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| estimate_ps | <i>Propensity Score Estimation for PSsurvival Package</i> |
|-------------|---|

Description

Functions for estimating propensity scores for binary and multiple treatment groups. Estimate Propensity Scores

Fits a propensity score model and extracts propensity scores for binary or multiple treatment groups. For binary treatments, uses binomial logistic regression. For multiple treatments (>2 levels), uses multinomial logistic regression to estimate generalized propensity scores.

Usage

```
estimate_ps(data, treatment_var, ps_formula, ps_control = list())
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|---|
| data | A data.frame containing the analysis data (typically the cleaned data with complete cases). |
| treatment_var | A character string specifying the name of the treatment variable in data. Can be numeric, character, or factor with any coding (e.g., 0/1, 1/2, "Control"/"Treated"). Function assumes treatment has been validated for 2 or more levels. |
| ps_formula | A formula object for the propensity score model, of the form treatment ~ covariates. |
| ps_control | An optional list of control parameters to pass to the model fitting function (glm for binary treatment or nnet::multinom for multiple treatments). Default is an empty list. |

Details

Propensity Score Definition: Returns $P(Z = \text{observed} \mid X)$ for each individual, not $P(Z=1 \mid X)$ for all (as in Rosenbaum & Rubin 1983). This definition enables direct use in IPW and extends naturally to multiple treatments.

Binary Treatments (2 levels): Fits binomial logistic regression via `glm()`. Treatment is factorized with levels sorted by `sort()`: numerically for numeric, alphabetically for character, by factor level order for factor. Returns $P(Z = \text{observed} \mid X)$.

Multiple Treatments (>2 levels): Fits multinomial logistic regression via `nnet::multinom()`. Returns $P(Z = \text{observed} \mid X)$ for each individual from the generalized PS matrix.

Control Parameters (ps_control):

- Binary: `glm.control()` parameters (default: `epsilon=1e-08`, `maxit=25`)
- Multiple: `multinom()` parameters (default: `MaxNWts=10000`, `maxit=100`, `trace=FALSE`)

Value

A list with the following components:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <code>ps_model</code> | The fitted propensity score model object (class <code>glm</code> for binary treatment or <code>multinom</code> for multiple treatments). |
| <code>ps</code> | A numeric vector of propensity scores representing the probability of receiving the actual treatment each individual received. Length equals the number of rows in data. |
| <code>ps_matrix</code> | A numeric matrix of dimension $n \times K$ where n is the number of observations and K is the number of treatment levels. Each row contains the predicted probabilities for all treatment levels. Column names correspond to treatment levels. |
| <code>n_levels</code> | An integer indicating the number of treatment levels. |
| <code>treatment_levels</code> | A vector of unique treatment values sorted by <code>sort()</code> : numerically for numeric, alphabetically for character, by factor level order for factor. |

Examples

```
# Example 1: Binary treatment
data(simdata_bin)
ps_bin <- estimate_ps(
  data = simdata_bin,
  treatment_var = "Z",
  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2
)
summary(ps_bin$ps)
table(simdata_bin$Z)
```

```
# Example 2: Multiple treatments
data(simdata_multi)
ps_multi <- estimate_ps(
  data = simdata_multi,
  treatment_var = "Z",
```

```

  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2
)
head(ps_multi$ps_matrix)

```

estimate_weights *Estimate Propensity Score Weights*

Description

Calculates propensity score weights for causal inference with optional trimming. Supports ATE, ATT, and overlap population estimands for binary and multiple treatment groups.

Usage

