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aggregate_expected_outcomes

Aggregate and winsorize expected outcomes (year-level)

Description

Loads all per-task expected outcome files for a given year, aggregates them, winsorizes key relative metrics within groups (5th-95th percentiles), and saves a single cleaned file.

Usage

```
aggregate_expected_outcomes (
  year,
  expected_directory = NULL,
  output_directory = NULL,
  study_environment,
  agent_identifiers = c("commodity_year", "state_code", "county_code", "type_code"),
  disaggregate = NULL
)
```

Arguments

year Integer. Year to aggregate.

expected_directory Character or NULL. Directory containing per-task `expected_*.rds` files for the year. If NULL, uses `file.path(study_environmentwddir_expected, year)`.

output_directory Character or NULL. Directory to write the aggregated file. If NULL, uses `study_environmentwddir_expected`.

Value

A [data.table](#) containing all original columns plus:

- expected_county_yield
- final_county_yield
- harvest_price
- revenue

```
build_supplemental_offering_and_adoption
```

Build panel of supplemental insurance availability (offering) and adoption (acres)

Description

Creates a county-year-commodity panel with availability flags for APH/SCO/ECO90/ECO95 and adoption/acreage measures from RMA SOB/TPU. Availability is sourced from the RMA ADM (A00030_InsuranceOffer). ECO availability applies starting in 2021.

Usage

```
build_supplemental_offering_and_adoption(
  cleaned_rma_sobtpu_file_path = "data/cleaned_rma_sobtpu.rds",
  output_directory = "data"
)
```

Arguments

```
cleaned_rma_sobtpu_file_path
```

Character. Path to cleaned RMA SOB/TPU RDS. Default: "data/cleaned_rma_sobtpu.rds".

```
output_directory
```

Character. Directory to save output RDS; created if missing. Default: "data".

Details

Output columns:

- commodity_year, state_code, county_code, commodity_code, county_fips
- avail_aph, avail_sco, avail_eco90, avail_eco95 (0/1 flags)
- insured_acres, sco, eco90, eco95 (adopted acres)

Availability aggregation uses max() (binary). Acreage aggregation uses sum(). Missing numeric values are replaced with 0.

Value

Invisibly returns the output file path. Also prints a brief summary.

Examples

```
## Not run:
path <- build_supplemental_offering_and_adoption()
readRDS(path)[1:5]

## End(Not run)
```

clean_agents_data *Clean agent-level data for a given year*

Description

Downloads, merges, and processes agent-level insurance data for the specified year. Combines revenue draws, calibrated yields, and RMA reference data, computes premium/subsidy measures, and saves the cleaned dataset as an RDS file.

Usage

```
clean_agents_data(
  year,
  cleaned_rma_sobtpu_file_path = "data/cleaned_rma_sobtpu.rds",
  cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm_file_path = "data/cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm.rds",
  output_directory = "data/cleaned_agents_data"
)
```

Arguments

year Integer. Commodity year to process (e.g., 2015).

cleaned_rma_sobtpu_file_path Path to cleaned RMA SOB/TPU RDS file. Default: "data-raw/data/cleaned_rma_sobtpu.rds"

cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm_file_path Path to cleaned RMA SCO & ECO admin RDS file. Default: "data-raw/data/cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm.rds"

output_directory Directory to save output RDS file. Created if missing. Default: "data/cleaned_agents_data"

Value

Returns the input year on success, with attributes for save_path and number of rows. Returns NULL on error.

Note

Requires **data.table**, access to GitHub-hosted RDS files, and the helper function `get_compressed_adm()`.

```
clean_rma_sco_and_eco_adm
```

Build SCO/ECO/Area ADM table for a given year (adds SCO88/SCO90)

Description

Downloads yearly ADM fragments from GitHub Releases for *Supplemental SCO*, *Supplemental ECO*, and *Area* plans, aggregates key parameters by common grouping keys, linearly interpolates SCO rates to 88% and 90% (using AYP and, for years ≥ 2021 , ECO anchors), and returns the cleaned, stacked table.

Usage

```
clean_rma_sco_and_eco_adm(year)
```

Arguments

`year` Integer. commodity year (e.g., 2022).

Value

A [data.table](#) containing original SCO/ECO/Area ADM rows plus synthesized **SCO88** (`insurance_plan_code + 10`) and **SCO90** (`insurance_plan_code + 20`) rows with non-invalid `base_rate`.

