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check_conformity_c	<i>Check assumptions of weak superiority</i>
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## Description

This function tests if the probabilities within the Assignment Error Matrix are in line with the assumption of weak superiority.

## Usage

```
check_conformity_c(aem)
```

**Arguments**

aem                    matrix of probabilities

**Value**

Returns the number of violations of the assumption of weak superiority. 0 if the assumptions are fulfilled.

**References**

Berding, Florian, and Pargmann, Julia (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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 check\_dgf

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*Check for Different Guidance Functioning (DGF)*


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**Description**

Function for checking if the coding scheme is the same for different sub-groups.

**Usage**

```
check_dgf(
  data,
  splitter,
  random_starts = 300,
  max_iterations = 5000,
  cr_rel_change = 1e-12,
  con_step_size = 1e-04,
  con_random_starts = 10,
  con_max_iterations = 5000,
  con_rel_convergence = 1e-12,
  b_min = 0.01,
  trace = FALSE,
  con_trace = FALSE,
  fast = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

**data**                    Data for which the elements should be estimated. Data must be an object of type `data.frame` or `matrix` with cases in the rows and raters in the columns. Please note that no additional variables are allowed in this object.

**splitter**                Vector containing the assignments of coding units to groups. The vector must have the same length as the number of rows of object `data`.

**random\_starts**        An integer for the number of random starts for the EM algorithm.

max_iterations	An integer for the maximum number of iterations within the EM algorithm.
cr_rel_change	Positive numeric value for defining the convergence of the EM algorithm.
con_step_size	Double for specifying the size for increasing or decreasing the probabilities during the conditioning stage of estimation. This value should not be less than 1e-3.
con_random_starts	Integer for the number of random starts within the condition stage.
con_max_iterations	Integer for the maximum number of iterations during the condition stage.
con_rel_convergence	Double for determining the convergence criterion during condition stage. The algorithm stops if the relative change is smaller than this criterion.
b_min	Value ranging between 0 and 1 determining the minimal size of the categories for checking if boundary values occurred. The algorithm tries to select solutions that are not considered to be boundary values.
trace	TRUE for printing progress information on the console. FALSE if this information is not to be printed.
con_trace	TRUE for printing progress information on the console during estimations in the condition stage. FALSE if this information is not to be printed.
fast	Bool If TRUE a fast estimation is applied during the condition stage. This option ignores all parameters beginning with "con_". If FALSE the estimation described in Berding and Pargmann (2022) is used. Default is TRUE.

### Value

Returns an object of class `iotarelr_iota2_dif`. For each group, the results of the estimation are saved separately. The structure within each group is similar to the results from `compute_iota2()`. Please check that documentation.

### References

Florian Berding and Julia Pargmann (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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check_new_rater	<i>Check new rater</i>
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### Description

Function for estimating the reliability of codings for a new rater based on Iota 2

**Usage**

```

check_new_rater(
  true_values,
  assigned_values,
  con_step_size = 1e-04,
  con_random_starts = 5,
  con_max_iterations = 5000,
  con_rel_convergence = 1e-12,
  con_trace = FALSE,
  fast = TRUE,
  free_aem = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>true_values</code>	Vector containing the true categories of the coding units. Vector must have the same length as <code>assigned_values</code> .
<code>assigned_values</code>	Vector containing the assigned categories of the coding units. Missing values are currently not supported and have to be omitted from the vector. Vector must have the same length as <code>true_values</code> .
<code>con_step_size</code>	Double for specifying the size for increasing or decreasing the probabilities during the conditioning stage of estimation. This value should not be less than $1e-3$ .
<code>con_random_starts</code>	Integer for the number of random starts within the condition stage.
<code>con_max_iterations</code>	Integer for the maximum number of iterations during the conditioning stage.
<code>con_rel_convergence</code>	Double for determining the convergence criterion during the conditioning stage. The algorithm stops if the relative change is smaller than this criterion.
<code>con_trace</code>	TRUE for printing progress information on the console during estimations in the conditioning stage. FALSE if you do not want to have this information printed.
<code>fast</code>	Bool If TRUE a fast estimation is applied during the condition stage. This option ignores all parameters beginning with "con_". If FALSE the estimation described in Berding and Pargmann (2022) is used. Default is TRUE.
<code>free_aem</code>	Bool If TRUE the Assignment Error Matrix is estimated in a way ensuring conformity with the assumption of weak superiority. if FALSE the Assignment Error Matrix is freely estimated. TRUE is default.