```

estimate_weights(
  ps_result,
  data,
  treatment_var,
  estimand = "ATE",
  att_group = NULL,
  trim = NULL,
  delta = NULL,
  alpha = NULL
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|--|
| ps_result | A list returned by estimate_ps(), containing the fitted propensity score model and estimated propensity scores. |
| data | A data.frame containing the treatment variable (same data used in estimate_ps()). |
| treatment_var | A character string specifying the name of the treatment variable in data. |
| estimand | Character string specifying the target population. One of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> "ATE": Average Treatment Effect (default). Uses IPW method. "ATT": Average Treatment Effect on the Treated. Uses IPW method. "overlap": Overlap population (Li & Li, 2019). Uses overlap weighting. |
| att_group | For ATT estimation, specifies which treatment group to target. This is MANDATORY when estimand = "ATT". Ignored for other estimands. |
| trim | Character string specifying the trimming method, or NULL for no trimming (default). Options: "symmetric" (Crump extension) or "asymmetric" (Sturmer extension). Trimming is NOT supported with overlap estimand. |
| delta | Trimming threshold for symmetric trimming in (0, 1/J], where J is the number of treatment levels. If NULL (default), uses recommended values from Yoshida et al. (2019). Ignored unless trim = "symmetric". |

alpha Percentile threshold for asymmetric trimming in (0, 0.5). If NULL (default), uses recommended values from Yoshida et al. (2019). Ignored unless trim = "asymmetric".

Details

Trimming Workflow: When trimming is requested, the function: (1) identifies observations to trim using PS from full data, (2) re-estimates PS on trimmed data, (3) calculates weights from re-estimated PS. This ensures trimming uses the original covariate distribution while weights reflect the overlapping population.

Overlap weights do not support trimming (already bounded in [0,1]).

Value

A list containing:

| | |
|------------------|---|
| weights | Numeric vector of weights (length = nrow(data)). |
| trim_summary | Data frame with trimming summary by treatment group. |
| ess | Named numeric vector of effective sample size by treatment group. |
| method | Character string: "IPW" for ATE/ATT, "overlap" for overlap. |
| estimand | Character string of estimand used. |
| att_group | Target group for ATT (NULL if not applicable). |
| trim_method | Character string of trimming method (NULL if no trimming). |
| delta | Numeric trimming threshold used for symmetric trimming (NULL if not applicable). |
| alpha | Numeric percentile threshold used for asymmetric trimming (NULL if not applicable). |
| n_levels | Number of treatment levels. |
| treatment_levels | Vector of treatment level values. |
| ps_result | PS result object (refitted after trimming if trimming was applied). |

References

- Li, F., & Li, F. (2019). Propensity score weighting for causal inference with multiple treatments. *The Annals of Applied Statistics*, 13(4), 2389-2415.
- Yoshida, K., et al. (2019). Multinomial extension of propensity score trimming methods: A simulation study. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 188(3), 609-616.
- Crump, R. K., et al. (2009). Dealing with limited overlap in estimation of average treatment effects. *Biometrika*, 96(1), 187-199.

Examples

```
# Example 1: Overlap weighting for binary treatment
data(simdata_bin)
ps_bin <- estimate_ps(
  data = simdata_bin,
  treatment_var = "Z",
  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2
)
weights_ow <- estimate_weights(
  ps_result = ps_bin,
  data = simdata_bin,
  treatment_var = "Z",
  estimand = "overlap"
)
summary(weights_ow$weights)

# Example 2: ATT with multiple treatments
data(simdata_multi)
ps_multi <- estimate_ps(
  data = simdata_multi,
  treatment_var = "Z",
  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2
)
weights_att <- estimate_weights(
  ps_result = ps_multi,
  data = simdata_multi,
  treatment_var = "Z",
  estimand = "ATT",
  att_group = "C"
)
summary(weights_att$weights)
```

Description

Main user interface for estimating marginal hazard ratios using propensity score weighting. Supports binary and multiple treatment groups with various weighting schemes (ATE, ATT, overlap) and optional trimming. Variance can be estimated via bootstrap or robust sandwich estimator.

