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Description CohortMethod is an R package for performing new-user cohort studies in an observational database in the OMOP Common Data Model. It extracts the necessary data from a database in OMOP Common Data Model format, and uses a large set of covariates for both the propensity and outcome model, including for example all drugs, diagnoses, procedures, as well as age, comorbidity indexes, etc. Large scale regularized regression is used to fit the propensity and outcome models. Functions are included for trimming, stratifying and matching on propensity scores, as well as diagnostic functions, such as propensity score distribution plots and plots showing covariate balance before and after matching and/or trimming. Supported outcome models are (conditional) logistic regression, (conditional) Poisson regression, and (stratified) Cox regression.

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checkCmInstallation	Check is CohortMethod and its dependencies are correctly installed
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Description

Check is CohortMethod and its dependencies are correctly installed

Usage

checkCmInstallation(connectionDetails)

Arguments

connectionDetails
An R object of type
connectionDetails created using the function createConnectionDetails in
the DatabaseConnector package.

Details

This function checks whether CohortMethod and its dependencies are correctly installed. This will check the database connectivity, large scale regresion engine (Cyclops), and large data object handling (ff).

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Description

CohortMethod

```
cohortMethodDataSimulationProfile
```

A simulation profile

Description

A simulation profile

Usage

```
data(cohortMethodDataSimulationProfile)
```

```
computeCovariateBalance
```

Compute covariate balance before and after matching and trimming

Description

For every covariate, prevalence in treatment and comparator groups before and after matching/trimming are computed. When variable ratio matching was used the balance score will be corrected according to the method described in Austin et al (2008).

Usage

```
computeCovariateBalance(population, cohortMethodData,
  subgroupCovariateId = NULL)
```

Arguments

population	A data frame containing the people that are remaining after matching and/or trimming.
cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.
subgroupCovariateId	Optional: a covariate ID of a binary covariate that indicates a subgroup of interest. Both the before and after populations will be restricted to this subgroup before computing covariate balance.

Details

The population data frame should have at least the following columns:

rowId	(integer)	A unique identifier for each row (e.g. the person ID)
treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group

Value

Returns a data frame describing the covariate balance before and after matching/trimming.

References

Austin, P.C. (2008) Assessing balance in measured baseline covariates when using many-to-one matching on the propensity-score. *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*, 17: 1218-1225.

computeMdr	<i>Compute the minimum detectable relative risk</i>
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Description

Compute the minimum detectable relative risk

Usage

```
computeMdr(population, alpha = 0.05, power = 0.8, twoSided = TRUE,
            modelType = "cox")
```

Arguments

population	A data frame describing the study population as created using the createStudyPopulation function. This should at least have these columns: subjectId, treatment, outcomeCount, timeAtRisk.
alpha	Type I error.
power	1 - beta, where beta is the type II error.
twoSided	Consider a two-sided test?
modelType	The type of outcome model that will be used. Possible values are "logistic", "poisson", or "cox". Currently only "cox" is supported.

Details

Compute the minimum detectable relative risk (MDRR) and expected standard error (SE) for a given study population, using the actual observed sample size and number of outcomes. Currently, only computations for Cox models are implemented. For Cox model, the computations by Schoenfeld (1983) is used.

Value

A data frame with the MDRR and some counts.

References

Schoenfeld DA (1983) Sample-size formula for the proportional-hazards regression model, *Biometrics*, 39(3), 499-503

computePsAuc	<i>Compute the area under the ROC curve</i>
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Description

computePsAuc computes the area under the ROC curve of the propensity score

Usage

```
computePsAuc(data, confidenceIntervals = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame with at least the two columns described below
confidenceIntervals	Compute 95 percent confidence intervals (computationally expensive for large data sets)

Details

The data frame should have at least the following two columns:

treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

Value

A data frame holding the AUC and its 95 percent confidence interval

Examples

```
treatment <- rep(0:1, each = 100)
propensityScore <- c(rnorm(100, mean = 0.4, sd = 0.25), rnorm(100, mean = 0.6, sd = 0.25))
data <- data.frame(treatment = treatment, propensityScore = propensityScore)
data <- data[data$propensityScore > 0 & data$propensityScore < 1, ]
computePsAuc(data)
```

constructEras	<i>Build eras</i>
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Description

Constructs eras (continuous periods of exposure or disease).

Usage

```
constructEras(connectionDetails, sourceDatabaseSchema,
  sourceTable = "drug_exposure",
  targetDatabaseSchema = sourceDatabaseSchema,
  targetTable = "drug_era", createTargetTable = FALSE,
  cdmDatabaseSchema = sourceDatabaseSchema, gracePeriod = 30,
  rollUp = TRUE, rollUpConceptClassId = "Ingredient",
  rollUpVocabularyId = "RxNorm", cdmVersion = "5")
```

Arguments

connectionDetails	An R object of type connectionDetails created using the function createConnectionDetails in the DatabaseConnector package.
sourceDatabaseSchema	The name of the database schema that contains the source table. Requires read permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.
sourceTable	The name of the source table.
targetDatabaseSchema	The name of the database schema that contains the target table. Requires write permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.
targetTable	The name of the target table.
createTargetTable	Should the target table be created? If not, the data is inserted in an existing table.
cdmDatabaseSchema	Only needed when rolling up concepts to ancestors: The name of the database schema that contains the vocabulary files. Requires read permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.
gracePeriod	The number of days allowed between periods for them to still be considered part of the same era.
rollUp	Should concepts be rolled up to their ancestors?
rollUpConceptClassId	The identifier of the concept class to which concepts should be rolled up.
rollUpVocabularyId	The identifier of the vocabulary to which concepts should be rolled up.
cdmVersion	The version of the CDM that is being used.

Details

This function creates eras from source data. For example, one could use this function to create drug eras based on drug exposures. The function allows drugs to be rolled up to ingredients, and prescriptions to the same ingredient that overlap in time are merged into a single ingredient. Note that stockpiling is not assumed to take place (ie. overlap is discarded), but a grace period can be specified allowing for a small gap between prescriptions when merging. The user can specify the source and target table. These tables are assumed to have the same structure as the cohort table in the Common Data Model (CDM), except when the table names are 'drug_exposure' or 'condition_occurrence' for the source table, or 'drug_era' or 'condition_era' for the target table,

in which case the tables are assumed to have the structure defined for those tables in the CDM. If both the source and target table specify a field for type_concept_id, the era construction will partition by the type_concept_id, in other words periods with different type_concept_ids will be treated independently.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Constructing drug eras in CDM v4:
constructEras(connectionDetails,
               sourceDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
               sourceTable = "drug_exposure",
               targetTable = "drug_era",
               createTargetTable = FALSE,
               gracePeriod = 30,
               rollUpVocabularyId = 8,
               rollUpConceptClassId = "Ingredient",
               cdmVersion = "4")

# Constructing drug eras in CDM v5:
constructEras(connectionDetails,
               sourceDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
               sourceTable = "drug_exposure",
               targetTable = "drug_era",
               createTargetTable = FALSE,
               gracePeriod = 30,
               rollUpVocabularyId = "RxNorm",
               rollUpConceptClassId = "Ingredient",
               cdmVersion = "5")

## End(Not run)
```

createCmAnalysis

Create a CohortMethod analysis specification

Description

Create a CohortMethod analysis specification

Usage

```
createCmAnalysis(analysisId = 1, description = "", targetType = NULL,
                 comparatorType = NULL, getDbCohortMethodDataArgs, createStudyPopArgs,
                 createPs = FALSE, createPsArgs = NULL, trimByPs = FALSE,
                 trimByPsArgs = NULL, trimByPsToEquipoise = FALSE,
                 trimByPsToEquipoiseArgs = NULL, matchOnPs = FALSE,
                 matchOnPsArgs = NULL, matchOnPsAndCovariates = FALSE,
                 matchOnPsAndCovariatesArgs = NULL, stratifyByPs = FALSE,
                 stratifyByPsArgs = NULL, stratifyByPsAndCovariates = FALSE,
                 stratifyByPsAndCovariatesArgs = NULL, fitOutcomeModel = FALSE,
                 fitOutcomeModelArgs = NULL)
```


Arguments

analysisId	An integer that will be used later to refer to this specific set of analysis choices.
description	A short description of the analysis.
targetType	If more than one target is provided for each drugComparatorOutcome, this field should be used to select the specific target to use in this analysis.
comparatorType	If more than one comparator is provided for each drugComparatorOutcome, this field should be used to select the specific comparator to use in this analysis.
getDbCohortMethodDataArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the getDbCohortMethodData function.
createStudyPopArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the createStudyPopulation function.
createPs	Should the createPs function be used in this analysis?
createPsArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the createPs function.
trimByPs	Should the trimByPs function be used in this analysis?
trimByPsArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the trimByPs function.
trimByPsToEquipoise	Should the trimByPsToEquipoise function be used in this analysis?
trimByPsToEquipoiseArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the trimByPsToEquipoise function.
matchOnPs	Should the matchOnPs function be used in this analysis?
matchOnPsArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the matchOnPs function.
matchOnPsAndCovariates	Should the matchOnPsAndCovariates function be used in this analysis?
matchOnPsAndCovariatesArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the matchOnPsAndCovariates function.
stratifyByPs	Should the stratifyByPs function be used in this analysis?
stratifyByPsArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the stratifyByPs function.
stratifyByPsAndCovariates	Should the stratifyByPsAndCovariates function be used in this analysis?
stratifyByPsAndCovariatesArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the stratifyByPsAndCovariates function.
fitOutcomeModel	Should the fitOutcomeModel function be used in this analysis?
fitOutcomeModelArgs	An object representing the arguments to be used when calling the fitOutcomeModel function.

