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check\_baseline

Check for baseline boundary

# **Description**

Fits the scaled logit model as well as logistic regression. Does a likelihood ratio test.

# Usage

```
check_baseline(
  formula = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  fit_sclr = NULL,
  fit_lr = NULL,
  conf_lvl = 0.95,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

| formula  | Formula to use for model fitting.              |
|----------|--|
| data     | Optional dataframe.                            |
| fit_sclr | Fit object returned by sclr.                   |
| fit_lr   | Fit object returned by glm.                    |
| conf_lvl | Confidence level for the test                  |
| verbose  | Whether to print message based on test result. |

#### Value

A tibble with a summary.

# **Examples**

```
library(sclr)
11 <- sclr_ideal_data(n = 50, theta = 1e6, seed = 20191104)
check_baseline(status ~ logHI, 11)</pre>
```

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coef.sclr

ML estimate components

# **Description**

coef returns MLE's. vcov returns the estimated variance-covariance matrix at MLE's. confint returns the confidence interval. model.matrix returns the model matrix (x). model.frame returns the model frame (x and y in one matrix).

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
coef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
vcov(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
model.matrix(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
model.frame(formula, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
logLik(object, ...)
```

# Arguments

```
object, formula
```

An object returned by sclr.

... Not used. Needed to match generic signature.

parm Parameter name, if missing, all parameters are considered.

level Confidence level.

find\_prot\_titre\_val

Search function for scaled logit protection covariate levels

#### **Description**

The search engine behind get\_protection\_level. Should not usually be necessary to call this directly.

get\_protection\_level

# Usage

```
find_prot_titre_val(
   fit,
   var_name,
   newdata = NULL,
   prot_var_name = "prot_point",
   lvl = 0.5,
   ci_level = 0.95,
   tol = 10^(-7)
)
```

# **Arguments**

| fit           | Object returned by sclr.   |
|---------------|--|
| var_name      | Name of the covariate for which the protection values should be calculated. This name should appear in the formula of the call to sclr which was used to generate fit. |
| newdata       | A dataframe with all covariates except the one for which protection values should be calculated.   |
| prot_var_name | A variable name among those returned by predict.sclr which needs to equal lvl at the value of var_name that is supposed to be found.                                   |
| lvl           | Protection level to find titre values for. Default is 0.5 (50%).   |
| ci_level      | Confidence level for the calculated interval. Default is 0.95.   |
| tol           | Tolerance. The values will be found numerically, once the algorithm converges within tol of lvl it stops looking. Default is $10^(-7)$ .                               |

# Value

A dataframe. Will have the same variables as newdata with the addition of the var\_name variable.

```
get_protection_level Protection level calculations
```

# **Description**

Calculates covariate values corresponding to a particular protection level. Only accepts one covariate at a time, fixed values of all the others should be provided. The search engine is find\_prot\_titre\_val.

```
get_protection_level(
  fit,
  var_name,
  newdata = NULL,
  lvl = 0.5,
```

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```
ci_level = 0.95,
tol = 10^(-7)
)
```

#### **Arguments**

fit Object returned by sclr. Name of the covariate for which to find values corresponding to a protection var\_name level. This name should appear in the formula in the call to sclr which was used to generate fit. A dataframe with all covariates except the one for which protection values newdata should be calculated. If there is only one covariate, can be left as NULL (the default) 1v1 Protection level to find covariate values for. Default is 0.5 (50%) ci\_level Confidence level for the calculated interval. Default is 0.95. tol Tolerance. The values will be found numerically, once the algorithm converges

within tol of lvl it stops looking. Default is  $10^{(-7)}$ .

#### Value

A tibble. Will have the same variables as newdata with the addition of the var\_name variable.

new\_sclr Create a new sclr object

# **Description**

new\_sclr creates the object sclr returns. is\_sclr checks if the object is of class sclr.

# Usage

```
new_sclr(fit, x, y, cl, mf, mt)
is_sclr(fit)
```

#### **Arguments**

fit A list returned by sclr\_fit.

x Model matrix.

y Model response.

cl Call.

mf Model frame.

mt Model terms.

#### Value

sclr object

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one\_titre\_data

Simulated one-titre antibody data

# Description

A simulated dataset containing 5000 independent observations on antibody titres and the corresponding infection status. The data was simulated to resemble real influenza infection and haemagglutinin titre data.

# Usage

```
one_titre_data
```

#### **Format**

A data frame with 5000 observations and 2 variables:

logHI haemagglutinin-inhibiting (HI) titre. True simulated titre on a log scale.

status influenza infection status. 1 - infected. 0 - not infected

#### Model

The model behind the simulation was

$$\lambda * (1 - f(\beta_0 + \beta_1 * HI))$$

Where

- $\bullet$  f Inverse logit function
- $\lambda = 0.5$
- $\beta_0 = -5$
- $\beta_1 = 2$

predict.sclr

*Predict method for scaled logit model x.* 

# Description

Returns only the protection estimates. The only supported interval is a confidence interval (i.e. the interval for the estimated expected value).

