

# TEST FOR TREND WITH A MULTINOMIAL OUTCOME

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Consider a study in which a multinomial outcome with  $K$  possible unordered values is measured in subjects belonging to one of  $G$  ordered groups. The size of each group,  $n_i$ , is defined by the study design, and will be treated as fixed. Let  $\mathbf{p}_i = (p_{i1}, \dots, p_{iK})^\top$  denote the probabilities of the multinomial outcomes in the  $i$ th group. The hypothesis of interest is to evaluate the homogeneity of these probabilities across the groups with a targeted alternative of a trend in at least one of the categories. Formally, we consider testing  $H_0 = \bigcap_{j=1}^K H_{0j}$  versus  $H_1 = \bigcup_{j=1}^K H_{1j}$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} H_{0j} &: p_{1j} = \dots = p_{Gj} \\ H_{1j} &: p_{1j} \leq \dots \leq p_{Gj} \text{ or } p_{1j} \geq \dots \geq p_{Gj} \text{ with at least one inequality} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

The test is based on the following result:

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\mathcal{J} \subset \{1, \dots, K\}$ , then under  $H_{0\mathcal{J}} = \bigcap_{j \in \mathcal{J}} H_{0j}$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$*

$$W_{\mathcal{J}} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} (1 - p_{\cdot j}) T_j^2 + \left( \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} p_{\cdot j} \right) T_{\mathcal{J}}^2 \xrightarrow{d} \chi_d^2, \tag{2}$$

where  $d = \min(|\mathcal{J}|, K - 1)$ ,  $T_{\mathcal{J}} = [\sum_{i=1}^G \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} n_{ij}(c_i - \bar{c})] / \sqrt{p_{\cdot \mathcal{J}}(1 - p_{\cdot \mathcal{J}})s^2}$  denotes the Cochran-Armitage trend test statistic for testing for marginal trend in  $p_{i\mathcal{J}} = \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} p_{ij}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, G$ .

## 2. IMPLEMENTING THE OVERALL TEST

The main `multiCA.test` function is a generic, with methods for a matrix and formula input.

```
"../R/aaa-generics.R" 2a≡
```

```
#'Multinomial Cochran-Armitage trend test
#
#'\code{multiCA.test} function performs a multinomial generalization of the
#'\code{Cochran-Armitage} trend test.
#
#
#'\@export
#'\@param x a two-dimensional matrix of event counts with the outcomes as rows and ordered groups as columns
#'\@param \dots other arguments
#'\@return a list with two components
#'\item{overall}{an object of class "htest" with the results of the overall test}
#'\item{individual}{a vector with adjusted p-values for individual outcomes}
#'\@author Aniko Szabo
#'\@references Szabo, A. (2018). Test for Trend With a Multinomial Outcome. The American Statistician, 73(1), 1-10.
#'\@keywords nonparametric
#'\@examples
#
#'\data(stroke)
#'\## using formula interface
#'\multiCA.test(Type ~ Year, weights=Freq, data=stroke)
#
#'\##using Westfall's multiple testing adjustment
#'\multiCA.test(Type ~ Year, weights=Freq, data=stroke, p.adjust.method="Westfall")
#
#'\## using matrix interface and testing only the first 3 outcomes
#'\strk.mat <- xtabs(Freq ~ Type + Year, data=stroke)
#'\multiCA.test(strk.mat, outcomes=1:3)
#
#'\@name multiCA.test

multiCA.test <- function(x,...) UseMethod("multiCA.test")

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```

The actual calculation of the test statistic, overall and unadjusted individual p-values, and correlation/contrast matrices that will be useful for adjusted p-value calculation, is encapsulated in an internal function that operates on a matrix. No error control is provided here.

```
"../R/multiCA.R" 2b≡
```

```
#'\@keywords internal
#'\@importFrom stats terms xtabs

.multiCA.test <- function(x, scores, outcomes){
  K <- nrow(x)
  full <- length(outcomes) == K #full test

  nidot <- apply(x, 2, sum)
  n <- sum(nidot)

  cbar <- sum(nidot * scores)/n

  s2 <- sum(nidot * (scores - cbar)^2)
  pdot <- prop.table(rowSums(x))[outcomes]
  nonz <- (pdot > 0)
```

```

if (!any(nonz)) return(1)

X <- x[outcomes, ,drop=FALSE] %*% (scores - cbar)

#individual tests
Tt <- X[nonz] / sqrt(pdot[nonz] * (1-pdot[nonz])* s2)
CAT <- Tt^2
CAT.p.value <- pchisq(CAT, df=1, lower.tail=FALSE)

#overall test
if (full || sum(pdot) >= 1){
  W <- ( sum(X[nonz]^2 / pdot[nonz])) / s2
} else {
  W <- (sum(X)^2 / (1-sum(pdot)) + sum(X[nonz]^2 / pdot[nonz])) / s2
}

df <- length(outcomes) - full
p.value <- pchisq(W, df=df, lower.tail=FALSE)

< Calculate correlation and contrast matrices 8b >

res <- list(statistic = W, parameter = df, p.value = p.value,
            indiv.statistics = Tt, indiv.p.value = CAT.p.value,
            sigma0 = Sigma0, contrast = C)
return(res)
}
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```

File defined by 2b, 3, 4, 7b, 9a, 10, 15.

