_estimates_table(
```

```
fit,
transformations = NULL,
title = NULL,
footnotes = NULL,
warnings = NULL,
conditional = FALSE,
remove_spike_0 = TRUE,
transform_orthonormal = FALSE,
formula_prefix = TRUE,
remove_inclusion = FALSE,
remove_parameters = NULL
)

runjags_inference_table(
  fit,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL,
  formula_prefix = TRUE
)

JAGS_estimates_table(
  fit,
  transformations = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL,
  conditional = FALSE,
  remove_spike_0 = TRUE,
  transform_orthonormal = FALSE,
  formula_prefix = TRUE,
  remove_inclusion = FALSE,
  remove_parameters = NULL
)

JAGS_inference_table(
  fit,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL,
  formula_prefix = TRUE
)

JAGS_summary_table(
  model,
  model_description = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
```

```

    warnings = NULL,
    remove_spike_0 = TRUE,
    short_name = FALSE,
    formula_prefix = TRUE
  )

runjags_estimates_empty_table(title = NULL, footnotes = NULL, warnings = NULL)

runjags_inference_empty_table(title = NULL, footnotes = NULL, warnings = NULL)

stan_estimates_table(
  fit,
  transformations = NULL,
  title = NULL,
  footnotes = NULL,
  warnings = NULL
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <code>model</code> | model object containing a list of priors and inference object. The inference must be a named list with information about the model: model number <code>m_number</code> , marginal likelihood <code>marglik</code> , prior and posterior probability <code>prior_prob</code> and <code>post_prob</code> , and model inclusion Bayes factor <code>inclusion_BF</code> |
| <code>model_description</code> | named list with additional description to be added to the table |
| <code>title</code> | title to be added to the table |
| <code>footnotes</code> | footnotes to be added to the table |
| <code>warnings</code> | warnings to be added to the table |
| <code>remove_spike_0</code> | whether prior distributions equal to spike at 0 should be removed from the <code>prior_list</code> |
| <code>short_name</code> | whether the prior distribution names should be shortened. Defaults to FALSE. |
| <code>formula_prefix</code> | whether the parameter prefix from formula should be printed. Defaults to TRUE. |
| <code>fit</code> | runjags model fit |
| <code>transformations</code> | named list of transformations to be applied to specific parameters |
| <code>conditional</code> | summarizes estimates conditional on being included in the model for spike and slab priors. Defaults to FALSE. |
| <code>transform_orthonormal</code> | whether factors with orthonormal prior distributions should be transformed to differences from the grand mean |
| <code>remove_inclusion</code> | whether estimates of the inclusion probabilities should be excluded from the summary table. Defaults to FALSE. |
| <code>remove_parameters</code> | parameters to be removed from the summary. Defaults to NULL, i.e., including all parameters. |

Value

`model_summary_table` returns a table with overview of the fitted model, `runjags_estimates_table` returns a table with MCMC estimates, and `runjags_estimates_empty_table` returns an empty estimates table. All of the tables are objects of class 'BayesTools_table'.

See Also

[BayesTools_ensemble_tables](#)

check_input

Check input

Description

A set of convenience functions for checking objects/arguments to a function passed by a user.

Usage

```
check_bool(x, name, check_length = 1, allow_NULL = FALSE, call = "")  
  
check_char(  
  x,  
  name,  
  check_length = 1,  
  allow_values = NULL,  
  allow_NULL = FALSE,  
  call = ""  
)  
  
check_real(  
  x,  
  name,  
  lower = -Inf,  
  upper = Inf,  
  allow_bound = TRUE,  
  check_length = 1,  
  allow_NULL = FALSE,  
  call = ""  
)  
  
check_int(  
  x,  
  name,  
  lower = -Inf,  
  upper = Inf,  
  allow_bound = TRUE,  
  check_length = 1,
```

```

allow_NULL = FALSE,
call = ""
)

check_list(
  x,
  name,
  check_length = 0,
  check_names = NULL,
  all_objects = FALSE,
  allow_other = FALSE,
  allow_NULL = FALSE,
  call = ""
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|--|
| x | object to be checked |
| name | name of the object that will be print in the error message. |
| check_length | length of the object to be checked. Defaults to 1. Set to 0 in order to not check object length. |
| allow_NULL | whether the object can be NULL. If so, no checks are executed. |
| call | string to be placed as a prefix to the error call. |
| allow_values | names of values allowed in a character vector. Defaults to NULL (do not check). |
| lower | lower bound of allowed values. Defaults to -Inf (do not check). |
| upper | upper bound of allowed values. Defaults to Inf (do not check). |
| allow_bound | whether the values at the boundary are allowed. Defaults to TRUE. |
| check_names | names of entries allowed in a list. Defaults to NULL (do not check). |
| all_objects | whether all entries in check_names must be present. Defaults to FALSE. |
| allow_other | whether additional entries then the specified in check_names might be present |

Value

returns NULL, called for the input check.

Examples

```

# check whether the object is logical
check_bool(TRUE, name = "input")

# will throw an error on any other type
## Not run:
check_bool("TRUE", name = "input")

## End(Not run)

```

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| <code>contr.orthonormal</code> | <i>Orthornomal contrast matrix</i> |
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Description

Return a matrix of orthornomal contrasts. Code is based on `stanova::contr.bayes` and corresponding to description by Rouder et al. (2012)

Usage

```
contr.orthonormal(n, contrasts = TRUE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>n</code> | a vector of levels for a factor, or the number of levels |
| <code>contrasts</code> | logical indicating whether contrasts should be computed |

Value

A matrix with `n` rows and `k` columns, with `k = n - 1` if `contrasts = TRUE` and `k = n` if `contrasts = FALSE`.

References

Rouder JN, Morey RD, Speckman PL, Province JM (2012). “Default Bayes factors for ANOVA designs.” *Journal of Mathematical Psychology*, **56**(5), 356–374. doi:[10.1016/j.jmp.2012.08.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmp.2012.08.001).

Examples

```
contr.orthonormal(c(1, 2))
contr.orthonormal(c(1, 2, 3))
```

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| <code>density.prior</code> | <i>Prior density</i> |
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Description

Computes density of a prior distribution across a range of values.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'
density(
  x,
  x_seq = NULL,
  x_range = NULL,
  x_range_quant = NULL,
  n_points = 1000,
  n_samples = 10000,
  force_samples = FALSE,
  individual = FALSE,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  truncate_end = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | a prior |
| <code>x_seq</code> | sequence of x coordinates |
| <code>x_range</code> | vector of length two with lower and upper range for the support (used if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified) |
| <code>x_range_quant</code> | quantile used for automatically obtaining <code>x_range</code> if both <code>x_range</code> and <code>x_seq</code> are unspecified. Defaults to <code>0.005</code> for all but Cauchy, Student-t, Gamma, and Inverse-gamme distributions that use <code>0.010</code> . |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |
| <code>individual</code> | should individual densities be returned (e.g., in case of weightfunction) |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: lin linear transformation in form of <code>a + b*x</code> tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation exp exponential transformation , or a list containing the transformation function <code>fun</code> , inverse transformation function <code>inv</code> , and the Jacobian of the transformation <code>jac</code> . See examples for details. |
| <code>transformation_arguments</code> | a list with named arguments for the transformation |
| <code>transformation_settings</code> | boolean indicating whether the settings the <code>x_seq</code> or <code>x_range</code> was specified on the transformed support |

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| truncate_end | whether the density should be set to zero in for the endpoints of truncated distributions |
| ... | additional arguments |

Value

`density.prior` returns an object of class 'density'.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#)

ensemble_inference

Compute posterior probabilities and inclusion Bayes factors

Description

Computes prior probabilities, posterior probabilities, and inclusion Bayes factors based either on (1) a list of models, vector of parameters, and a list of indicators the models represent the null or alternative hypothesis for each parameter, (2) on prior model odds, marginal likelihoods, and indicator whether the models represent the null or alternative hypothesis, or (3) list of models for each model.

