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### **Description**

Object-oriented implementation of CRM designs

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approximate

Approximate posterior with (log) normal distribution

### Description

It is recommended to use set. seed before, in order to be able to reproduce the resulting approximating model exactly.

# Usage

```
approximate(object, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Samples'
approximate(object, model, data, points = seq(from =
    min(data@doseGrid), to = max(data@doseGrid), length = 5L),
    refDose = median(points), logNormal = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, ...)
```

# Arguments

points

object the Samples object
model the Model object
data the Data object

optional parameter, which gives the dose values at which the approximation should rely on (default: 5 values equally spaced from minimum to maximum of

the dose grid)

refDose the reference dose to be used (default: median of points)

logNormal use the log-normal prior? (not default) otherwise, the normal prior for the logis-

tic regression coefficients is used

verbose be verbose (progress statements and plot)? (default)

... additional arguments (see methods)

#### Value

the approximation model

### Methods (by class)

• Samples: Here the ... argument can transport additional arguments for Quantiles2LogisticNormal, e.g. in order to control the approximation quality, etc.

```
as.list,GeneralData-method
```

as.list method for the "GeneralData" class

# Description

as.list method for the "GeneralData" class

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GeneralData' as.list(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x the GeneralData object we want to convert

... unused

#### Value

a list of all slots in x

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| biomLevel | Compute the biomarker level for a given dose, given model and samples |
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### Description

Compute the biomarker level for a given dose, given model and samples

### Usage

### **Arguments**

dose the dose

model the DualEndpoint object

samples the Samples object

xLevel the grid index of dose

... unused

### Methods (by class)

• dose = numeric, model = DualEndpoint, samples = Samples: Here it is very easy, we just return the corresponding column (index xLevel) of the biomarker samples matrix, since we save that in the samples

CohortSize-class The virtual class for cohort sizes

# Description

The virtual class for cohort sizes

### See Also

 ${\tt CohortSizeMax, CohortSizeMin, CohortSizeRange, CohortSizeDLT, CohortSizeConst, CohortSizeParts}$ 

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CohortSizeConst

Initialization function for "CohortSizeConst"

# Description

Initialization function for "CohortSizeConst"

### Usage

CohortSizeConst(size)

### **Arguments**

size

see CohortSizeConst

#### Value

the CohortSizeConst object

CohortSizeConst-class Constant cohort size

### Description

This class is used when the cohort size should be kept constant.

### **Slots**

size the constant integer size

CohortSizeDLT

Initialization function for "CohortSizeDLT"

# Description

Initialization function for "CohortSizeDLT"

### Usage

CohortSizeDLT(DLTintervals, cohortSize)

### Arguments

DLTintervals see CohortSizeDLT cohortSize see CohortSizeDLT

# Value

 $the \ {\tt CohortSizeDLT} \ object$ 

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CohortSizeDLT-class

Cohort size based on number of DLTs

### **Description**

Cohort size based on number of DLTs

#### **Slots**

DLTintervals an integer vector with the left bounds of the relevant DLT intervals cohortSize an integer vector of the same length with the cohort sizes in the DLTintervals

CohortSizeMax

Initialization function for "CohortSizeMax"

### Description

Initialization function for "CohortSizeMax"

### Usage

CohortSizeMax(cohortSizeList)

#### **Arguments**

cohortSizeList see CohortSizeMax

#### Value

the CohortSizeMax object

CohortSizeMax-class

Size based on maximum of multiple cohort size rules

### **Description**

This class can be used to combine multiple cohort size rules with the MAX operation.

#### **Details**

cohortSizeList contains all cohort size rules, which are again objects of class CohortSize. The maximum of these individual cohort sizes is taken to give the final cohort size.

### **Slots**

cohortSizeList list of cohort size rules

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CohortSizeMin

Initialization function for "CohortSizeMin"

### **Description**

Initialization function for "CohortSizeMin"

#### Usage

CohortSizeMin(cohortSizeList)

### **Arguments**

cohortSizeList see CohortSizeMin

#### Value

the CohortSizeMin object

CohortSizeMin-class

Size based on minimum of multiple cohort size rules

### **Description**

This class can be used to combine multiple cohort size rules with the MIN operation.

### **Details**

cohortSizeList contains all cohort size rules, which are again objects of class CohortSize. The minimum of these individual cohort sizes is taken to give the final cohort size.

### **Slots**

cohortSizeList list of cohort size rules

CohortSizeParts

Initialization function for "CohortSizeParts"

# Description

Initialization function for "CohortSizeParts"

#### Usage

CohortSizeParts(sizes)

#### **Arguments**

sizes

see CohortSizeParts

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#### Value

the CohortSizeParts object

CohortSizeParts-class Cohort size based on the parts

### Description

This class is used when the cohort size should change for the second part of the dose escalation. Only works in conjunction with DataParts objects.

### **Slots**

sizes the two sizes for part 1 and part 2

CohortSizeRange

Initialization function for "CohortSizeRange"

### **Description**

Initialization function for "CohortSizeRange"

### Usage

CohortSizeRange(intervals, cohortSize)

### Arguments

intervals see CohortSizeRange
cohortSize see CohortSizeRange

#### Value

the CohortSizeRange object

CohortSizeRange-class Cohort size based on dose range

# Description

Cohort size based on dose range

#### **Slots**

intervals a vector with the left bounds of the relevant dose intervals cohortSize an integer vector of the same length with the cohort sizes in the intervals

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crmPackExample

Open the example pdf for crmPack

### Description

Calling this helper function should open the example.pdf document, residing in the doc subfolder of the package installation directory.

# Usage

```
crmPackExample()
```

### Value

nothing

### Author(s)

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crmPackHelp

Open the browser with help pages for crmPack

# Description

This convenience function opens your browser with the help pages for crmPack.

# Usage

```
crmPackHelp()
```

### Value

nothing

## Author(s)

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### Description

Executing this function upgrades your crmPack installation with the newest version available on the server. You will need connection to the Roche network (i.e. RANGE connection when you are working off-site) in order to successfully run it.

#### Usage

```
crmPackUpgrade(lib = NULL, devel = FALSE, force = FALSE,
  repos = structure(c(CRAN = "http://stat.ethz.ch/CRAN/")))
```

### **Arguments**

| lib   | library where to install the new version (and other required packages) into. Default: same location as the last crmPack version.  |
|-------|---|
| devel | Should the development version from Stash be installed? (default FALSE) Otherwise and by default the latest version on the internal package repository GRAN is installed. |
| force | Should the installation be forced, i.e., even if you have already the latest version, should the package be re-installed?   |
| repos | which repository to use for installing required packages (default: ETHZ in Switzerland)   |

#### **Details**

After installation, the new features in this version will be shown by printing the relevant parts of the NEWS file.

### Value

nothing

#### Author(s)

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| Data Initialization function for the "Data" class |
|---|
|---|

### **Description**

This is the function for initializing a "Data" class object.

### Usage

```
Data(x = numeric(), y = integer(), ID = integer(), cohort = integer(),
  doseGrid = numeric(), ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x the doses for the patients

y the vector of toxicity events (0 or 1 integers). You can also normal numeric

vectors, but these will then be converted to integers.

ID unique patient IDs (integer vector)

cohort the cohort indices (sorted values from 0, 1, 2, ...)

doseGrid the vector of all possible doses

... not used

#### **Details**

Note that ID and cohort can be missing, then a warning will be issued and the variables will be filled with default IDs and best guesses, respectively.

#### Value

the initialized Data object

Data-class

Class for the data input

### **Description**

This class inherits from GeneralData.

#### **Slots**

x the doses for the patients
y the vector of toxicity events (0 or 1 integers)
doseGrid the vector of all possible doses (sorted), i.e. the dose grid
nGrid number of gridpoints
xLevel the levels for the doses the patients have been given

DataDual

 $Initialization\ function\ for\ the\ "DataDual"\ class$ 

### **Description**

This is the function for initializing a "DataDual" class object.

### Usage

```
DataDual(w = numeric(), ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

w the continuous vector of biomarker values

... additional parameters from Data

#### Value

the initialized DataDual object

DataDual-class

Class for the dual endpoint data input

# Description

This is a subclass of Data, so contains all slots from Data, and in addition biomarker values.

#### **Slots**

w the continuous vector of biomarker values

DataParts

Initialization function for the "DataParts" class

### Description

This is the function for initializing a DataParts object.

# Usage

```
DataParts(part = integer(), nextPart = 1L, part1Ladder = numeric(), ...)
```

### Arguments

```
part which part does each of the patients belong to?

nextPart what is the part for the next cohort? (1 or 2)

part1Ladder what is the escalation ladder for part 1?

additional parameters from Data
```

### Value

the initialized DataParts object

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DataParts-class

Class for the data with two study parts

### **Description**

This is a subclass of Data, so contains all slots from Data, and in addition information on the two study parts.

#### **Slots**

```
part integer vector; which part does each of the patients belong to?
nextPart integer; what is the part for the next cohort?
part1Ladder sorted numeric vector; what is the escalation ladder for part 1? This shall be a subset of the doseGrid.
```

Design

Initialization function for "Design"

### **Description**

Initialization function for "Design"

#### Usage

```
Design(model, stopping, increments, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
model see Design
stopping see Design
increments see Design
```

... additional arguments for RuleDesign

#### Value

the Design object

Design-class

Class for the CRM design

#### **Description**

In addition to the slots in the more simple RuleDesign, objects of this class contain:

### **Slots**

```
model the model to be used, an object of class Model stopping stopping rule(s) for the trial, an object of class Stopping increments how to control increments between dose levels, an object of class Increments
```

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dose

Compute the doses for a given probability, given model and samples

### Description

Compute the doses for a given probability, given model and samples

### Usage

```
dose(prob, model, samples, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'numeric, Model, Samples'
dose(prob, model, samples, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
prob the probability model the Model samples the Samples ... unused
```

### Methods (by class)

```
• prob = numeric, model = Model, samples = Samples:
```

DualDesign

Initialization function for "DualDesign"

# Description

Initialization function for "DualDesign"

## Usage

```
DualDesign(model, data, ...)
```

### Arguments

```
model see DualDesign data see DualDesign
```

... additional arguments for Design

#### Value

the DualDesign object

DualEndpoint DualEndpoint

| DualDesign-class  | Class for the dual-endpoint CR  | M design |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
| DualDC31gii C1a33 | Class for the anal chapothi CRI | n acsign |

### Description

This class has special requirements for the model and data slots in comparison to the parent class Design:

#### **Slots**

```
model the model to be used, an object of class DualEndpoint
```

data what is the dose grid, any previous data, etc., contained in an object of class DataDual

Note that the NextBest slot can be of any class, this allows for easy comparison with recommendation methods that don't use the biomarker information.

| DualEndpoint | Initialization function for the "DualEndpoint" class |
|--------------|--|
|              |  |

### Description

Initialization function for the "DualEndpoint" class

### Usage

```
DualEndpoint(mu, Sigma, sigma2W, rho)
```

### **Arguments**

| mu      | see DualEndpoint |
|---------|------------------|
| Sigma   | see DualEndpoint |
| sigma2W | see DualEndpoint |
| rho     | see DualEndpoint |

# Value

```
the DualEndpoint object
```

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DualEndpoint-class

General class for the dual endpoint model

#### **Description**

The idea of the dual-endpoint models is to model not only the dose-toxicity relationship, but also to model at the same time the relationship of a PD biomarker with the dose. The subclasses of this class detail how the dose-biomarker relationship is parametrized and are those to be used. This class here shall contain all the common features to reduce duplicate code. (However, this class must not be virtual, because we need to create objects of it during the construction of subclass objects.)

