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climatehealth-package *climatehealth: Statistical Tools for Modelling Climate-Health Impacts*

Description

Overview:

This package provides a suite of analysis functions for measuring the relationship between various climate factors (indicators) and health outcomes.

Included Indicators:

- Mortality attributable to high and low outdoor temperatures
- Mortality attributable to wildfire-related PM2.5
- Suicides attributable to extreme heat
- Mortality attributable to short-term exposure to outdoor PM2.5 exposure
- Diarrhea cases attributable to extreme temperatures and rainfall
- Malaria cases attributable to extreme temperatures and rainfall

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The full range of topics include:

- Temperature-related health effects
- Health effects of wildfires
- Mental Health
- Health effects of air pollution
- Water-borne diseases
- Vector-borne diseases

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Useful links:

- <https://climate-health.officialstatistics.org>

abort_climate	<i>Raise a typed error with structured metadata</i>
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Description

Creates a classed condition that can be caught and inspected by the API layer. This is the base helper - prefer using specific helpers like `abort_column_not_found()` or `abort_validation()` when applicable.

Usage

```
abort_climate(message, type = "generic_error", ..., call = rlang::caller_env())
```

Arguments

message	Human-readable error message
type	Error type for classification. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• "validation_error": Data/parameter validation issues (HTTP 400)• "column_not_found": Missing column in dataset (HTTP 400)• "model_error": Statistical model failures (HTTP 422)• "generic_error": Unclassified errors (HTTP 500)
...	Additional metadata to include in the error (e.g., <code>column = "tmean"</code>)
call	The call to include in the error (defaults to caller's call)

Value

Never returns; always raises an error.

Examples

```
# Basic usage
err <- tryCatch(
  abort_climate("Something went wrong", "generic_error"),
  error = identity
)
inherits(err, "climate_error")

# With metadata
err <- tryCatch(
  abort_climate(
    "Invalid lag value",
    "validation_error",
    param = "nlag",
    value = -1,
    expected = "non-negative integer"
  ),
  error = identity
)
```

```
)  
err$type
```

```
abort_column_not_found
```

Raise a column-not-found error with available columns

Description

Use this when a required column is missing from a dataset. Includes fuzzy matching to suggest the closest available column name.

Usage

```
abort_column_not_found(  
  column,  
  available,  
  dataset_name = "dataset",  
  call = rlang::caller_env()  
)
```

Arguments

column	The column name that was not found
available	Character vector of available column names
dataset_name	Optional name of the dataset for clearer messages
call	The call to include in the error

Value

Never returns; always raises an error.

Examples

```
data <- data.frame(temp = 1)  
if (!("tmean" %in% colnames(data))) {  
  err <- tryCatch(  
    abort_column_not_found("tmean", colnames(data)),  
    error = identity  
  )  
  err$suggestion  
}
```

abort_model_error	<i>Raise a model error (statistical/computational failures)</i>
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Description

Use this when statistical models fail to converge, produce singular matrices, or encounter other computational issues that aren't due to obvious user error.

Usage

```
abort_model_error(  
  message,  
  model_type = "unknown",  
  ...,  
  call = rlang::caller_env()  
)
```

Arguments

message	Human-readable error message
model_type	Type of model that failed (e.g., "dlnm", "glm", "meta-analysis")
...	Additional diagnostic metadata
call	The call to include in the error

Value

Never returns; always raises an error.

Examples

```
tryCatch({  
  stop("convergence failed")  
}, error = function(e) {  
  err <- tryCatch(  
    abort_model_error(  
      "Model failed to converge",  
      model_type = "dlnm",  
      original_error = conditionMessage(e)  
    ),  
    error = identity  
  )  
  inherits(err, "model_error")  
})
```

abort_validation	<i>Raise a validation error (data/parameter issues)</i>
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Description

Use this for general validation failures where the user's input or data doesn't meet requirements. For missing columns specifically, use `abort_column_not_found()`.

Usage

```
abort_validation(message, ..., call = rlang::caller_env())
```

Arguments

message	Human-readable error message
...	Additional metadata (e.g., param = "nlag", value = -1)
call	The call to include in the error

Value

Never returns; always raises an error.

Examples

```
# Parameter validation
nlag <- -1
if (nlag < 0) {
  err <- tryCatch(
    abort_validation(
      "nlag must be >= 0",
      param = "nlag",
      value = nlag,
      expected = "non-negative integer"
    ),
    error = identity
  )
  inherits(err, "validation_error")
}
```

`air_pollution_do_analysis`*Comprehensive Air Pollution Analysis Pipeline*

Description

Master function that runs the complete air pollution analysis including data loading, preprocessing (including lags), modeling, plotting, attribution calculations vs reference standards, power analysis and descriptive statistics

Usage

```
air_pollution_do_analysis(  
  data_path,  
  date_col = "date",  
  region_col = "region",  
  pm25_col = "pm25",  
  deaths_col = "deaths",  
  population_col = "population",  
  humidity_col = "humidity",  
  precipitation_col = "precipitation",  
  tmax_col = "tmax",  
  wind_speed_col = "wind_speed",  
  categorical_others = NULL,  
  continuous_others = NULL,  
  Categorical_Others = NULL,  
  Continuous_Others = NULL,  
  max_lag = 14L,  
  df_seasonal = 6,  
  family = "quasipoisson",  
  reference_standards = list(list(value = 15, name = "WHO")),  
  output_dir = "air_pollution_results",  
  save_outputs = TRUE,  
  run_descriptive = TRUE,  
  run_power = TRUE,  
  moving_average_window = 3L,  
  include_national = TRUE,  
  years_filter = NULL,  
  regions_filter = NULL,  
  attr_thr = 95,  
  plot_corr_matrix = TRUE,  
  correlation_method = "pearson",  
  plot_dist = TRUE,  
  plot_na_counts = TRUE,  
  plot_scatter = TRUE,  
  plot_box = TRUE,  
  plot_seasonal = TRUE,
```

```

    plot_regional = TRUE,
    plot_total = TRUE,
    detect_outliers = TRUE,
    calculate_rate = FALSE
  )

