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add_index	<i>Add index</i>
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Description

Add a rowwise mean or sum index of specific variables to the dataset.

Usage

```
add_index(data, name, ..., type = "mean", na.rm = TRUE, cast.numeric = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
name	Name of the index column to compute.
...	Variables used for the index.
type	Type of index to compute. Either "mean" (default) or "sum".
na.rm	a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds. Defaults to TRUE.
cast.numeric	a logical value indicating whether all variables selected for index computation should be converted to numeric. Useful if computing indices from factor variables. Defaults to FALSE.

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

See Also

[get_reliability\(\)](#) to compute reliability estimates of added index variables.

Examples

```
WoJ %>% add_index(ethical_flexibility, ethics_1, ethics_2, ethics_3, ethics_4)
WoJ %>% add_index(ethical_flexibility, ethics_1, ethics_2, ethics_3, ethics_4, type = "sum")
```

categorize_scale *Categorize numeric variables into categories*

Description

This function recodes one or more numeric variables into categorical variables based on a specified lower end, upper end, and intermediate breaks. The intervals created include the right endpoint of the interval. For example, breaks = c(2, 3) with lower_end = 1 and upper_end = 5 creates intervals from 1 to <= 2, >2 to <= 3, and >3 to <= 5. If the lower or upper ends are not provided, the function defaults to the minimum and maximum values of the data and issues a warning. This default behavior is prone to errors, however, because a scale may not include its actual lower and upper ends which might in turn affect the recoding process. Hence, it is strongly suggested to manually set the lower and upper bounds of the original continuous scale.

Usage

```
categorize_scale(
  data,
  ...,
  breaks,
  labels,
  lower_end = NULL,
  upper_end = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
...	Variables to recode as factor variables in categories. If no variables are specified, all numeric columns will be recoded.
breaks	A vector of numeric values specifying the breaks for categorizing the data between the lower and upper ends. The breaks define the boundaries of the intervals. Setting this parameter is required.
labels	A vector of string labels for each interval. The number of labels must match the number of intervals defined by the breaks and lower/upper ends. Setting this parameter is required.
lower_end	Optional numeric value specifying the lower end of the scale. If not provided, defaults to the minimum value of the data.
upper_end	Optional numeric value specifying the upper end of the scale. If not provided, defaults to the maximum value of the data.
name	Optional string specifying the name of the new variable(s). By default, the new variable names are the original variable names suffixed with _cat.
overwrite	Logical indicating whether to overwrite the original variable(s) with the new categorical variables. If TRUE, the original variable(s) are overwritten.

Value

A modified tibble or tdcmm model with the recoded variables.

See Also

Other scaling: [center_scale\(\)](#), [dummify_scale\(\)](#), [minmax_scale\(\)](#), [recode_cat_scale\(\)](#), [reverse_scale\(\)](#), [setna_scale\(\)](#), [z_scale\(\)](#)

Examples

```

WoJ %>%
  dplyr::select(trust_parliament, trust_politicians) %>%
  categorize_scale(trust_parliament, trust_politicians,
    lower_end = 1, upper_end = 5, breaks = c(2, 3),
    labels = c("Low", "Medium", "High"), overwrite = FALSE)
WoJ %>%
  dplyr::select(autonomy_selection) %>%
  categorize_scale(autonomy_selection, breaks = c(2, 3, 4),
    lower_end = 1, upper_end = 5,
    labels = c("Low", "Medium", "High", "Very High"),
    name = "autonomy_in_categories")

```

center_scale

Center numeric, continuous variables

Description

This function centers the specified numeric columns or all numeric columns if none are specified. A centered scale has a mean of 0.0.

Usage

```
center_scale(data, ..., name = NULL, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
...	Numeric variables to be centered. If none are provided, all numeric columns will be centered.
name	Optional name for the new centered variable when a single variable is provided. By default, the name will be the original variable name suffixed with <code>_centered</code> .
overwrite	Logical. If TRUE, it overwrites the original variable(s) with the centered values. If FALSE (default), a new variable(s) is created.

Value

A [tdcmm](#) model with the centered variable(s).

See Also

Other scaling: [categorize_scale\(\)](#), [dummify_scale\(\)](#), [minmax_scale\(\)](#), [recode_cat_scale\(\)](#), [reverse_scale\(\)](#), [setna_scale\(\)](#), [z_scale\(\)](#)

Examples

```

WoJ %>% dplyr::select(autonomy_emphasis) %>% center_scale(autonomy_emphasis)
WoJ %>% center_scale(autonomy_emphasis, name = "my_centered_variable")
WoJ %>% center_scale(overwrite = TRUE)
WoJ %>%
  center_scale(autonomy_emphasis) %>%
  tab_frequencies(autonomy_emphasis, autonomy_emphasis_centered)

```

 correlate

Compute correlation coefficients

Description

Computes correlation coefficients for all combinations of the specified variables. If no variables are specified, all numeric (integer or double) variables are used.

Usage

```
correlate(data, ..., method = "pearson", partial = NULL, with = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	a tibble or a tdcmm model
<code>...</code>	Variables to compute correlations for (column names). Leave empty to compute for all numeric variables in data.
<code>method</code>	a character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed. One of "pearson" (default), "kendall", or "spearman"
<code>partial</code>	Specifies a variable to be used as a control in a partial correlation. By default, this parameter is set to NULL, indicating that no control variable is used in the correlation. If used, <code>with</code> must be set to NULL (default).
<code>with</code>	Specifies a focus variable to correlate all other variables with. By default, this parameter is set to NULL, indicating that no focus variable is used in the correlation. If used, <code>partial</code> must be set to NULL (default).

