Biograph Documentation

Frans Willekens May 2013

Files in the inst/Doc folder contains two sets of files. The first set shows how to prepare *Biograph* objects. The documentation is presented in the file **Biograph.Documentation.pdf**. The R programs that start with create. show the R code to produce *Biograph* objects. The following programs are included:

- a. create.Simple*.r use simple hypothetical data to illustrate the steps to create a *Biograph* object.
- b. create.GLHS.r produces a Biograph object from German Life History Survey data provided by Blossfeld and Rohwer (2002). The raw data are included in the text file rrdat.txt.
- c. create.NLOG98.r produces a *Biograph* object from data of the Netherlands Family and Fertility Survey 1998.
- d. create.SHARElife.r uses data from wave 3 of the Survey of Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (2010) to illustrate how to prepare a *Biograph* object.
- e. create.NFHS.r uses data from the National Family Health Survey of India (2006) to illustrate the production of a *Biograph* object.
- f. create.ebmt.r shows how to convert data from the European Registry for Blood and Marrow Transplantation (EBMT) to a Biograph object.
- q. create.simul.r converts simulated life history data to *Biograph* object.

The second set of files demonstrates the use of *Biograph*. Three files are included. demos.GLHS.r uses the data German Life History data. demos.NLOG98.r uses the Netherlands Family and Fertility Survey data. The program demos.dates.r illustrates functions for the conversion of date formats.