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attr_check	<i>Attrition Checks</i>
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Description

attr_check reports missing data on treatment variable, assignment variable, and outcome. This is an internal function and is typically not directly invoked by the user. It can be accessed using the triple colon, as in rddapp:::attr_check().

Usage

```
attr_check(x1, y, t, x2 = NULL)
```

Arguments

x1	A numeric object containing the assignment variable.
y	A numeric object containing the outcome variable, with the same dimensionality as x1.
t	A numeric object containing the treatment variable (coded as 0 for untreated and 1 for treated), with the same dimensionality as x1 and y.
x2	A numeric object containing the secondary assignment variable.

Value

attr_check returns a list containing the amount and percentage of missing data for all variables and subgroups, by treatment.

bw_ik09	<i>Imbens-Kalyanaraman 2009 Optimal Bandwidth Calculation</i>
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Description

bw_ik09 calculates the Imbens-Kalyanaraman (2009) optimal bandwidth for local linear regression in regression discontinuity designs. It is based on the IKbandwidth function in the "rdd" package. This is an internal function and is typically not directly invoked by the user. It can be accessed using the triple colon, as in rddapp:::bw_ik09().

Usage

```
bw_ik09(X, Y, cutpoint = NULL, verbose = FALSE, kernel = "triangular")
```

Arguments

X	A numeric vector containing the running variable.
Y	A numeric vector containing the outcome variable.
cutpoint	A numeric value containing the cutpoint at which assignment to the treatment is determined. The default is 0.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print more information to the terminal. The default is FALSE.
kernel	A string indicating which kernel to use. Options are "triangular" (default and recommended), "rectangular", "epanechnikov", "quartic", "triweight", "tricube", and "cosine".

Value

ik_bw09 returns a numeric value specifying the optimal bandwidth.

References

Imbens, G., Kalyanaraman, K. (2009). Optimal bandwidth choice for the regression discontinuity estimator (Working Paper No. 14726). National Bureau of Economic Research. <https://www.nber.org/papers/w14726>.

Drew Dimmery (2016). rdd: Regression Discontinuity Estimation. R package version 0.57. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=rdd>

 bw_ik12

Imbens-Kalyanaraman 2012 Optimal Bandwidth Calculation

Description

bw_ik12 calculates the Imbens-Kalyanaraman (2012) optimal bandwidth for local linear regression in regression discontinuity designs. It is based on a function in the "rddtools" package. This is an internal function and is typically not directly invoked by the user. It can be accessed using the triple colon, as in `rddapp::bw_ik12()`.

Usage

```
bw_ik12(X, Y, cutpoint = NULL, verbose = FALSE, kernel = "triangular")
```

Arguments

X	A numeric vector containing the running variable.
Y	A numeric vector containing the outcome variable.
cutpoint	A numeric value containing the cutpoint at which assignment to the treatment is determined. The default is 0.
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print more information to the terminal. The default is FALSE.

kernel A string indicating which kernel to use. Options are "triangular" (default and recommended), "rectangular", "epanechnikov", "quartic", "triweight", "tricube", and "cosine".

Value

ik_bw12 returns a numeric value specifying the optimal bandwidth.

References

Imbens, G., Kalyanaraman, K. (2012). Optimal bandwidth choice for the regression discontinuity estimator. *The Review of Economic Studies*, 79(3), 933-959. <https://academic.oup.com/restud/article/79/3/933/1533189>.

Stigler, M. and B. Quast, B (2016). rddtools: A toolbox for regression discontinuity in R.

CARE *Carolina Abecedarian Project and the Carolina Approach to Responsive Education (CARE), 1972-1992*

Description

A dataset containing a subset of children from the CARE trial on early childhood intervention. The randomized controlled trial was subsetted to mimic a regression-discontinuity design in which treatment was assigned only to mothers whose IQ was smaller than 85.

