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 bivarhr-package

bivarhr: Bivariate Hurdle Regression

Description

Implements bivariate hurdle regression models using Stan/CmdStan with horseshoe priors, Bayesian Model Averaging via stacking, and comprehensive causal inference methods.

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add_qsig	<i>Add BH-adjusted q-values and significance stars</i>
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Description

Adds Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted q-values and a simple significance code column based on p-values contained in a data frame.

Usage

```
add_qsig(df)
```

Arguments

`df` A data frame containing at least a numeric column `p_value`. If `df` is NULL or has zero rows, it is returned unchanged.

Details

The function:

- Computes `q_value` using `p.adjust(method = "BH")`.
- Creates a `sig` column with significance codes:
 - "***" for `q_value <= 0.001`
 - "**" for `0.001 < q_value <= 0.01`
 - "*" for `0.01 < q_value <= 0.05`
 - "" otherwise

Value

The input data frame with added columns `q_value` and `sig`. If `df` is NULL or empty, it is returned as is.

build_design	<i>Build Design Matrices for Bivariate Hurdle Model</i>
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Description

Constructs design matrices for the zero and count components of both outcome variables with cross-lags, trends, regimes, transition dummies, and control variables.

Usage

```

build_design(
  DT,
  k,
  include_C_to_I = TRUE,
  include_I_to_C = TRUE,
  include_trend = TRUE,
  controls = character(0),
  include_regimes = TRUE,
  include_transitions = TRUE
)

```

Arguments

DT	A data.table with required columns.
k	Integer; lag order.
include_C_to_I	Logical; include C lags in I equations.
include_I_to_C	Logical; include I lags in C equations.
include_trend	Logical; include polynomial time trend.
controls	Character vector of control variable names.
include_regimes	Logical; include regime dummies.
include_transitions	Logical; include transition dummies.

Value

A list containing design matrices and outcome vectors.

contrafactual_ATE	<i>Contrafactual Average Treatment Effects (ATE) for the Bivariate Hurdle Model</i>
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Description

Computes time-varying contrafactual Average Treatment Effects (ATE) for both series (I and C) from a fitted bivariate hurdle negative binomial model. For each time point and posterior draw, the function compares the expected outcome under the observed design matrix with a contrafactual scenario where cross-lag terms and transition covariates are set to zero.

Usage

```

contrafactual_ATE(fit_obj, compute_intervals = TRUE, ndraws = 1200, seed = 42)

```

Arguments

fit_obj	A list returned by fit_one() (or an equivalent fitting function), containing at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$fit: a CmdStanR fit object. • \$des: a list with design matrices X_pi_I, X_mu_I, X_pi_C, X_mu_C, a vector log_exposure50, and an index vector idx.
compute_intervals	Logical; if TRUE, returns posterior means and 95% FALSE, only posterior means are returned.
ndraws	Integer; maximum number of posterior draws to use. If ndraws exceeds the number of available draws, it is truncated.
seed	Integer; random seed used to subsample posterior draws.

Details

The function identifies in the design matrices:

- Cross-lag terms via column names containing "zC_L" / "C_L" (for I) and "zI_L" / "I_L" (for C).
- Transition covariates via column names starting with "trans_".

For each time point t and posterior draw s , the expected value under the observed design ($E[Y | X]$) is contrasted with a contrafactual design where these cross-lag and transition columns are set to zero ($E[Y | X_{cf}]$). The ATE at time t is defined as the posterior distribution of $E[Y | X] - E[Y | X_{cf}]$, computed separately for I and C.

Value

A tibble with one row per effective time index (length des\$idx). If compute_intervals = TRUE, the columns are:

- t: time index (from des\$idx).
- ATE_I_mean, ATE_I_low, ATE_I_high: posterior mean and 95% CI
- ATE_C_mean, ATE_C_low, ATE_C_high: posterior mean and 95% CI

If compute_intervals = FALSE, only ATE_I_mean and ATE_C_mean are returned (plus t).

Examples

```
if (interactive() && requireNamespace("cmdstanr", quietly = TRUE)) {
  n <- 120
  DT <- data.table::data.table(
    I = rpois(n, 5), C = rpois(n, 3),
    Regime = factor(sample(c("A", "B", "C"), n, TRUE)),
    trans_PS = c(rep(1,5), rep(0,n-5)),
    trans_SF = c(rep(0,60), rep(1,5), rep(0,n-65)),
    trans_FC = rep(0, n),
    log_exposure50 = log(runif(n, 40, 60))
  )
}
```

```
fit_obj <- fit_one(DT, k = 1, spec = "C")
ate_tab <- contrafactual_ATE(fit_obj, compute_intervals = TRUE)
head(ate_tab)
}
```

disc_terciles *Discretize Numeric Vector into Terciles*

Description

Converts a numeric vector into an ordered factor with three levels (low, medium, high) using deterministic percent ranks to break ties.

Usage

```
disc_terciles(x)
```

Arguments

x Numeric vector to discretize.

Value

An ordered factor with levels "low", "medium", "high".

Examples

```
x <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
disc_terciles(x)
```

export_results *Export Analysis Results*

Description

Exports analysis results to Excel and/or CSV format.

Usage

```
export_results(results, output_dir, format = "xlsx", verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

results	Named list containing analysis results. Expected components include: hurdle, te, te_by_type (list with counts/rates/binary), placebo, tvarstar, varx, eba, dbn_arcs, hmm, sensemakr_I, sensemakr_C, oos, ate.
output_dir	Directory path for output files. Created if it does not exist.
format	Character; output format. One of "xlsx", "csv", or "both".
verbose	Logical; if TRUE, print progress messages.

Value

Invisible path to output directory.

Examples

```
results <- list(
  hurdle = data.frame(model = "test", elpd = -100),
  te = data.frame(dir = "I->C", stat = 0.5, p_value = 0.01)
)
export_results(results, tempdir(), format = "both")
```

fit_one

Fit Single Bivariate Hurdle Model

Description

Fits a bivariate hurdle negative binomial model with horseshoe priors using Stan/CmdStan.

Usage

```
fit_one(
  DT,
  k,
  spec = c("A", "B", "C", "D"),
  controls = character(0),
  model = NULL,
  output_dir = NULL,
  iter_warmup = 1000,
  iter_sampling = 1200,
  chains = 4,
  seed = NULL,
  adapt_delta = 0.95,
  max_treedepth = 12,
  threads_per_chain = 1L,
  hs_tau0 = 0.5,
  hs_slab_scale = 5,
```

```

  hs_slab_df = 4,
  verbose = TRUE
)

```

Arguments

DT	A data.table with the data.
k	Integer; lag order.
spec	Character; model specification ("A", "B", "C", "D").
controls	Character vector of control variable names.
model	A compiled CmdStan model object. If NULL, the package default model is loaded.
output_dir	Directory for CmdStan output files. If NULL, uses a temporary directory.
iter_warmup	Integer; warmup iterations.
iter_sampling	Integer; sampling iterations.
chains	Integer; number of chains.
seed	Integer; random seed.
adapt_delta	Numeric; adaptation target acceptance rate.
max_treedepth	Integer; maximum tree depth.
threads_per_chain	Integer; threads per chain.
hs_tau0	Numeric; horseshoe tau0 parameter.
hs_slab_scale	Numeric; horseshoe slab scale.
hs_slab_df	Numeric; horseshoe slab degrees of freedom.
verbose	Logical; print progress messages.

Value

A list with components:

fit	The CmdStanMCMC fit object.
des	The design matrices used.
spec	The model specification.
k	The lag order.
hs_tau0, hs_slab_scale, hs_slab_df	Horseshoe hyperparameters.
controls	Control variables used.
output_dir	Directory with output files.

get_hurdle_model	<i>Get Default Hurdle Model</i>
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Description

Loads and compiles the package's default Stan model.

Usage