Note

Requires internet access. Missing plan files for a year are skipped silently.

```
clean_rma_sobtpu
```

Clean and enrich RMA Summary of Business (SOB) data

Description

Processes RMA Summary of Business (SOB) data to produce an analysis-ready dataset with aggregated core insurance metrics and **shares** of Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO) and Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO) by coverage level.

Usage

```
clean_rma_sobtpu(study_env = setup_environment(), output_directory = "data")
```

Arguments

`study_env` A list-like environment produced by `setup_environment()` that must include `year_beg` and `year_end` (inclusive integers). Defaults to `setup_environment()`.

`output_directory` Character string specifying the directory where the processed `.rds` file should be saved. Defaults to `"data"`. The file will be named `"cleaned_rma_sobtpu.rds"`.

Details

The output file will be written to `file.path(output_directory, "cleaned_rma_sobtpu.rds")`. The directory is created if it does not exist.

Value

A character message describing the processed year range and number of output rows; the main side effect is writing an `.rds` file to disk.

```
compute_base_policy_outcomes
      Compute base-policy outcomes
```

Description

Vectorized **data.table** implementation of base-policy guarantees, acres/liability, premium pieces (total/subsidy/producer), and indemnity, plus a tidy column subset for downstream joins.

Usage

```
compute_base_policy_outcomes(cleaned_agents_data)
```

Arguments

```
cleaned_agents_data
```

A `data.frame` or `data.table` with the required columns (see error message if any are missing).

Details

Requires a set of core inputs (e.g., yields, prices, coverages, acres) and returns the standard monetary outputs for each policy row. Price risk is handled via a `new_insurance_guarantee` that depends on plan code.

Value

A [data.table](#) with key fields and outputs: `insured_acres`, `liability`, `total_premium`, `subsidy_amount`, `producer_premium`, `indemnity`, `revenue`, and supporting fields such as `harvest_price`, `expected_county_yield`, `final_county_yield`, `new_insurance_guarantee`, `projected_price`.

```
compute_expected_outcomes
```

Compute expected outcomes and risk metrics from simulation outputs

Description

Joins cleaned agent records to simulation files, then computes expected (mean/sd) revenues, downside-risk measures (loss-side residual moments), relative improvements with insurance, and insurance performance statistics. Writes a single `.rds` result file and returns its path (invisibly).

Usage

```
compute_expected_outcomes (
  year,
  task_id,
  agents_directory = "data/cleaned_agents_data",
  simulation_directory = NULL,
  output_directory = NULL,
  study_environment,
  agent_identifiers = c("commodity_year", "state_code", "county_code", "commodity_type_code", "practice_code", "unit_structure_code", "insurance_plan_code", "coverage_level_percent", "insured_acres"),
  disaggregate = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>year</code>	Integer (scalar). Analysis year (used to resolve input/output paths).
<code>task_id</code>	Integer or integer vector. Pseudo-task partition(s) to keep; the function cycles a 1..500 index over agent rows and filters to these values.
<code>agents_directory</code>	Character. Directory containing <code>cleaned_agents_data_<year>.rds</code> .
<code>simulation_directory</code>	Character or NULL. Directory with simulation <code>.rds</code> files; default is <code>file.path(study_environment\$wd, year)</code> .
<code>output_directory</code>	Character or NULL. Directory to write results; default is <code>file.path(study_environment\$wd, year)</code> .
<code>study_environment</code>	List. Must include <code>wd\$dir_sim</code> and <code>wd\$dir_expected</code> if the corresponding directory arguments are NULL.
<code>agent_identifiers</code>	Character vector. Columns that identify agent units and define aggregation groups (used for joins and <code>by</code>); default includes year, location, crop, unit structure, plan, coverage, and acres.
<code>disaggregate</code>	Character or NULL. Optional extra column to disaggregate by (for example, "combination"). If provided but missing after the join, the column is created and set to "ALL".

Details

Pipeline

1. Load agent data and keep only `agent_identifiers`; coerce to `data.table`.
2. Assign a pseudo task (cycles 1..500), then filter to `task_id`.
3. Guardrails:
 - Stop if no simulation files are found.
 - Stop if the combined join yields zero rows.
 - Validate required numeric columns: `revenue`, `indemnity`, `producer_premium`, `liability`, `total_premium`, `subsidy_amount`.
 - Use `safe_div()` to avoid Inf/NaN on zero or non-finite denominators.
4. Compute revenues (floored at 0): Revenue and Revenue_Inc (= revenue + indemnity producer premium).
5. By `uid` (=agent_identifiers plus disaggregate if provided), compute means, sds, residual-based downside measures (loss-only squared residuals and their frequency), and derived statistics (variance, CV, LAPV, LRPV, normalized forms).
6. Compute **relative** metrics (insured vs. uninsured ratios): `Relmean`, `Relsd`, `Relcv`, `Rellapv`, `Relrrpv`, `Relnlapv`, `Relnlrpv`, `Relvar`. Base Revenue* statistics are dropped before the final merge to keep results compact.
7. Aggregate insurance performance by group: mean liability, total_premium, subsidy_amount, producer_premium, indemnity, premium and LCR rates (`Simrate`, `SimrateP`, `Simsby`, `Simlcr`), and **group sums** for `lr_indemnity` and `lr_premium`. Merge with the relative metrics.

Join note The join uses `data[simdt, on = <keys>, nomatch = 0]`, i.e., it returns rows aligned to the simulation table entries that match the agent keys.

Value

Invisibly returns the saved file path (`expected_<year>_<task-range>.rds`).

