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acf_plots	<i>Create Auto Correlation Plots for Models</i>
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## Description

Create auto correlation plots for the models to test if there is any high autocorrelation in the sampling space, which would imply that sampler should be adjusted or the data needs to be adjusted.

## Usage

```
acf_plots(input, columns, pre_model = FALSE, stan = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

input	list List of the model output
columns	vector The target columns to assess
pre_model	bool If you are passing the pre-model
stan	bool If you are using the stan model

## Value

plotted objects

## Examples

```
columns <- c("fruit", "veg", "tobacco")
fruit_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.3, 0.8, 0.95)
veg_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.25, 0.75, 0.95)
tob_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.4, 0.7, 0.95)
validity_coefficients <- c(fruit_v_coef, veg_v_coef, tob_v_coef)
data <- data.frame(
  list(
```

```

    "BMI" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)
output <- acme_model(data, columns)
lambda <- attenuation_matrix(
  output,
  columns,
  validity_coefficients,
)
model_output <- multivariate_model(
  "BMI ~ fruit + veg + tobacco",
  data = data,
  columns = columns,
  a_c_matrix = lambda$matrix,
  sds = lambda$sds,
  variances = lambda$variances,
  univariate = TRUE
)
acf_plots(model_output$naive, columns)

```

acme\_model

*Model the Data*

## Description

Using the methodology generated by Muoko et. al (see README for full citation), run the modelling with the JAGS sampler. This function accepts a number of different arguments, but defaulted arguments are assumed to be best for *most* systems. Obviously, if there is prior knowledge, this can be adjusted at the user's own discretion.

## Usage

```

acme_model(
  data,
  columns,
  n_chains = 1,
  n_adapt_steps = 500,
  n_burn = 1000,
  n_thin = 1,
  n_steps = 10000,
  seed = 42,
  stan = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame	The data to format
columns	vector	The columns to target
n_chains	numeric	Number of chains to run, default = 1
n_adapt_steps	numeric	Number of adapt steps to run, default = 500
n_burn	numeric	Number of draws to burn at the start, default = 1000
n_thin	numeric	Thinning factor for the draws, default = 1
n_steps	numeric	The total number of draws to run, default = 10,000
seed	numeric	The random seed to set
stan	boolean	If you would like to use the experimental Stan backend

**Value**

List with all the appropriate things needed for modelling with JAGS

**Examples**

```
data <- data.frame(list("fruit" = c(1, 2), "veg" = c(3, 4)))
acme_model(data, names(data))
```

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attenuation_matrix	<i>Create Attenuation Contamination Matrix</i>
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**Description**

From the output JAGS model, create the needed attenuation contamination matrix for further analysis. Please be aware that this is multivariate so a minimum of 3 columns is needed.

**Usage**

```
attenuation_matrix(model_output, columns, validity_coefficients, stan = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

model_output	list	List of the mcmc summary and covariance matrix
columns	vector	Vector of the column names that are being assessed
validity_coefficients	vector	Vector of the validity coefficients
stan	boolean	If you are passing in a Stan backend pre-model

**Value**

List with the attenuation-contamination matrix and the standard deviations

**Examples**

```

columns <- c("fruit", "veg", "tobacco")
fruit_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.3, 0.8, 0.95)
veg_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.25, 0.75, 0.95)
tob_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.4, 0.7, 0.95)
validity_coefficients <- c(fruit_v_coef, veg_v_coef, tob_v_coef)
data <- data.frame(
  list(
    "BMI" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)
output <- acme_model(data, columns)
attenuation_matrix(
  output,
  columns,
  validity_coefficients,
)

```

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create\_modelling\_data *Data Preparation and Formatting for Modelling*

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**Description**

Create the needed list that gets based to the JAGS backend for modelling. This should be a standard data.frame object that can then be standardized and reshaped into a format appropriate for modeling. Errors will be thrown if the data is not a class, or inherit from, a data.frame or if the specified columns do not exist in the data.frame.

**Usage**

```
create_modelling_data(data, columns)
```

**Arguments**

data	data.frame The data to format
columns	vector The columns to target

**Value**

List with all the appropriate things needed for modelling with JAGS

**Examples**

```
data <- data.frame(
  list(
    "BMI" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)
create_modelling_data(data, c("BMI", "fruit", "veg", "tobacco"))
```

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create_model_string	<i>Define a Model that is JAGS Usable</i>
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**Description**

Create the model string, save it to a temporary folder, and return back the location of the temporary model file for usage by JAGS later.

**Usage**

```
create_model_string()
```

**Value**

Full path to the model specification

**Examples**

```
create_model_string()
```

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create_stan_model_string	<i>Define the Pre-Model Using Stan</i>
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**Description**

Create the model string, save it to a temporary folder, and return back the location of the temporary model file for usage by Stan later. This is experimental and has been validated, but caution should be used when utilizing the Stan backend as the pre-model.

**Usage**

```
create_stan_model_string()
```

**Value**

Full path to the model specification

**Examples**