Details

Create a set of analysis choices, to be used with the [runCmAnalyses](#) function.

createCmTable1	Create a table 1
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Description

Creates a formatted table of cohort characteristics, to be included in publications or reports.

Usage

```
createCmTable1(balance,
  specifications = getDefaultCmTable1Specifications(),
  beforeTargetPopSize, beforeComparatorPopSize, afterTargetPopSize,
  afterComparatorPopSize, beforeLabel = "Before matching",
  afterLabel = "After matching", targetLabel = "Target",
  comparatorLabel = "Comparator", percentDigits = 1,
  stdDiffDigits = 2)
```

Arguments

balance	A data frame created by the computeCovariateBalance function.
specifications	Specifications of which covariates to display, and how.
beforeTargetPopSize	The number of people in the target cohort before matching/stratification/trimming, to mention in the table header. If not provide, no number will be included in the header.
beforeComparatorPopSize	The number of people in the comparator cohort before matching/stratification/trimming, to mention in the table header. If not provide, no number will be included in the header.
afterTargetPopSize	The number of people in the target cohort after matching/stratification/trimming, to mention in the table header. If not provide, no number will be included in the header.
afterComparatorPopSize	The number of people in the comparator cohort after matching/stratification/trimming, to mention in the table header. If not provide, no number will be included in the header.
beforeLabel	Label for identifying columns before matching / stratification / trimming.
afterLabel	Label for identifying columns after matching / stratification / trimming.
targetLabel	Label for identifying columns of the target cohort.
comparatorLabel	Label for identifying columns of the comparator cohort.
percentDigits	Number of digits to be used for percentages.
stdDiffDigits	Number of digits to be used for the standardized differences.

Value

A data frame with the formatted table 1.

```
createCohortMethodDataSimulationProfile
```

Create simulation profile

Description

createCohortMethodDataSimulationProfile creates a profile based on the provided cohortMethodData object, which can be used to generate simulated data that has similar characteristics.

Usage

```
createCohortMethodDataSimulationProfile(cohortMethodData)
```

Arguments

cohortMethodData
An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.

Details

The output of this function is an object that can be used by the simulateCohortMethodData function to generate a cohortMethodData object.

Value

An object of type cohortDataSimulationProfile.

```
createCreatePsArgs
```

Create a parameter object for the function createPs

Description

Create a parameter object for the function createPs

Usage

```
createCreatePsArgs(excludeCovariateIds = c(),
  includeCovariateIds = c(), maxCohortSizeForFitting = 250000,
  errorOnHighCorrelation = TRUE, stopOnError = TRUE,
  prior = createPrior("laplace", exclude = c(0), useCrossValidation =
  TRUE), control = createControl(noiseLevel = "silent", cvType = "auto",
  tolerance = 2e-07, cvRepetitions = 10, startingVariance = 0.01))
```

Arguments

<code>excludeCovariateIds</code>	Exclude these covariates from the propensity model.
<code>includeCovariateIds</code>	Include only these covariates in the propensity model.
<code>maxCohortSizeForFitting</code>	If the target or comparator cohort are larger than this number, they will be down-sampled before fitting the propensity model. The model will be used to compute propensity scores for all subjects. The purpose of the sampling is to gain speed. Setting this number to 0 means no downsampling will be applied.
<code>errorOnHighCorrelation</code>	If true, the function will test each covariate for correlation with the treatment assignment. If any covariate has an unusually high correlation (either positive or negative), this will throw an error.
<code>stopOnError</code>	If an error occurs, should the function stop? Else, the two cohorts will be assumed to be perfectly separable.
<code>prior</code>	The prior used to fit the model. See <code>createPrior</code> for details.
<code>control</code>	The control object used to control the cross-validation used to determine the hyperparameters of the prior (if applicable). See <code>createControl</code> for details.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

`createCreateStudyPopulationArgs`

Create a parameter object for the function `createStudyPopulation`

Description

Create a parameter object for the function `createStudyPopulation`

Usage

```
createCreateStudyPopulationArgs(firstExposureOnly = FALSE,
  restrictToCommonPeriod = FALSE, washoutPeriod = 0,
  removeDuplicateSubjects = FALSE,
  removeSubjectsWithPriorOutcome = TRUE, priorOutcomeLookback = 99999,
  minDaysAtRisk = 1, riskWindowStart = 0,
  addExposureDaysToStart = FALSE, riskWindowEnd = 0,
  addExposureDaysToEnd = TRUE, censorAtNewRiskWindow = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>firstExposureOnly</code>	Should only the first exposure per subject be included? Note that this is typically done in the <code>createStudyPopulation</code> function,
<code>restrictToCommonPeriod</code>	Restrict the analysis to the period when both exposures are observed?

washoutPeriod	The minimum required continuous observation time prior to index date for a person to be included in the cohort.
removeDuplicateSubjects	Remove subjects that are in both the target and comparator cohort? See details for allowed values.
removeSubjectsWithPriorOutcome	Remove subjects that have the outcome prior to the risk window start?
priorOutcomeLookback	How many days should we look back when identifying prior outcomes?
minDaysAtRisk	The minimum required number of days at risk.
riskWindowStart	The start of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date (+ days of exposure if the addExposureDaysToStart parameter is specified).
addExposureDaysToStart	Add the length of exposure the start of the risk window?
riskWindowEnd	The end of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date (+ days of exposure if the addExposureDaysToEnd parameter is specified).
addExposureDaysToEnd	Add the length of exposure the risk window?
censorAtNewRiskWindow	If a subject is in multiple cohorts, should time-at-risk be censored when the new time-at-risk starts to prevent overlap?

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

```
createFitOutcomeModelArgs
```

Create a parameter object for the function fitOutcomeModel

Description

Create a parameter object for the function fitOutcomeModel

Usage

```
createFitOutcomeModelArgs(modelType = "logistic", stratified = FALSE,
  useCovariates = FALSE, inversePtWeighting = FALSE,
  interactionCovariateIds = c(), excludeCovariateIds = c(),
  includeCovariateIds = c(), prior = createPrior("laplace",
  useCrossValidation = TRUE), control = createControl(cvType = "auto",
  startingVariance = 0.01, tolerance = 2e-07, cvRepetitions = 10,
  noiseLevel = "quiet"))
```

Arguments

modelType	The type of outcome model that will be used. Possible values are "logistic", "poisson", or "cox".
stratified	Should the regression be conditioned on the strata defined in the population object (e.g. by matching or stratifying on propensity scores)?
useCovariates	Whether to use the covariate matrix in the cohortMethodData object in the outcome model.
inversePtWeighting	Use inverse probability of treatment weighting?
interactionCovariateIds	An optional vector of covariate IDs to use to estimate interactions with the main treatment effect.
excludeCovariateIds	Exclude these covariates from the outcome model.
includeCovariateIds	Include only these covariates in the outcome model.
prior	The prior used to fit the model. See createPrior for details.
control	The control object used to control the cross-validation used to determine the hyperparameters of the prior (if applicable). See createControl for details.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

```
createGetDbCohortMethodDataArgs
```

Create a parameter object for the function getDbCohortMethodData

Description

Create a parameter object for the function getDbCohortMethodData

Usage