Defines: .multiCA.test 3, 6c, 10, 11, 13b, 14.

The default method uses a two-dimensional contingency matrix with the outcomes as rows and ordered groups as columns.

"../R/multiCA.R" 3≡

```

#'@rdname multiCA.test
#'@method multiCA.test default
#'@param scores non-decreasing numeric vector of the same length as the number of ordered groups. Default
#'@param outcomes integer or character vector defining the set of outcomes (by row index or row name) over
#'@param p.adjust.method character string defining the correction method for individual outcome p-values.
#'@export
#' @importFrom utils str
#' @importFrom multcomp glht adjusted parm

multiCA.test.default <- function(x, scores=1:ncol(x), outcomes=1:nrow(x),
  p.adjust.method=c("none","closed.set","Holm-Shaffer", "single-step", "Westfall"),...){
  if (!is.matrix(x)) {
    cat(str(x))
    stop("x should be a two-dimensional matrix")
  }
  if (length(scores) != ncol(x)) stop("The length of the score vector should equal the number of columns")

  testres <- .multiCA.test(x=x, scores=scores, outcomes=outcomes)

  W <- c(W = testres$statistic)
  df <- c(df = testres$parameter)

  p.value <- testres$p.value

```

```

null.value <- 0
names(null.value) <- sprintf("slope for outcomes %s", deparse(substitute(outcomes)))

res <- list(statistic = W, parameter = df, p.value = p.value,
           method="Multinomial Cochran-Armitage trend test",
           alternative="two.sided",
           null.value=null.value,
           data.name = deparse(substitute(x)))
class(res) <- "htest"

< Calculate adjusted p-values 5b >

return(list(overall = res, individual = indiv.res))
}
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```

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Defines: `multiCA.test.default` Never used.

Uses: `.multiCA.test` [2b](#).

The formula interface converts data into the appropriate contingency matrix for use with the default method. The code is based on `t.test.formula`.

"../R/multiCA.R" 4≡

```

#'@rdname multiCA.test
#'@method multiCA.test formula
#'@param formula a formula of the form \code{outcome ~ group} where \code{outcome} is a factor representing
#'@param data an optional matrix or data frame containing the variables in the formula \code{formula}. B
#'@param subset an optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used.
#'@param na.action a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. Default
#'@param weights an integer-valued variable representing the number of times each \code{outcome} - \code{g
#'@export
#' @importFrom stats terms xtabs

multiCA.test.formula <- function(formula, data, subset, na.action, weights, ...){
  if (missing(formula) || (length(formula) != 3L) || (length(attr(terms(formula)[-2L]),
    "term.labels")) != 1L))
    stop("'formula' missing or incorrect")
  m <- match.call(expand.dots = FALSE)
  if (is.matrix(eval(m$data, parent.frame()))){
    m$data <- as.data.frame(data)
    m[[1L]] <- quote(stats::model.frame)
    m$... <- NULL
    mf <- eval(m, parent.frame())
    responsevar <- attr(attr(mf, "terms"), "response")
    response <- mf[[responsevar]]
    weightvar <- which(names(mf)=="(weights)")
    w <- if(length(weightvar) > 0) mf[[weightvar]] else rep(1L, nrow(mf))
    g <- factor(mf[, -c(responsevar, weightvar)])

    tab <- xtabs(w ~ response + g)
    multiCA.test(tab, ...)
  }
  ◇

```

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Defines: `multiCA.test.formula` Never used.

"../tests/testthat/test\_overall.R" 5a≡

```
context("Multinomial CA test")
test_that("Overall test works on stroke data", {
  data(stroke)
  res0 <- multiCA.test(Type ~ Year, weights=Freq, data=stroke, p.adjust="none")
  expect_equivalent(res0$overall$statistic, 40.06580869)

  strk.mat <- xtabs(Freq ~ Type + Year, data=stroke)
  res1 <- multiCA.test(strk.mat, p.adjust="none")
  expect_equal(res0$overall[c("statistic", "parameter", "p.value")],
               res1$overall[c("statistic", "parameter", "p.value")])
  expect_equivalent(res0$individual, res1$individual)

  res2 <- multiCA.test(strk.mat, outcomes=1:5, p.adjust="none")
  expect_equal(res1$overall[c("statistic", "parameter", "p.value")],
               res2$overall[c("statistic", "parameter", "p.value")])
  expect_equivalent(res1$individual, res2$individual)
})
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```

