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References

Fleiss, Joseph L., (1981), Statistical Methods for Rates and Proportions. New York: John Wiley & Sons.

Examples

```
ref <- acc[ , 1]
toridit(ref)
g <- acc[ , 2]
meanridit(g, ref)
seridit(g, ref)
meanridits(flu.age, 2, "H3")
meanridits(flu.age, 2) # Uses group totals as reference
seridits(handgun, 2, 1)</pre>
```

acc

Vehicle accident injuries

Description

Counts of motor vehicle accident injuries; rows are ordered by increasing severity First column is total injuries for all drivers; second is injuries to slightly intoxicated drivers

Usage

acc

Format

7x2 matrix of counts

Source

Fleiss, pp. 152-153

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Examples

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flu.age

Flu subtype by age group

Description

Cross-tabulation of influenza virus subtypes by age group

Usage

flu.age

Format

4x5 matrix of counts; rows are age groups in increasing order, columns are viral subtypes

Source

http://cdc.gov/flu/weekly for week ending 24 Feb 2018

Examples

flu.age

handgun

Favorability of handgun ban by party

Description

Likert ratings of American favorability toward a handgun ban, cross-tabulated by political party identification.

Usage

handgun

Format

5x4 matrix of counts; rows are ratings, first column is total responses, remaining columns are Democrats, independents, and Republicans.

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Details

These data were originally specified as proportions and were derived by multiplication by sample sizes. As such, the first column slightly differs, due to rounding error, from the row sums of the remaining columns.

Source

YouGov poll of 1500 adult Americans, Feb. 25-27 2018

Examples

handgun

meanridit

Compute mean ridit of group given reference group

Description

Compute mean ridit for a group given a reference group

Usage

```
meanridit(v, ref)
```

Arguments

v Vector of counts or proportions

ref Vector of counts or proportions to use as reference group

Value

The group's mean ridit

Author(s)

Eric Bohlman

References

Fleiss, J.,L., (1981), Statistical Methods for Rates and Proportions. New York: John Wiley & Sons., p.153

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Examples

```
# PolitiFact ratings in order of increasing truthfulness (8 Mar 2018)
obama <- c(9, 71, 70, 161, 165, 123)
trump <- c(77, 169, 114, 78, 60, 24)
# Probability that a random Trump statement is at least as truthful as a random Obama statement
meanridit(trump, obama)
## The function is currently defined as
function (v, ref)
    sum(to.ridit(ref) * v)/sum(v)
  }
```

meanridits

Compute mean ridits of multiple groups

Description

Computes mean ridits of multiple groups in a crosstab matrix. Groups can be either rows or columns, with the other dimension representing the response categories.

Usage

```
meanridits(x, margin, ref = NULL)
```

Arguments

matrix of cross-tabulated counts or proportions Х margin 1 for groups in rows, 2 for groups in columns ref

if omitted, use totals across groups as reference group

if vector of counts (or proportions), use as reference group

otherwise, number (or name if it exists) of group to use as reference

Value

vector of mean ridits

Note

using group totals as reference will not give meaningful results if data are proportions

Author(s)

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Examples

```
meanridits(flu.age, 2)
meanridits(flu.age, 2, "H3")
meanridits(handgun, 2, 1)
meanridits(handgun, 2, rowSums(handgun[ , 2:4]))

## The function is currently defined as
function (x, margin, ref = NULL)
{
    apply(x, margin, meanridit, riditsrefgroup(x, margin, ref))
}
```

riditsrefgroup

Utility to determine reference group. Primarily for internal use/

Description

For internal use.

Usage

```
riditsrefgroup(x, margin, ref = NULL)
```

Arguments

margin margin that represents groups. 1 for rows, 2 for columns
 group to use as reference. if omitted, use totals across groups. if a vector, use it. otherwise use the group with its number (or name if available)

Value

vector of counts/proportions to use as reference group

Author(s)

Eric Bohlman

```
## The function is currently defined as
function (x, margin, ref = NULL)
{
    if (length(ref) > 1) {
        refgroup <- ref
    }
    else if (length(ref) == 1) {
        if (margin == 1) {</pre>
```

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semiauto

Favorability of semiautomatic weapons ban by party

Description

Likert ratings of American favorability toward a ban on semi-automatic weapons, cross-tabulated by political party identification.

