

Package ‘rollmatch’

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Description Functions to perform propensity score matching on rolling entry interventions for which a suitable “entry” date is not observed for nonparticipants. For more details, please reference Witman et al. (2018) <<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/1475-6773.13086>>.

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`reduce_data`*Preprocessing Step to Rolling Entry Matching*

Description

Preprocessing Step to Rolling Entry Matching

Usage

```
reduce_data(data, treat, tm, entry, id, lookback = 1)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	Original dataset before <code>reduce_data()</code> was ran.
<code>treat</code>	String for name of treatment variable in data.
<code>tm</code>	String for time period indicator variable name in data.
<code>entry</code>	String for name of time period in which the participant enrolled in the intervention (in the same units as the <code>tm</code> variable).
<code>id</code>	String for individual id variable name in data.
<code>lookback</code>	The number of time periods to look back before the time period of enrollment (1-...).

Value

`reduced_data` returns a dataset of reduced data ready for propensity scoring and to use in the function `score_data()`

Examples

```
data(package="rollmatch", "rem_synthdata_small")
reduced_data <- reduce_data(data = rem_synthdata_small, treat = "treat",
                           tm = "quarter", entry = "entry_q",
                           id = "indiv_id", lookback = 1)
reduced_data
```

rem_synthdata	<i>Synthetic dataset to illustrate rolling entry</i>
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Description

This dataset represents a synthetic population of individuals who resemble Medicare fee-for-service patients in terms of age, race, spending, inpatient visits, ED visits, chronic conditions, and dual eligibility. The quasi-panel dataset contains multiple observations of non-participants (one for each entry period). Participants enter the data once in the baseline period immediately preceding their unique entry into the intervention. Time-varying covariates (e.g., health conditions, spending, utilization) are dynamic for each entry period's non-participant observations.

Usage

rem_synthdata

Format

A data frame with 254,400 observations and 20 variables:

- indiv_id** The unique identifier for each individual.
- entry_q** The period in which the individual enrolled in treatment / entered the intervention.
- lq** Last baseline quarter before entry into the intervention.
- quarter** Time variable, indicating the quarter that the variables are measured.
- treat** Treatment indicator variable (=1 if in treatment group and =0 if in control group).
- age** The patient's age.
- is_black** Race indicator variable (=1 if identified as Black, =0 if not).
- is_disabled** Physical disability indicator variable (=1 if identified as disabled, =0 if not).
- is_esrd** Disease indicator variable (=1 if identified as having End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), =0 if not).
- is_hispanic** Ethnicity indicator variable (=1 if identified as Hispanic, =0 if not).
- is_male** Gender indicator variable (=1 if identified as Male, =0 if not).
- is_white** Race indicator variable (=1 if identified as White, =0 if not).
- lq_ed** Indicates the person had an ED visit during LQ.
- lq_ip** Indicates the person had an inpatient stay during LQ.
- yr_ed2** Count of ED visits during quarters LQ-5 to LQ-1.
- yr_ip2** Count of inpatient stays during quarters LQ-4 to LQ-1.
- months_dual** Number of months of dual Medicare-Medicaid eligibility in the previous year.
- chron_num** Number of chronic conditions.
- qtr_pmt** Payments during the quarter.
- yr_pmt** Payments during the previous 4 quarters.

rem_synthdata_small *Synthetic dataset to illustrate rolling entry (small)*

Description

This dataset represents a synthetic population of individuals who resemble Medicare fee-for-service patients in terms of age, race, spending, inpatient visits, ED visits, chronic conditions, and dual eligibility. The quasi-panel dataset contains multiple observations of non-participants (one for each entry period). Participants enter the data once in the baseline period immediately preceding their unique entry into the intervention. Time-varying covariates (e.g., health conditions, spending, utilization) are dynamic for each entry period's non-participant observations. This is a smaller version of rem_synthadata.

Usage

rem_synthdata_small

Format

A data frame with 12,720 observations and 20 variables:

indiv_id The unique identifier for each individual.

entry_q The period in which the individual enrolled in treatment / entered the intervention.

lq Last baseline quarter before entry into the intervention.

quarter Time variable, indicating the quarter that the variables are measured.

treat Treatment indicator variable (=1 if in treatment group and =0 if in control group).

age The patient's age.

is_black Race indicator variable (=1 if identified as Black, =0 if not).

is_disabled Physical disability indicator variable (=1 if identified as disabled, =0 if not).

is_esrd Disease indicator variable (=1 if identified as having End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), =0 if not).

is_hispanic Ethnicity indicator variable (=1 if identified as Hispanic, =0 if not).

is_male Gender indicator variable (=1 if identified as Male, =0 if not).

is_white Race indicator variable (=1 if identified as White, =0 if not).

lq_ed Indicates the person had an ED visit during LQ.

lq_ip Indicates the person had an inpatient stay during LQ.

yr_ed2 Count of ED visits during quarters LQ-5 to LQ-1.

yr_ip2 Count of inpatient stays during quarters LQ-4 to LQ-1.

months_dual Number of months of dual Medicare-Medicaid eligibility in the previous year.

chron_num Number of chronic conditions.

qtr_pmt Payments during the quarter.

yr_pmt Payments during the previous 4 quarters.

rollmatch	<i>Rolling entry matching</i>
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Description

rollmatch is the last of 3 main function in the rollmatch package <rollmatch> implements a comparison group selection methodology for interventions with rolling participant entry over time. A difficulty in evaluating rolling entry interventions is that a suitable "entry" date is not observed for non-participants. This method, called rolling entry matching, assigns potential comparison non-participants multiple counterfactual entry periods which allows for matching of participant and non-participants based on data immediately preceding each participant's specific entry period, rather than using data from a fixed pre-intervention period.

Usage

