Package 'BMisc'

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Results

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Description These are miscellaneous functions for working with panel data, quantiles, and printing results. For panel data, the package includes functions for making a panel data balanced (that is, dropping missing individuals that have missing observations in any time period), converting id numbers to row numbers, and to treat repeated cross sections as panel data under the assumption of rank invariance. For quantiles, there are functions to make distribution functions from a set of data points (this is particularly useful when a distribution function is created in several steps), to combine distribution functions based on some external weights, and to invert distribution functions. Finally, there are several other miscellaneous functions for obtaining weighted means, weighted distribution functions, and weighted quantiles; to generate summary statistics and their differences for two groups; and to add or drop covariates from formulas.

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addCovToFormla   *Add a Covariate to a Formula*

Description

`addCovFromFormla` adds some covariates to a formula; covs should be a list of variable names

Usage

```
addCovToFormla(covs, formla)
```

Arguments

covs	should be a list of variable names
formla	which formula to add covariates to

Value

formula

Examples

```
formla <- y ~ x
addCovToFormla(list("w","z"), formla)

formla <- ~x
addCovToFormla("z", formla)
```

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blockBootSample   *Block Bootstrap*

Description

make draws of all observations with the same id in a panel data context. This is useful for bootstrapping with panel data.

Usage

```
blockBootSample(data, idname)
```

Arguments

data	data.frame from which you want to bootstrap
idname	column in data which contains an individual identifier

Value

data.frame bootstrapped from the original dataset; this data.frame will contain new ids

Examples

```
data("LaborSupply", package="plm")
bbs <- blockBootSample(LaborSupply, "id")
nrow(bbs)
head(bbs$id)
```

BMisc   *BMisc*

Description

A set of miscellaneous helper functions

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checkfun   *Check Function*

Description

The check function used for optimizing to get quantiles

Usage

```
checkfun(a, tau)
```

Arguments

a	vector to compute quantiles for
tau	between 0 and 1, ex. .5 implies get the median

Value

numeric value

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(100)
x[which.min(checkfun(x, 0.5))] ##should be around 0
```

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combineDfs | *Combine Two Distribution Functions*

Description

Combines two distribution functions with given weights by pstrat

Usage

```
combineDfs(y.seq, dflist, pstrat = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

y.seq	sequence of possible y values
dflist	list of distribution functions to combine
pstrat	a vector of weights to put on each distribution function; if weights are not provided then equal weight is given to each distribution function
...	additional arguments that can be past to BMisc::makeDist

Value

ecdf

Examples

```
x <- rnorm(100)
y <- rnorm(100,1,1)
Fx <- ecdf(x)
Fy <- ecdf(y)
both <- combineDfs(seq(-2,3,0.1), list(Fx,Fy))
plot(Fx, col="green")
plot(Fy, col="blue", add=TRUE)
plot(both, add=TRUE)
```

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compareBinary | *Compare Variables across Groups*

Description

compareBinary takes in a variable e.g. union and runs bivariate regression of x on treatment (for summary statistics)

Usage

```
compareBinary(
  x,
  on,
  dta,
  w = rep(1, nrow(dta)),
  report = c("diff", "levels", "both")
)
```

Arguments

x	variables to run regression on
on	binary variable
dta	the data to use
w	weights
report	which type of report to make; diff is the difference between the two variables by group

Value

matrix of results

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cs2panel	*Cross Section to Panel*

Description

Turn repeated cross sections data into panel data by imposing rank invariance; does not require that the inputs have the same length

Usage

```
cs2panel(cs1, cs2, yname)
```

Arguments

cs1	data frame, the first cross section
cs2	data frame, the second cross section
yname	the name of the variable to calculate difference for (should be the same in each dataset)

Value

the change in outcomes over time

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dropCovFromFormla   *Drop a Covariate from a Formula*

Description

`dropCovFromFormla` adds drops some covariates from a formula; covs should be a list of variable names

Usage

```
dropCovFromFormla(covs, formla)
```

Arguments

`covs`	should be a list of variable names
`formla`	which formula to drop covariates from

Value

formula

Examples

```
formla <- y ~ x + w + z
dropCovFromFormla(list("w","z"), formla)

dropCovFromFormla("z", formla)
```

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element_wise_mult   *element_wise_mult*

Description

This is a function that takes in two matrices of dimension nxB and nxk and returns a Bxk matrix that comes from element-wise multiplication of every column in the first matrix times the entire second matrix and the averaging over the n-dimension. It is equivalent (but faster than) the following R code: 'sapply(1:biters, function(b) sqrt(n)*colMeans(Umat[,b]*inf.func))' . This function is particularly useful for fast computations using the multiplier bootstrap.

