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create\_counternull\_distribution

Creates a counternull distribution for a given value

#### **Description**

Resamples data to create counternull distribution. Calculate and prints P-value. Returns vector with counternull distribution data points (test statistics created from resampling). Observed test statistic is indicated in distribution using dashed black line. No effect is indicated with gray dashed line. Counternull value is indicated with red dashed line.

## Usage

```
create_counternull_distribution(
  sample_data,
  extreme,
  rand_matrix,
  permutation_counter_function,
  counternull_value,
  test_stat,
  variable,
  iterations,
  pairs
)
```

#### **Arguments**

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non exposure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (variable) should be represented by an additional column. Direction which is defined as more extreme for test statistic in distribution (0 for extreme less or 1 for greater) rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment permutation\_counter\_function Function used to create permutation vector for counternull distribution counternull\_value Number to test out as counternull value Observed test statistic. test\_stat Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column variable iterations Number of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate distribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix) Number of pairs of units there are to measure in dataset (One pair = control unit pairs + experimental unit)

#### Value

Counternull test statistics (Vector)

```
create_counternull_distribution(sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
permutation_counter_diff_means,
-3323, find_test_stat_diff_means(sample_district_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
create_counternull_distribution(sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
permutation_counter_t,
-3127, find_test_stat_t(sample_district_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
create_counternull_distribution(sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
permutation_counter_paired_t,
-3127, find_test_stat_paired_t(sample_district_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
```

```
create_null_distribution
```

Creates a null distribution

## Description

Resamples data to create null distribution. Calculates and prints observed test statistic and P-value. Returns vector with null distribution data points (test statistics created from resampling). Observed test statistic is indicated in null distribution using dashed black line.

## Usage

```
create_null_distribution(
   sample_data,
   extreme,
   rand_matrix,
   permutation_null_function,
   test_stat,
   variable,
   iterations
)
```

## **Arguments**

| sample_data | Sample data set. | Data should have columr | n indicating exposure ( | (1) or non expo- |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

extreme Direction which is defined as more extreme for test statistic in distribution (0 for

less or 1 for greater)

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

permutation\_null\_function

Function used to create permutation vector for null distribution

test\_stat Observed test statistic.

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Number of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

## Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in null distribution

```
create_null_distribution(sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
permutation_null_diff_means,find_test_stat_diff_means(sample_district_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128)
create_null_distribution(sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
permutation_null_cohens_d,find_test_stat_cohens_d(sample_district_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128)
create_null_distribution(sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
permutation_null_t,find_test_stat_t(sample_district_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128)
create_null_distribution(sample_district_1D,0,rand_matrix_1D,
permutation_null_diff_means,find_test_stat_diff_means(sample_district_1D,
sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,10000)
```

find\_counternull\_values

Finds counternull values

## Description

Finds and prints full range of counternull values, the test statistic and p-value along with null and counternull distribution if counternull values are found. Otherwise only null distribution is displayed. Observed test statistic is indicated in distribution using dashed black line. No effect is indicated with gray dashed line. Counternull value is indicated with red dashed line. Counternull values are returned if found. 0 is returned otherwise.

## Usage

```
find_counternull_values(
  obs_pval,
  sample_data,
  extreme,
  rand_matrix,
  permutation_null_function,
```

```
permutation_counter_function,
  low,
  high,
  test_stat,
  variable,
  iterations,
  pairs
)
```

#### **Arguments**

obs\_pval P-value from null distribution

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

extreme Direction which is defined as more extreme for test statistic in distribution (0 for

less or 1 for greater)

rand\_matrix Matrix with all possible randomizations of exposure assignment

permutation\_null\_function

Function used to create permutation vector for null distribution

permutation\_counter\_function

Function used to create permutation vector for counternull distribution

Lower bound of counternull value searchhighUpper bound of counternull value search

test\_stat Observed test statistic. (You can use built in functions to find various test statis-

tics in given dataset)

variable Variable measured. Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Number of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

pairs Number of pairs of units there are to measure in dataset (One pair = control unit

+ experimental unit)

