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check\_relativity

Function to check the input Covariate Relativities

# **Description**

Performs assertions on inputted relativities, will raise an error if any checks fail. Currently checks on the: necessary column names used in dataframe, required factors and levels based on inputted factors, inputted relativities being non-negative numbers.

# Usage

```
check_relativity(factors, relativity)
```

# **Arguments**

factors named list of vectors, containing the name of the covariates and associated fac-

tors in vector form.

relativity relativity dataframe as defined in relativity\_template.

claims

Construction of a claims Object

# Description

Constructs a claims object which stores all the simulated quantities.

# Usage

```
claims(
   frequency_vector,
   occurrence_list,
   claim_size_list,
   notification_list,
   settlement_list,
   no_payments_list,
   payment_size_list,
   payment_delay_list,
   payment_time_list,
   payment_inflated_list
)
```

claim\_closure

### **Arguments**

```
frequency_vector
                  a vector of claim frequencies for all the periods.
occurrence_list
                  list of claim occurrence times.
claim_size_list
                  list of claim sizes.
notification_list
                  list of notification delays.
settlement_list
                  list of settlement delays.
no_payments_list
                  list of number of partial payments.
payment_size_list
                  (compound) list of payment size pattern (without inflation).
payment_delay_list
                  (compound) list of inter partial delays.
payment_time_list
                  (compound) list of payment times on a continuous time scale.
payment_inflated_list
                  (compound) list of payment size pattern (after inflation).
```

# Value

Returns a claims object (mainly a reformat of the arguments as a list object), with the 10 components as listed above.

claim\_closure

Claim Closure

# Description

Simulates and returns the closure/settlement delays of each of the claims occurring in each of the periods, assuming a Weibull distribution.

# Usage

```
claim_closure(frequency_vector, claim_size_list, rfun, paramfun, ...)
```

# Arguments

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rfun optional alternative random sampling function; if not specified, assumes Weibull.

parameters for the random sampling function, as a function of claim\_size and occurrence\_period; see Details.

other arguments/parameters to be passed onto paramfun.

#### **Details**

Claim settlement delay represents the delay from claim notification to closure. The epoch of closure is the sum of occurrence time, notification delay and settlement delay.

By default, it is assumed that the settlement delay follows a Weibull distribution. The default Weibull parameters have been set up such that the mean settlement delay (in quarters, but automatically converted to the relevant time\_unit as defined in set\_parameters) is porportional to

$$min(25, max(1, 6 + 4log[claim_size/(0.10 * ref_claim)]))$$

(where ref\_claim is a packagewise-global variable that user is required to define by set\_parameters) up to a scaling factor "a", which is dependent on occurrence\_perid. Specifically,

```
a = min(0.85, 0.65 + 0.02 * (occurrence_period - 21))
```

if claim\_size  $< (0.10 * ref_claim)$  and occurrence\_period  $\ge 21$ , and

$$a = max(0.85, 1 - 0.0075 * occurrence_period)$$

otherwise. The CoV of the settlement delay is constant at 60%, independent of the size and occurrence period of the claim.

Note that this function can create out-of-bound settlement dates. In these cases, the simulated epoch of occurrence of the transaction is maintained throughout the simulation of details of the claim concerned. Adjustments will only be made for the tabulation of results in claim\_output and payment inflation.

Of course, like any other SynthETIC modules, the user may wish to sample from a different distribution rfun and/or a different set of parameters. The paramfun should return the distribution parameters in a **vector**, e.g. for gamma distribution paramfun should return a value in the format of c(shape = , scale = ), for exponential distribution this should return c(rate = ). See Examples. If a rfun is specified without a paramfun, SynthETIC will try to proceed without parameterisation (i.e. directly calling rfun with claim size and occurrence period), and if it fails, then return an error message.

### Value

A list of settlement delays such that the ith component of the list gives the settlement delays for all claims that occurred in period i.

```
n_vector <- c(90, 79, 102, 78, 86, 88, 116, 84, 93, 104)
# Try a constant Weibull distribution
# (i.e. independent of claim size and occurrence period)</pre>
```

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claim\_frequency

Claim Frequency

### **Description**

Returns the number of insurance claims occurring in each of the periods.

### Usage

```
claim_frequency(
    I = 40,
    E = 12000,
    freq = 0.03,
    simfun,
    type = c("r", "p"),
    ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

1	number of claims development periods considered.
Е	effective annual exposure associated with each period (vector).
freq	expected frequency per unit exposure for each period (vector).
simfun	optional alternative sampling distribution; see Details.
type	the type of simfun provided. The default is a random generation function (e.g. rpois); the alternative "p" is any valid cumulative distribution function (e.g. ppois).
	other arguments/parameters to be passed onto simfun.

### **Details**

Unless otherwise specified, claim\_frequency() assumes the claim frequency follows a Poisson distribution with mean equal to the product of exposure E associated with period i and expected claim frequency freq per unit exposure for that period.

If no arguments are provided, by default claim\_frequency() assumes a total of 40 development

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periods, constant exposure rate at 12000 per year and constant frequency at 0.03 per unit of exposure.

If one wishes to use an alternative sampling distribution for claim frequency, they could declare such specification through the simfun argument. The simfun argument takes both random generation functions (type = "r", the default) and cumulative distribution functions (type = "p"). For the latter, claim\_frequency() will first search for the existence of the corresponding r-function. If it notes the existence of such an r-function (e.g. rpois for simfun = ppois), it will directly apply the r-function to optimise simulation efficiency. Otherwise, the function uses a numerical inverse transform method for simulation (see simulate\_cdf), which may not be the most efficient and can potentially result in errors if an appropriate range is not specified in the optional arguments.

Pre-defined distribution functions such as ppois are supported.

### **Examples**

