Guide to the STACMR-R package

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STACMR-R is a set of R functions that implement the Conjoint Monotonic Regression (CMR) approach to State-Trace Analysis (STA). This is a quick guide to its use.

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1 Getting started

1.1 Download STACMR software

1. Go to https://github.com/michaelkalish/STA. You should see something similar to Figure 1.

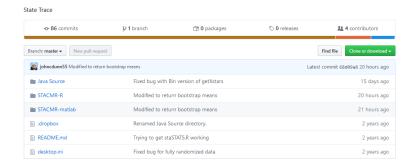


Figure 1: https://github.com/michaelkalish/STA.

2. Click the green box labelled **Clone or download**. You will then see the dialog box shown in Figure 2.

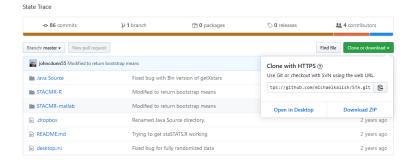


Figure 2: Click Download ZIP.

- 3. Click the option labelled **Download ZIP**. You will then see the dialog box shown in Figure 3.
- 4. Click **OK** and save STACMR-master.zip to a folder of your choice.

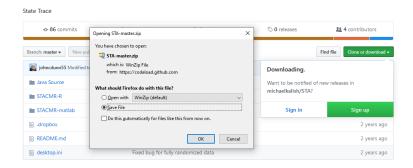


Figure 3: Click **OK**.

5. Unzip STACMR-master.zip and place the folder STA-master and its subfolders on the Matlab path. You will only need the subfolder STACMR-R.

1.2 Install Java Runtime Environment (JRE)

- 1. STACMR-matlab requires JRE to be installed. Go to https://www.java.com/en/download/ and follow the prompts. Be careful to download the version appropriate to your machine and operating system. Note too that if you have 32-bit R installed, the corresponding JRE must also be 32-bit; similarly for 64-bit R.
- 2. Launch the JRE executable (e.g., jre-8u241-windows-x64.exe) that you have downloaded to finish installation.

1.3 Link STACMR to the current java library

1. In R or R-studio, make the folder STACMR-R the working directory. Then type the following command:

```
> source("staCMRsetup.R").
```

If it is successful you should see a message similar to the following:

```
STACMR program library Version 26.03.2020
Utility programs for use with the book:
Dunn, J. C. & Kalish, M. L. (2018). State-Trace Analysis.
```

STACMR linked to java library fxMR-0.3.44.jar

2. As stated in the message, at the time of writing, the current java library is fxMR-0.3.44.jar. This will change in future releases.

3. You should now be good to go.

2 Partial order

The various STACMR functions often make use of an optional partial order. A partial order on a vector, x, is a set of pairs, (i, j), such that $x_i \leq x_j$. This is represented in STACMR in two (equivalent) ways:

- 1. As a list containing the set of (i,j) pairs, such as, list (c(1,2), c(2,3), c(1,4)). There is a shorthand for a linear order such as, list (c(1,2), c(2,3)), which can be written as, list (c(1,2,3)) or, even more simply, as list (c(1:3)).
- 2. As an adjacency matrix in which entry (i, j) = 1 if (i, j) is an element of the partial order, otherwise (i, j) = 0.

The R function, list2adj, converts a partial order in list form into its corresponding adjacency matrix form. For example,

```
> a=list2adj(c(1:4),list(c(1:3)))
> a
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,]
                1
                       0
[2,]
                       1
          0
[3,]
          0
                0
                       0
                             0
[4,]
          0
                0
                       \Omega
                             ()
```

In the above call to list2adj, the vector, c(1:4), specifies the set that the partial order applies to. It is almost invariably the sequence of numbers, 1 to k, where k is the total number of conditions. In the above example, k=4. The function adj2list converts an adjacency matrix into its corresponding list.

3 Continuous data

Continuous data has the form that each observation is a number drawn from a continuous distribution.