Usage

```
marCoxph(
  data,
  ps_formula,
  time_var,
```

```

    event_var,
    reference_level,
    estimand = "ATE",
    att_group = NULL,
    trim = NULL,
    delta = NULL,
    alpha = NULL,
    variance_method = "bootstrap",
    boot_level = "full",
    B = 100,
    parallel = FALSE,
    mc.cores = 2,
    seed = NULL,
    ps_control = list(),
    robust = TRUE
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|------------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code> | Data frame containing treatment, survival outcome, and covariates. |
| <code>ps_formula</code> | Formula for propensity score model: <code>treatment ~ covariates</code> . |
| <code>time_var</code> | Character string specifying the time-to-event variable name. |
| <code>event_var</code> | Character string specifying the event indicator variable name. Should be coded as 1=event, 0=censored. |
| <code>reference_level</code> | Treatment level to use as reference in Cox model. MANDATORY. Must be one of the treatment levels. |
| <code>estimand</code> | Target estimand: "ATE" (average treatment effect), "ATT" (average treatment effect on the treated), or "overlap" (overlap weighting). Default "ATE". |
| <code>att_group</code> | Target group for ATT. Required if <code>estimand = "ATT"</code> . |
| <code>trim</code> | Trimming method: "symmetric" or "asymmetric". Default NULL (no trimming). |
| <code>delta</code> | Threshold for symmetric trimming (e.g., 0.1). Required if <code>trim = "symmetric"</code> . |
| <code>alpha</code> | Percentile for asymmetric trimming (e.g., 0.05). Required if <code>trim = "asymmetric"</code> . |
| <code>variance_method</code> | Variance estimation method: "bootstrap" (default) or "robust". "bootstrap" resamples the entire analysis pipeline. "robust" uses the sandwich variance estimator from <code>coxph()</code> without bootstrap. |
| <code>boot_level</code> | Bootstrap sampling level: "full" (default) or "strata". "full" resamples from entire dataset (standard for observational studies). "strata" resamples within each treatment group preserving group sizes (useful when treatment assignment follows a stratified or fixed-ratio design). Only used if <code>variance_method = "bootstrap"</code> . |
| <code>B</code> | Number of bootstrap iterations. Default 100. Used only if <code>variance_method = "bootstrap"</code> . |

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| parallel | Logical. Use parallel bootstrap computation? Default FALSE. |
| mc.cores | Number of cores for parallel bootstrap. Default 2. |
| seed | Random seed for bootstrap reproducibility. Default NULL. |
| ps_control | Control parameters for propensity score model. Default list(). |
| robust | Logical. Use robust (sandwich) variance in Cox model fitting? Default TRUE. When TRUE, coxph() is called with robust = TRUE. |

Details

****Analysis Workflow:**** 1. Extract treatment variable from ps_formula. 2. Estimate propensity scores using multinomial logistic regression (or logistic for binary treatment). 3. Calculate propensity score weights based on estimand and optional trim. 4. Fit marginal Cox model `Surv(time, event) ~ treatment` with weights. 5. Estimate variance via bootstrap (resampling full pipeline) or robust sandwich estimator.

****Variance Estimation:**** - bootstrap: Resamples data (full or stratified), re-estimates PS and weights, re-fits Cox model. Provides bootstrap SE for log hazard ratios. - robust: Uses robust sandwich variance from coxph() directly. No bootstrap performed (faster but may be less accurate with extreme weights).

****Trimming:**** - Symmetric: Crump extension for multiple treatments (Yoshida et al., 2019). - Asymmetric: Sturmer extension for multiple treatments (Yoshida et al., 2019). - Not supported with overlap weights (already bounded [0,1]).

Value

Object of class "marCoxph" containing:

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| coxph_fitted | Fitted coxph model object. |
| logHR_est | Named vector of estimated log hazard ratios. Names are formatted as "treatment_var:level" (e.g., "Z:B" for treatment Z, level B vs reference). |
| logHR_se_robust | Named vector of robust standard errors from coxph. |
| logHR_se_bootstrap | Named vector of bootstrap standard errors. NULL if variance_method = "robust". |
| n_coxph_fitted | Named vector of sample sizes per treatment group used in Cox model fitting (after trimming). |
| events_coxph_fitted | Named vector of event counts per treatment group used in Cox model fitting (after trimming). |
| variance_method | Variance method used: "bootstrap-full", "bootstrap-strata", or "robust". |
| estimand | Target estimand used. |
| att_group | Target group for ATT (NULL if not applicable). |
| trim_method | Trimming method (NULL if no trimming). |
| delta | Symmetric trimming threshold (NULL if not applicable). |

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| alpha | Asymmetric trimming threshold (NULL if not applicable). |
| treatment_var | Name of treatment variable. |
| treatment_levels | Sorted unique treatment values. |
| reference_level | Reference level used in Cox model. |
| n_levels | Number of treatment groups. |
| n | Number of complete cases used in analysis. |
| ps_result | Propensity score estimation results. |
| weight_result | Weight estimation results. |
| boot_result | Bootstrap results (NULL if variance_method = "robust"). Contains: boot_samples, boot_allocation, n_success_by_group, B. |

References

- Li, F., & Li, F. (2019). Propensity score weighting for causal inference with multiple treatments. *The Annals of Applied Statistics*, 13(4), 2389-2415.
- Yoshida, K., et al. (2019). Multinomial extension of propensity score trimming methods: A simulation study. *American Journal of Epidemiology*, 188(3), 609-616.

Examples