```
createGetDbCohortMethodDataArgs(studyStartDate = "", studyEndDate = "",
  excludeDrugsFromCovariates = TRUE, firstExposureOnly = FALSE,
  removeDuplicateSubjects = FALSE, restrictToCommonPeriod = FALSE,
  washoutPeriod = 0, maxCohortSize = 0, covariateSettings)
```

Arguments

studyStartDate	A calendar date specifying the minimum date that a cohort index date can appear. Date format is 'yyyymmdd'.
studyEndDate	A calendar date specifying the maximum date that a cohort index date can appear. Date format is 'yyyymmdd'. Important: the study end date is also used to truncate risk windows, meaning no outcomes beyond the study end date will be considered.

excludeDrugsFromCovariates	Should the target and comparator drugs (and their descendant concepts) be excluded from the covariates? Note that this will work if the drugs are actually drug concept IDs (and not cohort IDs).
firstExposureOnly	Should only the first exposure per subject be included? Note that this is typically done in the createStudyPopulation function, but can already be done here for efficiency reasons.
removeDuplicateSubjects	Remove subjects that are in both the target and comparator cohort? See details for allowed values. Note that this is typically done in the createStudyPopulation function, but can already be done here for efficiency reasons.
restrictToCommonPeriod	Restrict the analysis to the period when both treatments are observed?
washoutPeriod	The minimum required continuous observation time prior to index date for a person to be included in the cohort. Note that this is typically done in the createStudyPopulation function, but can already be done here for efficiency reasons.
maxCohortSize	If either the target or the comparator cohort is larger than this number it will be sampled to this size. maxCohortSize = 0 indicates no maximum size.
covariateSettings	An object of type covariateSettings as created using the createCovariateSettings function in the FeatureExtraction package.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

```
createMatchOnPsAndCovariatesArgs
```

Create a parameter object for the function matchOnPsAndCovariates

Description

Create a parameter object for the function matchOnPsAndCovariates

Usage

```
createMatchOnPsAndCovariatesArgs(caliper = 0.2,
  caliperScale = "standardized logit", maxRatio = 1, covariateIds)
```

Arguments

caliper	The caliper for matching. A caliper is the distance which is acceptable for any match. Observations which are outside of the caliper are dropped. A caliper of 0 means no caliper is used.
caliperScale	The scale on which the caliper is defined. Three scales are supported: caliperScale = 'propensity score', caliperScale = 'standardized', or caliperScale = 'standardized logit'. On the standardized scale, the caliper is interpreted in standard deviations of the propensity score distribution. 'standardized logit' is similar, except that the propensity score is transformed to the logit scale because the PS is more likely to be normally distributed on that scale (Austin, 2011).

maxRatio	The maximum number of persons in the comparator arm to be matched to each person in the treatment arm. A maxRatio of 0 means no maximum: all comparators will be assigned to a target person.
covariateIds	One or more covariate IDs in the cohortMethodData object on which subjects should be also matched.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

createMatchOnPsArgs	<i>Create a parameter object for the function matchOnPs</i>
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Description

Create a parameter object for the function matchOnPs

Usage

```
createMatchOnPsArgs(caliper = 0.2, caliperScale = "standardized logit",
  maxRatio = 1, stratificationColumns = c())
```

Arguments

caliper	The caliper for matching. A caliper is the distance which is acceptable for any match. Observations which are outside of the caliper are dropped. A caliper of 0 means no caliper is used.
caliperScale	The scale on which the caliper is defined. Three scales are supported: caliperScale = 'propensity score', caliperScale = 'standardized', or caliperScale = 'standardized logit'. On the standardized scale, the caliper is interpreted in standard deviations of the propensity score distribution. 'standardized logit' is similar, except that the propensity score is transformed to the logit scale because the PS is more likely to be normally distributed on that scale (Austin, 2011).
maxRatio	The maximum number of persons in the comparator arm to be matched to each person in the treatment arm. A maxRatio of 0 means no maximum: all comparators will be assigned to a target person.
stratificationColumns	Names or numbers of one or more columns in the data frame on which subjects should be stratified prior to matching. No persons will be matched with persons outside of the strata identified by the values in these columns.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

createPs	<i>Create propensity scores</i>
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Description

createPs creates propensity scores using a regularized logistic regression.

Usage

```
createPs(cohortMethodData, population, excludeCovariateIds = c(),
  includeCovariateIds = c(), maxCohortSizeForFitting = 250000,
  errorOnHighCorrelation = TRUE, stopOnError = TRUE,
  prior = createPrior("laplace", exclude = c(0), useCrossValidation =
    TRUE), control = createControl(noiseLevel = "silent", cvType = "auto",
  tolerance = 2e-07, cvRepetitions = 10, startingVariance = 0.01))
```

Arguments

cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.
population	A data frame describing the population. This should at least have a 'rowId' column corresponding to the rowId column in the cohortMethodData covariates object and a 'treatment' column. If population is not specified, the full population in the cohortMethodData will be used.
excludeCovariateIds	Exclude these covariates from the propensity model.
includeCovariateIds	Include only these covariates in the propensity model.
maxCohortSizeForFitting	If the target or comparator cohort are larger than this number, they will be down-sampled before fitting the propensity model. The model will be used to compute propensity scores for all subjects. The purpose of the sampling is to gain speed. Setting this number to 0 means no downsampling will be applied.
errorOnHighCorrelation	If true, the function will test each covariate for correlation with the treatment assignment. If any covariate has an unusually high correlation (either positive or negative), this will throw an error.
stopOnError	If an error occurs, should the function stop? Else, the two cohorts will be assumed to be perfectly separable.
prior	The prior used to fit the model. See createPrior for details.
control	The control object used to control the cross-validation used to determine the hyperparameters of the prior (if applicable). See createControl for details.

Details

createPs creates propensity scores using a regularized logistic regression.

Examples

```
data(cohortMethodDataSimulationProfile)
cohortMethodData <- simulateCohortMethodData(cohortMethodDataSimulationProfile, n = 1000)
ps <- createPs(cohortMethodData)
```

```
createStratifyByPsAndCovariatesArgs
```

Create a parameter object for the function stratifyByPsAndCovariates

Description

Create a parameter object for the function stratifyByPsAndCovariates

Usage

```
createStratifyByPsAndCovariatesArgs(numberOfStrata = 5,
  baseSelection = "all", covariateIds)
```

Arguments

numberOfStrata	Into how many strata should the propensity score be divided? The boundaries of the strata are automatically defined to contain equal numbers of target persons.
baseSelection	What is the base selection of subjects where the strata bounds are to be determined? Strata are defined as equally-sized strata inside this selection. Possible values are "all", "target", and "comparator".
covariateIds	One or more covariate IDs in the cohortMethodData object on which subjects should also be stratified.

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

```
createStratifyByPsArgs
```

Create a parameter object for the function stratifyByPs

Description

Create a parameter object for the function stratifyByPs

Usage

```
createStratifyByPsArgs(numberOfStrata = 5, stratificationColumns = c(),
  baseSelection = "all")
```

Arguments

- numberOfStrata** How many strata? The boundaries of the strata are automatically defined to contain equal numbers of target persons.
- stratificationColumns** Names of one or more columns in the data data.frame on which subjects should also be stratified in addition to stratification on propensity score.
- baseSelection** What is the base selection of subjects where the strata bounds are to be determined? Strata are defined as equally-sized strata inside this selection. Possible values are "all", "target", and "comparator".

Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

`createStudyPopulation` *Create a study population*

Description

Create a study population

Usage

```
createStudyPopulation(cohortMethodData, population = NULL, outcomeId,
  firstExposureOnly = FALSE, restrictToCommonPeriod = FALSE,
  washoutPeriod = 0, removeDuplicateSubjects = FALSE,
  removeSubjectsWithPriorOutcome = TRUE, priorOutcomeLookback = 99999,
  minDaysAtRisk = 1, riskWindowStart = 0,
  addExposureDaysToStart = FALSE, riskWindowEnd = 0,
  addExposureDaysToEnd = TRUE, censorAtNewRiskWindow = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- cohortMethodData** An object of type `cohortMethodData` as generated using `getDbCohortMethodData`.
- population** If specified, this population will be used as the starting point instead of the cohorts in the `cohortMethodData` object.
- outcomeId** The ID of the outcome. If not specified, no outcome-specific transformations will be performed.
- firstExposureOnly** Should only the first exposure per subject be included? Note that this is typically done in the `createStudyPopulation` function,
- restrictToCommonPeriod** Restrict the analysis to the period when both exposures are observed?
- washoutPeriod** The minimum required continuous observation time prior to index date for a person to be included in the cohort.
- removeDuplicateSubjects** Remove subjects that are in both the target and comparator cohort? See details for allowed values.