3.1 Input data structures

At present, STACMR accepts two kinds of data structure for continuous data:

- 1. **List format**. In this format, the data are contained in a $b \times n$ list where b is the number of between-participant conditions (groups) and n is the number of dependent variables. Each component of the list is itself an $N \times w$ matrix of observations where N is the number of subjects (which may vary across groups and dependent variables) and w is the number of within-participant conditions (fixed across groups and dependent variables). The dependent variable may be either within-participant or between-participant. This does not matter because the correlation between dependent variables is assumed to be zero (although this might change in future implementations).
- 2. **General format**. This is a fixed column format organised as a matrix in which each row corresponds to an observation and each column is defined as follows:
 - column 1: Participant number (for identification only, not used directly)
 - column 2: Between-participant condition or group (if none, then set this value to 1)
 - column 3: Dependent variable (numbered 1, 2, and so on)
 - columns 4 to end: Values for each within-participant condition

While STACMR accepts data in general format it always converts it to list format using the function,

```
> y = gen2list (data=NULL, varnames=list())
```

Here, varnames is an optional vector of the names of each withinparticipant condition.

3.2 Principal functions

The principle functions are located in the folder, .../STACMR-R. Their operation is illustrated with respect to the dataset, delay, located in folder, .../STACMR-R/Data files.

The delay data set comes from the study by Dunn, J. C., Newell, B. R., & Kalish, M. L. (2012). The effect of feedback delay and feedback type on

perceptual category learning. Journal of Experimental Psychology: Learning, Memory and Cognition, 38(4), 840-859.

Participants in this study completed one of two category-learning tasks over 4 blocks of training (a within-participant factor) under one of 2 different conditions (a between-participant factor). The dependent variables are the proportions correct for each of two tasks defined according to the category structure that participants learned. For the rule-based (RB) group, the category structure was defined by a simple rule. For the information-integration (II) group, the category structure was more complex and could not be defined by a simple rule.

The data are in general format and is contained in the file, delay.dat. That is,

```
> delay = read.table("Data files/delay.dat")
> vnames = c("B1", "B2", "B3", "B4")
> y = gen2list(data=delay, varnames=vnames)
```

3.2.1 staSTATS.R

This function computes summary statistics of a data structure. Usage:

```
> delaystats = staSTATS (data=NULL, varnames=list(),
    shrink=-1)
```

Input:

- data is the name of a data set in either general or list format.
- varnames is an optional list of names of the within-participant variables.
- shrink is an optional parameter denoting how much shrinkage to apply to the estimated covariance matrix. Generally, the covariance matrix needs to be shrunk during the bootstrap cycle to avoid ill-conditioning. If shrink = 0 then no shrinkage is applied. If shrink = 1 then maximum shrinkage is applied. This means that the covariance matrix is diagonalized with all off-diagonal entries set to zero. If shrink < 0 (the default) then an optimal shrinkage value is estimated for each within-participant block and applied according to an algorithm developed by: Ledoit, O. & Wolf, M. (2004). Honey, I shrunk the sample covariance matrix, The Journal of Portfolio Management, 30(4), 110-119.

Output:

staSTATS returns in the data structure delaystats a list of length equal to the number of dependent variables in y. Each component of delaystats is a named list. For the dependent variable, ivar:

- delaystats[[ivar]]\$means = vector of means across all conditions
- delaystats[[ivar]]\$cov = the covariance matrix (for information only)
- delaystats[[ivar]]\$regcov = the adjusted covariance matrix following application of shrinkage
- delaystats[[ivar]] \$n = matrix of number of observations (subjects) in each within-participant block
- delaystats[[ivar]] \$lm = matrix of Loftus-Masson within-participant standard errors (used by staPLOT)
- delaystats[[ivar]] \$weights = matrix of weights defined as: delaystats[[ivar]] \$n*solve(output[[ivar]] \$regcov)
- output [[ivar]] \$shrinkage = a vector of length b (where b is the number of levels of the between-participant independent variable) containing the specified or estimated shrinkage values

