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farmPartial-package	<i>farmPartial: Tools for Farm Partial-Budget Analysis</i>
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Description

Tools for estimating the incremental economic consequence of a farm-management change. The package implements the four standard partial-budget components: added returns, reduced costs, added costs, and reduced returns. It also supports baseline-alternative comparisons, sensitivity and scenario analysis, break-even analysis, Monte Carlo uncertainty analysis, capital annualization, dominance analysis, and marginal rate-of-return analysis.

Details

The central identity is

$$\Delta NR = (AR + RC) - (AC + RR),$$

where *AR* is added returns, *RC* is reduced costs, *AC* is added costs, and *RR* is reduced returns. Only items that change between the baseline and alternative farm plans belong in a partial budget.

References

CIMMYT (1988). *From Agronomic Data to Farmer Recommendations: An Economics Training Manual*. Completely revised edition. Mexico: CIMMYT. ISBN 968-6127-19-4.

See Also

[partial_budget](#), [compare_budgets](#), [sensitivity_analysis](#), [simulate_partial_budget](#)

annualize_investment *Annualize a Farm Capital Investment*

Description

Converts a farm capital purchase and terminal salvage value into an equivalent annual cost using the capital-recovery method.

Usage

```
annualize_investment(purchase, salvage = 0, life, rate = 0)
```

Arguments

purchase	Non-negative purchase cost.
salvage	Non-negative expected salvage value, not greater than purchase cost.
life	Positive useful life in years.
rate	Non-negative annual discount rate expressed as a decimal.

Details

For a positive discount rate, the function first discounts the terminal salvage value to the present and then applies the capital-recovery factor. At a zero discount rate it returns straight-line annual capital consumption, $(P - S)/n$.

Value

Numeric vector of equivalent annual costs.

Examples

```
annualize_investment(purchase = 120000, salvage = 20000, life = 8, rate = 0.08)
```

break_even_component *Break-Even Value for One Partial-Budget Component*

Description

Calculates the selected partial-budget component amount required to make net economic change equal zero.

Usage

```
break_even_component(x, item)
```

Arguments

- x A farm_partial_budget object.
- item Exact label of a uniquely occurring component with a non-zero current amount.

Details

All other budget components are held fixed. If the calculated break-even amount is negative, the returned feasible_nonnegative flag is FALSE; this means no non-negative amount for the selected component can make the current budget exactly break even while all other items remain unchanged.

Value

A one-row data frame containing the break-even amount and multiplier.

Examples

```
pb <- partial_budget(wheat_example("changes"))
break_even_component(pb, "Additional herbicide")
```

compare_budgets	<i>Compare Baseline and Alternative Farm Budgets</i>
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Description

Compares baseline and alternative farm budgets and classifies their incremental economic changes.

Usage

```
compare_budgets(
  baseline,
  alternative,
  currency = NULL,
  unit = NULL,
  zero_tol = sqrt(.Machine$double.eps)
)
```

Arguments

- baseline, alternative Data frames containing item, category, and value; objects from farm_budget() are recommended.
- currency, unit Optional labels overriding those stored on farm-budget objects.
- zero_tol Non-negative numeric tolerance below which a difference is treated as zero.

Details

For return items, an increase is classified as an added return and a decrease as a reduced return. For cost items, an increase is an added cost and a decrease is a reduced cost. An item absent from one budget is assigned value zero there. An item must retain the same return/cost category across both plans.

Value

A `farm_partial_budget` object. Its comparison element contains the aligned baseline and alternative values and their signed differences.

Examples

```
base <- wheat_example("baseline")
alt <- wheat_example("alternative")
compare_budgets(base, alt)
```

farm_budget	<i>Build a Farm Budget Table</i>
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Description

Creates a validated farm budget from total values or quantity-price components.

Usage

```
farm_budget(
  item,
  category,
  value = NULL,
  quantity = NULL,
  unit_price = NULL,
  currency = "INR",
  unit = "per ha"
)

## S3 method for class 'farm_budget'
print(x, ..., row.names = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>item</code>	Character vector of budget-item labels.
<code>category</code>	Character vector identifying each item as a return/revenue or a cost/expense.
<code>value</code>	Optional non-negative total value for each item.
<code>quantity, unit_price</code>	Optional non-negative quantities and unit prices. When <code>value</code> is omitted, both must be supplied.

currency	Currency label.
unit	Scale label.
x	A farm_budget object.
...	Additional arguments passed to print.data.frame.
row.names	Logical controlling printing of row names.

Value

A data frame of class farm_budget.

Examples

```
b <- farm_budget(
  item = c("Grain", "Seed"),
  category = c("return", "cost"),
  value = c(100000, 7000)
)
b
```

partial_budget	<i>Create and Summarize a Farm Partial Budget</i>
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Description

Organizes the four partial-budget components and calculates the expected change in net return.

Usage

```
partial_budget(
  changes = NULL,
  added_returns = NULL,
  reduced_costs = NULL,
  added_costs = NULL,
  reduced_returns = NULL,
  currency = "INR",
  unit = "per ha"
)

budget_summary(x)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_budget'
print(x, digits = 2L, ...)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_budget'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_budget'
```