<code>removeSubjectsWithPriorOutcome</code>	Remove subjects that have the outcome prior to the risk window start?
<code>priorOutcomeLookback</code>	How many days should we look back when identifying prior outcomes?
<code>minDaysAtRisk</code>	The minimum required number of days at risk.
<code>riskWindowStart</code>	The start of the risk window (in days) relative to the index date (+ days of exposure if the <code>addExposureDaysToStart</code> parameter is specified).
<code>addExposureDaysToStart</code>	Add the length of exposure the start of the risk window?
<code>riskWindowEnd</code>	The end of the risk window (in days) relative to the index data (+ days of exposure if the <code>addExposureDaysToEnd</code> parameter is specified).
<code>addExposureDaysToEnd</code>	Add the length of exposure the risk window?
<code>censorAtNewRiskWindow</code>	If a subject is in multiple cohorts, should time-at-risk be censored when the new time-at-risk starts to prevent overlap?

Details

Create a study population by enforcing certain inclusion and exclusion criteria, defining a risk window, and determining which outcomes fall inside the risk window.

The `removeduplicateSubjects` argument can have one of the following values:

"keep all" Do not remove subjects that appear in both target and comparator cohort

"keep first" When a subjects appear in both target and comparator cohort, only keep whichever cohort is first in time. If both cohorts start simultaneous, the person is removed from the analysis.

"remove all" Remove subjects that appear in both target and comparator cohort completely from the analysis."

Value

A data frame specifying the study population. This data frame will have the following columns:

rowId A unique identifier for an exposure

subjectId The person ID of the subject

cohortStartdate The index date

outcomeCount The number of outcomes observed during the risk window

timeAtRisk The number of days in the risk window

survivalTime The number of days until either the outcome or the end of the risk window

createTargetComparatorOutcomes

Create target-comparator-outcomes combinations.

Description

Create target-comparator-outcomes combinations.

Usage

```
createTargetComparatorOutcomes(targetId, comparatorId, outcomeIds,
  excludedCovariateConceptIds = c(), includedCovariateConceptIds = c())
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| targetId | A concept ID indentifying the target drug in the exposure table. If multiple strategies for picking the target will be tested in the analysis, a named list of numbers can be provided instead. In the analysis, the name of the number to be used can be specified using the #' targetType parameter in the createCmAnalysis function. |
| comparatorId | A concept ID indentifying the comparator drug in the exposure table. If multiple strategies for picking the comparator will be tested in the analysis, a named list of numbers can be provided instead. In the analysis, the name of the number to be used can be specified using the #' comparatorType parameter in the createCmAnalysis function. |
| outcomeIds | A vector of concept IDs indentifying the outcome(s) in the outcome table. |
| excludedCovariateConceptIds | A list of concept IDs that cannot be used to construct covariates. This argument is to be used only for exclusion concepts that are specific to the drug-comparator combination. |
| includedCovariateConceptIds | A list of concept IDs that must be used to construct covariates. This argument is to be used only for inclusion concepts that are specific to the drug-comparator combination. |

Details

Create a set of hypotheses of interest, to be used with the [runCmAnalyses](#) function.

createTrimByPsArgs

Create a parameter object for the function trimByPs

Description

Create a parameter object for the function trimByPs

Usage

```
createTrimByPsArgs(trimFraction = 0.05)
```

Arguments

trimFraction	This fraction will be removed from each treatment group. In the treatmentgroup, persons with the highest propensity scores will be removed, in the comparator group person with the lowest scores will be removed.
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Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

createTrimByPsToEquipoiseArgs	<i>Create a parameter object for the function trimByPsToEquipoise</i>
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Description

Create a parameter object for the function trimByPsToEquipoise

Usage

```
createTrimByPsToEquipoiseArgs(bounds = c(0.25, 0.75))
```

Arguments

bounds	The upper and lower bound on the preference score for keeping persons
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Details

Create an object defining the parameter values.

drawAttritionDiagram	<i>Draw the attrition diagram</i>
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Description

drawAttritionDiagram draws the attrition diagram, showing how many people were excluded from the study population, and for what reasons.

Usage

```
drawAttritionDiagram(object, targetLabel = "Target",
  comparatorLabel = "Comparator", fileName = NULL)
```

Arguments

object	Either an object of type cohortMethodData, a population object generated by functions like createStudyPopulation, or an object of type outcomeModel.
targetLabel	A label to us for the target cohort.
comparatorLabel	A label to us for the comparator cohort.
fileName	Name of the file where the plot should be saved, for example 'plot.png'. See the function ggsave in the ggplot2 package for supported file formats.

Value

A ggplot object. Use the [ggsave](#) function to save to file in a different format.

fitOutcomeModel	Create an outcome model, and compute the relative risk
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Description

fitOutcomeModel creates an outcome model, and computes the relative risk

Usage

```
fitOutcomeModel(population, cohortMethodData = NULL,
  modelType = "logistic", stratified = FALSE, useCovariates = FALSE,
  inversePtWeighting = FALSE, interactionCovariateIds = c(),
  excludeCovariateIds = c(), includeCovariateIds = c(),
  prior = createPrior("laplace", useCrossValidation = TRUE),
  control = createControl(cvType = "auto", startingVariance = 0.01,
    tolerance = 2e-07, cvRepetitions = 10, noiseLevel = "quiet"))
```

Arguments

population	A population object generated by createStudyPopulation, potentially filtered by other functions.
cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.
modelType	The type of outcome model that will be used. Possible values are "logistic", "poisson", or "cox".
stratified	Should the regression be conditioned on the strata defined in the population object (e.g. by matching or stratifying on propensity scores)?
useCovariates	Whether to use the covariate matrix in the cohortMethodData object in the outcome model.
inversePtWeighting	Use inverse probability of treatment weighting?
interactionCovariateIds	An optional vector of covariate IDs to use to estimate interactions with the main treatment effect.
excludeCovariateIds	Exclude these covariates from the outcome model.
includeCovariateIds	Include only these covariates in the outcome model.
prior	The prior used to fit the model. See createPrior for details.
control	The control object used to control the cross-validation used to determine the hyperparameters of the prior (if applicable). See createControl for details.

Value

An object of class outcomeModel. Generic function summary, coef, and confint are available.

getAttritionTable	<i>Get the attrition table for a population</i>
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Description

Get the attrition table for a population

Usage

```
getAttritionTable(object)
```

Arguments

object	Either an object of type cohortMethodData, a population object generated by functions like createStudyPopulation, or an object of type outcomeModel.
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Value

A data frame specifying the number of people and exposures in the population after specific steps of filtering.

getDbCohortMethodData	<i>Get the cohort data from the server</i>
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Description

This function executes a large set of SQL statements against the database in OMOP CDM format to extract the data needed to perform the analysis.

Usage