Try the following:

> delaystats[[1]]\$means

> delaystats = staSTATS(delay, vnames)

The output delaystats has two components corresponding to the two dependent variables in delay. If you look at the means, they should look like this:

```
В1
                 В2
                            В3
                                       В4
                                                  В1
  В2
            В3
                       В4
0.3676471 0.4676471 0.5757353 0.6117647 0.3444853
  0.4433824 0.5080882 0.5169118
> delaystats[[2]]$means
                  В2
                            ВЗ
                                       В4
                                                  В1
       B1
  B2.
            В3
                       B4
0.3308333 0.4550000 0.5345833 0.5491667 0.2835937
  0.3031250 0.3179688 0.3097656
```

3.2.2 staPLOT.R

Generates a state-trace plot for continuous data.

Usage:

```
> staPLOT(data=NULL, groups=NULL, grouplabels=NULL,
axislabels=c("DV1","DV2"), xlim=NULL, ylim=NULL,
pred=NULL, palette="Set1")
```

Input:

- data is the name of the data set and is the one required argument. It may be in either general or list format, or in summary statistics form (i.e., the output of staSTATS).
- groups identifies the conditions to be distinguished in the plot with different markers. For the delay data, conditions 1 to 4 correspond to the no delay group and conditions 5 to 8 correspond to the delay group. This is passed to staPLOT by setting the value of groups = list(c(1:4), c(5:8)).
- grouplabels is a list consisting of the labels for the groups defined by groups to appear in the legend. In the present example, this is specified by the cell array, grouplabels = list("No delay", "Delay").
- axislabels is a list that defines the labels on the x-axis and y-axis, respectively. In the present example, the labels are defined by, axislabels =list("RB","II"), for rule based and information integration, respectively.
- pred is a list of predicted values for each condition. Typically, this is the best-fitting values returned by staMR or staCMR (see below).
- palette identifies a color palette for plotting points.

Output:

Now enter the following command based on the variable definitions from above:

```
> staPLOT (data=delay, groups=groups,
grouplabels=grouplabels, axislabels=axislabels)
```

This should generate the output shown in Figure 4.

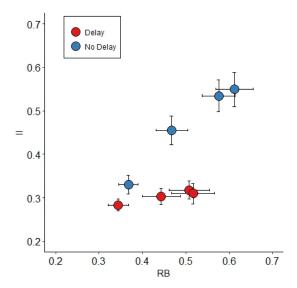


Figure 4: Output from staPLOT based on delay data set.

3.2.3 staMR.R

This function conducts monotonic regression on a data structure according to a given partial order. We say it fits the partial order model to the data (i.e., the set of dependent variables).

Usage:

> output = staMR (data=NULL, partial=list(), shrink=-1)

Input:

Here, data is either a data structure (in list or general format) or structured output from staSTATS; partial is a partial order (required) in either list or adjacency matrix format; shrink is an optional shrinkage parameter (defined in Section 3.2.1). If data is a list of structured output from staSTATS, then the shrinkage specified by this output is used whether the argument shrink is specified or not.

Output:

- output x is a n-element list that contains the best-fitting values for each of n dependent variables
- output\$fval is the value of the least squares fit

• output\$shrinkage is a $b \times n$ matrix of shrinkage values (where b is the number of levels of the between-participant independent variable)

Try staMR with delay. To do so, we have to specify a partial order. Use the following:

```
> E = list(c(1:4),c(5:8),c(5,1),c(6,2),c(7,3),c(8,4))
> out2 = staMR (data=delay, partial=E)
> cbind(out2$x[[1]],out2$x[[2]]) # simplify presentation
          [,1]
[1,] 0.3676471 0.3308333
[2,] 0.4676471 0.4550000
[3,] 0.5757353 0.5345833
[4,] 0.6117647 0.5491667
[5,] 0.3444853 0.2830441
[6,] 0.4433824 0.3033609
[7,] 0.5080882 0.3149231
[8,] 0.5169118 0.3149231
> out2$fval
[1] 0.1721286
> out2$shrinkage
           [,1]
                       [,2]
[1,] 0.05197173 0.04909396
[2,] 0.03135966 0.26502326
```

3.2.4 staCMR.R

This is the main function that conducts the CMR (state-trace) analysis. It takes a data structure or a list of structured output from staSTATS and an optional partial order and returns the best fitting values (to the data means) and the least squares fit. It fits the monotonic model to the data.