**Value**

Returns a list with the following three components: The first component `estimates_categorical_level` comprises all elements that describe the ratings on a categorical level. The elements are sub-divided into raw estimates and chance-corrected estimates.

`raw_estimates`

`alpha_reliability`: A vector containing the Alpha Reliabilities for each category. These values represent probabilities.

`beta_reliability`: A vector containing the Beta Reliabilities for each category. These values represent probabilities.

`assignment_error_matrix`: An Assignment Error Matrix containing the conditional probabilities for assigning a unit of category *i* to categories 1 to *n*.

`iota`: A vector containing the Iota values for each category.

`elements_chance_corrected`

`alpha_reliability`: A vector containing the chance-corrected Alpha Reliabilities for each category.

`beta_reliability`: A vector containing the chance-corrected Beta Reliabilities for each category.

The second component `estimates_scale_level` contains elements to describe the quality of the ratings on a scale level. It contains the following elements:

`iota_index`: The Iota Index representing the reliability on a scale level.

`iota_index_d4`: The Static Iota Index, which is a transformation of the original Iota Index, in order to consider the uncertainty of estimation.

`iota_index_dyn2`: The Dynamic Iota Index, which is a transformation of the original Iota Index, in order to consider the uncertainty of estimation.

The third component `information` contains important information regarding the parameter estimation. It comprises the following elements:

`log_likelihood`: Log-likelihood of the best solution.

`convergence`: If estimation converged 0, otherwise 1.

`est_true_cat_sizes`: Estimated categorical sizes. This is the estimated amount of the categories.

`conformity`: 0 if the solution is in line with assumptions of weak superiority. A number greater 0 indicates the number of violations of the assumption of weak superiority.

`random_starts`: Numer of random starts for the EM algorithm.

`boundaries`: False if the best solution does not contain boundary values. True if the best solution does contain boundary values

`p_boundaries`: Percentage of solutions with boundary values during estimation.

`call`: Name of the function that created the object.

`n_rater`: Number of raters.

`n_cunits`: Number of coding units.

## Note

The returned object contains further slots since the returned object is of class `iotarelr_iota2`. These slots are empty because they are not part of the estimation within this function.

Please do not use the measures on the scale level if the Assignment Error Matrix was freely estimated since this kind of matrix is not conceptualized for comparing the coding process with random guessing.

## References

Florian Berding and Julia Pargmann (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin:Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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compute_iota1	<i>Computes Iota and its elements in version 1</i>
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## Description

Computes all elements of the Iota Reliability Concept

## Usage

```
compute_iota1(data)
```

## Arguments

data	Data for which the elements should be estimated. Data must be an object of type <code>data.frame</code> or <code>matrix</code> with cases in the rows and raters in the columns.
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## Value

A list with the following components

alpha	A vector containing the chance-corrected Alpha Reliabilities for every category.
beta	A vector containing the chance-corrected Beta Reliabilities for every category.
iota	A vector containing the Iota values for every category.
assignment_error_matrix	A matrix with the conditional probabilities for every category. The rows refer to the true categories and the columns refer to the assigned categories. The elements on the diagonal represent the alpha errors of that category. The other elements in each row represent the conditioned probabilities that a coding unit is wrongly assigned to another category.
average_iota	A numeric value ranging between 0 and 1, representing the Average Iota values on a categorical level. It describes the reliability of the whole scale.

## References

- Berding, Florian, Elisabeth Riebenbauer, Simone Stuetz, Heike Jahncke, Andreas Slopinski, and Karin Rebmann. 2022. Performance and Configuration of Artificial Intelligence in Educational Settings. Introducing a New Reliability Concept Based on Content Analysis. *Frontiers in Education*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/educ.2022.818365>