Usage

```
element_wise_mult(U, inf_func)
```

Arguments

U	nxB matrix (e.g., these could be a matrix of Rademachar weights for B bootstrap iterations using the multiplier bootstrap
inf_func	nxk matrix of (e.g., these could be a matrix containing the influence function for different parameter estimates)

Value

a Bxk matrix

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getListElement *Return Particular Element from Each Element in a List*

Description

a function to take a list and get a particular part out of each element in the list

Usage

```
getListElement(listolists, whichone = 1)
```

Arguments

listolists	a list
whichone	which item to get out of each list (can be numeric or name)

Value

list of all the elements 'whichone' from each list

Examples

```
len <- 100 # number elements in list
lis <- lapply(1:len, function(l) list(x=(-l), y=l^2) ) # create list
getListElement(lis, "x")[1] # should be equal to -1
getListElement(lis, 1)[1] # should be equal to -1
```

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getWeightedDf   *Weighted Distribution Function*

Description

Get a distribution function from a vector of values after applying some weights

Usage

```
getWeightedDf(y, y.seq = NULL, weights = NULL, norm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

y	a vector to compute the mean for
y.seq	an optional vector of values to compute the distribution function for; the default is to use all unique values of y
weights	the vector of weights, can be NULL, then will just return mean
norm	normalize the weights so that they have mean of 1, default is to normalize

Value

ecdf

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getWeightedMean   *Weighted Mean*

Description

Get the mean applying some weights

Usage

```
getWeightedMean(y, weights = NULL, norm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

y	a vector to compute the mean for
weights	the vector of weights, can be NULL, then will just return mean
norm	normalize the weights so that they have mean of 1, default is to normalize

Value

the weighted mean

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getWeightedQuantiles   *Get Weighted Quantiles*

Description

Finds multiple quantiles by repeatedly calling getWeightedQuantile

Usage

```
getWeightedQuantiles(tau, cvec, weights = NULL, norm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

tau	a vector of values between 0 and 1
cvec	a vector to compute quantiles for
weights	the weights, weighted.checkfun normalizes the weights to sum to 1.
norm	normalize the weights so that they have mean of 1, default is to normalize

Value

vector of quantiles

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get_first_difference   *get_first_difference*

Description

A function that calculates the first difference in a panel data setting. If the data.frame that is passed in has nxT rows, the resulting vector will also have nxT elements with one element for each unit set to be NA.

Usage

```
get_first_difference(df, idname, yname, tname)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
yname	name of column containing the outcome (or other variable) for which to calculate its outcome in the immediate pre-treatment period
tname	name of column that holds the time period

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get_group *get_group*

Description

A function to calculate a unit's group in a panel data setting with a binary treatment and staggered treatment adoption and where there is a column in the data indicating whether or not a unit is treated

Usage

```
get_group(df, idname, tname, treatname)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
tname	name of column that holds the time period
treatname	name of column with the treatment indicator

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get_lagYi *get_lagYi*

Description

A function that calculates lagged outcomes in a panel data setting. If the data.frame that is passed in has nxT rows, the resulting vector will also have nxT elements with one element for each unit set to be NA

Usage

```
get_lagYi(df, idname, yname, tname, nlags = 1)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
yname	name of column containing the outcome (or other variable) for which to calculate its outcome in the immediate pre-treatment period
tname	name of column that holds the time period
nlags	The number of periods to lag. The default is 1, which computes the lag from the previous period.

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get_Yi1 *get_Yi1*

Description

A function to calculate outcomes for units in the first time period that is available in a panel data setting (this function can also be used to recover covariates, etc. in the first period).

Usage

```
get_Yi1(df, idname, yname, tname, gname)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
yname	name of column containing the outcome (or other variable) for which to calculate its outcome in the immediate pre-treatment period
tname	name of column that holds the time period
gname	name of column containing the unit's group

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get_Yibar *get_Yibar*

Description

A function to calculate the average outcome across all time periods separately for each unit in a panel data setting (this function can also be used to recover covariates, etc.).

Usage

```
get_Yibar(df, idname, yname)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
yname	name of column containing the outcome (or other variable) for which to calculate its outcome in the immediate pre-treatment period

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get_Yibar_pre *get_Yibar_pre*

Description

A function to calculate average outcomes for units in their pre-treatment periods (this function can also be used to recover pre-treatment averages of covariates, etc.). For units that do not participate in the treatment (and therefore have group==0), the function calculates their overall average outcome.