Usage:

```
> output = staCMR (data, partial=list(), shrink=-1)
```

On the input side, data is a data structure, partial is an optional partial order, and shrink is the optional shrinkage parameter (defined in Section 3.2.1).

On the output side, output x is a list of the best-fitting values, output t is the value of the least squares fit, and output shrinkage, is a $b \times n$ matrix of shrinkage values.

Now try staCMR with delay:

```
> out1 = staCMR (data=delay, partial=E)
> cbind(out1$x[[1]],out1$x[[2]])
          [,1]
                     [,2]
[1,] 0.3758963 0.3149845
[2,] 0.4850354 0.4358350
[3,] 0.5898416 0.5166958
[4,] 0.6265142 0.5317816
[5,] 0.3352864 0.2855973
[6,] 0.4185966 0.3149845
[7,] 0.4805813 0.3226823
[8,] 0.4850354 0.3226823
> out1$fval
[1] 1.749307
> out1$shrinkage
           [,1]
                       [,2]
[1,] 0.05197173 0.04909396
[2,] 0.03135966 0.26502326
```

The predicted values derived from staCMR (and staMR) can also be plotted using staPLOT. Try the following:

```
> staPLOT (data=delay, groups=groups,
grouplabels=grouplabels, axislabels=axislabels,
pred=out1$x)
```

This should result in the plot shown in Figure 5 with the best-fitting values marked by a white square. Note that the dashed lines connecting the points is for display purposes only. It is not supposed that there are intervening points between the fitted points.

3.2.5 staMRFIT.R.

This function tests the fit of the partial order model. Usage:

```
> output = staMRFIT(data, partial=list(), nsample=1,
    shrink=-1)
```

Input:

The staMRFIT function takes the following arguments:

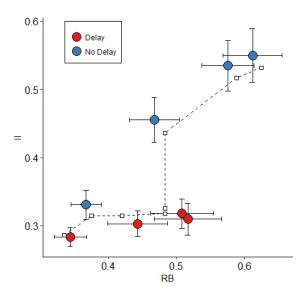


Figure 5: Output from staPLOT showing best-fitting points based on the delay data set.

- data is the name of a data structure (either in general format, list format), or output from staSTATS. If a data structure is specified then the bootstrap re-sampling is non-parametric. If only the summary statistics are provided (e.g., delaystats) then the bootstrap is parametric and assumes that observations are distributed normally for each dependent variable in each condition.
- partial is a required partial order. This may be in either cell array or adjacency matrix form.
- nsample is the number of bootstrap samples to be drawn in computing the empirical sampling distribution of the fit value.
- shrink is the optional shrink parameter, defined in Section 3.2.1.

Output:

- output \$p is the estimated p-value for the hypothesis that the fit of the model is zero. It is the proportion of bootstrap fit values that are greater than or equal to the observed fit value. Note that it will be be different from run to run, as it is a Monte Carlo estimate.
- output\$datafit is the observed fit value. It is the same as output\$fval returned by staMR above.

- output\$fits is a vector of length nsample of computed bootstrap fit values. Thus, output\$p is the proportion of values of output\$fits that are greater than or equal to output\$datafit.
- output pars is a list of length n, the number of dependent variables. Each component of pars is an nsample \times ncond matrix of means for each bootstrap sample and each condition (where ncond is the number of conditions).