```
no_period <- 40
exposure <- c(rep(12000, no_period))
exp_freq <- c(rep(0.03, no_period))
# returns the same result as claim_frequency()
claim_frequency(I = no_period, E = exposure, freq = exp_freq)
# use a pre-defined random generation function
claim_frequency(I = 10, simfun = rpois, lambda = 80)
# or equivalently, through a distribution function
claim_frequency(I = 10, simfun = ppois, type = "p", lambda = 80)</pre>
```

claim\_notification

Claim Notification

# Description

Simulates and returns the notification/reporting delays of each of the claims occurring in each of the periods, according to a user-specified distribution (by default a Weibull).

### Usage

```
claim_notification(frequency_vector, claim_size_list, rfun, paramfun, ...)
```

# Arguments

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#### **Details**

Claim notification delay represents the delay from claim occurrence to reporting. SynthETIC assumes the (removable) dependence of notification delay on claim size and occurrence period of the claim, thus requiring the user to specify a paramfun of claim\_size and occurrence\_period (with the option to add more arguments as needed).

The paramfun should return the distribution parameters in a **vector**, e.g. for gamma distribution paramfun should return a value in the format of c(shape = , scale = ), for exponential distribution this should return c(rate = ). See Examples. If a rfun is specified without a paramfun, SynthETIC will try to proceed without parameterisation (i.e. directly calling rfun with claim size and occurrence period), and if it fails, return an error message.

By default, it is assumed that the notification delay follows a Weibull distribution, and that the mean notification delay (in quarters) is given by

```
min(3, max(1, 2 - [log(claim_size/(0.50 * ref_claim))]/3))
```

automatically converted to the relevant time\_unit defined by user at the top of their script through set\_parameters. Note that the ref\_claim in the equation is another package-wise global variable that the user needs to define through set\_parameters as it determines the monetary scale of the simulator. The CoV (Coefficient of Variation) of the notification delay is assumed to be constant at 70%, independent of the size and occurrence period of the claim.

Of course, the user may wish to sample from a different distribution rfun and/or a different set of parameters. An example is given below.

## Value

A list of notification delays such that the ith component of the list gives the notification delays for all claims that occurred in period i.

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claim\_occurrence

Claim Occurrence Times

### **Description**

Returns the occurrence times of each of the claims occurring in each of the periods, assuming the occurrence time of any claim in period i is uniformly distributed between times i-1 and i.

# Usage

```
claim_occurrence(frequency_vector)
```

# Arguments

frequency\_vector

a vector of claim frequencies for all the periods.

#### Value

A list of occurrence times such that the ith component of the list gives the claim occurrence time for all claims that occurred in period i.

### **Examples**

```
n_vector <- c(90, 79, 102, 78, 86, 88, 116, 84, 93, 104)
# occurrence time for all claims originating from period 1
claim_occurrence(n_vector)[[1]]</pre>
```

claim\_output

Loss Reserving Output

# Description

Outputs the full (or past) square of claim payments by occurrence period and development period. The upper left triangle represents the past, and the lower right triangle the unseen future.

Users can modify the aggregate level by providing an aggregate\_level argument to the function. For example, setting aggregate\_level = 4 when working with calendar *quarters* produces a payment square by occurrence and development *year*.

Users will also have the option to decide whether to include the out-of-bound transactions to the maximum DQ, or to leave them in a separate "tail" cell, see Details.

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### Usage

```
claim_output(
  frequency_vector,
  payment_time_list,
  payment_size_list,
  aggregate_level = 1,
  incremental = TRUE,
  future = TRUE,
  adjust = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

frequency\_vector

a vector of claim frequencies for all the periods.

payment\_time\_list

(compound) list of payment times (both the continuous time scale and the discrete period versions work).

payment\_size\_list

(compound) list of payment size pattern (can be either with or without inflation).

aggregate\_level

number of periods to be aggregated together; must be a divisor of the total num-

ber of periods under consideration (default 1).

incremental logical; if true returns the incremental payment square, else returns the cumula-

tive payment square.

future logical; if true shows the full claim triangle (i.e. including claim payments in

future periods), else shows only the past triangle (default TRUE).

adjust logical; if true accumulates all payments beyond the max development period

to the last development period, else shows a separate "tail" column for all the

out-of-bound transactions.

# Details

Remark on out-of-bound payment times: This function allows adjustment for out-of-bound transaction dates, by forcing payments that were projected to fall out of the maximum development period to be paid at the exact end of the maximum development period allowed (when we set adjust = TRUE, which is the default behaviour). For example, if we consider 40 periods of development and a claim incurred in the interval (20, 21] was projected to have a payment at time 62.498210, then for the purpose of tabulation, we can

- treat such a payment as if it occurred at time 60 (adjust = TRUE);
- leave the payment in the "tail" cell, so the user can see the proportion of payments beyond the maximum development period (adjust = FALSE).

### Value

An array of claims payments.

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### **Examples**

claim\_payment\_delay

Inter-Partial Delays

# **Description**

Simulates and returns the inter-partial delays (i.e. the delay of one partial payment relative to the previous) of each payment for each of the claims occurring in each of the periods.

# Usage

```
claim_payment_delay(
   frequency_vector,
   claim_size_list,
   no_payments_list,
   settlement_list,
   rfun,
   paramfun,
   ...
)
```

# Arguments

#### **Details**

Returns a compound list structure such that the jth component of the ith sub-list gives the payment delay pattern (as a vector) for the jth claim of occurrence period i.

The default rfun is split into 2 cases.

Case 1: claims with at least 4 partial payments. The simulation takes 2 steps. First we sample the last payment delay from a Weibull distribution with mean = 1 quarter (automatically converted to the relevant time\_unit, a global variable that the user is required to define at the top of their code) and CoV = 20%. Then we sample the remaining payment delays from a second Weibull distribution with CoV at 35% and mean = target mean settlement delay (see claim\_closure) divided by the number of payments.

