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bvn_prob	<i>upper tail probability of a standard binormal distribution</i>
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**Description**

calculate the bivariate normal probabilities for a given h,k and rho

**Usage**

bvn\_prob(h, k, rho)

**Arguments**

- h                      the cutoff value for x; will integrate from ‘h‘ to ‘Inf‘
- k                      the cutoff value for y; will integrate from ‘k‘ to ‘Inf‘
- rho                    the correlation of the bivariate normal distribution.

**Details**

This function calculates the following quantity,

$$L(h,k,\rho) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \int_h^\infty \int_k^\infty e^{-\frac{x^2-2\rho xy+y^2}{2(1-\rho^2)}} dx dy$$

using formula Eq.(3) in the reference.

**Value**

a p value

**References**

Genz A (2004). “Numerical computation of rectangular bivariate and trivariate normal and t probabilities.” *Statistics and Computing*, **14**(3), 251–260.  
<https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1023/B:STCO.0000035304.20635.31.pdf>

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calc_p1_or	<i>odds ratio and probabilities</i>
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**Description**

odds ratio and probabilities

**Usage**

```
calc_p1_or(p0, p1 = NULL, or = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

p0, p1	probability in the control/treatment arm
or	odds ratio which is expressed as odds_treatment/odds_control

**Details**

this two functions calculates odds ratio based on two probabilities, or probability of treatment given odds ratio and probability in the control arm

**Value**

probability in the treatment arm, or odds ratio

**Examples**

```
p0 <- 0.59; p1 <- 0.812; or <- 3;  
calc_p1_or(p0 = p0, or = or);  
calc_p1_or(p0 = p0, p1 = p1)
```

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compute_lambda	<i>Calculate <math>\lambda</math>'s based on the formula</i>
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**Description**

Calculate  $\lambda$ 's based on the formula

**Usage**

```
compute_lambda(os, osp, pfs)
```

**Arguments**

os	median os
osp	median OS after progression
pfs	median PFS

**Value**

a vector of lambda's and the theoretical correlation between OS and PFS

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cong_dat_gen	<i>Simulate data for all comers/enrichment population</i>
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### Description

Simulate data for all comers/enrichment population

### Usage

```
cong_dat_gen(nsbj, alloc = c(1, 1), b_size = 2, rate,
  enrichment = FALSE, marker_prob = c(0.7, 0.3),
  marker_name = c("DLL3+", "DLL3-"), par_ctrl_pos, par_ctrl_neg,
  par_trt_pos, par_trt_neg, ...)
```

### Arguments

nsbj	number of subjects to be simulated
alloc	allocation vector, length corresponds to number of arms; as to be integer; enter 1 if single arm
b_size	block size, has to be multiple of sum(alloc), enter 1 if single arm
rate	enrollment rate per unit time
enrichment	Is this data generated for enrichment population?
marker_prob	vector of prevalence probability of different category, if doesn't add up to 1, will automatically standardize and generates warning. For enrichment population, just set marker_prob = 1
marker_name	vector of names of different subgroup
par_trt_pos, par_trt_neg, par_ctrl_pos, par_ctrl_neg	parameter specification for treatment/control and biomarker positive/negative population. For enrichment data generation, par_trt_neg and par_ctrl_neg are set to be NULL
...	other parameters from function <a href="#">enrl_dat_gen</a>

### Value

a tibble of simulated survival data

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cong_final_analysis	<i>final analysis for Cong's method</i>
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### Description

final analysis for Cong's method

### Usage

```
cong_final_analysis(snapshot, marker_positive = "DLL3+",
  alpha1 = 0.0125, alpha2 = 0.0125)
```

**Arguments**

snapshot	the data snapshot
marker_positive	the label for biomarker positive population
alpha1	significance level for testing all-comers population
alpha2	significance level for testing biomarker positive population

**Value**

a tibble summarizing the analysis results

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cong_simu_trial	<i>Trial process simulation</i>
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**Description**

This function simulates survival data, performs enrichment analysis, based on which results, it enrolls biomarker positive population when enrichment is needed, or continues as the original trial when enrichment is not needed, and lastly, performs final analysis. Note that the final analysis is done on two analysis sets: all-comers and biomarker positive population; a win on either population will result in a positive outcome.

**Usage**