#### **Details**

Currently a probit regression model

$$\Phi^{-1}[p(x)] = \beta_{Z1} + \beta_{Z2} \cdot x$$

is used, where p(x) is the probability of observing a DLT for a given dose x, and  $\Phi$  is the standard normal cdf. This could later be generalized to have a reference dose or a log transformation for the dose. The prior is

$$\beta Z \sim Normal(\mu, \Sigma)$$

.

For the biomarker response w at a dose x, we assume

$$w(x) \sim Normal(f(x), \sigma_W^2)$$

and f(x) is a function of the dose x, which is further specified in the subclasses. The biomarker variance  $\sigma_W^2$  can be fixed or assigned an inverse gamma prior distribution; see the details below under slot sigma2W.

Finally, the two endpoints y (the binary DLT variable) and w (the binarker) can be correlated, by assuming a correlation  $\rho$  between the underlying continuous latent toxicity variable z and the binarker w. Again, this correlation can be fixed or assigned a prior distribution from the scaled beta family; see the details below under slot rho.

Please see the Hive page for more details on the model and the example vignette by typing crmPackExample() for a full example.

### **Slots**

mu For the probit toxicity model, mu contains the prior mean vector

Sigma For the probit toxicity model, contains the prior covariance matrix

sigma2W Either a fixed value for the biomarker variance, or a vector with elements a and b for the inverse-gamma prior parameters.

rho Either a fixed value for the correlation (between -1 and 1), or a vector with elements a and b for the Beta prior on the transformation kappa = (rho + 1) / 2, which is in (0, 1). For example, a=1,b=1 leads to a uniform prior on rho.

useFixed a list with logical value for each of the parameters indicating whether a fixed value is used or not; this slot is needed for internal purposes and not to be touched by the user.

#### See Also

Current subclasses: DualEndpointRW, DualEndpointBeta

DualEndpointBeta

Initialization function for the "DualEndpointBeta" class

#### **Description**

Initialization function for the "DualEndpointBeta" class

### Usage

```
DualEndpointBeta(E0, Emax, delta1, mode, refDose, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

E0 see DualEndpointBeta
Emax see DualEndpointBeta
delta1 see DualEndpointBeta
mode see DualEndpointBeta
refDose see DualEndpointBeta

... additional parameters, see DualEndpoint

#### Value

the DualEndpointBeta object

DualEndpointBeta-class

Dual endpoint model with beta function for dose-biomarker relationship

### **Description**

This class extends the DualEndpoint class. Here the dose-biomarker relationship f(x) is modelled by a parametric, rescaled beta density function:

#### **Details**

$$f(x) = E_0 + (E_{max} - E_0) * Beta(\delta_1, \delta_2) * (x/x^*)^{\delta_1} * (1 - x/x^*)^{\delta_2}$$

where  $x^*$  is the maximum dose (end of the dose range to be considered),  $\delta_1$  and  $\delta_2$  are the two beta parameters, and  $E_0$  and  $E_{max}$  are the minimum and maximum levels, respectively. For ease of interpretation, we parametrize with  $\delta_1$  and the mode of the curve instead, where

$$mode = \delta_1/(\delta_1 + \delta_2),$$

and multiplying this with  $x^*$  gives the mode on the dose grid.

All parameters can currently be assigned uniform distributions or be fixed in advance.

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#### **Slots**

DualEndpointEmax

Initialization function for the "DualEndpointEmax" class

#### **Description**

Initialization function for the "DualEndpointEmax" class

### Usage

```
DualEndpointEmax(E0, Emax, ED50, refDose, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

E0 see DualEndpointEmax
Emax see DualEndpointEmax
ED50 see DualEndpointEmax
refDose see DualEndpointEmax

... additional parameters, see DualEndpoint

#### Value

the DualEndpointEmax object

DualEndpointEmax-class

Dual endpoint model with emax function for dose-biomarker relationship

### **Description**

This class extends the DualEndpoint class. Here the dose-biomarker relationship f(x) is modelled by a parametric EMAX function:

#### **Details**

$$f(x) = E_0 + \frac{(E_{max} - E_0) * (x/x^*)}{ED_{50} + (x/x^*)}$$

where  $x^*$  is a reference dose,  $E_0$  and  $E_{max}$  are the minimum and maximum levels for the biomarker and  $ED_{50}$  is the dose achieving half of the maximum effect  $0.5*E_{max}$ .

All parameters can currently be assigned uniform distributions or be fixed in advance.

#### **Slots**

E0 either a fixed number or the two uniform distribution parameters Emax either a fixed number or the two uniform distribution parameters ED50 either a fixed number or the two uniform distribution parameters refDose the reference dose  $x^{*}$ 

DualEndpointRW

Initialization function for the "DualEndpointRW" class

#### **Description**

Initialization function for the "DualEndpointRW" class

#### Usage

```
DualEndpointRW(sigma2betaW, smooth = c("RW1", "RW2"), ...)
```

#### Arguments

sigma2betaW see DualEndpointRW

smooth either "RW1" (default) or "RW2", for specifying the random walk prior on the

biomarker level.

... additional parameters, see DualEndpoint

#### Value

the DualEndpointRW object

DualEndpointRW-class Dual endpoint model with RW prior for biomarker

#### **Description**

This class extends the DualEndpoint class. Here the dose-biomarker relationship f(x) is modelled by a non-parametric random-walk of first (RW1) or second order (RW2) (todo: warning: at the moment only the first order random walk produces useful results).

### Details

That means, for the RW1 we assume

$$\beta_{W,i} - \beta_{W,i-1} \sim Normal(0, \sigma_{\beta_W}^2),$$

where  $\beta_{W,i} = f(x_i)$  is the biomarker mean at the i-th dose gridpoint  $x_i$ . For the RW2, the second-order differences instead of the first-order differences of the biomarker means follow the normal distribution.

The variance parameter  $\sigma_{\beta_W}^2$  is important because it steers the smoothness of the function f(x): if it is large, then f(x) will be very wiggly; if it is small, then f(x) will be smooth. This parameter can either be fixed or assigned an inverse gamma prior distribution.

Usually this modelling will only make sense if a regular dose grid is used, with equidistant grid points ensuring that the distance  $x_i - x_{i-1}$  is the same for all grid positions i.

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#### **Slots**

sigma2betaW Contains the prior variance factor of the random walk prior for the biomarker model. If it is not a single number, it can also contain a vector with elements a and b for the inverse-gamma prior on sigma2betaW.

useRW1 for specifying the random walk prior on the biomarker level: if TRUE, RW1 is used, otherwise RW2.

DualSimulations

Initialization function for "DualSimulations"

#### **Description**

Initialization function for "DualSimulations"

### Usage

```
DualSimulations(rhoEst, sigma2West, fitBiomarker, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
rhoEst see DualSimulations
sigma2West see DualSimulations
fitBiomarker see DualSimulations
```

... additional parameters from Simulations

#### Value

the DualSimulations object

DualSimulations-class Class for the simulations output from dual-endpoint model based designs

### **Description**

This class captures the trial simulations from dual-endpoint model based designs. In comparison to the parent class Simulations, it contains additional slots to capture the dose-biomarker fits, and the sigma2W and rho estimates.

### **Slots**

```
rhoEst the vector of final posterior median rho estimates
sigma2West the vector of final posterior median sigma2W estimates
fitBiomarker list with the final dose-biomarker curve fits
```

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DualSimulationsSummary-class

Class for the summary of dual-endpoint simulations output

#### **Description**

In addition to the slots in the parent class SimulationsSummary, it contains two slots for the biomarker model fit information.

#### **Details**

Note that objects should not be created by users, therefore no initialization function is provided for this class.

#### **Slots**

biomarkerFitAtDoseMostSelected fitted biomarker level at dose most often selected meanBiomarkerFit list with the average, lower (2.5 quantiles of the mean fitted biomarker level at each dose level

examine

Obtain hypothetical trial course table for a design

#### **Description**

This generic function takes a design and generates a dataframe showing the beginning of several hypothetical trial courses under the design. This means, from the generated dataframe one can read off: - how many cohorts are required in the optimal case (no DLTs observed) in order to reach the highest dose of the specified dose grid - assuming no DLTs are observed until a certain dose level, what the next recommended dose is for all possible number of DLTs observed - the actual relative increments that will be used in these cases - whether the trial would stop at a certain cohort Examining the "single trial" behavior of a dose escalation design is the first important step in evaluating a design, and cannot be replaced by studying solely the operating characteristics in "many trials". The cohort sizes are also taken from the design, assuming no DLTs occur until the dose listed.

# Usage

```
examine(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Design'
examine(object, mcmcOptions = McmcOptions(), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'RuleDesign'
examine(object, ...)
```

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### Arguments

object the design (Design or RuleDesign object) we want to examine

mcmcOptions object of class McmcOptions, giving the MCMC options for each evaluation in
the trial. By default, the standard options are used

additional arguments (see methods)

#### Value

The data frame

### Methods (by class)

Design: Examine a model-based CRMRuleDesign: Examine a rule-based design

fit

Fit method for the Samples class

### **Description**

Note this new generic function is necessary because the fitted function only allows the first argument object to appear in the signature. But we need also other arguments in the signature.

