# Package 'bindata'

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bincorr2commonprob          *Convert Binary Correlation Matrix to Matrix of Joint Probabilities*

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## Description

Compute a matrix of common probabilities for a binary random vector from given marginal probabilities and correlations.

## Usage

```
bincorr2commonprob(margprob, bincorr)
```

## Arguments

margprob          vector of marginal probabilities.

bincorr           matrix of binary correlations.

## Value

The matrix of common probabilities. This has the probabilities that variable $i$ equals 1 in element $(i, i)$, and the joint probability that variables $i$ and $j$ both equal 1 in element $(i, j)$ (if $i \neq j$).

## Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

## References

Friedrich Leisch, Andreas Weingessel and Kurt Hornik (1998). On the generation of correlated artificial binary data. Working Paper Series, SFB "Adaptive Information Systems and Modelling in Economics and Management Science", Vienna University of Economics.

## See Also

commonprob2sigma, simul.commonprob.

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check.commonprob *Check Joint Binary Probabilities*

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**Description**

The main diagonal elements commonprob[i,i] are interpreted as probabilities $p_{A_i}$ that a binary variable $A_i$ equals 1. The off-diagonal elements commonprob[i,j] are the probabilities $p_{A_i A_j}$ that both $A_i$ and $A_j$ are 1.

This programs checks some necessary conditions on these probabilities which must be fulfilled in order that a joint distribution of the $A_i$ with the given probabilities can exist.

The conditions checked are

$$0 \leq p_{A_i} \leq 1$$

$$\max(0, p_{A_i} + p_{A_j} - 1) \leq p_{A_i A_j} \leq \min(p_{A_i}, p_{A_j}), i \neq j$$

$$p_{A_i} + p_{A_j} + p_{A_k} - p_{A_i A_j} - p_{A_i A_k} - p_{A_j A_k} \leq 1, i \neq j, i \neq k, j \neq k$$

**Usage**

```
check.commonprob(commonprob)
```

**Arguments**

commonprob    Matrix of pairwise probabilities.

**Value**

check.commonprob returns TRUE, if all conditions are fulfilled. The attribute "message" of the return value contains some information on the errors that were found.

**Author(s)**

Andreas Weingessel

**References**

Friedrich Leisch, Andreas Weingessel and Kurt Hornik (1998). On the generation of correlated artificial binary data. Working Paper Series, SFB "Adaptive Information Systems and Modelling in Economics and Management Science", Vienna University of Economics.

**See Also**

simul.commonprob, commonprob2sigma

**Examples**

```
check.commonprob(cbind(c(0.5, 0.4), c(0.4, 0.8)))

check.commonprob(cbind(c(0.5, 0.25), c(0.25, 0.8)))

check.commonprob(cbind(c(0.5, 0, 0), c(0, 0.5, 0), c(0, 0, 0.5)))
```

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| commonprob2sigma | *Calculate a Covariance Matrix for the Normal Distribution from a Matrix of Joint Probabilities* |
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**Description**

Computes a covariance matrix for a normal distribution which corresponds to a binary distribution with marginal probabilities given by `diag(commonprob)` and pairwise probabilities given by `commonprob`.

For the simulations the values of `simulvals` are used.

If a non-valid covariance matrix is the result, the program stops with an error in the case of NA arguments and yields are warning message if the matrix is not positive definite.

**Usage**

```
commonprob2sigma(commonprob, simulvals)
```

**Arguments**

| | |
|---|---|
| commonprob | matrix of pairwise probabilities. |
| simulvals | array received by `simul.commonprob`. |

**Value**

A covariance matrix is returned with the same dimensions as `commonprob`.

**Author(s)**

Friedrich Leisch

**References**

Friedrich Leisch, Andreas Weingessel and Kurt Hornik (1998). On the generation of correlated artificial binary data. Working Paper Series, SFB "Adaptive Information Systems and Modelling in Economics and Management Science", Vienna University of Economics.

**See Also**

[simul.commonprob](#)

## Examples

```
m <- cbind(c(1/2,1/5,1/6),c(1/5,1/2,1/6),c(1/6,1/6,1/2))
sigma <- commonprob2sigma(m)
```

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| condprob | *Conditional Probabilities of Binary Data* |
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## Description

Returns a matrix containing the conditional probabilities $P(x_i = 1 | x_j = 1)$ where $x_i$ corresponds to the i-th column of x.

## Usage

```
condprob(x)
```

## Arguments

x          matrix of binary data with rows corresponding to cases and columns corresponding to variables.

## Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

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| ra2ba | *Convert Real Valued Array to Binary Array* |
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## Description

Converts all values of the real valued array x to binary values by thresholding at 0.

## Usage

```
ra2ba(x)
```

## Arguments

x          array of arbitrary dimension

## Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

## Examples

```
x <- array(rnorm(10), dim=c(2,5))
ra2ba(x)
```

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| rmvbin | *Multivariate Binary Random Variates* |
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### Description

Creates correlated multivariate binary random variables by thresholding a normal distribution. The correlations of the components can be specified either as common probabilities, correlation matrix of the binary distribution, or covariance matrix of the normal distribution.

### Usage

```
rmvbin(n, margprob, commonprob=diag(margprob),
       bincorr=diag(length(margprob)),
       sigma=diag(length(margprob)),
       colnames=NULL, simulvals=NULL)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| n | number of observations. |
| margprob | margin probabilities that the components are 1. |
| commonprob | matrix of probabilities that components i and j are simultaneously 1. |
| bincorr | matrix of binary correlations. |
| sigma | covariance matrix for the normal distribution. |
| colnames | vector of column names for the resulting observation matrix. |
| simulvals | result from simul.commonprob, a default data array is automatically loaded if this argument is omitted. |

### Details

Only one of the arguments commonprob, bincorr and sigma may be specified. Default are uncorrelated components.

n samples from a multivariate normal distribution with mean and variance chosen in order to get the desired margin and common probabilities are sampled. Negative values are converted to 0, positive values to 1.

### Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

### References

Friedrich Leisch, Andreas Weingessel and Kurt Hornik (1998). On the generation of correlated artificial binary data. Working Paper Series, SFB "Adaptive Information Systems and Modelling in Economics and Management Science", Vienna University of Economics.

### See Also

commonprob2sigma, check.commonprob, simul.commonprob

### Examples

```
## uncorrelated columns:
rmvbin(10, margprob=c(0.3,0.9))

## correlated columns
m <- cbind(c(1/2,1/5,1/6),c(1/5,1/2,1/6),c(1/6,1/6,1/2))
rmvbin(10,commonprob=m)

## same as the second example, but faster if the same probabilities are
## used repeatedly (commonprob2sigma rather slow)
sigma <- commonprob2sigma(m)
rmvbin(10,margprob=diag(m),sigma=sigma)
```

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simul.commonprob          *Simulate Joint Binary Probabilities*

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### Description

Compute common probabilities of binary random variates generated by thresholding normal variates at 0.

### Usage

```
simul.commonprob(margprob, corr=0, method="integrate", n1=10^5, n2=10)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| margprob | vector of marginal probabilities. |
| corr | vector of correlation values for normal distribution. |
| method | either "integrate" or "monte carlo". |
| n1 | number of normal variates if method is "monte carlo". |
| n2 | number of repetitions if method is "monte carlo". |

### Details

The output of this function is used by rmvbin. For all combinations of marginprob[i], marginprob[j] and corr[k], the probability that both components of a normal random variable with mean qnorm(marginprob[c(i,j)]) and correlation corr[k] are larger than zero is computed.

The probabilities are either computed by numerical integration of the multivariate normal density, or by Monte Carlo simulation.

For normal usage of rmvbin it is not necessary to use this function, one simulation result is provided as variable SimulVals in this package and loaded by default.

## Value

simul.commonprob returns an array of dimension c(length(margprob), length(margprob), length(corr)).

## Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

## References

Friedrich Leisch, Andreas Weingessel and Kurt Hornik (1998). On the generation of correlated artificial binary data. Working Paper Series, SFB "Adaptive Information Systems and Modelling in Economics and Management Science", Vienna University of Economics.

## See Also

[rmvbin](#)

## Examples

```
simul.commonprob(seq(0,1,0.5), seq(-1,1,0.5), meth="mo", n1=10^4)

data(SimulVals)
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| SimulVals | *Pre-simulated Joint Binary Probabilities* |
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## Description

This variable provides a pre-fabricated result from [simul.commonprob](#) such that it is normally not necessary to use this (time consuming) function, and is used by [rmvbin](#).

## Usage

```
SimulVals
```

## Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

## References

Friedrich Leisch, Andreas Weingessel and Kurt Hornik (1998). On the generation of correlated artificial binary data. Working Paper Series, SFB "Adaptive Information Systems and Modelling in Economics and Management Science", Vienna University of Economics.

## See Also

[simul.commonprob](#), [rmvbin](#)

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