```

plot(
  x,
  main = "Farm partial budget",
  ylab = NULL,
  col = c("#2E7D32", "#66BB6A", "#C62828", "#EF5350", "#1565C0"),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

changes	Optional data frame with columns item, change_type, and amount.
added_returns, reduced_costs, added_costs, reduced_returns	Optional named non-negative numeric vectors. These provide a compact alternative to changes.
currency	Single character currency label.
unit	Single character scale label, such as "per ha".
x, object	A farm_partial_budget object.
digits	Number of decimal places printed.
main	Plot title.
ylab	Plot y-axis label; generated from currency and unit if omitted.
col	Bar colors.
...	Additional arguments passed to the relevant print or plotting method.

Details

The four accepted change types are added_return, reduced_cost, added_cost, and reduced_return. Amounts are magnitudes and must be non-negative. The estimated net change is favorable changes minus adverse changes. The change benefit-cost ratio is the total favorable changes divided by total adverse changes. The marginal rate of return is reported only when the net change in costs is positive and is calculated as net change divided by the increase in costs, multiplied by 100.

Value

partial_budget() returns a farm_partial_budget object. budget_summary() and summary() return a one-row data frame. The print and plot methods return their input invisibly or the plotting positions invisibly.

Examples

```

pb <- partial_budget(
  added_returns = c("Extra grain" = 6000),
  reduced_costs = c("Energy saving" = 1800),
  added_costs = c("New input" = 2200),
  reduced_returns = c("Lower straw value" = 500),
  currency = "INR",
  unit = "per ha"
)
pb
budget_summary(pb)

```

scenario_analysis	<i>Scenario Analysis for a Farm Partial Budget</i>
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Description

Applies item-specific multipliers under named scenarios and recalculates partial-budget outcomes.

Usage

```
scenario_analysis(x, scenarios, include_base = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_scenario'
print(x, ..., row.names = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_scenario'
plot(
  x,
  main = "Partial-budget scenarios",
  ylab = NULL,
  col = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	A farm_partial_budget object, or a scenario result for print and plot methods.
scenarios	Data frame with scenario, item, and multiplier columns.
include_base	Logical; include the unmodified partial budget as "Base".
main, ylab, col	Plot title, y-axis label, and colors.
...	Additional print or plot arguments.
row.names	Logical controlling printing of row names.

Value

A data frame of class farm_partial_scenario.

Examples

```
pb <- partial_budget(wheat_example("changes"))
sc <- data.frame(
  scenario = c("Low output price", "High input price"),
  item = c("Higher grain return", "Additional herbicide"),
  multiplier = c(0.8, 1.25)
)
scenario_analysis(pb, sc)
```

sensitivity_analysis *One-Way Sensitivity Analysis for a Partial Budget*

Description

Varies one partial-budget component while holding all remaining components constant.

Usage

```
sensitivity_analysis(x, item, multipliers = seq(0.8, 1.2, by = 0.05))

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_sensitivity'
print(x, ..., row.names = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_sensitivity'
plot(
  x,
  main = "One-way sensitivity analysis",
  xlab = "Multiplier",
  ylab = NULL,
  col = "#1565C0",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x	A farm_partial_budget object, or a sensitivity result for the print and plot methods.
item	Exact label of a uniquely occurring budget item.
multipliers	Non-negative numeric multipliers applied to that item.
main, xlab, ylab, col	Plot labels and color.
...	Additional print or plot arguments.
row.names	Logical controlling printing of row names.

Value

A data frame of class farm_partial_sensitivity.

Examples

```
pb <- partial_budget(wheat_example("changes"))
s <- sensitivity_analysis(pb, "Higher grain return", c(0.8, 1, 1.2))
s
```

simulate_partial_budget

Monte Carlo Uncertainty Analysis for a Partial Budget

Description

Propagates uncertainty in partial-budget components through Monte Carlo simulation.

Usage

```
simulate_partial_budget(x, uncertainty, n = 10000L, level = 0.95, seed = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_simulation'
print(x, digits = 2L, ...)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_simulation'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_simulation'
plot(
  x,
  main = "Uncertainty in partial-budget net change",
  xlab = NULL,
  col = "#90CAF9",
  border = "white",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x, object	A farm_partial_budget object, or a simulation object for its methods.
uncertainty	Data frame with item and distribution, plus relevant parameter columns among mean, sd, cv, min, mode, and max.
n	Integer number of Monte Carlo draws, at least two.
level	Probability level strictly between zero and one for the central uncertainty interval.
seed	Optional finite numeric seed.
digits	Number of decimal places printed.
main, xlab, col, border	Histogram title, axis label, fill color, and border color.
...	Additional arguments passed to print or histogram methods.

Details

Supported distributions are fixed, normal, lognormal, uniform, and triangular. A normal or lognormal component uses mean (defaulting to its current budget amount) and either sd or cv. Uniform components require min and max; triangular components require min, mode, and max. Component draws are independent. Negative normal draws are truncated at zero. The returned interval describes the simulated uncertainty distribution; it is not a sampling-theory confidence interval.

Value

An object of class `farm_partial_simulation`. Its `draws` element contains simulated net changes; `component_draws` contains the simulated component amounts; and `metrics` contains mean, median, standard deviation, interval endpoints, and probability of a positive net change.

Examples

