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**Description** Statistical hypothesis testing methods for model-free functional dependency using asymptotic chi-square or exact distributions. Functional chi-squares are asymmetric and functionally optimal, unique from other related statistics. Tests in this package reveal evidence for causality based on the causality-by-functionality principle. They include asymptotic functional chi-square tests, an exact functional test, a comparative functional chi-square test, and also a comparative chi-square test. The normalized non-constant functional chi-square test was used by Best Performer NMSUSongLab in HPN-DREAM (DREAM8) Breast Cancer Network Inference Challenges. For continuous data, these tests offer an advantage over regression analysis when a parametric functional form cannot be assumed; for categorical data, they provide a novel means to assess directional dependency not possible with symmetrical Pearson's chi-square or Fisher's exact tests.

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## Description

Statistical hypothesis testing and simulation methods for model-free functional dependency using asymptotic chi-square or exact distributions. Functional chi-squares are asymmetric and functionally optimal, different from other related statistical measures. Tests in this package reveal evidence for causality based on the causality-by-functionality principle (Simon and Rescher, 1966). The package implements asymptotic functional chi-square tests (Zhang and Song, 2013; Zhang, 2014), an exact functional test (Zhong and Song, 2018), a comparative functional chi-square test (Zhang, 2014), and also a comparative chi-square test (Song et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2015). The tests require data from two or more variables be formatted as a contingency table. Continuous variables need to be discretized first, for example, using the R package Ckmeans.1d.dp. The normalized functional chi-square test was used by Best Performer NMSUSongLab in HPN-DREAM (DREAM8) Breast Cancer Network Inference Challenges (Hill et al., 2016). A simulator is provided to generate functional, dependent non-functional, and independent patterns (Sharma et al., 2017). For continuous data, these tests offer an advantage over regression analysis when a parametric form cannot be reliably assumed for the underlying function. For categorical data, they provide a novel means to assess directional dependency not possible with symmetrical Pearson's chi-square or Fisher's exact tests.

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### See Also

For data discretization, an option is optimal univariate clustering. See package **Ckmeans.1d.dp**.

For symmetric dependency tests on discrete data, see Pearson's chi-square test ([chisq.test](#)), Fisher's exact test ([fisher.test](#)), mutual information (package **entropy**), and G-test.

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 add.noise

*Apply Noise to Discrete-Valued Tables*


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### Description

The function can apply two types of noise to contingency tables of discrete values. A house noise model is designed for ordinal variables; a candle noise model is for categorical variables. Noise is applied independently for each data point in a table.

### Usage

```
add.noise(tables, u, noise.model, margin=0)
add.house.noise(tables, u, margin=0)
add.candle.noise(tables, u, margin=0)
```

### Arguments

tables	a list of tables or one table. A table can be either a matrix or a data frame of integer values.
u	a numeric value between 0 and 1 to specify the noise level to be applied to the input tables. See Details.
noise.model	a character string indicating the noise model of either "house" for ordinal variables or "candle" for categorical variables. See Details.
margin	a value of either 0, 1, or 2. Default is 0. 0: noise is applied along both rows and columns in a table. The sum of values in the table is the same before and after noise application. 1: noise is applied along each row. The sum of each row is the same before and after noise application. 2: noise is applied along each column. The sum of each column is the same before and after noise application.

### Details

Each noise model defines a conditional probability function of a noisy version given an original discrete value and a noise level. In the house noise model for ordinal variables, defined in (Zhang et al., 2015), the probability decreases as the noisy version deviates from the original ordinal value. The shape of the function is like a pitched house roof. In the candle noise model for categorical variables, the probability of the noisy version for any value other than the original categorical value is the same given the noise level. The function shape is like a candle.

At a minimum level of 0, no noise is applied on the input table(s). A maximum level of 1 indicates that the original sample will be changed to some other values with a probability of 1. For a discrete random variable of two possible values, a noise level of 1 will flip the values and create a non-random pattern; a noise level of 0.5 creates the most random pattern.

**Value**

If `tables` is a list, the function returns a list of tables with noise applied. If `tables` is a numeric matrix or a data frame, the function returns one table with noise applied.

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**See Also**

[simulate\\_tables](#).