Usage

```
compute_inference(prior_weights, marglik, is_null = NULL, conditional = FALSE)
ensemble_inference(model_list, parameters, is_null_list, conditional = FALSE)
models_inference(model_list)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|--|
| prior_weights | vector of prior model odds |
| marglik | vector of marginal likelihoods |
| is_null | logical vector of indicators specifying whether the model corresponds to the null or alternative hypothesis (or an integer vector indexing models corresponding to the null hypothesis) |
| conditional | whether prior and posterior model probabilities should be returned only for the conditional model. Defaults to FALSE |
| model_list | list of models, each of which contains marginal likelihood estimated with bridge sampling <code>marglik</code> and prior model odds <code>prior_weights</code> |
| parameters | vector of parameters names for which inference should be drawn |
| is_null_list | list with entries for each parameter carrying either logical vector of indicators specifying whether the model corresponds to the null or alternative hypothesis (or an integer vector indexing models corresponding to the null hypothesis) |

Value

`compute_inference` returns a named list of prior probabilities, posterior probabilities, and Bayes factors, `ppoint` gives the distribution function, `ensemble_inference` gives a list of named lists of inferences for each parameter, and `models_inference` returns a list of models, each expanded by the inference list.

See Also

[mix_posteriors](#) [BayesTools_ensemble_tables](#)

format_BF

Format Bayes factor

Description

Formats Bayes factor

Usage

```
format_BF(BF, logBF = FALSE, BF01 = FALSE, inclusion = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| BF | Bayes factor(s) |
| logBF | log(BF) |
| BF01 | 1/BF |
| inclusion | whether the Bayes factor is an inclusion BF (for naming purposes) |

Value

`format_BF` returns a formatted Bayes factor.

geom_prior

Add prior object to a ggplot

Description

Add prior object to a ggplot

Usage

```
geom_prior(
  x,
  xlim = NULL,
  x_seq = NULL,
  x_range_quant = NULL,
  n_points = 1000,
  n_samples = 10000,
  force_samples = FALSE,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  show_parameter = if (individual) 1 else NULL,
  individual = FALSE,
  rescale_x = FALSE,
  scale_y2 = 1,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | a prior |
| <code>xlim</code> | plotting range of the prior |
| <code>x_seq</code> | sequence of x coordinates |
| <code>x_range_quant</code> | quantile used for automatically obtaining <code>x_range</code> if both <code>x_range</code> and <code>x_seq</code> are unspecified. Defaults to <code>0.005</code> for all but Cauchy, Student-t, Gamma, and Inverse-gamma distributions that use <code>0.010</code> . |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: lin linear transformation in form of $a + b*x$ tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation exp exponential transformation , or a list containing the transformation function <code>fun</code> , inverse transformation function <code>inv</code> , and the Jacobian of the transformation <code>jac</code> . See examples for details. |
| <code>transformation_arguments</code> | a list with named arguments for the transformation |
| <code>transformation_settings</code> | boolean indicating whether the settings the <code>x_seq</code> or <code>x_range</code> was specified on the transformed support |

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| <code>show_parameter</code> | which parameter should be returned in case of multiple parameters per prior. Useful when priors for the omega parameter are plotted and <code>individual = TRUE</code> . |
| <code>individual</code> | should individual densities be returned (e.g., in case of <code>weightfunction</code>) |
| <code>rescale_x</code> | allows to rescale x-axis in case a <code>weightfunction</code> is plotted. |
| <code>scale_y2</code> | scaling factor for a secondary axis |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments |

Value

`geom_prior_list` returns an object of class 'ggplot'.

See Also

[plot.prior\(\)](#) [lines.prior\(\)](#)

`geom_prior_list` *Add list of prior objects to a plot*

Description

Add list of prior objects to a plot

Usage

```
geom_prior_list(
  prior_list,
  xlim = NULL,
  x_seq = NULL,
  x_range_quant = NULL,
  n_points = 500,
  n_samples = 10000,
  force_samples = FALSE,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  rescale_x = FALSE,
  scale_y2 = NULL,
  prior_list_mu = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <code>prior_list</code> | list of prior distributions |
| <code>xlim</code> | x plotting range |
| <code>x_seq</code> | sequence of x coordinates |
| <code>x_range_quant</code> | quantile used for automatically obtaining <code>x_range</code> if both <code>x_range</code> and <code>x_seq</code> are unspecified. Defaults to <code>0.005</code> for all but Cauchy, Student-t, Gamma, and Inverse-gamma distributions that use <code>0.010</code> . |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: lin linear transformation in form of <code>a + b*x</code> tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation exp exponential transformation , or a list containing the transformation function <code>fun</code> , inverse transformation function <code>inv</code> , and the Jacobian of the transformation <code>jac</code> . See examples for details. |
| <code>transformation_arguments</code> | a list with named arguments for the transformation |
| <code>transformation_settings</code> | boolean indicating whether the settings the <code>x_seq</code> or <code>x_range</code> was specified on the transformed support |
| <code>rescale_x</code> | allows to rescale x-axis in case a weightfunction is plotted. |
| <code>scale_y2</code> | scaling factor for a secondary axis |
| <code>prior_list_mu</code> | list of priors for the mu parameter required when plotting PET-PEESE |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments |

Value

`geom_prior_list` returns an object of class 'ggplot'.

See Also

[plot_prior_list\(\)](#) [lines_prior_list\(\)](#)

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| inclusion_BF | <i>Compute inclusion Bayes factors</i> |
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Description

Computes inclusion Bayes factors based on prior model probabilities, posterior model probabilities (or marginal likelihoods), and indicator whether the models represent the null or alternative hypothesis.

Usage

```
inclusion_BF(prior_probs, post_probs, margliks, is_null)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| <code>prior_probs</code> | vector of prior model probabilities |
| <code>post_probs</code> | vector of posterior model probabilities |
| <code>margliks</code> | vector of marginal likelihoods. |
| <code>is_null</code> | logical vector of indicators whether the model corresponds to the null or alternative hypothesis (or an integer vector indexing models corresponding to the null hypothesis) |

Details

Supplying `margliks` as the input is preferred since it is better at dealing with under/overflow (posterior probabilities are very close to either 0 or 1). In case that both the `post_probs` and `margliks` are supplied, the results are based on `margliks`.

Value

`inclusion_BF` returns a Bayes factor.

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| interpret | <i>Interpret ensemble inference and estimates</i> |
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Description

Provides textual summary for posterior distributions created by [mix_posteriors](#) and ensemble inference created by [ensemble_inference](#).

Usage

```
interpret(inference, samples, specification, method)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|---|
| inference | model inference created by ensemble_inference |
| samples | posterior samples created by mix_posteriors |
| specification | list of lists specifying the generated text. Each inner list carries: (1) inference specifying the name of in the inference entry and optionally <code>inference_name</code> as a name to use in the text and <code>inference_BF_name</code> as a symbol to be used instead of the default "BF", (2) samples specifying the name of in the samples entry and optionally <code>samples_name</code> as a name to use in the text, <code>samples_units</code> as a unit text to be appended after the estimate, and <code>samples_conditional</code> specifying whether the estimate is conditional or model-averaged. |
| method | character specifying name of the method to be appended at the beginning of each sentence. |

Value

`interpret` returns character.

See Also

[ensemble_inference](#) [mix_posteriors](#) [BayesTools_model_tables](#) [BayesTools_ensemble_tables](#)

is.prior

Reports whether x is a a prior object

Description

Reports whether x is a a prior object. Note that point priors inherit the `prior.simple` property

Usage

```
is.prior(x)

is.prior.point(x)

is.prior.none(x)

is.prior.simple(x)

is.prior.discrete(x)

is.prior.vector(x)

is.prior.PET(x)

is.prior.PEESE(x)
```

```
is.prior.weightfunction(x)

is.prior.factor(x)

is.prior.orthonormal(x)

is.prior.dummy(x)

is.prior.spike_and_slab(x)
```

Arguments

`x` an object of test

Value

returns a boolean indicating whether the test object is a prior (of specific type).

Examples

```
# create some prior distributions
p0 <- prior(distribution = "point", parameters = list(location = 0))
p1 <- prior_PET(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 0, sd = 1))

is.prior(p0)
is.prior.simple(p0)
is.prior.point(p0)
is.prior.PET(p0)

is.prior(p1)
is.prior.simple(p1)
is.prior.point(p1)
is.prior.PET(p1)
```

`JAGS_add_priors` *Add 'JAGS' prior*

Description

Adds priors to a 'JAGS' syntax.

Usage

```
JAGS_add_priors(syntax, prior_list)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>syntax</code> | JAGS model syntax |
| <code>prior_list</code> | named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names) |

Value

`JAGS_add_priors` returns a JAGS syntax.

`JAGS_bridgesampling` *Compute marginal likelihood of a 'JAGS' model*

Description

A wrapper around `bridge_sampler` that automatically computes likelihood part dependent on the prior distribution and prepares parameter samples. `log_posterior` must specify a function that takes two arguments - a named list of samples from the prior distributions and the data, and returns log likelihood of the model part.

Usage

```
JAGS_bridgesampling(
  fit,
  log_posterior,
  data = NULL,
  prior_list = NULL,
  formula_list = NULL,
  formula_data_list = NULL,
  formula_prior_list = NULL,
  add_parameters = NULL,
  add_bounds = NULL,
  maxiter = 10000,
  silent = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <code>fit</code> | model fitted with either <code>runjags</code> posterior samples obtained with rjags-package |
| <code>log_posterior</code> | function that takes a named list of samples, the data, and additional list of parameters passed as ... as input and returns the log of the unnormalized posterior density of the model part |
| <code>data</code> | list containing data to fit the model (not including data for the formulas) |
| <code>prior_list</code> | named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names) of parameters not specified within the <code>formula_list</code> |
| <code>formula_list</code> | named list of formulas to be added to the model (names correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula) |
| <code>formula_data_list</code> | named list of data frames containing data for each formula (names of the lists correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula) |

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| formula_prior_list | named list of named lists of prior distributions (names of the lists correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula and the names of the prior distribution correspond to the parameter names) of parameters specified within the formula |
| add_parameters | vector of additional parameter names that should be used in bridgesampling but were not specified in the prior_list |
| add_bounds | list with two name vectors ("lb" and "up") containing lower and upper bounds of the additional parameters that were not specified in the prior_list |
| maxiter | maximum number of iterations for the bridge_sampler |
| silent | whether the progress should be printed, defaults to TRUE |
| ... | additional argument to the bridge_sampler and log_posterior function |

Value

`JAGS_bridgesampling` returns an object of class 'bridge'.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# simulate data
set.seed(1)
data <- list(
  x = rnorm(10),
  N = 10
)
data$x