#### Value

Vector of Counternull Values (Numeric 0 if none are found)

```
find_counternull_values(.375,sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
    permutation_null_diff_means,permutation_counter_diff_means,
    -8000,0, find_test_stat_diff_means(sample_district_1DS,
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post-
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
```

```
find_counternull_values(.375,sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
    permutation_null_t,permutation_counter_t,
    -8000,0, find_test_stat_t(sample_district_1DS,
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post-
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)

find_counternull_values(.375,sample_district_1DS,0,rand_matrix_1DS,
    permutation_null_paired_t,permutation_counter_paired_t,
    -8000,0, find_test_stat_paired_t(sample_district_1DS,
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre),
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post-
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
```

find\_test\_stat\_cohens\_d

Finds Cohen's D (observed test statistic) for data set

#### **Description**

Finds Cohen's D test statistic for experimental (exposed) and control (non exposed) group for measured outcome in dataset

## Usage

```
find_test_stat_cohens_d(sample_data, variable)
```

#### **Arguments**

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

#### Value

Observed Test Statistic (Numeric)

```
find_test_stat_cohens_d(sample_district_1DS,
  sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
  sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)

find_test_stat_cohens_d(sample_district_1D,
  sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
  sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)
```

```
find_test_stat_diff_means
```

Finds difference of means (observed test statistic) for data set

#### **Description**

Finds difference in the average change over time between experimental (exposed) and control (non exposed) group for measured outcome in dataset

## Usage

```
find_test_stat_diff_means(sample_data, variable)
```

## **Arguments**

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

#### Value

Observed Test Statistic (Numeric)

## **Examples**

```
find_test_stat_diff_means(sample_district_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)

find_test_stat_diff_means(sample_district_1D,
sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)
```

```
find_test_stat_paired_t
```

Finds paired t statistic (observed test statistic) for data set

#### **Description**

Finds paired t statistic between experimental (exposed) and control (non exposed) group for measured outcome in dataset

### Usage

```
find_test_stat_paired_t(sample_data, variable)
```

find\_test\_stat\_t

## Arguments

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

#### Value

Observed Test Statistic (Numeric)

## **Examples**

```
find_test_stat_paired_t(sample_district_1DS,
  sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
  sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)

find_test_stat_paired_t(sample_district_1D,
  sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
  sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)
```

find\_test\_stat\_t

Finds t statistic (observed test statistic) for data set

## Description

Finds t statistic between experimental (exposed) and control (non exposed) group for measured outcome in dataset

## Usage

```
find_test_stat_t(sample_data, variable)
```

#### **Arguments**

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

#### Value

Observed Test Statistic (Numeric)

```
find_test_stat_t(sample_district_1DS,
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
    sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)

find_test_stat_t(sample_district_1D,
    sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
    sample_district_1D$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre)
```

permutation\_counter\_cohens\_d

Creates Cohen's D permutation vector for counternull distribution

#### **Description**

Resamples data to create counternull distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in counternull distribution.

## Usage

```
permutation_counter_cohens_d(
   sample_data,
   rand_matrix,
   counternull_value,
   variable,
   iterations,
   pairs
)
```

## Arguments

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

counternull\_value

Number to test out as counternull value

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

pairs Number of pairs of units there are to measure in dataset (One pair = control unit

+ experimental unit)

#### Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in counternull distribution

```
permutation_counter_cohens_d(sample_district_1DS, rand_matrix_1DS, -3323,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
```

```
permutation_counter_diff_means
```

Creates difference of means permutation vector for counternull distribution

#### **Description**

Resamples data to create counternull distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in counternull distribution.

## Usage

```
permutation_counter_diff_means(
   sample_data,
   rand_matrix,
   counternull_value,
   variable,
   iterations,
   pairs
)
```

#### **Arguments**

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

counternull\_value

Number to test out as counternull value

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

pairs Number of pairs of units there are to measure in dataset (One pair = control unit

+ experimental unit)

#### Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in null distribution

```
permutation_counter_diff_means(sample_district_1DS, rand_matrix_1DS, -3323,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
```

```
permutation_counter_paired_t
```

Creates paired T statistic permutation vector for counternull distribution

## Description

Resamples data to create counternull distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in counternull distribution.

## Usage

```
permutation_counter_paired_t(
   sample_data,
   rand_matrix,
   counternull_value,
   variable,
   iterations,
   pairs
)
```

#### **Arguments**

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

counternull\_value

Number to test out as counternull value

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

pairs Number of pairs of units there are to measure in dataset (One pair = control unit

+ experimental unit)

#### Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in counternull distribution

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## **Examples**

```
permutation_counter_paired_t(sample_district_1DS, rand_matrix_1DS, -3323,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
```

permutation\_counter\_t Creates T statistic permutation vector for counternull distribution

## **Description**

Resamples data to create counternull distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in counternull distribution.

