JAMES manual

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Prerequisites

This is very, very first minimal documentation of JAMES internals.

Introduction

Here's an introduction about JAMES

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Growth charts in JAMES

3.1 Chart naming conventions

The link https://groeidiagrammen.nl/ocpu/lib/james/www/ contains an interactive overview of the available growth charts. There are 342 different charts: for boys and girls, for preterms, for different age ranges, for specific ethnic groups, for height, weight, BMI, and so on. Each chart has a chart code, a character code identifying the design. This section explains the construction of the chart codes.

The GitHub repository https://github.com/stefvanbuuren/chartbox contains the chart libraries that are available to JAMES. The list_charts() function produces a tabular overview.

```
charts <- chartbox::list_charts()</pre>
dim(charts)
## [1] 342
             8
charts[c(1, 22, 23, 300, 301, 340), ]
##
       chartgrp chartcode population
                                         sex design side language week
## 1
         n12010
                     HJAA
                                                   A front
                                                              dutch
                                   HS
                                        male
         n12010
## 22
                     HMBH
                                   HS female
                                                  В
                                                      hgt
                                                              dutch
## 23
         n12010
                     HMBR
                                   HS female
                                                  В
                                                       wfh
                                                              dutch
## 300
       preterm
                  PMEAN32
                                   PT female
                                                  E front
                                                              dutch
                                                                      32
## 301
       preterm
                  PMEAN33
                                   PT female
                                                  E front
                                                              dutch
                                                                      33
```

WHOpink female

B front

dutch

WMBA

who

The chartbox package currently contains three chart groups: $\tt nl2010, preterm$ and who. Each group collects charts of a similar type.

Chart Group	Charts	Chart code	Description	Source
n12010	136	CCCC	Dutch children 0-21 years, including minorities	Talma et al. (2010)
preterm	192	CCCCCNN	Dutch preterms, ga \leq 36 weeks, 0-4 years	Bocca-Tjeertes et al. (2012
who	14	CCCC	WHO Child Growth Standards 0-4 years	WHO

The chart code is an alpha-numeric code of four (for nl2010 and who) or seven (for preterm) that uniquely identifies each of the charts. The table below specifies the full coding schema used to construct the chart codes.

Position	Field	Value	Description
1	Population	N	Dutch
		${ m T}$	Turkish
		\mathbf{M}	Moroccan
		Η	Hindostan
		Ρ	Preterm
		W	WHO
2	Sex	J	Male
		${\bf M}$	Female
3	Design	A	0-15 months
		В	0-4 years, WFH
		\mathbf{C}	1-21 years
		D	0-21 years
		\mathbf{E}	0-4 years, WFA
4	Side	A	A4, front
		В	A4, back
		\mathbf{C}	A4, back, no hdc
		Η	square, hgt
		O	square, hdc
		Q	square, bmi
		\mathbf{R}	square, wfh
		W	square, wgt
		X	A4, double sided
5	Language	N	Dutch
		\mathbf{E}	English
6-7	Week	25 - 36	Gestational age

For illustration, code NJAA references to Dutch (N), boys (J), 0-15 month (A), front side (A). Likewise, PMEAN33 codes for the chart of preterm (M), girls (M), 0-4 years (E), front side (A), Dutch language (N) born at 33 weeks of gestation (33).

Some forms hold multiple growth charts. For example, the NJAA chart is designed for A4 paper size ($297 \text{mm} \times 210 \text{mm}$) and contains three growth charts:

head circumference by age, length by age, and weight by age. Some others have no diagram, like NJAB with explanations. All square formats hold one growth chart. All of the square forms have equal sizes $(160 \text{mm} \times 160 \text{mm})$.

The following table lists the measures per design-form combination.

Design	Side	Measure	Description
A	A	hdc	Head circumference by age, 0-15 mo
		hgt	Length by age, 0-15 mo
		wgt	Weight by age, 0-15 mo
	В		
	Η	$_{ m hgt}$	Length by age, 0-15 mo
	O	hdc	Head circumference by age, 0-15 mo
	W	wgt	Weight by age, 0-15 mo
В	A	wfh	Weight for height, 0-4 yr
		hgt	Length by age, 0-4 yr
	В	hdc	Head circumference by age, 0-4 yr
	\mathbf{C}		
	$_{\mathrm{H}}$	hgt	Height by age, 0-4 yr
	O	hdc	Head circumference by age, 0-4 yr
	\mathbf{R}	wfh	Weight for height, 0-4 yr
	W	wgt	Weight by age, 0-4 yr
\mathbf{C}	A	wfh	Weight for height, 1-21 yr
		hgt	height by age, 1-21 yr
	В	$_{ m bmi}$	BMI by age, $1-21 \text{ yr}$
		hdc	Head circumference by age, 1-21 yr
	\mathbf{C}	$_{ m bmi}$	BMI by age, $1-21 \text{ yr}$
	${ m H}$	hgt	Height by age, 1-21 yr
	O	hdc	Head circumference by age, 1-21 yr
	Q	$_{ m bmi}$	Body mass index by age, 1-21 yr
	\mathbf{R}	wfh	Weight for height, 1-21 yr
\mathbf{E}	\mathbf{A}	wgt	Weight by age, 0-4 yr
		hgt	height by age, 0-4 yr
	В	hdc	Head circumference by age, 0-4 yr
	\mathbf{H}	hgt	Height by age, 0-4 yr
	O	hdc	Head circumference by age, 0-4 yr
	W	wgt	Weight by age, 0-4 yr

Methods

We describe our methods in this chapter.

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