```
cong_simu_trial(n_allcomer, n_enrichment, alloc = c(1, 1), b_size = 2,
  rate, marker_positive = "DLL3+", marker_negative = "DLL3-",
  marker_prob = c(0.7, 0.3), sbj = 100, fu_time_ia = 2,
  n_event = 162, cutoff = 0, alpha1 = 0.0125, alpha2 = 0.0125,
  par_ctrl_pos = list(orr = 0.2, pfs_shape = 1, pfs_median = 7, corr =
  0), par_ctrl_neg = list(orr = 0.1, pfs_shape = 1, pfs_median = 6, corr
  = 0), par_trt_pos = list(orr = 0.1, pfs_shape = 1, pfs_median = 6, corr
  = 0), par_trt_neg = list(orr = 0.3, pfs_shape = 1, pfs_median = 10,
  corr = 0))

cong_simu_trial_parallel(nsim = 10, ncores = 4, ...)
```

**Arguments**

n_allcomer	number of subjects for all comers
n_enrichment	increased sample size for enrichment group
alloc	allocation vector, length corresponds to number of arms; as to be integer; enter 1 if single arm
b_size	block size, has to be multiple of sum(alloc), enter 1 if single arm
rate	enrollment rate per unit time
marker_positive, marker_negative	a string specifying which marker is negative/positive
marker_prob	vector of prevalence probability of different category, if doesn't add up to 1, will automatically standardize and generates warning

sbj	number of subjects for analysis of enrichment decision
n_event	the desired number of events for final analysis. Note that this parameter is used to decide time cutoff for final analysis; therefore n_event should be only counted among all-comer populations to protect the integrity of the trial.
cutoff	the cutoff value to determine if enrichment is needed or not
alpha1, alpha2	significance level for testing all-comers or biomarker positive population, respectively
par_trt_pos, par_trt_neg, par_ctrl_pos, par_ctrl_neg	parameter specification for treatment/control and biomarker positive/negative population
marker_name	vector of names of different subgroup
ia_time_fu	the follow-up time for decision of enrichment analysis

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gen_ospfs	<i>generate correlated endpoints of PFS and OS</i>
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### Description

generate correlated endpoints of PFS and OS

### Usage

```
gen_ospfs(nsbj, mos, mosp = NA, mpfs)
```

### Arguments

nsbj	number of subjects to be simulated
mos	median overall survival time
mosp	median overall survival since progression. If mosp = NA, then OS and PFS will be generated using Theorem 1. If a numerical value is assigned to mosp, then OS and PFS will be generated using Theorem 2.
mpfs	median PFS

### Details

This function generates correlated PFS and OS based on a paper published in 2009. Specifically, Let  $X_1 \sim \exp(\lambda_1)$ ,  $X_2 \sim \exp(\lambda_2)$ ,  $X_3 \sim \exp(\lambda_3)$ , where  $X_i$  has pdf  $f_X(x_i) = \lambda_i \exp(-\lambda_i x_i)$ .

- Theorem 1. If  $PFS = \min(X_1, X_2)$ ,  $OS = X_2$  then

$$Corr(PFS, OS) = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$$

- Theorem 2. If we define  $PFS = \min(X_1, X_2)$ ,  $OS = PFS$  if  $PFS = X_2$  and  $OS = X_1 + X_3$  otherwise, then

$$Corr(PFS, OS) = \frac{\lambda_3}{\sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + 2\lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_3^2}}$$

**Value**

a tibble with correlated PFS and OS

**References**

Fleischer F, Gaschler-Markefski B, Bluhmki E (2009). “A statistical model for the dependence between progression-free survival and overall survival.” *Statistics in Medicine*, **28**(21), 2669–2686.

**Examples**

```
mos <- 6.7; mosp <- 5.4; mpfs <- 1.93
y1 <- gen_ospfs(nsbj = 1e5, mos = mos, mosp = mosp, mpfs = mpfs)
cor(y1)
y2 <- gen_ospfs(nsbj = 1e5, mos, mosp = NA, mpfs)
all.equal(cor(y2)[1,2],mpfs/mos, tolerance = 1e-3)
```

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ia\_pval

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*Decide interim analysis cutoff value for group sequential design*


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**Description**

Decide interim analysis cutoff value for group sequential design

**Usage**

```
ia_pval(info_fraction, alpha = 0.025, beta = 0.1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

info_fraction	the information fraction for each look, default set to be 1, meaning no interim analysis. Can take vector
alpha	the desired type 1 error
beta	the type 2 error, equal to 1 - power
...	other parameters inherited from <a href="#">[gsDesign]gsDesign</a>

**Value**

a tibble containing number of looks and efficacy/futility p values

**Examples**

```
ia_pval(alpha = 0.025, beta = 0.1, info_fraction = c(0.5, 0.7))
```

pos\_two\_grid

*Posterior probabilities for given sample size of n0 and n1***Description**

for a given pair of n0 and n1, search all the possible sample space, calculates posterior probability, the probabilities under the null and the alternative. This function is used to evaluate the power and type 1 error for a given pair of n0 and n1

