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component_plot

Plotting components of win odds

Description

Generic function to create a plot showing the components used in calculating win odds (wins and ties) separately for each outcome. Implemented for objects of type 'maraca' and 'hce.

```
component_plot(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
component_plot(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'maraca'
component_plot(x, theme = "maraca", ...)
## S3 method for class 'hce'
component_plot(
  х,
  step_outcomes = NULL,
  last_outcome = "C",
  arm_levels = c(active = "A", control = "P"),
  fixed_followup_days = NULL,
  theme = "maraca",
  lowerBetter = FALSE,
  . . .
)
```

Arguments

x	an object of S3 class 'maraca' or 'hce'.	
	not used	
theme	Choose theme to style the plot. The default theme is "maraca". Options are "maraca", "color1", "color2" and none". For more details, check the vignette called "Maraca Plots - Plotting win odds".	
step_outcomes	A vector of strings containing the outcome labels for all outcomes displayed as part of the step function on the left side of the plot. The order is kept for the plot. By default (when set to NULL) this is automatically updated by taking the non-continuous outcomes from the GROUP variable in alphabetical order.	
last_outcome	A single string containing the last outcome label displayed on the right side of the plot. Default value "C".	
arm_levels	A named vector of exactly two strings, mapping the values used for the active and control arms to the values used in the data. The names must be "active" and "control" in this order. Note that this parameter only need to be specified if you have labels different from "active" and "control".	
fixed_followup_days		
	Not needed if HCE object contains information on fixed follow-up days in the study (column PADY or TTEfixed, depending on hce version). Otherwise, this argument must be specified. Note: If argument is specified and HCE object contains PADY or TTEfixed column, then fixed_followup_days argument is used.	
lowerBetter	Flag for the final outcome variable, indicating if lower values are considered better/advantageous. This flag is need to make sure the win odds are calculated correctly. Default value is FALSE, meaning higher values are considered advantageous.	

Details

Note that for this plot, if applying to a maraca object, in the original maraca() function run the argument "compute_win_odds" has to be set to TRUE.

Check the vignette "Maraca Plots - Plotting win odds" for more details.

Value

Component plot as a ggplot2 object.

Examples

data(hce_scenario_a)

component_plot(maraca_dat)

component_plot(hce_dat)

cumulative_plot Plotting the cumulated components of win odds

Description

Generic function to create a plot showing the components used in calculating win odds (wins and ties) cumulated for all outcomes for a hierarchical endpoint. Implemented for objects of type 'maraca' and 'hce'.

```
cumulative_plot(x, ...)
dustin(x, ...)
dustin_plot(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
cumulative_plot(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'maraca'
cumulative_plot(
    x,
    theme = "maraca",
    include = c("win odds", "win ratio"),
    reverse = FALSE,
    ...
)
## S3 method for class 'hce'
cumulative_plot(
```

cumulative_plot

```
x,
step_outcomes = NULL,
last_outcome = "C",
arm_levels = c(active = "A", control = "P"),
fixed_followup_days = NULL,
theme = "maraca",
include = c("win odds", "win ratio"),
reverse = FALSE,
lowerBetter = FALSE,
...
)
```

Arguments

x	an object of S3 class 'maraca' or 'hce'.	
	not used	
theme	Choose theme to style the plot. The default theme is "maraca". Options are "maraca", "color1", "color2" and none". For more details, check the vignette called "Maraca Plots - Plotting win odds".	
include	Vector or single string indicating which statistics to include in the right hand sid plot. Acceptable values are "win odds" and/or "win ratio". Default is c("wi odds", "win ratio").	
reverse	Flag indicating if the cumulated outcomes should be displayed in order from top to bottom (FALSE, the default) or in reverse (TRUE).	
step_outcomes	A vector of strings containing the outcome labels for all outcomes displayed as part of the step function on the left side of the plot. The order is kept for the plot. By default (when set to NULL) this is automatically updated by taking the non-continuous outcomes from the GROUP variable in alphabetical order.	
last_outcome	A single string containing the last outcome label displayed on the right side of the plot. Default value "C".	
arm_levels	A named vector of exactly two strings, mapping the values used for the active and control arms to the values used in the data. The names must be "active" and "control" in this order. Note that this parameter only need to be specified if you have labels different from "active" and "control".	
fixed_followup_		
	Not needed if HCE object contains information on fixed follow-up days in the study (column PADY or TTEfixed, depending on hce version). Otherwise, this argument must be specified. Note: If argument is specified and HCE object contains PADY or TTEfixed column, then fixed_followup_days argument is used.	
lowerBetter	Flag for the final outcome variable, indicating if lower values are considered better/advantageous. This flag is need to make sure the win odds are calculated correctly. Default value is FALSE, meaning higher values are considered advantageous.	