**Examples**

```
# Example 1. Add house noise to a single table

# Create a 4x4 table
t <- matrix(c(3,0,0,0,
             0,2,2,0,
             0,0,0,4,
             3,3,2,0),
           nrow=4, ncol=4, byrow=TRUE)
# Two ways to apply house noise at level 0.1 along both rows
# and columns of the table:
add.noise(t, 0.1, "house", 0)
add.house.noise(t, 0.1, 0)

# Example 2. Add candle noise to a list of tables

# Create a list of tables
t.list <- list(t+5, t*10, t*2)
# Two ways to apply candle noise at level 0.2 along the rows
# of the table:
add.noise(t.list, 0.2, "candle", 1)
add.candle.noise(t.list, 0.2, 1)
```

cp.chisq.test

*Comparative Chi-Square Test for Association Heterogeneity***Description**

Comparative chi-square tests on two or more contingency tables. This test does not consider functional dependencies.

**Usage**

```
cp.chisq.test(
  x, method=c("chisq", "nchisq", "default", "normalized"),
  log.p = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a list of at least two matrices representing contingency tables of the same dimensionality.
method	a character string to specify the method to compute the chi-square statistic and its p-value. The default is "chisq". See Details. Note: "default" and "normalized" are deprecated.
log.p	logical; if TRUE, the p-value is given as log(p). Taking the log improves the accuracy when p-value is close to zero. The default is FALSE.

**Details**

The comparative chi-square heterogeneity test determines whether the patterns underlying multiple contingency tables are heterogeneous. Its null test statistic is proved to asymptotically follow the chi-square distribution (Song et al., 2014; Zhang et al., 2015), different from the widely used chi-square heterogeneity test (Zar, 2010).

Two methods are provided to compute the chi-square statistic and its p-value. When method = "chisq" (or "default"), the p-value is computed using the chi-square distribution; when method = "nchisq" (or "normalized") a normalized chi-square is obtained by shifting and scaling the original chi-square and a p-value is computed using the standard normal distribution (Box et al., 2005). The normalized test is more conservative on the degrees of freedom.

**Value**

A list with class "htest" containing the following components:

statistic	heterogeneity chi-square if method = "chisq" (equivalent to "default"), or normalized chi-square if method = "nchisq" (equivalent to "normalized").
parameter	degrees of freedom of the chi-square statistic.
p.value	p-value of the comparative chi-square test. By default, it is computed by the chi-square distribution (method = "chisq" or "default"). If method = "nchisq" (or "normalized"), it is the p-value of the normalized chi-square statistic using the standard normal distribution.

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**See Also**

For comparative *functional* chi-square test, [cp.fun.chisq.test](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- matrix(c(4,0,4,0,4,0,1,0,1), 3)
y <- t(x)
z <- matrix(c(1,0,1,4,0,4,0,4,0), 3)
data <- list(x,y,z)
cp.chisq.test(data)
cp.chisq.test(data, method="nchisq")

## End(Not run)
```

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cp.fun.chisq.test

*Comparative Chi-Square Test for Non-Parametric Functional Heterogeneity*

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**Description**

Comparative functional chi-square tests on two or more contingency tables.

**Usage**

```
cp.fun.chisq.test(
  x, method = c("fchisq", "nfchisq", "default", "normalized"),
  log.p = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a list of at least two matrices representing contingency tables of the same dimensionality.
method	a character string to specify the method to compute the functional chi-square statistic and its p-value. The default is "fchisq" (equivalent to "default"). See Details. Note: "default" and "normalized" are deprecated.
log.p	logical; if TRUE, the p-value is given as $\log(p)$ . Taking the log improves the accuracy when p-value is close to zero. The default is FALSE.

**Details**

The comparative functional chi-square test determines whether the patterns underlying the contingency tables are heterogeneous in a functional way. Specifically, it evaluates whether the column variable is a changed function of the row variable across the contingency tables.

Two methods are provided to compute the functional chi-square statistic and its p-value. When `method = "fchisq"` (or "default"), the p-value is computed using the chi-square distribution; when `method = "nfchisq"` (or "normalized") a normalized functional chi-square is obtained by shifting and scaling the original chi-square and a p-value is computed using the standard normal distribution (Box et al., 2005). The normalized test is more conservative on the degrees of freedom.

**Value**

A list with class "htest" containing the following components:

statistic	functional heterogeneity chi-square if <code>method = "fchisq"</code> (equivalent to "default"), or normalized functional chi-square if <code>method = "nfchisq"</code> (equivalent to "normalized").
parameter	degrees of freedom.
p.value	p-value of the comparative functional chi-square test. By default, it is computed by the chi-square distribution. If <code>method = "normalized"</code> , it is the p-value of the normalized functional chi-square computed by the standard normal distribution.

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**See Also**

For comparative chi-square test that does not consider functional dependencies, [cp.chisq.test](#).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
x <- matrix(c(4,0,4,0,4,0,1,0,1), 3)
y <- t(x)
z <- matrix(c(1,0,1,4,0,4,0,4,0), 3)
data <- list(x,y,z)
cp.fun.chisq.test(data)
cp.fun.chisq.test(data, method="nfchisq")

## End(Not run)
```