```

Arguments

<code>data_path</code>	Character. Path to CSV data file
<code>date_col</code>	Character. Name of date column
<code>region_col</code>	Character. Name of region column
<code>pm25_col</code>	Character. Name of PM2.5 column
<code>deaths_col</code>	Character. Name of deaths column
<code>population_col</code>	Character. Name of the population column.
<code>humidity_col</code>	Character. Name of humidity column
<code>precipitation_col</code>	Character. Name of precipitation column
<code>tmax_col</code>	Character. Name of temperature column
<code>wind_speed_col</code>	Character. Name of wind speed column
<code>categorical_others</code>	Optional character vector. Names of additional categorical variables.
<code>continuous_others</code>	Optional character vector. Names of additional continuous variables (e.g., "tmean")
<code>Categorical_Others</code>	Deprecated alias for <code>categorical_others</code> .
<code>Continuous_Others</code>	Deprecated alias for <code>continuous_others</code> .
<code>max_lag</code>	Integer. Maximum lag days. Defaults to 14.
<code>df_seasonal</code>	Integer. Degrees of freedom for seasonal spline. Default 6.
<code>family</code>	Character. Character. Probability distribution for the outcome variable. Options include "quasipoisson" (default: "quasipoisson")
<code>reference_standards</code>	List of reference standards, each with "PM2.5 value" and "name of of standard (e.g. WHO)"
<code>output_dir</code>	Directory to save outputs
<code>save_outputs</code>	Logical. Whether to save outputs
<code>run_descriptive</code>	Logical. Whether to run descriptive statistics
<code>run_power</code>	Logical. Whether to run power analysis
<code>moving_average_window</code>	Integer. Window for moving average in descriptive stats
<code>include_national</code>	Logical. Whether to include national results in plots. Default TRUE.

<code>years_filter</code>	Optional numeric vector of years to include (e.g., <code>c(2020, 2021, 2022)</code>). It is recommended to filter for at least 3 consecutive years for a minimum considerable time series
<code>regions_filter</code>	Optional character vector of regions to include
<code>attr_thr</code>	Numeric (0-100). Percentile threshold used in power analysis to evaluate attribution detectability. Default 95.
<code>plot_corr_matrix</code>	Logical. Plot correlation matrix. Default TRUE.
<code>correlation_method</code>	Character. Correlation method for corr matrix (e.g., "pearson", "spearman"). Default "pearson".
<code>plot_dist</code>	Logical. Plot distributions (hist/density) for key variables. Default TRUE.
<code>plot_na_counts</code>	Logical. Plot missingness/NA counts. Default TRUE.
<code>plot_scatter</code>	Logical. Plot scatter plots for key pairs. Default TRUE.
<code>plot_box</code>	Logical. Plot boxplots by region/season where applicable. Default TRUE.
<code>plot_seasonal</code>	Logical. Plot seasonal summaries. Default TRUE.
<code>plot_regional</code>	Logical. Plot regional summaries. Default TRUE.
<code>plot_total</code>	Logical. Plot overall totals where relevant. Default TRUE.
<code>detect_outliers</code>	Logical. Flag potential outliers in descriptive workflow. Default TRUE.
<code>calculate_rate</code>	Logical. Whether to calculate rate variables during descriptive stats (e.g., deaths per population). Default FALSE

Value

List containing:

data Processed data with lag variables

meta_analysis Meta-analysis results with AF/AN calculations

lag_analysis Lag-specific analysis results

distributed_lag_analysis Distributed lag model results (if requested)

plots List of generated plots (forest, lags, distributed lags)

power_list A list containing power information by area

exposure_response_plots Exposure-response plots for each reference standard (if requested)

reference_specific_af_an AF/AN calculations specific to each reference standard (if requested)

descriptive_stats Summary statistics of key variables

Examples

```
example_data <- data.frame(
  date = seq.Date(as.Date("2020-01-01"), by = "day", length.out = 180),
  province = "Example Province",
  pm25 = stats::runif(180, 8, 35),
  deaths = stats::rpois(180, lambda = 5),
```

```
    population = 500000,
    humidity = stats::runif(180, 40, 90),
    precipitation = stats::runif(180, 0, 20),
    tmax = stats::runif(180, 18, 35),
    wind_speed = stats::runif(180, 1, 8)
  )
  example_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
  utils::write.csv(example_data, example_path, row.names = FALSE)

results <- air_pollution_do_analysis(
  data_path = example_path,
  date_col = "date",
  region_col = "province",
  pm25_col = "pm25",
  deaths_col = "deaths",
  population_col = "population",
  humidity_col = "humidity",
  precipitation_col = "precipitation",
  tmax_col = "tmax",
  wind_speed_col = "wind_speed",
  continuous_others = NULL,
  max_lag = 7L,
  df_seasonal = 4,
  family = "quasipoisson",
  reference_standards = list(list(value = 15, name = "WHO")),
  years_filter = NULL,
  regions_filter = NULL,
  include_national = FALSE,
  output_dir = tempdir(),
  save_outputs = FALSE,
  run_descriptive = FALSE,
  run_power = FALSE,
  moving_average_window = 3L,
  attr_thr = 95,
  plot_corr_matrix = FALSE,
  correlation_method = "pearson",
  plot_dist = FALSE,
  plot_na_counts = FALSE,
  plot_scatter = FALSE,
  plot_box = FALSE,
  plot_seasonal = FALSE,
  plot_regional = FALSE,
  plot_total = FALSE,
  detect_outliers = FALSE,
  calculate_rate = FALSE
)
```

diarrhea_do_analysis *Code for calculating Diarrhea disease cases attributable to extreme precipitation and extreme temperature Run Full diarrhea-Climate Analysis Pipeline*

Description

The diarrhea_do_analysis function runs the complete analysis workflow by combining multiple functions to analyze the association between diarrhea cases and climate variables. It processes health, climate, and spatial data, fits models, generates plots, and calculates attributable risk.