```
# Example 1: Binary treatment with overlap weighting
data(simdata_bin)
result1 <- marCoxph(
  data = simdata_bin,
  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2,
  time_var = "time",
  event_var = "event",
  reference_level = "A",
  estimand = "overlap"
)
summary(result1)

# Example 2: Multiple treatments with ATT and robust variance
data(simdata_multi)
result2 <- marCoxph(
  data = simdata_multi,
  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2,
  time_var = "time",
  event_var = "event",
  reference_level = "C",
  estimand = "ATT",
  att_group = "C",
  variance_method = "robust"
)
summary(result2)
```

plot.surveff

Plot Method for surveff Objects

Description

Plot Method for surveff Objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surveff'
plot(
  x,
  type = "surv",
  max_time = NULL,
  strata_to_plot = NULL,
  strata_colors = NULL,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  include_CI = TRUE,
  curve_width = 1,
  CI_alpha = 0.3,
  legend_position = "right",
  legend_title = NULL,
  plot_title = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------------|---|
| x | A surveff object. |
| type | Type of plot: "surv" for survival curves or "survdiff" for treatment effect curves. Default "surv". |
| max_time | Maximum time to display on x-axis. If NULL, uses max(eval_times). |
| strata_to_plot | Vector of strata to plot. For type = "surv", must be subset of treatment_levels. For type = "survdiff", must be subset of contrast names (column names of difference_estimates). If NULL, plots all available strata. |
| strata_colors | Vector of color names/codes for strata. Length must match strata_to_plot. Order matches strata order. If NULL, uses ggplot2 default colors. |
| conf_level | Confidence level for confidence intervals. Default 0.95. |
| include_CI | Logical. Include confidence interval ribbons? Default TRUE. |
| curve_width | Line width for survival/difference curves. Default 1. |
| CI_alpha | Transparency level for CI ribbons (0-1). Default 0.3. |
| legend_position | Position of legend: "right" or "bottom". Default "right". |

| | |
|--------------|--|
| legend_title | Title for legend. If NULL, uses "Treatment" for type="surv" or "Comparison" for type="survdiff". |
| plot_title | Plot title. If NULL, uses default title based on type. |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Details

Creates publication-ready plots of survival curves or treatment effects over time.

For type = "surv": Plots estimated survival functions with optional confidence intervals. Y-axis ranges from 0 to 1.

For type = "survdiff": Plots estimated treatment effects (survival differences) with optional confidence intervals. Y-axis is not constrained to [0,1].

Value

A ggplot2 object.

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| print.marCoxph | <i>Print Method for marCoxph Objects</i> |
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Description

Print Method for marCoxph Objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'marCoxph'
print(x, max.len = 10, round.digits = 4, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|---|
| x | A marCoxph object. |
| max.len | Maximum number of treatment comparisons to print. Default 10. |
| round.digits | Number of digits for rounding displayed values. Default 4. |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

Invisibly returns the input object x.

print.surveff *Print Method for surveff Objects*

Description

Print Method for surveff Objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surveff'
print(x, max.len = 6, round.digits = 4, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|--|
| x | A surveff object. |
| max.len | Maximum number of rows (time points) to print. Default 6. |
| round.digits | Number of digits for rounding displayed values. Default 4. |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

Invisibly returns the input object x.

simdata_bin *Simulated Survival Data with Binary Treatment*

Description

A simulated dataset for demonstrating propensity score weighting methods in survival analysis with a binary treatment.

Usage

