

# Package ‘cofad’

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akan

*Data from Akan et al. (2018), experiment 2B*

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## Description

Data contains information from a within-subjects experiment with N = 90 participants. The goal of the experiment was to investigate the benefits of retrieval practice on memory performance. For the entire dataset and analysis scripts see: <https://osf.io/bqr5f/>. The data was licensed under CC-BY 4.0 Melisa Akan, Aaron Benjamin.

## Usage

`data(akan)`

## Format

a data frame with 270 rows and 3 variables:

**subject** subject id  
**condition** experimental condition (test, restudy, control)  
**contexts** dependent variable

## Source

Akan, M., Stanley, S. E., & Benjamin, A. S. (2018). Testing enhances memory for context. *Journal of Memory and Language*, 103, 19–27. doi:[10.1016/j.jml.2018.07.003](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jml.2018.07.003)

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calc\_contrast

*Calculate contrast analysis for factorial designs*

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## Description

Calculate contrast analysis for factorial designs

## Usage

```
calc_contrast(  
  dv,  
  between = NULL,  
  lambda_between = NULL,  
  within = NULL,  
  lambda_within = NULL,  
  ID = NULL,  
  id = NULL,  
  data = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

<b>dv</b>	dependent variable. Values must be numeric.
<b>between</b>	independent variable that divides the data into independent groups. Vector must be a factor.
<b>lambda_between</b>	contrast weights must be a named numeric. Names must match the levels of between. If lambda_between does not sum up to zero, this will be done automatically.
<b>within</b>	independent variable which divides the data into dependent groups. This must be a factor.
<b>lambda_within</b>	contrast must be a named numeric. Names must match the levels of between. If lambda_between does not sum up to zero, this will be done automatically.
<b>ID</b>	deprecated, use id instead
<b>id</b>	identifier for cases or subjects is needed for within- and mixed contrast analysis.
<b>data</b>	optional argument for the data.frame containing dv and groups.

## Details

For multi-factorial designs, the lambda weights of the factors must be connected.

Note that cofad returns one-sided p-values for t-tests.

## Value

an object of type cofad\_bw or cofad\_wi or cofad\_mx, including p-value, F-value, contrast weights, different effect sizes. Call summary on this object to get a nice overview of all relevant statistics. Call print to get a short text that can be used for a report.

## References

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R.L., & Rubin, D.B. (2000). Contrasts and effect sizes in behavioral research: A correlational approach. New York: Cambridge University Press.

## Examples

```
# Example for between-subjects design Table 3.1 from
# Rosenthal, Rosnow and Rubin (2001)

data(rosenthal_tbl31)
contr_bw <- calc_contrast(
  dv = dv,
  between = between,
  lambda_between = c("A" = -3, "B" = -1, "C" = 1, "D" = 3),
  data = rosenthal_tbl31)
contr_bw
summary(contr_bw)

# Example for within-subjects design Calculation 16.6 from
# Sedlmeier and Renkewitz (2018, p. 537)

data(sedlmeier_p537)
contr_wi <- calc_contrast(
  dv = reading_test,
  within = music,
  id = participant,
  lambda_within = c(
    "without music" = 1.25,
    "white noise" = 0.25,
    "classic" = -0.75,
    "jazz" = -0.75
  ),
  data = sedlmeier_p537
)
contr_wi
summary(contr_wi, ci = .90)

# Example for mixed-design Table 5.3 from
# Rosenthal, Rosnow and Rubin (2001)
```

```
data(rosenthal_tbl53)

contr_mx <- calc_contrast(dv = dv, between = between,
                           lambda_between = c("age8" = -1, "age10" = 0, "age12" = 1),
                           within = within,
                           lambda_within = c("1" = -3, "2" = -1, "3" = 1, "4" = 3),
                           id = id, data = rosenthal_tbl53
)
contr_mx
summary(contr_mx)
```

**calc\_contrast\_aggregated**

*Calculate between contrast analysis from aggregated data (means, sds and ns)*

**Description**

Calculate between contrast analysis from aggregated data (means, sds and ns)

**Usage**