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

Examples

```

WoJ %>% correlate(ethics_1, ethics_2, ethics_3)
WoJ %>% correlate()
WoJ %>% correlate(ethics_1, ethics_2, ethics_3, with = work_experience)
WoJ %>% correlate(autonomy_selection, autonomy_emphasis, partial = work_experience)
WoJ %>% correlate(with = work_experience)

```

crosstab

Crosstab variables

Description

Computes contingency table for one independent (column) variable and one or more dependent (row) variables.

Usage

```

crosstab(
  data,
  col_var,
  ...,
  add_total = FALSE,
  percentages = FALSE,
  chi_square = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
col_var	Independent (column) variable.
...	Dependent (row) variables.
add_total	Logical indicating whether a 'Total' column should be computed. Defaults to FALSE.
percentages	Logical indicating whether to output column-wise percentages instead of absolute values. Defaults to FALSE.
chi_square	Logical indicating whether a Chi-square test should be computed. Test results will be reported via <code>message()</code> . Defaults to FALSE.

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

See Also

Other categorical: [tab_frequencies\(\)](#)

Examples

```

WoJ %>% crosstab(reach, employment)
WoJ %>% crosstab(reach, employment, add_total = TRUE, percentages = TRUE, chi_square = TRUE)

```

describe	<i>Describe numeric variables</i>
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Description

Describe numeric variables by several measures of central tendency and variability. If no variables are specified, all numeric (integer or double) variables are described.

Usage

```
describe(data, ..., na.rm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	a tibble or a tdcmm model
<code>...</code>	Variables to describe (column names). Leave empty to describe all numeric variables in data.
<code>na.rm</code>	a logical value indicating whether NA values should be stripped before the computation proceeds. Defaults to TRUE.

Details

- N: number of valid cases (i.e., all but missing)
- Missing: number of NA cases
- M: [mean](#) average
- SD: standard deviation, [sd](#)
- Min: minimum value, [min](#)
- Q25: 25% quantile, [quantile](#)
- Mdn: [median](#) average, same as 50% quantile
- Q75: 75% quantile, [quantile](#)
- Max: maximum value, [max](#)
- Range: difference between Min and Max
- CI_95_LL: $M - Q(0.975) \times \frac{SD}{\sqrt{N}}$ where $Q(0.975)$ denotes Student t's [stats::quantile](#) function with a probability of 0.975 and $N - 1$ degrees of freedom
- CI_95_UL: $M + Q(0.975) \times \frac{SD}{\sqrt{N}}$ where $Q(0.975)$ denotes Student t's [stats::quantile](#) function with a probability of 0.975 and $N - 1$ degrees of freedom

- Skewness: traditional Fisher-Pearson coefficient of skewness of valid cases as per $\frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^3}{[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2]^{3/2}}$ where \bar{x} denotes M , following Doane & Seward (2011, p. 6, 1a). See DOI [doi:10.1080/10691898.2011.11889611](https://doi.org/10.1080/10691898.2011.11889611).
- Kurtosis: empirical sample kurtosis (i.e., standardized fourth population moment about the mean) as per $\frac{\sum (x - \bar{x})^4 / N}{(\sum (x - \bar{x})^2 / N)^2}$, following DeCarlo (1997, p. 292, b2). See DOI [doi:10.1037/1082989X.2.3.292](https://doi.org/10.1037/1082989X.2.3.292).

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

See Also

Other descriptives: [describe_cat\(\)](#), [tab_percentiles\(\)](#)

Examples

```
WoJ %>% describe(autonomy_selection, autonomy_emphasis, work_experience)
fbposts %>% describe(n_pictures)
```

describe_cat	<i>Describe categorical variables</i>
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Description

Describe categorical variables by N, number of unique values, and mode. Note that in case of multiple modes, the first mode by order of values is chosen.

Usage

```
describe_cat(data, ...)
```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
...	Variables to describe (column names). Leave empty to describe all categorical variables in data.

Details

If no variables are specified, all categorical (character or factor) variables are described.

- N: number of valid cases (i.e., all but missing)
- Missing: number of NA cases
- Unique: number of unique categories in a given variable, without Missing
- Mode: mode average (if multiple modes exist, first mode by order of values is returned)
- Mode_N: number of cases reflecting the Mode

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

See Also

Other descriptives: [describe\(\)](#), [tab_percentiles\(\)](#)

Examples

```
WoJ %>% describe_cat(reach, employment, temp_contract)
fbposts %>% describe_cat(type)
```

design_gray

Gray design

Description

Gray design

Usage

```
design_gray()
```

Value

a list with `main_color_1`, a vector of 12 `main_colors`, a corresponding `main_contrast_1` (the color of text to write on top of the main color) and a corresponding `main_contrasts`, the `main_size` (for lines), a `comparison_linetype`, `comparison_color`, and `comparison_size` for all lines that act as comparative lines, and a [ggplot2](#) theme

design_grey	<i>Grey design</i>
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Description

Grey design

Usage

```
design_grey()
```

Value

a list with `main_color_1`, a vector of 12 `main_colors`, a corresponding `main_contrast_1` (the color of text to write on top of the main color) and a corresponding `main_contrasts`, the `main_size` (for lines), a `comparison_linetype`, `comparison_color`, and `comparison_size` for all lines that act as comparative lines, and a [ggplot2](#) theme

design_lmu	<i>Colorbrewer-inspired design with focus on LMU (lmu.de) green</i>
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Description

Colorbrewer-inspired design with focus on LMU (lmu.de) green

Usage

```
design_lmu()
```

Value

a list with `main_color_1`, a vector of 12 `main_colors`, a corresponding `main_contrast_1` (the color of text to write on top of the main color) and a corresponding `main_contrasts`, the `main_size` (for lines), a `comparison_linetype`, `comparison_color`, and `comparison_size` for all lines that act as comparative lines, and a [ggplot2](#) theme

`dummify_scale`*Convert categorical variables to dummy variables*

Description

This function transforms specified categorical variables into dummy variables. Each level of the categorical variable is represented by a new dummy variable. Missing values are retained. These new dummy variables are appended to the original data frame. This function does not allow specifying new column names for the dummy variables. Instead, it follows a consistent naming pattern: the new dummy variables are named using the original variable name with the category value appended. For example, if a categorical variable named "autonomy" with levels "low", "medium", "high" is dummified, the new dummy variables will be named "autonomy_low", "autonomy_medium", "autonomy_high".