Applying stamped as follows produced the following outputs:

```
> out = staMRFIT(delay, partial=E, nsample=10000)
> out$p
[1] 0.7470
> out$datafit
[1] 0.1721
> length(out$fits)
[1] 10000
> c(nrow(out$pars[[1]]),ncol(out$pars[[1]]))
[1] 10000 8
```

3.2.6 staCMRFIT.R

This function estimates the empirical distribution (and hence p-value) of the difference in the fit of the conjoint monotonic and the fit of the partial order model. The function call is analogous to staMRFIT:

```
> output = staCMRFIT(data, partial=list(), nsample=1,
    shrink=-1)
```

Input:

- data is the name of the data structure (in either general or list format) or the name of structured output from staSTATS). If specified as a data structure then the bootstrap re-sampling is non-parametric, otherwise the bootstrap is parametric and assumes that observations are distributed normally for each dependent variable in each condition.
- partial is an optional partial order in either list or adjacency matrix form.
- nsample is the number of bootstrap samples to be drawn in computing the empirical sampling distribution of the fit value. We recommend using about 10,000 for estimating p to the nearest 100th.

• shrink is the optional shrink parameter, defined in Section 3.2.1.

Output:

- output\$p is the estimated p-value for the hypothesis that the difference in fit between the monotonic model and the partial order model is zero. It is the proportion of differences of bootstrap fits values that are greater than or equal to the observed difference in fit value.
- output\$datafit is the observed difference in fit value between the monotonic model and the partial order model.
- output\$fits is a vector of length nsample of computed differences in bootstrap fit values. Thus, output\$p is the proportion of components of output\$fits that are greater than or equal to output\$datafit.
- output pars is a list of length n, the number of dependent variables. Each component of pars is an nsample \times ncond matrix of means for each bootstrap sample and each condition (where ncond is the number of conditions).

Applying staCMRFIT to the delay data produces the following output:

```
> out = staCMRFIT(delay, partial=E, nsample=10000)
> out$p
[1] 0.1753
> out$datafit
[1] 1.5772
> length(out$fits)
[1] 10000
> c(nrow(out$pars[[1]]),ncol(out$pars[[1]]))
[1] 10000 8
```

4 Binary data

Binary data has the form that each observation is either a 'success' or a 'failure'. STACMR assumes that these observations have been aggregated into counts of the total number of successes and failures for each participant and each condition.

4.1 Input data structures

At present, STACMR accepts two kinds of data structure for binary data:

- 1. **List format**. In this format, the data are contained in a $N \times n$ list where N is the number of observation units (typically, participants) and n is the number of dependent variables. Each component of this list is itself an $k \times 2$ matrix of counts of successes and failures (here called hits and misses), respectively, where k is the number of conditions.
- 2. **General format**. This is a fixed column format organised as a matrix in which each row corresponds to a particular observation unit (participant) and condition. Each column is defined as follows:

```
column 1: Participant number
```

column 2: Condition number (if none, then set this value to 1)

column 3: Dependent variable (numbered 1, 2, and so on)

column 4: Count of number of successes

column 5: Count of number of failures

Data in general format are converted to list format using the function,

```
> y = gen2listBN (data);
```

4.2 Principle functions

The principle functions are located in the folder, .../STACMR-R. Their operation is illustrated with respect to the dataset, dfie, located in folder, .../STACMR-R/Data files.

We illustrate the binary STACMR functions using The dfie data set reported by Prince, M., Hawkins, G., Love, J., & Heathcote, A. (2012). An R package for state-trace analysis. *Behavior Research Methods*, 44(3), 644-655.

In this study, the dependent variables were accuracy of memory for pictures of faces and accuracy of memory for pictures of houses. There were k=6 conditions defined by the combination of two factors; stimulus orientation (upright, inverted), and study duration (short, medium, and long). There were N=18 participants each of whom were tested under all six conditions on both dependent variables. The data from each participant therefore can be analyzed individually.

