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Title Calculate TwoDcDAPSA: PROs-Joint Contrast (PJC) and Swollen-Tender Joints Contrast (STC) Scores and Quartiles

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Description Provides a calculator for the two-dimensional clinical Disease Activity index for Psoriatic Arthritis (TwoDcDAPSA), a principal component-derived measure that complements the conventional clinical DAPSA score. TwoDcDAPSA captures residual variation in patient-reported outcomes (pain and patient global assessment) and joint counts (swollen and tender) after adjusting for standardized cDAPSA using natural spline coefficients derived from published models. Residuals are standardized and combined with fixed principal component loadings to yield two continuous component scores: the PROs-Joint Contrast (PJC) and the Swollen-Tender joints Contrast (STC), along with quartile-based groupings (including optional combined quartile groupings). The package applies pre-specified coefficients, residual standardization, and loadings to new datasets but does not estimate spline models or principal components itself.

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Description

Computes PJC as a loading-weighted combination of standardized residuals for Pain, Patient Global, SJC, and TJC after adjusting each for cDAPSA via a natural spline model. Includes input "tuning": coerces character columns to numeric (warning if NAs introduced) and checks for out-of-range values (SJC 0-66, TJC 0-68, Pain/Patient Global 0-10) with configurable handling. If cDAPSA is not provided, it is computed as SJC + TJC + Pain + Patient_Global. If cDAPSA is provided, it is verified against this sum (within cdapsa_tolerance); any discrepancy results in an error.

Usage

```
calculate_PJC(
  data,
  cohort_id = "cohort_id",
  cDAPSA = NULL,
  Pain = "Pain",
  Patient_Global = "Patient_Global",
  SJC = "SJC",
  TJC = "TJC",
  oob_action = c("stop", "na", "drop"),
  cdapsa_tolerance = 1e-08,
  center_scale = list(Pain = c(center = 4.303191, scale = 2.798819), Patient_Global =
    c(center = 4.795213, scale = 2.791098), SJC = c(center = 3.783245, scale = 4.707089),
    TJC = c(center = 5.194149, scale = 7.371234), cDAPSA = c(center = 18.0758, scale =
    14.03964)),
  ns_knots = c(-0.7176679, -0.2190796, 0.4219626),
  ns_boundary_knots = c(-1.287483, 5.265392),
  coef_list = list(Pain = c(-1.48889, 1.93539, 2.25211, 3.35687, 2.68578), Patient_Global
    = c(-1.7289, 2.1364, 2.35881, 3.95251, 2.66605), SJC = c(-0.76905, 0.47397, 1.9502,
    4.45945, 5.98404), TJC = c(-0.74115, 0.27891, 2.50892, 4.68559, 6.15326)),
  loadings = c(0.598197, 0.5960272, -0.330572, -0.4214665),
  pjc_cutoffs = c(-Inf, -0.79954204, 0.07402262, 0.88778526, Inf),
  resid_center_scale = list(center = c(Pain = 1.155879e-15, `Patient Global` =
    9.679019e-16, `Swollen Joint Count` = -2.764596e-15, `Tender Joint Count` =
    -3.534933e-15), scale = c(Pain = 0.6478511, `Patient Global` = 0.6282206,
    `Swollen Joint Count` = 0.589554, `Tender Joint Count` = 0.3902453))
)
```

