

EstIT_HLM Function README

The `EstIT_HLM` function is a versatile tool designed to perform a Harmonic Linear Modeling (HLM) analysis on a set of scores. This function combines a harmonic model with a linear model to estimate the intraindividual trajectory of scores over sessions, providing both model predictions and diagnostic plots. `EstIT_HLM` was inspired in the 4 logistic parameters syntax by Gomes & Blesa (apud Araújo e Blesa, 2024).

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Function Overview

The `EstIT_HLM` function performs a combined harmonic and linear regression analysis on a vector of scores. It estimates model parameters, computes residuals, generates diagnostic plots (such as Residuals vs. Fitted Values and Q-Q plots), and provides the R^2 values for the role model. This approach is particularly useful in contexts where data exhibits both periodic (harmonic) and linear trends.

Syntax

```
scores <- c(6,6,8,8,7)
EstIT_HLM(scores)
```

Arguments

- **scores:** A numeric vector of scores representing measurements taken over different sessions. These scores are used to fit both the harmonic and linear models.

Details

The function performs the following steps:

1. **Define Error Function for Harmonic Model:** An internal function, `harmonic_model_error`, computes the sum of squared residuals between observed scores and the harmonic model's predictions. This error function is minimized during parameter optimization.

2. **Initialize Parameters:** Initial guesses for the model parameters (frequency, linear trend, intercept, sine, and cosine coefficients) are set, with default values such as:
 - `freq = 1` (frequency of the harmonic component),
 - `f = 0` (linear trend),
 - `a = mean of the scores` (intercept),
 - `b = 1` (sine coefficient),
 - `c = 1` (cosine coefficient).
3. **Optimize Harmonic Model Parameters:** The `optim` function is used to find the parameter values that minimize the error function. The optimized parameters (`best_freq`, `best_f`, `best_a`, `best_b`, `best_c`) are extracted for the harmonic model.
4. **Fit Harmonic and Linear Models:**
 - The harmonic model is fitted with the optimized parameters.
 - A simple linear regression model is fitted using the `lm` function.
5. **Calculate R² Values:** R² values are computed for the harmonic, linear, and combined models to assess model fit.
6. **Combine Models:** A weighted combination of the harmonic and linear model predictions is computed based on their R² values.
7. **Plot Generation:**
 - **Residuals vs. Fitted Values Plot:** Assesses the distribution of residuals.
 - **Q-Q Plot:** Checks the normality of residuals.
 - **Prediction Plot:** Shows observed scores versus the combined model's predictions.
8. **Statistical Tests:**
 - A Shapiro-Wilk test is performed to check the normality of the residuals.
9. **Trend Analysis:** The slope of the linear model is used to determine if the trend is increasing or decreasing.
10. **Output Results:** The function prints the model's results, including R² values, parameter estimates, and diagnostic plots.

Return Values

The function returns a list containing:

- **R²:** R² value for the combined harmonic-linear model.
- **optimized_frequency:** The optimized frequency for the harmonic component.
- **adjusted_data:** A data frame with observed scores, session numbers, predicted scores from both models, and residuals.
- **prediction_plot:** A `ggplot` object of the combined model's predictions.
- **qq_plot:** A Q-Q plot `ggplot` object to assess the normality of residuals.
- **residuals_plot:** A `ggplot` object showing residuals vs. fitted values.
- **harmonic_parameters:** A list with the optimized parameters (`intercept`, `sine_coef`, `cosine_coef`, `linear_trend`, `frequency`) for the harmonic model.
- **linear_parameters:** A list with the parameters (`intercept`, `slope_coef`) for the linear model.

Examples

```

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# Example usage of the EstIT_HLM function

# Sample score data
scores <- c(6,6,8,8,7)

# Running the harmonic linear model estimation
model_results <- EstIT_HLM(scores)

# Accessing results
print(model_results) # Prints role model's parameters
print(model_results$R2) # Prints model's R2
print(model_results$harmonic_parameters) # Prints optimized harmonic
model parameters
print(model_results$harmonic_parameters) # Prints optimized harmonic
model parameters
print(model_results$linear_parameters) # Prints linear model parameters

# Plotting diagnostic plots
print(model_results$prediction_plot)
print(model_results$qq_plot)
print(model_results$residuals_plot)

```

Dependencies

This function requires the `ggplot2` package for plotting:

```
install.packages("ggplot2")
```

Make sure the package is installed and loaded into the R session with

```
library(ggplot2).
```

Notes

- Ensure that the `scores` vector is appropriately preprocessed (e.g., no missing values) before using this function.
- The function assumes that scores are measured over equidistant sessions.

References

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