Usage

```
dummify_scale(data, ..., overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
<code>...</code>	Categorical variables to be transformed into dummy variables. Category names will be automatically appended to the newly created dummy variables.
<code>overwrite</code>	Logical. If TRUE, it overwrites the original variable(s) with the dummy variables. If FALSE (default), new variables are created.

Value

A [tdcmm](#) model with the dummy variables appended.

See Also

Other scaling: [categorize_scale\(\)](#), [center_scale\(\)](#), [minmax_scale\(\)](#), [recode_cat_scale\(\)](#), [reverse_scale\(\)](#), [setna_scale\(\)](#), [z_scale\(\)](#)

Examples

```
WoJ %>% dplyr::select(temp_contract) %>% dummify_scale(temp_contract)
WoJ %>% categorize_scale(autonomy_emphasis, breaks = c(2, 3),
labels = c('low', 'medium', 'high')) %>%
dummify_scale(autonomy_emphasis_cat) %>% dplyr::select(starts_with('autonomy_emphasis'))
```

fbposts	<i>Facebook posts reliability test</i>
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Description

45 political facebook posts coded by 6 coders for an intercoder reliability test, focused on populist messages.

Usage

```
fbposts
```

Format

A data frame with 270 rows and 7 variables

post_id Numeric id of the coded Facebook post

coder_id Numeric id of the coder

type Type of Facebook post, one of "link", "photo", "status", or "video"

n_pictures Amount of pictures attached to the post, ranges from 0 to 6

pop_elite Populism indicator: Does the Facebook post attack elites?, 0 = "no attacks on elites", 1 = "attacks political actors", 2 = "attacks public administration actors", 3 = "attacks economical actors", 4 = "attacks media actors/journalists", 9 = "attacks other elites"

pop_people Populism indicator: Does the Facebook refer to 'the people'?, 0 = "does not refer to 'the people'", 1 = "refers to 'the people'"

pop_othering Populism indicator: Does the Facebook attack 'others'?, 0 = "no attacks on 'others'", 1 = "attacks other cultures", 2 = "attacks other political stances", 3 = "attacks other 'others'"

get_reliability	<i>Get reliability estimates of index variables</i>
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Description

Get reliability estimates of index variables created with [add_index](#).

Usage

```
get_reliability(
  data,
  ...,
  type = "alpha",
  interval.type = NULL,
  bootstrap.samples = NULL,
  conf.level = NULL,
  progress = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	a tibble or a tdcmm model
<code>...</code>	Index variables created with add_index . Leave empty to get reliability estimates for all index variables.
<code>type</code>	Type of reliability estimate. See ci.reliability
<code>interval.type</code>	Type of reliability estimate confidence interval. See ci.reliability
<code>bootstrap.samples</code>	Number of bootstrap samples for CI calculation. See ci.reliability
<code>conf.level</code>	Confidence level for estimate CI. See ci.reliability
<code>progress</code>	Show progress for reliability estimate computation. Useful if using computationally intense computations (e. g., many bootstrapping samples) and many index variables.

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

See Also

[add_index\(\)](#) to create index variables

Examples

```
WoJ %>%
  add_index(ethical_flexibility, ethics_1, ethics_2, ethics_3, ethics_4) %>%
  get_reliability()
```

incvlcomments

Incivil Comments Data

Description

A dataset of a preregistered factorial survey experiment with a nationally representative sample of 964 German online users. Participants were presented with manipulated user comments that included statements associated with incivil discourse (such as profanity and attacks on arguments) and intolerant discourse (such as offensive stereotyping and violent threats). Participants rated the comments, e.g. offensiveness, harm to society, and their intention to delete the comment containing the statement.

Usage

incvlcomments

Format

A data frame of 3856 observations nested in 964 participants and 22 variables:

participant_num Numeric id of the participant

age Age of the participant

male Gender of the participant, either 'male' or 'not male'

high_education Level of formal education of the participant, either 'high formal education' or 'low formal education'

comment_num Numeric id of the comment that the participant was exposed to

issue The subject of the comment that the participant was exposed to, either 'Gender', 'Abortion', 'Climate', or 'Migration'

profanity Whether the comment contained profanities as an indicator of incivility

attacks_argument Whether the comment contained attacks towards arguments as an indicator of incivility

offensive_stereotyping Whether the comment contained offensive stereotypes as an indicator of intolerant discourse

violent_threats Whether the comment contained violent threats as an indicator of intolerant discourse

offensiveness Rate statement whether the comment is being perceived as offensive & hostile (Scale from 1 to 7)

adequacy Rate statement whether the comment is being perceived as necessary & accurate (Scale from 1 to 7)

harm_to_society Rate statement whether the comment is being perceived as harmful to society (Scale from 1 to 7)

deletion_intention Whether the participant wants to delete the comment

similarity_poster How similar the participant feels to the person who created the post (Scale from 1 to 7)

similarity_group How similar the participant feels to the group of people criticized in the post (Scale from 1 to 7)

attitude_gender Rate agreement with statements on gender policies (Scale from 1 to 7)

attitude_abortion Rate agreement with statements on abortion (Scale from 1 to 7)

attitude_migration Rate agreement with statements on migration (Scale from 1 to 7)

attitude_climate Rate agreement with statements on climate change (Scale from 1 to 7)

left_right_placement Placement on a political spectrum from left to right (Scale from 1 to 9)

freedom_of_speech Rate agreement with statements about the freedom of speech and expression (Scale from 1 to 7)

Details

The dataset was created from the OSF project: [Differential perceptions of and reactions to incivil and intolerant user comments](#), corresponding to the paper: Kämpel, A. S., Unkel, J (2023). Differential perceptions of and reactions to incivil and intolerant user comments, *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, Volume 28, Issue 4, <https://doi.org/10.1093/jcmc/zmad018>

Source

<https://osf.io/w92vj>

minmax_scale	<i>Rescale numeric continuous variables to new minimum/maximum boundaries</i>
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Description

Given a specified minimum and maximum, this function translates each value into a new value within this specified range. The transformation maintains the relative distances between values, resulting in changes to the mean and standard deviations. However, if both the original scale and the transformed scale are z-standardized, they will be equal again, indicating that the relative positions and distributions of the values remain consistent.

