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create\_P

Random Choice Structure for a three-object universe

### Description

create\_P creates a random choice structure for a three-object universe from

### Usage

```
create_P(p12, p23, p13, P1, P2, names = c("x", "y", "z"))
```

### Arguments

p12	Probability of chosing object 1 when presented with objects 1 and 2
p23	Probability of chosing object 2 when presented with objects 2 and 3
P1	Probability of chosing object 1 when presented with objects 1, 2 and 3
P2	Probability of chosing object 2 when presented with objects 1, 2 and 3
P13	Probability of chosing object 1 when presented with objects 1 and 3

### Value

A Random Choice Structure

```
P = create_P(21/40, 37/40, 28/40, 19/40, 15/40, names=c('Red', 'Purple', 'Pink'))
P
```

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### **Description**

dDir computes the Dirichlet density at a point p in the regular simplex, for a vector alpha of Dirichlet parameters.

### Usage

```
dDir(p, alpha, log = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

p vector of probabilities on the regular simplex

alpha vector of Dirichlet parameters

log logical; if TRUE, the log density is returned

### Value

density or log density value

dDir3_quantile Quantile of third order Dirichlet density value	
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### Description

dDir3\_quantile computes an approximation of the given quantile of a third order Dirichlet density value, under that Dirichlet distribution.

### Usage

```
dDir3_quantile(quantile, alpha, normalized = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

quantile the quantile of the desired density value

alpha a vector of Dirichlet parameters

normalized binary; if TRUE, return the quantile as a fraction of the maximum density value;

if FALSE, return the unnormalized quantile.

#### Value

The value of the quantile, normalized or not

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dDir\_max

Maximum density of a Dirichlet distribution

### Description

max\_dDir computes the maximum density of a Dirichlet distribution as a function of the parameter vector alpha.

### Usage

```
dDir_max(alpha, log = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

alpha vector of Dirichlet parameters.

logical; if TRUE, the log maximum density is returned.

### Value

Density or log density value.

dDir\_moments

Moments of Dirichlet density values

### Description

moments\_dDi computes a vector of the first n raw moments of Dirichlet density values, under that Dirichlet distribution.

### Usage

```
dDir_moments(beta, n_mu, log = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

n\_mu number of moments to compute.log logical; if true return log moments.alpha vector of Dirichlet parameters.

### Value

vector of moments

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Dir3_HD_region	Compute highest density (HD) region for a third order Dirichlet distribution
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### **Description**

This function computes a polygon approximating the highest density region of a third order Dirichlet distribution. This can be used to compute highest prior density and highest posterior density (HPD) regions.

### Usage

```
Dir3_HD_region(alpha, HD_probability)
```

### **Arguments**

alpha a vector of three (positive) Dirichlet parameters.

HD\_probability probability of region to construct

#### Value

polygon approximation of HD region.

Dir\_mult\_ML

Marginal likelihood for Dirichlet-multinomial model

### **Description**

Dir\_mult\_ML computes the marginal likelihood for a Dirichlet prior and multinomial data generating process.

### Usage

```
Dir_mult_ML(alpha, N, log = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

alpha vector of Dirichlet parameters

N vector of multinomial counts

logical; if TRUE, return the log Bayes factor.

#### Value

Marginal likelihood or log marginal likelihood

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Ind\_Dir\_mult\_ML

Marginal likelihood for independent Dirichlet-multinomial model

#### **Description**

Ind\_Dir\_mult\_ML computes the marginal likelihood for a model where rows of a count matrix are independent multinomial and the rows of the unknown random choice structure are a priori independent Dirichlet.

### Usage

```
Ind_Dir_mult_ML(A, N, log = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

A matrix of Dirichlet parameters, each row giving the Dirichlet distribution of the

corresponding row of a random choice structure.

N count matrix for a universe of objects.

log logical; if TRUE, return the log Bayes factor

marginalize Routines for simple manipulations of count matrices and random

choice structures.