The data (counts of hits and misses) for each participant are contained in the text file, dfie.dat:

```
> dfie = read.table("Data files/dfie.dat")
> y = gen2listBN(dfie)
```

4.2.1 staSTATSBN.R

This function returns summary statistics for binary data.

Usage:

```
> dfiestats = staSTATSBN (dfie);
```

The output, dfiestats, consists of a 18×2 list in which each component is a participant (indexed below by isub) and a dependent variable (indexed below by dvar). That is,

- dfiestats[[isub]][[dvar]]\$count = matrix of counts of successes (hits) and failures (misses) for each condition.
- dfiestats[[isub]][[dvar]]\$means = vector of 'means' corresponding to the proportion of successes for each condition.
- dfiestats[[isub]][[dvar]] \$weights = vector of weights corresponding to the number of trials (i.e., number of successes + number of failures) for each condition.
- dfiestats[[isub]][[dvar]]\$n = vector of counts corresponding to the number of trials for each condition. Identical to weights.

4.2.2 staPLOTBN.R

Generates a state-trace plot for binary data.

Example call:

```
> staPLOTBN(dfie, subject=1, groups=list(c(1:3),c(4:6)),
grouplabels=list("Upright", "Inverted"),
axislabels=list("Faces", "Houses"));
```

This command produces the plot shown in Figure 6.

Input:

• dfie is the name of the data set and is the one required argument. It may be in either general or cell-array format, or in summary statistics form (i.e., the output of staSTATSBN).

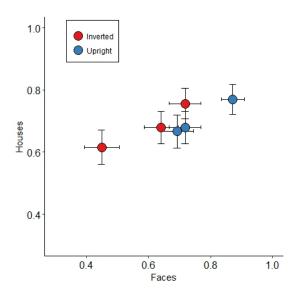


Figure 6: Output from staPLOTBN for Participant 1 from the dfie data set.

- subject identifies the participant number to be plotted.
- groups is a list that identifies the conditions to be distinguished in the plot with different markers. For the dfie data, conditions 1 to 3 correspond to the upright orientation and conditions 4 to 6 correspond to the inverted orientation.
- grouplabels is a list consisting of the labels for the groups defined by groups to appear in the legend.
- axislabels is a list that defines the labels on the x-axis and y-axis, respectively.
- pred is a list consisting of predicted values for each condition (not shown here).

4.2.3 staMRBN.R

The function staMRBN fits a partial order model to a binary data structure.

Usage:

```
> output = staMRBN (data=NULL, partial=list());
```

Input

- data is the name of the binary data structure.
- partial is the name of a partial order (required) in either list or adjacency matrix format.

Output:

- output\$x is an $N \times n$ -element list, where N is the number of observation units (participants) and n is the number of dependent variables. Each component of output\$x is a k-element vector containing the best-fitting values for the corresponding participant and dependent variable.
- \bullet output\$fval is a N-vector containing the values of the least squares fit for each participant.
- ullet output\$g.squared is a N-vector containing the G^2 fit for each participant.

Execute the following commands:

```
> out2 = staMRBN (data=dfiestats,
partial=list(c(1:3), c(4:6)))
```

For participant 1, the output is:

4.2.4 staCMRBN.R

This function fits the monotonic model to a binary data structure. Usage:

```
> output = staCMRBN (data=NULL, partial=list());
```

Input:

- data is the name of a binary data structure.
- E is an optional partial order in either list or adjacency matrix format.

Output:

- output\$x is an $N \times n$ -element list, where N is the number of observation units (participants) and n is the number of dependent variables. Each component of output\$x is a k-element vector containing the best-fitting values for the corresponding participant and dependent variable.
- \bullet output\$fval is a N-vector containing the values of the least squares fit for each participant.
- ullet output\$g.squared is a N-vector containing the G^2 fit for each participant.

