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design	<i>Produces an experimental design with graph of design layout and skeletal ANOVA table</i>
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Description

Produces an experimental design with graph of design layout and skeletal ANOVA table

Usage

```
design(
  type,
  treatments,
  reps,
  nrows,
  ncols,
  brows = NA,
  bcols = NA,
  byrow = TRUE,
  sub_treatments = NULL,
  fac.names = NULL,
  fac.sep = c("", " "),
  plot = TRUE,
  rotation = 0,
  size = 4,
  margin = FALSE,
```

```

    save = FALSE,
    savename = paste0(type, "_design"),
    plottype = "pdf",
    seed = TRUE,
    quiet = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

type	The type of design. Supported design types are <code>crd</code> , <code>rcbd</code> , <code>lsd</code> , <code>crossed</code> : <code><type></code> where <code><type></code> is one of the previous types and <code>split</code> . See Details for more information.
treatments	A vector containing the treatment names or labels.
reps	The number of replicates. Not required for Latin Squared Designs.
nrows	The number of rows in the design.
ncols	The number of columns in the design.
brows	For RCBD and Split Plot designs. The number of rows in a block.
bcols	For RCBD and Split Plot designs. The number of columns in a block.
byrow	For split-plot only. Logical (default TRUE). Provides a way to arrange plots within whole-plots when there are multiple possible arrangements.
sub_treatments	A vector of treatments for subplots in a split plot design.
fac.names	Allows renaming of the A level of factorial designs (i.e. those using <code>agricolae::design.ab()</code>) by passing (optionally named) vectors of new labels to be applied to the factors within a list. See examples and details for more information.
fac.sep	The separator used by <code>fac.names</code> . Used to combine factorial design levels. If a vector of 2 levels is supplied, the first separates factor levels and label, and the second separates the different factors.
plot	Logical (default TRUE). If TRUE, display a plot of the generated design. A plot can always be produced later using <code>autoplot()</code> .
rotation	Rotate the text output as Treatments within the plot. Allows for easier reading of long treatment labels. Takes positive and negative values being number of degrees of rotation from horizontal.
size	Increase or decrease the text size within the plot for treatment labels. Numeric with default value of 4.
margin	Logical (default FALSE). Expand the plot to the edges of the plotting area i.e. remove white space between plot and axes.
save	One of FALSE (default)/"none", TRUE/"both", "plot" or "workbook". Specifies which output to save.
savename	A filename for the design to be saved to. Default is the type of the design combined with "_design".
plottype	The type of file to save the plot as. Usually one of "pdf", "png", or "jpg". See <code>ggplot2::ggsave()</code> for all possible options.

seed	Logical (default TRUE). If TRUE, return the seed used to generate the design. If a numeric value, use that value as the seed for the design.
quiet	Logical (default FALSE). Hide the output.
...	Additional parameters passed to <code>ggplot2::ggsave()</code> for saving the plot.

Details

The designs currently supported by `type` are Completely Randomised designs (`crd`), Randomised Complete Block designs (`rcbd`), Latin Square Designs (`lsd`), Factorial with crossed structure (use `crossed:<type>` where `<type>` is one of the previous types e.g. `crossed:crd`) and Split Plot designs (`split`). Nested factorial designs are supported through manual setup, see Examples.

If `save = TRUE` (or `"both"`), both the plot and the workbook will be saved to the current working directory, with filename given by `savename`. If one of either `"plot"` or `"workbook"` is specified, only that output is saved. If `save = FALSE` (the default, or equivalently `"none"`), nothing will be output.

`fac.names` can be supplied to provide more intuitive names for factors and their levels in factorial and split plot designs. They can be specified in a list format, for example `fac.names = list(A_names = c("a", "b", "c"), B_names = c("x", "y", "z"))`. This will result a design output with a column named `A_names` with levels `a`, `b`, `c` and another named `B_names` with levels `x`, `y`, `z`. Labels can also be supplied as a character vector (e.g. `c("A", "B")`) which will result in only the treatment column names being renamed. Only the first two elements of the list will be used, except in the case of a 3-way factorial design.

... allows extra arguments to be passed to `ggsave` for output of the plot. The details of possible arguments can be found in `ggplot2::ggsave()`.

Value

A list containing a data frame with the complete design (`$design`), a `ggplot` object with plot layout (`$plot.des`), the seed (`$seed`, if `return.seed = TRUE`), and the `satab` object (`$satab`), allowing repeat output of the `satab` table via `cat(output$satab)`.

Examples