Usage

```
diarrhea_do_analysis(  
  health_data_path,  
  climate_data_path,  
  map_path,  
  region_col,  
  district_col,  
  date_col = NULL,  
  year_col,  
  month_col,  
  case_col,  
  tot_pop_col,  
  tmin_col,  
  tmean_col,  
  tmax_col,  
  rainfall_col,  
  r_humidity_col,  
  runoff_col,  
  geometry_col,  
  spi_col = NULL,  
  ndvi_col = NULL,  
  max_lag = 2,  
  nk = 2,  
  basis_matrices_choices,  
  inla_param,  
  param_term,  
  level,  
  param_threshold = 1,  
  filter_year = NULL,  
  family = "nbinomial",  
  group_by_year = FALSE,  
  config = TRUE,  
  save_csv = FALSE,  
  save_model = TRUE,  
  save_fig = FALSE,  
  cumulative = FALSE,
```

```

    output_dir = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

`health_data_path` Character. Path to the processed health data file.

`climate_data_path` Character. Path to the processed climate data file.

`map_path` Character. Path to the spatial data file (e.g., shapefile).

`region_col` Character. Column name for the region variable.

`district_col` Character. Column name for the district variable.

`date_col` Character (optional). Column name for the date variable. Defaults to NULL.

`year_col` Character. Column name for the year variable.

`month_col` Character. Column name for the month variable.

`case_col` Character. Column name for diarrhea case counts.

`tot_pop_col` Character. Column name for total population.

`tmin_col` Character. Column name for minimum temperature.

`tmean_col` Character. Column name for mean temperature.

`tmax_col` Character. Column name for maximum temperature.

`rainfall_col` Character. Column name for cumulative monthly rainfall.

`r_humidity_col` Character. Column name for relative humidity.

`runoff_col` Character. Column name for monthly runoff data.

`geometry_col` Character. Column name of the geometry column in the shapefile (usually "geometry").

`spi_col` Character (optional). Column name for the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI). Defaults to NULL.

`ndvi_col` Character (optional). Column name for the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI). Defaults to NULL.

`max_lag` Numeric. Maximum temporal lag to include in the distributed lag model (e.g., 2-4). Defaults to 2.

`nk` Numeric. Number of internal knots for the natural spline of each predictor, controlling its flexibility: $nk = 0$ produces a linear effect with one basis column, $nk = 1$ generates a simple spline with two columns, $nk = 2$ yields a more flexible spline with three columns, and higher values of nk further increase flexibility but may also raise collinearity among spline terms. Defaults to 2.

`basis_matrices_choices` Character vector. Specifies which climate variables to include in the basis matrix (e.g., `c("tmax", "rainfall", "r_humidity")`).

`inla_param` Character vector. Specifies exposure variables included in the INLA model (e.g., `c("tmin", "rainfall", "r_humidity")`).

param_term	Character or vector. Exposure variable(s) of primary interest for relative risk and attribution (e.g., "tmax", "rainfall").
level	Character. Spatial disaggregation level; must be one of "country", "region", or "district".
param_threshold	Numeric. Threshold above which exposure is considered "attributable." Defaults to 1.
filter_year	Integer or vector (optional). Year(s) to filter the data by. Defaults to NULL.
family	Character. Probability distribution for the outcome variable. Options include "poisson" (default) and "nbinomial" for a negative binomial model.
group_by_year	Logical. Whether to group attributable metrics by year. Defaults to FALSE.
config	Logical. Whether to enable additional INLA model configurations. Defaults to TRUE.
save_csv	Logical. If TRUE, saves intermediate datasets to CSV. Defaults to TRUE.
save_model	Logical. If TRUE, saves fitted INLA model results. Defaults to TRUE.
save_fig	Logical. If TRUE, saves generated plots. Defaults to TRUE.
cumulative	Boolean. If TRUE, plot and save cumulative risk of all year for the specific exposure at region and district level. Defaults to FALSE.
output_dir	Character. Directory where output files (plots, datasets, maps) are saved. Defaults to NULL.

Value

A list containing:

- Model output from INLA
- Monthly random effects plot
- Yearly random effects plot
- Contour plot
- Relative risk map
- Relative risk plot
- Attributable fraction and number summary

install_INLA

Install the INLA Package from Its Official Repository

Description

This function installs the INLA package from its official repository at <https://inla.r-inla-download.org/R/stable/>. On Windows, it checks whether Rtools is available and installs the official binary package directly.

Usage

```
install_INLA(os = .Platform$OS.type)
```

Arguments

os The current operating system. Defaults to `.Platform$OS.type`.

Details

On Windows systems, the function verifies that Rtools is installed using `pkgbuild::has_build_tools()`. If Rtools is missing, it displays a warning and aborts the installation. The function then installs the matching Windows binary package from the official INLA repository.

On non-Windows systems, the package is installed normally from the repository.

Value

Invisibly returns NULL. The function is called for its side effect.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
install_INLA()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

install_terra	<i>Install the terra Package from the CRAN Archive</i>
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Description

This function installs the terra package at version 1.8-60 from the CRAN archive.

Usage

```
install_terra(os = .Platform$OS.type)
```

Arguments

os The current operating system. Defaults to `.Platform$OS.type`.

Details

On Windows systems, the function verifies that Rtools is installed using `pkgbuild::has_build_tools()`. If Rtools is missing, it displays a warning and aborts the installation. The function then forces installation from source.

Value

Invisibly returns NULL. The function is called for its side effect.

Examples

```
## Not run:  
install_terra()  
  
## End(Not run)
```

is_climate_error	<i>Check if an error is a climate_error</i>
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Description

Utility function to check if a caught condition is a typed climate error.

Usage

```
is_climate_error(error)
```

Arguments

error A condition object

Value

TRUE if the error inherits from "climate_error", FALSE otherwise.

Examples