Usage

```
get_Yibar_pre(df, idname, yname, tname, gname)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
yname	name of column containing the outcome (or other variable) for which to calculate its outcome in the immediate pre-treatment period
tname	name of column that holds the time period
gname	name of column containing the unit's group

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get_YiGmin1 *get_YiGmin1*

Description

A function to calculate outcomes for units in the period right before they become treated (this function can also be used to recover covariates, etc. in the period right before a unit becomes treated). For units that do not participate in the treatment (and therefore have group==0), they are assigned their outcome in the last period.

Usage

```
get_YiGmin1(df, idname, yname, tname, gname)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
yname	name of column containing the outcome (or other variable) for which to calculate its outcome in the immediate pre-treatment period
tname	name of column that holds the time period
gname	name of column containing the unit's group

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get_Yit   *get_Yit*

Description

A function to calculate outcomes for units in a particular time period 'tp' in a panel data setting (this function can also be used to recover covariates, etc. in the first period).

Usage

```
get_Yit(df, tp, idname, yname, tname)
```

Arguments

df	the data.frame used in the function
tp	The time period for which to get the outcome
idname	name of column that holds the unit id
yname	name of column containing the outcome (or other variable) for which to calculate its outcome in the immediate pre-treatment period
tname	name of column that holds the time period

Value

a vector of outcomes in period t, the vector will have the length nT (i.e., this is returned for each element in the panel, not for a particular period)

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ids2rownum   *Convert Vector of ids into Vector of Row Numbers*

Description

ids2rownum takes a vector of ids and converts it to the right row number in the dataset; ids should be unique in the dataset that is, don't pass the function panel data with multiple same ids

Usage

```
ids2rownum(ids, data, idname)
```

Arguments

ids	vector of ids
data	data frame
idname	unique id

Value

vector of row numbers

Examples

```
ids <- seq(1,1000,length.out=100)
ids <- ids[order(runif(100))]
df <- data.frame(id=ids)
ids2rownum(df$id, df, "id")
```

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invertEcdf   *Invert Ecdf*

Description

take an ecdf object and invert it to get a step-quantile function

Usage

```
invertEcdf(df)
```

Arguments

df   an ecdf object

Value

stepfun object that contains the quantiles of the df

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lhs.vars   *Left-hand Side Variables*

Description

Take a formula and return a vector of the variables on the left hand side, it will return NULL for a one sided formula

Usage

```
lhs.vars(formla)
```

Arguments

formla   a formula

Value

vector of variable names

Examples

```
ff <- yvar ~ x1 + x2
lhs.vars(ff)
```

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makeBalancedPanel   *Balance a Panel Data Set*

Description

This function drops observations from data.frame that are not part of balanced panel data set.

Usage

```
makeBalancedPanel(data, idname, tname, return_data.table = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	data.frame used in function
idname	unique id
tname	time period name
return_data.table	
	if TRUE, makeBalancedPanel will return a data.table rather than a data.frame. Default is FALSE.

Value

data.frame that is a balanced panel

Examples

```
id <- rep(seq(1,100), each = 2) # individual ids for setting up a two period panel
t <- rep(seq(1,2),100) # time periods
y <- rnorm(200) # outcomes
dta <- data.frame(id=id, t=t, y=y) # make into data frame
dta <- dta[-7,] # drop the 7th row from the dataset (which creates an unbalanced panel)
dta <- makeBalancedPanel(dta, idname="id", tname="t")
```

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makeDist   *Make a Distribution Function*

Description

turn vectors of a values and their distribution function values into an ecdf. Vectors should be the same length and both increasing.

Usage

```
makeDist(
  x,
  Fx,
  sorted = FALSE,
  rearrange = FALSE,
  force01 = FALSE,
  method = "constant"
)
```

Arguments

x	vector of values
Fx	vector of the distribution function values
sorted	boolean indicating whether or not x is already sorted; computation is somewhat faster if already sorted
rearrange	boolean indicating whether or not should monotize distribution function
force01	boolean indicating whether or not to force the values of the distribution function (i.e. Fx) to be between 0 and 1
method	which method to pass to approxfun to approximate the distribution function. Default is "constant"; other possible choice is "linear". "constant" returns a step function, just like an empirical cdf; "linear" linearly interpolates between neighboring points.

Value

ecdf

Examples

