

# Package ‘GFE’

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createBase                      *Create a database for gross flows.*

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### Description

Create a database based on  $\xi$  model.

### Usage

```
createBase(x)
```

### Arguments

x                                  A matrix that contains information of the observable process.

### Value

createBase returns data.table, data.frame that contains the data base based on  $\xi$  model.

### Examples

```
candidates_t0 <- c("Candidate1", "Candidate2", "Candidate3", "Candidate4",
"Candidate5", "WhiteVote", "NoVote")
candidates_t1 <- c("Candidate3", "Candidate5", "WhiteVote", "NoVote")

N <- 100000
nCanT0 <- length(candidates_t0)
nCanT1 <- length(candidates_t1)

eta <- matrix(c(0.10, 0.10, 0.20, 0.17, 0.28, 0.1, 0.05),
byrow = TRUE, nrow = nCanT0)
P <- matrix(c(0.10, 0.60, 0.15, 0.15,
0.30, 0.10, 0.25, 0.35,
0.34, 0.25, 0.16, 0.25,
0.25, 0.05, 0.35, 0.35,
0.10, 0.25, 0.45, 0.20,
0.12, 0.36, 0.22, 0.30,
0.10, 0.15, 0.30, 0.45),
byrow = TRUE, nrow = nCanT0)

citaModel <- matrix(, ncol = nCanT1, nrow = nCanT0)
row.names(citaModel) <- candidates_t0
colnames(citaModel) <- candidates_t1

for(ii in 1:nCanT0){
citaModel[ii,] <- c(rmultinom(1, size = N * eta[ii,], prob = P[ii,]))
}

# # Model I
psiI <- 0.9
```

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rhoRRI <- 0.9
rhoMMI <- 0.5

citaModI <- matrix(nrow = nCanT0 + 1, ncol = nCanT1 + 1)
rownames(citaModI) <- c(candidates_t0, "Non_Resp")
colnames(citaModI) <- c(candidates_t1, "Non_Resp")

citaModI[1:nCanT0, 1:nCanT1] <- P * c(eta) * rhoRRI * psiI
citaModI[(nCanT0 + 1), (nCanT1 + 1)] <- rhoMMI * (1-psiI)
citaModI[1:nCanT0, (nCanT1 + 1)] <- (1-rhoRRI) * psiI * rowSums(P * c(eta))
citaModI[(nCanT0 + 1), 1:nCanT1 ] <- (1-rhoMMI) * (1-psiI) * colSums(P * c(eta))
citaModI <- round_preserve_sum(citaModI * N)
DBmodCitaI <- createBase(citaModI)
DBmodCitaI

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 estGF

*Gross Flows estimation*


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## Description

Gross Flows under complex electoral surveys.

## Usage

```

estGF(
  sampleBase = NULL,
  niter = 100,
  model = NULL,
  colWeights = NULL,
  nonrft = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

sampleBase	An object of class "data.frame" containing the information of electoral candidates. The data must contain the samplings weights.
niter	The number of iterations for the $\eta_i$ and $p_{ij}$ model parameters within the model.
model	A character indicating the model to be used in estimating estimated gross flows. The models available are: "I", "II", "III", "IV" (see also "Details").
colWeights	The column name containing the sampling weights to be used in the fitting process.
nonrft	A logical value indicating a non response for first time.

## Details

The population size  $N$  must satisfy the condition:

$$N = \sum_j \sum_i N_{ij} + \sum_j C_j + \sum_i R_i + M$$

where,  $N_{ij}$  is the amount of people interviewed who have classification  $i$  at first time and classification  $j$  at second time,  $R_i$  is the amount of people who did not respond at second time, but did at first time,  $C_j$  is the amount of people who did not respond at first time, but they did at second time and  $M$  is the number of people who did not respond at any time or could not be reached. Let  $\eta_i$  the initial probability that a person has classification  $i$  in the first time, and let  $p_{ij}$  the vote transition probability for the cell  $(i, j)$ , where  $\sum_i \eta_i = 1$  and  $\sum_j p_{ij} = 1$ . Thus, four possible models for the gross flows are given by:

1. **Model I:** This model assumes that a person's initial probability of being classified as  $i$  at first time is the same for everyone, that is,  $\psi(i, j) = \psi$ . Besides, transition probabilities between respond and non response not depend of the classification  $(i, j)$ , that is  $\rho_{MM}(i, j) = \rho_{MM}$  and  $\rho_{RR}(i, j) = \rho_{RR}$ .
2. **Model II:** Unlike 'Model I', this model assumes that person initial probability that person has classification  $(i, j)$ , only depends of his classification at first time, that is  $\psi(i, j) = \psi(i)$ .
3. **Model III:** Unlike 'Model I', this model assumes that transition probabilities between response and non response only depends of probability classification at first time, that is  $\rho_{MM}(i, j) = \rho_{MM}(i)$  and  $\rho_{RR}(i, j) = \rho_{RR}(i)$ .
4. **Model IV:** Unlike 'Model I', this model assumes that transition probabilities between response and non response only depends of probability classification at second time, that is  $\rho_{MM}(i, j) = \rho_{MM}(j)$  and  $\rho_{RR}(i, j) = \rho_{RR}(j)$ .

## Value

estGF returns a list containing:

1. **Est.CIV:** a data.frame containing the gross flows estimation.
2. **Params.Model:** a list that contains the  $\hat{\eta}_i, \hat{p}_{ij}, \hat{\psi}(i, j), \hat{\rho}_{RR}(i, j), \hat{\rho}_{MM}(i, j)$  parameters for the estimated model.
3. **Sam.Est:** a list containing the sampling estimators  $\hat{N}_{ij}, \hat{R}_i, \hat{C}_j, \hat{M}, \hat{N}$ .

## References

- Stasny, E. (1987), 'Some markov-chain models for nonresponse in estimating gross', *Journal of Oficial Statistics* **3**, pp. 359-373.
- Sarndal, C.-E., Swensson, B. and Wretman, J. (1992), *Model Assisted Survey Sampling*, Springer-Verlag, New York, USA.
- Gutierrez, A., Trujillo, L. and Silva, N. (2014), 'The estimation of gross ows in complex surveys with random nonresponse', *Survey Methodology* **40**(2), pp. 285-321.

## Examples

