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 $aat\_bootstrap$ 

 $Compute\ bootstrapped\ approach-bias\ scores$ 

# Description

Compute bootstrapped approach-bias scores with confidence intervals.

# Usage

```
aat_bootstrap(
  ds,
  subjvar,
  pullvar,
  targetvar = NULL,
  rtvar,
  iters,
  plot = TRUE,
  include.raw = FALSE,
  algorithm = c("aat_doublemeandiff", "aat_doublemediandiff", "aat_dscore",
    "aat_dscore_multiblock", "aat_regression", "aat_standardregression",
"aat_doublemeanquotient", "aat_doublemedianquotient", "aat_singlemeandiff",
    "aat_singlemediandiff"),
 trialdropfunc = c("prune_nothing", "trial_prune_3SD", "trial_prune_SD_dropcases",
   "trial_recode_SD", "trial_prune_percent_subject", "trial_prune_percent_sample"),
  errortrialfunc = c("prune_nothing", "error_replace_blockmeanplus",
    "error_prune_dropcases"),
)
## S3 method for class 'aat_bootstrap'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'aat_bootstrap'
plot(x, ...)
```

# Arguments

ds	a longformat data.frame
subjvar	Quoted name of the participant identifier column
pullvar	Quoted name of the column indicating pull trials. Pull trials should either be represented by 1, or by the second level of a factor.
targetvar	Name of the column indicating trials featuring the target stimulus. Target stimuli should either be represented by 1, or by the second level of a factor.
rtvar	Name of the reaction time column.
iters	Total number of desired iterations. At least 200 are required to get confidence intervals that make sense.
plot	Plot the bias scores and their confidence intervals after computation is complete. This gives a good overview of the data.

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include.raw

logical indicating whether raw split-half data should be included in the output object.

algorithm

Function (without brackets or quotes) to be used to compute AAT scores. See Algorithms for a list of usable algorithms.

trialdropfunc

Function (without brackets or quotes) to be used to exclude outlying trials in each half. The way you handle outliers for the reliability computation should mimic the way you do it in your regular analyses. It is recommended to exclude outlying trials when computing AAT scores using the mean double-dfference scores and regression scoring approaches, but not when using d-scores or median double-difference scores.

- prune\_nothing excludes no trials (default)
- trial\_prune\_3SD excludes trials deviating more than 3SD from the mean per participant.
- trial\_prune\_SD\_dropcases removes trials deviating more than a specific number of standard deviations from the participant's mean, and removes participants with an excessive percentage of outliers. Required arguments:
  - trialsd trials deviating more than trialsd standard deviations from the participant's mean are excluded (optional; default is 3)
  - maxoutliers participants with a higher percentage of outliers are removed from the data. (optional; default is .15)
- trial\_recode\_SD recodes outlying reaction times to the nearest nonoutlying value, with outliers defined as reaction times deviating more than a certain number of standard deviations from the participant's mean. Required argument:
  - trialsd trials deviating more than this many standard deviations from the mean are classified as outliers.
- trial\_prune\_percent\_subject and trial\_prune\_percent\_sample remove trials below and/or above certain percentiles, on a subject-by-subject basis or sample-wide, respectively. The following arguments are available:
  - lowerpercent and uppperpercent (optional; defaults are .01 and .99).

errortrialfunc Function (without brackets or quotes) to apply to an error trial.

- prune\_nothing removes no errors (default).
- error\_replace\_blockmeanplus replaces error trial reaction times with the block mean, plus an arbitrary extra quantity. If used, the following additional arguments are required:
  - blockvar Quoted name of the block variable (mandatory)
  - errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)
  - errorbonus Amount to add to the reaction time of error trials.
     Default is 0.6 (recommended by Greenwald, Nosek, & Banaji, 2003)
- error\_prune\_dropcases removes errors and drops participants if they
  have more errors than a given percentage. The following arguments
  are available:
  - errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)

