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auc

Area Under the Curve

Description

Computes the (signed) Area Under the Curve (AUC) of a path, defined by vectors of x and y coordinates, as compared to an ideal line passing through the start and end points.

Usage

auc(x_vector, y_vector, x_start, y_start, x_end, y_end, geometric = FALSE)

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.	
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.	
x_start	x-coordinate of the start point of the ideal line. x_vector .	Defaults to the first value in
y_start	y-coordinate of the start point of the ideal line. y_vector .	Defaults to the first value in
x_end	x-coordinate of the end point of the ideal line. x_vector .	Defaults to the last value in
y_end	y-coordinate of the end point of the ideal line. y_vector.	Defaults to the last value in

geometric	Whether the sign of areas that stem from a movement in the reverse direction of
	the ideal line should be reversed. Defaults to FALSE, indicating an time-based
	instead of geometric interpretation. Only impacts the AUC if the trajectory is
	not monotonically increasing relative to the ideal line.

Details

The ideal line is a line, not a line segment, i.e., it has infinite length. The supplied vectors are assumed to be ordered by time. Counterclockwise deviations from the ideal line are considered positive, clockwise deviations as negative for the computation of the AUC. Thus, negative AUCs are possible.

Value

AUC as single number (-Inf to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

```
x_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 1, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
auc(x_vals, y_vals) # counterclockwise deviation: positive
x_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 1, 2)
auc(x_vals, y_vals) # clockwise deviation: negative
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "l")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
x_vals <- -x_vals</pre>
auc(x_vals, y_vals) # now it is counterclockwise again
x_vals <- c(0, 0, 1, 2, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 1, 1, 1, 2)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
auc(x_vals, y_vals) # might create small rounding errors; this should be 0
all.equal(0, auc(x_vals, y_vals)) # indeed interpreted by R as basically 0
x_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 1)
y_vals <- c(0, 1, 1, 0)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 1), c(0, 0), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
auc(x_vals, y_vals)
auc(x_vals, y_vals, geometric = TRUE) # note the difference
```

curvature

Description

Computes the curvature of a path, defined by vectors of x and y coordinates, as compared to an ideal path, as defined by the start and end points of the path.

Usage

```
curvature(x_vector, y_vector)
```

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.

Details

The supplied vectors are assumed to be ordered by time.

Value

Single number indicating the curvature (1 to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

```
x_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 1, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
curvature(x_vals, y_vals)
x_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 1, 2)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
curvature(x_vals, y_vals)
x_vals <- c(0, 0, 1, 2, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 1, 1, 1, 2)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
```

direction_changes

```
curvature(x_vals, y_vals)
```

direction_changes xFlips

Description

Checks how often a number sequence changes from decreasing monotonically to increasing monotonically (or vice versa).

Usage

direction_changes(numeric_vector)

Arguments

numeric_vector Numbers, ordered by their time of appearance.

Details

The supplied vectors are assumed to be ordered by time. Values do not have to be strictly monotonically in-/decreasing. I.e., c(0, 1, 1, 2) would return 0, as $x_n \ge x_n - 1$ is satisfied for $2 \le n \le length(c(0, 1, 1, 2))$.

Value

Single number indicating how often numeric_vector changes direction (0 to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

Examples

direction_changes(c(0, 1, 1, 2)) direction_changes(c(0, 1, 1, 0)) direction_changes(c(0, 1, 0, 1))

```
index_max_acceleration
```

Time point of maximum acceleration

Description

Computes the index of the peak acceleration of a trajectory, defined by vectors of x and y coordinates, and assumed to be equidistant in time.

Usage

```
index_max_acceleration(x_vector, y_vector, absolute = FALSE)
```

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.
absolute	Should negative accelerations (i.e., deceleration) be included? Defaults to FALSE

Details

The supplied vectors are assumed to be ordered by time with equal time differences.

Value

Single number indicating the index of peak acceleration (1 to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

```
x_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 15)
y_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
index_max_acceleration(x_vals, y_vals)
# acceleration maximal between x_vals[4] and x_vals[5]</pre>
```

Description

Computes the index of the peak velocity of a trajectory, defined by vectors of x and y coordinates, and assumed to be equidistant in time.

Usage

```
index_max_velocity(x_vector, y_vector)
```

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.

Details

The supplied vectors are assumed to be ordered by time with equal time differences.