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fun.chisq.test

*Chi-Square and Exact Tests for Model-Free Functional Dependency*


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**Description**

Asymptotic chi-square, normalized chi-square or exact tests on contingency tables to determine model-free functional dependency of the column variable on the row variable.

**Usage**

```
fun.chisq.test(
  x,
  method = c("fchisq", "nfchisq", "exact", "default",
            "normalized", "simulate.p.value"),
  alternative = c("non-constant", "all"), log.p=FALSE,
  index.kind = c("unconditional", "conditional"),
  simulate.nruns = 2000,
  exact.mode.bound=TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a matrix representing a contingency table. The row variable represents the independent variable or all unique combinations of multiple independent variables. The column variable is the dependent variable.
method	a character string to specify the method to compute the functional chi-square test statistic and its p-value. The options are "fchisq" (equivalent to "default", the default), "nfchisq" (equivalent to "normalized"), "exact" or "simulate.p.value". See Details. Note: "default" and "normalized" are deprecated.

<code>alternative</code>	a character string to specify the alternative hypothesis. The options are "non-constant" (default, non-constant functions) and "all" (all types of functions including constant ones).
<code>log.p</code>	logical; if TRUE, the p-value is given as $\log(p)$ . Taking the log improves the accuracy when p-value is close to zero. The default is FALSE.
<code>index.kind</code>	a character string to specify the kind of function index $\xi_{i.f}$ to be estimated. The options are "unconditional" (default) and "conditional". See Details.
<code>simulate.nruns</code>	A number to specify the number of tables generated to simulate the null distribution. Default is 2000. Only used when <code>method="simulate.p.value"</code> .
<code>exact.mode.bound</code>	logical; if TRUE, a fast branch-and-bound algorithm is used for the exact functional test ( <code>method="exact"</code> ). If FALSE, a slow brute-force enumeration method is used to provide a reference for runtime analysis. Both options provide the same exact p-value. The default is TRUE.

## Details

The functional chi-square test determines whether the column variable is a function of the row variable in contingency table  $x$  (Zhang and Song, 2013; Zhang, 2014). This function supports three hypothesis testing methods:

`index.kind` specifies the kind of function index to be computed. If the experimental design controls neither the row nor column marginal sums, `index.kind = "unconditional"` (default) is recommended; If the column marginal sums are controlled, `index.kind = "conditional"` is recommended. The choice of `index.kind` affects only the function index  $\xi_{i.f}$  value, but not the test statistic or p-value.

When `method="fchisq"` (equivalent to "default", the default), the test statistic is computed as described in (Zhang and Song, 2013; Zhang, 2014) and the p-value is computed using the chi-square distribution.

When `method="nfchisq"` (equivalent to "normalized"), the test statistic is a normalized functional chi-square obtained by shifting and scaling the original chi-square (Zhang and Song, 2013; Zhang, 2014); and the p-value is computed using the standard normal distribution (Box et al., 2005). The normalized chi-square, more conservative on the degrees of freedom, was used by the Best Performer NMSUSongLab in HPN-DREAM (DREAM8) Breast Cancer Network Inference Challenges.

When `method="exact"`, an exact functional test (Zhong and Song, 2018) is performed. It computes an exact p-value and is fast when both the sample and table sizes are small. If the sample size is greater than 200 or the table size is larger than 5 by 5, the exact test may not complete within a reasonable amount of time and the asymptotic functional chi-square test (`method="fchisq"`) is used instead.

For 2-by-2 contingency tables, the asymptotic test options (`method="fchisq"` or `method="nfchisq"`) are recommended to test functional dependency.

When `method="simulate.p.value"`, a simulated null distribution is used to calculate p-value. The null distribution is a multinomial distribution that is the product of two marginal distributions. Like other Monte Carlo based methods, this method is slower but may be more accurate than other methods based on asymptotic distributions.

**Value**

A list with class "htest" containing the following components:

statistic	the functional chi-square statistic if method = "fchisq", "default", or "exact"; or the normalized functional chi-square statistic if method = "nfchisq" or "normalized".
parameter	degrees of freedom for the functional chi-square statistic.
p.value	p-value of the functional test. If method = "fchisq" (or "default"), it is computed by an asymptotic chi-square distribution; if method = "nfchisq" (or "normalized"), it is computed by the standard normal distribution; if method = "exact", it is computed by an exact hypergeometric distribution.
estimate	an estimate of function index between 0 and 1. The value of 1 indicates a strictly mathematical function. It is asymmetrical with respect to transpose of the input contingency table, different from the symmetrical Cramer's V for Pearson's chi-squares.

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**See Also**

For data discretization by optimal univariate  $k$ -means clustering, see **Ckmeans.1d.dp**.

For symmetrical dependency tests on discrete data, see Pearson's chi-square test **chisq.test**, Fisher's exact test **fisher.test**, and mutual information **entropy**.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Example 1. Asymptotic functional chi-square test
x <- matrix(c(20,0,20,0,20,0,5,0,5), 3)
fun.chisq.test(x) # strong functional dependency
fun.chisq.test(t(x)) # weak functional dependency
```

```

# Example 2. Normalized functional chi-square test
x <- matrix(c(8,0,8,0,8,0,2,0,2), 3)
fun.chisq.test(x, method="nfchisq") # strong functional dependency
fun.chisq.test(t(x), method="nfchisq") # weak functional dependency

# Example 3. Exact functional chi-square test
x <- matrix(c(4,0,4,0,4,0,1,0,1), 3)
fun.chisq.test(x, method="exact") # strong functional dependency
fun.chisq.test(t(x), method="exact") # weak functional dependency

# Example 4. Exact functional chi-square test on a real data set
#           (Shen et al., 2002)
# x is a contingency table with row variable for p53 mutation and
#   column variable for CIMP
x <- matrix(c(12,26,18,0,8,12), nrow=2, ncol=3, byrow=TRUE)

# Test the functional dependency: p53 mutation -> CIMP
fun.chisq.test(x, method="exact")

# Test the functional dependency CIMP -> p53 mutation
fun.chisq.test(t(x), method="exact")

# Example 5. Asymptotic functional chi-square test with simulated distribution
x <- matrix(c(20,0,20,0,20,0,5,0,5), 3)
fun.chisq.test(x, method="simulate.p.value")
fun.chisq.test(x, method="simulate.p.value", simulate.n = 1000)

## End(Not run)