Usage

```
minmax_scale(
  data,
  ...,
  change_to_min = 0,
  change_to_max = 1,
  name = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
...	Numeric variables to be min-max scaled. If none are provided, all numeric columns will be scaled.
change_to_min	The desired minimum value after scaling.
change_to_max	The desired maximum value after scaling.
name	Optional name for the new scaled variable when a single variable is provided. By default, the name will be the original variable name suffixed with the range. For example, "variable" becomes "variable_3to5". Negative values are prefixed with "neg" to avoid invalid column names (e.g., -3 to 3 becomes "variable_neg3to5").
overwrite	Logical. If TRUE, it overwrites the original variable(s) with the scaled values. If FALSE (default), a new variable(s) is created.

Value

A [tdcmm](#) model with the min-max scaled variable(s).

See Also

Other scaling: [categorize_scale\(\)](#), [center_scale\(\)](#), [dummify_scale\(\)](#), [recode_cat_scale\(\)](#), [reverse_scale\(\)](#), [setna_scale\(\)](#), [z_scale\(\)](#)

Examples

```

WoJ %>% minmax_scale(autonomy_emphasis, change_to_min = 0,
change_to_max = 1)
WoJ %>% minmax_scale(autonomy_emphasis, name = "my_scaled_variable",
change_to_min = 0, change_to_max = 1)
WoJ %>%
  minmax_scale(autonomy_emphasis, change_to_min = 0, change_to_max = 1) %>%
  tab_frequencies(autonomy_emphasis, autonomy_emphasis_0to1)

```

recode_cat_scale	<i>Recode one or more categorical variables into new categories</i>
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Description

This function transforms one or more categorical variables into new categories based on specified mapping. For unmatched cases not specified in the mapping, a default value can be assigned. Missing values are retained.

Usage

```

recode_cat_scale(
  data,
  ...,
  assign = NULL,
  other = NA,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)

```

Arguments

data	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
...	Variables to recode.
assign	A named vector where names are the old values and values are the new values to be assigned.
other	The value for unmatched cases. By default, it is NA. This parameter is used to assign a value to cases that do not match any of the keys in the assign vector.
overwrite	Logical. If TRUE, it overwrites the original variable(s). You cannot specify both 'name' and 'overwrite' parameters simultaneously.
name	The name of the new variable(s). If not specified, this is the same name as the provided variable(s) but suffixed with <code>_rec</code> .

Value

A `tdcmm` model or a tibble.

See Also

Other scaling: `categorize_scale()`, `center_scale()`, `dummify_scale()`, `minmax_scale()`, `reverse_scale()`, `setna_scale()`, `z_scale()`

Examples

```

WoJ %>%
  recode_cat_scale(country,
    assign = c("Germany" = 1, "Switzerland" = 2), overwrite = TRUE)
WoJ %>%
  recode_cat_scale(country,
    assign = c("Germany" = "german", "Switzerland" = "swiss"), other = "other",
    overwrite = TRUE)
WoJ %>%
  recode_cat_scale(ethics_1, ethics_2,
    assign = c(`1` = 5, `2` = 4, `3` = 3, `4` = 2, `5` = 1), other = 6, overwrite = TRUE)
WoJ %>%
  recode_cat_scale(ethics_1, ethics_2,
    assign = c(`1` = "very low", `2` = "low", `3` = "medium", `4` = "high", `5` = "very high"),
    overwrite = TRUE)
WoJ %>%
  dplyr::select(temp_contract) %>% recode_cat_scale(temp_contract,
    assign = c(`Permanent` = "P", `Temporary` = "T"), other = "O")

```

regress

Compute linear regression

Description

Computes linear regression for all independent variables on the specified dependent variable. Linear modeling of multiple independent variables uses stepwise regression modeling. If specified, preconditions for (multi-)collinearity and for homoscedasticity are checked.

Usage

```

regress(
  data,
  dependent_var,
  ...,
  check_independenterrors = FALSE,
  check_multicollinearity = FALSE,
  check_homoscedasticity = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
dependent_var	The dependent variable on which the linear model is fitted. Specify as column name.
...	Independent variables to take into account as (one or many) predictors for the dependent variable. Specify as column names. At least one has to be specified.
check_independenterrors	if set, the independence of errors among any two cases is being checked using a Durbin-Watson test
check_multicollinearity	if set, multicollinearity among all specified independent variables is being checked using the variance inflation factor (VIF) and the tolerance (1/VIF); this check can only be performed if at least two independent variables are provided, and all provided variables need to be numeric
check_homoscedasticity	if set, homoscedasticity is being checked using a Breusch-Pagan test

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

Examples

```
WoJ %>% regress(autonomy_selection, ethics_1)
WoJ %>% regress(autonomy_selection, work_experience, trust_government)
```

reverse_scale	<i>Reverse numeric, logical, or date/time continuous variables</i>
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Description

Reverses a continuous scale into a new variable. A 5-1 scale thus turns into a 1-5 scale. Missing values are retained. For a given continuous variable the lower and upper end of the scale should be provided. If they are not provided, the function assumes the scale's minimum and maximum value to represent these lower/upper ends (and issues a warning about this fact). This default behavior is prone to errors, however, because a scale may not include its actual lower and upper ends which might in turn affect correct reversing. Hence, it is strongly suggested to manually set the lower and upper bounds of the original continuous scale.