**Usage**

```
pos_two_grid(n0, n1, p0 = 0.25, p1 = 0.538, delta = (p1 - p0)/2,
             ab0 = NULL, ab1 = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n0, n1	the sample size for control/treatment group
p0	the underlying probability of response rate for the control arm
p1	the hypothesized ORR for treatment
delta	the difference of the two proportions to be detected

**Details**

For a given pair of n0 and n1, after specifying appropriate prior parameters, it calculates the posterior probability  $P(p_1 - p_0 > \delta)$ , the probability  $P(X_0 = x_0 | n_0, p_0) \cdot P(X_1 = x_1 | n_1, p_0)$  under the null, and  $P(x = x_0 | n_0, p_0) \cdot P(X = x_1 | n_1, p_1)$  under the alternative for each pair of observed  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ . Note that  $X_0, X_1$  are assumed to be independent and follow binomial distribution.

The prior for control group, i.e.  $p_0 \sim \text{Beta}(a_0, b_0)$ , are derived based on  $a/(a + b) = p_0$  and  $a + b = n_0/2$  where  $n_0$  is the sample size for control arm. The prior for treatment group is obtained such that  $a_1 + b_1 = 2$  and  $a_1 = 2p_0$ .

**Value**

a tibble which contains the calculated probabilities

**See Also**

[pos\\_two](#)

**Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
r1 <- pos_two_grid(n0 = 75, n1 = 75, p0 = 0.59, p1 = 0.812)
# power
r1 %>% filter(prob_post > 0.68) %>% select(prob_alt) %>% sum
# type 1 error
r1 %>% filter(prob_post > 0.68) %>% select(prob_null) %>% sum
```



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pos\_two\_grid\_search      *Power and type 1 error calculation by grid search*

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### Description

for a given pair of  $n_0$  and  $n_1$ , search all the possible sample space, calculates posterior probability, the probabilities under the null and the alternative. This function is used to evaluate the power and type 1 error for a given pair of  $n_0$  and  $n_1$

### Usage

```
pos_two_grid_search(p0, p1, ..., n0 = seq(50, 70, by = 5), n1 = n0,
  cutoff = seq(0.05, 0.2, by = 0.05), eval_success = TRUE,
  ncores = NA, ab0 = NULL)
```

### Arguments

p0	response rate in the control arm
p1	the hypothesized ORR for treatment
...	other parameters inherited from <a href="#">pos_two_grid</a>
n0	sample size for control, can be a vector
n1	sample size for treatment, must be of the same length as n0
cutoff	the cutoff value (can be a vector) to claim a decision (either success or failure)
eval_success	Is this for evaluating probability of success? If TRUE, then it evaluates
	$P(p_1 - p_0 > \delta) > U;$
	otherwise it evaluates
	$P(p_1 - p_0 > \delta) < L,$
	where $L$ or $U$ correspond to cutoff.
ncores	number of cores to be used for fast parallel computing. If not specified, it will use number of cores available - 1
ab0	a data frame or NULL. If a data frame, it should contain, in each row, the prior for corresponding sample size $n_0$ . If NULL, then <a href="#">prior_ab</a> will be called internally to calculate the prior.

### Details

For a given pair of  $n_0$  and  $n_1$ , after specifying appropriate prior parameters, it calculates the posterior probability  $P(p_1 - p_0 > \delta)$ , the probability  $P(X_0 = x_0 | n_0, p_0) \cdot P(X_1 = x_1 | n_1, p_0)$  under the null, and  $P(x = x_0 | n_0, p_0) \cdot P(X = x_1 | n_1, p_1)$  under the alternative for each pair of observed  $x_0$  and  $x_1$ . Note that  $X_0, X_1$  are assumed to be independent and follow binomial distribution.

The prior for control group, i.e.  $p_0 \sim \text{Beta}(a_0, b_0)$ , are derived based on  $a/(a + b) = p_0$  and  $a + b = n_0/2$  where  $n_0$  is the sample size for control arm. The prior for treatment group is obtained such that  $a_1 + b_1 = 2$  and  $a_1 = 2p_0$ .