```
get_hurdle_model()
```

Value

A compiled CmdStanModel object.

load_saved_results	<i>Load Saved Results from Directory</i>
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Description

Loads previously saved .rds result files from a specified directory.

Usage

```
load_saved_results(  
  dir_out,  
  which = c("varx", "tsdyn", "bma", "dbn", "hmm", "sensemakr", "synth"),  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

dir_out	Directory containing saved .rds files.
which	Character vector specifying which results to load. Valid options: "varx", "tsdyn", "bma", "dbn", "hmm", "sensemakr", "synth". Default loads all available.
verbose	Logical; if TRUE, print messages about loaded files.

Value

Named list of loaded objects. Components not found are NULL.

Examples

```
# 1. Create a temporary directory (CRAN safe)
tmp_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "test_results")
dir.create(tmp_dir, showWarnings = FALSE)

# 2. Create dummy data files matching the names expected by the function
saveRDS(list(aic = 100), file.path(tmp_dir, "varx_fit.rds"))
saveRDS(list(model = "BMA"), file.path(tmp_dir, "best_fit_bma.rds"))

# 3. Load the results (this will now work correctly)
results <- load_saved_results(tmp_dir, which = c("varx", "bma"))

# 4. Clean up
unlink(tmp_dir, recursive = TRUE)
```

`make_lags`*Create Lag Matrix*

Description

Creates a matrix of lagged values for a numeric vector.

Usage

```
make_lags(x, k)
```

Arguments

`x` Numeric vector.
`k` Integer; maximum lag order.

Value

A matrix with `k` columns containing lags 1 through `k`.

`placebo_temporal`*Temporal Placebo Test via Time-Index Permutations*

Description

Implements a temporal placebo test for the bivariate hurdle model by randomly permuting the time ordering of DT, re-estimating the model on each permuted dataset, and comparing the PSIS-LOO ELPD of the original fit against the permuted fits.

Usage

```
placebo_temporal(
  DT,
  spec = "C",
  k = 2,
  controls = character(0),
  n_perm = 10,
  seed = 999,
  dir_csv = NULL
)
```

Arguments

DT	A <code>data.table</code> (or <code>data.frame</code>) containing the data used by <code>fit_one()</code> .
spec	Character scalar; model specification (e.g. "A", "B", "C", "D") passed to <code>fit_one()</code> .
k	Integer; lag order passed to <code>fit_one()</code> .
controls	Character vector of control variable names passed to <code>fit_one()</code> .
n_perm	Integer; number of temporal permutations (placebo datasets) to run.
seed	Integer; base random seed used for reproducibility of the original fit and the permutations.
dir_csv	Character scalar; directory path to save the summary CSV. If NULL (default), the CSV is not saved to disk.

Details

The function:

- Fits the model on the original DT via `fit_one()`, extracts "log_lik_joint" and computes PSIS-LOO (with `moment_match = TRUE`).
- For each of `n_perm` iterations, permutes the row order of DT, refits the model on the permuted data, recomputes PSIS-LOO, and stores the permuted ELPD.
- Reports, for each permutation, the original ELPD, the permuted ELPD, and their difference (`elpd_orig - elpd_perm`).

This procedure evaluates whether the temporal structure captured by the model is informative: if the model is exploiting genuine time dependence, the original ELPD should typically be higher than that of the permuted (time-scrambled) datasets.

The function assumes that `fit_one()` is available in the search path.

Value

A `data.frame` with one row per permutation and columns:

- `perm`: permutation index (1, ..., `n_perm`).
- `elpd_orig`: ELPD of the original (non-permuted) fit.
- `elpd_perm`: ELPD of the model fit on the permuted data.
- `diff`: difference `elpd_orig - elpd_perm`.

Examples

```

# 1. Create a temporary directory for output
tmp_dir <- file.path(tempdir(), "placebo_out")
dir.create(tmp_dir, showWarnings = FALSE)

# 2. Create dummy data (DT)
# Needed because R CMD check runs in a clean environment
N <- 50
DT <- data.frame(
  time = 1:N,
  y = rpois(N, lambda = 4),
  X1 = rnorm(N),
  X2 = rnorm(N)
)
# Ensure it's a data.table if fit_one expects it, or leave as DF
# (The function internally ensures data.table behavior)

# 3. Define auxiliary parameters
k_grid <- 0:1

# 4. Run the function
# We use a small n_perm for the example to run faster
try({
  out_placebo <- placebo_temporal(DT, spec = "C", k = 1,
    controls = c("X1", "X2"),
    n_perm = 2, seed = 999,
    dir_csv = tmp_dir)

  head(out_placebo)
})

# 5. Cleanup
unlink(tmp_dir, recursive = TRUE)

```

prewhiten_bin_glm

Pre-whiten binary series with logistic GLM

Description

Fits a logistic regression (binomial GLM with logit link) to a binary 0/1 response and returns Pearson residuals as a pre-whitened series.

Usage

```
prewhiten_bin_glm(DT, yname)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.frame or data.table containing the binary response and covariates. It must include at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The binary variable named by yname (values 0/1). • t_norm: normalized time index. • Regime, EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War.
yname	Character scalar; name of the binary response column in DT. The function checks that all values are in c(0, 1) and stops otherwise.

Value

A numeric vector of Pearson residuals (one per row in DT used in the fit).

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  n <- 100
  DT <- data.frame(
    t_norm = seq_len(n) / n,
    I_zero = rbinom(n, 1, 0.3),
    Regime = factor(sample(c("A", "B"), n, TRUE)),
    EconCycle = rnorm(n), PopDensity = runif(n),
    Epidemics = rbinom(n, 1, 0.1), Climate = rnorm(n), War = rbinom(n, 1, 0.05)
  )
  r_I_zero <- prewhiten_bin_glm(DT, "I_zero")
  head(r_I_zero)
}
```

```
prewhiten_count_glm    Pre-whiten count series with GLM / NegBin model
```

Description

Fits a generalized linear model for count data using either a negative binomial model with log link and offset, or a Poisson fallback, and returns Pearson residuals to be used as a pre-whitened series.

Usage

```
prewhiten_count_glm(DT, yname)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.frame or data.table containing the response and covariates. It must include at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The count variable named by yname. • t_norm: normalized time index.
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- Regime, EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War.
- log_exposure50: log exposure (offset).

yname Character scalar; name of the count response column in DT.

Details

The function first attempts to fit a negative binomial GLM via MASS: `glm.nb()` with a log link and `log_exposure50` as an offset. If the fit fails (e.g., due to convergence issues), it falls back to a Poisson GLM via `glm(family = poisson())` with the same formula and offset.

Value

A numeric vector of Pearson residuals (one per row in DT used in the fit).

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  n <- 100
  DT <- data.frame(
    t_norm = seq_len(n) / n,
    I = rpois(n, 5),
    Regime = factor(sample(c("A", "B"), n, TRUE)),
    EconCycle = rnorm(n), PopDensity = runif(n),
    Epidemics = rbinom(n, 1, 0.1), Climate = rnorm(n), War = rbinom(n, 1, 0.05),
    log_exposure50 = log(runif(n, 40, 60))
  )
  r_I <- prewhiten_count_glm(DT, "I")
  head(r_I)
}
```

prewhiten_rate_glm *Pre-whiten rate series with log-link Gaussian GLM*

Description

Fits a Gaussian GLM with log link to a rate variable (count/exposure) without offset, applying a small lower bound to avoid zeros, and returns Pearson residuals as a pre-whitened series.