Details

Note that for this plot, if applying to a maraca object, in the original maraca() function run the argument "compute_win_odds" has to be set to TRUE.

Check the vignette "Maraca Plots - Plotting win odds" for more details.

Value

Cumulative plot as a patchwork list. Individual plots can be accessed like list items (plot[[1]] and plot[[2]]).

Examples

```
data(hce_scenario_a)
maraca_dat <- maraca(data = hce_scenario_a,</pre>
                     step_outcomes = c("Outcome I", "Outcome II",
                                       "Outcome III", "Outcome IV"),
                     last_outcome = "Continuous outcome",
                     fixed_followup_days = 3 * 365,
                     column_names = c(outcome = "GROUP",
                                       arm = "TRTP",
                                       value = "AVAL0"),
                     arm_levels = c(active = "Active",
                                     control = "Control"),
                     compute_win_odds = TRUE
                     )
cumulative_plot(maraca_dat)
Rates_A <- c(1.72, 1.74, 0.58, 1.5, 1)
Rates_P <- c(2.47, 2.24, 2.9, 4, 6)
hce_dat <- hce::simHCE(n = 2500, TTE_A = Rates_A, TTE_P = Rates_P,</pre>
             CM_A = -3, CM_P = -6, CSD_A = 16, CSD_P = 15, fixedfy = 3,
             seed = 31337)
cumulative_plot(hce_dat)
```

hce_scenario_a Example HCE scenario A.

Description

This is example data frame containing the example for scenario A.

Usage

data(hce_scenario_a)

hce_scenario_b

Format

A data frame with 1000 rows.

- SUBJID The patient identifier
- **GROUP** Which type of outcome the row belongs to
- GROUPN Not required for computation. The group as an arbitrary numerical value
- AVAL0 Contains both the time-to-event data for hard outcomes and the continuous data for the continuous outcome
- **AVAL** Not required for computation. Create an ordered sequence of values where the AVAL0 value associated with the patient is offset by GROUPN
- TRTP Treatment group

hce_scenario_b Example HCE scenario B.

Description

This is example data frame containing the example for scenario B.

Usage

data(hce_scenario_b)

Format

A data frame with 1000 rows.

SUBJID The patient identifier

- GROUP Which type of outcome the row belongs to
- GROUPN Not required for computation. The group as an arbitrary numerical value
- **AVAL0** Contains both the time-to-event data for hard outcomes and the continuous data for the continuous outcome
- **AVAL** Not required for computation. Create an ordered sequence of values where the AVAL0 value associated with the patient is offset by GROUPN
- **TRTP** Treatment group

hce_scenario_c

Description

This is example data frame containing the example for scenario C.

Usage

data(hce_scenario_c)

Format

A data frame with 1000 rows.

SUBJID The patient identifier

GROUP Which type of outcome the row belongs to

GROUPN Not required for computation. The group as an arbitrary numerical value

- AVAL0 Contains both the time-to-event data for hard outcomes and the continuous data for the continuous outcome
- **AVAL** Not required for computation. Create an ordered sequence of values where the AVAL0 value associated with the patient is offset by GROUPN
- TRTP Treatment group

hce_scenario_d Example HCE scenario D.

Description

This is example data frame containing the example for scenario D.

Usage

data(hce_scenario_d)

Format

A data frame with 1000 rows.