Usage

CARE

Format

A data frame with 81 rows and 5 variables:

SUBJECT Unique ID variable

DC_TRT Day Care (Preschool) Treatment Group, 1 = Treatment, 0 = Control

APGAR5 APGAR ("Appearance, Pulse, Grimace, Activity, and Respiration") score at 5 minutes after birth

MOMWAIS0 Biological mother's WAIS (Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale) full-scale score at subject's birth

SBIQ48 Subject's Stanford Binet IQ score at 48 months

Source

<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/ICPSR/studies/4091>

Examples

```
data("CARE")
head(CARE)
```

dc_test	<i>McCrary Sorting Test</i>
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Description

dc_test implements the McCrary (2008) sorting test to identify violations of assignment rules. It is based on the DCdensity function in the "rdd" package.

Usage

```
dc_test(
  runvar,
  cutpoint,
  bin = NULL,
  bw = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
  ext.out = FALSE,
  htest = FALSE,
  level = 0.95,
  digits = max(3, getOption("digits") - 3),
  timeout = 30
)
```

Arguments

runvar	A numeric vector containing the running variable.
cutpoint	A numeric value containing the cutpoint at which assignment to the treatment is determined. The default is 0.
bin	A numeric value containing the binwidth. The default is $2 * sd(\text{runvar}) * \text{length}(\text{runvar})^{(-.5)}$.
bw	A numeric value containing bandwidth to use. If no bandwidth is supplied, the default uses bandwidth selection calculation from McCrary (2008).
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print diagnostic information to the terminal. The default is TRUE.
plot	A logical value indicating whether to plot the histogram and density estimations. The default is TRUE. The user may wrap this function in additional graphical options to modify the plot.
ext.out	A logical value indicating whether to return extended output. The default is FALSE. When FALSE dc_test will return only the p-value of the test, but will print more information. When TRUE, dc_test will return and print the additional information documented below.

htest	A logical value indicating whether to return an "htest" object compatible with base R's hypothesis test output. The default is FALSE.
level	A numerical value between 0 and 1 specifying the confidence level for confidence intervals. The default is 0.95.
digits	A non-negative integer specifying the number of digits to display in all output. The default is $\max(3, \text{getOption("digits")} - 3)$.
timeout	A non-negative numerical value specifying the maximum number of seconds that expressions in the function are allowed to run. The default is 30. Specify Inf to run all expressions to completion.

Value

If `ext.out` is FALSE, `dc_test` returns a numeric value specifying the p-value of the McCrary (2008) sorting test. Additional output is enabled when `ext.out` is TRUE. In this case, `dc_test` returns a list with the following elements:

theta	The estimated log difference in heights of the density curve at the cutpoint.
se	The standard error of theta.
z	The z statistic of the test.
p	The p-value of the test. A p-value below the significance threshold indicates that the user can reject the null hypothesis of no sorting.
binsize	The calculated size of bins for the test.
bw	The calculated bandwidth for the test.
cutpoint	The cutpoint used.
data	A dataframe for the binning of the histogram. Columns are <code>cellmp</code> (the mid-points of each cell) and <code>cellval</code> (the normalized height of each cell).

References

McCrary, J. (2008). Manipulation of the running variable in the regression discontinuity design: A density test. *Journal of Econometrics*, 142(2), 698-714. doi:10.1016/j.jeconom.2007.05.005.

Drew Dimmery (2016). rdd: Regression Discontinuity Estimation. R package version 0.57. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=rdd>

Examples

```
set.seed(12345)
# No discontinuity
x <- runif(1000, -1, 1)
dc_test(x, 0)

# Discontinuity
x <- runif(1000, -1, 1)
x <- x + 2 * (runif(1000, -1, 1) > 0 & x < 0)
dc_test(x, 0)
```

mfrd_est

Multivariate Frontier Regression Discontinuity Estimation

Description

mfrd_est implements the frontier approach for multivariate regression discontinuity estimation in Wong, Steiner and Cook (2013). It is based on the MFRDD code in Stata from Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013).

