

Package ‘acss.data’

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Details

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Type:	Package
Version:	1.0
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URL:	https://complexity-calculator.com/methodology.html

This package *only* contains data. Therefore, this package is not intended to be used directly, but through functions in package **acss**.

Author(s)

The data in this package was created by Fernando Soler Toscano, Nicolas Gauvrit, and Hector Zenil. Data was ported to R by Henrik Singmann.

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See Also

package **acss** for functions accessing this data.

`acss_data`*acss_data: algorithmic complexity of short strings*

Description

Contains the algorithmic complexity for short string, an approximation of the Kolmogorov Complexity of a short string using the coding theorem method. For a given set of symbols in a string, all possible or a large number of random samples of Turing machines (TM) with a given number of states and number of symbols corresponding to the number of symbols in the strings were simulated until they reached a halting state or failed to end. The complexity of the string corresponds to the distribution of the halting states of the TMs.

See <https://complexity-calculator.com/methodology.html> for more information or references below.

This dataset shouldn't be called directly but rather through the accessor functions in package **acss**.

Usage

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acss_data
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Format

A data frame with 4590267 observations on the following 5 variables.

K.2 acss with 2 symbols, computed on all possible Turing machines (TM) with 5 states and 2 symbols.

K.4 acss with 4 symbols, computed on a large number of TMs with 4 states and 4 symbols.

K.5 acss with 5 symbols, computed on a large number of TMs with 4 states and 5 symbols.

K.6 acss with 6 symbols, computed on a large number of TMs with 4 states and 6 symbols.

K.9 acss with 9 symbols, computed on a large number of TMs with 4 states and 9 symbols.

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Source

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