Case 2: claims with less than 4 partial payments. Proceed as in Case 1 but without separating out the simulation of the last payment delay (i.e. ignore step 1).

# **Examples**

```
# set up
n_vector <- claim_frequency(I = 10)</pre>
claim_sizes <- claim_size(n_vector)</pre>
no_payments <- claim_payment_no(n_vector, claim_sizes)</pre>
setldel <- claim_closure(n_vector, claim_sizes)</pre>
# with default setting
pmtdel <- claim_payment_delay(n_vector, claim_sizes, no_payments, setldel)</pre>
pmtdel[[1]][[1]] # payment delays for claim 1 of occurrence period 1
# with some custom rfun
# simplistic case: payments times are uniformly distributed
my_func <- function(n, setldel) {</pre>
  prop <- runif(n)</pre>
  prop <- prop / sum(prop)</pre>
  setldel * prop
}
mypayments <- claim_payment_delay(n_vector, claim_sizes, no_payments, setIdel,</pre>
                                     rfun = my_func)
# inter-partial delays for claim 1 of occurrence period 1
mypayments[[1]][[1]]
```

claim\_payment\_inflation

Size of Partial Payments (With Inflation)

# **Description**

Converts the (compound) list of constant-dollar-value payment sizes to a (compound) list of inflated payment sizes by applying inflation rates on a continuous time scale.

Compare with claim\_payment\_size() which generates the constant dollar amount of partial payment sizes. Note that the constant dollar values are as of time 0.

### Usage

```
claim_payment_inflation(
   frequency_vector,
   payment_size_list,
   payment_time_list,
   occurrence_list,
   claim_size_list,
   base_inflation_vector,
   si_occurrence_function,
   si_payment_funtion
)
```

# **Arguments**

vector showing **quarterly** base inflation rates (quarterly effective) for all the periods under consideration (default at nil base inflation).

si\_occurrence\_function

function of occurrence\_time and claim\_size that outputs the superimposed inflation index with respect to claim occurrence time (see Details for the default inflation function).

si\_payment\_funtion

function of payment\_time and claim\_size that outputs the superimposed inflation index with respect to payment time (see Details for the default inflation function).

#### **Details**

Returns a compound list structure such that the jth component of the ith sub-list gives the **inflated** payment pattern (as a vector) for the jth claim of occurrence period i.

By default we assume

- Nil base inflation.
- No superimposed inflation by (continuous) occurrence time for the first 20 quarters (converted to the relevant time\_unit); beyond 20 quarters, the inflation index is given by

```
1 - 0.4max(0, 1 - claim_size/(0.25 * ref_claim))
```

where ref\_claim is a package-wise global variable that user is required to define at the top of their code using set\_parameters. The interpretation is that, due to some external change to the insurance scheme at the end of occurrence quarter 20, the smallest claims will reduce by up to 40% in size. This change will not impact claims exceeding 0.25\*ref\_claim in size. The reduction varies linearly between these claim sizes.

• Superimposed inflation by (continuous) payment time operates at a period rate of

```
\gamma * max(0, 1 - claim_size/ref_claim)
```

where  $\gamma$  is equivalent to a 30% p.a. inflation rate (converted to the relevant time\_unit). The interpretation is that, for claims of small size the payment time superimposed inflation tends to be very high (30% p.a.); whereas for claims exceeding ref\_claim in dollar values as of t=0, the payment time superimposed inflation is nil. The rate of inflation varies linearly between claim sizes of zero and ref\_claim.

Remark on continuous inflation: We note that SynthETIC works with exact transaction times, so time has been measured continuously throughout the program. This allows us to apply inflation on a continuous time scale too. For example, we asked the users to provide base inflation as a vector of quarterly base inflation rates, quarterly effective for all the periods under consideration. This data is generally available online (e.g. the Australian quarterly inflation is available on RBA's website - see link). We then interpolate the quarterly inflation rates to compute the addition of inflation by exact times. In the case of above, if we observed quarterly inflation rates of 0.6%, 0.5%, 0.7% and 0.3% for one particular year, then the base inflation applied to a payment at time t=1.82 quarters will be  $1.006*1.005^{0.82}$ .

**Remark on out-of-bound payment times**: This function includes adjustment for out-of-bound transaction dates, by forcing payments that were projected to fall out of the maximum development period to be paid at the exact end of the maximum development period allowed. For example, if we consider 40 periods of development and a claim incurred in the interval (20, 21] was projected to have a payment at time 62.498210, then we would treat such a payment as if it occurred at time 60 for the purpose of inflation.

```
# remove SI occurrence and SI payment
SI_occurrence <- function(occurrence_time, claim_size) {1}
SI_payment <- function(payment_time, claim_size) {1}
# base inflation constant at 0.02 p.a. effective
# (length is 80 to cover the maximum time period)
base_inflation_vector <- rep((1 + 0.02)^(1/4) - 1, times = 80)
attach(test_claims_object)
payment_inflated_list <- claim_payment_inflation(
    frequency_vector, payment_size_list, payment_time_list,
    occurrence_list, claim_size_list, base_inflation_vector,
    SI_occurrence, SI_payment
)
detach(test_claims_object) # undo the attach
# inflated payments for claim 1 of occurrence period 1
payment_inflated_list[[1]][[1]]</pre>
```

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claim\_payment\_no

Number of Partial Payments

### Description

Simulates and returns the number of partial payments required to settle each of the claims occurring in each of the periods.

### Usage

```
claim_payment_no(frequency_vector, claim_size_list, rfun, paramfun, ...)
```

### Arguments

frequency\_vector

a vector of claim frequencies for all the periods.

claim\_size\_list

list of claim sizes.

rfun optional alternative random sampling function; see Details for default.

parameters for the random sampling function, as a function of claim\_size; see

Details.