Usage

```
prewhiten_rate_glm(DT, yname)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.frame or data.table containing the rate variable and covariates. It must include at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The rate variable named by yname. • t_norm: normalized time index. • Regime, EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War.
yname	Character scalar; name of the rate response column in DT.

Details

The response y is first sanitized via `y_safe <- pmax(y, 1e-8)` to avoid taking logs of zero. The model is then fit with `glm(family = gaussian(link = "log"))`.

Value

A numeric vector of Pearson residuals (one per row in DT used in the fit).

Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  n <- 100
  DT <- data.frame(
    t_norm = seq_len(n) / n,
    I_rate = rgamma(n, 2, 1),
    Regime = factor(sample(c("A", "B"), n, TRUE)),
    EconCycle = rnorm(n), PopDensity = runif(n),
    Epidemics = rbinom(n, 1, 0.1), Climate = rnorm(n), War = rbinom(n, 1, 0.05)
  )
  r_I_rate <- prewhiten_rate_glm(DT, "I_rate")
  head(r_I_rate)
}
```

`print_floor_smoketest` *Print summary of FLOOR smoke test (ELPD ranking invariance)*

Description

Nicely prints a summary of the FLOOR smoke test produced by `smoketest_floor_elpd_invariance`, indicating whether the ELPD-based ranking of models is invariant across different FLOOR constants and listing the combined results.

Usage

```
print_floor_smoketest(st)
```

Arguments

- `st` A list returned by `smoketest_floor_elpd_invariance`, containing at least:
- `same_order`: logical flag indicating whether the ELPD ranking is identical for all FLOOR values.
 - `combined`: data frame or tibble with columns `FLOOR`, `fit_id`, `elpd`, `elpd_se`, and `rank_elpd`, among others.

Details

The function uses `cli` to print a section header and an info message stating whether the ELPD ranking is invariant across values of FLOOR. It then arranges the combined table by FLOOR and decreasing `elpd`, selects a subset of columns, and prints it to the console.

This is a convenience/reporting helper and does not modify `st`.

Value

Invisibly returns the input object `st`, so it can be used in pipes if desired.

Examples

```
# 1. Define dummy data inside the example so it runs on CRAN checks
st_dummy <- list(
  same_order = TRUE,
  combined = data.frame(
    FLOOR      = rep(c(-1e6, -1e4), each = 2),
    fit_id     = rep(c("model_1", "model_2"), 2),
    elpd       = c(-100.1, -101.3, -100.1, -101.3),
    elpd_se    = c(1.2, 1.3, 1.2, 1.3),
    rank_elpd  = c(1L, 2L, 1L, 2L)
  )
)

# 2. Run the function
print_floor_smoketest(st_dummy)
```

read_bma_all

Read and consolidate BMA weight tables

Description

Searches for BMA weight CSV files produced by the Hurdle-NB model, reads them using automatic delimiter detection, and returns a single stacked data frame with normalized column names and a combo identifier.

Usage

```
read_bma_all(dir_csv, dir_out, stop_if_empty = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

dir_csv	Character scalar; directory where BMA CSV files are expected (for example "bma_weights_specC_ctrl*.csv").
dir_out	Character scalar; output directory used during the experiment, which may contain BMA files or a fallback RDS object.
stop_if_empty	Logical; if TRUE, an informative error is thrown when no valid BMA tables are found. If FALSE, a warning is issued and an empty tibble is returned.
verbose	Logical; if TRUE, prints diagnostic messages about the search paths, files found, and detected ELPD column.

Details

The function:

- Looks for CSV files matching the pattern "bma_weights_specC_ctrl*.csv" in dir_csv, and if none are found, searches recursively in dir_out.
- Reads each candidate file via rc_auto() and keeps only non-empty data frames.
- If no CSV files are usable, optionally falls back to an RDS file "experimento_mejorado_all.rds" under dir_out and tries to extract BMA tables from allobj\$bma.
- Normalizes column names with normalize_names(), ensures a combo column exists, detects the ELPD column, and sorts rows by decreasing ELPD.

Value

A data frame with all BMA tables stacked and an added combo_id column (source identifier) and a combo column (control combo). If nothing is found and stop_if_empty = FALSE, an empty tibble is returned.

Description

Computes rolling out-of-sample (OOS) forecast accuracy for the selected bivariate hurdle model by repeatedly truncating the sample at different cut points Tcut, generating multi-step-ahead predictive distributions, and summarizing them via RMSE for I and C.

Usage

```
rolling_oos(
  best_fit,
  DT,
  h = 5,
  cuts = seq(round(0.6 * nrow(DT)), round(0.9 * nrow(DT)), length.out = 5)
)
```

Arguments

<code>best_fit</code>	A fitted model object as returned by <code>fit_one()</code> , containing at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <code>\$fit</code>: CmdStanR fit object with posterior draws. • <code>\$des</code>: design matrices used by the model. • <code>\$k</code>: lag order used in the fit. This object is passed directly to <code>predict_multistep()</code> .
<code>DT</code>	A <code>data.frame</code> or <code>data.table</code> containing the original time series and covariates used to fit the model, including at least columns I and C.
<code>h</code>	Integer; maximum forecast horizon (number of steps ahead) requested at each cut. For a given <code>Tcut</code> , the effective horizon is $\min(h, \text{nrow}(DT) - Tcut)$.
<code>cuts</code>	Numeric vector of time indices (training end points) at which to perform the rolling evaluation. By default, a grid of five equally spaced cut points between 60\ used: <code>seq(round(0.6 * nrow(DT)), round(0.9 * nrow(DT)), length.out = 5)</code> .

Details

For each `Tcut` in `cuts`, the function:

1. Calls `predict_multistep()` with `fit_obj = best_fit`, the full `DT`, lag `k = best_fit$k`, and horizon `h_eff = min(h, nrow(DT) - Tcut)` to obtain posterior predictive paths `pred_I` and `pred_C`.
2. Computes the posterior-mean forecast for each step (`mI`, `mC`) as the column means of `pred_I` and `pred_C`.
3. Extracts the realized outcomes `yI = I[(Tcut + 1):(Tcut + h_eff)]` and analogously for `yC`.
4. Computes RMSE for each series: $RMSE_I = \sqrt{\text{mean}((yI - mI)^2)}$, $RMSE_C = \sqrt{\text{mean}((yC - mC)^2)}$.

Progress is reported via **progressr**. The resulting table is written as "rolling_oos.csv" in the directory specified by a global character scalar `dir_csv`.

Value

A `data.frame` with one row per `Tcut` and columns:

- `Tcut`: training end index.
- `RMSE_I`: rolling OOS RMSE for series I.
- `RMSE_C`: rolling OOS RMSE for series C.

Examples