Usage

```
mfrd_est(
  y,
  x1,
  x2,
  c1,
  c2,
  t.design = NULL,
  local = 0.15,
  front.bw = NA,
  m = 10,
  k = 5,
  kernel = "triangular",
  ngrid = 250,
  margin = 0.03,
  boot = NULL,
  cluster = NULL,
  stop.on.error = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

y	A numeric object containing outcome variable.
x1	A numeric object containing the first assignment variable.
x2	A numeric object containing the second assignment variable.
c1	A numeric value containing the cutpoint at which assignment to the treatment is determined for x1.
c2	A numeric value containing the cutpoint at which assignment to the treatment is determined for x2.
t.design	A character vector of length 2 specifying the treatment option according to design. The first entry is for x1 and the second entry is for x2. Options are "g" (treatment is assigned if x1 is greater than its cutoff), "geq" (treatment is assigned if x1 is greater than or equal to its cutoff), "l" (treatment is assigned if x1 is less than its cutoff), and "leq" (treatment is assigned if x1 is less than or equal to its cutoff). The same options are available for x2.

local	A non-negative numeric value specifying the range of neighboring points around the cutoff on the standardized scale, for each assignment variable. The default is 0.15.
front.bw	A non-negative numeric vector of length 3 specifying the bandwidths at which to estimate the RD for each of three effects models (complete model, heterogeneous treatment model, and treatment only model) detailed in Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013). If NA, front.bw will be determined by cross-validation. The default is NA.
m	A non-negative integer specifying the number of uniformly-at-random samples to draw as search candidates for front.bw, if front.bw is NA. The default is 10.
k	A non-negative integer specifying the number of folds for cross-validation to determine front.bw, if front.bw is NA. The default is 5.
kernel	A string indicating which kernel to use. Options are "triangular" (default and recommended), "rectangular", "epanechnikov", "quartic", "triweight", "tricube", and "cosine".
ngrid	A non-negative integer specifying the number of non-zero grid points on each assignment variable, which is also the number of zero grid points on each assignment variable. The default is 250. The value used in Wong, Steiner and Cook (2013) is 2500, which may cause long computational time.
margin	A non-negative numeric value specifying the range of grid points beyond the minimum and maximum of sample points on each assignment variable. This grid is used to impute potential outcomes along the frontier, as in Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013). The default is 0.03.
boot	An optional non-negative integer specifying the number of bootstrap samples to obtain standard error of estimates.
cluster	An optional vector of length n specifying clusters within which the errors are assumed to be correlated. This will result in reporting cluster robust SEs. It is suggested that data with a discrete running variable be clustered by each unique value of the running variable (Lee and Card, 2008).
stop.on.error	A logical value indicating whether to remove bootstraps which cause error in the integrate function. If TRUE, bootstraps which cause error are removed and resampled until the specified number of bootstrap samples are acquired. If FALSE, bootstraps which cause error are not removed. The default is TRUE.

Value

mfrd_est returns an object of class "mfrd". The functions summary and plot are used to obtain and print a summary and plot of the estimated regression discontinuity. The object of class mfrd is a list containing the following components:

w	Numeric vector specifying the weight of frontier 1 and frontier 2, respectively.
est	Numeric matrix of the estimate of the discontinuity in the outcome under a complete model (no prefix), heterogeneous treatment (ht) effects model, and treatment (t) only model, for the parametric case and for each corresponding bandwidth. Estimates with suffix "ev1" and "ev2" correspond to expected values for each frontier, under a given model. Estimates with suffix "ate" correspond to average treatment effects across both frontiers, under a given model.

d	Numeric matrix of the effect size (Cohen's d) for estimate.
se	Numeric matrix of the standard error for each corresponding bandwidth, if applicable.
m_s	A list containing estimates for the complete model, under parametric and non-parametric (optimal, half, and double bandwidth) cases. A list of coefficient estimates, residuals, effects, weights (in the non-parametric case), lm output (rank of the fitted linear model, fitted values, assignments for the design matrix, qr for linear fit, residual degrees of freedom, levels of the x value, function call, and terms), and output data frame are returned for each model.
m_h	A list containing estimates for the heterogeneous treatments model, under parametric and non-parametric (optimal, half, and double bandwidth) cases. A list of coefficient estimates, residuals, effects, weights (in the non-parametric case), lm output (rank of the fitted linear model, fitted values, assignments for the design matrix, qr for linear fit, residual degrees of freedom, levels of the x value, function call, and terms), and output data frame are returned for each model.
m_t	A list containing estimates for the treatment only model, under parametric and non-parametric (optimal, half, and double bandwidth) cases. A list of coefficient estimates, residuals, effects, weights (in the non-parametric case), lm output (rank of the fitted linear model, fitted values, assignments for the design matrix, qr for linear fit, residual degrees of freedom, levels of the x value, function call, and terms), and output data frame are returned for each model.
dat_h	A list containing four data frames, one for each case: parametric or non-parametric (optimal, half, and double bandwidth). Each data frame contains functions and densities for each frontier and treatment model.
dat	A data frame containing the outcome (y) and each input (x1, x2) for each observation. The data frame also contains indicators of being within the local boundary of the cutpoint for x1 and x2 (x1res, x2res), scaled (zx1, zx2) and centered x1 and x2 values (zcx1, zcx2), and treatment indicators for overall treatment (tr) based on treatment assignment from x1 (tr1), x2 (tr2), and both assignment variables (trb).
obs	List of the number of observations used in each model.
impute	A logical value indicating whether multiple imputation is used or not.
call	The matched call.
front.bw	Numeric vector of each bandwidth used to estimate the density at the frontier for the three effects models (complete model, heterogeneous treatment model, and treatment only model) detailed in Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013).

References

- Wong, V., Steiner, P, and Cook, T. (2013). Analyzing regression discontinuity designs with multiple assignment variables: A comparative study of four estimation methods. *Journal of Educational and Behavioral Statistics*, 38(2), 107-141. doi:10.3102/1076998611432172.
- Lee, D. and Card, D. (2008). A Regression discontinuity inference with specification error. *Journal of Econometrics*, 142(2), 655-674. doi:10.1016/j.jeconom.2007.05.003.

Examples