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 compute\_iota2

*Computes Iota and its elements in version 2*


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### Description

Fits a model of Iota2 to the data

### Usage

```
compute_iota2(
  data,
  random_starts = 10,
  max_iterations = 5000,
  cr_rel_change = 1e-12,
  con_step_size = 1e-04,
  con_rel_convergence = 1e-12,
  con_max_iterations = 5000,
  con_random_starts = 5,
  b_min = 0.01,
  fast = TRUE,
  trace = TRUE,
  con_trace = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

data	Data for which the elements should be estimated. Data must be an object of type <code>data.frame</code> or <code>matrix</code> with cases in the rows and raters in the columns.
random_starts	An integer for the number of random starts for the EM algorithm.
max_iterations	An integer for the maximum number of iterations within the EM algorithm.
cr_rel_change	Positive numeric value for defining the convergence of the EM algorithm.
con_step_size	Double for specifying the size for increasing or decreasing the probabilities during the conditioning stage of estimation. This value should not be less than 1e-3.
con_rel_convergence	Double for determining the convergence criterion during the conditioning stage. The algorithm stops if the relative change is smaller than this criterion.
con_max_iterations	Integer for the maximum number of iterations during the conditioning stage.
con_random_starts	Integer for the number of random starts within the conditioning stage.
b_min	Value ranging between 0 and 1, determining the minimal size of the categories for checking if boundary values occurred. The algorithm tries to select solutions that are not considered to be boundary values.

fast	Bool If TRUE a fast estimation is applied during the condition stage. This option ignores all parameters beginning with "con_". If FALSE the estimation described in Berding and Pargmann (2022) is used. Default is TRUE.
trace	TRUE for printing progress information on the console. FALSE if this information is not to be printed.
con_trace	TRUE for printing progress information on the console during estimations in the conditioning stage. FALSE if this information is not to be printed.

## Value

Returns a list with the following three components: The first component `estimates_categorical_level` comprises all elements that describe the ratings on a categorical level. The elements are sub-divided into raw estimates and chance-corrected estimates.

`raw_estimates` `alpha_reliability`: A vector containing the Alpha Reliabilities for each category. These values represent probabilities.

`beta_reliability`: A vector containing the Beta Reliabilities for each category. These values represent probabilities.

`assignment_error_matrix`: Assignment Error Matrix containing the conditional probabilities for assigning a unit of category *i* to categories 1 to *n*.

`iota`: A vector containing the Iota values for each category.

`iota_error_1`: A vector containing the Iota Error Type I values for each category.

`iota_error_2`: A vector containing the Iota Error Type II values for each category.

`elements_chance_corrected` `alpha_reliability`: A vector containing the chance-corrected Alpha Reliabilities for each category.

`beta_reliability`: A vector containing the chance-corrected Beta Reliabilities for each category.

The second component `estimates_scale_level` contains elements for describing the quality of the ratings on a scale level. It comprises the following elements:

`iota_index`: The Iota Index, representing the reliability on a scale level.

`iota_index_d4`: The Static Iota Index, which is a transformation of the original Iota Index, in order to consider the uncertainty of estimation.

`iota_index_dyn2`: The Dynamic Iota Index, which is a transformation of the original Iota Index, in order to consider the uncertainty of estimation.

The third component `information` contains important information regarding the parameter estimation. It comprises the following elements:

`log_likelihood`: Log-likelihood of the best solution.

`convergence`: If estimation converged 0, otherwise 1.

`est_true_cat_sizes`: Estimated categorical sizes. This is the estimated amount of the categories.

`conformity`: 0 if the solution is in line with assumptions of weak superiority. A number greater 0 indicates the number of violations of the assumption of weak superiority.

`random_starts`: Numer of random starts for the EM algorithm.

`boundaries`: False if the best solution does not contain boundary values. True if the best solution does contain boundary values

p\_boundaries: Percentage of solutions with boundary values during the estimation.  
call: Name of the function that created the object.  
n\_rater: Number of raters.  
n\_cunits: Number of coding units.

## References

Florian Berding and Julia Pargmann (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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EM\_algo\_c

*Parameter estimation via EM Algorithm with Condition Stage*

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## Description

Function written in C++ for estimating the parameters of the model via Expectation Maximization (EM Algorithm).

## Usage