```
create_stan_model_string()
```

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fisher_z_transform	<i>Perform the Fisher Z Transformation</i>
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**Description**

Take a validity coefficient and perform the Fisher Z Transformation to approximate a normal distribution

**Usage**

```
fisher_z_transform(coefficient)
```

**Arguments**

`coefficient`      numeric The validity coefficient to transform.

**Value**

Transformed validity coefficient

**Examples**

```
coef <- 0.3
fisher_z_transform(coef)
```

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generate_coefficient	<i>Generate updated validity coefficient using Fisher Z Transformation</i>
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**Description**

Using the Fisher Z Transformation, generate new validity coefficients based on proposed upper and lower boundaries. This new validity coefficient is based on transformed upper and lower boundaries as well as a fitted normal distribution to the se new proposed upper and lower boundaries.

**Usage**

```
generate_coefficient(n, lower_bound, upper_bound, interval = 0.95, seed = 42)
```

**Arguments**

n	the samples for the normal distribution
lower_bound	numeric the lower boundary of the validity coefficient
upper_bound	numeric the upper boudnary of the validity coefficient
interval	numeric the confidence interval to use (default 0.95)
seed	numeric the random seed to use

**Value**

Validity coefficient

**Examples**

```
n <- 1000
coef_upper <- 0.9
coef_lower <- 0.3
ci <- 0.95
generate_coefficient(n, coef_lower, coef_upper, ci)
```

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multivariate\_model      *Model the Data with Multivariate Adjustment*

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**Description**

Using the methodology generated by Muoko et. al (see README for full citation), run the modelling with the JAGS sampler. This model uses the calculated attenuation-contamination matrix to adjust the various covariates needed in the model. The function accepts the computed pre-model, the attenuation-contamination coefficient,, a model string, and standard deviations. There is an optional argument for also fitting the univariate model to run further comparisons between the naive, univariate, and multivariate models in later steps.

**Usage**

```
multivariate_model(
  formula,
  data,
  columns,
  a_c_matrix,
  n_burn = 1000,
  n_thin = 1,
  n_steps = 10000,
  seed = 42,
  b0 = 0,
  capital_b_0 = 1e-06,
  sampler = "Metropolis",
  c0 = 0.001,
```



```

    d0 = 0.001,
    univariate = FALSE,
    sds = NULL,
    variances = NULL
  )

```

### Arguments

formula	character The model formula
data	data.frame The data to model
columns	vector The columns that are relevant
a_c_matrix	matrix The attenuation-contamination matrix
n_burn	numeric Number of draws to burn at the start, default = 1000
n_thin	numeric Thinning factor for the draws, default = 1
n_steps	numeric The total number of draws to run, default = 10,000
seed	numeric The random seed to set
b0	numeric The prior mean of the beta
capital_b_0	numeric The precision of the beta
sampler	character The sampler to use for the model
c0	numeric Shape parameter for gamma
d0	numeric Scale parameter for gamm
univariate	bool Whether or not to run the univariate model, default = TRUE
sds	list If you are running the univariate model, the listing of standard deviations needs to be applied
variances	list If you are running the univariate model, the listing of variances need to be applied

### Value

List with fitted models ready for further analysis

### Examples

```

columns <- c("fruit", "veg", "tobacco")
fruit_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.3, 0.8, 0.95)
veg_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.25, 0.75, 0.95)
tob_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.4, 0.7, 0.95)
validity_coefficients <- c(fruit_v_coef, veg_v_coef, tob_v_coef)
data <- data.frame(
  list(
    "BMI" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)

```

```

output <- acme_model(data, columns)
lambda <- attenuation_matrix(
  output,
  columns,
  validity_coefficients,
)
model_output <- multivariate_model(
  "BMI ~ fruit + veg + tobacco",
  data = data,
  columns = columns,
  a_c_matrix = lambda$matrix,
  sds = lambda$sds,
  variances = lambda$variances,
  univariate = TRUE
)

```

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pipeline

*Pipeline used for running a model start to finish.*

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## Description

This is an unexported function that can run the entire pre-model, attenuation-contamination matrix, and model fitting from start to finish.

## Usage

```
pipeline(data, formula, parameters, columns, stan = FALSE, seed = 42)
```

## Arguments

data	data.frame	The input data
formula	character	The formula for the multivariate model
parameters	vector	The validity coefficients
columns	vector	The columns of the covariates
stan	bool	If you would like to run with the Stan backend
seed	numeric	The random seed to use

## Value

list The output parameters

**Examples**

```

data <- data.frame(
  list(
    "BMI" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)
parameters <- list(
  fruit = c(0.3, 0.55, 0.8),
  veg = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.75),
  tobacco = c(0.4, 0.55, 0.7)
)
grid <- expand.grid(parameters)
param_grid <- list()
for (i in seq_len(nrow(grid))) {
  name <- paste0("iteration_", i)
  param_grid[[name]] <- list(
    parameters = grid[i, ]
  )
}
output <- pipeline(
  data,
  "BMI ~ fruit + veg + tobacco",
  as.numeric(param_grid[[i]][["parameters"]]),
  c("fruit", "veg", "tobacco")
)

```

plot\_a\_list

*Custom Function to Use Patchwork***Description**

Uses patchwork to make gridding easier for plotting the traceplots and acf plots for the Stan pre-model.

**Usage**