```
# Minimal synthetic example illustrating the expected data structure:
set.seed(123)
DT <- data.frame(
  id = rep(1:10, each = 2),
  t = rep(1:2, times = 10),
  I = rpois(20, lambda = 0.5),
  C = rpois(20, lambda = 1.0)
)

# Directory for CSV output (in practice, use a persistent path chosen
# by the user):
dir_csv <- file.path(tempdir(), "bivarhr_oos_csv")

# Typical workflow (commented out to avoid heavy computation and
# external dependencies such as CmdStan during R CMD check):
#
# best_fit <- fit_one(
#   data = DT,
#   k = 2,
#   spec = "C"
# )
#
# oos_res <- rolling_oos(
#   fit = best_fit,
#   data = DT,
#   h = 6,
#   dir_csv = dir_csv
# )
# print(oos_res)
```

run_dbn

Fit a Two-Slice Dynamic Bayesian Network (DBN) for I, C, and Regime

Description

Constructs and estimates a simple two-slice Dynamic Bayesian Network (DBN) over discretized versions of I, C, and Regime using **bnlearn**. The network includes current and lag-1 nodes for each variable, with structural constraints enforcing the DBN topology.

Usage

```
run_dbn(DT)
```

Arguments

- DT** A data.frame or data.table containing at least:
- **I_cat, C_cat**: discretized (e.g., tercile) versions of I and C.
 - **Regime**: categorical regime indicator.
- The function internally renames these to **Ic, Cc, and R**, constructs their lag-1 counterparts, and drops rows with missing lags.

Details

The DBN is defined on the nodes **Ic, Cc, R, Ic_l1, Cc_l1, R_l1**. A blacklist is used to forbid arrows from current to lagged nodes, while a whitelist ensures arrows from lagged to current nodes:

- **Blacklist**: **Ic → Ic_l1, Cc → Cc_l1, R → R_l1**.
- **Whitelist**: **Ic_l1 → Ic, Cc_l1 → Cc, R_l1 → R**.

The structure is learned via hill-climbing (`bnlearn::hc()`) with BDe score (`score = "bde"`) and imaginary sample size `iss = 10`. Parameters are then estimated via `bnlearn::bn.fit()` using Bayesian estimation with the same `iss`.

If **Rgraphviz** is available, a graph of the learned DAG is produced and saved as `"dbn_graph.png"` in the directory specified by a global object `dir_figs` (character scalar). The preprocessed data used to fit the DBN are written to `"dbn_data.csv"` in `dir_csv`, and the fitted objects are saved as `"dbn_fit.rds"` in `dir_out`.

The function assumes that `dir_csv`, `dir_out`, and (optionally) `dir_figs` exist as global character scalars specifying output directories.

Value

A list with components:

- **dag**: the learned Bayesian network structure (`bnlearn "bn" object`).
- **fit**: the fitted DBN (`"bn.fit" object`).
- **data**: the processed data frame (**Ic, Cc, R, and their lag-1 versions**) used to learn/fit the DBN.

Examples

```
library(data.table)

# 1. Create dummy data (Fixed: wrapped in factor() for bnlearn)
DT <- data.table(
  I_cat = factor(sample(c("Low", "Medium", "High"), 100, replace = TRUE)),
  C_cat = factor(sample(c("Low", "Medium", "High"), 100, replace = TRUE)),
  Regime = factor(sample(c("Growth", "Crisis"), 100, replace = TRUE))
)

# 2. Define global paths using tempdir()
tmp_dir <- tempdir()
dir_csv <- file.path(tmp_dir, "csv")
dir_out <- file.path(tmp_dir, "dbn")
```

```

dir_figs <- file.path(tmp_dir, "figs")

dir.create(dir_csv, showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE)
dir.create(dir_out, showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE)
dir.create(dir_figs, showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE)

# 3. Run the function
dbn_res <- run_dbn(DT)

# Inspect the result
print(dbn_res$dag)

```

run_eba

Extreme-Bounds Analysis (EBA) over Control-Variable Combinations

Description

Runs an Extreme-Bounds Analysis (EBA) over a predefined set of control variable combinations, fitting (or re-fitting) the bivariate hurdle model for each combination and extracting posterior mean coefficients for all regression blocks (μ_I , π_I , μ_C , π_C).

Usage

```
run_eba(DT, spec = "C", k_bma_table = NULL, seed = 123)
```

Arguments

DT	A <code>data.table</code> or <code>data.frame</code> with the data passed to <code>fit_one()</code> .
spec	Character scalar; model specification (e.g. "A", "B", "C", "D") passed to <code>fit_one()</code> .
k_bma_table	Optional object (typically a named list or list-like structure) indexed by control-combination tags that indicates for which combinations a BMA selection table already exists. If <code>k_bma_table[[tag]]</code> is <code>NULL</code> or <code>bma_weights_*</code> CSV is missing, the function falls back to a default fit with $k = 2$ and default horseshoe hyperparameters.
seed	Integer; base random seed for the fits. For different control combinations, the seed is jittered to avoid identical pseudo-random sequences.

Details

The function assumes the existence of:

- `control_combos`: a named object whose names are control tags (e.g. "None", "X1+X2", "X1+X3+X4"), defining which control sets to explore.
- `dir_csv`: a character scalar with the directory where CSV files will be read/written.
- `fit_one()`: a function that fits a single bivariate hurdle model and returns at least `$fit` (CmdStanR fit) and `$des` (design matrices).

For each control-combination tag tag:

- If a BMA weights file "bma_weights_spec<spec>_ctrl<tag>.csv" exists in dir_csv and k_bma_table[[tag]] is not NULL, the top-weighted row (highest weight) is used to select k and horseshoe hyperparameters (hs_tau0, hs_slab_scale, hs_slab_df) for the fit.
- Otherwise, the model is fit with k = 2 and default horseshoe hyperparameters.
- Posterior means of the regression coefficients with prefixes "b_mu_I", "b_pi_I", "b_mu_C", "b_pi_C" are extracted and mapped back to the corresponding column names of the design matrices.

All coefficient summaries are stacked into a single table and written to "eba_coefficients.csv" in dir_csv.

Value

A data.frame with the columns:

- name: name of the covariate (design-matrix column).
- mean: posterior mean of the corresponding coefficient.
- block: block identifier ("mu_I", "pi_I", "mu_C", "pi_C").
- combo: control-combination tag used for that fit.

Examples

```
library(data.table)

# 1. Create a COMPLETE dummy dataset
# This satisfies ALL requirements of build_design() and fit_one()
DT <- data.table(
  year = 2000:2020,
  # Dependent variables (Raw)
  I = rpois(21, lambda = 4),
  C = rpois(21, lambda = 3),
  # Dependent variables (Standardized/Transformed - required by build_design)
  zI = rnorm(21),
  zC = rnorm(21),
  # Trend variables (required if include_trend=TRUE)
  t_norm = seq(-1, 1, length.out = 21),
  t_poly2 = seq(-1, 1, length.out = 21)^2,
  # Regime (required if include_regimes=TRUE)
  Regime = factor(sample(c("A", "B"), 21, replace = TRUE)),
  # Transition dummies (required if include_transitions=TRUE)
  # Specifically: trans_PS, trans_SF, trans_FC
  trans_PS = sample(0:1, 21, replace = TRUE),
  trans_SF = sample(0:1, 21, replace = TRUE),
  trans_FC = sample(0:1, 21, replace = TRUE),
  # Exposure offset (required by fit_one)
  log_exposure50 = rep(0, 21),
  # Control variables (used in this specific example)
  X1 = rnorm(21),
  X2 = rnorm(21),
```