```
# Completely Randomised Design
des.out <- design(type = "crd", treatments = c(1, 5, 10, 20),
                 reps = 5, nrows = 4, ncols = 5, seed = 42)

# Randomised Complete Block Design
des.out <- design("rcbd", treatments = LETTERS[1:11], reps = 4,
                 nrows = 11, ncols = 4, brows = 11, bcols = 1, seed = 42)

# Latin Square Design
# Doesn't require reps argument
des.out <- design(type = "lsd", c("S1", "S2", "S3", "S4"),
                 nrows = 4, ncols = 4, seed = 42)

# Factorial Design (Crossed, Completely Randomised)
des.out <- design(type = "crossed:crd", treatments = c(3, 2),
                 reps = 3, nrows = 6, ncols = 3, seed = 42)
```

```

# Factorial Design (Crossed, Completely Randomised), renaming factors
des.out <- design(type = "crossed:crd", treatments = c(3, 2),
                 reps = 3, nrows = 6, ncols = 3, seed = 42,
                 fac.names = list(N = c(50, 100, 150),
                                   Water = c("Irrigated", "Rain-fed")))

# Factorial Design (Crossed, Randomised Complete Block Design),
# changing separation between factors
des.out <- design(type = "crossed:rcbd", treatments = c(3, 2),
                 reps = 3, nrows = 6, ncols = 3,
                 brows = 6, bcols = 1,
                 seed = 42, fac.sep = c(":", "_"))

# Factorial Design (Nested, Latin Square)
trt <- c("A1", "A2", "A3", "A4", "B1", "B2", "B3")
des.out <- design(type = "lsd", treatments = trt,
                 nrows = 7, ncols = 7, seed = 42)

# Split plot design
des.out <- design(type = "split", treatments = c("A", "B"), sub_treatments = 1:4,
                 reps = 4, nrows = 8, ncols = 4, brows = 4, bcols = 2, seed = 42)

# Alternative arrangement of the same design as above
des.out <- design(type = "split", treatments = c("A", "B"), sub_treatments = 1:4,
                 reps = 4, nrows = 8, ncols = 4, brows = 4, bcols = 2,
                 byrow = FALSE, seed = 42)

```

des_info

Produces graph of design layout, skeletal ANOVA table and data frame with complete design

Description

Produces graph of design layout, skeletal ANOVA table and data frame with complete design

Usage

```

des_info(
  design.obj,
  nrows,
  ncols,
  brows = NA,
  bcols = NA,
  byrow = TRUE,
  fac.names = NULL,
  fac.sep = c("", " "),
  plot = TRUE,

```

