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LF_ipsi	<i>Likelihood Factor for Incremental Propensity Score Interventions</i>
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Description

Likelihood Factor for Incremental Propensity Score Interventions

Format

R6Class object.

Value

LF_base object.

Constructor

```
define_lf(LF_ipsi, name, type = "density", likelihood_base, shift_param, treatment_task,
control_task, ...)
```

`name` A character, giving the name of the likelihood factor. Should match a node name in the nodes specified by the `npsem` slot of `tmle3_Task`.

`likelihood_base` A trained `Likelihood` object, for use in generating a re-scaled likelihood factor.

`shift_param` A numeric, specifying the magnitude of the desired incremental propensity score shift (a multiplier of the odds of receiving treatment).

`treatment_task` A `tmle3_Task` object created by setting the intervention to the treatment condition: `do(A = 1)`.

`control_task` A `tmle3_Task` object created by setting the intervention to the control condition: `do(A = 0)`.

... Not currently used.

Fields

likelihood_base A trained [Likelihood](#) object, for use in generating a re-scaled likelihood factor.

shift_param A numeric, specifying the magnitude of the desired incremental propensity score shift (a multiplier of the odds of receiving treatment).

treatment_task A [tmle3_Task](#) object created by setting the intervention to the treatment condition: `do(A = 1)`.

control_task A [tmle3_Task](#) object created by setting the intervention to the control condition: `do(A = 0)`.

... Additional arguments passed to the base class.

References

"Nonparametric Causal Effects Based on Incremental Propensity Score Interventions." Kennedy, Edward H (2019). Journal of the American Statistical Association. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01621459.2017.1422737>

"Causal Mediation Analysis for Stochastic Interventions" Díaz, Iván and Hejazi, Nima S (2020). Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series B. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rssb.12362>

 Param_medshift

Parameter for the Population Intervention (In)direct Effects

Description

Parameter definition class. See <https://doi.org/10.1111/rssb.12362>.

Format

[R6Class](#) object.

Value

[Param_base](#) object.

Constructor

`define_param(Param_medshift, shift_param, ..., outcome_node)`

observed_likelihood A [Likelihood](#) corresponding to the observed likelihood.

shift_param A numeric, specifying the magnitude of the desired incremental propensity score shift (a multiplier of the odds of receiving treatment).

... Not currently used.

outcome_node A character, giving the name of the node that should be treated as the outcome.

Fields

- cf_likelihoold The counterfactual likelihood under the joint stochastic intervention on exposure and mediators.
- lf_ipsi Object derived from [LF_base](#) for assessing the joint intervention on exposure and mediators.
- treatment_task A [tmle3_Task](#) created by setting the intervention to the treatment condition: do(A = 1).
- control_task A [tmle3_Task](#) object created by setting the intervention to the control condition: do(A = 0).
- shift_param A numeric, specifying the magnitude of the desired incremental propensity score shift (a multiplier of the odds of receiving treatment).

See Also

Other Parameters: [Param_NDE](#), [Param_NIE](#)

Param_NDE

Parameter for the natural direct effect

Description

Parameter definition class. See <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22499725>

Format

[R6Class](#) object.

Value

Param_base object

Constructor

define_param(Param_NDE, observed_likelihoold, ..., outcome_node)

observed_likelihoold A [Likelihoold](#) corresponding to the observed likelihood.

... Not currently used.

outcome_node A character, giving the name of the node that should be treated as the outcome.

Fields

- cf_likelihoold_treatment The counterfactual likelihood for the treatment.
- cf_likelihoold_control The counterfactual likelihood for the control.
- treatment_task [tmle3_Task](#) created by setting the intervention to the treatment condition: do(A = 1).
- control_task [tmle3_Task](#) created by setting the intervention to the control condition: do(A = 0).

See Also

Other Parameters: [Param_NIE](#), [Param_medshift](#)

 Param_NIE

Parameter for the natural indirect effect

Description

Parameter definition class. See <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22499725>

Format

[R6Class](#) object.

Value

Param_base object

Constructor

`define_param(Param_NIE, observed_likelihood, ..., outcome_node)`

`observed_likelihood` A [Likelihood](#) corresponding to the observed likelihood.

`...` Not currently used.

`outcome_node` A character, giving the name of the node that should be treated as the outcome.

Fields

`cf_likelihood_treatment` The counterfactual likelihood for the treatment.

`cf_likelihood_control` The counterfactual likelihood for the control.

`treatment_task` [tmle3_Task](#) created by setting the intervention to the treatment condition: $\text{do}(A = 1)$.

`control_task` [tmle3_Task](#) created by setting the intervention to the control condition: $\text{do}(A = 0)$.