```
tryCatch({  
  stop("example error")  
}, error = function(e) {  
  if (is_climate_error(e)) {  
    # Handle structured error  
  } else {  
    # Handle untyped error  
  }  
})
```

malaria_do_analysis	<i>Code for calculating Malaria disease cases attributable to extreme rainfall and extreme temperature Run Full Malaria-Climate Analysis Pipeline</i>
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Description

The `Malaria_do_analysis()` function executes the complete workflow for analyzing the association between malaria cases and climate variables. It integrates health, climate, and spatial data; fits spatio-temporal models using INLA; and generates a suite of diagnostic and inferential outputs, including plots and attributable risk estimates.

Usage

```
malaria_do_analysis(  
  health_data_path,  
  climate_data_path,  
  map_path,  
  region_col,  
  district_col,  
  date_col = NULL,  
  year_col,  
  month_col,  
  case_col,  
  tot_pop_col,  
  tmin_col,  
  tmean_col,  
  tmax_col,  
  rainfall_col,  
  r_humidity_col,  
  runoff_col,  
  geometry_col,  
  spi_col = NULL,  
  ndvi_col = NULL,  
  max_lag = 2,  
  nk = 2,  
  basis_matrices_choices,  
  inla_param,  
  param_term,  
  level,  
  param_threshold = 1,  
  filter_year = NULL,  
  family = "nbinomial",  
  group_by_year = FALSE,  
  cumulative = FALSE,  
  config = FALSE,  
  save_csv = FALSE,
```

```

    save_model = FALSE,
    save_fig = FALSE,
    output_dir = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

`health_data_path` Character. Path to the processed health data file.

`climate_data_path` Character. Path to the processed climate data file.

`map_path` Character. Path to the spatial data file (e.g., shapefile).

`region_col` Character. Column name for the region variable.

`district_col` Character. Column name for the district variable.

`date_col` Character (optional). Column name for the date variable. Defaults to NULL.

`year_col` Character. Column name for the year variable.

`month_col` Character. Column name for the month variable.

`case_col` Character. Column name for malaria case counts.

`tot_pop_col` Character. Column name for total population.

`tmin_col` Character. Column name for minimum temperature.

`tmean_col` Character. Column name for mean temperature.

`tmax_col` Character. Column name for maximum temperature.

`rainfall_col` Character. Column name for cumulative monthly rainfall.

`r_humidity_col` Character. Column name for relative humidity.

`runoff_col` Character. Column name for monthly runoff data.

`geometry_col` Character. Column name of the geometry column in the shapefile (usually "geometry").

`spi_col` Character (optional). Column name for the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI). Defaults to NULL.

`ndvi_col` Character (optional). Column name for the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI). Defaults to NULL.

`max_lag` Numeric. Maximum temporal lag to include in the distributed lag model (e.g., 2-4). Defaults to 4.

`nk` Numeric. Number of internal knots for the natural spline of each predictor, controlling its flexibility: $nk = 0$ produces a linear effect with one basis column, $nk = 1$ generates a simple spline with two columns, $nk = 2$ yields a more flexible spline with three columns, and higher values of nk further increase flexibility but may also raise collinearity among spline terms. Defaults to 2.

`basis_matrices_choices` Character vector. Specifies which climate variables to include in the basis matrix (e.g., `c("tmax", "rainfall", "r_humidity")`).

`inla_param` Character vector. Specifies exposure variables included in the INLA model (e.g., `c("tmin", "rainfall", "r_humidity")`).

param_term	Character or vector. Exposure variable(s) of primary interest for relative risk and attribution (e.g., "tmax", "rainfall").
level	Character. Spatial disaggregation level; must be one of "country", "region", or "district".
param_threshold	Numeric. Threshold above which exposure is considered "attributable." Defaults to 1.
filter_year	Integer or vector (optional). Year(s) to filter the data by. Defaults to NULL.
family	Character. Probability distribution for the outcome variable. Options include "poisson" (default) and "nbinomial" for a negative binomial model.
group_by_year	Logical. Whether to group attributable metrics by year. Defaults to FALSE.
cumulative	Boolean. If TRUE, plot and save cumulative risk of all year for the specific exposure at region and district level. Defaults to FALSE.
config	Logical. Whether to enable additional INLA model configurations. Defaults to TRUE.
save_csv	Logical. If TRUE, saves intermediate datasets to CSV. Defaults to TRUE.
save_model	Logical. If TRUE, saves fitted INLA model results. Defaults to TRUE.
save_fig	Logical. If TRUE, saves generated plots. Defaults to TRUE.
output_dir	Character. Directory where output files (plots, datasets, maps) are saved. Defaults to NULL.

Value

A named list containing:

- inla_result - Fitted INLA model object and summaries.
- plot_malaria, plot_tmax, plot_rainfall - Exploratory time-series plots.
- reff_plot_monthly - Monthly random effects plot.
- reff_plot_yearly - Yearly spatial random effects plot.
- contour_plot - Exposure-response contour plot.
- rr_map_plot - Spatial relative risk map.
- rr_plot, rr_df - Relative risk plot and associated data.
- attr_frac_num - Attributable risk summary table.
- plot_AR_num, plot_AR_frac, plot_AR_per_100k - Plots of attributable number, fraction, and rate.

run_descriptive_stats *Run generic descriptive statistics and EDA outputs for indicator datasets.*

Description

Run generic descriptive statistics and EDA outputs for indicator datasets.