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```
    maxerrors - participants with a higher percentage of errors are
excluded from the dataset. Default is .15.
```

... Other arguments, to be passed on to the algorithm or outlier rejection functions (see arguments above)

x An aat\_bootstrap object.

## Value

A list, containing bootstrapped bias scores, their variance, bootstrapped 95 percent confidence intervals, the number of iterations, and a matrix of bias scores for each iteration.

# Author(s)

Sercan Kahveci

# Examples

aat\_compute

Compute simple AAT scores

# Description

Compute simple AAT scores, with optional outlier exclusion and error trial recoding.

# Usage

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# Arguments

ds a long-format data.frame

subjvar column name of subject variable

pullvar column name of pull/push indicator variable, must be numeric or logical

(where pull is 1 or TRUE)

targetvar column name of target stimulus indicator, must be numeric or logical

(where target is 1 or TRUE)

rtvar column name of reaction time variable

algorithm Function (without brackets or quotes) to be used to compute AAT scores.

See Algorithms for a list of usable algorithms.

 ${\tt trialdropfunc} \quad \text{Function (without brackets or quotes) to be used to exclude outlying trials}$ 

in each half. The way you handle outliers for the reliability computation should mimic the way you do it in your regular analyses. It is recommended to exclude outlying trials when computing AAT scores using the mean double-dfference scores and regression scoring approaches, but not when using d-scores or median double-difference scores.

hen using d-scores or median double-difference scoreprune\_nothing excludes no trials (default)

• trial\_prune\_3SD excludes trials deviating more than 3SD from the mean per participant.

- trial\_prune\_SD\_dropcases removes trials deviating more than a specific number of standard deviations from the participant's mean, and removes participants with an excessive percentage of outliers. Required arguments:
  - trialsd trials deviating more than trialsd standard deviations from the participant's mean are excluded (optional; default is 3)
  - maxoutliers participants with a higher percentage of outliers are removed from the data. (optional; default is .15)
- trial\_recode\_SD recodes outlying reaction times to the nearest nonoutlying value, with outliers defined as reaction times deviating more than a certain number of standard deviations from the participant's mean. Required argument:
  - trialsd trials deviating more than this many standard deviations from the mean are classified as outliers.
- trial\_prune\_percent\_subject and trial\_prune\_percent\_sample remove trials below and/or above certain percentiles, on a subject-by-subject basis or sample-wide, respectively. The following arguments are available:
  - lowerpercent and uppperpercent (optional; defaults are .01 and .99).

errortrialfunc Function (without brackets or quotes) to apply to an error trial.

- prune\_nothing removes no errors (default).
- error\_replace\_blockmeanplus replaces error trial reaction times with the block mean, plus an arbitrary extra quantity. If used, the following additional arguments are required:
  - blockvar Quoted name of the block variable (mandatory)
  - errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)

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- errorbonus Amount to add to the reaction time of error trials. Default is 0.6 (recommended by Greenwald, Nosek, & Banaji, 2003)
- error\_prune\_dropcases removes errors and drops participants if they have more errors than a given percentage. The following arguments are available:
  - errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)
  - maxerrors participants with a higher percentage of errors are excluded from the dataset. Default is .15.

.. Other arguments, to be passed on to the algorithm or outlier rejection functions (see arguments above)

## Examples

 $aat\_splithalf$ 

Compute the bootstrapped split-half reliability for approachavoidance task data

# Description

Compute bootstrapped split-half reliability for approach-avoidance task data.

# Usage

```
aat_splithalf(
  ds,
  subjvar,
  pullvar,
  targetvar = NULL,
  rtvar,
  iters,
  plot = TRUE,
  include.raw = FALSE,
  cluster = NULL,
```

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```
algorithm = c("aat_doublemeandiff", "aat_doublemediandiff", "aat_dscore",
    "aat_dscore_multiblock", "aat_regression", "aat_standardregression",
    "aat_doublemedianquotient", "aat_doublemeanquotient", "aat_singlemeandiff",
    "aat_singlemediandiff"),
 trialdropfunc = c("prune_nothing", "trial_prune_3SD", "trial_prune_SD_dropcases",
   "trial_recode_SD", "trial_prune_percent_subject", "trial_prune_percent_sample"),
  errortrialfunc = c("prune_nothing", "error_replace_blockmeanplus",
    "error_prune_dropcases"),
  casedropfunc = c("prune_nothing", "case_prune_3SD"),
)
## S3 method for class 'aat_splithalf'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'aat_splithalf'
plot(x, type = c("median", "minimum", "maximum", "random"), ...)
```