# define priors
priors_list <- list(mu = prior("normal", list(0, 1)))

# define likelihood for the data
model_syntax <-
  "model{
    for(i in 1:N){
      x[i] ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
    }
  }"

# fit the models
fit <- JAGS_fit(model_syntax, data, priors_list)

# define log posterior for bridge sampling
log_posterior <- function(parameters, data){
  sum(dnorm(data$x, parameters$mu, 1, log = TRUE))
}

# get marginal likelihoods
marglik <- JAGS_bridgesampling(fit, log_posterior, data, priors_list)

## End(Not run)
```

JAGS_bridgesampling_posterior
Prepare 'JAGS' posterior for 'bridgesampling'

Description

prepares posterior distribution for 'bridgesampling' by removing unnecessary parameters and attaching lower and upper bounds of parameters based on a list of prior distributions.

Usage

```
JAGS_bridgesampling_posterior(
  posterior,
  prior_list,
  add_parameters = NULL,
  add_bounds = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <code>posterior</code> | matrix of mcmc samples from the posterior distribution |
| <code>prior_list</code> | named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names) of parameters not specified within the <code>formula_list</code> |
| <code>add_parameters</code> | vector of additional parameter names that should be used in bridgesampling but were not specified in the <code>prior_list</code> |
| <code>add_bounds</code> | list with two name vectors ("lb" and "up") containing lower and upper bounds of the additional parameters that were not specified in the <code>prior_list</code> |

Value

`JAGS_bridgesampling_posterior` returns a matrix of posterior samples with 'lb' and 'ub' attributes carrying the lower and upper boundaries.

JAGS_check_and_list *Check and list 'JAGS' fitting settings*

Description

Checks and lists settings for the `JAGS_fit` function.

Usage

```
JAGS_check_and_list_fit_settings(
  chains,
  adapt,
  burnin,
  sample,
  thin,
  autofit,
  parallel,
  cores,
  silent,
  seed,
  check_mins = list(chains = 1, adapt = 50, burnin = 50, sample = 100, thin = 1),
  call = ""
)

JAGS_check_and_list_autofit_settings(
  autofit_control,
  skip_sample_extend = FALSE,
  call = ""
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>chains</code> | number of chains to be run, defaults to 4 |
| <code>adapt</code> | number of samples used for adapting the MCMC chains, defaults to 500 |
| <code>burnin</code> | number of burnin iterations of the MCMC chains, defaults to 1000 |
| <code>sample</code> | number of sampling iterations of the MCMC chains, defaults to 4000 |
| <code>thin</code> | thinning interval for the MCMC samples, defaults to 1 |
| <code>autofit</code> | whether the models should be refitted until convergence criteria specified in <code>autofit_control</code> . Defaults to FALSE. |
| <code>parallel</code> | whether the chains should be run in parallel FALSE |
| <code>cores</code> | number of cores used for multithreading if <code>parallel</code> = TRUE, defaults to <code>chains</code> |
| <code>silent</code> | whether the function should proceed silently, defaults to TRUE |
| <code>seed</code> | seed for random number generation |
| <code>check_mins</code> | named list of minimal values for which should some input be checked. Defaults to: chains 1 adapt 50 burnin 50 sample 100 thin 1 |
| <code>call</code> | string to be placed as a prefix to the error call. |

```

autofit_control
    a list of arguments controlling the autofit function. Possible options are:
    max_Rhat maximum R-hat error for the autofit function. Defaults to 1.05.
    min_ESS minimum effective sample size. Defaults to 500.
    max_error maximum MCMC error. Defaults to 1.01.
    max_SD_error maximum MCMC error as the proportion of standard deviation
        of the parameters. Defaults to 0.05.
    max_time list specifying the time time and units after which the automatic fit-
        ting function is stopped. The units arguments need to correspond to units
        passed to difftime function.
    sample_extend number of samples between each convergence check. Defaults
        to 1000.
skip_sample_extend
    whether sample_extend is allowed to be NULL and skipped in the check

```

Value

`JAGS_check_and_list_fit_settings` invisibly returns a list of checked fit settings. `JAGS_check_and_list_autofit_settings` invisibly returns a list of checked autofit settings. parameter names.

JAGS_check_convergence

Assess convergence of a runjags model

Description

Checks whether the supplied [runjags-package](#) model satisfied convergence criteria.

Usage

```
JAGS_check_convergence(
  fit,
  prior_list,
  max_Rhat = 1.05,
  min_ESS = 500,
  max_error = 0.01,
  max_SD_error = 0.05
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| fit | a runjags model |
| prior_list | named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names) |
| max_Rhat | maximum R-hat error for the autofit function. Defaults to 1.05. |
| min_ESS | minimum effective sample size. Defaults to 500. |
| max_error | maximum MCMC error. Defaults to 1.01. |
| max_SD_error | maximum MCMC error as the proportion of standard deviation of the parameters. Defaults to 0.05. |

Value

`JAGS_check_convergence` returns a boolean indicating whether the model converged or not, with an attribute 'errors' carrying the failed convergence checks (if any).

See Also

[JAGS_fit\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# simulate data
set.seed(1)
data <- list(
  x = rnorm(10),
  N = 10
)
data$x

# define priors
priors_list <- list(mu = prior("normal", list(0, 1)))

# define likelihood for the data
model_syntax <-
  "model{
    for(i in 1:N){
      x[i] ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
    }
  }"

# fit the models
fit <- JAGS_fit(model_syntax, data, priors_list)
JAGS_check_convergence(fit, priors_list)

## End(Not run)
```

Description

Creates density plots, trace plots, and autocorrelation plots for a given parameter of a JAGS model.

Usage

```
JAGS_diagnostics(
  fit,
  parameter,
  type,
```

```
plot_type = "base",
xlim = NULL,
ylim = NULL,
lags = 30,
n_points = 1000,
transformations = NULL,
transform_orthonormal = FALSE,
short_name = FALSE,
parameter_names = FALSE,
formula_prefix = TRUE,
...
)

JAGS_diagnostics_density(
  fit,
  parameter,
  plot_type = "base",
  xlim = NULL,
  n_points = 1000,
  transformations = NULL,
  transform_orthonormal = FALSE,
  short_name = FALSE,
  parameter_names = FALSE,
  formula_prefix = TRUE,
  ...
)

JAGS_diagnostics_trace(
  fit,
  parameter,
  plot_type = "base",
  ylim = NULL,
  transformations = NULL,
  transform_orthonormal = FALSE,
  short_name = FALSE,
  parameter_names = FALSE,
  formula_prefix = TRUE,
  ...
)

JAGS_diagnostics_autocorrelation(
  fit,
  parameter,
  plot_type = "base",
  lags = 30,
  transformations = NULL,
  transform_orthonormal = FALSE,
  short_name = FALSE,
```

```
parameter_names = FALSE,
formula_prefix = TRUE,
...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>fit</code> | a JAGS model fitted via JAGS_fit() |
| <code>parameter</code> | parameter to be plotted |
| <code>type</code> | what type of model diagnostic should be plotted. The available options are "density", "trace", and "autocorrelation" |
| <code>plot_type</code> | whether to use a base plot "base" or ggplot2 "ggplot" for plotting. |
| <code>xlim</code> | x plotting range |
| <code>ylim</code> | y plotting range |
| <code>lags</code> | number of lags to be shown for the autocorrelation plot. Defaults to 30. |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>transformations</code> | named list of transformations to be applied to specific parameters |
| <code>transform_orthonormal</code> | whether factors with orthonormal prior distributions should be transformed to differences from the grand mean |
| <code>short_name</code> | whether prior distribution names should be shorted |
| <code>parameter_names</code> | whether parameter names should be printed |
| <code>formula_prefix</code> | whether the parameter prefix from formula should be printed. Defaults to TRUE. |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments |

Value

`diagnostics` returns either `NULL` if `plot_type` = "base" or an object/list of objects (depending on the number of parameters to be plotted) of class 'ggplot2' if `plot_type` = "ggplot2".

See Also

[JAGS_fit\(\)](#) [JAGS_check_convergence\(\)](#)

JAGS_evaluate_formula *Evaluate JAGS formula using posterior samples*

Description

Evaluates a JAGS formula on a posterior distribution obtained from a fitted model.