Arguments

data	A data.frame/tibble with the required columns.
cohort_id	Name of the cohort id column.
cDAPSA	Optional. Name of the cDAPSA column. If NULL (default), cDAPSA is computed as SJC + TJC + Pain + Patient_Global. If non-NULL, the provided column is verified to equal that sum within cdapsa_tolerance; otherwise an error is thrown.
Pain	Name of the Pain column (0-10).
Patient_Global	Name of the Patient Global column (0-10).
SJC	Name of the Swollen Joint Count column (0-66).
TJC	Name of the Tender Joint Count column (0-68).
oob_action	What to do when an input is out of its valid range (SJC 0-66, TJC 0-68, Pain/Patient Global 0-10). One of: "stop" (error), "na" (keep rows but set PJC/Quartile to NA), or "drop" (remove rows). Default is "stop".
cdapsa_tolerance	Numeric tolerance for comparing provided cDAPSA to the computed sum; default 1e-8.
center_scale	List of centers/scales used to standardize inputs.
ns_knots	Numeric vector of interior knots for the spline on standardized cDAPSA.
ns_boundary_knots	Numeric vector of boundary knots for the spline on standardized cDAPSA.
coef_list	Named list of regression coefficients (intercept + 4 spline basis) for each component.
loadings	Numeric loadings (length 4) for Pain, Patient Global, SJC, TJC residuals.
pjc_cutoffs	Numeric vector of 5 cut points to define 4 quartile bins (include.lowest=TRUE).
resid_center_scale	List with center and scale vectors for standardizing residuals.

Details

The function returns both 4-level quartiles (PJC_quartile: Q1–Q4) and a 3-level grouped factor (PJC_quartile_combine) that combines Q2 and Q3 (levels: Q1, Q2&3, Q4).

Value

A tibble with cohort_id, PJC, PJC_quartile, and PJC_quartile_combine.

See Also

[calculate_STC](#) for the Swelling–Tenderness Contrast (STC; PC2).

Examples

```

# Minimal example WITHOUT a cDAPSA column (it will be computed as SJC+TJC+Pain+PG)
df1 <- data.frame(
  id = 1:3,
  pain = c(4, 6, 8),
  pg = c(3, 7, 9),
  sjc = c(1, 3, 5),
  tjc = c(0, 2, 4)
)
calculate_PJC(
  df1,
  cohort_id = "id",
  cDAPSA = NULL,
  Pain = "pain",
  Patient_Global = "pg",
  SJC = "sjc",
  TJC = "tjc",
  oob_action = "na"
)

# Example WITH a consistent cDAPSA column (verified against the sum)
df2 <- transform(df1, cdapsa = pain + pg + sjc + tjc)
calculate_PJC(
  df2,
  cohort_id = "id",
  cDAPSA = "cdapsa",
  Pain = "pain",
  Patient_Global = "pg",
  SJC = "sjc",
  TJC = "tjc"
)

```

calculate_STC

Calculate TwoDcDAPSA: Swelling–Tenderness Contrast (STC) Score and Quartile Groups

Description

Computes STC (PC2) as a loading-weighted combination of standardized residuals for Pain, Patient Global, SJC, and TJC after adjusting each for cDAPSA via a natural spline model. STC emphasizes swelling relative to tenderness under the default PC2 loadings.

Usage

```

calculate_STC(
  data,
  cohort_id = "cohort_id",
  cDAPSA = NULL,
  Pain = "Pain",

```

```

Patient_Global = "Patient_Global",
SJC = "SJC",
TJC = "TJC",
oob_action = c("stop", "na", "drop"),
cdapsa_tolerance = 1e-08,
center_scale = list(Pain = c(center = 4.303191, scale = 2.798819), Patient_Global =
  c(center = 4.795213, scale = 2.791098), SJC = c(center = 3.783245, scale = 4.707089),
  TJC = c(center = 5.194149, scale = 7.371234), cDAPSA = c(center = 18.0758, scale =
    14.03964)),
ns_knots = c(-0.7176679, -0.2190796, 0.4219626),
ns_boundary_knots = c(-1.287483, 5.265392),
coef_list = list(Pain = c(-1.48889, 1.93539, 2.25211, 3.35687, 2.68578), Patient_Global
  = c(-1.7289, 2.1364, 2.35881, 3.95251, 2.66605), SJC = c(-0.76905, 0.47397, 1.9502,
    4.45945, 5.98404), TJC = c(-0.74115, 0.27891, 2.50892, 4.68559, 6.15326)),
stc_loadings = c(-0.05043539, -0.01476495, 0.73876801, -0.6719078),
stc_cutoffs = c(-Inf, -0.3881481, -0.1027692, 0.4411657, Inf),
resid_center_scale = list(center = c(Pain = 1.155879e-15, `Patient Global` =
  9.679019e-16, `Swollen Joint Count` = -2.764596e-15, `Tender Joint Count` =
  -3.534933e-15), scale = c(Pain = 0.6478511, `Patient Global` = 0.6282206,
  `Swollen Joint Count` = 0.589554, `Tender Joint Count` = 0.3902453))
)