```
calc_contrast_aggregated(means, sds, ns, between, lambda_between, data)
```

**Arguments**

means	numeric vector of mean values for every condition
sds	numeric vector of standard deviation values for every condition
ns	numeric vector of sample size values for every condition
between	factor for the independent variable that divides the data into independent groups
lambda_between	numeric vector for contrast weights. Names must match the levels of between. If lambda_between does not sum up to zero, this will be done automatically (centering).
data	optional argument for the data.frame containing all variables except for lambda_between

**Value**

an object of type cofad\_bw, including p-value, F-value, contrast weights, different effect sizes

**References**

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R.L., & Rubin, D.B. (2000). Contrasts and effect sizes in behavioral research: A correlational approach. New York: Cambridge University Press.

## Examples

```
library(dplyr)
furr_agg <- furr_p4 %>%
  group_by(major) %>%
  summarize(mean = mean(empathy), sd = sd(empathy), n = n())
lambda = c("psychology" = 1, "education" = -1, "business" = 0,
          "chemistry" = 0)
calc_contrast_aggregated(mean, sd, n, major, lambda, furr_agg)
```

**calc\_r\_alerting**

*Calculate r\_alerting from r\_contrast and r\_effectsize*

## Description

Convenience function to transform effect sizes in contrast analyses.

## Usage

```
calc_r_alerting(r_contrast, r_effectsize)
```

## Arguments

r_contrast	what it says
r_effectsize	what it says

**calc\_r\_alerting\_from\_f**

*Calculate r\_alerting from F-values*

## Description

Convenience function to calculate effect sizes in contrast analyses.

## Usage

```
calc_r_alerting_from_f(f_contrast, f_between, df_between)
```

## Arguments

f_contrast	F value from contrast analysis
f_between	F value from ANOVA (one between variable!)
df_between	degrees of freedom of ANOVA

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calc_r_contrast	<i>Calculate r_contrast from r_alerting and r_effectsize</i>
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### Description

Convenience function to transform effect sizes in contrast analyses.

### Usage

```
calc_r_contrast(r_alerting, r_effectsize)
```

### Arguments

r_alerting	what it says
r_effectsize	what it says

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calc_r_effectsize	<i>Calculate r_effectsize from r_contrast and r_alerting</i>
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### Description

Convenience function to transform effect sizes in contrast analyses.

### Usage

```
calc_r_effectsize(r_alerting, r_contrast)
```

### Arguments

r_alerting	what it says
r_contrast	what it says

**furr\_p4***Empathy data set by Furr (2004)***Description**

fictitious data set on empathy ratings of students from different majors

**Usage**

```
data(furr_p4)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 20 rows and 2 columns

**empathy** Empathy rating

**major** major of student

**Source**

Furr, R. M. (2004). Interpreting effect sizes in contrast analysis. *Understanding Statistics*, 3, 1–25.  
[https://doi.org/10.1207/s15328031us0301\\_1](https://doi.org/10.1207/s15328031us0301_1)

**haans\_within1by4***Haans within data example***Description**

Fictitious data set from Haans, A. (2018). Contrast Analysis: A Tutorial. <https://doi.org/10.7275/7DEY-ZD62>

**Usage**

```
data(haans_within1by4)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 20 rows and 3 variables:

**person** person id

**name** group name (sitting row 1 to 4)

**value** dv, final exam grade

`lambda_diff` *Calculate lambdas for two competing hypotheses*

## Description

If you want to test two competing hypotheses, you can use this helper function to create the correct difference lambdas. There is no magic here. The two contrasts are z-standardized first and then subtracted ( $\lambda_{\text{preferred}} - \lambda_{\text{competing}}$ ). You can use the new difference lambdas as the input for `calc_contrast`.

## Usage

```
lambda_diff(lambda_preferred, lambda_competing, labels = NULL)
```

## Arguments

## lambda\_preferred

Lambdas of the preferred hypothesis. Has to be a named vector with the names corresponding with the groups in the analyzed data set. Alternatively, use the parameter labels.

## lambda\_competing

Lambdas of the competing hypothesis. Has to be a named vector with the names corresponding with the groups in the analyzed data set. Alternatively, use the parameter labels.

labels

If you provide lambdas without names, you can set the group labels for both contrasts here.

## Value

Lambdas for difference between lambda\_preferred and lambda\_competing

## Examples

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**maraver***Data from Maraver et al. (2021)*

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**Description**

The dataset originates from a between-subjects experiment with N = 120 participants. The experiment aimed to examine whether instructions to imagine the study material could reduce false memories. Full dataset and analysis scripts are available at: [https://osf.io/v8apj/?view\\_only=9969d17536f54053a72be19c050c4767](https://osf.io/v8apj/?view_only=9969d17536f54053a72be19c050c4767).

**Usage**