```
simdata_bin
```

Format

A data frame with 1000 observations and 8 variables:

- X1** Continuous covariate (standard normal).
- X2** Continuous covariate (standard normal).
- X3** Continuous covariate (standard normal).
- B1** Binary covariate (0/1).
- B2** Binary covariate (0/1).
- Z** Treatment group: "A" or "B". Distribution is approximately 40:60.
- time** Observed follow-up time (event or censoring), range 0-20.
- event** Event indicator: 1 = event observed, 0 = censored.

Details

The data were generated with the following characteristics:

- Treatment assignment depends on X1, X2, and B1 via logistic model.
- Survival times follow Weibull distributions with group-specific scales (group A has better survival than group B).
- Censoring times follow an exponential distribution depending on X1 and B1.
- Administrative censoring occurs at time 20.
- Overall censoring rate is approximately 30

See Also

[simdata_multi](#) for a dataset with 4 treatment groups.

Examples

```
data(simdata_bin)
head(simdata_bin)
table(simdata_bin$Z)
```

simdata_multi

Simulated Survival Data with Multiple Treatments

Description

A simulated dataset for demonstrating propensity score weighting methods in survival analysis with four treatment groups.

Usage

```
simdata_multi
```

Format

A data frame with 1000 observations and 8 variables:

X1 Continuous covariate (standard normal).

X2 Continuous covariate (standard normal).

X3 Continuous covariate (standard normal).

B1 Binary covariate (0/1).

B2 Binary covariate (0/1).

Z Treatment group: "A", "B", "C", or "D". Distribution is approximately 20:20:20:35.

time Observed follow-up time (event or censoring), range 0-20.

event Event indicator: 1 = event observed, 0 = censored.

Details

The data were generated with the following characteristics:

- Treatment assignment depends on X1, X2, X3, B1, and B2 via multinomial logistic model.
- Survival times follow Weibull distributions with group-specific scales. Survival ordering (best to worst): $C > A > B > D$.
- Censoring times follow an exponential distribution depending on X1 and B1.
- Administrative censoring occurs at time 20.
- Overall censoring rate is approximately 30

See Also

[simdata_bin](#) for a dataset with binary treatment.

Examples