#### Usage

```
permutation_counter_t(
   sample_data,
   rand_matrix,
   counternull_value,
   variable,
   iterations,
   pairs
)
```

## Arguments

sample\_data Sample data set. Data should have column indicating exposure (1) or non expo-

sure (0) for each group (row) that is measured. Each measured outcome (vari-

able) should be represented by an additional column.

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

counternull\_value

Number to test out as counternull value

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

pairs Number of pairs of units there are to measure in dataset (One pair = control unit

+ experimental unit)

## Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in counternull distribution

```
permutation_counter_t(sample_district_1DS, rand_matrix_1DS, -3323,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128,7)
```

```
permutation_null_cohens_d
```

Creates Cohen's D vector for null distribution

#### **Description**

Resamples data to create null distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in null distribution.

#### Usage

```
permutation_null_cohens_d(rand_matrix, variable, iterations)
```

## **Arguments**

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

#### Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in null distribution

#### **Examples**

```
permutation_null_cohens_d(rand_matrix_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128)
```

```
permutation_null_diff_means
```

Creates difference of means permutation vector for null distribution

## **Description**

Resamples data to create null distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in null distribution.

#### Usage

```
permutation_null_diff_means(rand_matrix, variable, iterations)
```

#### **Arguments**

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

## Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in null distribution

## **Examples**

```
permutation_null_diff_means(rand_matrix_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128)
```

```
permutation_null_paired_t
```

Creates Paired T statistic vector for null distribution

## Description

Resamples data to create null distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in null distribution.

## Usage

```
permutation_null_paired_t(rand_matrix, variable, iterations)
```

## Arguments

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

#### Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in null distribution

```
permutation_null_paired_t(rand_matrix_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128)
```

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## Description

Resamples data to create null distribution. Returns vector with test statistics in null distribution.

#### Usage

```
permutation_null_t(rand_matrix, variable, iterations)
```

#### **Arguments**

rand\_matrix Matrix with unique randomizations for exposure assignment

variable Variable measured Format: sample\_data\$column

iterations Numbers of unique arrangements of exposure assignments used to generate dis-

tribution (At most the number of rows in rand\_matrix)

#### Value

Vector with all generated test statistics in null distribution

## **Examples**

```
permutation_null_t(rand_matrix_1DS,
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_post -
sample_district_1DS$charge_prosecuted_1000_rate_pre,128)
```

rand\_matrix\_1D

Randomization matrix of body camera assignments for District1D

## Description

This matrix contains 10,000 possible body camera assignments for District1D. 0 means no camera. 1 means camera.

#### Usage

```
rand_matrix_1D
```

#### **Format**

A matrix with 10000 columns (body camera assignment options):

- 0 Body Camera On
- 1 Body Camera Off

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rand\_matrix\_1DS

Randomization matrix of body camera assignments for District1DS

## **Description**

This matrix contains all possible body camera assignments for District1DS. 0 means no camera. 1 means camera.

## Usage

```
rand_matrix_1DS
```

#### **Format**

A matrix with 128 columns (body camera assignment options):

- 0 Body Camera On
- 1 Body Camera Off

sample\_district\_1D

Sample data for Police District1D revealing body camera assignment and behavioral outcomes

## **Description**

This CSV dataset is taken from a study measuring impact of body cameras on police behavioral outcomes in Washington D.C. police districts. It includes the body camera assignments for police officers (142 pairs) in District1D as well as their ID numbers and rates of different behavioral outcomes pre and post body camera assignment.

## Usage

```
sample_district_1D
```

## **Format**

A table with 225 behavioral outcomes:

z Body Camera Assignment
 block\_id ID Number
 district District
 district\_block\_id District ID
 columns 5-229 Behavioral Outcomes

#### References

doi: 10.1073/pnas.1814773116

 $sample\_district\_1DS$ 

Sample data for Police District1DS revealing body camera assignment and behavioral Outcomes

## **Description**

This CSV dataset is taken from a study measuring impact of body cameras on police behavioral outcomes in Washington D.C. police districts. It includes the body camera assignments for police officers (7 pairs) in District1DS as well as their ID numbers and rates of different behavioral outcomes pre and post body camera assignment.

## Usage

sample\_district\_1DS

#### **Format**

A table with 225 behavioral outcomes:

z Body Camera Assignment
 block\_id ID Number
 district District
 district\_block\_id District ID
 columns 5-229 Behavioral Outcomes

#### References

doi: 10.1073/pnas.1814773116

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