#### Usage

```
fit(object, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Samples,Model,Data'
fit(object, model, data,
   points = data@doseGrid, quantiles = c(0.025, 0.975), middle = mean, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Samples,DualEndpoint,DataDual'
fit(object, model, data,
   quantiles = c(0.025, 0.975), middle = mean, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
object the Samples object

model the Model object

data the Data object

points at which dose levels is the fit requested? default is the dose grid

quantiles the quantiles to be calculated (default: 0.025 and 0.975)

middle the function for computing the middle point. Default: mean

unused
```

#### Value

the data frame with required information (see method details)

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#### Methods (by class)

- object = Samples, model = Model, data = Data: This method returns a data frame with dose, middle, lower and upper quantiles for the dose-toxicity curve
- object = Samples, model = DualEndpoint, data = DataDual: This method returns a data frame with dose, and middle, lower and upper quantiles, for both the dose-tox and dose-biomarker (suffix "Biomarker") curves, for all grid points (Note that currently only the grid points can be used, because the DualEndpointRW models only allow that)

GeneralData-class

Class for general data input

#### **Description**

Class for general data input

#### **Slots**

```
ID unique patient IDs (integer vector) cohort the cohort indices (sorted values from 0, 1, 2, ...) nObs number of observations
```

GeneralModel-class

General class for model input

#### **Description**

This is the general model class, from which all other specific models inherit.

### **Details**

The datamodel must obey the convention that the data input is called exactly as in the corresponding data class. All prior distributions for parameters should be contained in the model function priormodel. The background is that this can be used to simulate from the prior distribution, before obtaining any data.

#### **Slots**

datamodel a function representing the BUGS data model specification (see the details above) priormodel a function representing the BUGS prior specification (see the details above)

datanames The names of all data slots that are used in the datamodel and/or priormodel definition. Note that you cannot specify more variables than those that are really used in the model!

model specs a function computing the list of the data model and prior model specifications that are required for fully specifying them (e.g. prior parameters, reference dose, etc.), based on the data slots that are then required as arguments of this function. This will then be passed to BUGS for the computations.

init a function computing the list of starting values for parameters required to be initialized in the MCMC sampler, based on the data slots that are then required as arguments of this function sample names of all parameters from which you would like to save the MCMC samples.

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 ${\tt General Simulations} \qquad {\tt Initialization function for "General Simulations"}$ 

### Description

Initialization function for "GeneralSimulations"

### Usage

GeneralSimulations(data, doses, seed)

### **Arguments**

data see GeneralSimulations
doses see GeneralSimulations
seed see GeneralSimulations

#### Value

the GeneralSimulations object

GeneralSimulations-class

General class for the simulations output

# Description

This class captures trial simulations.

### **Details**

Here also the random generator state before starting the simulation is saved, in order to be able to reproduce the outcome. For this just use set.seed with the seed as argument before running simulate, Design-method.

### **Slots**

data list of produced Data objects
doses the vector of final dose recommendations
seed random generator state before starting the simulation

GeneralSimulationsSummary-class

Class for the summary of general simulations output

#### **Description**

Note that objects should not be created by users, therefore no initialization function is provided for this class.

#### **Slots**

```
target target toxicity interval
targetDoseInterval corresponding target dose interval
nsim number of simulations
propDLTs proportions of DLTs in the trials
meanToxRisk mean toxicity risks for the patients
doseSelected doses selected as MTD
toxAtDosesSelected true toxicity at doses selected
propAtTarget Proportion of trials selecting target MTD
doseMostSelected dose most often selected as MTD
obsToxRateAtDoseMostSelected observed toxicity rate at dose most often selected
nObs number of patients overall
nAboveTarget number of patients treated above target tox interval
doseGrid the dose grid that has been used
```

```
get, Samples, character-method
```

Get specific parameter samples and produce a data.frame

#### **Description**

Here you have to specify with pos which parameter you would like to extract from the Samples object

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Samples, character'
get(x, pos = -1L, envir = NULL, mode = NULL,
   inherits = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

| Χ   | the Samples object        |
|-----|---------------------------|
| pos | the name of the parameter |

envir for vectorial parameters, you can give the indices of the elements you would like

to extract. If NULL, the whole vector samples will be returned

mode not used inherits not used

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#### Value

the data frame suitable for use with ggmcmc

Increments-class

The virtual class for controlling increments

### **Description**

The virtual class for controlling increments

#### See Also

IncrementsRelative, IncrementsRelativeDLT, IncrementsRelativeParts

IncrementsRelative

Initialization function for "IncrementsRelative"

#### **Description**

Initialization function for "IncrementsRelative"

#### Usage

IncrementsRelative(intervals, increments)

### **Arguments**

intervals see IncrementsRelative
increments see IncrementsRelative

#### Value

the IncrementsRelative object

IncrementsRelative-class

Increments control based on relative differences in intervals

### Description

Note that intervals is to be read as follows. If for example, we want to specify three intervals: First 0 to less than 50, second at least 50 up to less than 100 mg, and third at least 100 mg, then we specify intervals to be c(0, 50, 100). That means, the right bound of the intervals are exclusive to the interval, and the last interval goes from the last value until infinity.

### **Slots**

intervals a vector with the left bounds of the relevant intervals

increments a vector of the same length with the maximum allowable relative increments in the intervals

IncrementsRelativeDLT Initialization function for "IncrementsRelativeDLT"

### Description

Initialization function for "IncrementsRelativeDLT"

### Usage

IncrementsRelativeDLT(DLTintervals, increments)

### **Arguments**

DLTintervals see IncrementsRelativeDLT increments see IncrementsRelativeDLT

#### Value

the IncrementsRelativeDLT object

IncrementsRelativeDLT-class

Increments control based on relative differences in terms of DLTs

## Description

Note that DLTintervals is to be read as follows. If for example, we want to specify three intervals: First 0 DLTs, second 1 or 2 DLTs, and third at least 3 DLTs, then we specify DLTintervals to be c(0, 1, 3). That means, the right bound of the intervals are exclusive to the interval – the vector only gives the left bounds of the intervals. The last interval goes from 3 to infinity.

### **Slots**

DLTintervals an integer vector with the left bounds of the relevant DLT intervals

increments a vector of the same length with the maximum allowable relative increments in the DLTintervals

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#### IncrementsRelativeParts

Initialization function for "IncrementsRelativeParts"

### **Description**

Initialization function for "IncrementsRelativeParts"

#### Usage

```
IncrementsRelativeParts(dltStart, cleanStart, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

... additional slots from IncrementsRelative

#### Value

the IncrementsRelativeParts object

IncrementsRelativeParts-class

Increments control based on relative differences in intervals, with special rules for part 1 and beginning of part 2

### **Description**

Note that this only works in conjunction with DataParts objects. If the part 2 will just be started in the next cohort, then the next maximum dose will be either dltStart (e.g. -1) shift of the last part 1 dose in case of a DLT in part 1, or cleanStart shift (e.g. 0) in case of no DLTs in part 1. If part 1 will still be on in the next cohort, then the next dose level will be the next higher dose level in the part1Ladder of the data object. If part 2 has been started before, the usual relative increment rules apply, see IncrementsRelative.

## Slots

dltStart integer giving the dose level increment for starting part 2 in case of a DLT in part 1

cleanStart integer giving the dose level increment for starting part 2 in case of a DLT in part 1. If this is less or equal to 0, then the part 1 ladder will be used to find the maximum next dose. If this is larger than 0, then the relative increment rules will be applied to find the next maximum dose level.

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```
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```

Initialization method for the "DualEndpointOld" class

# Description

Initialization method for the "DualEndpointOld" class

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DualEndpointOld'
initialize(.Object, mu, Sigma, sigma2betaW, sigma2W,
   rho, smooth = c("RW1", "RW2"), ...)
```

### Arguments

. Object the DualEndpointOld we want to initialize

mu see DualEndpointOld
Sigma see DualEndpointOld
sigma2betaW see DualEndpointOld
sigma2W see DualEndpointOld
rho see DualEndpointOld

smooth either "RW1" (default) or "RW2", for specifying the random walk prior on the

biomarker level.

... not used

LogisticKadane

Initialization function for the "LogisticKadane" class

### **Description**

Initialization function for the "LogisticKadane" class

## Usage

```
LogisticKadane(theta, xmin, xmax)
```

# Arguments

theta the target toxicity probability

xmin the minimum of the dose range

xmax the maximum of the dose range

### Value

```
the LogisticKadane
```

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LogisticKadane-class Reparametrized logistic model

### **Description**

This is the logistic model in the parametrization of Kadane et al. (1980).

#### **Details**

Let  $\rho_0 = p(x_{min})$  be the probability of a DLT and the minimum dose  $x_{min}$ , and let  $\gamma$  be the dose with target toxicity probability  $\theta$ , i.e.  $p(\gamma) = \theta$ . Then it can easily be shown that the logistic regression model has intercept

$$\frac{\gamma logit(\rho_0) - x_{min}logit(\theta)}{\gamma - x_{min}}$$

and slope

$$\frac{logit(theta) - logit(\rho_0)}{\gamma - x_{min}}$$

The prior is a uniform distribution for  $\gamma$  between  $x_{min}$  and  $x_{max}$ , and for  $\rho_0$  as well a uniform distribution between 0 and  $\theta$ .

The slots of this class, required for creating the model, are the target toxicity, as well as the minimum and maximum of the dose range. Note that these can be different from the minimum and maximum of the dose grid in the data later on.

#### **Slots**

theta the target toxicity probability  $\theta$  xmin the minimum of the dose range  $x_{min}$  xmax the maximum of the dose range  $x_{max}$ 

LogisticLogNormal

Initialization function for the "LogisticLogNormal" class

# Description

Initialization function for the "LogisticLogNormal" class

#### Usage

LogisticLogNormal(mean, cov, refDose)

# Arguments

mean the prior mean vector
cov the prior covariance matrix

refDose the reference dose

# Value

 $the \ {\tt LogisticLogNormal}\ object$ 

LogisticLogNormal-class

Standard logistic model with bivariate (log) normal prior

#### **Description**

This is the usual logistic regression model with a bivariate normal prior on the intercept and log slope.

#### **Details**

The covariate is the natural logarithm of the dose x divided by the reference dose  $x^*$ :

$$logit[p(x)] = \alpha + \beta \cdot \log(x/x^*)$$

where p(x) is the probability of observing a DLT for a given dose x.

The prior is

$$(\alpha, \log(\beta)) \sim Normal(\mu, \Sigma)$$

The slots of this class contain the mean vector and the covariance matrix of the bivariate normal distribution, as well as the reference dose.

Note that the parametrization inside the class uses alpha0 and alpha1. alpha0 is identical to the intercept  $\alpha$  above and is the log-odds for a DLT at the reference dose  $x^*$ . Therefore, the prior mean for alpha0 is the expected log-odds at the reference dose  $x^*$  before observing any data. Note that the expected odds is not just the exp of the prior mean of alpha0, because the non-linearity of the exp transformation. The log-normal distribution on Wikipedia gives the formula for computing the prior mean of exp(alpha0). alpha0 is the log(alpha) in the Neuenschwander et al. (2008) paper. alpha1 is identical to  $\log(\beta)$  above and equals the beta in the Neuenschwander et al paper. exp(alpha1) gives the odds-ratio for DLT between two doses that differ by the factor exp(1) ~ 2.7. alpha1 has a log-normal distribution in the LogisticLogNormal model in order to ensure positivity of alpha1 and thus exp(alpha1) > 1.