# Arguments

ds a longformat data.frame

Quoted name of the participant identifier column subjvar

Quoted name of the column indicating pull trials. Pull trials should either pullvar

be represented by 1, or by the second level of a factor.

Name of the column indicating trials featuring the target stimulus. Target targetvar

stimuli should either be represented by 1, or by the second level of a factor.

rtvar Name of the reaction time column.

iters Total number of desired iterations. At least 200 are recommended for

reasonable confidence intervals; If you want to see plots of your data, 1

iteration is enough.

Create a scatterplot of the AAT scores computed from each half of the plot

data from the last iteration. This is highly recommended, as it helps to

identify outliers that can inflate or diminish the reliability.

include.raw logical indicating whether raw split-half data should be included in the

output object.

cluster pre-specified registered multi-core DoParallel cluster that can be used to

> speed up computations if multiple calls to aat\_splithalf are made. If no cluster is provided, aat\_splithalf will start up a cluster each time it is

called, which takes some extra time.

algorithm Function (without brackets or quotes) to be used to compute AAT scores.

See Algorithms for a list of usable algorithms.

trialdropfunc Function (without brackets or quotes) to be used to exclude outlying trials

in each half. The way you handle outliers for the reliability computation should mimic the way you do it in your regular analyses. It is recommended to exclude outlying trials when computing AAT scores using the mean double-dfference scores and regression scoring approaches, but not

when using d-scores or median double-difference scores.

• prune\_nothing excludes no trials (default)

• trial\_prune\_3SD excludes trials deviating more than 3SD from the mean per participant.

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trial\_prune\_SD\_dropcases removes trials deviating more than a specific number of standard deviations from the participant's mean, and removes participants with an excessive percentage of outliers. Required arguments:

- trialsd trials deviating more than trialsd standard deviations from the participant's mean are excluded (optional; default is 3)
- maxoutliers participants with a higher percentage of outliers are removed from the data. (optional; default is .15)
- trial\_recode\_SD recodes outlying reaction times to the nearest nonoutlying value, with outliers defined as reaction times deviating more than a certain number of standard deviations from the participant's mean. Required argument:
  - trialsd trials deviating more than this many standard deviations from the mean are classified as outliers.
- trial\_prune\_percent\_subject and trial\_prune\_percent\_sample remove trials below and/or above certain percentiles, on a subject-by-subject basis or sample-wide, respectively. The following arguments are available:
  - lowerpercent and uppperpercent (optional; defaults are .01 and .99).

errortrialfunc Function (without brackets or quotes) to apply to an error trial.

- prune\_nothing removes no errors (default).
- error\_replace\_blockmeanplus replaces error trial reaction times with the block mean, plus an arbitrary extra quantity. If used, the following additional arguments are required:
  - blockvar Quoted name of the block variable (mandatory)
  - errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)
  - errorbonus Amount to add to the reaction time of error trials. Default is 0.6 (recommended by Greenwald, Nosek, & Banaji, 2003)
- error\_prune\_dropcases removes errors and drops participants if they have more errors than a given percentage. The following arguments are available:
  - errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)
  - maxerrors participants with a higher percentage of errors are excluded from the dataset. Default is .15.

casedropfunc

Function (without brackets or quotes) to be used to exclude outlying participant scores in each half. The way you handle outliers here should mimic the way you do it in your regular analyses.

- prune\_nothing excludes no participants (default)
- case\_prune\_3SD excludes participants deviating more than 3SD from the sample mean.