Execute the following commands:

```
> out1 = staCMRBN (data=dfie, partial=list(c(1:3),
  c(4:6)))
```

For participant 1, the output is:

4.2.5 staMRFITBN.R

This function tests the fit of the partial order model to binary data. Usage:

```
> output = staMRFITBN (data, partial=list(), nsample=1)
```

Input:

- data is the name of the binary data structure.
- partial is the name of a partial order in list or adjacency matrix form.
- nsample is the number of bootstrap samples.

Output:

- outputpi is an N-vector containing the estimated p-values for each observation unit (participant).
- output\$datafit is an N-vector containing the observed G^2 value for each each observation unit (participant).
- output\$fits is an $N \times$ nsample matrix of computed bootstrap G^2 values. Each row corresponds to each of N observation units (participants) and each row consists of a vector of length nsample.
- pars is a list of size $N \times n$, where n is the number of dependent variables. Each component of pars is an nsample \times ncond matrix of means for each bootstrap sample and each condition (where ncond is the number of conditions).

Example output (note that p and fits will be differ from run-to-run as they are bootstrap estimates):

```
> out = staMRFITBN (dfie, partial=list(c(1:3),c(4:6)),
    nsample=10000)
> out$p
[1] 0.7307 0.3079 0.5670 0.1721 0.8042 0.7022 0.9185
0.8070 0.6084 0.0935 0.5390 0.0850 0.4562 0.4149
0.8179 0.9466
[17] 0.4663 0.7702
> out$datafit
[1] 1.524826e-01 3.013541e+00 7.730346e-01 4.124156e+00
```

```
3.855298e-01 4.618806e-01 5.329071e-14 1.430647e-01
[9] 7.307930e-01 5.889105e+00 1.742301e-01 4.836289e+00
1.235628e+00 2.047100e+00 1.651796e-01 2.731149e-14
[17] 1.494809e+00 2.892191e-01
> c(nrow(out$fits),ncol(out$fits))
[1] 18 10000
> c(nrow(out$pars[[1]][[1]]),ncol(out$pars[[1]][[1]]))
[1] 10000 6
```

4.2.6 staCMRFITBN.R.

This function tests the difference between the fit of the partial order model and the fit of the monotonic model to binary data.

Usage:

```
> output = staCMRFITBN (data=NULL, partial=list(),
    nsample=1)
```

Input:

- data is the name of the binary data structure.
- partial is an optional partial order in list or adjacency matrix form.
- nsample is the number of bootstrap samples.

Output:

- outputpi is an N-vector containing the estimated p-values for each observation unit (participant).
- output\$datafit is an N-vector containing the observed G^2 value for each each observation unit (participant).
- output\$fits is an $N \times$ nsample matrix of computed bootstrap G^2 values. Each row corresponds to each of N observation units (participants) and each row consists of a vector of length nsample.
- pars is a list of size $N \times n$, where n is the number of dependent variables. Each component of pars is an nsample \times ncond matrix of means for each bootstrap sample and each condition (where ncond is the number of conditions).

Example output (note that output\$p and output\$fits will be differ from run-to-run as they are Monte Carlo estimates):

```
> out = staCMRFITBN (data=dfie, partial=list(c(1:3),
  c(4:6)), nsample=10000)
> out$p
 [1] 0.8199 0.6022 0.5821 0.3435 0.6706 0.0643 0.1715
 0.1054 0.3357 0.4532 0.1644 0.0768 0.1330 0.1707 0.4043
 0.3729
[17] 0.7661 0.0678
> out$datafit
 [1] 0.009754753 0.156111152 0.470216060 0.787358623
 0.095423423 3.054781980 1.600538876 2.638936743
 0.800716074
 [10] 0.454833512 1.889866112 3.624787755 2.074037177
 1.479177959 0.879313954 0.781225272 0.042741905
 3.420403346
 > c(nrow(out$fits),ncol(out$fits))
[1] 18 10000
> c(nrow(out$pars[[1]][[1]]),ncol(out$pars[[1]][[1]]))
[1] 10000 6
```