SUBJID The patient identifier

GROUP Which type of outcome the row belongs to

GROUPN Not required for computation. The group as an arbitrary numerical value

AVAL0 Contains both the time-to-event data for hard outcomes and the continuous data for the continuous outcome

AVAL Not required for computation. Create an ordered sequence of values where the AVAL0 value associated with the patient is offset by GROUPN

TRTP Treatment group

hce_scenario_kccq3 Example HCE scenario KCCQ3.

Description

This is example data frame containing the example for scenario KCCQ3.

Usage

data(hce_scenario_kccq3)

Format

A data frame with 5000 rows.

SUBJID The patient identifier

GROUP Which type of outcome the row belongs to

GROUPN Not required for computation. The group as an arbitrary numerical value

- **AVAL0** Contains both the time-to-event data for hard outcomes and the continuous data for the continuous outcome
- **AVAL** Not required for computation. Create an ordered sequence of values where the AVAL0 value associated with the patient is offset by GROUPN
- **TRTP** Treatment group

HFHT Not needed

SEED Not needed

maraca

maraca package.

Description

Supports visual interpretation of hierarchical composite endpoints (HCEs). HCEs are complex constructs used as primary endpoints in clinical trials, combining outcomes of different types into ordinal endpoints, in which each patient contributes the most clinically important event (one and only one) to the analysis. See Karpefors M et al. (2022) doi:10.1177/17407745221134949.

Creates the maraca analysis object as an S3 object of class 'maraca'.

Usage

```
maraca(
    data,
    step_outcomes,
    last_outcome,
    arm_levels = c(active = "active", control = "control"),
    column_names = c(outcome = "outcome", arm = "arm", value = "value"),
    fixed_followup_days = NULL,
    compute_win_odds = FALSE,
    step_types = "tte",
    last_type = "continuous",
    lowerBetter = FALSE,
    tte_outcomes = lifecycle::deprecated(),
    continuous_outcome = lifecycle::deprecated()
)
## S3 method for class 'maraca'
```

```
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

data	A data frame with columns for the following information: - outcome column, containing the time-to-event and continuous labels - arm column, containing the arm a given row belongs to value column, containing the values.
step_outcomes	A vector of strings containing the outcome labels for all outcomes displayed as part of the step function on the left side of the plot. The order is kept for the plot.
last_outcome	A single string containing the last outcome label displayed on the right side of the plot.
arm_levels	A named vector of exactly two strings, mapping the values used for the active and control arms to the values used in the data. The names must be "active" and "control" in this order. Note that this parameter only need to be specified if you have labels different from "active" and "control".
column_names	A named vector to map the outcome, arm, value to the associated column names in the data. The vector names must match in order "outcome", "arm", and "value". Note that this parameter only need to be specified if you have column names different from the ones above.
fixed_followup_	days
	A mandatory specification of the fixed follow-up days in the study. Can be a single integer value for all tte-outcomes or a vector with one integer value per tte-outcome.
compute_win_odd	s
	If TRUE compute the win odds, otherwise (default) don't compute them.
step_types	The type of each outcome in the step_outcomes vector. Can be a single string (if all outcomes of same type) or a vector of same length as step_outcomes. Possible values in the vector are "tte" (default) or "binary".

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last_type	A single string giving the type of the last outcome. Possible values are "contin- uous" (default), "binary" or "multinomial".	
lowerBetter	Flag for the final outcome variable, indicating if lower values are considered better/advantageous. This flag is need to make sure the win odds are calculated correctly. Default value is FALSE, meaning higher values are considered advantageous.	
tte_outcomes	Deprecated and substituted by the more general 'step_outcomes'. A vector of strings containing the time-to-event outcome labels. The order is kept for the plot.	
continuous_outcome		
	Deprecated and substituted by the more general 'last_outcome'. A single string containing the continuous outcome label.	
x	an object of class maraca	
	further arguments passed to or from other methods.	

Value

An object of class 'maraca'. The object information must be considered private.

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See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/AstraZeneca/maraca
- Report bugs at https://github.com/AstraZeneca/maraca/issues

Examples