Other arguments, to be passed on to the algorithm or outlier rejection functions (see arguments above)

x an aat\_splithalf object

type

Character argument indicating which iteration should be chosen. Must be an abbreviation of "median" (default), "minimum", "maximum", or "random".

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#### Value

A list, containing the mean bootstrapped split-half reliability, bootstrapped 95 a list of data.frames used over each iteration, and a vector containing the split-half reliability of each iteration.

# Author(s)

Sercan Kahveci

#### See Also

q\_reliability

## Examples

```
split <- aat_splithalf(ds=erotica[erotica$is_irrelevant==0,],</pre>
                       subjvar="subject",pullvar="is_pull",targetvar="is_target",
                       rtvar="RT",iters=10,trialdropfunc="trial_prune_3SD",
                       casedropfunc="case_prune_3SD",plot=TRUE,algorithm="aat_dscore")
print(split)
#Mean reliability: 0.521959
#Spearman-Brown-corrected r: 0.6859041
#95%CI: [0.4167018, 0.6172474]
plot(split)
#Regression Splithalf
aat_splithalf(ds=erotica[erotica$is_irrelevant==0,],
              subjvar="subject",pullvar="is_pull",targetvar="is_target",
              rtvar="RT", iters=10, trialdropfunc="trial_prune_3SD",
              casedropfunc="case_prune_3SD",plot=TRUE,algorithm="aat_regression",
              formula = RT ~ is_pull * is_target,
              aatterm = "is_pull:is_target")
#Mean reliability: 0.5313939
#Spearman-Brown-corrected r: 0.6940003
#95%CI: [0.2687186, 0.6749176]
```

Algorithms

AAT score computation algorithms

# Description

- aat\_doublemeandiff computes a mean-based double-difference score: (mean(push\_target) -mean(pull\_target)) -(mean(push\_control) -mean(pull\_control))
- aat\_doublemediandiff computes a median-based double-difference score: (median(push\_target) -median(pull\_target)) -(median(push\_control) -median(pull\_control))
- $\bullet\,$  aat\_dscore computes D-scores for a 2-block design (see Greenwald, Nosek, and Banaji, 2003):

```
((mean(push_target) -mean(pull_target)) -(mean(push_control) -mean(pull_control)))
/ sd(participant_reaction_times)
```

- aat\_dscore\_multiblock computes D-scores for pairs of sequential blocks and averages the resulting score (see Greenwald, Nosek, and Banaji, 2003). Requires extra blockvar argument, indicating the name of the block variable.
- aat\_regression and aat\_standardregression fit regression models to participants' reaction times and extract a term that serves as AAT score. aat\_regression extracts the raw coefficient, equivalent to a mean difference score. aat\_standardregression extracts the t-score of the coefficient, standardized on the basis of the variability of the participant's reaction times. These algorithms can be used to regress nuisance variables out of the data before computing AAT scores. When using these functions, additional arguments must be provided:
  - formula a formula to fit to the data
  - aatterm the term within the formula that indicates the approach bias; this is usually the interaction of the pull and target terms.
- aat\_doublemeanquotient and aat\_doublemedianquotient compute a log-transformed ratio of approach to avoidance for both stimulus categories and subtract these ratios: log(mean(pull\_target) / mean(push\_target)) -log(mean(pull\_control) / mean(push\_control))
- aat\_singlemeandiff and aat\_singlemediandiff subtract the mean or median approach reaction time from the mean or median avoidance reaction time. These algorithms are only sensible if the supplied data contain a single stimulus category.