```
EM_algo_c(  
  obs_pattern_shape,  
  obs_pattern_frq,  
  obs_internal_count,  
  categorical_levels,  
  random_starts,  
  max_iterations,  
  rel_convergence,  
  con_step_size,  
  con_random_starts,  
  con_max_iterations,  
  con_rel_convergence,  
  fast,  
  trace,  
  con_trace  
)
```

## Arguments

obs\_pattern\_shape

Matrix containing the unique patterns found in the data. Ideally this matrix is generated by the function `get_patterns()`.

obs\_pattern\_frq

Vector containing the frequencies of the patterns. Ideally it is generated by the the function `get_patterns()`.

obs_internal_count	Matrix containing the relative frequencies of each category within each pattern. Ideally this matrix is generated by the function <code>get_patterns()</code> .
categorical_levels	Vector containing all possible categories of the content analysis.
random_starts	Integer for determining how often the algorithm should restart with randomly chosen values for the Assignment Error Matrix and the categorical sizes.
max_iterations	Integer for determining the maximum number of iterations for each random start.
rel_convergence	Double for determining the convergence criterion. The algorithm stops if the relative change is smaller than this criterion.
con_step_size	Double for specifying the size for increasing or decreasing the probabilities during the condition stage of estimation. This value should not be less than 1e-3.
con_random_starts	Integer for the number of random starts within the condition stage.
con_max_iterations	Integer for the maximum number of iterations during the condition stage.
con_rel_convergence	Double for determining the convergence criterion during condition stage. The algorithm stops if the relative change is smaller than this criterion.
fast	Bool If TRUE a fast estimation is applied during the condition stage. This option ignores all parameters beginning with "con_". If FALSE the estimation described in Berding and Pargmann (2022) is used. Default is TRUE.
trace	TRUE for printing progress information on the console. FALSE if this information should not be printed.
con_trace	TRUE for printing progress information on the console during estimations in the condition stage. FALSE if this information should not be printed.

### Value

Function returns a list with the estimated parameter sets for every random start. Every parameter set contains the following components:

log_likelihood	Log likelihood of the estimated solution.
aem	Estimated Assignment Error Matrix (aem). The rows represent the true categories while the columns stand for the assigned categories. The cells describe the probability that a coding unit of category <i>i</i> is assigned to category <i>j</i> .
categorical_sizes	Vector of estimated sizes for each category.
convergence	If the algorithm converged within the iteration limit TRUE. FALSE in every other case.
iteration	Number of iterations when the algorithm was terminated.

## References

Berding, Florian, and Pargmann, Julia (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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est\_con\_multinomial\_c

*Estimating log likelihood in Condition Stage*

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## Description

Function written in C++ estimating the log likelihood of a given parameter set during the condition stage.

## Usage

```
est_con_multinomial_c(
  observations,
  anchor,
  max_iter = 500000L,
  step_size = 1e-04,
  cr_rel_change = 1e-12,
  n_random_starts = 10L,
  fast = TRUE,
  trace = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

observations	NumericVector containing the frequency of the categories.
anchor	Integer ranging between 1 and the number of categories. Anchor defines the reference category. That is the category with the highest probability according to the assumption of weak superiority.
max_iter	Integer specifying the maximal number of iterations for each random start.
step_size	Double for specifying the size for increasing or decreasing the probabilities during the estimation. This value should not be less than 1e-3.
cr_rel_change	Double for defining when the estimation should stop. That is, if the change in log-likelihood is smaller as this value the estimation stops.
n_random_starts	Integer for the number of random start.
fast	Bool If TRUE a fast estimation is applied. This option ignored all other parameters. If FALSE the estimation described in Berding and Pargmann (2022) is used. Default is TRUE.
trace	Bool TRUE if information about the progress of estimation should be printed to the console. FALSE if not desired.

**Value**

Returns the log likelihood as a single numeric value.

**References**

Berding, Florian, and Pargmann, Julia (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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est\_expected\_categories

*Estimate Expected Categories*

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**Description**

Function for estimating the expected category of coding units.

**Usage**

```
est_expected_categories(data, aem)
```

**Arguments**

data	Matrix which contains the codings for every coding unit. The coding units must be in the rows and the raters must be in the columns. At least two raters are necessary.
aem	Assignment Error Matrix based on the second generation of the Iota Concept (Iota2).

**Value**

Returns a matrix with the original data, the conditioned probability of each true category, and the expected category for every coding unit.

**References**

Florian Berding and Julia Pargmann (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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fct\_log\_likelihood\_c *Estimating log-likelihood*

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### Description

Function written in C++ estimating the log likelihood of a given parameter set.

### Usage

```
fct_log_likelihood_c(  
  categorial_sizes,  
  aem,  
  obs_pattern_shape,  
  obs_pattern_frq,  
  categorial_levels  
)
```

### Arguments

categorial_sizes	Vector containing the sizes of the different categories. That is amount of a category on all cases.
aem	Matrix in aem form. This matrix reports the true category in the rows and the assigned categories in the columns. The cells represent the probabilities that a coding unit of category i is assigned to category j.
obs_pattern_shape	Matrix containing the unique patterns found in the data. Ideally this matrix is generated by the function <code>get_patterns()</code> .
obs_pattern_frq	Vector containing the frequencies of the patterns. Ideally it is generated by the the function <code>get_patterns()</code> .
categorial_levels	Vector containing all possible categories of the content analysis.