```
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
predict(object, newdata, ci_lvl = 0.95, ...)
```

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# **Arguments**

| object  | Object returned by sclr.  |
|---------|---|
| newdata | A dataframe with all covariates. Names should be as they appear in the formula in the call to sclr. |
| ci_lvl  | Confidence level for the calculated interval.   |
| • • •   | Not used. Needed to match generic signature.  |

#### **Details**

The model is

$$P(Y = 1) = \lambda (1 - logit^{-1}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k))$$

Where Y is the binary outcome indicator, (e.g. 1 - infected, 0 - not infected). X - covariate. k - number of covariates. This function calculates

$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_k X_k$$

transformations at the covariate values found in newdata as well as the variance-covariance matrices of those transformations. This is used to calculate the confidence intervals at the given parameter values. The inverse logit transformation is then applied to point estimates and interval bounds.

#### Value

A tibble obtained by adding the following columns to newdata:

```
prot_point_lin prot_l_lin prot_u_lin
```

Point estimate, low and high bounds of the linear transformation.

prot\_sd\_lin Estimated standard deviation of the linear transformation.

 $\verb|prot_point| \verb|prot_l| \verb|prot_u|$ 

Inverse logit-transformed point estimate, low and high bounds of the linear transformation.

print.sclr

Print a sclr object.

# **Description**

Summarises a sclr object for printing. For a dataframe summary, see tidy.

```
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
print(x, level = 0.95, ...)
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
summary(object, level = 0.95, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x, object An object returned by sclr.

level Confidence level for the intervals.

... Not used. Needed to match generic signature.

sclr

Fits the scaled logit model

# **Description**

Used to fit the scaled logit model from Dunning (2006).

# Usage

```
sclr(
  formula,
  data = NULL,
  ci_lvl = 0.95,
  tol = 10^(-7),
  algorithm = c("newton-raphson", "gradient-ascent"),
  nr_iter = 2000,
  ga_iter = 2000,
  n_conv = 3,
  conventional_names = FALSE,
  seed = NULL
)
```

# **Arguments**

formula an object of class "formula": a symbolic description of the model to be fitted.

data a data frame.

ci\_lvl Confidence interval level for the parameter estimates.

tol Tolerance.

algorithm Algorithms to run. "newton-raphson" or "gradient-ascent". If a character vector,

the algorithms will be applied in the order they are present in the vector.

nr\_iter Maximum allowed iterations for Newton-Raphson.

ga\_iter Maximum allowed iterations for gradient ascent.

n\_conv Number of times the algorithm has to converge (to work around local maxima).

conventional\_names

If TRUE, estimated parameter names will be (Baseline), (Intercept) and the column names in the model matrix. Otherwise - lambda, beta\_0 and beta\_ prefix in

front of column names in the model matrix.

seed Seed for the algorithms.

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#### **Details**

The model is logistic regression with an added parameter for the top asymptote. That parameter is reported as theta (or (Baseline) if conventional\_names = TRUE). Note that it is reported on the logit scale. See vignette("sclr-math") for model specification, log-likelihood, scores and second derivatives. The main default optimisation algorithm is Newton-Raphson. Gradient ascent is used as a fallback by default. Computing engine behind the fitting is sclr\_fit.

#### Value

An object of class sclr. This is a list with the following elements:

parameters Maximum likelihood estimates of the parameter values.

covariance\_mat The variance-covariance matrix of the parameter estimates.

algorithm Algorithm used.

algorithm\_return

Everything the algorithm returned.

n\_converge The number of Newton-Raphson iterations (including resets) that were required

for convergence.

x Model matrix derived from formula and data.

y Response matrix derived from formula and data.

call The original call to sclr.

model Model frame object derived from formula and data.

terms Terms object derived from model frame.

ci Confidence intervals of the parameter estimates.

log\_likelihood Value of log-likelihood calculated at the ML estimates of parameters.

formula Passed formula.
data Passed data.

Methods supported: print, vcov, coef, model.frame, model.matrix, summary, predict, tidy (broom package), logLik.

#### References

Dunning AJ (2006). "A model for immunological correlates of protection." Statistics in Medicine, 25(9), 1485-1497. https://doi.org/10.1002/sim.2282.

# **Examples**

```
library(sclr)
fit1 <- sclr(status ~ logHI, one_titre_data)
summary(fit1)</pre>
```

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sclr\_fit

Fitter function for the scaled logit model

# **Description**

Computing engine behind sclr.

