

Package ‘pervasive’

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Description Analysis of pervasiveness of effects in correlational data. The Observed Proportion (or Percentage) of Concordant Pairs (OPCP) is Kendall's Tau expressed on a 0 to 1 metric instead of the traditional -1 to 1 metric to facilitate interpretation. As its name implies, it represents the proportion of concordant pairs in a sample (with an adjustment for ties). Pairs are concordant when a participant who has a larger value on a variable than another participant also has a larger value on a second variable. The OPCP is therefore an easily interpretable indicator of monotonicity. The pervasive functions are essentially wrappers for the 'arules' package by Hahsler et al. (2025) <[doi:10.32614/CRAN.package.arules](https://doi.org/10.32614/CRAN.package.arules)> and serve to count individuals who actually display the pattern(s) suggested by a regression. For more details, see the paper ``Considering approaches to pervasiveness in the context of personality psychology'' now accepted at the journal Personality Science.

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OPCP	<i>Calculate Observed Proportion of Concordant Pairs (OPCP)</i>
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Description

This function calculates the Observed Proportion of Concordant Pairs (OPCP) using Kendall’s Tau as a measure of association. The pervasive functions also provide the OPCR.

Usage

```
OPCP(formula, data)
```

Arguments

- formula A formula specifying the dependent and independent variables.
- data A data frame containing the variables specified in the formula.

Value

A numeric value representing the OPCR.

Examples

```
# Example using the spi dataset from the psychTools package
sc <- psych::scoreVeryFast(psychTools::spi.keys, psychTools::spi)
spi_sc <- cbind(psychTools::spi, sc)
spi_sc_vars <- spi_sc |>
  dplyr::select(age, Agree, Consc, Neuro, Extra, Open)

formula <- age ~ Agree + Consc + Neuro + Extra + Open
OPCP(formula = formula, data = spi_sc_vars)
```

OPCP_glm

*Calculate Observed Proportion of Concordant Pairs (OPCP)***Description**

This function calculates the Observed Proportion of Concordant Pairs (OPCP) using Kendall's Tau as a measure of association. The pervasive functions also provide the OPCR.

Usage

```
OPCP_glm(formula, data)
```

Arguments

formula	A formula specifying the dependent and independent variables.
data	A data frame containing the variables specified in the formula.

Value

A numeric value representing the OPCR.

Examples

```
#Example using the spi dataset from the psychTools package
sc <- psych::scoreVeryFast(psychTools::spi.keys, psychTools::spi)
spi_sc <- cbind(psychTools::spi, sc)
spi_sc_vars <- spi_sc |>
  dplyr::select(sex, Agree, Consc, Neuro, Extra, Open)
spi_sc_vars$sex = spi_sc_vars$sex -1

formula <- sex ~ Agree + Consc + Neuro + Extra + Open
OPCP_glm(formula = formula, data = spi_sc_vars)
```

OPCP_mat

*Calculate Observed Proportion of Concordant Pairs (OPCP)***Description**

This function provides a matrix that contains Pearson correlations in the lower triangle and Observed Proportions of Concordant Pairs (OPCPs) in the upper triangle between multiple variables.

Usage

```
OPCP_mat(data, round_digits = 2)
```

Arguments

`data` A data frame containing the variables specified in the formula.

`round_digits` The number of decimals to be included in the resulting table.

Value

A matrix of correlations and OPCPs.

Examples

```
# Example using the spi dataset from the psychTools package
sc <- psych::scoreVeryFast(psychTools::spi.keys, psychTools::spi)
spi_sc <- cbind(psychTools::spi, sc)
spi_sc_age_sex_B5 <- spi_sc |>
  dplyr::select(age, sex, Agree, Consc, Neuro, Extra, Open)

OPCP_mat(data = spi_sc_age_sex_B5)
```

pervasive_dic

Association Rule Mining With Dichotomized Data

Description

This function provides the same information as `pervasive_tric` but with dichotomized data instead of trichotomized data. Trichotomized data is generally to be preferred when possible. Researchers interested in mixing trichotomized variables with dichotomized variables should use the `arules` package directly.

