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Description Routines for combining evidence and diagnostics across multiple sources, such as multiple data sites in a distributed study. This includes functions for performing meta-analysis and forest plots.

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plotCovariateBalances *Plot covariate balances*

Description

plotCovariateBalances plots the covariate balance before and after matching for multiple data sources.

Usage

```
plotCovariateBalances(balances, labels, threshold = 0,
  beforeLabel = "Before matching", afterLabel = "After matching",
  fileName = NULL)
```

Arguments

balances	A list of covariate balance objects as created using the computeCovariateBalance function in the CohortMethod package. Each balance object is expected to be a data.frame with at least these two columns: beforeMatchingStdDiff and afterMatchingStdDiff.
labels	A vector containing the labels for the various sources.
threshold	Show a threshold value for the standardized difference.
beforeLabel	Label for before matching / stratification / trimming.
afterLabel	Label for after matching / stratification / trimming.
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

Creates a plot showing the covariate balance before and after matching. Balance distributions are displayed as box plots combined with scatterplots.

Value

A Ggplot object. Use the ggsave function to save to file.

Examples

```
# Some example data:
balance1 <- data.frame(beforeMatchingStdDiff = rnorm(1000, 0.1, 0.1),
  afterMatchingStdDiff = rnorm(1000, 0.0, 0.01))
balance2 <- data.frame(beforeMatchingStdDiff = rnorm(1000, 0.2, 0.1),
  afterMatchingStdDiff = rnorm(1000, 0.0, 0.05))
balance3 <- data.frame(beforeMatchingStdDiff = rnorm(1000, 0.0, 0.1),
  afterMatchingStdDiff = rnorm(1000, 0.0, 0.03))
plotCovariateBalances(balances = list(balance1, balance2, balance3),
  labels = c("Site A", "Site B", "Site C"))
```

plotEmpiricalNulls *Plot empirical null distributions*

Description

plotEmpiricalNulls plots the empirical null distribution for multiple data sources.

Usage

```
plotEmpiricalNulls(logRr, seLogRr, labels, xLabel = "Relative risk",
  limits = c(0.1, 10), fileName = NULL)
```

Arguments

logRr	A numeric vector of effect estimates for the negative controls on the log scale.
seLogRr	The standard error of the log of the effect estimates. Hint: often the standard error = $(\log(\text{lower bound 95 percent confidence interval}) - \log(\text{effect estimate})) / \text{qnorm}(0.025)$.
labels	A vector containing the labels for the various sources. Should be of equal length as logRr and seLogRr.
xLabel	The label on the x-axis: the name of the effect estimate.
limits	The limits of the effect size axis.
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

Creates a plot showing the empirical null distributions. Distributions are shown as mean plus minus one standard deviation, as well as a distribution plot.

Value

A Ggplot object. Use the ggsave function to save to file.

Examples

```
# Some example data:
site1 <- EmpiricalCalibration::simulateControls(n = 50, mean = 0, sd = 0.1, trueLogRr = 0)
site1$label <- "Site 1"
site2 <- EmpiricalCalibration::simulateControls(n = 50, mean = 0.1, sd = 0.2, trueLogRr = 0)
site2$label <- "Site 2"
site3 <- EmpiricalCalibration::simulateControls(n = 50, mean = 0.15, sd = 0.25, trueLogRr = 0)
site3$label <- "Site 3"
sites <- rbind(site1, site2, site3)

plotEmpiricalNulls(logRr = sites$logRr,
  seLogRr = sites$seLogRr,
  labels = sites$label)
```

plotMetaAnalysisForest

Perform a meta-analysis and create a forest plot

Description

plotMetaAnalysisForest performs a meta-analysis and creates a forest plot of effect size estimates.

Usage

```
plotMetaAnalysisForest(logRr, logLb95Ci, logUb95Ci, labels,
  xLabel = "Relative risk", limits = c(0.1, 10), fileName = NULL)
```

Arguments

logRr	A numeric vector of effect estimates on the log scale.
logLb95Ci	The lower bound of the 95 percent confidence interval on the log scale.
logUb95Ci	The upper bound of the 95 percent confidence interval on the log scale.
labels	A vector containing the labels for the various estimates.
xLabel	The label on the x-axis: the name of the effect estimate.
limits	The limits of the effect size axis.
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

Creates a forest plot of effect size estimates, and includes a meta-analysis estimate using a random effects model.

Value

A Ggplot object. Use the ggsave function to save to file.

Examples

```
plotMetaAnalysisForest(logRr = c(0, 0.2, -0.2, 0, 0.2, -0.2),
  logLb95Ci = c(-0.2, -0.2, -0.6, -0.2, -0.2, -0.6),
  logUb95Ci = c(0.2, 0.6, 0.2, 0.2, 0.6, 0.2),
  labels = c("Site A", "Site B", "Site C", "Site D", "Site E", "Site F"))
```

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