```

    X3 = rnorm(21)
  )

# 2. Define global objects required by run_eba
control_combos <- list(
  None      = character(0),
  "X1+X2"   = c("X1", "X2"),
  "X1+X2+X3" = c("X1", "X2", "X3")
)

# 3. Define global paths using tempdir()
tmp_dir <- tempdir()
dir_csv <- file.path(tmp_dir, "csv")
if (!dir.exists(dir_csv)) dir.create(dir_csv, recursive = TRUE)

# 4. Run the function
# Note: This will attempt to run Stan. If CmdStan is not configured,
# it might fail later, but the DATA error is fixed.
try({
  eba_tab <- run_eba(DT, spec = "C", k_bma_table = list(), seed = 123)
  print(head(eba_tab))
})

```

run_hmm

*Hidden Markov Model (HMM) for Path Dependence (Counts I and C)***Description**

Fits a univariate time-series Hidden Markov Model (HMM) with Poisson emissions for the count variables I and C using **depmixS4**. The estimated state sequence is exported and the fit object is saved to disk.

Usage

```
run_hmm(DT, nstates = 3, seed = NULL)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.frame or data.table containing at least the columns I and C, interpreted as non-negative count series observed over time.
nstates	Integer; number of latent Markov states to fit in the HMM (default is 3).
seed	Integer or NULL; optional seed for reproducibility. If NULL (default), no seed is set and results may vary between runs.

Details

The model is specified via `depmixS4::depmix()` as a multivariate Poisson HMM with two observed series:

- $I \sim 1$
- $C \sim 1$

and `nstates` hidden regimes. The function:

1. Builds a data frame with columns `I` and `C`.
2. Constructs the HMM with Poisson emission distributions for both series.
3. Optionally sets a random seed if the `seed` argument is provided.
4. Fits the model with `fit(mod, verbose = FALSE)` wrapped in `try()` to avoid stopping on optimization failures.
5. If fitting succeeds, extracts the posterior state sequence via `depmixS4::posterior()`.

The function assumes that two global character scalars are defined:

- `dir_csv`: directory where the state sequence CSV will be written.
- `dir_out`: directory where the fitted HMM object RDS will be saved.

A CSV file named `"hmm_states.csv"` is written to `dir_csv` with columns `t` (time index) and `state` (most probable state). The fitted HMM object is saved as `"hmm_fit.rds"` in `dir_out`.

Value

If the optimization succeeds, a list with components:

- `fit`: the fitted "depmix" model object.
- `states`: integer vector of inferred latent states (one per time point).

If fitting fails (e.g., non-convergence), the function returns `NULL`.

Examples

```
library(data.table)

# 1. Create dummy data (Only 'I' and 'C' counts are required by this function)
DT <- data.table(
  I = rpois(50, lambda = 4),
  C = rpois(50, lambda = 3)
)

# 2. Define global paths using tempdir() (Fixes CRAN policy)
# run_hmm expects these variables to exist in the global environment
tmp_dir <- tempdir()
dir_csv <- file.path(tmp_dir, "csv")
dir_out <- file.path(tmp_dir, "hmm")

dir.create(dir_csv, showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE)
```

```

dir.create(dir_out, showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE)

# 3. Run the function
# Using nstates=2 for a faster example check
res_hmm <- run_hmm(DT, nstates = 2)

# Inspect result if successful
if (!is.null(res_hmm)) {
  print(table(res_hmm$states))
}

```

run_sensemakr

Sensitivity Analysis to Unobserved Confounding (sensemakr)

Description

Performs the Cinelli & Hazlett style sensitivity analysis using **sensemakr** for two linear models:

- $I \sim \text{trans_FC} + \text{t_norm} + \text{PopDensity} + \text{War}$
- $C \sim \text{trans_FC} + \text{t_norm} + \text{PopDensity} + \text{War}$

treating `trans_FC` as the exposure of interest and using `PopDensity` and `War` as benchmark covariates.

Usage

```
run_sensemakr(DT)
```

Arguments

`DT` A `data.frame` or `data.table` containing at least the columns `I`, `C`, `trans_FC`, `t_norm`, `PopDensity`, and `War`.

Details

For each outcome (`I` and `C`), an OLS model is estimated and passed to `sensemakr::sensemakr()` with:

- `treatment = "trans_FC"`
- `benchmark_covariates = c("PopDensity", "War")`

The resulting `sensemakr` objects are summarized via `summary()`, converted to data frames, and written to CSV files:

- `"sensemakr_I_FC.csv"` for outcome `I`.
- `"sensemakr_C_FC.csv"` for outcome `C`.

The function assumes that a global character scalar `dir_csv` is defined and points to the directory where CSV outputs should be saved.

Value

A list with components:

- I: the sensemakr object for the model with outcome I.
- C: the sensemakr object for the model with outcome C.

Examples

```
library(data.table)

# 1. Create dummy data with ALL columns required by the lm() formulas
DT <- data.table(
  I = rpois(30, lambda = 5),
  C = rpois(30, lambda = 3),
  trans_FC = sample(0:1, 30, replace = TRUE), # Treatment
  t_norm = rnorm(30), # Trend/Time
  PopDensity = rnorm(30), # Benchmark Covariate
  War = sample(0:1, 30, replace = TRUE) # Benchmark Covariate
)

# 2. Define global path using tempdir() (Fixes CRAN policy)
# run_sensemakr writes output to 'dir_csv', so it must be defined.
tmp_dir <- tempdir()
dir_csv <- file.path(tmp_dir, "csv")
if (!dir.exists(dir_csv)) dir.create(dir_csv, recursive = TRUE)

# 3. Run the function
# This requires the 'sensemakr' package to be installed.
res_sense <- run_sensemakr(DT)

# Inspect results
if (!is.null(res_sense$I)) {
  print(summary(res_sense$I))
}
```

run_synth_bsts

Synthetic Control via BSTS (CausalImpact)

Description

Builds a simple synthetic-control-style analysis using **CausalImpact**/BSTS for either I or C as the outcome, with treatment defined endogenously by a high level of a chosen control variable.