Usage

```
reverse_scale(
  data,
  ...,
  lower_end = NULL,
```

```

  upper_end = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

data	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
...	Numeric variables to be reverse scaled. If none are provided, all numeric columns will be scaled.
lower_end	Lower end of provided continuous scale (default is to use minimum value of current values, which might not be the actual lower end of the scale).
upper_end	Upper end of provided continuous scale (default is to use maximum value of current values, which might not be the actual upper end of the scale).
name	Optional name for the new reversed variable when a single variable is provided. By default, the name will be the original variable name suffixed with <code>_rev</code> .
overwrite	Logical. If TRUE, it overwrites the original variable(s) with the reversed values. If FALSE (default), a new variable(s) is created.

Value

A [tdcmm](#) model with the reversed variable(s).

See Also

Other scaling: [categorize_scale\(\)](#), [center_scale\(\)](#), [dummify_scale\(\)](#), [minmax_scale\(\)](#), [recode_cat_scale\(\)](#), [setna_scale\(\)](#), [z_scale\(\)](#)

Examples

```

WoJ %>% reverse_scale(autonomy_emphasis, lower_end = 0, upper_end = 1)
WoJ %>% reverse_scale(autonomy_emphasis, name = "my_reversed_variable",
  lower_end = 0, upper_end = 1)
WoJ %>% reverse_scale(overwrite = TRUE)
WoJ %>%
  reverse_scale(autonomy_emphasis, lower_end = 0, upper_end = 1) %>%
  tab_frequencies(autonomy_emphasis, autonomy_emphasis_rev)

```

setna_scale

Set specified values to NA in selected variables or entire data frame

Description

This function allows users to set specific values to NA in chosen variables within a data frame. It can handle numeric, character, and factor variables.

Usage

```
setna_scale(data, ..., value, name = NULL, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
<code>...</code>	One or more variables where specified values will be set to NA. If no variables are provided, the function is applied to the entire data frame.
<code>value</code>	A value (or vector of values) that needs to be set to NA.
<code>name</code>	The name of the new variable(s). By default, this is the same name as the provided variable(s) but suffixed with <code>_na</code> .
<code>overwrite</code>	Logical. If TRUE, it overwrites the original variable(s). You cannot specify both 'name' and 'overwrite' parameters simultaneously.

Value

A [tdcmm](#) model or a tibble.

See Also

Other scaling: [categorize_scale\(\)](#), [center_scale\(\)](#), [dummify_scale\(\)](#), [minmax_scale\(\)](#), [recode_cat_scale\(\)](#), [reverse_scale\(\)](#), [z_scale\(\)](#)

Examples

```
WoJ %>%
  dplyr::select(autonomy_emphasis) %>%
  setna_scale(autonomy_emphasis, value = 5)
WoJ %>%
  dplyr::select(autonomy_emphasis) %>%
  setna_scale(autonomy_emphasis, value = 5, name = "new_na_autonomy")
WoJ %>%
  setna_scale(value = c(2, 3, 4), overwrite = TRUE)
WoJ %>%
  dplyr::select(country) %>% setna_scale(country, value = "Germany")
WoJ %>%
  dplyr::select(country) %>% setna_scale(country, value = c("Germany", "Switzerland"))
```

 snscomments

SNS Comments data

Description

A dataset of 630 German participants in an online experiment. The experiment investigated the effects of user comments on social network sites (SNS) on individuals' perceptions of journalistic quality. The researchers varied the subject of the article (factor 1: 'Copyright directive' or 'Social housing'), the order of comment presentation (factor 2: before or after the article) and the valence of the comments (factor 3: positive or negative).

Usage

snscomments

Format

A data frame of 630 observations and 15 variables:

age Age of the participant

gender Gender of the participant, either 'female' or 'not female'

education Level of formal education of the participant, either 'low formal education' or 'high formal education'

need_cognition Index measuring the psychological trait of a person to enjoy thinking, calculated from several survey items

prior_knowledge Index measuring a person's prior knowledge of the presented subject of the article, calculated from several survey items

group Numeric id of the group that the participant was in during the experiment

issue Subject of the article that the participant was given to read, either 'Copyright directive' or 'Social housing'

order Order of the comments that the participant was exposed to, either 'Comments after', 'Comments before', or 'Control group'

valence Valence of the comments that the participant was exposed to, either 'Negative', 'Positive', or 'Control group'

control_group Indicates whether the participant was in the 'Control group' or 'Experimental group'

medium_evaluation Index measuring participant's evaluation of the medium's quality, calculated from several survey items

article_evaluation Index measuring participant's evaluation of the article's quality, calculated from several survey items

comments_quality Participant's perception of the quality of the comments

comments_valence Participant's perception of the valence of the comments

article_elaboration Participant's measure of how much attention they put in reading the article

Details

This dataset was created from the OSF project: <https://osf.io/r867v/>, corresponding to the paper: Kümpel, A. S., & Unkel, J. (2020). Negativity wins at last: How presentation order and valence of user comments affect perceptions of journalistic quality. *Journal of Media Psychology: Theories, Methods, and Applications*, 32(2), 89–99. doi:10.1027/18641105/a000261

Source

<https://osf.io/r867v/>

tab_frequencies	<i>Tabulate frequencies</i>
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Description

Tabulates frequencies for one or more categorical variable, including relative, and cumulative frequencies.