```
data(maraver)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 120 rows and 3 variables:

**id** subject id

**condition** experimental condition (imagine, memorize, pay\_attention)

**prop\_recalled** dependent variable

**Source**

Maraver, M. J., Lapa, A., Garcia-Marques, L., Carneiro, P., & Raposo, A. (2021). Imagination Reduces False Memories for Everyday Action Sentences: Evidence From Pragmatic Inferences. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 12. doi:[10.3389/fpsyg.2021.668899](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2021.668899)

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**print.cofad\_bw***Output of between-subject design contrast analysis*

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**Description**

Output of between-subject design contrast analysis

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cofad_bw'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	output of calc_contrast
...	further arguments

**Value**

Displays the significance of the contrast analysis. The contrast weights, the corresponding group and an effectsize are given.

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print.cofad_mx	<i>Output of a mixed design contrast analysis</i>
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**Description**

Output of a mixed design contrast analysis

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cofad_mx'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	output of calc_contrast
...	further arguments

**Value**

Displays the significance of the contrast analysis. The contrastweights, the corresponding group and an effectsize are given.

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print.cofad_wi	<i>Output of a within subject design contrast analysis</i>
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**Description**

Output of a within subject design contrast analysis

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cofad_wi'  
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	output of calc_contrast
...	further arguments

**Value**

Displays the significance of the contrast analysis. The contrastweights, the corresponding group and an effectsize are given.

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rosenthal\_chap5\_q2

*Complexity data set by Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)*

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### Description

Exercise 2 from Chapter 5 (table on p. 147) in Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)

### Usage

```
data(rosenthal_chap5_q2)
```

### Format

a data frame with 12 rows and 4 columns

**dv** dependent variable: rating of degree of complexity of social interaction from a series of clips

**id** unique identifier of participant

**within** within variable: complexity of interaction (low, medium high)

**between** between variable: cognitive complexity of participant (high or low)

### Source

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R. L., & Rubin, D. B. (2000). Contrasts and Effect Sizes in Behavioral Research: A Correlational Approach. Cambridge University Press.

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rosenthal\_p141

*Data set by Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)*

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### Description

Fictitious example corresponding to aggregated data set on p. 141 in Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)

### Usage

```
data(rosenthal_p141)
```

### Format

a data frame with 12 rows and 4 columns

**id** unique identifier of participant

**dv** dependent variable

**within** within variable

**between** between variable

**Source**

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R. L., & Rubin, D. B. (2000). Contrasts and Effect Sizes in Behavioral Research: A Correlational Approach. Cambridge University Press.

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rosenthal\_tbl31      *Data set by Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)*

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**Description**

Table 3.1 in Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000) on p. 38.

**Usage**

```
data(rosenthal_tbl31)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 20 rows and 2 columns

**dv** dependent variable

**between** group (A, B, C, D))

**Source**

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R. L., & Rubin, D. B. (2000). Contrasts and Effect Sizes in Behavioral Research: A Correlational Approach. Cambridge University Press.

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rosenthal\_tbl53      *Children data set by Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)*

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**Description**

Table 5.3 in Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000) on p. 129.

**Usage**

```
data(rosenthal_tbl53)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 36 rows and 4 columns

**dv** dependent variable

**between** age group (8, 10, 12 years)

**id** unique identifier for child

**within** measurement (1, 2, 3, 4)

**Source**

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R. L., & Rubin, D. B. (2000). Contrasts and Effect Sizes in Behavioral Research: A Correlational Approach. Cambridge University Press.

rosenthal\_tbl59

*Therapy data set by Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)***Description**

Table 5.9 in Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)

**Usage**

```
data(rosenthal_tbl59)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 12 rows and 4 columns

**id** unique identifier

**dv** dependent variable

**med** within variable: medication (treatment or placebo)

**pt** between variable: psychotherapy (treatment or placebo)

**Source**

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R. L., & Rubin, D. B. (2000). Contrasts and Effect Sizes in Behavioral Research: A Correlational Approach. Cambridge University Press.

rosenthal\_tbl68

*Data set by Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)***Description**

Fictitious example of children ability, Table 6.8 in Rosenthal and Rosnow (2000)

**Usage**

```
data(rosenthal_tbl68)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 8 rows and 4 columns

**id** unique identifier of participant

**dv** dependent variable

**within** within variable

**between** between variable

**Source**

Rosenthal, R., Rosnow, R. L., & Rubin, D. B. (2000). Contrasts and Effect Sizes in Behavioral Research: A Correlational Approach. Cambridge University Press.