Usage

```
pervasive_dic(formula, data, min_support = 0.03)
```

Arguments

`formula` A formula specifying the dependent and independent variables.

`data` A data frame containing the variables specified in the formula.

`min_support` The minimum proportion of rows that a rule must have to be considered for top rules.

Value

@return A list with the following components:

- OPCP: Observed proportion of concordant pairs.
- adj_r_squared: Adjusted R-squared value for the regression model.
- exact_match_lhs, exact_match_rhs: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the regression model, respectively
- exact_match_quality: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the regression.
- exact_match_lhs_opp, exact_match_rhs_opp: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the low end of the regression model, respectively
- exact_match_quality_opp: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the low end of the regression.
- top_rule_lhs, top_rule_rhs, top_rule_quality: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting min_support for high values of the dependent variable.
- top_rule_opp_lhs, top_rule_opp_rhs, top_rule_opp_quality: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting min_support for low values of the dependent variable.
- quality_table: A table summarizing the quality statistics for extracted association rules.
- freq_tables: Frequency tables (cutoffs and membership) for dichotomization binning.

Examples

```
# Example using the spi dataset from the psychTools package
sc <- psych::scoreVeryFast(psychTools::spi.keys, psychTools::spi)
spi_sc <- cbind(psychTools::spi, sc)
spi_sc_vars <- spi_sc |>
  dplyr::select(age, Agree, Consc, Neuro, Extra, Open)

formula <- age ~ Agree + Consc + Neuro + Extra + Open
example <- pervasive_dic(formula = formula, data = spi_sc_vars)
example
```

pervasive_dic_glm

Association Rule Mining With Dichotomized Data

Description

This function provides similar information as `pervasive_dic()` and `pervasive_tric()` but should be the preferred option when the outcome variable is binary.

Usage

```
pervasive_dic_glm(formula, data, min_support = 0.03)
```

Arguments

<code>formula</code>	A formula specifying the dependent and independent variables.
<code>data</code>	A data frame containing the variables specified in the formula.
<code>min_support</code>	The minimum proportion of rows that a rule must have to be considered for top rules.

Value

@return A list with the following components:

- `OPCP`: Observed proportion of concordant pairs.
- `adj_r_squared`: Adjusted R-squared value for the regression model.
- `exact_match_lhs`, `exact_match_rhs`: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the regression model, respectively
- `exact_match_quality`: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the regression.
- `exact_match_lhs_opp`, `exact_match_rhs_opp`: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the low end of the regression model, respectively
- `exact_match_quality_opp`: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the low end of the regression.
- `top_rule_lhs`, `top_rule_rhs`, `top_rule_quality`: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting `min_support` for high values of the dependent variable.
- `top_rule_opp_lhs`, `top_rule_opp_rhs`, `top_rule_opp_quality`: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting `min_support` for low values of the dependent variable.
- `quality_table`: A table summarizing the quality statistics for extracted association rules.
- `freq_tables`: Frequency tables (cutoffs and membership) for dichotomization binning.

Examples

```
# Example using the spi dataset from the psychTools package
sc <- psych::scoreVeryFast(psychTools::spi.keys, psychTools::spi)
spi_sc <- cbind(psychTools::spi, sc)
spi_sc_vars <- spi_sc |>
  dplyr::select(sex, Agree, Consc, Neuro, Extra, Open)
spi_sc_vars$sex = spi_sc_vars$sex -1

formula <- sex ~ Agree + Consc + Neuro + Extra + Open
example <- pervasive_dic_glm(formula = formula, data = spi_sc_vars)
example
```

Description

This function extracts a specific set of association rules and reports quality measures for these rules. The OPCP and adjusted R-square for the regression model analyzed are also reported for a fuller pervasiveness context of the regression.