```
data(simdata_multi)
head(simdata_multi)
table(simdata_multi$Z)
```

summary.marCoxph

Summary Method for marCoxph Objects

Description

Summary Method for marCoxph Objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'marCoxph'
summary(object, conf_level = 0.95, round.digits = 4, style = "prints", ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------|--|
| object | A marCoxph object. |
| conf_level | Confidence level for intervals. Default 0.95. |
| round.digits | Number of digits for rounding displayed values. Default 4. Only used if style = "prints". |
| style | Output style: "prints" (print formatted tables) or "returns" (return vectors). Default "prints". |
| ... | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Details

Confidence intervals are Wald-type intervals calculated as:

- Log scale: $\log HR \pm z_{crit} * SE$
- Original scale: $\exp(\log HR \pm z_{crit} * SE)$

The SE used depends on `variance_method` from the original `marCoxph` call:

- "robust": Uses `logHR_se_robust` from sandwich estimator.
- "bootstrap-full" or "bootstrap-strata": Uses `logHR_se_bootstrap`.

Value

If `style = "prints"`, returns invisibly. If `style = "returns"`, returns a list with:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <code>logHR</code> | Named vector of log hazard ratio estimates. |
| <code>logHR_CI_lower</code> | Named vector of lower CI bounds on log scale. |
| <code>logHR_CI_upper</code> | Named vector of upper CI bounds on log scale. |
| <code>SE</code> | Named vector of standard errors on log scale (from <code>variance_method</code>). |
| <code>HR</code> | Named vector of hazard ratio estimates (original scale). |
| <code>HR_CI_lower</code> | Named vector of lower CI bounds on original scale. |
| <code>HR_CI_upper</code> | Named vector of upper CI bounds on original scale. |
| <code>variance_method</code> | Variance method used. |
| <code>conf_level</code> | Confidence level used. |
| <code>n_per_group</code> | Named vector of sample sizes per group in Cox model. |
| <code>events_per_group</code> | Named vector of event counts per group in Cox model. |

`summary.surveff`

Summary Method for `surveff` Objects

Description

Summary Method for `surveff` Objects

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'surveff'
summary(
  object,
  conf_level = 0.95,
  max.len = 6,
  round.digits = 4,
  style = "prints",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------------------|---|
| <code>object</code> | A <code>surveff</code> object. |
| <code>conf_level</code> | Confidence level for intervals. Default 0.95. |
| <code>max.len</code> | Maximum number of rows (time points) to print. Default 6. Only used if <code>style = "prints"</code> . |
| <code>round.digits</code> | Number of digits for rounding displayed values. Default 4. Only used if <code>style = "prints"</code> . |
| <code>style</code> | Output style: "prints" (print formatted tables) or "returns" (return list of matrices). Default "prints". |
| <code>...</code> | Additional arguments (ignored). |

Value

If `style = "prints"`, returns invisibly. If `style = "returns"`, returns a list with:

| | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>survival_summary</code> | List of matrices, one per treatment group, with columns: Time, Estimate, SE, CI.lower, CI.upper |
| <code>difference_summary</code> | List of matrices, one per contrast, with same columns. NULL if no contrasts estimated. |

surveff

Survival Effect Estimation with Propensity Score Weighting

Description

Main user interface for estimating counterfactual survival functions and treatment effects using propensity score weighting and inverse probability of censoring weighting. Supports binary and multiple treatment groups with various weighting schemes (ATE, ATT, overlap) and optional trimming.

Usage

```
surveff(
  data,
  ps_formula,
  censoring_formula,
  eval_times = NULL,
  estimand = "ATE",
  att_group = NULL,
  trim = NULL,
  delta = NULL,
  alpha = NULL,
  contrast_matrix = NULL,
```



```

  censoring_method = "weibull",
  variance_method = NULL,
  B = 100,
  parallel = FALSE,
  mc.cores = 2,
  seed = NULL,
  censoring_control = NULL,
  ties = "efron",
  ps_control = list(),
  boot_level = "full"
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code> | Data frame containing treatment, outcome, and covariates. |
| <code>ps_formula</code> | Formula for propensity score model: <code>treatment ~ covariates</code> . |
| <code>censoring_formula</code> | Formula for censoring model: <code>Surv(time, event) ~ covariates</code> . Event should be coded as 1=event, 0=censored. Use <code>I(1-event)</code> if reversed. |
| <code>eval_times</code> | Numeric vector of time points for evaluation. If NULL (default), uses all unique event times. |
| <code>estimand</code> | Target estimand: "ATE" (average treatment effect), "ATT" (average treatment effect on the treated), or "overlap" (overlap weighting). Default "ATE". |
| <code>att_group</code> | Target group for ATT. Required if <code>estimand = "ATT"</code> . |
| <code>trim</code> | Trimming method: "symmetric" or "asymmetric". Default NULL (no trimming). |
| <code>delta</code> | Threshold for symmetric trimming (e.g., 0.1). Required if <code>trim = "symmetric"</code> . |
| <code>alpha</code> | Percentile for asymmetric trimming (e.g., 0.05). Required if <code>trim = "asymmetric"</code> . |
| <code>contrast_matrix</code> | Optional matrix for treatment differences in multiple group settings. Each row defines one contrast with exactly two non-zero elements: -1 and 1. Column names must match treatment levels. For binary treatment, always estimates second level minus first level ($S_1 - S_0$), ignoring this parameter. |
| <code>censoring_method</code> | Method for censoring score estimation: "weibull" or "cox". Default "weibull". |
| <code>variance_method</code> | Variance estimation method: "analytical" (binary treatment with Weibull censoring only) or "bootstrap". Default "analytical" for binary Weibull, "bootstrap" otherwise. Cox censoring always uses bootstrap. |
| <code>B</code> | Number of bootstrap iterations. Default 100. Used only if <code>variance_method = "bootstrap"</code> . |
| <code>parallel</code> | Logical. Use parallel bootstrap computation? Default FALSE. |
| <code>mc.cores</code> | Number of cores for parallel bootstrap. Default 2. |
| <code>seed</code> | Random seed for bootstrap reproducibility. Default NULL. |