### Description

Marginalize a count matrix or random choice structure

#### Usage

```
marginalize(input_N, objects)
```

### Arguments

input\_N A count matrix

objects A vector of objects to retain

### **Details**

This function takes as input a count matrix or random choice structure on a universe of objects and returns a marginalization of it to a universe that is a subset of the original universe.

#### Value

A count matrix

```
N_bce = marginalize(PC_counts, c(2,3,5))
P_abd = marginalize()
N
```

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multiplicative\_X3

Compute a cross section of the multiplicative inequality region

### Description

multiplicative\_X3 computes the region (a triangle) of ternary probabilities consistent with given binary probabilities and the multiplicative inequality.

### Usage

```
multiplicative_X3(P)
```

### **Arguments**

Ρ

A random choice structure

#### Value

A 3x3 matrix where each row gives one of the three vertices, in barycentric coordinates, of the triangular region where the multiplicative inequality holds.

### Examples

PC\_counts

Counts

### **Description**

A 32x26x5 matrix with count data.

### Usage

PC\_counts

### **Format**

An object of class array of dimension 32 x 31 x 5.

PC\_raw

PC\_demographics

Demographic information for subjects

### Description

Demographic information for subjects

### Usage

PC\_demographics

### **Format**

A data frame with demographic information on subjects

sex Sex of subject

age Age of subject in years

location Province or territory in Canada

PC\_raw

Population Choice experiment data

### Description

Record of every choice made by every respondant.

### Usage

PC\_raw

### **Format**

A data frame with 17 variables:

design

gender Sex of respondant: 1 for male, 2 for female

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PC\_trials

Record of all choice trials

### Description

Record of all choice trials

### Usage

PC\_trials

#### **Format**

A data frame with 14 variables

subj Subject identifier

domain Factor indicating choice domain

trial Trial identifier (gives the order in which a subject sees choice sets)

subs Factor indicating the choice subset presented: 'ab', 'cde', etc., objects always in alphabetical order

choice Factor indicating the choice made: 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd' or 'e'

subs\_conf Subset configuration, the order objects appear on the screen: 'ba', 'ecd', etc., objects not necessarily in alphabetical order

subs\_bin Code for subset where digits of binary representation indicate object membership choice\_int Integer code for chosen object

ab Revealed preference indicator: 1 for a revealed preferred to b, -1 for b revealed preferred to a, 0 otherwise. This is the first of ten revealed preference columns, each pertaining to a particular doubleton set.

plot\_HD\_Dir3

Plot highest density region for a third order Dirichlet distribution

#### **Description**

This function plots the Dirichlet highest density region in barycentric coordinates.

### Usage

```
plot_HD_Dir3(A, HD_probability)
```

### **Arguments**

```
HD_probability probability of highest density region alpha vector of Dirichlet parameters
```

```
plot_HD_Dir_3(0.95, c(23, 13, 4))
```

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plot\_P3

Plot a Random Choice Structure in barycentric coordinates

#### **Description**

plot\_P3 plots four points specifying a Random Choice Structure for a universe of three objects.

### Usage

```
plot_P3(P, perm = c(1, 2, 3), binary_pch = 1, ternary_pch = 20)
```

### **Arguments**

P A random choice structure for a universe of three objects

perm A permutation of (1, 2, 3) specifying which objects in the universe correspond

to the bottom left, top, and bottom right vertex, respectively of the ternary plot.

binary\_pch Plotting character (pch) for binary choice probabilities. Defaults to a hollow

circle.

ternary\_pch Plotting character (pch) for ternary choice probability. Defaults to a solid circle.

The convention established with the defaults for binary\_pch and ternary\_pch allow one to distinguish between a binary choice probability and a ternary choice

probability that happens to be on the boundary of the triangle.

### **Examples**

```
P = create_P(0.7, 0.6, 0.8, 0.6, 0.3, 0.1, names = c('x', 'y', 'z'))

plot_P3(P)
```

proportions

Random Choice Structure from count proportions

### **Description**

proportions takes a count matrix as input, and returns choice proportions as a random choice structure.

