

Package ‘CPE’

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Title Concordance Probability Estimates in Survival Analysis

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Description Concordance probability estimate (CPE) is a commonly used performance measure in survival analysis that evaluates the predictive accuracy of a survival model. It measures how well a model can distinguish between pairs of individuals with different survival times. Specifically, it calculate the proportion of all pairs of individuals whose predicted survival times are correctly ordered.

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Description

A function to calculate Gonen and Heller concordance probability estimate (CPE) for the Cox proportional hazards model.

Usage

```
phcpe(coxfit, CPE.SE=FALSE,out.ties=FALSE)
```

Arguments

coxfit	A coxph or cph object
CPE.SE	A logical value indicating whether the standard error of the CPE should be calculated
out.ties	If out.ties is set to FALSE,pairs of observations tied on covariates will be used to calculate the CPE. Otherwise, they will not be used.

Value

CPE	Concordance Probability Estimate
CPE.SE	the Standard Error of the Concordance Probability Estimate

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References

Mithat Gonen and Glenn Heller. (2005). Concordance probability and discriminatory power in proportional hazards regression. *Biometrika*, 92, 4, pp.965-970
 Glenn Heller and Qianxing Mo. (2016). Estimating the concordance probability in a survival analysis with a discrete number of risk groups. *Lifetime Data Analysis*, 22(2):263-79.

See Also

[phcpe2](#)

Examples

```
### create a simple data set for testing
set.seed(199)
nn <- 1000
time <- rexp(nn)
status <- sample(0:1, nn, replace=TRUE)
covar <- matrix(rnorm(3*nn), ncol=3)
survd <- data.frame(time, status, covar)
names(survd) <- c("time", "status", "x1", "x2", "x3")

coxph.fit <- coxph(Surv(time,status)~x1+x2+x3,data=survd)

### Calculate CPE only (needs much less time).
phcpe(coxph.fit)
phcpe(coxph.fit,out.ties=TRUE)
#result is identical because the covariates are not tied #

### Calculate CPE and CPE.SE
```

```

phcpe(coxph.fit, CPE.SE=TRUE)
phcpe(coxph.fit, CPE.SE=TRUE,out.ties=TRUE)

*** For unknown reason, 'coxph.fit' may need to be removed before running cph()***
rm(coxph.fit)

cph.fit <- cph(Surv(time, status)~x1+x2+x3, data=survdata,method="breslow")

### Calculate CPE only (needs much less time).
phcpe(cph.fit)
phcpe(cph.fit,out.ties=TRUE)

### Calculate CPE and CPE.SE
phcpe(cph.fit, CPE.SE=TRUE)
phcpe(cph.fit, CPE.SE=TRUE,out.ties=TRUE)

```

phcpe2

Gonen and Heller Concordance Probability Estimate for the Cox Proportional Hazards model

Description

A function to calculate Gonen and Heller concordance probability estimate (CPE) for the Cox proportional hazards model.

Usage

```
phcpe2(coef,coef.var,design, CPE.SE=FALSE,out.ties=FALSE)
```

Arguments

coef	The coefficients of the Cox model.
coef.var	The covariance matrix of the coefficients of the Cox model.
design	A design matrix for covariates. The rows correspond to subjects, and the columns correspond to covariates.
CPE.SE	A logical value indicating whether the standard error of the CPE should be calculated
out.ties	If out.ties is set to FALSE,pairs of observations tied on covariates will be used to calculate the CPE. Otherwise, they will not be used.

Value

CPE	Concordance Probability Estimate
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survd <- data.frame(time, status, covar)
names(survd) <- c("time", "status", "x1", "x2", "x3")

coxph.fit <- coxph(Surv(time, status)~x1+x2+x3, data=survd)

phcpe(coxph.fit, CPE.SE=TRUE)
phcpe2(coef=coxph.fit$coefficients, coef.var=coxph.fit$var, design=model.matrix(coxph.fit))

*** For unknown reason, 'coxph.fit' may need to be removed before running cph()***
rm(coxph.fit)

cph.fit <- cph(Surv(time, status)~x1+x2+x3, data=survd, method="breslow")

### Calculate CPE only (needs much less time).
phcpe2(cph.fit$coefficients, coef.var=cph.fit$var, design=model.matrix(cph.fit), CPE.SE=TRUE)
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