```
data(hce_scenario_a)
hce_test <- maraca(
    data = hce_scenario_a,
    step_outcomes = c("Outcome I", "Outcome II", "Outcome III", "Outcome IV"),
    last_outcome = "Continuous outcome",
    fixed_followup_days = 3 * 365,
    column_names = c(outcome = "GROUP", arm = "TRTP", value = "AVAL0"),
    arm_levels = c(active = "Active", control = "Control"),
    compute_win_odds = TRUE
)
```

mosaic_plot

Description

Generic function to create a mosaic plot that compares outcomes between an active treatment group and a control group, highlighting areas of "Wins", "Losses" and "Ties" based on endpoint hierarchy.

Usage

```
mosaic_plot(x, ...)
## Default S3 method:
mosaic_plot(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'maraca'
mosaic_plot(
  х,
  theme = "maraca",
  highlight_ties = FALSE,
 win_prob = FALSE,
  diagonal_line = TRUE,
)
## S3 method for class 'hce'
mosaic_plot(
  х,
  step_outcomes = NULL,
  last_outcome = "C",
  arm_levels = c(active = "A", control = "P"),
  fixed_followup_days = NULL,
  theme = "maraca",
  highlight_ties = FALSE,
  win_prob = FALSE,
  diagonal_line = TRUE,
  lowerBetter = FALSE,
  . . .
)
```

Arguments

x an object of S3 class 'maraca' or 'hce'.
... not used
theme Choose theme to style the plot. The default theme is "maraca". Options are "maraca", "color1", "color2" and "none". For more details, check the vignette called "Maraca Plots - Introduction to the Mosaic plot".

- highlight_ties Flag to indicate if component ties should be highlighted using lighter colors. Default value: FALSE
- win_prob Flag to indicate if winning probability should be shown within the plot. Note that in order to display the winning probability, you need to have set the "compute_win_odds" to TRUE when creating the maraca object. Default value: FALSE
- diagonal_line Flag to indicate if diagonal line showing an even Win/Loss split should be displayed. Default value: TRUE
- step_outcomes A vector of strings containing the outcome labels for all outcomes displayed as part of the step function on the left side of the plot. The order is kept for the plot. By default (when set to NULL) this is automatically updated by taking the non-continuous outcomes from the GROUP variable in alphabetical order.
- last_outcome A single string containing the last outcome label displayed on the right side of the plot. Default value "C".
- arm_levels A named vector of exactly two strings, mapping the values used for the active and control arms to the values used in the data. The names must be "active" and "control" in this order. Note that this parameter only need to be specified if you have labels different from "active" and "control".
- fixed_followup_days
 Not needed if HCE object contains information on fixed follow-up days in the study (column PADY or TTEfixed, depending on hce version). Otherwise, this argument must be specified. Note: If argument is specified and HCE object contains PADY or TTEfixed column, then fixed_followup_days argument is used.
 lowerBetter
 Flag for the final outcome variable, indicating if lower values are considered better/advantageous. This flag is need to make sure the win odds are calculated correctly. Default value is FALSE, meaning higher values are considered advantageous.

Details

Implemented for objects of type 'maraca' and 'hce'.

Check the vignette "Maraca Plots - Introduction to the Mosaic plot" for more details.

Value

Mosaic plot as a ggplot2 object.

Examples

```
data(hce_scenario_a)
```

mosaic_plot(maraca_dat)

```
mosaic_plot(hce_dat)
```

plot.hce

Generic function to plot the hce object using plot().

Description

Generic function to plot the hce object using plot().