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### 3. MULTIPLE TESTING ADJUSTED INFERENCE FOR INDIVIDUAL OUTCOMES

⟨ Calculate adjusted p-values 5b ⟩ ≡

```
if (missing(p.adjust.method)){
  if (length(outcomes)<=3) p.adjust.method <- "closed.set"
  else p.adjust.method <- "Holm-Shaffer"
} else {
  p.adjust.method <- match.arg(p.adjust.method)
}

full.set <- (length(outcomes) == nrow(x))
if (p.adjust.method=="none") {
  indiv.res <- testres$indiv.p.value
} else if (p.adjust.method=="closed.set") {
  ⟨ Closed set adjustment 6c ⟩
} else if (p.adjust.method=="Holm-Shaffer") {
  ⟨ Holm-Shaffer adjustment 6a ⟩
} else if (p.adjust.method %in% c("single-step", "Westfall")) {
  ⟨ glht adjustment 8a ⟩
}
attr(indiv.res, "method") <- p.adjust.method
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```

Fragment referenced in [3](#).

**3.1. Holm-Shaffer approach.** Shaffer's modification of Holm's adjustment involves multiplying the ordered p-values by  $t_s$ , the maximum number of possibly true hypotheses, given that at least  $s - 1$  hypotheses are false. In our case the logical restriction means that if there is at least one false null hypothesis, then no

more than  $K - 2$  null hypotheses could be true. So

$$p_{(j)}^{HS} = \max_{s \leq j} (\min(t_s p_{(s)}, 1))$$

$$\text{where } t_s = \begin{cases} K - s + 1, & s \neq 2 \\ K - 2, & s = 2 \end{cases}$$

$\langle \text{Holm-Shaffer adjustment 6a} \rangle \equiv$

```
s <- seq_along(testres$indiv.p.value)
if (full.set) s[2] <- 3
o <- order(testres$indiv.p.value)
ro <- order(o)
indiv.res <- pmin(1, cummax((length(outcomes) - s + 1L) * testres$indiv.p.value[o]))[ro]
```

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Fragment referenced in [5b](#).

"../tests/testthat/test\_overall.R" 6b≡

```
test_that("Holm-Shaffer consistent with Holm", {
  data(stroke)
  res0 <- multiCA.test(Type ~ Year, weights=Freq, data=stroke, p.adjust="none")
  expect_equal(attr(res0$individual, "method"), "none")

  res1 <- multiCA.test(Type ~ Year, weights=Freq, data=stroke, p.adjust="Holm-Shaffer")
  expect_equal(attr(res1$individual, "method"), "Holm-Shaffer")
  expect_equivalent(sort(p.adjust(res0$individual, method="holm"))[-2],
    sort(res1$individual)[-2])

  res0a <- multiCA.test(Type ~ Year, weights=Freq, data=stroke, p.adjust="none",
    outcomes=1:4)
  res1a <- multiCA.test(Type ~ Year, weights=Freq, data=stroke, p.adjust="Holm-Shaffer",
    outcomes=1:4)
  expect_equivalent(sort(p.adjust(res0a$individual, method="holm")),
    sort(res1a$individual))
})
```

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File defined by [5a](#), [6b](#), [7a](#).

**3.2. Closed set adjustment.** In a closed testing procedure an elementary hypothesis  $H_{0j}$  is rejected if and only if all composite hypotheses  $H_{0\mathcal{J}}$ , where  $j \in \mathcal{J}$  are rejected. The process can be rewritten using adjusted p-values for  $H_{0j}, j = 1, \dots, K$ :

$$p_j^* = \max_{\mathcal{J}: j \in \mathcal{J}} p(\mathcal{J}), \quad (3)$$

where  $p(\mathcal{J}) = P(W_j \geq \chi_{|\mathcal{J}|}^2)$  is the unadjusted p-value for testing  $H_{0\mathcal{J}}$ . From the logical constraints sets  $\mathcal{J}$  of cardinality  $K - 1$  do not need to be considered.

$\langle \text{Closed set adjustment 6c} \rangle \equiv$

```
mytest <- function(hypotheses){
  .multiCA.test(x, scores, hypotheses)$p.value
}
indiv.res <- .p.adjust.closed(mytest, outcomes, remove=full.set)
```

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Fragment referenced in [5b](#).

Uses: `.multiCA.test` [2b](#).

```
"../tests/testthat/test_overall.R" 7a≡
```

```
test_that("Closed set works with 3 outcomes", {
  data(stroke)
  strk.mat <- xtabs(Freq ~ Type + Year, data=stroke)
  res0 <- multiCA.test(strk.mat[1:3,], p.adjust="none")
  res1 <- multiCA.test(strk.mat[1:3,], p.adjust="closed.set")
  expect_equivalent(pmax(res0$individual, res0$overall$p.value),
                    res1$individual)
})
◇
```

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The actual adjustment calculation is based on code from `cherry::closed`, removing the  $K - 1$  element sets if the full set of hypotheses is being tested.