```
getDbCohortMethodData(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema, targetId, comparatorId,
  outcomeIds, studyStartDate = "", studyEndDate = "",
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureTable = "drug_era",
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeTable = "condition_occurrence", cdmVersion = "5",
  excludeDrugsFromCovariates = TRUE, firstExposureOnly = FALSE,
  removeDuplicateSubjects = FALSE, restrictToCommonPeriod = FALSE,
  washoutPeriod = 0, maxCohortSize = 0, covariateSettings)
```

Arguments

connectionDetails	An R object of type connectionDetails created using the function createConnectionDetails in the DatabaseConnector package.
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cdmDatabaseSchema	The name of the database schema that contains the OMOP CDM instance. Requires read permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.
oracleTempSchema	For Oracle only: the name of the database schema where you want all temporary tables to be managed. Requires create/insert permissions to this database.
targetId	A unique identifier to define the target cohort. If exposureTable = DRUG_ERA, targetId is a CONCEPT_ID and all descendant concepts within that CONCEPT_ID will be used to define the cohort. If exposureTable <> DRUG_ERA, targetId is used to select the cohort_concept_id in the cohort-like table.
comparatorId	A unique identifier to define the comparator cohort. If exposureTable = DRUG_ERA, comparatorId is a CONCEPT_ID and all descendant concepts within that CONCEPT_ID will be used to define the cohort. If exposureTable <> DRUG_ERA, comparatorId is used to select the cohort_concept_id in the cohort-like table.
outcomeIds	A list of cohort_definition_ids used to define outcomes.
studyStartDate	A calendar date specifying the minimum date that a cohort index date can appear. Date format is 'yyyymmdd'.
studyEndDate	A calendar date specifying the maximum date that a cohort index date can appear. Date format is 'yyyymmdd'. Important: the study end data is also used to truncate risk windows, meaning no outcomes beyond the study end date will be considered.
exposureDatabaseSchema	The name of the database schema that is the location where the exposure data used to define the exposure cohorts is available. If exposureTable = DRUG_ERA, exposureDatabaseSchema is not used by assumed to be cdmSchema. Requires read permissions to this database.
exposureTable	The tablename that contains the exposure cohorts. If exposureTable <> DRUG_ERA, then expectation is exposureTable has format of COHORT table: cohort_concept_id, SUBJECT_ID, COHORT_START_DATE, COHORT_END_DATE.
outcomeDatabaseSchema	The name of the database schema that is the location where the data used to define the outcome cohorts is available. If exposureTable = CONDITION_ERA, exposureDatabaseSchema is not used by assumed to be cdmSchema. Requires read permissions to this database.
outcomeTable	The tablename that contains the outcome cohorts. If outcomeTable <> CONDITION_OCCURRENCE, then expectation is outcomeTable has format of COHORT table: COHORT_DEFINITION_ID, SUBJECT_ID, COHORT_START_DATE, COHORT_END_DATE.
cdmVersion	Define the OMOP CDM version used: currently support "4" and "5".
excludeDrugsFromCovariates	Should the target and comparator drugs (and their descendant concepts) be excluded from the covariates? Note that this will work if the drugs are actually drug concept IDs (and not cohort IDs).
firstExposureOnly	Should only the first exposure per subject be included? Note that this is typically done in the createStudyPopulation function, but can already be done here for efficiency reasons.

<code>removeDuplicateSubjects</code>	Remove subjects that are in both the target and comparator cohort? See details for allowed values. Note that this is typically done in the <code>createStudyPopulation</code> function, but can already be done here for efficiency reasons.
<code>restrictToCommonPeriod</code>	Restrict the analysis to the period when both treatments are observed?
<code>washoutPeriod</code>	The minimum required continuous observation time prior to index date for a person to be included in the cohort. Note that this is typically done in the <code>createStudyPopulation</code> function, but can already be done here for efficiency reasons.
<code>maxCohortSize</code>	If either the target or the comparator cohort is larger than this number it will be sampled to this size. <code>maxCohortSize = 0</code> indicates no maximum size.
<code>covariateSettings</code>	An object of type <code>covariateSettings</code> as created using the <code>createCovariateSettings</code> function in the <code>FeatureExtraction</code> package.

Details

Based on the arguments, the treatment and comparator cohorts are retrieved, as well as outcomes occurring in exposed subjects. The treatment and comparator cohorts can be identified using the `drug_era` table, or through user-defined cohorts in a cohort table either inside the CDM instance or in a separate schema. Similarly, outcomes are identified using the `condition_era` table or through user-defined cohorts in a cohort table either inside the CDM instance or in a separate schema. Covariates are automatically extracted from the appropriate tables within the CDM. Important: The target and comparator drug must not be included in the covariates, including any descendant concepts. If the `targetId` and `comparatorId` arguments represent real concept IDs, you can set the `excludeDrugsFromCovariates` argument to `TRUE` and automatically the drugs and their descendants will be excluded from the covariates. However, if the `targetId` and `comparatorId` arguments do not represent concept IDs, you will need to manually add the drugs and descendants to the `excludedCovariateConceptIds` of the `covariateSettings` argument.

The `removeDuplicateSubjects` argument can have one of the following values:

- "keep all"** Do not remove subjects that appear in both target and comparator cohort
- "keep first"** When a subjects appear in both target and comparator cohort, only keep whichever cohort is first in time.
- "remove all"** Remove subjects that appear in both target and comparator cohort completely from the analysis.

Value

Returns an object of type `cohortMethodData`, containing information on the cohorts, their outcomes, and baseline covariates. Information about multiple outcomes can be captured at once for efficiency reasons. This object is a list with the following components:

- outcomes** A data frame listing the outcomes per person, including the time to event, and the outcome id. Outcomes are not yet filtered based on risk window, since this is done at a later stage.
- cohorts** A data frame listing the persons in each cohort, listing their exposure status as well as the time to the end of the observation period and time to the end of the cohort (usually the end of the exposure era).
- covariates** An `ffdf` object listing the baseline covariates per person in the two cohorts. This is done using a sparse representation: covariates with a value of 0 are omitted to save space.

covariateRef An ffdi object describing the covariates that have been extracted.

metaData A list of objects with information on how the cohortMethodData object was constructed.

The generic print() and summary() functions have been implemented for this object.

```
getDefaultCmTable1Specifications
```

Get the default table 1 specifications

Description

Loads the default specifications for a table 1, to be used with the [createTable1](#) function.

Important: currently only works for binary covariates.

Usage

```
getDefaultCmTable1Specifications()
```

Value

A specifications objects.

```
getFollowUpDistribution
```

Get the distribution of follow-up time

Description

Get the distribution of follow-up time

Usage

```
getFollowUpDistribution(population, quantiles = c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1))
```

Arguments

population	A data frame describing the study population as created using the createStudyPopulation function. This should at least have these columns: treatment, timeAtRisk.
quantiles	The quantiles of the population to compute minimum follow-up time for.

Details

Get the distribution of follow-up time as quantiles. Follow-up time is defined as time-at-risk, so not censored at the outcome.

Value

A data frame with per treatment group at each quantile the amount of follow-up time available.

getOutcomeModel	<i>Get the outcome model</i>
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Description

getOutcomeModel shows the full outcome model, so showing the betas of all variables included in the outcome model, not just the treatment variable.

Usage

```
getOutcomeModel(outcomeModel, cohortMethodData)
```

Arguments

outcomeModel	An object of type outcomeModel as generated using the createOutcomeModel function.
cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.

Details

Shows the coefficients and names of the covariates with non-zero coefficients.

Examples

```
# todo
```

getPsModel	<i>Get the propensity model</i>
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Description

getPsModel shows the propensity score model

Usage

```
getPsModel(propensityScore, cohortMethodData)
```

Arguments

propensityScore	The propensity scores as generated using the createPs function.
cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.

Details

Shows the coefficients and names of the covariates with non-zero coefficients.

Examples

```
# todo
```

grepCovariateNames	<i>Extract covariate names</i>
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Description

Extracts covariate names using a regular-expression.

Usage

```
grepCovariateNames(pattern, object)
```

Arguments

pattern	A regular expression with which to name covariate names
object	An R object of type cohortMethodData or covariateData.

Details

This function extracts covariate names that match a regular-expression for a cohortMethodData or covariateData object.

Value

Returns a data.frame containing information about covariates that match a regular expression. This data.frame has the following columns:

covariateId Numerical identifier for use in model fitting using these covariates

covariateName Text identifier

analysisId Analysis identifier

conceptId OMOP common data model concept identifier, or 0

insertDbPopulation	<i>Insert a population into a database</i>
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Description

Insert a population into a database

Usage

```
insertDbPopulation(population, cohortIds = c(1, 0), connectionDetails,
  cohortDatabaseSchema, cohortTable = "cohort", createTable = FALSE,
  dropTableIfExists = TRUE, cdmVersion = "5")
```

Arguments

population	Either an object of type cohortMethodData or a population object generated by functions like createStudyPopulation.
cohortIds	The IDs to be used for the target and comparator cohort, respectively.
connectionDetails	An R object of type connectionDetails created using the function createConnectionDetails in the DatabaseConnector package.
cohortDatabaseSchema	The name of the database schema where the data will be written. Requires write permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example 'cdm_instance.dbo'.
cohortTable	The name of the table in the database schema where the data will be written.
createTable	Should a new table be created? If not, the data will be inserted into an existing table.
dropTableIfExists	If createTable = TRUE and the table already exists it will be overwritten.
cdmVersion	Define the OMOP CDM version used: currently support "4" and "5".

Details

Inserts a population table into a database. The table in the database will have the same structure as the 'cohort' table in the Common Data Model.

loadCmAnalysisList	<i>Load a list of cmAnalysis from file</i>
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Description

Load a list of objects of type cmAnalysis from file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

```
loadCmAnalysisList(file)
```

Arguments

file	The name of the file
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Value

A list of objects of type cmAnalysis.

loadCohortMethodData *Load the cohort data from a folder*

Description

loadCohortMethodData loads an object of type cohortMethodData from a folder in the file system.

Usage