Usage

```
run_descriptive_stats(  
  data,  
  output_path,  
  aggregation_column = NULL,  
  population_col = NULL,  
  plot_corr_matrix = FALSE,  
  correlation_method = "pearson",  
  plot_dist = FALSE,  
  plot_ma = FALSE,  
  ma_days = 100,  
  ma_sides = 1,  
  timeseries_col = NULL,  
  dependent_col,  
  independent_cols,  
  units = NULL,  
  plot_na_counts = FALSE,  
  plot_scatter = FALSE,  
  plot_box = FALSE,  
  plot_seasonal = FALSE,  
  plot_regional = FALSE,  
  plot_total = FALSE,  
  detect_outliers = FALSE,  
  calculate_rate = FALSE,  
  run_id = NULL,  
  create_base_dir = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

data	Dataframe or named list of dataframes. If a dataframe is provided and aggregation_column is passed, data are split by that column.
output_path	Character. Base output directory.
aggregation_column	Character. Column used to aggregate/split data by region.
population_col	Character. The column containing population data.

`plot_corr_matrix` Logical. Whether to plot correlation matrix.
`correlation_method` Character. Correlation method. One of 'pearson', 'spearman', 'kendall'.
`plot_dist` Logical. Whether to plot distribution histograms.
`plot_ma` Logical. Whether to plot moving averages over a timeseries.
`ma_days` Integer. Number of days to use for moving average.
`ma_sides` Integer. Sides to use for moving average (1 or 2).
`timeseries_col` Character. Timeseries column used for moving averages and time-based plots.
`dependent_col` Character. Dependent variable column.
`independent_cols` Character vector. Independent variable columns.
`units` Named character vector. Units for variables.
`plot_na_counts` Logical. Whether to plot NA counts.
`plot_scatter` Logical. Whether to plot scatter plots.
`plot_box` Logical. Whether to plot box plots.
`plot_seasonal` Logical. Whether to plot seasonal trends.
`plot_regional` Logical. Whether to plot regional trends.
`plot_total` Logical. Whether to plot total health outcomes by year.
`detect_outliers` Logical. Whether to output an outlier table.
`calculate_rate` Logical. Whether to plot annual rates per 100k.
`run_id` Character. Optional run id. If NULL, a timestamped id is generated.
`create_base_dir` Logical. Whether to create `output_path` if missing.

Value

A list with `base_output_path`, `run_id`, `run_output_path`, and `region_output_paths`.

Examples

```

df <- data.frame(
  date = as.Date("2024-01-01") + 0:29,
  region = rep(c("A", "B"), each = 15),
  outcome = sample(1:20, 30, replace = TRUE),
  temp = rnorm(30, 25, 3)
)

run_descriptive_stats(
  data = df,
  output_path = tempdir(),
  aggregation_column = "region",
  dependent_col = "outcome",
  independent_cols = c("temp"),

```

```
    timeseries_col = "date",
    run_id = NULL
)
```

run_descriptive_stats_api

Create descriptive statistics via API-friendly inputs.

Description

Create descriptive statistics via API-friendly inputs.

Usage

```
run_descriptive_stats_api(  
  data,  
  output_path,  
  aggregation_column = NULL,  
  population_col = NULL,  
  dependent_col,  
  independent_cols,  
  units = NULL,  
  plot_corr_matrix = FALSE,  
  plot_dist = FALSE,  
  plot_ma = FALSE,  
  plot_na_counts = FALSE,  
  plot_scatter = FALSE,  
  plot_box = FALSE,  
  plot_seasonal = FALSE,  
  plot_regional = FALSE,  
  plot_total = FALSE,  
  correlation_method = "pearson",  
  ma_days = 100,  
  ma_sides = 1,  
  timeseries_col = NULL,  
  detect_outliers = FALSE,  
  calculate_rate = FALSE,  
  run_id = NULL,  
  create_base_dir = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

data	The dataset for descriptive stats (list-like object or CSV path).
output_path	Character. Base output directory.

aggregation_column	Character. Column used to aggregate/split data by region.
population_col	Character. The column containing the population.
dependent_col	Character. The dependent column.
independent_cols	Character vector. The independent columns.
units	Named character vector. Units for each variable.
plot_corr_matrix	Logical. Whether to plot a correlation matrix.
plot_dist	Logical. Whether to plot histograms.
plot_ma	Logical. Whether to plot moving averages over a timeseries.
plot_na_counts	Logical. Whether to plot counts of NAs in each column.
plot_scatter	Logical. Whether to plot dependent vs independent columns.
plot_box	Logical. Whether to generate box plots for selected columns.
plot_seasonal	Logical. Whether to plot seasonal trends.
plot_regional	Logical. Whether to plot regional trends.
plot_total	Logical. Whether to plot total dependent values per year.
correlation_method	Character. Correlation method. One of 'pearson', 'spearman', 'kendall'.
ma_days	Integer. Number of days used in moving average calculations.
ma_sides	Integer. Number of sides used in moving average calculations (1 or 2).
timeseries_col	Character. Timeseries column.
detect_outliers	Logical. Whether to output an outlier table.
calculate_rate	Logical. Whether to plot annual rates per 100k.
run_id	Character. Optional run id.
create_base_dir	Logical. Whether to create output_path if missing. Defaults to TRUE.

Value

A list with base_output_path, run_id, run_output_path, and region_output_paths.

Examples

```
run_descriptive_stats_api(
  data = list(
    date = as.character(as.Date("2024-01-01") + 0:29),
    region = rep(c("A", "B"), each = 15),
    outcome = sample(1:20, 30, replace = TRUE),
    temp = rnorm(30, 25, 3)
  ),
  output_path = tempdir(),
  aggregation_column = "region",
```

```
dependent_col = "outcome",
independent_cols = c("temp"),
timeseries_col = "date",
plot_corr_matrix = TRUE
)
```

suicides_heat_do_analysis

Full analysis pipeline for the suicides and extreme heat indicator

Description

Runs the full pipeline to analyse the impact of extreme heat on suicides using a time-stratified case-crossover approach with distributed lag non-linear model. This function generates relative risk of the suicide-temperature association as well as attributable numbers, rates and fractions of suicides to a specified temperature threshold. Model validation statistics are also provided.