Usage

```
JAGS_evaluate_formula(fit, formula, parameter, data, prior_list)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| fit | model fitted with either runjags posterior samples obtained with rjags-package |
| formula | formula specifying the right hand side of the assignment (the left hand side is ignored) |
| parameter | name of the parameter created with the formula |
| data | data.frame containing predictors included in the formula |
| prior_list | named list of prior distribution of parameters specified within the formula |

Value

JAGS_evaluate_formula returns a matrix of the evaluated posterior samples on the supplied data.

See Also

[JAGS_fit\(\)](#) [JAGS_formula\(\)](#)

JAGS_fit

Fits a 'JAGS' model

Description

A wrapper around [run.jags](#) that simplifies fitting 'JAGS' models with usage with pre-specified model part of the 'JAGS' syntax, data and list of prior distributions.

Usage

```
JAGS_fit(
  model_syntax,
  data = NULL,
  prior_list = NULL,
  formula_list = NULL,
  formula_data_list = NULL,
  formula_prior_list = NULL,
  chains = 4,
  adapt = 500,
  burnin = 1000,
  sample = 4000,
  thin = 1,
  autofit = FALSE,
  autofit_control = list(max_Rhat = 1.05, min_ESS = 500, max_error = 0.01, max_SD_error
    = 0.05, max_time = list(time = 60, unit = "mins"), sample_extend = 1000),
  parallel = FALSE,
  cores = chains,
  silent = TRUE,
  seed = NULL,
  add_parameters = NULL,
  required_packages = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <code>model_syntax</code> | jags syntax for the model part |
| <code>data</code> | list containing data to fit the model (not including data for the formulas) |
| <code>prior_list</code> | named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names) of parameters not specified within the <code>formula_list</code> |
| <code>formula_list</code> | named list of formulas to be added to the model (names correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula) |
| <code>formula_data_list</code> | named list of data frames containing data for each formula (names of the lists correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula) |
| <code>formula_prior_list</code> | named list of named lists of prior distributions (names of the lists correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula and the names of the prior distribution correspond to the parameter names) of parameters specified within the formula |
| <code>chains</code> | number of chains to be run, defaults to 4 |
| <code>adapt</code> | number of samples used for adapting the MCMC chains, defaults to 500 |
| <code>burnin</code> | number of burnin iterations of the MCMC chains, defaults to 1000 |
| <code>sample</code> | number of sampling iterations of the MCMC chains, defaults to 4000 |
| <code>thin</code> | thinning interval for the MCMC samples, defaults to 1 |

autofit whether the models should be refitted until convergence criteria specified in `autofit_control`. Defaults to FALSE.

autofit_control

- a list of arguments controlling the `autofit` function. Possible options are:
- max_Rhat** maximum R-hat error for the `autofit` function. Defaults to 1.05.
- min_ESS** minimum effective sample size. Defaults to 500.
- max_error** maximum MCMC error. Defaults to 1.01.
- max_SD_error** maximum MCMC error as the proportion of standard deviation of the parameters. Defaults to 0.05.
- max_time** list specifying the time `time` and `units` after which the automatic fitting function is stopped. The `units` arguments need to correspond to `units` passed to `difftime` function.
- sample_extend** number of samples between each convergence check. Defaults to 1000.

parallel whether the chains should be run in parallel FALSE

cores number of cores used for multithreading if `parallel = TRUE`, defaults to `chains`

silent whether the function should proceed silently, defaults to TRUE

seed seed for random number generation

add_parameters vector of additional parameter names that should be used monitored but were not specified in the `prior_list`

required_packages

- character vector specifying list of packages containing JAGS models required for sampling (in case that the function is run in parallel or in detached R session). Defaults to NULL.

Value

`JAGS_fit` returns an object of class 'runjags'.

See Also

[JAGS_check_convergence\(\)](#)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# simulate data
set.seed(1)
data <- list(
  x = rnorm(10),
  N = 10
)
data$x

# define priors
priors_list <- list(mu = prior("normal", list(0, 1)))
```

```
# define likelihood for the data
model_syntax <-
  "model{
    for(i in 1:N){
      x[i] ~ dnorm(mu, 1)
    }
  }"

# fit the models
fit <- JAGS_fit(model_syntax, data, priors_list)

## End(Not run)
```

JAGS_formula*Create JAGS formula syntax and data object***Description**

Creates a JAGS formula syntax, prepares data input, and returns modified prior list for further processing in the `JAGS_fit` function

Usage

```
JAGS_formula(formula, parameter, data, prior_list)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>formula</code> | formula specifying the right hand side of the assignment (the left hand side is ignored) |
| <code>parameter</code> | name of the parameter to be created with the formula |
| <code>data</code> | <code>data.frame</code> containing predictors included in the formula |
| <code>prior_list</code> | named list of prior distribution of parameters specified within the formula |

Value

`JAGS_formula` returns a list containing the formula JAGS syntax, JAGS data object, and modified `prior_list`.

See Also

[JAGS_fit\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# simulate data
set.seed(1)
df <- data.frame(
  y      = rnorm(60),
  x_cont = rnorm(60),
  x_bin  = rbinom(60, 1, .5),
  x_fac3 = factor(rep(c("A", "B", "C"), 20), levels = c("A", "B", "C")),
  x_fac4 = factor(rep(c("A", "B", "C", "D"), 15), levels = c("A", "B", "C", "D"))
)

# specify priors
prior_list <- list(
  "intercept"    = prior("normal", list(0, 1)),
  "x_cont"       = prior("normal", list(0, .5)),
  "x_fac3"       = prior_factor("normal", list(0, 1), contrast = "treatment"),
  "x_fac4"       = prior_factor("mnormal", list(0, 1), contrast = "orthonormal"),
  "x_fac3:x_fac4" = prior_factor("mnormal", list(0, .5), contrast = "orthonormal")
)

# create the formula object
formula <- JAGS_formula(
  formula = ~ x_cont + x_fac3 * x_fac4,
  parameter = "mu", data = df, prior_list = prior_list)
```

JAGS_get_inits

Create initial values for 'JAGS' model

Description

Creates initial values for priors in a 'JAGS' model.

Usage

```
JAGS_get_inits(prior_list, chains, seed)
```

Arguments

- prior_list named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names)
- chains number of chains
- seed seed for random number generation

Value

JAGS_add_priors returns a list of JAGS initial values.

JAGS_marglik_parameters*Extract parameters for 'JAGS' priors***Description**

Extracts transformed parameters from the prior part of a 'JAGS' model inside of a 'bridgesampling' function (returns them as a named list)

Usage

```
JAGS_marglik_parameters(samples, prior_list)

JAGS_marglik_parameters_formula(
  samples,
  formula_data_list,
  formula_prior_list,
  prior_list_parameters
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <code>samples</code> | samples provided by bridgesampling function |
| <code>prior_list</code> | named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names) of parameters not specified within the <code>formula_list</code> |
| <code>formula_data_list</code> | named list of data frames containing data for each formula (names of the lists correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula) |
| <code>formula_prior_list</code> | named list of named lists of prior distributions (names of the lists correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula and the names of the prior distribution correspond to the parameter names) of parameters specified within the formula |
| <code>prior_list_parameters</code> | named list of prior distributions on model parameters (not specified within the formula but that might scale the formula parameters) |

Value

`JAGS_marglik_parameters` returns a named list of (transformed) posterior samples.

JAGS_marglik_priors *Compute marginal likelihood for 'JAGS' priors*

Description

Computes marginal likelihood for the prior part of a 'JAGS' model within 'bridgesampling' function

Usage

```
JAGS_marglik_priors(samples, prior_list)  
JAGS_marglik_priors_formula(samples, formula_prior_list)
```

Arguments

samples samples provided by bridgesampling function
prior_list named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names) of parameters not specified within the **formula_list**
formula_prior_list named list of named lists of prior distributions (names of the lists correspond to the parameter name created by each of the formula and the names of the prior distribution correspond to the parameter names) of parameters specified within the **formula**

Value

JAGS_marglik_priors returns a numeric value of likelihood evaluated at the current posterior sample.

JAGS_to_monitor *Create list of monitored parameters for 'JAGS' model*

Description

Creates a vector of parameter names to be monitored in a 'JAGS' model.

Usage

```
JAGS_to_monitor(prior_list)
```

Arguments

prior_list named list of prior distribution (names correspond to the parameter names)

Value

JAGS_to_monitor returns a character vector of parameter names.

kitchen_rolls

*Kitchen Rolls data from Wagenmakers et al. (2015) replication study.***Description**

The data set contains mean NEO PI-R scores for two groups of students. Each of them filled a personality questionnaire while rotating a kitchen roll either clock or counter-clock wise. See Wagenmakers et al. (2015) for more details about the replication study and the <https://osf.io/uszvx/> for the original data.

Usage

kitchen_rolls

Format

A data.frame with 2 columns and 102 observations.

Value

a data.frame.

References

Wagenmakers E, Beek TF, Rotteveel M, Gierholz A, Matzke D, Steingrover H, Ly A, Verhagen J, Selker R, Sasiadek A, others (2015). “Turning the hands of time again: a purely confirmatory replication study and a Bayesian analysis.” *Frontiers in Psychology*, **6**, 494. doi:10.3389/fpsyg.2015.00494.

lines.prior

*Add prior object to a plot***Description**

Add prior object to a plot

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'
lines(
  x,
  xlim = NULL,
  x_seq = NULL,
  x_range_quant = NULL,
  n_points = 1000,
  n_samples = 10000,
```

```

  force_samples = FALSE,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  show_parameter = if (individual) 1 else NULL,
  individual = FALSE,
  rescale_x = FALSE,
  scale_y2 = 1,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code> | a prior |
| <code>xlim</code> | plotting range of the prior |
| <code>x_seq</code> | sequence of x coordinates |
| <code>x_range_quant</code> | quantile used for automatically obtaining <code>x_range</code> if both <code>x_range</code> and <code>x_seq</code> are unspecified. Defaults to <code>0.005</code> for all but Cauchy, Student-t, Gamma, and Inverse-gamma distributions that use <code>0.010</code> . |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: <code>lin</code> linear transformation in form of $a + b*x$ <code>tanh</code> also known as Fisher's z transformation <code>exp</code> exponential transformation , or a list containing the transformation function <code>fun</code> , inverse transformation function <code>inv</code> , and the Jacobian of the transformation <code>jac</code> . See examples for details. |
| <code>transformation_arguments</code> | a list with named arguments for the transformation |
| <code>transformation_settings</code> | boolean indicating whether the settings the <code>x_seq</code> or <code>x_range</code> was specified on the transformed support |
| <code>show_parameter</code> | which parameter should be returned in case of multiple parameters per prior. Useful when priors for the omega parameter are plotted and <code>individual = TRUE</code> . |
| <code>individual</code> | should individual densities be returned (e.g., in case of <code>weightfunction</code>) |
| <code>rescale_x</code> | allows to rescale x-axis in case a <code>weightfunction</code> is plotted. |
| <code>scale_y2</code> | scaling factor for a secondary axis |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments |

Value

`lines.prior` returns `NULL`.