### Slots

mean the prior mean vector  $\mu$  cov the prior covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  refDose the reference dose  $x^*$ 

LogisticLogNormalSub Initialization function for the "LogisticLogNormalSub" class

# **Description**

Initialization function for the "LogisticLogNormalSub" class

### Usage

LogisticLogNormalSub(mean, cov, refDose)

### **Arguments**

mean the prior mean vector

cov the prior covariance matrix

refDose the reference dose

#### Value

the LogisticLogNormalSub object

LogisticLogNormalSub-class

Standard logistic model with bivariate (log) normal prior with substractive dose standardization

### **Description**

This is the usual logistic regression model with a bivariate normal prior on the intercept and log slope.

#### **Details**

The covariate is the dose x minus the reference dose  $x^*$ :

$$logit[p(x)] = \alpha + \beta \cdot (x - x^*)$$

where p(x) is the probability of observing a DLT for a given dose x.

The prior is

$$(\alpha, \log(\beta)) \sim Normal(\mu, \Sigma)$$

The slots of this class contain the mean vector and the covariance matrix of the bivariate normal distribution, as well as the reference dose.

#### **Slots**

 $\text{mean the prior mean vector } \mu$ 

cov the prior covariance matrix  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ 

refDose the reference dose  $x^*$ 

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LogisticNormal

Initialization function for the "LogisticNormal" class

### **Description**

Initialization function for the "LogisticNormal" class

#### Usage

LogisticNormal(mean, cov, refDose)

### **Arguments**

mean the prior mean vector

cov the prior covariance matrix

refDose the reference dose

#### Value

the LogisticNormal object

LogisticNormal-class Standard logistic model with bivariate normal prior

### **Description**

This is the usual logistic regression model with a bivariate normal prior on the intercept and slope.

#### **Details**

The covariate is the natural logarithm of the dose x divided by the reference dose  $x^*$ :

$$logit[p(x)] = \alpha + \beta \cdot \log(x/x^*)$$

where p(x) is the probability of observing a DLT for a given dose x.

The prior is

$$(\alpha, \beta) \sim Normal(\mu, \Sigma)$$

The slots of this class contain the mean vector, the covariance and precision matrices of the bivariate normal distribution, as well as the reference dose.

#### **Slots**

mean the prior mean vector  $\mu$  cov the prior covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  prec the prior precision matrix  $\Sigma^{-1}$  refDose the reference dose  $x^*$ 

LogisticNormalFixedMixture

Initialization function for the "LogisticNormalFixedMixture" class

#### **Description**

Initialization function for the "LogisticNormalFixedMixture" class

#### Usage

LogisticNormalFixedMixture(components, weights, refDose, logNormal = FALSE)

#### **Arguments**

components the specifications of the mixture components: a list with one list of mean and

cov for each bivariate (log) normal prior

weights the weights of the components, these must be positive and will be normalized to

sum to 1

refDose the reference dose

logNormal should a log normal prior be specified, such that the mean vectors and covariance

matrices are valid for the intercept and log slope? (not default)

#### Value

the LogisticNormalFixedMixture object

LogisticNormalFixedMixture-class

Standard logistic model with fixed mixture of multiple bivariate (log) normal priors

### **Description**

This is standard logistic regression model with a mixture of multiple bivariate (log) normal priors on the intercept and slope parameters. The weights of the normal priors are fixed, hence no additional model parameters are introduced. This type of prior is often used to better approximate a given posterior distribution, or when the information is given in terms of a mixture.

#### **Details**

The covariate is the natural logarithm of the dose x divided by the reference dose  $x^*$ :

$$logit[p(x)] = \alpha + \beta \cdot \log(x/x^*)$$

where p(x) is the probability of observing a DLT for a given dose x.

The prior is

$$(\alpha, \beta) \sim \sum_{j=1}^{K} w_j Normal(\mu_j, \Sigma_j)$$

if a normal prior is used and

$$(\alpha, \log(\beta)) \sim \sum_{j=1}^{K} w_j Normal(\mu_j, \Sigma_j)$$

if a log normal prior is used.

The weight  $w_j$  of the components are fixed and sum to 1.

The (additional) slots of this class comprise two lists, containing the mean vector, the covariance and precision matrices of the two bivariate normal distributions each, the parameters of the beta prior for the first component weight, as well as the reference dose. Moreover, a slot specifies whether a log normal prior is used.

#### **Slots**

components a list with one entry per component of the mixture. Each entry is a list with mean, cov and prec for the bivariate normal prior

weights the weights of the components, these must be positive and sum to 1

refDose the reference dose  $x^*$ 

logNormal is a log normal prior specified for each of the components?

LogisticNormalMixture Initialization function for the "LogisticNormalMixture" class

## Description

Initialization function for the "LogisticNormalMixture" class

### Usage

LogisticNormalMixture(comp1, comp2, weightpar, refDose)

#### **Arguments**

comp1 the specifications of the first component: a list with mean and cov for the first

bivariate normal prior

comp2 the specifications of the second component

weightpar the beta parameters for the weight of the first component

refDose the reference dose

## Value

the LogisticNormalMixture object

LogisticNormalMixture-class

Standard logistic model with flexible mixture of two bivariate normal priors

#### **Description**

This is standard logistic regression model with a mixture of two bivariate normal priors on the intercept and slope parameters. The weight of the two normal priors is a model parameter, hence it is a flexible mixture. This type of prior is often used with a mixture of a minimal informative and an informative component, in order to make the CRM more robust to data deviations from the informative component.

#### **Details**

The covariate is the natural logarithm of the dose x divided by the reference dose  $x^*$ :

$$logit[p(x)] = \alpha + \beta \cdot \log(x/x^*)$$

where p(x) is the probability of observing a DLT for a given dose x.

The prior is

$$(\alpha, \beta) \sim w * Normal(\mu_1, \Sigma_1) + (1 - w) * Normal(\mu_2, \Sigma_2)$$

The weight w for the first component is assigned a beta prior B(a, b).

The slots of this class comprise two lists, containing the mean vector, the covariance and precision matrices of the two bivariate normal distributions each, the parameters of the beta prior for the first component weight, as well as the reference dose.

#### **Slots**

comp1 the specifications of the first component: a list with mean, cov and prec for the first bivariate normal prior

comp2 the specifications of the second component

weightpar the beta parameters for the weight of the first component

refDose the reference dose  $x^*$ 

logit

Shorthand for logit function

#### **Description**

Shorthand for logit function

### Usage

logit(x)

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#### **Arguments**

x the function argument

#### Value

the logit(x)

maxDose

Determine the maximum possible next dose

### **Description**

Determine the upper limit of the next dose based on the increments rule.

### Usage

```
maxDose(increments, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'IncrementsRelative,Data'
maxDose(increments, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'IncrementsRelativeParts,DataParts'
maxDose(increments, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'IncrementsRelativeDLT,Data'
maxDose(increments, data, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

increments The rule, an object of class Increments
data The data input, an object of class Data
... further arguments

#### **Details**

This function outputs the maximum possible next dose, based on the corresponding rule increments and the data.

#### Value

the maximum possible next dose

### Methods (by class)

- increments = IncrementsRelative,data = Data: Determine the maximum possible next dose based on relative increments
- increments = IncrementsRelativeParts,data = DataParts: Determine the maximum possible next dose based on relative increments and part 1 and 2
- increments = IncrementsRelativeDLT,data = Data: Determine the maximum possible next dose based on relative increments determined by DLTs so far

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maxSize

"MAX" combination of cohort size rules

## Description

This function combines cohort size rules by taking the maximum of all sizes.

# Usage

```
maxSize(...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSize'
maxSize(...)
```

### **Arguments**

... Objects of class CohortSize

#### Value

the combination as an object of class CohortSizeMax

### Methods (by class)

• CohortSize: The method combining cohort size rules by taking maximum

#### See Also

minSize

mcmc

Obtain posterior samples for all model parameters

#### **Description**

This is the function to actually run the MCMC machinery to produce posterior samples from all model parameters and required derived values. It is a generic function, so that customized versions may be conveniently defined for specific subclasses of GeneralData, GeneralModel, and McmcOptions input.

### Usage

```
mcmc(data, model, options, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'GeneralData,GeneralModel,McmcOptions'
mcmc(data, model, options,
   program = c("JAGS", "OpenBUGS", "WinBUGS"), verbose = FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Data,LogisticNormal,McmcOptions'
mcmc(data, model, options,
   verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

| data    | The data input, an object of class GeneralData                                    |
|---------|---|
| model   | The model input, an object of class GeneralModel                                  |
| options | MCMC options, an object of class McmcOptions                                      |
| program | the program which shall be used: either "JAGS" (default), "OpenBUGS" or "WinBUGS" |
| verbose | shall progress bar and messages be printed? (not default)                         |
|         | unused  |

#### **Details**

Reproducible samples can be obtained by setting the seed via set. seed before in the user code as usual. However, note that because the RNG sampler used is external to R, running this MCMC function will not change the seed position – that is, the repeated call to this function will then result in exactly the same output.

#### Value

The posterior samples, an object of class Samples.

## Methods (by class)

- data = GeneralData, model = GeneralModel, options = McmcOptions: Standard method which uses JAGS/BUGS
- data = Data,model = LogisticNormal,options = McmcOptions: The fast method for the LogisticNormal class

| McmcOptions Initialization function for the "McmcOptions" class |  |
|---|--|
|---|--|

## Description

Initialization function for the "McmcOptions" class

### Usage

```
McmcOptions(burnin = 10000L, step = 2L, samples = 10000L)
```

### **Arguments**

| burnin  | number of burn-in iterations which are not saved (default: 10,000)   |
|---------|--|
| step    | only every step-th iteration is saved after the burn-in (default: 2) |
| samples | number of resulting samples (by default 10,000 will result)          |

### Value

the McmcOptions object

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| McmcOptions-class | Class for the three | canonical MCMC options |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|

#### **Description**

Class for the three canonical MCMC options

#### **Slots**

iterations number of MCMC iterations burnin number of burn-in iterations which are not saved step only every step-th iteration is saved after the burn-in

MinimalInformative Construct a

Construct a minimally informative prior

#### **Description**

This function constructs a minimally informative prior, which is captured in a LogisticNormal (or LogisticLogNormal) object.