```
"../R/multiCA.R" 7b≡
```

```
#' Internal functions
#'
#' These internal functions perform the closed set p-value adjustment calculation
#' for the multivariate Cochran-Armitage trend test. The logical constraint
#' on the possible number of true null hypotheses is incorporated.
#'
#' @name internal
#' @importFrom bitops bitAnd
#' @keywords internal
.bit2boolean <- function(x, N)
{
  base <- 2^(1:N - 1)
  bitAnd(x, base) != 0
}

#' @param test function that performs the local test. The function should accept a subvector of the hypotheses
#' @param hypotheses identifiers of the collection of elementary hypotheses.
#' @param remove logical indicator of whether hypotheses of length N-1 should be removed
#' @param ... additional parameters to the 'test' function
#' @return numeric vector of adjusted p-values for each hypothesis
#' @keywords internal
#' @name internal
.p.adjust.closed <- function(test, hypotheses, remove=FALSE, ...)
{
  N <- length(hypotheses)
  Nmax <- log2(.Machine$integer.max + 1)
  if (N > Nmax)
    stop("no more than ", Nmax, " hypotheses supported in full closed testing.\n Use a shortcut-based test")
  closure <- 1:(2^N - 1)
  base <- 2^(1:N - 1)
  offspring <- function(x) {
    res <- bitAnd(x, closure)
    res[res != 0]
  }
  lengths <- rowSums(sapply(base, function(bs) bitAnd(closure, bs) != 0))

  idx <- sort.list(lengths, decreasing = TRUE)
  closure <- closure[idx]
  lengths <- lengths[idx]
```

```

if (remove) closure <- closure[lengths != (N-1)]

adjusted <- numeric(2^N - 1)
for (i in closure) {
  if (adjusted[i] < 1) {
    localtest <- test(hypotheses[.bit2boolean(i,N)], ...)
    if (localtest > adjusted[i]) {
      offs <- offspring(i)
      adjusted[offs] <- pmax(adjusted[offs], localtest)
    }
  }
}

out <- adjusted[base]
names(out) <- hypotheses
return(out)
}
◇

```

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**3.3. Multivariate normal based adjustment.** The “single-step” and “Westfall” adjustments are based on the (asymptotic) multivariate normality of the test statistics, and are implemented in the `multcomp` package.

$\langle \text{glht adjustment 8a} \rangle \equiv$

```

if (full.set) {
  testparm <- parm(testres$indiv.statistics[-1], testres$sigma0[-1,-1])
} else {
  testparm <- parm(testres$indiv.statistics, testres$sigma0)
}

g1 <- glht(model = testparm, linfct = testres$contrast)
indiv.res <- summary(g1, test=adjusted(type=p.adjust.method,...))$test$pvalues
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```

Fragment referenced in [5b](#).

$\langle \text{Calculate correlation and contrast matrices 8b} \rangle \equiv$

```

# correlation of T
sqrt.or.pdot <- sqrt(pdot[nonz]/(1-pdot[nonz]))
Sigma0 <- -outer(sqrt.or.pdot, sqrt.or.pdot)
diag(Sigma0) <- 1

# contrast matrix
if (full){
  coefs <- sqrt(pdot[nonz] * (1-pdot[nonz]))
  C <- rbind(coefs[-1], diag(K-1))
} else {
  C <- diag(length(nonz))
}
◇

```

Fragment referenced in [2b](#).



## 4. POWER AND SAMPLE SIZE CALCULATION

The calculation is based on the following result: Let  $\nu_i = n_{i\cdot}/N$  denote the proportion of subjects in group  $i$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Under  $H_a$ , the asymptotic distribution of  $W$  is approximately  $\chi^2_{K-1}(\lambda)$  with non-centrality parameter*

$$\lambda = N s_\nu^2 \sum_{j=1}^K \frac{\beta_j^2}{p_{\cdot j}}, \quad (4)$$

where  $s_\nu^2 = \sum_{i=1}^G \nu_i (c_i - \bar{c})^2 = s^2/N$  and  $\beta_j = [\sum_{i=1}^G \nu_i (p_{ij} - p_{\cdot j})(c_i - \bar{c})]/s_\nu^2$  is the slope of  $p_{ij}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, G$  regressed on  $c_i$  with weights  $\nu_i$ .

A non-centrality parameter calculation function can be useful by itself. It calculates the non-centrality parameter for a chi-square distribution that achieves the target power at a given significance level.

```
"../R/multiCA.R" 9a≡
```

```
#' Non-centrality parameter for chi-square distribution
#
#' Calculates the non-centrality parameter for a chi-square distribution for a given
#' quantile. This is often needed for sample size calculation for chi-square based tests.
#
# @details The function is modeled after the SAS function CNONCT. If \code{p} is larger
#' than the cumulative probability of the central chi-square distribution at \code{x}, then
#' there is no solution and NA is returned.
#
# @param x a numeric value at which the distribution was evaluated
# @param p a numeric value giving the cumulative probability at \code{x}
# @param df an integer giving the degrees of freedom of the chi-square variable
# @examples
#' (ncp <- cnonct(qchisq(0.95, df=10), 0.8, df=10))
#' ## check
#' pchisq(qchisq(0.95, df=10), df=10, ncp=ncp) ## 0.8
# @export
# @importFrom stats pchisq uniroot

cnonct <- function(x, p, df){

  if (pchisq(x, df=df) < p) return(NA)

  f <- function(ncp){pchisq(x, df=df, ncp=pmax(0,ncp)) - p}

  res <- uniroot(f, interval=c(0, 100), extendInt="downX", tol=.Machine$double.eps^0.5)
  res$root
}
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```

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Defines: [cnonct](#) [9b](#), [10](#), [15](#).