See Also

[plot.prior\(\)](#) [geom_prior\(\)](#)

`lines_prior_list` *Add list of prior objects to a plot*

Description

Add list of prior objects to a plot

Usage

```
lines_prior_list(
  prior_list,
  xlim = NULL,
  x_seq = NULL,
  x_range_quant = NULL,
  n_points = 500,
  n_samples = 10000,
  force_samples = FALSE,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  rescale_x = FALSE,
  scale_y2 = NULL,
  prior_list_mu = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------------------------|--|
| <code>prior_list</code> | list of prior distributions |
| <code>xlim</code> | x plotting range |
| <code>x_seq</code> | sequence of x coordinates |
| <code>x_range_quant</code> | quantile used for automatically obtaining <code>x_range</code> if both <code>x_range</code> and <code>x_seq</code> are unspecified. Defaults to <code>0.005</code> for all but Cauchy, Student-t, Gamma, and Inverse-gamma distributions that use <code>0.010</code> . |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |

transformation transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations:
lin linear transformation in form of $a + b*x$
tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation
exp exponential transformation
, or a list containing the transformation function `fun`, inverse transformation function `inv`, and the Jacobian of the transformation `jac`. See examples for details.

transformation_arguments
a list with named arguments for the transformation

transformation_settings
boolean indicating whether the settings the `x_seq` or `x_range` was specified on the transformed support

rescale_x allows to rescale x-axis in case a weightfunction is plotted.

scale_y2 scaling factor for a secondary axis

prior_list_mu list of priors for the mu parameter required when plotting PET-PEESE

... additional arguments

Value

`lines_prior_list` returns `NULL`.

See Also

[plot_prior_list\(\)](#) [geom_prior_list\(\)](#)

`mean.prior`

Prior mean

Description

Computes mean of a prior distribution. (In case of orthonormal prior distributions for factors, the mean of the deviations from intercept is returned.)

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'
mean(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|---------|
| <code>x</code> | a prior |
| <code>...</code> | unused |

Value

a mean of an object of class 'prior'.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# create a standard normal prior distribution
p1 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 1, sd = 1))

# compute mean of the prior distribution
mean(p1)
```

mix_posteriors

Model-average posterior distributions

Description

Model-averages posterior distributions based on a list of models, vector of parameters, and a list of indicators the models represent the null or alternative hypothesis for each parameter.

Usage

```
mix_posteriors(
  model_list,
  parameters,
  is_null_list,
  conditional = FALSE,
  seed = NULL,
  n_samples = 10000
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------|--|
| <code>model_list</code> | list of models, each of which contains marginal likelihood estimated with bridge sampling <code>marglik</code> and prior model odds <code>prior_weights</code> |
| <code>parameters</code> | vector of parameters names for which inference should be drawn |
| <code>is_null_list</code> | list with entries for each parameter carrying either logical vector of indicators specifying whether the model corresponds to the null or alternative hypothesis (or an integer vector indexing models corresponding to the null hypothesis) |
| <code>conditional</code> | whether prior and posterior model probabilities should be returned only for the conditional model. Defaults to FALSE |
| <code>seed</code> | integer specifying seed for sampling posteriors for model averaging. Defaults to 1. |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples to be drawn for the model-averaged posterior distribution |

Value

`mix_posteriors` returns a named list of mixed posterior distributions (either a vector or matrix).

See Also

[ensemble_inference](#) [BayesTools_ensemble_tables](#)

parameter_names

Clean parameter names from JAGS

Description

Removes additional formatting from parameter names outputted from JAGS.

Usage

```
format_parameter_names(  
  parameters,  
  formula_parameters = NULL,  
  formula_prefix = TRUE  
)  
  
JAGS_parameter_names(parameters, formula_parameter = NULL)
```

Arguments

`parameters` a vector of parameter names
`formula_parameters` a vector of formula parameter prefix names
`formula_prefix` whether the `formula_parameters` names should be kept. Defaults to TRUE.
`formula_parameter` a formula parameter prefix name

Value

A character vector with reformatted parameter names.

Examples

```
format_parameter_names(c("mu_x_cont", "mu_x_fac3t", "mu_x_fac3t__xx__x_cont"),  
  formula_parameters = "mu")
```

plot.prior*Plots a prior object***Description**

Plots a prior object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'
plot(
  x,
  plot_type = "base",
  x_seq = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  x_range_quant = NULL,
  n_points = 1000,
  n_samples = 10000,
  force_samples = FALSE,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  show_figures = if (individual) -1 else NULL,
  individual = FALSE,
  rescale_x = FALSE,
  par_name = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | a prior |
| <code>plot_type</code> | whether to use a base plot "base" or ggplot2 "ggplot" for plotting. |
| <code>x_seq</code> | sequence of x coordinates |
| <code>xlim</code> | x plotting range |
| <code>x_range_quant</code> | quantile used for automatically obtaining <code>x_range</code> if both <code>x_range</code> and <code>x_seq</code> are unspecified. Defaults to <code>0.005</code> for all but Cauchy, Student-t, Gamma, and Inverse-gamma distributions that use <code>0.010</code> . |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: |

lin linear transformation in form of $a + b*x$
tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation
exp exponential transformation
, or a list containing the transformation function `fun`, inverse transformation function `inv`, and the Jacobian of the transformation `jac`. See examples for details.
transformation_arguments
a list with named arguments for the transformation
transformation_settings
boolean indicating whether the settings the `x_seq` or `x_range` was specified on the transformed support
show_figures
which figures should be returned in case of multiple plots are generated. Useful when priors for the `omega` parameter are plotted and `individual = TRUE`.
individual
should individual densities be returned (e.g., in case of `weightfunction`)
rescale_x
allows to rescale x-axis in case a `weightfunction` is plotted.
par_name
a type of parameter for which the prior is specified. Only relevant if the prior corresponds to a `mu` parameter that needs to be transformed.
...
additional arguments

Value

`plot.prior` returns either `NULL` or an object of class '`ggplot`' if `plot_type` is `plot_type = "ggplot"`.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#) [lines.prior\(\)](#) [geom_prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# create some prior distributions
p0 <- prior(distribution = "point", parameters = list(location = 0))
p1 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 0, sd = 1))
p2 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 0, sd = 1), truncation = list(0, Inf))

# a default plot
plot(p0)

# manipulate line thickness and color, change the parameter name
plot(p1, lwd = 2, col = "blue", par_name = bquote(mu))

# use ggplot
plot(p2, plot_type = "ggplot")

# utilize the ggplot prior geom
plot(p2, plot_type = "ggplot", xlim = c(-2, 2)) + geom_prior(p1, col = "red", lty = 2)

# apply transformation
plot(p1, transformation = "exp")
```

| | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| plot_models | <i>Plot estimates from models</i> |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|

Description

Plot estimates from models

Usage

```
plot_models(
  model_list,
  samples,
  inference,
  parameter,
  plot_type = "base",
  prior = FALSE,
  conditional = FALSE,
  order = NULL,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  par_name = NULL,
  formula_prefix = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <code>model_list</code> | list of models, each of which contains marginal likelihood estimated with bridge sampling <code>marglik</code> and prior model odds <code>prior_weights</code> |
| <code>samples</code> | samples from a posterior distribution for a parameter generated by <code>mix_posteriors</code> . |
| <code>inference</code> | object created by <code>ensemble_inference</code> function |
| <code>parameter</code> | parameter name to be plotted. Does not support PET-PEESE and weightfunction. |
| <code>plot_type</code> | whether to use a base plot "base" or ggplot2 "ggplot" for plotting. |
| <code>prior</code> | whether prior distribution should be added to the figure |
| <code>conditional</code> | whether conditional models should be displayed |
| <code>order</code> | list specifying ordering of the models. The first element describes whether the ordering should be "increasing" or "decreasing" and the second element describes whether the ordering should be based "model" order, "estimate" size, posterior "probability", or the inclusion "BF". |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: lin linear transformation in form of $a + b*x$ |

tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation
exp exponential transformation
, or a list containing the transformation function `fun`, inverse transformation function `inv`, and the Jacobian of the transformation `jac`. See examples for details.

transformation_arguments
a list with named arguments for the transformation

transformation_settings
boolean indicating whether the settings the `x_seq` or `x_range` was specified on the transformed support

par_name
a type of parameter for which the prior is specified. Only relevant if the prior corresponds to a mu parameter that needs to be transformed.

formula_prefix whether the `formula_parameters` names should be kept. Defaults to TRUE.

...
additional arguments. E.g.:

"`show_updating`" whether Bayes factors and change from prior to posterior odds should be shown on the secondary y-axis
"`show_estimates`" whether posterior estimates and 95% CI should be shown on the secondary y-axis
"`y_axis2`" whether the secondary y-axis should be shown

Details

Plots prior and posterior estimates of the same parameter across multiple models (prior distributions with orthonormal contrast) are always plotted as differences from the grand mean).

Value

`plot_models` returns either `NULL` or an object of class '`ggplot`' if `plot_type` is `plot_type = "ggplot"`.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#) [lines_prior_list\(\)](#) [geom_prior_list\(\)](#)

plot_posterior

Plot samples from the mixed posterior distributions

Description

Plot samples from the mixed posterior distributions

Usage