```
compute_supplemental_current
```

Aggregate supplemental results for the current environment

Description

Scale selected SCO/ECO factors by base-policy weights (`sco`, `eco90`, `eco95`), aggregate by policy keys, append base outcomes, and label the rollup as "Basic+CURRENT".

Usage

```
compute_supplemental_current(base_policy_data, supplemental_factors)
```

Arguments

`base_policy_data`

[data.table](#). Base-policy outcomes (contains keys, weights, and monetary fields).

`supplemental_factors`

[data.table](#). Supplemental outcomes from `compute_supplemental_factors` including sup.

Value

A [data.table](#) aggregated by policy keys with: revenue, liability, total_premium, subsidy_amount, producer_premium, indemnity, and combination.

compute_supplemental_factors
<i>Compute supplemental policy factors (SCO/ECO)</i>

Description

Compute shallow-loss protection, premiums, and indemnities for one SCO/ECO endorsement offering, aligning plan families and joining ADM rating inputs.

Usage

```
compute_supplemental_factors(base_policy, adm, plan, subsidy, trigger)
```

Arguments

- base_policy [data.table](#). Base-policy rows (keys, yields, prices, liability, etc.).
- adm [data.table](#). Rating inputs with base_rate and join keys.
- plan Integer. Plan code in the offering (e.g., 31-33, 51-53, 87-89).
- subsidy Numeric. Subsidy factor (e.g., 0.65, 0.80, 0.44).
- trigger Numeric. Coverage trigger level (e.g., 0.86, 0.90, 0.95).

Details

Handles plan families via offsets (31-33, 41-43, 51-53, 87-89). For plans 87-89 (ECO), the coverage_level_perce for ADM is matched to the trigger (with a small tolerance), and the subsidy factor special-case is applied for underlying plan code 1. Emits a standard sup label like "SCO8665" or "ECO9544".

Value

A [data.table](#) with columns: commodity_year, state_code, county_code, commodity_code, type_code, practice_code, unit_structure_code, insurance_plan_code, coverage_level_perce, liability, total_premium, subsidy_amount, producer_premium, indemnity, sup.

```
compute_supplemental_full
```

Aggregate supplemental full-participation results

Description

Given selected `sup` labels, sum their monetary fields, append base outcomes, and produce a final rollup by policy keys with a descriptive `combination` label.

Usage

```
compute_supplemental_full(
  base_policy_data,
  supplemental_factors,
  supplemental_pick
)
```

Arguments

`base_policy_data`
[data.table](#). Base-policy outcomes.

`supplemental_factors`
[data.table](#). Results from `compute_supplemental_factors`.

`supplemental_pick`
 Character vector of `sup` labels to include.

Details

The function self-filters `supplemental_factors` to the provided `supplemental_pick` (after dropping empties), aggregates within keys, appends base outcomes, and re-aggregates.

Value

A [data.table](#) aggregated by the policy keys with: `revenue`, `liability`, `total_premium`, `subsidy_amount`, `producer_premium`, `indemnity`, and `combination`.