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| censoring_control | Control parameters passed to censoring model fitting function. For Weibull: passed to <code>survreg()</code> , default <code>list(maxiter = 350)</code> . For Cox: passed to <code>coxph()</code> , default <code>list()</code> . |
| ties | Tie handling method for Cox models. Default "efron". Ignored for Weibull. |
| ps_control | Control parameters for propensity score model. Default <code>list()</code> . |
| boot_level | Bootstrap sampling level: "full" (default) or "strata". "full" resamples from entire dataset (standard for observational studies). "strata" resamples within each treatment group preserving group sizes (useful when treatment assignment follows a stratified or fixed-ratio design). Only used if <code>variance_method = "bootstrap"</code> . |

Details

****Variance Estimation:**** - Analytical: Binary treatment with Weibull censoring only (M-estimation).
 - Bootstrap: All settings (resamples entire pipeline). - Cox: Always uses bootstrap.

****Treatment Effects:**** - Binary: S1 - S0 (second level minus first). - Multiple groups: Requires `contrast_matrix` for pairwise comparisons.

Value

List containing:

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| survival_estimates | Matrix [time x J] of survival function estimates for each group. |
| survival_se | Matrix [time x J] of standard errors for survival functions. |
| difference_estimates | Matrix [time x K] of treatment effect estimates. For binary treatment: single column with S1-S0. For multiple groups: contrasts from <code>contrast_matrix</code> , or NULL if not provided. |
| difference_se | Matrix [time x K] of standard errors for treatment effects. |
| eval_times | Time points evaluated. |
| treatment_levels | Sorted unique treatment values. |
| n_levels | Number of treatment groups. |
| n | Sample size (complete cases after data validation). |
| included | Logical vector [n] indicating inclusion in analysis. TRUE = included, FALSE = excluded due to trimming. |
| estimand | Estimand used. |
| censoring_method | Censoring method used. |
| variance_method | Variance method used. |
| contrast_matrix | Contrast matrix used (NULL if not applicable). |

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| ps_model | Fitted propensity score model (glm or multinom object). |
| censoring_models | Named list of fitted censoring models by treatment group. |
| weights | Numeric vector [n] of final weights (0 for trimmed observations). |
| trim_summary | Data frame with trimming summary by treatment group. |
| ess | Named numeric vector of effective sample size by treatment group. |
| boot_result | Bootstrap results (NULL if analytical variance used). |

Examples

```
# Example 1: Binary treatment with overlap weighting and Weibull censoring model
data(simdata_bin)
result1 <- surveff(
  data = simdata_bin,
  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2,
  censoring_formula = survival::Surv(time, event) ~ X1 + B1,
  estimand = "overlap",
  censoring_method = "weibull"
)
summary(result1)
plot(result1)

# Example 2: Multiple treatments with ATE and Cox censoring model
data(simdata_multi)
result2 <- surveff(
  data = simdata_multi,
  ps_formula = Z ~ X1 + X2 + X3 + B1 + B2,
  censoring_formula = survival::Surv(time, event) ~ X1 + B1,
  estimand = "ATE",
  censoring_method = "cox",
  variance_method = "bootstrap",
  B = 100
)
summary(result2)
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