... other arguments/parameters to be passed onto paramfun, e.g. if going with the

default sampling distribution, you can specify a claim\_size\_benchmark\_1 (be-

low which claims are assumed to be settled with 1 or 2 payments) and claim\_size\_benchmark\_2

(below which claims are assumed to be settled with 2 or 3 payments).

#### **Details**

Returns a list structure such that the ith component of the list gives the number of partial payments required to settle each of the claims that occurred in period i. It is assumed that at least one payment is required i.e. no claims are settled without any single cash payment.

Let M represent the number of partial payments associated with a particular claim. The default simulate\_no\_pmt\_function is set up such that if claim\_size  $\leq$  claim\_size\_benchmark\_1,

$$Pr(M = 1) = Pr(M = 2) = 1/2;$$

if claim\_size\_benchmark\_1 < claim\_size ≤ claim\_size\_benchmark\_2,

$$Pr(M = 2) = 1/3, Pr(M = 3) = 2/3;$$

if claim\_size > claim\_size\_benchmark\_2 then M is geometric with minimum 4 and mean

$$min(8, 4 + log(claim_size/claim_size_benchmark_2)).$$

Alternative sampling distributions are supported through rfun (the random generation function) and paramfun (which returns the parameters of rfun as a function of claim\_size). The paramfun should return the distribution parameters in a **vector**, e.g. for gamma distribution paramfun should return a value in the format of c(shape = , scale = ). If a rfun is specified without a paramfun, SynthETIC will try to proceed without parameterisation (i.e. directly calling rfun with claim\_size), and if it fails, then return an error message.

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### **Examples**

claim\_payment\_size

Size of Partial Payments (Without Inflation)

# Description

Simulates and returns the constant dollar amount of each partial payment (i.e.without inflation) for each of the claims occurring in each of the periods.

### Usage

```
claim_payment_size(
  frequency_vector,
  claim_size_list,
  no_payments_list,
  rfun,
  paramfun,
  ...
)
```

# Arguments

other arguments/parameters to be passed onto paramfun.

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#### **Details**

Returns a compound list structure such that the jth component of the ith sub-list gives the payment pattern (as a vector) for the jth claim of occurrence period i.

The default rfun is set up in three steps. First we sample the **complement** of the proportion of total claim size represented by the last two payments, from a Beta distribution with mean

```
1 - min(0.95, 0.75 + 0.04log[claim_size/(0.10 * ref_claim)])
```

where ref\_claim is a package-wise global variable that we ask the user to define at the top of their code using set\_parameters. CoV is assumed constant at 20%.

Next we simulate the proportion of last\_two\_pmts paid in the second last payment (*settlement of the claim*) from a Beta distribution with mean = 0.90 and CoV = 3%.

Lastly we sample the remaining payment proportions from a Beta distribution with mean

$$(1 - last_t wo_p ayments)/(no_p mt - 2)$$

and CoV = 10%, which is followed by a normalisation such that the proportions add up to 1.

In the cases where there are only 2 or 3 partial payments, proceed as if there were 4 or 5 payments respectively with last\_two\_payments = 0. The trivial case is when the claim is settled with a single payment, which must be of the same amount as the total claim size.

Alternative sampling distributions are supported through rfun (the random generation function) and paramfun (which returns the parameters of rfun as a function of claim\_size). The paramfun should return the distribution parameters in a **vector**, e.g. for gamma distribution paramfun should return a value in the format of c(shape = , scale = ). If a rfun is specified without a paramfun, SynthETIC will try to proceed without parameterisation (i.e. directly calling rfun with claim\_size), and if it fails, then return an error message.

# **Explanation**

Why did we set up a payment pattern as above?

The payment pattern is set up to reflect the typical pattern of a claim from an Auto liability line of business, which usually consists of:

- 1. (possibly) some small payments such as police reports, medical consultations and reports;
- 2. some more substantial payments such as hospitalisation, specialist medical procedures, equipment (e.g. prosthetics);
- 3. a final settlement with the claimant (usually the second last payment);
- 4. a smaller final payment, usually covering legal costs.

Claims in a number of other lines of business exhibit a similar structure, albeit with possible differences in the types of payment made.

```
# set up
n_vector <- claim_frequency(I = 10)
claim_sizes <- claim_size(n_vector)</pre>
```

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```
no_payments <- claim_payment_no(n_vector, claim_sizes)

# with default rfun
payments <- claim_payment_size(n_vector, claim_sizes, no_payments)
# partial payment sizes for claim 1 of occurrence period 1
payments[[1]][[1]]

# with some custom rfun
# simplistic case: (stochastically) equal amounts
my_func <- function(n, claim_size) {
   prop <- runif(n)
   prop <- prop / sum(prop)
   claim_size * prop
}
mypayments <- claim_payment_size(n_vector, claim_sizes, no_payments, my_func)
# partial payment sizes for claim 1 of occurrence period 1
mypayments[[1]][[1]]</pre>
```

claim\_payment\_time

Partial Payment Times (in Continuous Time Scale)

# Description

Converts the list of inter-partial delays to a list of payment times in continuous time scale. Set discrete = TRUE to get the payment times in calendar periods.

### Usage

```
claim_payment_time(
  frequency_vector,
  occurrence_list,
  notification_list,
  payment_delay_list,
  discrete = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

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#### **Details**

Returns a compound list structure such that the jth component of the ith sub-list gives the payment time pattern (as a vector) for the jth claim of occurrence period i.

