Package 'irtpwr'

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`calc.time` *Calculate the computation time needed for the analytical method*

Description

Calculate the computation time needed for the analytical method

Usage

```
calc.time(hyp, n.items)
```

Arguments

`hyp`	Hypothesis object as created by the setup.hypothesis function
`n.items`	Number of items

Value

Numeric, estimated time in seconds

Examples

```
library(mirt)
dat <- expand.table(LSAT7)
mirtfit <- mirt(dat,1,verbose = FALSE)
hyp <- setup.hypothesis(type = '1PLvs2PL', altpars = mirtfit)
calc.time(hyp,n.items=7)
```

irtpwr *Perform Power Analysis*

Description

Perform analytical or sampling-based power analysis for the Wald, LR, score, or gradient statistic.

Usage

```
irtpwr(
  hyp,
  stat = c("Wald", "LR", "Score", "Gradient"),
  method = "analytical",
  sampling.npers = 10^5,
  approx.npers = 10^5,
  SE.type = "Oakes",
  sampling.mat = "ApproxFisher",
  power = NULL,
  N = NULL,
  alpha = NULL
)
```

Arguments

hyp	Hypothesis Object created by the setup.hypothesis function
stat	character vector containing the statistics to be calculated. Options are 'Wald','LR','Score', and 'Gradient'. By default, all statistics are included
method	character, indicating the method used. The options are 'analytical'(default) for the analytical power analysis method or 'sampling' for the sampling-based method. The sampling-based method is generally recommended for higher numbers of items.
sampling.npers	integer, sample size for the sampling-based approach. An artificial data set of this size is generated to fit a model and later estimate the noncentrality parameter from.
approx.npers	integer, sample size for approximating the Fisher expected information matrix in the sampling-based approach. An artificial data set is calculated of this size to calculate the Fisher expected information matrix from. In contrast to the data created with the sampling.npers sample size, this sample is not used to fit a model.
SE.type	Method for calculation of the observed information matrix used for calculating the statistics in the sampling-based approach ('Oakes' by default). Another option is 'Fisher'.
sampling.mat	Approach to calculate the information matrix used for calculating the statistics in the sampling-based approach. By default ('ApproxFisher'), an sampling-based approximation of the expected Fisher matrix is calculated using an observed information matrix of the type SE.type

power	numeric, statistical power for which the necessary sample size is calculated
N	integer, sample size for which the statistical power is calculated.
alpha	numeric, alpha level

Value

function returns an object of class irtpwrresult

Examples

```
library(mirt)
dat <- expand.table(LSAT7)
mirtfit <- mirt(dat,1,verbose = FALSE)
hyp <- setup.hypothesis(type = '1PLvs2PL', altpars = mirtfit)
res <- irtpwr(hyp=hyp,alpha=.05,power =.8)
summary(res)
```

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load.functions *Load IRT model functions and derivatives*

Description

This is a helper function used to generate custom hypotheses. See the 'adding_hypotheses' vignette.

Usage

```
load.functions(model, multi = FALSE)
```

Arguments

model	character, Desired Model (2PL,3PL, GPCM)
multi	logical, multidimensional model if TRUE (available for 2PL)

Value

nothing

Examples

```
funs = load.functions('2PL')
```

pars.long *Transform parameters to a longer format*

Description

This is a helper function used to generate custom hypotheses. See the 'adding_hypotheses' vignette.

Usage

```
pars.long(pars, itemtype, from.mirt = FALSE)
```

Arguments

pars	list of parameters. Can also be coefficients from a model fitted by mirt. In this case, the from.mirt argument has to be set to TRUE
itemtype	character, type of the item as string, e.g. '2PL'
from.mirt	logical, treat as coefficients from a model fitted by mirt if TRUE

Value

numeric vector

Examples

```
pars = list(a= c(1,1,1),d=c(0,0,0))
pars.long(pars,itemtype='2PL')
```

plot.irtpwrresult *Plot Power Curves*

Description

Plot the power curves using the resulting object of the irtpwr function.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'irtpwrresult'
plot(x, bounds = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	Object of class irtpwrresult as created by the irtpwr function.
bounds	integer vector. the first entry is the lower bound of the x-axis in the plot (sample size). The second entry is the upper bound. By default, these values are chosen to cover a power range of .5 to .95.
...	additional arguments to be passed.

Value

A ggplot object

Examples

```
library(mirt)
dat <- expand.table(LSAT7)
mirtfit <- mirt(dat,1,verbose = FALSE)
hyp <- setup.hypothesis(type = '1PLvs2PL', altpars = mirtfit)
res <- irtpwr(hyp=hyp,alpha=.05,power =.8)
plot(res)
```

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print.summary.irtpwrresult

Print Summary of the search result

Description

Print Summary of the search result

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summary.irtpwrresult'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	Object of class irtpwrresult as created by the irtpwr function
...	additional arguments to be passed

Value

An object of class summary.irtpwrresult

Examples

```
library(mirt)
dat <- expand.table(LSAT7)
mirtfit <- mirt(dat,1,verbose = FALSE)
hyp <- setup.hypothesis(type = '1PLvs2PL', altpars = mirtfit)
res <- irtpwr(hyp=hyp,alpha=.05,power =.8)
summary(res)
```

setup.hypothesis *Setup null and alternative hypothesis*

Description

Setup null and alternative hypothesis

Usage

```
setup.hypothesis(type, altpars = NULL, nullpars = NULL)
```

Arguments

type	preset, e.g. '1PLvs2PL'. Either a string for an existing preset or a list with the required functions for a custom preset. See the section extending the package for a tutorial on how to create a custom preset.
altpars	List of model parameters following the alternative hypothesis. The format depends on the preset. When parameters are derived from observed data by mirt, the coef_short function can be used to convert the parameters to the right format.
nullpars	List of model parameters following the null hypothesis. The format depends on the preset. Null parameters are not necessary for some hypothesis presets, e.g. 1PLvs2PL.

Value

a list specifying the hypothesis for usage in further functions, e.g. estimation of the noncentrality parameters.

Examples

```
library(mirt)
dat <- expand.table(LSAT7)
mirtfit <- mirt(dat,1,verbose = FALSE)
hyp <- setup.hypothesis(type = '1PLvs2PL', altpars = mirtfit)
```

summary.irtpwrresult *Summary of the Power Analysis*

Description

Output the resulting power or sample size for each statistic

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'irtpwrresult'
summary(object, ..., power = NULL, N = NULL, alpha = NULL)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class irtpwrresult as created by the irtpwr function
...	additional arguments to be passed
power	numeric, statistical power for which the necessary sample size is calculated
N	integer, sample size for which the statistical power is calculated.
alpha	numeric, alpha level

Value

An object of class summary.irtpwrresult

Examples

```
library(mirt)
dat <- expand.table(LSAT7)
mirtfit <- mirt(dat,1,verbose = FALSE)
hyp <- setup.hypothesis(type = '1PLvs2PL', altpars = mirtfit)
res <- irtpwr(hyp=hyp,alpha=.05,power =.8)
summary(res)
```

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