Value

Single number indicating the index of peak velocity (1 to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

```
x_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 14, 15)
y_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)
index_max_velocity(x_vals, y_vals)
# velocity maximal between x_vals[5] and x_vals[6]
numbers <- seq(-(3 / 4) * pi, (3 / 4) * pi, by = 0.001)
y_vector <- sin(numbers)
plot(numbers, y_vector)
index_max_velocity(rep(0, length(numbers)), y_vector)</pre>
```

```
abline(v = numbers[index_max_velocity(rep(0, length(numbers)), y_vector)])
which.max(cos(numbers)) # first derivative of sin, max at 0 degrees
```

interp2

Description

Convenient wrapper to signal::interp1() for linear interpolation. Assumes that you want interpolated values of xy_old at n_xy_new equidistant data points.

Usage

interp2(time_old, xy_old, n_xy_new = 101)

Arguments

time_old	Timestamps of the xy_old coordinates.
xy_old	To-be normalized x or y coordinates.
n_xy_new	Number of equidistant timepoints that should be generated. Defaults to 101.

Value

Vector of length n_xy_new with interpolated x or y values.

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

Examples

```
plot(interp2(0:10, (0:10)^2))
```

is_monotonic Te

Test if vector is monotonically in-/decreasing

Description

Checks if a numeric_vector is monotonically in-/decreasing. In particular, it always a good idea to check the time stamps of trajectory data and verify that the logging worked properly.

Usage

```
is_monotonic(numeric_vector, decreasing = FALSE, strict = TRUE, warn = TRUE)
```

Arguments

numeric_vector	Number sequence to-be checked.
decreasing	Should the numeric_vector be increasing or decreasing? Defaults to FALSE.
strict	Must the values in-/decrease <i>strictly</i> ? Defaults to TRUE, indicating that a strict, not a weak definition of monotony is applied.
warn	Will a warning be issued if the numeric_vector is not monotonic? Defaults to TRUE.

Details

All objects of length 0 or 1 are monotonic. Data with missing values will not pass the check.

Value

A length-one logical, indicating whether the vector is monotonic.

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

Examples

```
is_monotonic(c(1, 2, 3, 4), warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic(c(1, 2, 2, 3), warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic(c(1, 2, 2, 3), strict = FALSE, warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic(c(4, 0, -1, -1, -5),
    decreasing = TRUE,
    strict = FALSE, warn = FALSE
)
```

is_monotonic_along_ideal

Test if vector is monotonically increasing along the ideal trajectory

Description

[Experimental] Checks if a trajectory, defined by vectors of x and y coordinates, is monotonically increasing relative to an ideal line passing through the start and end points.

Usage

```
is_monotonic_along_ideal(
   x_vector,
   y_vector,
   x_start,
   y_start,
   x_end,
   y_end,
   strict = TRUE,
   warn = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.
x_start	x-coordinate of the start point of the ideal line. Defaults to the first value in <code>x_vector</code> .
y_start	y-coordinate of the start point of the ideal line. Defaults to the first value in y_vector .
x_end	x-coordinate of the end point of the ideal line. Defaults to the last value in x_vector.
y_end	y-coordinate of the end point of the ideal line. Defaults to the last value in $y_vector.$
strict	Must the values increase <i>strictly</i> ? Defaults to FALSE, indicating that a weak, not a strict definition of monotony is applied.
warn	Will a warning be issued if the trajectory is not monotonic (relative to the ideal line)? Defaults to TRUE.

Details

Computes the orthogonal projection of the trajectory points onto the ideal line and checks whether the distances of this projection to the start point are monotonic. All objects of length 0 or 1 are monotonic. Data with missing values will not pass the check.

Value

A length-one logical, indicating whether the trajectory is monotonic.

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

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max_ad

Examples