Usage

```
run_synth_bsts(DT, outcome = c("I", "C"), control_var, seed = 123)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.frame or data.table containing at least: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I, C: outcome candidates (counts or rates). • EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War, t_norm: predictors used to build the synthetic control. • The column named in control_var, used to define the treated period.
outcome	Character; which outcome series to use as the response, one of "I" or "C".
control_var	Character scalar; name of a column in DT whose high values define the treated period (e.g., intensity of some intervention or shock proxy).
seed	Integer; random seed for reproducibility of the BSTS fit.

Details

The function:

1. Selects the outcome series $y \leftarrow DT[[outcome]]$.
2. Builds the predictor matrix from EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War, and t_norm.
3. Uses control_var to define a treated period as observations where control_var is in the top third ($\geq 2/3$ quantile). If fewer than 5 treated observations are found, the function returns NULL.
4. Sets the intervention start time t_0 as one period before the first treated index (with a minimum of 10 observations in the pre-period). The pre- and post-intervention windows are: pre.period = c(1, t_0) and post.period = c($t_0 + 1$, length(y)).
5. Calls CausalImpact::CausalImpact() on the combined cbind(y, preds) matrix, with model.args = list(nseasons = 1).

From the resulting impact object, the function extracts the average absolute and relative effects from impact\$summary and stores them in a small summary table with two rows: "abs_effect_mean" and "rel_effect_mean".

A CSV file named "causalimpact_<control_var>_on_<outcome>.csv" is written to the directory specified by a global character scalar dir_csv. If CausalImpact() fails, the function returns NULL.

Value

On success, a list with components:

- impact: the full CausalImpact object.
- summary: a data.frame with the mean absolute and relative effects.

If the treated period is too short or the model fit fails, the function returns NULL.

Examples

```

library(data.table)

# 1. Create dummy data with ALL required predictors
# The function explicitly selects: EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War, t_norm
DT <- data.table(
  year = 2000:2029,
  I = rpois(30, lambda = 10),
  C = rpois(30, lambda = 8),
  # Predictors required by run_synth_bsts internal selection
  EconCycle = rnorm(30),
  PopDensity = rnorm(30),
  Epidemics = rnorm(30),
  Climate = rnorm(30),
  War = rnorm(30),
  t_norm = seq(-1, 1, length.out = 30)
)

# 2. Define global paths using tempdir() (Fixes CRAN policy)
# run_synth_bsts writes output to 'dir_csv'
tmp_dir <- tempdir()
dir_csv <- file.path(tmp_dir, "csv")
if (!dir.exists(dir_csv)) dir.create(dir_csv, recursive = TRUE)

# 3. Run the function
# We use "War" as the control variable to define the treatment period
res_I <- run_synth_bsts(DT, outcome = "I", control_var = "War", seed = 123)

# Inspect results if successful (might return NULL if fit fails or not enough data)
if (!is.null(res_I)) {
  print(res_I$summary)
}

```

run_transfer_entropy *Transfer Entropy for Counts, Rates, and Binary Series*

Description

Computes pairwise transfer entropy between I and C for three transformations of the data: raw counts, rates (count/exposure), and binary presence/absence. Each series is first pre-whitened via a GLM and transfer entropy is then estimated for a grid of lags using **RTransferEntropy**. Results are written to separate CSV files and to a combined summary.

Usage

```

run_transfer_entropy(
  DT,

```

```

lags = 1:3,
shuffles = 1000,
seed = 123,
use_progress = TRUE
)

```

Arguments

DT	A data.table or data.frame containing at least the following columns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I, C: count variables (non-negative integers). • exposure50: exposure used to form rates (must be strictly positive). • log_exposure50: log of the exposure (offset). • t_norm, Regime, EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War: covariates used by the pre-whitening GLMs.
lags	Integer vector of lag orders L for which transfer entropy is computed (passed to lx and ly in RTransferEntropy::transfer_entropy()).
shuffles	Integer; number of shuffle replications for the surrogate-distribution-based significance test in transfer_entropy().
seed	Integer; base random seed used for reproducibility of the pre-whitening and transfer entropy computations.
use_progress	Logical; reserved for future use to toggle progress reporting. Currently not used.

Details

The function proceeds in four steps:

1. **Counts:** I and C are pre-whitened via [prewhiten_count_glm](#) (Negative Binomial with offset and Poisson fallback). Transfer entropy is computed in both directions (I→C and C→I) for each lag in lags. Results are saved to "transfer_entropy_counts.csv".
2. **Rates:** I and C are divided by exposure50, pre-whitened via [prewhiten_rate_glm](#), and transfer entropy is recomputed. Results are saved to "transfer_entropy_rates.csv". A check is performed to ensure exposure50 > 0 for all observations.
3. **Binary:** I and C are recoded as 0/1 presence/absence indicators and pre-whitened via [prewhiten_bin_glm](#). Transfer entropy is computed again and results are saved to "transfer_entropy_binary.csv".
4. **Combined:** All tables are stacked into a single data frame with a type column ("counts", "rates", "binary") and written to "transfer_entropy.csv".

Internally, the helpers [.get_stat](#) and [.get_pval](#) are used to extract the transfer entropy statistic and p-value from the objects returned by RTransferEntropy::transfer_entropy(). The function assumes a global dir_csv object (character scalar) indicating the output directory for CSV files.

Value

A data.frame with one row per lag and type, and columns:

- lag: lag order used in transfer_entropy().

- TE_ItoC, p_ItoC: transfer entropy and p-value from I to C.
- TE_CtoI, p_CtoI: transfer entropy and p-value from C to I.
- type: transformation used ("counts", "rates", or "binary").

Examples

```
library(data.table)

# 1. Create dummy data with ALL covariates required by prewhiten_*_glm()
# The internal GLM formulas likely include:
# I ~ t_norm + Regime + EconCycle + PopDensity + Epidemics + Climate + War
DT <- data.table(
  year = 2000:2029,
  I = rpois(30, lambda = 10),
  C = rpois(30, lambda = 8),
  exposure50 = runif(30, 100, 200),
  log_exposure50 = log(runif(30, 100, 200)),
  # Covariates
  t_norm = seq(-1, 1, length.out = 30),
  Regime = factor(sample(c("A", "B"), 30, replace = TRUE)),
  EconCycle = rnorm(30),
  PopDensity = rnorm(30),
  Epidemics = rnorm(30),
  Climate = rnorm(30),
  War = rnorm(30)
)

# 2. Define global paths using tempdir() (Fixes CRAN policy)
# run_transfer_entropy writes output to 'dir_csv'
tmp_dir <- tempdir()
dir_csv <- file.path(tmp_dir, "csv")
if (!dir.exists(dir_csv)) dir.create(dir_csv, recursive = TRUE)

# 3. Run the function
# Using fewer shuffles for a faster example check
te_tab <- run_transfer_entropy(DT, lags = 1, shuffles = 10, seed = 123)

# Inspect results
if (!is.null(te_tab)) {
  print(subset(te_tab, type == "counts"))
}
```

Description

Estimates a bivariate VAR model for I and C with exogenous covariates (VARX), and computes a set of standard diagnostics (stability, serial correlation, normality, ARCH). The fitted model and diagnostics are saved to disk and also returned.

Usage

```
run_varx(DT, p = 2)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.table (or data.frame) containing at least the following columns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I, C: endogenous variables for the VAR. • EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War, t_norm: exogenous regressors included in the VARX.
p	Integer; lag order of the VAR part (number of lags for I and C).

Details

The endogenous vector is $y_t = (I_t, C_t)'$ and the exogenous regressors are: EconCycle, PopDensity, Epidemics, Climate, War, t_norm. The model is fit using `vars::VAR()` with `type = "const"` and the exogenous matrix passed via `exogen`.

After estimation, the following diagnostics from `vars` are (attempted to be) computed:

- `vars::stability(fit, type = "OLS-CUSUM")` for stability.
- `vars::serial.test(fit, lags.pt = 10, type = "PT.asymptotic")` for serial correlation.
- `vars::normality.test(fit)` for residual normality.
- `vars::arch.test(fit, lags.multi = 5)` for ARCH effects.

Each diagnostic call is wrapped in `try()`, so if a diagnostic fails, the corresponding element in the output will contain a "try-error" instead of stopping the function.

The result is saved as an RDS file named "varx_fit.rds" in the directory specified by a global object `dir_out` (character scalar).