### Usage

```
proportions(N)
```

### **Arguments**

Ν

A count matrix.

#### Value

A random choice structure.

```
PC_P = proportions(PC_counts)
```

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RanCh

RanCh: A package for abstract discrete Random Choice

#### **Description**

The RanCh package provides data, graphical tools and inference tools for abstract discrete random choice analysis.

### Data sets

NA

RCD\_prior\_1

One-parameter Dirichlet prior for a RCS

### **Description**

RCS\_prior\_1 computes a matrix of Dirichlet parameters for a one-parameter Dirichlet prior for a random choice structure.

### Usage

```
RCD_prior_1(alpha, n_objects)
```

### **Arguments**

alpha univariate parameter for the one-parameter Dirichlet prior.

n\_objects number of objects in the universe.

### Value

a matrix of Dirichlet parameters with the same dimensions as a count matrix for a universe of the same size.

regularity\_X3

Compute a cross section of the regularity region

### **Description**

regularity\_X3 computes the region (a triangle or the empty set) of ternary probabilities consistent with given binary probabilities and the regularity condition.

### Usage

```
regularity_X3(P)
```

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### Arguments

Ρ

A random choice structure.

#### Value

If the region is empty, the output is NULL. Otherwise, a 3x3 matrix where each row gives one of the three vertices in barycentric coordinates.

### **Examples**

```
P = create_P(0.7, 0.6, 0.8, 0.6, 0.3, 0.1, names = c('x', 'y', 'z'))
reg_region = regularity_X3(P)
```

YG\_counts

Counts

### Description

A 3x16x15x4 matrix with count data.

### Usage

YG\_counts

#### **Format**

An object of class table of dimension 16 x 11 x 4.

YG\_demographics

Demographic information for subjects

### Description

Demographic information for subjects

### Usage

YG\_demographics

#### **Format**

A data frame with demographic information on subjects

```
sex Sex of subject
educ Educational attainment by subject
region Region of subject's residence in US
race Race of subject
age_range Age range of subject
```

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YG\_raw

YouGov Experiment data

### **Description**

Record of every choice made by every respondant.

#### Usage

YG\_raw

#### **Format**

```
A data frame with 17 variables:
```

design

card

domain

combo

perm

choiceset Choice set as a character string

option\_1 Object presented in first position: 1, 2, 3 or 4

option\_2 Object presented in second position

option\_3 Object presented in third position

option\_4 Object presented in fourth position

response Object chosen: 1, 2, 3 or 4

order

gender Sex of respondant: 1 for male, 2 for female

educ Education of respondant: 1 for No high school, 2 for High school graduate, 3 for Some college, 4 for 2-year college, 5 for 4-year college, 6 for post-graduate

region Region of respondant: 1 for northeast, 2 for midwest, 3 for south, 4 for west

race Race of respondant: 1 for White, 2 for Black, 3 for Hispanic, 4 for Asian, 5 for Native American, 6 for Mixed, 7 for Other, 8 for Middle Eastern

age\_cross Age category of respondant: 1 for 18-34, 2 for 35-54, 3 for 55 and over

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YG\_trials

Record of all choice trials

### Description

Record of all choice trials

#### Usage

YG\_trials

#### **Format**

A data frame with 14 variables

subj Subject identifier

domain Factor indicating choice domain

trial Trial identifier (gives the order in which a subject sees choice sets)

subs Factor indicating the choice subset presented: 'ab', 'cde', etc.

choice Factor indicating the choice made: 'a', 'b', 'c' or 'd'

subs\_conf Subset configuration, the order objects appear on the screen

subs\_bin Code for subset where digits of binary representation indicate object membership

choice\_int Integer code for chosen object

ab Revealed preference indicator: 1 for a revealed preferred to b, -1 for b revealed preferred to a, 0 otherwise

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