### Value

Returns the log likelihood as a single numeric value.

### References

Berding, Florian, and Pargmann, Julia (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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get_consequences	<i>Get Consequences</i>
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### Description

Function estimating the consequences of reliability for subsequent analysis.

### Usage

```
get_consequences(
  measure_typ = "dynamic_iota_index",
  measure_1_val,
  measure_2_val = NULL,
  level = 0.95,
  strength = NULL,
  data_type,
  sample_size
)
```

### Arguments

measure_typ	Type of measure used for estimation. Set "iota_index" for the original Iota Index, "static_iota_index" for the static transformation of the Iota Index with d=4 or "dynamic_iota_index" for the dynamic transformation of the Iota Index with d=2.
measure_1_val	Reliability value for the independent variable.
measure_2_val	Reliability value for the dependent variable. If not set, the function uses the same value as for the independent variable.
level	Level of certainty for calculating the prediction intervals.
strength	True strength of the relationship between the independent and dependent variable. Possible values are "no", "weak", "medium" and "strong". If no value is supplied, a strong relationship is assumed for deviation and a weak relationship for all others. They represent the most demanding situations for the reliability.
data_type	Type of data. Possible values are "nominal" or "ordinal".
sample_size	Size of the sample in the study.

### Value

Returns a data.frame which contains the prediction intervals for the deviation between true and estimated sample association/correlation, risk of Type I errors and chance to correctly classify the effect size. Additionally, the probability is estimated so that the statistics of the sample deviate from an error free sample with no or only a weak effect .

**Note**

The classification of effect sizes uses the work of Cohen (1988), who differentiates effect sizes by their relevance for practice.

For nominal data, all statistics refer to Cramer's V. For ordinal data, all statistics refer to Kendall's Tau.

The models for calculating the consequences are taken from Berding and Pargmann (2022).

**References**

Cohen, J. (1988). *Statistical Power Analysis for the Behavioral Sciences* (2nd Ed.). Taylor & Francis.

Berding, Florian, and Pargmann, Julia (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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<code>get_iota2_measures</code>	<i>Get Iota2 Measures</i>
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**Description**

Function for calculating the elements of the Iota Concept 2

**Usage**

```
get_iota2_measures(aem, categorical_sizes, categorical_levels)
```

**Arguments**

`aem`                    Assignment Error Matrix.  
`categorical_sizes`                    Probabilities for the different categories to occur.  
`categorical_levels`                    Vector containing all possible categories of the content analysis.

**Value**

Returns a list of all measures belonging to the Iota Concept of the second generation. The first component `estimates_categorical_level` comprises all elements that describe the ratings on a categorical level. The elements are sub-divided into raw estimates and chance-corrected estimates.

`raw_estimates iota`: A vector containing the Iota values for each category.  
`iota_error_1`: A vector containing the Iota Error Type I values for each category.  
`iota_error_2`: A vector containing the Iota Error Type II values for each category.  
`alpha_reliability`: A vector containing the Alpha Reliabilities for each category. These values represent probabilities.  
`beta_reliability`: A vector containing the Beta Reliabilities for each category. These values represent probabilities.

`assignment_error_matrix`: Assignment Error Matrix containing the conditional probabilities for assigning a unit of category  $i$  to categories 1 to  $n$ .

`elements_chance_corrected_alpha_reliability`: A vector containing the chance-corrected Alpha Reliabilities for each category.

`beta_reliability`: A vector containing the chance-corrected Beta Reliabilities for each category.

The second component `estimates_scale_level` contains elements for describing the quality of the ratings on a scale level. It comprises the following elements:

`iota_index`: The Iota Index, representing the reliability on a scale level.

`iota_index_d4`: The Static Iota Index, which is a transformation of the original Iota Index, in order to consider the uncertainty of estimation.

`iota_index_dyn2`: The Dynamic Iota Index, which is a transformation of the original Iota Index, in order to consider the uncertainty of estimation.

## References

Florian Berding and Julia Pargmann (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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get\_patterns

*Get patterns*

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## Description

Auxiliary function written in R for providing the necessary information about the patterns generated by raters. This function produces the input for the EM-algorithm.