Usage

semiauto

Format

5x4 matrix of counts; rows are ratings, first column is total responses, remaining columns are Democrats, independents, and Republicans.

Details

These data were originally specified as proportions and were derived by multiplication by sample sizes. As such, the first column slightly differs, due to rounding error, from the row sums of the remaining columns.

Source

YouGov poll of 1500 adult Americans, Feb. 25-27 2018

Examples

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seridit

Compute standard error of mean ridit for group given reference group

Description

Given a vector of counts for a group and a vector of counts for a reference group, computes the standard error of the mean ridit for the group.

Usage

```
seridit(v, ref)
```

Arguments

```
v same as meanridit(), but must be counts
ref same as meanridit(), but must be counts
```

Value

standard error of mean ridit

Author(s)

Eric Bohlman

References

Fleiss, J.,L., (1981), Statistical Methods for Rates and Proportions. New York: John Wiley & Sons, p. 154

```
# PolitiFact ratings in order of increasing truthfulness (8 Mar 2018)
obama <- c(9, 71, 70, 161, 165, 123)
trump <- c(77, 169, 114, 78, 60, 24)
# Result is approximately standard normal
(meanridit(trump, obama) - 0.5) / seridit(trump, obama)

## The function is currently defined as
function (v, ref)
{
    N <- sum(ref)
    n <- sum(v)
    term1 <- (n + 1)/N
    term2 <- 1/(N * (N + n - 1))
    term3 <- sum((ref + v)^3)/(N * (N + n) * (N + n - 1))
    (1/(2 * sqrt(3 * n))) * sqrt(1 + term1 + term2 - term3)
}</pre>
```

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seridits

Compute standard errors of mean ridits of multiple groups

Description

Takes the same data as meanridits(), bui returns standard errors rather than means.

Usage

```
seridits(x, margin, ref = NULL)
```

Arguments

```
x same as for meanridits(), but must be counts rather than proportions
margin same as for meanridits()
ref same as for meanridits()
```

Details

note that if the results include the reference group, its standard error will not be meaningful; by definition its mean ridit will be exactly 0.5

Value

a vector of standard errors for each group's mean ridits

Author(s)

Eric Bohlman

See Also

meanridits

```
(meanridits(semiauto, 2, 1) - 0.5) / seridits(semiauto, 2, 1)
## The function is currently defined as
function (x, margin, ref = NULL)
{
    apply(x, margin, se.ridit, riditsrefgroup(x, margin, ref))
}
```

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seritdiff

Compute standard error of difference between two mean ridits

Description

Computes the approximate standard error of the difference between the mean ridits of two groups. This does not depend on the reference group the mean ridits are relative to, only on the sizes of the two groups.

Usage

```
seriditdiff(g1, g2)
```

Arguments

g1 vector of counts (not ridits) for first group
 g2 vector of counts (not ridits) for second group

Details

the order of the two groups doesn't matter.

Value

approximate standard error of difference between mean ridits

Author(s)

Eric Bohlman

References

Fleiss, J., L., (1981), Statistical Methods for Rates and Proportions. New York: John Wiley & Sons., p. 155

```
seriditdiff(semiauto[ , "Ind"], semiauto[ , "Rep"])
## The function is currently defined as
function(g1, g2) {
   sqrt(sum(g1) + sum(g2)) / (2 * sqrt(3 * sum(g1) * sum(g2)))
}
```

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toridit

Compute ridit scores for group

Description

Computes the vector of ridit scores corresponding to a vector of counts or proportions.

Usage

```
toridit(v)
```

Arguments

V

vector of counts or proportions

Value

vector of ridit scores

Author(s)

Eric Bohlman

References

Fleiss, J.,L., (1981), Statistical Methods for Rates and Proportions. New York: John Wiley & Sons, p. 152

```
# PolitiFact ratings for Barack Obama in order of increasing truthfulness (8 Mar 2018)
toridit(c(9, 71, 70, 161, 165, 123)) # counts
toridit(c(.02, .12, .12, .27, .28, .21)) # proportions

## The function is currently defined as
function (v)
{
    (cumsum(v) - 0.5 * v)/sum(v)
}
```

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