```
"../tests/testthat/test_power.R" 9b≡
```

```
context("Power calculations")

test_that("non-centrality calculation works", {
  x <- qchisq(0.75, df=10)
  expect_equal(cnonct(x, df=10, p=0.75), 0)
  expect_equal(cnonct(x, df=10, p=0.9), NA)
  expect_equal(pchisq(x, df=10, ncp=cnonct(x, p=0.6, df=10)), 0.6)
```



```
power.multiCA.test <- function(N=NULL, power=NULL, pmatrix=NULL, p.ave=NULL, p.start=NULL,
                               p.end=NULL, slopes=NULL, scores=1:G, n.prop=rep(1, G),
                               G=length(p.ave), sig.level=0.05){
  if (sum(sapply(list(N, power), is.null)) != 1)
    stop("exactly one of 'N', and 'power' must be NULL")
  if (!is.numeric(sig.level) || any(0 > sig.level | sig.level > 1))
    stop("'sig.level' must be numeric in [0, 1]")
}
```

```
df <- K - 1
crit <- qchisq(sig.level, df=df, lower.tail=FALSE)
ncp0 <- sum(slopes^2 / p.ave) * s2
if (missing(power)){
  ncp <- ncp0 * N
  power <- pchisq(crit, df=df, ncp=ncp, lower.tail=FALSE)
}
else {
  ncp <- cnonct(crit, p=1-power, df=df)
  N <- ncp / ncp0
}
```

```
res
}
```

```
test_that("calculated power is independent of the input format", {  
  pmat <- rbind(seq(0.1, 0.4, length=5),  
                seq(0.2, 0.3, length=5),  
                seq(0.3, 0.1, length=5),  
                seq(0.4, 0.2, length=5))  
  
  res0 <- power.multiCA.test(N=100, pmatrix=pmat)  
  expect_equal(res0, power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=pmat[,1], p.end=pmat[,5], G=5))  
  expect_equal(res0, power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=pmat[,1], p.ave=rowMeans(pmat),  
    G=5))  
  expect_equal(res0, power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.end=pmat[,5], p.ave=rowMeans(pmat),  
    G=5))  
  expect_equal(res0, power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.ave=rowMeans(pmat),  
    slopes=pmat[,2]-pmat[,1], G=5))  
  expect_equal(res0, power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=pmat[,1],  
    slopes=pmat[,2]-pmat[,1], G=5))  
})
```

```

    expect_equal(res0, power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.end=pmat[,5],
      slopes=pmat[,2]-pmat[,1], G=5))
  })

  test_that("Power is computed correctly", {
    pmat <- rbind(seq(0.1, 0.4, length=5),
      seq(0.2, 0.3, length=5),
      seq(0.3, 0.1, length=5),
      seq(0.4, 0.2, length=5))
    res0 <- power.multiCA.test(N=100, pmatrix=pmat)
    expect_equal(100, power.multiCA.test(power=res0$power, pmatrix=pmat)$n)
    expect_equal(0.1, power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.ave=c(0.5, rep(0.1, 5)),
      slopes=rep(0,6), G=6, sig.level=0.1)$power)
  })

```

File defined by [9b](#), [11](#), [13b](#), [14](#), [?](#), [?](#).

Uses: `.multiCA.test` [2b](#), `power.multiCA.test` [10](#).

When `slopes` is not specified, then a linear trend for each outcome is assumed:

$$p_{ij} = \bar{p}_j + \beta_j(c_i - \bar{c})$$

*⟨ Calculate p.ave and slopes from specification 12 ⟩*  $\equiv$

```

if (!is.null(pmatrix)){
  K <- nrow(pmatrix)
  G <- ncol(pmatrix)
  if (!isTRUE(all.equal(colSums(pmatrix), rep(1, G),
    check.attributes=FALSE, use.names=FALSE)))
    stop("pmatrix should have column sums of 1.")
  ⟨ Get cbar and s2 13a ⟩
  slopes <- as.vector(pmatrix %*% (n.prop * (scores-cbar))) / s2
  p.ave <- as.vector(pmatrix %*% n.prop)
}
else {
  if (sum(sapply(list(p.ave, slopes, p.start, p.end), is.null)) != 2)
    stop("Either pmatrix, or exactly two of 'p.ave', 'slopes', 'p.start', and 'p.end' must be specified")

  if (!is.null(p.ave) & !is.null(slopes)){
    if (length(p.ave) != length(slopes))
      stop("p.ave and slopes should have the same length")
    K <- length(p.ave)
    ⟨ Get cbar and s2 13a ⟩
  }
  else if (!is.null(p.ave) & !is.null(p.start)){
    if (length(p.ave) != length(p.start))
      stop("p.ave and p.start should have the same length")
    K <- length(p.ave)
    ⟨ Get cbar and s2 13a ⟩
    slopes <- (p.start - p.ave) / (scores[1] - cbar)
  }
  else if (!is.null(p.ave) & !is.null(p.end)){
    if (length(p.ave) != length(p.end))
      stop("p.ave and p.end should have the same length")
    K <- length(p.ave)
    ⟨ Get cbar and s2 13a ⟩
    slopes <- (p.end - p.ave) / (scores[G] - cbar)
  }
  else if (!is.null(p.start) & !is.null(p.end)){

```

