

Package ‘ebdm’

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Title Implementation of Estimating Binary Dependency from Marginal Data

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Description Provides a maximum likelihood estimation method to recover the joint distribution of two binary variables using only marginal summary data from multiple studies. This approach allows for privacy-preserving estimation in settings where individual-level data are unavailable.
The method is fully described in the manuscript by Shang, Tsao and Zhang (2025) [doi:10.48550/arXiv.2505.03995](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2505.03995): ``Estimating the Joint Distribution of Two Binary Variables from Their Marginal Summaries".

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ebdm_estimate

Estimate the Joint Distribution of Two Binary Variables

Description

Performs maximum likelihood estimation (MLE) of the joint distribution of two binary variables using only marginal summary data from multiple studies.

Usage

```
ebdm_estimate(ni, xi, yi, ci_method = c("none", "normal", "lr"))
```

Arguments

ni	Numeric vector. Sample sizes for each dataset.
xi	Numeric vector. Count of observations where variable 1 equals 1.
yi	Numeric vector. Count of observations where variable 2 equals 1.
ci_method	Character string. Method for confidence interval computation. Options are "none" (default), "normal", or "lr" (likelihood ratio).

Value

A named list with point estimates, variance, standard error, and confidence interval (if requested).

p1_hat Estimated marginal probability for variable 1.

p2_hat Estimated marginal probability for variable 2.

p11_hat Estimated joint probability.

var_hat Estimated variance of p11_hat.

sd_hat Standard error of p11_hat.

ci Confidence interval for p11_hat, if requested.

Examples

```
data(eg_data)
ebdm_estimate(eg_data$ni, eg_data$xi, eg_data$yi, ci_method = "lr")
```

eg_data

*Example Dataset***Description**

Simulated dataset for testing the `ebdm_estimate()` function.

Usage

```
data(eg_data)
```

Format

A data frame with 3 columns:

ni Sample size per study

xi Count of first binary variable

yi Count of second binary variable

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