```

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simulate\_tables

*Simulate Noisy, Nonparametric, and Discrete-Valued Contingency Tables*

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## Description

Generate random contingency tables representing various functional, non-functional, dependent, or independent patterns.

## Usage

```

simulate_tables(
  n=100, nrow=3, ncol=3,
  type = c("functional", "many.to.one",
           "discontinuous", "independent",
           "dependent.non.functional"),
  noise.model = c("house", "candle"), noise=0.0,
  n.tables=1,
  row.marginal=rep(1/nrow, nrow),
  col.marginal=rep(1/ncol, ncol)
)

```

**Arguments**

n	an integer specifying the sample size to be distributed in the table. For "functional", "many.to.one", and "discontinuous" tables, n must be no less than nrow. For "independent" and "dependent.non.functional" tables, n must be no less than nrow*ncol.
nrow	an integer specifying the number of rows in output tables. The value must be no less than 2. For "many.to.one" tables, nrow must be no less than 3.
ncol	an integer specifying the number of columns in output table. ncol must be no less than 2.
type	a character string to specify the type of pattern underlying the table. The options are "functional" (default), "many.to.one", "discontinuous", "independent", and "dependent.non.functional". See Details.
noise.model	a character string indicating the noise model of either "house" for ordinal variables (Zhang et al., 2015) or "candle" for categorical variables. See <a href="#">add.noise</a> for details.
noise	a numeric value between 0 and 1 specifying the noise level to be added to the table using function <a href="#">add.noise</a> . The noise is applied along the rows of the table. See <a href="#">add.noise</a> for details.
n.tables	an integer value specifying the number of tables to be generated.
row.marginal	a numeric vector of length nrow specifying row marginal probabilities. The default is a uniform distribution. For "many.to.one" tables, the length of row.marginal vector must be no less than 3.
col.marginal	a numeric vector of length ncol specifying column marginal probabilities. It is only applicable in generating independent tables. The default is a uniform distribution.