#### Usage

```
MinimalInformative(dosegrid, refDose, threshmin = 0.2, threshmax = 0.3, ...)
```

## Arguments

| dosegrid  | the dose grid  |
|-----------|--|
| refDose   | the reference dose   |
| threshmin | Any toxicity probability above this threshold would be very unlikely (5%) at the minimum dose (default: $0.2$ )                            |
| threshmax | Any toxicity probability below this threshold would be very unlikely (5%) at the maximum dose (default: $0.3$ )                            |
| •••       | additional arguments for computations, see Quantiles2LogisticNormal, e.g. logNormal=TRUE to obtain a minimal informative log normal prior. |

## Details

Based on the proposal by Neuenschwander et al (2008, Statistics in Medicine), a minimally informative prior distribution is constructed. The required key input is the minimum ( $d_1$  in the notation of the Appendix A.1 of that paper) and the maximum value ( $d_J$ ) of the dose grid supplied to this function. Then threshmin is the probability threshold  $q_1$ , such that any probability of DLT larger than  $q_1$  has only 5% probability. Likewise, threshmax is the probability threshold  $q_J$ , such that any probability of DLT smaller than  $q_J$  has only 5% probability. Subsequently, for all doses supplied in the dosegrid argument, Beta distributions are set up, and Quantiles2LogisticNormal is used to transform the resulting quantiles into an approximating LogisticNormal (or LogisticLogNormal) model.

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#### Value

```
see\ {\tt Quantiles2LogisticNormal}
```

minSize

"MIN" combination of cohort size rules

### **Description**

This function combines cohort size rules by taking the minimum of all sizes.

# Usage

```
minSize(...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSize'
minSize(...)
```

### **Arguments**

... Objects of class CohortSize

### Value

the combination as an object of class CohortSizeMin

## Methods (by class)

• CohortSize: The method combining cohort size rules by taking minimum

### See Also

maxSize

Model-class

Class for the model input

# Description

This is the model class for single agent dose escalation, from which all other specific models inherit. It inherits all slots from GeneralModel.

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#### **Details**

The datamodel must obey the convention that the data input is called exactly as in the Data class. All prior distributions for parameters should be contained in the model function priormodel. The background is that this can be used to simulate from the prior distribution, before obtaining any data.

The dose function has as first argument prob, a scalar toxicity probability which is targeted. Additional arguments are model parameters. Then it computes, using model parameter(s) (samples), the resulting dose. Note that the model parameters are called exactly as in the model and must be included in the sample vector. The vectors of all samples for these parameters will then be supplied to the function. So your function must be able to process vectors of the model parameters, i.e. it must vectorize over them.

The prob function has as first argument dose, which is a scalar dose. Additional arguments are model parameters. Then it computes, using model parameter(s) (samples), the resulting probability of toxicity at that dose. Again here, the function must vectorize over the model parameters.

If you work with multivariate parameters, then please assume that your the two functions receive either one parameter value as a row vector, or a samples matrix where the rows correspond to the sampling index, i.e. the layout is then nSamples x dimParameter.

Note that dose and prob are the inverse functions of each other.

#### Slots

dose a function computing the dose reaching a specific target probability, based on the model parameters and additional prior settings (see the details above)

prob a function computing the probability of toxicity for a specific dose, based on the model parameters and additional prior settings (see the details above)

#### See Also

LogisticNormal, LogisticLogNormal, LogisticLogNormalSub, LogisticKadane, DualEndpoint

nextBest

Find the next best dose

#### **Description**

Compute the recommended next best dose.

## Usage

```
nextBest(nextBest, doselimit, samples, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'NextBestMTD, numeric, Samples, Model, Data'
nextBest(nextBest, doselimit,
    samples, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'NextBestNCRM, numeric, Samples, Model, Data'
nextBest(nextBest,
    doselimit, samples, model, data, ...)
```

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```
## S4 method for signature 'NextBestNCRM,numeric,Samples,Model,DataParts'
nextBest(nextBest,
    doselimit, samples, model, data, ...)

## S4 method for signature
## 'NextBestThreePlusThree,missing,missing,missing,Data'
nextBest(nextBest,
    doselimit, samples, model, data, ...)

## S4 method for signature
## 'NextBestDualEndpoint,numeric,Samples,DualEndpoint,Data'
nextBest(nextBest,
    doselimit, samples, model, data, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

nextBest The rule, an object of class NextBest

doselimit The maximum allowed next dose. If this is an empty (length 0) vector, then no

dose limit will be applied in the course of dose recommendation calculation, and

a corresponding warning is given.

samples the Samples object

model The model input, an object of class Model data The data input, an object of class Data

... possible additional arguments without method dispatch

#### **Details**

This function outputs the next best dose recommendation based on the corresponding rule nextBest, the posterior samples from the model and the underlying data.

#### Value

a list with the next best dose (element value) on the grid defined in data, and a plot depicting this recommendation (element plot)

#### Methods (by class)

- nextBest = NextBestMTD, doselimit = numeric, samples = Samples, model = Model, data = Data: Find the next best dose based on the MTD rule
- nextBest = NextBestNCRM, doselimit = numeric, samples = Samples, model = Model, data = Data: Find the next best dose based on the NCRM method
- nextBest = NextBestNCRM, doselimit = numeric, samples = Samples, model = Model, data = DataParts: Find the next best dose based on the NCRM method when two parts trial is used
- nextBest = NextBestThreePlusThree,doselimit = missing,samples = missing,model = missing,data Find the next best dose based on the 3+3 method
- nextBest = NextBestDualEndpoint,doselimit = numeric,samples = Samples,model = DualEndpoint,da Find the next best dose based on the dual endpoint model

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NextBest-class

The virtual class for finding next best dose

#### **Description**

The virtual class for finding next best dose

#### See Also

NextBestMTD, NextBestNCRM, NextBestDualEndpoint, NextBestThreePlusThree

#### **Description**

Initialization function for "NextBestDualEndpoint"

### Usage

NextBestDualEndpoint(target, overdose, maxOverdoseProb)

### Arguments

target see NextBestDualEndpoint
overdose see NextBestDualEndpoint

 ${\tt maxOverdoseProb}$ 

 $see \ {\tt NextBestDualEndpoint}$ 

### Value

the NextBestDualEndpoint object

NextBestDualEndpoint-class

The class with the input for finding the next dose based on the dual endpoint model

# Description

This rule first excludes all doses that exceed the probability maxOverdoseProb of having an overdose toxicity, as specified by the overdose interval overdose. Then, it picks under the remaining admissible doses the one that maximizes the probability to be in the target biomarker range, relative to the maximum biomarker level across the dose grid or relative to the Emax parameter in case a parametric model was selected (e.g. NextBestDualEndpointBeta, NextBestDualEndpointEmax))

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#### **Slots**

target the biomarker target range, relative to the maximum, that needs to be reached. For example, (0.8, 1.0) means we target a dose with at least 80 (0.5, 0.8) would mean that we target a dose between 50 the maximum biomarker level.

overdose the overdose toxicity interval

maxOverdoseProb maximum overdose probability that is allowed

NextBestMTD

Initialization function for class "NextBestMTD"

## Description

Initialization function for class "NextBestMTD"

## Usage

NextBestMTD(target, derive)

### **Arguments**

target see NextBestMTD
derive see NextBestMTD

## Value

the NextBestMTD object

NextBestMTD-class

The class with the input for finding the next best MTD estimate

## Description

The class with the input for finding the next best MTD estimate

#### **Slots**

target the target toxicity probability

derive the function which derives from the input, a vector of posterior MTD samples called mtdSamples, the final next best MTD estimate.

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NextBestNCRM

Initialization function for "NextBestNCRM"

# Description

Initialization function for "NextBestNCRM"

### Usage

NextBestNCRM(target, overdose, maxOverdoseProb)

#### **Arguments**

target see NextBestNCRM overdose see NextBestNCRM

max0verdoseProb

see NextBestNCRM

## Value

the NextBestNCRM object

NextBestNCRM-class

The class with the input for finding the next dose in target interval

## Description

Note that to avoid numerical problems, the dose selection algorithm has been implemented as follows: First admissible doses are found, which are those with probability to fall in overdose category being below maxOverdoseProb. Next, within the admissible doses, the maximum probability to fall in the target category is calculated. If that is above 5% (i.e., it is not just numerical error), then the corresponding dose is the next recommended dose. Otherwise, the highest admissible dose is the next recommended dose.

#### **Slots**

target the target toxicity interval

overdose the overdose toxicity interval

maxOverdoseProb maximum overdose probability that is allowed

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NextBestThreePlusThree

Initialization function for "NextBestThreePlusThree"

## Description

Initialization function for "NextBestThreePlusThree"

### Usage

NextBestThreePlusThree()

### Value

the NextBestThreePlusThree object

NextBestThreePlusThree-class

The class with the input for finding the next dose in target interval

### **Description**

Implements the classical 3+3 dose recommendation. No input is required, hence this class has no slots.

or-Stopping-Stopping The method combining two atomic stopping rules

# Description

The method combining two atomic stopping rules

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Stopping,Stopping'
e1 | e2
```

## Arguments

e1 First Stopping object e2 Second Stopping object

### Value

The StoppingAny object

```
or-Stopping-StoppingAny
```

The method combining a stopping list and an atomic

# Description

The method combining a stopping list and an atomic

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingAny,Stopping'
e1 | e2
```

## **Arguments**

```
e1 StoppingAny object
e2 Stopping object
```

### Value

The modified StoppingAny object

```
or-StoppingAny-Stopping
```

The method combining an atomic and a stopping list

## Description

The method combining an atomic and a stopping list

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Stopping,StoppingAny'
e1 | e2
```

# Arguments

```
e1 Stopping object
e2 StoppingAny object
```

### Value

The modified StoppingAny object

```
plot,Data,missing-method
```

Plot method for the "Data" class

## Description

Plot method for the "Data" class

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Data,missing'
plot(x, y, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
x the Data object we want to ploty missing
```

... not used

### Value

the ggplot object

```
plot,DataDual,missing-method
```

Plot method for the "DataDual" class

## **Description**

Plot method for the "DataDual" class

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DataDual,missing' plot(x, y, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
x the DataDual object we want to ploty missing
```

... not used

## Value

the ggplot object

```
{\it plot}, {\it Dual Simulations}, {\it missing-method} \\ {\it Plot dual-endpoint simulations}
```

### Description

This plot method can be applied to DualSimulations objects in order to summarize them graphically. In addition to the standard plot types, there is

sigma2W Plot a boxplot of the final biomarker variance estimates in the simulated trialsrho Plot a boxplot of the final correlation estimates in the simulated trials

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DualSimulations,missing'
plot(x, y, type = c("trajectory",
   "dosesTried", "sigma2W", "rho"), ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
    the DualSimulations object we want to plot from
    missing
    type
    the type of plots you want to obtain.
    not used
```

#### Value

A single ggplot2 object if a single plot is asked for, otherwise a gridExtra{gTree} object.

```
plot, DualSimulationsSummary, missing-method

*Plot summaries of the dual-endpoint design simulations**
```

#### **Description**

This plot method can be applied to DualSimulationsSummary objects in order to summarize them graphically. Possible type of plots at the moment are those listed in plot, SimulationsSummary, missing-method plus:

**meanBiomarkerFit** Plot showing the average fitted dose-biomarker curve across the trials, together with 95% credible intervals, and comparison with the assumed truth (as specified by the trueBiomarker argument to summary, DualSimulations-method)

You can specify any subset of these in the type argument.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DualSimulationsSummary,missing'
plot(x, y, type = c("nObs",
   "doseSelected", "propDLTs", "nAboveTarget", "meanFit", "meanBiomarkerFit"),
   ...)
```

### **Arguments**

| х    | the DualSimulationsSummary object we want to plot from |
|------|--|
| у    | missing  |
| type | the types of plots you want to obtain.                 |
|      | not used   |

#### Value

A single ggplot2 object if a single plot is asked for, otherwise a gridExtra{gTree} object.