```

    if (length(p.start) != length(p.end))
      stop("p.start and p.end should have the same length")
    K <- length(p.start)
    < Get cbar and s2 13a >
    slopes <- (p.end - p.start) / (scores[G] - scores[1])
    p.ave <- p.start - slopes * (scores[1] - cbar)
  }
  else if (!is.null(p.start) & !is.null(slopes)){
    if (length(p.start) != length(slopes))
      stop("p.start and slopes should have the same length")
    K <- length(p.start)
    < Get cbar and s2 13a >
    p.ave <- p.start - slopes * (scores[1] - cbar)
  }
  else if (!is.null(p.end) & !is.null(slopes)){
    if (length(p.end) != length(slopes))
      stop("p.end and slopes should have the same length")
    K <- length(p.end)
    < Get cbar and s2 13a >
    p.ave <- p.end - slopes * (scores[G] - cbar)
  }

  < Check validity of p.ave and slopes 13c >
}

```

Fragment referenced in 10.

*< Get cbar and s2 13a >*  $\equiv$

```

if (missing(G)){
  if (!missing(scores)) G <- length(scores)
  else if (!missing(n.prop)) G <- length(n.prop)
  else stop("The number of groups G needs to be specified explicitly or implicitly through the dimensions")
}
if (sum(n.prop) != 1) n.prop <- n.prop/sum(n.prop)
cbar <- weighted.mean(scores, w=n.prop)
s2 <- sum(n.prop * (scores-cbar)^2)

```

Fragment referenced in 12.

"../tests/testthat/test\_power.R" 13b $\equiv$

```

test_that("G is properly identified", {
  expect_error(power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=c(0.1, 0.9), p.end=c(0.8, 0.2)),
    "G needs to be specified")
  expect_equal(power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=c(0.1, 0.9), p.end=c(0.8, 0.2),
    n.prop=rep(1,4))$G, 4)
  expect_equal(power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=c(0.1, 0.9), p.end=c(0.8, 0.2),
    scores=1:4)$G, 4)
})

test_that("Scaling of n.prop does not matter", {
  expect_equal(
    power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=c(0.1, 0.9), p.end=c(0.8, 0.2), G=6,
      n.prop=rep(1,6)),
    power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=c(0.1, 0.9), p.end=c(0.8, 0.2), G=6,
      n.prop=rep(2,6)))

```

```

    })
  }
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Uses: .multiCA.test 2b, power.multiCA.test 10.

```

To ensure a valid setup, slopes should add up to 0, and all of the  $p_{ij}$ 's implied by a linear trend should be between 0 and 1.

*⟨ Check validity of p.ave and slopes 13c ⟩*  $\equiv$

```

  if (!isTRUE(all.equal(sum(slopes), 0, check.attributes=FALSE, use.names=FALSE)))
    stop("Implied or specified values of slopes should sum to 0.")
  if (!isTRUE(all.equal(sum(p.ave), 1, check.attributes=FALSE, use.names=FALSE)))
    stop("Implied or specified values of p.ave should sum to 1.")
  check <- outer(1:K, 1:G, function(j,i)p.ave[j] + slopes[j]*(scores[i]-cbar))
  if (!all(check >= 0) || !(all(check <=1)))
    stop("The parameters do not define a valid probability matrix")

```

Fragment referenced in 12.

"../tests/testthat/test\_power.R" 14 $\equiv$