```
set.seed(12345)
x1 <- runif(1000, -1, 1)
x2 <- runif(1000, -1, 1)
cov <- rnorm(1000)
y <- 3 + 2 * (x1 >= 0) + 3 * cov + 10 * (x2 >= 0) + rnorm(1000)
mfrd_est(y = y, x1 = x1, x2 = x2, c1 = 0, c2 = 0, t.design = c("geq", "geq"))
```

mrd_est

Multivariate Regression Discontinuity Estimation

Description

mrd_est estimates treatment effects in a multivariate regression discontinuity design (MRDD) with two assignment variables, including the frontier average treatment effect (τ_{MRD}) and frontier-specific effects (τ_R and τ_M) simultaneously.

Usage

```
mrd_est(  
  formula,  
  data,  
  subset = NULL,  
  cutpoint = NULL,  
  bw = NULL,  
  front.bw = NA,  
  m = 10,  
  k = 5,  
  kernel = "triangular",  
  se.type = "HC1",  
  cluster = NULL,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  less = FALSE,  
  est.cov = FALSE,  
  est.itd = FALSE,  
  local = 0.15,  
  ngrid = 250,  
  margin = 0.03,  
  boot = NULL,  
  method = c("center", "univ", "front"),  
  t.design = NULL,  
  stop.on.error = TRUE  
)
```

Arguments

formula	The formula of the MRDD; a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. This is supplied in the format of $y \sim x_1 + x_2$ for a simple sharp MRDD or $y \sim x_1 + x_2 \mid c_1 + c_2$ for a sharp MRDD with two covariates. A fuzzy MRDD may be specified as $y \sim x_1 + x_2 + z$ where x_1 is the first running variable, x_2 is the second running variable, and z is the endogenous treatment variable. Covariates are then included in the same manner as in a sharp MRDD.
data	An optional data frame containing the variables in the model. If not found in data, the variables are taken from <code>environment(formula)</code> .
subset	An optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.
cutpoint	A numeric vector of length 2 containing the cutpoints at which assignment to the treatment is determined. The default is <code>c(0, 0)</code> .
bw	A vector specifying the bandwidths at which to estimate the RD for non-parametric models. Possible values are "IK09", "IK12", or a user-specified non-negative numeric vector containing the bandwidths at which to estimate the RD. The default is "IK12". If bw is "IK12", the bandwidth is calculated using the Imbens-Kalyanaraman 2012 method. If bw is "IK09", the bandwidth is calculated using the Imbens-Kalyanaraman 2009 method. Then, the RD is estimated with that bandwidth, half that bandwidth, and twice that bandwidth. If only a single value is passed into the function, the RD will similarly be estimated at that bandwidth, half that bandwidth, and twice that bandwidth.
front.bw	A non-negative numeric vector of length 3 specifying the bandwidths at which to estimate the RD for each of three effects models (complete model, heterogeneous treatment model, and treatment only model) detailed in Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013). If NA, front.bw will be determined by cross-validation. The default is NA.
m	A non-negative integer specifying the number of uniformly-at-random samples to draw as search candidates for front.bw, if front.bw is NA. The default is 10.
k	A non-negative integer specifying the number of folds for cross-validation to determine front.bw, if front.bw is NA. The default is 5.
kernel	A string indicating which kernel to use. Options are "triangular" (default and recommended), "rectangular", "epanechnikov", "quartic", "triweight", "tricube", and "cosine".
se.type	This specifies the robust standard error calculation method to use, from the "sandwich" package. Options are, as in <code>vcovHC</code> , "HC3", "const", "HC", "HC0", "HC1", "HC2", "HC4", "HC4m", "HC5". The default is "HC1". This option is overridden by cluster.
cluster	An optional vector of length n specifying clusters within which the errors are assumed to be correlated. This will result in reporting cluster robust SEs. This option overrides anything specified in se.type. It is suggested that data with a discrete running variable be clustered by each unique value of the running variable (Lee and Card, 2008).
verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print additional information to the terminal, including results of instrumental variable regression, and outputs from background regression models. The default is FALSE.

less	Logical. If TRUE, return the estimates of parametric linear and optimal bandwidth non-parametric models only. If FALSE return the estimates of linear, quadratic, and cubic parametric models and optimal, half and double bandwidths in non-parametric models. The default is FALSE.
est.cov	Logical. If TRUE, the estimates of covariates will be included. If FALSE, the estimates of covariates will not be included. The default is FALSE. This option is not applicable if method is "front".
est.itd	Logical. If TRUE, the estimates of intent-to-treat (ITT) will be returned. If FALSE, the estimates of ITT will not be returned. The default is FALSE. This option is not applicable if method is "front".
local	A non-negative numeric value specifying the range of neighboring points around the cutoff on the standardized scale, for each assignment variable. The default is 0.15.
ngrid	A non-negative integer specifying the number of non-zero grid points on each assignment variable, which is also the number of zero grid points on each assignment variable. The default is 250. The value used in Wong, Steiner and Cook (2013) is 2500, which may cause long computational time.
margin	A non-negative numeric value specifying the range of grid points beyond the minimum and maximum of sample points on each assignment variable. The default is 0.03.
boot	An optional non-negative integer specifying the number of bootstrap samples to obtain standard error of estimates. This argument is not optional if method is "front".
method	A string specifying the method to estimate the RD effect. Options are "center", "univ", "front", based on the centering, univariate, and frontier approaches (respectively) from Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013).
t.design	A character vector of length 2 specifying the treatment option according to design. The first entry is for x1 and the second entry is for x2. Options are "g" (treatment is assigned if x1 is greater than its cutoff), "geq" (treatment is assigned if x1 is greater than or equal to its cutoff), "l" (treatment is assigned if x1 is less than its cutoff), and "leq" (treatment is assigned if x1 is less than or equal to its cutoff). The same options are available for x2.
stop.on.error	A logical value indicating whether to remove bootstraps which cause error in the integrate function. If TRUE, bootstraps which cause error are removed and resampled until the specified number of bootstrap samples are acquired. If FALSE, bootstraps which cause error are not removed. The default is TRUE.

Value

mrd_est returns an object of class "mrd". The function summary is used to obtain and print a summary of the estimated regression discontinuity. The object of class mrd is a list containing the following components for each estimated treatment effect, tau_MRD or tau_R and tau_M:

type	A string denoting either "sharp" or "fuzzy" RDD.
call	The matched call.

Examples