```
plot, General Simulations, missing-method

Plot simulations
```

### **Description**

Summarize the simulations with plots

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GeneralSimulations,missing'
plot(x, y, type = c("trajectory",
   "dosesTried"), ...)
```

# Arguments

| x    | the ${\tt GeneralSimulations}$ object we want to plot from |
|------|--|
| У    | missing  |
| type | the type of plots you want to obtain.                      |
|      | not used   |

### **Details**

This plot method can be applied to GeneralSimulations objects in order to summarize them graphically. Possible types of plots at the moment are:

```
trajectory Summary of the trajectory of the simulated trialsdosesTried Average proportions of the doses tested in patients
```

You can specify one or both of these in the type argument.

### Value

A single ggplot2 object if a single plot is asked for, otherwise a gridExtra{gTree} object.

```
{\tt plot}, {\tt GeneralSimulationsSummary, missing-method} \\ {\tt Plot\ summaries\ of\ the\ general\ simulations}}
```

## Description

Graphical display of the general simulation summary

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GeneralSimulationsSummary,missing'
plot(x, y, type = c("nObs",
   "doseSelected", "propDLTs", "nAboveTarget"), ...)
```

#### Arguments

| X    | the ${\tt GeneralSimulationsSummary}$ object we want to plot from |
|------|---|
| У    | missing   |
| type | the types of plots you want to obtain.                            |
|      | not used  |

#### **Details**

This plot method can be applied to GeneralSimulationsSummary objects in order to summarize them graphically. Possible types of plots at the moment are:

**nObs** Distribution of the number of patients in the simulated trials

**doseSelected** Distribution of the final selected doses in the trials. Note that this can include zero entries, meaning that the trial was stopped because all doses in the dose grid appeared too toxic.

propDLTs Distribution of the proportion of patients with DLTs in the trials

**nAboveTarget** Distribution of the number of patients treated at doses which are above the target toxicity interval (as specified by the truth and target arguments to summary, GeneralSimulations-method)

You can specify any subset of these in the type argument.

#### Value

A single ggplot2 object if a single plot is asked for, otherwise a gridExtra{gTree} object.

```
plot, Samples, DualEndpoint-method

Plotting dose-toxicity and dose-biomarker model fits
```

### **Description**

When we have the dual endpoint model, also the dose-biomarker fit is shown in the plot

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Samples,DualEndpoint'
plot(x, y, data, extrapolate = TRUE,
    showLegend = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x the Samples object
y the DualEndpoint object
data the DataDual object
extrapolate should the biomarker fit be extrapolated to the whole dose grid? (default)
showLegend should the legend be shown? (not default)
... additional arguments for the parent method plot, Samples, Model-method
```

### Value

This returns the ggplot object with the dose-toxicity and dose-biomarker model fits

```
{\it plot, Samples, Model-method} \\ {\it Plotting\ dose-toxicity\ model\ fits}
```

### **Description**

Plotting dose-toxicity model fits

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Samples,Model'
plot(x, y, data, ..., xlab = "Dose level",
  ylab = "Probability of DLT [%]", showLegend = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x the Samples object
y the Model object
data the Data object
xlab the x axis label
ylab the y axis label
```

showLegend should the legend be shown? (default)

... not used

#### Value

This returns the ggplot object for the dose-toxicity model fit

```
{\it plot, Simulations Summary, missing-method} \\ {\it Plot summaries of the model-based design simulations}
```

### **Description**

Graphical display of the simulation summary

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SimulationsSummary,missing'
plot(x, y, type = c("n0bs",
   "doseSelected", "propDLTs", "nAboveTarget", "meanFit"), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
    the SimulationsSummary object we want to plot from
    missing
    type
    the types of plots you want to obtain.
    not used
```

#### **Details**

This plot method can be applied to SimulationsSummary objects in order to summarize them graphically. Possible type of plots at the moment are those listed in plot, GeneralSimulationsSummary, missing-methols:

**meanFit** Plot showing the average fitted dose-toxicity curve across the trials, together with 95% credible intervals, and comparison with the assumed truth (as specified by the truth argument to summary, Simulations-method)

You can specify any subset of these in the type argument.

#### Value

A single ggplot2 object if a single plot is asked for, otherwise a gridExtra{gTree} object.

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plot.arrange

Plots arrange objects

### **Description**

Plots arrange objects

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'arrange' plot(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

x the arrange object

... additional parameters for grid.draw

prob

Compute the probability for a given dose, given model and samples

## Description

Compute the probability for a given dose, given model and samples

### Usage

```
prob(dose, model, samples, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'numeric, Model, Samples'
prob(dose, model, samples, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
dose the dose
model the Model object
samples the Samples
... unused
```

### Value

the vector (for Model objects) of probability samples.

### Methods (by class)

```
• dose = numeric, model = Model, samples = Samples:
```

Quantiles2LogisticNormal

Convert prior quantiles (lower, median, upper) to logistic (log) normal model

## Description

This function uses generalised simulated annealing to optimise a LogisticNormal model to be as close as possible to the given prior quantiles.

## Usage

```
Quantiles2LogisticNormal(dosegrid, refDose, lower, median, upper, level = 0.95, logNormal = FALSE, parstart = NULL, parlower = c(-10, -10, 0, 0, -0.95), parupper = c(10, 10, 10, 10, 0.95), verbose = TRUE, control = list(threshold.stop = 0.01, maxit = 50000, temperature = 50000, max.time = 600))
```

#### **Arguments**

| dosegrid  | the dose grid   |
|-----------|---|
| refDose   | the reference dose  |
| lower     | the lower quantiles   |
| median    | the medians   |
| upper     | the upper quantiles   |
| level     | the credible level of the (lower, upper) intervals (default: 0.95)  |
| logNormal | use the log-normal prior? (not default) otherwise, the normal prior for the logistic regression coefficients is used            |
| parstart  | starting values for the parameters. By default, these are determined from the medians supplied.                                 |
| parlower  | lower bounds on the parameters (intercept alpha and the slope beta, the corresponding standard deviations and the correlation.) |
| parupper  | upper bounds on the parameters  |
| verbose   | be verbose? (default)   |
| control   | additional options for the optimisation routine, see GenSA for more details   |
|           |   |

# Value

a list with the best approximating model (LogisticNormal or LogisticLogNormal), the resulting quantiles, the required quantiles and the distance to the required quantiles, as well as the final parameters (which could be used for running the algorithm a second time)

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Report

A Reference Class to represent sequentially updated reporting objects.

### **Description**

A Reference Class to represent sequentially updated reporting objects.

#### **Fields**

```
object The object from which to report
df the data frame to which columns are sequentially added
dfNames the names to which strings are sequentially added
```

RuleDesign

Initialization function for "RuleDesign"

#### **Description**

Initialization function for "RuleDesign"

#### Usage

```
RuleDesign(nextBest, cohortSize, data, startingDose)
```

## Arguments

nextBest see RuleDesign cohortSize see RuleDesign data see RuleDesign startingDose see RuleDesign

#### Value

the RuleDesign object

RuleDesign-class

Class for rule-based designs

# Description

The difference to Design class is that model, stopping and increments slots are missing.

### **Slots**

```
nextBest how to find the next best dose, an object of class NextBest cohortSize rules for the cohort sizes, an object of class CohortSize data what is the dose grid, any previous data, etc., contained in an object of class Data startingDose what is the starting dose? Must lie on the grid in data
```

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Samples

Initialization function for "Samples"

### **Description**

Initialization function for "Samples"

### Usage

```
Samples(data, options)
```

## Arguments

data see Samples options see Samples

### Value

the Samples object

Samples-class

Class for the MCMC output

### **Description**

Class for the MCMC output

### **Slots**

data a list where each entry contains the samples of a (vector-valued) parameter in a vector/matrix in the format (number of samples) x (dimension of the parameter).

options the McmcOptions which have been used

sampleSize

Compute the number of samples for a given MCMC options triple

## Description

Compute the number of samples for a given MCMC options triple

# Usage

```
sampleSize(mcmcOptions)
```

## Arguments

mcmcOptions the McmcOptions object

### Value

the resulting sample size

setSeed

Helper function to set and save the RNG seed

#### **Description**

This is basically copied from simulate.lm

### Usage

```
setSeed(seed = NULL)
```

### Arguments

seed

an object specifying if and how the random number generator should be initialized ("seeded"). Either NULL (default) or an integer that will be used in a call to set.seed before simulating the response vectors. If set, the value is saved as the seed slot of the returned object. The default, NULL will not change the random generator state.