#### Usage

```
aat_doublemeandiff(ds, subjvar, pullvar, targetvar, rtvar, ...)
aat_doublemediandiff(ds, subjvar, pullvar, targetvar, rtvar, ...)
aat_dscore(ds, subjvar, pullvar, targetvar, rtvar, ...)
aat_dscore_multiblock(ds, subjvar, pullvar, targetvar, rtvar, blockvar, ...)
aat_regression(ds, subjvar, formula, aatterm, ...)
aat_standardregression(ds, subjvar, formula, aatterm, ...)
aat_doublemedianquotient(ds, subjvar, pullvar, targetvar, rtvar, ...)
aat_doublemeanquotient(ds, subjvar, pullvar, targetvar, rtvar, ...)
aat_singlemeandiff(ds, subjvar, pullvar, rtvar, ...)
aat_singlemediandiff(ds, subjvar, pullvar, rtvar, ...)
```

# Arguments

ds A long-format data.frame

subjvar Column name of the participant identifier variable

pullvar Column name of the movement variable (0: avoid; 1: approach)

targetvar Column name of the stimulus category variable (0: control stimulus; 1:

target stimulus)

rtvar Column name of the reaction time variable

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... Other arguments passed on by functions (ignored) blockvar name of the variable indicating block number

formula A regression formula to fit to the data to compute an AAT score

aatterm A character naming the formula term representing the approach bias.

Usually this is the interaction of the movement-direction and stimulus-

category terms.

## Value

A data frame containing participant number and computed AAT score.

erotica

AAT examining approach bias for erotic stimuli

# Description

AAT

# Usage

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#### **Format**

An object of class "data.frame"

#### Source

osf.io repository

#### References

Kahveci, S., Van Bockstaele, B.D., & Wiers, R.W. (in preparation). Pulling for Pleasure? Erotic Approach-Bias Associated With Porn Use, Not Problems. DOI:10.17605/OSF.IO/6H2RJ

Preprocessing

Pre-processing rules

# Description

These are pre-processing rules that can be used in aat\_splithalf, aat\_bootstrap, and aat\_compute.

- The following rules are to be used for the trialdropfunc argument. The way you handle outliers for the reliability computation and bootstrapping more broadly should mimic the way you do it in your regular analyses. It is recommended to exclude outlying trials when computing AAT scores using the mean double-difference scores and regression scoring approaches, but not when using d-scores or median double-difference scores.
  - prune\_nothing excludes no trials (default)

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trial\_prune\_3SD excludes trials deviating more than 3SD from the mean per participant.

- trial\_prune\_SD\_dropcases removes trials deviating more than a specific number of standard deviations from the participant's mean, and removes participants with an excessive percentage of outliers. Required arguments:
  - \* trialsd trials deviating more than trialsd standard deviations from the participant's mean are excluded (optional; default is 3)
  - \* maxoutliers participants with a higher percentage of outliers are removed from the data. (optional; default is .15)
- trial\_recode\_SD recodes outlying reaction times to the nearest non-outlying value, with outliers defined as reaction times deviating more than a certain number of standard deviations from the participant's mean. Required argument:
  - \* trialsd trials deviating more than this many standard deviations from the mean are classified as outliers.
- trial\_prune\_percent\_subject and trial\_prune\_percent\_sample remove trials below and/or above certain percentiles, on a subject-by-subject basis or sample-wide, respectively. The following arguments are available:
  - \* lowerpercent and uppperpercent (optional; defaults are .01 and .99).
- The following pre-processing rules are to be used for the errortrialfunc argument. They determine what is to be done with errors remove or recode?
  - prune\_nothing removes no errors (default).
  - error\_replace\_blockmeanplus replaces error trial reaction times with the block mean, plus an arbitrary extra quantity. If used, the following additional arguments are required:
    - \* blockvar Quoted name of the block variable (mandatory)
    - \* errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)
    - \* errorbonus Amount to add to the reaction time of error trials. Default is 0.6 (recommended by Greenwald, Nosek, & Banaji, 2003)
  - error\_prune\_dropcases removes errors and drops participants if they have more errors than a given percentage. The following arguments are available:
    - \* errorvar Quoted name of the error variable, where errors are 1 or TRUE and correct trials are 0 or FALSE (mandatory)
    - \* maxerrors participants with a higher percentage of errors are excluded from the dataset. Default is .15.
- These are pre-processing rules to be used for the casedropfunc argument. The way you handle outliers here should mimic the way you do it in your regular analyses.
  - prune\_nothing excludes no participants (default)
  - case\_prune\_3SD excludes participants deviating more than 3SD from the sample mean.