Note that, as in the case of claim\_closure, this function can result in out-of-bound payment dates (i.e. payment times beyond the maximum number of development periods under consideration). In these cases, we retain the original simulated values for the simulation of other quantities, but we will make adjustments for such claims in the tabulation of results in claim\_output and the payment inflation function claim\_payment\_inflation.

claim\_size

Claim Size

# **Description**

Simulates and returns the size of each of the claims occurring in each of the periods, given its cumulative distribution function.

Note that claim\_size() aims to model the claim sizes without inflation.

### Usage

```
claim_size(frequency_vector, simfun, type = c("r", "p"), ...)
```

# Arguments

frequency\_vector

a vector of claim frequencies for all the periods.

simfun optional alternative sampling distribution; see Details.

type the type of simfun provided. The default is a random generation function (e.g.

rweibull); the alternative "p" is any valid cumulative distribution function (e.g.

pweibull).

... other arguments/parameters to be passed onto simfun.

### **Details**

By default claim\_size() assumes a left truncated power normal distribution:  $S^0.2 Normal(9.5, sd = 3)$ , left truncated at 30. The truncation is done via resampling for rejected values.

Users can opt to use alternative distributions if desired. As discussed in claim\_frequency, users can declare such specification through the simfun argument, which takes both random generation functions (type = "r", the default) and cumulative distribution functions (type = "p"). See Examples.

For the latter, claim\_size() will first search for the existence of the corresponding r-function. If it notes the existence of such an r-function (e.g. rweibull for simfun = pweibull), it will directly

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apply the r-function to optimise simulation efficiency. Otherwise, the function uses a numerical inverse transform method for simulation (see simulate\_cdf), which may not be the most efficient and can potentially result in errors if an appropriate range is not specified in the optional arguments.

#### Value

A list of claim sizes such that the ith component of the list gives the sizes for all claims that occurred in period i.

# **Examples**

claim\_size\_adj

Covariates Claim Size Adjustment

# **Description**

Adjusts claim sizes given a set of covariates. Note that this function firstly simulates covariate levels for each claim, see simulate\_covariates.

# Usage

```
claim_size_adj(covariate_obj, claim_size)
```

# **Arguments**

```
covariate_obj a covariates object
claim_size a list in the same output as claim_size
```

#### Value

Returns a nested named list:

- covariates\_data which is a named list of covariate relativities (covariates), the simulated covariate levels (data) and the claim IDs.
- claim\_size\_adj which is a list of adjusted claim sizes such that the *i*th component of the list gives the sizes for all claims that occurred in period *i*.

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# **Description**

Adjusts claim sizes given the covariates related to each claim. The relative adjustment of each claim size is given by the severity relativities of the covariates.

### Usage

```
claim_size_adj.fit(covariates_data, claim_size)
```

# **Arguments**

covariates\_data

a covariates\_data object

claim\_size a list in the same output as claim\_size

covariates

Construction of a covariates Object

# **Description**

Constructs a covariates object which stores all covariate inputs. All covariates will be assumed discrete. Continuous covariates will have been discretized.

# Usage

```
covariates(factors)
```

# Arguments

factors

named list of vectors, containing the name of the covariates and associated factors in vector form.

### **Details**

Creating a covariates object will provide template relativities for the frequency and severity relativities. It is encouraged to use the setter functions set.covariates\_relativity to set these values to ensure that all necessary inputs are provided.

### Value

Returns a covariates object.

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### **Examples**

```
factors <- list(
"Legal Representation" = c("Y", "N"),
"Injury Severity" = as.character(1:6),
"Age of Claimant" = c("0-15", "15-30", "30-50", "50-65", "over 65"))
covariate_obj <- covariates(factors)</pre>
```

covariates\_data

Construction of a covariates\_data Object

# **Description**

Constructs a covariates\_data object which stores the dataset of known covariate levels of each factor.

# Usage

```
covariates_data(covariates, data, covariates_id = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

covariates a covariates object

data a dataset of covariate values, with columns equal to each of the covariate factors

and rows related to individual claim observations.

covariates\_id optional list of list of ids, in the same format as a claim\_size output. Also see

to\_SynthETIC. Defaults to NULL.

### Value

Returns a covariates\_data object.

```
covariates_relativity Calculates Relativities
```

# **Description**

Calculates the relativities (freq or sev) of a set of covariate values.

# Usage

```
covariates_relativity(
  covariates_data,
  freq_sev = c("freq", "sev"),
  by_ids = FALSE
)
```

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### **Arguments**

covariates\_data

a covariates\_data object

freq\_sev one of freq or sev to calculate the frequency or severity relativity respectively.

by\_ids optional boolean to calculate reorder the result based off claim observations in-

stead of observations in the covariates dataset. Defaults to FALSE.

CV

# Description

Returns the observed coefficient of variation (CoV) of a given sample x.

Coefficient of Variation

If na.rm is true then missing values are removed before computation proceeds, as in the case of the mean() function.

# Usage

```
cv(x, na.rm = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

x a numeric vector.

na.rm a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the com-

putation proceeds.

### **Details**

The coefficient of variation is defined as is defined as the ratio of the standard deviation to the mean. It shows the extent of variability in relation to the mean of the population.

cv() estimates the CoV of a given sample by computing the ratio of the sample standard deviation (see stats::sd) to the sample mean.

# **Examples**

cv(1:10)

```
generate_claim_dataset
```

Generate a Claims Dataset

# **Description**

Generates a dataset of claims records that takes the same structure as test\_claim\_dataset included in this package, with each row representing a unique claim.

# Usage

```
generate_claim_dataset(
  frequency_vector,
  occurrence_list,
  claim_size_list,
  notification_list,
  settlement_list,
  no_payments_list
)
```

# **Arguments**

### Value

A dataframe that takes the same structure as test\_claim\_dataset.

