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central_death_rate	<i>Central Death Rate</i>
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Description

Adds a new column called CentralDeathRate to the dataset that was input. This column represents the central death rate of each age group - deaths/population.

Usage

```
central_death_rate(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

data	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable,
age	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
pop	Population of each age group, must be numeric
deaths	The midyear number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Data frame that was input with an added CentralDeathRate column.

Examples

```
# This function adds a CentralDeathRate column to the dataset
central_death_rate(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

`conditional_death_prob`*Conditional Probability of Death at Age x*

Description

Adds a new column called `ConditionalProbDeath` to the dataset that was input. This column represents the probability of death given the age group for each age group. In other words, the probability a person in a given age group will die before their next birthday.

Usage

```
conditional_death_prob(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable
<code>age</code>	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
<code>pop</code>	Population of each age group, must be numeric
<code>deaths</code>	The number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Data frame that was input with an added column, `ConditionalProbDeath`.

Examples

```
# This function will add a ConditionalProbDeath column to the dataset
conditional_death_prob(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

`conditional_life_prob` *Conditional Probability of Survival at Age x*

Description

Adds a new column called `ConditionalProbLife` to the dataset that was input. `ConditionalProbLife` column contains the probabilities of surviving for each given age group. In other words, this is the probability of someone surviving to their next birthday.

Usage

```
conditional_life_prob(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

data	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable
age	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
pop	Population of each age group, must be numeric
deaths	The number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Dataset that was input with added columns ConditionalProbDeath and ConditionalProbLife. In other words, we are doing the "steps" up to the conditional probability of survival.

Examples

```
# This function will add the ConditionalProbDeath and ConditionalProbLife columns
# to the dataset
conditional_life_prob(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

input_check

Error Handling Function

Description

Checks inputs data, age, pop, and deaths to make sure they are valid.

Usage

```
input_check(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

data	data frame input in the upper function
age	age string or character input in the upper function
pop	pop string or character input in the upper function
deaths	deaths string or character input in the upper function

Value

data frame with numeric pop and deaths columns

lifetable	<i>Lifetable Function</i>
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Description

Gives user more control over their lifetable compared to the `life_expectancy()` function. Allows the user to add in the central death rate and proportion surviving to age x. Allows the user to omit accessory columns which are used to calculate life expectancy.

Usage

```
lifetable(
  data,
  age,
  pop,
  deaths,
  includeAllSteps = TRUE,
  includeCDR = TRUE,
  includePS = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable,
<code>age</code>	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
<code>pop</code>	Population of each age group, must be numeric
<code>deaths</code>	The midyear number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric
<code>includeAllSteps</code>	If false, will only include the proportion surviving to age x and life expectancy for age x
<code>includeCDR</code>	If true, will include the central death rate for each age group
<code>includePS</code>	If true, will include the proportion surviving for each age group
<code>...</code>	Other optional grouping variables (can be race, gender, etc.)

Value

Lifetable

Examples

```
# Running lifetable() and choosing not to include CentralDeathRate and
# ProportionToSurvive (optional columns) in the output dataset

lifetable(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths", FALSE, TRUE, TRUE)
```

life_expectancy	<i>Life Expectancy of Age x</i>
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Description

Adds a new column called LifeExpectancy to the dataset that was input. LifeExpectancy is how many more years we expect a person of age x to live beyond their current age.

Usage

```
life_expectancy(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

data	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable,
age	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
pop	Population of each age group, must be numeric
deaths	The midyear number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Dataset that was input with the added columns: ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife, NumberToSurvive, PersonYears, TotalYears, and LifeExpectancy.

Examples

```
# This function will add the ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife,
# NumberToSurvive, PropToSurvive, PersonYears, TotalYears, and LifeExpectancy
# columns to the dataset.
# This will be a full lifetable
life_expectancy(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

mortality	<i>A sample mortality data</i>
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Description

A data extract takes from the CDC Wonder database.