**Details**

This function can generate five types of table representing different interaction patterns between row and column discrete random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . Three of the five types are non-constant functional patterns ( $Y$  is a non-constant function of  $X$ ):

type="functional":  $Y$  is a function of  $X$  but  $X$  may or may not be a function of  $Y$ . The samples are distributed using the given row marginal probabilities.

type="many.to.one":  $Y$  is a many-to-one function of  $X$  but  $X$  is not a function of  $Y$ . The samples are distributed on the basis of row probabilities.

type="discontinuous":  $Y$  is a function of  $X$ , where the function value of  $X$  must differ from its neighbors.  $X$  may or may not be a function of  $Y$ . The samples are distributed using the given row marginal probabilities. A discontinuous function forms a contrast with those that are close to constant functions.

The fourth type="dependent.non.functional" is non-functional patterns where  $X$  and  $Y$  are statistically dependent but not function of each other.

The fifth type="independent" is a pattern where  $X$  and  $Y$  are statistically independent whose joint probability mass function is the product of their marginal probability mass functions.

Random noise can be optionally applied to the tables using either the house or the candle noise model. See [add.noise](#) for details.

Sharma et al. (2017) give full mathematical and statistical details of the simulation strategies for the above table types except the "discontinuous" type.

## Value

A list containing the following components:

<code>pattern.list</code>	a list of tables containing binary patterns in 0's and 1's. Each table is created by setting all non-zero entries in the corresponding sampled contingency table from <code>sample.list</code> to 1. Each table strictly satisfies the functional relationship for a given pattern type requested. This table does not meet the statistical requirements. As each table represents the truth regarding the mathematical relationship between the row and column variables, they can be used as the ground truth or gold standard for benchmarking.
<code>sample.list</code>	a list of tables satisfying both the functional and statistical requirements. These tables are noise free.
<code>noise.list</code>	a list of tables after applying noise to the corresponding tables in <code>sample.list</code> . Each table is the noisy version of the sampled contingency table. Due to the added noise, each table may no longer strictly satisfy the required functional or statistical relationships. These tables are the main output to be used for the evaluation of a discrete pattern discovery algorithm.
<code>pvalue.list</code>	a list of p-values reporting the statistical significance of the generated tables for the required type. When the pattern type specifies a functional relationship, the p-values are computed by the functional chi-square test (Zhang and Song, 2013); otherwise, the Pearson's chi-square test of independence is used to calculate the p-value.

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## See Also

[add.noise](#) for details of the noise model.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# In all examples, x is the row variable and y is the column
#   variable of a table.

# Example 1. Simulating a noise free function where  $y=f(x)$ ,
#           x may or may not be  $g(y)$ 

simulate_tables(n=100, nrow=4, ncol=5, type="functional",
               noise=0.0, n.tables = 1,
               row.marginal = c(0.3,0.2,0.3,0.2))

# Example 2. Simulating a noisy functional pattern where
#            $y=f(x)$ , x may or may not be  $g(y)$ 

simulate_tables(n=100, nrow=4, ncol=5, type="functional",
               noise=0.1, n.tables = 1,
               row.marginal = c(0.3,0.2,0.3,0.2))

# Example 3. Simulating a noise free many.to.one function where
#            $y=f(x)$ ,  $x!=f(y)$ .

simulate_tables(n=100, nrow=4, ncol=5, type="many.to.one",
               noise=0.0, n.tables = 1,
               row.marginal = c(0.4,0.3,0.1,0.2))

# Example 4. Simulating a pattern where x and y are
#           statistically independent.

simulate_tables(n=100, nrow=4, ncol=5, type="independent",
               noise=0.0, n.tables = 1,
               row.marginal = c(0.4,0.3,0.1,0.2),
               col.marginal = c(0.1,0.2,0.4,0.2,0.1))

# Example 5. Simulating noise-free dependent.non.functional
#           pattern where  $y!=f(x)$  and x and y are statistically
#           dependent.