```
plot_posterior(
  samples,
  parameter,
  plot_type = "base",
  prior = FALSE,
  n_points = 1000,
  n_samples = 10000,
  force_samples = FALSE,
  transformation = NULL,
  transformation_arguments = NULL,
  transformation_settings = FALSE,
  rescale_x = FALSE,
  par_name = NULL,
  dots_prior = list(),
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <code>samples</code> | samples from a posterior distribution for a parameter generated by mix_posteriors . |
| <code>parameter</code> | parameter name to be plotted. Use "PETPEESE" for PET-PEESE plot with parameters "PET" and "PEESE", and "weightfunction" for plotting a weightfunction with parameters "omega". |
| <code>plot_type</code> | whether to use a base plot "base" or ggplot2 "ggplot" for plotting. |
| <code>prior</code> | whether prior distribution should be added to the figure |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: lin linear transformation in form of $a + b*x$ tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation exp exponential transformation , or a list containing the transformation function <code>fun</code> , inverse transformation function <code>inv</code> , and the Jacobian of the transformation <code>jac</code> . See examples for details. |
| <code>transformation_arguments</code> | a list with named arguments for the transformation |
| <code>transformation_settings</code> | boolean indicating whether the settings the <code>x_seq</code> or <code>x_range</code> was specified on the transformed support |
| <code>rescale_x</code> | allows to rescale x-axis in case a weightfunction is plotted. |

| | |
|------------|--|
| par_name | a type of parameter for which the prior is specified. Only relevant if the prior corresponds to a mu parameter that needs to be transformed. |
| dots_prior | additional arguments for the prior distribution plot |
| ... | additional arguments |

Value

`plot_posterior` returns either `NULL` or an object of class `'ggplot'` if `plot_type` is `plot_type = "ggplot"`.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#) [lines_prior_list\(\)](#) [geom_prior_list\(\)](#)

`plot_prior_list` *Plot a list of prior distributions*

Description

Plot a list of prior distributions

Usage

```
plot_prior_list(  
  prior_list,  
  plot_type = "base",  
  x_seq = NULL,  
  xlim = NULL,  
  x_range_quant = NULL,  
  n_points = 500,  
  n_samples = 10000,  
  force_samples = FALSE,  
  transformation = NULL,  
  transformation_arguments = NULL,  
  transformation_settings = FALSE,  
  rescale_x = FALSE,  
  par_name = NULL,  
  prior_list_mu = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|---|
| prior_list | list of prior distributions |
| plot_type | whether to use a base plot <code>"base"</code> or ggplot2 <code>"ggplot"</code> for plotting. |
| x_seq | sequence of x coordinates |

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| <code>xlim</code> | x plotting range |
| <code>x_range_quant</code> | quantile used for automatically obtaining <code>x_range</code> if both <code>x_range</code> and <code>x_seq</code> are unspecified. Defaults to 0.005 for all but Cauchy, Student-t, Gamma, and Inverse-gamma distributions that use 0.010. |
| <code>n_points</code> | number of equally spaced points in the <code>x_range</code> if <code>x_seq</code> is unspecified |
| <code>n_samples</code> | number of samples from the prior distribution if the density cannot be obtained analytically (or if samples are forced with <code>force_samples = TRUE</code>) |
| <code>force_samples</code> | should prior be sampled instead of obtaining analytic solution whenever possible |
| <code>transformation</code> | transformation to be applied to the prior distribution. Either a character specifying one of the prepared transformations: lin linear transformation in form of $a + b*x$ tanh also known as Fisher's z transformation exp exponential transformation , or a list containing the transformation function <code>fun</code> , inverse transformation function <code>inv</code> , and the Jacobian of the transformation <code>jac</code> . See examples for details. |
| <code>transformation_arguments</code> | a list with named arguments for the transformation |
| <code>transformation_settings</code> | boolean indicating whether the settings the <code>x_seq</code> or <code>x_range</code> was specified on the transformed support |
| <code>rescale_x</code> | allows to rescale x-axis in case a weightfunction is plotted. |
| <code>par_name</code> | a type of parameter for which the prior is specified. Only relevant if the prior corresponds to a mu parameter that needs to be transformed. |
| <code>prior_list_mu</code> | list of priors for the mu parameter required when plotting PET-PEESE |
| ... | additional arguments |

Value

`plot_prior_list` returns either `NULL` or an object of class 'ggplot' if `plot_type` is `plot_type = "ggplot"`.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#) [lines_prior_list\(\)](#) [geom_prior_list\(\)](#)

| | |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| point | <i>Point mass distribution</i> |
|-------|--------------------------------|

Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for point distribution.

Usage

```
dpoint(x, location, log = FALSE)  
rpoint(n, location)  
ppoint(q, location, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)  
qpoint(p, location, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------|--|
| x, q | vector or matrix of quantiles. |
| location | vector of locations. |
| log, log.p | logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p). |
| n | number of observations. |
| lower.tail | logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$, otherwise, $P[X \geq x]$. |
| p | vector of probabilities. |

Value

`dpoint` gives the density, `ppoint` gives the distribution function, `qpoint` gives the quantile function, and `rpoint` generates random deviates.

Examples

```
# draw samples from a point distribution  
rpoint(10, location = 1)
```

`print.BayesTools_table`
Print a BayesTools table

Description

Print a BayesTools table

Usage

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

Arguments

| | |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| <code>x</code> | a BayesTools_values_tables |
| ... | additional arguments. |

Value

`print.BayesTools_table` returns NULL.

`print.prior` *Prints a prior object*

Description

Prints a prior object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'
print(
  x,
  short_name = FALSE,
  parameter_names = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  digits_estimates = 2,
  silent = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|--|
| x | a prior |
| short_name | whether prior distribution names should be shorted |
| parameter_names | whether parameter names should be printed |
| plot | to return <code>bquote</code> formatted prior name for plotting. |
| digits_estimates | number of decimals to be displayed for printed parameters. |
| silent | to silently return the print message. |
| ... | additional arguments |

Value

`print.prior` invisibly returns the print statement.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# create some prior distributions
p0 <- prior(distribution = "point", parameters = list(location = 0))
p1 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 0, sd = 1))

# print them
p0
p1

# use short names
print(p1, short_name = TRUE)

# print parameter names
print(p1, parameter_names = TRUE)

# generate bquote plotting syntax
plot(0, main = print(p1, plot = TRUE))
```

`prior` *Creates a prior distribution*

Description

`prior` creates a prior distribution. The prior can be visualized by the `plot` function.

Usage

```

prior(
  distribution,
  parameters,
  truncation = list(lower = -Inf, upper = Inf),
  prior_weights = 1
)

prior_none(prior_weights = 1)

```

Arguments

- distribution** name of the prior distribution. The possible options are
 "point" for a point density characterized by a location parameter.
 "normal" for a normal distribution characterized by a mean and sd parameters.
 "lognormal" for a lognormal distribution characterized by a meanlog and sdlog parameters.
 "cauchy" for a Cauchy distribution characterized by a location and scale parameters. Internally converted into a generalized t-distribution with df = 1.
 "t" for a generalized t-distribution characterized by a location, scale, and df parameters.
 "gamma" for a gamma distribution characterized by either shape and rate, or shape and scale parameters. The later is internally converted to the shape and rate parametrization
 "invgamma" for an inverse-gamma distribution characterized by a shape and scale parameters. The JAGS part uses a 1/gamma distribution with a shape and rate parameter.
 "beta" for a beta distribution characterized by an alpha and beta parameters.
 "exp" for an exponential distribution characterized by either rate or scale parameter. The later is internally converted to rate.
 "uniform" for a uniform distribution defined on a range from a to b
- parameters** list of appropriate parameters for a given distribution.
- truncation** list with two elements, lower and upper, that define the lower and upper truncation of the distribution. Defaults to list(lower = -Inf, upper = Inf). The truncation is automatically set to the bounds of the support.
- prior_weights** prior odds associated with a given distribution. The value is passed into the model fitting function, which creates models corresponding to all combinations of prior distributions for each of the model parameters and sets the model priors odds to the product of its prior distributions.

Value

prior and **prior_none** return an object of class 'prior'. A named list containing the distribution name, parameters, and prior weights.

See Also

[plot.prior\(\)](#), [Normal](#), [Lognormal](#), [Cauchy](#), [Beta](#), [Exponential](#), [LocationScaleT](#), [InvGamma](#).

Examples

```
# create a standard normal prior distribution
p1 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 1, sd = 1))

# create a half-normal standard normal prior distribution
p2 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 1, sd = 1),
truncation = list(lower = 0, upper = Inf))