#### Usage

```
prune_nothing(ds, ...)

trial_prune_percent_subject(
   ds,
   subjvar,
   rtvar,
```

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```
lowerpercent = 0.01,
     upperpercent = 0.99,
   )
   trial_prune_percent_sample(
     ds,
     rtvar,
     lowerpercent = 0.01,
     upperpercent = 0.99,
   )
   trial_prune_3SD(ds, subjvar, rtvar, ...)
   trial_prune_SD_dropcases(
     ds,
     subjvar,
     rtvar,
     trialsd = 3,
     maxoutliers = 0.15,
   )
   trial_recode_SD(ds, subjvar, rtvar, trialsd = 3, ...)
   case_prune_3SD(ds, ...)
   error_replace_blockmeanplus(
     ds,
     subjvar,
     rtvar,
     blockvar,
     errorvar,
     errorbonus,
   )
   error_prune_dropcases(ds, subjvar, errorvar, maxerrors = 0.15, ...)
Arguments
   ds
                    A data.frame.
                    Other arguments (ignored).
    . . .
                    The name of the subject variable.
   subjvar
                    The name of the reaction time variable.
   lowerpercent, upperpercent
                    for trial_prune_percent_subject and trial_prune_percent_sample, the
                    lower and upper proportions beyond which trials are considered outliers
                    and removed (defaults to .01 and .99).
   trialsd
                    The amount of deviation from the participant mean (in SD) after which
                    a trial is considered an outlier and excluded (defaults to 3).
```

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maxoutliers for trial\_prune\_SD\_dropcases, the maximum percentage of outliers, after

which a participant is excluded from the data.

blockvar The name of the block variable.

errorvar The name of the error variable.

errorbonus for error\_replace\_blockmeanplus, the amount of seconds to add to the

block mean and use as a replacement for error trial reaction times (default

is 0.6).

maxerrors for error\_prune\_dropcases, the maximum percentage of errors, after which

a participant is excluded from the data.

q\_reliability

Compute psychological experiment reliability

## Description

This function can be used to compute an exact reliability score for a psychological task whose results involve a difference score. The resulting intraclass correlation coefficient is equivalent to the average all possible split-half reliability scores. It ranges from -1 to 1, with -1 implying that all variance in the data is explained by within-subjects variability, 1 implying that all variance is explained by between-subjects variability, and 0 implying that within-subjects and between-subjects variability contribute equally to the total variance in the sample.

## Usage

```
q_reliability(ds, subjvar, formula, aatterm = NA)
## S3 method for class 'qreliability'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'qreliability'
plot(x, ...)
```

# Arguments

ds a long-format data.frame subjvar name of the subject variable

formula a formula predicting the participant's reaction time using trial-level vari-

ables such as movement direction and stimulus category

aatterm a string denoting the term in the formula that contains the participant's

approach bias

x a qreliability object

... Other arguments passed to the generic print and plot functions.

# Value

a qreliability object, containing the reliability coefficient, and a data.frame with participants' bias scores and score variance.

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# Author(s)

Sercan Kahveci

#### Examples

SpearmanBrown

Spearman-Brown corrections for Correlation Coefficients

# Description

Perform a Spearman-Brown correction on the provided correlation score.

# Usage

```
SpearmanBrown(
  corr,
  ntests = 2,
  fix.negative = c("nullify", "bilateral", "none")
)
```

#### Arguments

corr To-be-corrected correlation coefficient

ntests An integer indicating how many times larger the full test is, for which the

corrected correlation coefficient is being computed. When ntests=2, the formula will compute what the correlation coefficient would be if the test

were twice as long.

fix.negative Determines how to deal with a negative value. "nullify" sets it to zero,

"bilateral" applies the correction as if it were a positive number, and then

sets it to negative. "none" gives the raw value.

# **Details**

Correct a correlation coefficient for being based on only a subset of the data.

# Value

Spearman-Brown-corrected correlation coefficient.

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