```
# common use-case: exclude movements that miss the target area and to go back
# movement 1:
x_{vals1} <- c(0, 0.95, 1)
y_vals1 <- c(0, 1.3, 1)
# movement 2:
x_vals2 <- y_vals1</pre>
y_vals2 <- x_vals1
# movement 3:
x_vals3 <- c(0, -0.1, 0.5, 1)
y_vals3 <- c(0, 0.5, 0, 1)
# note that the first two movements are symmetric to the ideal line:
plot(x_vals1, y_vals1, type = "1", xlim = c(-0.1, 1.3), ylim = c(-0.1, 1.3))
lines(x_vals2, y_vals2, type = "1")
lines(x_vals3, y_vals3, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 1), c(0, 1), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
is_monotonic_along_ideal(x_vals1, y_vals1, warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic_along_ideal(x_vals2, y_vals2, warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic_along_ideal(x_vals3, y_vals3, warn = FALSE)
# Note that the third movement is regarded as monotonic although both
# x and y coordinates are not.
# In contrast, excluding movements based on monotony of the y-coordinate
# would exclude the first and third movement:
is_monotonic(y_vals1, warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic(y_vals2, warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic(y_vals3, warn = FALSE)
# Also works if movements go into negative direction:
# movement 1:
x_vals1 <- c(0, -0.95, -1)
y_vals1 <- c(0, 1.3, 1)
# movement 3:
x_vals3 <- c(0, 0.1, -0.5, -1)
y_vals3 <- c(0, 0.5, 0, 1)
plot(x_vals1, y_vals1, type = "1", xlim = c(-1.3, 0.1), ylim = c(-0.1, 1.3))
lines(x_vals3, y_vals3, type = "1")
lines(-c(0, 1), c(0, 1), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
is_monotonic_along_ideal(x_vals1, y_vals1, warn = FALSE)
is_monotonic_along_ideal(x_vals3, y_vals3, warn = FALSE)
```

```
max_ad
```

(signed) Maximum Absolute Deviation

Description

Computes the (signed) Maximum Absolute Deviation (MAD) of a path, defined by vectors of x and y coordinates, as compared to an ideal line passing through the start and end points.

Usage

max_ad(x_vector, y_vector, x_start, y_start, x_end, y_end)

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.
x_start	x-coordinate of the start point of the ideal line. Defaults to the first value in x_vector .
y_start	y-coordinate of the start point of the ideal line. Defaults to the first value in y_vector .
x_end	x-coordinate of the end point of the ideal line. Defaults to the last value in x_vector .
y_end	y-coordinate of the end point of the ideal line. Defaults to the last value in y_v -vector.

Details

The ideal line is a line, not a line segment, i.e., it has infinite length. The supplied vectors are assumed to be ordered by time. Counterclockwise deviations from the ideal line are considered positive, clockwise deviations as negative for the computation of the MAD. Thus, negative MADs are possible. If more than one value is considered maximal, the first maximal value is returned.

Value

(signed) MAD as single number (-Inf to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

```
x_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 1, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
max_ad(x_vals, y_vals) # counterclockwise deviation: positive
x_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 2, 2)
y_vals <- c(0, 0, 0, 1, 2)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 2), c(0, 2), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
max_ad(x_vals, y_vals) # clockwise deviation: negative
x_vals <- -x_vals
max_ad(x_vals, y_vals) # now it is counterclockwise again
```

point_crosses

```
x_vals <- c(0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 6, 3)
y_vals <- c(0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 1, 0)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(c(0, 3), c(0, 0), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
max_ad(x_vals, y_vals) # the ideal trajectory has infinite length
x_vals <- c(0, 1, 2, 3)
y_vals <- c(0, 1, -1, 0)
plot(x_vals, y_vals, type = "1")
lines(x_vals, -y_vals, col = "red")
lines(c(0, 3), c(0, 0), lty = "dashed", lwd = 2) # ideal
max_ad(x_vals, y_vals)
max_ad(x_vals, -y_vals) # the "first" maximal value is returned
```

point_crosses Number of times a point is crossed

Description

Checks how often a number (relevant_point) is being crossed by an number sequence (numeric_vector).

Usage

```
point_crosses(numeric_vector, relevant_point = 0)
```

Arguments

numeric_vector Numbers, ordered by their time of appearance.
relevant_point Number which has to be crossed.

Details

The supplied vectors are assumed to be ordered by time.

Value

Number of times that numeric_vector crosses the relevant_point (0 to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

sampen

Examples

```
x_vals <- c(-1, 1, -1, 1, -1, 1)
point_crosses(x_vals, 0)
point_crosses(x_vals, 1)
point_crosses(x_vals, -1)</pre>
```

sampen

Sample entropy

Description

Computes the sample entropy (sampen), as given by Richman & Moorman (2000), doi:10.1152/ ajpheart.2000.278.6.H2039.

Usage

```
sampen(
  timeseries_array,
  dimensions = 2,
  tolerance = 0.2,
  standardize = TRUE,
  use_diff = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

timeseries_array

	Array of numbers over which the sampen is to be computed.	
dimensions	Number of embedding dimensions for which to compute the sampen. Stimes also called "template length".	Some-
tolerance	Tolerance for the comparisons of two number sequences.	
standardize	Whether to standardize the timeseries_array.	
use_diff	Whether to use the differences between adjacent points.	