Usage

```
suicides_heat_do_analysis(
  data_path,
  date_col,
  region_col = NULL,
  temperature_col,
  health_outcome_col,
  population_col,
  country = "National",
  meta_analysis = FALSE,
  var_fun = "bs",
  var_degree = 2,
  var_per = c(25, 50, 75),
  lag_fun = "strata",
  lag_breaks = 1,
  lag_days = 2,
  independent_cols = NULL,
  control_cols = NULL,
  cenper = 50,
  attr_thr = 97.5,
  save_fig = FALSE,
  save_csv = FALSE,
  output_folder_path = NULL,
  seed = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>data_path</code>	Path to a csv file containing a daily time series of data for a particular health outcome and climate variables, which may be disaggregated by region.
<code>date_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the date.
<code>region_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the region names. Defaults to NULL.
<code>temperature_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the temperature column.
<code>health_outcome_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the health outcome count column (e.g. number of deaths, hospital admissions).
<code>population_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the population estimate column.
<code>country</code>	Character. Name of country for national level estimates.
<code>meta_analysis</code>	Boolean. Whether to perform a meta-analysis.
<code>var_fun</code>	Character. Exposure function for <code>argvar</code> (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to <code>'bs'</code> .
<code>var_degree</code>	Integer. Degree of the piecewise polynomial for <code>argvar</code> (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to 2 (quadratic).
<code>var_per</code>	Vector. Internal knot positions for <code>argvar</code> (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to <code>c(25,50,75)</code> .
<code>lag_fun</code>	Character. Exposure function for <code>arglag</code> (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to <code>'strata'</code> .
<code>lag_breaks</code>	Integer. Internal cut-off point defining the strata for <code>arglag</code> (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to 1.
<code>lag_days</code>	Integer. Maximum lag. Defaults to 2. (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>).
<code>independent_cols</code>	Additional independent variables to test in model validation
<code>control_cols</code>	A list of confounders to include in the final model adjustment. Defaults to NULL if none.
<code>cenper</code>	Integer. Value for the percentile in calculating the centering value 0-100. Defaults to 50.
<code>attr_thr</code>	Integer. Percentile at which to define the temperature threshold for calculating attributable risk.
<code>save_fig</code>	Boolean. Whether to save the plot as an output. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>save_csv</code>	Boolean. Whether to save the results as a CSV. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>output_folder_path</code>	Path to folder where plots and/or CSV should be saved. Defaults to NULL.
<code>seed</code>	Optional integer random seed used when sampling residuals for model validation plots. Defaults to NULL.

Details

This analysis pipeline requires a daily time series of temperature and suicide deaths with population values as a minimum. This is then processed using a conditional Poisson case-crossover analysis with distributed lag non-linear model and optional meta-analysis. Meta-analysis is recommended if the input data is disaggregated by area.

The model parameters have default values, which are recommended to keep as based on existing studies. However, if desired these can be adjusted for sensitivity analysis.

Model validation testing is provided as a standard output from the pipeline so a user can assess the quality of the model. If a user has additional independent variables these can be specified as `independent_cols` and assessed within different model combinations in the outputs of this testing. These can be added in the final model via `control_cols`.

For attributable deaths the default is to use extreme heat as a threshold, defined as the 97.5th percentile of temperature over the corresponding time period for each geography. This can be adjusted if desired, following review of the relative risk association between temperature and suicides, using `attr_thr`.

Further details on the input data requirements, methodology, quality information and guidance on interpreting outputs can be found in the accompanying published [doi:10.5281/zenodo.14050224](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14050224).

Value

- `qaic_results` A dataframe of QAIC and dispersion metrics for each model combination and geography.
- `qaic_summary` A dataframe with the mean QAIC and dispersion metrics for each model combination.
- `vif_results` A dataframe. Variance inflation factors for each independent variables by region.
- `vif_summary` A dataframe with the mean variance inflation factors for each independent variable.
- `meta_test_res` A dataframe of results from statistical tests on the meta model.
- `power_list` A list containing power information by area.
- `rr_results` Dataframe containing cumulative relative risk and confidence intervals from analysis.
- `res_attr_tot` Dataframe. Total attributable fractions, numbers and rates for each area over the whole time series.
- `attr_yr_list` List. Dataframes containing yearly estimates of attributable fractions, numbers and rates by area.
- `attr_mth_list` List. Dataframes containing total attributable fractions, numbers and rates by calendar month and area.

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Examples

```
example_data <- data.frame(
  date = seq.Date(as.Date("2020-01-01"), by = "day", length.out = 365),
  region = "Example Region",
  tmean = stats::runif(365, 5, 30),
  suicides = stats::rpois(365, lambda = 2),
  pop = 250000
)
example_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
utils::write.csv(example_data, example_path, row.names = FALSE)

suicides_heat_do_analysis(
  data_path = example_path,
  date_col = "date",
  region_col = "region",
  temperature_col = "tmean",
  health_outcome_col = "suicides",
  population_col = "pop",
  country = "Example Region",
  meta_analysis = FALSE,
  var_fun = "bs",
  var_degree = 2,
  var_per = c(25, 50, 75),
  lag_fun = "strata",
  lag_breaks = 1,
  lag_days = 2,
  independent_cols = NULL,
  control_cols = NULL,
  cenper = 50,
```

```
attr_thr = 97.5,  
save_fig = FALSE,  
save_csv = FALSE,  
output_folder_path = tempdir()  
)
```

temp_mortality_do_analysis

Full analysis for the 'mortality attributable to high and low temperatures' indicator

Description

Runs the full methodology to analyse the impact of high and low temperatures on mortality using a quasi-Poisson time series approach with a distributed lag non-linear model. This function generates the relative risk of the temperature-mortality association as well as attributable numbers, rates and fractions of mortalities to specified temperature thresholds for high and low temperatures. Model validation statistics are also provided.

Usage

```
temp_mortality_do_analysis(  
  data_path,  
  date_col,  
  region_col,  
  temperature_col,  
  dependent_col,  
  population_col,  
  country = "National",  
  independent_cols = NULL,  
  control_cols = NULL,  
  var_fun = "bs",  
  var_degree = 2,  
  var_per = c(10, 75, 90),  
  lagn = 21,  
  lagnk = 3,  
  dfseas = 8,  
  meta_analysis = FALSE,  
  attr_thr_high = 97.5,  
  attr_thr_low = 2.5,  
  save_fig = FALSE,  
  save_csv = FALSE,  
  output_folder_path = NULL,  
  seed = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