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run_app	<i>Starts the mimosa shiny app</i>
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**Description**

Starts the mimosa shiny app

**Usage**

```
run_app()
```

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schwoebel	<i>Data from Schwoebel et al. (2018)</i>
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**Description**

For the entire dataset and analysis scripts see:

**Usage**

```
data(schwoebel)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 64 rows and 2 variables:

**condition** experimental condition (massed-same, massed-different, spaced-same, spaced-different)

**percent\_recalled** dependent variable

**Source**

Schwoebel, J., Depperman, A. K., & Scott, J. L. (2018). Distinct episodic contexts enhance retrieval-based learning. *Memory*, 26(9), 1291–1296. doi:[10.1080/09658211.2018.1464190](https://doi.org/10.1080/09658211.2018.1464190)

sedlmeier\_p525

*Problem solving data set by Sedlmeier & Renkewitz (2018)***Description**

Example 16.2, table 16.1 in Sedlmeier & Renkewitz (2018). Fictitious data set with 15 boys divided into three groups (no training, boys-specific material, girls-specific training material). The DV is the number of solved problem (similar to the training).

**Usage**

```
data(sedlmeier_p525)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 15 rows and 3 columns

**lsg** dv, number of solved exercises

**between** group, KT=no training, JT=boys-specific, MT=girls-specific

**lambda** lambdas used for this example

**Source**

Sedlmeier, P., & Renkewitz, F. (2018). *Forschungsmethoden und Statistik für Psychologen und Sozialwissenschaftler* (3rd ed.). Pearson Studium.

sedlmeier\_p537

*Music data set by Sedlmeier & Renkewitz (2018)***Description**

Example 16.6, table 16.5 in Sedlmeier & Renkewitz (2018). Fictitious data set with 8 participants that listened to no music, white noise, classical music, and jazz music (within). The DV is a reading test.

**Usage**

```
data(sedlmeier_p537)
```

**Format**

a data frame with 32 rows and 3 columns

**reading\_test** dependent variable

**participant** unique id

**music** within variable

**Source**

Sedlmeier, P., & Renkewitz, F. (2018). Forschungsmethoden und Statistik für Psychologen und Sozialwissenschaftler (3rd ed.). Pearson Studium.

summary.cofad_bw	<i>Summary of between subject design contrast analysis</i>
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**Description**

Summary of between subject design contrast analysis

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cofad_bw'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	output of calc_contrast
...	further arguments

**Value**

Displays type of contrast analysis, lambdas, t-table, ANOVA table and typical effect sizes. If you assign this to a variable, it will be a list with the elements Lambdas, tTable, FTable, Effects.

summary.cofad_mx	<i>Summary of a mixed design contrast analysis</i>
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**Description**

Summary of a mixed design contrast analysis

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'cofad_mx'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	output of calc_contrast
...	further arguments

**Value**

Displays type of contrast analysis, lambdas, t-table, ANOVA table and typical effect sizes. If you assign this to a variable, it will be a list with the elements Lambdas, tTable, FTable, Effects.

`summary.cofad_wi`      *Summary of within subject design contrast analysis*

### Description

Summary of within subject design contrast analysis

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cofad_wi'
summary(object, ci = 0.95, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	output of <code>calc_contrast</code>
<code>ci</code>	confidence intervall for composite Score (L-Values)
<code>...</code>	further arguments

### Value

Displays type of contrast analysis, lambdas, t-table and typical effect sizes. If you assign this to a variable, it will be a list with the elements Lambdas, tTable, Effects.

`testing_effect`      *Testing Effect data*

### Description

This dataset originates from a study conducted as part of a research seminar in the Psychology B.Sc. program of the University of Cologne. The study participants learned a list of 20 non-associated word pairs. Each half of the word pair was associated with one of two sources (imaginizing the word pair in the sky or underwater). The final memory test (cued recall) was conducted two days later. Cued recall means that one word of the word pair was presented, and the participant had to recall the other word. The participants were randomly assigned into one of three between-participant conditions: restudy, source test, item test.

### Usage

```
data(testing_effect)
```

### Format

a data frame with 60 rows and 3 variables:

**subject** the participant's id

**condition** the between-participant condition

**recalled** the number of words recalled in the cued-recall test

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