```

rotation = 0,
size = 4,
margin = FALSE,
save = FALSE,
savename = paste0(design.obj$parameters$design, "_design"),
plottype = "pdf",
return.seed = TRUE,
quiet = FALSE,
...
)

```

Arguments

design.obj	An agricolae design object.
nrows	The number of rows in the design.
ncols	The number of columns in the design.
brows	For RCBD only. The number of rows in a block.
bcols	For RCBD only. The number of columns in a block.
byrow	For split-plot only. Logical (default: TRUE). Provides a way to arrange plots within whole-plots when there are multiple possible arrangements.
fac.names	Allows renaming of the A level of factorial designs (i.e. those using agricolae::design.ab()) by passing (optionally named) vectors of new labels to be applied to the factors within a list. See examples and details for more information.
fac.sep	The separator used by fac.names. Used to combine factorial design levels. If a vector of 2 levels is supplied, the first separates factor levels and label, and the second separates the different factors.
plot	Logical (default TRUE). If TRUE, display a plot of the generated design. A plot can always be produced later using autoplot() .
rotation	Rotate the text output as Treatments within the plot. Allows for easier reading of long treatment labels. Takes positive and negative values being number of degrees of rotation from horizontal.
size	Increase or decrease the text size within the plot for treatment labels. Numeric with default value of 4.
margin	Logical (default FALSE). Expand the plot to the edges of the plotting area i.e. remove white space between plot and axes.
save	One of FALSE (default)/"none", TRUE/"both", "plot" or "workbook". Specifies which output to save.
savename	A filename for the design to be saved to. Default is the type of the design combined with "_design".
plottype	The type of file to save the plot as. Usually one of "pdf", "png", or "jpg". See ggplot2::ggsave() for all possible options.
return.seed	Logical (default TRUE). Output the seed used in the design?
quiet	Logical (default FALSE). Return the objects without printing output.
...	Additional parameters passed to ggplot2::ggsave() for saving the plot.

Details

If `save = TRUE` (or `"both"`), both the plot and the workbook will be saved to the current working directory, with filename given by `savename`. If one of either `"plot"` or `"workbook"` is specified, only that output is saved. If `save = FALSE` (the default, or equivalently `"none"`), nothing will be output.

`fac.names` can be supplied to provide more intuitive names for factors and their levels in factorial designs. They should be specified in a list format, for example `fac.names = list(A_names = c("a", "b", "c"), B_names = c("x", "y", "z"))`. This will result a design output with a column named `A_names` with levels `a`, `b`, `c` and another named `B_names` with levels `x`, `y`, `z`. Only the first two elements of the list will be used.

If `fac.sep` is a single element (e.g. `" "`), *this is used to separate all factor labels (e.g. `A_1_B_1`)*. If it is two elements (e.g. `c(" ", " ")`), the first element separates the factor names and their levels, and the second level separates the two factors (e.g. `A1_B1`).

... allows extra arguments to be passed to `ggsave` for output of the plot. The details of possible arguments can be found in [ggplot2::ggsave\(\)](#).

Value

A list containing a data frame with the complete design, a `ggplot` object with plot layout, the seed (if `return.seed = TRUE`), and the `satab` object, allowing repeat output of the `satab` table via `cat(output$satab)`.

Examples

```
library(agricolae)

# Completely Randomised Design
trt <- c(1, 5, 10, 20)
rep <- 5
outdesign <- design.crd(trt = trt, r = rep, seed = 42)
des.out <- des_info(design.obj = outdesign, nrows = 4, ncols = 5)

# Randomised Complete Block Design
trt <- LETTERS[1:11]
rep <- 4
outdesign <- design.rcbd(trt = trt, r = rep, seed = 42)
des.out <- des_info(
  design.obj = outdesign, nrows = 11,
  ncols = 4, brows = 11, bcols = 1
)

# Latin Square Design
trt <- c("S1", "S2", "S3", "S4")
outdesign <- design.lsd(trt)
des.out <- des_info(design.obj = outdesign, nrows = 4, ncols = 4)

# Factorial Design (Crossed, Completely Randomised)
trt <- c(3, 2) # Factorial 3 x 2
rep <- 3
outdesign <- design.ab(trt, r = rep, design = "crd")
```

```

des.out <- des_info(design.obj = outdesign, nrows = 6, ncols = 3)

# Factorial Design (Crossed, Completely Randomised), renaming factors
trt <- c(3, 2) # Factorial 3 x 2
rep <- 3
outdesign <- design.ab(trt, r = rep, design = "crd")
des.out <- des_info(design.obj = outdesign, nrows = 6, ncols = 3,
                   fac.names = list(N = c(50, 100, 150),
                                     Water = c("Irrigated", "Rain-fed")))