```

test_that("p.ave and slopes are checked for validity", {
  expect_error(power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.start=c(0.1, 0.3), p.end=c(0.8, 0.2), G=3),
    "slopes should sum to 0")
  expect_error(power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.ave=c(0.1, 0.8), slopes=c(0.1, -0.1), G=4),
    "p.ave should sum to 1")
  expect_error(power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.ave=c(0.1, 0.9), slopes=c(0.1, -0.1), G=4),
    "valid probability matrix")
  expect_error(power.multiCA.test(N=100, p.ave=c(0.4, 0.6), slopes=c(0.1, 0.1), G=3),
    "slopes should sum to 0")
})

```

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Uses: .multiCA.test 2b, power.multiCA.test 10.

**4.1. Power for Cochran-Armitage trend test.** For  $K = 2$  the multinomial trend test reduces to the regular Cochran-Armitage trend test. For the power calculation, however, we do not need the approximation used for the multinomial test, and a better formula can be derived.

Simplifying notations, let  $p_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, G$  denote the probability of an event in group  $i$ , and  $x_i$  events out of  $n_i$  trials are observed in this group. Then the unnormalized CA test statistic is  $U = \sum_i x_i(c_i - \bar{c})$  with  $\bar{c} = \sum_i \nu_i c_i$ ,  $\nu_i = n_i/N$  and

$$U \mid H_0 \sim N(0, N\sigma_0^2)$$

$$U \mid H_a \sim N(N\mu, N\sigma^2)$$

where  $\mu = \sum_i \nu_i p_i(c_i - \bar{c})$  is the mean,  $\sigma_0^2 = \bar{p}(1 - \bar{p}) \sum_i \nu_i(c_i - \bar{c})^2$  is the null variance, and  $\sigma^2 = \sum_i \nu_i p_i(1 - p_i)(c_i - \bar{c})^2$  is the alternative variance.

The traditional CA test statistic  $T = U^2/(N\sigma_0^2) \sim \chi_1^2$  under  $H_0$ . Under  $H_a$  we have

$$T = \frac{U^2}{N\sigma_0^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2} \frac{U^2}{N\sigma^2}$$

so

$$\frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} T = \frac{U^2}{N\sigma^2} \sim \chi_1^2 \left( N \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \right),$$

since  $\frac{U}{\sqrt{N}\sigma} \sim N\left(\frac{\sqrt{N}\mu}{\sigma}, 1\right)$ .

The non-centrality parameter

$$\lambda = N \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{[\sum_i \nu_i p_i (c_i - \bar{c})]^2}{\sum_i \nu_i p_i (1 - p_i) (c_i - \bar{c})^2} = N \frac{\beta^2 s_\nu^2}{\bar{p}(1 - \bar{p})} \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2} = \lambda_{\text{approx}} \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2},$$

where  $\beta$  is the slope of regressing  $p_i$  on  $c_i$  with weights  $\nu_i$  and  $s_\nu^2 = \sum_i \nu_i (c_i - \bar{c})^2$ , as  $\mu = \beta s_\nu^2$  and  $\sigma_0^2 = \bar{p}(1 - \bar{p}) s_\nu^2$ .

In addition to the traditional test statistic, a  $Z$ -based version that allows directional testing is also implemented. This is based on the test statistic

$$Z = \frac{U}{\sqrt{N}\sigma_0},$$

which has a  $N(0, 1)$  distribution under  $H_0$  and  $N(\mu\sqrt{N}/\sigma_0, \sigma^2/\sigma_0^2)$  distribution under  $H_a$ .

For one-sided testing, we have

$$\text{Power} = 1 - \beta = P(Z > z_\alpha) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{z_\alpha - \mu\sqrt{N}/\sigma_0}{\sigma/\sigma_0}\right) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{\sigma_0 z_\alpha - \mu\sqrt{N}}{\sigma}\right)$$

$$N = \left[\frac{\sigma_0 z_\alpha + \sigma z_\beta}{\mu}\right]^2$$

"../R/multiCA.R" 15≡

```
#' Power calculations for the Cochran-Armitage trend test
#
#' @param N integer, the total sample size of the study. If \code{NULL} then \code{power} needs to be spe
#' @param power target power. If \code{NULL} then \code{N} needs to be specified.
#' @param pvec numeric vector of hypothesized outcome probabilities in each group.
#' @param scores non-decreasing numeric vector of the same length as the number of ordered groups
#' giving the trend test scores. Defaults to linearly increasing values.
#' @param n.prop numeric vector describing relative sample sizes of the ordered groups.
#' Will be normalized to sum to 1. Defaults to equal sample sizes.
#' @param sig.level significance level
#' @param alternative character string specifying the alternative hypothesis
#' @return object of class "power.htest"
#
#' @examples
#' # sample size required to detect with 80% power a decreasing trend over 4 groups
#' # with 3:2:1:2 sample-size distribution at a 2.5% significance level
#' power.CA.test(power=0.8, pvec=c(0.4, 0.3, 0.2, 0.1), n.prop=c(3,2,1,2),
#'               alternative = "less", sig.level=0.025)
#
#' # power of a 2-sided test to detect a logistic increase with slope 0.2 over 5 groups
#' # with groups of size 10 with unequal dose spacing
#' doses <- c(0,1,2,4,8)
#' p0 <- 0.05 # event probability at lowest dose
#' logit.props <- log(p0/(1-p0)) + doses * 0.2
#' p <- 1 / (1 + exp(-logit.props)) # hypothesized probabilities at each dose
#' power.CA.test(N = 10 * 5, pvec=p, scores = doses)
#
#' @export
#' @references Nam, J. (1987). A Simple Approximation for Calculating Sample Sizes for Detecting Linear T
#' Biometrics, 43(3), 701-705.
#' @importFrom stats pnorm qnorm
#
power.CA.test <- function(N=NULL, power=NULL, pvec=NULL, scores=seq_along(pvec),
                          n.prop=rep(1, length(pvec)), sig.level=0.05,
                          alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater")){
```

```

if (sum(sapply(list(N, power), is.null)) != 1)
  stop("exactly one of 'N', and 'power' must be NULL")
if (!is.numeric(sig.level) || any(0 > sig.level | sig.level > 1))
  stop("'sig.level' must be numeric in [0, 1]")
if (any(pvec < 0) | any(pvec > 1))
  stop("All probabilities in 'pvec' should be between 0 and 1")
if (length(pvec) != length(scores) | length(pvec) != length(n.prop))
  stop("Vectors 'pvec', 'scores', and 'n.prop', if specified, should have the same lengths.")