Usage

```
tab_frequencies(data, ...)
```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
...	Variables to tabulate

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

See Also

Other categorical: [crosstab\(\)](#)

Examples

```
WoJ %>% tab_frequencies(employment)
WoJ %>% tab_frequencies(employment, country)
```

tab_percentiles	<i>Tabulate percentiles for numeric variables</i>
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Description

This function tabulates specified percentiles for given numeric variables. If no variables are provided, the function will attempt to describe all numeric (either integer or double) variables found within the input. The percentiles are calculated based on the `levels` parameter, which defaults to every 10% from 10% to 90%. NA values are always removed because the concept of a percentile is based on ranking. As NA is not a value, it cannot be ordered in relation to actual numbers.

Usage

```
tab_percentiles(
  data,
  ...,
  levels = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1)
)
```

Arguments

`data` a [tibble](#) or a [tdcmm](#) model that contains the numeric data to be tabulated.

`...` Variables within the data for which to tabulate the percentiles. If no variables are provided, all numeric variables are used.

`levels` a numeric vector specifying the percentiles to compute. Defaults to `c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0)`.

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

See Also

Other descriptives: [describe\(\)](#), [describe_cat\(\)](#)

Examples

```
WoJ %>% tab_percentiles(work_experience)
WoJ %>% tab_percentiles(work_experience, autonomy_emphasis)
```

test_icr

Perform an intercoder reliability test

Description

Performs an intercoder reliability test by computing various intercoder reliability estimates for the included variables

Usage

```
test_icr(
  data,
  unit_var,
  coder_var,
  ...,
  levels = NULL,
  na.omit = FALSE,
  agreement = TRUE,
```



```

  holsti = TRUE,
  kripp_alpha = TRUE,
  cohens_kappa = FALSE,
  fleiss_kappa = FALSE,
  brennan_prediger = FALSE,
  lotus = FALSE,
  s_lotus = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
unit_var	Variable with unit identifiers
coder_var	Variable with coder identifiers
...	Variables to compute intercoder reliability estimates for. Leave empty to compute for all variables (excluding unit_var and 'coder_var') in data.
levels	Optional named vector with levels of test variables
na.omit	Logical indicating whether NA values should be stripped before computation. Defaults to FALSE.
agreement	Logical indicating whether simple percent agreement should be computed. Defaults to TRUE.
holsti	Logical indicating whether Holsti's reliability estimate (mean pairwise agreement) should be computed. Defaults to TRUE.
kripp_alpha	Logical indicating whether Krippendorff's Alpha should be computed. Defaults to TRUE.
cohens_kappa	Logical indicating whether Cohen's Kappa should be computed. Defaults to FALSE.
fleiss_kappa	Logical indicating whether Fleiss' Kappa should be computed. Defaults to FALSE.
brennan_prediger	Logical indicating whether Brennan & Prediger's Kappa should be computed (extension to 3+ coders as proposed by von Eye (2006)). Defaults to FALSE.
lotus	Logical indicating whether Fretwurst's Lotus should be computed. Defaults to FALSE
s_lotus	Logical indicating whether Fretwurst's standardized Lotus (S-Lotus) should be computed. Defaults to FALSE.

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

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Examples

```
fbposts %>% test_icr(post_id, coder_id, pop_elite, pop_othering)
fbposts %>% test_icr(post_id, coder_id, levels = c(n_pictures = "ordinal"), fleiss_kappa = TRUE)
```

to_correlation_matrix *Create correlation matrix*

Description

Turns the tibble exported from [correlate](#) into a correlation matrix.

Usage

```
to_correlation_matrix(data, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	a tdcmm model returned from correlate
verbose	A logical, defaulted to FALSE. Only applicable when correlating two variables. If set to TRUE, the function outputs information regarding the sample size.

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

Examples

```
WoJ %>% correlate() %>% to_correlation_matrix()
```

t_test	<i>Compute t-tests</i>
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Description

Computes t-tests for one group variable and specified test variables. If no variables are specified, all numeric (integer or double) variables are used. A Levene's test will automatically determine whether the pooled variance is used to estimate the variance. Otherwise the Welch (or Satterthwaite) approximation to the degrees of freedom is used.

Usage

```
t_test(
  data,
  group_var,
  ...,
  var.equal = TRUE,
  paired = FALSE,
  pooled_sd = TRUE,
  levels = NULL,
  case_var = NULL,
  mu = NULL
)
```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
group_var	group variable (column name) to specify where to split two samples (two-sample t-test) or which variable to compare a one-sample t-test on
...	test variables (column names). Leave empty to compute t-tests for all numeric variables in data. Also leave empty for one-sample t-tests.
var.equal	this parameter is deprecated (previously: a logical variable indicating whether to treat the two variances as being equal. If TRUE then the pooled variance is used to estimate the variance otherwise the Welch (or Satterthwaite) approximation to the degrees of freedom is used. Defaults to TRUE).
paired	a logical indicating whether you want a paired t-test. Defaults to FALSE.
pooled_sd	a logical indicating whether to use the pooled standard deviation in the calculation of Cohen's d. Defaults to TRUE.
levels	optional: a vector of length two specifying the two levels of the group variable.
case_var	optional: case-identifying variable (column name). If you set paired = TRUE, specifying a case variable will ensure that data are properly sorted for a dependent t-test.
mu	optional: a number indicating the <i>true</i> value of the mean in the general population (μ). If set, a one-sample t-test (i.e., a location test) is being calculated. Leave to NULL to calculate two-sample t-test(s).

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

Examples

```

WoJ %>% t_test(temp_contract, autonomy_selection, autonomy_emphasis)
WoJ %>% t_test(temp_contract)
WoJ %>% t_test(employment, autonomy_selection, autonomy_emphasis,
  levels = c("Full-time", "Freelancer"))
WoJ %>% t_test(autonomy_selection, mu = 3.62)

```

unianova

Compute one-way ANOVAs

Description

Computes one-way ANOVAs for one group variable and specified test variables. If no variables are specified, all numeric (integer or double) variables are used. A Levene's test will automatically determine whether a classic ANOVA is used. Otherwise Welch's ANOVA with a (Satterthwaite's) approximation to the degrees of freedom is used.