```
loadCohortMethodData(file, readOnly = TRUE, skipCovariates = FALSE)
```

Arguments

file	The name of the folder containing the data.
readOnly	If true, the data is opened read only.
skipCovariates	Do not load the covariates. Can save a lot of time.

Details

The data will be written to a set of files in the folder specified by the user.

Value

An object of class cohortMethodData.

Examples

```
# todo
```

loadTargetComparatorOutcomesList
 Load a list of targetComparatorOutcomes from file

Description

Load a list of objects of type targetComparatorOutcomes from file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

```
loadTargetComparatorOutcomesList(file)
```

Arguments

file	The name of the file
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Value

A list of objects of type targetComparatorOutcomes.

matchOnPs	<i>Match persons by propensity score</i>
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Description

matchOnPs uses the provided propensity scores to match target to comparator persons.

Usage

```
matchOnPs(population, caliper = 0.2,
  caliperScale = "standardized logit", maxRatio = 1,
  stratificationColumns = c())
```

Arguments

population	A data frame with the three columns described below.
caliper	The caliper for matching. A caliper is the distance which is acceptable for any match. Observations which are outside of the caliper are dropped. A caliper of 0 means no caliper is used.
caliperScale	The scale on which the caliper is defined. Three scales are supported: caliperScale = 'propensity score', caliperScale = 'standardized', or caliperScale = 'standardized logit'. On the standardized scale, the caliper is interpreted in standard deviations of the propensity score distribution. 'standardized logit' is similar, except that the propensity score is transformed to the logit scale because the PS is more likely to be normally distributed on that scale (Austin, 2011).
maxRatio	The maximum number of persons in the comparator arm to be matched to each person in the treatment arm. A maxRatio of 0 means no maximum: all comparators will be assigned to a target person.
stratificationColumns	Names or numbers of one or more columns in the data data.frame on which subjects should be stratified prior to matching. No persons will be matched with persons outside of the strata identified by the values in these columns.

Details

The data frame should have at least the following three columns:

rowId	(numeric)	A unique identifier for each row (e.g. the person ID)
treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

This function implements the greedy variable-ratio matching algorithm described in Rassen et al (2012).

The default caliper (0.2 on the standardized logit scale) is the one recommended by Austin (2011).

Value

Returns a data frame with the same columns as the input data plus one extra column: stratumId. Any rows that could not be matched are removed

References

Rassen JA, Shelat AA, Myers J, Glynn RJ, Rothman KJ, Schneeweiss S. (2012) One-to-many propensity score matching in cohort studies, *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*, May, 21 Suppl 2:69-80.

Austin, PC. (2011) Optimal caliper widths for propensity-score matching when estimating differences in means and differences in proportions in observational studies, *Pharmaceutical statistics*, March, 10(2):150-161.

Examples

```
rowId <- 1:5
treatment <- c(1, 0, 1, 0, 1)
propensityScore <- c(0, 0.1, 0.3, 0.4, 1)
age_group <- c(1, 1, 1, 1, 1)
data <- data.frame(rowId = rowId,
                   treatment = treatment,
                   propensityScore = propensityScore,
                   age_group = age_group)
result <- matchOnPs(data, caliper = 0, maxRatio = 1, stratificationColumns = "age_group")
```

matchOnPsAndCovariates

Match by propensity score as well as other covariates

Description

matchOnPsAndCovariates uses the provided propensity scores and a set of covariates to match target to comparator persons.

Usage

```
matchOnPsAndCovariates(population, caliper = 0.2,
                       caliperScale = "standardized logit", maxRatio = 1, cohortMethodData,
                       covariateIds)
```

Arguments

population	A data frame with the three columns described below.
caliper	The caliper for matching. A caliper is the distance which is acceptable for any match. Observations which are outside of the caliper are dropped. A caliper of 0 means no caliper is used.
caliperScale	The scale on which the caliper is defined. Three scales are supported: caliperScale = 'propensity score', caliperScale = 'standardized', or caliperScale = 'standardized logit'. On the standardized scale, the

caliper is interpreted in standard deviations of the propensity score distribution. 'standardized logit' is similar, except that the propensity score is transformed to the logit scale because the PS is more likely to be normally distributed on that scale (Austin, 2011).

maxRatio	The maximum number of persons in the comparator arm to be matched to each person in the treatment arm. A maxRatio of 0 means no maximum: all comparators will be assigned to a target person.
cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.
covariateIds	One or more covariate IDs in the cohortMethodData object on which subjects should be also matched.

Details

The data frame should have at least the following three columns:

rowId	(numeric)	A unique identifier for each row (e.g. the person ID)
treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

This function implements the greedy variable-ratio matching algorithm described in Rassen et al (2012).

The default caliper (0.2 on the standardized logit scale) is the one recommended by Austin (2011).

Value

Returns a data frame with the same columns as the input data plus one extra column: stratumId. Any rows that could not be matched are removed

References

Rassen JA, Shelat AA, Myers J, Glynn RJ, Rothman KJ, Schneeweiss S. (2012) One-to-many propensity score matching in cohort studies, *Pharmacoepidemiology and Drug Safety*, May, 21 Suppl 2:69-80.

Austin, PC. (2011) Optimal caliper widths for propensity-score matching when estimating differences in means and differences in proportions in observational studies, *Pharmaceutical statistics*, March, 10(2):150-161.

Examples

```
# todo
```

plotCovariateBalanceOfTopVariables

Plot variables with largest imbalance

Description

Create a plot showing those variables having the largest imbalance before matching, and those variables having the largest imbalance after matching. Requires running computeCovariateBalance first.

Usage

```
plotCovariateBalanceOfTopVariables(balance, n = 20, maxNameWidth = 100,
  title = NULL, fileName = NULL, beforeLabel = "before matching",
  afterLabel = "after matching")
```

Arguments

balance	A data frame created by the computeCovariateBalance function.
n	Count of variates to plot.
maxNameWidth	Covariate names longer than this number of characters are truncated to create a nicer plot.
title	Optional: the main title for the plot.
fileName	Name of the file where the plot should be saved, for example 'plot.png'. See the function ggsave in the ggplot2 package for supported file formats.
beforeLabel	Label for identifying data before matching / stratification / trimming.
afterLabel	Label for identifying data after matching / stratification / trimming.

Value

A ggplot object. Use the [ggsave](#) function to save to file in a different format.

plotCovariateBalanceScatterPlot

Create a scatterplot of the covariate balance

Description

Create a scatterplot of the covariate balance, showing all variables with balance before and after matching on the x and y axis respectively. Requires running computeCovariateBalance first.

Usage

```
plotCovariateBalanceScatterPlot(balance, absolute = TRUE,
  threshold = 0, title = "Standardized difference of mean",
  fileName = NULL, beforeLabel = "Before matching",
  afterLabel = "After matching", showCovariateCountLabel = FALSE,
  showMaxLabel = FALSE)
```

Arguments

balance	A data frame created by the computeCovariateBalance function.
absolute	Should the absolute value of the difference be used?
threshold	Show a threshold value for after matching standardized difference.
title	The main title for the plot.
fileName	Name of the file where the plot should be saved, for example 'plot.png'. See the function ggsave in the ggplot2 package for supported file formats.
beforeLabel	Label for the x-axis.
afterLabel	Label for the y-axis.
showCovariateCountLabel	Show a label with the number of covariates included in the plot?
showMaxLabel	Show a label with the maximum absolute standardized difference after matching/stratification?

Value

A ggplot object. Use the [ggsave](#) function to save to file in a different format.

plotFollowUpDistribution

Plot the distribution of follow-up time

Description

Plot the distribution of follow-up time

Usage

```
plotFollowUpDistribution(population, targetLabel = "Target",
  comparatorLabel = "Comparator", yScale = "percent",
  logYScale = FALSE, dataCutoff = 0.95,
  title = "Follow-up distribution", fileName = NULL)
```

Arguments

population	A data frame describing the study population as created using the createStudyPopulation function. This should at least have these columns: treatment, timeAtRisk.
targetLabel	A label to us for the target cohort.
comparatorLabel	A label to us for the comparator cohort.
yScale	Should be either 'percent' or 'count'.
logYScale	Should the Y axis be on the log scale?
dataCutoff	Fraction of the data (number censored) after which the graph will not be shown.
title	The main title of the plot.
fileName	Name of the file where the plot should be saved, for example 'plot.png'. See the function ggsave in the ggplot2 package for supported file formats.

Details

Plot the distribution of follow-up time, stratified by treatment group. Follow-up time is defined as time-at-risk, so not censored at the outcome.

Value

A ggplot object. Use the [ggsave](#) function to save to file in a different format.

plotKaplanMeier	<i>Plot the Kaplan-Meier curve</i>
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Description

plotKaplanMeier creates the Kaplan-Meier (KM) survival plot. Based (partially) on recommendations in Pocock et al (2002).

When variable-sized strata are detected, an adjusted KM plot is computed to account for stratified data, as described in Galimberti et al (2002), using the closed form variance estimator described in Xie et al (2005).

Usage