```
compute_supplemental_incremental
```

Compute incremental supplemental results at an adoption rate

Description

Build an incremental scenario by scaling `SCO8665` supplemental dollars by a user-specified adoption rate, aggregating by keys, and appending base outcomes.

Usage

```
compute_supplemental_incremental(
  base_policy_data,
  supplemental_factors,
  adoption_rate
)
```

Arguments

`base_policy_data`
[data.table](#). Base-policy outcomes.

`supplemental_factors`
[data.table](#). Output from `compute_supplemental_factors` filtered to `sup == "SC08665"`.

`adoption_rate`
 Numeric. Percentage (e.g., 10 for 10\ scale incremental supplemental amounts).

Value

A [data.table](#) aggregated by the policy keys with: revenue, liability, total_premium, subsidy_amount, producer_premium, indemnity, and combination.

dispatcher_supplemental_simulation

Dispatcher: simulate supplemental outcomes for one draw

Description

Orchestrate the full supplemental simulation workflow for a given crop year and draw: build the agent panel, compute base-policy results, generate supplemental factors, assemble *Current*, *Full*, and *Incremental* scenarios, and write the combined results to disk.

Usage

```
dispatcher_supplemental_simulation(
  sim,
  year,
  agents_directory = "data/cleaned_agents_data",
  cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm_file_path = "data/cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm.rds",
  output_directory = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`sim` Integer. Draw number used in data building and the filename.

`year` Integer. Crop year.

`agents_directory` Character. Directory for cleaned agents data.

`cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm_file_path` Character. Path to RDS of SCO/ECO ADM with join keys and base_rate. Default: "data/cleaned_rma_sco_and_eco_adm.rds".

output_directory

Character or NULL. Where to write results; see Details for default behavior.

Details

The pipeline:

1. `build_agent_simulation_data` to construct the panel.
2. `compute_base_policy_outcomes` for base outcomes.
3. `study_scenarios` to enumerate offerings/mixes.
4. Load SCO/ECO ADM; filter to `commodity_year == year`; average `base_rate` by key; drop invalid/zero rates.
5. Loop offerings through `compute_supplemental_factors`.
6. Build scenarios:
 - *Current*: `compute_supplemental_current`.
 - *Full*: `compute_supplemental_full`.
 - *Incremental*: `compute_supplemental_incremental`.
7. Aggregate base-only results, `rbind` all scenarios, and save as `simXXX.rds` in `output_directory`.

If `output_directory` is NULL, it defaults to `file.path(study_environmentwddir_sim, year)` (ensure `study_environmentwddir_sim` exists in the calling environment).

Value

Invisibly writes `simXXX.rds` to `output_directory`.

`farm_performance_metrics`

Farm performance metrics by scenario and disaggregate

Description

Load `expected_<year>.rds`, derive outcome variables, compute deltas vs. baselines, trim extremes using quantile limits, aggregate (weighted mean/median) by requested disaggregates, and save a summarized `.rds`. Returns the saved path invisibly.

Usage

```
farm_performance_metrics(
  year,
  agent_identifiers = c("commodity_year", "state_code", "county_code", "commodity",
    "type_code", "practice_code", "unit_structure_code", "insurance_plan_code",
    "coverage_level_percent"),
  outcome_list = c("its", "Iits", "rrs1", "rrs2", "rrs3", "Irrs1", "Irrs2", "Irr",
    "sner1", "sner2", "sner3", "Simrate", "SimrateP", "Simsuby", "Simlcr", "rrp1",
    "rrp2", "rrp3", "itp"),
  combo,
  weight_variable = NULL,
  expected_directory = NULL,
  draw = NULL,
```

```

draw_list_file_path = NULL,
disaggregates = NULL,
output_file_path = NULL,
distributional_limits = c(0.05, 0.95)
)

```

Arguments

year Policy year used to locate `expected_<year>.rds`.

agent_identifiers Character vector of ID columns for grouping prior to long-pivot and averaging.

outcome_list Character vector of outcome columns to reshape and aggregate.

combo Target scenario (e.g., "Basic+CURRENT", "Basic+SCO8665", or another).

weight_variable NULL for equal weights (=1) or a character name of a numeric weight column.

expected_directory Directory containing `expected_<year>.rds`.

draw Optional draw identifier used for filtering and filename tag.

draw_list_file_path Optional path to an RDS (named list) with the draw table; required if `draw` is not NULL.

disaggregates Optional character vector of additional disaggregate columns (alongside "FCIP").

output_file_path Output file path

distributional_limits Numeric length-2 vector of lower/upper probabilities (e.g., `c(0.05, 0.95)`); must satisfy $0 < p_1 < p_2 < 1$.