## Usage

```
get_patterns(data, categorical_levels)
```

## Arguments

`data` Matrix or `data.frame` containing the ratings. The cases are in the rows and the raters are in the columns. Characters in the cells are supported. At least two raters are necessary.

`categorical_levels` Vector containing all possible categories of the content analysis.

**Value**

Function returns a list with the following components:

n	Integer representing the number of different patterns in the data.
shape	Matrix containing all unique patterns in in the data. Cells of the matrix are characters.
frq	Vector containing the frequencies of the patterns.
count	Matrix containing the relative frequencies of the categories within each pattern. The number of rows equals the number of patterns. The number of columns equals the number of categories.

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`get_random_start_values_class_sizes`

*Generating randomly chosen probabilities for categorical sizes*

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**Description**

Function written in C++ for generating a set of randomly chosen probabilities describing the size of the different classes. The probabilities describe the relative frequencies of the categories in the data.

**Usage**

```
get_random_start_values_class_sizes(n_categories)
```

**Arguments**

`n_categories` Integer for the number of categories in the data. Must be at least 2.

**Value**

Returns a vector of randomly chosen categorical sizes.

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`get_random_start_values_p`

*Generating randomly chosen probabilities for Assignment Error Matrix*

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**Description**

Function written in C++ for generating a set of randomly chosen probabilities for the Assignment Error Matrix.

**Usage**

```
get_random_start_values_p(n_categories)
```

**Arguments**

n\_categories     Integer for the number of categories in the data. Must be at least 2.

**Value**

Returns a matrix for Assignment Error Matrix (AEM) with randomly generated probabilities. The generated probabilities are in line with the assumption of weak superiority.

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get_summary	<i>Get Summary</i>
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**Description**

Function for creating a short summary of the estimated Iota components.

**Usage**

```
get_summary(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            An object of class `iotarelr_iota2` created by `compute_iota2`, `check_new_rater`, or `check_dgf`.

**Value**

Prints central statistics of the estimated model.

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grad_ll	<i>Gradient for Log Likelihood in Condition Stage</i>
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**Description**

Function written in C++ estimating the gradient of the log likelihood function for a given parameter set and given observations.

**Usage**

```
grad_ll(param_values, observations)
```

**Arguments**

param\_values     NumericVector containing the probabilities of a multinomial distribution. The length of this factor is the number of categories - 1 since it contains only the parameters to be estimated.

observations     NumericVector containing the number of observations for each category of the multinomial distribution. The length of this vector equals the number of categories.

**Value**

Returns the gradient as a NumericVector.

**References**

Berding, Florian, and Pargmann, Julia (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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iotarelr\_new\_rater      *Sample Vector*

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**Description**

A vector containing the ratings of a new rater. The data is not real and is only created for illustration purposes.

**Usage**

```
iotarelr_new_rater
```

**Format**

A vector with the length of 318.

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iotarelr\_written\_exams  
*Example Data Set*

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**Description**

A data set containing the ratings of three coders for written exams. It also contains the gender of the people who took the exam. The data is not real and is only created for illustrating purposes.

**Usage**

```
iotarelr_written_exams
```

**Format**

A data frame with 318 rows and 4 variables:

**Coder A** Ratings of coder A.

**Coder B** Ratings of coder B.

**Coder C** Ratings of coder C.

**Sex** Referring to the biological aspects of an individual.

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`log_likelihood_multi_c`*Estimating log-likelihood in Condition Stage*

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**Description**

Function written in C++ estimating the log likelihood of a given parameter set during the condition stage.

**Usage**

```
log_likelihood_multi_c(probabilities, observations)
```

**Arguments**

probabilities	NumericVector containing the probabilities of a multinomial distribution. In the context of Iota Reliability this refers to a specific row of the Assignment Error Matrix.
observations	NumericVector containing the number of observations for each category of the multinomial distribution.

**Value**

Returns the log likelihood as a single numeric value.

**References**

Berding, Florian, and Pargmann, Julia (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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`plot_iota`*Plot Iota2*

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**Description**

Function for creating a plot object that can be plotted via 'ggplot2'.

**Usage**