See Also

Other Parameters: [Param_NDE](#), [Param_medshift](#)

 tmle3_Spec_medshift

TML Estimator for the Population Intervention (In)direct Effects

Description

TML Estimator for the Population Intervention (In)direct Effects

tmle3_Spec_NDE	<i>TML Estimator for the Natural Direct Effect</i>
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Description

TML Estimator for the Natural Direct Effect

tmle3_Spec_NIE	<i>TML Estimator for the Natural Indirect Effect</i>
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Description

TML Estimator for the Natural Indirect Effect

tmle_medshift	<i>TML Estimator for the Population Intervention (In)direct Effects</i>
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Description

$O = (W, A, Z, Y)$ W = Covariates (possibly multivariate) A = Treatment (binary or categorical) Z = Mediators (binary or categorical; possibly multivariate) Y = Outcome (binary or bounded continuous)

Usage

```
tmle_medshift(
  shift_type = "ipsi",
  delta,
  e_learners,
  phi_learners,
  max_iter = 10000,
  step_size = 1e-06,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

shift_type	A character defining the type of shift to be applied to the exposure – an incremental propensity score intervention.
delta	A numeric, specifying the magnitude of the shift.
e_learners	A Stack (or other learner class that inherits from Lrnr_base), containing a single or set of instantiated learners from sl3 , to be used in fitting a cleverly parameterized propensity score that conditions on the mediators, i.e., $e = P(A Z, W)$.

phi_learners	A Stack (or other learner class that inherits from Lrnr_base), containing a single or set of instantiated learners from sl3 , to be used in a regression of a pseudo-outcome on the baseline covariates, i.e., $\phi(W) = E[m(A = 1, Z, W) - m(A = 0, Z, W) W]$.
max_iter	A numeric setting the maximum iterations allowed in the targeting step based on universal least favorable submodels.
step_size	A numeric giving the step size (delta_epsilon in tmle3) to be used in the targeting step based on universal least favorable submodels.
...	Additional arguments (currently unused).

tmle_NDE

*TML Estimator for the Natural Direct Effect***Description**

O = (W, A, Z, Y) W = Covariates (possibly multivariate) A = Treatment (binary or categorical) Z = Mediators (binary or categorical; possibly multivariate) Y = Outcome (binary or bounded continuous)

Usage

```
tmle_NDE(e_learners, psi_Z_learners, max_iter = 10000, step_size = 1e-06, ...)
```

Arguments

e_learners	A Stack (or other learner class that inherits from Lrnr_base), containing a single or set of instantiated learners from sl3 , to be used in fitting a cleverly parameterized propensity score that conditions on the mediators, i.e., $e = P(A Z, W)$.
psi_Z_learners	A Stack (or other learner class that inherits from Lrnr_base), containing a single or set of instantiated learners from sl3 , to be used in a regression of a pseudo-outcome on the baseline covariates, i.e., $\psi_Z(W) = E[m(A = 1, Z, W) - m(A = 0, Z, W) A = 0, W]$.
max_iter	A numeric setting the maximum iterations allowed in the targeting step based on universal least favorable submodels.
step_size	A numeric giving the step size (delta_epsilon in tmle3) to be used in the targeting step based on universal least favorable submodels.
...	Additional arguments (currently unused).

tmle_NIE

*TML Estimator for the Natural Indirect Effect***Description**

$O = (W, A, Z, Y)$ W = Covariates (possibly multivariate) A = Treatment (binary or categorical) Z = Mediators (binary or categorical; possibly multivariate) Y = Outcome (binary or bounded continuous)

Usage

```
tmle_NIE(e_learners, psi_Z_learners, max_iter = 10000, step_size = 1e-06, ...)
```

Arguments

e_learners A [Stack](#) (or other learner class that inherits from [Lrnr_base](#)), containing a single or set of instantiated learners from [sl3](#), to be used in fitting a cleverly parameterized propensity score that conditions on the mediators, i.e., $e = P(A | Z, W)$.

psi_Z_learners A [Stack](#) (or other learner class that inherits from [Lrnr_base](#)), containing a single or set of instantiated learners from [sl3](#), to be used in a regression of a pseudo-outcome on the baseline covariates, i.e., $\psi_Z(W) = E[m(A = 1, Z, W) - m(A = 0, Z, W) | A = 0, W]$.

max_iter A numeric setting the maximum iterations allowed in the targeting step based on universal least favorable submodels.

step_size A numeric giving the step size (delta_epsilon in [tmle3](#)) to be used in the targeting step based on universal least favorable submodels.

... Additional arguments (currently unused).

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