#### Value

The RNGstate will be returned, in order to call this function with this input to reproduce the obtained simulation results

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```
show, DualSimulationsSummary-method
```

Show the summary of the dual-endpoint simulations

### Description

Show the summary of the dual-endpoint simulations

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DualSimulationsSummary'
show(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

the DualSimulationsSummary object we want to print

### Value

invisibly returns a data frame of the results with one row and appropriate column names

 $show, {\tt GeneralSimulationsSummary-method} \\ Show the summary of the simulations$ 

### **Description**

Show the summary of the simulations

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GeneralSimulationsSummary'
show(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

the GeneralSimulationsSummary object we want to print

#### Value

invisibly returns a data frame of the results with one row and appropriate column names

```
show, {\tt SimulationsSummary-method} \\ Show the summary of the simulations
```

## Description

Show the summary of the simulations

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SimulationsSummary'
show(object)
```

### **Arguments**

object

the SimulationsSummary object we want to print

### Value

invisibly returns a data frame of the results with one row and appropriate column names

```
simulate, Design-method
```

Simulate outcomes from a CRM design

### **Description**

Simulate outcomes from a CRM design

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Design'
simulate(object, nsim = 1L, seed = NULL, truth,
   args = NULL, firstSeparate = FALSE, mcmcOptions = McmcOptions(),
   parallel = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object

args

firstSeparate

| nsim  | the number of simulations (default: 1)  |
|-------|---|
| seed  | see setSeed   |
| truth | a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true probability (vector) for toxicity. Additional arguments can be supplied in args. |

the Design object we want to simulate data from

data frame with arguments for the truth function. The column names correspond to the argument names, the rows to the values of the arguments. The rows are appropriately recycled in the nsim simulations. In order to produce outcomes from the posterior predictive distribution, e.g, pass an object that contains the data observed so far, truth contains the prob function from the model in object, and args contains posterior samples from the model.

model in object, and args contains posterior samples from the model.

enroll the first patient separately from the rest of the cohort? (not default) If yes, the cohort will be closed if a DLT occurs in this patient.

mcmcOptions object of class McmcOptions, giving the MCMC options for each evaluation in

the trial. By default, the standard options are used

parallel should the simulation runs be parallelized across the clusters of the computer?

(not default)

... not used

# Value

an object of class Simulations

```
simulate, DualDesign-method
```

Simulate outcomes from a dual-endpoint design

### **Description**

Simulate outcomes from a dual-endpoint design

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DualDesign'
simulate(object, nsim = 1L, seed = NULL, trueTox,
    trueBiomarker, args = NULL, sigma2W, rho = 0, firstSeparate = FALSE,
    mcmcOptions = McmcOptions(), parallel = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

| object | the DualDesign object we w | ant to simulate data from |
|--------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
|        |                            |                           |

nsim the number of simulations (default: 1)

seed see setSeed

trueTox a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true probability

(vector) for toxicity. Additional arguments can be supplied in args.

trueBiomarker a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true biomarker

level (vector). Additional arguments can be supplied in args.

args data frame with arguments for the trueTox and trueBiomarker function. The

column names correspond to the argument names, the rows to the values of the

arguments. The rows are appropriately recycled in the nsim simulations.

sigma2W variance for the biomarker measurements

rho correlation between toxicity and biomarker measurements (default: 0)

firstSeparate enroll the first patient separately from the rest of the cohort? (not default) If yes,

the cohort will be closed if a DLT occurs in this patient.

mcmcOptions object of class McmcOptions, giving the MCMC options for each evaluation in

the trial. By default, the standard options are used

parallel should the simulation runs be parallelized across the clusters of the computer?

(not default)

... not used

#### Value

an object of class DualSimulations

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```
simulate, RuleDesign-method
```

Simulate outcomes from a rule-based design

# Description

Simulate outcomes from a rule-based design

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'RuleDesign'
simulate(object, nsim = 1L, seed = NULL, truth,
   args = NULL, parallel = FALSE, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

| object the RuleDesign object we want to simulate data fr | ate data from |
|--|---------------|
|--|---------------|

nsim the number of simulations (default: 1)

seed see setSeed

truth a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true probability

(vector) for toxicity. Additional arguments can be supplied in args.

args data frame with arguments for the truth function. The column names corre-

spond to the argument names, the rows to the values of the arguments. The rows

are appropriately recycled in the nsim simulations.

parallel should the simulation runs be parallelized across the clusters of the computer?

(not default)

... not used

#### Value

an object of class GeneralSimulations

Simulations

Initialization function for the "Simulations" class

## Description

Initialization function for the "Simulations" class

### Usage

```
Simulations(fit, stopReasons, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
fit see Simulations stopReasons see Simulations
```

... additional parameters from GeneralSimulations

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#### Value

the Simulations object

Simulations-class

Class for the simulations output from model based designs

# Description

This class captures the trial simulations from model based designs. Additional slots fit and stopReasons compared to the general class GeneralSimulations.

#### **Slots**

fit list with the final fits

stopReasons list of stopping reasons for each simulation run

SimulationsSummary-class

Class for the summary of model-based simulations output

## **Description**

In addition to the slots in the parent class GeneralSimulationsSummary, it contains two slots with model fit information.

### Details

Note that objects should not be created by users, therefore no initialization function is provided for this class.

### **Slots**

fitAtDoseMostSelected fitted toxicity rate at dose most often selected meanFit list with the average, lower (2.5 quantiles of the mean fitted toxicity at each dose level

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size

Determine the size of the next cohort

#### **Description**

This function determines the size of the next cohort.

#### Usage

```
size(cohortSize, dose, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSizeRange,ANY,Data'
size(cohortSize, dose, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSizeDLT,ANY,Data'
size(cohortSize, dose, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSizeMax,ANY,Data'
size(cohortSize, dose, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSizeMin,ANY,Data'
size(cohortSize, dose, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSizeConst,ANY,Data'
size(cohortSize, dose, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CohortSizeParts,ANY,DataParts'
size(cohortSize, dose, data, ...)
```

#### Arguments

```
cohortSize The rule, an object of class CohortSize dose the next dose data The data input, an object of class Data additional arguments
```

## Value

the size as integer value

## Methods (by class)

- cohortSize = CohortSizeRange,dose = ANY,data = Data: Determine the cohort size based on the range into which the next dose falls into
- cohortSize = CohortSizeDLT, dose = ANY, data = Data: Determine the cohort size based on the number of DLTs so far
- cohortSize = CohortSizeMax,dose = ANY,data = Data: Size based on maximum of multiple cohort size rules
- cohortSize = CohortSizeMin,dose = ANY,data = Data: Size based on minimum of multiple cohort size rules

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```
• cohortSize = CohortSizeConst, dose = ANY, data = Data: Constant cohort size
```

• cohortSize = CohortSizeParts, dose = ANY, data = DataParts: Cohort size based on the parts

Stopping-class

The virtual class for stopping rules

### **Description**

The virtual class for stopping rules

#### See Also

StoppingList, StoppingCohorts Near Dose, StoppingPatients Near Dose, StoppingMinCohorts, StoppingMinPatients, StoppingTargetProb StoppingMTD distribution, StoppingTargetBiomarker (Control of the Control of the Cont

StoppingAll

Initialization function for "StoppingAll"

### **Description**

Initialization function for "StoppingAll"

## Usage

StoppingAll(stopList)

### **Arguments**

stopList

see StoppingAll

## Value

the StoppingAll object

StoppingAll-class

Stop based on fullfillment of all multiple stopping rules

# Description

This class can be used to combine multiple stopping rules with an AND operator.

### **Details**

stopList contains all stopping rules, which are again objects of class Stopping. All stopping rules must be fulfilled in order that the result of this rule is to stop.

### **Slots**

stopList list of stopping rules

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StoppingAny

Initialization function for "StoppingAny"

# Description

Initialization function for "StoppingAny"

# Usage

StoppingAny(stopList)

## **Arguments**

stopList

see StoppingAny

## Value

the StoppingAny object

StoppingAny-class

Stop based on fullfillment of any stopping rule

## Description

This class can be used to combine multiple stopping rules with an OR operator.

## **Details**

stopList contains all stopping rules, which are again objects of class Stopping. Any of these rules must be fulfilled in order that the result of this rule is to stop.

### **Slots**

stopList list of stopping rules

StoppingCohortsNearDose

Initialization function for "StoppingCohortsNearDose"

## Description

Initialization function for "StoppingCohortsNearDose"

## Usage

StoppingCohortsNearDose(nCohorts, percentage)

### **Arguments**

nCohorts see StoppingCohortsNearDose percentage see StoppingCohortsNearDose

#### Value

the StoppingCohortsNearDose object

StoppingCohortsNearDose-class

Stop based on number of cohorts near to next best dose

### **Description**

Stop based on number of cohorts near to next best dose

#### Slots

nCohorts number of required cohorts
percentage percentage (between 0 and 100) within the next best dose the cohorts must lie

StoppingList

Initialization function for "StoppingList"

## Description

Initialization function for "StoppingList"

## Usage

```
StoppingList(stopList, summary)
```

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#### **Arguments**

stopList see StoppingList
summary see StoppingList

## Value

the StoppingList object

StoppingList-class

Stop based on multiple stopping rules

### **Description**

This class can be used to combine multiple stopping rules.

#### **Details**

stopList contains all stopping rules, which are again objects of class Stopping, and the summary is a function taking a logical vector of the size of stopList and returning a single logical value. For example, if the function all is given as summary function, then this means that all stopping rules must be fulfilled in order that the result of this rule is to stop.

### **Slots**

stopList list of stopping rules

summary the summary function to combine the results of the stopping rules into a single result

StoppingMinCohorts

Initialization function for "StoppingMinCohorts"

## **Description**

Initialization function for "StoppingMinCohorts"

### Usage

StoppingMinCohorts(nCohorts)

## Arguments

nCohorts see StoppingMinCohorts

### Value

the StoppingMinCohorts object

StoppingMinCohorts-class

Stop based on minimum number of cohorts

# Description

Stop based on minimum number of cohorts

### **Slots**

nCohorts minimum required number of cohorts

StoppingMinPatients

Initialization function for "StoppingMinPatients"

# Description

Initialization function for "StoppingMinPatients"

# Usage

StoppingMinPatients(nPatients)

# **Arguments**

nPatients

 $see \; {\tt StoppingMinPatients} \\$ 

### Value

the StoppingMinPatients object

StoppingMinPatients-class

Stop based on minimum number of patients

# Description

Stop based on minimum number of patients

### **Slots**

nPatients minimum allowed number of patients

 ${\tt StoppingMTD} distribution$ 

 $Initialization\ function\ for\ "Stopping MTD distribution"$ 

# Description

Initialization function for "StoppingMTDdistribution"

# Usage

```
StoppingMTDdistribution(target, thresh, prob)
```

### **Arguments**

target see StoppingMTDdistribution
thresh see StoppingMTDdistribution
prob see StoppingMTDdistribution

#### Value

 $the \ {\tt StoppingMTD} distribution \ object$ 

 ${\tt StoppingMTD} distribution-class$ 

Stop based on MTD distribution

# Description

Has 90% probability above a threshold of 50% of the current MTD been reached? This class is used for this question.

