

# Package ‘OptimalSurrogate’

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**Title** Model Free Approach to Quantifying Surrogacy

**Version** 1.0

**Description** Identifies an optimal transformation of a surrogate marker such that the proportion of treatment effect explained can be inferred based on the transformation of the surrogate and nonparametrically estimates two model-free quantities of this proportion. Details are described in Wang et al (2020) <[doi:10.1093/biomet/asz065](https://doi.org/10.1093/biomet/asz065)>.

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**Description**

PTE estimation with continuous surrogate marker

**Usage**

```
pte_cont(sob, yob, aob, var = TRUE, conf.int = TRUE, rep = 500)
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**Arguments**

sob	CONTINUOUS surrogate marker
yob	outcome of interest (continuous or binary)
aob	treatment assignment (1: treatment; 0: control)
var	whether variance should be calculated (TRUE/FALSE)
conf.int	whether 95% confidence intervals should be calculated (TRUE/FALSE)
rep	number of resampling replications (default is 500)

**Value**

Estimates	Estimates of the treatment effect on the primary outcome, delta, the treatment effect on the transformation of the surrogate, delta.gs, two versions of the proportion of treatment effect explained by the surrogate, pte1 and pte2; if var = TRUE, standard error estimates are also provided (se); if conf.int = TRUE, 95% confidence intervals are also provided
Transformed.S	the transformed surrogate, g(s), for each value of the surrogate, s; if var = TRUE, standard error estimates are also provided (se); if conf.int = TRUE, 95% confidence intervals are also provided

**Examples**

```

data(marker_cont)
out <- pte_cont(
  sob = marker_cont$sob,
  yob = marker_cont$yob,
  aob = marker_cont$aob, var = FALSE, conf.int = FALSE)
out

x <- as.numeric(names(out$Transformed.S))
plot(x, out$Transformed.S, ylim = range(out$Transformed.S), type = "l",
     las = 1, xlab = "Surrogate Marker", ylab = "Optimal Transformation")

out <- pte_cont(
  sob = marker_cont$sob,
  yob = marker_cont$yob,
  aob = marker_cont$aob,
  var = TRUE, conf.int = TRUE, rep = 1000)
out$Estimates

x <- as.numeric(rownames(out$Transformed.S))
plot(x, out$Transformed.S[, "est"], ylim = range(out$Transformed.S[, -2]), type = "l",
     las = 1, xlab = "Surrogate Marker", ylab = "Optimal Transformation")
lines(x, out$Transformed.S[, "lower"], lty = 2)
lines(x, out$Transformed.S[, "upper"], lty = 2)

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 pte\_disc

*PTE estimation with a discrete surrogate marker*


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**Description**

PTE estimation with discrete surrogate marker

**Usage**

```
pte_disc(sob, yob, aob, var = TRUE, conf.int = TRUE, rep = 500)
```

**Arguments**

sob	DISCRETE surrogate marker
yob	outcome of interest (continuous or binary)
aob	treatment assignment (1: treatment; 0: control)
var	whether variance should be calculated (TRUE/FALSE)
conf.int	whether 95% confidence intervals should be calculated (TRUE/FALSE)
rep	number of resampling replications (default is 500)

**Value**

Estimates	Estimates of the treatment effect on the primary outcome, delta, the treatment effect on the transformation of the surrogate, delta.gs, two versions of the proportion of treatment effect explained by the surrogate, pte1 and pte2; if var = TRUE, standard error estimates are also provided (se); if conf.int = TRUE, 95% confidence intervals are also provided
Transformed.S	the transformed surrogate, g(s), for each value of the surrogate, s; if var = TRUE, standard error estimates are also provided (se); if conf.int = TRUE, 95% confidence intervals are also provided

**Examples**

```
data(marker_disc)
out <- pte_disc(
  sob = marker_disc$sob,
  yob = marker_disc$yob,
  aob = marker_disc$aob, var = FALSE, conf.int = FALSE)
out

out <- pte_disc(
  sob = marker_disc$sob,
  yob = marker_disc$yob,
  aob = marker_disc$aob,
  var = TRUE, conf.int = TRUE, rep = 1000)
out
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