```
## S3 method for class 'hce'
plot(
  х,
  step_outcomes = NULL,
  last_outcome = "C",
  arm_levels = c(active = "A", control = "P"),
  continuous_grid_spacing_x = 10,
  trans = c("identity", "log", "log10", "sqrt", "reverse")[1],
  density_plot_type = c("default", "violin", "box", "scatter")[1],
  vline_type = NULL,
  fixed_followup_days = NULL,
  compute_win_odds = FALSE,
  step_types = "tte",
  last_type = "continuous",
  theme = "maraca",
  lowerBetter = FALSE,
  tte_outcomes = lifecycle::deprecated(),
  continuous_outcome = lifecycle::deprecated(),
  . . .
)
```

plot.hce

Arguments

Buillentes	
x	an object of S3 class 'hce'.
step_outcomes	A vector of strings containing the outcome labels for all outcomes displayed as part of the step function on the left side of the plot. The order is kept for the plot. By default (when set to NULL) this is automatically updated by taking the non-continuous outcomes from the GROUP variable in alphabetical order.
last_outcome	A single string containing the last outcome label displayed on the right side of the plot. Default value "C".
arm_levels	A named vector of exactly two strings, mapping the values used for the active and control arms to the values used in the data. The names must be "active" and "control" in this order. Note that this parameter only need to be specified if you have labels different from "active" and "control".
continuous_gri	
	The spacing of the x grid to use for the continuous section of the plot.
trans	the transformation to apply to the x-axis scale for the last outcome. Possible values are "identity", "log" (only for continuous endpoint), "log10" (only for continuous endpoint), "sqrt" (only for continuous endpoint) and "reverse". The default value is "identity".
<pre>density_plot_t</pre>	уре
	The type of plot to use to represent the density. Accepts "default", "violin", "box" and "scatter".
vline_type	what the vertical dashed line should represent. Accepts "median" (only for continuous last endpoint), "mean", "none" and NULL (default). By default (vline_type = NULL), vline_type will be set to "median" for a continuous last endpoint and to "mean" for a binary last endpoint.
fixed_followup	_days
	Not needed if HCE object contains information on fixed follow-up days in the study (column PADY or TTEfixed, depending on hce version). Otherwise, this argument must be specified to give the fixed follow-up days in the study. Can be a single integer value for all tte-outcomes or a vector with one integer value per tte-outcome. Note: If argument is specified and HCE object also contains PADY or TTEfixed column, then fixed_followup_days argument is used.
compute_win_odds	
	If TRUE compute the win odds, otherwise (default) don't compute them.
step_types	The type of each outcome in the step_outcomes vector. Can be a single string (if all outcomes of same type) or a vector of same length as step_outcomes. Possible values in the vector are "tte" (default) or "binary".
last_type	A single string giving the type of the last outcome. Possible values are "contin- uous" (default), "binary" or "multinomial".
theme	Choose theme to style the plot. The default theme is "maraca". Options are "maraca", "maraca_old", "color1", "color2" and none". For more details, check the vignette called "Maraca Plots - Themes and Styling". [companion vignette for package users](themes.html)

lowerBetter	Flag for the final outcome variable, indicating if lower values are considered better/advantageous. This flag is need to make sure the win odds are calculated correctly. Default value is FALSE, meaning higher values are considered advantageous.
tte_outcomes	Deprecated and substituted by the more general 'step_outcomes'. A vector of strings containing the time-to-event outcome labels. The order is kept for the plot.
continuous_outo	ome
	Deprecated and substituted by the more general 'last_outcome'. A single string containing the continuous outcome label.
	not used

Value

Returns ggplot2 plot of the hce object.

Examples

plot.maraca

Generic function to plot the maraca object using plot().

Description

Generic function to plot the maraca object using plot().

```
## S3 method for class 'maraca'
plot(
    x,
    continuous_grid_spacing_x = 10,
    trans = c("identity", "log", "log10", "sqrt", "reverse")[1],
    density_plot_type = c("default", "violin", "box", "scatter")[1],
    vline_type = NULL,
    theme = "maraca",
    ...
)
```

plot_maraca

Arguments

x	An object of S3 class 'maraca'.	
continuous_grid_spacing_x		
	The spacing of the x grid to use for the continuous section of the plot.	
trans	the transformation to apply to the x-axis scale for the last outcome. Possible values are "identity", "log" (only for continuous endpoint), "log10" (only for continuous endpoint), "sqrt" (only for continuous endpoint) and "reverse". The default value is "identity".	
<pre>density_plot_t</pre>	уре	
	The type of plot to use to represent the density. Accepts "default", "violin", "box" and "scatter".	
vline_type	what the vertical dashed line should represent. Accepts "median" (only for continuous last endpoint), "mean", "none" and NULL (default). By default (vline_type = NULL), vline_type will be set to "median" for a continuous last endpoint and to "mean" for a binary last endpoint.	
theme	Choose theme to style the plot. The default theme is "maraca". Options are "maraca", "maraca_old", "color1", "color2" and none". For more details, check the vignette called "Maraca Plots - Themes and Styling".	
	not used	

Value

Returns ggplot2 plot of the maraca object.

Examples