### See Also

```
test_claim_dataset
```

### **Examples**

```
# demo only, in practice might generate claim dataset before simulating
# the partial payments
# this code generates the built-in test_claim_dataset
attach(test_claims_object)
claim_dataset <- generate_claim_dataset(
   frequency_vector, occurrence_list, claim_size_list, notification_list,
   settlement_list, no_payments_list
)
detach(test_claims_object)</pre>
```

generate\_transaction\_dataset

Generate a Transactions Dataset

### **Description**

Generates a dataset of partial payment records that takes the same structure as test\_transaction\_dataset included in this package, with each row representing a unique payment.

#### Usage

```
generate_transaction_dataset(claims, adjust = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

claims an claims object containing all the simulated quantities, see claims.

adjust if TRUE then the payment times will be forced to match with the maximum

development period under consideration; default FALSE (which will produce

out-of-bound payment times).

#### Value

A dataframe that takes the same structure as test\_transaction\_dataset.

### See Also

```
test_transaction_dataset
```

```
# this generates the built-in test_transaction_dataset
transact_data <- generate_transaction_dataset(test_claims_object)</pre>
```

# Description

Returns the Beta parameters given the mean and the CoV of the target Beta distribution.

### Usage

```
get_Beta_parameters(target_mean, target_cv)
```

### **Arguments**

```
target_mean mean of the target Beta distribution (between 0 and 1).
target_cv CoV of the target Beta distribution.
```

### **Examples**

```
get_Weibull_parameters
```

Estimating Weibull Parameters

# Description

Returns the Weibull shape and scale parameters given the mean and the CoV of the target Weibull distribution.

### Usage

```
get_Weibull_parameters(target_mean, target_cv)
```

# **Arguments**

```
target_mean mean of the target Weibull distribution.
target_cv CoV of the target Weibull distribution.
```

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# Description

Generates a plot of cumulative claims paid (as a percentage of total amount incurred) as a function of development time for each occurrence period.

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'claims'
plot(x, by_year = FALSE, inflated = TRUE, adjust = TRUE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

x	an object of class claims containing all the simulated quantities.
by_year	if TRUE returns a plot by occurrence year; otherwise returns a plot by occurrence period (default).
inflated	if TRUE shows a plot of payment pattern after inflation; otherwise shows a plot of discounted payment pattern.
adjust	if TRUE then the payment times will be forced to match with the maximum development period under consideration, otherwise the plot will see claims beyond the maximum development period; default TRUE.
	other graphical parameters.

# See Also

claims

# Examples

```
plot(test_claims_object)
plot(test_claims_object, adjust = FALSE)
```

```
plot_transaction_dataset
```

Plot of Cumulative Claims Payments (Incurred Pattern)

# Description

Generates a plot of cumulative claims paid (as a percentage of total amount incurred) as a function of development time for each occurrence period.

### Usage

```
plot_transaction_dataset(
    transactions,
    occurrence_time_col = "occurrence_time",
    payment_time_col = "payment_time",
    payment_size_col = "payment_inflated",
    by_year = FALSE,
    adjust = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

```
transactions a dataset of partial payment records.
```

occurrence\_time\_col

name of column that stores the time of occurrence of the claims (on a **continuous** scale).

payment\_time\_col

name of column that stores the time of partial payments of the claims (on a **continuous** scale).

payment\_size\_col

name of column that stores the size of partial payments of the claims.

by\_year if TRUE returns a plot by occurrence year; otherwise returns a plot by occurrence

period (default).

adjust if TRUE then the payment times will be forced to match with the maximum de-

velopment period under consideration, otherwise the plot will see claims beyond

the maximum development period; default TRUE.

#### See Also

```
generate_transaction_dataset
```

```
plot_transaction_dataset(test_transaction_dataset)

# Plot claim development without end-of-development-period correction
plot_transaction_dataset(test_transaction_dataset, adjust = FALSE)

# Plot claim development without inflation effects
plot_transaction_dataset(test_transaction_dataset, payment_size_col = "payment_size")
```

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# **Description**

Constructs a template for the covariate relativities based on the inputed covariates. Note that only non-zero relativities and one cross-factor relativity is needed for each factor pair.

### Usage

```
relativity_template(factors)
```

# **Arguments**

factors

named list of vectors, containing the name of the covariates and associated factors in vector form.

#### **Details**

Suppose that there are m covariates labelled  $c_i$ , i = 1, ..., m, and that covariate  $c_i$  can assume one and only one of  $n_i$  values,  $x_{ik}$ ,  $k = 1, ..., n_i$ . The total number of available covariate values is  $n = \sum_{i=1}^{m} n_o$ .

Now set up an  $n \times n$  matrix F, consisting of sub-matrices  $F_{ij}$ , i,j=1,...,m of dimension  $n_i \times n_j$ . The diagonal blocks  $F_{ii}$  will quantify first-order relativities on claims attributes, and the off-diagonal blocks  $F_{ij}$ ,  $j \neq i$  will quantify second-order effects. Let  $f_{ij,kl}$  denote the (k,l) element of  $F_{ij}$ . This element operates as a multiplier of the claim attribute when covariates  $c_i$  and  $c_j$  take values  $x_{ik}$  and  $x_jl$  respectively. Since  $c_i$  can assume only one of the values  $x_ik$ ,  $f_{ii,kl}=0$  for  $k \neq l$ , and so  $F_{ii}$  is diagonal for all i=1,...,m. Moreover,  $f_{ij,kl}=f_{ji,lk}$ , so that F is symmetric and  $f_{ij,kl}>0$ .