### Value

a tibble containing each scenario associated with its power and type 1 error

See Also

[pos\\_two\\_grid](#)

Examples

```
temp1 <- pos_two_grid_search(p0 = 0.59, p1 = 0.812,
                             n0 = seq(50, 80, by =5),
                             cutoff = seq(0.5, 0.8, 0.02),
                             ncores = NA,
                             eval_success = TRUE)
```

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prior_ab	<i>calculate prior parameters for a given beta distribution</i>
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Description

calculate prior parameters for a given beta distribution

Usage

```
prior_ab(n, p)
```

Arguments

- n                    the size of the prior beta distribution  $a + b = n/2$
- p                    the prior mean  $\frac{a}{a+b} = p$

Value

the parameters a and b for  $Beta(a, b)$

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rand_arm	<i>generate block randomized arms</i>
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Description

generate block randomized arms

Usage

```
rand_arm(nsbj, ratio, arm_name = paste("arm", 1:length(ratio), sep =
    "_"))
```

Arguments

- nsbj                an integer for total number of subjects to be randominzed
- ratio               the allocation ratio
- arm\_name           a vector of characters for arms

**Value**

a vector of length 'nsbj' with randomized treatment arms

**Examples**

```
rand_arm(nsbj = 1, ratio = c(1, 1))
rand_arm(nsbj = 12, ratio = c(2, 2, 1))
rand_arm(nsbj = 4, ratio = c(1, 2, 0, 1))
```

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rand_timein	<i>Generate enrollment time by piecewise enrollment rate</i>
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**Description**

Generate enrollment time by piecewise enrollment rate

**Usage**

```
rand_timein(nsbj, rate, starttime)
```

**Arguments**

nsbj	number of subject enrolled
rate	a vector (or a single value) specifying the enrollment rate at each piece
starttime	a vector (or a single value) specifying starting time for corresponding enrollment rate. starttime always starts with 0, whether it's a vector or a single value.

**Value**

a tibble where the first column is enrollment time, and the second column indicates the piece sequence

**Examples**

```
rate <- c(7, 14, 30)
starttime <- c(0, 1, 3)
timein1 <- rand_timein(nsbj = 300, rate = rate, starttime = starttime)
```

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snapshot_by_event	<i>data snapshot by desired event size</i>
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### Description

this function calculates the time cut for desired event size and then the censor indicator. It has been verified against EAST software.

### Usage

```
snapshot_by_event(dat, n_event)
```

### Arguments

dat	the data frame containing, at least, the following variables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• timein patient arrival time</li> <li>• pfs progression or survival time</li> <li>• lfu lost to follow up time or dropout time</li> </ul>
n_event	desired number of events for analysis

### Value

the same data with extra columns timecut (the calander time cut), pfs\_censor (the censoring indicator, with 1 = event and 0 = censor), ongoing (whether the status is still ongoing by timecut).

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survival_test	<i>Run survival analysis</i>
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### Description

Run survival analysis

### Usage

```
survival_test(snapshot, pval_eff = 0.025, pval_fu = NA, is_trt = NA)
```

### Arguments

snapshot	the data set obtained from <a href="#">take_snapshot</a>
pval_eff, pval_fu	the significance level to claim a success/futility for interim analysis or success/failure for final: set pval_eff = NA and assign pval_fu a positive value between 0 and 1 if it's just for interim futility; set pval_fu = NA and assign pval_eff a positive value between 0 and 1 if it's just for interim efficacy; if it's interim analysis for both efficacy and futility, then must have pval_eff < pval_fu; if it's for final analysis, then pval_eff and pval_fu must both be specified and set to be equal;
is_trt	user-defined treatment group. If is_trt = NA then the second arm number shown in data will be the treatment arm.

**Details**

this function takes the snapshot and runs survival analysis to get the log rank test p-value, the 95 survival time.

**Value**

a data frame containing the results of the test

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tail_prob	<i>Calculate probability of success or failure</i>
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**Description**

Calculate probability of success or failure

**Usage**

```
tail_prob(dat, cutoff, prob1, prob2, eval_success = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

dat	the object returned by <a href="#">pos_two_grid</a>
cutoff	the cutoff value to claim a success/failure
prob1	the posterior probability
prob2	the probability under the null or the alternative
eval_success	Is this for evaluating probability of success?

**Value**

a p value

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test_bm_neg	<i>Enrichment decision making</i>
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**Description**

Enrichment decision making

**Usage**

```
test_bm_neg(cong_dat, marker_negative = "DLL3-", endpoint = "resp",
  sbj = 100, fu_time_ia = 2, cutoff = 0)
```

**Arguments**

cong_dat	a data set generated by <a href="#">cong_dat_gen</a>
marker_negative	a string specifying which marker is negative
endpoint	the endpoint used to calculate the decision rule
sbj	number of subjects to be included in analysis of biomarker negative
fu_time_ia	minimum follow-up time for eligible evaluation
cutoff	the cutoff chosen to make the decision

**Details**

This function performs analysis for the biomarker negative population, then decides if enrichment is needed

**Value**

a tibble with decision included (see column need\_enrichment)

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