# Factorial Design (Nested, Latin Square)
trt <- c("A1", "A2", "A3", "A4", "B1", "B2", "B3")
outdesign <- design.lsd(trt)
des.out <- des_info(design.obj = outdesign, nrows = 7, ncols = 7)

# Split plot design
trt1 <- c("A", "B")
trt2 <- 1:4
rep <- 4
outdesign <- design.split(trt1, trt2, r = rep)
des.out <- des_info(design.obj = outdesign, nrows = 8, ncols = 4, brows = 4, bcols = 2)

```

install_asreml

Install or Update the ASReml-R package

Description

Helper functions for installing or updating the ASReml-R package, intended to reduce the difficulty of finding the correct version for your operating system and R version.

Usage

```

install_asreml(
  library = .libPaths()[1],
  quiet = FALSE,
  force = FALSE,
  keep_file = FALSE
)

update_asreml(...)

```

Arguments

library	Library location to install ASReml-R. Uses first option in <code>.libPaths()</code> by default.
quiet	Logical (default FALSE). Should package be installed quietly?
force	Logical (default FALSE). Force ASReml-R to install. Useful for upgrading if it is already installed.

keep_file Should the downloaded asreml package file be kept? Default is FALSE. TRUE downloads to current directory. A file path can also be provided to save to another directory. See Details for more information.

... other arguments passed to install_asreml()

Details

The ASReml-R package file is downloaded from a shortlink, and if keep_file is TRUE, the package archive file will be saved in the current directory. If a valid path is provided in keep_file, the file will be saved to that path, but directory is assumed to exist and will not be created. If keep_file does not specify an existing, valid path, an error will be shown.

Value

Silently returns TRUE if asreml installed successfully or already present, FALSE otherwise. Optionally prints a confirmation message on success.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example 1: download and install asreml
install_asreml()

# Example 2: install asreml and save file for later
install_asreml(keep_file = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

logl_test

Log-likelihood test for comparing terms in ASReml-R models

Description

Log-likelihood test for comparing terms in ASReml-R models

Usage

```
logl_test(
  model.obj,
  rand.terms = NULL,
  resid.terms = NULL,
  decimals = 3,
  numeric = FALSE,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

model.obj	An ASReml-R model object
rand.terms	Random terms from the model. Default is NULL.
resid.terms	Residual terms from the model. Default is NULL.
decimals	Controls rounding of decimal places in output. Default is 3 decimal places.
numeric	Return p-values as numeric? Default is that they are characters, where very small values shown as less than a small number. See <code>details</code> for more.
quiet	Logical (default: FALSE). Hide warnings and messages?

Details

Typically p-values cannot be 0, and are usually just below some threshold of accuracy in calculation of probability.

Value

A dataframe containing the results of the test.

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(asreml)
dat <- asreml::oats
dat <- dat[order(dat$Row, dat$Column),]

#Fit ASReml Model
model.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Nitrogen + Variety + Nitrogen:Variety,
  random = ~ Blocks + Blocks:Wplots,
  residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
  data = dat)
oats.logl <- logl_test(
  model.obj = model.asr, rand.terms = c("Blocks", "Blocks:Wplots"),
  resid.terms = c("ar1(Row)", "ar1(Column)")
)
oats.logl

## End(Not run)
```

multiple_comparisons *Multiple Comparison Tests*

Description

A function for comparing and ranking predicted means with Tukey's Honest Significant Difference (HSD) Test.

Usage