<code>data_path</code>	Path to a csv file containing a daily time series of data for a particular health outcome and climate variables, which may be disaggregated by geography.
<code>date_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe containing the date.
<code>region_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the geography name(s).
<code>temperature_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the temperature column.
<code>dependent_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe containing the dependent health outcome variable e.g. deaths.
<code>population_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the population estimate per geography.
<code>country</code>	Character. Name of country for national-level estimates. Defaults to 'National'.
<code>independent_cols</code>	List. Additional independent variables to test in model validation as confounders. Defaults to NULL.
<code>control_cols</code>	List. Confounders to include in the final model adjustment. Defaults to NULL.
<code>var_fun</code>	Character. Exposure function for argvar (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to 'bs'.
<code>var_degree</code>	Integer. Degree of the piecewise polynomial for argvar (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to 2 (quadratic).
<code>var_per</code>	Vector. Internal knot positions for argvar (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>). Defaults to <code>c(10, 75, 90)</code> .
<code>lagn</code>	Integer. Number of days in the lag period. Defaults to 21. (see <code>dlm::crossbasis</code>).
<code>lagnk</code>	Integer. Number of knots in lag function. Defaults to 3. (see <code>dlm::logknots</code>).
<code>dfseas</code>	Integer. Degrees of freedom for seasonality. Defaults to 8.
<code>meta_analysis</code>	Boolean. Whether to perform a meta-analysis. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>attr_thr_high</code>	Integer. Percentile at which to define the high temperature threshold for calculating attributable risk. Defaults to 97.5.
<code>attr_thr_low</code>	Integer. Percentile at which to define the low temperature threshold for calculating attributable risk. Defaults to 2.5.
<code>save_fig</code>	Boolean. Whether to save the plot as an output. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>save_csv</code>	Boolean. Whether to save the results as a CSV. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>output_folder_path</code>	Path to folder where plots and/or CSV should be saved. Defaults to NULL.
<code>seed</code>	Optional integer random seed used when sampling residuals for model validation plots. Defaults to NULL.

Details

This analysis requires a daily time series of temperature and death counts with population values as a minimum. This is then processed using a quasi-Poisson time series regression analysis with a distributed lag non-linear model and optional meta-analysis. Meta-analysis is recommended if the input data is disaggregated by area.

The model parameters have default values, which are recommended to keep as based on existing studies. However, if desired these can be adjusted for if appropriate for the user's context.

Model validation testing is provided as a standard output from the pipeline so a user can assess the quality of the model. If a user has additional independent variables these can be specified as `independent_cols` and assessed within different model combinations in the outputs of this testing. These can be added in the final model via `control_cols`. Note, a user should include variables if contextually relevant, and not simply based on model optimisation.

For attributable deaths the default is to use a high temperature threshold, defined as the 97.5th percentile of the temperature distribution over the full time period for each geography. The low temperature thresholds is similarly defined at the 2.5th percentile. These can be adjusted if desired, following review of the relative risk association between temperature and mortality using `attr_thr_high` or `attr_thr_low`.

Further details on the input data requirements, methodology, quality information and guidance on interpreting outputs can be found in the accompanying published [doi:10.5281/zenodo.14865904](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14865904).

Value

- `qaic_results` Dataframe. QAIC and dispersion metrics for each model combination and geography.
- `qaic_summary` Dataframe. Mean QAIC and dispersion metrics for each model combination.
- `vif_results` Dataframe. Variance inflation factors for each independent variables by geography.
- `vif_summary` Dataframe. Mean variance inflation factors for each independent variable.
- `adf_results` Dataframe. ADF test results for each geography.
- `power_list` List. Power information by area.
- `rr_results` Dataframe containing cumulative relative risk and confidence intervals from analysis.
- `res_attr_tot` Dataframe. Total attributable fractions, numbers and rates for each area over the whole time series.
- `attr_yr_list` List. Dataframes containing yearly estimates of attributable fractions, numbers and rates by area.
- `attr_mth_list` List. Dataframes containing total attributable fractions, numbers and rates by calendar month and area.

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Examples

```
example_data <- data.frame(
  date = seq.Date(as.Date("2020-01-01"), by = "day", length.out = 365),
  region = "Example Region",
  tmean = stats::runif(365, -2, 32),
  deaths = stats::rpois(365, lambda = 8),
  pop = 500000
)
example_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
utils::write.csv(example_data, example_path, row.names = FALSE)

temp_mortality_do_analysis(
  data_path = example_path,
  date_col = "date",
  temperature_col = "tmean",
  dependent_col = "deaths",
  population_col = "pop",
  region_col = "region",
  country = "Example Region",
  meta_analysis = FALSE,
  independent_cols = NULL,
  control_cols = NULL,
  var_fun = "bs",
  var_degree = 2,
  var_per = c(10, 75, 90),
  lagn = 7,
  lagnk = 2,
  dfseas = 4,
  attr_thr_high = 97.5,
  attr_thr_low = 2.5,
  save_fig = FALSE,
  save_csv = FALSE,
  output_folder_path = tempdir()
)
```

wildfire_do_analysis *This is full analysis pipeline to analyse the impact of wildfire-related PM2.5 on a health outcome.*

Description

Runs full analysis pipeline for analysis of the impact of wildfire-related PM2.5 on a health outcome using time stratified case-crossover approach with conditional quasi-Poisson regression model. This function generates relative risk of the mortality associated to wildfire-related PM2.5 as well as attributable numbers, rates and fractions of health outcome. Model validation statistics are also provided.

