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`ehCalcD` *Function to calculate the D metric in a case/control setting*

Description

`ehCalcD` takes a data set and information about class membership and calculates the D metric.

Usage

```
ehCalcD(data, cls, k, formula)
```

Arguments

data	a data frame with the covariates
cls	the class variable with values 0 through k, where 0 is for control subjects and 1:k are labels for the subtypes
k	is the number of classes
formula	is the model formula for the polytomous logistic regression model, with "resp" on the lhs and the covariates of interest, located in data on the rhs

Value

returns a 3-digit numeric value

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References

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ehpoly *Conduct an analysis of etiologic heterogeneity using polytomous logistic regression*

Description

ehpoly takes a list of individual tumor markers and a list of risk factors and returns results related to the question of whether each risk factor differs across levels of the disease subtypes and the question of whether each risk factor differs across levels of each individual tumor marker of which the disease subtypes are comprised.

Input is a dataframe that contains the individual tumor markers, the risk factors of interest, and an indicator of case or control status. The tumor markers must be binary and must have levels 0 or 1 for cases. The tumor markers should be left missing for control subjects. For categorical tumor markers, a reference level should be selected and then indicator variables for each remaining level of the tumor marker should be created. For continuous tumor markers, categories should be formed and then indicator variables can be constructed as in the case of categorical tumor markers. Risk factors can be either binary or continuous. For categorical risk factors, a reference level should be selected and then indicator variables for each remaining level of the risk factor should be created. Categorical risk factors entered as is will be treated as ordinal.

Usage

```
ehpoly(tm, rf, case, df)
```

Arguments

tm	a list of the names of the binary tumor markers. Each must have levels 0 or 1 for case subjects. This value will be missing for all control subjects.
rf	a list of the names of the binary or continuous risk factors. For binary risk factors the lowest level will be used as the reference level.
case	denotes the variable that contains each subject's status as a case or control. This value should be 1 for cases and 0 for controls. Argument must be supplied in quotes.
df	the name of the dataframe that contains the tumor markers and risk factors.

Value

Returns a list.

beta is a matrix containing the estimated beta parameters with a column for each risk factor and a row for each disease subtype.

beta_se contains the associated standard errors.

eh_pval is a vector of p-values for testing whether each risk factor differs across levels of the disease subtype.

gamma is a matrix containing the estimated gamma parameters, obtained as linear combinations of the beta parameters with a column for each risk factor and a row for each tumor marker.

gamma_se contains the associated standard errors.

gamma_p is a matrix of p-values for testing whether each risk factor differs across levels of each tumor marker, with a column for each risk factor and a row for each tumor marker.

or_ci_p is a dataframe with a odds ratio (95 factor/subtype combination, as well as a column of etiologic heterogeneity p-values.

beta_se_p is a dataframe with the estimated beta parameters (SE) for each risk factor/subtype combination, as well as a column of etiologic heterogeneity p-values.

gamma_se_p is a dataframe with estimates of the gamma tumor marker effects (SE) and their associated p-values.

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ehpoly2 *Conduct an analysis of etiologic heterogeneity using polytomous logistic regression*

Description

ehpoly2 takes a vector of class labels for pre-specified subtypes and a list of risk factors and returns results related to the question of whether each risk factor differs across levels of the disease subtypes

Input is a dataframe that contains the risk factors of interest and a variable containing numeric class labels that is 0 for control subjects. Risk factors can be either binary or continuous. For categorical risk factors, a reference level should be selected and then indicator variables for each remaining level of the risk factor should be created. Categorical risk factors entered as is will be treated as ordinal. Class labels for the cases can be specified as a vector.

Usage

```
ehpoly2(cls, m, rf, df)
```

Arguments

cls	the name of the variable in the data that contains numeric class labels. This should be 0 for all controls. Argument must be supplied in quotes.
m	is the number of subtypes
rf	a list of the names of the binary or continuous risk factors. For binary risk factors the lowest level will be used as the reference level.
df	the name of the dataframe that contains the tumor markers and risk factors.

Value

Returns a list.

beta is a matrix containing the estimated beta parameters with a column for each risk factor and a row for each disease subtype.

beta_se contains the associated standard errors.

eh_pval is a vector of p-values for testing whether each risk factor differs across levels of the disease subtype.

or_ci_p is a dataframe with a odds ratio (95 factor/subtype combination, as well as a column of etiologic heterogeneity p-values.

beta_se_p is a dataframe with the estimated beta parameters (SE) for each risk factor/subtype combination, as well as a column of etiologic heterogeneity p-values.

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fstat_bin *Function to calculate the test statistic and proportion of variation explained using MDMR*

Description

fstat Computes the test statistic and proportion of variation explained using multivariate distance matrix regression. For binary tumor marker data. Uses asymmetric binary distance metric.

Usage

```
fstat_bin(Y, X)
```

Arguments

Y	an NxK matrix of tumor marker data
X	an NxP matrix of risk factor data

Value

returns a list containing f, the test statistic, and R, the proportion of variation explained

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