```
plot_iota(  
  object,  
  xlab = "Amount on all cases",  
  ylab = "Categories",  
  liota = "Assignment of the true category (Iota)",  
  lcase2 = "Assignment to the false category",
```

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lcase3 = "Assignment from the false true category",
lscale_quality = "Scale Quality",
lscale_cat = c("insufficient", "minimum", "satisfactory", "good", "excellent"),
number_size = 6,
key_size = 0.5,
text_size = 10,
legend_position = "bottom",
legend_direction = "vertical",
scale = "none"
)

```

### Arguments

object	Estimates of Iota 2 created with <code>compute_iota2()</code> , <code>check_dgf()</code> or <code>check_new_rater()</code> .
xlab	Character passed to <code>xlab()</code> from <code>scale_fill_manual()</code> . Label of the x-axis.
ylab	Character passed to <code>ylab()</code> from <code>scale_fill_manual()</code> . Label of the y-axis.
liota	Character passed to <code>labels()</code> from <code>scale_fill_manual()</code> . Label for Iota.Amount of cases that are assigned to the correct category.
lcase2	Character passed to <code>labels()</code> from <code>scale_fill_manual()</code> . Label for the amount of cases that are assigned to a false category.
lcase3	Character passed to <code>labels()</code> from <code>scale_fill_manual()</code> . Label for the amount of cases that are assigned from a false category.
lscale_quality	character passed to <code>scale_fill_manual()</code> determining the title for the quality of a scale. Only used in conjunction with <code>scale</code> .
lscale_cat	Vector of strings with length 5. This vector contains the labels for each category of quality for the scale.
number_size	Double passed to <code>geom_text()</code> determining the size of the numbers within the plot.
key_size	Double passed to <code>theme()</code> determining the size of the legend keys.
text_size	Double passed to <code>theme()</code> determining the size of the text within the legend.
legend_position	string Position of the legend. Possible values are "bottom", "right", "left", "top" and "none".
legend_direction	string Layout of the items in the legend. Possible values are "horizontal" and "vertical".
scale	String for requesting an additional plot of reliability on the scale level. If <code>scale="dynamic_iota_index"</code> Dynamic Iota Index is used. If <code>scale="static_iota_index"</code> Static Iota Index is used. If <code>scale="none"</code> no additional plot is created.

### Value

Function returns an object of class `gg`, `ggplot` illustrating how the data of the different categories influence each other.

## References

Florian Berding and Julia Pargmann (2022). Iota Reliability Concept of the Second Generation. Measures for Content Analysis Done by Humans or Artificial Intelligences. Berlin: Logos. <https://doi.org/10.30819/5581>

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plot\_iota2\_alluvial    *Plot of the Coding Stream*

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## Description

Function for creating an alluvial plot that can be plotted via 'ggplot2'.

## Usage

```
plot_iota2_alluvial(
  object,
  label_titel = "Coding Stream from True to Assigned Categories",
  label_prefix_true = "true",
  label_prefix_assigned = "labeled as",
  label_legend_title = "True Categories",
  label_true_category = "True Category",
  label_assigned_category = "Assigned Category",
  label_y_axis = "Relative Frequencies",
  label_categories_size = 3,
  key_size = 0.5,
  text_size = 10,
  legend_position = "right",
  legend_direction = "vertical"
)
```

## Arguments

object	Estimates of Iota 2 created with <code>compute_iota2()</code> , <code>check_new_rater()</code> or with <code>check_dgf()</code> . Please note that the object created by <code>check_dgf()</code> cannot be passed directly. Only the elements of the corresponding list are compatible.
label_titel	Character containing the title of the plot.
label_prefix_true	Character representing the prefix for tagging the true categories. Character is applied to every category.
label_prefix_assigned	Character representing the prefix for tagging the assigned categories. Character is applied to every category.
label_legend_title	Character containing the title of the legend.
label_true_category	Character describing the stratum of true categories.

`label_assigned_category` Character describing the stratum of assigned categories.

`label_y_axis` Character. Label of the y-axis.

`label_categories_size` double determining the size of the label for each true and assigned category within the plot.

`key_size` double determining the size of the legend.

`text_size` double determining the size of the text within the legend.

`legend_position` string Position of the legend. Possible values are "bottom", "right", "left", "top" and "none".

`legend_direction` string Layout of the items in the legend. Possible values are "horizontal" and "vertical".

**Value**

Returns an object of class `gg` and `ggplot` which can be shown with `plot()`.

**Note**

An example for interpreting the plot can be found in the vignette [Get started](#) or via `vignette("iotarelr", package = "iotarelr")`.

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