```

multiple_comparisons(
  model.obj,
  classify,
  sig = 0.05,
  int.type = "ci",
  trans = NA,
  offset = NA,
  power = NA,
  decimals = 2,
  descending = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  label_height = 0.1,
  rotation = 0,
  save = FALSE,
  savename = "predicted_values",
  order,
  pred.obj,
  pred,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>model.obj</code>	An ASReml-R or aov model object. Will likely also work with <code>lme</code> (<code>nlme::lme()</code>), <code>lmerMod</code> (<code>lme4::lmer()</code>) models as well.
<code>classify</code>	Name of predictor variable as string.
<code>sig</code>	The significance level, numeric between 0 and 1. Default is 0.05.
<code>int.type</code>	The type of confidence interval to calculate. One of <code>ci</code> , <code>1se</code> or <code>2se</code> . Default is <code>ci</code> .
<code>trans</code>	Transformation that was applied to the response variable. One of <code>log</code> , <code>sqrt</code> , <code>logit</code> , <code>power</code> or <code>inverse</code> . Default is <code>NA</code> .
<code>offset</code>	Numeric offset applied to response variable prior to transformation. Default is <code>NA</code> . Use 0 if no offset was applied to the transformed data. See Details for more information.
<code>power</code>	Numeric power applied to response variable with power transformation. Default is <code>NA</code> . See Details for more information.
<code>decimals</code>	Controls rounding of decimal places in output. Default is 2 decimal places.
<code>descending</code>	Logical (default <code>FALSE</code>). Order of the output sorted by the predicted value. If <code>TRUE</code> , largest will be first, through to smallest last.
<code>plot</code>	Automatically produce a plot of the output of the multiple comparison test? Default is <code>FALSE</code> . This is maintained for backwards compatibility, but the preferred method now is to use <code>autoplot(<multiple_comparisons output>)</code> . See <code>autoplot.mct()</code> for more details.

label_height	Height of the text labels above the upper error bar on the plot. Default is 0.1 (10%) of the difference between upper and lower error bars above the top error bar.
rotation	Rotate the text output as Treatments within the plot. Allows for easier reading of long treatment labels. Number between 0 and 360 (inclusive) - default 0
save	Logical (default FALSE). Save the predicted values to a csv file?
savename	A file name for the predicted values to be saved to. Default is predicted_values.
order	Deprecated. Use descending instead.
pred.obj	Deprecated. Predicted values are calculated within the function from version 1.0.1 onwards.
pred	Deprecated. Use classify instead.
...	Other arguments passed through to predict.asreml().

Details

Some transformations require that data has a small offset applied, otherwise it will cause errors (for example taking a log of 0, or square root of negative values). In order to correctly reverse this offset, if the `trans` argument is supplied, an offset value must also be supplied. If there was no offset required for a transformation, then use a value of 0 for the `offset` argument.

Value

A list containing a data frame with predicted means, standard errors, confidence interval upper and lower bounds, and significant group allocations (named `predicted_values`), as well as a plot visually displaying the predicted values (named `predicted_plot`). If some of the predicted values are aliased, a warning is printed, and the aliased treatment levels are returned in the output (named `aliased`).

References

Jørgensen, E. & Pedersen, A. R. (1997). How to Obtain Those Nasty Standard Errors From Transformed Data - and Why They Should Not Be Used. <https://pure.au.dk/portal/en/publications/how-to-obtain-those-nasty-standard-errors-from-transformed-data--and-why-they-should-not-be-used.html>