### Value

Returns a dataframe object, with five columns:

```
factor_i Factor i.

factor_j Factor j.

level_ik Level within Factor i.

level_jl Level within Factor j.

relativity Relativity between level_ik and level_jl, defaults to NA.
```

```
factors <- list(
    "Legal Representation" = c("Y", "N"),
    "Injury Severity" = as.character(1:6),
    "Age of Claimant" = c("0-15", "15-30", "30-50", "50-65", "over 65")
)</pre>
```

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```
relativity_freq <- relativity_template(factors)</pre>
relativity_sev <- relativity_template(factors)</pre>
# Default Values
relativity_freq$relativity <- c(</pre>
    1, 1,
    0.95, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    0.05, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    0.53, 0.3, 0.1, 0.05, 0.01, 0.01,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    0.183, 0.192, 0.274, 0.18, 0.171
)
relativity_sev$relativity <- c(</pre>
    2, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    0.6, 1.2, 2.5, 5, 8, 0.4,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1, 1, 1, 0.97, 0.95,
    1, 1, 1, 0.95, 0.9,
    1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
    1.25, 1.15, 1, 0.85, 0.7
)
head(relativity_freq)
head(relativity_sev)
test_covariates_obj <- covariates(factors)</pre>
test_covariates_obj <- set.covariates_relativity(</pre>
    covariates = test_covariates_obj,
    relativity = relativity_freq,
    freq_sev = "freq"
)
test_covariates_obj <- set.covariates_relativity(</pre>
    covariates = test_covariates_obj,
    relativity = relativity_sev,
    freq_sev = "sev"
)
```

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Get Current Parameters

# **Description**

Returns the current values of ref\_claim and time\_unit parameters, two packagewise-global variables used by all simulation functions within this package.

### Usage

```
return_parameters(print = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

print

logical; if TRUE prints a message.

### **Details**

Returns and (optionally) prints the current values of ref\_claim and time\_unit parameters.

### See Also

```
set_parameters
```

# **Examples**

```
cur <- return_parameters()
cur
set_parameters(ref_claim = 200000, time_unit = 1/12) # monthly reserving
return_parameters(print = FALSE)</pre>
```

```
set.covariates_relativity
```

Sets the claims relativity for a covariates object.

# Description

Sets the claims relativity for a covariates object.

### Usage

```
set.covariates_relativity(covariates, relativity, freq_sev = c("freq", "sev"))
```

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### **Arguments**

covariates an object of type covariates, see covariates

relativity see relativity\_template

freq\_sev one of "freq" or "sev" to adjust frequency or severity relativities respectively

### Value

Returns a covariates object.

#### See Also

```
covariates, relativity_template
```

set\_parameters

Set Packagewise Global Parameters for the Claims Simulator

# Description

Sets ref\_claim and time\_unit parameters for all the simulation functions within the SynthETIC package.

# Usage

```
set_parameters(ref_claim = 2e+05, time_unit = 1/4)
```

# **Arguments**

ref\_claim a reference value for the claim sizes (default 200000).

time\_unit time unit to work with, given as a fraction of a year; default calendar quarters

(1/4).

#### **Details**

Those variables will be available to multiple functions in this package, but are kept local to the package environment (i.e. not accessible from the global environment). To extract the current values of the variables, use return\_parameters.

We introduce the reference value ref\_claim partly as a measure of the monetary unit and/or overall claims experience. The default distributional assumptions were set up with an Australian Auto Liability portfolio in mind. ref\_claim then allows users to easily simulate a synthetic portfolio with similar claim pattern but in a different currency, for example. We also remark that users can alternatively choose to interpret ref\_claim as a monetary unit. For example, one can set ref\_claim <- 1000 and think of all amounts in terms of \$1,000. However, in this case the default simulation functions will not work and users will need to supply their own set of functions and set the values as multiples of ref\_claim rather than fractions as in the default setting.

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We also require the user to input a time\_unit (which should be given as a fraction of year), so that the default input parameters apply to contexts where the time units are no longer in quarters. In the default setting we have a time\_unit of 1/4 i.e. we work with calendar quarters.

The default input parameters will update automatically with the choice of the two variables ref\_claim and time\_unit, which ensures that the simulator produce sensible results in contexts other than the default setting. We remark that both ref\_claim and time\_unit only affect the default simulation functions, and users can also choose to set up their own modelling assumptions for any of the modules to match their experiences even better. In the latter case, it is the responsibility of the user to ensure that their input parameters are compatible with their time units and claims experience. For example, if the time units are quarters, then claim occurrence rates must be quarterly.

#### See Also

See the vignette for this package for a full list of functions impacted by those two variables.

# **Examples**

```
set_parameters(ref_claim = 200000, time_unit = 1/12) # monthly reserving
```

simulate\_cdf

Inverse Tranform Sampling

# Description

Generates sample numbers at random from any probability distribution given its cumulative distribution function. Pre-defined distribution functions such as pnorm are supported.

See here for the algorithm.

# Usage

```
simulate\_cdf(n, cdf, range = c(-1e+200, 1e+200), ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
n number of observations.
cdf cumulative distribution function to be sampled from.
range support of the given cdf.
... other arguments/parameters to be passed onto cdf.
```

```
simulate_cdf(10, pnorm)
simulate_cdf(10, pbeta, shape1 = 2, shape2 = 2)
```

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# **Description**

Simulates covariates for each claim. The relative occurrence of each combination of covariates is given the frequency relativities of the covariates.

# Usage

```
simulate_covariates(
  covariates,
  frequency_vector = 1,
  claim_size_list = list(1)
)
```

# **Arguments**

# Value

Returns a covariates\_data object.

test\_claims\_object Claims Data in List Format

### **Description**

A list containing a sample output from each of the simulation modules, in sequential order of the running of the modules. This is the test data generated when run with seed 20200131 at the top of the code.