# Usage

```
sclr_fit(
   y,
   x,
   tol = 10^(-7),
   algorithm = c("newton-raphson", "gradient-ascent"),
   nr_iter = 2000,
   ga_iter = 2000,
   n_conv = 3,
   conventional_names = FALSE,
   seed = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

y A vector of observations.

x A design matrix.

tol Tolerance.

algorithm Algorithms to run. "newton-raphson" or "gradient-ascent". If a character vector,

the algorithms will be applied in the order they are present in the vector.

nr\_iter Maximum allowed iterations for Newton-Raphson.

ga\_iter Maximum allowed iterations for gradient ascent.

n\_conv Number of times the algorithm has to converge (to work around local maxima).

conventional\_names

If TRUE, estimated parameter names will be (Baseline), (Intercept) and the column names in the model matrix. Otherwise - lambda, beta\_0 and beta\_ prefix in

front of column names in the model matrix.

seed Seed for the algorithms.

# **Details**

The likelihood maximisation can use the Newton-Raphson or the gradient ascent algorithms.

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sclr\_ideal\_data Generate ideal data for the scaled logit model

**Description** 

Allows variation of all parameters and the creation of an arbitrary number of covariates.

# Usage

```
sclr_ideal_data(
    n = 1000,
    theta = 0,
    beta_0 = -5,
    covariate_list = list(logHI = list(gen_fun = function(n) rnorm(n, 2, 2), true_par = 2)),
    outcome_name = "status",
    seed = NULL,
    attach_true_vals = FALSE,
    attach_seed = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

n Number of observations.

theta Baseline risk parameter on the logit scale.

beta\_0 Intercept of the linear part.

covariate\_list A list in the form of name = list(gen\_fun,true\_par) where gen\_fun is a

function that takes n as an argument and returns a vector of observations, true\_par

is the true parameter value of that covariate. See examples.

seed Seed to set. If NULL, no seed will be set.

attach\_true\_vals, attach\_seed

Whether to attach additional attributes.

#### Value

A tibble.

# **Examples**

```
# One titre
one_titre <- sclr_ideal_data(
  covariate_list = list(
    logHI = list(gen_fun = function(n) rnorm(n, 2, 2), true_par = 2)
  )
)</pre>
```

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```
sclr(status ~ logHI, one_titre) # Verify

# Two titres
two_titre <- sclr_ideal_data(
   covariate_list = list(
      logHI = list(gen_fun = function(n) rnorm(n, 2, 2), true_par = 2),
      logNI = list(gen_fun = function(n) rnorm(n, 2, 2), true_par = 1)
   )
)
sclr(status ~ logHI + logNI, two_titre) # Verify</pre>
```

sclr\_log\_likelihood Log-likelihood

# **Description**

Computes the log-likelihood of the scaled logit model at a given set of parameter estimates (or the MLE if pars is not supplied). Either fit or x, y and pars need to be supplied.

#### **Usage**

```
sclr_log_likelihood(fit = NULL, x = NULL, y = NULL, pars = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

| fit  | An object returned by sclr. Or a list with parameters, x and y entries corresponding to the parameter matrix, model matrix and model response. |
|------|--|
| x    | Model matrix. Will be taken from fit if fit is provided.   |
| У    | Model response. Will be taken from fit if fit is provided.   |
| pars | A named vector of parameter values. Will be taken from fit if fit is provided.   |

tidy.sclr *Tidy a* sclr *object*.

# **Description**

Summarises the objects returned by sclr into a tibble.

```
## S3 method for class 'sclr'
tidy(x, ci_level = 0.95, ...)
```

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# **Arguments**

x An object returned by sclr.
ci\_level Confidence level for the intervals.

... Not used. Needed to match generic signature.

#### Value

A tibble with one row per model parameter. Columns:

term Name of model parameter.

estimate Point estimate. std\_error Standard error.

conf\_low Lower bound of the confidence interval. conf\_high Upper bound of the confidence interval.

two\_titre\_data

Simulated two-titre antibody data

#### Description

A simulated dataset containing 5000 independent observations on antibody titres and the corresponding infection status. The data was simulated to resemble real influenza infection and haemagglutinin + neuraminidase titre data.

# Usage

two\_titre\_data

#### **Format**

A data frame with 5000 observations and 3 variables:

logHI haemagglutinin-inhibiting (HI) titre. True simulated titre on a log scale.

logNI neuraminidase-inhibiting titre. True simulated titre on a log scale.

status influenza infection status. 1 - infected. 0 - not infected

#### Model

The model behind the simulation was

$$\lambda * (1 - f(\beta_0 + \beta_1 * HI + \beta_2 * NI))$$

Where

• f - Inverse logit function

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- $\lambda = 0.5$
- $\beta_0 = -7.5$
- $\beta_1 = 2$
- $\beta_2 = 2$

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