```

set.seed(12345)
x1 <- runif(1000, -1, 1)
x2 <- runif(1000, -1, 1)
cov <- rnorm(1000)
y <- 3 + 2 * (x1 >= 0) + 3 * cov + 10 * (x2 >= 0) + rnorm(1000)
# centering
mrd_est(y ~ x1 + x2 | cov, method = "center", t.design = c("geq", "geq"))
# univariate
mrd_est(y ~ x1 + x2 | cov, method = "univ", t.design = c("geq", "geq"))
# frontier
mrd_est(y ~ x1 + x2 | cov, method = "front", t.design = c("geq", "geq"))

```

mrd_impute

Multiple Imputation of Multivariate Regression Discontinuity Estimation

Description

mrd_impute estimates treatment effects in a multivariate regression discontinuity design (MRDD) with imputed missing values.

Usage

```

mrd_impute(
  formula,
  data,
  subset = NULL,
  cutpoint = NULL,
  bw = NULL,
  front.bw = NA,
  m = 10,
  k = 5,
  kernel = "triangular",
  se.type = "HC1",
  cluster = NULL,
  impute = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  less = FALSE,
  est.cov = FALSE,
  est.itd = FALSE,
  local = 0.15,
  ngrid = 250,
  margin = 0.03,
  boot = NULL,
  method = c("center", "univ", "front"),
  t.design = NULL,
  stop.on.error = TRUE
)

```

Arguments

formula	The formula of the MRDD; a symbolic description of the model to be fitted. This is supplied in the format of $y \sim x_1 + x_2$ for a simple sharp MRDD or $y \sim x_1 + x_2 \mid c_1 + c_2$ for a sharp MRDD with two covariates. A fuzzy MRDD may be specified as $y \sim x_1 + x_2 + z$ where x_1 is the first running variable, x_2 is the second running variable, and z is the endogenous treatment variable. Covariates are then included in the same manner as in a sharp MRDD.
data	An optional data frame containing the variables in the model. If not found in data, the variables are taken from <code>environment(formula)</code> .
subset	An optional vector specifying a subset of observations to be used in the fitting process.
cutpoint	A numeric vector of length 2 containing the cutpoints at which assignment to the treatment is determined. The default is <code>c(0, 0)</code> .
bw	A vector specifying the bandwidths at which to estimate the RD. Possible values are "IK09", "IK12", and a user-specified non-negative numeric vector specifying the bandwidths at which to estimate the RD. The default is "IK12". If bw is "IK12", the bandwidth is calculated using the Imbens-Kalyanaraman 2012 method. If bw is "IK09", the bandwidth is calculated using the Imbens-Kalyanaraman 2009 method. Then the RD is estimated with that bandwidth, half that bandwidth, and twice that bandwidth. If only a single value is passed into the function, the RD will similarly be estimated at that bandwidth, half that bandwidth, and twice that bandwidth.
front.bw	A non-negative numeric vector of length 3 specifying the bandwidths at which to estimate the RD for each of three effects models (complete model, heterogeneous treatment model, and treatment only model) detailed in Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013). If NA, front.bw will be determined by cross-validation. The default is NA.
m	A non-negative integer specifying the number of uniformly-at-random samples to draw as search candidates for front.bw, if front.bw is NA. The default is 10.
k	A non-negative integer specifying the number of folds for cross-validation to determine front.bw, if front.bw is NA. The default is 5.
kernel	A string indicating which kernel to use. Options are "triangular" (default and recommended), "rectangular", "epanechnikov", "quartic", "triweight", "tricube", and "cosine".