Value

A list with components:

- `fit`: the estimated VAR model (vars object).
- `stability`: result of `vars::stability()` (or "try-error" on failure).
- `serial`: result of `vars::serial.test()` (or "try-error" on failure).
- `normal`: result of `vars::normality.test()` (or "try-error" on failure).
- `arch`: result of `vars::arch.test()` (or "try-error" on failure).

Examples

```

library(data.table)

# 1. Create dummy data with ALL required columns for VARX
# The function explicitly requires these specific exogenous variables
DT <- data.table(
  year = 2000:2049, # 50 obs to ensure diagnostics (lags.pt=10) don't fail
  I = rpois(50, lambda = 10),
  C = rpois(50, lambda = 8),
  # Exogenous regressors required by the function
  EconCycle = rnorm(50),
  PopDensity = rnorm(50),
  Epidemics = rnorm(50),
  Climate = rnorm(50),
  War = rnorm(50),
  t_norm = seq(-1, 1, length.out = 50)
)

# 2. Define global output directory using tempdir() (Fixes CRAN policy)
# run_varx looks for 'dir_out' in the global environment
tmp_dir <- tempdir()
dir_out <- file.path(tmp_dir, "varx")
if (!dir.exists(dir_out)) dir.create(dir_out, recursive = TRUE)

# 3. Run the function
# We use p=1 to keep it fast and stable for the example check
res_varx <- run_varx(DT, p = 1)

# Inspect the fitted VAR object if it didn't fail
if (!inherits(res_varx$fit, "try-error")) {
  print(res_varx$fit)
}

```

select_by_bma

Select Best Model via Bayesian Model Averaging

Description

Fits multiple bivariate hurdle models across a grid of lag orders and horseshoe hyperparameters, then performs model selection using LOO-CV and stacking weights.

Usage

```

select_by_bma(
  DT,
  spec = "C",
  controls = character(0),

```

```

k_grid = 0:3,
hs_grid = data.frame(hs_tau0 = c(0.1, 0.5, 1), hs_slab_scale = c(1, 5, 1, 5, 1, 5),
  hs_slab_df = 4, stringsAsFactors = FALSE),
model = NULL,
output_base_dir = NULL,
iter_warmup = 900,
iter_sampling = 1200,
chains = 4,
seed = 123,
use_parallel = TRUE,
verbose = TRUE
)

```

Arguments

DT	A data.table with the data.
spec	Character; model specification ("A", "B", "C", "D").
controls	Character vector of control variable names.
k_grid	Integer vector of lag orders to evaluate.
hs_grid	Data.frame with columns hs_tau0, hs_slab_scale, hs_slab_df defining the horse-shoe hyperparameter grid.
model	A compiled CmdStan model. If NULL, loads the default.
output_base_dir	Base directory for output files. If NULL, uses tempdir().
iter_warmup	Integer; warmup iterations.
iter_sampling	Integer; sampling iterations.
chains	Integer; number of chains.
seed	Integer; random seed.
use_parallel	Logical; if TRUE and furr is available, fits models in parallel.
verbose	Logical; print progress messages.

Value

A list with components:

fits	List of fitted model objects.
loos	List of LOO objects.
weights	Numeric vector of stacking weights.
table	Data.frame with results sorted by ELPD.

Examples

```

library(data.table)

# 1. Create a COMPLETE dummy dataset
# select_by_bma -> fit_one -> build_design requires ALL these columns:
DT <- data.table(
  year = 2000:2020,
  I = rpois(21, lambda = 4),
  C = rpois(21, lambda = 3),
  zI = rnorm(21),
  zC = rnorm(21),
  t_norm = seq(-1, 1, length.out = 21),
  t_poly2 = seq(-1, 1, length.out = 21)^2,
  Regime = factor(sample(c("A", "B"), 21, replace = TRUE)),
  trans_PS = sample(0:1, 21, replace = TRUE),
  trans_SF = sample(0:1, 21, replace = TRUE),
  trans_FC = sample(0:1, 21, replace = TRUE),
  log_exposure50 = rep(0, 21)
)

# 2. Run the function
# IMPORTANT: use_parallel = FALSE to avoid complexity/errors in CRAN checks
# We reduce the grid size (k_grid=0) for speed in this example
try({
  result <- select_by_bma(
    DT,
    spec = "C",
    k_grid = 0,
    hs_grid = data.frame(hs_tau0=0.5, hs_slab_scale=1, hs_slab_df=4),
    use_parallel = FALSE,
    iter_warmup = 100, iter_sampling = 100, chains = 1 # Minimal MCMC for speed
  )

  if (!is.null(result$table)) {
    print(result$table)
  }
})

```

smoketest_floor_elpd_invariance

Smoke Test for FLOOR ELPD Invariance

Description

Tests that the ELPD ranking is invariant to different FLOOR penalty values in the Stan model.

Usage

```
smoketest_floor_elpd_invariance(
  DT,
  stan_code,
  floors = c(-1e+06, -1e+08, -10000),
  spec = "C",
  controls = character(0),
  k_grid = 0:1,
  hs_grid = data.frame(hs_tau0 = c(0.1, 0.5), hs_slab_scale = c(1, 5), hs_slab_df = 4),
  hs_rows = 1:2,
  iter_warmup = 200,
  iter_sampling = 200,
  chains = 2,
  seed = 123,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

DT	Data.table with the data.
stan_code	Character; Stan model code.
floors	Numeric vector of FLOOR values to test.
spec	Character; model specification.
controls	Character vector of control variables.
k_grid	Integer vector of lag values to test.
hs_grid	Data.frame with horseshoe hyperparameter grid.
hs_rows	Integer vector; which rows of hs_grid to use.
iter_warmup	Integer; warmup iterations.
iter_sampling	Integer; sampling iterations.
chains	Integer; number of chains.
seed	Integer; random seed.
verbose	Logical; print progress messages.

Value

A list with components:

same_order	Logical; TRUE if ranking is identical across all FLOOR values.
floors	The tested FLOOR values.
tables	List of result tables for each FLOOR.
combined	Combined data.frame of all results.
rank_signatures	Character vector of ranking signatures.

 standardize_continuous

Standardize Continuous Columns

Description

Standardizes selected numeric columns using z-score or robust (median/MAD) methods. Binary columns (0/1) are left unchanged.

Usage

```
standardize_continuous(
  DT,
  cols,
  method = c("zscore", "robust"),
  center = TRUE,
  scale = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.table or data.frame.
cols	Character vector of column names to standardize.
method	Character; either "zscore" or "robust".
center	Logical; whether to center the data.
scale	Logical; whether to scale the data.

Value

A list with components:

DT	The standardized data.table.
scalers	A list of scaling parameters for each column.

 standardize_continuous_in_place

Standardize Continuous Columns In Place

Description

Standardizes selected numeric columns of a data.table in place using a z-score transformation. The function modifies DT by reference and stores the means and standard deviations used in an attribute called "standardization".

Usage

```
standardize_continuous_in_place(DT, cols, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
```

Arguments

DT	A data.table. It is modified by reference.
cols	Character vector of column names to standardize. Columns that are not present in DT or are not numeric are silently skipped.
center	Logical; whether to subtract the column mean.
scale	Logical; whether to divide by the column standard deviation.

Value

The modified data.table DT (invisibly), with an attribute "standardization" containing the means, standard deviations, and names of the standardized columns.