Details

Steps:

1. Filter rows to combination `%in% {"Basic+CURRENT", combo, "Basic+SCO8665"}`.
2. Create derived metrics: `rrs1/2/3`, `its`, `flags` `Irrs*/Iits`, `snerr*`, `percent/level` transforms (`rrp*`, `itp`), and `scale` `Sim*` by 100.
3. Reshape to long on `outcome_list`, drop non-finite values, average within identifiers (`agent_identifiers`, and `weight_variable` if provided), scenario, variable.
4. Join baselines: if `combo != "Basic+CURRENT"`, add "Basic+CURRENT" as `base00`; if `combo = {"Basic+SCO8665", "Basic+CURRENT"}`, add "Basic+SCO8665" as `base01`. Compute `chglvl00/01` and `chgpct00/01` (guard divide-by-zero).
5. Build labels `PLAN`, `RPYP`, `COV`, `STRUCT`.
6. Compute trimming limits `per` (variable, combination, state_code, IRR, commodity_code) using `distributional_limits` (default `c(0.05, 0.95)`), require `n` greater or equal to 20, and cap to `*T` columns.
7. For each of `c("FCIP", disaggregates)`, compute weighted mean and weighted median of raw and trimmed metrics; stack results and write output.

Value

Invisibly returns the character path of the saved `.rds`.

Required columns

All agent_identifiers, plus: combination, state_code, county_code, commodity_code, type_code, practice_code, IRR, Relcv, Relnlrvp, Relnlpv, Relmean, Simrate, SimrateP, Simsuby, Simlcr, coverage_level_percent, unit_structure_code, insurance_plan_code. If weight_variable is not NULL, that column must exist and be numeric.

Note

Baseline joins use nomatch = 0 by design, so rows missing in the baseline are dropped before delta computation. Change to nomatch = NA if you prefer to retain such rows with NA deltas.

See Also

data.table::data.table, data.table::melt, matrixStats::weightedMedian

setup_environment	Setup Project Environment
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Description

Loads project settings, creates working directories (both under a fast scratch area and in the project), sets useful options(), fixes the RNG seed, and stores the analysis year range.

Usage

```
setup_environment (
  year_beg = 2015,
  year_end = 2024,
  seed = 1980632,
  fastscratch_root = NULL
)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| year_beg | Integer. Beginning year of the analysis (default: 2015). |
| year_end | Integer. Ending year of the analysis (default: 2024). |
| seed | Integer. Random seed for reproducibility (default: 1980632). |
| fastscratch_root | Optional character. Root directory where intermediate files from simulations and estimations will be written for later aggregation. If NULL, it is set automatically based on the operating system: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Windows: "C:/fastscratch"• Linux/macOS: "/fastscratch/<username>" |

Details

Creates these directories (if absent):

- Fast scratch tree (for large, intermediate outputs): <fastscratch_root>/HiddenSafetyNet2025/output with subfolders sims, expected, draw_farm, draw_cost.
- Project-local (for smaller, version-controlled artifacts): data/, data/output/, data/cleaned_agents_d

Sets:

- options(scipen = 999)
- options(future.globals.maxSize = 8 * 1024^3) (= 8 GiB)
- options(dplyr.summarise.inform = FALSE)
- set.seed(seed)

Requires the packages **future.apply**, **rfcip**, **data.table**, and **rfcipCalcPass**.

Value

A list with:

- wd** Named list of working directories (fastscratch root and subfolders).
- year_beg** Starting year (integer).
- year_end** Ending year (integer).

study_scenarios	<i>Build study scenarios (SCO/ECO offerings and mixes)</i>
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Description

Define the endorsement offerings (plan family - trigger - subsidy - label) and the full-participation SCO/ECO mixes to evaluate for a given year.

Usage

study_scenarios(year)

Arguments

year Integer. Crop year used to determine available ECO variants.

Details

For years >= 2021, ECO 90/44 and 95/44 variants are added and the participation set is expanded accordingly. Offerings create sup labels such as "SCO8665", "SCO9080", "ECO9044", "ECO9544".

Value

A named list with:

- offerings: [data.table](#) of insurance_plan_code, Trigger, plan, Subsidy_factor.
- full_participation: [data.table](#) of SCO/ECO label combinations to test (columns sco, eco).

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