Usage

```
mortality
```

Format

A data frame with 85 rows of 3 columns representing the US population at multi-year different age groups with which we use to make a life table. This data is from the year 2018

age_group Categorical variable identifying each age group

deaths the mid-year number of deaths in each age group

population the US population of each age group

Source

<https://wonder.cdc.gov>

mortality2

A sample mortality data

Description

A data extract taken from the CDC Wonder database.

Usage

```
mortality2
```

Format

A data frame with 85 rows of 3 columns representing the deaths and US population at each single-year age group with which we can use to make a life table. This data is from the year 2016.

age_group Categorical variable identifying each age group

deaths the mid-year number of deaths in each age group

population the US population of each age group

Source

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd-icd10.html>

mortality3	<i>A sample mortality data</i>
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Description

A data extract taken from the CDC Wonder database.

Usage

```
mortality3
```

Format

A data frame with 170 rows of 4 columns representing the deaths and US population at each single-year age group for each sex with which we can use to make a life table. This data is from the year 2016.

age_group Categorical variable identifying each age group

deaths the mid-year number of deaths in each age group

population the US population of each age group

gender a categorical variable grouping the data into male and female

Source

<<https://wonder.cdc.gov>

number_to_survive	<i>The Number of People to Survive to Age x</i>
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Description

Adds a new column called NumberToSurvive to the dataset that was input. NumberToSurvive represents the number of people living at the beginning of the given age interval, using an arbitrary 100,000 people for the first age group in the table.

Usage

```
number_to_survive(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

data	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable,
age	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
pop	Population of each age group, must be numeric
deaths	The midyear number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Dataset that was input with added columns: ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife, and NumberToSurvive.

Examples

```
# This function will add the ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife, and
# NumberToSurvive columns to the dataset
number_to_survive(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

person_years	<i>Person Years Lived at Age x</i>
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Description

Adds a new column called PersonYears to the dataset that was input. PersonYears represents the number of years lived at age x based on the number surviving to age x.

Usage

```
person_years(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

data	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable,
age	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
pop	Population of each age group, must be numeric
deaths	The midyear number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Dataset that was input with the added columns: ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife, NumberToSurvive, PropToSurvive, PersonYears.

Examples

```
# This function will add the ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife,
# NumberToSurvive, PropToSurvive, and PersonYears columns to the dataset
person_years(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

prop_to_survive	<i>Proportion to Survive to Age x</i>
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Description

Adds a new column called PropToSurvive to the dataset that was input. PropToSurvive is the proportion surviving to age x

Usage

```
prop_to_survive(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

data	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable,
age	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
pop	Population of each age group, must be numeric
deaths	The midyear number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Data frame that was input with columns for steps up to proportion surviving to age x included. That is, the original data with the following added columns: ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife, NumberToSurvive, PropToSurvive

Examples

```
# This function will add the ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife,
# NumberToSurvive and PropToSurvive columns to the dataset
prop_to_survive(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

total_years_lived	<i>Total Years Lived From Age x</i>
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Description

Adds a new column called TotalYears to the dataset that was input. TotalYears is the number of years lived from age zero to age x.

Usage

```
total_years_lived(data, age, pop, deaths)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	The mortality dataset, includes an age grouping variable,
<code>age</code>	The age grouping variable, must be categorical
<code>pop</code>	Population of each age group, must be numeric
<code>deaths</code>	The midyear number of deaths at each age group, must be numeric

Value

Dataset that was input with the added columns: `ConditionalProbDeath`, `ConditionalProbLife`, `NumberToSurvive`, `PersonYears`, and `TotalYears`.

Examples

```
# This function will add the ConditionalProbDeath, ConditionalProbLife,  
# NumberToSurvive, PropToSurvive, PersonYearsm and TotalYears columns to the  
# dataset  
total_years_lived(mortality2, "age_group", "population", "deaths")
```

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