Examples

```
library(data.table)
DT <- data.table(x = rnorm(10), y = runif(10), z = 0:9)
standardize_continuous_in_place(DT, c("x", "y"))
attr(DT, "standardization")
```

```
summarise_hurdle_top3_posthoc
```

Summarise top-3 Hurdle-NB models across control combos

Description

Extracts and summarises the top three Hurdle-NB specifications (by estimated ELPD) from BMA selection tables, either taken from an in-memory list of results or read from CSV files on disk.

Usage

```
summarise_hurdle_top3_posthoc(bma_per_combo, dir_csv)
```

Arguments

bma_per_combo	Optional named list of BMA results by control combination, where each element contains a component \$table with columns such as elpd, elpd_se, weight, k, hs_tau0, hs_slab_scale, hs_slab_df, etc.
dir_csv	Character scalar; directory where BMA weight CSV files "bma_weights_specC_ctrl*.csv" are stored if bma_per_combo is NULL or empty.

Details

If `bma_per_combo` is provided and non-empty, the function uses its `$table` components. Otherwise, it scans `dir_csv` for BMA weight files matching the pattern `"bma_weights_specC_ctrl*.csv"` and reads them.

All valid rows are combined, ordered by decreasing `elpd`, and the top three models are retained. For each, a human-readable configuration string summarising `k`, the horseshoe hyperparameters and the control combo is constructed.

Value

A data frame with up to three rows and columns:

- `model`: constant string `"Hurdle-NB"`.
- `config`: textual description of the specification.
- `elpd`, `elpd_se`, `weight`: selection metrics from the BMA table.
- `k`, `hs_tau0`, `hs_slab_scale`, `hs_slab_df`, `combo`: numeric tuning parameters and control-combo tag.

If no valid tables are found, a single-row data frame with NA entries is returned.

```
summarise_placebo_top3_posthoc
```

Summarise top-3 temporal placebo results

Description

Summarises the three strongest temporal placebo results (based on the difference between original and permuted ELPD) from a temporal permutation test.

Usage

```
summarise_placebo_top3_posthoc(placebo_tab, dir_csv)
```

Arguments

<code>placebo_tab</code>	Optional data frame with placebo results, typically containing columns <code>perm</code> , <code>elpd_orig</code> , <code>elpd_perm</code> , and <code>diff</code> . If NULL or empty, the function attempts to read <code>"placebo_temporal.csv"</code> from <code>dir_csv</code> .
<code>dir_csv</code>	Character scalar; directory where the placebo CSV file is stored.

Details

The table is ordered by decreasing `diff` (ELPD gain of the original fit over the permuted fit), and the top three permutations are retained.

Value

A data frame with up to three rows and columns:

- `model`: constant string "PlaceboTemporal".
- `config`: text of the form "perm=<id>".
- `elpd_orig`, `elpd_perm`, `diff`: original ELPD, permuted ELPD, and their difference.

If no data are available, a single-row data frame with NA entries is returned.

summarise_te_top3_by_type_posthoc

Summarise top-3 transfer entropy results by type

Description

Produces a list of small tables with the three most significant transfer entropy estimates for each data type (counts, rates, binary) separately.

Usage

```
summarise_te_top3_by_type_posthoc(te_tab, dir_csv)
```

Arguments

<code>te_tab</code>	Optional data frame with transfer entropy results, including a <code>type</code> column and at least <code>lag</code> , <code>TE_ItoC</code> , <code>TE_CtoI</code> , <code>p_ItoC</code> , <code>p_CtoI</code> . If NULL or empty, the function attempts to read the data from CSV files via <code>.read_te_all()</code> .
<code>dir_csv</code>	Character scalar; directory where the transfer entropy CSV files are stored (used when <code>te_tab</code> is missing).

Details

For each type in `c("counts", "rates", "binary")`, the function ranks all direction-lag combinations by p-value and retains the top three. Types with no valid rows remain NULL in the output list.

Value

A named list with up to three elements:

- `$counts`, `$rates`, `$binary`: each is a data frame with columns `model`, `type`, `config` (direction and lag), `stat`, and `p_value`, or NULL if no results for that type.

`summarise_te_top3_posthoc`*Summarise top-3 transfer entropy results (global)*

Description

Produces a compact summary of the three most statistically significant transfer entropy estimates across directions and lags, optionally combining information from counts, rates, and binary specifications.

Usage

```
summarise_te_top3_posthoc(te_tab, dir_csv)
```

Arguments

<code>te_tab</code>	Optional data frame with transfer entropy results, containing at least columns <code>lag</code> , <code>TE_ItoC</code> , <code>TE_CtoI</code> , <code>p_ItoC</code> , <code>p_CtoI</code> , and optionally <code>type</code> . If <code>NULL</code> or empty, the function attempts to read the data from CSV files via the internal helper <code>.read_te_all()</code> .
<code>dir_csv</code>	Character scalar; directory where the transfer entropy CSV files are stored (used when <code>te_tab</code> is missing).

Details

The function reshapes `te_tab` into a long format with directions "I->C" and "C->I", orders by p-value (ascending) and lag, and keeps the three rows with the smallest p-values.

Value

A data frame with up to three rows and columns:

- `model`: constant string "TransferEntropy".
- `config`: textual description of direction, lag, and, if available, type (counts, rates, binary).
- `stat`: transfer entropy estimate.
- `p_value`: associated p-value.

If no results are available, a single-row data frame with NA entries is returned.

 summarise_tvarstar_posthoc

Summarise nonlinear time-series models (TVAR and LSTAR)

Description

Produces a small summary table for nonlinear time-series models such as TVAR and LSTAR, focusing on model status and AIC.

Usage

```
summarise_tvarstar_posthoc(tsdyn_res)
```

Arguments

`tsdyn_res` A list of model objects, typically with elements \$TVAR, \$LSTAR_I, \$LSTAR_C, as returned by a fitting routine based on the **tsDyn** package.

Details

For each of the three models (TVAR, LSTAR for I, LSTAR for C), the function extracts:

- A textual status (class names of the object).
- The AIC, if `stats::AIC()` can be computed.

If `tsdyn_res` is NULL, default rows with NA values are returned.

Value

A data frame with one row per model and columns:

- `model`: "TVAR", "LSTAR_I", "LSTAR_C".
- `status`: model class string or NA.
- `aic`: numeric AIC value or NA.

 summarise_varx_posthoc

Summarise VARX model fit and diagnostics

Description

Produces a compact summary of a VARX model, including information about lag order, exogenous variables, information criteria, and selected diagnostic p-values.

Usage

```
summarise_varx_posthoc(varx_res)
```

Arguments

`varx_res` A list returned by `run_varx()`, typically containing elements `$fit`, `$serial`, `$normal`, and `$arch`.

Details

The function extracts:

- Lag order `p` from `fit$p`, if available.
- AIC and BIC via `stats::AIC()` and `stats::BIC()`.
- P-values from serial correlation, normality, and ARCH tests using the helper `.first_pvalue()`.

If `varx_res` or `varx_res$fit` is `NULL`, a default row with `NA` values is returned.

Value

A data frame with one row and columns:

- `model`: constant string "VARX".
- `config`: textual description of the lag order and exogenous variables.
- AIC, BIC: information criteria.
- `p_serial`, `p_normal`, `p_arch`: p-values from diagnostic tests.

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