```

library(TeachingSampling)
library(data.table)
# Colombia's electoral candidates in 2014
candidates_t0 <- c("Clara","Enrique","Santos","Martha","Zuluaga","WhiteVote", "NoVote")
candidates_t1 <- c("Santos","Zuluaga","WhiteVote", "NoVote")

N <- 100000
nCanT0 <- length(candidates_t0)
nCanT1 <- length(candidates_t1)
# Initial probabilities
eta <- matrix(c(0.10, 0.10, 0.20, 0.17, 0.28, 0.1, 0.05),
byrow = TRUE, nrow = nCanT0)
# Transition probabilities
P <- matrix(c(0.10, 0.60, 0.15, 0.15,
0.30, 0.10, 0.25,0.35,
0.34, 0.25, 0.16, 0.25,
0.25,0.05, 0.35,0.35,
0.10, 0.25, 0.45,0.20,
0.12, 0.36, 0.22, 0.30,
0.10,0.15, 0.30,0.45),
byrow = TRUE, nrow = nCanT0)
citaMod <- matrix(, ncol = nCanT1, nrow = nCanT0)
row.names(citaMod) <- candidates_t0
colnames(citaMod) <- candidates_t1

for(ii in 1:nCanT0){
citaMod[ii,] <- c(rmultinom(1, size = N * eta[ii,], prob = P[ii,]))
}

# # Model I
psiI <- 0.9
rhoRRI <- 0.9
rhoMMI <- 0.5

citaModI <- matrix(nrow = nCanT0 + 1, ncol = nCanT1 + 1)
rownames(citaModI) <- c(candidates_t0, "Non_Resp")
colnames(citaModI) <- c(candidates_t1, "Non_Resp")
citaModI[1:nCanT0, 1:nCanT1] <- P * c(eta) * rhoRRI * psiI
citaModI[(nCanT0 + 1), (nCanT1 + 1)] <- rhoMMI * (1-psiI)
citaModI[1:nCanT0, (nCanT1 + 1)] <- (1-rhoRRI) * psiI * rowSums(P * c(eta))
citaModI[(nCanT0 + 1), 1:nCanT1 ] <- (1-rhoMMI) * (1-psiI) * colSums(P * c(eta))
citaModI <- round_preserve_sum(citaModI * N)
DBCitaModI <- createBase(citaModI)

# Creating auxiliary information
DBCitaModI[,AuxVar := rnorm(nrow(DBCitaModI), mean = 45, sd = 10)]

# Selects a sample with unequal probabilities
res <- S.piPS(n = 3200, as.data.frame(DBCitaModI)[,"AuxVar"])
sam <- res[,1]
pik <- res[,2]

```

```

DBcitaModISam <- copy(DBcitaModI[sam,])
DBcitaModISam[,Pik := pik]

# Gross Flows estimation
estima <- estGF(sampleBase = DBcitaModISam, niter = 500, model = "I", colWeights = "Pik")
estima

```

reSamGF

*Gross flows variance estimation.***Description**

Gross flows variance estimation according to resampling method (Bootstrap or Jackknife).

**Usage**

```

reSamGF(
  sampleBase = NULL,
  nRepBoot = 500,
  model = "I",
  niter = 100,
  type = "Bootstrap",
  colWeights = NULL,
  nonrft = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

sampleBase	An object of class data.frame or data.table containing the sample selected to estimate the gross flows.
nRepBoot	The number of replicates for the bootstrap method.
model	A character indicating the model that will be used for estimate the gross flows. The available models are: 'I', 'II', 'III', 'IV'.
niter	The number of iterations for the $\eta_i$ and $p_{ij}$ model parameters.
type	A character indicating the resampling method (" <i>Bootstrap</i> " or " <i>Jackknife</i> ")
colWeights	The data column name containing the sampling weights to be used on the fitting process.
nonrft	a logical value indicating the non response for the first time.