Usage

```
pervasive_tric(formula, data, min_support = 0.03)
```

Arguments

formula	A formula specifying the dependent and independent variables.
data	A data frame containing the variables specified in the formula.
min_support	The minimum proportion of rows that a rule must have to be considered for top rules.

Value

@return A list with the following components:

- OPCP: Observed proportion of concordant pairs.
- adj_r_squared: Adjusted R-squared value for the regression model.
- exact_match_lhs, exact_match_rhs: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the regression model, respectively
- exact_match_quality: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the regression.
- exact_match_lhs_opp, exact_match_rhs_opp: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the low end of the regression model, respectively
- exact_match_quality_opp: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the low end of the regression.
- top_rule_lhs, top_rule_rhs, top_rule_quality: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting min_support for high values of the dependent variable.
- top_rule_opp_lhs, top_rule_opp_rhs, top_rule_opp_quality: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting min_support for low values of the dependent variable.
- quality_table: A table summarizing the quality statistics for extracted association rules.
- freq_tables: Frequency tables (cutoffs and membership) for trichotomization binning.

Examples

```
# Example using the spi dataset from the psychTools package
sc <- psych::scoreVeryFast(psychTools::spi.keys, psychTools::spi)
spi_sc <- cbind(psychTools::spi, sc)
spi_sc_vars <- spi_sc |>
  dplyr::select(age, Agree, Consc, Neuro, Extra, Open)

formula <- age ~ Agree + Consc + Neuro + Extra + Open
example <- pervasive_tric(formula = formula, data = spi_sc_vars)
#From the results, it appears we would be rather unlikely to meet individuals
#with the patterns of personality traits suggested for old and young people
#by a linear regression when data is trichotomized.

example
```

pervasive_tric_glm	<i>Association Rule Mining With Trichotomized Data and a Binary outcome</i>
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Description

This function extracts a specific set of association rules and reports quality measures for these rules. The OPCP for the logistic regression model analyzed is also reported for a fuller pervasiveness context of the regression.

Usage

```
pervasive_tric_glm(formula, data, min_support = 0.03)
```

Arguments

formula	A formula specifying the dependent and independent variables.
data	A data frame containing the variables specified in the formula.
min_support	The minimum proportion of rows that a rule must have to be considered for top rules.

Value

@return A list with the following components:

- OPCP: Observed proportion of concordant pairs.
- adj_r_squared: Adjusted R-squared value for the regression model.
- exact_match_lhs, exact_match_rhs: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the regression model, respectively
- exact_match_quality: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the regression.

- `exact_match_lhs_opp`, `exact_match_rhs_opp`: The left and right-hand side of the rule suggested by the low end of the regression model, respectively
- `exact_match_quality_opp`: Quality metrics for the rule suggested by the low end of the regression.
- `top_rule_lhs`, `top_rule_rhs`, `top_rule_quality`: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting `min_support` for high values of the dependent variable.
- `top_rule_opp_lhs`, `top_rule_opp_rhs`, `top_rule_opp_quality`: Information relevant to the highest lift rule meeting `min_support` for low values of the dependent variable.
- `quality_table`: A table summarizing the quality statistics for extracted association rules.
- `freq_tables`: Frequency tables (cutoffs and membership) for trichotomization binning.

Examples

```
# Example using the spi dataset from the psychTools package
sc <- psych::scoreVeryFast(psychTools::spi.keys, psychTools::spi)
spi_sc <- cbind(psychTools::spi, sc)
spi_sc_vars <- spi_sc |>
  dplyr::select(age, Agree, Consc, Neuro, Extra, Open)

formula <- age ~ Agree + Consc + Neuro + Extra + Open
example <- pervasive_tric(formula = formula, data = spi_sc_vars)
#From the results, it appears we would be rather unlikely to meet
#individuals with the patterns of personality traits suggested for
#old and young people by a linear regression when data is trichotomized.
example
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