# the prior distribution can be visualized using the plot function
# (see ?plot.prior for all options)
plot(p1)
```

prior_factor

Creates a prior distribution for factors

Description

`prior_factor` creates a prior distribution for fitting models with factor predictors. (Note that results across different operating systems might vary due to differences in JAGS numerical precision.)

Usage

```
prior_factor(
  distribution,
  parameters,
  truncation = list(lower = -Inf, upper = Inf),
  prior_weights = 1,
  contrast = "orthonormal"
)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>distribution</code> | name of the prior distribution. The possible options are "point" for a point density characterized by a location parameter. "normal" for a normal distribution characterized by a mean and sd parameters. "lognormal" for a lognormal distribution characterized by a meanlog and sdlog parameters. "cauchy" for a Cauchy distribution characterized by a location and scale parameters. Internally converted into a generalized t-distribution with df = 1. "t" for a generalized t-distribution characterized by a location, scale, and df parameters. |
|---------------------------|---|

| | |
|---------------|--|
| | "gamma" for a gamma distribution characterized by either shape and rate, or shape and scale parameters. The later is internally converted to the shape and rate parametrization |
| | "invgamma" for an inverse-gamma distribution characterized by a shape and scale parameters. The JAGS part uses a 1/gamma distribution with a shape and rate parameter. |
| | "beta" for a beta distribution characterized by an alpha and beta parameters. |
| | "exp" for an exponential distribution characterized by either rate or scale parameter. The later is internally converted to rate. |
| | "uniform" for a uniform distribution defined on a range from a to b |
| parameters | list of appropriate parameters for a given distribution. |
| truncation | list with two elements, lower and upper, that define the lower and upper truncation of the distribution. Defaults to list(lower = -Inf, upper = Inf). The truncation is automatically set to the bounds of the support. |
| prior_weights | prior odds associated with a given distribution. The value is passed into the model fitting function, which creates models corresponding to all combinations of prior distributions for each of the model parameters and sets the model priors odds to the product of its prior distributions. |
| contrast | type of contrast for the prior distribution. The possible options are <ul style="list-style-type: none">"orthonormal" for contrast centered around the grand mean with equal marginal distributions, making the prior distribution exchangeable across factor levels. Only supports distribution = "mnormal" and distribution = "mt" which generates the corresponding multivariate normal/t distributions."treatment" for contrasts using the first level as a comparison group and setting equal prior distribution on differences between the individual factor levels and the comparison level. |

Value

return an object of class 'prior'.

See Also

`prior()`

Examples

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| prior_functions | <i>Elementary prior related functions</i> |
|-----------------|---|

Description

Density (pdf / lpdf), distribution function (cdf / ccdf), quantile function (quant), random generation (rng), mean, standard deviation (sd), and marginal variants of the functions (mpdf, mlpf, mcdf, mccdf, mquant) for prior distributions.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
rng(x, n, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
cdf(x, q, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
ccdf(x, q, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
lpdf(x, y, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
pdf(x, y, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
quant(x, p, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
mcdf(x, q, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
mccdf(x, q, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
mlpdf(x, y, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
mpdf(x, y, ...)  
  
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
mquant(x, p, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| x | prior distribution |
|---|--------------------|

| | |
|-----|-------------------------------|
| n | number of observations |
| ... | unused arguments |
| q | vector or matrix of quantiles |
| y | vector of observations |
| p | vector of probabilities |

Value

`pdf` (`mpdf`) and `lpdf` (`mlpdf`) give the (marginal) density and the log of (marginal) density, `cdf` (`mcdf`) and `ccdf` (`mccdf`) give the (marginal) distribution and the complement of (marginal) distribution function, `quant` (`mquant`) give the (marginal) quantile function, and `rng` generates random deviates for an object of class 'prior'.

Examples

```
# create a standard normal prior distribution
p1 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 1, sd = 1))

# generate a random sample from the prior
rng(p1, 10)

# compute cumulative density function
cdf(p1, 0)

# obtain quantile
quant(p1, .5)

# compute probability density
pdf(p1, c(0, 1, 2))
```

prior_functions_methods

Creates generics for common statistical functions

Description

Density (`pdf` / `lpdf`), distribution function (`cdf` / `ccdf`), quantile function (`quant`), random generation (`rng`), mean, standard deviation (`sd`), and marginal variants of the functions (`mpdf`, `mlpf`, `mcdf`, `mccdf`, `mquant`).

Usage

```
rng(x, ...)
cdf(x, ...)
```

```
ccdf(x, ...)
quant(x, ...)
lpdf(x, ...)
pdf(x, ...)
mcdf(x, ...)
mccdf(x, ...)
mquant(x, ...)
mlpdf(x, ...)
mpdf(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|------------------|
| x | main argument |
| ... | unused arguments |

Value

pdf (mpdf) and lpdf (mlpdf) give the (marginal) density and the log of (marginal) density, cdf (mcdf) and ccdf (mccdf) give the (marginal) distribution and the complement of (marginal) distribution function, quant (mquant) give the (marginal) quantile function, and rng generates random deviates for an object of class 'prior'.

The pdf function proceeds to PDF graphics device if x is a character.

prior_informed

Creates an informed prior distribution based on research

Description

prior_informed creates an informed prior distribution based on past research. The prior can be visualized by the plot function.

Usage

```
prior_informed(name, parameter = NULL, type = "smd")
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| name | name of the prior distribution. There are many options based on prior psychological or medical research. For psychology, the possible options are "van Erp" for an informed prior distribution for the heterogeneity parameter tau of meta-analytic effect size estimates based on standardized mean differences (van Erp et al. 2017), "Oosterwijk" for an informed prior distribution for the effect sizes expected in social psychology based on prior elicitation with dr. Oosterwijk (Gronau et al. 2017). |
| parameter | For medicine, the possible options are based on Bartoš et al. (2021) who developed empirical prior distributions for the effect size and heterogeneity parameters of the continuous standardized outcomes based on the Cochrane database of systematic reviews. Use "Cochrane" for a prior distribution based on the whole database or call print(prior_informed_medicine_names) to inspect the names of all 46 subfields and set the appropriate parameter and type. |
| type | parameter name describing what prior distribution is supposed to be produced in cases where the name corresponds to multiple prior distributions. Relevant only for the empirical medical prior distributions. |

Value

`prior_informed` returns an object of class 'prior'.

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See Also

[prior\(\)](#), `prior_informed_medicine_names`

Examples

```
# prior distribution representing expected effect sizes in social psychology
# based on prior elicitation with dr. Oosterwijk
```

```
p1 <- prior_informed("Oosterwijk")  
  
# the prior distribution can be visualized using the plot function  
# (see ?plot.prior for all options)  
plot(p1)  
  
# empirical prior distribution for the standardized mean differences from the oral health  
# medical subfield based on meta-analytic effect size estimates from the  
# Cochrane database of systematic reviews  
p2 <- prior_informed("Oral Health", parameter = "effect", type = "smd")  
print(p2)
```

prior_informed_medicine_names

Names of medical subfields from the Cochrane database of systematic reviews

Description

Contain names identifying the individual subfields from the Cochrane database of systematic reviews. The individual elements correspond to valid name arguments for the [prior_informed\(\)](#) function.

Usage

```
prior_informed_medicine_names
```

Format

An object of class character of length 47.

Value

returns a character vector with names of medical subfields from Cochrane database of systematic reviews.

See Also

[prior_informed\(\)](#)

Examples

```
print(prior_informed_medicine_names)
```

prior_PP*Creates a prior distribution for PET or PEESE models*

Description

`prior` creates a prior distribution for fitting a PET or PEESE style models in RoBMA. The prior distribution can be visualized by the `plot` function.

Usage

```
prior_PET(
  distribution,
  parameters,
  truncation = list(lower = 0, upper = Inf),
  prior_weights = 1
)

prior_PEESE(
  distribution,
  parameters,
  truncation = list(lower = 0, upper = Inf),
  prior_weights = 1
)
```

Arguments

- `distribution` name of the prior distribution. The possible options are
 "point" for a point density characterized by a `location` parameter.
 "normal" for a normal distribution characterized by a `mean` and `sd` parameters.
 "lognormal" for a lognormal distribution characterized by a `meanlog` and `sdlog` parameters.
 "cauchy" for a Cauchy distribution characterized by a `location` and `scale` parameters. Internally converted into a generalized t-distribution with `df` = 1.
 "t" for a generalized t-distribution characterized by a `location`, `scale`, and `df` parameters.
 "gamma" for a gamma distribution characterized by either `shape` and `rate`, or `shape` and `scale` parameters. The later is internally converted to the `shape` and `rate` parametrization
 "invgamma" for an inverse-gamma distribution characterized by a `shape` and `scale` parameters. The JAGS part uses a $1/\text{gamma}$ distribution with a `shape` and `rate` parameter.
 "beta" for a beta distribution characterized by an `alpha` and `beta` parameters.
 "exp" for an exponential distribution characterized by either `rate` or `scale` parameter. The later is internally converted to `rate`.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| | "uniform" for a uniform distribution defined on a range from a to b |
| parameters | list of appropriate parameters for a given distribution. |
| truncation | list with two elements, lower and upper, that define the lower and upper truncation of the distribution. Defaults to list(lower = -Inf, upper = Inf). The truncation is automatically set to the bounds of the support. |
| prior_weights | prior odds associated with a given distribution. The value is passed into the model fitting function, which creates models corresponding to all combinations of prior distributions for each of the model parameters and sets the model priors odds to the product of its prior distributions. |

Value

`prior_PET` and `prior_PEESE` return an object of class 'prior'.