alternative <- match.arg(alternative)

n.prop <- n.prop / sum(n.prop)

sbar <- sum(scores * n.prop)
pbar <- sum(pvec * n.prop)
v.nu <- sum(n.prop * (scores-sbar)^2)
v0 <- pbar * (1-pbar) * v.nu
v <- sum(n.prop * pvec * (1-pvec) * (scores-sbar)^2)
mu <- sum(n.prop * pvec * (scores - sbar))

if (alternative == "two.sided"){
  crit <- qchisq(sig.level, df=1, lower.tail=FALSE)
  ncp0 <- mu^2 / v
} else {
  crit <- qnorm(sig.level, lower.tail=FALSE)
  if (alternative == "less") crit <- (-1) * crit
}

if (missing(power)){
  if (alternative == "two.sided"){
    ncp <- ncp0 * N
    power <- pchisq(v0/v * crit, df=1, ncp=ncp, lower.tail=FALSE)
  } else {
    term <- (sqrt(v0)*crit - mu * sqrt(N)) / sqrt(v)
    power <- pnorm(term, lower.tail = (alternative == "less"))
  }
}
else {
  if (alternative == "two.sided"){
    ncp <- cnonct(v0/v * crit, p=1-power, df=1)
    N <- ncp / ncp0
  } else {
    zb <- qnorm(power, lower.tail=TRUE)
    N <- (sqrt(v0) * crit + sqrt(v) * zb)^2 / mu^2
  }
}

res <- structure(list(n = N, n.prop = n.prop, p = pvec,
  alternative = alternative,
  sig.level = sig.level, power = power,
  method = "Cochran-Armitage trend test"),
  class = "power.htest")

res
}

```

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 Uses: `cnonct` [9a](#).

"../tests/testthat/test\_power.R" ?≡

```
test_that("Binomial power calculation works", {
  pvec0 <- seq(0.1, 0.2, length.out = 5)
  res0 <- power.CA.test(N=100, pvec = pvec0)
  expect_equal(100, power.CA.test(power=res0$power, pvec = pvec0)$n)
  res_lo <- power.CA.test(N=100, pvec = pvec0, alternative = "less",
    sig.level = res0$sig.level/2)
  res_up <- power.CA.test(N=100, pvec = pvec0, alternative = "greater",
    sig.level = res0$sig.level/2)
  expect_equal(res0$power, res_lo$power + res_up$power)
  expect_equal(0.1, power.CA.test(N=100, pvec = rep(0.2, 4), sig.level=0.1)$power)
})
```

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"../tests/testthat/test\_power.R" ?≡

```
test_that("power.CA.test inputs are checked for validity", {
  expect_error(power.CA.test(N=100, pvec = c(-0.5, 0.4)),
    "should be between 0 and 1")
  expect_error(power.CA.test(N=100, pvec = c(0.5, 1.4)),
    "should be between 0 and 1")
  expect_error(power.CA.test(N=100, pvec=c(0.1, 0.8), scores=1:3),
    "same lengths")
  expect_error(power.CA.test(N=100, pvec=c(0.1, 0.8), scores=1:2, n.prop=1:3),
    "same lengths")
  expect_error(power.CA.test(N=100, pvec = c(0.1, 0.2), power=0.8),
    "must be NULL")
  expect_error(power.CA.test(pvec = c(0.1, 0.2)),
    "must be NULL")
})
```

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 File defined by [9b](#), [11](#), [13b](#), [14](#), [?](#), [?](#).

## 5. FILES

"../R/aaa-generics.R" Defined by [2a](#).  
 "../R/multiCA.R" Defined by [2b](#), [3](#), [4](#), [7b](#), [9a](#), [10](#), [15](#).  
 "../tests/testthat/test\_overall.R" Defined by [5a](#), [6b](#), [7a](#).  
 "../tests/testthat/test\_power.R" Defined by [9b](#), [11](#), [13b](#), [14](#), [?](#), [?](#).

## 6. MACROS

⟨ Calculate adjusted p-values [5b](#) ⟩ Referenced in [3](#).  
 ⟨ Calculate correlation and contrast matrices [8b](#) ⟩ Referenced in [2b](#).  
 ⟨ Calculate p.ave and slopes from specification [12](#) ⟩ Referenced in [10](#).  
 ⟨ Check validity of p.ave and slopes [13c](#) ⟩ Referenced in [12](#).  
 ⟨ Closed set adjustment [6c](#) ⟩ Referenced in [5b](#).  
 ⟨ Get cbar and s2 [13a](#) ⟩ Referenced in [12](#).  
 ⟨ glht adjustment [8a](#) ⟩ Referenced in [5b](#).  
 ⟨ Holm-Shaffer adjustment [6a](#) ⟩ Referenced in [5b](#).

## 7. IDENTIFIERS

`.multiCA.test`: [2b](#), 3, 6c, 10, 11, 13b, 14.  
`cnonct`: [9a](#), 9b, 10, 15.  
`multiCA.test.default`: [3](#).  
`multiCA.test.formula`: [4](#).  
`power.multiCA.test`: [10](#), 11, 13b, 14.