### **Slots**

```
target the target toxicity probability (e.g. 0.33) defining the MTD thresh the threshold relative to the MTD (e.g. 0.5) prob required probability (e.g. 0.9)
```

StoppingPatientsNearDose

Initialization function for "StoppingPatientsNearDose"

### **Description**

Initialization function for "StoppingPatientsNearDose"

# Usage

StoppingPatientsNearDose(nPatients, percentage)

# **Arguments**

nPatients see StoppingPatientsNearDose percentage see StoppingPatientsNearDose

### Value

the StoppingPatientsNearDose object

StoppingPatientsNearDose-class

Stop based on number of patients near to next best dose

# Description

Stop based on number of patients near to next best dose

#### **Slots**

nPatients number of required patients
percentage percentage (between 0 and 100) within the next best dose the patients must lie

StoppingTargetBiomarker

Initialization function for "StoppingTargetBiomarker"

# Description

Initialization function for "StoppingTargetBiomarker"

# Usage

StoppingTargetBiomarker(target, prob)

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### **Arguments**

target see StoppingTargetBiomarker
prob see StoppingTargetBiomarker

### Value

the StoppingTargetBiomarker object

StoppingTargetBiomarker-class

Stop based on probability of target biomarker

# Description

Stop based on probability of target biomarker

### **Slots**

target the biomarker target range, relative to the maximum, that needs to be reached. So this must be a probability range (1 is allowed here)

prob required target probability for reaching sufficient precision

# Description

Initialization function for "StoppingTargetProb"

# Usage

StoppingTargetProb(target, prob)

### **Arguments**

target see StoppingTargetProb
prob see StoppingTargetProb

#### Value

the StoppingTargetProb object

```
StoppingTargetProb-class
```

Stop based on probability of target tox interval

#### **Description**

Stop based on probability of target tox interval

#### **Slots**

```
target the target toxicity interval, e.g. c(0.2, 0.35) prob required target toxicity probability (e.g. 0.4) for reaching sufficient precision
```

stopTrial

Stop the trial?

### **Description**

This function returns whether to stop the trial.

#### Usage

```
stopTrial(stopping, dose, samples, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingList, ANY, ANY, ANY, ANY'
stopTrial(stopping, dose, samples,
  model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingAll, ANY, ANY, ANY, ANY'
stopTrial(stopping, dose, samples,
  model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingAny,ANY,ANY,ANY,ANY'
stopTrial(stopping, dose, samples,
  model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingCohortsNearDose,numeric,ANY,ANY,Data'
stopTrial(stopping,
  dose, samples, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingPatientsNearDose,numeric,ANY,ANY,Data'
stopTrial(stopping,
  dose, samples, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingMinCohorts, ANY, ANY, ANY, Data'
stopTrial(stopping, dose,
  samples, model, data, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingMinPatients, ANY, ANY, ANY, Data'
```

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```
stopTrial(stopping, dose,
    samples, model, data, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'StoppingTargetProb,numeric,Samples,Model,ANY'
stopTrial(stopping,
    dose, samples, model, data, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'StoppingMTDdistribution,numeric,Samples,Model,ANY'
stopTrial(stopping,
    dose, samples, model, data, ...)

## S4 method for signature
## 'StoppingTargetBiomarker,numeric,Samples,DualEndpoint,ANY'
stopTrial(stopping,
    dose, samples, model, data, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

stopping

dose the recommended next best dose
samples the Samples object
model The model input, an object of class Model
data The data input, an object of class Data

additional arguments

The rule, an object of class Stopping

### Value

. . .

logical value: TRUE if the trial can be stopped, FALSE otherwise. It should have an attribute message which gives the reason for the decision.

### Methods (by class)

- stopping = StoppingList, dose = ANY, samples = ANY, model = ANY, data = ANY: Stop based on multiple stopping rules
- stopping = StoppingAll,dose = ANY,samples = ANY,model = ANY,data = ANY:Stop based on fulfillment of all multiple stopping rules
- stopping = StoppingAny,dose = ANY,samples = ANY,model = ANY,data = ANY:Stop based on fulfillment of any stopping rule
- stopping = StoppingCohortsNearDose,dose = numeric,samples = ANY,model = ANY,data = Data: Stop based on number of cohorts near to next best dose
- stopping = StoppingPatientsNearDose, dose = numeric, samples = ANY, model = ANY, data = Data: Stop based on number of patients near to next best dose
- stopping = StoppingMinCohorts, dose = ANY, samples = ANY, model = ANY, data = Data: Stop based on minimum number of cohorts
- stopping = StoppingMinPatients, dose = ANY, samples = ANY, model = ANY, data = Data: Stop based on minimum number of patients
- stopping = StoppingTargetProb, dose = numeric, samples = Samples, model = Model, data = ANY: Stop based on probability of target tox interval

- stopping = StoppingMTDdistribution, dose = numeric, samples = Samples, model = Model, data = ANY: Stop based on MTD distribution
- stopping = StoppingTargetBiomarker,dose = numeric,samples = Samples,model = DualEndpoint,data Stop based on probability of targeting biomarker

summary, DualSimulations-method

Summarize the dual-endpoint design simulations, relative to given true dose-toxicity and dose-biomarker curves

### **Description**

Summarize the dual-endpoint design simulations, relative to given true dose-toxicity and dose-biomarker curves

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DualSimulations'
summary(object, trueTox, trueBiomarker,
  target = c(0.2, 0.35), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

object the DualSimulations object we want to summarize

trueTox a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true probability

(vector) for toxicity.

trueBiomarker a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true biomarker

level (vector).

target the target toxicity interval (default: 20-35%) used for the computations

... Additional arguments can be supplied here for trueTox and trueBiomarker

#### Value

an object of class DualSimulationsSummary

```
summary, General Simulations-method
```

Summarize the simulations, relative to a given truth

### **Description**

Summarize the simulations, relative to a given truth

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'GeneralSimulations'
summary(object, truth, target = c(0.2, 0.35),
...)
```

# Arguments

| object | the GeneralSimulations object we want to summarize   |
|--------|--|
| truth  | a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true probability (vector) for toxicity |
| target | the target toxicity interval (default: 20-35%) used for the computations                               |
|        | Additional arguments can be supplied here for truth  |

#### Value

an object of class GeneralSimulationsSummary

```
\verb"summary,Simulations-method"
```

Summarize the model-based design simulations, relative to a given truth

# Description

Summarize the model-based design simulations, relative to a given truth

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Simulations' summary(object, truth, target = c(0.2, 0.35), \ldots)
```

# Arguments

| object | the Simulations object we want to summarize  |
|--------|--|
| truth  | a function which takes as input a dose (vector) and returns the true probability (vector) for toxicity |
| target | the target toxicity interval (default: 20-35%) used for the computations                               |
|        | Additional arguments can be supplied here for truth  |

#### Value

an object of class SimulationsSummary

ThreePlusThreeDesign

ThreePlusThreeDesign Creates a new 3+3 design object from a dose grid

### **Description**

Creates a new 3+3 design object from a dose grid

#### Usage

ThreePlusThreeDesign(doseGrid)

# **Arguments**

doseGrid the dose grid to be used

### Value

the object of class RuleDesign with the 3+3 design

### Author(s)

Daniel Sabanes Bove <sabanesd@roche.com>

update, Data-method Update

Update method for the "Data" class

# Description

Add new data to the Data object

#### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Data'
update(object, x, y, ID = (if (length(object@ID))
  max(object@ID) else OL) + seq_along(y), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
object the old Data object

x the dose level (one level only!)

y the DLT vector (0/1 vector), for all patients in this cohort

ID the patient IDs

... not used
```

### Value

the new Data object

```
update,DataDual-method
```

Update method for the "DataDual" class

### **Description**

Add new data to the DataDual object

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DataDual'
update(object, x, y, w, ID = (if (length(object@ID))
  max(object@ID) else OL) + seq_along(y), ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
object the old DataDual object

x the dose level (one level only!)

y the DLT vector (0/1 vector), for all patients in this cohort

w the biomarker vector, for all patients in this cohort

ID the patient IDs

... not used
```

#### Value

the new DataDual object

```
update, DataParts-method
```

Update method for the "DataParts" class

### **Description**

Add new data to the DataParts object

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DataParts'
update(object, x, y, ID = (if (length(object@ID))
   max(object@ID) else OL) + seq_along(y), ...)
```

# Arguments

```
object the old DataParts object

x the dose level (one level only!)

y the DLT vector (0/1 vector), for all patients in this cohort

ID the patient IDs

... not used
```

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#### Value

the new DataParts object

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A Reference Class to help programming validation for new S4 classes

# Description

Starting from an empty msg vector, with each check that is returning FALSE the vector gets a new element - the string explaining the failure of the validation

#### **Fields**

msg the message character vector

writeModel

Creating a WinBUGS model file

### **Description**

Convert R function to a **WinBUGS** model file. BUGS models follow closely S syntax. It is therefore possible to write most BUGS models as R functions. As a difference, BUGS syntax allows truncation specification like this: dnorm(...) I(...) but this is illegal in R. To overcome this incompatibility, use dummy operator %\_% before I(...): dnorm(...) %\_% I(...). The dummy operator %\_% will be removed before the BUGS code is saved. In S-PLUS, a warning is generated when the model function is defined if the last statement in the model is an assignment. To avoid this warning, add the line invisible() to the end of the model definition. This line will be removed before the BUGS code is saved.

#### Usage

```
writeModel(model, con = "model.bug", digits = 5)
```

### **Arguments**

model R function containing the BUGS model in the BUGS model language, for minor

differences see Section Details.

con passed to writeLines which actually writes the model file

digits number of significant digits used for WinBUGS input, see formatC

# Value

Nothing, but as a side effect, the model file is written

### Author(s)

original idea by Jouni Kerman, modified by Uwe Ligges, DSB removed S Plus part

```
&, Stopping, Stopping-method
```

The method combining two atomic stopping rules

# Description

The method combining two atomic stopping rules

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Stopping,Stopping'
e1 & e2
```

# **Arguments**

e1 First Stopping object e2 Second Stopping object

### Value

The StoppingAll object

```
&, Stopping, StoppingAll-method
```

The method combining an atomic and a stopping list

# Description

The method combining an atomic and a stopping list

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Stopping,StoppingAll'
e1 & e2
```

# Arguments

e1 Stopping object e2 StoppingAll object

### Value

The modified StoppingAll object

```
&,StoppingAll,Stopping-method
```

The method combining a stopping list and an atomic

# Description

The method combining a stopping list and an atomic

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'StoppingAll,Stopping'
e1 & e2
```

# Arguments

```
e1 StoppingAll object
e2 Stopping object
```

# Value

The modified StoppingAll object

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