```
plotKaplanMeier(population, censorMarks = FALSE,
  confidenceIntervals = TRUE, includeZero = FALSE, dataTable = TRUE,
  dataCutoff = 0.9, targetLabel = "Treated",
  comparatorLabel = "Comparator", title, fileName = NULL)
```

Arguments

population	A population object generated by createStudyPopulation, potentially filtered by other functions.
censorMarks	Whether or not to include censor marks in the plot.
confidenceIntervals	Plot 95 percent confidence intervals? Default is TRUE, as recommended by Pocock et al.
includeZero	Should the y axis include zero, or only go down to the lowest observed survival? The default is FALSE, as recommended by Pocock et al.
dataTable	Should the numbers at risk be shown in a table? Default is TRUE, as recommended by Pocock et al.
dataCutoff	Fraction of the data (number censored) after which the graph will not be shown. The default is 90 percent as recommended by Pocock et al.
targetLabel	A label to us for the target cohort.
comparatorLabel	A label to us for the comparator cohort.
title	The main title of the plot.
fileName	Name of the file where the plot should be saved, for example 'plot.png'. See the function ggsave in the ggplot2 package for supported file formats.

Value

A ggplot object. Use the `ggsave` function to save to file in a different format.

References

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plotPs	<i>Plot the propensity score distribution</i>
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Description

plotPs shows the propensity (or preference) score distribution

Usage

```
plotPs(data, unfilteredData = NULL, scale = "preference",
       type = "density", binWidth = 0.05, targetLabel = "Target",
       comparatorLabel = "Comparator", showCountsLabel = FALSE,
       showAucLabel = FALSE, showEquiposeLabel = FALSE,
       equipoiseBounds = c(0.25, 0.75), title = NULL, fileName = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame with at least the two columns described below
unfilteredData	To be used when computing preference scores on data from which subjects have already been removed, e.g. through trimming and/or matching. This data frame should have the same structure as data.
scale	The scale of the graph. Two scales are supported: <code>scale = 'propensity'</code> or <code>scale = 'preference'</code> . The preference score scale is defined by Walker et al (2013).
type	Type of plot. Two possible values: <code>type = 'density'</code> or <code>type = 'histogram'</code>
binWidth	For histograms, the width of the bins
targetLabel	A label to us for the target cohort.
comparatorLabel	A label to us for the comparator cohort.
showCountsLabel	Show subject counts?
showAucLabel	Show the AUC?
showEquiposeLabel	Show the percentage of the population in equipoise?

equipoiseBounds	The bounds on the preference score to determine whether a subject is in equipoise.
title	Optional: the main title for the plot.
fileName	Name of the file where the plot should be saved, for example 'plot.png'. See the function ggsave in the ggplot2 package for supported file formats.

Details

The data frame should have at least the following two columns:

treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

Value

A ggplot object. Use the [ggsave](#) function to save to file in a different format.

References

Walker AM, Patrick AR, Lauer MS, Hornbrook MC, Marin MG, Platt R, Roger VL, Stang P, and Schneeweiss S. (2013) A tool for assessing the feasibility of comparative effectiveness research, Comparative Effective Research, 3, 11-20

Examples

```
treatment <- rep(0:1, each = 100)
propensityScore <- c(rnorm(100, mean = 0.4, sd = 0.25), rnorm(100, mean = 0.6, sd = 0.25))
data <- data.frame(treatment = treatment, propensityScore = propensityScore)
data <- data[data$propensityScore > 0 & data$propensityScore < 1, ]
plotPs(data)
```

runCmAnalyses	<i>Run a list of analyses</i>
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Description

Run a list of analyses

Usage

```
runCmAnalyses(connectionDetails, cdmDatabaseSchema,
  oracleTempSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  exposureTable = "drug_era",
  outcomeDatabaseSchema = cdmDatabaseSchema,
  outcomeTable = "condition_occurrence", cdmVersion = 5,
  outputFolder = "./CohortMethodOutput", cmAnalysisList,
  targetComparatorOutcomesList, refitPsForEveryOutcome = FALSE,
  refitPsForEveryStudyPopulation = TRUE, prefilterCovariates = TRUE,
```

```
getDbCohortMethodDataThreads = 1, createPsThreads = 1,
psCvThreads = 1, createStudyPopThreads = 1,
trimMatchStratifyThreads = 1, prefilterCovariatesThreads = 1,
fitOutcomeModelThreads = 1, outcomeCvThreads = 1,
outcomeIdsOfInterest, compressCohortMethodData = FALSE)
```

Arguments

connectionDetails

An R object of type `connectionDetails` created using the function `createConnectionDetails` in the `DatabaseConnector` package.

cdmDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that contains the OMOP CDM instance. Requires read permissions to this database. On SQL Server, this should specify both the database and the schema, so for example `'cdm_instance.dbo'`.

oracleTempSchema

For Oracle only: the name of the database schema where you want all temporary tables to be managed. Requires create/insert permissions to this database.

exposureDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the exposure data used to define the exposure cohorts is available. If `exposureTable = DRUG_ERA`, `exposureDatabaseSchema` is not used by assumed to be `cdmSchema`. Requires read permissions to this database.

exposureTable

The tablename that contains the exposure cohorts. If `exposureTable <> DRUG_ERA`, then expectation is `exposureTable` has format of COHORT table: `COHORT_DEFINITION_ID, SUBJECT_ID, COHORT_START_DATE, COHORT_END_DATE`.

outcomeDatabaseSchema

The name of the database schema that is the location where the data used to define the outcome cohorts is available. If `exposureTable = CONDITION_ERA`, `exposureDatabaseSchema` is not used by assumed to be `cdmSchema`. Requires read permissions to this database.

outcomeTable

The tablename that contains the outcome cohorts. If `outcomeTable <> CONDITION_OCCURRENCE`, then expectation is `outcomeTable` has format of COHORT table: `COHORT_DEFINITION_ID, SUBJECT_ID, COHORT_START_DATE, COHORT_END_DATE`.

cdmVersion

Define the OMOP CDM version used: currently support "4" and "5".

outputFolder

Name of the folder where all the outputs will written to.

cmAnalysisList

A list of objects of type `cmAnalysis` as created using the [createCmAnalysis](#) function.

targetComparatorOutcomesList

A list of objects of type `targetComparatorOutcomes` as created using the [createTargetComparator](#) function.

refitPsForEveryOutcome

Should the propensity model be fitted for every outcome (i.e. after people who already had the outcome are removed)? If false, a single propensity model will be fitted, and people who had the outcome previously will be removed afterwards.

refitPsForEveryStudyPopulation

Should the propensity model be fitted for every study population definition? If false, a single propensity model will be fitted, and the study population criteria will be applied afterwards.

prefilterCovariates	If TRUE, and some outcome models require filtering covariates by concept ID (e.g. because includeCovariateIds or interactionCovariateIds is specified), this filtering will be done once for all outcome models that need it. This can greatly speed up the analyses if multiple outcome models require the same filtering.
getDbCohortMethodDataThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for building the cohortMethod data objects.
createPsThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for fitting the propensity models.
psCvThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for the cross- validation when estimating the hyperparameter for the propensity model. Note that the total number of CV threads at one time could be 'createPsThreads * psCvThreads'.
createStudyPopThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for creating the study population.
trimMatchStratifyThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for trimming, matching and stratifying.
prefilterCovariatesThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for prefiltering covariates.
fitOutcomeModelThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for fitting the outcome models.
outcomeCvThreads	The number of parallel threads to use for the cross- validation when estimating the hyperparameter for the outcome model. Note that the total number of CV threads at one time could be 'fitOutcomeModelThreads * outcomeCvThreads'.
outcomeIdsOfInterest	If provided, creation of non-essential files will be skipped for all other outcome IDs. This could be helpful to speed up analyses with many controls.
compressCohortMethodData	Compress CohortMethodData objects?