se.type	This specifies the robust standard error calculation method to use, from the "sandwich" package. Options are, as in <code>vcovHC</code> , "HC3", "const", "HC", "HC0", "HC1", "HC2", "HC4", "HC4m", "HC5". The default is "HC1". This option is overridden by cluster.
cluster	An optional vector of length n specifying clusters within which the errors are assumed to be correlated. This will result in reporting cluster robust SEs. This option overrides anything specified in se.type. It is suggested that data with a discrete running variable be clustered by each unique value of the running variable (Lee and Card, 2008).
impute	An optional vector of length n containing a grouping variable that specifies the imputed variables with missing values.

verbose	A logical value indicating whether to print additional information to the terminal. The default is FALSE.
less	Logical. If TRUE, return the estimates of parametric linear and optimal bandwidth non-parametric models only. If FALSE return the estimates of linear, quadratic, and cubic parametric models and optimal, half and double bandwidths in non-parametric models. The default is FALSE.
est.cov	Logical. If TRUE, the estimates of covariates will be included. If FALSE, the estimates of covariates will not be included. The default is FALSE. This option is not applicable if method is "front".
est.itd	Logical. If TRUE, the estimates of intent-to-treat (ITT) will be returned. If FALSE, the estimates of ITT will not be returned. The default is FALSE. This option is not applicable if method is "front".
local	A non-negative numeric value specifying the range of neighboring points around the cutoff on the standardized scale, for each assignment variable. The default is 0.15.
ngrid	A non-negative integer specifying the number of non-zero grid points on each assignment variable, which is also the number of zero grid points on each assignment variable. The default is 250. The value used in Wong, Steiner and Cook (2013) is 2500, which may cause long computational time.
margin	A non-negative numeric value specifying the range of grid points beyond the minimum and maximum of sample points on each assignment variable. The default is 0.03.
boot	An optional non-negative integer specifying the number of bootstrap samples to obtain standard error of estimates. This argument is not optional if method is "front".
method	A string specifying the method to estimate the RD effect. Options are "center", "univ", "front", based on the centering, univariate, and frontier approaches (respectively) from Wong, Steiner, and Cook (2013).
t.design	A character vector of length 2 specifying the treatment option according to design. The first entry is for x1 and the second entry is for x2. Options are "g" (treatment is assigned if x1 is greater than its cutoff), "geq" (treatment is assigned if x1 is greater than or equal to its cutoff), "1" (treatment is assigned if x1 is less than its cutoff), and "leq" (treatment is assigned if x1 is less than or equal to its cutoff). The same options are available for x2.
stop.on.error	A logical value indicating whether to remove bootstraps which cause error in the integrate function. If TRUE, bootstraps which cause error are removed and resampled until the specified number of bootstrap samples are acquired. If FALSE, bootstraps which cause error are not removed. The default is TRUE.

Value

mrd_impute returns an object of class "mrd" or "mrdd" for "front" method. The function summary is used to obtain and print a summary of the estimated regression discontinuity. The object of class mrd is a list containing the following components for each estimated treatment effect, tau_MRD or tau_R and tau_M:


```

# all examples below have smaller numbers of m to keep run-time low
# centering
mrd_impute(y ~ x1 + x2 | cov, impute = imp, method = "center", t.design = c("geq", "geq"), m = 3)
# univariate
mrd_impute(y ~ x1 + x2 | cov, impute = imp, method = "univ", t.design = c("geq", "geq"), m = 3)
# frontier - don't run due to computation time
## Not run: mrd_impute(y ~ x1 + x2 | cov, impute = imp, method = "front",
                      boot = 1000, t.design = c("geq", "geq"), m = 3)
## End(Not run)

```

mrd_power

Power Analysis of Multivariate Regression Discontinuity

Description

mrd_power computes the empirical probability that a resulting parameter estimate of the MRD is significant, i.e. the empirical power (1 - beta).

Usage

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mrd_power(
  num.rep = 100,
  sample.size = 100,
  x1.dist = "normal",
  x1.para = c(0, 1),
  x2.dist = "normal",
  x2.para = c(0, 1),
  x1.cut = 0,
  x2.cut = 0,
  x1.fuzzy = c(0, 0),
  x2.fuzzy = c(0, 0),
  x1.design = NULL,
  x2.design = NULL,
  coeff = c(0.1, 0.5, 0.5, 1, rep(0.1, 9)),
  eta.sq = 0.5,
  alpha.list = c(0.001, 0.01, 0.05)
)

```

Arguments

num.rep	A non-negative integer specifying the number of repetitions used to calculate the empirical power. The default is 100.
sample.size	A non-negative integer specifying the number of observations in each sample. The default is 100.
x1.dist	A string specifying the distribution of the first assignment variable, x1. Options are "normal" and "uniform". The default is the "normal" distribution.