simulate_tables(n=100, nrow=4, ncol=5,
               type="dependent.non.functional", noise=0.0,
               n.tables = 1, row.marginal = c(0.2,0.4,0.2,0.2))

# Example 6. Simulating noise-free discontinuous
#           pattern where  $y=f(x)$ , x may or may not be  $g(y)$ 

simulate_tables(n=100, nrow=4, ncol=5,
               type="discontinuous", noise=0.0,
               n.tables = 1, row.marginal = c(0.2,0.4,0.2,0.2))

## End(Not run)
```

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test.interactions      *Fast Test of Directional Interactions by Functional Chi-Squares*

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### Description

test.interactions efficiently performs functional chi-square tests on combinatorial interactions using multivariate discrete data.

### Usage

```
test.interactions(
  x, list.ind.vars, dep.vars, var.names = rownames(x),
  index.kind = c("unconditional", "conditional")
)
```

### Arguments

x	A numeric matrix or data frame of discrete values. Rows represent variables and columns represent samples. Thus, each row index is a variable index, used by list.ind.vars and dep.vars.
list.ind.vars	A list of numeric or integer vectors, each vector representing independent variable indices in one interaction. Each vector (parents) forms a pair with a dependent variable (child) of the same position in dep.vars to represent a many-to-one directional interaction.
dep.vars	A numeric vector representing indices of dependent variables (children) in multiple interactions.
var.names	Optional. A character vector specifying names of all variables (rows). If not provided, the default is the row names of x; or 1:nrow(x) if x does not have row names.
index.kind	A character string to specify the kind of function index to return, identical to the same argument in fun.chisq.test. The value can be "unconditional" (default) or "conditional".

### Details

test.interactions tests functional dependencies in multiple directional interactions. Each interaction, either one-to-one or many-to-one, is a parents-child pair representing a relationship from independent variables (parents) to a dependent variable (child). The parents-child pairs are specified in two input arguments list.ind.vars (a list of parents for each interaction) and dep.vars (vector of children in each interaction).

The function automatically creates contingency tables for interactions of interest, thus convenient to use on multivariate data sets. As the function is implemented in C++ and capable of testing multiple many-to-one interactions in one call, it is much faster than calling the R function fun.chisq.test multiple times.

test.interactions implements only the method="fchisq" option in fun.chisq.test.

When a contingency table is created for each interaction, all combinations of unique values of the independent variables (parents) form the rows and the unique values of dependent variable (child) form the columns in the contingency table. The table entries are the counts of the corresponding combination of parent and child values. Either rows or columns with all zero counts are removed from the contingency table before functional chi-square test is applied.

### Value

A data frame with five columns. Each row represents the testing result of each directional interaction. The 1st column is either the indices or names (if `var.names` is not `NULL`) of independent variables (parents); The 2nd column is the indices or names of the dependent variable (child); The 3rd column named `p.value` are p-values; The 4th column named `statistic` is chi-square values; and the 5th column named `estimate` is the function indices for each interaction.

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### See Also

This function calls functional chi-square test implemented in C++ and is thus much faster than the R version [fun.chisq.test](#).

For data discretization by optimal univariate *k*-means clustering, see [Ckmeans.1d.dp](#).

### Examples

```
x <- matrix(
  c(0,0,1,0,1,
    1,0,2,1,0,
    2,2,0,0,0,
    1,2,1,1,2,
    1,0,2,1,2),
  nrow = 5, ncol = 5, byrow = TRUE)

list.ind.vars <-list(
  c(1),c(1),c(1),
  c(2),c(2),c(2),
  c(1,2), c(2,3),
  c(3,4), c(4,5))
dep.vars <- c(
  3,4,5,
  3,4,5,
  3,4,
  5,1)

# list.ind.vars and dep.vars together specify
# the following ten interactions:
# 1 -> 3
# 1 -> 4
# 1 -> 5
# 2 -> 3
```

```
# 2 -> 4
# 2 -> 5
# 1,2 -> 3
# 2,3 -> 4
# 3,4 -> 5
# 4,5 -> 1

var.names <- paste0("var", 1:5)

test.interactions(
  x = x,
  list.ind.vars = list.ind.vars,
  dep.vars = dep.vars,
  var.names = var.names,
  index.kind = "unconditional")
```

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