```
y <- rnorm(100)
y <- y[order(y)]
u <- runif(100)
u <- u[order(u)]
F <- makeDist(y,u)
```

| multiplier_bootstrap | *multiplier_bootstrap* |

Description

A function that takes in an influence function (an nxk matrix) and the number of bootstrap iterations and returns a Bxk matrix of bootstrap results. This function uses Rademechar weights.

Usage

```
multiplier_bootstrap(inf_func, biters)
```

Arguments

inf_func	nxk matrix of (e.g., these could be a matrix containing the influence function for different parameter estimates)
biters	the number of bootstrap iterations

Value

a Bxk matrix

| panel2cs | *Panel Data to Repeated Cross Sections* |

Description

panel2cs takes a 2 period dataset and turns it into a cross sectional dataset. The data includes the change in time varying variables between the time periods. The default functionality is to keep all the variables from period 1 and add all the variables listed by name in timevars from period 2 to those.

Usage

```
panel2cs(data, timevars, idname, tname)
```

Arguments

data	data.frame used in function
timevars	vector of names of variables to keep
idname	unique id
tname	time period name

Value

data.frame

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panel2cs2 *Panel Data to Repeated Cross Sections*

Description

panel2cs2 takes a 2 period dataset and turns it into a cross sectional dataset; i.e., long to wide. This function considers a particular case where there is some outcome whose value can change over time. It returns the dataset from the first period with the outcome in the second period and the change in outcomes over time appended to it

Usage

```
panel2cs2(data, yname, idname, tname, balance_panel = TRUE)
```

Arguments

data	data.frame used in function
yname	name of outcome variable that can change over time
idname	unique id
tname	time period name
balance_panel	whether to ensure that panel is balanced. Default is TRUE, but code runs somewhat faster if this is set to be FALSE.

Value

data from first period with .y0 (outcome in first period), .y1 (outcome in second period), and .dy (change in outcomes over time) appended to it

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rhs *Right-hand Side of Formula*

Description

Take a formula and return the right hand side of the formula

Usage

```
rhs(formla)
```

Arguments

formla	a formula

Value

a one sided formula

Examples

```
ff <- yvar ~ x1 + x2
rhs(ff)
```

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rhs.vars   *Right-hand Side Variables*

Description

Take a formula and return a vector of the variables on the right hand side

Usage

```
rhs.vars(formla)
```

Arguments

formla   a formula

Value

vector of variable names

Examples

```
ff <- yvar ~ x1 + x2
rhs.vars(ff)

ff <- y ~ x1 + I(x1^2)
rhs.vars(ff)
```

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source_all   *source_all*

Description

Source all the files in a folder

Usage

```
source_all(fldr)
```

Arguments

fldr   path to a folder

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subsample   *Subsample of Observations from Panel Data*

Description

returns a subsample of a panel data set; in particular drops all observations that are not in keepids. If it is not set, randomly keeps nkeep observations.

Usage

```
subsample(dta, idname, tname, keepids = NULL, nkeep = NULL)
```

Arguments

dta   a data.frame which is a balanced panel

idname   the name of the id variable

tname   the name of the time variable

keepids   which ids to keep

nkeep   how many ids to keep (only used if keepids is not set); the default is the number of unique ids

Value

a data.frame that contains a subsample of dta

Examples

```
data("LaborSupply", package="plm")
nrow(LaborSupply)
unique(LaborSupply$year)
ss <- subsample(LaborSupply, "id", "year", nkeep=100)
nrow(ss)
```

toformula	*Variable Names to Formula*

Description

take a name for a y variable and a vector of names for x variables and turn them into a formula

Usage

```
toformula(yname, xnames)
```

Arguments

yname   the name of the y variable

xnames   vector of names for x variables

Value

a formula

Examples

```
toformula("yvar", c("x1","x2"))

## should return yvar ~ 1
toformula("yvar", rhs.vars(~1))
```

TorF   *TorF*

Description

A function to replace NA's with FALSE in vector of logicals

Usage

```
TorF(cond, use_isTRUE = FALSE)
```

Arguments

cond
: a vector of conditions to check

use_isTRUE
: whether or not to use a vectorized version of isTRUE. This is generally slower but covers more cases.

Value

logical vector

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weighted.checkfun   *Weighted Check Function*

Description

Weights the check function

Usage

```
weighted.checkfun(q, cvec, tau, weights)
```

Arguments

q
: the value to check

cvec
: vector of data to compute quantiles for

tau
: between 0 and 1, ex. .5 implies get the median

weights
: the weights, weighted.checkfun normalizes the weights to sum to 1.

Value

numeric

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