Examples

```
# Fit aov model
model <- aov(Petal.Length ~ Species, data = iris)

# Display the ANOVA table for the model
anova(model)

# Determine ranking and groups according to Tukey's Test
pred.out <- multiple_comparisons(model, classify = "Species")

# Display the predicted values table
pred.out
```

```
# Show the predicted values plot
autoplot(pred.out, label_height = 0.5)

## Not run:
# ASReml-R Example
library(asreml)

#Fit ASReml Model
model.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Nitrogen + Variety + Nitrogen:Variety,
                   random = ~ Blocks + Blocks:Wplots,
                   residual = ~ units,
                   data = asreml::oats)

wald(model.asr) #Nitrogen main effect significant

#Determine ranking and groups according to Tukey's Test
pred.out <- multiple_comparisons(model.obj = model.asr, classify = "Nitrogen",
                                descending = TRUE, decimals = 5)

pred.out

# Example using a box-cox transformation
set.seed(42) # See the seed for reproducibility
resp <- rnorm(n = 50, 5, 1)^3
trt <- as.factor(sample(rep(LETTERS[1:10], 5), 50))
block <- as.factor(rep(1:5, each = 10))
ex_data <- data.frame(resp, trt, block)

# Change one treatment random values to get significant difference
ex_data$resp[ex_data$trt=="A"] <- rnorm(n = 5, 7, 1)^3

model.asr <- asreml(resp ~ trt,
                   random = ~ block,
                   residual = ~ units,
                   data = ex_data)

resplot(model.asr)

# Perform Box-Cox transformation and get maximum value
out <- MASS::boxcox(ex_data$resp~ex_data$trt)
out$x[which.max(out$y)] # 0.3838

# Fit cube root to the data
model.asr <- asreml(resp^(1/3) ~ trt,
                   random = ~ block,
                   residual = ~ units,
                   data = ex_data)
resplot(model.asr) # residual plots look much better

#Determine ranking and groups according to Tukey's Test
```

```
pred.out <- multiple_comparisons(model.obj = model.asr,
                                classify = "trt",
                                trans = "power", power = (1/3))

pred.out
autoplot(pred.out)

## End(Not run)
```

print.mct

Print method for multiple_comparisons

Description

Print method for multiple_comparisons

Usage

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

Arguments

x An mct object to print to the console.
... Arguments passed to methods.

Value

The original object invisibly.

See Also

[multiple_comparisons\(\)](#)

Examples

```
dat.aov <- aov(Petal.Width ~ Species, data = iris)
output <- multiple_comparisons(dat.aov, classify = "Species")
print(output)
```

resplot *Residual plots of linear models.*

Description

Produces plots of residuals for assumption checking of linear (mixed) models.

Usage

```
resplot(  
  model.obj,  
  shapiro = TRUE,  
  call = FALSE,  
  label.size = 10,  
  axes.size = 10,  
  call.size = 9,  
  mod.obj  
)
```

Arguments

model.obj	An aov, lm, lme (<code>nlme::lme()</code>), lmerMod (<code>lme4::lmer()</code>), asreml or mmer (sommer) model object.
shapiro	(Logical) Display the Shapiro-Wilks test of normality on the plot?
call	(Logical) Display the model call on the plot?
label.size	A numeric value for the size of the label (A,B,C) font point size.
axes.size	A numeric value for the size of the axes label font size in points.
call.size	A numeric value for the size of the model displayed on the plot.
mod.obj	Deprecated to be consistent with other functions. Please use model.obj instead.

Value

A list containing ggplot2 objects which are diagnostic plots.

Examples

```
dat.aov <- aov(Petal.Length ~ Petal.Width, data = iris)  
resplot(dat.aov)  
resplot(dat.aov, call = TRUE)
```

 variogram

Variogram plots for spatial models.

Description

Produces variogram plots for checking spatial trends.

Usage

```
variogram(
  model.obj,
  row = NA,
  column = NA,
  horizontal = TRUE,
  palette = "default"
)
```

Arguments

model.obj	An asreml model object.
row	A row variable.
column	A column variable.
horizontal	Logical (default TRUE). The direction the plots are arranged. The default TRUE places the plots above and below, while FALSE will place them side by side.
palette	A string specifying the colour scheme to use for plotting. The default value ("default") is equivalent to "rainbow". Colour blind friendly palettes can also be provided via options "colo(u)r blind" (both equivalent to "viridis"), "magma", "inferno", "plasma", "cividis", "rocket", "mako" or "turbo". The "Spectral" palette from <code>scales::brewer_pal()</code> is also possible.

Value

A ggplot2 object.

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Examples

```
## Not run:
library(asreml)
oats <- asreml::oats
oats <- oats[order(oats$Row, oats$Column),]
model.asr <- asreml(yield ~ Nitrogen + Variety + Nitrogen:Variety,
                    random = ~ Blocks + Blocks:Wplots,
                    residual = ~ ar1(Row):ar1(Column),
                    data = oats)
variogram(model.asr)

## End(Not run)
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