Usage

```
wildfire_do_analysis(
  health_path,
  join_wildfire_data = FALSE,
  ncdf_path = NULL,
  shp_path = NULL,
  date_col,
  region_col,
  shape_region_col = NULL,
  mean_temperature_col,
  health_outcome_col,
  population_col = NULL,
  rh_col = NULL,
  wind_speed_col = NULL,
  pm_2_5_col = NULL,
  wildfire_lag = 3,
  temperature_lag = 1,
  spline_temperature_lag = 0,
  spline_temperature_degrees_freedom = 6,
  predictors_vif = NULL,
  calc_relative_risk_by_region = FALSE,
  scale_factor_wildfire_pm = 10,
  save_fig = FALSE,
  save_csv = FALSE,
  output_folder_path = NULL,
  create_run_subdir = FALSE,
  print_vif = FALSE,
  print_model_summaries = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

health_path Path to a CSV file containing a daily time series of data for a particular health outcome, which may be disaggregated by region. If this does not include a col-

	umn with wildfire-related PM2.5, use <code>join_wildfire_data = TRUE</code> to join these data.
<code>join_wildfire_data</code>	Boolean. If TRUE, a daily time series of wildfire-related PM2.5 concentration is joined to the health data. If FALSE, the data set is loaded without any additional joins. Defaults to FALSE.
<code>ncdf_path</code>	Path to a NetCDF file containing a daily time series of gridded wildfire-related PM2.5 concentration data.
<code>shp_path</code>	Path to a shapefile .shp of the geographical boundaries for which to extract mean values of wildfire-related PM2.5
<code>date_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the date.
<code>region_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the region names.
<code>shape_region_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the shapefile dataframe that contains the region names.
<code>mean_temperature_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the mean temperature column.
<code>health_outcome_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the health outcome count column (e.g. number of deaths, hospital admissions)
<code>population_col</code>	Character. Name of the column in the dataframe that contains the population data. Defaults to NULL. This is only required when requesting region-level AF/AN outputs and no pop column is already present in the input data.
<code>rh_col</code>	Character. Name of the column containing relative humidity values. Defaults to NULL.
<code>wind_speed_col</code>	Character. Name of the column containing wind speed. Defaults to NULL.
<code>pm_2_5_col</code>	Character. The name of the column containing PM2.5 values in micrograms. This is only required if health data isn't joined. Defaults to NULL.
<code>wildfire_lag</code>	Integer. The number of days for which to calculate the lags for wildfire PM2.5. Default is 3.
<code>temperature_lag</code>	Integer. The number of days for which to calculate the lags for temperature. Default is 1.
<code>spline_temperature_lag</code>	Integer. The number of days of lag in the temperature variable from which to generate splines. Default is 0 (unlagged temperature variable).
<code>spline_temperature_degrees_freedom</code>	Integer. Degrees of freedom for the spline(s).
<code>predictors_vif</code>	Character vector with each of the predictors to include in the model. Must contain at least 2 variables. Defaults to NULL.
<code>calc_relative_risk_by_region</code>	Bool. Whether to calculate Relative Risk by region. Default: FALSE

scale_factor_wildfire_pm	Numeric. The value to divide the wildfire PM2.5 concentration variables by for alternative interpretation of outputs. Corresponds to the unit increase in wildfire PM2.5 to give the model estimates and relative risks (e.g. scale_factor = 10 corresponds to estimates and relative risks representing impacts of a 10 unit increase in wildfire PM2.5). Setting this parameter to 0 or 1 leaves the variable unscaled.
save_fig	Boolean. Whether to save the plot as an output.
save_csv	Boolean. Whether to save the results as a CSV
output_folder_path	Path. Path to folder where plots and/or CSV should be saved.
create_run_subdir	Boolean. If TRUE, create a timestamped subdirectory under output_folder_path for this run's outputs. Defaults to FALSE.
print_vif	Bool, whether or not to print VIF (variance inflation factor) for each predictor. Defaults to FALSE.
print_model_summaries	Bool. Whether to print the model summaries to console. Defaults to FALSE.

Details

This analysis pipeline requires a daily time series with mean wildfire PM2.5, mean temperature and health outcome (all-cause mortality, respiratory, cardiovascular, hospital admissions etc) with population values as a minimum. This is then processed using a time stratified case crossover approach with conditional Poisson case-crossover analysis and optional meta-analysis. Meta-analysis is recommended if the input data is disaggregated by area.

The model parameters have default values, which are recommended to keep as based on existing studies. However, if desired these can be adjusted for sensitivity analysis.

Model validation testing is provided as a standard output from the pipeline so a user can assess the quality of the model. Additionally, users can incorporate extra independent variables-such as relative humidity or wind speed-directly into the model for enhanced analysis.

Further details on the input data requirements, methodology, quality information and guidance on interpreting outputs can be found in the accompanying published [doi:10.5281/zenodo.14052184](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.14052184).

Value

- `rr_results` A dataframe with relative risk estimates and confidence intervals for each region.
- `rr_pm` A dataframe of relative risk estimates for wildfire-specific PM2.5 exposure across regions as PM values changes.
- `af_an_results` A dataframe containing attributable fractions, attributable numbers and deaths per 100k population for each region
- `annual_af_an_results` A dataframe containing annual attributable numbers and fractions for each region
- `calculate_qaic` A dataframe of QAIC and dispersion metrics for each model combination and geography.
- `check_wildfire_vif` A dataframe containing Variance inflation factors for each independent variables by region.

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Examples

```
example_data <- data.frame(
  date = seq.Date(as.Date("2020-01-01"), by = "day", length.out = 180),
  region = "Example Region",
  death = stats::rpois(180, lambda = 4),
  population = 400000,
  tmean = stats::runif(180, 10, 35),
  mean_PM = stats::runif(180, 0, 25)
)
example_path <- tempfile(fileext = ".csv")
utils::write.csv(example_data, example_path, row.names = FALSE)

wildfire_do_analysis(
  health_path = example_path,
  join_wildfire_data = FALSE,
  ncdf_path = NULL,
  shp_path = NULL,
  date_col = "date",
  region_col = "region",
  shape_region_col = NULL,
  mean_temperature_col = "tmean",
  health_outcome_col = "death",
  population_col = "population",
  rh_col = NULL,
  wind_speed_col = NULL,
  pm_2_5_col = " mean_PM ",
  wildfire_lag = 3,
  temperature_lag = 1,
  spline_temperature_lag = 0,
  spline_temperature_degrees_freedom = 4,
  predictors_vif = NULL,
  calc_relative_risk_by_region = FALSE,
  scale_factor_wildfire_pm = 10,
```

```
save_fig = FALSE,  
save_csv = FALSE,  
output_folder_path = tempdir(),  
create_run_subdir = FALSE,  
print_vif = FALSE,  
print_model_summaries = FALSE)
```

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