Details

As suggested by Richman & Moorman (2000), doi:10.1152/ajpheart.2000.278.6.H2039, the last possible vector of length dimensions is not considered because it has no corresponding vector of length dimensions + 1, ensuring a sampen estimation with a low bias introduced by the length of the timeseries_array. The function was deliberately implemented in R with C-style code. While this makes the function rather slow for large timeseries_arrays, it enables maximal transparency. For an overview over faster sampen functions in R that, however, are distributed in binary or need source compilation, see Chen et al. (2019), doi:10.1093/biomethods/bpz016.

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starting_angle

Value

Single number indicating the sampen for the given parameters (0 to +Inf).

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

Examples

```
x_vals <- rep(c(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1), 20)
sampen(x_vals, dimensions = 1, tolerance = 1 / 2, standardize = FALSE)
sampen(x_vals, dimensions = 3, tolerance = 1 / 2, standardize = FALSE)
ampen(x_vals, dimensions = 3, tolerance = 1 / 2, standardize = FALSE,
use_diff = TRUE
)
sampen(x_vals, dimensions = 3, tolerance = 1, standardize = FALSE)</pre>
```

starting_angle Starting angle

Description

Computes the angle (in degrees) between a line, defined by two points with coordinates (x0, y0) and (x1, y1), and the specified axis.

Usage

starting_angle(x0, x1, y0, y1, swap_x_y = TRUE)

Arguments

x0	x-value of the first point.	
x1	x-value of the second point.	
y0	y-value of the first point.	
y1	y-value of the second point.	
swap_x_y	Whether to compute the angle relative to the x or y axis. indicating that the angle is relative to the y axis.	Defaults to TRUE

Details

If the angle is computed relative to the x axis, counterclockwise changes are counted as positive. If the angle is computed relative to the y axis, clockwise changes are counted as positive.

Value

Angle in degrees with $-180 \le angle \le 180$.

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

Examples

```
# Note that not the mathematical definition of angle is used by default:
starting_angle(0, 1, 0, 0)
starting_angle(0, 1, 0, 0, swap_x_y = FALSE)
# angles are clockwise and relative to the y-axis.
# Note that return values are in the range [-180, 180], not [0, 360]:
starting_angle(0, -1, 0, -1)
starting_angle(0, 1, 0, -1, swap_x_y = FALSE)
```

time_circle_entered Completion Time

Description

[Experimental] Checks when the specified circle was first entered by a trajectory.

Usage

```
time_circle_entered(
  x_vector,
  y_vector,
  t_vector,
  x_mid = 0,
  y_mid = 0,
  radius = 1,
  include_radius = TRUE,
  warn = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.
t_vector	Timestamps of the executed trajectory.
x_mid	x-coordinate of the center of the circle.

y_mid	y-coordinate of the center of the circle.
radius	radius of the center of the circle.
include_radius	Whether points lying exactly on the radius should be included in the circle. Defaults to TRUE.
warn	whether a warning should be thrown if the first entry of t_vector is returned. Defaults to TRUE.

Value

Value of t_vector at the first time at which the trajectory is in the circle.

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

Examples

```
time_circle_entered(0:10, rep(0, 11), 0:10,
    x_mid = 10, y_mid = 0, radius = 1
)
time_circle_entered(0:10, rep(0, 11), 0:10,
    x_mid = 10, y_mid = 0, radius = 1,
    include_radius = FALSE
)
```

time_circle_left Initiation Time

Description

[Experimental] Checks when the specified circle was first left by a trajectory.

Usage

```
time_circle_left(
  x_vector,
  y_vector,
  t_vector,
  x_mid = 0,
  y_mid = 0,
  radius = 1,
  include_radius = TRUE,
  warn = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

x_vector	x-coordinates of the executed path.
y_vector	y-coordinates of the executed path.
t_vector	Timestamps of the executed trajectory.
x_mid	x-coordinate of the center of the circle.
y_mid	y-coordinate of the center of the circle.
radius	radius of the center of the circle.
include_radius	Whether points lying exactly on the radius should be included in the circle. Defaults to TRUE.
warn	whether a warning should be thrown if the first entry of t_vector is returned. Defaults to TRUE.

Value

Value of t_vector at the first time at which the trajectory is out of the circle.

References

Wirth, R., Foerster, A., Kunde, W., & Pfister, R. (2020). Design choices: Empirical recommendations for designing two-dimensional finger tracking experiments. Behavior Research Methods, 52, 2394 - 2416. doi:10.3758/s13428020014090

Examples

time_circle_left(0:10, rep(0, 11), 0:10)
time_circle_left(0:10, rep(0, 11), 0:10, include_radius = FALSE)

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