Details

Run a list of analyses for the target-comparator-outcomes of interest. This function will run all specified analyses against all hypotheses of interest, meaning that the total number of outcome models is 'length(cmAnalysisList) * length(targetComparatorOutcomesList)' (if all analyses specify an outcome model should be fitted). When you provide several analyses it will determine whether any of the analyses have anything in common, and will take advantage of this fact. For example, if we specify several analyses that only differ in the way the outcome model is fitted, then this function will extract the data and fit the propensity model only once, and re-use this in all the analysis.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

analysisId	The unique identifier for a set of analysis choices.
targetId	The ID of the target exposure.
comparatorId	The ID of the comparator group.
excludedCovariateConceptIds	The ID(s) of concepts that cannot be used to construct covariates.
includedCovariateConceptIds	The ID(s) of concepts that should be used to construct covariates.

outcomeId	The ID of the outcome
cohortMethodDataFolder	The ID of the outcome.
sharedPsFile	The name of the file containing the propensity scores of the shared propensity model. This model is used to create the outcome-specific propensity scores by removing people with prior outcomes.
studyPopFile	The name of the file containing the study population (prior and trimming, matching, or stratification on the PS.
psFile	The name of file containing the propensity scores for a specific outcomes (ie after people with prior outcomes have been removed).
strataFile	The name of the file containing the identifiers of the population after any trimming, matching or stratifying, including their strata.
outcomeModelFile	The name of the file containing the outcome model.

saveCmAnalysisList	<i>Save a list of cmAnalysis to file</i>
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Description

Write a list of objects of type cmAnalysis to file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

```
saveCmAnalysisList(cmAnalysisList, file)
```

Arguments

cmAnalysisList	The cmAnalysis list to be written to file
file	The name of the file where the results will be written

saveCohortMethodData	<i>Save the cohort data to folder</i>
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Description

saveCohortMethodData saves an object of type cohortMethodData to folder.

Usage

```
saveCohortMethodData(cohortMethodData, file, compress = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.
file	The name of the folder where the data will be written. The folder should not yet exist.
compress	Should compression be used when saving?

Details

The data will be written to a set of files in the folder specified by the user.

```
saveTargetComparatorOutcomesList
```

Save a list of targetComparatorOutcomes to file

Description

Write a list of objects of type targetComparatorOutcomes to file. The file is in JSON format.

Usage

```
saveTargetComparatorOutcomesList(targetComparatorOutcomesList, file)
```

Arguments

```
targetComparatorOutcomesList
```

The targetComparatorOutcomes list to be written to file

```
file
```

The name of the file where the results will be written

```
simulateCohortMethodData
```

Generate simulated data

Description

simulateCohortMethodData creates a cohortMethodData object with simulated data.

Usage

```
simulateCohortMethodData(profile, n = 10000)
```

Arguments

```
profile
```

An object of type cohortMethodDataSimulationProfile as generated using the createCohortMethodDataSimulationProfile function.

```
n
```

The size of the population to be generated.

Details

This function generates simulated data that is in many ways similar to the original data on which the simulation profile is based. The contains same outcome, comparator, and outcome concept IDs, and the covariates and their 1st order statistics should be comparable.

Value

An object of type cohortMethodData.

stratifyByPs	<i>Stratify persons by propensity score</i>
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Description

stratifyByPs uses the provided propensity scores to stratify persons. Additional stratification variables for stratifications can also be used.

Usage

```
stratifyByPs(population, numberOfStrata = 5,
             stratificationColumns = c(), baseSelection = "all")
```

Arguments

population	A data frame with the three columns described below
numberOfStrata	How many strata? The boundaries of the strata are automatically defined to contain equal numbers of target persons.
stratificationColumns	Names of one or more columns in the data data.frame on which subjects should also be stratified in addition to stratification on propensity score.
baseSelection	What is the base selection of subjects where the strata bounds are to be determined? Strata are defined as equally-sized strata inside this selection. Possible values are "all", "target", and "comparator".

Details

The data frame should have the following three columns:

rowId	(numeric)	A unique identifier for each row (e.g. the person ID)
treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

Value

Returns a data frame with the same columns as the input data plus one extra column: stratumId.

Examples

```
rowId <- 1:200
treatment <- rep(0:1, each = 100)
propensityScore <- c(runif(100, min = 0, max = 1), runif(100, min = 0, max = 1))
data <- data.frame(rowId = rowId, treatment = treatment, propensityScore = propensityScore)
result <- stratifyByPs(data, 5)
```

stratifyByPsAndCovariates

Stratify persons by propensity score and other covariates

Description

stratifyByPsAndCovariates uses the provided propensity scores and covariates to stratify persons.

Usage

```
stratifyByPsAndCovariates(population, numberOfStrata = 5,
  baseSelection = "all", cohortMethodData, covariateIds)
```

Arguments

population	A data frame with the three columns described below
numberOfStrata	Into how many strata should the propensity score be divided? The boundaries of the strata are automatically defined to contain equal numbers of target persons.
baseSelection	What is the base selection of subjects where the strata bounds are to be determined? Strata are defined as equally-sized strata inside this selection. Possible values are "all", "target", and "comparator".
cohortMethodData	An object of type cohortMethodData as generated using getDbCohortMethodData.
covariateIds	One or more covariate IDs in the cohortMethodData object on which subjects should also be stratified.

Details

The data frame should have the following three columns:

rowId	(integer)	A unique identifier for each row (e.g. the person ID)
treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

Value

Returns a data frame with the same columns as the input population plus one extra column: stratumId.

Examples

```
# todo
```

summarizeAnalyses	<i>Create a summary report of the analyses</i>
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Description

Create a summary report of the analyses

Usage

```
summarizeAnalyses(referenceTable, outputFolder)
```

Arguments

referenceTable A data.frame as created by the [runCmAnalyses](#) function.
 outputFolder Name of the folder where all the outputs have been written to.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

analysisId	The unique identifier for a set of analysis choices.
targetId	The ID of the target drug.
comparatorId	The ID of the comparator group.
indicationConceptIds	The ID(s) of indications in which to nest to study.
outcomeId	The ID of the outcome.
rr	The estimated effect size.
ci95lb	The lower bound of the 95 percent confidence interval.
ci95ub	The upper bound of the 95 percent confidence interval.
target	The number of subjects in the target group (after any trimming and matching).
comparator	The number of subjects in the comparator group (after any trimming and matching).
eventsTarget	The number of outcomes in the target group (after any trimming and matching).
eventsComparator	The number of outcomes in the comparator group (after any trimming and matching).
logRr	The log of the estimated relative risk.
seLogRr	The standard error of the log of the estimated relative risk.

trimByPs	<i>Trim persons by propensity score</i>
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Description

trimByPs uses the provided propensity scores to trim subjects with extreme scores.

Usage

```
trimByPs(population, trimFraction = 0.05)
```

Arguments

population	A data frame with the three columns described below
trimFraction	This fraction will be removed from each treatment group. In the target group, persons with the highest propensity scores will be removed, in the comparator group person with the lowest scores will be removed.

Details

The data frame should have the following three columns:

rowId	(numeric)	A unique identifier for each row (e.g. the person ID)
treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

Value

Returns a data frame with the same three columns as the input.

Examples

```
rowId <- 1:2000
treatment <- rep(0:1, each = 1000)
propensityScore <- c(runif(1000, min = 0, max = 1), runif(1000, min = 0, max = 1))
data <- data.frame(rowId = rowId, treatment = treatment, propensityScore = propensityScore)
result <- trimByPs(data, 0.05)
```

trimByPsToEquipoise	<i>Keep only persons in clinical equipoise</i>
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Description

trimByPsToEquipoise uses the preference score to trim subjects that are not in clinical equipoise

Usage

```
trimByPsToEquipoise(population, bounds = c(0.25, 0.75))
```

Arguments

population	A data frame with at least the three columns described below
bounds	The upper and lower bound on the preference score for keeping persons

Details

The data frame should have the following three columns:

rowId	(numeric)	A unique identifier for each row (e.g. the person ID)
treatment	(integer)	Column indicating whether the person is in the target (1) or comparator (0) group
propensityScore	(numeric)	Propensity score

Value

Returns a data frame with the same three columns as the input.

References

Walker AM, Patrick AR, Lauer MS, Hornbrook MC, Marin MG, Platt R, Roger VL, Stang P, and Schneeweiss S. (2013) A tool for assessing the feasibility of comparative effectiveness research, *Comparative Effective Research*, 3, 11-20

Examples

```
rowId <- 1:2000
treatment <- rep(0:1, each = 1000)
propensityScore <- c(runif(1000, min = 0, max = 1), runif(1000, min = 0, max = 1))
data <- data.frame(rowId = rowId, treatment = treatment, propensityScore = propensityScore)
result <- trimByPsToEquipoise(data)
```


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