```
rollmatch(scored_data, data, treat, tm, entry, id, vars, lookback,
  alpha = 0, standard_deviation = "average", num_matches = 3,
  replacement = TRUE)
```

Arguments

scored_data	Output from scored_data() or the output from reduce_data() with propensity scores labeled "score".
data	Original dataset before reduce_data() was ran.
treat	String for name of treatment variable in data.
tm	String for time period indicator variable name in data.
entry	String for name of time period in which the participant enrolled in the intervention (in the same units as the tm variable).
id	String for individual id variable name in data.
vars	Vector of column names used in the propensity score algorithm. This is used when creating the balance table.
lookback	The number of time periods to look back before the time period of enrollment (1-...).
alpha	Part of the pre-specified distance within which to allow matching. The caliper width is calculated as the alpha multiplied by the pooled standard deviation of the propensity scores or the logit of the propensity scores - depending on the value of match_on.
standard_deviation	String. 'average' for average pooled standard deviation, 'weighted' for weighted pooled standard deviation, and 'None' to not use a standard deviation multiplication. Default is "average".
num_matches	Number of comparison beneficiary matches to attempt to assign to each treatment beneficiary. Default is 3.


```

fm <- as.formula(treat ~ qtr_pmt + yr_pmt + age)
vars <- all.vars(fm)
scored_data <- score_data(reduced_data = reduced_data,
                          model_type = "logistic", match_on = "logit",
                          fm = fm, treat = "treat",
                          tm = "quarter", entry = "entry_q", id = "indiv_id")
output <- rollmatch(scored_data, data=rem_synthdata_small, treat = "treat",
                    tm = "quarter", entry = "entry_q", id = "indiv_id",
                    vars = vars, lookback = 1, alpha = .2,
                    standard_deviation = "average", num_matches = 3,
                    replacement = TRUE)

output

```

score_data

Run a logistic or probit model

Description

Run a logistic or probit model

Usage

```
score_data(reduced_data, model_type, match_on, fm, treat, tm, entry, id)
```

Arguments

reduced_data	Dataframe of reduced treatment and comparison data. See output of reduce_data().
model_type	Use logistic regression ("logistic") or "probit" regression ("probit") to estimate the predicted probability of participating
match_on	Match on estimated propensity score ("pscore") or logit of estimated propensity score ("logit").
fm	A formula in the form <code>treat ~ x1 + x2 . . .</code> where <code>treat</code> is a binary treatment indicator (<code>Treat = 1</code> , <code>Control = 0</code>) and <code>x1</code> and <code>x2</code> are pre-treatment covariates. Both the treatment indicator and pre-treatment covariates must be contained in the input dataset.
treat	String for name of treatment variable in data.
tm	String for time period indicator variable name in data.
entry	String for name of time period in which the participant enrolled in the intervention (in the same units as the <code>tm</code> variable).
id	String for individual id variable name in data.

Value

A copy of `reduced_data` input with added propensity scores

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(package="rollmatch", "rem_synthdata_small")
fm <- as.formula(treat ~ qtr_pmt + age + is_male + is_white)
reduced_data <- reduce_data(data = rem_synthdata_small, treat = "treat",
                           tm = "quarter", entry = "entry_q",
                           id = "indiv_id", lookback = 1)
scored_data <- score_data(reduced_data = reduced_data,
                          model_type = "logistic", match_on = "logit",
                          fm = fm, treat = "treat", tm = "quarter",
                          entry = "entry_q", id = "indiv_id")

head(scored_data)

## End(Not run)
```

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