```
data(hce_scenario_a)
hce_test <- maraca(
    data = hce_scenario_a,
    step_outcomes = c("Outcome I", "Outcome II", "Outcome III", "Outcome IV"),
    last_outcome = "Continuous outcome",
    fixed_followup_days = 3 * 365,
    column_names = c(outcome = "GROUP", arm = "TRTP", value = "AVAL0"),
    arm_levels = c(active = "Active", control = "Control"),
    compute_win_odds = TRUE
)
plot(hce_test)
```

plot_maraca

Creates and returns the plot of the maraca data.

Description

Creates and returns the plot of the maraca data.

Usage

```
plot_maraca(
    obj,
    continuous_grid_spacing_x = NULL,
    trans = c("identity", "log", "log10", "sqrt", "reverse")[1],
    density_plot_type = c("default", "violin", "box", "scatter")[1],
    vline_type = NULL,
    theme = "maraca"
)
```

Arguments

obj	an object of S3 class 'maraca'	
continuous_grid_spacing_x		
	The spacing of the x grid to use for the continuous section of the plot.	
trans	the transformation to apply to the x-axis scale for the last outcome. Possible values are "identity", "log" (only for continuous endpoint), "log10" (only for continuous endpoint), and "reverse". The default value is "identity".	
<pre>density_plot_ty</pre>	/pe	
	which type of plot to display in the continuous part of the plot. Options are "default", "violin", "box", "scatter".	
vline_type	what the vertical dashed line should represent. Accepts "median" (only for continuous last endpoint), "mean", "none" and NULL (default). By default (vline_type = NULL), vline_type will be set to "median" for a continuous last endpoint and to "mean" for a binary last endpoint.	
theme	Choose theme to style the plot. The default theme is "maraca". Options are "maraca", "maraca_old", "color1", "color2" and none". For more details, check the vignette called "Maraca Plots - Themes and Styling".	

Value

a ggplot2 object of the data. This function will not render the plot immediately. You have to print() the returned object for it to be displayed.

Examples

```
data(hce_scenario_a)
hce_test <- maraca(
    data = hce_scenario_a,
    step_outcomes = c("Outcome I", "Outcome II", "Outcome III", "Outcome IV"),
    last_outcome = "Continuous outcome",
    fixed_followup_days = 3 * 365,
    column_names = c(outcome = "GROUP", arm = "TRTP", value = "AVAL0"),
    arm_levels = c(active = "Active", control = "Control"),
    compute_win_odds = TRUE
)
plot <- plot_maraca(hce_test)</pre>
```

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validate_maraca_plot Generic function to generate validation data for the maraca plot object.

Description

This will produce the 4 validation datasets.

Usage

```
validate_maraca_plot(x, ...)
```

Arguments

Х	An object of S3 class 'maracaPlot'.
	Not used.

Value

Creates a list of datasets for validation purposes.

Examples

```
data(hce_scenario_a)
hce_test <- maraca(
    data = hce_scenario_a,
    step_outcomes = c("Outcome I", "Outcome II", "Outcome III", "Outcome IV"),
    last_outcome = "Continuous outcome",
    fixed_followup_days = 3 * 365,
    column_names = c(outcome = "GROUP", arm = "TRTP", value = "AVAL0"),
    arm_levels = c(active = "Active", control = "Control"),
    compute_win_odds = TRUE
)
    p <- plot(hce_test)
    validate_maraca_plot(p)
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