Usage

```
unianova(data, group_var, ..., descriptives = FALSE, post_hoc = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	a tibble or a tdcmm model
group_var	group variable (column name)
...	test variables (column names). Leave empty to compute ANOVAs for all numeric variables in data.
descriptives	a logical indicating whether descriptive statistics (mean & standard deviation) for all group levels should be added to the returned tibble. Defaults to FALSE.
post_hoc	a logical value indicating whether post-hoc tests should be performed. Tukey's HSD is employed when the assumption of equal variances is met, whereas the Games-Howell test is automatically applied when this assumption is violated. The results of the post-hoc test will be added to a list column in the resulting tibble.

Value

a [tdcmm](#) model

Examples

```

WoJ %>% unianova(employment, autonomy_selection, autonomy_emphasis)
WoJ %>% unianova(employment, descriptives = TRUE, post_hoc = TRUE)
## Not run:
WoJ %>% unianova(employment)

## End(Not run)

```

```
visualize.tdcmm_ctgrcl
```

Visualize tidycomm output

Description

Returns [ggplot2](#) visualization appropriate to respective tdcmm model (see list below). Returns NULL (and a warning) if no visualization has been implemented for the particular model.

Usage

```

## S3 method for class 'tdcmm_ctgrcl'
visualize(x, ..., .design = design_lm())

## S3 method for class 'tdcmm_crrltn'
visualize(x, which = "jitter", ..., .design = design_lm())

## S3 method for class 'tdcmm_dscrb'
visualize(x, ..., .design = design_lm())

## S3 method for class 'tdcmm_rgrssn'
visualize(x, which = "jitter", ..., .design = design_lm())

## S3 method for class 'tdcmm_prctl'
visualize(x, ..., .design = design_lm())

visualize(x, ..., .design = design_lm())

## S3 method for class 'tdcmm_ttst'
visualize(x, ..., .design = design_lm())

## S3 method for class 'tdcmm_nnv'
visualize(x, ..., .design = design_lm())

```

Arguments

x	tdcmm output
...	other arguments

`.design` a list to style the visualization; by default and good practice use one of the ready-made design functions' returns (e.g., `design_lm()`, `design_grey()`); you could, however, also provide your own list here which has to be a list with 9 keys: `main_color_1`, a vector of 12 `main_colors`, a corresponding `main_contrast_1` (the color of text to write on top of the main color) and a corresponding `main_contrasts`, the `main_size` (for lines), a `comparison_linetype`, `comparison_color`, and `comparison_size` for all lines that act as comparative lines, and a `ggplot2` theme

`which` string to specify type of regression visualization. One of "jitter" (default), "alpha", "correlogram", "residualsfitted" (or "resfit"), "pp", "qq", "scalelocation" (or "scaloc"), "residualsleverage" (or "reslev"). See below for details.

Details

- `describe()`: horizontal box plot depicting a box from Q25 to Q75, a thick line for Mdn, and two whiskers to Min/Max respectively; no additional arguments
- `describe_cat()`: horizontal bar plot depicting number of occurrences; no additional arguments
- `tab_frequencies()`: either a histogram (if 1 variable is given) or multiple histograms wrapped, 5+ variables issue a warning about readability; no additional arguments
- `tab_percentiles()`: quantile plot
- `crosstab()`: horizontal stacked bar plot, either absolute or relative (depending on the percentages argument in `crosstab()`)
- `t_test()`: plot with points and appended 95% confidence intervals; no additional arguments
- `unianova()`: plot with points and appended 95% confidence intervals; no additional arguments
- `correlate()`: plot as scatter; for more than 2 variables, a correlogram is plotted (just like for `to_correlation_matrix()`); use the `which` parameter to select how points are visualized:
 - "jitter" adds a bit of random noise to each point to better reflect categorical values
 - "alpha" depicts points slightly transparent so that multiple points in the same position are more easily visible
- `correlate()`: for partial correlation, a scatter plot with some jitter is plotted using the residuals between the control variable and (a) the dependent as well as (b) the independent variable; no additional arguments
- `to_correlation_matrix()`: plot as correlogram building on `GGally::ggpairs()` with jittered scatter plots in lower half, histograms as diagonals, and correlation coefficients with 95% confidence intervals in upper half
- `regress()`: plot regression results as scatter (without jitter) and an additional depicted model line with including its 95% confidence intervals; alternatively, visual check inspection helpers can be plotted through the `which` parameter which can be set to yield one of the following:
 - "jitter" (default): plots a scatter plot with jitter per independent variable and adds a linear regression line with 95% confidence intervals to it; keep in mind that if you have, say, three independent variables, this visualization shows you three plots with one linear regression for each, so that the three models (i.e., the three colored lines) reflect only the particular combination of one independent and the dependent variable

- "alpha" (default): almost like `jitter` but instead of jitter it plots scatter plots with some transparency so that multiple data points in the same position appear as darker
- "correlogram": like `to_correlation_matrix()`, a correlogram between independent variables are produced to help determine independent errors and multicollinearity
- "residualsfitted" or "resfit": a residuals-versus-fitted plot is useful to determine distributions; for a normal distribution the colored line should ideally fit on the dashed line
- "pp": a (normal) probability-probability plot helps checking for multicollinearity whereby the data (here mostly the center data from within the IQR) should ideally align with the dashed line
- "qq": a (normal) quantile-quantile plot helps checking for multicollinearity but focuses more on outliers; the data should align with the dashed line
- "scalelocation" or "scaloc": a scale-location (sometimes also called a spread-location) plot checks whether residuals are spread equally to help check for homoscedasticity; ideally, the colored line is horizontal and the data spreads more or less randomly
- "residualsleverage" or "reslev": a residuals-versus-leverage plot allows to check for influential outliers affecting the final model more than the rest of the data; ideally, no data is far off compared to the bulk of the the data and thus shows high Cook's distance to the rest; the colored line helps to identify the bulk of the data and the five most-distant outliers are labelled with their case number (i.e., the row number in the dataset); note that 5 is arbitrary here, meaning that they might not be too far off or there might be more than 5 noteworthy outliers in this model; interpret with care

Note that the returned `ggplot2` object can be modified easily by appending or overwriting individual geom's or scale's. See the examples below and the documentation of `ggplot2`.

Value

A `ggplot2` object

Examples