```
pb <- partial_budget(wheat_example("changes"))
u <- data.frame(
  item = c("Higher grain return", "Additional herbicide"),
  distribution = c("normal", "uniform"),
  mean = c(6000, NA),
  sd = c(900, NA),
  min = c(NA, 900),
  max = c(NA, 1500)
)
sim <- simulate_partial_budget(pb, u, n = 500, seed = 123)
summary(sim)
```

trial_budget

Economic Analysis of Alternative Farm Treatments

Description

Calculates treatment economics and supports dominance and marginal rate-of-return analyses.

Usage

```
trial_budget(treatment, yield, price, variable_cost, yield_adjustment = 1)

dominance_analysis(x)

marginal_analysis(x, minimum_mrr = NULL)
```

Arguments

treatment	Unique non-empty treatment labels.
yield	Non-negative observed yield.

price	Non-negative farm-gate output price per yield unit.
variable_cost	Non-negative total cost that varies by treatment.
yield_adjustment	Positive factor no greater than one for adjusting experimental yield to expected farm conditions.
x	Data frame with at least treatment, variable_cost, and net_benefit columns, such as the result from trial_budget().
minimum_mrr	Optional non-negative minimum acceptable marginal rate of return, expressed as a percentage.

Details

dominance_analysis() marks an alternative as dominated when another has no greater variable cost and no lower net benefit, with at least one strict improvement. marginal_analysis() removes dominated alternatives, sorts the remainder by variable cost, and computes the change in net benefit divided by the change in variable cost between adjacent alternatives, multiplied by 100.

Value

trial_budget() returns a treatment-economics data frame. dominance_analysis() adds a logical dominated column. marginal_analysis() returns only non-dominated alternatives with marginal increments and marginal rates of return.

References

CIMMYT (1988). *From Agronomic Data to Farmer Recommendations: An Economics Training Manual*. Completely revised edition. Mexico: CIMMYT. ISBN 968-6127-19-4.

Examples

```

trials <- trial_budget(
  treatment = c("Farmer practice", "Treatment A", "Treatment B"),
  yield = c(3.0, 3.5, 3.7),
  price = 22000,
  variable_cost = c(18000, 23000, 31000),
  yield_adjustment = 0.9
)
dominance_analysis(trials)
marginal_analysis(trials, minimum_mrr = 50)

```

two_way_sensitivity *Two-Way Sensitivity Analysis for a Partial Budget*

Description

Varies two partial-budget components simultaneously and calculates the resulting net changes.

Usage

```

two_way_sensitivity(
  x,
  item_x,
  item_y,
  multipliers_x = seq(0.8, 1.2, by = 0.1),
  multipliers_y = seq(0.8, 1.2, by = 0.1)
)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_two_way'
print(x, ..., row.names = FALSE)

## S3 method for class 'farm_partial_two_way'
plot(
  x,
  main = "Two-way sensitivity: net change",
  xlab = NULL,
  ylab = NULL,
  col = c("#A50026", "#D73027", "#F46D43", "#FDAE61", "#FEE08B",
    "#D9EF8B", "#A6D96A", "#66BD63", "#1A9850", "#006837"),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>farm_partial_budget</code> object, or a two-way sensitivity result for the <code>print</code> and <code>plot</code> methods.
<code>item_x</code> , <code>item_y</code>	Exact labels of two different uniquely occurring budget items.
<code>multipliers_x</code> , <code>multipliers_y</code>	Non-negative multiplier vectors.
<code>main</code> , <code>xlab</code> , <code>ylab</code> , <code>col</code>	Plot labels and colors.
<code>...</code>	Additional print or plot arguments.
<code>row.names</code>	Logical controlling printing of row names.

Value

A data frame of class `farm_partial_two_way`.

Examples

```

pb <- partial_budget(wheat_example("changes"))
two_way_sensitivity(
  pb,
  "Higher grain return",
  "Additional herbicide",
  multipliers_x = c(0.9, 1, 1.1),
  multipliers_y = c(0.9, 1, 1.1)
)

```

)

wheat_example

Illustrative Wheat Partial-Budget Data

Description

Returns internally generated per-hectare wheat-management values for package examples. The values are pedagogical and are not survey estimates, official costs, or recommendations.

Usage

```
wheat_example(type = c("changes", "baseline", "alternative"))
```

Arguments

type One of "changes", "baseline", or "alternative".

Value

For "changes", a data frame accepted by `partial_budget()`. For the other choices, a `farm_budget` object accepted by `compare_budgets()`.

Examples

```
partial_budget(wheat_example("changes"))
compare_budgets(wheat_example("baseline"), wheat_example("alternative"))
```

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