```
plot_a_list(plot_list, rows, columns)
```

**Arguments**

plot_list	list List of plots
rows	numeric Number of rows
columns	numeric Number of columns

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plot_covariates	<i>Diagnostics for Models</i>
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**Description**

Using the previously fit models, add the diagnostics for assessing the adjusted covariates based on the naive, univariate, and multivariate models.

**Usage**

```
plot_covariates(model_output, columns)
```

**Arguments**

model_output	list List of the model output
columns	vector The target columns to assess

**Value**

plotted objects

**Examples**

```
columns <- c("fruit", "veg", "tobacco")
fruit_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.3, 0.8, 0.95)
veg_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.25, 0.75, 0.95)
tob_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.4, 0.7, 0.95)
validity_coefficients <- c(fruit_v_coef, veg_v_coef, tob_v_coef)
data <- data.frame(
  list(
    "BMI" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)
output <- acme_model(data, columns)
lambda <- attenuation_matrix(
  output,
  columns,
  validity_coefficients,
)
model_output <- multivariate_model(
  "BMI ~ fruit + veg + tobacco",
  data = data,
  columns = columns,
  a_c_matrix = lambda$matrix,
  sds = lambda$sds,
  variances = lambda$variances,
```

```

    univariate = TRUE
  )
  plot_covariates(model_output, columns)

```

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`sensitivity_analysis`    *Run a sensitivity analysis on the error adjustment*

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## Description

Create a sensitivity analysis based on a grid of validity coefficient parameters. The input of the parameter space should be a list with each key being the name of one of the covariates to vary and a vector of the parameter space to test the sensitivity. Be very careful because all combinations of the parameters will be tested so you can very easily run this for too long. Also please note that the parameters should be bound between 0 and 1, the theoretical limits of the validity coefficients. An example of this parameter grid is:

## Usage

```

sensitivity_analysis(
  parameters,
  data,
  formula,
  columns,
  stan = FALSE,
  seed = 42
)

```

## Arguments

<code>parameters</code>	list As described above
<code>data</code>	data.frame The data to use for the sensitivity analysis
<code>formula</code>	character The formula for the model
<code>columns</code>	vector The columns within the data for the covariates
<code>stan</code>	boolean Whether or not to run with the Stan backend
<code>seed</code>	numeric The random seed to set

## Details

```
params <- list( fruit = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3), veg = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3), tobacco = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3) )
```

But, again please note that this will then fit  $3 * 3 * 3$  different models so the run time here can explode. Also parallel computation will be utilized here, but it is much more difficult to debug should errors arise. All this to say is: buyer beware.

## Value

list with the means and the SDs of the parameters

**Examples**

```

columns <- c("fruit", "veg", "tobacco")
data <- data.frame(
  list(
    "BMI" = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(5, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)
parameters <- list(
  fruit = c(0.3),
  veg = c(0.25),
  tobacco = c(0.4)
)
output_jags <- sensitivity_analysis(
  parameters,
  data,
  "BMI ~ fruit + veg + tobacco",
  columns
)

```

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standardize\_with\_return

*Standardize the data of 1-D vector*

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**Description**

Perform standardization of data on a 2-D dataframe type object. Standardization in this case refers to  $(x - \text{mean}(x)) / \text{sd}(x)$  where  $X$  is a 1-dimensional vector.

**Usage**

```
standardize_with_return(data)
```

**Arguments**

data                      vector The vector to standardize

**Value**

List with the original standard deviation, mean, and the standardized data

**Examples**

```

data <- rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
standardize_with_return(data)

```

traceplots

*Create Traceplots for the Parameters***Description**

Create sampler traceplots to run diagnostics on whether or not the sampler converged when creating the posterior. Columns should always be in the order that they appear in the model.

**Usage**

```
traceplots(input, columns, pre_model = FALSE, stan = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

input	list List of the model output
columns	vector The target columns to assess
pre_model	bool If you are passing the pre-model
stan	bool If the model is stan based

**Value**

plotted objects

**Examples**

```
columns <- c("fruit", "veg", "tobacco")
fruit_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.3, 0.8, 0.95)
veg_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.25, 0.75, 0.95)
tob_v_coef <- generate_coefficient(100, 0.4, 0.7, 0.95)
validity_coefficients <- c(fruit_v_coef, veg_v_coef, tob_v_coef)
data <- data.frame(
  list(
    "BMI" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "fruit" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "veg" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1),
    "tobacco" = rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 1)
  )
)
output <- acme_model(data, columns)
lambda <- attenuation_matrix(
  output,
  columns,
  validity_coefficients,
)
model_output <- multivariate_model(
  "BMI ~ fruit + veg + tobacco",
  data = data,
  columns = columns,
```

```
a_c_matrix = lambda$matrix,  
sds = lambda$sds,  
variances = lambda$variances,  
univariate = TRUE  
)  
traceplots(model_output$naive, columns)
```



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