```
## Not run:
WoJ %>%
  describe() %>%
  visualize()

fbposts %>%
  describe_cat() %>%
  visualize()

WoJ %>%
  tab_frequencies(trust_parliament) %>%
  visualize()

fbposts %>%
  tab_frequencies(pop_elite, pop_people, pop_othering) %>%
  visualize()

WoJ %>%
  crosstab(reach, employment) %>%
  visualize()
```

```

fbposts %>%
  crosstab(coder_id, type, percentages = TRUE) %>%
  visualize()

WoJ %>%
  t_test(temp_contract, autonomy_selection, autonomy_emphasis) %>%
  visualize()

WoJ %>%
  unianova(country, autonomy_selection, autonomy_emphasis) %>%
  visualize()

fbposts %>%
  correlate(pop_elite, pop_people) %>%
  visualize()

fbposts %>%
  correlate(pop_elite, pop_people, with = pop_othering) %>%
  visualize()

fbposts %>%
  correlate(pop_elite, pop_people) %>%
  visualize("alpha")

WoJ %>%
  correlate(autonomy_selection, ethics_1, partial = work_experience) %>%
  visualize()

WoJ %>%
  correlate(ethics_1, ethics_2, ethics_3, ethics_4) %>%
  to_correlation_matrix() %>%
  visualize()

r <- WoJ %>% regress(autonomy_selection, temp_contract, work_experience, ethics_2)
r %>% visualize() # same as r %>% visualize("jitter")
r %>% visualize("alpha")
r %>% visualize("correlogram")
r %>% visualize("resfit")
r %>% visualize("pp")
r %>% visualize("qq")
r %>% visualize("scaloc")
r %>% visualize("reslev")

# To overwrite a certain scale or geom, just append as you would with ggplot2
fbposts %>%
  describe_cat() %>%
  visualize() +
  ggplot2::scale_fill_grey()

## End(Not run)

```

WoJ *Worlds of Journalism sample data*

Description

A subset of data from the **Worlds of Journalism** 2012-16 study containing survey data of 1,200 journalists from five European countries.

Usage

WoJ

Format

A data frame with 1200 rows and 15 variables:

country Country of residence

reach Reach of medium

employment Current employment situation

temp_contract Type of contract (if current employment situation is either full-time or part-time)

autonomy_selection Autonomy in news story selection, scale from 1 (*no freedom at all*) to 5 (*complete freedom*)

autonomy_emphasis Autonomy in news story emphasis, scale from 1 (*no freedom at all*) to 5 (*complete freedom*)

ethics_1 Agreement with statement "Journalists should always adhere to codes of professional ethics, regardless of situation and context", scale from 1 (*strongly disagree*) to 5 (*strongly agree*) (*reverse-coded!*)

ethics_2 Agreement with statement "What is ethical in journalism depends on the specific situation.", scale from 1 (*strongly disagree*) to 5 (*strongly agree*)

ethics_3 Agreement with statement "What is ethical in journalism is a matter of personal judgment.", scale from 1 (*strongly disagree*) to 5 (*strongly agree*)

ethics_4 Agreement with statement "It is acceptable to set aside moral standards if extraordinary circumstances require it.", scale from 1 (*strongly disagree*) to 5 (*strongly agree*)

work_experience Work experience as a journalist in years

trust_parliament Trust placed in parliament, scale from 1 (*no trust at all*) to 5 (*complete trust*)

trust_government Trust placed in government, scale from 1 (*no trust at all*) to 5 (*complete trust*)

trust_parties Trust placed in parties, scale from 1 (*no trust at all*) to 5 (*complete trust*)

trust_politicians Trust placed in politicians in general, scale from 1 (*no trust at all*) to 5 (*complete trust*)

Source

'<https://worldsofjournalism.org/data/data-and-key-tables-2012-2016>'

z_scale	<i>Z-standardize numeric, continuous variables</i>
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Description

This function z-standardizes the specified numeric columns or all numeric columns if none are specified. A z-standardized scale centers at a mean of 0.0 and has a standard deviation of 1.0, making it comparable to other z-standardized distributions.

Usage

```
z_scale(data, ..., name = NULL, overwrite = FALSE)
```

Arguments

data	A tibble or a tdcmm model.
...	Numeric variables to be z-standardized. If none are provided, all numeric columns will be z-standardized.
name	Optional name for the new z-standardized variable when a single variable is provided. By default, the name will be the original variable name suffixed with <code>_z</code> .
overwrite	Logical. If TRUE, it overwrites the original variable(s) with the z-standardized values. If FALSE (default), a new variable(s) is created.

Value

A [tdcmm](#) model with the z-standardized variable(s).

See Also

Other scaling: [categorize_scale\(\)](#), [center_scale\(\)](#), [dummify_scale\(\)](#), [minmax_scale\(\)](#), [recode_cat_scale\(\)](#), [reverse_scale\(\)](#), [setna_scale\(\)](#)

Examples

```
WoJ %>% z_scale(autonomy_emphasis)
WoJ %>% z_scale(autonomy_emphasis, name = "my_zstdized_variable")
WoJ %>%
  z_scale(autonomy_emphasis) %>%
  tab_frequencies(autonomy_emphasis, autonomy_emphasis_z)
```

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