```

Arguments

data	A data.frame/tibble with the required columns.
cohort_id	Name of the cohort id column.
cDAPSA	Optional. Name of the cDAPSA column. If NULL (default), cDAPSA is computed as SJC + TJC + Pain + Patient_Global. If non-NULL, the provided column is verified to equal that sum within cdapsa_tolerance; otherwise an error is thrown.
Pain	Name of the Pain column (0-10).
Patient_Global	Name of the Patient Global column (0-10).
SJC	Name of the Swollen Joint Count column (0-66).
TJC	Name of the Tender Joint Count column (0-68).
oob_action	What to do when an input is out of its valid range (SJC 0-66, TJC 0-68, Pain/Patient Global 0-10). One of: "stop" (error), "na" (keep rows but set STC/Quartile to NA), or "drop" (remove rows). Default is "stop".
cdapsa_tolerance	Numeric tolerance for comparing provided cDAPSA to the computed sum; default 1e-8.
center_scale	List of centers/scales used to standardize inputs.
ns_knots	Numeric vector of interior knots for the spline on standardized cDAPSA.
ns_boundary_knots	Numeric vector of boundary knots for the spline on standardized cDAPSA.
coef_list	Named list of regression coefficients (intercept + 4 spline basis) for each component.

stc_loadings Numeric loadings (length 4) for Pain, Patient Global, SJC, TJC residuals.
 stc_cutoffs Numeric vector of 5 cut points to define 4 quartile bins (include.lowest=TRUE).
 resid_center_scale
 List with center and scale vectors for standardizing residuals.

Details

Includes input "tuning": coerces character columns to numeric (warning if NAs introduced) and checks for out-of-range values (SJC 0-66, TJC 0-68, Pain/Patient Global 0-10) with configurable handling. If cDAPSA is not provided, it is computed as SJC + TJC + Pain + Patient_Global. If cDAPSA is provided, it is verified against this sum (within cdapsa_tolerance); any discrepancy results in an error.

The function returns both 4-level quartiles (STC_quartile: Q1-Q4) and a 3-level grouped factor (STC_quartile_combine) that combines Q1 and Q4 (levels: Q1&4, Q2, Q3).

Value

A tibble with cohort_id, STC, STC_quartile, and STC_quartile_combine.

See Also

[calculate_PJC](#) for the PROs-Joint Contrast (PJC; PC1).

Examples

```

# Minimal example WITHOUT a cDAPSA column (it will be computed as SJC+TJC+Pain+PG)
df1 <- data.frame(
  id = 1:3,
  pain = c(4, 6, 8),
  pg = c(3, 7, 9),
  sjc = c(1, 3, 5),
  tjc = c(0, 2, 4)
)
calculate_STC(
  df1,
  cohort_id = "id",
  cDAPSA = NULL,
  Pain = "pain",
  Patient_Global = "pg",
  SJC = "sjc",
  TJC = "tjc",
  oob_action = "na"
)

# Example WITH a consistent cDAPSA column (verified against the sum)
df2 <- transform(df1, cdapsa = pain + pg + sjc + tjc)
calculate_STC(
  df2,
  cohort_id = "id",
  cDAPSA = "cdapsa",
  Pain = "pain",

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    Patient_Global = "pg",  
    SJC = "sjc",  
    TJC = "tjc"  
)
```

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