# Usage

```
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```

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#### **Format**

A claims object with 10 components:

frequency vector vector; number of claims for each occurrence period, see also claim\_frequency().

**occurrence\_list** list; claim occurrence times for all claims that occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_occurrence().

claim size list list; claim sizes for all claims that occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_size().

notification\_list list; notification delays for all claims that occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_notification().

**settlement\_list** list; settlement delays for all claims that occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_closure().

no\_payments\_list list; number of partial payments for all claims that occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_payment\_no().

payment\_size\_list (compound) list; sizes of partial payments (without inflation) for all claims that
 occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_payment\_size().

**payment\_delay\_list** (compound) list; inter partial delays for all claims that occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_payment\_delay().

payment\_time\_list (compound) list; payment times (on a continuous time scale) for all claims that
 occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_payment\_time().

payment\_inflated\_list (compound) list; sizes of partial payments (with inflation) for all claims
that occurred in each of the period, see also claim\_payment\_inflation().

### See Also

1. Claim occurrence: claim\_frequency, claim\_occurrence

2. Claim size: claim\_size

3. Claim notification: claim\_notification

4. Claim closure: claim\_closure

5. Claim payment count: claim\_payment\_no

6. Claim payment size (without inflation): claim\_payment\_size

7. Claim payment time: claim\_payment\_delay, claim\_payment\_time

8. Claim inflation: claim\_payment\_inflation

### **Examples**

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```
test_claims_object_cov
```

Claims Data in List Format

# **Description**

The test\_claims\_object where the default set of covariates have been applied to adjust claim sizes.

# Usage

```
test_claims_object_cov
```

#### **Format**

An object of class claims of length 10.

### **Examples**

test\_claims\_object\$frequency\_vector

test\_claim\_dataset

Claims Dataset

# Description

A dataset of 3,624 rows containing individual claims features.

# Usage

```
test_claim_dataset
```

### **Format**

A data frame with 3,624 rows and 7 variables:

claim\_no claim number, which uniquely characterises each claim.

occurrence\_period integer; period of ocurrence of the claim.

occurrence\_time double; time of occurrence of the claim.

claim\_size size of the claim (in constant dollar values).

notidel notification delay of the claim, i.e. time from occurrence to notification.

setIdel settlement delay of the claim, i.e. time from notification to settlement.

no\_payment number of partial payments required for the claim.

```
# see a distribution of payment counts
table(test_claim_dataset$no_payment)
```

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```
test_claim_dataset_cov
```

Claims Dataset

# **Description**

The test\_claim\_dataset where the default set of covariates have been applied to adjust claim sizes.

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## Usage

```
test_claim_dataset_cov
```

#### **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 3624 rows and 7 columns.

# **Examples**

```
# see a distribution of payment counts
table(test_claim_dataset_cov$no_payment)
```

```
test_covariates_dataset
```

Covariates Data Object

### **Description**

An object detailing the set of covariates for each claim in the default setting of SynthETIC.

# Usage

```
test_covariates_dataset
```

### **Format**

A covariates\_data object with 3 components:

```
data data.frame; a dataset of covariate levelscovariates covariates; a covariates objectids list; indices of the covariate-level dataset for each claim
```

```
test_covariates_dataset$data
```

test\_covariates\_obj Covariates Object

# **Description**

A list containing the frequency and severity relativities for three factors.

### Usage

test\_covariates\_obj

# **Format**

A covariates object with 3 components:

factors list; levels within each factor.

**relativity\_freq** data.frame; first and second order frequency relativities between all the levels of each factor

**relativity\_sev** data.frame; first and second order severity relativities between all the levels of each factor

# **Examples**

test\_covariates\_obj\$factors

 $test\_transaction\_dataset$ 

Transactions Dataset

# **Description**

A dataset of 18,983 records of partial payments associated with the 3,624 claims in test\_claim\_dataset.

## Usage

 $test\_transaction\_dataset$ 

### **Format**

A data frame with 18,983 rows and 12 variables:

claim\_no claim number, which uniquely characterises each claim.

pmt\_no payment number, identification number of partial payments in respect of a particular claim\_no.

occurrence\_period integer; period of ocurrence of the claim.

occurrence\_time double; time of occurrence of the claim.

claim\_size size of the claim (in constant dollar values).

notidel notification delay of the claim, i.e. time from occurrence to notification.

setIdel settlement delay of the claim, i.e. time from notification to settlement.

payment\_time double; time of payment (on a continuous time scale).

payment\_period integer; time of payment (in calendar period).

**payment\_size** size of the payment in constant dollar terms.

payment\_inflated actual size of the payment (i.e. with inflation).

payment\_delay inter partial delay associated with the payment.

test\_transaction\_dataset\_cov

Transactions Dataset

### **Description**

The test\_transaction\_dataset where the default set of covariates have been applied to adjust claim sizes.

### Usage

test\_transaction\_dataset\_cov

# **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 18983 rows and 12 columns.

to\_SynthETIC

Conversion to SynthETIC Format

### **Description**

Converts a vector of simulated quantities (e.g. claim occurrence times, claim sizes) to a list format consistent with what is used for SynthETIC simulation; to be used when user wishes to replace one or more of the SynthETIC modules with their own.

# Usage

```
to_SynthETIC(x, frequency_vector, level = c("clm", "pmt"), no_payments_list)
```

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# Arguments

# **Details**

It is assumed that the simulated quantities in x is provided in chronological order, e.g. if there are 30 claims in period 1 and x is on a "clm" level, then the first 30 elements of x should give the measures for those 30 claims. Likewise, if x is on a "pmt" level, and the first claim in period 1 has 5 payments, then the first 5 elements of x should give the measures for those 5 payments.

### Value

A list of quantities such that the ith component of the list gives the corresponding measure for all claims that occurred in period i.

```
freq <- claim_frequency()
my_claims <- rweibull(sum(freq), shape = 4, scale = 100000)
claim_sizes <- to_SynthETIC(my_claims, freq)</pre>
```

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