See Also

[plot.prior\(\)](#), [prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# create a half-Cauchy prior distribution
# (PET and PEESE specific functions automatically set lower truncation at 0)
p1 <- prior_PET(distribution = "Cauchy", parameters = list(location = 0, scale = 1))

plot(p1)
```

`prior_spike_and_slab` *Creates a spike and slab prior distribution*

Description

`prior_spike_and_slab` creates a spike and slab prior distribution corresponding to the specification in Kuo and Mallick (1998) (see O'Hara and Sillanpää (2009) for further details). I.e., a prior distribution is multiplied by an independent indicator with values either zero or one.

Usage

```
prior_spike_and_slab(
  prior_parameter,
  prior_inclusion = prior(distribution = "spike", parameters = list(location = 0.5)),
  prior_weights = 1
)
```

Arguments

- `prior_parameter` a prior distribution for the parameter
- `prior_inclusion` a prior distribution for the inclusion probability. The inclusion probability must be bounded within 0 and 1 range. Defaults to `prior("spike", parameters = list(location = 0.5))` which corresponds to 1/2 prior probability of including the slab prior distribution (but other prior distributions, like beta etc can be also specified).
- `prior_weights` prior odds associated with a given distribution. The value is passed into the model fitting function, which creates models corresponding to all combinations of prior distributions for each of the model parameters and sets the model priors odds to the product of its prior distributions.

Value

return an object of class 'prior'.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# create a spike and slab prior distribution
p1 <- prior_spike_and_slab(
  prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 0, sd = 1)),
  prior_inclusion = prior(distribution = "beta", parameters = list(alpha = 1, beta = 1))
)
```

`prior_weightfunction` *Creates a prior distribution for a weight function*

Description

`prior_weightfunction` creates a prior distribution for fitting a RoBMA selection model. The prior can be visualized by the `plot` function.

Usage

```
prior_weightfunction(distribution, parameters, prior_weights = 1)
```

Arguments

- distribution** name of the prior distribution. The possible options are "two.sided" for a two-sided weight function characterized by a vector `steps` and vector `alpha` parameters. The `alpha` parameter determines an alpha parameter of Dirichlet distribution which cumulative sum is used for the weights `omega`.
 "one.sided" for a one-sided weight function characterized by either a vector `steps` and vector `alpha` parameter, leading to a monotonic one-sided function, or by a vector `steps`, vector `alpha1`, and vector `alpha2` parameters leading non-monotonic one-sided weight function. The `alpha / alpha1` and `alpha2` parameters determine an alpha parameter of Dirichlet distribution which cumulative sum is used for the weights `omega`.
- parameters** list of appropriate parameters for a given distribution.
- prior_weights** prior odds associated with a given distribution. The model fitting function usually creates models corresponding to all combinations of prior distributions for each of the model parameters, and sets the model priors odds to the product of its prior distributions.

Value

`prior_weightfunction` returns an object of class 'prior'.

See Also

[plot.prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
p1 <- prior_weightfunction("one-sided", parameters = list(steps = c(.05, .10), alpha = c(1, 1, 1)))

# the prior distribution can be visualized using the plot function
# (see ?plot.prior for all options)
plot(p1)
```

range.prior

Prior range

Description

Computes range of a prior distribution (if the prior distribution is unbounded range from quantiles to 1 -quantiles) is returned.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'
range(x, quantiles = NULL, ..., na.rm = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>x</code> | a prior |
| <code>quantiles</code> | quantile to be returned in case of unbounded distribution. |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments |
| <code>na.rm</code> | unused |

Value

`range.prior` returns a numeric vector of length with a plotting range of a prior distribution.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#)

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| <code>sd</code> | <i>Creates generic for sd function</i> |
|-----------------|--|

Description

Creates generic for `sd` function

Usage

`sd(x, ...)`

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| <code>x</code> | main argument |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments |

Value

`sd` returns a standard deviation of the supplied object (if it is either a numeric vector or an object of class 'prior').

See Also

[sd](#)

sd.prior*Prior sd*

Description

Computes standard deviation of a prior distribution.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
sd(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|------------------|
| x | a prior |
| ... | unused arguments |

Value

a standard deviation of an object of class 'prior'.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# create a standard normal prior distribution  
p1 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 1, sd = 1))  
  
# compute sd of the prior distribution  
sd(p1)
```

transform_orthonormal_samples

Transform orthonormal posterior samples into differences from the mean

Description

Transforms posterior samples from model-averaged posterior distributions based on orthonormal prior distributions into differences from the mean.

Usage

```
transform_orthonormal_samples(samples)
```

Arguments

`samples` (a list) of mixed posterior distributions created with `mix_posteriors` function

Value

`transform_orthonormal_samples` returns a named list of mixed posterior distributions (either a vector or matrix).

See Also

[mix_posteriors](#) [contr.orthonormal](#)

`var` *Creates generic for var function*

Description

Creates generic for var function

Usage

`var(x, ...)`

Arguments

| | |
|------------------|----------------------|
| <code>x</code> | main argument |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments |

Value

`var` returns a variance of the supplied object (if it is either a numeric vector or an object of class 'prior').

See Also

[cor](#)

| | |
|-----------|------------------|
| var.prior | <i>Prior var</i> |
|-----------|------------------|

Description

Computes variance of a prior distribution.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'prior'  
var(x, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----|------------------|
| x | a prior |
| ... | unused arguments |

Value

a variance of an object of class 'prior'.

See Also

[prior\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# create a standard normal prior distribution  
p1 <- prior(distribution = "normal", parameters = list(mean = 1, sd = 1))  
  
# compute variance of the prior distribution  
var(p1)
```

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| weightfunctions | <i>Weight functions</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------|

Description

Marginal density, marginal distribution function, marginal quantile function and random generation for weight functions.

Usage

```
mdone.sided(x, alpha = NULL, alpha1 = NULL, alpha2 = NULL, log = FALSE)

mdtwo.sided(x, alpha, log = FALSE)

mdone.sided_fixed(x, omega, log = FALSE)

mdtwo.sided_fixed(x, omega, log = FALSE)

rone.sided(n, alpha = NULL, alpha1 = NULL, alpha2 = NULL)

rtwo.sided(n, alpha)

rone.sided_fixed(n, omega)

rtwo.sided_fixed(n, omega)

mpone.sided(
  q,
  alpha = NULL,
  alpha1 = NULL,
  alpha2 = NULL,
  lower.tail = TRUE,
  log.p = FALSE
)

mptwo.sided(q, alpha, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)

mpone.sided_fixed(q, omega, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)

mptwo.sided_fixed(q, omega, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)

mqone.sided(
  p,
  alpha = NULL,
  alpha1 = NULL,
  alpha2 = NULL,
  lower.tail = TRUE,
  log.p = FALSE
)

mqtwo.sided(p, alpha, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)

mqone.sided_fixed(p, omega, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)

mqtwo.sided_fixed(p, omega, lower.tail = TRUE, log.p = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>x, q</code> | vector or matrix of quantiles. |
| <code>alpha</code> | vector or matrix with concentration parameters for the Dirichlet distribution for a monotonic one.sided or a two.sided weight function. |
| <code>alpha1</code> | vector or matrix with concentration parameters for the Dirichlet distribution for the expected direction of non-monotonic one.sided of weight function. |
| <code>alpha2</code> | vector or matrix with concentration parameters for the Dirichlet distribution for the unexpected direction of non-monotonic one.sided of weight function. |
| <code>log, log.p</code> | logical; if TRUE, probabilities p are given as log(p). |
| <code>omega</code> | vector or matrix of fixed probabilities for a one.sided or a two.sided weight function. |
| <code>n</code> | number of observations. |
| <code>lower.tail</code> | logical; if TRUE (default), probabilities are $P[X \leq x]$, otherwise, $P[X \geq x]$. |
| <code>p</code> | vector of probabilities. |

Value

`mdone.sided`, `mdtwo.sided`, `mdone.sided_fixed`, and `mdtwo.sided_fixed` give the marginal density, `mpone.sided`, `mptwo.sided`, `mpone.sided_fixed`, and `mptwo.sided_fixed` give the marginal distribution function, `mqone.sided`, `mqtwo.sided`, `mqone.sided_fixed`, and `mqtwo.sided_fixed` give the marginal quantile function, and `rone.sided`, `rtwo.sided`, `rone.sided_fixed`, and `rtwo.sided_fixed` generate random deviates.

Examples

```
# draw samples from a two-sided weight function
rtwo.sided(10, alpha = c(1, 1))

# draw samples from a monotone one-sided weight function
rone.sided(10, alpha = c(1, 1, 1))

# draw samples from a non-monotone one-sided weight function
rone.sided(10, alpha1 = c(1, 1), alpha2 = c(1, 1))
```

weightfunctions_mapping

Create coefficient mapping between multiple weightfunctions

Description

Creates coefficients mapping between multiple weightfunctions.

Usage

```
weightfunctions_mapping(prior_list, cuts_only = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------------|--|
| prior_list | list of prior distributions |
| cuts_only | whether only p-value cuts should be returned |

Value

weightfunctions_mapping returns a list of indices mapping the publication weights omega from the individual weightfunctions into a joint weightfunction.

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