**Details**

The resampling methods for variance estimation are:

**Bootstrap:** This technique allows to estimate the sampling distribution of almost any statistic by using random sampling methods. Bootstrapping is the practice of estimating properties of an statistic (such as its variance) by measuring those properties from it's approximated sample.

**Jackknife:** The jackknife estimate of a parameter is found by systematically leaving out each observation from a dataset and calculating the estimate and then finding the average of these calculations. Given a sample of size  $n$ , the jackknife estimate is found by aggregating the estimates of each  $n-1$ -sized sub-sample.

### Value

reSamGF returns a list that contains the variance of each parameter of the selected model.

### References

- Efron, B. (1979), 'Computers and the theory of statistics: Thinking the unthinkable', *SIAM review* **21**(4), pp. 460-480.
- Quenouille, M. H. (1949), 'Problems in plane sampling', *The Annals of Mathematical Statistics* pp. 355-375.
- Tukey, J. W. (1958), 'Bias and confidence in not-quite large samples', *Annals of Mathematical Statistics* **29**, pp. 614.

### Examples

```
library(TeachingSampling)
library(data.table)
# Colombia's electoral candidates in 2014
candidates_t0 <- c("Clara","Enrique","Santos","Martha","Zuluaga","Blanco", "NoVoto")
candidates_t1 <- c("Santos","Zuluaga","Blanco", "NoVoto")

N <- 100000
nCanT0 <- length(candidates_t0)
nCanT1 <- length(candidates_t1)

# Initial probabilities
eta <- matrix(c(0.10, 0.10, 0.20, 0.17, 0.28, 0.1, 0.05),
             byrow = TRUE, nrow = nCanT0)
# Transition probabilities
P <- matrix(c(0.10, 0.60, 0.15, 0.15,
             0.30, 0.10, 0.25,0.35,
             0.34, 0.25, 0.16, 0.25,
             0.25,0.05, 0.35,0.35,
             0.10, 0.25, 0.45,0.20,
             0.12, 0.36, 0.22, 0.30,
             0.10,0.15, 0.30,0.45),
           byrow = TRUE, nrow = nCanT0)

citaMod <- matrix(, ncol = nCanT1, nrow = nCanT0)
row.names(citaMod) <- candidates_t0
colnames(citaMod) <- candidates_t1

for(ii in 1:nCanT0){
  citaMod[ii,] <- c(rmultinom(1, size = N * eta[ii,], prob = P[ii,]))
}

# # Model I
```

```

psiI <- 0.9
rhoRRI <- 0.9
rhoMMI <- 0.5

citaModI <- matrix(nrow = nCanT0 + 1, ncol = nCanT1 + 1)
rownames(citaModI) <- c(candidates_t0, "Non_Resp")
colnames(citaModI) <- c(candidates_t1, "Non_Resp")

citaModI[1:nCanT0, 1:nCanT1] <- P * c(eta) * rhoRRI * psiI
citaModI[(nCanT0 + 1), (nCanT1 + 1)] <- rhoMMI * (1-psiI)
citaModI[1:nCanT0, (nCanT1 + 1)] <- (1-rhoRRI) * psiI * rowSums(P * c(eta))
citaModI[(nCanT0 + 1), 1:nCanT1 ] <- (1-rhoMMI) * (1-psiI) * colSums(P * c(eta))
citaModI <- round_preserve_sum(citaModI * N)
DBcitaModI <- createBase(citaModI)

# Creating auxiliary information
DBcitaModI[,AuxVar := rnorm(nrow(DBcitaModI), mean = 45, sd = 10)]
# Selects a sample with unequal probabilities
res <- S.piPS(n = 1200, as.data.frame(DBcitaModI)[,"AuxVar"])
sam <- res[,1]
pik <- res[,2]
DBcitaModISam <- copy(DBcitaModI[sam,])
DBcitaModISam[,Pik := pik]

# Gross flows estimation
estima <- estGF(sampleBase = DBcitaModISam, niter = 500, model = "II", colWeights = "Pik")
# gross flows variance estimation
varEstima <- reSamGF(sampleBase = DBcitaModISam, type = "Bootstrap", nRepBoot = 100,
model = "II", niter = 101, colWeights = "Pik")
varEstima

```

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round\_preserve\_sum      *Round preserve sum.*

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## Description

Rounds a vector of numbers while preserving the sum of them.

## Usage

```
round_preserve_sum(x, digits = 0)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A numeric vector.
<code>digits</code>	The number of digits to take in account in the rounding process.

## Value

round\_preserve\_sum returns `y` with round vector.

**Source**

<https://stackoverflow.com/questions/32544646/round-vector-of-numeric-to-integer-while-preserving->

**Examples**

```
sum(c(0.333, 0.333, 0.334))
round(c(0.333, 0.333, 0.334), 2)
sum(round(c(0.333, 0.333, 0.334), 2))
round_preserve_sum(c(0.333, 0.333, 0.334), 2)
sum(round_preserve_sum(c(0.333, 0.333, 0.334), 2))
```

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